

WEEKLY UPDATE

Administrator's Report



September 5, 2013

Saturday, September 7, 2013

7:30 am – 11:00 p.m. – Happy Days



Tuesday, September 10, 2013

6:00 p.m. – HRA – Council Chambers

7:00 p.m. – City Council – Council Chambers

Thursday, September 12, 2013

5:30 p.m. – Park and Recreation Commission – The Draw Park Patron Picnic – 7403 E. Ramsey Parkway NW – Sunwood Drive NW to Rhinestone Street NW – followed by the meeting at approximately 7:15

6:00 p.m. – Hwy 10 Access Planning Study – Alexander Ramsey Room

Preview of Next Week

Happy Days, September 7, from 7:30 am – 11:00 p.m. The City's 15th annual hometown festival, Happy Days, will be taking place next Saturday, September 7. The Happy Days Committee has been working very hard to make this year the best yet! Some highlighted events include the 5k, parade, fireworks, *free* kids activities, live music, the Police and Fire Department's chili cook off, and much more! Happy Days is fortunate to have support and funding from local organizations – come support a great community event!! *Attached to the Weekly Update is the Happy Days Schedule of Events.*

HRA – 6:00 p.m. (CC) – Please Note: No Meal Provided.

- Adopt Resolution Approving Proposed 2014 HRA Levy
- Discuss Request for Proposals for Real Estate Broker Services
- Consider Sidewalk at North Commons Park

City Council – 7:00 p.m. (CC)

- Adopt Resolutions Approving Proposed 2014 Payable Tax Levies and Schedule Public Meeting for December 10, 2013
- Review and Adopt Proposed 2014 General Fund Budget
- Consideration of Approving Draft Franchise Agreement & Ordinance Terms and Ordering Public Hearings
- Introduce Ordinance #13-17 to Amend 2013 Rates and Fees Related to Water Trunk and Existing Reimbursement Agreement and Call for Public Hearing
- Adopt Resolution #13-09-136 Approving the Joint Powers Agreement and Accepting Bids for the Mississippi River Trail
- Approve Amendment #2 to The Tinklenberg Group Contract for Additional Services

Park Patron Picnic/P&R Commission Meeting – 5:30 p.m. Picnic – approximately 7:15 p.m. meeting start time - The Draw Park – 7403 E. Ramsey Parkway NW – Sunwood Drive NW to Rhinestone Street NW. The annual community park patron picnic will be held on Thursday, beginning at 5:30 p.m. There will be a live broadcast from BOB FM. Shop at the Farmer's Market

and you will receive free food from the grill. The event is sponsored by the Ramsey Park and Recreation Commission. As an additional point of information, this event is rain or shine – that is, if the Farmer’s Market is happening, the picnic proceeds. In the case of truly inclement weather, the picnic will be cancelled, and the drawings that are normally held at the picnic will occur the next week at the 7:00 p.m. conclusion of the Farmer’s Market.

The regular Park and Recreation Commission meeting for September is anticipated to consist of a single case: **Recommend Approval of the Community Building for Elmcrest Park.** The meeting will be delayed approximately 45 minutes to an hour until the conclusion of the Park Patron Picnic at about 7:15 p.m. *Attached to the Weekly Update is the Flyer for the September 12, Draw Summer Event Series.* (As an additional point of information, this event is rain or shine – that is, if the Farmer’s Market is going, the picnic proceeds. In the case of truly inclement weather, the picnic will be cancelled, and the drawing only will occur the next week at the 7:00 p.m. conclusion of the market.)

Council Update

Land Use Review. You will note several land use review items under the **Save the Date** portion of this Update. The topic and the date, time and place are listed. The Planning Department has submitted a case for the September 10 Council meeting (Consent Agenda) named Review Calendar Upcoming Public processes related to Land Use Review. The Consent item gives a brief overview of each meeting.

Septic Maintenance and Inspection Reminders Sent. The City recently sent approximately 1,300 notifications as a reminder to owners of private septic systems to have their septic system pumped/maintained or inspected as required by Minnesota Rules 7080. As the official local governmental unit responsible for administering compliance with Minnesota Rules, the City maintains these records through the issuance of a Septic Pumping Permit. The mailings are based on permits submitted to City records. Minnesota Rules require that a septic system be pumped at a frequency not to exceed once every three (3) years. The Rules do provide for some exceptions of the amount of effluent is below the prescribed maximum to have pumped. This continues to work with individuals on timelines and updating City records. Staff is committed to work with individuals to find solutions to work towards compliance, and will review requests for extensions as they come. If an owner believes they system has been properly pumped/maintained within this timeframe, Staff will work with the owner to update City records. For more information, visit www.cityoframsey.com/septic. *Attached to the Weekly Update is a copy of the letter sent to Applicable Owners Regarding Septic Maintenance.*

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.*

Police Department Update

- **The Web.** Officers received a call to a residence in Ramsey to meet with a 14 year old male who was having problems with his computer. Officers learned that the juvenile had been looking at porn on the family computer when a message popped up indicating that he had violated US Criminal Code and he was going to prison. He was worried that his parents would find out. (If he went to prison, they probably would notice). Officers discovered a

virus on the computer, probably from a porn site. He was counseled on his judgment for the use of the computer and it was left up to him to tell his parents or not.

- **A Little Young.** Officers responded to a go-cart accident with injuries. Upon arrival, officers found a 32 year old male trapped by a go-cart that had rolled on its side. Officers learned that the injured male had been a passenger on the go-cart that was being driven by his 5 year old son. The 5 year old was not injured, however, his father was taken to Mercy by ambulance.

Public Works Activities

- Most of this week's activities consist mostly of Happy Days preparations. A lot of work goes into the set up for the one day event. Streets need to be swept in advance, over 300 traffic cones are needed for various events, firewood that has been collected over the year, needs to be stacked on pallets and delivered for the bon fires. 300 sand bags are filled and delivered to the site to hold down signs, barricades and vendor tents. Temporary driveways and overflow parking lots are designed and laid out to handle the crowds. PW works closely with the police department making all the signs for the road closures and detours needed for the event. The PW department has people on duty throughout the event emptying trash containers and taking care of other needs as they arise. Thank you to the Public Works department for their role in making this event a success!

Save the Date:

- **Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area Pre-Process Public Collaborative Process** – Monday, September 16, 2013 – 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – Alexander Ramsey Room.
- **Anoka County Sheriff's Office Open House** – Wednesday, September 19, 2013, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., 13301 Hanson Blvd. NW, Andover. *Attached to the Weekly Update is a flyer regarding the Anoka County Sheriff's Office Open House.*
- **167th Avenue Node Future Land Uses** – Thursday, September 26, 2013 – 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Alexander Ramsey Room
- **Former Municipal Center Collaborative Process** – Thursday, October 24, 2013 – 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Lake Itasca Room
- **Future Business Park Location** – Thursday, November 21, 2013 – 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – Lake Itasca Room

Best regards,



Kurt Ulrich
City Administrator

Attachments: Hwy 10 Access Planning Study, Public Open House
Happy Days Schedule of Events
Flyer for the September 12, Draw Summer Event Series
Copy of the letter sent to Applicable Owners Regarding Septic Maintenance
Development Update
Flyer regarding the Anoka County Sheriff's Office Open House

Highway 10 Access Planning Study

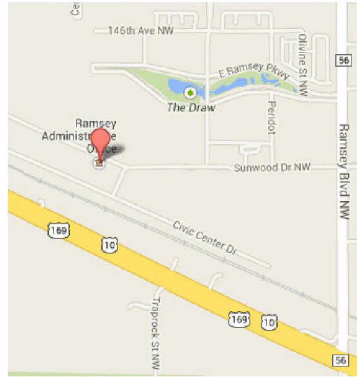


Public Open House

MnDOT and Anoka County invite you to attend a public open house for the Highway 10 Access Planning Study within the Cities of Ramsey and Anoka.

Thursday, September 12, 2013 | 6 to 8 PM
Alexander Ramsey Room at the
Ramsey City Hall (7550 Sunwood Dr, Ramsey)

The meeting will be an open house format. Please plan to stop by any time between 6 PM and 8 PM. There will not be a formal presentation.



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<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy10study/index.html>

Background

Highway 10 within the Cities of Ramsey and Anoka has been studied numerous times over the past decade, each time furthering the planning for conversion to a full freeway. Based upon traffic volumes and safety concerns, a freeway is the proper vision for this corridor. The corridor is commonly congested and has much higher than average crash and severity rates than comparable corridors. In addition, the corridor has five signalized intersections and numerous other access points (14.5 per mile) contributing to the degradation of the facility. Over the past 10 years, 13 people have died on the 7-mile corridor. Four of these fatalities were pedestrians, including three in the past 18 months.

Considering current overall state and federal funding levels, it will be difficult to achieve the vision of a freeway facility on this portion of Highway 10 in the next 20 years. To reduce crashes and improve mobility issues, it is reasonable and responsible to implement lower-cost, interim measures that incrementally improve safety and operations for all users of the Highway 10 corridor.

Please see the Issues Map on the back side of this newsletter illustrating the Highway 10 study area and information on existing traffic and safety conditions.

Study Overview

MnDOT and Anoka County, in coordination with the Cities of Ramsey and Anoka, initiated the Highway 10 Access Planning Study in April 2013. The intent of this study is to identify high-benefit improvements that are fiscally responsible so that improvements can be funded, programmed, and implemented incrementally.

The goals for this study include:

- Identify high-benefit, lower-cost improvements along Hwy 10 to:
 - Improve safety for motorists and pedestrians
 - Address mobility and congestion issues to preserve the regional function of the road
- Recommend improvements at a scale that can be funded and maintained
- Prioritize investment recommendations for incremental implementation beginning in the short-term

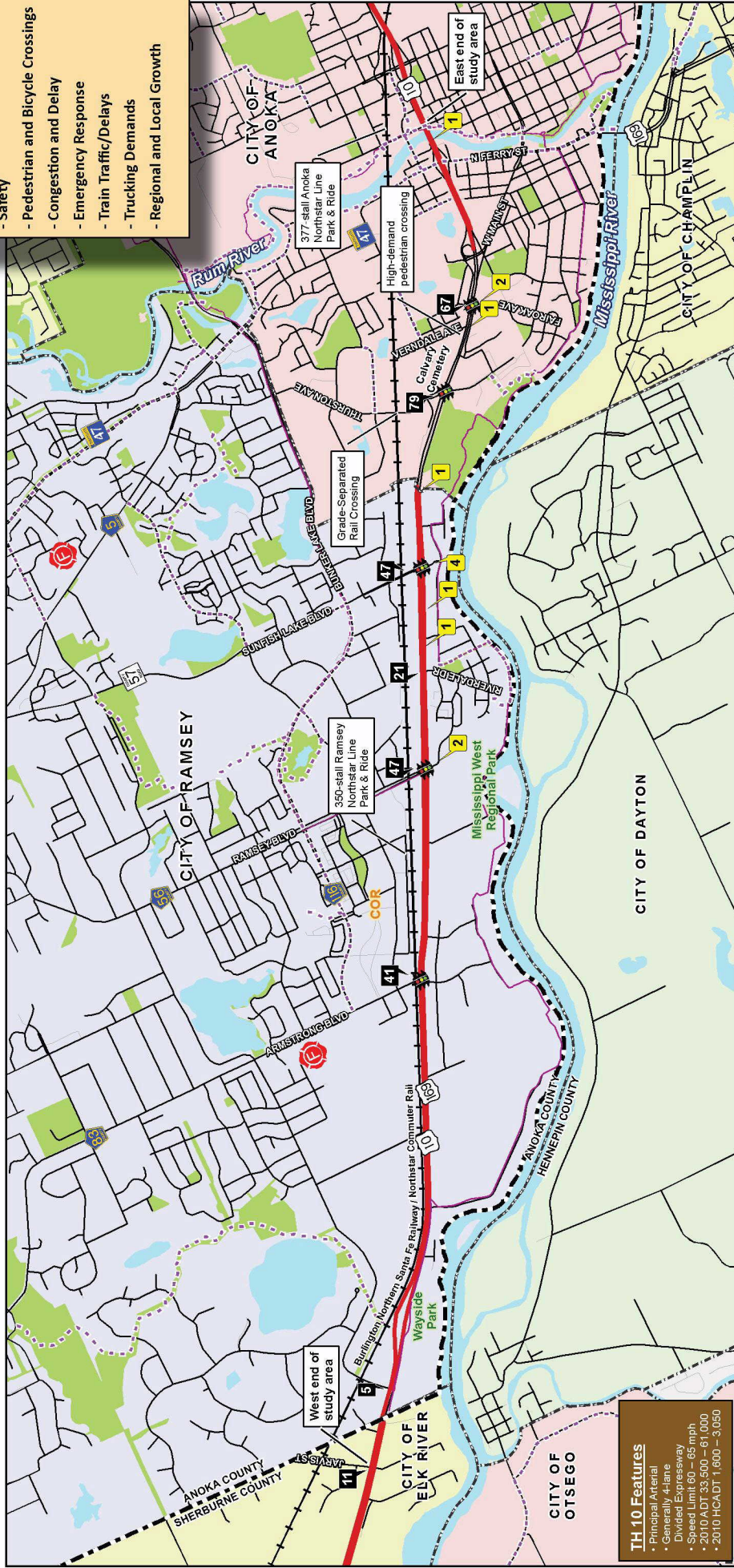
The purpose of the September 12th public open house is to provide an opportunity for you to learn more about the overall study and to solicit your input on existing issues and need in the corridor. Information on existing traffic, rail, transit, pedestrian/bicycle, safety, land use and environmental resources within the study area will be displayed for your review and input.



Highway 10 Access Planning Study



- Key Issues**
- Safety
 - Pedestrian and Bicycle Crossings
 - Congestion and Delay
 - Emergency Response
 - Train Traffic/Delays
 - Trucking Demands
 - Regional and Local Growth



1 - Occurrences from 2008 to present
 2 - Occurrences from 2008 to 2012

15th ANNUAL CITY OF RAMSEY

HAPPY DAYS



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2013

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THE COR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2013

Pancake Breakfast	7:30 am	11:00 am
Connexus Energy 5K Run	8:00 am	---
<i>USATF CERTIFIED</i>		
Smile for a Mile Youth Run (10-17)	9:15 am	---
Kids Fun Run (Ages 9 & Under)	10:00 am	---
Car Show	11:00 am	2:30 pm
Happy Days Expos	11:00 am	7:00 pm
<i>BUSINESS, CRAFT/MERCHANT, FARMERS</i>		
Environmental Expo (new)	11:00 am	7:00 pm
<i>ANIMALS, PLANTS, RAPTORS, KIDS ACTIVITIES, EXHIBITORS</i>		
Kids Laser Tag & Paint Ball (new)	11:00 am	7:00 pm
Kids Fun & Activities (more in 2013)	11:30 am	7:30 pm
<i>INFLATABLES, ROCK WALL, POWER BUNGEE, KIDS GAMES & ACTIVITIES</i>		
Happy Days Parade	3:00 pm	4:30 pm
Dance Caravan <i>RENAISSANCE DANCE</i>	4:30 pm	5:30 pm
Bingo <i>IN EVENT TENT</i>	4:30 pm	---
Trebuchets <i>MIDDLE-AGES CATAPULTS</i>	4:30 pm	---
Ramsey Fire & Police Chili Cook-off (new)	4:30 pm	6:00 pm
Happy Days Logo Contest Award	5:00 pm	5:30 pm
Go Kart/Lawn Tractor Races	5:00pm	9:00 pm
<i>RAMSEY RACEWAY, NORTH SIDE OF HIGHWAY 10 AT ARMSTRONG BLVD</i>		
Bon Fires	6:00 pm	11:00 pm
American Roadhouse	5:00 pm	7:45 pm
Tim Gabrielson <i>THE MAGIC OF COMEDY</i>	7:45 pm	8:30 pm
Killer Hayseeds	8:30 pm	9:00 pm
Fireworks	9:00 pm	9:20 pm
Killer Hayseeds	9:20 pm	11:00 pm

Sunday Bike Tour Cancelled



American Roadhouse | Tim Gabrielson | Killer Hayseeds

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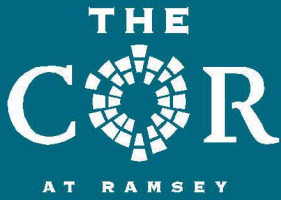
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- Coborn's | PSD, LLC
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- Wendell's
- St. Katharine Drexel
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- Pearson Farm | Holiday Gas Station
- Green Valley Greenhouse
- The Bank of Elk River
- Centerpoint Energy
- Prevail Counseling Group

LOCATION: 7550 Sunwood Drive NW – Ramsey, MN 55303 – Within The COR

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THE DRAW

SUMMER EVENT SERIES

3:00 – 7:30PM



SEPTEMBER 12: PARK PATRON PICNIC

PRESENTED BY:

RAMSEY PARK AND
RECREATION COMMISSION
&
THE CITY OF RAMSEY
FOUNDATION

PRIZES FROM:

\$75 GIFT CARDS

x1 **MENARDS** x2 **TARGET**

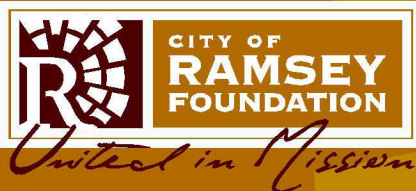
PLUS MORE PRIZES!

AUG. 22ND – SEPT. 12TH

\$6 = FREE MEAL AT THE GRILL

\$24 = ENTERED TO WIN VALUABLE PRIZE DRAWINGS

MANY MORE PRIZES PROVIDED BY AN ARRAY OF LOCAL ESTABLISHMENTS!



FARMERS MARKET adjacent to the amphitheater in The Draw every Thursday from 3-7! **Get your stamp card THIS WEEK**



SEPT 12: THIRD ANNUAL PARK PATRON PICNIC*

3: 00 pm Farmers Market Opens

Meet local growers and artisans. Shop for farm fresh produce. Now's the season for sweet Minnesota corn, juicy ripe tomatoes, vibrant peppers, flavorful squash, beets, cabbage and more. Sate your sweet tooth with cookies and breads and add some color to your life with fresh flowers.

Pick up your Free Meal Card at any Market Vendor Booth. For each \$6 purchase, you'll get stamps towards 1 free meal at the Patron Picnic Grill. Fill a whole card (\$24 in Farmers Market purchases) and qualify to win valuable Prizes.

5: 15 pm Radio Broadcast by BOB FM – Grill Opens

For each \$6 purchase, receive stamps towards one free meal at the Grill*. Turn in your fully stamped card from 5 – 7 pm for free food, drink & to enter the prize drawing.

7: 00 pm Farmers Market Closes

7: 05 pm Prize Drawing by BOB FM

Stick around. You might be a winner and you must be present to win!

Event Sponsor, Ramsey Parks and Recreation Commission

Event Sponsor, The City of Ramsey Foundation

*While supplies last

www.ci.ramsey.mn.us/thedraw-summerevent
The Draw - 7401 E Ramsey Parkway, Ramsey, MN 55303

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ANOKA

CITY OF RAMSEY
Building Division



Property Owner
Ramsey MN 55303
PID: 23-32-25-44-0029

August 30, 2013

Dear Owner or Resident:

This is a reminder for individuals regarding septic system maintenance requirements under City Code Chapter 113 - Individual Sewage Treatment Systems ("ISTS").

The purpose of City Code Chapter 113 shall be to provide minimum standards for and regulation of individual sewage treatment systems and septage disposal including the proper location, design and construction; their necessary modification and reconstruction; their operation, maintenance and repair to protect surface water and groundwater from contamination by human sewage and waterborne household and commercial wastes; to protect the public's health and safety, and eliminate or prevent the development of public nuisances pursuant to the authority granted under Minnesota Statute Chapters 115 and 145A as well as Minnesota Rules Chapter 7080 that may pertain to sewage and wastewater treatment.

According to City Code Chapter 113 (Individual Sewage Treatment Systems), each septic tank(s) must be pumped/cleaned or inspected at intervals not to exceed every three years or upon receipt of an inspection report indicating an immediate need for pumping/cleaning. City records indicate that it is time to have your tank(s) maintained. The tank(s) must be pumped or inspected by a septic tank maintainer that is licensed by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). Within 30 days after this work is performed, the septic tank maintainer shall file a pumping maintenance report upon forms supplied by the City. These forms shall become part of the permanent city record. If you feel that pumping is not necessary because of low usage, please contact a certified pumper to verify that the levels are within minimum thresholds of Minnesota Rules Chapter 7080.

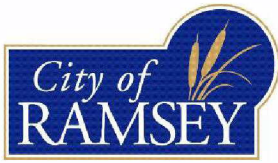
Individual Sewage Treatment System tank(s) must be maintained by November 15, 2013. If your system has been pumped/cleaned or inspected within the last three (3) years, please provide the City with the required maintenance report upon forms provided by the City. Also if you need additional time please contact the City in advance.

If you have any questions or concerns please call (763) 433-9850 or visit www.cityoframsey.com/septic for further reading material.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Jarson", is written over the "Sincerely," text.

Rick Jarson
Building Official
City of Ramsey



City of Ramsey Development Update

September 5, 2013

Report Background

The following report is updated weekly.

Molin Concrete Expansion and New Operations [\[NEW\]](#)

The City has received an application for Site Plan Review from Moline Concrete at 6820 143rd Ave NW. The site was purchased in 2008 by Molin Concrete Products Company, and has been leased for storage purposes since that time. Molin has now made the business decision to begin production on the site. The proposed expansion will add approximately 10,000 square feet to the existing 60,000 square foot facility. The Site Plan will be forwarded to the October 3, 2013 Planning Commission and the October 22, 2013 City Council for review.

Brookfield 4th Addition [\[NEW\]](#)

The City has received an application for Major Plat – Preliminary Plat Review for Brookfield 4th Addition. The Brookfield Addition is an existing subdivision adjacent to Nowthen Boulevard (CSAH 5). The proposed plat encompasses a majority of the remaining lots from the original Preliminary Plat. The proposed plat includes 77 new lots, which may be phased over a series of Final Plats, according to the Developer (Capstone Homes). The proposed Preliminary Plat is set to be reviewed by the Planning Commission on October 3, 2013 and the City Council on October 23, 2013.

Sweetbay Ridge [\[NEW\]](#)

The inventory of vacant lots currently platted (ready for Building Permit) have been substantially completed within the current phase of Sweetbay Ridge. The original Preliminary Plat indicated two (2) future phases. City Staff has been approached by a prospective buyer to plat an additional 85 lots (approximately). The potential developer is considering submitting an application this fall in order to commence construction in the spring of 2014.

Noble Roman's Pizza at Northstar Marketplace [\[NEW\]](#)

Staff has received an Application for Building Permit for a tenant build-out at Northstar Marketplace (Coborn's Anchored retail center). Noble Roman's is a 'take and bake' pizza restaurant. Noble Roman's is proposed to be located next to Anytime Fitness and the newly opened 'dollar store'.

Residence at The COR [\[No Update\]](#)

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

The Residence at The COR is a 230 unit apartment development along Sunwood Drive next to the Ramsey Municipal Center. For more information, visit www.corapts.com or call 763-208-5931.

Temporary Certificates of Occupancy have been issued for 177 of 230 units. [Updated August 29, 2013]



The above photo of Residence at the COR was taken August, 2013 along Sunwood Drive looking west.

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 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.

Building Permits have been issued for 46 of the 50 planned units. Construction on 147th Lane has commenced (initial grading and staking). Staff continues to complete a number of building inspections on the project.



Photo taken on September 4, 2013 on the north side of Bunker Lake Boulevard looking west.

The Developer was issued a Certificate of Occupancy for one (1), four (4) unit building on Friday, August 30, 2013. Some of those units are now occupied. [Updated September 5, 2013]

McDonalds (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 McDonalds on January 3, 2013. The site is located along the re-aligned Sunwood Drive at Armstrong Boulevard, located just north of Northstar Marketplace. 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 Plat (COR TWO) has been recorded.



Staff met with representatives from McDonald's USA on Wednesday, August 22, 2013. Progress continues for both parties on completion of respective obligations. The Stage I Improvements (access and utilities) is substantially complete, subject to verification of correct installation. [Updated August 22, 2013]

Northgate Performing Arts Center *[No Update]*

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.

Construction has officially commenced on the facility. The City has approved a temporary closure of one (1) block on Peridot Street for June 18, 2013 to June 21, 2013 in order to set building panels along Peridot Street. The closure would only be from Sunwood Drive north to 145th Avenue (one [1] block). The closure will also impact traffic patterns for PACT Charter School, which is currently not in regular session. The detour would use 145th Avenue west to Peridot Street, then south to Sunwood Drive. The Contractor will be forwarding Staff a detour plan/map. A sketch provided by the Contractor is shown below. When a more detailed map is provided, Staff will ensure proper communication with the City Council and adjacent property owners.

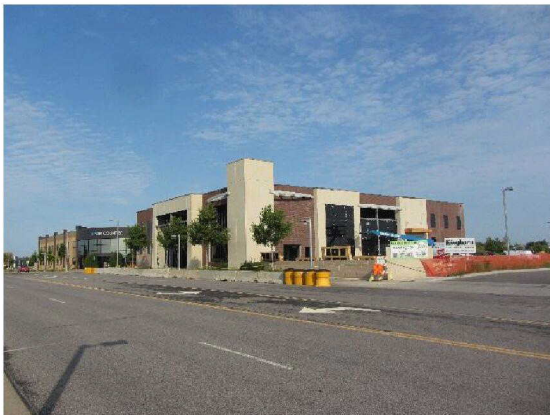


Photo taken September 5, 2013 at Sunwood Drive looking north west.



Photo taken September 5, 2013 at Sunwood Drive and Peridot Street looking north east.

Super America (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 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.

Staff has been contacted by the agent representing Super America. The agent states that Super America has received the results of a market study and is currently reviewing said results. Super America will update the City upon completion of this review. [Updated September 5, 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.

On May 28, 2013, the HRA amended the scope of the project to focus on four (4) of the seventeen (17) lots that are located abutting North Commons (park). The remaining thirteen (13) lots that were approved along Bunker Lake Boulevard could be re-evaluated in the future as market conditions improve. Utilities have been installed for the four (4) 'park lots'.

Staff issued a Notice to Proceed to Hakanson Anderson Associates to revise the approved Final Plat to include only the four (4) lots referenced above. [Updated August 29, 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. Staff has been informed that the Developer has successfully closed on the construction loan and desires to begin preliminary construction the week of September 9, 2013. A groundbreaking has tentatively been scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, 2013 at 3:30 p.m., starting at Lord of Life Church. More details to follow. [Updated August 29, 2013]



Housing Assistance Policy [Updated]

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 provided an update to the City Council on June 11, 2013, and received positive feedback on direction to continue along the current path for completion.

To date, the sub-committee has completed an initial review of demographic data, established an Interim Policy Statement, and established a framework of the proposed policy (product type priorities, minimum thresholds, and scoring/ranking matrix). The ad-hoc sub-committee met on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 and finished a draft of the Minimum Thresholds. The Minimum Thresholds are based on the Housing Chapter Goals and Implementation Strategies of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan. The final step is to complete a draft of the Scoring/Ranking Matrix. This is anticipated to be completed over two (2) to three (3) sub-committee meetings. At that point, a full draft would be reviewed by Planning Commission, EDA, and City Council.

Staff is actively completing a draft of the final piece of the draft policy and has is currently reviewing the content of the draft. That draft is anticipated to be complete within two (2) weeks. The draft will then be reviewed by the sub-committee, forwarded to the Planning Commission in September, and then to City Council review at the end of September.

Staff has completed a draft of the scoring matrix and has had reviewed by area experts as to format and content. Staff will be forwarding a full draft for review in the near future.

A meeting of the sub-committee is scheduled for Thursday, September 12, 2013 to finalize the draft. [Updated September 5, 2013]

Cullinan Rigging [No Update]

Cullinan Rigging was granted approval of a Variance and Site Plan Approval for an expansion of their existing facility at 6815 McKinley St NW. The Building Permit has been issued and construction is underway. [Updated August 29, 2013]

Diamond Graphics Expansion [No Update]

Diamond Graphics was granted site plan approval for their existing facility at 14350 Azurite Street. Staff is nearing completion of the review of the Building Permit. [Updated August 29, 2013]

Ramsey Office Plaza Interior Tenant Build-out [No Update]

The City has issued Building Permits to Ramsey Office Plaza located at 7553 Sunwood Drive for multiple tenant build-outs. The tenant build-outs include relocation of PSD, LLC offices, expansion of the 10th Judicial District Administrative Offices, and expansion of Trott Brook Financial Offices. [Updated August 29, 2013]

5300 Alpine Drive NW (Former Allina Clinic) Tenant Build-out [No Update]

The City has issued Building Permits for 5300 Alpine Drive for two (2) new tenants: 1) Weikel Law Firm and 2) Metro Hydro Graphics. [Updated August 29, 2013]

167th Avenue Retail Node [Updated]

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.

Staff has scheduled a Stakeholder/Property Owner Meeting with owners of commercial/retail property in the area for Wednesday, June 5, 2013. The intent of the meeting is to outline options (land use and economic development related) for Property Owners and discuss a unified vision for the future of the current retail node. Staff will provide an update to the Planning Commission, EDA, and City Council following the Stakeholder Meeting.

The EDA discussed the topic at their July 11, 2013 Meeting and a Special Meeting on July 18, 2013 to finalize a recommendation on formulating current policies and recommendations as well as potential next steps. Staff will update the City Council in the near future.

A Public Process has been tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 26, 2013. Invites will be sent in the near future to area residents and stakeholders. [Updated September 5, 2013]

Former Municipal Center Future Land Uses [Updated]

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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 presented a case to discuss possible next steps at the June 11, 2013 City Council Meeting. The City Council directed Staff to re-engage the surrounding public through a collaborative process utilizing a task force to continue to review options for the site.

Staff met to discuss possible alternatives for the new public process, and anticipates bringing forward alternatives for consideration to the July 9, 2013 City Council Meeting.

The City Council approved the development of a Study Group to begin a collaborative input process to be held at a later date, in order to continue discussions with surrounding property owners as to desired future land uses for the site. Staff will be seeking interested individuals to participate in the process in the near future. Interested names in participating in the process will be brought forward to the City Council at a later date.

Staff has sent a mailing seeking individuals interested in participating in the public process later this year.

A Public Process has been tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 2013. Invites will be sent in the near future to area residents and stakeholders. [Updated September 5, 2013]

Building Permit Update

The City has issued 1,423 permits year to date. Included in that total are 65 new single-family homes, and 62 new townhome units for a total of 127 new households, eight (8) commercial tenant build-outs, one (1) commercial addition, and two (2) new commercial buildings.

September Planning Commission Meeting

The Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, September 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Cases for Review include:

1. PUBLIC HEARING: Consider Amendment to Planned Unit Development Site Plan Approval for Single-Family Area of Town Center Gardens Third Addition
2. PUBLIC HEARING: Consider Home Occupation Permit for Matt's Plumbing Solutions Located at 5565 164th Ave NW; Case of Matt Ariola
3. Review Concept Plan for Rum River Hills Housing Development; Case of Rum River Hills, Inc.
4. Review Upcoming Public Processes Related to Land Use Review

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

Anoka County Sheriff's Office

OPEN HOUSE



Wednesday, September 18, 2013

4:00—7:00 PM

13301 Hanson Blvd, NW, Andover

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Free Child Fingerprinting

Author Vickie Wendel of the Anoka County Historical Society will debut her new book, *Keepers of the County: Crime and the Anoka County Sheriff's Office* at this year's event.

The book chronicles the changes, development, and leadership of the Anoka County Sheriff's Office throughout its colorful 153-year history. The book sells for \$30.95 plus tax, and Wendel will be on hand to sign copies.



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