

# OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, NOV. 15, 2013  
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER  
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR NOV. 15, 2013

## FRIDAY REPORT



- 2013 Commuter Choice Award** – The City of Edina has been recognized for its work to provide residents with options other than cars and trucks for moving from place to place within the community. The City received a 2013 Commuter Choice Award in the “government agency” category for its work to develop additional bike facilities in Edina and improve pedestrian improvements. The award also recognizes the City’s adoption of a Living Streets Policy to balance the needs of motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians and transit riders, and the creation of the Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety (PACS) Fund.
- Employee News** – Compensation & Benefits Specialist Candy Fiedler has announced her retirement. He last day will be Dec. 2.  
  
Payroll Technician Vicki Olson has announced that she will retire after 8 years working for the City of Edina. Her last day will be Feb. 21, 2014.  
  
Roger Lemire, who has been working part-time maintenance at Edinborough Park since 2010 has accepted an offer to fill a vacant full-time Maintenance Operations Coordinator 1 position, effective Nov. 26.  
  
Community Service Officer Ariel Huddleson has resigned to accept a Police Officer position with the City of Coon Rapids.
- Street Projects** – A big effort was made by staff to complete five feasibility studies this week for the 2014 Neighborhood Reconstruction Projects. These will be submitted to Council at the Nov. 19 Council meeting. This will allow the Council time to review the studies prior to the Dec. 10 Public Improvement Hearings. Two additional studies will be submitted at a later date.
- Alcohol Compliance Tests** – The Police Department completed a round of alcohol compliance checks this week. Smashburger, located at Southdale Center, failed. All other establishments passed.
- Golf Dome Grand Opening Events** – There will be a number of grand opening events this weekend for the new Braemar Golf Dome. The schedule of events is: Friday, Nov. 15 – giveaways, 1-3 p.m. free 10-minute private lessons with the Pros, 1-3 p.m. Hole-in-One contest, 3-5 p.m. book signing; Saturday, Nov. 16 – giveaways, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. free 10-minute private lessons with the Pros, noon-2 p.m. appearance by KFAN’s “Common Man,” 5-7 p.m. Hole-in-One contest; and Sunday, Nov. 17 – giveaways, 1-3 p.m. free 10-minute private lessons with the Pros, 1-2 p.m. Appearances by Goldy Gopher and the EHS Hornet, 2-4 p.m. Hole-in-One contest. For details on the events, visit [www.BraemarGolfDome.com](http://www.BraemarGolfDome.com).
- Sports Dome** – Council approved the design contract with Cunningham at the Nov. 4 meeting. Staff are processing that contract and working with Cunningham on timelines for the design process. Staff are going to explore the concept of a Guaranteed Maximum

Price (GMP) contract with RJM next week. We will include the City Attorney in that exploratory meeting. Staff have completed the submission process for the Hennepin Youth Sports Grant. This grant could provide as much as \$325,000 for the project.

7. **Blood Drive** – The City of Edina Blood Drive is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. It is open to the community, so everyone is welcome. The goal of this drive is 53 units of blood.
8. **9-1-1 Transition** – The transition process to incorporate the City of Richfield into our dispatch center is on schedule for a Dec. 2 cutover. Richfield officers are being trained on our software at our facility.
9. **Fire Chief Selection** – Police Chief Jeff Long, Human Resources Director Lisa Schaefer and Assistant City Manager Karen Kurt are in process of conducting first-round interviews of approximately 10 candidates. We will select a smaller group of finalist candidates from the group of 10 for second-round interviews, which are scheduled to occur on Dec. 11 and 18. We will include employees representing the various aspects of our Fire-Rescue & Inspections Department, including the Building Inspections Division, on the interview teams for the second round of interviews.