

# OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, OCT. 18, 2013  
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER  
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR OCT. 18, 2013

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- 1. Parking Garage Update** – Contractors are cleaning and repairing highly visible areas in the City's 50th & France parking garages in preparation for the upcoming holiday shopping season. In addition to the maintenance effort, Economic Development Manager Bill Neuendorf is working with stakeholders to create guiding principles to identify the desired outcomes for future parking garage capital improvements. Several focus group meetings were held this week. Three potential alternatives will be developed based on this input. A preferred alternative will be identified in November with a Feasibility Study delivered in December.
- 2. Edinborough Park** – As of the end of September, Edinborough Park operating revenues exceed operating expenses by \$32,000 – more evidence of a successful turnaround at Edinborough Park.
- 3. Employee News** – John Pagano began Monday, Sept. 16, as a part-time Community Service Officer for the Edina Police Department. Pagano is currently attending Inver Grove Heights Community College and working toward a degree in Law Enforcement. He served in the U.S. Army and is currently a Training Non-Commissioned Officer in the Minnesota Army National Guard.

Dena Pech began Friday, Oct. 4, as Video Production Intern in the Communications & Technology Services Department. He received his bachelor's degree in communications from Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, Minn., and most recently interned at ParkTV in St. Louis Park.

The first round of interviews for the vacant Traffic Safety Coordinator position began this week.

We have also posted the availability of the Administration Department's soon-to-be-vacant Executive Assistant position.

- 4. Bikeable Community Event** – Bloomington Public Health, Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota and Minnesota Departments of Health and Transportation are hosting a Bikeable Community Workshop at Edina Public Works on Wednesday, Oct. 23 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. If you have questions or are interested in participating, please contact Nick Mason at [nick@bikemn.org](mailto:nick@bikemn.org) or call 612-986-6096, or Jessica Smith at [jsmith@ci.bloomington.mn.us](mailto:jsmith@ci.bloomington.mn.us) or 952-563-8936.

5. **Engineering Updates** – The Metro Boulevard sidewalk project began construction this week. The 2013 Neighborhood reconstruction projects are nearing completion with the final layer of paving tentatively scheduled for next week for the Mendelssohn and Normandale neighborhoods. Another public input session is scheduled from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23 for the 54th Street Reconstruction Project. The meeting will be held in the lobby of City Hall.
6. **Grandview CAT** – The Community Advisory Team is moving forward with preparation of the RFI for the former public works site. A work plan is also being prepared. As requested by the Council, the City is moving forward with a resident survey of community needs and conducting a facility inventory. These studies will be completed in December. They will shape the RFI that is to be issued in January 2014.
7. **The Waters** – Representatives from The Waters have told us they intend to be open to the public next week.
8. **Community Garden Cleaning** – Public Works staff will be cleaning out all remaining plant materials from the Community Garden over the next few days in order to remove and replace the soil. The purpose of the project is to provide better garden soil for next year. Gardeners have been informed of the project and its timeline.
9. **Former Edina Realty Building** – We are accepting competitive bids to take down the former Edina Realty building on 49 ½ Street. The project is planned for November. If weather cooperates, we plan to accomplish the environmental remediation work this fall as well. 50th & France property owners and neighbors will be notified of the project and its timeline.
10. **5 Merilane** – The applicant has not yet submitted an application for the variance. He tells staff he is still working on the plan details and with the neighbors. The City Attorney is still determining whether the pond area should be calculated into the computation of total lot size. Once that has been determined, the City will hire an independent surveyor to verify the work done by Gronberg & Associates in the original survey.
11. **National League of Cities** – The National League of Cities’ annual Congressional City Conference in Washington, D.C. is scheduled for March 8-12, 2014. I would like Council Members to consider attending the conference this year not only for the professional development opportunities, but also to do some legislative advocacy work in D.C. around the issue of aviation noise.
12. **Edina Liquor News** – Edina Liquor is holding a food drive through Oct. 31. All three Edina Liquor locations are collecting food and cash donations to benefit Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People (VEAP). This is Edina Liquor’s sixth year participating in the food drive.
13. **Record Time** – At 6 hours and 16 minutes, the City Council Oct. 14 meeting tied the mark (previously held by the July 17, 2012 Council meeting) for the longest meeting since the City started posting Council meeting videos to Granicus in September 2006.