



City Administrator's Weekly Update

WEEK ENDING APRIL 28, 2017

Upcoming Events:

May 1, 4:30 pm
Parks Commission
City Hall

May 2, 5:30 pm
Council Work Session
City Hall

May 2, 7:00 pm
City Council Meeting
City Hall

May 3, 8:00 am
EDA
City Hall

May 9, 7:00 pm
Planning Commission
City Hall

May 16, 5:30 pm
Council Work Session
City Hall

May 16, 7:00 pm
Council Meeting
City Hall

May 17, 6:00 pm
CAFD Board

May 29th
Memorial Day
City Hall Closed

May 30, 4:15 pm
Library Board

Administration/Finance

Our campground hosts have returned to Spafford Park to help prepare the park for seasonal visitors. The campground is scheduled to open to the public on May 13th. This is a sign that summer is here ☺ .

Staff continues to research upgrades to the City's website. Staff has had webinars with multiple vendors to continue to investigate products that better meet our on-going needs. Stay tuned for more on this subject.

Public Works/Parks

Bids were opened Tuesday for the planned 2017 Riverfront Improvements project. The trend of very aggressive bid prices seen by the City over the past two seasons has continued and the project came in under budget. Award of the project, along with purchase of the playground materials, will come to Council for consideration at their May 2nd meeting.

The cold wet weather has slowed progress on multiple spring clean-up projects including the memorial wall installation at Veteran's park. With that said, the contractor is still on track for completion in advance of the wall dedication ceremony planned for Memorial Day. The local Veterans organizations have been working hard to arrange this program. More information on times, and planned speakers should be available soon.

Community Development

Laurie was very busy again this week assisting at the counter and supporting with various projects. Water was scheduled to be turned on at Cloquet Home Center, which is positive news, as Best Oil begins to assess future building use.

Holly provided One Roof Community Housing staff a tour of current and pending county tax forfeit properties for potential redevelopment opportunities. She attended the Ehlers conference in Hermantown, and worked with Roers Investments on materials for next week's Council Work Session, Public Open House at CMS, and EDA Meeting materials.

Planning/Zoning

Al had several project questions at the counter this week, reviewed the Washington Elementary School plans, and held a meeting on a Hwy 33 redevelopment site.

Building Inspections

Matt continues to be busy with building inspections and plan reviews. Highlights this week include an inspection at the FDL Clinic expansion project and working with local businesses to increase staff education on proper grease disposal. There was also an AMBO meeting this week.

Library

The library is gearing up for a few big events next week. On May 4th, Lucie Amundsen from Locally Laid, will give a presentation on her book "Locally Laid: How We Built a Plucky, Industry Changing Egg Farm, From Scratch!" as part of the One Book Northland annual reading project. The spring book sale will take place on May 5th from 2:30 to closing and May 6th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

In cooperation with the United Way of Carlton County and Carlton County One Vegetable, One Community, the library now offers a "seed library" where people can check out the seeds for free and then harvest seeds from their crop to return back to the library in the fall. Classes will be offered on how to harvest the seeds. The featured vegetable is the bean.

Dave Hallback, Mayor

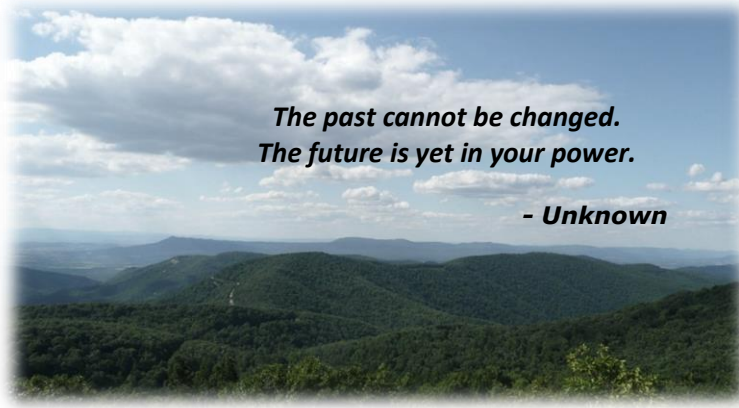
City Council Members:

Jeff Rock, Ward 1
David Bjerkness, Ward 2
Roger Maki, Ward 3
Kerry Kolodge, Ward 4
Steve Langley, Ward 5
Adam Bailey, At Large

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Other Information Attached:

*Notice of Scheduled Start on 2017 Mill and Overlay Project
*May 1st Open House Invitation for the Cloquet
Middle School Adaptive Reuse Proposal by Roers Investments



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May 2, 2017

RE: Notice of Scheduled Start on 2017 Mill and Overlay Project.

Dear Mill and Overlay Resident:

The proposed improvements planned for your neighborhood will begin on or about Monday May 8th, 2017. Northland Constructors, LLC of Duluth, MN has been awarded the contract. The areas highlighted on the attached 2 maps are included in this project. The goals of the project are to replace deteriorating concrete curb and gutter, replace outdated pedestrian ramps and extend the pavement life by removing a portion of it and replacing it with a new driving surface. As previously communicated, there is no special assessment to property owners for this work; the project is being funded as part of the city tax you already pay.

During construction, we will try to keep the road open and passable to **local** traffic during non-working hours. Of course, there will be times when work will obstruct access to homes and businesses and make it difficult to travel. During construction hours, it may be best to park along neighboring side streets and walk if possible. Where new curb & gutter or concrete driveways are placed there will be no crossing access for a minimum of seven (7) days. If your driveway is impacted specifically by this work you will be contacted directly shortly before that area is worked on to coordinate the schedule.

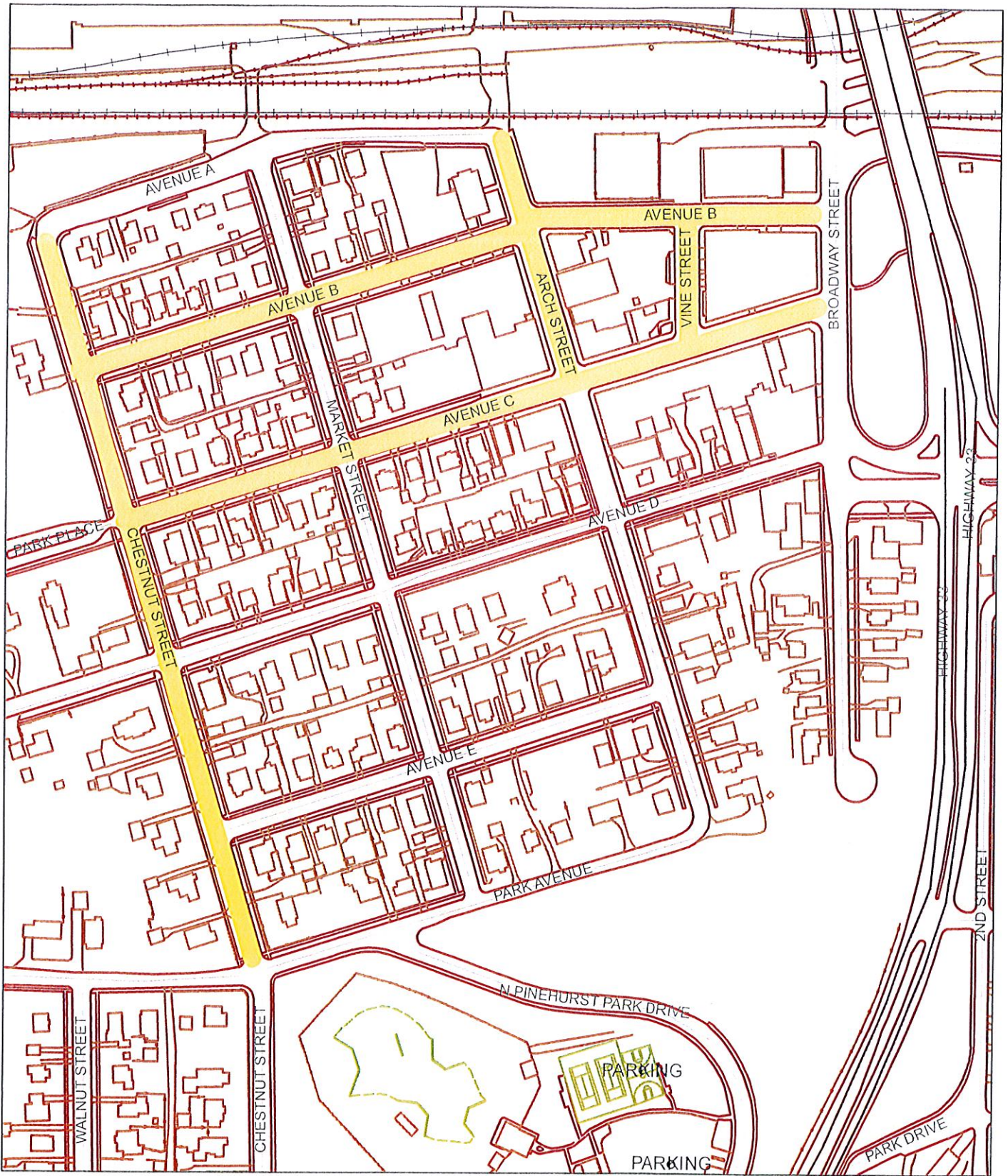
My department will have at least one inspector on the job while the contractor is working. The head inspector for this project will be Barb Wyman. If you have any problems or questions, it is best to talk directly with Barb on the job or at 218/391-4354. You can also contact my office during normal working hours at 879-6758. **If an emergency comes up after normal working hours, you can call our Public Works Dispatcher at 218-624-0391.**

For those of you with young children, I would ask your help in keeping curious minds away from the equipment and construction activities, as none of us want to deal with an accident. It is our intention to have this project completed by mid-June, weather permitting. In the meantime, feel free to call our office if you have a question or concern.

Sincerely,

John M. Anderson P.E.
Assistant City Engineer

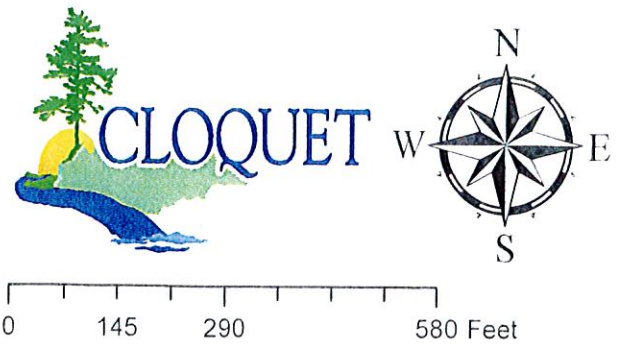
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 Caleb Peterson
 Barb Wyman
 James Barclay

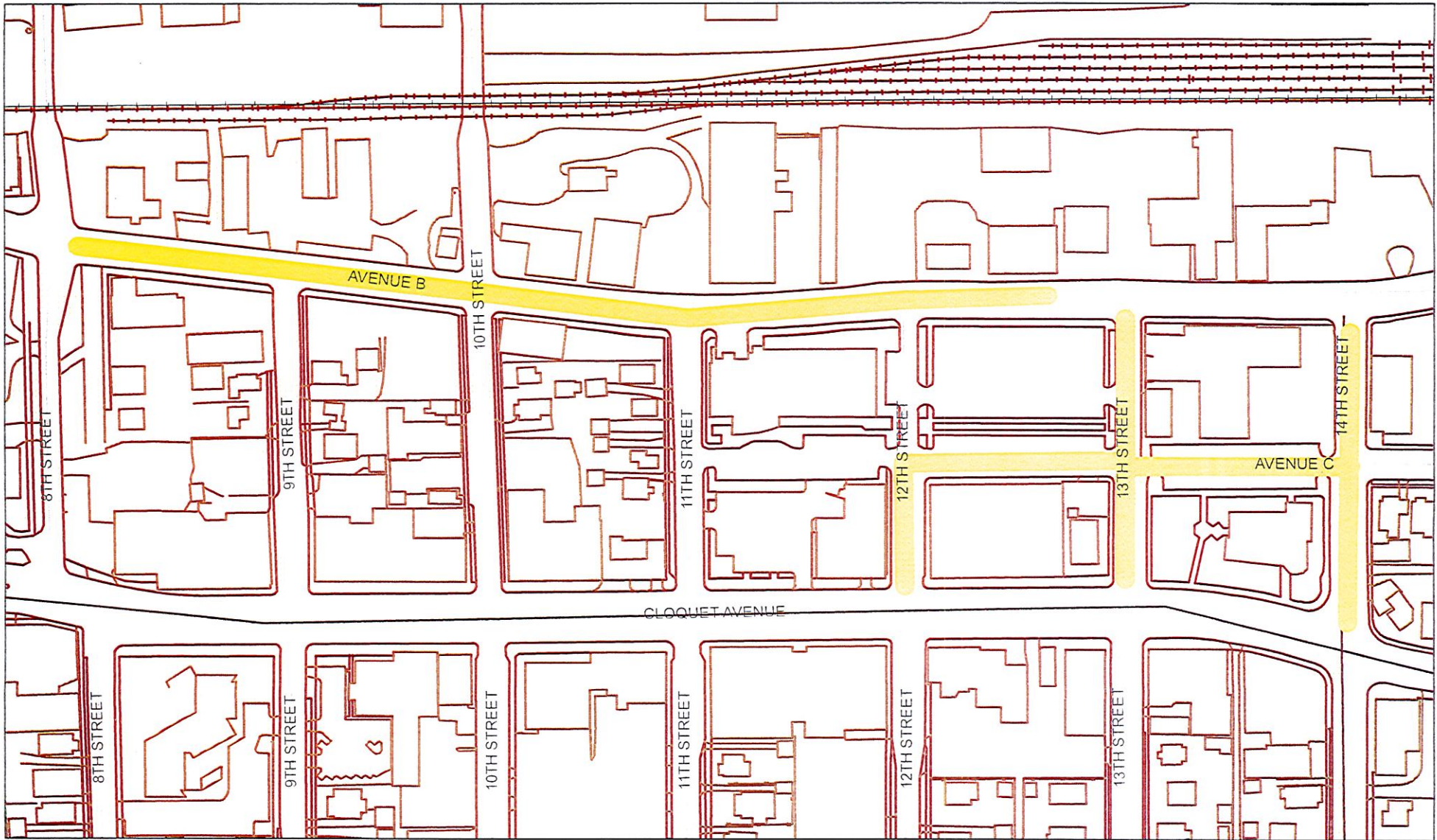


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 2017 Mill and Overlay

2017 Bituminous Mill and Overlay

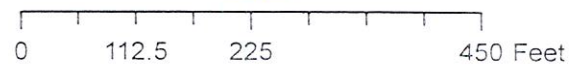


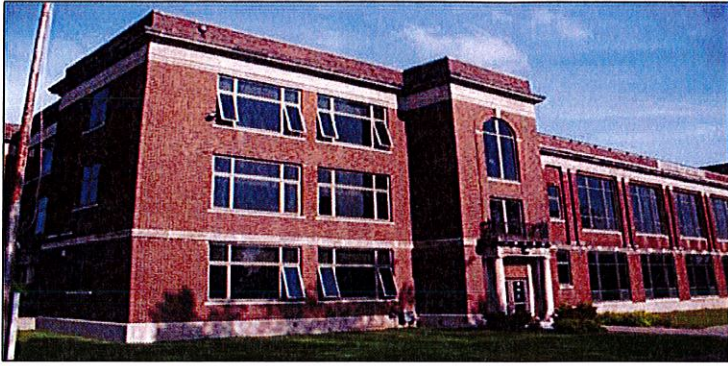


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Roers Investments Adaptive Reuse Proposal for the Cloquet Middle School

OPEN HOUSE

Monday, May 1, 2017

5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Cloquet Middle School Gymnasium

509 Carlton Avenue, Cloquet

Roers Investments proposes the adaptive reuse of the historic Cloquet High School (the current Cloquet Middle School), into a housing community complemented by community space. The Cloquet School Board is constructing a new middle school to open in the fall of 2017. The existing middle school will then become vacant.

The proposed redevelopment incorporates approximately 50 residential units complemented by a residential amenity package, various multi-use community rooms, retention of the historic auditorium, and the potential to provide affordable commercial spaces for community partners or nonprofits. The Developer has begun conversations with various community groups regarding the potential use, operations, and management of any non-housing spaces deemed appropriate for commercial use.

The plan for this historic three story building with a subterranean ground level is as follows:

- The original East Wing will be converted into housing units and incorporates the historic Auditorium into the residential amenity package;
- The West Wing will be converted into housing units;
- The Link Addition provides the connection between the East and West Wings and will be retained for circulation space.
- The auditorium will be retained for building resident and community use.
- Tentative plans are being developed to retain the gymnasium and cafeteria, but these spaces may be demolished to make room for parking.
- The pool area will be demolished, as parking space is needed to meet city parking requirements.

The Open House will be held on ***Monday, May 1st beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the gymnasium.*** Roers Investments, school officials and city staff will be on hand to answer questions.