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# The Medina Message

A bi-monthly publication from the City of Medina

## 2014 General Election Information Tuesday, November 4th; Polls Open 7 AM to 8 PM

**Sample Ballots**—Sample ballots for the November 4th General Election are now available on the City’s website at <http://medinamn.us/citygov/elections/>. Become an informed voter and review your ballot prior to Election Day.

**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 will be available from September 19th through November 3rd for the General Election. Additionally, City Hall will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 1st, 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 have not registered to vote and would like to pre-register, you must submit a voter registration application by October 14th. You can now register to vote online at [www.mnvotes.org](http://www.mnvotes.org) or pick up a paper application at City Hall. Those who register prior to the October 14th deadline will appear in the roster at their polling place and will not have to provide additional information at the polling place on Election Day. If you are not pre-registered, Minnesota allows eligible voters to register on Election Day as long as they provide proper proof of residence. For more information about voting eligibility requirements and proof of residence, visit [www.mnvotes.org](http://www.mnvotes.org).

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

### Candidate Forum for Local Medina Offices Monday, October 13th at 7 p.m.

The League of Women Voters Wayzata/Plymouth Area is sponsoring a Medina Candidate Forum on Monday, October 13, 2014 at 7 p.m. at the Hamel Community Building, 3200 Mill Drive. All residents are welcome to attend this event. The forum will be recorded and available to view on the City’s website at <http://medinamn.us/citygov/elections/>.



The City of Medina will have four positions on the ballot during the November General Election. The Mayor (2 year term), two City Council (4 year terms) and one City Council Special Election (2 year term) positions are at-large positions, representing all Medina residents. Candidate names and contact information can be viewed on the City’s website at <http://medinamn.us/citygov/elections/>.

#### 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

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

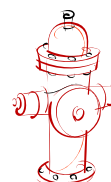
Third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

#### Newsletter Editor

Jodi Gallup  
Assistant to City Administrator

### Fall Hydrant Maintenance and Flushing

Fall hydrant maintenance and flushing is scheduled through October 17th for all Medina water users (Account numbers beginning with 01 & 03); however, Independence Beach water users (Accounts beginning with 02) will have their fall flushing done on their regular monthly flushing schedule the second Thursday from 9 am - 2 pm.



**NOTE:** You may experience discoloration while the watermain in front of your property is being flushed, as well as fluctuation in water pressure. If you experience water discoloration, turn on your outside faucet until it runs clear.

### 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

#### October

- 7th Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- 14th Tues—Planning Commission 7:00 pm
- 15th Wed—Park Commission 7:00 pm
- 18th Sat—Council Office Hours (by appointment)
- 21st Tues—City Council Work Session 6:00 pm
- 21st Tues—City Council 7:00 pm

#### November

- 5th Wed—City Council 7:00 pm
- 10th Mon—City Council 6:00 pm
- 11th Tues—City Offices Closed (Holiday)
- 12th Wed—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
- 27th Thurs—City Offices Closed (Holiday)
- 28th Fri—City Offices Closed (Holiday)

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



# Planning

## Public Hearing on Comprehensive Plan Amendment Which May Delay Residential Development

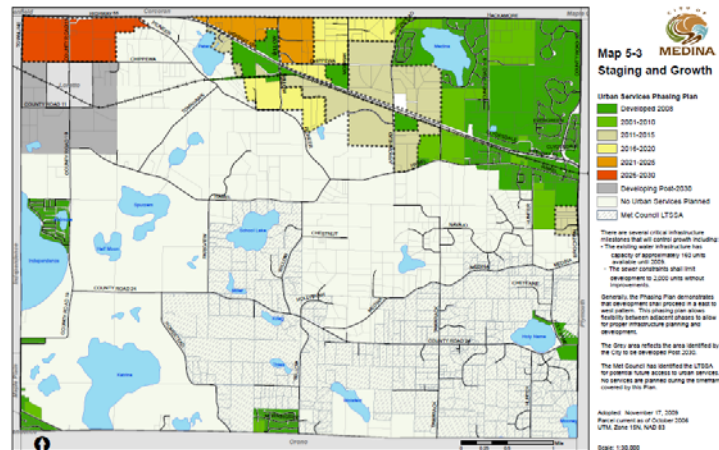
The City is currently considering amendments to its Comprehensive Plan related to the Staging and Growth Plan and the pace of development. The Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled to hold a public hearing on the matter at their October 14 meeting, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

The Staging and Growth Plan (map to the right) regulates when properties which are planned for development can be served by municipal sewer and water service. The Plan is divided into 5-year increments (2011, 2016, 2021, and 2026).

Medina has experienced a great deal of single-family development activity over the past four years (over 500 lots created and 300 constructed). However, population/household forecasts, which the City is required to follow, have been reduced by the Metropolitan Council. These factors led the City Council to initiate a study of the Staging and Growth Plan. Feedback was received from residents and property owners at two open houses in August.

The Planning Commission reviewed feedback at their September 9th meeting and directed staff to prepare an amendment which would shift residential development out one 5-year increment (for example, property that previously could have developed in 2011 would now not be able to develop until 2016). The Planning Commission also directed staff to remove a provision which allows a property to “jump ahead” one 5-year increment.

Information on the Staging and Growth Plan, recent development, Metropolitan Council forecasts, and the feedback received are all available on the City website <http://medinamn.us/staging/>. If you have any questions, or cannot attend the public hearing and would like to provide feedback, please contact City Planner Dusty Finke at [dusty.finke@ci.medina.mn.us](mailto:dusty.finke@ci.medina.mn.us) or 763-473-8846.



### 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 visit <http://medinamn.us/citygov/departments/planning-zoning/> or contact the Planning Department at (763) 473-4643, ext. 1.

- ▶ Dominion Affordable Rental Townhomes – 510 Clydesdale Trail – Dominion requests Stage I Plan to develop 26 affordable rental townhomes. The townhomes would include rent and income limitations because funding will be through Minnesota Housing. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on September 9th and unanimously recommended approval. The matter is scheduled for review at the October 7th City Council meeting.
- ▶ Hamel Place apartment Site Plan Review – 22 Hamel Road – Farhad Hakim requests site plan review to construct an 8-unit apartment building. The applicant has also requested that the City consider vacating a portion of an existing utility easement to allow the structure in this location. The Planning Commission reviewed at the August 13th and September 9th meeting and recommended approval. The matter is scheduled for review at the October 7th City Council meeting.
- ▶ Woodland Hill Preserve subdivision – east of CR 116, north of Medina Lake Drive – Charles Cudd De Novo requests preliminary/final plat and rezoning approval for the development of 15 lots on the 16 acres (7.99 net acres) immediately north of the Reserve of Medina. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing at the September 9th meeting and unanimously recommended approval. The matter is scheduled for review at the October 7th City Council meeting.
- ▶ Villas at Medina Country Club PUD General Plan and Preliminary Plat – E of CR116, S of Shawnee Woods Rd – Rachel Contracting requests approval of a subdivision to 48 single family lots. The matter is tentatively scheduled for a public hearing at the October 14th Planning Commission meeting.

# 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 was held on Saturday, September 20th, 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 slide, 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. Pictured below is also the kid's barrel train ride that was lent to us by the City of Loretto for the celebration and pulled by one of the Fire Department volunteers.

Even the rain that fell in the middle of the celebration couldn't dampen the spirits of the people that came to enjoy the day. Many who left when the storm hit, returned after the weather cleared up again to be part of the door prize drawings and also to see the fireworks display.

9Round Fitness & Kickboxing  
 Applebee's Restaurant  
 Art 2 Heart  
 Boy Scout Troop 570  
 The Brost Clinic  
 Business Expo Participants  
 Buzzella Massage  
 Celebration Day Committee  
 Claddagh Irish Pub  
 Complete Eye Care of Medina  
 Countryside Café / Peg's Catering  
 Cub Foods - Plymouth  
 Cub Scout Pack 538  
 Ditter Heating & Cooling  
 Dobo's (Danny's Catering)  
 Dojo Karate  
 Fantastic Sam's  
 Farmers State Bank of Hamel  
 Fortin Consulting Inc.  
 Fortin Health & Wellness Clinic

Friends of Wolsfeld Woods  
 Great Clips Salon  
 Hamel Fire Department  
 Hamel Lions  
 Hennepin County Sheriff – K9 Unit  
 Highway 55 Rental & Sales  
 Holiday Station, Plymouth  
 Intercomp  
 Jake's City Grille - Plymouth  
 Jenson Wine & Spirits  
 Jimmy's Pizza  
 Jockey Person to Person  
 John Day Company  
 Kalla Lily Salon and Spa  
 Lenny Leuer Honey  
 Loram Maintenance of Way Inc.  
 Maple Crest Garden Center  
 Medina Education Institute – Kumon  
 Math

Medina Entertainment Center  
 Medina Golf & Country Club  
 Medina Police Department  
 Medina Public Works Department  
 Medina Ridge Condominiums  
 Metro Dentalcare  
 North Aircare  
 OSI (Open Systems International)  
 Pilates Advantage  
 Polaris  
 Puptown, LLC  
 Rockler Companies, Inc.  
 Rogers 18-movie Theatre  
 Schuenke, Dean  
 Sivets, Colleen  
 Target  
 Uptown Hamel Business Group  
 West Financial Bank  
 Wild Bill's Sports Salon





# Public Works & Environment

## Fall/Winter Reminders

**Winter Parking**—The City ordinance prohibits parking on any public street from November 1st through March 31st during the hours of 1:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m. If at all possible, the City plow crew would appreciate having no vehicles parked on City streets when snowfall occurs during the daytime.

**Snow Plow Policy**—When snowfall occurs, the City considers amount of snowfall (usually 2-3”), time of day, day of week, wind speed and direction, temperature, personnel and equipment availability, as well as the weather forecast before beginning snow or ice control operations. The City snow plowing priority schedule is 1) main collector roads, 2) residential streets, 3) cul-de-sacs and dead end streets, and 4) trails.



The City uses a salt-treated salt and/or salt-sand mixture (20% salt). The City does not have a bare pavement policy, but by re-plowing and scraping we come fairly close, except in the -20 degree weather.

No permanent structures may be placed in the right-of way such as rocks, monuments, metal poles, etc. that would hinder public safety, snow removal, drainage, or other Public Works operations. The right-of-way can be as much as 16’ from the edge of the road up onto the property.

To limit damage to sod, it is advised to place a marker along curb lines; however, metal poles are strictly prohibited within the City right-of-way.

**Mailboxes**—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.

**Ice Control**—Be cautious of what you use and the amount you apply for your own personal ice control, as it will eventually end up in the storm sewer and out to our lakes and rivers. It is the responsibility of property owners to remove snow on their own sidewalks.

**Garbage/Recycling**—On garbage and recycling days, please place receptacles out of the way so they will not be hit when snow is being plowed.

**Fall Projects/Brush Pile**—Shore up your fall projects before winter, so spring rains will not erode. The City has a compost/brush site located behind City Hall off County Road 24, which is free for residents. Leaves, grass clippings, and brush are all welcome. Please follow the posted signs as to where to put what you bring in. Remember no bags or containers are to be left on the site. Please, do not trash this site by leaving garbage or other unsuitable materials. Residents may drop off brush or compost Tuesday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (except holidays) and Friday 7 a.m. to Monday 3:30 p.m. (open all weekend during daylight hours).



The City Snow Plowing-Ice Control Policy can be seen in its entirety on the city’s website at <http://medinamn.us/citygov/departments/public-works-dept/>.

## Recycle Everywhere You Go

Did you know that we only recycle about 40% of the more than 1 million tons of waste generated in Hennepin County every year? We can do more by recycling everywhere, including at work, at home, at school, at parks and events.

**If you don’t see recycling, ask for it**—With single sort recycling, more items accepted for recycling, and more resources available to improve recycling, it’s easier than ever to do our part to recycle everywhere. Hennepin County has programs to start or improve recycling at businesses, schools, apartment buildings, events and public spaces. Free resources available include grants, signage, educational materials and professional staff assistance. So if you don’t see recycling, ask for it.

**Sit back, relax, recycle**—Visit the Recycling Oasis to experience a Recycle Everywhere opportunity, get your questions answered by recycling experts and get resources to advocate for increased recycling. The Recycling Oasis is a portable park constructed with recycled materials and native plants embedded on the back of a trailer. Look for the Recycling Oasis during lunch in downtown Minneapolis, on Target Field Plaza before Minnesota Twins games and at community events throughout the county.

Learn more about recycling everywhere, access free resources and see the Recycling Oasis schedule at [www.hennepin.us/recycleeverywhere](http://www.hennepin.us/recycleeverywhere).



# Administration & Public Safety

## 2015 Budget Summary and 5.7 Percent Tax Rate Decrease

After careful deliberation in an open workshop in July, the City Council approved a preliminary budget and property tax levy for 2015 at the September 2<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting. Immediately prior to approving the proposed budget, Council held an Open House in order to consider comments from residents.

The proposed 2015 tax levy was \$3,501,811 with a tax levy rate of 24.0%. The preliminary estimates show the City’s property tax rate would decrease from 25.5% in pay 2014 to 24.0% in pay 2015, or a 5.7% decrease in the rate. The proposed budget includes a 3.0% increase to the General Fund property tax levy for 2015. The General Fund Budget was proposed at \$4,119,507. The \$156,332 proposed increase will be utilized for the general maintenance of the facility at 600 Clydesdale Trail for Public Works and Police, increased fire services expenditures, moving a Public Works position from part-time to full-time, increased insurance costs, and a 2% cost of living increase for staff. The General Fund budget provides for all basic City services and has remained quite steady over the last decade: in 2007 it was \$3,780,750.

## City Business Profile: Jimmy’s Pizza

Todd and Carrie Leadens, along with their children and employees, opened the doors of Jimmy’s Pizza in Medina on August 20, 2007. They are located at 212 Clydesdale Trail, Suite 1010, in the strip mall just east of the Medina Target.

Jimmy’s Pizza in Medina is a small franchise that is a family owned restaurant. The Leadens have enjoyed getting to know and serving the community. It has also been a great opportunity and pleasure for them to be able to be so involved in the community.



Jimmy’s Pizza has a dining area where friends and families can get together and enjoy a meal. They also offer order-for-pickup and delivery services as well. Jimmy’s Pizza is more than just a pizza restaurant; they have pasta, piegas, calzones, salads, wings, as well as gluten free pizzas and take n bakes. To place an order or ask questions, call 763-478-3121. Come on in to check out their menu options, or visit their website at: <http://www.jimmypizza.com/medina/>.

Hours of operations:  
 Sunday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
 Friday & Saturday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.  
 Closed: Easter, Thanksgiving & Christmas Day

## Scam Alert!

The Medina Police Department wants to alert our community of a new phone scam criminals are using to swindle funds. The Minnesota Department of Revenue has received reports of scammers calling and demanding payments over the phone. The Department of Revenue does not conduct business in this manner. Please read the alert below. If you receive a call from one of these scammers, or are a victim of this type of scam, please report it to the Medina Police Department at 763-473-9209.

The Minnesota Department of Revenue is warning customers about a phone scammer that claims to be from the Department of Revenue and demands immediate payments over the phone. The scammers tell customers they owe the state money and must pay it immediately by credit card or money order, or the police will be sent to their home.

The department never calls customers demanding immediate payment or threatens to send the police to a customer’s home.

Here are four things a scammer may do, but the department does not:

- ▶ Call you about your balance due without contacting you by mail first.
- ▶ Demand payments without contacting you by mail first.
- ▶ Require that you provide payment information over the phone. The department has several payment options available and will not demand payment over the phone.
- ▶ Threaten to send the police or law enforcement.

If you are concerned about a potentially fraudulent call or email from someone who represents themselves as being from the Minnesota Department of Revenue, please contact: 651-296-3781 or 1-800-652-9094. An authorized Minnesota Department of Revenue staff member will be able to determine if the contact you received was legitimate. Use caution and NEVER provide personal information, including credit card information, unless you are absolutely sure the situation is legitimate.

Learn more about frauds and tax scams and how to report suspicious calls or messages you may have received by going to: [http://www.revenue.state.mn.us/use\\_of\\_information/Pages/fraud\\_alerts.aspx](http://www.revenue.state.mn.us/use_of_information/Pages/fraud_alerts.aspx).