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EDA MAKES BROADBAND A TOP PRIORITY IN 2014

Internet connection got you down? The Economic Development Authority is looking at broadband options and needs your input.

The Scandia Economic Development Authority (EDA) is making the expansion of broadband services to residents and businesses in Scandia a top priority. Broadband is a high speed Internet access that is more reliable and faster than the traditional dial-up service. It's an important component to the quality of life offered in our community. Broadband not only helps attract and retain businesses but also assists in areas of education, healthcare, public safety and more. As many of us know, even in our leisure time we're using more electronic devices and the need for high speed Internet access is crucial.

The Scandia EDA recently received approval for technical assistance from the Blandin Foundation's Community Broadband Resources Program. They started by reviewing coverage maps available on the Connect Minnesota website. While the maps showed most of the City had access to Internet, the Board questioned the reliability of the maps. Therefore, the EDA is requesting help from Scandia residents and businesses to provide better data to share with the broadband providers.

In addition to having service available in your area, the EDA is also striving to have quality services available. In 2010 the state legislature established goals for universal access and high speed deployment by 2015. The state goal for broadband services is 10 mbps download and six mbps upload. There are still homes in Scandia that do not meet these goals.

There are plans to extend cable and broadband services to the Sand Lake Overlook Development along Oxboro Ave and 197th St. this summer. But, the EDA needs your input to convince the providers to extend services into other neighborhoods.

Please complete our short survey by May 1st on broadband services available at your home or Scandia business. A link to the survey is available on our website (www.ci.scandia.mn.us) or stop by City Hall M, W-F, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., T-9 a.m.-6 p.m. and pick up a paper copy.

Be sure to include your address on the survey so we know where the services are needed. The EDA will work with the providers to prioritize service areas.

Anyone with questions can contact City Staff at 651.433.2274 or k.handt@ci.scandia.mn.us

Thank you in advance for helping us!



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Filings Open for City Offices July 29, 2014

Scandia will elect a Mayor and two City Council Members at the November 4 General Election. The Mayor serves a two-year term, and Council Members serve four-year terms. The terms of Mayor Simonson and Council Members Schneider and Swanson end in 2014.

Filing opens Tuesday, July 29, and ends on Tuesday, August 12, 2014. Office hours for filing are 9:00am to Noon, and 1:00pm to 4:00pm Monday through Friday, with extended office hours until 6:00pm on Tuesdays.

Candidates must file an affidavit of candidacy with the City Clerk, signed in the presence of a notary, and pay a \$2.00 filing fee. The filing fee is waived if a petition is submitted containing 500 signatures of eligible voters, or 2% of the number of persons who voted in the last election for that office, whichever is less. Candidates are placed on the

ballot without party designation. Candidates may withdraw from the election by filing an affidavit of withdrawal with the City Clerk not later than 5:00pm on Thursday, August 14, 2014. Filing fees are not refundable.

Qualifications for candidates are:

- Eligible voter
- At least 21 years of age when assuming office
- Resident of the City for thirty days preceding the General Election (November 4, 2014)
- Has not filed for another office in the same election

Compensation for Scandia City Council Members is currently (2014):

- Mayor: \$3,882.96 annually
- Council Member: \$3,148.38 annually

Election Judges Needed

During the Primary and General Elections, Scandia will need election judges to staff the local polling place, administer election procedures, and ensure that the rights of voters are protected on Election Day. Serving as an election judge provides an opportunity to learn more about the election process and serve the community. With advance notice, employers must allow workers time off to serve as election judges. Qualifications for serving include being eligible to vote in Minnesota, being fluent in English, and completing a two-hour training session (scheduled for July 8, 2014). Election judges need to be able to

communicate clearly with voters, pay attention to detail, and enjoy helping others. Election judges are paid an hourly wage of \$9.00. Would you like to serve? Call the City office at 651.433.2274 no later than Tuesday, July 1.

Special Election, Forest Lake Schools, May 20th, New Polling Place

Forest Lake School District, ISD 831, will be holding a special election on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 for a bond referendum. The polling location has been moved to the Scandia Community Center. Polls are open 7am-8pm.



Clip and Save— 2014 Elections Calendar

Friday, June 27— Absentee voting begins for Primary Election, through Monday Aug. 11

Tuesday, July 22, 5 p.m.— Last day to pre-register for State Primary Election. After this date, register at the polls on Election Day

Tuesday, July 29— Filings for Mayor and City Council races open, through **Tuesday, August 12, at 5 p.m.**

Monday, August 11, 5 p.m.— Absentee voting for Primary Election closes

Tuesday, August 12, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.— State Primary Election Day

Thursday, August 14, 5 p.m.—Deadline to withdraw filings for Mayor and Council

Friday, September 19— Absentee voting begins for General Election, through Monday, Nov. 3

Tuesday, October 14, 5 p.m.— Last date to pre-register for General Election. After this date, register at the polls on Election Day.

Monday, November 3, 5 p.m.— Absentee voting for General Election closes

Tuesday, November 4, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.— State General Election Day

Jahnke Joins Public Works Crew

Brian Jahnke was hired March 5, 2014 as a full-time maintenance worker in the Scandia Public Works Department. He fills the newly created fourth crew member position in the department. Jahnke began working for the City this winter as an on-call snow removal worker. He brings experience in construction skills and heavy equipment

operations to the team. Under the direction of Public Works Director Kieffer, Jahnke joins other public works staff to deliver quality service and maintain the City's infrastructure.

In his free time, Jahnke enjoys snowmobiling, hunting and working on his house.



Do You Have Spring Fever?

New this year is a City-Wide Clean-up Week, scheduled for Saturday, April 26 through Saturday, May 3 at the SRC/Forest Lake Sanitation site in Wyoming, MN.

This service will replace the annual Heavy Metal Clean-up Day held each spring at the Scandia Community Center parking lot. Residents may drop off rubbish items not taken by their regular

trash hauler such as appliances, tires, furniture, mattresses, scrap metal and wood at the SRC facility located at 6320 East Viking Boulevard, Wyoming, MN.

During this week, Scandia residents will receive a 20% discount off regular collection prices. Be prepared to show proof of residency such as a driver's license. Hours of

operation are 8:00 a.m. to noon on Saturdays, and 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M—F.

Please call SRC at 651.462.1099 for more information. A pricing schedule is posted on the City's website.



Short Takes

Signs— Permits are required for all signs, including temporary signs for garage sales and community events. There's no fee for temporary sign permits. No signs may be placed in any public rights-of-way, on any roof, or painted on walls or attached to utility poles.

Burning Permits— A (no-charge) burning permit is required for open burning when there is no snow cover. In all cases, please notify the Washington County Sheriff's Office (651.439.9381) one hour before you burn. There may be restrictions depending on weather, time-of-day or air-quality issues. See the City office for more information and for permits.

Spring Load Limits— are in effect and are expected to last for about 8 weeks after they went into effect on March 14.

Make Sure Public Safety Officers Can Find You When You Need Them— Is your address clearly marked at the street? If not, public safety officials (police, fire, EMS) may be delayed in reaching you when it matters most. Please make sure your address is marked on your mailbox and/or at the end of your driveway. Every second counts.

Exterior Storage and Parking— Scandia requires that all personal property be stored in a building or fully screened, with a few exceptions for licensed vehicles and recreation equipment. No more than four passenger vehicles per dwelling unit are allowed on parcels less than 10 acres in size. No more than 2 recreational vehicles (such as campers, boats, trailers, etc.) may be stored in the side or rear yard on any lot.

Disposing of Leaves—Did you know that dumping your leaves in the ditch is also illegal. This causes ditches to fill up with sediment prematurely resulting in poor drainage or even flooding. The decomposition helps to accelerate the forming of algae in our lakes and rivers. Please dispose of your leaves properly.

Landscaping in the Right-of-Way—Summer is right around the corner and many people take this opportunity to landscape their yards. Before you do any work, make sure that you are not encroaching into the right-of-way. Landscaping within the right-of-way is not permitted and you may be forced to return it to its original state. Don't waste your time and money and check with the City first.

Dates to Remember

ISD 831 Special Election

Scandia Community
Center
Tuesday, May 20
7:00 a.m. to
8:00 p.m.



Farmers Market

Gammelgården
Wednesdays
June 11 through
Sept. 24
4:00 p.m. to
7:00 p.m.
Weekly Drawing for
Market Give-A Way
Scandiafarmersmarket.com

"Spring Chicken" Benefit

Fire Hall
Saturday, May 3
4:00 p.m. to
8:00 p.m.

Proceeds to Fire Dept. and
Lions Scholarship Fund





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Regular Council Meeting:
Third Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Council Work Session:
First Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
Planning Commission:
First Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

City Staff:
Kristina Handt,
Administrator
Brenda Eklund,
Deputy Clerk
Colleen Firkus, Treasurer
Tim Kieffer, Director of
Public Works
Mike Hinz, Fire Chief
Nick Vivian, Attorney
Eckberg Lammers
Ryan Goodman, Engineer
Sherri Buss, Planner, TKDA

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Community Calendar, April 2014—September, 2014

April

- April 7, 5 p.m. Board of Appeal and Equalization, Community Center Board Room.
- April 26 - May 3 Spring Clean-up Collection Week, SRC, Wyoming
- April 27, Minnesota Ironman Bicycle Ride

May

- May 3, 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. Lions Chicken Dinner Benefit, Fire Hall
- May 17, 6 a.m. - 2 p.m. PTO Fun Run
- May 26, Memorial Day, Office Closed

June

- June 21, Midsommar Dag, Gammelgården
- June 24, 1 p.m. - 7 p.m. Bloodmobile at Community Center
- June 11 - Sept. 24, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. Wednesdays Scandia Farmers Market, Gammelgården

July

- July 4, Independence Day, Office Closed
- July 12, St. Croix Fat Cat Triathlon

August

- August 5, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. National Night Out, Community Center
- August 12, Primary Election Day
- August 16, Spelmanstamma, Gammelgården

September

- September 1, Labor Day, Office Closed
- September 5-6 Taco Daze Festival
- September 20-21 Marine Art Fair

For more information and a City meeting calendar, see the website www.ci.scandia.mn.us.

For **Gammelgården** events, see:
<http://www.gammeldagmuseum.org>.