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Looking Forward, Planning Ahead

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Survey Map Hartford Township



GIS DIVISION



by: Heidi Jerke



The GIS Division has had a very busy spring. Many flood maps were created for Emergency Management to help aid in potential flooding of the Big Sioux River. Large aerial maps overlaid with the 100 year floodplain were produced for certain focus areas and neighborhoods. Links were made available for the public to access the FEMA website to get Flood Insurance Rate Maps for their particular address or location.

The 2010 Census has finally come to a close and we have set up links from the Planning & Zoning Department webpage titled "2010 Census Information." From there you can click on three different links: Census Population Change, Census Fact Finder (<http://factfinder2.census.gov>) and the Interactive Census Map (<http://2010.census.gov/2010census/popmap>). All of these tools can guide you to specific 2010 Census statistics for example; race, ethnicity, age/sex, and housing statistics. The data can be broken up however you see fit, either by state, county, township or municipality. The GIS division will be more than happy to guide you through some of these resources if you need assistance.

Don't forget to check out the GIS Map Gallery available on line. The maps are constantly updated with new changes. We have added the Minnehaha County Traffic Counts Map for 2009-2010 provided by the Minnehaha County Highway Department. There is also a new link from the Map Gallery to an interactive township survey map provided by the Minnehaha County Highway Department..



Meeting Calendar

- County Commission Meeting
Planning & Zoning Items
July 19 at 9:00 am
- Planning Commission Meeting
July 25 at 7:00 pm
Application submittal deadline July 1
- County Commission Meeting
Planning & Zoning Items
August 16 at 9:00 am
- Planning Commission Meeting
August 22 at 7:00 pm
Application submittal deadline July 29
- County Commission Meeting
Planning & Zoning Items
September 27 at 9:00 am
- Planning Commission Meeting
September 26 at 7:00 pm
Application submittal deadline September 2

BUILDING PERMIT FEES

Effective July 1, 2011 building permit fees for residential and agricultural structures will increase 3.2 percent. This increase is reflective of growth to the Consumer Price Index in the last year. The County last raised building permit fees in July 2008. Commercial rates will remain the same at 1% of the cost of the project.

The new fee schedule is available in the Planning Department or can be found on the county's website at www.minnehahcounty.org. Drop down the Planning Department and select Building Information from the choices listed under Department Information.

Hot Dog Answers: 1)D 2)A 3)B 4)A 5)True 6)B

PLANNING STAFF NEWS



by Ryan Streff

I attended the American Planning Association's Nation Planning Conference in Boston, Massachusetts from April 9 to April 12, 2011. During the conference I participated in several classes and mobile workshops on an array of different topics. The courses I attended ranged in subject matter to include wind energy, sustainability, new urbanism, zoning/development pressures, transfer of development rights and agriculture.

During the wind energy workshop and site visit we began with an informational and Q&A session followed by a trip to Hull, Massachusetts for a site visit to two of their state of the art wind turbines. In the classroom I learned about the markets, plans and development processes that highlighted issues that planners needed to be aware of when wind developments come to your jurisdiction. Wind turbine developments can have a positive effect by increasing tax revenue and employment, preserving agricultural districts, and by providing green sustainable power. However, wind turbine developments could have a negative impact on property values (i.e. homes that are close to the towers), personal health (i.e. shadow flicker and noise) and roadway systems.

While at the Orientation Tour of Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, and Somerville the class was able to explore many different planning projects and initiatives in the Boston area. We toured some of the most historic and trendiest neighborhoods and waterfront districts in the region, while learning about both new and old developments, BRT, bike lanes, pedestrian amenities, and other multimodal systems the city has to offer. I also learned the importance of the "Big Dig" as it provided a significant thoroughfare for the Boston's transportation system at a cost of 14 Billion dollars to the tax payers. We visited the areas surrounding the campuses of Harvard and the MIT. Here we saw how America's oldest college town was transformed over the years to integrate new uses and technologies that now thrive with retail, restaurants, entertainment and cultural attractions.

During the remaining classes and mobile workshops I attended at the conference I learned about many other different types of zoning and development pressures, such as Planning and Regulation of Medical Marijuana. Here I learned about federal, state and local laws; dispensaries, growers, infused products and caregivers; local controls that require performance standards, setbacks (i.e. schools, daycares), special permits or CUP's, security plans, and criminal background checks.

It was interesting how the Boston area's history and innovations can be applied to many different types of scenarios from all over the world.

HOT DAYS AND HOT DOGS

Ball games, picnics, and barbeques. The National Hot Dog and Sausage Council states that the hot dog is most popular during the summer months. The Council estimates Americans consume 20 billion hot dogs a year - more than twice the retail sales figures. That works out to about 70 hot dogs per person each year. Hot dogs are served in 95 percent of homes in the United States.

Sixty percent, mostly older consumers, of people surveyed said they preferred all beef hot dogs. Younger consumers preferred other products such as pork and chicken.



1. Name the only Major League Baseball ballpark that sells more sausages than hot dogs per season?
 - a. Yankee Stadium in New York
 - b. Wrigley Field in Chicago
 - c. Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles
 - d. Miller Park in Milwaukee
2. What is the average weight, fully loaded, of a baseball park hot dog vendor's bin?
 - a. 40 lbs
 - b. 100 lbs
 - c. 10 lbs
 - d. 25 lbs
3. What famous movie character uttered the phrase, "Nobody, I mean nobody, puts ketchup on a hot dog?"
 - a. James Bond
 - b. Dirty Harry
 - c. The Terminator
 - d. Jason Bourne
4. Which city's hot dog has the most toppings?
 - a. New York
 - b. Philadelphia
 - c. San Francisco
 - d. Chicago
5. True or False. Hot Dogs are included as a menu item at the Vatican.

Answers: page 2
6. Who, when transitioning from the silent screen, uttered "hot dogs" as his or her first ever on- screen words?
 - a. Charlie Chaplin
 - b. Mickey Mouse
 - c. Greta Garbo
 - d. Groucho Marx



Don't...Put hot dog toppings between the hot dog and the bun. Always "dress the dog," not the bun.

Do....Condiments remaining on the fingers after eating a hot dog should be licked away, not washed

Don't...Take more than five bites to finish a hot dog

Don't...Use a cloth napkin to wipe your mouth when eating a hot dog. Paper is always preferable.

Drainage Czar Dustin Powers' Complaint Investigation of a Blocked Culvert



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