



2024 Annual Report



This report provides an overview of the City of Medina's activities, accomplishments, and fiscal responsibility for calendar year 2024.

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Introduction

The 2024 Annual Report highlights the important actions taken by the City Council and implemented by city staff throughout the year. Actions were taken to improve park amenities, update technology, and plan for needed infrastructure projects. The City Council and city staff continue to concentrate on providing high-quality services to Medina residents in the most cost-effective manner possible.

City Council

 <p>Kathleen Martin, Mayor</p> <p>Term: January 2023 -2025</p>	 <p>Dino DesLauriers, Councilmember</p> <p>Term: January 2023 - Present</p>	 <p>Todd Albers, Councilmember</p> <p>Term: January 2023 - Present</p>	 <p>Joseph Cavanaugh, Councilmember</p> <p>Term: January 2021- 2025</p>	 <p>Robin Reid, Councilmember</p> <p>Term: January 2021- 2025</p>
<p>2024 City Council Members</p>				

In November 2024, a municipal election was held to elect a new mayor and two new city council members with terms starting in 2025. Council Member Todd Albers was elected as mayor. Braden Rhem and Mary Morrison were elected as council members. When Mayor Albers was sworn in, a vacancy was created on the council. At the January 7, 2025, City Council meeting, the council appointed John Jacob as a council member to fill the vacancy.

At the December 17, 2024, City Council Meeting, the council recognized the outgoing members. The council recognized Mayor Kathleen Martin for 15 years of dedicated service to the city as a planning commissioner, council member, and mayor. Joseph Cavanaugh and Robin Reid were recognized for 4 years of dedicated service as council members.

City Administration

PRIMARY SERVICES

The Administration Department oversees the daily operations and administration of the city and works closely with the City Council to implement council policies and directives. The services provided by the Administration Department include elections, recycling, records retention (city code, ordinances, resolutions, meeting minutes, contracts, etc.), licensing (liquor, tobacco, gambling, solicitors, etc.), public relations, human resources, and IT/communications.

STAFFING

The Administration Department consists of three staff members: City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk, and a part-time Administrative Assistant (shared with the Finance Department).

HIGHLIGHTS and ACTIVITIES

- **Business:** The Medina Economic Development Authority held its two annual meetings. The City continued to partner with the County's Elevate Hennepin program to provide business guidance and support to local businesses.
- **Licenses & Permits:** Licensing and permits experienced business as usual.
- **Information Technology:** Information Technology continued to play an important role in 2024 and the city's transition to a paperless office. The city utilizes cloud-based systems for city documents. The Planning Department continued implementation of online building permit software. The Administration Department began implementation of a new website which will be live in spring 2025.
- **Human Resources:** Human Resources stayed busy throughout the year with staff changes including job changes, resignations, recruitment processes, and onboarding new employees. The city recognized several employees for milestone years of service.
- **Garbage, Recycling & Organics:** Staff continued to promote organics recycling in 2024 and offered a \$20 credit on residents' garbage bills for new organics subscribers and referrals, which was funded through a grant from Hennepin County. Staff educates and encourages recycling and organics recycling at the annual Clean-up Day event and through communications in the *Medina Message*.
- **Public Relations:** The city continues to utilize social media to promote public events and services to residents. The *Medina Message* newsletter educates residents on current news and events, City Council actions, public meeting notices, and other pertinent information.
- **Elections:** The city had a busy year administering three separate elections in 2024, beginning with the Presidential Nomination Primary Election in March, State Primary Election in August, and the General Election in November. Each election had a 46-day absentee voting period. Temporary employees were hired to assist with each election.

FACTS and FIGURES

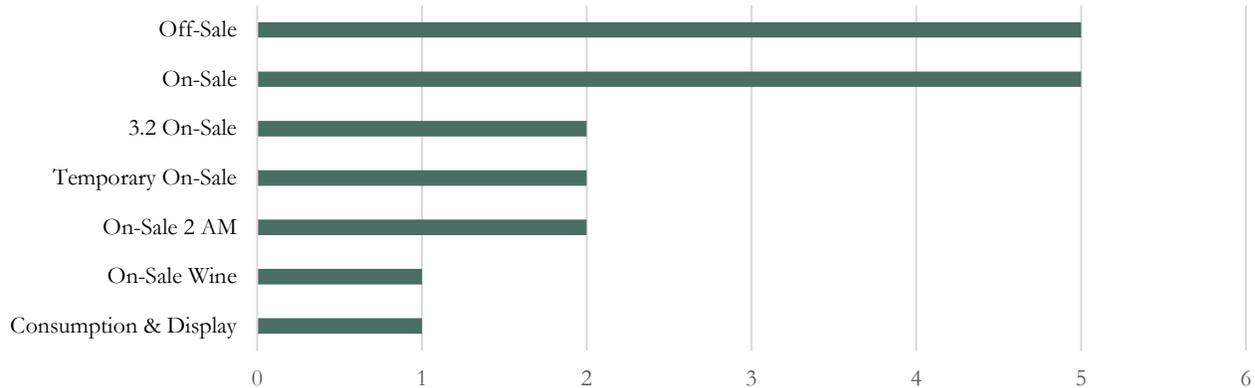
City Council 2024 Actions

Ordinances Adopted: 22
 Resolutions Approved: 109
 Local Board of Appeal
 Applications Reviewed: 10

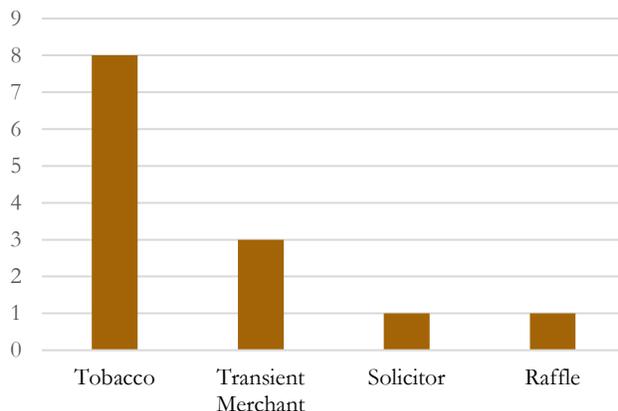
Administration Facts

Full-Time Equivalent Employees: 31
 Total Hours Worked by Employees: 62,560
 Average Staff Longevity: 12.1 years

Liquor License Types



Other Licenses & Permits



Recycling & Organics

Recycling

590.39 tons collected (annual)
 86% weekly set-out rate

Organics

36.96 tons collected (annual)
 18% participation rate

Finance Department

The city continues to maintain adequate fund balances for general operations. The city's general fund follows city policy to keep a minimum of five months of the next year's budgeted expenditures in the General Fund. In the event of serious economic constraints on the community, the city will be able to utilize these reserves for emergency purposes. City water funds are also sound for present and future needs. Utility fund balances are primarily comprised of user fees from monthly water bills, which go towards daily operations and infrastructure replacement. Appropriate fund balances can alleviate the need to issue bonds for projects allowing financing to be done with funds on hand and not accruing additional finance costs.

PRIMARY SERVICES

The Finance Department facilitates reliable management decisions by other city departments, supporting them to achieve their goals and objectives while maintaining the integrity of the city's financial management system.

Specifically, the department is responsible for:

- Accounting
- Financial Management
- Assessing
- Payroll
- Utility Billing
- Purchasing
- Investments
- Debt Service & Bond Management
- Management of City Assets
- Election Assistance

The Finance Department also produces the following documents, with the assistance of other city departments: the comprehensive budget, annual audited financial statements, the five-year capital improvement program (CIP), and the financial management plan.

STAFFING

The Finance Department consists of four positions: Finance Director, Accountant, Accounting Technician, and part-time Administrative Assistant (shared with the Administration Department).

HIGHLIGHTS and ACTIVITIES

In addition to providing day-to-day financial services, the department also assisted in operations of the Hamel Community Building and the 2024 elections.

The water and sewer rate analysis supported a 3% increase to water and sewer rates for 2024. Water and Sewer funds cover operating expenses and some future capital expenses. The water utility fund provides for the distribution of potable water to customers, which includes the operation of three water systems, administration costs and utility billing. The sewer utility fund covers fees to the Metropolitan Council for sewage treatment, customer service, utility billing, maintenance and monitoring of the system.

Where Do My Property Taxes Go?

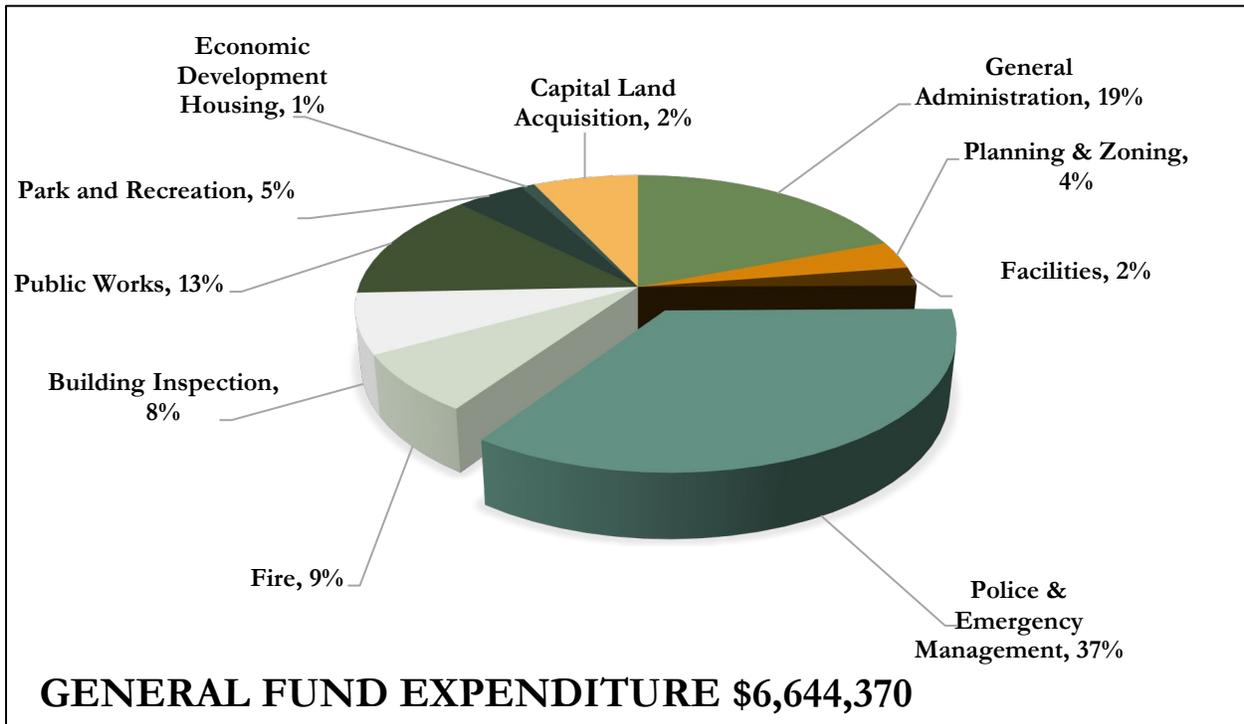
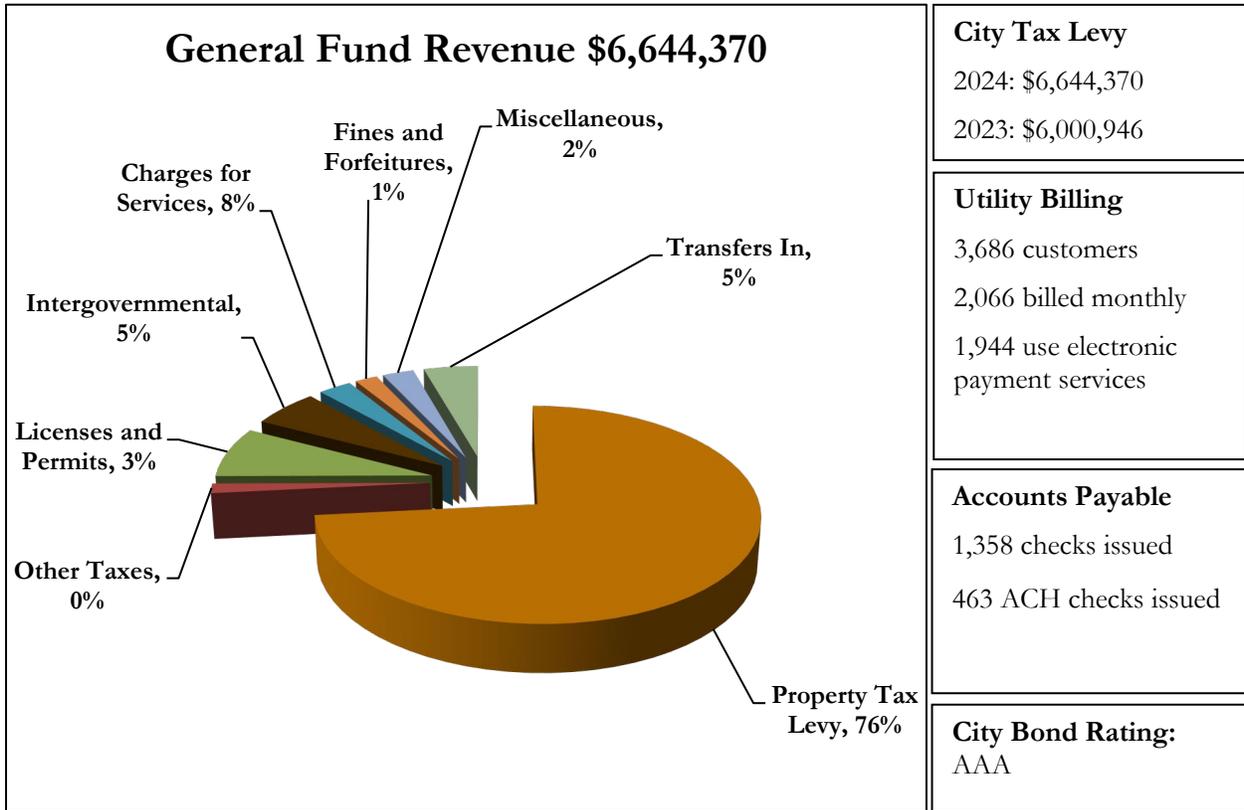


	Share in Cents	2024 Proposed Tax Rate
County	\$0.40	34.546%
Schools	\$0.27	19.834% *
City	\$0.26	20.851%
Other	\$0.07	7.000% **
	<u>\$1.00</u>	<u>82.231%</u>

* School District #284 Wayzata

** Other includes various metro taxing districts, and other special taxing districts (excluding watershed)

FACTS and FIGURES



Planning/Zoning & Building Department

During 2024, the city implemented an online building permit platform, OpenGov. The online system has resulted in an easier and quicker permit process.

Residential construction activity aligned with projections, though no permits were issued for new commercial buildings. Overall, the number of permits issued was consistent with trends from recent years.

The City Council approved development of an apartment building at 500 Hamel Road and obtained funding from the State of Minnesota and Hennepin County to clean-up contaminated debris which had been buried on the site decades ago.

The City Council also approved amendments to the design of the Meander Park and Boardwalk development which is anticipated to be constructed in 2025. The project was originally approved in 2023 and includes an event venue (with lodging), restaurant, daycare, retail and office space, and four homes.

During the summer of 2024, the city began requiring residents to use an access card to enter the brush and compost site at City Hall. Planning staff took the lead in setting up the card reader system and issuing cards. Over 1000 cards were issued. Feedback from residents was overwhelmingly positive, with people hoping this improvement would reduce unauthorized dumping and preserve this service for residents.

The Planning Department is here to help with building permits, or any questions related to zoning, land, or development in Medina!

PRIMARY SERVICES

The Planning and Zoning Department administers the City's Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Ordinance, and Subdivision Ordinance. This includes coordinating the policy directives of the Planning Commission and City Council, reviewing development and land use applications for compliance with relevant city regulations and code enforcement activities. The Department coordinates the building permit process and assists contractors and homeowners. The Department also administers the Wetland Conservation Act and floodplain regulations and assists other departments with geographical information system (GIS) mapping and analysis.

BUILDING PERMITS

- 795 Permits
- \$49,138,511 Market Value
- 28 Single-family
- 32 Townhomes

LAND USE PROJECTS

- Residential Development
 - 500 Hamel Road Apartments
 - Brindle Path Development
- Commercial Projects
 - Meander Park and Boardwalk Amendments

ORDINANCE/ POLICY UPDATES

- Cannabis Business Regulations
- Accessory Dwelling Units Ordinance
- Building Height Ordinance

STAFFING

The Planning and Zoning Department consists of three full-time staff members: Planning Director, Associate Planner, and Planning and Permit Technician. The City contracts for building inspection/plan review services with Metro West Inspection Services and supplemental planning consulting services with Northwest Associated Consultants. Staff also works closely with the consultant City Engineer and City Attorney and staff from other departments and agencies.

HIGHLIGHTS and ACTIVITIES

- **Building Permit Activity** *(summary can be found on following page)*
 - 28 new single-family homes and 32 new townhomes permitted
 - Estimated \$49,138,511 of market value added to the city (combined residential and commercial construction)
 - 795 building permits issued

- **Land Use Activity** *(summary can be found on following page)*
 - 500 Hamel Road Apartments – Approved Site Plan Review for construction of 87-unit apartment building and obtained approximately \$1 million in grant funds to assist with the costs of cleaning up contaminated debris which was buried at the site decades ago.
 - Meander Park and Boardwalk – Approved amendment plans
 - Brindle Path – Preliminary approval was granted for a 35-lot subdivision north of Chippewa Road, east of Willow Drive.
 - Eleven smaller-scale projects (conditional use permits, lot rearrangements, easement vacation, etc.)

- **Other Projects**
 - Cannabis Business Regulations – Researched and created regulations related to registration and zoning regulations for cannabis businesses. The State of Minnesota is expected to issue licenses for cannabis businesses beginning in 2025.
 - Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Regulations – Reviewed and made significant updates to regulations related to ADUs.
 - Building Height Regulations – Reviewed and updated requirements for building height of residential buildings to better align with current practices

FACTS and FIGURES

Building Permit Activity (2019-2024):

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
# New Single Family	43	37	50	36	16	28
Valuation	\$23,391,809	\$24,025,330	\$34,934,913	\$36,092,855	\$15,767,557	\$25,178,495
# New Townhomes	-	-	33	68	41	32
Valuation	-	-	\$7,120,485	\$14,746,207	\$9,487,161	\$10,544,679
# New Multi-family	1	-	-	-	-	-
# units	82	-	-	-	-	-
Valuation	\$12,436,239	-	-	-	-	-
# New Commercial	2	3	4	3	5	-
Valuation	\$1,798,280	\$4,656,784	\$5,358,000	\$4,276,889	\$20,866,329	-
# Other Valued Residential	144	168	179	281	200	174
Valuation	\$9,388,480	\$8,067,749	\$12,204,453	\$11,824,569	\$16,547,920	\$9,406,060
# Other Valued Commercial	53	196	156	135	122	86
Valuation	\$3,971,008	\$33,122,995	\$7,492,890	\$5,064,171	\$8,011,584	\$4,009,277
General Permits	796	701	518	380	407	475
Total Permits	1244	1320	1201	1297	1073	1060
Total Valuation	\$50,985,816	\$69,872,858	\$67,110,741	\$72,004,691	\$70,680,551	\$49,138,511

*General permits such as mechanical, plumbing, sewer/water hookup are not issued separately for larger permits such as new homes, remodels, and basement finishes. Total permit number is adjusted by assuming 3 additional permits for each new home and 1.25 additional permits for each remodel, addition, and basement finish.

Land Use Application History (2019-2024):

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Variances	2	1	1	2	1	2
Conditional Use Permits	3	5	3	5	1	3
Preliminary Plats	2	6	3	3	5	1
Final Plats	2	4	6	4	4	1
Lot Divisions, Rearrangements	3	1	1	1	3	3
Site Plans	2	2	4	3	3	2
Planned Unit Developments	1	0	2	3	6	2
Comp Plan Amendments	0	2	1	1	0	1
Zoning Amendment	3	4	0		2	2
Ordinances	3	6	4	4	2	6
Vacations	3	3	0	4	0	1
Extensions to file plats	1	0	2	3	5	3
Interim Use Permit	0	1	0	0	0	0
Environmental Assessment Worksheet	0	1	0	2	0	0
Totals	25	36	27	34	32	27

Public Works Department

Public Works had another full year of projects. 2024 started out with very little snow and unusually warm weather that allowed the department to clean up many dead and diseased trees on city properties. Water consumption was down with the wet spring and early summer. Significant progress was made on the water meter radio replacement project, and the water treatment plant expansion plans were accepted by Council and sent out for bid. The multi-year Hackamore Road and trail project was also completed. Park projects included phase one of the Deer Hill trail project, community engagement, and grading and base installation of two pickleball courts at Maple Park.

PRIMARY SERVICES

The Public Works Department oversees the operation of road maintenance and replacement, sewer and water utilities, parks and trails, the compost and brush site, maintenance for all city property and buildings, the stormwater pollution prevention plan, the wellhead protection plan, the hazardous waste generator program, the community water system emergency response program, the park commission, and the internal safety program. Public Works authorizes right-of-way permits and park amenity rentals, coordinates safety training for city staff, performs inspections for erosion control, sump pumps, noxious weeds, and trees. Public Works formulates compliance reports for water usage, water conservation, groundwater level monitoring, consumer confidence drinking water, hazardous chemical inventories, sewer use data, and wastewater infrastructure and infiltration conveyance. In addition, Public Works plans long-term capital improvement projects and collaborates with the Planning and Finance departments to identify and budget for the infrastructure needs of our growing city. The Public Work's Department's mission is to provide professional and responsive services for residents and businesses by operating, maintaining, and protecting the City's infrastructure in the most efficient and responsible manner possible.

STAFFING

The Public Works Department consists of one part-time and seven full-time staff members: Public Works Director, Foreman, Field Inspector, Water & Sewer Operator, two Maintenance Technicians, one part-time Maintenance Technician, and Administrative Assistant.

HIGHLIGHTS and ACTIVITIES

Road Planning, Paving, and Maintenance Projects

- Completed the Hackamore Road project.
- Completed the street mill and overlay project for Wild Meadows.
- Completed the reclaim, grading, base course, and temporary striping of the Willow Drive North of County 24. This project was completed in conjunction with the overlay of Chestnut Road.
- Crack sealed, seal coated, fog sealed and restriped Chippawa Road West, The Enclave neighborhood, and parking lots at Hunter Lions, Hamel Legion, and the Community Center.
- Replaced culverts on the Willow Drive north corridor.

Water and Sewer

- Developed, inspected, and certified the service line inventory to fulfill the lead in drinking water EPA mandate.
- Completed the wellhead protection plan part I and held the required public informational meeting.
- Reset sanitary sewer manhole elevations to new street elevation on the CR19 road construction project.
- Finalized details, solicited bids, and executed the contract for the water treatment plant expansion project.
- Made progress on the water meter radio replacement project.
- Cleaned, televised, and repaired infiltration in Foxberry Farms, Independence Beach, Cherry Hill, and Elm Creek subdivision.
- Initiated contact with MCES, Henn Co, and the Quad City group to thoughtfully and effectively coordinate and complete the future upsize for the sewer main along CR19 near HWY12, related to the Common Bond project.

Stormwater

- Hosted the annual City-wide clean-up day event in April.
- Excavated and replaced a deteriorated storm pipe, corrected the erosion issue in the Elm Creek development.
- Completed a ditch cleaning project along Tomahawk Trail near Hamel Road where field sediment plugged the culvert, causing erosion to the street.
- Cleaned a total of 29 Catch basins equaling approximately 120 tons of debris removed, along with 19 maintenance inspections
- Completed 45 erosion control inspections; issued 55 violations.

Other Public Works Activities

- Completed all OSHA mandated training courses.
- Negotiated the brush and compost site contract with Loretto, collaborated with Planning and Finance to develop a policy and install the card reader system, managed the brush and compost site.
- Trimmed and removed diseased trees throughout the city ROW and nature areas.
- Completed most of the demolition and clean-up at 4524 Willow Drive (hazardous abatement, demolition of buildings, removal of debris and dead trees).

Maintained Infrastructure

Roads & Trails:

- 63 Miles of Street
- 9 Miles of Sidewalk
- 13 Miles of Paved Trails
- 2 Miles of Turf Trails
- 180 Street Lights
- 35 Roadside Ditch Miles (mowed)
- 182 Culverts

Sewer:

- 43 Gravity Sewer Mains
- 3 Pressurized Sewer Main
- 12 Sewer Lift Stations
- 1,269 Sewer Manholes

Water:

- 740 Valves + hydrant leads
- 629 Hydrants
- 55 Water Main Miles
- 11 Water Wells
- 1 Water Treatment Plant
- 1 Water Tower

Water Pumped/Treated (gallons):

- 200,491,000 - Hamel System
- 10,626,000 - Independence Beach
- 4,160,500 - Medina Morningside

Parks and Trails

The Public Works Department and Park Commission had another productive year. Public Works staff spent approximately 2167 hours on parks in 2024.

The following projects, policies, and improvements were completed:

- Partnered with Hamel Athletic Club, Orono Baseball, Agre Tennis, and Soccer Shots for youth sports programming.
- Installed a crosswalk along Meander Road near Fields of Medina.
- Removed dead trees in Harriet’s Woods and coordinated a habitat conservation site review with a Hennepin County Biologist.
- Installed the monument entrance sign at Shawnee Woods.
- Planted trees in the park and ROW across the street from the pickleball courts at Hunter Lions Park.
- Entered into a multi-year grant agreement for restoration of Medina Lake Preserve.
- Installed signage to deter motorized vehicles on trails and remind park goers of the dog leash ordinance.
- Conducted an additional survey for resident input; completed phase I construction of pickleball courts at Maple Park.
- Installed and paved a 2600-foot section of the Deer Hill Preserve Trail, added pedestrian gates at the entrance, secured a permit with Minnehaha Creek Watershed to build a berm and plant trees.
- Administered the seasonal lottery for the small watercraft storage at Lakeshore Park.
- Maintained the Park & Trail Asset Inventory log.
- Installed irrigation (via donation) on the Paul Fortin outfield at Hamel Legion Park.

The Park Commission reviewed land use applications and made recommendations on policies, park dedication, parks, and trails related to the following:

- Maple Park Renovation Planning
- Hamel Legion Park Tennis Courts Rental Policy
- Medina Lake Preserve Forest Restoration Grant
- Municipal Park Fund Revenue Increase
- Baker Park Reserve Long Range Plan
- Brindle Path Preliminary Plat and Rezoning Plan Review
- Hamel Apartments Site Plan Review
- Jonathan Ruffing Concept Plan Review

Parks and Nature Areas

198 acres maintained in 15 locations

- Baseball Field – 9
- Basketball Court – 4
- Boat Launch – 1
- Community Building - 1
- Fishing Dock – 2
- Grandstand – 1
- Ice Skating Rink – 2
- Lakeside Deck – 2
- Open Picnic Area – 4
- Open Playfield – 3
- Pavilion / Shelter – 6
- Pickleball Court – 4
- Playground Equipment – 5
- Sledding Hill – 2
- Soccer Field – 1
- Sport Court – 1
- Tennis Court – 4
- Volleyball Court – 2
- Warming House – 1
- Watercraft Storage Rack – 8

Park Dedication Fee Revenue

Generated from New Development

2024: \$34,535.80

2023: \$109,990.18

2022: \$164,748.00

Police Department

The Medina Police Department's mission states a commitment to ensure the safety of all residents through the enforcement of federal and state laws and local ordinances and to treat all people with dignity and respect while being professional and ethical.

The city is appreciative of the community's continued support of law enforcement. The goal remains to maintain trust and support while continuing to deliver high-quality professional police services in all situations.

The annual report offers a comprehensive overview of statistics, services, case highlights, and community programs. Each of these areas plays a vital role and deserves recognition, but none of it would be possible without the unwavering dedication and contributions of the department's staff.

PRIMARY SERVICES

The Police Department provides law enforcement and emergency response service to the residents of Medina and Loretto, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The Police Department works to ensure the safety of the residents of Medina. The Police Department also provides a variety of crime prevention and safety programs for residents and businesses in the city.

STAFFING

The Police Department consists of the Director of Public Safety, two Sergeants, two Investigators, seven Patrol Officers, two part-time Community Service Officers, one Administrative Assistant, and one Office Assistant. The Police Department also has four volunteer Reserve Officers. The Medina Reserve Officers log hundreds of volunteer hours every year.

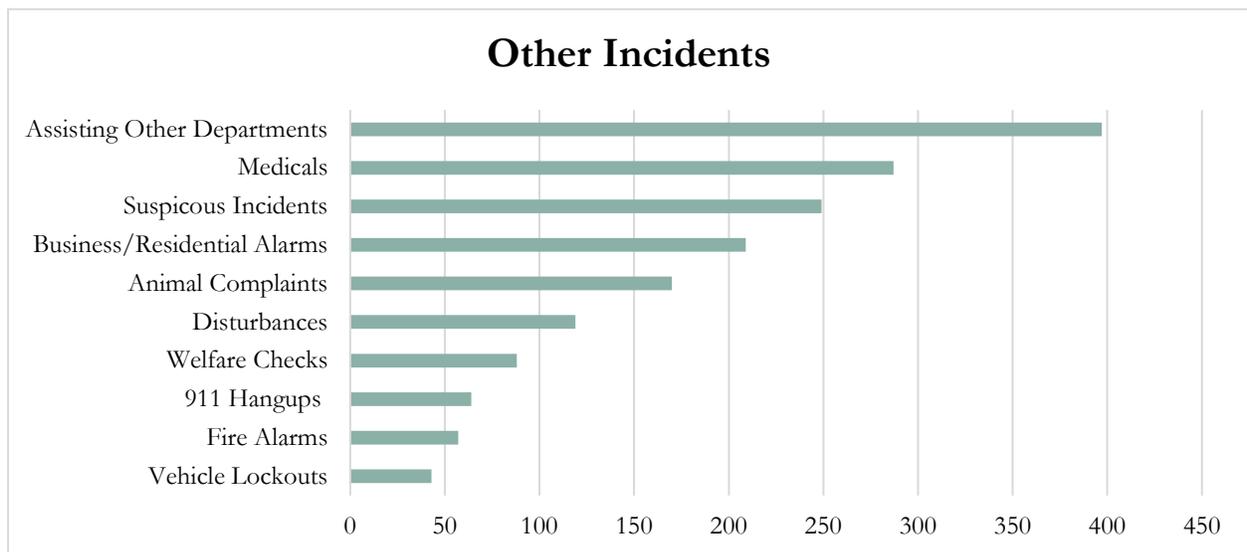
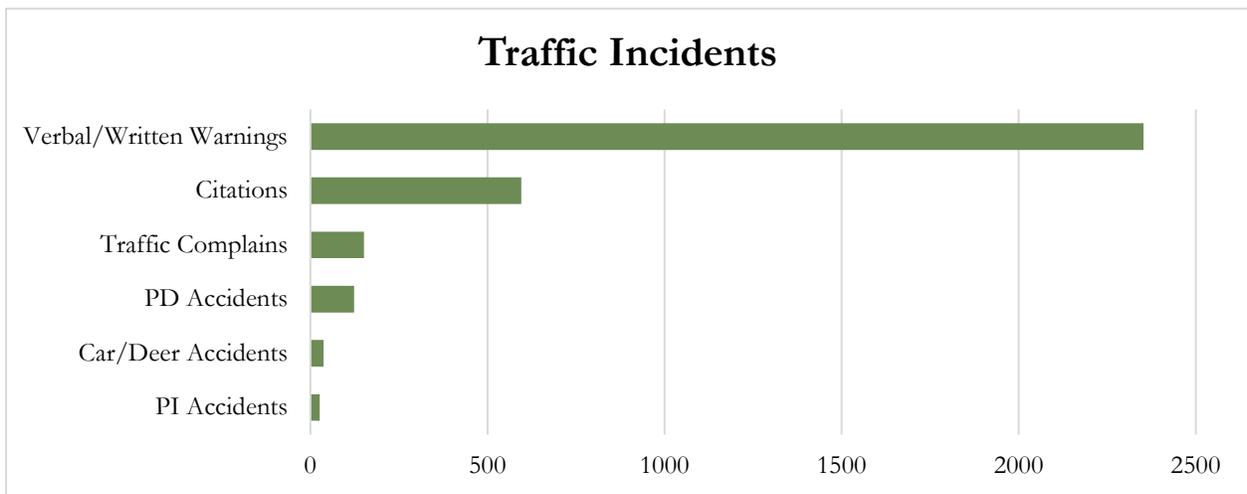
PATROL HIGHLIGHTS

Throughout 2024, the Medina Police Department continued to provide 24-hour emergency services to the communities of Medina and Loretto. Like many cities, Medina faced ongoing staffing shortages. For much of the year, the department actively worked to fill three full-time positions. The City Council approved recruitment and retention incentives with one-time state aid funds to address the staffing challenges. Despite these challenges, the dedicated patrol officers ensured continuous police coverage to the community.

Case Highlight

In June 2024, the department was contacted by a local business who reported the business had been burglarized on multiple occasions in previous weeks. The business had surveillance videos from several of the incidents and believed the suspect was a previous employee of the business.

Officers set up surveillance equipment around the business. The same evening as the surveillance equipment was activated, officers received photographic notifications of someone on foot heading towards the business in the early morning hours. Officers from several agencies responded and with help of a K-9, the suspect was taken into custody without incident after he forced entry into the business. The suspect is facing several counts of burglary and was charged through the Hennepin County Attorney’s Office.

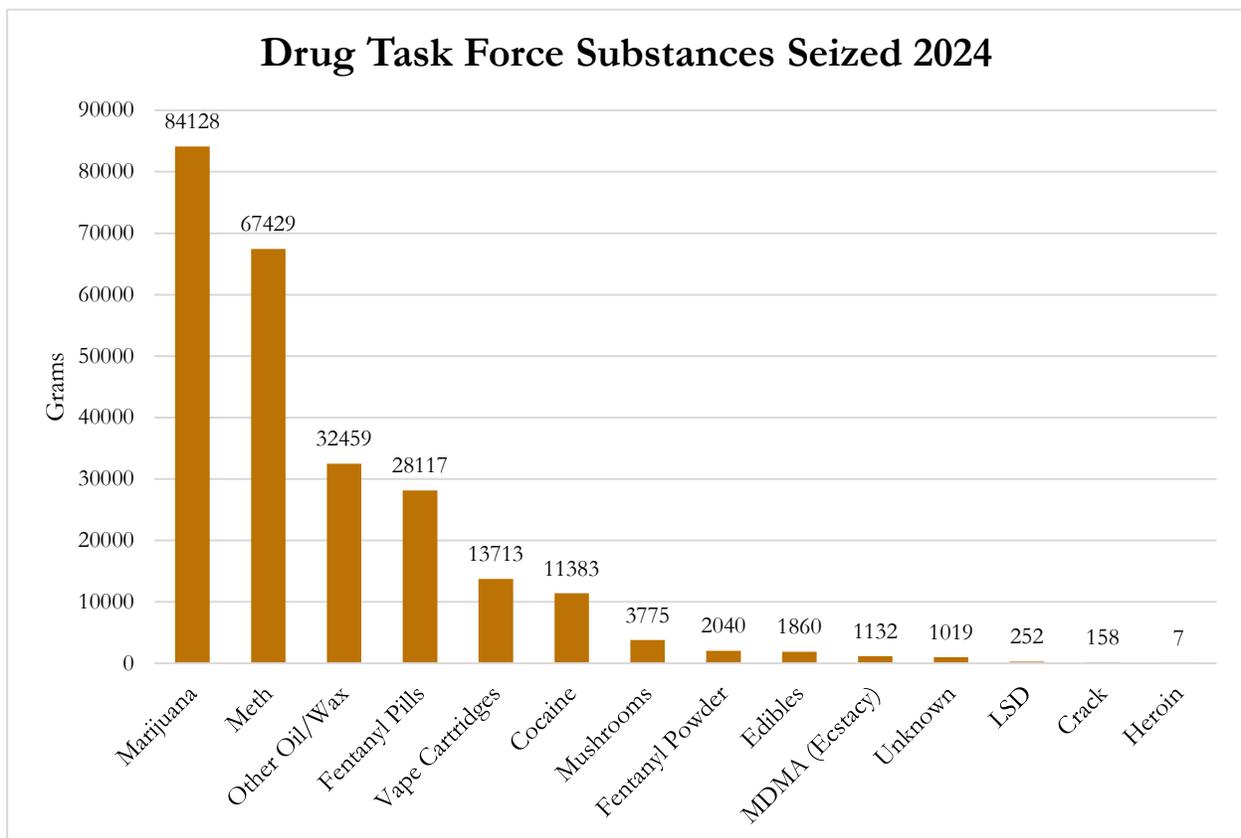


INVESTIGATIONS HIGHLIGHTS

In 2024, there were approximately 210 cases assigned to general investigations. The cases included background checks, compliance checks, adult protection, child protection, assault, domestic assault, sexual assault, juvenile sexual assault, child pornography, theft, identity theft, financial crimes and burglary. Many of these cases were forwarded to the County or City Attorney for charging. Of those cases, some have resulted in convictions, and some are currently in the legal process.

In 2024, investigators conducted 51 background checks to acquire firearms, and 32 background checks for solicitor permits, city employment and liquor license applications. Investigators conducted 16 compliance checks for liquor and tobacco licenses. One business that failed an alcohol compliance check and one business that failed a tobacco compliance check.

For 20 years, the Police Department has been part of the West Metro Drug Task Force which is run by the Hennepin County Sheriff's Department. The Police Department dedicates one full-time officer to this group. This past year the Southwest Metro Drug Task Force, which includes the cities of Eden Prairie, Edina, Hopkins, St. Louis Park and Minnetonka, joined forces resulting in larger narcotic and weapon cases throughout the Twin Cities Metro. In 2024, the task force made 242 arrests, conducted 308 search warrants, seized 72 firearms which resulted in 137 state charges and 6 federal indictments.



Case Highlights

In April of 2024, investigators were forwarded a case of employee theft from a contractor. The total loss exceeded \$50,000. A search warrant was obtained for bank records which showed the employee took and spent the money from contracting jobs. The case was charged by the County Attorney and there is currently a warrant for the suspect’s arrest.

In May of 2024, investigators were forwarded a child pornography case from the MN BCA. Search warrants were obtained for social media and for a home in Medina. The suspect admitted involvement in the crime. Several devices were seized for forensic analysis. The case is currently ongoing.

In September of 2024, investigators received reports of three related burglaries targeting the homes of professional athletes. A suspect vehicle was identified through neighborhood camera footage. Utilizing Flock license plate reader data, investigators located a matching vehicle that had been rented in Miami. Search warrants were obtained for cell tower records and the car rental company. Several months later, suspects were arrested in Ohio for burglary. Investigators learned the cases might be linked. The suspects were connected to the Miami/Orlando area. A warrant was obtained for the data of cell phones seized during the suspects’ arrests. The data will be analyzed in the coming weeks. This case is ongoing.

Crime Overview 2020-2024

	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Theft/Forgery/Fraud	Auto Theft	Arson
2024	0	0	0	1	13	76	2	0
2023	0	0	0	4	7	74	2	0
2022	1	0	1	1	3	49	4	0
2021	0	0	0	3	7	76	5	0
2020	0	0	0	2	7	81	5	0

	Vandalism	Weapons	Narcotics	DWI	Liquor Laws	Disorderly Conduct	CSC	Other Assaults	Other
2024	5	1	3	28	6	6	1	8	37
2023	3	0	5	26	2	12	3	4	37
2022	2	0	12	16	9	5	4	9	10
2021	0	5	16	25	2	1	10	24	0
2020	0	0	20	24	1	6	7	3	0

HIGHLIGHTS and ACTIVITIES

Community Service

The Police Department hosted several community events such as Cops ‘N Bobbers, Nite to Unite, and Trunk or Treat. The Department participated in other events such as Medina Celebration Day, Loretto FunFest, Holiday Train, Hamel Parade, Hamel Rodeo, Holiday Shop with a Cop, and bicycle time trials.

Police Embedded Social Worker

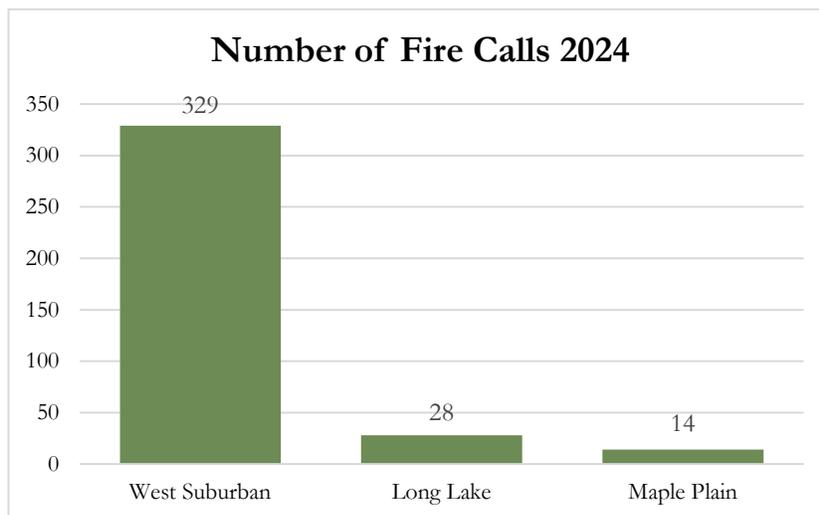
Over the past few years, the City of Medina has been part of multi-jurisdictional collaboration with Corcoran, Deephaven, Minnetrista, Orono, South Lake Minnetonka and Wayzata for a Police Embedded Social Worker. This service is funded through a Hennepin County Human Services grant. The social worker assists the police department in reducing the repetitive calls for service involving mental health, substance abuse disorders, wellness, housing, crisis shelter, and other related issues. The goal of the program is to provide real, long-term solutions rather than simply responding to calls for service. In 2024, the Medina Police Department referred 54 individuals of all ages to the social worker. Overall, there has been a decrease in repetitive calls for services to 911, police, fire, and EMS because we are able to help individuals access the services they need.

Fire Departments

The City of Medina was served by three different fire departments in 2024: West Suburban Fire Department, Long Lake Fire Department, and Maple Plain Fire Department. All three departments provided quality fire and emergency services to the city. Effective January 1, 2025, the City of Medina did not renew services with the Maple Plain Fire Department for cost savings.

PRIMARY SERVICES

In addition to fire protection, the departments provide responses to accidents, medical calls, HazMat incidents, and emergency management situations. They also provide support for many community functions such as the Hamel Rodeo, Medina Celebration Day, Medina Bike Rodeo, Loretto Funfest, Nite to Unite, and food drives for local food shelves. Each department holds fundraisers, open houses and provides fire prevention programs to the residents of Medina. All the departments are deeply connected in the community and provide exceptional services.



Fire Operating Budget

2024 - \$565,927
2023 - \$426,281
2022 - \$391,448

Fire Capital Budget

2024 - \$166,581
2023 - \$120,556
2022 - \$114,091

Population Served

88% -- West Suburban
10% -- Long Lake Fire
2% -- Maple Plain Fire

Geographical Area

82% -- West Suburban
17% -- Long Lake Fire
1% -- Maple Plain Fire

Market Value Protected

88% -- West Suburban
11% -- Long Lake Fire
1% -- Maple Plain Fire

Fire Chief Leadership

Jeff Leuer – West Suburban
Mike Heiland – Long Lake Fire
Rick Denneson – Maple Plain Fire

Recognizing Our Contributors

2024 DONATIONS

Cops N' Bobbers:

Bay to Bay Boat Club
Cabin Fever
Garrett Larson State Farm Agency
Koch's Korner
Steve Lundell Family
OAK Eatery
Scheels

Other:

Hamel Athletic Club
Darlene Finnamore Estate
Steve Lundell
Susan and Michael Seeland
Marla and Ken Guddal
Marie Sorensen
Sally and David Nordby
James Victorsen
Doboszanski & Sons

Celebration Day:

Art 2 Heart
BAPS Minneapolis
Dojo Karate
Farmers State Bank
Garrett Larson Insurance
Hamel Nordic Sauna
Houlihan Insurance
Inn Kahoots
Kira Marie Photography
Mobile Feast Inc. – Gyro Food Truck
Fortin Health
Soto Chiropractic
Gregor Farm
KD & Company
DMJ Asphalt
American Legion
Scherer Pumpkin Patch
West Suburban Fire Department
Volunteer Club - Wayzata High School
Wayzata Youth Hockey Association

Recognizing Staff & Service Providers

Thank you to all of the staff, consultants, and representatives who provided service to the City in 2024.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor: Kathleen Martin
Council Members: Dino DesLauriers, Todd Albers,
Robin Reid, Joseph Cavanaugh

CITY OF MEDINA STAFF

Administration & Finance Department

Scott Johnson, City Administrator (Jan – July)
Erin Barnhart, Finance Director/City Administrator
(July – Dec)
Caitlyn Walker, Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk
Jennifer Altendorf, Accountant
Connie Scheibe, Accounting Technician
Nichole Vogel, PT Administrative Assistant

Public Works Department

Steve Scherer, Public Works Director
Lisa DeMars, Administrative Assistant
Derek Reinking, Foreman
Greg Leuer, Water/Sewer Operator
John Gleason, Field Inspector
Joe Ende, Maintenance Worker
Trevor Ratke Maintenance Worker
Jeff Bursch, PT Maintenance Worker
Ivan Dingmann (seasonal part-time)

Planning and Zoning Department

Dusty Finke, Planning Director
Debra Dion, Associate Planner
Maria Rucke, Planning and Permit Technician

Police Department

Jason Nelson, Public Safety Director
Kevin Boecker, Sergeant
David Hall, Sergeant
Jordan Myhre, Investigator
Anne Klaers, Administrative Assistant
Brenna Groth, Office Assistant
Officers: Chris McGill, Keith Converse, Tom Gregory,
Jordan Myhre, Joshua McKinley, Justin Hanson, John
Vinck, Chris Woestehoff, Tanner Wiese
CSO: Stephen Mettayer

APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES

Planning Commission

Charles Morse, John Jacob, Cindy Piper, Matt Plec,
Paul Humiston, Stacy Ladwig, Braden Rhem, Mark
Ratcliffe

Park Commission

Mary Morrison, Terry Sharp, Nila Norman, Troy
Hutchinson, Steve Webster, Will Gunter, Tom Mayer
Junior Commission Members: Ava Illingworth, Grace
Illingworth

Other City Appointed Representatives

Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission:
Terry Sharp and Steve Lee
Minnehaha Creek Watershed Commission: Peter
Rechelbacher
Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed Management
Commission: Pat Wulff and Joel Settles

Police Reserve Officers

Michael Chorley, Todd Larson, Mark Ihrke, Ron Dahl

APPOINTED CONSULTANTS

Attorney: Dave Anderson and Ron Batty, Kennedy
and Graven
Engineer: Jim Stremel, WSB
Assessor: Rolf Erickson, Southwest Assessing
Auditors: Abdo, Eick and Meyers
Finance Services: Ehlers & Associates, Inc.
Prosecuting Attorney: Steve Tallen
Building Inspection: Metro West Inspection
Fire Marshal: Mike Rosenau
IT Consultant: Solution Builders