

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, OCT. 4, 2013
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR OCT. 4, 2013

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- 1. SWBTYR Event** – On Oct. 12 at 4 p.m., there will be a celebration event to proclaim Edina, Hopkins, Minnetonka and St. Louis Park as official Beyond the Yellow Ribbon cities. The event will be held in Hopkins Downtown Park. The event will include military and veterans’ family recognition, military vehicle display, exhibits about available resources, proclamation ceremony and guest speakers and entertainment.
- 2. Employee News** – Former Fire Chief Marty Scheerer will be coming out of retirement to assist the City as a consultant, effective Monday, Oct. 7. Marty’s assignment is temporary and 100 percent focused on the Building Inspections Division. Marty will help the staff in the division continue their efforts to sharpen their customer service and business operations practices.

Chad Anderson will begin work as a Police Officer for the City of Edina on Monday, Oct. 14. Chad comes to us from the City of Moorhead where he has been a police officer since 2008. Prior to that, he was a security officer for St. Luke’s Hospital in Duluth. He is a graduate of Fond Du Lac Tribal and Community College where he received an associate degree in Law Enforcement.

- 3. Fire Prevention Month** – Fire Department staff will make 72 fire safety presentations to nearly 3,000 school children in Edina this month.
- 4. 9-1-1 Update** – Staff kicked off a full-scale update of our GIS home addressing databases, including the home address databases for Richfield and Golden Valley to update our addressing databases. This project is being done statewide in preparation for full implementation of NextGen 911.
- 5. Living Streets Update** – We continue to make progress toward developing our Living Streets Implementation Plan. This week Feed the Dog Creative, a branding and marketing consultant, conducted a workshop with the Living Streets Advisory Group (LSAG) to discuss key messages, potential obstacles and success metrics around Living Streets. The results of the workshop will be shared with the LSAG at its November meeting, along with drafts of the first two chapters of the Plan.
- 6. SWLRT Update** – The Southwest LRT Project Office presented a draft recommendation for the scope and basic design of the light rail line to the project’s Corridor Management Committee at its Oct. 2 meeting. The draft recommendation includes building shallow tunnels for LRT trains through the Kenilworth Corridor in Minneapolis, eliminating the proposed LRT station at 21st Street and keeping existing freight rail service in the area.

The Metropolitan Council will host a public open house on Thursday, Oct. 10, to receive public input on the project office’s draft recommendation for the scope and basic design of the Southwest LRT project. This open house will provide an opportunity for community members to ask questions and provide feedback on the draft recommendation before the Metropolitan Council considers it.

At this open house, the public will be able to talk with Council Members and project staff and view engineering drawings of the shallow tunnels. No testimony or formal presentations are planned; however, comment cards and sticky notes will be provided to share thoughts and ideas on the proposed plans. The open house will be held 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Community Center, 2101 W. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis.