



City Administrator's Weekly Update

Week Ending August 5, 2016

Upcoming Events

August 8, 4:30 pm
Parks Commission
City Hall
(Rescheduled from 8/8)

August 9
Primary Election Day

August 9
Planning Comm.
Cancelled

August 16, 5:30 pm
Council Work
Session
City Hall

August 16, 7pm
Regular City Council
Meeting
City Hall

August 18, 6:30 pm
Skate Park Design
City Hall

August 30, 4:15 pm
Library Board
Library

September 5
Labor Day
City Offices Closed

Sept. 6, 5:30 pm
Council Work
Session
City Hall

September 6, 7pm
Regular City Council
Meeting
City Hall

Administration

Personnel

Staff conducted its last interview for the Assistant City Engineer this week. A final candidate has been identified and negotiations regarding their hire have commenced. Hopefully a recommendation will be made before the City Council on August 16.

The City received its preliminary 2017 health insurance renewal this week. The official renewal will be presented to us in 2 weeks. The preliminary number reflects a 27.4% increase in our rates for the AFSCME and non-union staff. We are in the process of trying to reconvene our Health Insurance Committee to start meeting and exploring what, if any, options are available for consideration.

Elections

Just a reminder that next Tuesday, August 9 is Primary Election Day.

PUBLIC WORKS/PARKS

Summer Road Projects

Crews continue the work on the 3rd Street improvements and things are moving along.

The Highway 33 mill and overlay project took some huge steps towards completion this week with the mill & overlay work starting near the bridge.

Arch Street Retaining Wall

Recently a section of the retaining wall along Arch Street adjacent to the sidewalk collapsed. Staff is working with the property owner to identify a solution. Staff has previously identified the reconstruction of Arch Street as a priority project in the CIP so identifying a short/long term solution to this wall collapse is important. The short term fix will need to be done this year at a cost estimated between \$20-30,000.

Parking Complaints

We have been receiving complaints regarding logging trucks using and parking on Adams Street behind the new Kwik Trip store for most of the summer. We are attempting to address this through the placement of some signage limiting the parking of trucks in the residential area.

Cloquet Avenue

We were planning on placing temporary Bump/Bulb-Outs in the next couple of weeks at the intersections of 12th and 9th Streets and Cloquet Avenue. It is anticipated that they would remain up until the end of September. This is similar to the effort put in place last summer to draw attention to the issue of pedestrian crossings.

Water Filter Plant

The pilot study is underway regarding the conceptual filter plant plan. So far preliminary results have been positive. We have also added the public notice regarding the manganese concerns on the City's website.

Park Fencing

The City has received a quote for approximately \$16,500 for park fencing. This includes increased height on the backstop at Pinehurst park and new fencing along the North Road at Sunnyside Park. I have authorized these improvements as allowed under the City's Purchasing policy.

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Other Information Attached:

- **Skatepark Visioning Workshop Notice**
- **July 29, 2016 Mediacom Notice**

"Inspiration is for amateurs; the rest of us just show up and get to work."

**-- Chuck Close,
painter and photographer**



Design Visioning Workshop

August 18, 2016
6:30 pm

Cloquet Skatepark

The City of Cloquet, MN invites you to participate in a design visioning workshop to gather information and feedback for the future design of your skatepark. Kanten Russell, former professional skateboarder and Stantec Lead Action Sport designer, will facilitate the session.

Meeting Location:
1307 Cloquet Ave.
Cloquet, MN 55720



Theresa Sunde
Senior Manager, Government Relations

July 29, 2016

Dear Government Official:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that effective on or about September 1, 2016, Mediacom will be adjusting the monthly rental pricing for our digital transport adapters (DTA) as follows:

Product:	Old Rate:	New Rate:	Net Change:
Standard Definition DTA	\$.99	\$1.99	\$1.00
High Definition DTA	\$1.99	\$2.99	\$1.00

As you may recall, Mediacom introduced DTAs to help our customers with older televisions continue to receive their television channels as we transitioned our Broadcast Basic and Expanded Basic video lineups from analog to digital. Recently, Mediacom enhanced the functionality of the DTAs by introducing a new on-screen guide. This on-screen guide allows customers to easily explore TV programming right from their remote control and get information on the shows they want to watch.

Depending on the terms of their contract, certain customers on promotional rates may not be impacted by these DTA pricing changes until the end of their promotional period.

In addition, Mediacom will be combining its high-speed internet modem and EMTA phone adapter equipment charges into a single data and phone modem charge. The standard monthly rental price for data and phone modems will be \$7.50 beginning September 1, 2016. Customers not wishing to lease a modem from Mediacom always have the option of buying their own compatible modem at retail.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly at tsunde@mediacomcc.com.

Sincerely,

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