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Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 4PM at City Hall—Sandberg Room.

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Business Bulletin

UPDATING BUSINESS LEADERS

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

The City moved another step closer to achieving the objectives of the financial plan last month when the City Council and School Board both approved the lease for the Community Center. The District will lease the building for a two year term netting \$160,000 for the City. The District intends to keep the building open for public use and continue the operation of the health club. This is great news to the citizens as there will be no diminishment of public service. Also, the library will not be impacted by the change and is actually seeking expanding its hours. There are many to thank for this accomplishment. I am grateful to Scott Duddeck who relentlessly represented the City and appreciative of the support of the Mayor and Council through the ups and downs of the process.

I truly believe it will lead to greater collaboration between the District and the City which can only be better for the residents.

This fall, the district plans to set up classrooms in the center for *North St. Paul Community School*, which is an alternative learning program for secondary students working to complete their high school education. If you have a question or comment about the Community Center, you may direct them to NSPCS@isd622.org. For questions relating to parks and recreation, please call the City of North St. Paul Parks & Recreation Department at 651.747.2411.

Congratulations Local Businesses

On March 12, 2013 the North St. Paul Economic Development Authority (EDA) hosted the first-ever *Business Appreciation* event. Mayor Kuehn along with the EDA congratulated La' Garage and Gallery, Reflex Medical Molding and North St. Paul History Cruzers, recognizing them for their Outstanding Contribution to the Economic and Civic Vitality of North St. Paul. Other highlights of the program included a presentation by the HKGI planning consultants in regard to the recently completed North St. Paul Redevelopment Master Plan and refreshments provided by K & J Catering.



Del and Carolyn Howard
La'Garage & Gallery

Kevin Fuller
Reflex Medical Molding

Paul Houliston
History Cruzers

Helen Street Project

Progress continues on the Helen Street Senior Housing Project. A late spring construction start is scheduled. The City would like to remind interested folks to get on our project waiting/ mailing list by calling Community Development at 651.747.2407. The City Council approved the *Pre-Plat, Conditional Use Permit and Open Space Variance and Disposal of Public land* in mid March. With the approval of these items, the development of 114 units of senior housing is full steam ahead!

Thinking of expanding your business? Get help from the experts at:

Positively Minnesota, Department of Employment and Economic Development. They offer professional guidance and help your business grow.

To learn more go to: www.positivelyminnesota.com

SCORE

Your Small Business Resource

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North St. Paul Notes
 "Bringing the World to North St. Paul"

This month's guest:
 Tracy Luther of
 Luther Auctions.

North St. Paul Veteran's Park Foundation.
 Don't miss the Veteran's Park Fundraiser Saturday, April 20 1-5PM American Legion Post 39

Have a Utility Emergency?
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North St. Paul Selected for Resilient Communities Partnership

The City of North St. Paul has been selected as the partner community for the University of Minnesota's Resilient Communities Project for the 2013-2014 academic year. The partnership will bring the expertise of hundreds of graduate students and the University to sustainability-related projects identified by North St. Paul and provide North St. Paul with the resources needed to move several projects forward. Students from the University enrolled in the fall 2013 and spring 2014 classes will work with the city ranging from the schools of: *Architecture, Planning & Engineering, Business, Environmental Sciences and Humanities*. If you have any questions / comments please direct them to Community Development Director [Nate Ehalt](#) or 651.747.2595.

Signage/Wayfinding Program Update

City staff have been working with the Downtown Revitalization group over the last several months on a signage and wayfinding project for the downtown area. This project was listed as one of the projects for the Resilient Communities partnership, which was awarded to our City for the 2013-2014 academic year. This means that the project will move forward and will be led primarily by graduate students at the University of Minnesota during the Fall or Spring semester. Residents and business owners are encouraged to be a part of the public engagement process for this project and others as part of the Resilient Communities partnership. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months!

Concerts in the Park—Business Opportunity

The City of North St. Paul offers three concerts to the community, which are held at Casey Lake park. The concerts are free and are a wonderful opportunity for family and friends to gather on a summer evening and listen to a variety of music including Brio Brass, Teddy Bear Band and The Resistors and The Jolly Huntsmen. Become part of the fun and promote your business by sponsoring the Concerts in the Park series. Your business will reach hundreds of people through advertising and attendance of the concert series. [Learn more.](#)

Reflex Medical Expansion Update

What's Next? This month will be the final approval of development agreement. The ground breaking will begin later this month or early May.

North St. Paul's Hmong House

The Hmong House located at 2112 11th Avenue in North St. Paul was recently featured in the March issue of the Minneapolis St Paul Magazine/Eat & Drink Section. They received wonderful reviews from Dara Moskowitz Grumdahl. Dara commented "There's so much going on at Hmong House-visually, culinarily, culturally-that first visits can feel like the first hours at Disneyland." Congratulations!! Read more at <http://mspmag.com/dining/>

North St. Paul Business Community—Get Your Team Together!

Softball registration process underway

The City of North St. Paul is now taking registrations for *Mens and Co-Rec* adult softball leagues to play at McKnight Field. All leagues play a 20-game schedule with double headers each weeknight. Games are scheduled to begin the week of April 22, 2013, weather permitting. Concessions are available at the recreation complex. To register your team, please contact Jon Fure at 651.747.2587. More information is available on the Parks and Recreation section of the City of North St. Paul website.

All Park Clean Up—Saturday, April 20 from 9AM – 1PM

The North St. Paul Parks and Recreation Commission invite you to participate in our Annual Spring Clean Up. Please consider donating a few hours to spruce up our parks. Meet at the park closest to you. Garbage bags will be supplied. Bring gloves, rakes and clippers! A complimentary lunch and beverage will be served at Casey Lake Park from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., so be sure and stop by! For more information contact Parks Chair, Lloyd Grachek at 651.748.0054.