

**City of Ramsey
Weekly Update
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Thursday, July 4, 2013

Office Closed in Observance of Independence Day
(Happy 4th of July)



Tuesday, July 9, 2013

5:30 p.m. – City Council Work Session – Lake Itasca Room
6:30 p.m. – Ribbon Cutting for Library – On The Go – Municipal Center
7:00 p.m. – City Council – Council Chambers
Immediately following CC – HRA – Council Chambers

Thursday, July 11, 2013

7:30 a.m. – EDA – Lake Itasca Room
6:30 p.m. – Park & Recreation Commission – **Canceled for July**

Preview of Next Week

Independence Day. City offices are closed on Thursday, July 4, in observation of Independence Day. Offices will be re-opened at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, July 5.

Planning Commission: Note the Planning Commission was rescheduled to Thursday, July 18, due to the 4th of July holiday.

City Council Work Session – Tuesday, July 9, 5:30 p.m. – LIR – Dinner will be provided

- Issuance of Capital Equipment Certificates for 2013 Capital Equipment Purchases
- Review of Long Term Street Maintenance and Reconstruction Financing Options and Cost Estimate Assumptions
- Discussion regarding the Economic Development Manager Position

Ribbon Cutting – Anoka County Library – On The Go. The grand opening for the Anoka County Library – On The Go – (housed in the Municipal Center – former Mississippi River Room) will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2013, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Ramsey Municipal Center. The ribbon cutting ceremony is set for 6:30 p.m. It is expected Council will wish to adjourn – or recess – the work session to attend the ribbon cutting.

City Council – Tuesday, July 9, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. - CC

Three presentations are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at the City Council meeting: Swearing of New Patrol Officer James Bagne; Recognition of Promotions of Officer Frankfurth to Captain and Officer Bluml to Sergeant; and Presentation by the Ramsey Lions of a check to the City for the purchase of new Defibrillators. The cases for the evening include:

- Receive Building Permit Levels for 2013 Year to Date and Discuss Long Term Building Inspection and Plan Review Staff Needs
- 15153 Nowthen Blvd Property Developments: Consider Further Public Input Process Alternatives
- Highway 10 Outside Storage: Policy Discussion and Permission to Submit an IUP application

HRA – Tuesday, July 9, 2013 – Immediately following Council – CC

- Consider Counter-Proposal for Sale of Outlot Purchase / Exchange of Property – Outlot A RTC 8th Addition (This discussion may be closed to the public)

Park & Recreation Commission Meeting. The P&R meeting for July 11 has been canceled due to no actionable items for discussion.

Council Update

Bury & Carlson. The lease termination agreement was finalized between Bury's attorney and Bill Goodrich on Monday, July 1. All documents have been signed and tax exemption request submitted to Anoka County. Payment by the City to Mr. Bury, as outlined in the lease termination agreement, has also been completed. Bury and Carlson has until September 1, 2013 to remove their remaining property, at which time the city will release the remaining relocation escrow it has been holding since 2008.

Absentee Voting Continues. In-person absentee voting for the July 30 Special Election began on Friday, June 28. Booths have been set up at City Hall to accommodate persons unable to vote in person on the 30th. Residents of Ward 1 will be able to vote absentee from through July 29, Monday through Friday, 8:00 to 4:30. City Hall will be open on Saturday, July 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to accommodate in-person absentee voting as well.

TBRA Grant Award. Good News! Staff received notification that the City of Ramsey was awarded Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) funding in the amount of \$14,821, from the Met Council for the old municipal center site. The funding will be used to pay for site investigation costs (i.e. environmental assessments, pre-demo surveys, etc.) Congratulations go out to Patrick Brama for writing the award winning grant request!

News Release – Anoka County Awarded \$10 Million Grant to Improve Highway 10. *Attached to the Weekly Update is the News Release re the grant for Highway 10.*

Twin Cities Residential Building Permits Up Again in June. Staff noted a permit level article in MinnPost stating that residential construction permits issued in the Twin Cities were

up 64 percent in June as compared to last June. A list of cities with the most permits issued in June listed the City of Ramsey with the fourth highest total number. *Attached to the Weekly Update is the Permit Level Article – MinnPost.*

Police Update:

- **Alarming.** The PD set up an alarm system at the old LeTourneau's site due to recent thefts of copper. The alarm was activated at 0120 hours on Sunday morning. Officers arrived and located an unsecure door. With an assist from two K9 units, two suspects were located hiding inside the building. Numerous tools used for cutting metal were located inside but the defendants denied knowing anything about them. They stated they were out for a walk and went inside when they saw a squad car arrive in the area. A 25-year-old male and his 35-year-old girlfriend were booked for second degree burglary and possession of burglary tools. Nice job to the Ramsey Police for this proactive police work!
- **More Alarms.** At approximately 0400 hours on Wednesday morning, officers received a call of an alarm at a smoke shop on St. Francis Boulevard. A short time later, a witness called and stated that he had witnessed a break-in to the business. The suspects were last seen leaving on St. Francis Boulevard toward Anoka. The suspect vehicle was spotted by an Anoka County Deputy on Highway 10 and followed it back into Ramsey. The vehicle pulled in behind a business on Riverdale Boulevard and the driver fled on foot. Two passengers were taken into custody. Several cartons of cigarettes were recovered from the vehicle. The driver was not located at the time of this update.

Save the Date:

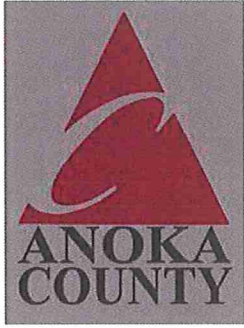
- **Farmers Market.** The Ramsey Farmers Market will begin July 18 and continue throughout the summer. This event will be held on Thursdays in conjunction with The Draw Summer Event Series.
- **Local Government Officials Meeting.** The quarterly Local Government Officials Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 31, at 6:00 p.m. at the Chomonix Golf Course, 700 Aqua lane, Lino Lakes. The County Commissioners will be grilling dinner for the attendees. Jo will send a calendar request to Mayor and Council.
- **2nd Annual Police Explorer Bowling Fundraiser.** Saturday, August 17, 2013, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Super Bowl, 6720 Riverdale Drive NW, Ramsey. All proceeds go to the Ramsey Police Explorer POST 3819. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Kristin Camacho, 763-576-4301 or kcamacho@ci.ramsey.mn.us.

Best regards,



Kurt Ulrich
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Attachments: News Release - \$10 Million Grant for Highway 10 Improvements
MinnPost Article on Residential Building Permits



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Anoka County Awarded \$10 Million Grant to Improve Highway 10

Anoka County has been selected to receive a \$10 million grant from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) as part of the Corridor Investment Management Strategy program. According to a letter of award from MnDOT, the project was selected for its alignment with the Minnesota GO vision's objectives of improving quality of life, economic competitiveness, and environmental health.

“Changes to this portion of Highway 10 have been a long time coming and lives have been lost in the meantime. We are grateful that MnDOT has recognized the need for this project, which will be just the beginning of necessary improvements to one of the state's most important roadways,” said Anoka County Commissioner Matt Look, who represents the city of Ramsey. “We are grateful for the partnership with the cities of Ramsey and Anoka in pushing this effort forward so that we can deliver a safe travel route for our citizens.”

The grant funds will be used to make major changes at one of the key interchanges along the U.S. Highway 10 (US 10) corridor in Anoka County at County Road (CR) 83 (Armstrong Boulevard) in the city of Ramsey. US 10 has been recognized by MnDOT as one of its most important transportation facilities - a high priority Interregional Corridor. A study was completed in 2002 that identified the need to convert US 10 to a freeway facility. Since 2002, the City of Ramsey, Anoka County, MnDOT and the Metropolitan Council have worked collaboratively to identify opportunities for improvement.

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MINNPOST

Twin Cities residential building permits up again in June

By Joe Kimball | 06/28/13

Residential construction permits issued in the Twin Cities were up 64 percent in June over last June, and year-to-date planned units are at their highest level since 2007, reports the Builders Association of the Twin Cities.

The group says 496 permits for a total of 912 units were issued in the first four weeks of June. Year-to-date, metro cities issued 2,379 permits for a total of 4,204 units.

Builders Association of the Twin Cities President Pamela Belz said:

"As the year progresses, evidence continues to grow that the housing market is truly rebounding across the region. And growth is happening in spite of both a labor shortage and delays caused by the out-of-the-ordinary weather we've had. The long winter kept road restrictions on longer than usual, and now the rain is saturating the ground and delaying foundations from going in across the metro."

Cities with most permits issued in June:

- Minneapolis, 380 units
- Brooklyn Park and Woodbury, 31 each
- Woodbury, 31
- Ramsey, 29
- Blaine, Chanhassen and Lakeville, 23 each.