

WEEKLY UPDATE

Administrator's Report



February 14, 2013

Monday, February 18, 2013

City Offices Closed In Observance of President's Day



Tuesday, February 19, 2013

5:00 p.m. – Special City Council – Lake Itasca Room

5:30 p.m. – Strategic Planning Session – Lake Itasca Room

Thursday, February 21, 2013

5:30 p.m. – Planning Commission Work Shop – Lake Itasca Room

Preview of Next Week

Special City Council (5:00 p.m. – LIR)

- Adopt Resolution Granting Revised Final Plat Approval of COR TWO; Case of the City of Ramsey Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Strategic Planning Session (5:30 p.m. – LIR)

Planning Commission Work Shop (5:30 p.m. – CC)

- FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: Receive Presentation by Mary T., Inc. on Potential Housing Development on Outlot A; RAMSEY TOWN CENTER 13TH ADDITION

Council Update

Chamber Gala. There is still space available at the City of Ramsey table for the Chamber Gala. Please let Jo know if you are interested in attending. The event is Friday, February 22 at Greenhaven. Social hour begins at 5:30 – dinner at 7:00. Your ticket would be paid for – if you plan to bring someone, the cost is \$62.50. *Attached to the Weekly Update is a Flyer for the Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce Casino Royal Gala.*

Armstrong Interchange project. Mayor Strommen and Council Member Tossey joined Senator Petersen, and Doug Fischer from Anoka County in testifying before the Minnesota Senate Transportation Committee on Wednesday for the Armstrong Interchange project. The presentation lasted about 20 minutes and Committee members asked several questions, stating that it was a “compelling” story. County Commissioners West and Look were also present. The state is being asked to fund \$17 million of the \$33 million project. The bill was passed forward to be part of the omnibus transportation bill.

Department Highlights:

Building Maintenance

- Snow and ice removal
- Miscellaneous HVAC repairs
- Repair refrigerators in police department and alexander room

City Clerk

- “Attended” webinar re Open Meeting Law – and completed survey for LMC re webinar
- Met w/Manager of Gold Rush Exchange re licensing requirements

Engineering

- The primary focus of the Engineering Department continues to be the Riverdale Drive Extension project. The construction plans are currently approximately 75% complete, and we plan to submit them to Mn/DOT for the first review next Friday.

Finance

- Audit Workpapers: Property Tax, Special assessments & Cash
- Prepare and send report and letter to Anoka County regarding special assessment prepayments
- Financial information for Shared Fired Services Grant

HR

- Contract Negotiations Research and Prep
- Reserve Officer and City Engineer Interviews
- Boards and Commissions Recruitment for Boards and Commissions, Park Inter, and Economic Development Manager Recruitment

IT

- Resolved an issue that prevented access to both city websites when LOGIS cut over to the new Apache servers. We’ve since rolled back to the original servers to do more testing.
- Completed the creation of a Police Department imaged PC (many thanks to Captain Katers for his help and diligence). This will allow the coming computer setups in PD to be done much quicker than before, which in turn reduces staff downtime. It will also allow us to repair hardware failures and potential virus attacks in minutes as opposed to hours. Four PD computers are scheduled on being replaced by the end of February.
- Set up a new scanner for Crime Prevention, and three new printers for the Public Works Utilities and Street departments.

Parks

- With frequent snow events, Parks Staff has been ‘cycling’ between snow removal on streets, cul-de-sacs, trails, sidewalks and rinks. One opportunity to flood the rinks so far this week.
- Department of Corrections crew assisted with snow removal at Central Park’s rinks and the balance of the day was spend removing snow off the two largest, and well traversed boardwalks at Sweet Bay Ridge and Lake Itasca.
- (An early sign of Spring?) Additional activity occurring with the Ramsey Foundation with respect to The Draw Summer Concert Series – only four more sponsorship’s needed. Concerts costs run from a few hundred dollars to about \$800, with co-sponsorship opportunities a-plenty. Sponsorship benefits packets for businesses are available by request. *Attached to the Weekly Update is the Schedule of Concerts for 2013 Draw Event Series* (with open sponsorship dates listed).

Planning/Building

- Attended Emerald Ash Boarer Workshop
- Met to discuss potential future phase of Sweetbay Ridge
- Majority of time spent in preparation for Seasons of Ramsey

Police

- **Murder-Suicide.** On 2-12-13 at 1032 hrs, officers were dispatched to an address of 8500 block of 176th Ln to check the welfare of a couple after a relative had received an email with suicidal overtures. Ramsey Officers responded to the home and found the home was secure and no new foot tracks in the snow or vehicle tracks in the driveway were present. Entry was made and the Ramsey Officers discovered two adults deceased in a bedroom with gunshot wounds. There were a number of pet cats found who were also killed by gunshots. The victims are a 67 year old female and a 65 year old male. Indications at the scene suggest that the female had died several hours before the male. The case remains under the investigation by the Ramsey Police Department, the Anoka County Sheriff's Office, and the Anoka County Medical Examiner's Office.
- **Reserves Recognized.** At the Tuesday evening City Council meeting, the City recognized two Ramsey Reserves for their efforts at a medical situation that occurred on February 2nd. Reserve Officers James Bagne and Jennifer Grant were the first to arrive at a medical in which a person had collapsed and was not breathing. They performed CPR until other emergency personnel arrived. Their efforts were successful in getting the heart started again. Unfortunately, the victim did pass away February 8th, but the reserve officers responded and performed duties in a difficult and stressful situation. For their efforts, Reserve Officers Bagne and Grant received Distinguished Service Awards.

Public Works

- All snow plowing all the time! We had two citywide plowing events this week with clean up in between.

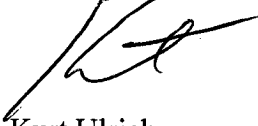
Utilities

- During snow plowing activities on Sunday evening we received a call regarding a pump failure at lift station #4 @ 155th and Iodine Street. Several attempts were made to reset the pump but were unsuccessful. Pump #2 was shut down and the station was running only on pump #1. Monday a contractor was called and he found that the pump start relay was damaged and needed to be replaced. Parts were shipped to the site and the relay was swapped out. After the relay was repaired the pump started but would trip out after a short run. We called the City of Anoka and borrowed their boom truck to pull the pumps to figure out the problem. On Tuesday morning we pulled pump #2 and found a large knot of rags twisted up in the impellers. Once pump #2 was cleaned out and reinstalled we pulled pump #1 and found, and removed, another pile of rags.

Save the Date:

- **The Mayor's Trail Ride** will occur February 23, 2013, and weather look favorable.
- **Flaherty & Collins Project Tour** – February 26, 2013 – noon and 4:00 p.m. Meet in main foyer of City Hall.
- **Northgate Church/Performing Arts Center Groundbreaking** - Saturday, March 23 at the site. Groundbreaking is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. More details will follow as they become available.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kurt Ulrich', written over a horizontal line.

Kurt Ulrich
City Administrator

Attachments: Flyer for the Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce Casino Royal Gala
Schedule of Concerts for 2013 Draw Event Series

*Anoka Area Chamber
Of Commerce
"Casino Royale"*
Gala Dinner Fundraiser

February 22, 2013

New Location This Year!
Green Haven Golf &
Banquet Center, Anoka
5:30-Social, Dinner-7:00



This is the biggest event of the Chamber year!
The "Casino Royale" Gala Dinner

LIMITED SEATING!

Donation Opportunities:
Silent Auction, Live Auction,
Raffles, Sponsorship

Ticket Information and Table Packages

"Royal Flush" Table Sponsor

\$1200

You'll get:

- 4 tickets (8 people at your own table)
- Priority Table Seating
- Your Impression on the BIG screens rotating with other sponsors at different times of the event
- Special Signage at your table
- Acknowledgment in the Event Program & upcoming Chamber Newsletter
- Special acknowledgment at the event
- 20 Raffle Tickets
- Roses for your special attendees
- Full page ad in an upcoming edition of the Chamber Newsletter! (\$99 value)

"Black Jack" Table Sponsor

\$750

You'll get:

- 4 tickets (8 people at your own table)
- Priority Table Seating
- Your Impression on the BIG screens rotating with other sponsors at different times of the event
- Special Signage at your table
- Acknowledgment in the Event Program & upcoming Chamber Newsletter

Individual Tickets

\$125 per couple

You'll get a fabulous dinner for two plus chances to win up to \$1000 in The Gala Game and other games to be played.

Sponsorship Opportunities With a Lucky Streak!

Have your business STAND OUT in the crowd by being a sponsor. More information on these sponsorships can be found on the other side of this flyer. Numerous sponsorships are available including:

- "Roulette" Heads or Tails Game
- "Poker Chip" Live Auction
- "One Armed Bandit" Bag of Swag Game
- "Pit Boss" BIG Raffle
- "Slots" Win All the Wine on the Table Raffle
- "7 or 11" Non-Winning Ticket Prize

Sponsorship Opportunities

“Roulette” Heads or Tails Game-One sponsorship available. Cost \$700. Here’s what you’ll get: This game will be played twice during the event. One person will win \$100 during each of the games. Your name will be featured throughout the evening as the game is being played. Your impression will be on the BIG screens, rotating with other sponsors at different times of the evening. You’ll receive special acknowledgement at the event, in the event program and Chamber newsletter.

“Poker Chip” Live Auction-One sponsorship available. Cost \$500. Here’s what you’ll get: The Live Auction is always a BIG hit with the crowd. Our professional auctioneer will give you plenty of pump for the dollar. Your name will be featured at the raffle table throughout the evening. Your impression will be on the BIG screens, rotating with other sponsors at different times of the evening. You’ll receive special acknowledgement at the event, in the event program and Chamber newsletter.

“One Armed Bandit” Bag of Swag Raffle-One sponsorship available. Cost \$500. Here’s what you’ll get: This raffle will feature a table full of bags of swag that people can buy for \$10 each. Three people will find something special in their bag and will win \$100, \$150 and \$250. Bags cost \$10 each. Your name will be featured at the raffle table throughout the evening. Your impression will be on the BIG screens, rotating with other sponsors at different times of the evening. You’ll receive special acknowledgement at the event, in the event program and Chamber newsletter.

“Pit Boss” BIG Raffle-One sponsorship available. Cost \$500. Here’s what you’ll get: This raffle is held throughout the evening and will feature tables full of wonderful prizes. Tickets are \$1 each. Your name will be featured at the raffle table throughout the evening and said during each give-a-way segment. Your impression will be on the BIG screens, rotating with other sponsors at different times of the evening. You’ll receive special acknowledgement at the event, in the event program and Chamber newsletter.

“Slots” Win All the Wine on the Table Raffle-One sponsorship available. Cost \$500. Here’s what you’ll get: This raffle will feature a table full of wine that will be provided by the Chamber. One ticket holder will win all the wine on the table. Tickets are \$10 each. Your name will be featured at the raffle table throughout the evening. Your impression will be on the BIG screens, rotating with other sponsors at different times of the evening. You’ll receive special acknowledgement at the event, in the event program and Chamber newsletter.

“7 or 11” Non-Winning Ticket Prizes-Five sponsorships available at \$100 each. Here’s what you’ll get: As one of five businesses to sponsor the Non-Winning Ticket Prize Table. This table features a prize package for all non-winning Gala Game tickets. Sponsorship cost is \$100. Your name will be featured at the table during the evening along with special acknowledgment at the event and in the event program and Chamber newsletter. Your impression will be on the BIG screens, rotating with other sponsors at different times of the evening.

What is the Gala Dinner?

A total of up to 200 tickets (400 total attendees) will be sold. Each ticket is numbered and has a chance at numerous cash prizes that will be drawn for during the event. Cash prizes ranging from \$100 to \$1,000. Every non-winning ticket will also receive a gift. That means that no matter what, you will be a winner at this event. Also, a number of raffles will be held along with a silent and live auction. The profits from this event go toward the Chamber Scholarship Program and Chamber Membership Programming.

“Casino Royale Gala Dinner” Registration Form

Please fill out the form and fax to (763.421.0577) or mail to: Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce, 12 Bridge Square, Anoka, MN 55303. This event sells out so reserve your tickets and sponsorships right away.

- _____ Yes, we will be a **“Royal Flush” Table Sponsor**. Cost is \$1200.00.
- _____ Yes, we will be a **“Black Jack” Table Sponsor**. Cost is \$750.
- _____ Yes, we would like _____ Ticket(s) for the Gala Dinner. Cost is \$125 per ticket which serves two people.
- _____ Yes, we would like to sponsor the **“Roulette” Heads or Tails Game**. Cost \$700.
- _____ Yes, we would like to sponsor the **“Poker Chip” Live Auction**. Cost \$500.
- _____ Yes, we would like to sponsor the **“One Armed Bandit” Bag of Swag Game**. Cost \$500.
- _____ Yes, we would like to sponsor the **“Pit Boss” BIG Raffle**. Cost \$500.
- _____ Yes, we would like to sponsor the **“Slots” Win All the Wine on the Table Raffle**. Cost \$500.
- _____ Yes, we would like to be one of five sponsors of the **“7 or 11” Non-Winning Ticket Prizes**. Cost \$100.
- _____ Yes, we would like to donate a prize for the Silent Auction/Raffle. Please have someone call us.

Firm Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Fax this form to the Chamber at 763.421.0577 or mail it to:
Anoka Area Chamber, 12 Bridge Square, Anoka, MN 55303

The Draw 2013

Presented by:



Summer Event Series

These events are **FREE** to the public!

Food and Drinks will be available for purchase before and during events!

DATE: **TIME:** **ACT:**

June 20 **6:30-8:00pm** **Roadhouse Blue Band**
Roadhouse Blue is a variety/classic country/rock band. Free Killebrew Root Beer floats and samples of Killebrew Root Beer will be distributed to everyone in attendance.
Sponsor: RJM and Killebrew Root Beer

June 27 **6:30-8:00pm** **Dirt Road Prophets**
The Dirt Road Prophets specialize in country from the golden era, they will mix in top 40 country songs, and a little rock. *Sponsor: Bolton & Menk and Trott Brook Financial*

July 11 **6:30-8:00pm** **Stimulus Package**
No genre is off limits for SP, putting an invigorating spin on all the hits from classic rock to rocking country and everything in between. *Sponsor: Open and Village Bank*

July 18 **6:30-8:00pm** **Bill and Tom Show**
The Bill & Tom Show is a 2 man Guitar/Piano Duo playing popular good time songs from the 60's and 70's. *Sponsor: Field Law, P.A.*

July 25 **6:30-8:00pm** **1st Things 1st**
1st Things 1st is a tribute to great writers and performers of 40's and 50's. The musical revue is a fun, high energy show that has delighted all ages. *Sponsor: Open*

Aug 01 **6:30-8:00pm** **BOB FM Night**
BOB FM will host this special evening, with a band and many free giveaways. This is also COBORN's customer appreciation dinner night. *Sponsor: Coborn's & Ramsey Rotary*

Aug 08 **6:30-8:00pm** **Splatter Sisters**
This is a great opportunity for the whole family and kids of all ages. The Splatter Sisters show is a style of sassy-folk and jazz based vocals. *Sponsor: Connexus Energy*

Aug 15 **6:30-8:00pm** **Church of Cash**
The Church of Cash is the Midwest's best Johnny Cash Tribute show performing a multitude of hits spanning Johnny's entire career! *Sponsor: Open*

Aug 22 **6:30-8:00pm** **Elvis, Todd Anderson**
Elvis is a delightfully entertaining show for all ages! Todd's voice and moves are an exciting depiction of an actual Elvis concert. *Sponsor: Ramsey HRA/ The COR at Ramsey*

Aug 29 **6:30-8:00pm** **The Audities and Time Well Spent**
These are local teenagers playing from the Braven Music School. They play rock music like pretty women, Radar Love, Snow Blind and Iron Man. *Sponsor: Open*

Sep 05 **6:30-8:00pm** **Dan Perry and Ice Cream**
Dan Perry and Ice Cream perform 60s/70s classic rock, blues, R&B, pop, jazz, country and originals with their 13 member band. *Sponsor: Open*

Sep 12 **5:30-7:30pm** **Park Patron Picnic**
Community picnic with a live broadcast from BOB FM. Shop at the farmers market and you will receive free food from the grill. *Sponsor: Ramsey Park and Recreation Commission*



Thursday nights from June 20- Sept 12 there will be an event at 'The Draw' Amphitheater

FARMERS MARKET adjacent to the amphitheater in The Draw every Thursday beginning on July 11 from 3-7!

LOCATION 'The Draw' 7401 E Ramsey Parkway, Ramsey, MN 55303 (within the COR)