



# City Administrator's Weekly Update

Week Ending September 4, 2015

## Upcoming Events

### September 7

Labor Day—City Hall Closed

### September 8, 7:00 pm

Planning Commission  
City Hall  
**CANCELLED**

### September 9, 6:00 pm

CAFD  
District Office

### Sept. 15, 5:30 pm

Council Work Session  
City Hall

### Sept. 15, 7:00 pm

City Council Meeting  
City Hall

### September 22, 7:00 pm

Planning Commission  
City Hall  
**CANCELLED**

### September 22, 6:30 pm

MnDOT public meeting  
City Hall

### September 29, 4:15 pm

Library Board  
Library

## ADMINISTRATION

### SENIOR CENTER

The City has received complaints regarding the heating/cooling at the Senior Center. With the recent stretch of hot and humid days combined with the Senior meal preparation in the kitchen, the facility has a tendency to be very warm. Keeping the temperature in a comfortable range is a challenge under these circumstances. Staff has made some adjustments to try and help the temperature situation.

### 2016 BUDGET

The Council met this week and reviewed the latest draft of the preliminary budget and CIP. Final approval of these items will be considered at the September 15th Council meeting. The current proposed levy increase is at 2.97%. The recommended CIP will include certain improvements to all of our public buildings over the next 10 years.

## PUBLIC WORKS/PARKS

### MISCELLANEOUS

Crews continue to pour concrete around town currently focusing on 14th Street, north of Carlton Avenue, by replacing stretches of poor sidewalks, curb and gutter. They are also working in the west end of town replacing a deteriorating stairway along with the sidewalk, curb and gutter.

### HILLTOP PARK

Work on the new playing fields and disc golf course at Hilltop Park started this week. The project is slated to be completed yet this fall.

### PINEHURST PARK

With the closure of the swim pond and the completion of the softball season, work started this week on the major reconstruction of Pinehurst Park.

### SUNNYSIDE PARK TENNIS COURTS

This project is close to completion. The only remaining work is the installation of fencing and netting. Even without fencing and netting, the basketball courts continue to be busy each night with neighborhood kids.

### HIGHWAY 33/I-35 PUBLIC MEETING

MnDOT has scheduled a public meeting for September 22nd, 6:30 pm at City Hall to discuss some of the preliminary design concepts addressing the safety challenges at the Highway 33/I-35 interchange. Unfortunately, there were two more accidents at this intersection last week.

### I-35 FRONTAGE ROAD & INTERSECTION

Preliminary design proposals include restricting access to and from the frontage road on the west side of the Highway to a "Right-In / Right-Out" only and the construction of a new frontage road that would connect to Gillette Road.

Mayor Hallback has been speaking with FDL representatives about financial participation on the proposed I-35 frontage road project. We have scheduled a meeting with Chairperson Diver in the near future.



*"Happiness can be found in even the darkest of times, if only one remembers to turn on the light."*

- Steve Kloves, Screenwriter

# Happy Labor

# Day!!



## OTHER INFORMATION ATTACHED

Attached the Council will find the following:

- \* August Permit Report
- \* 9/03/15 Citizen Letter

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## Monthly report of August 2014

## City of Cloquet

Type	Permits		
	Number Issued	Value	Amount
ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT	24	143 078.00	3 109.79
BUILDING NEW RESIDENTIAL	1	200 000.00	2 498.69
BUILDING PERMIT ADDITION OR REMODEL	2	27 700.00	568.35
BUILDING PERMIT DECK	2	6 800.00	217.80
BUILDING PERMIT NEW GARAGE	6	140 400.00	2 445.90
GRADING PERMIT	2	0.00	116.21
MECHANICAL PERMIT	2	0.00	125.00
PLUMBING	4	0.00	380.00
SIGN	3	0.00	58.00
ZONING - FENCE PERMIT	1	0.00	25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>517 978.00</b>	<b>9 544.74</b>

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Type	Permits		
	Number Issued	Value	Amount
ADDITION/REMODEL COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL	1	18 144.00	356.32
ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT	9	36 125.00	917.07
BUILDING PERMIT ADDITION OR REMODEL	1	240 500.00	2 888.54
BUILDING PERMIT NEW GARAGE	3	28 789.00	638.14
GRADING PERMIT	3	0.00	50.00
MECHANICAL PERMIT	1	0.00	55.00
PLUMBING	2	0.00	130.00
REROOF OR RESIDE	17	0.00	1 745.00
SIGN	4	0.00	128.00
ZONING - Accessory Building Site Location	1	0.00	25.00
ZONING - FENCE PERMIT	12	0.00	250.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>323 558.00</b>	<b>7 183.07</b>

September 3, 2015

City of Cloquet

Attention: Al Cottingham, City Planner/Zoning Administrator

RE: Discontinue use of Bump-Outs on Cloquet City streets.

The purpose of this letter is to persuade the City of Cloquet to **discontinue the use of bump-outs**. I do not believe they are necessary, may be a hazard to the general public, and may impede road maintenance. Below is a list of reasons supporting my request.

1. One purpose of road improvements is to increase efficiency and safety in regards to the flow of traffic, both pedestrian and vehicular. Bump-outs impede/constrict the flow of vehicular traffic. Laws exist governing the flow of traffic, both pedestrian, vehicular, and where they intersect. If the public follows these laws then there is no need to impede traffic with bump-outs.
2. Bump-outs increase the length of time high traffic flow backs up.
3. During high volume vehicular times, bump-outs make it dangerous for emergency vehicles to carry out their tasks efficiently and safely.
4. Bump-outs put bicyclists, both adult and children, in danger as they move out of the bicycle lane into the lane of traffic to navigate around the bump-outs.
5. At night bicyclists may not expect nor see the bump-out, may hit it and crash.
6. Bump-outs increase the difficulty larger vehicles, including snow ploughs, road maintenance vehicles, utility vehicles, school buses, public buses, delivery vehicles, large vans, and pickup trucks, have making a right turn while navigating around a bump-out. Many of these vehicles cannot make the turn from the correct lane into the correct lane without crossing into the oncoming lane of traffic.
7. During the school year children are assisted crossing the bump-out involved streets by crossing guards and adult chaperons making the bump-outs unnecessary. Unfortunately the bump-outs impede traffic flow 100% of the time, not just during the entry and exit time of a school day.
8. When the snow flies, bump-outs impede the snow removal process of street cleaning.

Please take these reasons into consideration and discontinue the use of bump-outs.

Thank you for your time.

Very Truly,

Elise Rieschl, a Concerned Citizen

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