



City Administrator's Weekly Update

WEEK ENDING JUNE 30, 2017

Upcoming Events:

July 4th
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

July 18, 5:30 pm
Council Work Session
City Hall

July 18, 7:00 pm
Council Meeting
City Hall

July 19, 6:00 pm
CAFD

July 25, 4:40 pm
Library Board
Library



Administration/Finance

City Administrator Search

Staff and Council met this week in a "Special" Council meeting to select finalists for the City Administrator position. Three finalists were selected to proceed to the next step of interviews by the Council on July 17th.

Community Event

The last get together of the Committee took place this week. Still a lot of details to complete to ensure a great community event. Several members of the Committee have really put forth an awesome effort and should be commended for everything they've done. Please try to stop by the park and see what all the work has produced! It has taken a lot of work by many people to put on this family fun filled event. However, they could still use your help. Please see the attached flyer for volunteer opportunities.

Commission Openings

The City still has a vacancy on the Planning Commission. If you'd like to learn more about what the commission does, contact Al Cottingham at 879-2507. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to volunteer and apply for this important opening!

Public Works/Parks

Staff participated in a site visit at the old City Landfill on Freeman Rd. Seven years after the initial request, it appears MPCA will be executing the final closure and monitoring plan in the coming weeks.

Engineering participated in training on the City's new pavement management software. Staff was also asked to participate in the kick off meeting to MnDOT's District One Bike Plan.

Public Works Staff has been very busy in preparation for the various 4th of July programs. Thanks for all the hard work making this a successful and memorable event for our community.

Did you know that Cloquet ranks #17 out of 227 for best beach towns across America? This is according to WalletHub's 2017 Best Beach Towns to Live in. Grab your sunscreen and swimsuit and head out to enjoy Pinehurst Park's "Beach" over this holiday!

Community Development

Economic Development

This week staff attended an overview of three MnDOT grant programs – the TED program (Transportation Economic Development, for local governments applying for trunk highway improvements corresponding to economic development projects), the TEDI program (Transportation Economic Development Infrastructure, for local governments applying for non-trunk highway improvements corresponding to economic development projects) and the MN Highway Freight Program. Staff held a follow up conference call with DEED on planning a Cloquet job fair to address workforce needs of business owners. DEED will be working to plan an event with AEOA and NEMOJT.

Planning & Zoning

This week staff prepared a legal notice/property owner notice for a side yard setback variance request on 21st Street. Staff also prepared a report on outdoor seating at Avenue C. Lastly, staff reviewed revised plans for Country Club Patio Homes.

Building Inspections Services

This week commercial inspections were done a Washington and Churchill Elementary school additions, plumbing and foundation inspections were done for Taco Bell, and a foundation inspection was done for the Dunlap Island shelter. In terms of residential, HVAC and underground plumbing inspections were done for a new slab on grade home, and several garage slabs and re-roof projects were inspected. Staff met owners onsite to review building permit requirements for various projects.

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
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*On this 4th of July, respect this freedom and independence,
for it has been a result of someone's hard work and sacrifices.*

Author Unknown



Other Information Attached:

*** 4th of July Volunteer Opportunities**

July Fourth

Volunteers Needed!

We need your help! It takes about 60+ volunteers to make the Cloquet Fourth of July Fest a success and we'd love your support!

Volunteer opportunities include the following:

July 3, 5:00pm

10-20 people to help set-up tents in Veterans Park (physical work)

9:30am—11:30am

2 people to help with Parade line-up and more

9:00am—11:00am

10-20 people to help with set-up at Veterans Park (physical work)

11:30am—1:30pm, 1:30pm—3:30pm, 3:30pm—5:30pm

6 people each shift to help monitor the Bouncy Castles and Climbing Wall/Slide

12:00pm—2:00pm, 2:00pm—4:00pm

2-4 people each shift to help with face painting

12:00pm—2:00, 2:00-5:00pm

2 people each shift to check the garbage cans and monitor park conditions

July 5, 8:30am

Help clean up Veterans Park after the festivities...it's always a mess!

To volunteer, contact Alyson Leno at 879.1551 or send a message to the Cloquet 4th of July Festival page on Facebook.