

City Administrator's Weekly Update

WEEK ENDING AUGUST 11, 2017

Upcoming Events:

August 15, 5:30 pm Council Work Session (Note: Council will meet at the Shamrock Landfill)

August 15, 7:00 pm City Council Meeting City Hall

August 16, 6:00 CAFD Board District Office

August 22, 4:15 pm Library Board Library

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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Administration/Finance

An offer was made and accepted for the City Administrator position this week. Council met for a Special Meeting for approval of the contract with an effective date no later than October 2nd. Stay tuned for more details next week!

Finance

Staff discussed the 2018 Budget/CIP with Council on Tuesday evening. Budget items will continue to be discussed at the Work Session scheduled for September 5th.

Staff has been working with the Library Board to solicit for applicants for the pending Library Director Position. Several applicants were received and semi-finalist packets were sent to the Board for consideration. Staff will meet with the Library Board at 4 p.m. Wednesday, August 16th to select a finalist for interview.

Reminder

Our next Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, Aug 15th with our Work Session beginning at SKB's landfill office at 761 Hwy 45. All Council member's, staff, and interested citizens are asked to meet at the landfill by 5:30 pm to begin the meeting and tour of the facility.

Public Works/Parks

Planning and engineering staff had a meeting with Sappi this week to discuss the mill's plan to better utilize the nursery property along Cloquet Avenue. As part of any operational changes, staff is attempting to identify options which may exist to partner with Sappi to improve the ongoing conflict between truck traffic and the neighboring residential area along 18th St. Discussion is very preliminary but It is likely the item will be brought forward to Council at a future Work Session.

The City's mowing contractor is in town again this week working along Highway 33 and some of our other rural ditches. With wetter than average conditions continuing late into the summer, we have not seen the typical late season slow-down in turf growth. Crews continue to mow on a regular basis as our summer seasonal employees slowly leave and return to school.

We had a rare summer water leak on the 1200 block of Dewy Avenue which resulted in some overtime for the crew last weekend. Thankfully, other service calls have been fairly slow this week as we have several staff out on vacation as summer winds down.

Community Development

Economic Development

Staff has reached out to Newell this week on the status of any property sales discussions on the Jarden site. Jarden's remaining HR Team and USW District 11 will be hosting a job fair on August 22^{nd} at the Cloquet Labor Temple from 11 am -3 pm for displaced Diamond Match workers. Staff has reached out and encouraged area employers to join in that job fair. There were several new commercial Small Cities Grant projects finalized this week and one new residential project.

Planning and Zoning

Staff reviewed directional signage along Hwy 33 for possible changes this week. Staff also met with Sappi to discuss possible wood storage changes on the Cloquet Avenue nursery site.

Building Inspections Services

Staff scheduled a building permit software demonstration for next week as we continue to examine future options. The City processed their first Scanlon permit this week since the process was initiated on August 1st. Staff maintained a steady schedule of residential and commercial inspections, along with preparing enforcement orders and follow-up this week. On Friday, Matt attended the Arrowhead Chapter of Building Officials Meeting.

Library

John Cavanaugh will give a presentation on the upcoming solar eclipse on Monday, August 14th at 6:30 p.m. There will be an eclipse viewing party at the library on Monday, August 21st, starting at noon. The library received a grant to provide free viewing glasses for people to use at the event.

Bill Bauer will give a presentation on Raspberry Pi basics on Wednesday, August 16th at 6:30 p.m. The library received several Raspberry Pi kits through a Blandin Broadband grant.

The greatest discovery of our generation is that human

beings can alter their lives by altering their attitudes of mind. As you think, so shall you be.

William James

Other Information Attached:

* July Permit Report

* August 22nd Local 970 Job Fair Announcement

* August 16th MN Workforce Center Fall Job Fair Announcement

Monthly report of July 2016

City of Cloquet

| Туре | Permits | | |
|---|---------------|------------|----------|
| | Number Issued | Value | Amount |
| ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT | 6 | 120 720.00 | 1 392.67 |
| BUILDING PERMIT DECK | 2 | 5 300.00 | 249.15 |
| BUILDING PERMIT NEW GARAGE | 2 | 24 500.00 | 524.75 |
| GRADING PERMIT | 1 | 0.00 | 25.00 |
| MECHANICAL PERMIT | 9 | 0.00 | 480.00 |
| REROOF OR RESIDE | 12 | 0.00 | 1 212.00 |
| SIGN | 2 | 0.00 | 67.00 |
| ZONING - Accessory Building Site Location | 1 | 0.00 | 25.00 |
| ZONING - FENCE PERMIT | 3 | 0.00 | 75.00 |
| Total | 38 | 150 520.00 | 4 050.57 |

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| Tuna | Permits | | |
|---|---------------|------------|-----------|
| Type | Number Issued | Value | Amount |
| ADMIN COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL | 5 | 116 728.00 | 1 680.96 |
| ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT | 15 | 39 615.00 | 1 125.31 |
| BUILDING NEW RESIDENTIAL | 4 | 312 000.00 | 4 157.06 |
| BUILDING PERMIT DECK | 4 | 23 624.00 | 686.81 |
| BUILDING PERMIT NEW GARAGE | 5 | 78 000.00 | 1 485.55 |
| Demo - Residential | 1 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| GRADING PERMIT | 1 | 0.00 | 112.00 |
| MECHANICAL PERMIT | 16 | 0.00 | 730.00 |
| PLUMBING | 4 | 0.00 | 610.00 |
| REROOF OR RESIDE | 24 | 0.00 | 2 424.00 |
| ZONING - Accessory Building Site Location | 1 | 0.00 | 25.00 |
| ZONING - FENCE PERMIT | 8 | 0.00 | 150.00 |
| Total | 88 | 569 967.00 | 13 186.69 |





Displaced Diamond Match Mill Workers Jarden Home Brands

> Cloquet Labor Temple 1403 Ave. C Cloquet, MN 55720



Please RSVP:

Gerry Parzino 612-851-0753 Michelle Ivey 612-623-8003

Gear up for Fall Job Fair



Looking for a Job? If so, this Job Fair is for you!

Updated list of registered employers as of August 2nd

Minnesota WorkForce Center—Duluth 402 West First Street

(Duluth Athletic Club Building)

Wednesday, August 16, 2017

3:00pm-6:00pm

| AAA Minnesota/Iowa | IBEW-NECA (Electrical Apprenticeship Program) | Monarch Healthcare (The North Shore Estates) |
|------------------------|---|--|
| Allete/Minnesota Power | Interim Healthcare | People Ready |
| AP Avionics | IPS Cranes | Raveill Trucking/Timber Transport |
| At Home Living | Job Corps | RSI (Residential Services, Inc.) |
| Choice unlimited | Kelly Services | St. Luke's |
| CSL Plasma | Lake Superior College | <u>Spherion</u> |
| Duluth G&K/Cintas | Lake Superior Community Health Center | Stepping Stones for Living |
| Essentia Health | Loll Design | Trillium Services |
| Goodwill | Louisiana Pacific | UnitedHealth Group (UHG) |
| Home Instead | Metro Sales | Whole Foods Co-op |
| H&R Block | Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) | |

Bring your resume and be ready to meet a variety of employers! Practice your introduction and be prepared!

Check out the updated flyer at: http://duluthmn.gov/ workforce-development/



