

2013 Budget Open House—September 4th at 6 p.m.

The City of Medina will be hosting a budget open house on Tuesday, September 4th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Medina City Hall. A brief presentation on the proposed 2013 budget and tax levy will be provided at 6:00 p.m., followed by a question and answer session between Medina residents and City officials.

The City Council will also be considering a resolution to approve the preliminary tax levy during the regular Council meeting that begins at 7:00 p.m. The City is required to certify the preliminary tax levy to Hennepin County by September 15th.

City Council Saturday Office Hours

City Council Saturday Office Hours will reconvene in September and continue on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at City Hall. The office hours are an informal setting and serve as an opportunity for residents to bring your thoughts to elected officials for a better Medina.

Residents desiring to meet with an elected official during these Saturday office hours should make an appointment by calling Jodi Gallup, Assistant to the City Administrator, at City Hall at 763-473-8850 by noon on Friday before the Saturday session.

Night to Unite—August 7th

Just a quick reminder that the 2012 Night to Unite is August 7th. There is still time to organize a party in your neighborhood. For assistance, please contact Community Service Officer Jeff Kordiak at 763-473-9209. Let's work together to keep Medina a great place to live.

City Calendar

August

- 7th Tues—Night to Unite (various neighborhoods)
- 8th Wed—City Council Work Session 6:00 pm
- 8th Wed—City Council 7:00 pm
- 13th Mon—Planning Commission 7:00 pm
- 14th Tues—Primary Election Day
- 15th Wed—Park Commission 7:00 pm
- 21st Tues—City Council Work Session 6:00 pm
- 21st Tues—City Council 7:00 pm

September

- 3rd Mon—City Offices Closed (Holiday)
- 4th Tues—Budget Open House 6:00 pm
- 4th Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- 11th Tues—Planning Commission 7:00 pm
- 18th Tues—City Council Work Session 6:00 pm
- 18th Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- 19th Wed—Park Commission 7:00 pm
- 22nd Sat—Medina Celebration Day (3200 Mill Dr.)
- 22nd Sat—Council Office Hours (by appointment)

All meetings at City Hall unless otherwise noted.
Meeting agendas on website when available.



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PUBLIC SAFETY

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City Hall Office Hours

Mon-Fri 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Mayor

Tom Crosby 612-332-9111

City Council

Elizabeth Weir 763-473-3226
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Melissa Martinson 763-473-8082
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City Council Meetings

First & third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meetings

Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Park Commission Meetings

Third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

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Message

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2012 Primary and General Election Information

Primary Election: Tuesday, August 14, 2012. Polls open 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
General Election: Tuesday, November 6, 2012. Polls open 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Voting Locations—Medina has two voting precincts that run along school district boundaries. Residents in the Orono or Delano school districts within the City vote at Medina City Hall, 2052 County Road 24. Residents in the Wayzata or Rockford school districts within the City vote at the Hamel Community Building, 3200 Mill Drive. If you are still unsure where to vote, go to: <http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>.

Absentee Voting—Minnesota law allows for a person to apply to vote by absentee ballot if they are unable to vote in person on election day under certain circumstances. Residents may obtain an absentee ballot application by visiting the City's website at www.ci.medina.mn.us, calling City Hall, or by stopping by City Hall during regular business hours to fill out absentee materials. Absentee ballots are currently available through August 13th for the Primary Election and from September 21st through November 5th for the General Election. Additionally, City Hall will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 11th and Saturday, November 3rd for absentee voting.

Municipal Elections—Filing for Local Office—The City of Medina will have three positions on the ballot during the November General Election. The Mayor (2 year term) and two City Council (4 year terms) positions are at-large positions, representing all Medina residents.

Persons interested in running for these offices may file at City Hall. The filing period begins on Tuesday, July 31, 2012 and closes at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 14, 2012.

Questions? Call Election Coordinator Jodi Gallup at 763-473-8850.

Lakeshore Park Boat Launch

The City boat launch at Lakeshore Park in the Independence Beach neighborhood will be locked starting Monday, July 30th. Residents can now go to Medina City Hall to apply for a permit and receive the lock combination. The reason for requiring a permit to launch a boat at Lakeshore Park is to make sure residents are educated about Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) and properly inspecting their boats to keep additional AIS from entering Lake Independence.

Medina Newsletter Now Available by Email

Residents can now receive the Medina Newsletter through email. The email version will be sent out earlier to residents than the mailed version. However, residents will continue to receive the mailed version of the newsletter even if they receive the email version because the mailing list is used for a number of city purposes. Please contact Jodi Gallup at Jodi.gallup@ci.medina.mn.us or (763)473-8850 if you would like to receive an emailed version of the newsletter.

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Public Safety & Planning

Hunting Season is Here Again

With the re-write of the hunting ordinance last year, everyone should review the ordinance to make sure they are in compliance with the new restrictions in the sensitive hunting area. The full ordinance can be located on the city's website at www.ci.medina.mn.us.

In 2011, a "No Hunting" map was created for the City of Medina. Medina residents in the rural residential area, where hunting is allowed, have the opportunity to have their property labeled as "No Hunting." Residents should contact the Medina Police Department through email to anne@ci.medina.mn.us and request their property be put on this map designating it as no hunting. This map will then be distributed with hunting permits so hunters know up front which properties have been designated as no hunting.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to call the Medina Police Department at 763-473-9209.

Use Caution During Extremely Hot Weather

In normal weather, the body's internal thermostat produces perspiration that evaporates and cools the body. However, in extreme heat and high humidity, evaporation is slowed and the body must work extra hard to maintain normal temperature, which may lead to heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. If you believe you, or anyone you are with, is experiencing a heat-related medical emergency, promptly call 911, and if possible, move to a cooler place.

Keep these tips in mind to stay cool during extreme heat:

- Slow down and avoid strenuous activity
- Protect yourself from the sun and use a high SPF sunscreen
- Drink plenty of water regularly and eat well balanced meals
- Stay indoors as much as possible, if you don't have air conditioning, go somewhere that does such as a library, shopping center, or friend's house to get relief from the heat
- Never leave children or pets alone in a closed vehicle
- Cover windows that receive a lot of sunlight with drapes

Free One-on-One Technical Assistance for Small Business Owners and Entrepreneurs

Are you thinking about starting your own business, or are you currently operating a small business and interested in FREE technical assistance?

Medina has partnered with the Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD) to offer the "Open to Business" program. This program provides FREE one-on-one assistance from MCCD's expert staff, customized to meet the specific needs of each entrepreneur. This can include creating a business plan, suggestions on financial management and bookkeeping practices, assisting with marketing, and referrals for financing. MCCD also administers a small business loan fund which provides capital to expand local businesses. MCCD staff will be available in the area every 2nd Monday of the month.

For more information or to schedule a session, please contact Rob Smolund from MCCD at rsmolund@mccdmn.org or (612) 789-7337 ext. 11. More information is available on the City's website: www.ci.medina.mn.us/ed/OpenToBusiness.htm.



City Council Grants Preliminary Approval for the Enclave at Brockton Subdivision

The City Council granted preliminary plat and general plan approval for a residential subdivision south of Hamel Legion Park and west of Brockton Lane. The Enclave at Brockton includes 95 single-family homes and 23 detached townhomes. U.S. Home Corporation (Lennar) proposes to develop the project and integrate it with "The Enclave" neighborhood currently under construction immediately to the west. Lennar will still need to obtain final plat approval before beginning construction.

Medina to Study & Consider Amendments to Wind Turbine Regulations

The City Council authorized a study on the City's regulations related to Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) in early June. The purpose of the study is to determine what amendments are necessary, if any, to the regulations in order to prevent WECS from having an adverse effect on nearby lands and to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

WECS are currently allowed with a conditional use permit in the rural residential zoning district in the City, as well as the suburban residential zoning district. The Planning Commission reviewed the relevant information at the July 10th Planning Commission meeting and has requested additional information. The Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled to continue the Public Hearing on August 13, 2012.



Community & Environment

City Business Profile: Fortin Chiropractic Health & Wellness Clinic

Fortin Chiropractic Health & Wellness Clinic is owned and operated by Dr. Brenda Fortin. They have been serving the local area for 7 years. Their offices are currently located at 75 Hamel Road. Dr. Fortin is also President of the Uptown Hamel Business Group. Fortin Chiropractic Health & Wellness Clinic's services include chiropractic, acupuncture and massage therapy. They also sell vitamins, pillows, ice packs, Biofreeze (Pain Relieving Gel) and custom arch supports (orthotics). They are In-Network with all major insurance companies, accept auto, work comp, cash plans and always offer a free consultation on their services. Mention this article to receive an introductory 60 minute massage special for \$39 plus tax or stop by and get a free sample of Biofreeze. For more information, call 763-478-3978 or check out their website at www.FortinHealth.com.

Watersheds Set 2013 Budgets

Each watershed is charged with responsibility to protect, preserve, manage and improve surface and ground water quality by preventing flooding and soil erosion and filtering polluted run-off from development and agriculture before it drains into waterbodies. Watersheds achieve these goals by working with cities to fund capital improvement projects to clean up impaired waterbodies.

Pioneer Sarah and Elm Creek Watersheds set their 2013 Budget by the July 1st State Deadline. The Pioneer Sarah Watershed Board approved a budget of \$12,624.24. This is an increase of \$2,819.17 over the 2012 Budget. The increase was due to the extra planning expense for the 3rd Generation Plan and the Watershed-wide TMDL (WRAPP). Pioneer Sarah Watershed is paid through the City of Medina general tax levy.

The Elm Creek Watershed Board approved an assessment of \$14,774.72. This is a decrease of \$39.00 from the 2012 Budget. Elm Creek Watershed is paid through the City of Medina general tax levy.

The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) follows an open, public process to review and adopt its annual budget and welcomes public input. MCWD is different from the other watersheds because they have their own separate taxing jurisdiction. MCWD program managers prepare annual work plans and budget drafts each spring and submit them to the MCWD Administrator in June.

After review by the Administrator, a draft budget is submitted to the Finance Committee and the Board of Managers for review in an August workshop session. In September, the MCWD adopts a preliminary budget and levy. In November, the preliminary budget is reviewed in detail by the Board of Managers and the final budget and tax levy are adopted in December. Please go to www.minnehahacreek.org for information regarding their 2013 Budget process.

Recycling Providers to Accept More for Recycling

Many Twin Cities recycling service providers, including Randy's Environmental Services, are now accepting more materials as new markets for recyclable materials have become available. Things that can now be recycled in Medina include:

Paper: Mail, magazines, newspaper, boxes, cardboard
Cartons: Milk cartons, juice boxes, soup cartons
Plastic: Bottles, jugs, cups, containers and lids (No. 1-5)
Metal: Food and beverage cans
Glass: Bottles and jars

New technologies, growing markets, and new products made from recycled materials are expanding the types of things we can recycle at the curb.

For detailed information on materials currently accepted in your area, how the materials should be sorted, and when they will be picked up, call your city recycling coordinator or your recycling service provider. You can also learn more by visiting www.RethinkRecycling.com.



Erosion Control Projects

Even though there has not been much rain lately and things seem to be drying out, it is still important to get erosion control in place when doing outdoor projects. A rain event could happen at any time and would not take long to wash out an outdoor landscaping project, allowing the possibility of phosphorus loaded sediments to ultimately end up in our waterways.

Elm Creek Culvert Replacement

The Elm Creek culvert on Elm Creek Drive, near Hamel Road, is set to be replaced the week of July 23rd – 27th, weather permitting. Due to pipe deterioration over several years, the pipe is now caving in and is in need of replacement. The City will be replacing it with a more permanent concrete pipe and a sump catch basin to remove sediment from the street.



MEDINA CELEBRATION DAY

HAMEL LEGION PARK, 3200 MILL DRIVE

September 22, 2012 – 4:00-8:00 PM



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

4:00-7:30 p.m. – business expo, farmers market, bingo, and food vendors (some free!!)

4:30-7:30 p.m. – family fun activities to include face painting, rides on the antique fire truck, “Smokey” the bear, K-9 demonstration, inflatable bounce toy, Civil War enactment, helicopter, police car demonstration, city plow truck, pumpkin painting, games, bonfire and s’mores, etc.

7:30 p.m. – prize drawings for adults and kids.

8:00 p.m. – the GRAND FINALE of the evening will be a large FIREWORKS display, provided by donations from Medina Businesses.



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Business Opportunities at Medina Celebration Day

Medina businesses and local farmers are encouraged to participate in the Business Expo/Farmer's Market at this year's Medina Celebration Day on Saturday, September 22nd from 4-7:30 p.m.

Businesses may want to highlight their business and what it offers to the community; as well as offer games for the kids, coupons, drawings, or other give-a-ways. Participating Medina businesses will be asked to set up their own booth.

Businesses that would like to set up a booth need to preregister by September 7th. A registration form can be found on the City of Medina's website at www.ci.medina.mn.us or contact Linda Lane at 763-473-4643 or email Linda.lane@ci.medina.mn.us.

A Message from the Celebration Day Committee

The committee is once again looking to businesses, as well as residents, for donations towards the celebration in order to make it a memorable event for all. Your potential tax deductible donation can be directed towards the fireworks display, a specific event, or prizes for games and/or drawings. Each donating business will be recognized at the event, as well as after the event. Donations can be made out to City of Medina and mailed to 2052 County Road 24, Medina, MN 55340; or if you prefer, one of the committee members can stop by to pick up your donation. Call Linda at 763-473-4643 to schedule a donation pick up.

Thank you in advance for any help you can give.

Sincerely,

Medina Celebration Day Committee