



City Administrator's Weekly Update

WEEK ENDING MAY 12, 2017

Upcoming Events:

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 23, 4:15 pm
Library Board

May 29th
Memorial Day
City Hall Closed

May 30, 4:15 pm
Library Board

Administration/Finance

Welcome Back Mary Kay!!

Public Works/Parks

Work continues on the sewer lining project. The Contractor had a little hiccup with their equipment Thursday which resulted in a delay in reinstating service to approximately five homes. Thankfully, they were able to mobilize another piece of equipment from Iowa that evening and get everyone back in service. On a positive note, work has progressed faster than expected and they are planning to complete work on Saturday, a week ahead of schedule.

Milling was completed this week on the 2017 street overlay project. Curb and sidewalk repairs will follow shortly.

The Street Department continues to work towards our goal of having all water leaks patched and the first round of street sweeping completed by mid-June. Their hard work is paying off as we are presently about two weeks ahead of schedule. Nice job guys!

Staff met with affected business owners this week regarding the completion of the sidewalk connection in front of Frandsen Bank on Holmes Drive. The City will need to acquire a small easement to complete this project. Design is complete and work will progress once the legal paper work is complete.

Community Development

Economic Development

This week representatives from Franken, [Klobuchar](#), and Nolan's office met with Jarden workers at the Labor Temple to discuss the state's Rapid Response process and to listen to concerns and issues. After verbal communications with Jarden last week, staff issued a formal letter to local and corporate representatives offering assistance when and if the company wishes the City to be involved. There will be more direction in coming weeks.

Staff worked on several Small Cities projects, including one project with an owner-contractor dispute providing legal guidance.

Staff continues to work on ongoing projects encouraging building owners and property owners to apply for City based economic development tools derived from state statute. Staff continues to digest the impact of PLAs on private economic development projects with primary financing but utilizing public gap financing tools and will take up discussion at the June EDA meeting.

Planning, Zoning, and Subdivision of Land Services

The Cloquet Planning Commission met this week approving a Zoning Ordinance amendment to define "Special Events." The Commission also approved the vacation of an alleyway in the West End. Next week staff will participate in Council Work Session discussion related to the topics of crematories and certain zoning districts which allow for pylon signs. Staff provided ongoing counter service related to local development and spent time researching street vacations in the west end, in particular as they relate to recent Council goals.



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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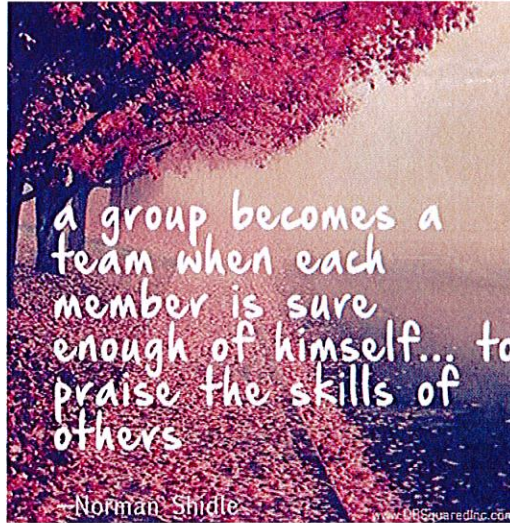
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Building Code Inspections and Development Plan Review Services

There has been an up-tick in building permits, spring project questions keeping staff occupied. Matt has been busy with commercial and residential inspections, along with both commercial and residential plan review projects. Commercial inspection highlights this week include Churchill School, Cloquet High School roof, Pine Tree Plaza Roof, USG roof, Community Memorial Hospital framing inspection, and Gordy's restroom plumbing inspection. Residential inspection highlights include numerous re-roof, siding, interior remodels, and furnace installations. Staff has also engaged in some property maintenance enforcement as well. Staff is continuing discussions with the City of Scanlon related to providing potential building inspection services. The discussion has been slow and ongoing since the fall and the Scanlon City Council has continued those discussions.

Library

The Library Board met for a special meeting this week to discuss updates to the Library Director's job description. Mary Lukkarila, our current Library Director, will be retiring at the end of October.



Other Information Attached:

*May 11th Correspondence to Jarden Home Brands



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May 11, 2017

Jackie Koivisto, Human Resources Director
Jarden Home Brands
1800 Cloquet Avenue
Cloquet, MN 55720

RE: Local Cloquet Workforce Needs & Key Connections

Dear Ms. Koivisto,

First and foremost I'm extremely sorry to hear the news about the closure of Jarden Home Brands in Cloquet and the loss of 85 local jobs, it is significant news for this community. I'd like you to know that I'm here as a resource for you in terms of local business manager relationships and future plant/site options and will be poised with a regional economic development ambassador crew to tour the plant when you are ready along with regional site marketing resources. Ultimately, I know you have your own real estate experts but be aware that the City, County, Region, and State are key players moving forward related to the site. I also understand that you'll know more after mid-May as to what your needs are and plant closure date will be. The Rapid Response process has been initiated with the state DEED office which is positive. State legislative representatives and other key state politicians have visited with your employees as well, also very positive. Lastly, as you are aware I am actively forwarding facility/site requests to Jarden and Newell via email as they come in to me.

As discussed with you last week, I wanted to let you know I've outreached to some area employers, certainly not covering every corner of the community but I did cast a wide net. Please find a list of key contacts below from local/area employers and what limited knowledge I have at this point of their needs based on their responses to date. Our Mayor, along with the Union Trades representative Craig Olson would be happy to assist organizing a job fair event as well locally to bridge the gap and bring area employers and Jarden employees together to see what is available to retain their employment locally. A job fair like this could certainly be held in locations such as the Hospital, Armory, College, or Schools. I am also aware that you are ongoingly being contacted by area employers as well.

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(320) 269-3227 x612 OFFICE

K1 SPORTSWEAR

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Tony.Fisher@k1hockey.com

800-345-0028 office

(651) 269-4569 Cell

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(218) 879-0028

Needs: workforce and local facility expansion into Jarden building/site



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STICH IT DESIGNS

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I'm here to help and bring resources together as you need me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Holly Hansen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Holly Hansen, EDFP/AICP Community Development Director

COPY: Paul Whitewood, Jarden Plant Manager; Kevin McGrath, Jarden Operations Manager; Michael Sinatra, Newell Brands