

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, SEPT. 20, 2013
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR SEPT. 20, 2013

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- 1. Barnyard Boogie** –The Annual Barnyard Boogie is 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 at Rosland Park. This year’s event includes a full-size petting zoo, pony rides, kids’ DJ and other fun activities. The entry fee is \$5 per person for ages 7 and younger with adult. Kids under 2 are free.
- 2. Neighborhood Associations** – The City will host a workshop on organizing neighborhoods Saturday, Sept. 28 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Edina Senior Center. Interested residents should RSVP to mail@EdinaMN.gov. Staff are currently assisting The Heights and Concord neighborhoods with organizing efforts. Staff are also assisting the Countryside Neighborhood in becoming a recognized association. Staff has been working with Nextdoor.com to import Edina’s neighborhood names and boundaries for future neighborhood use. Lastly, the Communications Division will be updating the City’s website with a new feature highlighting our newly recognized neighborhood associations.
- 3. Kipling Fire** – Lightning started a house on fire on the 4000 block of Kipling on Thursday, Sept. 19, around noon. A resident driving past the house spotted the fire, kicked in the front door and rescued a dog. The residents were not home at the time of the fire.
- 4. Richfield 9-1-1** – The transition process to relocate the Richfield 9-1-1 dispatching service from Richfield to Edina is going very well so far. Transition teams from both agencies are working together to overcome hurdles and ensure a smooth cutover on Dec. 1. Contingent offers for full-time positions have been made to three Richfield Dispatchers and one candidate from our previous hiring process for a part-time position. All have accepted and we hope to finish the process and get the candidates in training soon.
- 5. SWAT Training** – Edina SWAT team is training at Camp Ripley with our other consortium cities. This is annual training that encourages teamwork and improves the tactics used. The team includes staff from both our Police and Fire departments.
- 6. Nine Mile Creek Streambank Project** – Kevin Biglake from the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District will give a presentation to the City Council at the Nov. 19 meeting about the District’s Streambank Restoration Project in Edina.
- 7. International Visitor Leadership Program** – Staff from the City and Chamber of Commerce jointly hosted a group from the International Visitor Leadership Program this week. These visitors are invited to the United States under the auspices of the Department of State’s International Visitor Leadership Program. Their program is arranged by the Institute of International Education. The group included representatives from Denmark, Slovakia, Romania, France and Poland.
- 8. France Ave Right-in/Right-out Project** – Byerly’s continues to progress with the right-in/right-out project on France Avenue. Next week, they will work on the median at 72nd Street West. This work includes closing off the eastbound to northbound movement. The new route for this movement is Lynmar Lane to Hazelton Road to the traffic signals on France.

9. Karen Is In Charge – I will be attending the annual International City/County Management conference in Boston for the next five days. I'll be out of the office Monday through Wednesday. I'll be back in the office on Thursday, Sept. 26. Assistant City Manager Karen Kurt is in charge while I'm out of the office.

10. 2013 Charitable Giving Program – City staff develop and implement a charitable giving program each year as a chance to give back to the community that supports us in our work. This year's program, which we call our Caring Campaign, will be held one month earlier than it has been in past years. It will take place throughout the month of October. Caring Campaign events this year include:

- **Used Book Sale:** Oct. 1-31. It's not too early to load up your car with books to donate. You may drop them off under the tables set up in front of the stained-glass window by Lynette Biunno's work area. The books will be set out and arranged for viewing and purchase beginning on Tuesday, Oct. 1.
- **Silent Auction:** Oct. 21-25. It's time to be creative and come up with fun ideas for baskets! Your items can be delivered to the Mayor's Conference Room on Friday, Oct. 18. The auction will run from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21 through Thursday, Oct. 24. At 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, the silent auction will close.
- **Poker Tournament:** Oct. 10-18. A team will be selected to run this event. Rules will be shared and all will be encouraged to play to win daily prizes with their poker hands.
- **Campaign Pledges:** Oct. 1-31. By the end of September, each full-time employee will receive a pledge form with brochures from each of the participating charities—Edina Community Foundation, Minnesota Environmental Fund, United Way, Community Health Charities and Community Shares.

