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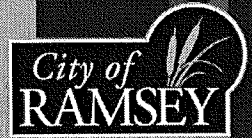
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# WEEKLY UPDATE

*Administrator's Report*



April 11, 2013

**Tuesday, April 16, 2013**

5:00 p.m. – Public Work Committee – Lake Itasca Room

5:45 p.m. City Council Work Session/Strategic Planning – Lake Itasca Room

## *Preview of Next Week*

### **Public Works Committee (5:00 p.m. – LIR)**

The agenda for Public Works consists of one case - Cost Estimate for Pedestrian Crosswalk at Alpine Drive and Zirconium Street. There will be a review of the 2012-2013 winter maintenance activities under the Committee/Staff Input portion of the agenda.

### **City Council Work Session/Strategic Planning 5:45 p.m. - LIR)**

Council and staff will meet in work session format to continue with Strategic Planning. The agenda includes review and discussion of the following three scenarios: A New Day; Moving Forward; and 2013 Budget Status Quo. Council and staff will discuss which direction to move toward, discuss a balanced scorecard and the next steps. Pizza will be available for dinner.

## *Council Update*

**Changes to our Team.** It is official, after 23 years of service with Ramsey, Captain Tim Dwyer has accepted the Chief of Police position with the City of Cambridge. Tim's last day in the office will be Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. We wish him well!

Please welcome Bruce Westby, our new City Engineer. Bruce comes to us from the City of Monticello where he worked as the City Engineer for 7 years. Hakanson Anderson will be with us for up to 1-month during the transition period. Also, a huge *Thank You* to Shane and Ron for serving as Ramsey's Interim City Engineers since last summer.

Staff selected a finalist for the Economic Development Manager position and will be bringing a case forward later this month for consideration.

- The Community Development Department is providing an update to current development projects and draft policies as part of the attached Development Update. *Attached to the Weekly Update is the Development Update.*
- Finance was busy with the auditors this week as well as running budget numbers for the Strategic Planning session.

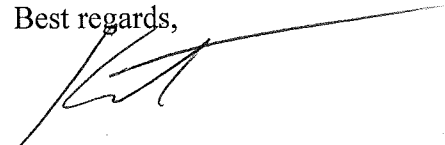
- The Fire Department:
  - Notable Responses
    - 4/4- Illegal burn in the 20100 block of St Francis Blvd. Duty Officer arrived to find fire had spread to adjoining tall grass. Additional units dispatched and fire was extinguished.
    - 4/5- Explosion heard in the 16000 block of Iodine. Unit arrived, unable to locate any problem but continued to receive multiple reports of explosion heard/felt by residents. After further investigation and communications with dispatch, the explosion took place at Alter Recycling in Anoka. A propane tank had ruptured.
    - 4/7- P.I. accident in the 5300 block of Norris Lake Road. Unit arrived to find a passenger car on its roof with the driver breathing but unresponsive. Crews extricated the patient from the vehicle and after becoming stabilized in the ambulance, was flown by air care helicopter to hospital.
    - 4/10- Grass fire reported at the intersection of Hwy 47 and Cleary Road. Fire was actually found north on Cleary Rd. Resident was burning off tall grass with torch. Homeowner was advised of burning regulations.
  - Fire Administration
    - Attended meeting on request to hold MN Twins tailgating party in Municipal parking ramp.
    - Attended the State Fire Marshal Conference
- There was nothing out of the ordinary for Public Works duties this week other than digging out from under a five-plus inch snow storm in April! You gotta love Minnesota!

**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.
- **Open House for the construction start of The Seasons of Ramsey** – Wednesday, April 24, 2013 – 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. – The Falls Café, 7533 Sunwood Drive, Ramsey.
- **Lower Rum River Water Management Organization Dinner Meeting – for all LRRWMO City Officials** - Thursday, April 25, 2013 – Greenhaven Country Club, 2800 Greenhaven Road, Anoka. Social Hour/cash bar begins at 5:30 p.m., dinner and introductions at 6:00 p.m. Presentations by Bob Obermeyer, Barr Engineering and Jamie Schurbon, Anoka County Conservation District will begin at 7:00 p.m., followed by a discussion of the Anoka Cam. Adjournment is expected at approximately 8:00 p.m. Dinner choices include chicken breast or top sirloin steak. If you are interested in attending, please let Jo know as soon as possible. RSVP's are due Friday, April 12.
- **Spring Recycling Day Event** – Saturday, May 4, 2013 8:00 am to 12:00 noon – Ramsey Public Works Facility, 14100 Jasper Street NW, Ramsey.
- **2013 Ramsey Business Expo** – Saturday, May 4, 2013 – 9:00 am to 2:00 pm – Fountains of Ramsey, 7533 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey.
- **Mayors' Prayer Breakfast** – Friday, May 17, 2013 – The Fountains of Ramsey. More information will be relayed as it becomes available.

- **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. 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.

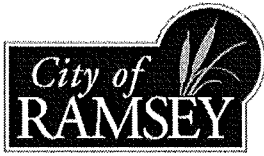
Best regards,



Kurt Ulrich  
City Administrator

Attachments:

The Development Update  
Anoka County Press Release – Take the Commuter Challenge!



## City of Ramsey Development Update

April 4, 2013

### Report Background

The following report is updated weekly.

### Seasons of Ramsey [Updated]

*Primary Reviewer: Tim Gladhill ([tgladhill@ci.ramsey.mn.us](mailto: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](http://www.essenceproperties.com), 320-255-9910, or [info@essenceproperties.com](mailto:info@essenceproperties.com).

*The City has been informed that the Developer plans to commence construction on April 24, 2013. More details to follow. [Updated April 11, 2013]*

### McDonalds (Sunwood Retail in The COR) [Updated]

*Primary Reviewer: Chris Anderson ([canderson@ci.ramsey.mn.us](mailto: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 has received an Application for Building Permit.

*The Ramsey Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) directed Staff to prepare a case to advertise for bids to complete the City required Stage I Improvements (common improvements). Staff will continue to complete the necessary follow to begin the recording of the Plat. [Updated April 11, 2013]*

### Northgate Performing Arts Center [No Update]

*Primary Reviewer: Consulting Planner (Contact: Tim Gladhill ([tgladhill@ci.ramsey.mn.us](mailto: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 Developer has signed the Development Agreement and will be submitted the required Financial Surety. The City continues to work to complete review of the Building Permit, subject to requested revisions of the Developer. [Updated April 4, 2013]

Super America (Sunwood Retail in The COR) *[No Update]*

*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) *[No Update]*

*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 *[No Update]*

*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](http://www.corapts.com) or call 763-208-5931. [Updated March 14, 2013]

Stoney River *[No Update]*

*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 *[No Update]*

*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 [No Update]

Primary Contact: Tim Gladhill ([tgladhill@ci.ramsey.mn.us](mailto: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. The Planning Commission has established an ad-hoc sub-committee to assist in the development of the policy. A meeting schedule will be developed in the coming weeks. [Updated April 11, 2013]*

### 167<sup>th</sup> Avenue Retail Node [Updated]

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

*The Planning Commission and EDA have both discussed the status of the retail node located at the intersection of 167<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Saint Francis Boulevard (TH 47). The City had previously been asked to review two (2) potential users at 6001 167<sup>th</sup> Ave NW (indoor shooting range and clothing recycling warehouse distribution. Per EDA discussion, Staff will be setting up stakeholder meetings to discuss a comprehensive approach with all property owners of the node in regards to future land uses as well as mechanisms to achieve desired future land uses. A more detailed summary will be provided following the outcomes of these stakeholder meetings. [Updated April 11, 2013]*

### Former Municipal Center Future Land Uses [Updated]

Primary Contact: Patrick Brama ([pbrama@ci.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:pbrama@ci.ramsey.mn.us); 763-433-9903)

*In 2006, the City relocated the Ramsey Municipal Center from 15153 Nowthen Blvd NW to 7550 Sunwood Dr NW. The former location still operates as Fire Station #2. The City has been exploring options for future use of this campus and relocation of Fire Station #2. To assist in the analysis of acceptable land uses for this campus for future development, an Open House has been scheduled for Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers (7550 Sunwood Dr NW). The Open House will explore options for single-family and data center users. Multiple smaller group stations, with full size maps and ability for written comments, will be available from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. A brief presentation will be presented, with ability for large group comment, from 7:00 to 7:30 (or until comments are complete). Small group stations will re-convene following the presentation and comment period. [Updated April 11, 2013]*

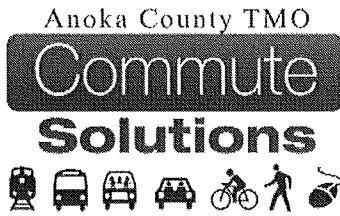
### Detailed Report Information

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



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Tim Gladhill, Development Services Manager



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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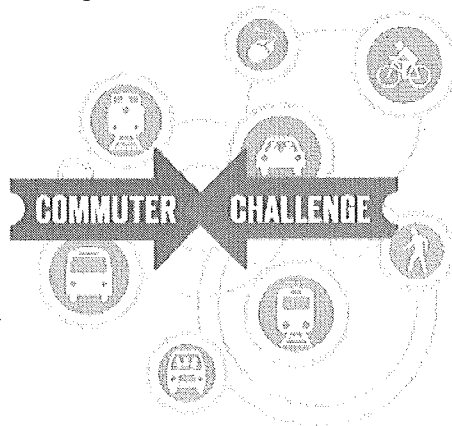
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Anoka County TMO Commute Solutions  
1440 Bunker Lake Boulevard  
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**Take the Commuter Challenge!**

(Andover, MN) – Pledge to take the bus or train, carpool, vanpool, telework, bike or walk on trips to work, school or for errands– as little as one day – between now and June 30, and you’ll be eligible to win great prizes including Tablets, Kindles, Wii U’s and more! Take part in this year’s Commuter Challenge and see how easy it is to ride the bus, carpool, bike, or walk instead of driving alone.

**Why should I take the Commuter Challenge?**

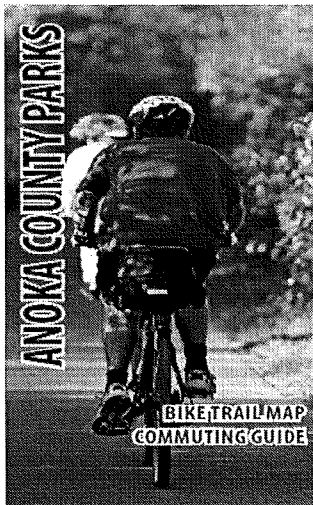
- **Save money:** A 15 mile commute in an average car costs at least \$100 per month in gas alone. Leaving your car at home, even if it’s just one day a week can save you money!
- **Win great prizes:** Pledge to leave your car at home at least one day between April 1 and June 30 and you’ll be entered in a drawing to win great prizes!
- **Better your community and the economy:** Traffic congestion costs time and money when people, goods, and services are idled on the road. The average Twin Cities commuter spends 42 hours each year stuck in traffic. Every car taken off the road improves the flow of traffic for everyone.



- **Get more exercise and improve your health:** When you walk or bike to work, you naturally incorporate regular exercise into your day. A recent study showed that walking or biking to and from a transit stop or riding your bike to work can help people attain the recommended level of daily activity.

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