

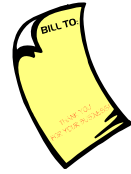
Upcoming Public Hearings/Meetings

Planning Commission to Hold Two Public Hearings on October 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

Mixed Use Zoning District—The City is beginning the process of creating a new zoning district that will regulate future development in the new areas zoned as Mixed Use, and is requesting public input and feedback. Mixed Use will allow a mixture of residential and commercial business development to occur on a single property.

Concept Plan Ordinance—The Planning Commission will discuss changing the procedures which will be followed if a potential developer wishes to submit a Concept Plan for unofficial comment from the Planning Commission and City Council. The proposed amendment is proposed to reduce the amount of technical information required in order to make it easier for an applicant to prepare a Concept Plan.

Attention Utility Customers: NO MORE POSTCARDS!



Look for your monthly utility billing to arrive in a window envelope and full sheet of paper beginning the first week of November.

City Calendar

October

- 6th Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- 12th Mon—City Offices Closed (Holiday)
- 13th Tues—Planning Commission 7:00 pm
- 17th Sat—Council Office Hours 9-11:00 am
- 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 7:00 pm
- 18th Wed—Park Commission 7:00 pm
- 21st Sat—Council Office Hours 9-11:00 am
- 26th Thurs—City Offices Closed (Holiday)
- 27th Thurs—City Offices Closed (Holiday)

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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Proposed 2010 Budget

The City Council approved the preliminary 2010 General Fund Budget and tax levy at their September 1st meeting. The City's 2010 Proposed General Fund Budget is \$3,889,685, which represents a \$92,744 decrease from 2009. The proposed 2010 tax levy is \$2,756,158, an increase of \$25,811, which can be reduced, but not increased, by the Council prior to December 29th.

A public discussion of the City's proposed budget and tax levy will be held on Tuesday, December 1st at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. A budget insert is being mailed to all Medina properties with the Truth In Taxation statement in early November. The budget insert and other 2010 Proposed Budget materials are available on the City's website at www.ci.medina.mn.us.

New Law on Yard and Organic Waste Collection

It's time to prepare for another Minnesota winter. Now is the time to start moving or covering plants, to mow the lawn that last time, and prepare for cold temperatures and snow cover. If your end-of-fall routine has you buying more traditional black plastic bags for your yard waste—take note! Beginning January 1, 2010, residents in the Twin Cities area who bag their yard and organic waste will be required to put their waste out for pickup in compostable bags – either paper bags or compostable plastic bags. This will affect residents in the following counties: Anoka, Carver, Hennepin (excluding the City of Minneapolis), Ramsey, Scott, and Washington.



Compostable plastic bags are distinct from regular plastic bags because they are usually clear or a green-tinted opaque color. Most home improvement, grocery, and hardware stores now carry them. If you don't see them at your local store, ask an employee; many store owners are just learning of this requirement also and may appreciate the customer request.

So, if you need new bags for your yard work this fall, why not get a head start and buy the compostable ones. Once January 1, 2010 passes, your yard waste pick-up service will no longer take the non-compostable plastic bags that you worked so hard to fill – and it's illegal to place yard waste in the trash.

For more information on the new compostable plastic bag requirements and how they will affect you visit RethinkRecycling.com.

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Quarantine

Hennepin and Ramsey Counties have been declared a quarantine area. This means that ash debris and firewood (including non-coniferous firewood) cannot be transported out of the counties by anyone, including residents and commercial businesses; However, ash and other wood debris can move within, between, and into the quarantined counties. To reduce the spread of the EAB within the quarantine area, it is recommended that ash debris and firewood are disposed of or used as locally as possible. Find out more at <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/plants/pestmanagement/eab.htm>.

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General Government

Pasture Management: Fall is the Time for Soil Testing by Betsy Wieland

As the first signs of fall begin, the State Fair is over, the birds are flocking, the horses are starting to get fuzzy, and it's time to think about fall maintenance for our pastures. Now is a great time to take soil samples of pastures, lawns and gardens. The majority of nutrients have been taken up for the year and the ground is dry. The dry ground helps stabilize some of the minerals like nitrogen in the soil. By testing your soils now, you will know how much fertilizer you need to spread. This will help determine if fertilizing is required for healthy vigorous plants and to prevent over application of nutrients, if they are not needed.

When taking soil samples, take a representative sample of the area. If you have a pasture that is partly hilly and partly flat, get samples from each of those areas. If you have a relatively large area with different topography, one pasture is flat, one is hilly, then take a sample from each of these areas. It will give you a more accurate measurement of the nutrients in your soils.

University of Minnesota soil sample kits with bags and information sheets can be obtained from your county extension office at 612-596-2110 or the U of M Soils Lab at 612-625-3101. Once you receive the results of the soil analysis, you can determine if and how much you should fertilize your pastures. If you are going to spread manure to fertilize your pastures, it is a good idea to have the manure tested for nutrient content as well. The MN Department of Agriculture has a list of certified manure testing laboratories on its website, <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/appd/manurelabs.htm>.

Betsy Wieland, Hennepin County's Agriculture Extension Educator, can provide county residents with soil test kits and assist with taking the samples. For more information, contact Betsy directly at 612-596-1175 or eliza003@umn.edu.



Winter Weather Season Snowplowing Tips

Starting of Snowplowing Season: As a general rule, snow removal operations may start as soon as two inches of snow has accumulated. During a normal snow fall, all roads are plowed. During a snow storm, lesser traveled residential roads and cul-de-sacs may have plowing delayed for City crews to concentrate on main thru-roads.

Street Parking Details: The City has an ordinance that prohibits parking on any public street from November 1 through March 31 during the hours of 1:00AM – 6:00AM. This parking policy is enforced by the Medina Police Department. If at all possible, the City plow crew would also appreciate having no vehicles parked on City streets when snowfall occurs during daytime hours.

Snow and Ice Control Policy: The City is in the process of re-writing their Snow and Ice Control Policy and will be posted on the website when approved.

Progress Toward Implementation of Sustainable Initiatives

The City has committed through its 2030 Comprehensive Plan and annual goal-planning to implement sustainable initiatives for the community. Here's a sample of some of the progress being made on the implementation:

- ▶ **Consolidated Recycling, Solid Waste Collection & Optional Organics Collection**—Contracting with one licensee in the City limits the amount of truck traffic (and reduces carbon emissions) on our roadways.
- ▶ **Hennepin County Wind Turbine**—The City supported the land use approval of a 3.1 megawatt wind turbine at the Hennepin County Public Works Site.
- ▶ **Water Conservation Program**—Most new developments in the City are required to utilize their storm water ponds for lawn and landscape irrigation. A tiered rate structure also charges higher rates to higher water users to encourage conservation.
- ▶ **Mixed-Use Land Use Guiding/Zoning** – The Comprehensive Plan creates several new mixed-used districts in the community with the goal of establishing pedestrian friendly and life-cycle neighborhoods.
- ▶ **Field House Energy Efficiency** – The City is installing 100% certified wood and energy efficient equipment into the 2,500 sq. ft. facility.
- ▶ **Low Impact Development (LID)** – LID is being required in revised zoning ordinances. Rain barrels are sold at City Hall. And, a Rain Garden Instructional Session is hosted by the City every year.
- ▶ **Conservation Development Planning** – The Comprehensive Plan and a conservation development ordinance will protect significant open spaces and natural resources.

Public Works Updates

116 Trail—The project will be delayed to spring 2010 construction as the City continues to secure easements for the project from Highway 55 to Hackamore Road. City park dedication funds and a Hennepin County grant are funding the project.

101/47 (Hackamore Road) Traffic Signal—The City was notified late this summer by Hennepin County that a traffic signal was approved for the intersection. The signal will be operational this fall and is being constructed at the expense of Hennepin County. Medina will pay a share of the operations with Corcoran, Plymouth & Maple Grove.

Community Recognition

City Business Profile: Tolomatic

Tolomatic was incorporated in 1954 by Burton Toles who began the business by designing a Bagger/Sealing machine for the flour milling industry. The original Tolomatic factory was located in downtown Minneapolis. In January of 1994, Tolomatic was relocated to its current location in Medina, and currently employ around 120 people. Burton Toles' son Bill is currently president and CEO of Tolomatic.

Tolomatic primarily produces right-angle gear drives, industrial brakes, and linear actuators (a device that moves machine system components or other objects using pneumatic, hydraulic or electric power) sold through wholesalers to industries worldwide. The majority of Tolomatic products are built-to-order and can have linear actuators ranging in length from a few inches to over 40 ft.

Tolomatic products are sold in a wide variety of industries from food processing and packaging to semi-conductor and Tolomatic's customers include 3M, Disney, Coke, Pepsi, General Mills, General Motors, Ford, and Boston Scientific. Tolomatic is a privately held company and is a strong supporter of the United Way, participating in yearly company-wide fundraising campaigns.

Ignite Sparks With Youth!

Whether you've had experience with youth or just have a passion helping out the community, Orono Middle School's Homework Help Club is looking for community members to mentor students and assist in homework and personal growth. It's every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 2:45-3:45 and we are looking for help whenever you can lend a hand! Please contact Laura Iverson at 952-449-8338 x4010 or liverson@orono.k12.mn.us for more information and to get started making change for youth in your community!

Medina Celebration Day 2009 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 Committee	Complete Eye Care of Medina	Fortin Health & Wellness Clinic	Miller, Marge
Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts	Countryside Café	Gramercy Club & residents	Papa Johns Pizza
Brownies & Girl Scouts	Cub Foods	Gregor Farms and Greenhouse	Potbelly
4-H Clover Patch Club	Culver's Restaurant	Hamel Athletic Association	Rainbow Foods
Adam's Pest Control, Inc.	CVS Pharmacy	Hamel Electric, Inc.	Rockler Inc.
Allstate Insurance Co.	Ditter Heating & Cooling	Hamel Fire Department	Scherer Pumpkin Patch
Anderson, Harold - Cash donation	Dojo Karate	Hamel Lions	Shamrock Golf Club
Anytime Fitness	El Azteca Mexican Restaurant	Hedtke Marketing	Sivets, Colleen & family
Applebee's	Elm Creek Golf Course	Hennepin County Sheriff's K-9	St. Anne's Church
Axel's Bonfire	Fantastic Sam's	Highway 55 Rental	State Farm Insurance
Axel's Tavern	Farmers State Bank of Hamel	Holiday Station - Hamel	Sticks & Bricks
Boy Scouts Troop 570	Fireworks Donators - Anonymous	Howie's Barber Shop	T Nails
Buffalo Wild Wings	Flaig, Cal and Sharrie	Intercomp	Target
		Jake's City Grille	The Cellars Wine & Spirits
		Jimmy's Pizza	The Foursome
		Joe Senser's Sports Grill & Bar	Tolomatic
		Lenny Leuer Honey	Umbria La Cucina Italiana
		Letterman Sports	Uptown Hamel Business Assoc.
		Ling Inn / Aunt Jens Motel	Verizon Wireless
		Loram Inc.	West Financial Credit Union
		Lunds/Byerly's	West Hennepin Pioneers Assoc.
		Maple Crest Garden/Landscaping	Westland Dental
		Mayer Mobil Gas Station	Willow Home Accents
		McDonald's Restaurant	Winestyles
		Medina Entertainment Center	Wright Hennepin Electric
		Medina Golf & Country Club	Youth Alive
		Medina Just for Kix	



Left: Patty Gregor selling fresh vegetables and flowers from Gregor Farms and Greenhouse.



Medina Celebration Day was held on Saturday, September 26th at the Hamel Community Building. The City was excited to once again see a wonderful turn-out from the community. There were a lot of great activities at this year's event for the whole family to enjoy, including a business expo, farmer's market, bingo, pumpkin painting and games, hair braiding, face painters, caricature artist, petting zoo, "Smokey" the bear, Hennepin County K-9 demonstration, s'mores around the campfire, local food and beverage vendors, as well as a spectacular fireworks display, sponsored by area businesses.

You won't want to miss next year's celebration, which will be held on Saturday, September 25th.