

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, AUG. 2, 2013
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR AUG. 2, 2013

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- 1. Night to Unite** – We have 50 parties registered for Night to Unite, Tuesday, Aug. 6.
- 2. City Council Meeting Schedule** – Just a reminder that our next City Council meeting is Monday, Aug. 5. Also, the School Board has invited the Council to join it for a joint meeting on Monday, Aug. 19, at the Community Center.
- 3. Upcoming Development Review** – We have received a request to expand the Southdale Medical Office Building at 6545 France. The expansion would include a four-story, 60,000-square-foot addition to the south side of the existing building. We have also received a request to subdivide 6609 Blackfoot Pass into two lots. The Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled to review the two application requests at its Wednesday, Aug. 28 meeting. The City Council, then, is tentatively scheduled for a Sept. 17 review.
- 4. Golf Dome Groundbreaking** – The Braemar Golf Dome held a Groundbreaking Celebration on Tuesday, July 30. Construction is underway and the new dome is scheduled to open Nov 1.
- 5. Promenade Improvements** – The timeline has started for the development of possible improvements to the Promenade. On Thursday, Aug. 8, Environmental Engineer Ross Bintner will brief the Energy & Environment Commission on the proposed underground infiltration system. The Park Board will review and comment on conceptual plans Tuesday, Aug. 13. The Transportation Commission will receive plans for a review and comment on the proposed pedestrian and bike facilities. On Sept. 10, staff will ask the Park Board to recommend approval of a specific plan. Staff will ask City Council to review and act on the Park Board's recommendation at the Oct. 1 Council meeting. Following Council approval, project consultant URS will be able to complete the final design by January and bid out the project in March for start of construction in June or July 2014. We would expect construction to be completed in October or November 2014.
- 6. EEC Facility Tour** – The Energy & Environment Commission will tour some of the City's Public Works infrastructure at its meeting Aug. 8. The sites that the group will be stopping at are: Water Treatment Plant No. 6, the old Public Works site, Dublin Reservoir, Tracy Avenue, new Public Works & Park Maintenance Facility, sanitary sewer lift station No. 6, and Lake Edina Neighborhood Reconstruction.
- 7. Watershed District** – Staff met with Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) staff on Wednesday, July 31, for our Annual Meeting. MCWD stated that Edina is doing a great job of meeting the watershed's requirements. They also stated that they are recommending \$500,000 be set aside in its Capital Improvement Program for storm water improvements to the 54th Street area project, which will be a cooperative project with Edina. These funds would be used to improve the creek shoreline and help install additional regional water quality improvements.

8. **Cable TV** –Installation for the equipment for public and education access playback is scheduled for Aug. 8 and 9. Communications & Technology Services Director Jennifer Bennerotte, Community Television Administrator Nathalie Gage and Brian Grogen, the attorney representing the Southwest Suburban Cable Commission, will meet with producers on Tuesday, Aug. 6, to tell them more about the transition and hear their feedback about what worked well when Comcast was handling the playback and what suggestions they might have for improvements. We are still on track for the transition to occur around Sept. 1.
9. **Fire Station 1 Anniversary** – The Fire Department celebrates five years in the “new” fire station this month.
10. **Fam Jam** – Fam Jam was held on Thursday, July 27, at Rosland Park. More than 300 playground participants and families attended the end-of-summer event.
11. **Swimming** - Aquajets and the Edina Swim Club have wrapped up a great summer season at the Aquatic Center. Both clubs had very smooth practice sessions and advanced swimmers on to the National Championships. As you would imagine, attendance has been down at the Aquatic Center due to the cool and rainy weather, but our group reservations are tracking slightly ahead of last year and we continue to receive group reservation requests. The Edina Swim Club also wrapped up its practice season at the Edinborough Pool and is scheduled to return in full force in September.
12. **Theft from Auto** – Theft from automobiles continue to plague Edina and surrounding cities. We are trying to raise awareness of this issue. The City issued a crime alert earlier this week urging people to lock their car doors.