

Public Safety

City Welcomes New Police Officer

The City is pleased to welcome Officer Tom Gregory to the Medina Police Department. Officer Gregory joined the Medina Police Department in April and came to the City from the City of Deephaven where he had been working as a licensed Police Officer for six years.

Officer Gregory recently passed the field training program and will be officially sworn in at an upcoming Medina City Council Meeting. He will make an excellent addition to the department!

Check Your House Numbers Help Save Your Life Or A Family Member

Take a few minutes to make sure that your house numbers are visible from the road. In an emergency, time can mean a matter of life or death. Police, fire, and emergency medical personnel can save valuable time responding to an emergency if your house numbers are visible from the road.

There is nothing more frustrating for emergency responders who can not locate the correct house due to poor address numbers. Help us out, check and make sure your house numbers are displayed properly and easy to locate. The life you save may be your own.

Speed Trailer Requests

Speeding and driving complaints continue to be a major concern for Medina citizens. The Police Department takes a proactive approach to enforce the speed limits and to follow up on traffic complaints. The Department has been using the Kustom Smart Speed trailer to assist in the control of speeding within the City.

Over the last year, the trailer has been used for traffic studies and traffic control. It has been found to be very effective in both areas. The Speed Trailer has a calming affect on the speed of traffic in the area that it is used.

The Department has received many requests from residents to have the trailer parked in their neighborhoods. If you would like to see it in your neighborhood, please call the department at 763-473-9209 and we will get it to you. Please buckle up and drive safely, help prevent traffic accidents.

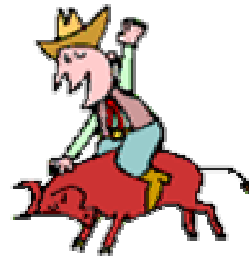


Personal ID Cards Available at Hamel Rodeo At the Family Day Performance Only, July 10, 2004

The Medina Police Department, Corcoran Police Department, and Farmers State Bank of Hamel are working together to offer Personal Identification Cards for individuals and/or their families. The cards include basic identification information along with fingerprints and photographs. Officers will be available at the Hamel Rodeo to help individuals or families complete the card and take fingerprints.

The card will be for only the individual's record and will not be retained by local the local police department. This service is FREE OF CHARGE and will be available only at the Family Day Performance between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 10, 2004 at the Hamel Rodeo.

Look for booth located near south entrance. "Gumby" the Search & Rescue Dog will be there too!



Neighborhood Crime Watch

The Department offers a Neighborhood Crime Watch Program and Operation Identification Programs for residents and businesses within the City of Medina. If you are interested in one of these programs, please call Community Service Officer Gary Chaffins at 763-473-9209.

The police needs your help as Officers cannot be everywhere at once. If you see something suspicious or out of the ordinary, please call 911. If we work together we will have a safer and more livable community.

2004 Public Safety Expenditure Budget

Police-Salaries/Compensation	\$ 672,960	51.22%
Police - Capital Equip.	\$ 67,200	5.11%
Police-Other Operating	\$ 146,100	11.12%
Fire Services Contracts	\$ 232,240	17.68%
Fire Services-Capital Equip.	\$ 34,000	2.59%
Civil Defense	\$ 1,800	0.14%
Building Inspection	\$ 159,500	12.14%
Totals	\$ 1,313,800	100.00%

Public Works

Update on Projects

The Elm Creek Interceptor project, along Hamel Road, continues to move forward this summer (see first picture below). The project is a little behind schedule and the portion of Hamel Road presently closed will likely not be open prior to September 1.

While the project is being constructed, the City has also seized the opportunity to upgrade an 8" water line, and construct a new 12" raw water line to serve future supply needs.

A new storm water pond (see picture below) will serve the present needs of Uptown Hamel and new development.

By doing these projects in 2004 in conjunction with the Interceptor project, the cost savings will be over \$100,000.



2004 Public Works Expenditure Budget

Salaries/Compensation	\$ 169,077	34.21%
Street Maintenance/Seal Coating	\$ 135,000	27.32%
Other General Operating	\$ 132,100	26.73%
Capital Equipment/Projects*	\$ 58,000	11.74%
Totals	\$ 494,177	100.00%

*Note: Capital projects do not include Uptown Hamel Public Improvements

Landscaping Tips and Benefits to City

As spring turns to summer, conditions are right for landscaping projects. Many landscaping projects are sizeable and expensive, while others can be quite simple and inexpensive. Regardless of the scale of the project, long-term benefits should be considered. Some examples and tips:

- ▶ Plant a combination of coniferous trees and flowering shrubs on the north and west side of your property. Benefits include a habitat for birds, winter energy savings with the wind break, and privacy.
- ▶ Trees, such as maple, on the south side of the house can shade the house in the summer, saving air conditioning costs and still allowing for the small warmth of the winter sun.
- ▶ A rain garden can provide a diversity of plants, at the same time improving water quality.
- ▶ Buffer strips around ponds, wetlands or lakes improve water quality and provide wildlife habitats. (e.g. A 10-foot strip of tall grass around a pond may help reduce the number of geese that would come on to your mowed grass).
- ▶ Conduct sustainable urban landscaping planning, which means to use the proper species of plants to achieve the most benefit as far as energy savings, water construction, and providing wildlife habitat.

Check out these websites for more information:

- ▶ www.sustland.umn.edu
- ▶ www.dnr.state.mn.us/gardens/nativeplants/suppliers
- ▶ www.clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs/raingardens

Wood Chip Mulch Available

The City currently has wood chip mulch available to Medina residents. The material can either be picked up from the pile located behind the public works building, or the City will deliver a tandem truck load to your property. A truckload is about 18 cubic yards, and there is no charge for the material or delivery.

If you want a truck load or two delivered to your property, please fax, mail, or drop off a map showing where you want the material dumped. Include your name, address, and daytime phone number.

Brush Disposal & Compost Site

The brush disposal and compost sites are open during the following hours:

Saturdays, 8:00—11:00 am
Wednesdays, 4:00—7:00 pm

The site is located behind the Public Works Garage. You may drop off leaves and grass clippings at the compost site; and trees and brush at the brush pile.

All bags and containers must be removed. Items not accepted include stumps, hay or straw, treated lumber, including railroad ties or painted lumber.

The brush and compost site is for Medina residents only. There is no charge to use these services.

