

## Upcoming Public Hearings/Meetings

The following projects are currently under review and are likely to be reviewed by the Planning Commission at an upcoming Public Hearing. Contact the Planning Department at (763) 473-4643 for more information, or if you live near one of the projects, watch your mailbox for a notice of the Public Hearing. The following projects are under review:

**“The Enclave of Medina” subdivision – 3212 Hunter Drive – Lennar Corporation** – proposed residential subdivision to include a revised 115 single family homes and 41 townhomes on an existing 109 acre parcel. The request includes a Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Rezoning, and Preliminary Plat. The Planning Commission began a Public Hearing on July 13th and requested a number of changes to the proposed plan, which have recently been submitted to the City. The Public Hearing will be continued at an upcoming Commission meeting.

**“Fortuna Farms” subdivision – 1425 Tamarack Drive** – proposed subdivision of existing 43 acres parcel into three rural lots.

**Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Rezoning** – PIDs 02-118-23-34-0002 and 02-118-23-34-0003, located north of Highway 55 and east of Arrowhead Drive. The City proposes a technical change which would zone PID 02-118-23-34-0002 for strictly residential development and PID 02-118-23-34-0003 for strictly commercial development. Both parcels are currently guided for Mixed Use development which can contain both residential and commercial uses.

Upcoming Planning Commission meetings are scheduled for **October 12, 2010 and November 9, 2010**. Planning Commission meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. As the hearings get closer, please inquire with the Planning Department related to when each of the projects described above will be scheduled.

## City Calendar

### October

- 5th Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- 8th Fri—City Offices Closed Noon-4:30 pm
- 11th Mon—City Offices Closed (Holiday)
- 12th Tues—Planning Commission 7:00 pm
- 16th Sat—Council Office Hours 9:00-11:00 am
- 19th Tues—City Council Work Session 6:00 pm
- 19th Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- 20th Wed—Park Commission 7:00 pm

### November

- 8th Mon—City Council 7:00 pm
- 9th Tues—Planning Commission 7:00 pm
- 11th Thurs—City Offices Closed (Holiday)
- 16th Tues—City Council Work Session 6:00 pm
- 16th Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- 17th Wed—Park Commission 7:00 pm
- 20th Sat—Council Office Hours 9:00-11:00 am
- 25th Thurs—City Offices Closed (Holiday)
- 26th Fri—City Offices Closed (Holiday)

All meetings at City Hall unless otherwise noted.  
Meeting agendas on web site when available.



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### City Hall Office Hours

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### Mayor

Tom Crosby 612-332-9111

### City Council

Carolyn Smith 763-475-1003  
Daniel Johnson 763-473-0744  
Elizabeth Weir 763-473-3226  
Mike Siitari 763-473-2563

### City Council Meetings

First & third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

### Planning Commission Meetings

Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

### Park Commission Meetings

Third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

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# The Medina Message

A bi-monthly publication from the City of Medina

## Curbside Composting It's so Easy to Make a Difference!

Curious about the Community Organic Recycling program but not sure how you would set up your kitchen? Worried about odors or pests? Not really sure why you should be bothered? In the Linden Hills area of Minneapolis, over 50% of residents are participating in their curbside pilot. Bring your questions and concerns and meet some of those residents as they share their stories, tips and encouragement and help you discover how easy it is to make a difference on Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Hamel Community Building, 3200 Mill Drive, Medina, MN 55340.

Contact Jodi Gallup with any questions at 763-473-8850 or email [jodi.gallup@ci.medina.mn.us](mailto:jodi.gallup@ci.medina.mn.us).

## 2011 Budget Summary

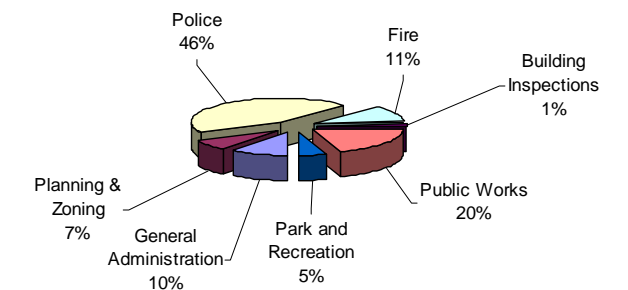
The Medina City Council recently approved a preliminary tax levy and budget for 2011 at their September 7th Council meeting. The 2011 budget will not increase City expenditures and is designed to maintain all essential services. The City's proposed General Fund Budget is \$3,792,715, which represents a \$96,970 decrease from 2010.

For 2011, the City is limited to a *base tax levy* increase of 3.86%. The City is proposing a 1.08% *base tax levy* increase to fund basic municipal operating services and a proposed *special levy* increase of 1.42% to pay the debt service on road improvements recently completed in 2010. Therefore, the City's *total tax levy* increase is proposed to be 2.50%. The *base tax levy* increase is due in part to the reduction in fee revenue.

The City's proposed tax levy may be reduced, but not increased, by the Council prior to December 29th. The City will be reviewing operational options in coming months to evaluate further reducing the tax levy with the desired goal being no average City tax increase to property owners.

Additional 2011 budget information, including the proposed general fund budget, Financial Management Plan, and a copy of a budget flyer to be distributed with your Truth In Taxation Statement in November, is available for review on the City's website at [www.ci.medina.mn.us](http://www.ci.medina.mn.us) under "2011 Budget." The City will be conducting a public meeting on the budget on December 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall.

### What Your City Tax Dollar Buys



Medina, MN 55340-9790

2052 County Road 24

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# Administration & Public Works

# Public Safety & Community

## 2010 General Election Information

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2010. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### Voting Locations

Medina has two voting precincts that run along school district boundaries.

- P1A—Orono (ISD #278) and Delano (ISD #879) school districts within the City vote at Precinct 1A, which is located at City Hall, 2052 County Road 24, Medina, MN 55340.
- P1B—Wayzata (ISD #284) and Rockford (ISD #883) school districts within the City vote at Precinct 1B, which is located at the Hamel Community Building, 3200 Mill Drive, Medina, MN 55340.



If you are still unsure of where to vote, go to the Poll Finder on the Secretary of State's website at <http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/> or call City Hall.

### Absentee Voting

Minnesota law allows for a person to apply to vote by absentee ballot if they are unable to vote in person on election day because they are: 1) absent from home precinct; 2) ill or disabled; 3) an election judge serving in a precinct other than their own; or 4) unable to go to polling place due to a religious observance or belief.

Residents may obtain an absentee ballot application by visiting the City's website at <http://www.ci.medina.mn.us/election/election.htm>, calling City Hall, or by stopping by City Hall during regular business hours to fill out absentee materials. Absentee ballots will be available from September 17th through November 1st for the General Election. Additionally, City Hall will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 30th for absentee voting.

### Voter Registration

Residents may pre-register to vote at any time at least 20 days before an election. Voter registration cards can be found on our website at [www.ci.medina.mn.us](http://www.ci.medina.mn.us) or picked up at City Hall. If you are not able to pre-register prior to the 20 days before an election, you must register at your polling place to vote on Election Day.

### Municipal Elections

The City of Medina will have three positions on the ballot during the November General Election. The Mayor (2 year term) and two City Council (4 year terms) positions are at-large positions, representing all Medina residents. Visit the City's website at [www.ci.medina.mn.us](http://www.ci.medina.mn.us) to see who is running for office in Medina.

Please contact Election Coordinator Jodi Gallup at (763) 473-4643 or [jodi.gallup@ci.medina.mn.us](mailto:jodi.gallup@ci.medina.mn.us) for further information.

## Fall Flushing & Hydrant Servicing

During the month of October the Public Works Department will be doing the yearly fall flushing, as well as hydrant servicing. During the flushing process, you may experience fluctuations in your water pressure or slight discoloration of the water. Flushing will take place from October 12-22 for residents on the Hamel and Medina Morningside water systems. The Independence Beach water system will be flushed on their regular schedule of the second Thursday of the month.

### City Offices Closed

**October 8th from Noon - 4:30 p.m.**

City Hall will be closed on Friday, October 8th from Noon until 4:30 p.m. for staff training and development.

### City Council Office Hours

City Council Saturday Office Hours are on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at City Hall. The office hours are an informal setting and serve as an opportunity for residents to bring your thoughts to elected officials for a better Medina.

### German Liberal Cemetery Transfer

The City Council will be considering the ownership and operational transfer of the German Liberal Cemetery to the City at their October 5, 2010 meeting. In 2009, the City Council established the goal of accepting the cemetery transfer by November 1, 2010.

The German Liberal Cemetery Association requested the City to assume ownership and operational control of the cemetery with the concern that their membership would be unable to continue maintaining the cemetery in the future. The cemetery was established in 1892 and is located at 2696 Hamel Road/CR 115. The cemetery land area consists of approximately one acre.

Increased lot sale fees and burial fees will be implemented to raise sufficient perpetual care revenues to permanently operate and maintain the cemetery. Maintenance services will be contracted out to limit any burden of resources on City staff. No taxpayer funding will be used to operate and maintain the cemetery.

A copy of the proposed ordinance to establish and regulate the cemetery has been posted on the City's website at [www.ci.medina.mn.us](http://www.ci.medina.mn.us) for public review.

## Community Business Profile: Farmers State Bank of Hamel

By: Rowdy Dorweiler

The Farmers State Bank of Hamel was founded in 1919 by the Dorweiler family. It remains independently owned and operated today, and is currently managed by the third and fourth generations of the Dorweiler family. Back in 1919, the bank started developing the ideals that remain as its priorities today: stability, trust, and hometown, friendly service that's available when you need it. We employ about 25 people, of which many have 20+ years of service. Over the years, this has helped build an atmosphere where customers and employees alike enjoy getting to know each other. Many of our customers are on a first-name basis. Stop by and see us in Uptown Hamel at 145 Hamel Road or in Corcoran off Co Rd 116. To contact Farmers State Bank of Hamel call 763-478-6611.

### Winter Parking Regulations are in Effect

There is no parking on the streets of Medina between 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. The regulations are in effect from November 1st until March 31st. The police enforce this ordinance to keep the streets clear for snowplowing. If you have any questions in reference to the parking ordinance, please call the police department at 763-473-9209.

### House Checks

If you are planning on being on a trip or being out of town, please call the police department and put your house on the house check list. We will check your house while you are out of town; if there are any problems, we will contact you. To sign up for a house check just call the Medina Police Department at 763-473-9209.

### 2009 Annual Report Available

The City's 2009 Annual Report can now be found on the City's website at [www.ci.medina.mn.us](http://www.ci.medina.mn.us) under News & Current Events. This is the third year a comprehensive annual report has been completed.

The annual report provides an overview of the City's activities, accomplishments, and fiscal responsibility for 2009. The report outlines activity for each of the city departments including administration, planning, public works, and police as well as statistics and charts demonstrating trend history.

A copy of the report may also be purchased at City Hall for \$5.00.

## Hunting Season is Here Again

Over the last several years complaints continue to grow in reference to our hunting ordinance. As the City of Medina continues to grow, our population becomes more and more dense and less area of the City is being used for hunting purposes. The City believes that hunting is a valued privilege and wants to ensure hunting continues into the future. To do this we need all the hunters to follow the city regulations to ensure we can continue to enjoy this privilege.

One of the main complaints is in reference to bird shot crossing property lines and hitting roads, houses and other structures on adjacent property. We want to remind all hunters to be vigilant to exercise safe hunting practices. Know where your shots are going and where they are landing. Please ensure the safety for the surrounding residents.

Below is an excerpt from the city ordinance. If you are planning on hunting in Medina, please review the regulations and make sure that you are in compliance with the City ordinance. Safety and respect will help to preserve the privilege of hunting in Medina into the future.

### General Regulations

- In Medina, hunting is only allowed in rural areas. Hunting is not permitted in urban residential and suburban residential areas.
- You must have your Medina hunting permit in your possession, with the signature of the landowner, at all times when you are hunting.
- Permits are required for anyone who is hunting in Medina.



### Exceptions

For property owners, the owner's immediate family, or guests of the owner when the land owner accompanies them.

### Once you have obtained a permit:

- When discharging a shotgun slug, you must be 500 feet off any property line.
- When discharging a shotgun shell (bird shot), you must be 300 feet off any property line.
- You may not discharge a firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling, livestock or horses unless you have written permission to do so by the owner.
- City Code Section 320. Firearms, Deadly Weapons, and Fireworks can be found on the Medina City website [www.ci.medina.mn.us](http://www.ci.medina.mn.us) under Regulations and Fees, then Code Book.

If you have further question in reference to hunting, please feel free to contact the Medina Police Department at 763-473-9209. Please be safe out there.