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The Medina Message

A bi-monthly publication from the City of Medina

Carp Study Focuses on Lake Ardmore, Spurzem Creek Lakes

It is well known that common carp can have negative impacts on water quality in lakes if their population is too high. When feeding, common carp operate like mini bulldozers, plowing through lake sediments and uprooting desirable native aquatic plants, which can decrease water clarity and increase nutrients in the lake that contribute to harmful algae blooms.



A project initiated by Three Rivers Park District and being pursued with the cooperation of the private land owners on Lake Ardmore and the Spurzem Creek lake system is designed to assess the role of common carp in degrading water quality and aquatic plant communities in these water bodies. As part of the first stage of the project, a company headed by Dr. Przemek Bajer of the University of Minnesota and staff from the District have been capturing and marking common carp in Lake Ardmore this summer to help estimate their population. A similar effort is planned for Spurzem Lake this fall. Some of the larger carp (13 so far) have been implanted with radio tags that allow tracking of their movements, which will be important in devising a control strategy if one is necessary.

The project is scheduled to run through December 2016. In the meantime, if residents capture any carp trailing a 12-inch silver wire from their underside, please release them (if alive) or report them (if deceased) to Rich Brasch at Three Rivers Park District by emailing RBrasch@threeriversparkdistrict.org.

2016 Budget Summary and 0.5 Percent Tax Rate Decrease

The City Council approved a preliminary budget and property tax levy for 2016 at the September 1st Council meeting. Immediately prior to approving the proposed budget, Council held an Open House in order to consider comments from residents.

The proposed 2016 tax levy was \$3,748,650 with a tax levy rate of 23.46%. The preliminary estimates show the City's property tax rate would decrease from 23.58% in pay 2015 to 23.46% in pay 2016, or a 0.5% decrease in the rate.

The proposed budget includes a 5.2% increase to the General Fund property tax levy for 2016. The General Fund Budget was proposed at \$4,251,953. The \$132,445 proposed increase will be utilized for the general maintenance and operations for the Public Works and Police facility, city hall, a new park at the Fields of Medina, newly added City roads, increased fire services expenditures, 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. The final 2016 budget approval is scheduled for the December 1, 2015 City Council meeting.

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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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City Meeting Calendar

October

- 6th Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- 13th Tues—Planning Commission 7:00 pm
- 20th Tues—City Council Work Session 6:00 pm
- 20th Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- 21st Wed—Park Commission 7:00 pm

November

- 4th Wed—City Council 7:00 pm
- 10th Tues—Planning Commission 7:00 pm
- 11th Wed—City Offices Closed (Holiday)
- 17th Tues—City Council Work Session 6:00 pm
- 17th Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- 18th Wed—Park Commission 7:00 pm
- 26th Thurs—City Offices Closed (Holiday)
- 27th Fri—City Offices Closed (Holiday)

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

Fall Hydrant Maintenance and Flushing

Fall hydrant maintenance and flushing is scheduled throughout the month of October 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.

Winter Parking Regulations

The Medina Police Department will soon be enforcing seasonal parking restrictions. According to Medina City Code 340.05 Seasonal Parking Restriction, from November 1 to March 31 inclusive, no person shall park or permit any motor vehicle to stand on any street, highway or alley for all or any part of the period from 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.

The police enforce this ordinance to keep the streets clear for snow plowing. If you have any question in reference to the parking ordinance, please call the police department at 763-473-9209.

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Planning & Public Safety

Need for Speed Results in 16,410 Citations During July Speed Enforcement Campaign

Law enforcement across Minnesota witnessed disturbing driving behaviors across the state during July's enhanced speed campaign. The dangerous driving included:

- ▶ A motorist stopped for drunk driving and speeding 100 miles per hour (mph) in Dakota County.
- ▶ Two motorcyclists clocked going 135 mph in a 55 in Olmsted County.
- ▶ A motorcyclist with a suspended license traveling 106 mph in a 65 in Carver County.
- ▶ In Perham, a child was in the back seat, not properly restrained, while the driver was traveling 100 mph. Drug paraphernalia was also found in the vehicle.

More than 300 law enforcement agencies participated and officers, deputies and troopers cited 16,410 motorists for unsafe speeds from July 10 - 26. The enhanced enforcement and education efforts are coordinated through the Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety (DPS-OTS) with overtime paid through federal dollars received from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Twenty-one agencies cited drivers for traveling 100 mph or more during the 17-day campaign. The top-five speeds reported were:

- ▶ 135 mph – Olmsted County Sheriff
- ▶ 118 mph – State Patrol District 3200 (Thief River Falls)
- ▶ 109 mph – State Patrol District 2900 (Detroit Lakes)
- ▶ 108 mph – Cannon Falls Police Department
- ▶ 108 mph – Fond Du Lac Police Department

“Thrill seekers and those just in a hurry to get to their destination need to realize they are not only putting their lives at risk but endangering everyone on the road,” said Donna Berger, Office of Traffic Safety director. “Getting to your destination safely is much more important than the few minutes you may save while putting others in harm’s way.”

Speed is the second leading factor in Minnesota road fatalities with 83 lives lost and 213 serious injuries a year that could have been prevented. In the last five years (2010 – 2014), illegal and unsafe speed contributed to 415 deaths and 1,065 serious injuries. Consequences of Speeding include:

- ▶ Greater potential for loss of vehicle control.
- ▶ Increased stopping distance.
- ▶ Less time for driver response for crash avoidance.
- ▶ Increased crash severity leading to more severe injuries and death.

Motorists should keep a three-second following distance to allow for safe stopping and reaction to other vehicles. It takes more than the length of a football field to stop when traveling at 60 miles per hour.

Land Use Applications Under Review

The following land use and development projects are currently under review. 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.

3 Rivers Church CUP – 52 Hamel Road – 3 Rivers Church has requested a conditional use permit to lease space within the existing building at 52 Hamel Road. The Planning Commission held a public hearing at their September 8 meeting and recommended approval. The City Council is scheduled to review on October 6.

Medina Mini-Storage Site Plan Review – 4790 Rolling Hills Road – Highway 55 Rental Portable Storage LLC has requested a Site Plan Review to construct three additional mini-storage buildings. The Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled to review at the October 13 meeting.

Train Whistle Complaints

The City of Medina has been receiving train whistle complaints across the city. We know the train traffic has increased through the city with the growing oil business in North Dakota. The two complaints we are receiving are: 1.) Conductors are holding the horn longer and longer as they approach the crossings; and 2.) Why doesn't Medina have quiet zones like Plymouth?

Long Horn Complaints: In researching the problem, we have determined that Canadian Pacific Railroad wants to be notified if there is a continued issue in a particular area. If you are noticing the same issue, we are asking you to try to get an engine number, time and date of the incident, and report it to the Canadian Pacific Railroad community connect line at: 1(800)766-7912. Hopefully, we can get the problem addressed!

Quiet Zones: Plymouth has an ordinance that limits the use of train whistles between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m., but in order to enact that ordinance all the railroad crossing had to be upgraded to whistle free crossings “quiet zones”, which is an expensive process and involves additional railroad arms covering both lanes and other signals. Medina currently has one whistle free “quiet zone” at the Sioux Drive crossing, but does not have this in place at other crossings further west on Highway 55. The City of Medina is currently working with Hennepin County to upgrade the intersection at CR 116 and Highway 55 and are proposing to upgrade this intersection to a “quiet zone” with an estimated cost of \$300,000 just for the whistle free crossing improvements, which we still need funding to complete. The City of Medina has a much smaller budget than larger cities such as Plymouth, and we have many railroad crossings. The city does not have any money budgeted to make all the crossings “quiet zones” at this time.

Business & Community

The Medina Club—Business Networking

The Medina Club is a free, open networking opportunity for all businesses in Medina, Hamel, Corcoran, and Loretto which meets at 9:00 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month.

The Medina Club's next meeting will be held on October 14th at 9:00 a.m. at Robert's in the Medina Entertainment Center. If you'd like to join this group or be put on the email list for upcoming events, contact DJ Hartley at the I-94 West Chamber at djhartley@i94westchamber.org or call 763-291-8427.

Fire Department Open Houses

Residents are invited to attend the Hamel and/or Loretto Fire Departments' open houses. Both events will have food, family fun activities and fire prevention tips and education.

Hamel Volunteer Fire Department Open House

Sunday, October 4th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 92 Hamel Road

Loretto Volunteer Fire Department Open House

Saturday, October 10th from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 259 Medina Street, Loretto

Fall Projects; Use of City Brush Pile

Shore up your fall projects before winter, so spring rains will not cause erosion. 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. More information can be found at: <http://medinamn.us/city-brush-composting-piles/>.

Blue Bag Organics Recycling You Can Make a Difference at No Additional Cost

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

The Blue Bag Organics Recycling service is 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.

What makes the program so affordable is that Randy's Environmental Services picks 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 <http://medinamn.us/svcs/recycling/>.

City Business Profile: Urban Market

Urban Market is a collaboration of several business owners. The Market has been in operation since June 26th of 2014. Voted best new shop by Plymouth Magazine in 2015.

Urban Market offers a wide variety of merchandise. New and upcycled furniture and decor, fashion, jewelry, essential oils, and so much more!

Urban Market's goal is to keep the market ever changing, bringing in new items each week throughout the month. Their prices are such that their items tend to move quickly.

Urban Market offers custom furniture building to your specific needs. They are also pleased to offer you custom furniture painters as well for your loved, but time worn treasures.

Urban Market is located at the southwest corner of Highway 55 and County Road 116 at 2795 Pinto Drive on the west end of the Northstar Mattress building. Hours are: Thursday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

During the month of October, mention this article when you

come in and receive a 10 percent discount on purchases over \$100.00 or choose a free gift from their basket.





City Launches 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update

Starting this fall, Medina will be updating its Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan establishes the vision and sets the course for the City over the following two decades. The Plan guides future residential growth and economic development and investments in City services such as natural resources/parks/ recreation, transportation, and water resources.

Updating the Comprehensive Plan involves an extensive public process and involvement from people throughout the City. The intent is to complete the update by the end of 2016. For more information, please contact City Planner Dusty Finke at dusty.finke@ci.medina.mn.us or (763) 473-8846.

We want your input! There are a number of ways to get involved:



1. Attend the Community Visioning Event

November 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. , Police and Public Works Facility

Please join us to help establish the vision and goals which will guide the 2040 Comprehensive Plan update process. The Visioning Event will be held at the Police and Public Works Facility at 600 Clydesdale Trail.

Feedback from the Visioning Event will be essential as Medina begins to set goals and lay the framework for the Plan.



2. Apply to Join the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee!

The City is currently accepting applications for the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. This group will consolidate public feedback and lead the process of drafting the Comprehensive Plan.

An application is available on the City's website www.medinamn.us/2040compplan/. Applications are due on October 12, 2015.



3. Join the online conversation at MySidewalk!

Stay involved and up-to-date with the Comprehensive Plan anytime electronically. Visit: <https://medinacompplan.mysidewalk.com> to contribute ideas and join the online conversation. The website will include information on the process and provide a means to be involved from anywhere, even the comfort of your own home.



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 on Saturday, September 19th, at Hamel Legion Park. This event could not have happened without their support! The City was excited to see one of the largest attendance numbers from the community and local businesses. The



K-9 Dog Demonstration

afternoon was filled with many great activities for young and old alike, including a business expo (24 businesses participated - doubled from past years), bingo, pumpkin decorating and games prizes for the kids, face painters, police, fire, & public works vehicles, K9 Unit and Drone demonstration, door prize drawings, as well as another fantastic fireworks display sponsored by area businesses and residents.

A special thank you to the City of Loretto for lending us the kid's barrel train ride which was a very popular item. Three Rivers Park was also involved in the celebration this year and their disc golf and geocaching were a nice addition to the festivities.



Kids Barrel Train Ride

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS GOES OUT TO ALL THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES AND VOLUNTEERS:

9Round Fitness & Kickboxing
 Adam's Pest Control
 Aldi, Inc.
 Art 2 Heart
 Boy Scout Troop 570
 Business Expo Participants
 Buzzella Massage
 Celebration Day Committee
 Complete Eye Care of Medina
 Countryside Café/Peg's Catering
 Cub Scout Pack 538
 Ditter Heating & Cooling
 DMJ Corporation
 Dobo's (Danny's Catering)
 Dojo Karate
 Dover Saddlery
 Fantastic Sam's
 Farmers State Bank of Hamel
 Fortin Consulting Inc.
 Fortin Health & Wellness Clinic
 Friends of Wolsfeld Woods
 Gregor Farm & Greenhouse
 Hamel Family (popcorn makers)
 Hamel Fire Department
 Hamel Lions
 Hasek, Molly
 Hennepin County Sheriff K9 Unit
 Highway 55 Rental & Sales
 Holiday Station, Medina
 Holiday Station, Plymouth
 Indoor Auto
 Intercomp
 Jensen's Beer, Wine & Spirits



Antique Fire Truck Rides



Face Painting/Free Popcorn



Decorated Pumpkin



Bingo with Hamel Lions



Scout Troop 570 making S'mores

Jimmy's Pizza
 John Day Company
 Juice Plus+
 Kalla Lily Salon and Spa
 KD & Company Recycling, Inc.
 Kirby Custom Paint
 Kubitz Educational Services
 LegalShield
 Lenny Leuer - Honey
 Loram Maintenance of Way, Inc.
 Maple Crest Garden Center
 Medina Education Institute –
 Kumon Math
 Medina Entertainment Center
 Medina Inn
 Medina Living Magazine
 Medina Police Department
 Medina Public Works Department
 Metro Dentalcare
 OSI (Open Systems International)
 Pilates Advantage
 Polaris
 Puptown, LLC
 Rockler Companies, Inc.
 Rogers 18-movie Theatre
 Scherer Pumpkin Patch
 Shamrock Golf Course
 Sivets, Colleen
 Target
 Uptown Hamel Business Group
 Urban Eve Salon and Boutique
 West Financial Bank
 White, Janet