

WEEKLY UPDATE

Administrator's Report



February 28, 2013

Thursday, February 28, 2013

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

Tuesday, March 5, 2013

5:00 p.m. – Boards and Commission Interviews – Lake Itasca Room

Preview of Next Week

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

- Review Strategic Planning Process and Calendar
- Review and Approve Three-to-Five Year Mission Elements
- Review and Approve Three-to-Five Year Vision Elements
- Approve Three to Five Strategic Imperatives

Board and Commission Interviews (5:30 p.m. – LIR)

- Interviews for the City's boards and commissions will be held on Tuesday, March 5th. Individual interviews will begin at 5:30 and run through approximately 7:30 p.m. Councilmember/staff dinners will be provided.
- Councilmembers will be considering applicants for the following:
 - 2 Economic Development Authority seats
 - 1 Environmental Policy Board seat
 - 2 Park and Recreation Commission seats
 - 3 Planning Commission seats

Council Update

Regular March Planning Commission Meeting Cancelled. There will be no Regular Planning Commission scheduled for March 7th, as current projects are either already approved or in initial design phase. Staff anticipates a potential request for Planning Commission Work Session in March or April.

Water Supply Sustainability in the North Metro. The League of women Voters ABC invites the public to attend their March program at the Andover Senior Center on Monday evening, March 11, for a presentation by Lanya Ross, Principal Environmental Scientist with the Metropolitan Council. Her topic will be "Water Supply Sustainability in the North Metro". There is a social time and refreshments at 6:00 p.m., followed by the program and discussion at 6:30 p.m. The Andover Senior Center is next door to Andover City Hall at 1685 Crosstown Boulevard NW. *Attached to the Weekly Update is a press release relating to the meeting and topic.*

Department Highlights:

Building Maintenance

- Reconfigure reception area for better visibility and customer service
- Repair miscellaneous lights at all buildings
- Repair snow removal equipment
- Complete miscellaneous CRM tickets

City Clerk

- Published RFP's for Legal Services – *Union*, Website & LMC Website and sent out RFP's to 20 area law firms
- Published Ordinances and Towing and Abatement RFP's – *Union*
- Gathered and tallied Council and staff responses to Strategic Planning homework assignment for summary

Finance

- 2012 UB reconciliation & audit work paper
- 2012 PERA exclusion reporting & PERA Police Annual Reporting
- Update 2013 Salary sheet with COLA and reclassifications
- Reconcile Landform outstanding receivables

Fire

- Notable Responses
 - 2/22- Single vehicle P.I. at the intersection of Hwy 47 & Alpine Drive. First unit arrived to find no injuries, remaining units cancelled.
 - 2/22- Single vehicle P.I. on Hwy 10, east of Armstrong Blvd. Vehicle struck power pole resulting in loss of traffic signals at intersection. No injuries. Crew assisted with traffic until signal lights were restored.
 - 2/27- Mutual Aid response to Anoka for a structure fire. Responding unit cancelled in route.
- Fire Administration
 - Met with business owner to resolve re-occurring false fire alarms
 - Attended meeting with developers to discuss temporary C.O. requirements for the Residence
 - Peer counselors meeting at Centennial Fire
 - Gathered documentation for shared fire service consultant
- Training this week: Area Familiarization & Radio Procedures

HR

- Review of strategic planning documents, related surveys & one-on-one with consultant
- Staffing/volunteer related activities (City Engineer, ED Manager, Seasonals, Reserves, Assistant to CA, & Commissions)
- Labor agreement research & analyses

IT

- New PD Payment computer is in place and hopefully soon they'll be able to process all existing payments through it. We just have some setup to do with LOGIS and RevTrak first and then minor training.
- Addressed concerns raised during the Department Head meetings regarding the Ramsey CoR site and the Ramsey Facebook page.
- Several small website changes including adding the State of the City Address and the Request for Proposal of Legal Services form to the city website to name a few.

- Attended a preliminary meetings for city staff to take a first look at the Public CRM system in a beta environment.

Parks

- Department of Corrections crew on 'vacation' this week
- Water truck is down for repairs for a second week – which is not particularly problematic, as the skating season will conclude at 8 PM Sunday March 3rd with the closure of the warming houses. Overall assessment was that the skating season was fairly normal, with only a few days closed due to cold weather
- Park's staff are focusing on much needed park and boulevard tree pruning together with ordinary tasks
- Alpine Park remains a very popular attraction this winter for both the off-leash area, and the sliding hill (accessed from the skate park parking lot)

Planning/Building

- A majority of the week was spent on plan review and preparation of the following projects
- Seasons of Ramsey
- COR TWO (Sunwood Retail)
- COR THREE (responding to multiple inquiries from potential builders)
- Met with Northgate Performing Arts Center project team re: development agreements.
- Began rental licensing report and options per City Council request.

Police

- **How Did That Happen.** Officers were dispatched to a 22 year female that did not know she was pregnant and had just given birth. Officers arrived and located the mother and child in a basement bathroom. Officers monitored vital signs on both parties until paramedics arrived. (No commentary needed on this one!)
- **Get a Room.** At 0742 hrs, officers received a call of two people having sex in a vehicle parked on a residential street. Officers arrived and located an adult male and female in various stages of dress getting to know one another. When asked why they were at the location and not a residence, the male stated his wife was home so they couldn't go there. They were sent on their way.
- **Life Like.** An officer received a call from dispatch to contact a resident about some suspicious activity. The officer phoned the complainant who stated that she was going through her clothes hamper and found a live turtle and bird under some clothes. The officer responded to the location to assist the complainant. The officer located a toy turtle and bird in the hamper.
- **New Officer.** Officer Cory Gardner started with the police department on Thursday morning. Officer Gardner comes to the Ramsey Police Department from the Hutchinson Police Department. He will be going through the Field Training portion of the job for the next three months.

Public Works

- Snow and ice control is still our top priority this week. We continue to remove excess snow from cul-de-sacs and clear snow/ice from storm sewer catch basins/spillways. It is also the beginning of pothole season! We will use winter mix on the potholes that are starting to appear and hopefully the City of St. Paul hot mix plant will open soon. As it is the only hot mix asphalt plant open in mid-March, in the metro area, it is a very busy place!

Utilities

- Utility employees continue work inside pump house #2 , the floors have been sanded and walls have been painted and water distribution piping will be painted, new epoxy floors and all chemical feed equipment will be returned and hooked up prior to spring water main flushing.
- All seven Sewer lift stations were inspected and floats were cleaned, lift station#1 was washed down with water and thoroughly cleaned

Save the Date:

- **7th Annual Wine Tasting Fundraising Event** – Sponsored by Rotary Club of Ramsey – Thursday, March 21, 2013 – 5:30 to 9:00 pm – Links at Northfork, 9333 Alpine Drive NW, Ramsey - \$15.00 Advance Sale or \$20.00 at door. *Attached to the Weekly Update is a Ramsey Resident Article regarding the Ramsey Rotary Wine Tasting Fundraising Event.*
- **Youth First Community of Promise Mayors' Prayer Breakfast** – Friday, March 22, 2013 – 7:30 – 9:00 am – Lord of Life Church, 14501 Nowthen Blvd NW, Ramsey – Table of 8: \$190.00 or \$25.00 each. For more information call 763-421-8530.
- **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.
- **Ramsey Pet Clinics** – April 21 and May 19, 2013 – 11:30 am to 1:30 pm – Ramsey Fire Station #2, 15153 Nowthen Blvd NW, Ramsey. *Attached to the Weekly Update is a Ramsey Resident Article Regarding the Ramsey Pet Clinics.*
- **Spring Recycling Day Event** – Saturday, May 4, 2013 8:00 am to 12:00 noon – Ramsey Public Works Facility, 14100 Jasper Street NW, Ramsey. *Attached to the Weekly Update is a Ramsey Resident Article Regarding the Spring Recycling Day Event.*
- **2013 Ramsey Business Expo** – Saturday, May 4, 2013 – 9:00 am to 2:00 pm – Fountains of Ramsey, 7533 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey. *Attached to the Weekly Update is the Ramsey Business Expo Flyer.*

Best regards,



Kurt Ulrich
City Administrator

Attachments:

Ramsey Resident Article: Ramsey Rotary Wine Tasting Fundraising Event
 Ramsey Resident Article: Ramsey Pet Clinics
 Ramsey Resident Article: Spring Recycling Day Event
 Ramsey Business Expo Flyer

League of Women Voters Presents Topic of Water Supply Sustainability in the
North Metro
Anoka County Press Release: Start Thinking Summer! Sign Up for Anoka
County Parks Summer Day Camps



You are invited to the
**7th Annual
Wine Tasting
Fundraising Event**

Sponsored by
Rotary Club of Ramsey

To be held at the beautiful
LINKS AT NORTHFORK
9333 Alpine Drive NW
Ramsey, MN 55303



Thursday, March 21, 2013
5:30 – 9:00 pm
\$15.00 Advance Sale
\$20.00 at door



Over 50 wines to taste and appetizers to match.

Advance sale tickets available at Coborn's
Liquor – Ramsey, or an Ramsey Rotarian

- *SILENT AUCTION
- *WALL OF WINE RAFFLE
- *CRACK THE SAFE GAME
(Purchase tickets for a chance to
win \$500 cash, only 75 tickets sold)

Proceeds from this Wine Tasting go
back to our Ramsey Community.

The Ramsey Rotary Club is still accepting
donations for the silent auction. Please
contact Deb Thatcher at 763-241-0590
for more information.

Pet Clinics

The city of Ramsey's Annual Pet Clinics will be held in April and May. At each clinic, a licensed Minnesota veterinarian will be on-site to provide free examinations and discounted vaccinations for your dog or cat. City of Ramsey staff will also be on hand to provide FREE dog licenses.



Sunday, April 21 or Sunday, May 19

11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Ramsey Fire Station #2

15153 Nowthen Blvd NW



Dogs

Rabies	\$21.00
(with any other vaccine)	\$19.00
Distemper (5 way; DHLPP)	\$26.00
Corona	\$ 5.00
Lyme	\$26.00
Bordetella	\$17.00
Heartworm Test	\$22.00
Fecal Test	\$18.00

Cats

Rabies	\$21.00
(with any other vaccine)	\$19.00
Distemper (3 way; Dist, Resp)	\$26.00
Leukemia	\$22.00
Leukemia FIV Test	\$29.00
Fecal Test	\$18.00

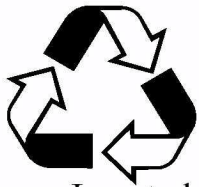
(Prices and vaccinations subject to
change-based on availability.)

Ramsey City Code requires that all dogs be licensed with the city, as well as vaccinated against rabies. If your dog has been vaccinated recently, but you do not have a current license, you may obtain a license at the clinic by bringing in your pet's current rabies vaccination certificate. The license fee is normally \$10.00 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$20.00 for dogs that are not spayed or neutered, but will be FREE at the clinics.

You must attend one of the clinics to be eligible for the free dog license. If you are not visiting the veterinarian at the clinic, you are not required to bring your pet with you to obtain a license, but you do need to provide a copy of your pet's rabies certificate (not their rabies tag).

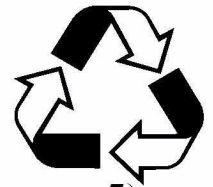
All animals must be leashed or in a pet carrier when brought to the clinic.

This is a great opportunity to protect you, your pet, and your community through low-cost pet vaccinations. For more information, contact the Ramsey Police Department at 763-427-6812 or e-mail Joleen Wiemann at jwiemann@ci.ramsey.mn.us.



Spring Recycling Day Event

Saturday, May 4 - 8:00am to 12:00 noon



For More Information Please Call 763-433-9905

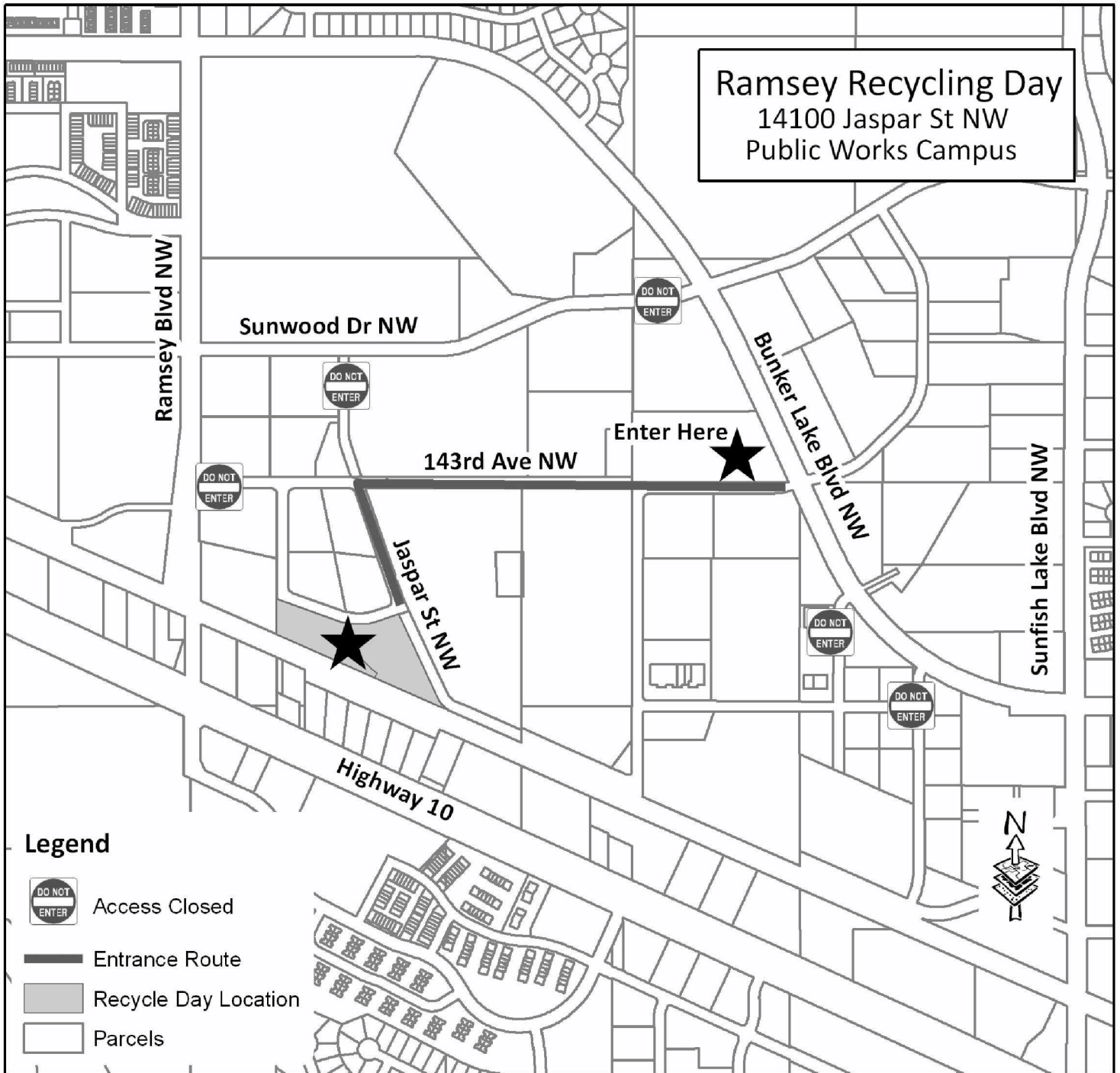
Located at the Ramsey Public Works Facility, 14100 Jasper St NW (see map on page 7)

<u>Acceptable Materials</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Standard Recyclable Materials:</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Appliances **New Pricing** All household appliances.....	FREE	Food & Beverage Glass Containers.....	Free
Tires Off-rim passenger/light truck.....	Free	Aluminum, Steel, & Tin Cans.....	Free
On-rim passenger/light truck.....	\$2.00 each	Newspaper, Magazines, Cardboard.....	Free
Off-rim semi.....	\$5.00 each	Plastic Containers, tubs and lids.....	Free
On-rim semi.....	\$6.00 each		
Fluorescent bulbs 4 feet and smaller tubes.....	\$0.25 each	Electronics Computer towers (CPUs/hard drives).....	\$2.00 ea.
Over 4 feet, compact, circular and u-tubes	\$0.55 each	Laptop computers (complete).....	\$2.00 ea.
HID lamps.....	\$1 each	Computer Monitors.....	\$5.00 ea.
Batteries Automotive (sealed lead acid), Ni-Cad, rechargeable, silver, mercury & alkaline...	Free	TV (0-20 inch).....	\$5.00 ea.
Scrap Metal All non-metal parts and fluids <u>must be removed</u>	Free	TV (21-30 inch).....	\$7.00 ea.
Cell Phones No cords, bag phones or accessories.....	Free	TV (31 inch or greater & counsel TVs).....	\$15.00 ea.
Mattresses and Box Springs PPL Industries Mattresses & box springs (any condition)	\$15 each	All other electronic waste.....	FREE
NO OTHER FURNITURE WILL BE ACCEPTED **DURING THE EVENT. PLEASE CALL FOR** ***ALTERNATIVE DISPOSAL OPTIONS.***		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****	
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.		Please Note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Certain road accesses may be temporarily closed during the event for traffic control purposes. Please see map on page 7 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 during the event. Please load your items accordingly for better traffic flow: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Ramsey (auto batteries and cell phones) • East Side Oil Companies (used oil, oil filters and antifreeze) • PPL Industries (mattresses & box springs) • 1st Choice Document Destruction (shredding) • Ace Solid Waste (scrap metal & curbside recyclables) • Retrofit Recycling (electronics & fluorescent bulbs) • Optimum Appliance (appliances) • City of Ramsey (tires) 	
<u>Materials NOT Accepted:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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.**

Ramsey Recycling Day
14100 Jasper St NW
Public Works Campus



Legend



Access Closed

Entrance Route

Recycle Day Location

Parcels

City of Ramsey Economic Development Authority (EDA) proudly presents

2013  RAMSEY

BUSINESS EXPO

Saturday, May 4, 2013 • 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Fountains of Ramsey • 7533 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey

Family friendly fun! Get out of the house and join us for the annual Ramsey Business Expo. This free event is sure to have something for everyone to walk away with. This is your chance to meet with 50 local businesses and learn about the services and products they offer. Businesses include restaurants, professional services industry, retail, medical and much more!

HIGHLIGHTS

- FREE Give-Aways & Exciting Contests
- FREE Product Samples (featuring many popular restaurants!)
- INFORMATION, COUPONS & DEALS offered by local businesses

INFORMATION

City of Ramsey website: www.cityoframsey.com, click 'community events'
Patrick Brama, 763-433-9903, pbrama@ci.ramsey.mn.us

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 24, 2013

Contact Katherine Whelchel

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League of Women Voters Presents Topic of

Water Supply Sustainability in the North Metro

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The Metropolitan Council is the regional planning agency of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. Ross will speak about the regional analyses Metropolitan Council is conducting to understand the cumulative and long-term impacts of the seven-county metropolitan area's water use choices. She will include a discussion of how individual actions can impact the sustainability of water supplies.

Lanya Ross has spent over a decade working on water supply planning issues in the Twin Cities metropolitan area. She has a bachelor's degree in geology from Macalester College and a master's in geology from Northern Arizona University. Some past projects include water resource planning for the Shakopee Mdewakanton Dakota Community, groundwater modeling of Grand Canyon National Park's public water supply, and development of the Twin Cities metropolitan area's first master water supply plan.

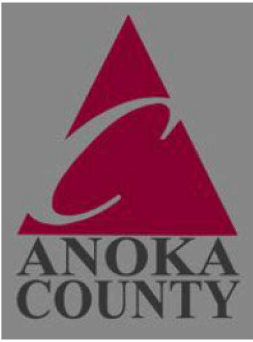
Jamie Schurbon, Water Resource Specialist with the Anoka Conservation District, will provide a local perspective on water sustainability in Anoka County, including a preview of the information in the soon to be published Anoka County Geologic Atlas. He has been employed by Anoka Conservation District for the past 13 years where he is responsible for water quality and quantity monitoring, data analysis and reporting, and coordinating projects to improve impaired water bodies.

The completion of the Geologic Atlas of Anoka County has recently been his special concern. He will describe this project and its significance.

All are invited for social time and refreshments at 6:00 pm, followed by the program and discussion at 6:30 pm. The Andover Senior Center is next-door to Andover City Hall at 1685 Crosstown Boulevard NW. Enter the City Hall parking lot from Crosstown, and proceed to the end of the parking lot.

For additional information, contact Katherine Whelchel at kathiew7contacts@gmail.com.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.



COUNTY OF ANOKA

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February 21, 2013

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Start Thinking Summer! Sign Up for Anoka County Parks Summer Day Camps

The Anoka County Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce the 2013 Summer Day Camp schedule. Wargo Nature Center Summer Day Camps are all about exploring our world, having fun, and getting dirty outside! This summer the parks department is offering brand new day camps for children pre-K through 7th grade – and they even have camps for grandparents! Small groups allow staff to give individual attention to each child. Hands-on activities and great natural resources let the kids really explore the natural world around them. Day camps are held in beautiful Anoka County parks, with ecologically diverse forest, meadow, and wetland habitats. The naturalists are all college graduates and professional educators who have spent years working with kids in the outdoors. They are also certified in First Aid, CPR, and AED. For more information or to register, please visit www.anokacountyparks.com or call 651-429-8007.

Summer Day Camp offerings include:

Preschool Camps (aged 4 and 5 at time of registration)

- Colorful Creatures; June 10-13, 9am-12 noon; Wargo Nature Center
- Curious Campers; July 15-18; 9am-12 noon; Wargo Nature Center

-more-

Anoka County Parks Summer Day Camps – Add 1

Day Camp with your Grandparent (aged 5 and up with an adult)

- Hop, Drop, and Soar!; June 21, 10am-2pm; Wargo Nature Center
- Artsy by Nature; August 2, 10am-2pm; Wargo Nature Center

Grade K-3 (finishing Spring 2013)

- CSI: Critter Scene Investigators; July 22-25, 9am-4pm; Wargo Nature Center
- Rice Creek Farm I; June 17-20, 9am-4pm; Wargo Nature Center
- Adventures with Tom and Huck; July 15-18, 9am-3:30pm; Reidel Farm Estate (Fridley)

Grades 3-5 (finishing Spring 2013)

- Don't Wanna Grow Up; July 8-11, 9am-4pm; Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park
- Nature's Laboratory; July 29-August 1, 9am-4pm; Wargo Nature Center
- Wild Skills; August 5-8, 9am-4pm; Wargo Nature Center
- Rice Creek Farms II; August 12-15, 9am-4pm; Wargo Nature Center

Grades 4-6 (finishing Spring 2013)

- Outdoor Adventures; July 22-25, 9am-4pm; Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park, Bunker Hills Regional Park
- Games, Games, Games!; August 14-15, 9am-4pm; Wargo Nature Center
- On the Water Camp; August 20-22, 9am-4pm; Wargo Nature Center

Grades 5-7 (finishing spring 2013)

- Kayak Camp; July 9-11, 9am-4pm; Wargo Nature Center