

**City of Ramsey
Weekly Update
March 28, 2013**

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Meeting Date: 03/28/2013

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Form Review

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WEEKLY UPDATE

Administrator's Report



March 28, 2013

Tuesday, April 2, 2013

5:30 p.m. – City Council/Staff Strategic Planning Work Session – Lake Itasca Room

Thursday, April 4, 2013

7:00 p.m. – Planning Commission – Council Chambers

Preview of Next Week

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

- Strategic Planning Work Session

Planning Commission (7:00 p.m. – CC)

Cases are to include [tentative]:

- FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: Receive Update on Potential Zoning Amendments at 6001 167th Ave NW [requests previously included indoor shooting range and warehouse user]
- FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: Present New Member Orientation and Review Current Zoning and Subdivision Process and Structure
- FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: Review Work Plan and Ad-Hoc Planning Commission Subcommittee to Develop Housing Assistance Policy

Community Forum: “Groundwater: the Hidden Resource” – Thursday, April 4, 2013 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. – Century College, East Campus in the Lincoln Mall, 3300 Century Ave N. White Bear Lake. *Attached to the Weekly Update is an email regarding the Community Forum: “Groundwater: the Hidden Resource”*

Council Update

Department Highlights:

Based upon recent Council feedback, the format for the “Department Highlights” section is being revised to highlight only the significant events of general interest.

Admin

- All departments were working diligently this week preparing three-year work plans for the upcoming strategic planning session.

Community Development/Development Services

- **Community Development/Development Services.** The Community Development Department is providing an update to current development projects and draft policies as part of the attached Development Update. This format will also be used to update the

Planning Commission and other interested Boards and Commissions as part of their agenda process. *Attached to the Weekly Update is the Development Update.*

Engineering

- Engineering department staff continues to work on Riverdale Drive. We are currently reviewing internal comments and preparing the specifications. We also continue to field questions, review plans, prepare estimates and coordinate activities for the active development projects that we have in the City (Seasons of Ramsey, Northgate Performing Arts, COR TWO). We have received the road ratings from public works and are currently planning the seal coat project for 2013.

Fire

- Notable Responses
 - 3/21- Fire in oven in the 5300 block of 142nd Circle. Unit arrived to a fire out situation. Assisted homeowner with moving oven outside.
 - 3/21- Smell of gas in the 18200 block of Nowthen Blvd. Unit arrived to find strong smell of propane coming from a reported known squatters house. Crew entered home to find the copper lines coming from the homes propane supply cut and removed. Crew shut supply off at the tank and ventilated home.
 - 3/24- P.I. accident at the intersection of Viking Blvd and Hwy 47. Minor injuries. Crew assisted with patient care and roadway clean up.
 - 3/27- P.I. accident at the intersection of Armstrong Blvd and Alpine Drive. One patient complaining of head injuries and was transported. Crew assisted with patient care and traffic control.

HR

- The recruitment for Economic Development Manager has closed and we are scheduling interviews for next week. Fourteen applications were received.

Police

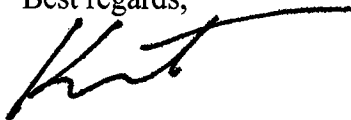
- **Just Sitting Here.** Officers were dispatched to a male trying to start fights in a Ramsey bar. Upon arrival, officers located the male party and another male in a vehicle in the parking lot. When officers approached the vehicle they could see the passenger snorting a powdery white substance. Both parties were removed from the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle appeared to be under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. He failed field sobriety tests and was arrested for DUI. A subsequent test of the driver showed a .21 BAC. The passenger was arrested for felony narcotics possession. Both parties were booked into jail.
- **PD Training.** Ramsey officers received refresher training in the use of the Taser this past week. The training is required as part of the Use of Force training mandated by the MN POST Board. Officers also trained in the area of Active Shooter this week. The training took place in the VA Clinic in a coordinated effort with the VA Police. Officers worked on tactics that are used in the event of an active shooter.

Save the Date:

- **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 Jaspar 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.*
- **LMC Annual Conference and Marketplace.** The League of Minnesota Cities 2013 LMC Annual Conference and Marketplace is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19 through Friday, June 21. *Attached to the Weekly update is an overview of the LMC annual Conference and Marketplace.* Please let Jo know if you would like to attend and if you plan to attend the preconference workshops as well and she will take care of the registration. There is a cost savings for ‘early bird’ registration.

Best regards,



Kurt Ulrich
City Administrator

Attachments: Email regarding the Community Forum: “Groundwater: the Hidden Resource”
The Development Update
Ramsey Resident Article: Ramsey Pet Clinics
Ramsey Resident Article: Spring Recycling Day Event
Ramsey Business Expo Flyer
Overview of the LMC annual Conference and Marketplace
Press Release: Anoka County Wins National Transparency Award

Electronic Agenda

Subject: FW: Join local officials and agencies for a community forum, "Groundwater: the Hidden Resource"

From: Metropolitan Council [<mailto:METC@public.govdelivery.com>]

Sent: Friday, March 22, 2013 4:04 PM

To: Jo Thieling

Subject: Join local officials and agencies for a community forum, "Groundwater: the Hidden Resource"

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Our Water, Our Future:

Resources in the Northeast Metro

A series of community forums on preserving water resources

"Business as usual" is depleting the region's most robust source of groundwater, the Prairie du Chien-Jordan aquifer. Out of sight, but hardly out of mind for residents of the northeast metro, who are getting a first-hand glimpse of the impact of depleting aquifers on surface waters.

Join local officials, the Metropolitan Council, U.S. Geological Survey and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the first in a series of community information forums, beginning with a review of groundwater; where it comes from, its relationship to lakes, rivers and streams, what's happening to water supply, and the consequences of inaction.

Groundwater: The Hidden Resource

**Thursday, April 4, 2013
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

Century College,
East Campus in the Lincoln Mall
3300 Century Avenue N. White Bear Lake

Principle planners of this event include White Bear Lake Mayor Jo Emerson, White Bear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, former Minnesota Representative Carol McFarlane, Ramsey County Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt and Metropolitan Council members Sandy Rummel and Harry Melander.

For more information visit metrocouncil.org



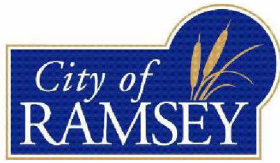
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City of Ramsey Development Update

March 28, 2013

Report Background

The following report is updated weekly.

Seasons of Ramsey [Updated]

Primary Reviewer: Tim Gladhill (tgladhill@ci.ramsey.mn.us; 763-576-4308)

The Seasons of Ramsey is a 50 unit rental townhome development located in the Town Center Gardens plat at the northeast intersection of Bunker Lake Boulevard and Town Center Drive (also known as Center Street). The Planning Commission reviewed the Sketch Plan of the Plat on December 6, 2012. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on the Preliminary Plat and reviewed the Site Plan on January 31, 2013. The City Council approved the Preliminary Plat, Final Plat, Site Plan, and associated requests of February 12, 2013. The Developer has submitted an Application for Building Permit.

The Developer was able to successfully close on the Property on Tuesday, March 19, 2013. The Developer anticipates to complete the entire project by December 31, 2013. The City is awaiting a request from the contractor to issue the Building Permit. Leasing information is available at www.essenceproperties.com, 320-255-9910, or info@essenceproperties.com. [Updated March 21, 2013]

McDonalds (Sunwood Retail in The COR)

Primary Reviewer: Chris Anderson (canderson@ci.ramsey.mn.us; 763-433-9905)

The Planning Commission reviewed a Request for Site Plan Review for McDonalds on January 3, 2013. The City Council approved the site plan and associated requests on January 22, 2013. The project is now eligible to submit a Building Permit.

The City is awaiting said submittal of the Building Permit, and anticipates said submittal in the coming weeks. [Updated March 14, 2013]

Northgate Performing Arts Center [Updated]

Primary Reviewer: Consulting Planner (Contact: Tim Gladhill (tgladhill@ci.ramsey.mn.us; 763-576-4308)

The Planning Commission reviewed a Request for Site Plan Review and Conditional Use Permit for Northgate Performing Arts Center located at 7295 Sunwood Drive NW (northeast intersection of Sunwood Drive and Peridot Street NW on October 4, 2012. The City Council approved the request on October 23, 2012.

The Developer has submitted an Application for Building Permit and anticipates to commence construction at the end of March or early April, 2013. The City Council approved an assignment of the original Development Agreement to Northgate Church, Inc. as well as approve the required surety amount on March 26, 2013. [Updated March 28, 2013]

Super America (Sunwood Retail in The COR)

Primary Reviewer: Chris Anderson (canderson@ci.ramsey.mn.us; 763-433-9905)

The Planning Commission reviewed a Request for Site Plan Review for Super America located in the Sunwood Retail Center of The COR, along the realigned Sunwood Drive on October 4, 2012. The City Council approved the request on October 16, 2012.

The City is awaiting said submittal of the Building Permit. [Updated March 14, 2013]

North Commons (COR THREE)

Primary Reviewer: Tim Gladhill (tgladhill@ci.ramsey.mn.us; 763-576-4308)

The Planning Commission reviewed a Request for Minor Plat Review of COR THREE, a seventeen (17) lot single-family development located north of Bunker Lake Boulevard in The COR on June 19, 2012. The City Council approved the request on July 10, 2012.

Preliminary grading and utility work commenced at the end of 2012. The Plat will need to be recorded prior to any Building Permit issuance. [Updated March 14, 2013]

Residence at The COR

Primary Reviewer: Tim Gladhill (tgladhill@ci.ramsey.mn.us; 763-576-4308)

The Planning Commission reviewed the request for Site Plan Review of Residence at The COR, a 230 unit apartment development along Sunwood Drive next to the Ramsey Municipal Center in 2011. The City Council approved the request in November, 2011.

The project is currently under construction. The Developer anticipates the opening of a leasing office on a temporary basis in the coming weeks. The Developer desires to open a portion of the project (approximately 50 units) in early May, at which time an existing unit will take the place as the leasing office until the actual leasing/management office is complete. For more information, visit www.corapts.com or call 763-208-5931. [Updated March 14, 2013]

Stoney River [Updated]

Primary Reviewer: Tim Gladhill (tgladhill@ci.ramsey.mn.us; 763-576-4308)

The Planning Commission reviewed the request for Site Plan Review of Stoney River, a 72 unit assisted living and memory care development at the northwest intersection of Nowthen Boulevard and Saint Francis Boulevard in August, 2011. The site is adjacent to the Lord of Life Lutheran Church Campus. The City Council approved the request in August, 2011.

The City has reviewed the Building Permit, and is awaiting final revisions as requested. According to Anoka County Property Records, the site is now owned by First Phoenix Ramsey, LLC. The Developer has stated they anticipate to close on the financing package sometime on in mid-April and has now agreed to submit the required financial surety in the form of the City's standard Letter of Credit [Updated March 28, 2013]

Mary T, Inc. Housing [Updated]

Primary Reviewer: Consulting Planner (Contact: Tim Gladhill (tgladhill@ci.ramsey.mn.us; 763-576-4308)

The City has requested Planning Commission review of a concept plan for housing for disabled veterans on a parcel located within The COR.

The Planning Commission held a work shop to receive a presentation from Mary T., Inc. on Thursday, March 14, 2013. The Developer must now submit the required land use applications. Staff anticipates said applications in the spring of 2013. The Developer has stated they desire to start construction in 2013. [Updated March 21, 2013]

Housing Assistance Policy

Primary Contact: Tim Gladhill (tgladhill@ci.ramsey.mn.us; 763-576-4308)

The City Council has directed Staff to complete a Housing Assistance Policy. The intent of the policy is to provide a framework for which to review requests for housing assistance and provide a mechanism to review proposals for compatibility with the City's housing goals.

The Policy was forwarded to the Planning Commission for development. A proposed work plan will be presented to the Planning Commission at their Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 4, 2013. [Updated March 28, 2013]

Detailed Report Information

For more information regarding the project listed above, please contact the Tim Gladhill at 763-576-4308 or visit www.cityoframsey.com/planning-division.



Tim Gladhill, Development Services Manager

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

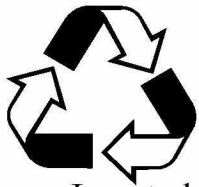
(Prices and vaccinations subject to
change-based on availability.)

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).

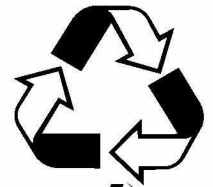
All animals must be leashed or in a pet carrier when brought to the clinic.

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

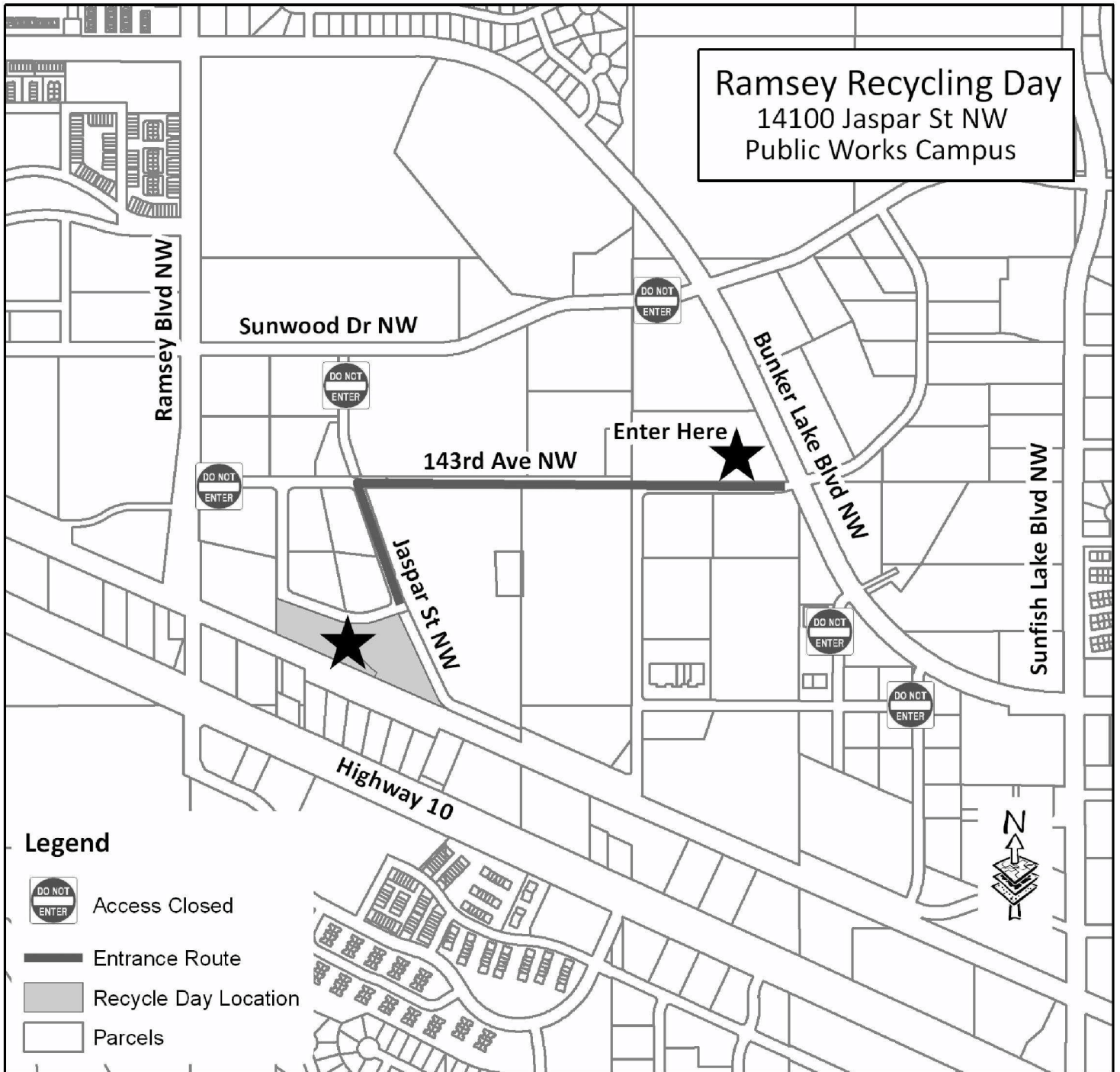
Located at the Ramsey Public Works Facility, 14100 Jasper St NW (see map on page 7)

<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



2013 LMC Annual Conference and Marketplace Overview

Wednesday, June 19

8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Registration Open (RiverCentre)

9 a.m.-12 p.m.

BLC Preconference Workshop (RiverCentre) (Link to: <http://www.lmc.org/page/1/Wed2013-Details.jsp>)

9 a.m.-2:15 p.m.

ICMA Preconference Workshop (RiverCentre) (Link to: <http://www.lmc.org/page/1/Wed2013-Details.jsp>)

2-3 p.m.

Registration and Networking (Union Depot)

3-3:30 p.m.

Conference Welcome and Opening Ceremony (Union Depot) (Link to: <http://www.lmc.org/page/1/Wed2013-Details.jsp>)

3:30-4:45p.m.

2013 IGR Legislative Update and Policy Preview (Union Depot) (Link to: [http://www.lmc.org/page/1/Wed2013-](http://www.lmc.org/page/1/Wed2013-Details.jsp)

[Details.jsp](#))

5-9 p.m.

Centennial Celebration (Union Depot) (Link to: <http://www.lmc.org/page/1/ac2013-centennialcelebration.jsp>)

Thursday, June 20

7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Registration Open

8-9 a.m.

Registration and Networking

9-10:15 a.m.

Keynote Speaker Wes Moore

“Transformational Leadership: Evolve, Adapt, Inspire” (Link to: <http://www.lmc.org/page/1/ac2013-keynotespeaker.jsp>)

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions #1 (Link to: <http://www.lmc.org/page/1/ac2013-concurrentsessions.jsp#session1>)

11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Awards Luncheon and LMC Annual Meeting

1:15-2:30 p.m.

Photograph and Ice Cream Social in Rice Park

2:30-3:30 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions #2 (Link to: <http://www.lmc.org/page/1/ac2013-concurrentsessions.jsp#session2>)

3:45-4:30 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions #3 (Link to: <http://www.lmc.org/page/1/ac2013-concurrentsessions.jsp#session3>)

4-8 p.m.

Marketplace Event

7:30 p.m.-?

Music in Mears and Reception

Friday, June 21

7 a.m.-12 p.m.

Registration Open

8-9:30 a.m.

Delegate Breakfast and Ignite Session: “I Didn’t Know the League Did That!” *(Link to:*

http://www.lmc.org/page/1/Fri2013-Details.jsp)

9:30-11 a.m.

Ignite Roundtables with League Staff *(Link to: http://www.lmc.org/page/1/Fri2013-Details.jsp)*

9:45-11 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions #4 *(Link to: http://www.lmc.org/page/1/ac2013-concurrentsessions.jsp#session4)*

11:15 a.m.-1 p.m.

Luncheon and Closing Session: “Can’t We Just Get Along?

Effective Council-Staff Relations” *(Link to: http://www.lmc.org/page/1/Fri2013-Details.jsp)*

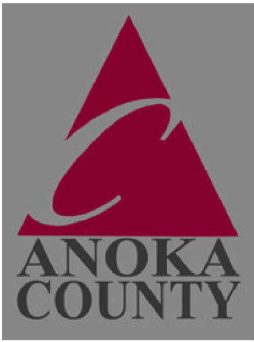
Back to the Annual Conference homepage *(Link to: http://www.lmc.org/page/1/ac2013.jsp)*

Your LMC Resource

Contact Jamie Oxley

Training Program Assistant

(651) 281-1250 or (800) 925-1122 **joxley@lmc.org** *(Link to: mailto:joxley@lmc.org)*



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Anoka County Wins National Transparency Award

The Anoka County website, www.anokacounty.us, has won a [Sunny Award!](#) The Sunny Award is presented by the Editors of [Sunshine Review](#) to honor the most transparent government websites in the nation. These outstanding websites have scored an “A+” transparency grade on Sunshine Review’s Transparency Checklist. This year, only 247 of the more than 7,000 government websites ranked by Sunshine Review earned a Sunny Award. Anoka County is the only county in Minnesota to receive the perfect A+ rating.

“We have worked hard to ensure that we are accountable to the taxpayers and transparent about how we use their tax dollars. Providing as much information as possible via our website helps us meet our mission to serve our citizens effectively and efficiently,” according to Anoka County Board Chair Rhonda Sivarajah.

The Sunshine Review uses a 10-point transparency checklist to evaluate the content of every state and local government website. Anoka County was lauded for posting a wide range of content to the county website including a detailed breakdown of the annual budget, audit reports, contact information for elected officials, meeting agendas and minutes, lobbying expenditures, and information about property taxes, permits and licenses, contract bids, and other public records. It can all be found at www.anokacounty.us.

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Anoka County Wins National Transparency Award – Add 1

“The Sunny Awards recognize governments that make transparency a priority. The winners of the Sunny Awards are cities, counties, and school districts that proactively share the public information that empowers citizens and keeps government accountable to the people,” said Michael Barnhart, President of Sunshine Review. “We would like to congratulate Anoka County for being a champion for transparency and serving as a leader to every state and local government around the nation.”

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