

September 20, 2012

## *Weekly Calendar of Events*

### **Tuesday, September 25, 2012**

5:30 p.m. – Personnel - Lake Itasca Room

Immediately following Personnel – CC Work Session - Lake Itasca Room

7:00 p.m. – City Council – Council Chambers

Immediately following CC – HRA – Council Chambers

## *Preview of Next Week*

**Farmer's Market.** Today, September 20.

### **Personnel Committee (5:30 p.m. – LIR)**

- Consider an Authorization to Hire Paid-on-call Firefighters

### **City Council Work Session (Immediately following Personnel - LIR)**

- Identify Trail Priority Categories, Rank Trail Gaps and Review Funding Sources
- Update on Process and Progress of the Mississippi Skyway
- Historic Town Hall and Rail Station Update

### **City Council (7:00 p.m. – CC)**

- Public Hearing and Levy of Assessments for Past-Due Charges on Municipal Utility Bills and Current Services Rendered
- Acknowledge Award of Two Trail Grants

### **HRA (Immediately Following City Council – CC)**

- Consider Offer to Purchase Land - Sunwood Drive and Ramsey Boulevard (Portions may be closed to the public)

## *Council Update*

**Happy Days Re-Cap.** The 2012 City of Ramsey Happy Days Festival was a huge success! Events ranged from a 5K to a Family Bike Tour, from Expos to Bingo, from Kids Inflatables to Fireworks, from a Parade to a Catapult and from a Polka Fest to Outdoor Concerts. Besides some wind, the weather was great and attendance was at an all-time high.

In 2012 major changes were made to the Happy Days schedule and site layout. For the first time ever Happy Days was contained on one site. Additionally, the Happy Days Committee decided to drop Friday night and concentrate all events on one day—Saturday, September 8. Overall,

staff and committee members received overwhelming amount of positive feedback from attendees.

### **View and Manage View Your Utility Account from Home.**

Staff is excited to announce a new online utility account feature available to residents. In June 2011, the city implemented RamsEPay, a webstore providing access to make credit card payments on the web. Although this was a successful improvement to the level of service offered residents, RamsEPay does not allow residents the ability to “view and manage” their utility account. It is just a payment portal. Staff has been working with Opus21, our contracted utility billing provider, to design an application to improve the online experience for utility customers. We are pleased to announce the site is now up and running. From the comfort of their homes, residents may now create an account to view historical statements, payment history, account profile, and FAQ’s relating to city services. Access is free, available right from our city website, and account setup is a breeze. Visit <http://www.ci.ramsey.mn.us/utility> to view the new site!

**UTILITY BILLING**  
**Online Account Access**

Click Here 

**Fall Recycling Day Event set for September 29.** The Fall Recycling Day event is scheduled for Saturday, September 29, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Public Works facility. The purpose of the event is to provide residents an opportunity to properly dispose of items that are generally not accepted through the curbside recycling program, including appliances, electronics, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, scrap metal and tires. Standard recyclables, such as newspaper, cardboard, cans, bottles etc., are also accepted. Mattresses and box springs in any condition will be accepted also but we will no longer accept other types of furniture (vendor is no longer participating). The event also includes free document destruction (paper shredding) for residents to securely dispose of papers containing personal data. New to the event is the option to dispose of used oil, oil filters and antifreeze. East Side Oil Companies staff and equipment will be on site to collect these items for the fall event. *Attached to the Weekly Update is a Fall Recycling Day Flyer and Post Card that went to each household.*

### **Department Activities:**

#### **Building Maintenance**

- Place supply orders
- Repair broken toilet at park
- Repair broken toilet in pd holding area
- Set up absentee voting area and equipment

#### **City Clerk**

- Attended MCFOA mtg re City involvement w/Garbage & Clutter Houses
- Sending out assignments for Election Judges for General Election
- Absentee voting supply receipt

#### **Engineering**

- Sunwood Drive / Armstrong Blvd: The initial paving on Sunwood Drive and Armstrong Boulevard will be completed on September 20<sup>th</sup> and the new alignment is anticipated to be open to traffic on Friday September 21<sup>st</sup>. Temporary traffic control (stop signs) will be placed at the intersection of Sunwood Drive and Armstrong Boulevard until the traffic

signals are installed. The next phase of construction will be on Armstrong Boulevard, from the completed portion to the south match-in point.

### Finance

- August filing of SAC and MN Sales & use tax
- Prepare certification report for public hearing
- Respond to resident's regarding certification letters
- Attend 9.1 ESS Upgrade webinar
- Meeting with Opus21 regarding contract renewal and concerns
- Preparation of Budget for County HRA funding request
- Hwy 10 Leases – update meetings
- IT-Update meeting & interview

### Fire

- Notable Responses
  - 9/14- Lift assist in the 16000 block of Ramsey Blvd. Crew assisted male who had fallen, bandaged arm and checked vitals.
  - 9/14- P.I. accident at the intersection of Sunfish Lake Blvd & Sunwood Dr. Minor injuries. Crew provided patient care, assisted with traffic and washed down roadway
  - 9/14- P.I. Rollover in the 7700 block of 223<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Sheriff on scene reporting no injuries, crew cleared
  - 9/18- Mutual Aid request by Coon Rapids to staff stations. Crew staffed one station due to high volume of calls in Coon Rapids.
- Administration
  - Conducted Fire Service Introduction class for S.T.E.P students
  - Presented fire extinguisher training for city business
  - Finalized suppression/fire pump/alarm system permits for two buildings
  - Filmed Police/Fire show at QCTV
- Training this week: Medical Training: Pediatrics/OB/Geriatrics

### HR

- Prepared City Administrator's Annual performance evaluation
- Met with Fire Department Officers on current recruitment
- Continued external Patrol recruitment and internal IT Specialist recruitment
- Attended annual LOGIS insurance group meeting

### IT

- Planning for several computer replacements where needed to alleviate current stock idle computers.
- Assisted in moving Patrick Brama to his new location in Jo Thieling's old cube, as well as planning for the other moves coming up soon.
- Installed the FireHouse software on new Police Technician PC.
- Help Desk managing responsibilities have shifted from Dean to Jason.

### Parks

### Planning/Building

- Research SAC Determination for industrial user on Sunwood Drive

- Met with DNR Staff to review proposed consolidation of shoreland regulations (special legislation)
- Preparation for Recycle Day (Saturday, September 29)
- Responded in a noticeable increase in calls regarding Village of Sunfish Lake (potential builders)

### Police

- **Can You Say Redneck.** A traffic stop in the City of Ramsey was featured on FOX 9 News on Wednesday evening during National Child Passenger Safety Week. The officer stopped the vehicle after observing three children not properly belted in. The video speaks for itself.  
<http://www.myfoxtwincities.com/story/19590232/dps-releases-dash-cam-videos-to-highlight-car-seat-safety>
- **Meeting.** The police department held a department meeting on Wednesday morning. This might not sound like much but it is difficult to get everyone there for a meeting because of the shifts that officers work. A lot of information was disseminated during the 2 hour meeting.
- **Investigation Continues.** Ramsey investigators continue to follow-up on returning property to victims of thefts from around the metro area. As you may recall, a Ramsey officer arrested a male party for theft at the County Park a number of weeks ago. That arrest has cleared up theft cases in 10 communities across the metro and there is still property to be claimed. It is slow process locating the victims and getting their property back to them.

### Public Works

- The PW department is in the process of purchasing two used reader boards from Anoka County Highway Department. These are the large display boards that you see along the road warning you of traffic delays, special events, and other circumstances that would affect travel. There should be plenty of uses in our city and we are looking forward to putting them to work!
- Starting in October PW will be testing GPS units on select equipment to see if the information collected would help reduce operating costs. The units original use will be for snow plowing. They can record time on route, vehicle location, chemical use, etc...

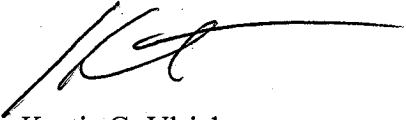
### Utilities

- This week we primarily focused on televising our sanitary sewer system, per. our agreement with our insurance carrier we are required to televise and record 1/10 of our sanitary sewer per year  
This year we focused on an area north of Bunker Lake Blvd. no serious problems were found, however, some additions to our mapping system and clean-up will be performed this winter
- We are also preparing for our fall water main flushing program which will start October 1<sup>st</sup> all water main valve boxes have been vacuumed out and next week we will be putting a wrench on all of the key valves and checking for operation.

**Save the Date:**

**Fall Recycling Day**, Saturday, September 29, 8:00 am – 12:00 noon. Located at the Ramsey Public Works Facility, 14100 Jaspur Street NW, Ramsey. For more information contact Chris Anderson at 763-433-9905.

Best regards,



Kurtis G. Ulrich  
City Administrator

Attachments:

Fall Recycling Day Flyer and Post Card that went to each household  
October 2012 Government Calendar



# Fall Recycling Day Event

## Saturday, Sept. 29—8:00am to 12:00pm



For More Information Please Call (763) 433-9905

Located at the Ramsey Public Works Facility, 14100 Jasper St NW (see map on page 7)

<u>Acceptable Materials</u>	<u>Charge</u>
<b>Appliances</b>	
All household appliances.....	\$10 each
Commercial and gas/ammonia units.....	Call for prices
<b>Tires</b>	
Off-rim passenger/light truck.....	Free
On-rim passenger/light truck.....	\$2 each
Semi tires, off-rim/on-rim.....	\$6/\$7 each
Tractor tires 24", off-rim/on-rim.....	\$20/\$30 each
Tractor tires 25", off-rim/on-rim.....	\$30/\$40 each
<b>Fluorescent bulbs **New Pricing**</b>	
4 feet and smaller tubes.....	\$0.25 each
Over 4 feet, compact, circular and u-tubes	\$0.55 each
HID lamps.....	\$1 each
<b>Batteries (no alkaline batteries please)</b>	
Automotive (sealed lead acid), Ni-Cad, rechargeable, silver and mercury.....	Free
<b>Scrap Metal</b>	
All non-metal parts and fluids <u>must be removed</u> .....	Free
<b>Cell Phones</b>	
No cords, bag phones or accessories.....	Free
<b>Mattresses and Box Springs</b>	
<b>PPL Industries</b>	
Mattresses & box springs (any condition)	\$15 each

<u>Curbside Recycling Materials:</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Food & Beverage Glass Containers.....	Free
Aluminum, Steel, & Tin Cans.....	Free
Newspaper, Magazines, Cardboard.....	Free
Plastic Containers, tubs and lids.....	Free

<b>Electronics **New Pricing**</b>	
Computer towers (CPUs/hard drives).....	\$2.00 ea.
Laptop computers (complete).....	\$2.00 ea.
Computer Monitors.....	\$5.00 ea.
TV (0-20 inch).....	\$5.00 ea.
TV (21-30 inch).....	\$7.00 ea.
TV (31 inch or greater & counsel TVs).....	\$15.00 ea.
All other electronic waste.....	FREE

**FREE Document Destruction/Paper Shredding**  
 All types of paper accepted, no need to remove staples, paper clips or rubber bands! No 3-ring binders.  
**\*\*\*\*LIMIT OF 5 BOXES PER VEHICLE\*\*\*\***

- Please Note:**
- Certain road accesses may be temporarily closed during the event for traffic control purposes. Please see map on opposite page for directions to site.
  - At certain times during the recycling event you may experience a short waiting time due to heavy traffic. Please be patient and we will serve you as quickly as possible.
  - Participating vendors are listed below in the order they will be in on the day of the event. Please load your items accordingly for better traffic flow:
    - City of Ramsey (batteries and cell phones)
    - East Side Oil Companies (used oil, oil filters and antifreeze)
    - PPL Industries (mattresses & box springs in any condition)
    - 1st Choice Document Destruction (shredding)
    - ACE Solid Waste (scrap metal & curbside recyclables)
    - Retrofit Recycling (electronics, fluorescent bulbs and appliances)
    - City of Ramsey (tires)

**\*NO OTHER FURNITURE WILL BE ACCEPTED\*  
 \*\*DURING THE EVENT. PLEASE CALL FOR\*\*  
 \*\*\*ALTERNATIVE DISPOSAL OPTIONS.\*\*\***

**NEW OPTION FROM EAST SIDE OIL COMPANIES**  
**Used oil, oil filters and antifreeze accepted for FREE!**  
**Please take empty containers back home and properly dispose of them.**

- Materials NOT Accepted:**
- Garbage or refuse of any kind
  - Yard and tree waste
  - Window/door glass panes and construction debris
  - Construction debris, paint, or other household hazardous waste materials identified by Staff.

\*\*\*\*\***Payment of Fees**\*\*\*\*\*

Vendors collect fees individually; if you have items for multiple vendors, please be prepared to make multiple payments. **Cash and/or check only.**



# FALL RECYCLING DROP OFF DAY



**Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012**  
 Public Works Campus • 14100 Jasper St NW  
 8 a.m. to Noon Questions? 763-427-1410

**\*\*\*Controlled access to event. See map on reverse side.\*\*\***

## **APPLIANCES - Cash or Check to The Retrofit Companies**

**\$10 each** - All standard household appliances.

- Commercial and gas/ammonia appliance fees will vary. **MUST REMOVE all food and foreign materials.**

## **ELECTRONICS & FLUORESCENT BULBS -**

**Cash or check to The Retrofit Companies**

- Fluorescent bulbs 4 ft. and under..... \$ 0.25 ea.
- Over 4 ft. and compact/circular..... \$ 0.55 ea.
- Computer Monitors..... \$ 5.00 ea.
- Computer Towers & Laptops..... \$ 2.00 ea.
- TV's - 0 - 20"..... \$ 5.00 ea.
- 21" - 30"..... \$ 7.00 ea.
- 31" & up plus console TV's..... \$15.00 ea.

## **ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLD ELECTRONIC WASTE IS FREE!**

### **BATTERIES - No charge**

The following batteries will be accepted: sealed lead acid, lithium, silver, mercury, nickel cadmium, and rechargeable batteries. **No alkaline batteries please.**

### **MATTRESSES/BOX SPRINGS - Cash or Check to PPL Industries**

PPL Industries will take Mattresses & Box Springs **in any condition**.....\$15.00 ea.

### **\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE NO OTHER FURNITURE WILL BE ACCEPTED DURING**

### **THE EVENT. Please call for alternative disposal options.**

### **SCRAP METAL - No charge - All non-metal parts and fluids MUST BE REMOVED!**

### **TIRES - Cash or check to City of Ramsey**

Off rim - Passenger/light truck tires - No charge

On rim - Passenger/light truck tires - \$2.00 ea.

Pricing for larger tires ranges from \$6 - \$40, please call prior to event for specific prices.

### **STANDARD CURBSIDE RECYCLABLES - No Charge.**

### **DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION. No Charge. Limit 5 boxes per vehicle.**

**\*\*\*NEW\*\* USED OIL, OIL FILTERS & ANTIFREEZE. No Charge. Please take empty containers home and dispose of in the garbage.**

We reserve the right to refuse any items. Absolutely NO Garbage or Household Hazardous Waste (except used oil, antifreeze & oil filters).  
 Contact Anoka County HHW office at 763-323-5730 for hazardous waste disposal information.

Funded by the Anoka County Board of Commissioners & State SCORE funds (Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment)

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**For more information & larger map go to [www.cityoframsey.com](http://www.cityoframsey.com)**



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