

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, NOV. 21, 2014
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR NOV. 21, 2014

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- 1. Snow Removal Hotline** – We have established a “snow removal hotline” this year in order to provide better customer service to our residents. The phone number is 952-826-1628. The hotline will offer information about the Public Works Department’s “plan of attack” for an impending snow event. Messages for staff can also be left on the line. If you see snow in the sky or if you have concerns or compliments, call the hotline and listen and/or leave a message.
- 2. Employee News** – Police Sgt. Tim Olson has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Tim has worked for the Edina Police Department for almost 20 years and prior to that he was a Hennepin County Detention Deputy for four years. Over the years, Tim has worked numerous assignments including: Administration, Traffic, Narcotics and Investigations. Tim’s well-rounded experiences and leadership will serve him well as he starts his new role as the Administrative Lieutenant.

Environmental Health Specialist Lee Renneke has passed his State-mandated Registered Environmental Health Specialist exam. Lee’s education, field work and extensive participation in study groups prepared him for the rigorous day-long test.

We had two new Community Services Officers (CSOs) start this week: Emily Jepson and David Norr. One of our current CSOs, Justin Patterson, is going to Libya with the National Guard in March to help with the Ebola prevention and treatment effort. He will be gone for approximately nine months.

- 3. Vision Edina** – The Vision Edina workshop video and survey are now online! Access the video workshop and survey online at www.EdinaMN.gov/vision. To give residents one last chance to participate in a public session of the process, two new Vision Edina workshops have been added for Thursday, Dec. 11: 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Southdale-Hennepin Area Library in the Helen Young Room and 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Edina Senior Center.
- 4. I.T. Infrastructure** – As part of the renovations at Pamela Park, the City’s fiber optic network will be extended to the new shelter. We recently completed the installation of the conduit up to the Park property line and will complete the conduit and fiber installation to the shelter in the spring in conjunction with building construction. Connection to the City’s fiber infrastructure allows for faster and more reliable connections to support the card access system, VoIP phone lines and WiFi. This connection also offers the flexibility to support additional needs in the future, such as HVAC and lighting control, security cameras, water utility communication and connections to other City locations.
- 5. Ice** – Because of the cold weather, the Public Works Department’s Parks Maintenance staff have been working to build suitable ice for skating before Thanksgiving. We are happy to announce that we have already achieved good ice at Lewis, Countryside, Highland and Normandale parks. With the warmer weather expected over the weekend, it could diminish the quality, but it is currently being used

and there is a bit of excitement in the air for the skating season to begin. The park shelters are not open yet because it is so early, but we felt that we should try to capitalize on the weather.

6. **Police Remodeling Project** – Remodeling of the Police Department’s Property Room has begun and is moving forward nicely. A much-needed workspace for the Property and Evidence Technician is being created. The work is being performed by Public Works Department staff.
7. **Three Rivers Park District** – I met with the new Three Rivers Park District Superintendent, Boe Carlson. We discussed Fred Richards Park, Nine Mile Creek Regional Bike Trail, dog parks, Weber Woods, golf course management and areas of future collaboration.
8. **NOC Meeting Follow Up** – Council Members Ann Swenson and Joni Bennett, Assistant City Planner Kris Aaker and I attended the Nov. 19 meeting of the Metropolitan Airports Commission’s (MAC) Noise Oversight Committee (NOC). One of the agenda items was a report on the results of the August noise study in Edina and St. Louis Park. The report was very brief. We asked MAC staff if they would present the report to the City Council in early 2015. They agreed. Staff will set up the meeting.
9. **Bloomington City Manager Search** – The City of Bloomington has named its three finalists for their City Manager position: Brooklyn Park City Manager Jamie Verbrugge; Minneapolis Deputy City Coordinator Jay Stroebel; and Assistant Ramsey County Manager Heather Worthington. Final interviews are scheduled for the first week of December.
10. **Mosquito Control District** – The City received its 2014 annual report from the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District (MMCD) this week. The MMCD treated 1,472 acres in Edina for larval mosquito control and 1,234 acres for adult mosquito control. They also treated 2,968 catch basins in the city in 2014.
11. **Speeding Citations in October** – The Police Department issued 1,219 citations for speeding in October 2014. 309 were issued on local streets and 910 on highways. On local streets, the average violation was for 16 MPH over the posted speed. The highest speed violation on a local street was for 30 mph over the posted speed. On highways, the average violation was for 18 mph over the posted speed. The highest violation was for 38 mph over the posted speed – 93 mph in a 55 mph zone.