

**City of Ramsey
Weekly Update
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Meeting Date: 11/21/2012

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Form Review

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November 21, 2012

Weekly Calendar of Events

Thursday and Friday, November 22 & 23, 2012

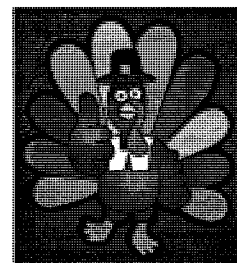
City Offices Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

5:45 p.m. – Personnel Committee – Lake Itasca Room

Immediately Following Personnel – City Council Work Session – Lake Itasca Room

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



Preview of Next Week

Local Government Officials Meeting – November 28. The meeting will be held at the Harvest Grill Restaurant at Bunker Hills, 12800 Bunker Prairie Drive in Coon Rapids. The social hour begins at 5:00 with dinner at 6:00 p.m., followed by a 6:45 meeting.

EDA Business Networking Breakfast – November 29. The event will be held at the Ramsey Municipal Center, in the Alexander Ramsey Room at 8:00 a.m. and includes breakfast. *Attached to the Weekly Update is the EDA Business Networking Event Flyer.*

Personnel Committee (5:45 p.m. – LIR)

- Consider a Resolution to Re-authorize a Leave of Absence (This discussion will be closed to the public)

City Council Work Session (Immediately Following Personnel – LIR)

- Review Participation in North Suburban Home Show
- Review Proposed Amendments to SAC Credit Policy and Consider Policy for Credit Distribution
- 2013 Levy & General Fund Budget

City Council (7:00 p.m. – CC)

- Adopt Ordinance #12-XX Adopting 2013 Schedule of Rates, Fees & Charges
- Adopt Ordinance to Amend City Code Section 117-118 (The COR) Approving Amendment to The COR Design Framework Related to Off-Street Parking, Signs, Parks and Trails, and Sub-District Boundaries
- Adopt Ordinance to Amend City Code Chapter 117, Article II, Division 8 (Signs) Related to Temporary, Construction, Real Estate, and Off-Premise Signs
- Adopt Ordinance Vacating Portions of Drainage and Utility Easement at 6012 146th Ave NW; Case of Jesse and Dana VerBeek

- Consider entering into a purchase agreement for the property located at 8901 -146th Avenue NW, Minnesota owned by USCO Corp. - **PORTIONS OF THIS DISCUSSION MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.**
- Attorney-Client Privileged Discussion Regarding the pending Isanti County District Court lawsuit titled "County of Isanti, Plaintiff, vs. Keith Kiefer, Defendant, vs. City of Ramsey and City Administrator, Kurtis Ulrich, in his official capacity and individually, Third Party Defendants

Council Update

Department Activities:

Building Maintenance

- Mount flat screen TV for police department
- Repair snow blowers and mount plows for winter
- Get spare keys made and programmed for city vehicle #376

City Clerk

- Minute proofing and direction
- Resolutions
- Continued Elections wrap-up

Finance

- 2013 Budget Updated & preparation of truth in taxation materials
- Discussion of funding for future street projects & impact on budget
- October – SAC, Sales & use tax, financials & special assessment prepayments

Fire

- Notable Responses
 - 11/15- Semi trailer on fire in the 6500 block of Green Valley Road. Smoke showing on arrival. Crew extinguished fire in refrigeration unit and checked for extension inside trailer.
 - 11/15- Strong smell of natural inside residence in the 5800 block of 159th Ln NW. Crew checked home with gas monitor and found no levels of gas.
 - 11/17- Grass fire due to illegal burn in the 8600 block of 174th Ln NW. Homeowner extinguished
- Fire Administration
 - Final inspection on townhomes
 - Completed fire investigation of garage fire
 - Met with property owner regarding possible house burn for training

IT

- The IT Department is in the middle of routine maintenance on the Police Department computers. All computers will be thoroughly checked for software updates, registry errors, viruses and malware, potential hardware failure and receive a small tune-up. This information is compiled in the IT Inventory and used to make sure all computers are running as efficiently as possible.
- The WinPack server is in need of non-critical maintenance. For those that don't know, the WinPack server controls the door locks. The gentleman who usually services the

machine has since left ISS, so we are in talks with them to have someone else come out and do some servicing/training.

- The IT department is currently assessing our current inventory in the hopes we can make several small purchases to upgrade and repair existing computers in order to alleviate some spending costs for next year.

Parks

- Repaired/replaced hockey nets on the goals for the hockey rinks from Central and the School rinks
- Superior Stripping Inc. donated several large boulders in their landscape to the city which will be used as a border around the future playground at the North Commons
- Department of Corrections (DOC) – continued working on the Itasca trail long boardwalk (raising, leveling, removing hand rail in certain areas and adding toe kick) on November 14th - Corrections work crew not working on the 21st

Planning/Building

- Meeting re: potential Sweetbay Ridge Phase II
- Meeting to discuss potential user of 6001 167th Ave NW (former grocery store)
- Begin former Municipal Center Data Center site concepts

Public Works

- We continue to take advantage of the warm weather. With the help of the Utility Department, we have been able to clean out culverts, well beyond when we normally can. We also were able to get another day of patching in using hot mix from the City of St. Paul. The ground has also stayed relatively warm, so residents have been able to pick up stakes and mark their boulevards for plowing.

Utilities

- Utility personal flushed/cleaned several sections of sanitary sewer mains, crews focused on large diameter sewer with low flow. Often sanitary sewer will build up in structures or in the main when low flow situations occur due to developments that are not built out yet examples of developments are Brookfield, Sweetbay ridge, Town center gardens and Sunwood drive slightly west of Coborn's.
- Crews utilize water from fire hydrants closest to a Manhole and hydro flush the mains. This action frees up any blockages and cleans out the mains and manholes for several miles until our sewer enters the MET councils interceptor line.
- Utilizing the jetter truck crews continued cleaned many culverts and storm sewer inlets and outlets thought the city, this work will continue until temperatures drop below freezing

Save the Date:

- **Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Toys for Joy Luncheon** – December 11, 2012 at Greenhaven in Anoka. If you desire more details please contact Jo or visit the Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce Web Page. If you would like to attend, please let Jo know and she will RSVP for you.
- **Annual City of Ramsey Holiday Party**– To be held on Friday, January 4, 2012. Stay tuned for details.
- **Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce Casino Royale Gala Dinner Fundraiser** – February 22, 2013 – Greenhaven. More details will follow as the event gets closer.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K. Ulrich', written over the text 'Best regards,'.

Kurtis G. Ulrich
City Administrator

Attachments: EDA Business Networking Event Flyer
2012 Government Calendar
Press Release: Anoka County Announces Winner of "Send Us Your Best Shot"
Photo Contest!

BUSINESS NETWORKING EVENT

Thursday, November 29, 2012

8:00 am **Breakfast Social, provided by Wells Catering**

PROGRAM

8:30 am **Welcome & Introduction**

Chris Riley

Ramsey EDA, Chair

8:35 am **Market Outlook/
Current Events**

Mike Mulrooney

Central MN Development Corporation &
Former MN Economic Development Commissioner

8:45 am **Federal Health Care Legislation,
Effect on Local Businesses**

Kerri Gordon

Allina Medical Clinic, Health Policy/Gov. Affairs

8:55 am **RJM & General Paper Products
Business Spotlight, History & Outlook**

Jim Lundeen

RJM & General Paper Products, Owner/President

9:05 am **Group Forum, Introduction**

John LeTourneau

Ramsey EDA Member

9:10 am **Group Forum:**

1. How will health care legislation affect your business and how will you adjust?
2. Ramsey: what are this City's strengths and what can it do to better serve its businesses?

9:25 am **Closing Remarks**

**Relevant Speakers
Meaningful Discussions
Free Breakfast**

FREE BREAKFAST



**Don't Forget
to RSVP**

RSVP:

Please contact the City staff by Friday, November 23 to reserve your spot (free admission)

LOCATION:

Ramsey Municipal Center, Alexander Ramsey Room
7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, MN 55303

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December 2012 Government

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
3 7:00 Anoka City Council Chris 6:30pm Champlin ERC Cory	4 7:00 pm Andover City Council Hans 7:00 pm Anoka Planning Commission Lynnette 7:00 pm Champlin Park & Rec Cory	5	6 7:00 pm Andover P & R Lynnette 7:00 pm Ramsey Board of Adj/Planning Comm Kevin 7:00am Anoka Update Rice 4:30pm Andover Update Gamache
10 6:30pm District 11 Truth in Taxation & School Board Mtg. Will 5:00pm Anoka HRA Chris 6:00pm Champlin EDA mtg. 7:00pm Champlin City Council Cory	11 7:00pm Andover Planning Commission Lynnette 7:00pm Ramsey City Council & HRA Matt 4:00pm Ramsey, Your council, your community McGlone & Elvig	12 11:00am Champlin Update Uglen	13 6:30 Ramsey P & R Kevin
17 7:00pm Anoka City Council Chris 7:00pm Champlin Planning Commission Cory	18 7:00 pm Andover City Council Hans	19	20 7:00pm Andover P & R Lynnette 5pm Cable Commission Will 4:30pm Andover Update Howard 10:00am Anoka Update Schmidt
24 6:00pm Champlin COW mtg. 7:00pm Champlin City Council Cory	25 Christmas <i>cancelled</i> Ramsey City Council & HRA	26	27
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Electronic Agenda

Subject: FW: News Release
Attachments: 11-20-12 Winner of Recyclopeda photo contest.pdf; 11-20-12 Winner of Recyclopeda Photo Contest.jpg; 11-20-12 Recyclopeda-butterfly on gerbera daisy.jpg

Contact: Martha Weaver, Public Information Manager, 763-323-5744, or e-mail: martha.weaver@co.anoka.mn.us

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Anoka County Announces Winner of “Send Us Your Best Shot” Photo Contest!

Every two years, more than 122,000 households in Anoka County receive the **Recyclopedia**, a guide produced by Anoka County about how to reduce waste, reuse resources, recycle more, and dispose of materials safely.

The cover of the upcoming 2013-2014 **Recyclopedia** will feature the photography of Blaine resident Nancy Wold who has lived and gardened in Anoka County for 33 years. According to Wold her garden has provided the inspiration for many images as it has evolved from a garden into a habitat for birds and butterflies.

“I often need to explain my garden to first time visitors – the random milkweed popping up here and there, the sunflowers that germinate from bird seed, the small brush pile,” said Wold. “I have raised many monarch and swallowtail butterflies from egg to caterpillar to butterfly and documented their growth with photos. This transformation still seems magical to me. My garden is visited by bees, moths, butterflies and other interesting insects. Birds nesting in my suburban yard include bluebirds, green herons, wrens, chickadees, robins, cat birds, brown thrush and even a mallard duck.”

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“This is a great way to raise awareness of all the great information the **Recyclopedia** has to offer and to showcase the talents of our Anoka County citizens,” said Anoka County Commissioner Jim Kordiak, who chairs the county’s Waste Management and Energy Committee.

In addition to the cover shot, additional photos were selected to be featured inside the Recyclopedia, on the county’s Pinterest boards, and on the county’s website www.anokacounty.us.

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CUTLINE

Nancy Wold of Blaine won the Anoka County Recyclopeda amateur photo contest



CUTLINE

Winner of the Recyclopeda 'Send Us Your Best Shot' amateur photo contest

Martha

MARTHA WEAVER
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The mission of Anoka County is to serve citizens in a respectful, innovative, and fiscally responsible manner.

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