



# City Administrator's Weekly Update

WEEK ENDING MAY 25, 2017

## Upcoming Events:



May 29<sup>th</sup>  
Memorial Day  
City Hall Closed

May 30, 4:15 pm  
Library Board

June 5, 4:30 pm  
Parks Commission  
City Hall

June 6, 5:30 pm  
Council Work Session  
City Hall

June 6, 7:00 pm  
Council Meeting  
City Hall

June 7, 8:00 am  
EDA  
City Hall

June 20, 5:30 pm  
Council Work Session  
City Hall

June 20, 7:00 pm  
Council Meeting  
City Hall

## Administration/Finance

There will be a formal dedication of Cloquet's new Veteran's Remembrance Wall as part of the community Memorial Day ceremony at Veterans Park at 11:30. If you have not already seen the Memorial Wall, please do take the time to visit the park or attend the dedication ceremony, you will be in awe of the beautiful work that has been done.

Several of the Summer Seasonal employees have started over the last couple of weeks. The last few will start on Tuesday.

The City still has a vacancy on the Planning Commission. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to volunteer and apply for this important opening!

## Public Works/Parks

The utility department completed replacement of a crumbling storm drain structure along Avenue B this week. Immediately adjacent to the overlay work which is currently underway, the repair had to be completed in advance of the planned street repairs.

The City's hydrogeology consultant was in town this week collecting well water samples from a number of properties around Cloquet. The results of these tests should help identify geologic formations and locations which warrant further exploration for potential municipal well development.

A preconstruction meeting was held regarding planned 2017 Riverfront improvements. Work is scheduled to begin on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Early tasks include foundation prep for the new warming house structure, clearing of the trail corridor north of the River, and Curb/Sidewalk work along Broadway Avenue.

## Community Development

### Economic Development

Staff worked with CTC and Consolidated Solutions to host a business lunch forum to discuss options in Cloquet to connect to broadband fiber. During the recession, Northeast Service Cooperative installed a public fiber network which the City has been challenging private broadband providers to leverage to local businesses. Last year, City staff connected CTC and Upper Lakes Foods who then connected to the system as they were otherwise unable to operate their database system. Another business will work with CTC next year to connect. Staff also met with FDL Reservation to review their future broadband plans and possible pursuit to become their own ISP provider.

Staff and MnDOT District 1 met this week with a property owner who has limited use of his property due to the presence of wetlands located near the safety improvements planned at the base of Hwy 33 and Interstate 35.

### Planning & Zoning

Staff attended a class in Duluth on Wednesday about tackling City Code barriers that allow for the implementation of green infrastructure. That information will be shared with the Cloquet Planning Commission.

**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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**Building Inspections Services**

Staff remained busy this week with residential, commercial, and public building inspections. Staff conducted- follow up inspections on a variety of residential and commercial grant programs being used in the City (Small Cities Development Program) and worked with the Finance Department to release payments for many of those. Staff conducted follow- up liquor licensing inspections. A variety of permits for projects in Cloquet were prepared, one being the preparation of the demolition/grading permit to remove the former Friends of Animals building on South Hwy 33.

Swinging into summer, staff followed up on a variety of enforcement issues including long grass, housing code enforcement, and requests for inspections on vacant buildings with complaints. Staff is consulting the City Attorney on a complex property owner retaining wall collapse and will be working with engineering to further concerns about blighted properties.



**Other Information Attached:**  
**\* Invitation to Memorial Wall Dedication**



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CLOQUET, MN 55720

City of Cloquet  
ATTN: Caleb Peterson, City Engineer  
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Cloquet, MN 55720

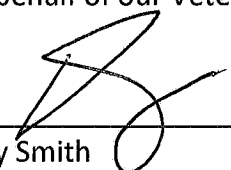
Dear Mr. Peterson,

On behalf of Commander Aaron Johnson and the officers and members of Cloquet Hebert-Kennedy VFW Post 3979, the Cloquet VFW Auxiliary, Cloquet American Legion Post 262, and Carlton County DAV Post 18, we would like to personally invite you to attend the formal dedication of Cloquet's new Veteran's Remembrance Wall as part of the community's Memorial Day ceremony.

So much amazing work has been done between the Veteran's community and the City of Cloquet's leadership and staff that has brought us to the completion of our amazing new wall. As the historical images shine in the Spring sun at our re-furbished Veteran's Park, no other day would be more fitting for a formal dedication as we remember those who have fallen on the field of Battle this Memorial Day. As someone who has been deeply engaged from the start of this project, I know you are keenly aware of how much work was put into this effort to memorialize the service of the fallen and all Veterans from throughout our Cloquet community.

In addition to your presence, we would also like to ask that you share this invite with the Project Engineering Firm and the Construction Company involved with the project. Because the dedication will occur in conjunction with the community Memorial Day ceremony, we will be operating in a general seating environment and will not designate seating for political entities or VIP guests. Thank you for your continued support and your assistance in this matter.

On behalf of our Veterans,

  
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Troy Smith  
Post Adjutant  
VFW Post 3979, Cloquet, MN