

# OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, OCT. 31, 2014  
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER  
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR OCT. 31, 2014

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1. **Funeral for Eddy Von** – The funeral for Public Service Worker Eddy Von will be on Saturday, Nov. 1 at Normandale Lutheran Church starting at 10:30 am.
2. **Employee Update** – Jake Bosley has accepted the position of Accountant for the Finance Department. He will begin work on Monday, Nov. 10. Jake recently was working as a Senior Accountant for Malloy, Montague, Karnowski, Radosevich & Co., P.A. and holds his bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota and his Certified Public Accountant license.

Sandra Arciniega has accepted the position of Assessing Specialist in our Assessing Division. Her first day of employment will be Nov. 10.

Two long-time Public Works Department employees retired this week: Dan McMahon on Wednesday, Oct. 29, and Don Dibble today.

3. **Operation Avalanche** – The U.S. Attorney's Office held a press conference on Tuesday, Oct 28, and announced the indictment of 25 members of a bank fraud conspiracy in which conspirators stole or attempted to steal more than \$2 million by manufacturing counterfeit checks and cashing them, along with other fraudulent checks at dozens of banks and other check cashing facilities. This case, "Operation Avalanche," was part of a long-term investigation by the Minnesota Financial Crimes Task Force and the Edina Police Department was recognized for its active involvement throughout the investigation. Arrest warrants were executed today in Minnesota, Oregon and North Dakota.
4. **2015 Street Reconstruction Projects** – Staff gathered input from the Edina Transportation Commission concerning the 2015 street reconstruction projects at its Oct. 23 meeting. These projects include Arden Park D, Countryside H, Prospect Knolls B and Dewey Hill G. The Council will consider advancing these projecting forward at the Dec. 9 public hearings.
5. **40th & France** – The City will host a special community briefing and meeting about the opportunity to acquire the land at 40th Street and France Avenue. The meeting will be held 6:30 to 9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17 at the Weber Park shelter.
6. **Vision Edina** – There are two Vision Edina community input meetings scheduled for next week: 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5 at the Edina Senior Center and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6 at the Southdale-Hennepin Area Library.

A number of other Vision Edina sessions have been scheduled for next week with groups including the 50th & France Business & Professional Association, Normandale Park/Heights Neighborhoods, Edina Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club of Edina, Creek Knoll/Chowen/Strachauer Neighborhoods and the Arts & Culture Commission. Other community groups are encouraged to contact the Administration Department to schedule sessions.

7. **Public Art** – Edina got its first art-wrapped utility box. It’s at the corner of 66th Street and Valley View Road.
8. **Acres DuBois** – Engineering Division staff met with the developers this week. The developers are planning to go forward with some of the early stages of their project development, including initial tree removal and home demolition, pursuant to City Code and operating protocol.
9. **Edina Liquor** – 50th & France – The remodeling project is wrapping up. We are expecting to be open for business again by next weekend.
10. **Braemar Field** – We plan to inflate the new dome over Braemar Field on Nov. 8 and 9, depending on the weather.

We plan to make ice in the new outdoor refrigerated ice rink, which has been officially named “The Backyard,” on Nov. 24.

The grand opening and dedication event for the new facilities is scheduled for the evening of Friday, Dec. 5. More information on that later.

11. **Golf** – The Braemar Golf Dome opens tomorrow, Saturday, Nov. 1.

Richard Mandell just completed his second site visit to Braemar Golf Course.

12. **Cable TV** – The managers committee of the Southwest Cable Commission met this week to meet a representative from Great-Land Connections, the cable provider that will be proposed to assume our cable television franchise if the Time Warner-Comcast merger is approved by the FCC. It is hard to predict when the FCC will act on the proposed merger, but it’s likely we will know by the end of Q1 in 2015.
13. **Fall 2014 Town Hall Meeting** – The Fall 2014 Town Hall Meeting will be held at the Senior Center 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, December 6.