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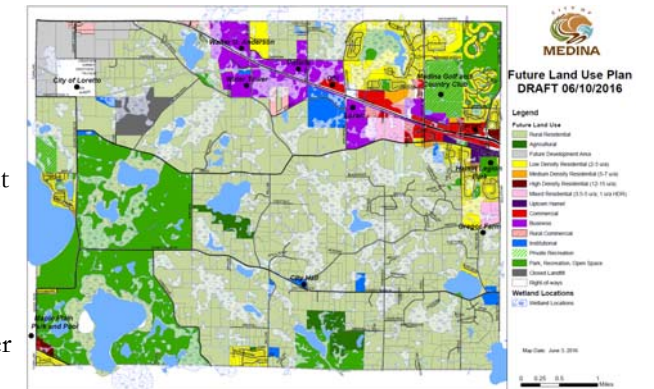


# The Medina Message

A bi-monthly publication from the City of Medina

## Comprehensive Plan Begins to Take Shape; Reduction of Growth Anticipated

Over the past year, the City has been working on updating the Comprehensive Plan. The Plan guides the future of the City, including the location and type of growth and development in the City. The Plan also informs future policy and investments in infrastructure and services such as transportation, parks, trails, recreation and water resources.



The City has held three community meetings in order to discuss the various aspects of the Plan in addition to a series of meetings of the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, Planning Commission, Park Commission, and City Council. The following draft Vision Statement has evolved through the process:

*“Medina is a community united by a common goal: to sustain and enhance the quality of life of its residents. Medina will protect its significant natural resources and open space throughout the City, while honoring its rural heritage and fostering safe and well-designed neighborhoods, places of recreation and destinations for citizens to gather. Development within the City will be commensurate with available transportation systems, municipal services and school capacity.”*

The Comprehensive Plan update anticipates 950 additional households over the next 20 years, 250 of which are required to be higher-density housing such as apartments and townhomes. This is a substantial reduction from what the City has previously planned.

Please visit <https://medinacomplan.mysidewalk.com/> in order to review and provide comments on the draft Vision Statement and drafts of the Future Land Use Map and the Staging and Growth Maps.

The City intends to have a draft of the Comprehensive Plan complete for review by the fall of 2016. For more information, visit: <http://medinamn.us/2040complan/>

### JOIN THE CONVERSATION!!

Various opportunities exist for you to take part in creating the Comprehensive Plan and to help guide the future of the City.

1. Participate electronically anytime at: <https://medinacomplan.mysidewalk.com/>
2. Discuss with your neighbors or with members of the Steering Committee, Planning Commission or City Council
3. Talk to City Planner Dusty Finke at [dusty.finke@ci.medina.mn.us](mailto:dusty.finke@ci.medina.mn.us) or (763) 473-8846

### CITY HALL

2052 County Road 24  
 Medina, MN 55340  
 p: 763-473-4643  
 f: 763-473-9359  
 e: [city@ci.medina.mn.us](mailto:city@ci.medina.mn.us)

**City Hall Office Hours**  
 Mon-Fri 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

600 Clydesdale Trail  
 Medina, MN 55340  
 p: 763-473-9209  
 f: 763-473-8858  
 e: [police@ci.medina.mn.us](mailto:police@ci.medina.mn.us)

**Police Department Office Hours**  
 Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Mayor

Bob Mitchell 763-473-1042

### City Council

Jeff Pederson 612-916-6448  
 John Anderson 612-618-5702  
 Kathleen Martin 612-344-1111  
 Lorie Cousineau 612-251-3244

### 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.

### Newsletter Editor

Jodi Gallup  
 Assistant City Administrator

## City Meeting Calendar

### August

- 2nd Tues—Night to Unite
- 3rd Wed—City Council 7 pm
- 9th Tues—Primary Election 7 am to 8 pm
- 10th Wed—Planning Commission 7 pm
- 16th Tues—City Council Work Session 6 pm
- 16th Tues—City Council 7 pm
- 17th Wed—Park Commission 7 pm

### September

- 5th Mon—City Offices Closed (Holiday)
- 6th Tues—2017 Budget Open House 6 pm
- 6th Tues—City Council 7 pm
- 13th Tues—Planning Commission 7 pm
- 20th Tues—City Council Work Session 6 pm
- 20th Tues—City Council 7 pm
- 21st Wed—Park Commission 7 pm

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

## MEDINA CELEBRATION DAY

Saturday, September 17th from 4:00-8:30 p.m.  
 Hamel Community Building/Hamel Legion Park, 3200 Mill Dr.

This year's event will feature the following:

- ⇒ Bingo (Hamel Lions)
- ⇒ Medina Food Vendors
- ⇒ Medina Business Expo
- ⇒ Farmers Market
- ⇒ Face Painting
- ⇒ Inflatable Bounce, Pumpkin Decorating, Kid's Games & Prizes
- ⇒ Search & Rescue Dog Demo
- ⇒ Antique Fire Truck and Kid Train Rides
- ⇒ Emergency & City Vehicles Display (Touch-a-Truck)
- ⇒ Drone Demonstration
- ⇒ Bonfire & S'mores (Boy Scout Troop)
- ⇒ Drawing for Prizes
- ⇒ Free Popcorn and Ice Cream Cones (5-7 p.m.)
- ⇒ Grand Finale Fireworks Display at 8:00 p.m.



# Community News

## You are Invited to Medina Living's 2nd Annual Outdoor Adventure Night!

**When:** Tuesday, August 9th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Where:** Lake Independence, Driftwood Shelter area, 2309 Baker Park Road, Maple Plain, MN 55359



**What is Outdoor Adventure Night?** An outdoor event for the entire family. While the kids enjoy games at different stations, parents have an opportunity to meet and visit with Medina Living businesses. Complimentary hot dogs, chips and watermelon from Dobo's Catering will be served along with Bundtinis from Nothing Bundt Cakes.

**Lots of Swag!** Each family receives a swag bag to fill as you visit the stations with a Passport to Outdoor Adventure. The passport contains the participating businesses' logos for redemption—when all stations have been visited, guests will be eligible for a drawing to be held near the end of the evening.

**Major Sponsors:** Medina Living, Gear West, Blizzard Ski & Snowboarding School, and Highway 55 Rental

**RSVP** appreciated, but not required to attend: Anne Morehouse at [anne.morehouse@n2pub.com](mailto:anne.morehouse@n2pub.com)

## 2017 Budget Open House September 6th at 6 p.m.

The City of Medina will be hosting a budget open house on Tuesday, September 6th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Medina City Hall. A brief presentation on the proposed 2017 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.



\*2016 Property Tax Breakdown per Dollar for Medina

## City Business Profile: ReDesigns

ReDesigns is an innovative local business specializing in refreshing and re-defining spaces using the client's existing furnishings at the "core" of the re-design. Katy Shishilla, a self taught decorator and Medina resident for 20 years, helps clients make their homes a comfortable and inviting place to entertain and live. Katy's eye for space and design helps clients visualize their room or home in a transformative way by re-arranging the area with existing pieces and thoughtfully selected color.

Helping an aging parent relocate? Downsizing? Every situation is unique so ReDesigns offers de-cluttering services and / or home staging options. Either the client's existing furniture can be used or supplemental furnishings can be rented from ReDesign's eclectic design inventory. ReDesign's two most recent clients sold their homes within a week of staging. It works!

For those interested in transforming their space themselves, Katy offers an Idea Book option that provides a vision for the finished space and a step by step plan for color palette, arrangement of pieces in the space, repurposing items, and removing pieces. From there she can support the work to the level preferred by the client, using her own skills and drawing upon a well-vetted team of paint specialists, contractors and carpet vendors.

ReDesigns also specializes in finding or making unique feature items that compliment or elevate a client's personal style. Often, a single well-selected piece provides the focal point that makes the space "work" the way the client envisioned. These unique pieces turn up in the most unlikely places and so Katy is continuously scanning local estate sales, antique stores, designer furnishings sample warehouses, even old barns.

Services are provided at a reasonable hourly rate of \$55.00. In the case of furniture purchase, a small purchasing fee, agreed upon in advance with the client, is added.

Katy Shishilla can be reached at 763-300-6490 or [katyshishilla.redesigns@gmail.com](mailto:katyshishilla.redesigns@gmail.com).

# Administration

## 2016 Primary & General Election Information

**Primary Election:** Tuesday, August 9, 2016. Polls open 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**General Election:** Tuesday, November 8, 2016. 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**—If residents need to vote by absentee ballot, residents may obtain an application by visiting <http://medinamn.us/citygov/elections/>, calling City Hall, or by stopping by City Hall during regular business hours to fill out absentee material. Absentee ballots are currently available through August 8th for the Primary Election, and from September 23rd through November 7th for the General Election. Additionally, City Hall will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 6th and Saturday, November 5th for absentee voting.

**Voter Registration**—If you voted in the last election in Medina and have not moved or changed your name, you should already be pre-registered to vote in the next election. If you still need to register to vote, would like to check if you are registered or want to find out more information go to [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org).

**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), which are at-large positions, representing all Medina residents. Persons interested in running for these offices may file at City Hall. The filing period begins at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, August 2nd and closes at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 16, 2016. Save the date for the Medina Candidate Forum on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Hamel Community Building. All residents are welcome to attend!

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

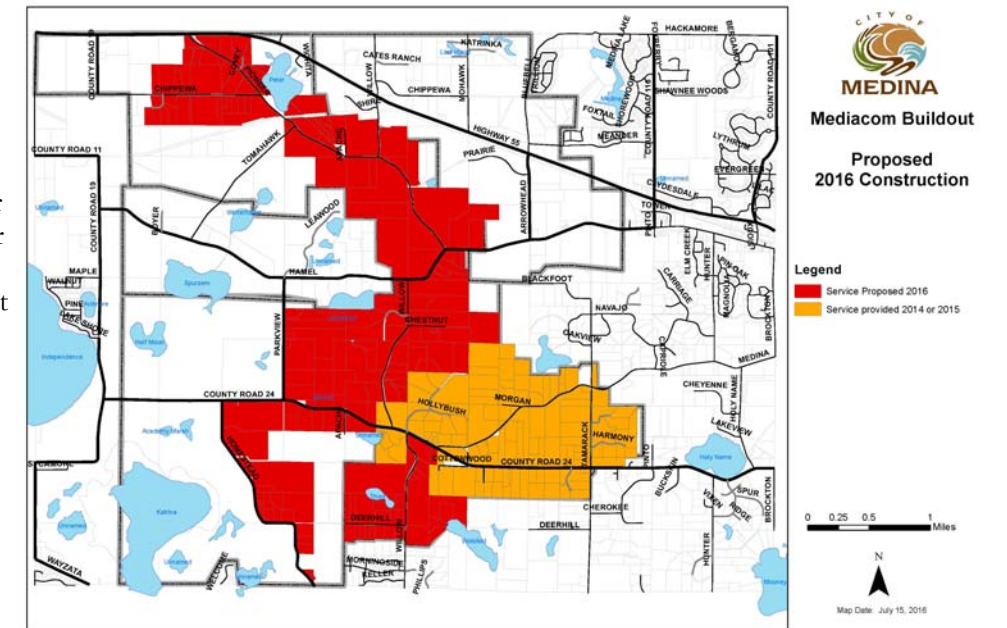
## 2016 Cable Buildout Plan with Mediacom

The City of Medina has been notified that Mediacom intends to begin construction in late July or early August on 18 total miles of System facilities and cable to be constructed and activated in 2016. This expansion provides availability of cable television and high-speed internet to approximately 120 homes.

The following map displays the 2016 buildout for Medina in red. Generally, service is proposed to be expanded to properties along Willow Drive, Deerhill Road, Chestnut Road, Homestead Trail, Parkview Drive, Pioneer Trail and Chippewa Road (west of Pioneer only).

As proposed by Mediacom, it does not appear that any owner should be required to contribute to the cost of connecting to the system within the expanded service areas. If you are requested to pay for any share of the installation cost, please contact City Administrator Scott Johnson at [scott.johnson@ci.medina.mn.us](mailto:scott.johnson@ci.medina.mn.us) or (763) 473-8840 to confirm.

The key provision of the Cable Franchise between City of Medina and Mediacom includes buildout of 37.46 miles of infrastructure to provide access to as many residents and businesses as possible. The cable franchise is for 10 years with an extension of 5 years upon mutual agreement. The agreement is a Non-exclusive franchise.



# Public Safety & Environment

## Safety Tips

### Auto Theft Prevention

The easiest way to keep your vehicle from being stolen is to lock all the doors, roll up the windows, and remove the keys. Also, please remove all valuables or keep them out of sight. If you see any suspicious activity, please call 911 immediately. You are our eyes and ears in assisting to apprehend these criminals.

### Pedestrian Safety

Each year, more pedestrians are killed in traffic accidents. Heavier traffic levels and lack of sidewalks are two dangers faced by pedestrians. The following tips help make your journey safer: Cross intersections carefully (stop & look both ways), Respect traffic lights, pay attention, walk on the shoulder facing traffic, wear reflective clothing, and supervise / teach your children about safe walking.

### Kids & Cars – How to be Safe

Never leave your child alone or let them play inside a vehicle. Temperatures (hot or cold) can reach deadly levels in minutes. Children left alone in cars are potential targets for child abductors. Always keep the car keys out of your children's reach. If your child is ever locked inside your vehicle, call 911 immediately.

### Bike Safety Tips

Children, as well as adults, sometimes need to be reminded of safety while biking. Consider the following while riding your bicycle. Always wear a helmet, look both ways before crossing the street, wear colorful, bright clothing, check your tires for air, use a backpack to carry items, always lock up your bike and ride with a friend.

## Noxious Weed Control

The City of Medina Weed Inspector would like to remind residents to do their part in controlling any noxious weeds that may show up in your yard. Noxious weeds need to be taken care of seven days before going to seed. Minnesota Policy states that residents be protected from the effects of noxious weeds on public health, the environment, public roads, crops, livestock and other property. The following website: [www.mda.state.mn.us/weedcontrol](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/weedcontrol) contains a list of noxious weeds as well as procedures for controlling and eradicating.



## Dog Regulation Reminders Please Pickup After Your Dogs

With the increased residential growth in the community, the City continues to receive increased complaints regarding off leash dogs and dog waste. Please be respectful of public spaces and neighboring properties by leashing your dogs and picking up after your dogs. Even if it seems like the dog feces is in a remote area and no one will notice, it is still someone's property and needs to be picked up! It is also the law to clean up after your pets and leash them off your property. Read more about dog regulations in City Code 345 at <http://medinamn.us/regulations-fees/city-code-book/>.



Before taking your dog on a walk, please remember to bring a bag or two to cleanup after your dog along the way. Pictured above are the pet waste stations that residents can find in Hamel Legion Park and the Park at Fields of Medina.

## Hunting Season is Coming Soon

Every year we receive complaints in reference to hunting. As the City of Medina continues to grow, our population becomes more and more dense and less area of the City is being used for hunting. The City believes that hunting is a valued privilege and wants to ensure hunting continues into the future. To do this we need all the hunters to follow the City regulations to ensure we can continue to enjoy this privilege.



One of the main complaints is in reference to birdshots crossing property lines and hitting roads, houses and other structures on adjacent property. We want to remind all hunters to be vigilant to exercise safe hunting practices. Know where your shots are going and where they are landing; you need to ensure the safety for the surrounding residents.

If you are planning on hunting in Medina, please review the regulations on the City's website at <http://medinamn.us/regulations-fees/licenses-permits/hunting-permits/> and make sure that you are in compliance with the City ordinance. Safety and respect will help to reserve the privilege of hunting in Medina into the future.

# Blue Bag Organics

## New Blue Bag Organics Customer Incentive – \$20 Credit for Signing Up or Referring!

As of August 1, 2016 the City of Medina and Randy's Environmental Services are offering a \$20 credit on your garbage bill to new organics recycling customers and existing organics customers who refer new participants. This offer is limited to the first 340 new customers and referrals and only available to Medina residents.

The referral incentive is only available to organics recycling customers who were part of the program prior to August 1, 2016. Referrals must mention your name and address when signing up. You can receive a \$20 credit for each new customer you refer, up to 4 new households – that means you could receive up to an \$80 credit on your garbage bill!



**How much extra does organics recycling cost me?** Nothing! The cost of the Blue Bag Organics Recycling Program is already calculated into your existing garbage and recycling bill.

**How do I sign-up?** All you need to do is call Randy's at 763-972-3335 TODAY to opt-into the service. Randy's will then deliver a year's supply of the compostable Blue Bags (choose between 13 gallon or 33 gallon) and a 32-gallon can is available if requested.

**How does the Blue Bag Organics Recycling program work?** Throughout the week, discard your organics waste into your Blue Bag Organics composting system. On Trash day, hand tie the Blue Bag Organics liner and place it inside your regular garbage cart for curbside pickup. Randy's will separate the Blue Bags from other trash at their facility. And off they'll go to a composting company. About two months later, recycled food waste from households like yours will be converted to compost and sold at local garden centers. Each spring, Blue Bag Organics customers receive a coupon in the mail for one free bag of their compost!



**What is Organics Waste and Why should I care?** Organic waste is all food waste, food-soiled paper (such as pizza boxes), paper towel, napkins, etc. Because more than 25 percent of our trash is organic waste, it's easy to make a big difference! By participating in the organics program, you are reducing the waste that is going to the landfills and contributing to more efficient operations at the resource recovery/waste processing facilities (burner). The recycled organic waste is being converted into nutrient-rich compost to help grow more food and for use in landscaping projects.



**How do I get more information about Blue Bag Organics?** Go to the city's website at: <http://medinamn.us/svcs/recycling/> or call Randy's Environmental Services at 763-972-3335.

**Can I get labels to sort my garbage, recycling, and organics throughout my home?**

YES! Hennepin County has created beautiful labels to help make sorting seamless! These labels are free of charge. Call or email Jodi Gallup to get your labels at 763-473-8850 or email [jodi.gallup@ci.medina.mn.us](mailto:jodi.gallup@ci.medina.mn.us)

