

**Uptown Hamel Skating/Sledding Social
Saturday, February 9th, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

Community members are invited to attend the Uptown Hamel Skating/Sledding Social on Saturday, February 9th from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. at Hamel Legion Park. The festivities will be centralized around the Hamel Community Building, ice skating rink, sledding hill, and fire pit. The Uptown Hamel Business Group is sponsoring the event and will be serving hot apple cider and making s'mores.

For more information visit the Uptown Hamel Business Group website at <https://uptownhamel.com> or call Fortin Health and Wellness Clinic at 763-478-3978.

Planning Projects Under Review

The following land use application is currently under review by the City. For more information on the project, or for an update on the review schedule, please contact the Planning Department at (763) 473-4643.

Tamarack Ridge Subdivision— E of Homestead Tr., N of Deerhill Rd. Property Resources Dev. Co. has requested approval of a rural subdivision of 8 single-family lots on 80 acres. The application is tentatively scheduled for a Public Hearing at the Feb. 12 Planning Commission.

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

February

- 5th Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- 12th Tues—Planning Commission 7:00 pm
- 16th Sat—Council Office Hours (by appointment)
- 18th Mon—City Offices Closed (Holiday)
- 19th Tues—City Council Work Session 6:00 pm
- 19th Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- 20th Wed—Park Commission 7:00 pm

March

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



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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

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The Medina
Message

A bi-monthly publication from the City of Medina

Medina Switches to Single-Sort Recycling

All Medina residents should have received their new single-sort recycle carts on January 9th and 10th. If you did not receive a cart, please contact Randy's Environmental Services at 763-972-3335 right away. With the new program, you will no longer have to sort your recycling. All items including paper, cardboard, bottles, cans and plastics can now be thrown in the same cart. As a reminder, you can now recycle all plastic containers and lids with the chasing arrow #1 through #7 as well as paper cartons and juice boxes.



The 2013 collection schedule for the every other week service was mailed to all residents in the middle of December. If you did not receive this calendar, it can be downloaded at www.ci.medina.mn.us or call city hall at 763-473-4643. Feel free to take the sturdy plastic bin you had been using for recyclables and reuse it for garage or basement storage. The bin should no longer be used for recycling collection. If you have no use for the bin, call Randy's Environmental Services at 763-972-3335 to arrange for them to pick it up and they will recycle it for you.

Randy's Environmental Services also offers optional drive-up services for garbage and recycling. This is a great service for residents with long driveways or residents that are unable to bring their carts down to the curb. The fee for drive-up service is \$10 per month for garbage and an additional \$10 per month for recycling.

Blue Bag Organics Recycling—Now Included in Your Recycling Program at No Additional Cost to You

The Blue Bag Organics Recycling service is now available to all Medina residents at no additional fee. The fee is already included in your single-sort recycle fee and garbage service. To start service, all you need to do is call Randy's Environmental Services at 763-972-3335 to set up the delivery of your 32-gallon Blue Bag Organics can and lid, sixty 32-gallon Blue Bag Organics compostable can liners, and a ventilated kitchen compost bucket.

The Blue Bag Organics food waste recycling system is an amazingly easy way to recycle kitchen scraps, discarded leftovers, spoiled produce, paper towels and paper-board take-out containers. This organics waste will be converted into nutrient-rich compost to fortify lawns, flower beds, and backyard and community gardens.

What makes the program so affordable is that Randy's Environmental Services is now picking up your Blue Bag Organics each week using the same truck they use to take away your regular household trash. That means one less truck will be traveling on your street. On trash day, please make sure your Blue Bag Organics liner is hand tied and placed in your regular garbage cart for curbside pickup (not your recycle cart). The blue bags are then separated at Randy's Environmental Services' facility. For more information on the Blue Bag Organics Program visit bluebagorganics.com.

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2013 Budget

City of Medina Summary Budget Data

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of 2013 budget information for the City of Medina residents and property owners. The complete budget may be examined at Medina City Hall, 2052 County Road 24 or on the City's website at www.ci.medina.mn.us.

The final General Fund Budget for 2013 was approved on December 4, 2012 in the amount of \$3,776,425, a reduction of \$10,000 or 0.3% from the 2012 General Fund Budget. The General Fund total property tax levy for 2013 was authorized for \$2,726,118, an increase of 4.1% or \$106,783 from the 2012 General Fund levy. The overall 2013 property tax levy was approved for \$3,248,806, an increase of 10.7% or \$313,103 over the total 2012 levy. The overall levy increased primarily due to new annual debt service payments on bonded debt issued to finance the acquisition of a facility for use by the City's police and public works departments. Factoring in the new facility bonds debt service levy along with a 4.5% decline in the City's overall market value from 2012 to 2013 is expected to result in the City's tax capacity rate increasing from 21.3% in 2012 to an estimated 24.6% in 2013.

Governmental Funds 2012-2013			Enterprise Funds 2012-2013 Adopted Budgets					
	2012 Budget	2013 Budget	Water Fund		Sewer Fund		Storm Water Fund	
			2012 Budget	2013 Budget	2012 Budget	2013 Budget	2012 Budget	2013 Budget
Revenues			Operating (OP) Revenues					
Property Taxes	\$ 2,935,703	\$ 3,248,806	\$ 709,425	\$ 741,557	\$ 506,000	\$ 502,750	\$ 187,775	\$ 186,500
Tax Increments	\$ 455,000	\$ 382,637	Total OP Revenues					
Special Assessments	\$ 151,515	\$ 282,055	\$ 709,425	\$ 741,557	\$ 506,000	\$ 502,750	\$ 187,775	\$ 186,500
Licenses & Permits	\$ 172,790	\$ 189,400	Operating Expenses					
Intergovernmental Revenues			\$ 132,450	\$ 138,478	\$ 106,025	\$ 109,983	\$ 57,800	\$ 53,734
Federal	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 57,725	\$ 65,600	\$ 286,800	\$ 289,300	\$ 31,000	\$ 17,350
State (General Aid, etc.)	\$ 124,275	\$ 153,202	\$ 67,200	\$ 67,700	\$ 5,700	\$ 5,700	\$ 7,700	\$ 7,200
County/Other Local	\$ 12,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 67,500	\$ 77,500	\$ 4,300	\$ 4,300	\$ -	\$ -
Charges for Services	\$ 298,575	\$ 354,680	\$ 23,125	\$ 24,600	\$ 10,575	\$ 14,525	\$ 43,950	\$ 31,000
Fines and Forfeits	\$ 204,000	\$ 204,500	\$ 355,000	\$ 320,000	\$ 139,500	\$ 95,000	\$ 3,300	\$ 6,000
Interest Earnings	\$ 100,000	\$ 55,392	Total Operating Expenses					
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 154,150	\$ 149,925	\$ 703,000	\$ 693,878	\$ 552,900	\$ 518,808	\$ 143,750	\$ 115,284
Proceeds from Bond Sales	\$ 6,950,050	\$ -	Operating Income (Loss)					
Transfers from Other Funds	\$ 589,025	\$ 400,467	\$ 6,425	\$ 47,679	\$ (46,900)	\$ (16,058)	\$ 44,025	\$ 71,216
Total Revenues	\$ 12,163,083	\$ 5,450,064	Non-Operating Revenues					
Expenditures			\$ 33,900	\$ 15,960	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
General Government	\$ 982,125	\$ 979,174	\$ 2,225	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Public Safety	\$ 2,037,070	\$ 2,019,600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Streets & Highways	\$ 556,015	\$ 563,549	\$ 46,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 22,500	\$ 14,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000
Sanitation	\$ 16,000	\$ 17,478	\$ (233,675)	\$ (207,094)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Culture & Recreation	\$ 171,080	\$ 168,388	\$ 549,900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cemetery	\$ 2,725	\$ 2,725	\$ (137,300)	\$ (67,400)	\$ (91,650)	\$ (63,400)	\$ (50,150)	\$ (48,700)
Miscellaneous Expenditures			\$ (137,300)	\$ (67,400)	\$ (91,650)	\$ (63,400)	\$ (50,150)	\$ (48,700)
Debt Service Principal	\$ 220,000	\$ 465,000	\$ 267,475	\$ (206,855)	\$ (116,050)	\$ (65,458)	\$ (4,125)	\$ 23,516
Interest & Fiscal Charges	\$ 450,595	\$ 531,768	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (151,000)	\$ (41,000)
Capital Outlay	\$ 6,995,347	\$ 4,208,175	\$ (550,000)	\$ (570,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transfers to Other Funds	\$ 859,825	\$ 134,825	Net Income (Loss)					
Total Expenditures	\$ 12,290,782	\$ 9,090,683	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Increase (Decrease) in Governmental Fund Balance	\$ (127,699)	\$ (3,640,619)						

Community News

Medina Ban on the Use of Coal Tar-Based Sealer Products

The Medina City Council approved an ordinance on July 17, 2012 to ban the use of coal tar based sealer products. Pavement sealants are used for parking lots and driveways to protect asphalt pavements from weather and automotive fluids and to provide a finish.

The City of Medina has banned the use of coal tar-containing sealant products within the city. These sealants contain PAHs (Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons) levels, which are a carcinogen and are a significant threat to our waterways. PAHs are a group of chemicals formed during the incomplete burning of coal, gasoline, wood, garbage or other organic substances. PAH particles from driveway sealants find their way into local waterways during rain events and contaminate lake and pond sediments. These contaminated sediments are known to harm aquatic life and degrade the health of our lakes.

Asphalt-based sealant products are a much less toxic alternative. This product is used by many local contractors. Request that an asphalt-based sealant is used on your private driveway or business parking lot. Most retail stores have removed coal tar-based sealants from their shelves. Asphalt-based products will typically list asphalt petroleum as the main ingredient.

A Low-Salt Diet for our Lakes and Streams

A little salt goes a long way for managing snow and ice. But too much salt – which may be less than you think – can cause irreversible damage to nearby lakes and streams.

The danger of ice and snow on roads and sidewalks is a fact of life in Minnesota, and salt and sand can help reduce ice and add traction. When that snow inevitably melts, however, most of that salt and sand wash directly into nearby waters.

Currently, salt use is not regulated, but it poses a real threat to clean water. The chloride contained in one teaspoon of road salt can permanently pollute five gallons of water. Chloride upsets aquatic environments and can kill birds and some plants.

Many people use more salt than they need. But using more salt does not melt more ice, or melt it faster. In reality, salt only works when there is enough snow or ice for it to react with and excess crystals will eventually become a pollutant. It's best to use less than four pounds of salt per 1,000 square feet. One pound of salt fills up a 12-ounce coffee mug.

Want to protect your local lake or stream from chloride pollution?

Here are some easy ways you can help:

- Apply salt or other de-icers before snowfalls, so you will need less later.
- Shovel regularly (a great form of winter exercise) to minimize ice buildup.
- Break up ice with an ice scraper before deciding if sand or a de-icer is necessary for traction – you may find that it's not.
- Use sand instead of salt in below 15 degree temperatures
- Sweep up any salt that's visible on dry pavement and use it elsewhere or throw it away.

By using salt wisely, you can save money, time and the environment without sacrificing safety. Learn more at www.minnehahacreek.org/salt.

Seasonal Spring Weight Limits

The Medina Police want to remind everyone that spring weight restrictions will go into effect in early March. If you are planning a construction project, please ensure that you have your materials delivered prior to the weight restrictions.

The reason for the restrictions is to protect our roads and keep the cost of road repair down for all taxpayers. We ask all of our residents and business owners to keep an eye out for large trucks using the roads during the restriction period. If you see them using a restricted road, please call 9-1-1 and report it. Help protect your roads! For questions, you can call the Medina Police Department at 763-473-9209.

City Business Profile: The Brost Clinic

By: Dr. Anderson

The Brost Clinic is one of the largest chiropractic, acupuncture and natural healthcare clinics in the Midwest. The main clinic was established in Wayzata 26 years ago and has won awards for its exceptional patient services and national recognition for its innovative natural, integrated care.

In November 2010 the Brost Clinic opened a satellite practice in Medina at 712 Hwy 55 to make treatments more convenient for patients that live in Medina and further west or north of the Twin Cities. The clinic is located just west of the Medina Entertainment Center on Hwy 55.

The Medina clinic is an extension of the main Wayzata clinic and is able to offer many of the same quality healthcare services that have put the Brost Clinic on the map as one of the finest natural health care clinics available.

Dr. Ashley Anderson is the full time practitioner at the Medina location. Dr. Anderson is a licensed Doctor of Chiropractic and is also certified in Acupuncture. She is appreciated by her patients for combining both science and a lot of heart in her patient care. She works in close association with Dr. Brost and the other four practitioners at the Wayzata clinic.

The Brost Clinic offers free consultations to listen to your health concerns and let you know if we can help. Please call for an appointment at our Medina clinic at (952)473-1663.



Preliminary Layout for the Reconstruction of Highway 55 at CR116/115

January 2013

Project Background

The City Council on December 18, 2012 adopted a resolution approving the preliminary concept layout for the reconstruction of the Highway 55 at CR 116/CSAH 115 Intersection. The preliminary concept layout improves channelization of traffic and provides a second left turn lane from South CR 116 to Highway 55. These proposed improvements will help increase safety and capacity at the intersection. The City of Medina will continue to work with impacted Medina businesses throughout the project design phase to improve traffic circulation.

Discussions regarding improvements to this intersection have occurred with Hennepin County since 1998. The project scope of the original plan was reduced substantially to address concerns expressed by businesses.

The total project cost for the intersection is expected to be approximately \$2,750,000. The estimated cost for the City of Medina for this project is \$412,337 and \$2,338,331 for Hennepin County. State aid funds for roads for which Medina qualifies may be used to pay for Medina's portion.

Project Need

Upgrades to the intersection have become necessary because of continued residential growth in suburbs to Medina's northwest. A large amount of traffic is now using the Highway 55/CSAH 116 corridor for commuting to the Twin Cities, instead of Interstates 94/694/494. This regional growth has created a problem at the intersection.

The following Medina housing projects will also impact this intersection:

- Fields of Medina subdivision – North of Highway 55; west of County Road 116. The City Council granted Final Plat approval on January 17, 2012 for a 65-lot subdivision on 32 acres of property at 1182 Highway 55 called the “Fields of Medina.” Mattamy Homes began development of the property and built homes in 2012.

- Fields of Medina West – North of Hwy 55, East of Arrowhead Dr. – 64-lot subdivision Mattamy Homes has received preliminary approval for a subdivision on 23-acres of property. The proposed subdivision includes 65 single-family homes and the dedication of land for a City park.
- Woods of Medina – Concept Plan – south Hackamore Road, east of County Road 116 - Toll Brothers, Inc. Planning Commission and City Council reviewed a concept plan for a subdivision with 125 single-family lots on 80 acres (65 net acres) located at 525 Hackamore Road. A preliminary plat is expected in January 2013.

The following two developments could have some impacts on the intersection:

- “Enclave of Medina” residential development – Hunter Drive U.S. Home Corporation (Lennar) has received approval for a subdivision containing 110 single-family homes and 42 townhomes east of Hunter Drive and south of Hamel Road.
- “Enclave at Brockton” residential development – Brockton Lane, south of Hamel Legion Park The City Council granted approval to Lennar (U.S. Home Corporation) for a subdivision with 95 single-family home lots and 23 detached townhome lots south of Hamel Legion Park and west of Brockton Lane. The developer proposes to incorporate these homes into “The Enclave” which was approved by the City Council in the summer of 2011.



Current Highway 55 at County Road 116/115 Intersection

What are the next steps?

The next step is for Hennepin County and TKDA Engineering to complete the layout for the intersection improvements. The City has met with local businesses to receive their input on the new proposed layout and continues to invite comment as the layout design is finalized. Future meetings with businesses and open houses for residents and the public will be held once Hennepin County has refined the layout.

Funding sources have yet to be identified for this project. Other than planning funds for the project, no funds have been allocated for project construction. The City of Medina will work with Hennepin County and MNDOT to procure future funding. It may take a number of years before funding becomes available for this necessary intersection improvement; however, Council and staff will work diligently with the other government entities to address the concerns at this intersection as early as possible.

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