

# OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, SEPT. 6, 2013  
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER  
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR SEPT. 6, 2013

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- 1. Fall Into The Arts** – The annual festival is next weekend, Saturday, Sept. 14 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- 2. Employee News** – Today is Fire Chief Marty Scheerer’s last day as Fire Chief. We wish him well for the future. I will host a series of open meetings with Fire Department staff to collect their input on how we ought to select our new Chief.  
  
Animal Control Officer Tim Hunter will speak to a block party in the Heights neighborhood Friday night regarding our coyote population.
- 3. Borofka Furniture Redevelopment Proposal** – Staff received a sketch plan proposal to redevelop 6725 York Avenue. The specific proposal is to tear down the existing commercial building and the five single-family homes to the east, and build a six-story, 273-unit upscale apartment building with 22,289 square feet of retail (potentially a super market/deli) on the first level. The Planning Commission had a sketch plan review for the project on Aug. 28. The City Council will do its sketch plan review on Sept. 17.
- 4. Byerly’s RI/RO** – The curb and concrete pavement work for the Byerly’s Right-In/Right-Out improvement is completed. The contractor will continue to work on retaining walls. The retaining walls will be stained to mimic a lannon stone retaining wall.
- 5. Mendelssohn Neighborhood** – Underground utilities are almost complete and the contractor will finish the concrete work in the south half of the project area. The contractor will begin concrete work in the north half next week.
- 6. Normandale Neighborhood** – Stage 1 restoration continued this week. Stage 2 utilities should be complete next week.
- 7. Lake Edina** – All stages were paved with a first layer. Restoration work continues in Stage 3.
- 8. School Road Sidewalk** – Hydro-seed was placed this week. Everything required by the school is complete.
- 9. Vernon Avenue and Hansen Road Right Turn Lane** – This project was implemented so the County could stripe bike lanes along Vernon Avenue after the mill and overlay project is finished. The County will begin paving next week and will striping the roadway after paving is finished.
- 10. Valley View Road and 42nd Street Sidewalk Meetings** – Residents requested more opportunities to provide feedback on the proposed sidewalks along these streets for next year’s projects. Engineering staff held meetings in the neighborhoods to catch people before they went to work. These meetings were well attended and appreciated by the residents.

11. **Mozza Mia Sidewalk Café Permit** – Parasole has requested an extension to their Mozza Mia sidewalk café permit. The current permit expires on Oct. 1. The 50th & France Annual Pumpkin Fest is on Oct. 26; because of that, we have agreed to extend their permit until Nov. 2.
12. **Focus In** – The “Focus In” violation for September is the School Bus Stop Arm law.
13. **Nine Mile Creek** – Staff met with Nine Mile Creek Watershed District staff and their consultant this week to work through the joint infiltration project along the Promenade Phase IV project. Staff will share the concepts with the Park Board next week. The Watershed District Board will review the concepts at their September meeting. Staff will also share the concepts with the Energy & Environment and Transportation commissions in September and October. Staff will present the concepts and the collective feedback from the boards and commissions, to the City Council in late October or early November. Kevin Biglake from the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District will make a special presentation to the City Council at the Oct. 14 meeting about current and future plans for rehabilitation projects on the creek in Edina.
14. **The Author’s Studio** – Events for The Author’s Studio take place at 10 a.m. on select Saturdays in the Margaret Foss Gallery at the Art Center. September will feature Patti Kivestu, Carey Pearson and Sarah Thornton to discuss children’s books 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 14. In October, Roma Calatayud-Stocks will discuss Historical Fiction & Musical Composition 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 19 in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. November brings Laurie Hertzell to discuss non-fiction 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9. And in December, William Kent Krueger’s subject will be Mystery, 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14.
15. **Aquatic Center** – The Aquatic Center closed for the season at 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 25. Many people have asked why we didn’t stay open longer, especially since we are in the middle of a heat wave. The answer is that most of our seasonal staff and lifeguards are college students who must return to school in mid- to late-August. Safety is always our top priority and we must maintain certain staffing levels to ensure proper operation of our facility. We had a very safe season and we thank all of our staff for their efforts in making this happen.