

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, DEC. 13, 2013
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR DEC. 13, 2013

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- 1. Employee News** – We are currently interviewing finalists for the Fire Chief and Executive Assistant positions. We began recruitment for the Building Official position today. The Environmental Health Specialist II position was posted last week. We hope to have the position filled by the end of January.
- 2. Grandview CAT** – Parks & Recreation Director Ann Kattreh and Art Center General Manager Michael Frey attended the Dec. 9 Grandview Community Advisory Team (CAT) meeting and spoke about the Parks & Recreation Department and the Edina Art Center. The meeting went very well, and the CAT asked quite a few questions to each individual.
- 3. Residential Redevelopment Presentation** – Residential Redevelopment Specialist Cindy Larson did a presentation this week for the Planning Commission about this year’s residential redevelopment activities. The City Council is scheduled for a work session on this topic for Dec. 17.
- 4. Richfield 9-1-1** – We are receiving great feedback from the City of Richfield regarding our 9-1-1 services and operations. This is particularly impressive considering the weather events we’ve experienced recently and having three full-time dispatchers in training at once. The transition team continues to meet weekly to work out any operational bugs that arise.
- 5. Edina Liquor** – Total Wine and More has submitted a request to the Bloomington City Council to continue the public hearing on its liquor license until April 24, 2014. This delays the potential opening of the Total Wine and More until at least mid-May.

On the next agenda, you will notice a Request for Purchase for a light remodel of our Grandview liquor store. This project is included in our 2014 CIP. The store will remain open during the work, which is scheduled to be complete by March 1. Grandview will also be the pilot store for our new branded signage. The new signage will be rolled out to our other locations by March 1, too.

The I.T. Division expanded the City’s WiFi networks to Edina Liquor’s Southdale store in late November. We do not anticipate a lot of use of “EdinaOpen” by the public there, but the networks should prove useful for our staff and vendors.

- 6. Edina Crime Prevention Fund** – A recent Citizens Academy graduate donated \$8,000 to the Edina Crime Fund for the purchase of a new K-9 that in the fall of 2014. The Crime Fund covers all major expenses related to the Edina K-9 unit.

An anonymous business donated \$1,500 to the Edina Crime Fund, to help cover the cost of hosting the 2014 National K-9 trials in Edina this summer.

7. **Braemar Winter Programming** – The golf course is starting to groom cross-country ski trails that will be open to all free of charge this season. In addition, a groomed loop will be created for the many devout winter dog-walkers who frequent Braemar.

8. **Senior Center**– The Communications Division is working to rebrand and redesign the monthly Senior Center newsletter. Ads for the newsletter – to be called “The Times” – are being sold to offset some of the costs of printing and mailing. The January newsletter will be distributed in the new format.