

# OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2013  
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER  
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR JUNE 28, 2013

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- 3930 W. 49½ St. Real Estate Closing** – The real estate purchase for 3930 W. 49½ St. closed on Thursday, June 27. The property is now owned by the City. Staff plans to use the site for some public safety training and simulation exercises before arranging for its demolition later this summer.
- Richfield 9-1-1** – The City of Richfield is considering outsourcing its 9-1-1 dispatching services. They have requested proposals for services from Hennepin County and the cities of Edina and Bloomington. We will submit a proposal to them today based on the service agreement and cost structure we currently have with the City of Golden Valley.
- Lake Edina Project Update** – Utilities for Phase 1 and part of Phase 2 are complete. These areas will be paved prior to the 4th of July. The pavement for the final phase (Phase 3) will be ground up starting Monday, July 1. Work for the final phase will start after the 4th of July.
- Braemar Hills Project Update** – The contractor is completing the concrete curb work and anticipates grinding up the pavement after the 4th of July.
- Normandale Project Update** – Water services for Phase 1 will be completed after the 4th of July. Following the completion of the water services, the contractor will then start the grading phase of the project for the new roadway.
- Vernon Avenue Watermain Project** – The project is almost complete. Hennepin County plans to do a mill and overlay project on Vernon Avenue later this fall. City staff is working with Hennepin County staff to create a plan for the installation of bike lane markings on the roadway following the overlay project.
- Mendelssohn Project** – We anticipate a mid- to late-July start for this project.
- Former Public Works Maintenance Building Site** – The contractor is crushing and hauling the recycled concrete from the former building and parking lot to the Plymouth area. The contractor should have the site cleared by the 4th of July.
- Golf Dome Reconstruction** – A soil correction under the new accessory building is currently ongoing due to the discovery of poor soil conditions last week. Otherwise, the project is on schedule. An official groundbreaking ceremony is in the planning stages.
- Health News** – The Communications Division staff have been working with the Health Division to produce a new quarterly newsletter, HealthEdina. Thanks to a Food & Drug Administration grant, the Health Division is working to increase communication and outreach to Edina residents, businesses and licensed facilities. As the majority of Edina's licensed facilities are restaurants, hotels and swimming pools, much of the newsletter content will be focused in those areas. However, the Health Division also manages

neighborhood nuisance complaints, public health nuisances, underground parking garage inspections, residential recycling, noise complaints, indoor air quality questions and requests for information on a variety of other topics. Newsletter articles may cover any of these topics, and will be seasonal. We will include current or upcoming events in the City in which the Health Division is involved, as well as solicit guest articles from our licensed facilities on relevant topics. Look for the July-August issue sometime next week.

**11. Yard Waste Site** – To assist residents impacted by recent storms, the City has opened a yard waste site for tree branches and other tree waste (no stumps) through July 10. The site will be open 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. The site will be closed July 4. The site is located across from the former Braemar Golf Dome at 7420 Braemar Blvd. Residents with tree branches must present a valid proof of residency. Contractors can use the dump site, too, if the resident is present at the time of drop-off.

**12. Braemar Arena** – The arena is a hopping place this summer. Last week, we needed to change the blade three times on our East Arena Zamboni. We knew we were busy, but this made us realize just how much!

Arena staff recently completed a sales comparison of prime time ice (mid-September to mid-March) and non-prime ice (mid-March to mid-September) for the first half of 2013. During this time period, we have sold 4,181 hours of prime time ice and 3,932 of non-prime time ice – a difference of only 247 Hours. This small difference between the sales of these two kinds of ice is quite significant in the ice arena management business where the sale of prime time ice typically dwarfs the sales of non-prime time ice. So far this year, we have sold more than 1,000 hours additional house of non-prime ice in 2013 compared to 2012. These two metrics are both good indicators that current arena management is having success in driving better financial performance at the arena.

**13. Police Log** – The Waters construction site has been the victim of two recent crimes involving the thefts of tools, brass fittings, copper refrigerator lines and more.

On Tuesday, June 25, our K-9 Officers, with their partners Diesel and Blade, gave an excellent presentation to the Edina Chamber of Commerce about our K-9 program.

Last weekend, there was a car vs. train accident at Brookside and 49th Street. Fortunately, there were no serious injuries. Distracted driving by the driver was a major contributing factor to the accident.

In 2013, we have had 18 reports of cell phones and/or laptops being stolen from coffee shops. The suspects distract the customer while the other grabs the laptop or cell phone. The suspects then flee on foot and get into a waiting car.

**14. Pentagon Park** – At its meeting this week, the Planning Commission approved a new AUAR for the proposed redevelopment plan for Pentagon Park. The new AUAR will be considered by the City Council at its July 16 meeting.

**15. MAC 101** – MAC Executive Director Jeff Hamiel has confirmed that he will attend the City Council's July 16 meeting and give an introductory presentation about the Metropolitan Airports Commission.