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Recycling is 31% of our waste.

City Calendar

December

- 3rd Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- 10th Tues—Planning Commission 7:00 pm
- 17th Tues—City Council Work Session 6:00 pm
- 17th Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- 18th Wed—Park Commission 7:00 pm
- 21st Sat—Council Office Hours (by appointment)
- 24th Tues—City Offices Closed
- 25th Wed—City Offices Closed (Holiday)

January

- 1st Wed—City Offices Closed (Holiday)
- 7th Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- 14th Tues—Planning Commission 7:00 pm
- 15th Wed—Park Commission 7:00 pm
- 20th Mon—City Offices Closed (Holiday)
- 21st Tues—City Council Work Session 6:00 pm
- 21st Tues—City Council 7:00 pm

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

2014 Budget Approval—The 2014 budget is on the City Council’s regular meeting agenda for approval on December 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Holiday Train—Sunday, December 15th

The Holiday Train is scheduled to stop in Loretto on Sunday, December 15, 2013, 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.medinamn.us.

2014 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 2014 for three-year terms.

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.medinamn.us. **Deadline for applications is Friday, December 13th.**



CITY HALL

2052 County Road 24
Medina, MN 55340
p: 763-473-4643
f: 763-473-9359
e: 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
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e: police@ci.medina.mn.us

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

Mayor

Elizabeth Weir 763-473-3226

City Council

Jeff Pederson 612-916-6448
Melissa Martinson 763-473-8082
John Anderson 612-618-5702
Kathleen Martin 612-344-1111

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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The Medina Message

A bi-monthly publication from the City of Medina

Open House for Public Works/Police Facility January 22nd, 3:30 PM—6:00 PM

Medina is pleased to announce that an Open House will be held for the newly renovated Public Works and Police Building at 600 Clydesdale Trail on Wednesday, January 22, 2014, from 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM.

As of November 15, 2013 the Medina Public Works will have moved out of their 1975-era pole barn into their new offices, garage and equipment storage spaces. We will no longer have to store expensive, off-season equipment out doors in all climates.

The operations of the Police Department, previously in the cramped space of the lower floor of City Hall, will have moved to the new facility, allowing valuable police cars to be parked in the police garage, safe from tampering and from hail damage. The new facility is close to commercial areas and Medina’s more dense, developing areas.

The Open House will include a plaque dedication ceremony to acknowledge former Mayor Tom Crosby’s foresight and leadership in guiding the City through the complex process of funding the purchase and remodeling of the facility.

The purchase price of the building at 600 Clydesdale Trail is \$4.125 million. Renovation costs for the public works and police functions are \$3.375 million. Additional good news is that Medina’s new facility is within budget and on time, and the brush disposal function will remain on the City Hall property, convenient for resident use.

The annual debt obligation to serve the \$7.5 million in bonds for the project is approximately \$500,000 lower than projected, because of Medina’s advantageous bonding rates. This will be funded primarily through City tax revenues, with a portion of the payments allocated to the water and sewer funds, reflecting specific services provided to those utilities by Public Works.

Please stop by at the Open House of the new Public Works and Police Facility at 600 Clydesdale Trail on Wednesday, January 22, 2014, from 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM. The plaque dedication ceremony will be held at 3:30 PM with Tom Crosby’s family.

Illegal Garbage Dumping—A Serious Problem to Report

Illegal dumping is any waste, whether it is oil, furniture, appliances, trash, litter or landscaping cuttings, etc., dumped upon any public right-of-way, City property or private property, without consent of the owner.

Why is Illegal Dumping a Serious Problem for the Community? It is an eyesore, decreases neighborhood property values, costs taxpayers in clean-up costs, negatively impacts plants and wildlife, poses safety hazards to people, provides breeding ground for disease carrying rodents, disrupts natural land and water processes, pollutes surface and ground water, and lowers the quality of life for residents.

Community help is essential to catching and deterring illegal dumping. The City encourages anyone who encounters illegal dumping to report it to the Medina Police Department by calling 763-473-9209; take down the date, time and location, description of vehicle and license plate number, description of person(s) dumping, and what items were being dumped.

Planning & Cable Franchise

Land Use Applications Under Review

The following land use and development projects 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.

D.R. Horton Stage I Plan – north of Hwy 55, between Arrowhead Dr. and Mohawk Dr.

D.R. Horton requests Stage I approval for a mixed-use development to include 85 single-family homes, a 50-60 unit apartment building, and 8 acres of commercial on 80 acres (42 net acres). The purpose of a Stage I Plan is to establish uses, densities, and general site layout. In-depth development plans occur at Stage II review. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing at the September 10 and October 8 meetings. The City Council is tentatively scheduled to review at the December 3, 2013 meeting.

Woods of Medina – 710 Shawnee Woods Rd

Jeff Pederson has requested preliminary plat and rezoning approval for a 16-lot single family subdivision on 9.5 acres east of County Road 116 at Shawnee Woods Road. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on November 12, 2013, and recommended approval. The City Council is tentatively scheduled to review on December 17, 2013.

Fawn Meadows – east of County Road 116 at Medina Lake Drive

Money Tree Holding, LLC has requested approval of a subdivision with 13 single-family lots on 10 acres (5.72 net acres) located north of the proposed Reserve of Medina subdivision. The Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled to continue a public hearing on the application on December 10, 2013.

Wakefield subdivision – 3385 County Road 24

Wakefield Family Trust has requested approval of a rural subdivision of three lots on 74 acres at the southeast corner of County Road 24 and Homestead Trail. The Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled to hold a public hearing on the application on December 10, 2013 or January 14, 2014.

Announcing Mediacom in Medina

As many of you know from our summer 2012 newsletter, the City of Medina entered into a direct franchise with Mediacom for the express purpose of bringing broadband access to all residents and businesses in the city. The franchise begins January 1, 2014. An aggressive 2-3 year, 30-mile build out will begin in the spring of 2014.

Mediacom is already serving many neighborhoods in Medina, and beginning with the spring 2014 build out, many more neighborhoods will begin to gain access to Mediacom's many communications services. The build out will take place over several years, and upon its completion, 100% of Medina will have access to broadband and Mediacom's many state-of-the-art services.

Mediacom Services to Homes and Businesses

Mediacom's advanced fiber-optic network delivers digital television, high-speed internet, and phone service to 200 Minnesota communities and townships, including Medina. Mediacom's broadband service offers multiple speed choices, including an ultra-fast 105 megabits per second download speed.

Businesses of all sizes will, over the term of the build out, have the opportunity to access robust broadband and lower-cost telecommunication services. Mediacom Business offers solutions tailored to each business's needs, including Gigabit+ Fiber Solutions, which is already used by hospitals, schools, financial institutions and industry in other locales.

Information for Existing and New Customers

For existing customers of Mediacom, there will be no change in services, pricing or plan options. For both existing and new customers of Mediacom, the customer service number is 1-866-609-6180 and website is: www.mediacomcable.com.

Mediacom's website provides detailed information on its digital packages, which offers OnDemand Viewing, digital video recorders (DVRs) with a new TiVo version, and mobile access (TV Everywhere).

Mediacom's Mound office at 2381 Wilshire Blvd, Mound, 55364 is useful to pick up or exchange equipment, pay bills, or even test-drive products such as a DVR, the OnDemand menu, or digital packages for additional sports, movies or children's programming.

The Mediacom Mobile Care App is a simple way to request service, troubleshoot issues, check or pay balances, or reach a service representative.

If you have any questions or concerns about how Mediacom can best serve you, please don't hesitate to contact them via any of the communications channels presented above.

Welcoming Mediacom to our Neighborhoods.

Mediacom and Medina are looking forward to enjoying a close working relationship, with the shared goal of bringing broadband access and service to everyone who wants it.

Please contact Mediacom directly to request new service or service upgrades and to discuss any customer service issues you may have.

Mediacom is continually upgrading its infrastructure. If there are any issues during the build out, please do not hesitate to contact Mediacom directly to discuss them. Notices will go out to neighborhoods as the build out rolls out.

Stay tuned!

Community News

City Business Profile: GO2 Print Media Group

GO2 Print Media Group moved into Uptown Hamel in April 2011, after an extensive six month building renovation. Owner Tom Therrien has a passion for community and is excited to be a part of Uptown Hamel's growth.

GO2 is a full service Marketing Solutions company. Although its forte has been print for years, customers have come to lean on GO2 to partner with marketing departments across the nation, offering one stop marketing manufacturing assistance for a variety of advertising needs.

The building sits at 62 Hamel Road in Uptown Hamel. Tom and his colleague, Steve Nicol, built out and custom crafted to look like an old Horse barn, and the office suites appear to be horse stalls. The building was gutted to the studs and rebuilt. Seeing its potential, they set out to make something beautiful from what could have been considered ruins. Stop in for a cup of coffee, and say hello!

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	Gramercy Club & Residents	Medina Entertainment Center
Cub Scout Pack 538	Gregor Farm & Greenhouse	Medina Golf & Country Club
Boy Scout Troop 570	Hamel Electric	Medina Police Department
The Brost Clinic	Hamel Fire Department	Medina Public Works Department
Buffalo Wild Wings	Hamel Lions	Miller, Marge
Caribou Coffee	Hennepin County Sheriff – K9 Unit	The Original Pancake House - Plymouth
Complete Eye Care of Medina	Highway 55 Rental & Sales	Pham, Wayne
Countryside Café – Peg's Catering	Holiday Station, Plymouth	The Pilates Advantage
Crosby, Tom	Jake's City Grille - Plymouth	Polaris Industries Inc.
Cub Foods - Plymouth	Jimmy's Pizza	Rainbow Foods - Plymouth
Ditter Heating & Cooling	Jockey Person to Person	Rockler Companies Inc.
Dobo's (Danny's Catering)	Lafayette Country Club – Mtka Beach	Rogers 18-Movie Theatre
Dojo Karate	Lenny Leuer - Honey	Scherer Pumpkin Patch
Dunn Brothers	Ling Inn / Aunt Jens Motel	Shamrock Golf Club - Corcoran
Farmers State Bank of Hamel	Loram Maintenance of Way Inc.	Sivets, Colleen & family
Flaig, Sharrie	Lunds/Byerly's – Plymouth & Wayzata	Smashburger - Plymouth
Fortin Consulting Inc.	Maggie's Family Restaurant - Plymouth	Sunsets of Wayzata
Fortin Health & Wellness Clinic	Maple Crest Garden Center & Landscaping	Target – Donation & Volunteers
The Foursome - Plymouth	Mayer Mobil Gas Station	West Financial Credit Union
Friends of Wolsfeld Woods	Medina Education Institute – Kumon Math	Wright Hennepin Electric



Medina Celebration Day was held on Saturday, September 21st, 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, police, fire, & public works vehicles, K9 Unit demonstration, door prize drawings, as well as a great fireworks display, sponsored by area businesses and residents.

Public Works & Public Safety

Reminder Winter Parking Regulations are in Effect

There is no parking on the streets of Medina between 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. The regulations are in effect until March 31st. The police enforce this ordinance to keep the streets clear for snowplowing. If you have any questions in reference to the parking ordinance, please call the police department at 763-473-9209.

House Checks by Police Department

During the Holiday Season many of us are traveling out of the area. If you are planning on being out of town, please call the police department and put your house on the house check list. We will check your house while you are out of town; if there are any problems, we will contact you. To sign up for a house check just call the Medina Police Department at 763-473-9209.

Snow Plowing & Ice Control Policy

The City will use City employees, equipment, and/or private contractors to provide snow plowing and ice control services on City roads. When snowfall occurs, the City shall consider many different factors to determine level of snow plowing or ice control services, including, but not limited to:

- amount of snowfall, usually a minimum of two to three inches (2" - 3");
- time of day;
- day of the week;
- wind speed and direction;
- temperature;
- personnel availability and safety;
- equipment availability; and,
- local weather forecasts (before beginning snow or ice control operations).



Upon review of the factors noted above for each snow event, the City will implement a service plan for snow plowing and ice control services, but recognizes that service delivery may be affected by equipment breakdowns, unreliable forecasts, changing temperatures, or equipment getting stuck, which may require down time of an hour or more for two equipment units.

The City has five separate snow plowing routes for each of the City's five full-time employees, which does not allow for 24-hour snow plowing service coverage. Therefore, on an extended snowfall with brisk winds, several of the City's roads will become impassable (although County Roads 24, 201 and 19 are usually in the same condition).

Snow Plowing Priority Route Schedule

The City's snow plowing priority schedule is:

- 1) Main collector roads
- 2) Residential streets
- 3) Cul-de-sacs and dead end streets
- 4) Trails

City snow plowing personnel will attempt to be out clearing roads prior to rush hour beginning (either early morning, or late afternoon) to avoid being an obstacle to traffic.

Method of Ice Control

The City uses a treated salt and/or salt-sand mixture (20% salt) on City road surfaces. The City does not maintain a bare pavement policy. However, the City's re-plowing and scraping practices often create bare pavement conditions with the exception of -20 °F weather.

Damage to Mailboxes and Other Obstacles

Making contact with a mailbox is a common obstacle snowplow operators face during storm activities. The City will conduct a review of each mailbox incident to determine whether the City will provide reimbursement for the damaged mailbox. Only mailboxes actually hit by a snowplow will be the responsibility of the City. The City will not be responsible for damage to mailboxes or support posts caused by snow or ice coming into contact with the mailbox. The City will reimburse the mailbox owner \$50.00 for the replacement of the mailbox and/or the post, and up to \$75.00 for a double mailbox and post. If weather and frost conditions prevent replacement at the time, the City will supply a temporary box.

The City will not be responsible for any damage to obstacles that are located in the right-of-way, such as sprinkler heads, fences, garden areas, etc. The City is also not responsible for repairing grass or sod that has been damaged in the right-of-way.

Complaints Procedure

Complaints shall be directed to and reviewed by the Public Works Director on a first-come, first-serve case basis. If remedy or repair is approved by the Public Works Director, a schedule of the necessary corrective work with the appropriate City personnel or contractor will be directed. Emergency complaints will be handled in an expeditious manner when available resources are sufficient.

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 snowfall occurs during the daytime.

Environment & Transportation

Recycle Half of All You Throw

Do you know how easy it is to juice up your recycling? Load it up? And milk it for all it's worth? Of more than a million tons of garbage thrown away each year, we only recycle 39 percent. We can do more - help the county reach their goal of recycling at least 50 percent of all waste by 2015!

To help you get to half, remember to recycle all of these materials that are still commonly thrown in the trash:

- Milk cartons & juice boxes
- Soup, broth and wine cartons
- Yogurt, pudding and fruit cups
- Disposable cups
- Margarine, cottage cheese, and other plastic containers
- Produce, deli and takeout containers
- Dishwashing liquid bottles and detergent jugs
- Shampoo, soap and lotion bottles
- Toothpaste, medication and other toiletry boxes.

Also remember to recycle everywhere you go – at home, at work and at play! Learn more about what you can recycle and get all of your recycling questions answered at RecycleHalf.com.

Master Water Steward Program

The Freshwater Society is accepting applications for a second class of volunteer Master Water Stewards. When you are accepted into the program, you will receive intensive training on how to protect the lakes and streams from pollution in your neighborhood. Everything on city streets flows to our water - oil from cars, bacteria, salt, litter, sediment, fertilizer. Each year, more polluted runoff reaches our lakes and rivers. Your yard is connected to rivers, lakes, and streams, and you can make a difference in keeping water clean and healthy.

Master Water Stewards is a partnership between the Freshwater Society and the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District funded by a state Clean Water Fund grant. In 2014, the program is available at no charge to participants, and is limited to 30 residents of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District. The program works to recruit, inspire and train citizen volunteers who work in their own communities to organize and build projects to keep storm water and the pollutants carried by storm water from flowing into lakes and streams.

This fall, members of the first class of Master Water Stewards have been installing rain gardens, rain barrels and water-permeable walkways in neighborhoods around Minnehaha Creek and the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes. If you are interested in becoming a Master Water Steward, please visit the website at www.masterwaterstewards.org and attend an informational session at the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District office, 15320 Minnetonka Blvd, Minnetonka on:

- Tuesday, Dec. 3, 6:30-7:30 p.m.,
- Tuesday, Dec. 17, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

For more information about the program contact Peggy Knapp at pknapp@freshwater.org or (763) 219-1252. For 2014, the program is open only to residents of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District.

Medina Area Transportation Services

Although the City of Medina does not have any regular public transportation routes such as buses, there are a few transportation options for Medina residents that are listed below.



Transit Link (651) 602-5465

Transit Link (formerly Dial-A-Ride) serves the seven county metro area and augments regular transit routes in areas that don't have frequent regular service. Rides can be reserved by calling 651-602-LINK (5465). More information is at <http://www.metrocouncil.org/Transportation/Services/Transit-Link.aspx>

Metro Transit (612) 373-3333

Metro Transit offers a free online ride-matching service for residents of the metro area. Individuals create an account and enter information like trip origin, destination, day(s) of the week and time(s) of day they wish to match with other riders. The system matches users automatically based on their preferences and location, and users can contact their matches directly to set up a ride. To learn more and sign up, visit <http://metrotransit.org/carpool>. Their hotline is available for users who have questions or issues: 612-373-3333, option 5, or commuterprograms@metrotransit.org.

Interfaith Outreach Community Partnership (IOCP) (763) 489-7708

Interfaith Outreach Community Partnership has a rides program where volunteers provide rides in their own vehicles to community members in need of getting to medical appointments or adult basic education (at its building). Community members must live in one of the 8 communities served by IOCP (which includes Medina).

Community members needing transportation, call the transportation line (763) 489-7708 where volunteers will gather information about the needed ride. The volunteer will then notify our volunteer drivers. When a driver is able to take the ride, the ride is confirmed with the community member. They ask for two business days' notice and do their best to fill the ride. The more notice they have, the better they are able to meet the need.

Senior Community Services (952) 541-1019

Senior Community Services is also able to link seniors with services such as transportation. Call for more information.