

**Upcoming Public Hearings/Meetings**

The following land use and development 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.

Enclave at Brockton – Brockton Lane, south of Hamel Legion Park  
Lennar (U.S. Home Corporation) has requested approval for a subdivision of the existing nine properties south of Hamel Legion Park and west of Brockton Lane into 116 single-family home lots. The developer proposes to develop the property through the Planned Unit Development process and incorporate these homes into “The Enclave” which is located immediately to the west and was approved by the City Council in the summer of 2011. The Planning Commission and City Council provided comments on a concept plan of the subdivision during the spring. The Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled to hold a Public Hearing on the Preliminary Plat and General Plan on June 12, 2012.

Variance from Upland Buffer Requirements – 790 Navajo Road  
The property owner has requested a variance from the requirement of installing a vegetative upland buffer adjacent to a small wetland on the property. The buffer requirement was triggered by construction of a new home on the previously vacant lot. The Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled to hold a Public Hearing on June 12, 2012.

Conservation Design Subdivision – 2700 and 2900 Parkview Drive  
The property owner has requested a PUD Concept Plan Review for a Conservation Design subdivision proposing 8 lots on 110-acres (the applicant has reduced the concept from 10-lots). The proposal includes permanent conservation easements over a portion of the property and is requesting a density bonus to allow for additional lots. The Planning Commission and City Council reviewed the proposal and requested a number of changes (including a reduction in the number of proposed lots).

**City Calendar**

**June**

- 5th Tues—City Council Work Session 6:00 pm
- 5th Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- 12th Tues—Planning Commission 7:00 pm
- 19th Tues—EDA Meeting 5:30 pm
- 19th Tues—City Council Work Session 6:00 pm
- 19th Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- 20th Wed—Park Commission 7:00 pm

**July**

- 3rd Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- 4th Wed—City Offices Closed (Holiday)
- 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

All meetings at City Hall unless otherwise noted.  
Meeting agendas on web site 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.

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The Medina  
**Message**

A bi-monthly publication from the City of Medina

**Protect Your Waters from Aquatic Invasive Species**

Prevent the transport of Zebra Mussels, Eurasian Watermilfoil and other aquatic invasive species. Aquatic invasive species are species that are not native to Minnesota and cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health.

Minnesota waters are threatened by aquatic invasive species. It is illegal to transport any aquatic plants, zebra mussels, New Zealand mudsnails or other prohibited invasive species, or to launch a boat or trailer with these species attached.

Do your part to protect Minnesota’s waters by following the state aquatic invasive species laws:

You must:

- Clean visible aquatic plants, zebra mussels and other prohibited species from watercraft, trailers, and equipment before transporting from any water access.
- Drain water from bilge, livewell, motor, ballast tanks, and portable bait containers before leaving water accesses or shoreline property.
- Keep drain plug out and water-draining devices open while transporting watercraft.



Before and after picture of object submerged in water body with Zebra Mussels.

Additional recommended precautions:

- Spraying with high-pressure water and rinsing with very hot water and/or
- Drying boats and water-related equipment for at least five days.
- Dump unwanted bait in the trash.

**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.

**Election Judges Still Needed**

The City is seeking additional election judges for the 2012 General Election on Tuesday, November 6th. More information can be found on the city’s website at [www.ci.medina.mn.us/election/election.htm](http://www.ci.medina.mn.us/election/election.htm).

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

**Summer City Council Saturday Office Hours Suspended**  
City Council Saturday Office Hours will experience a summer break during the months of June, July, and August. They will reconvene in September through the end of the year on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at City Hall. Please check the City’s website for scheduling confirmation/cancellation.

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# Public Safety & Public Works

# Community News

## Recreational Fires in Medina

A recreational fire includes a campfire or a fire contained in a charcoal grill, camp stove, or other device designated for the purpose of warming, cooking, or ceremonial purposes. The City would like to remind everyone to be safe and follow the city and state laws regarding recreational fires.



- Recreational fires shall be no larger than 3 feet in diameter and height.
- Recreational fires must be at least 25 feet from all buildings or combustible materials.
- Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
- Recreational fires must be constantly attended until the fire burns out completely or is extinguished.
- A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, or garden hose shall be readily available at all times until the fire is extinguished.
- The only materials permitted in a recreational fire are wood from trees, small branches, brush, or charcoal. Treated lumber materials, construction debris, garbage, plastic materials, or waste materials are NOT allowed to be burned in recreational fires.
- Recreational fires must be immediately extinguished if they pose a fire safety risk, if they are not in compliance with the above, or when directed to do so by a police officer, firefighter, fire warden, or DNR officer.

Residents no longer need to apply for an annual city permit for recreational fires as defined above. Residents that are planning other burns, such as large amounts of brush or vegetation, a permit is still required and can be downloaded on the city's website at [www.ci.medina.mn.us](http://www.ci.medina.mn.us) or picked up at the Medina Police Department. Please contact the Police Department at (763) 473-9209 if you have any questions.

## Medina Police Join CrimeReports.com

The Medina Police Department is pleased to announce that citizens can now gain access to neighborhood level crime incident data in near real time. The public can access the free crime data through the CrimeReports website at [www.crimereports.com](http://www.crimereports.com) or through the iPhone app, available for free download in the Apple iTunes store. The new service even lets local citizens sign up for free customizable email updates, so they can monitor crime in their neighborhood.

You can access your local crime map and sign up for daily, weekly, or monthly email crime updates at [www.crimereports.com](http://www.crimereports.com) or by going to the City of Medina webpage under police and there will be a link to CrimeReports.com.

If you have any questions or comments, contact Sergeant Jason Nelson at (763) 473-9209 or email [jasonnelson@ci.medina.mn.us](mailto:jasonnelson@ci.medina.mn.us).

## New Compost/Brush Site Hours

The City of Medina has initiated new hours for the Compost/Brush Site, due to excessive after hour contractor dumping from surrounding areas. The City Council asked staff to come up with a reasonable solution to the problem by limiting the hours that the site was kept open without having to pay to have it staffed. The gates that were installed leading into the site will be opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and then again Saturday morning from 8:00 a.m. until noon. If this creates too much of a hardship for the residents of Medina, the City will look at the option of keeping the site open one night during the week and also longer hours on Saturday, with the possibility of using volunteers for those extended hours.

## Erosion Control for Construction and Landscaping Projects

Construction projects that you are completing this spring and summer may require permits, as well as erosion and sediment control measures ie: silt fencing, mulch, erosion blankets and/or a combination of these things. These measures should be taken if you have a construction or landscaping project that has a significant amount of exposed soils for more than a day, and there is potential that the sediment can be carried off your site from rain. It will help prevent sediment from leaving the site and entering adjacent properties and streets, eventually ending up in our storm sewers which lead to ponds and lakes, bringing them harmful pollutants such as phosphorus, nutrients, and unwanted debris. Think ahead about what might happen if we get a big rain during your project. Have the right control measures in place before the rain comes. Remember, no dumping of debris including, but not limited to, sand, gravel, rock, leaves, brush, grass clippings on any city street, especially near storm sewer accesses.

## Highway 55 Road Project

MnDOT has begun the western portion of the mill and overlay project on Highway 55 which extends from Rockford to Medina. Highway 55 will be closed from County Road 19 to County Road 101 for work on the east portion of the project from mid-July through early September.

Check MnDOT's project website for updated schedules and detour routes at [www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy55medina/](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy55medina/).

## City Business Profile: Houlihan State Farm Insurance By: Marianne Houlihan, Agent

Houlihan State Farm Insurance is entering our 25<sup>th</sup> year in business. We have been in our Medina office for seven years. We are located in the Rolling Green Business Center, which is just north of Hwy 55 on Hwy 116 at 885 Meander Court. State Farm is the largest insurer of cars and homes in Minnesota and the entire US. The benefit to our customers is the financial strength and stability second to none and superior claims service, which is why State Farm has been the industry leader for more than 40 years. Like a good neighbor State Farm is here in Medina when you have a claim. Our Medina office also specializes in business, life and long-term care insurance. Medina is a great community to grow our business. We support the annual Medina Celebration Business Expo in September. Please stop in to meet us and pick up a free road atlas when you mention this article. Thanks for your support Medina!

## Transportation Now Available through Transit Link to Delano Senior Center

Medina residents can now call Transit Link at 651-602-LINK to schedule a ride 1-5 days in advance to the Delano Senior Center.

Transit Link is the Twin Cities' dial-a-ride minibus or van service for the general public, where regular route transit service is not available. The fee for a ride is \$2.25 one-way for rides under 10 miles and \$4.50 one-way for rides over 10 miles.

The Delano Senior Center and Senior Dining Program is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. All seniors age 60 and older are invited to participate in the Senior Center's programs and dinner served at noon each day. Contribution for the meal is \$3.50. Please call 763-473-0574 for more information.

## City Vision Statement Feedback Welcomed

The City Council has created a draft vision statement for the city and would like input from Medina residents and businesses before its adoption on June 19th.

The vision statement can be found on the city's website at [http://www.ci.medina.mn.us/history\\_vision/history\\_vision.html](http://www.ci.medina.mn.us/history_vision/history_vision.html). Please submit comments to Jodi Gallup at [Jodi.gallup@ci.medina.mn.us](mailto:Jodi.gallup@ci.medina.mn.us) by June 13th.

## Night to Unite Tuesday, August 7th



Neighborhoods throughout Medina are invited to join the Medina Police Department, along with thousands of communities nationwide, to participate in the Night to Unite celebration on Tuesday, August 7, 2012. Medina Police officers, firefighters and City Council members will stop by and participate in neighborhood parties throughout the city!

This is an opportunity to get to know your neighbors, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relations, let criminals know that neighborhoods are organized and willing to assist the police, and generate support and participation in crime prevention efforts. Your participation in the Night to Unite will show neighborhoods' strength, increase resident/police bond, and make our community an overall safer and more enjoyable place to live. Night to Unite get-togethers can be as extravagant as a cookout, or as simple as an ice cream social.

Please call the police department at (763)-473-9209 by July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 with your party plans and times. We will arrange a visit from the police and fire department to come out and join your party! You will also receive party supplies donated by Target. To arrange your party, please call CSO Jeffrey Kordiak at the Medina Police Department at (763)-473-9209 or email him at [Jeffrey.kordiak@ci.medina.mn.us](mailto:Jeffrey.kordiak@ci.medina.mn.us).

## Medina Police and Target Annual Bike Rodeo Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 – 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. (Note Date Change)

The Medina Police Department invites families to our Bike Safety Rodeo on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Medina Target.



To register for the bike rodeo, and for further information, go to our city website at [www.ci.medina.mn.us](http://www.ci.medina.mn.us) and fill out the registration form. You can either mail it or drop it off at the Medina Police Department, 2052 County Road 24, Medina, Minnesota 55340, or email the form to Community Service Officer Kordiak at [Jeffrey.kordiak@ci.medina.mn.us](mailto:Jeffrey.kordiak@ci.medina.mn.us).

## Community Health Fair

Come set sail towards a better and healthier you at the Hamel Community Health Fair on Saturday, July 21, 2012. The health fair is a free event targeting healthy lifestyle choices for ALL AGES. Vendors will cover a range of categories including; fitness, exercise, eye care, nutrition, chiropractic, massage, financial services, feng shui, family counseling, Mona Via, Melaleuca, Essential oils, Medina Police and Hamel Fire. The event will run 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Hamel Community Building located at 3200 Mill Drive in Hamel. Bring the whole family for a fun, informational event. Questions: Please call Bill Schuyler at (612) 325-8689.