

Suggested Topics Received from Board Members

- Still would prefer a leaf, raindrop, logo on City's web page to get to the EPB area with one click. Digging through the menus isn't doing us any favors.
- Methods to keep water out of the storm drains and sewers, encourage infiltration:
 - Swales, french drains on steep slopes to keep water from reaching the streets
 - Any new septic tank or drain field methods
 - Raingardens
 - Topsoil
 - Graywater
- Advertise in newsletter, QCTV xeriscaping methods and natural / native landscapes
 - Tree or shrub of the month in the newsletter, maybe a picture, why it fits in Ramsey
 - Types of hardy, drought tolerant grasses that do well here with minimal irrigation
 - Publish Mr. Riverblood's study on topsoil in a resident friendly manner in the newsletter
- Help spread the word the County's efforts (year of the bird 2015)
- Obtain the Outreach septic tank care presentation and have it available locally, along with the well water. They have had annual presentations for years and I still haven't been able to attend one...
 - As an example, not to do all your laundry on the same day if you are on a septic system. You may not have enough solids settling time and the solids may move through the system creating blockages. Or why/why not using the Rid-X...
- May have an interest in LED lighting for residents. I don't know if Connexus or some green groups or Feit may have some energy saving calculation spreadsheets to plug in costs, run-time, utility costs, etc. Similar to the article reviewed at the last meeting, how the company determined their savings.
- Perhaps a challenge to turn out the lights at night. Not security lighting but signs, landscaping lights, building lights, billboards, etc. As many companies already have security systems to lower insurance premiums, and most use IR to see in the dark, many building lights should be able to be turned off. Especially multi-level buildings, second floor and up? Dark skies?
- Still like to encourage the Monarch Highway, planting milkweed in corridors. The Monarch's follow Highway 35, so we are along their route...