

# OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, SEPT. 28, 2012  
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER  
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR SEPT. 28, 2012

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- 1. Thrive 2040** – The Metropolitan Council held one of its “Thrive 2040 Listening Sessions” at Valley View Middle School Sept. 27. City representatives and residents of Bloomington, Edina, Hopkins and Richfield attended the session.
- 2. Quasiquicentennial Kick-Off** – Just a reminder that the Quasiquicentennial Kick-off is scheduled for 5 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, with the program scheduled for 6 to 7 p.m. The location of the event is the Warren C. Hyde Clubhouse at Braemar Golf Course.
- 3. Community Food Partnership** – The Community Food Partnership, established earlier this year through the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) is collaborating with the consulting firm Terra Soma to conduct a Community Food Assessment of Bloomington, Edina and Richfield. The assessment will establish an understanding of food access in the three cities, particularly for low-income residents. As a result of this assessment, recommendations will be identified to address the challenges revealed and provide cities and community agencies an opportunity to improve the food situation. Taking action will result in easy access to affordable, healthy food for everyone. The food assessment will be completed by the end of October.
- 4. Student Commissioner Orientation** – City Manager Intern Ari Klugman coordinated and facilitated this year’s student commissioner orientation this week. The training included an exercise with an interactive mock agenda, in addition to the standard information about city government and commission protocol.
- 5. Liquor Store Innovations** – Previously, the stores’ eight store registers and three servers were maintained by a company that maintains the point-of-sale software. By bringing the computers in house, we are able to save \$2,800 per year in maintenance costs, use brand new computers, have control over what equipment is used and have less down time. By doing the same with the three office computers, the City will save another \$1,000 in annual maintenance costs. We also purchased a dedicated server which is used by Southdale Liquor and Grandview Liquor and soon to be used by 50th & France Liquor once the fiber conversion is complete. This server allows for increased efficiency and the capability of backing up our data to a central location rather than having data stored on three different servers at each individual store.
- 6. 50th & France Bike Racks** – In the next two weeks, the bicycle parking capacity in downtown Edina at 50th & France will jump by nearly 60 spots. Twenty-nine bike racks, each of which can hold two adult-sized bikes, are currently being installed in seven strategic locations throughout the neighborhood. Racks were also installed recently at 44th & France, Edina City Hall and the Edina Public Works & Park Maintenance Facility. The 29 units are being installed on France

outside Cocina del Barrio and Walgreens and on 50th outside College Nannies & Tutors, D'Amico & Sons, Edina Liquor, Lunds and Lush Cosmetics.

7. **Messerli & Kramer Move** – The Messerli & Kramer Government Relations Team is moving its offices from the League of Minnesota Cities building on University Avenue to 525 Park Street, Suite 130, in St. Paul. The move will be effective Oct. 1. Messerli & Kramer manages the Municipal Legislative Commission.
8. **PACS Fund Policy Statement** – I am working with staff on the creation of a proposed policy statement for how the City will manage its new Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety (PACS) Fund. When we have completed our proposed draft, I will submit it to the Transportation Commission for its review and comment, and then to the Council for approval, most likely in November.
9. **Southdale** – Council Member Brindle and I met with Laurie Van Dalen at Southdale Center to discuss a possible collaboration to preserve and display the historic documents and artifacts from Southdale's past. I will contact the Historical Society and facilitate the discussion.