

**City of Ramsey
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WEEKLY UPDATE

Administrator's Report



May 16, 2013

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

5:30 p.m. – Public Work Committee – Lake Itasca Room

Preview of Next Week

Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. The Mayors of Andover, Anoka and Ramsey invite you to join them for the annual Mayors' Prayer Breakfast. This important event is scheduled for **Friday, May 17th**, beginning at **7:30 a.m.** at the Fountains of Ramsey, 7533 Sunwood Dr NW, in Ramsey. *Attached to the Weekly Update is a flyer for the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.*

Ramsey Pet Clinics – Sunday, May 19, 2013 – 11:30 am to 1:30 pm – Ramsey Fire Station #2, 15153 Nowthen Blvd NW, Ramsey.

Public Works Committee (5:30 p.m. – LIR)

- Mailbox Damage at 16100 Dysprosium Street
- Upgrades to City Well #4
- Consider Policy for Allowing Fences to be Constructed in Drainage & Utility Easements w/Infrastructure Conflicts
- Update on Turf Restoration at 7046 166th Avenue (Mack and Shayle Domiguez)
- Update on reconstruction requests for Andrie Street

Council Update

MnDOT Highway 10 Mill and Overlay Improvement Project. The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) plans to complete a pavement mill and overlay project on Highway 10 this summer between Fair oak Avenue in Anoka and Hanson Boulevard in Coon Rapids. The work will consist of milling the pavement surface and overlaying the underlying pavement section with new pavement, along with improvements to the storm sewer system and adjacent interchange ramps and bridges. In addition, approximately 750 feet of Trunk Highway 47 (Ferry Street) will also be reconstructed where it crosses the BNSF railroad tracks. Work is anticipated to begin in late July, following the Anoka County Fair, and end in September. MnDOT will be holding a public open house on this project on Wednesday, June 19th, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Coon Rapids High School Cafeteria at 2340 Northdale Boulevard NW. Part of the detour route for the work to be completed on the west end of the project may extend into the City of Ramsey. The City is therefore planning to help advertise the open house on the electronic COR reader board and the City's website.

Rail Signal Malfunctions. Add to the reasons Ramsey needs an interchange . . . both Ramsey and Armstrong intersections were blocked due to a signal malfunction for over an hour mid-day on Tuesday, May 14th.

Community Development/Development Services

- The Community Development Department has provided an update to current development projects and draft policies as part of the Development Update. *Attached to the Weekly Update is the Development Update.*

Fire Department

- Notable Responses:
 - 5/9- Unresponsive male in the 18600 block of Burns Parkway. Unit arrived to find patient having reaction to prescribed medications. Crew assisted Allina with patient care.
 - 5/11- Grass fire in the 4800 block of 154th LN. Unit arrived to find an approximate 1 acre fire actively burning. Crews extinguished and soaked down surrounding area
 - 5/15- Mutual Aid to Andover to assist with structure fire. Crews assisted with extinguishment and water supply.

HR

- Employee Training this week – Walking & Working Surfaces / Slips, Trips, Falls

Public Works

- This weekend will mark the 29th year that the City of Ramsey has participated in the annual Anoka High School “Football Boosters Event”. This event gives the Anoka Football players a chance to give back to the communities that provide field space for them. This year the players will be helping with tree planting in North Commons Park from approximately 8:30-11:00 Saturday morning. The players will also be painting hockey rinks at Central Park and helping with spring cleanup at Trott Brook Cemetery.
- The Utility Department repaired a broken water valve at the intersection of Barium St and 142nd Ln. The operating nut had become worn from use and utility crews were no longer able to operate the valve. The operating nut was replaced and the valve is now fully operational once more.

Save the Date:

- **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. *Attached to the Weekly Update is a Flyer for the LMC Annual Conference and Marketplace.*

Best regards,



Kurt Ulfich
City Administrator

Attachments: Flyer for the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.
The Development Update
Flyer for the LMC Annual Conference and Marketplace
Anoka County Press Release – Anoka County *Economic Gardening* Program
Anoka County Press Release – Celebrate Anoka County Parks 50th Anniversary

Kathy Schmitz

From: Kathy Schmitz
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2013 8:31 AM
To: Kathy Schmitz
Subject: FW: An Invitation from the Mayors of Andover, Anoka & Ramsey

From: Youth First Community of Promise [<mailto:heidi.geiss@co.anoka.mn.us>]
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2013 10:16 AM
To: Kurt Ulrich
Subject: An Invitation from the Mayors of Andover, Anoka & Ramsey



19th Annual - Youth First Community of Promise Mayors' Prayer Breakfast Fundraiser

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Oak View Middle School
Safe Kids Anoka County
Scott Schulte
Sean Beggin
The Weaver Brothers Company
Trott Brook Financial
United Methodist Church of Anoka
Vickie Spindler

Dear Kurt,

The **Mayors of Andover, Anoka and Ramsey** invite you to join them at this important breakfast on **Friday, May 17th at 7:30 a.m.** at the Fountains of Ramsey located at 7533 Sunwood Dr NW, in Ramsey.

The purpose of the breakfast is to raise awareness and support Youth First Community of Promise, which provides essential services to kids that are struggling at school, at home, with relationships, and in life.

It is a **life-saving program** that provides kids with five specific promises to improve their chances of success: caring adults, safe places, a healthy start and future, an effective education and opportunities to give back.



This year's guest speaker is Alison Feigh, Program Coordinator for the Jacob Wetterling Resource Center/National Child Protection Training Center. Alison is an expert on the topic of child and teen safety and has appeared on CNN, Fox News, and local news outlets talking about her non-fear based personal safety messages. As a classmate of Jacob Wetterling, Alison learned early on how important it is to protect our children and youth from exploitation.

Tickets

Tickets can be purchased by calling (763) 421-8530 or by [email](#).

\$25 each
\$190 table of 8

Make a Donation

Can't make it to the breakfast, but would like to make a donation?

Monetary donations can be made online through **Razoo** or by mailing a check directly to Youth First.

Youth First is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. All donations are tax deductible.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. Thank you for supporting Youth First, we look forward to seeing you at the breakfast!

Sincerely,

Kelly Thorsten
Youth First Community of Promise
kelly.thorsten@co.anoka.mn.us
763-421-8530

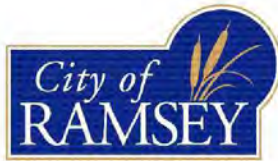


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City of Ramsey Development Update

May 16, 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.

Work has commenced and continues on the project. Staff will provide updates as needed. [Updated May 16, 2013]

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

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 has received an Application for Building Permit.

The HRA approved Plans and Specifications and authorized Staff to advertise for bids for the Stage I Improvements as directed by the HRA for the May 14, 2013 HRA meeting. Initial Building Permit Plan Review has been completed, subject to revisions as requested by the City's Technical Review Staff. Staff also continues work with McDonald's to complete pre-development activities and review the plan sheets submitted for Building Permit review. [Updated May 16, 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 Building Permit was issued for Northgate Performing Arts Center on Friday, May 10, 2013. A pre-construction meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2013. [Updated May 16, 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 or call 763-208-5931.

The Developer was allowed to open two (2) units for the purposes of a leasing office and model unit. A certificate of occupancy has not yet been issued pending completion of final improvements necessary to open Phase I. Prospective tenants must be accompanied by leasing staff at all times when visiting the leasing office or model unit. [Updated May 9, 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.

Staff did receive the required Plumbing Plan Review from the State of Minnesota. Staff is still awaiting revised plan sheets, which are assumed to be under development to complete the Building Permit Review. Staff is also awaiting the required Letter of Credit. [Updated April 25, 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.

Staff has received notification that the Developer is now exploring multiple options for sites within Ramsey, other than the site originally identified. Staff will be meeting with the Developer in mid-May to discuss potential options. [Updated April 25, 2013]

Housing Assistance Policy [No Update]

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. The Planning Commission has established an ad-hoc sub-committee to assist in the development of the policy.

The Housing Sub-Committee has met on two (2) occasions to date. Current accomplishments include completion of an Interim Policy Statement (until the final policy is adopted), agreement on the framework of the policy, and establishment of housing-type priorities. All drafts must still be approved by the City Council. Staff would like to provide a status update with the City Council at the May 28, 2013 City Council Meeting. [Updated May 9, 2013]

167th Avenue Retail Node [No Update]

Primary Contact: Tim Gladhill (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 167th Avenue and Saint Francis Boulevard (TH 47). The City had previously been asked to review two (2) potential users at 6001 167th 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; 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 18th 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.

The Open House was held as scheduled despite weather concerns. Staff continues to compile results and comments from that Open House and presented preliminary findings to the City Council on Tuesday, April 23, 2013. Based on the results of that open house, Staff will presenting the detailed results to the Planning Commission, EDA, and City Council in May prior to taking any further steps. It is at this stage that Staff will discuss future direction, if any direction is desired at this time.

Staff has updated the Planning Commission (5/2/13) and the EDA (5/16/13) on the status of the project. Staff will be forwarding a case for City Council review in the near future. [Updated May 16, 2013]

June Planning Commission Cases

The following cases will be forwarded to the June Planning Commission (details will be included following completion of the technical reports to the Planning Commission):

1. Consider Request for Site Plan Review and Variance to Front (Side-Corner) Yard Setback for an Expansion Located at 6815 McKinley St NW; Case of Cullinan Rigging
2. Consider Request for Conditional Use Permit to Allow Two (2) Horses on 2.5 Acres Located at 8010 167th Ln NW; Case of Linda Eidem
3. Consider Request for Conditional Use Permit for Motor Vehicle Sales 7820 Riverdale Dr NW; Case of Bethel Properties
4. Consider Request for Conditional use Permit for Oversizing of Accessory Structure Size; Case of Mike and Diane Dahlberg

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

Kathy Schmitz

From: Kathy Schmitz
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2013 8:24 AM
To: Kathy Schmitz
Subject: FW: Sneak Peek: 2013 LMC Annual Conference and Marketplace Agenda

Begin forwarded message:

From: League of Minnesota Cities <members@lmc.org>
Date: February 6, 2013, 8:57:21 AM CST
To: Sarah <sstrommen@ci.ramsey.mn.us>
Subject: Sneak Peek: 2013 LMC Annual Conference and Marketplace Agenda
Reply-To: League of Minnesota Cities <members@lmc.org>

A first look at what's in store for you in St. Paul this June!

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It's official! The League of Minnesota Cities is turning 100 years old, and we couldn't have done it without you.

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Participate in this two-day event to:

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- Be inspired during keynote sessions
- Learn about new ways to do the day-to-day work of cities

You'll also have the opportunity to network with your colleagues from around the state—as well as city vendors and League staff.

Don't miss this once-in-a-century celebration!

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Anoka County *Economic Gardening*TM Program

Invitation to Boost Your Success

Please join us on Tuesday, May 28, 2013, at the Blaine Campus of Rasmussen College when the Anoka County *Economic Gardening*TM Program hosts the fourth of four speakers who have experienced significant growth in operations and employment and will share their experiences and insights/recommendations with the members of the local business community.

Where: Blaine Campus of Rasmussen College
3629 95th Avenue NE
Blaine, MN 55104

When: Tuesday, May 28, registration and refreshments at 6 p.m.
The program will begin at 6:15 p.m.

RSVP: Free admission with RSVP: harlangensis@mac.com (612) 701-8153

Register: <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/6428952169>

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**Directions to the Blaine campus:
3629 95th Ave. NE, Circle Pines, MN 55014
(763) 795-4720**

Coming from East Metro area:

- Take 694 westbound
- Exit onto northbound Interstate 35W (drive approx. 7 mi.)
- Exit onto 95th Ave. NE
- Turn left at the top of the ramp
- Turn left at the first driveway entrance (at the “Blaine Preserve” complex)
- Follow the long driveway in a long “S” curve, which brings you to the campus

Coming from West Metro area:

- Take 694 eastbound
- Exit onto northbound Interstate 35W (drive approx. 7 mi.)
- Exit on to 95th Ave NE
- Turn left at the top of the ramp
- Turn left at the first driveway entrance (at the “Blaine Preserve” complex)
- Follow the long driveway in a long “S” curve, which brings you to the campus

Coming from South Metro area:

- Take Interstate 35W northbound
- Exit on to 95th Ave. NE
- Turn left at the top of the ramp
- Turn left at the first driveway entrance (at the “Blaine Preserve” complex)
- Follow the long driveway in a long “S” curve, which brings you to the campus

Coming from North Metro area:

- Take County Rd 65 (Central Ave.) southbound
- Exit onto Highway 10 east
- Exit onto northbound Interstate 35W (drive approx. 4 mi.)
- Exit on to 95th Ave. NE
- Turn left at the top of the ramp
- Turn left at the first driveway entrance (at the “Blaine Preserve” complex)
- Follow the long driveway in a long “S” curve, which brings you to the campus

Coming from St. Cloud area:

- Take Highway 10 eastbound
- Exit onto northbound Interstate 35W
- Continue approximately 4 miles
- Exit on to 95th Ave. NE
- Turn left at the top of the ramp
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- Follow the long driveway in



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Celebrate Anoka County Parks 50th Anniversary!

The Anoka County Parks and Recreation Department and Commissioner Jim Kordiak, would like to invite you to a neighborhood gathering at Kordiak County Park on Wednesday, May 22, beginning at 6 p.m.

This will be an informal gathering of neighbors and county staff for the purpose of making some landscape improvements to the park. At the same time, we would appreciate any feedback that you may have about Kordiak County Park.

This neighborhood gathering is a work project in preparation for the countywide celebration of the 50th Anniversary of this park, the first county park in Minnesota. This project will include planting flowers and perennials, spreading wood chips, and other park clean-up activities. Please dress appropriately and bring your gloves and gardening tools.

Plan to join us for an evening of neighborhood fun, sharing and volunteering. Water and cookies will be served.

Lastly, please mark your calendars now to attend the countywide 50th Anniversary Celebration scheduled for Wednesday, June 19, from 6-7 p.m. at Kordiak County Park.

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Celebrate Anoka County Parks 50th Anniversary! – Add 1

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact Andy Soltvedt at Anoka County Parks and Recreation, telephone 763-767-2870. Thank you and we hope to see you on May 22.

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