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The Medina Message

A bi-monthly publication from the City of Medina

Local Eagle Scout Constructs Pavilion at Maple Park

Earlier this spring, Mark Richelsen of Medina approached city staff about possible opportunities for his Eagle Scout project. He presented his proposal to design and construct a pavilion to the Medina Park Commission during the May 16th Park Tour. The picture below shows Mark standing with Park Commissioners, city staff, and Council members on the exact site where the pavilion now sits. The City Council approved the project on July 3rd and construction began in August.



Mark raised \$1,500 for supplies and materials and the city covered the remaining cost of the pavilion. To minimize expenses, Mark asked his volunteers to bring tools to avoid rental fees and enlisted help from members of BSA Troop 537. Eleven people, including Mark, volunteered their time for a total 112.5 work hours and Public Works staff also assisted as needed.



The construction of the pavilion took 8 days to complete. The parking lot was also paved by the city in September, completing this project.

The city thanks those who contributed towards supplies and volunteered their time, and to Mark for his coordination and completion of this Eagle Scout project!



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 e: city@medinamn.gov

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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

- 2nd Tues—City Council 7 pm
- 9th Tues—Planning Commission 7 pm
- 16th Tues—City Council Work Session 6 pm
- 16th Tues—City Council 7 pm
- 17th Wed—Park Commission 7 pm

November

- 6th Tues—General Election 7 am to 8 pm
- 7th Wed—City Council 7 pm
- 12th Mon—City Offices Closed (Holiday)
- 13th Tues—City Council 6 pm
- 13th Tues—Planning Commission 7 pm
- 20th Tues—City Council Work Session 6 pm
- 20th Tues—City Council 7 pm
- 21st Wed—Park Commission 7 pm
- 22nd Thur—City Offices Closed (Holiday)
- 23rd Fri—City Offices Closed (Holiday)

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



Medina's Parks & Trails Need Your Feedback

Please tell us what you value about Medina's parks and trails by filling out a brief five question survey at: <https://medinamn.us/park-survey/>.

October Hydrant Maintenance and Flushing

Hydrant maintenance and flushing is scheduled throughout October for account numbers beginning with 01 & 03. More detailed information will be posted on the city website as it becomes available at <https://medinamn.us/hydrant/>.

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, run your outside faucet until it is clear.

Independence Beach, accounts beginning with 02, will follow their regular monthly flushing schedule which is the second Thursday of each month from 9 am - 2 pm.



Planning & Environment

2020-2040 Comprehensive Plan Approved by Metropolitan Council

On August 22, 2018, the Metropolitan Council approved Medina's 2020-2040 Comprehensive Plan. Approval of the Plan was the culmination of a multi-year process which included substantial public input at five community meetings, two business forums, thirteen Steering Committee meetings, various Planning Commission, Park Commission, and City Council meetings, and an online forum.

The Plan is guided by a common vision: *"To sustain and enhance the quality of life of its residents"* in which *"Medina will protect its significant natural resources and open space throughout the City, while honoring its rural heritage and fostering safe and well-designed neighborhoods, places of recreation and destinations for citizens to gather."*

The Plan guides the future of the City, including the location and types of growth and development in the City. The Plan also informs future policy and investments in infrastructure and services such as transportation, parks, trails, recreation and water resources.

The City Council is scheduled to discuss the formal adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, the final action which puts it into effect, at the October 2, 2018 meeting.

For more information, to view the complete comprehensive plan and maps, visit: <https://medinamn.us/2040compplan/>

Open Systems International (OSI) Proposes Expansion

OSI has requested a rezoning, preliminary plat, and site plan review for construction of a 125,500 square foot building north of their existing facility at 4101 Arrowhead Drive. The Planning Commission held a public hearing at their September meeting and is scheduled to continue the hearing at the October 9, 2018 meeting. The City Council is tentatively scheduled to review on October 16, 2018.



For more information please visit <http://medinamn.us/citygov/departments/planning-zoning/> or contact the Planning Director Dusty Finke at dusty.finke@medinamn.gov or (763) 473-8846.

Plant for Pollinators This Fall by: Minnehaha Creek Watershed District

We may be headed into fall colors, cooler weather, and less daylight, but gardening doesn't have to be all about preparing our garden beds for winter. There is still time to add native plants to your landscape to provide food and habitat for pollinators like bees and butterflies next spring and summer. Fall is actually a wonderful time to plant native plants to give them a head start on the next growing season. You can generally plant native pollinator plants until about mid-October (ground freeze is mid-Nov).

Why do we recommend planting native plants for pollinators? Native plants are well suited to Minnesota's environment and growing season, which means they typically don't need much water or fertilizer to do well. Talk about low maintenance! They also typically have long roots that prevent erosion by anchoring the soil and filter pollutants from stormwater runoff. This means that native plants do a great job at keeping our lakes, streams and wetlands clean. The fact that many native plants also attract pollinators is a win-win, as butterflies, bees and other pollinators are important for food production and healthy ecosystems.

When selecting plants, be sure to pick plants that will do well in your soil and sun conditions. And, if you have the space, choose a variety of plants that bloom at different times of the year to provide a continuous supply of food for pollinators (and gorgeous color in your landscape) throughout the spring, summer, and fall. Check out Blue Thumb's plant finder for ideas: <http://www.blue-thumb.org/plants/>.

The cooler weather doesn't have to stop you from getting out and adding beauty and function to your yard. We hope you have fun adding some new plants to your garden that will support pollinators while also improving water quality. Learn more at www.minnehahacreek.org/education.



Medina Celebration Day Recap

The City of Medina would like to thank all the contributors, exhibitors, volunteers, and committee members who were involved in Medina Celebration Day on Saturday, September 15th, at Hamel Legion Park. This event could not have happened without your support! The afternoon was filled with many great activities for young and old alike, including a business expo, bingo, pumpkin decorating and games for the kids, face painters, balloon artist, police, fire vehicles, North Star Search and Rescue dogs, as well as another spectacular 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 again was a huge hit with the kids.



Bingo sponsored by the Hamel Lions



Dojo Karate Bounce House



Rainbow Party Arts Balloon Artist



A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU GOES TO THE FOLLOWING MEDINA BUSINESSES AND VOLUNTEERS:

Celebration Day Committee

Anne Klaers, Ed Belland, Brandon Bergmann, Melissa Burns, Lorie Cousineau, Carrie Leadens, Molly O'Brien-Hasek, Chris Pederson, Rick Traut

Volunteers, Exhibitors & Contributors

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| 3121 Pizza | Kumon Math & Reading |
| Adams Pest Control | Lake Independence Citizens Assn. |
| Addiction Cycle | Leuer, Lenny |
| American Legion - Hamel | Loram Maintenance of Way |
| Anonymous Resident | Maple Crest Landscaping |
| AutoMotorPlex | Maxxon |
| Boy Scout Troop 570 | McCarthy, Walter |
| Buzzella Massage | Medina City Mayor/Council Members |
| Casey's General Store | Medina City Employees |
| DeCaster, Janet | Medina Entertainment Center |
| Ditter Cooling & Heating | Medina Police Department |
| DMJ Asphalt | Medina Police Reserves |
| Dobo's Café | Medina Public Works |
| Dojo Karate | My Town Fitness |
| Edward Jones | Nielsen, Beth |
| Farmer's State Bank of Hamel | Nolan, Charles |
| Fortin Chiropractic Clinic | Northstar Search & Rescue |
| Fortin Consulting Inc. | OAK Eatery |
| Gianna's Photography | OSI |
| Goddard School | Peg's Countryside Café |
| Green, Tina & Georgia | Pilates Advantage |
| Gregor Farm & Greenhouse | Polaris |
| Hamel Lions | PupTown |
| Highway 55 Rental & Sales | Scherer, Michael |
| Intercomp Company | Scherer's Pumpkin Patch |
| John Day Company | Sharepoint Credit Union |
| Joshi, Shrirang | Target of Medina |
| Just for Kix | Teehive |
| Kalla Lily Salon & Spa | Urban Eve Salon & Boutique |
| KD & Company Recycling | Wealshire |

Elections & Administration

2018 General Election Information

General Election: Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Polls open 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Voting Locations & Sample Ballots—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. To confirm your voting location and/or to view your sample ballot, type your address into the Poll Finder at: <http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>.



Absentee Voting—Residents can vote early with an absentee ballot by mail through Hennepin County by filling out an online application at mnvotes.org or vote in-person at City Hall during regular business hours. Absentee ballots are currently available through November 5th for the General Election. Additionally, City Hall will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 3rd for absentee voting.

► **Absentee Voting via Direct Balloting** will be available from October 30th through November 5th for the General Election at Medina City Hall. During this time period, voters may complete an absentee application, vote and place their ballot directly into the tabulator just like on Election Day instead of using a series of absentee ballot envelopes.

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 still need to register to vote, would like to check if you are registered, or want to find out more information go to mnvotes.org.

Questions? Call Election Coordinator Jodi Gallup at 763-473-8850 or visit our website at <https://medinamn.us/citygov/elections/>.

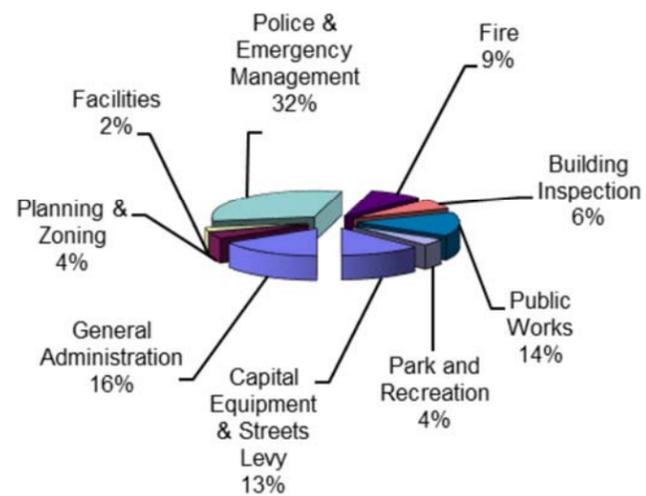
2019 Budget Summary and 0.1 Percent Tax Rate Decrease

The City Council approved a preliminary budget and property tax levy for 2019 at the September 4th Council meeting. Immediately prior to the council meeting, Council held an Open House in order to consider comments from residents.

The proposed 2019 tax levy is \$4,002,894. The preliminary estimates show the City's property tax rate would decrease from 21.521% in pay 2018 to 21.503% in pay 2019, or a 0.1% decrease in the rate.

The proposed budget includes a 3.0% increase to the General Fund property tax levy for 2019. The General Fund Budget is proposed at \$4,572,338. The \$145,695 proposed increase will be utilized for the general operations for the public works and police facility, city hall, parks, roads, increased fire services expenditures, increased insurance costs, and a 2.5% 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 2019 budget approval is scheduled for the December 4, 2018 City Council meeting.

What Your City Tax Dollar Buys



Sign-up for City Council Email Notifications

Stay informed on what is happening at upcoming City Council meetings. The City emails copies of Council agendas and minutes at no cost to residents. If you would like to be added to the regular email notification list, email jodi.gallup@medinamn.gov to sign up.

Public Works & Public Safety

Public Works Summer Project Completion Recap

County Road 116-Highway 55 Intersection Project – Reconstruction included installing medians, trail crossings, signal lights, turn lanes, water mains, and improved business access. This project was fully complete in June. The 24-hour quiet zone was also established at Pinto Dr and Highway 55 which began in July.

Buckskin Dr. and Hickory Dr. S. - Overlays and drainage improvements were completed in September.

Pinto Trail Connection- This project connects the 116 trail to Hamel Rd. Public Works staff installed the base and paved the trail in September. This is partially funded by Hennepin County's Bikeway Participation Grant.

101 Trail Connection- This connection was completed in September and will provide a safe crossing to the tunnel under County Road 101.

Water Tower Project- This project was completed in July and included prep work and painting both inside and out.

Sealcoating- The city sealed Chippewa Rd. and Mohawk Dr., along with approximately 3 miles of trails.

Fire Department Open Houses

All four fire departments that serve Medina residents will be hosting open houses in October, where residents are invited to come meet your firefighters, participate in family fun activities, enjoy some food, and learn about fire prevention tips.

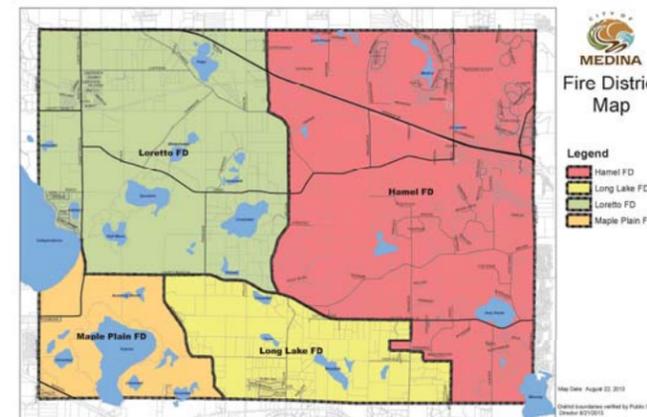
Long Lake Fire Department – Monday, October 1st from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Station #1, 340 North Willow Drive, Long Lake, MN

Hamel Fire Department – Saturday, October 6th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 92 Hamel Road, Hamel, MN

Maple Plain Fire Department – Saturday, October 6th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 1645 Pioneer Avenue, Maple Plain, MN

Loretto Fire Department – Saturday, October 13th from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 259 Medina Street, Loretto, MN

Find out which fire department serves your house and get their contact information on the City of Medina's website at: <http://medinamn.us/citygov/departments/volunteer-fire/>.



Reminders as Winter Approaches...

Fall Cleanup - complete your fall projects before winter so spring rains will not cause erosion. The city's compost/brush site is located behind City Hall and free for residents. Leaves, grass clippings, and brush are accepted. Starting October 1st through the fall season the site will be open 7 AM to dusk.

Mailboxes - please check your mailbox for sturdiness and repair them as needed. The City will not be responsible for damage to mailboxes or support posts caused by snow or ice coming into contact with the mailbox.

Parking - City ordinance prohibits parking on public streets from November 1st - March 31st 1:00 – 6:00 AM. If possible, Public Works would appreciate having no vehicles parked on City streets when snowfall occurs during the daytime to assist in plowing.

Snow Removal - the City of Medina has a snow plowing priority route schedule as follows: 1) Main collector roads 2) Residential streets 3) Cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets 4) Trails. Please keep this in mind on snow cleanup days.

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. 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.

It is the responsibility of property owners to remove snow and ice on their own sidewalks. However, please use ice control sparingly for sidewalks and other areas, because after it enters the storm drain it eventually ends up in local lakes and rivers.