



# City Administrator's Weekly Update

WEEK ENDING JUNE 16, 2017

## Upcoming Events:

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

June 20, 7:00 pm  
Council Meeting  
City Hall

June 21, 6:00 p.m.  
CAFD

June 27, 4:15 pm  
Library Board  
Library

July 3, 4:30 pm  
Parks Commission  
City Hall

July 4<sup>th</sup>  
CITY HALL CLOSED

July 5, 8:00 am  
EDA  
City Hall

July 5, 5:30 pm  
Council Work Session  
City Hall

July 5, 7:00 pm  
Council Meeting  
City Hall

July 11, 7:00 pm  
Planning Commission

## Administration/Finance

The City has completed registration requirements to change its Domain Name from "@ci.cloquet.mn.us" to "@cloquetmn.gov". The reason for this change is to update the format to the more common Domain format used by other cities and government agencies making it simpler to use in email and for those searching the web to find us. This change will affect both email addresses and websites currently owned/operated by the City and will occur over the next three to four weeks. The change itself should be transparent to you, the end user, and email sent to the old Domain name will automatically be forwarded to your new one.

## Community Event

4<sup>th</sup> of July is just around the corner and the "Committee" has been very busy coordinating a fun filled event for our citizens and guests. However, they could use your help. Putting on this event will take approximately 60 volunteers lending a hand in various ways from set up, parade organization to clean up of Veterans Park after the festivities are through. If you feel motivated to lend the "Committee" a hand, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Alyson Leno, at 879-1551 or send a message to the Cloquet 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival page on Facebook. The list of volunteer opportunities is attached.

## Commission Openings

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 City posted our 2016 Drinking Water Report (Consumer Confidence Report) to the website as required by the Minnesota Department of Health. As usual, no contaminants were detected at levels that violated federal drinking water standards. Those interested in learning more can view document directly at <http://www.ci.cloquet.mn.us/waterreport>. Paper copies are available upon request at City Hall.

The Overlay Project is making progress and has not been slowed dramatically with all the rain we've been getting. The paving schedule was been pushed back slightly, right now the plan is to pave on Friday and Saturday.

Engineering staff has been busy with preliminary preparations of the Capital Improvement Plan for discussion with City Council. The Street Department has moved on from patching water leaks to larger patching operations on some of our poor condition streets. Utilities continue to investigate high flows in the sanitary sewer system due to wet conditions this spring which resulted in an exceedance of our allocated Level of Service from WLSSD.

## Community Development

### Economic Development

This week, the Northland Connection Advisory Committee met with a guest speaker from DEED's Shovel Ready Program. To register with the state program as a shovel ready site there is a onetime cost of \$3,250. This state site is predominantly used by Business Parks throughout the state. The EDA has discussed this in the past and it was helpful to discuss the programs value as the NE MN region.

The Iron Range Economic Alliance met this week hosting the legislative session featuring Rep. Julie Sandstede, Rep. Jason Metsa, John Ongaro, Lobbyist for

**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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Arrowhead Counties Association, Rep. Justin Eichorn, Rep. Sandy Layman, Pete Makowski, Office of Senator Franken, and Ida Rusavina, Office of Senator Klobuchar. Staff, the County, and Chamber continued discussions on updating and financing via a shared cost method the tourism maps for Cloquet and the County.

**Planning & Zoning**

The Planning commission met this week recommending a subdivision to the City Council for approval at the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting and denying a signage variance request from Morningstar Woodworks. Staff is reviewing the wetland delineation work for the Country Club Patio Homes for compliance with approvals.

**Building Inspections Services**

Staff held steady this week with inspections with footing and foundation inspections for the Taco Bell project. Staff conducted plan review for the new warming house on Dunlap Island. Several residential inspections were done in the categories of roofing, siding, decks and additions.

Staff hired out the clearing of garbage at 315 Avenue B by Go Clean. With ongoing housing and public nuisance complaints, coupled with issues at the property including rodent complaints fielded by our police department.

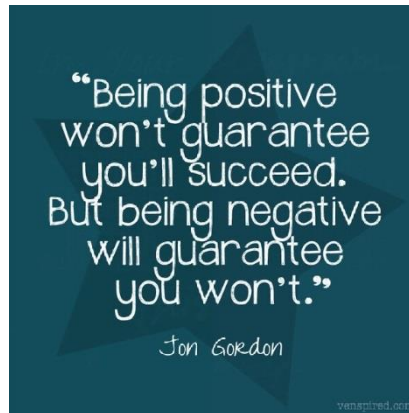
**Library**

Over 300 children have signed up for the Summer Reading Program. We have had great attendance and interest in our programs.

On Monday, June 19, there will be a Midsummer Crafts program with Alison Aune. Registration for the has already closed due to the high volume of pre-registrations.

On Wednesday, June 21, award winning author William Durbin will give a presentation at 6 p.m. and on Thursday, the Zoomobile will visit at 10:30 a.m.

The Friends of the Library will conduct their annual Craft Fair and Book Sale fundraiser on Friday, June 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



**Other Information Attached:**

**\*2016 Drinking Water Report**