

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, SEPT. 7, 2012
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR SEPT. 7, 2012

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- 1. Fall Into The Arts Festival** – The 10th-annual Fall Into the Arts Festival, a fundraiser for the Edina Crime Prevention Fund, will be held this weekend at Centennial Lakes Park. Event hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.
- 2. Byerly's** – Lunds/Byerly's has continued to refine and reengineer its proposal to raze and rebuild its France Avenue store. Officials have requested a meeting with staff to discuss engineering details of their new proposal. I will attend the meeting and advise the Council on their proposed timeline.
- 3. 9-1-1 Dispatch Accomplishment** – After many months of planning and behind-the-scenes work, the City's 9-1-1 system has been successfully migrated to the state's new ESInet backbone fiber. We are the first metro area public safety answering point (PSAP) to migrate to the new state resource.
- 4. Final Assessment Hearings** – The Council will hold final assessment hearings for street reconstruction projects, delinquent utility bills, nuisance abatement and lake treatments at the its Oct. 2 meeting.
- 5. Southdale Apartments** – This project is scheduled to be considered for approval by the Planning Commission at its Sept. 12 meeting and then by the City Council at its Oct. 16 meeting.
- 6. Firefighter Union Negotiations** – The City and representatives from Local 1225 met this week to continue contract negotiations. I will ask the Council to meet in a closed session on Sept. 19 in order to brief you on the discussions. I would like to have the closed session in advance of the Work Session, if Council Members can be available for that, perhaps at 4:30 p.m.
- 7. Southdale** – Assistant City Manager Karen Kurt, Economic Development Manager Bill Neuendorf and I toured Southdale Center today with Manager Laurie Van Dalen. The mall improvement project is moving ahead at a good pace. They believe they will be substantially completed by mid-November and are looking at a grand opening and dedication event in February 2013.
- 8. Fiscal Disparities** – Hennepin County completed the proposed municipal tax capacity numbers for 2013. The City's contribution to the fiscal disparities pool decreased by 14.1 percent for 2013, but our distribution (the amount we receive from the fiscal disparities system) decreased by 14.8 percent. The net impact of this change in formula is an approximate decrease in our overall tax revenue for 2013 of \$70,000 compared to 2012.