

2013 Budget Approval—The 2013 budget is on the City Council's regular meeting agenda for approval on December 4, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall.

2013 Park & Planning Commission Vacancies

The City is seeking residents to serve on the Medina Park Commission and Planning Commission. On each commission, there are two seats up for appointment/re-appointment effective January 2013 for three-year terms. The Planning Commission also has an additional seat open to fill a vacancy for a one-year term.

The seven-member Park Commission serves as a volunteer recommending body to the City Council and meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in Medina City Hall.

The seven-member Planning Commission serves as a volunteer recommending body to the City Council and meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in Medina City Hall.

Interested applicants may pick up an application at City Hall or via the City's website at www.ci.medina.mn.us. **Deadline for applications is Friday, December 14th.**

City Council Saturday Office Hours

City Council Saturday Office Hours are on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at City Hall.

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.

City Calendar

December

- 4th Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- 11th Tues—Planning Commission 7:00 pm
- 15th Sat—Council Office Hours (by appointment)
- 18th Tues—City Council Work Session 6:00 pm
- 18th Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- 19th Wed—Park Commission 7:00 pm
- 24th Mon—City Offices Closed
- 25th Tues—City Offices Closed (Holiday)

January

- 1st Tues—City Offices Closed (Holiday)
- 2nd Wed—City Council 7:00 pm
- 8th Tues—Planning Commission 7:00 pm
- 15th Tues—City Council Work Session 6:00 pm
- 15th Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- 16th Wed—Park Commission 7:00 pm
- 19th Sat—Council Office Hours (by appointment)
- 21st Mon—City Offices Closed (Holiday)

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



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Message

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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.

Newsletter Editor

Jodi Gallup
Assistant to City Administrator

General Election Results

The official results of the 2012 General Election were canvassed by the City of Medina City Council on Wednesday, November 14th. Tom Crosby was re-elected as the Mayor of Medina, serving a two-year term. There were two seats open for City Council. Elizabeth Weir was re-elected and John Anderson was elected to serve a four-year term on the Medina City Council.

Vote totals for all of the Medina candidates can be found on the city's website at www.ci.medina.mn.us.

The newly elected officials will be sworn in at the January 2, 2013 City Council meeting.

Recycle Your Holiday Lights

As you decorate for the holiday season, you may come across tangled strings of holiday lights that no longer work.



Residents are reminded that they can recycle those lights throughout the year in your current curbside recycle bin at no additional charge.

Things to Remember as Winter Approaches

- The City adopted a Snow Plowing-Ice Control Policy, which can be seen in its entirety on the City Website at www.ci.medina.mn.us.
- REMEMBER: City ordinance prohibits parking on any public street from November 1 through March 31 during the hours of 1:00 AM – 6:00 AM. If at all possible, the City plow crew would appreciate having no vehicles parked on City streets when snow-fall occurs during the daytime.
- Please check your mailbox for sturdiness and get repaired as needed, as the City is not responsible for mailboxes damaged by snow being pushed off the roads.
- To limit damage to sod, it is advised to place a marker along curbs lines; however, metal poles are strictly prohibited within the City right-of-way.
- It is the responsibility of property owners to remove snow and ice on their own sidewalks. However, please use ice control sparingly, because after it enters the storm drain it will eventually end up in local lakes and rivers.
- On garbage and recycling days, please place receptacles out of the way so they will not be hit when snow is being plowed.
- Shore up your fall projects before winter, so spring rains will not erode.
- The City has a compost and brush pile located behind the Public Works building off Cty Rd 24 which is open all weekends and weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Feel free to bring your leaves and other plant and tree trimmings, but please make sure they are placed on the correct pile and that any plastic bags go back home with you.
- The City also has compost and mulch available for residents while supplies last, so feel free to help yourself.



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Planning & Business

Planning Projects Under Review

The following land use projects and the following updates to the zoning regulations are currently under review by the City. For more information on one of the projects, or for an update on the review schedule, please contact the Planning Department at (763) 473-4643.

Fields of Medina West Subdivision—N of Hwy 55, E of Arrowhead Dr. Mattamy Homes has requested approval of a subdivision of 23-acres of property (PID 02-118-23-34-0002). The proposed subdivision includes 65 single-family lots and dedication of 4 acres for a City park. The Planning Commission reviewed the request at the November 13 meeting and recommended denial. The City Council is tentatively scheduled to review the request at the December 4, 2012 meeting.

Variations for Home Construction – 29XX Ardmere Ave. The property owner (PID 18-118-23-24-0154) has requested variances from the setback requirements from the front, side and from the ordinary high water level of Lake Ardmere in order to construct a home on the parcel. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on October 24 and recommended that the applicant make a number of changes to the plans. The application is tentatively scheduled to be reviewed by the Planning Commission again at the December 11, 2012 meeting.

Tamarack Ridge Subdivision— E of Homestead Tr., N of Deerhill Rd. Property Resources Development Company has requested approval of a rural subdivision of eight single-family lots on 80 acres (PIDs 21-118-23-31-0001, 21-118-23-34-0002, and 21-118-23-34-0003). The application is under review and may be scheduled for a Public Hearing at the Planning Commission on either December 11 or January 8.

Lot Frontage, Flag Lot, and Driveway Regulations
The City intends to review ordinances related to lot frontage, flag lot requirements and driveway regulations in the coming months. The Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled to hold a Public Hearing on the matter on December 11, 2012.

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

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.

More information is available on the City's website at: www.ci.medina.mn.us/ed/OpenToBusiness.htm.



City Business Profile: Ditter Cooling & Heating

By: Thomas A. Ditter

Ditter Cooling and Heating is unique in that we started in Medina in 1946 right on the family homestead by Holy Name Church. When Dad got out of the Navy after World War II, he moved back home to the farm and dove into the refrigeration business.

After high school, Jim and I both went to trade school (HTC and Dunwoody respectively) for a couple of years and got our diplomas for refrigeration service. We became partners with Dad and Incorporated somewhere in the mid-70s. In the mid-80s, we moved up to Hamel and rented a commercial building for 3 years. In 1987, we bought Dad's shares, bought the property and built the shop that we presently operate out of today at 820 Tower Drive. Jim and I both still live in Medina on the old homestead, which is another thing that might make us unique.

What the company does now is called HVAC. Heating, ventilating and air conditioning. Residential, commercial and some light industrial. Installation, service, design build, you name it we probably can do it. We do not do much refrigeration anymore but our backgrounds in it helps us do some specialty work that your basic heating shop is not qualified to do. Some examples are: clean rooms, dry rooms, cool rooms, controlled environment rooms and a variety of ventilation and exhaust systems for removing welding smoke to toxic chemicals. We also do a lot of contracted preventative maintenance for residential and commercial customers.

What products do we sell? Because of our longevity and reputation, we have accounts at just about every wholesale supply house in the area. We have access to just about every brand of equipment that exists. Our two, long time main brands are Carrier (since the 1950s) and Lennox (since the 1990s). These two brands speak for themselves. If we need to get competitive, like I said earlier, we can get it. We prefer Carrier and Lennox because of their quality and reputations. It fits ours.

Who are our customers? We like to think that everyone is our potential customers. Every person and business out there at sometime is going to need some aspect of the services that we provide. Our philosophy is, "If one of the best HVAC companies in the state is right here in Medina, why would you shop anywhere else?"

Community News

Holiday Train—December 13th

The Holiday Train is scheduled to stop in Loretto on Thursday, December 13, 2012, at 4:15 pm. Activities for kids will begin at 3 pm on West Railway Street. Please bring food items to donate to the local food shelves. Monetary donations will also be accepted. For more information please visit www.ci.medina.mn.us.

Toys For Tots

The Medina Police Department, along with Medina City Hall, Farmers State Bank of Hamel and 21st Century Bank of Loretto will be drop off sites for the KARE 11 2012 Toys for Tots Drive. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to any of the above drop sites by Wednesday, December 19th. Refer to KARE 11's website for details.

Medina Celebration Day Recap

The City of Medina would like to thank all the contributors, exhibitors and volunteers who were involved in Medina Celebration Day. This event could not have happened without their support.

Medina Celebration Day Committee
Cub Scout Pack 538
Boy Scout Troop 570
Adam's Pest Control
Anytime fitness
Art 2 Heart
Body by Vi - Visalus
The Brost Clinic
Buffalo Wild Wings
Caribou Coffee
Cellars Wine & Spirits -Plymouth
Commercial Bank of Minnesota
Complete Eye Care of Medina
Countryside Café – Peg's Catering
Crosby, Katherine
Crosby, Mayor Tom
Cub Foods - Plymouth
Dickey's Barbeque Pit - Plymouth
Ditter Heating & Cooling
Dobo's (Danny's Catering)
Dojo Karate
Dunn Brothers
Elm Creek Golf Course - Plymouth
Farmers State Bank of Hamel
Flaig, Sharrie
Fortin Consulting Inc.
Fortin Health & Wellness Clinic
The Foursome - Plymouth
Friends of Wolsfeld Woods

Gramercy Club & Residents
Gregor Farm & Greenhouse
Hamel Building Center
Hamel Electric
Hamel Fire Department
Hamel Lions
Hedtke Marketing
Hennepin County Sheriff
Highway 55 Rental & Sales
Holiday Station – Hamel
Holiday Station – Plymouth
Jake's City Grille - Plymouth
Jimmy Johns
Jimmy's Pizza
Jockey Person to Person
Lafayette Country Club –Mtka Beach
Lenny Leuer - Honey
Letterman Sports - Plymouth
Ling Inn / Aunt Jens Motel
Loram Maintenance of Way Inc.
Lunds/Byerly's –Plymouth/Wayzata
Maggie's Family Restaurant
Maple Crest Garden Center & Landscaping
Maxxon Corporation
Mayer Mobil Gas Station
McDonald's Restaurant
Medina Ed. Institute – Kumon Math
Medina Entertainment Center
Medina Golf & Country Club

Medina Police and Public Works
Miller, Marge
Noodles & Company - Plymouth
North Aircare – Helicopter display
OSI – Open Systems International
The Original Pancake House - Ply.
Pham, Wayne (resident)
The Pilates Advantage
Plymouth Police Department
Polaris Industries Inc.
Rainbow Foods - Plymouth
Redesigns
Rockler Companies Inc.
Rogers 18-Movie Theatre
Scherer Pumpkin Patch
Shamrock Golf Club - Corcoran
Sivets, Colleen & family
Smashburger - Plymouth
Subway - Medina
Sunsets of Wayzata
T Nails
Target – Donation & Volunteers
Tolomatic
Tyagi, Pankaj and Charu
Walgreens - Plymouth
West Financial Credit Union
West Hennepin Pioneer Association
Winestyles
Wright Hennepin Electric



Medina Celebration Day was held on Saturday, September 22nd, at Hamel Legion Park. The City was excited to see a large number of attendees once again this year from the community and businesses. The afternoon was filled with many great activities for young and old alike, including a business expo, bingo, inflatable bounce, pumpkin decorating and games, face painters, North Aircare helicopter, police & public works vehicles, police bloodhound demonstration, door prize drawings, as well as a great fireworks display, sponsored by area businesses and residents.

You won't want to miss next years' celebration, which will be held on Saturday, September 28th.