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January 16, 2017

Dear New Resident/Business:

Congratulations on your move and welcome to the City of Ramsey! Listed below is general information about the City.

**Recycling Service** is provided every other Monday. Contact Ace Solid Waste at 763-427-3110 or [SERVICE@ACESOLIDWASTE.COM](mailto:SERVICE@ACESOLIDWASTE.COM) to have a recycling cart delivered to your home. Be sure to contact the City at 763-576-4343 to establish your billing account. If recycling is not picked up on the scheduled date, call Ace Solid Waste by noon the following day and leave your name, phone number, and address. The program currently collects food and beverage aluminum, steel and tin cans, plastic containers, tubs and lids, food and beverage glass containers, newspaper, corrugated cardboard, box board (cereal, chips and cake boxes) mixed paper (including telephone books, magazines, and junk mail) and aseptic cartons (milk, juice, soup and broth cartons.) Separating of materials is not required. Each household is charged \$8.85 per quarter (equivalent to \$2.95 per month) for recycling. Contact the City of Ramsey at 763-576-4343 with billing questions.

**Refuse Service:** Residents in the City of Ramsey are required to have refuse service provided by a licensed hauler. A list of licensed haulers is enclosed in this packet.

**Parking:** There is **No Parking** on streets within the City of Ramsey from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. twelve months of the year.

**Dog Licensing:** All dogs older than six months must be licensed. Dog licenses are available at the Ramsey Police Department during regular business hours. The license is valid for up to 3 years, or to date of next rabies vaccination, whichever comes first. Residents must present a rabies vaccination record from their veterinarian with the date of expiration on it. The license fee is \$20.00, or \$10.00 for spayed or neutered dogs. Three dogs are allowed per household. No dogs are allowed to run at large and must be on a leash when off the premises of the owner. Additionally, dog excrement must be removed immediately by owner and disposed of in a proper receptacle.

**Utility Billing:** All City service billings, including street lights, sewer and water, recycling and storm water drainage, are handled by the City of Ramsey. Call 763-576-4343 with billing questions, and to establish new service.

**Property Taxes:** Questions concerning property taxes should be directed to the Anoka County Assessor's Office at 763-323-5400.

**City Council Meetings** are open to the public and are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW. After the meeting is convened at 7:00 p.m., the floor is open for citizen input.

Once again, welcome to the City of Ramsey. If you have any questions, please call the City offices at 763-427-1410.

Sincerely,

CITY OF RAMSEY

Sarah Strommen  
Mayor  
763-576-4362

## CONTACT INFORMATION



### City Phone Numbers

*Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.*

City Hall	763-427-1410
TDD	763-427-8591
Building Inspections	763-433-9850
Fire Administration	763-427-4452
Fire Station I (non-emergency)	763-427-5210
Fire Station II (non-emergency)	763-427-3674
Fire Emergency	911
Fire Dispatcher (non-emergency)	763-427-1212
Parks/Utilities	763-427-8254
Police Administration	763-427-6812
Police Emergency	911
Police Dispatcher (non-emergency)	763-427-1212
Public Works Department	763-427-8254

### Other Area Phone Numbers

Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce	763-421-7130
Anoka County	763-421-4760
Anoka-Hennepin School District #11	763-506-1000
Anoka High School	763-506-6200
Elk River School District #728	763-241-3400
Elk River High School	763-241-3434
PACT Charter School	763-712-4200
Ramsey Community Education	763-506-2612
Ramsey Elementary School	763-506-4000

### Utility Companies Servicing Ramsey

City Utilities (Sewer, Water, Recycling, Street Lights and Storm Drainage fees)	763-576-4343
Connexus Energy (Electric)	763-323-2650
Comcast	651-222-3333
CenterPoint Energy (Natural Gas)	612-372-4727
Century Link	1-800-244-1111

### Assessing Information

Anoka County Assessor's Office	763-323-5400
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## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

### Mayor

### Term Expiration

Mayor Sarah Strommen	At Large	12-31-2020
763-576-4362 (VM)		
<a href="mailto:ssstrommen@cityoframsey.com">sstrommen@cityoframsey.com</a>		

### Councilmembers

Kristine Williams	At Large	12-31-2018
763-576-4360 (VM)		
<a href="mailto:kwilliams@cityoframsey.com">kwilliams@cityoframsey.com</a>		
John LeTourneau	At Large	12-31-2020
763-576-4367 (VM)		
<a href="mailto:JLeTourneau@cityoframsey.com">JLeTourneau@cityoframsey.com</a>		
Jill Johns	Ward 1	12-31-2018
763-576-4363 (VM)		
<a href="mailto:jjohns@cityoframsey.com">jjohns@cityoframsey.com</a>		
Mark Kuzma	Ward 2	12-31-2020
763-576-4366 (VM)		
<a href="mailto:mkuzma@cityoframsey.com">mkuzma@cityoframsey.com</a>		
Melody (Hesselgrave) Shryock	Ward 3	12-31-2018
763-576-4361 (VM)		
<a href="mailto:mshryock@cityoframsey.com">mshryock@cityoframsey.com</a>		
Chris Riley	Ward 4	12-31-2020
763-576-4368 (VM)		
<a href="mailto:criley@cityoframsey.com">criley@cityoframsey.com</a>		

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Meeting schedules of other boards and commissions are included in the Ramsey Resident, on the City's website @ [www.cityoframsey.com](http://www.cityoframsey.com) and on the public notice board located in the lobby of the Municipal Center.

## ELECTED OFFICIALS



<b>Governor</b>	<b>State Auditor</b>
Mark Dayton – DFL	Rebecca Otto - DFL
116 Veterans Service Bldg	525 Park Street - Ste. #500
20 W 12 <sup>th</sup> Street – St. Paul, MN 55155	St. Paul, MN 55103
651-201-3400	651-296-2551
<a href="mailto:Mark.dayton@state.mn.us">Mark.dayton@state.mn.us</a>	Website – <a href="http://www.osa.state.mn.us">www.osa.state.mn.us</a>
<b>County Commissioner District No. 1</b>	<b>Attorney General</b>
Matt Look	Lori Swanson - DFL
Anoka County Government Center	1400 Bremer Tower
2100 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue - Anoka, MN 55303	445 Minnesota Street - St. Paul, MN 55101
763-323-5700 (office) 612-558-9111 (cell)	651-296-3353 1-800-657-3787
<a href="mailto:Matt.Look@co.anoka.mn.us">Matt.Look@co.anoka.mn.us</a>	Website - <a href="http://www.ag.state.mn.us">www.ag.state.mn.us</a>
<b>State Legislature District 35</b>	<b>National Officials</b>
Senator Jim Abeler	US Senator Amy Klobuchar - DFL
State Office Bldg -- Room #127	1200 Washington Avenue S. – Ste. #250
100 Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd	Minneapolis, MN 55415
St. Paul, MN 55155-1206	612-727-5220 1-888-224-9043
651-296-3733	<a href="mailto:senator@klobuchar.senate.gov">senator@klobuchar.senate.gov</a>
<a href="mailto:Sen.Jim.abeler@senate.mn">Sen.Jim.abeler@senate.mn</a>	
<b>State Representative District 35A</b>	<b>US Senator</b>
Representative Abigail Whelan	Al Franken – DFL
439 State Office Bldg	60 E. Plato Blvd – Ste. #220
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.	St. Paul, MN 55107
St. Paul, MN 55155	651-221-1016
651-296-1729	<a href="mailto:senator@franken.senate.gov">senator@franken.senate.gov</a>
<a href="mailto:Rep.abigail.whelan@house.mn">Rep.abigail.whelan@house.mn</a>	
<b>State Representative District 35B</b>	<b>Congressional District No. 6</b>
Representative Peggy Scott	Tom Emmer -- R
437 State Office Bldg.	9201 Quaday Avenue NE – Ste. #206
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.	Otsego, MN 55330

St. Paul, MN 55155	763-241-6848
651-296-4231 <a href="mailto:Rep.peggy.scott@house.mn">Rep.peggy.scott@house.mn</a>	<a href="http://www.emmer.house.gov">www.emmer.house.gov</a>
<b>Secretary of State</b>	
Steve Simon – DFL	
180 State Office Bldg.	
St. Paul, MN 55155	
651-215-1440	
Website <a href="http://www.sos.state.mn.us">www.sos.state.mn.us</a>	

## CITY OF RAMSEY CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

### **Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce**

Pete Turok, President  
 12 Bridge Square  
 Anoka, MN 55303  
 Phone: 763-421-7130  
 E-mail: [Pete@anokaareachamber.com](mailto:Pete@anokaareachamber.com)  
 Website: [www.anokaareachamber.com](http://www.anokaareachamber.com)

### **Anoka Area Girl Scouts**

5601 Brooklyn Blvd  
 Brooklyn Center, MN 55429  
 Phone: 763-535-4602  
 Website: [www.girlscouts.org](http://www.girlscouts.org)

### **Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association**

Dustin Rieder, President  
 PO Box 265  
 Anoka, MN 55303  
 Email: [secretary@arsports.org](mailto:secretary@arsports.org)  
 Website: [www.arsports.org](http://www.arsports.org)

### **Anoka/Ramsey Women of Today**

Anokawomenoftoday.weebly.com  
 Contact: Stefany Nikolaus  
 Email: [stefany@comcast.net](mailto:stefany@comcast.net)

### **Boy Scouts-Viking Council**

5300 Glenwood Avenue  
 Minneapolis, MN 55422  
 Phone: 763-545-4550

**4-H Clubs U of M Extension Service**

550 Bunker Lake Blvd  
Andover, MN 55304  
Phone: 763-755-1280  
Website: [www.extension.umn.edu](http://www.extension.umn.edu)

**MetroNorth Chamber of Commerce**

9380 Central Avenue NE, Ste. #320  
Blaine, MN 55434  
Phone: 763-783-3553  
E-mail: [chamber@metronorthchamber.org](mailto:chamber@metronorthchamber.org)

**Ramsey Community Education  
Franklin Elementary School**

215 W. Main Street  
Anoka, MN 55303  
Contact: Tricia Josephs  
Phone: 763-506-2612  
Email: [Tricia.Josephs@anoka.k12mn.us](mailto:Tricia.Josephs@anoka.k12mn.us)

**Ramsey Garden Club**

Email: [cityoframseygardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:cityoframseygardenclub@gmail.com)

**Ramsey Lions Club**

PO Box 771  
Ramsey, MN 55303  
E-mail: [Ramseylions@comcast.net](mailto:Ramseylions@comcast.net)  
Website: [www.ramseylions.org](http://www.ramseylions.org)

**Rum River Scout Camp**

Contact: Dickie & Colleen Green  
Phone: 763-427-8340  
Reservations: 763-231-7203

**Ramsey Rotary**

Contact: Kevin Bittner  
E-mail: [kevinbi@bolton-menk.com](mailto:kevinbi@bolton-menk.com)  
Phone: 763-433-2851

**Ramsey Senior Citizens**

President: Lucy Eisenreich  
Contact: City of Ramsey 763-427-1410

## CITY OF RAMSEY CHURCHES

Connections Church  
Ramsey Elementary School  
15000 Nowthen Blvd NW  
Pastor Ray Fritz  
Phone: 763-300-3748  
Email: [Ray.connectionschurch@gmail.com](mailto:Ray.connectionschurch@gmail.com)  
[Info.connectionschurch@gmail.com](mailto:Info.connectionschurch@gmail.com)

Cross of Hope Lutheran Church  
5730 179<sup>th</sup> Lane NW  
Pastor Jason Lukis  
Phone: 763-753-2057  
Email: [pastorjason@crossofhope.net](mailto:pastorjason@crossofhope.net)  
Email: [info@crossofhope.com](mailto:info@crossofhope.com)  
Website: [www.crossofhope.com](http://www.crossofhope.com)

Freedom Church  
6937 Highway #10 NW Ste. #140  
Pastors Mark & Annah Reid  
Phone: 612-227-2586  
Email: [mreid777@hotmail.com](mailto:mreid777@hotmail.com)  
Website: [www.freedomcc.org](http://www.freedomcc.org)

Hope Fellowship  
6000 167<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW  
Pastor Josh Underbakke  
Phone: 763-422-4928  
Email: [Josh@hope-fellowship.com](mailto:Josh@hope-fellowship.com)

Independent Baptist Church  
15650 Sunfish Lake Blvd. NW  
Pastor Matt Lentz  
Phone: 763-421-3050  
Email: [pastor@ibcr Ramsey.com](mailto:pastor@ibcr Ramsey.com)

Kingdom Hall of Jehovahs Witnesses  
13751 Dolomite Street NW  
Phone: 763-427-3943

Lord of Life Lutheran Church  
14501 Nowthen Blvd. NW  
Pastor David Lechelt  
Phone: 763-427-1100  
Email: [DavidL@lol.org](mailto:DavidL@lol.org)  
Email: [office@lol.org](mailto:office@lol.org)  
Website: [www.lol.org](http://www.lol.org)

New Life Church  
17261 St. Francis Blvd. NW  
Phone: 763-421-0166  
Email: [newlife@newlifemn.org](mailto:newlife@newlifemn.org)  
Website: [www.newlifemn.org](http://www.newlifemn.org)

Northgate Church  
7295 Sunwood Drive NW  
Senior Pastor, Steve Perkins  
Phone: 763-412-1701  
Pastor Jeff Gustafson  
Website: [ngatechurch.org](http://ngatechurch.org)

Pathways Community Church  
6341 167<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW  
Pastor Steve Fawcett  
Phone: 763-464-0335  
Email: [pastorsteve@pathwaytolife.org](mailto:pastorsteve@pathwaytolife.org)  
[www.pathwayscommunitychurch.org](http://www.pathwayscommunitychurch.org)

St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church  
7101 143<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NW Ste. G  
Father Paul Jaroszeski  
Phone: 763-323-7044  
E-mail: [pjaroszeski@stkdcc.org](mailto:pjaroszeski@stkdcc.org)  
Pastoral Associate, Marc Stockert  
Email: [mstockert@stkdcc.org](mailto:mstockert@stkdcc.org)  
Phone: 763-323-7032  
Website: [www.stkdcc.org](http://www.stkdcc.org)

Trott Brook Gospel Hall  
17301 Nowthen Blvd. NW  
Phone: 763-753-4212  
Email: [wecare@trottbrook.org](mailto:wecare@trottbrook.org)  
Website: [www.trottbrook.org](http://www.trottbrook.org)

## COMMONLY REQUESTED CONTACT INFORMATION

### CLINICS

<b>Allina Medical Clinic</b>	<b>Health Partners RiverWay Clinic-Anoka</b>
7231 Sunwood Drive NW Ramsey, MN 55303	601 Jacob Lane Anoka, MN 55303
763-236-0000	763-587-4400
<a href="http://www.allinahealth.org">http://www.allinahealth.org</a>	<a href="http://www.healthpartners.com">www.healthpartners.com</a>
<b>Fairview Elk River Clinic</b>	<b>North Memorial Clinic – Elk River Physicians</b>
290 Main Street NW Elk River, MN 55330	800 Freeport Avenue NW Elk River, MN 55330
763-241-5800	763-581-5200 Ste#100
<a href="http://www.fairview.org">www.fairview.org</a>	<a href="http://www.northmemorial.com/nmClinics/elkriver.cfm">www.northmemorial.com/nmClinics/elkriver.cfm</a>

### HOSPITALS

<b>Mercy Hospital 763-236-6000</b>	<b>Mercy Hospital - Unity Campus 763-236-5000</b>
4050 Coon Rapids Blvd. Coon Rapids, MN 55433	550 Osborne Road NE Fridley, MN 55432
<a href="http://www.allinamercy.org">www.allinamercy.org</a>	<a href="http://www.allinahealth.org/unityhospital">www.allinahealth.org/unityhospital</a>

### DENTISTS

<b>Anoka-Ramsey Dental 763-427-8117</b>	<b>Ramsey Dental Clinic 763-421-2660</b>
5400 140 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NW. Ste. #104 Ramsey, MN 55303	15243 Nowthen Blvd NW Ramsey, MN 55303
<b>Barnett Family Dentistry 763-712-9715</b>	<b>Rivers Bend Family Dental Clinic 763-576-1855</b>
7962 Sunwood Drive NW Ste. #200 Ramsey, MN 55303	14061 St Francis Blvd NW Ramsey, MN 55303
<b>Metro Dentalcare 763-203-6040</b>	
7600 Sunwood Drive NW Ramsey, MN 55303	



## GARBAGE HAULERS

<b>Residential &amp; Commercial</b>	
<b>Ace Solid Waste, Inc. 763-427-3110</b>	<b>Aspen Waste Systems, Inc. 612-884-8008</b>
6601 McKinley Street NW Ramsey, MN 55303	2951 Weeks Avenue SE Minneapolis, MN 55414
<a href="http://www.acesolidwaste.com">www.acesolidwaste.com</a>	<a href="http://www.aspenwaste.com">www.aspenwaste.com</a>
<b>Curbside Waste INC 763-504-2872</b>	<b>LePage &amp; Sons 763-757-7100</b>
5232 Hanson Ct N Crystal, MN 55429	23602 University Avenue NW Bethel, MN 55005
	<a href="http://www.lepageandsons.com">www.lepageandsons.com</a>
<b>Randy's Sanitation, Inc. 763-972-3335</b>	<b>Republic Services 763-784-2104</b>
4351 US Hwy #12 SE Delano, MN 55328	8661 Rendova Street NE Circle Pines, MN 55014
<a href="http://www.randyssanitation.com">www.randyssanitation.com</a>	<a href="http://www.republicservices.com">www.republicservices.com</a>
<b>Walters Recycling &amp; Refuse 763-780-8464</b>	<b>Waste Management of MN Inc. 952-890-1100</b>
2830 101 <sup>st</sup> Avenue NE Blaine, MN 55449	10050 Naples Street NE Blaine, MN 55449
<a href="http://www.waltersrecycling.com">www.waltersrecycling.com</a>	<a href="http://www.wmtwincities.com">www.wmtwincities.com</a>

## LIBRARY

## POST OFFICE

<b>Rum River Library 763-576-4695</b>	<b>Anoka Post Office 763-421-1115</b>
4201 6 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Anoka, MN 55303	2168 7 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Anoka, MN 55303
<a href="http://www.anoka.lib.mn.us">www.anoka.lib.mn.us</a>	<a href="http://www.usps.com">www.usps.com</a>

**MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CITY OF RAMSEY...**

**Quad Cities Cable Television (QCTV):** City Council, Planning Commission and Park and Recreation Board Meetings are televised live and re-broadcast on Comcast Channel 16. Please visit [www.QCTV.org](http://www.QCTV.org) for broadcast schedules. QCTV also broadcasts local channels 15 and 19. Channel 15 broadcasts various community programs and channel 19 broadcasts a bulletin board for upcoming community events. QCTV also webcasts recent Council meetings from their website— visit [www.qctv.org](http://www.qctv.org) where there is a link on the front page to the webcasts.

**Ramsey Resident Newsletter:** The City Newsletter is published at least six times per year and is delivered via US Mail to every address in Ramsey. Questions regarding the newsletter should be directed to the Administrative Clerk, Kathy Schmitz at 763-433-9844.

**Recycling Day:** The City has two recycling days each year. These events are designed for residents to dispose of materials generally not accepted in the curbside program, including electronics, appliances, scrap metal, tires, batteries, used oil, antifreeze, oil filters, mattresses, box springs and document shredding. Watch the Ramsey Resident for dates and locations of drop-offs. Typically, they are held on the first Saturday in May and the last Saturday in September at the Public Works Facility located at 14100 Jasper Street. **Note that cell phones, (No Accessories Please) rechargeable batteries and inkjet printer cartridges can be recycled at City Hall at any time during normal business hours.**

**Snow Plowing and Icy Roads:** To report a plowing problem or slippery intersection or road, contact Public Works at 763-433-9863. For updates on current plowing operations, call the snow plowing hotline at 763-433-9852.

**Clearing Your Driveway of Snow:** Do not shovel, plow or blow snow into the street or across the street into the adjacent right-of-way. This is a violation of Minnesota State Statute 160.2715. Individuals who throw their snow into the street make it more difficult to clear the street, particularly cul-de-sacs. It also creates ice hazards as other vehicles drive over the snow and compact it. You may want to wait to shovel the end of your driveway and mailbox area until after the plow has cleared the street curb to curb. The plow may come through several times before completion and this will save you from repeating the shoveling process. Snow must remain on your own property.

**Recreational Vehicles:** The City of Ramsey regulates the operation of recreational vehicles within the City limits. More information on City and State regulations is available at the City's website at <http://www.cityoframsey.com/recreational-vehicles> or by contacting the Ramsey Police Department at 763-427-6812.

**Special Assessments and Escrows:** Contact Cindy Nelson (Finance Office) at 763-433-9822.

**Tree Questions:** Contact the City Planner at 763-433-9817. The City of Ramsey also has a Tree Book, which serves as a reference guide for choosing, caring for and planting trees, available on line as well as other resources related to trees at [www.cityoframsey.com/environmental-services](http://www.cityoframsey.com/environmental-services).

**Business Operation in Residential Areas:** Operation of a home business requires that the resident apply for and receive a Home Occupation Permit. A permit for a home occupation may be applied for by submitting the required information to the Community Development Department. Residents should contact the Community Development Department at 763-433-9824 for more information.

**Conditional Use and Interim Use Permits:** Certain uses require the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit or an Interim Use Permit to study site-specific conditions. Contact the Community Development Department at 763-433-9824.

**Four or More Dogs:** Requires a Private Kennel Permit. Contact the Community Development Department at 763-433-9824.

## Welcome to the Off-Leash Dog Park!

**Attention all dog owners:** If you haven't already treated your dog to a visit to the off-leash dog park, you should plan your outing today.

The off-leash dog area is located at Alpine Park, 6600 Alpine Drive (between Ramsey Blvd and Sunfish Lake Blvd). The designated off-leash area is located in the center of Alpine Park beyond Ball Fields #2 and #3. This site is partially irrigated, with about half of the several acres considered in the ruff, with tall grass and a wooded corner. The so-called “Bark Park” also has a pet fountain and seating.

Dogs – please remind your owners to pick up after you. It is important for Ramsey’s Parks and Trails to remain safe and pleasant for all users. If your owners have any questions or comments, they can contact Mark Riverblood, Parks and Assistant Public Works Superintendent at 763-433-9853 or email [mrivərblood@cityoframsey.com](mailto:mrivərblood@cityoframsey.com)



**Horses:** Residents may have horses in accordance with City Code. Parcels with at least 1.5 acres are eligible to have horses in accordance with City Code and require the submittal of a scaled site plan/plot diagram. Horses are not allowed on parcels with less than 1.5 acres. **Please contact the Community Development Department at 763-433-9824 for more information.**

**BUILDING DIVISION INFORMATION**

The Building Division staff is here to help ensure all your construction projects meet the requirements of the Minnesota State Building Code. Please, feel free to stop in.

## **Building Permits Required:**

### **Why do I need a permit?**

A permit ensures proper services are provided to safeguard life, health, property and public welfare. If work is done improperly, such work can become unsafe for the homeowners and their families, as well as devalue their home.

Homeowners doing their own project need to obtain the necessary permit(s) and call to arrange the required inspections.

When a contractor is hired, the homeowner may direct the contractor to obtain the necessary permit(s) enabling both the homeowner and the contractor to work with City staff to make sure the work is completed according to code.

### **When do I need a permit?**

Building permits are required to construct, add onto, alter, remove, demolish or repair a structure.

If you are making changes, repairs, alterations or additions to any structure, such as your home, office, basement, swimming pool, garage, deck, porch or storage shed, a building permit may be required before you begin construction.

Mechanical permits are required for installation or replacement of mechanical systems in structures. This includes furnaces, air conditioners, gas lines, gas fireplace inserts and additional ductwork.

Plumbing permits are required for all new or replacement fixtures in structures and added gas lines for anything other than the main heating system of the structure. This includes replacement water heaters, water softeners and plumbing fixtures.

Building permit fees vary according to the value of construction. Mechanical and Plumbing permit fees are based upon the type of installation.

Electrical Permits and Inspections are now handled by the City of Ramsey. A permit is required any time you alter or install electrical wiring.

**Informational handouts are always available, and now there are several ways to communicate with Inspections staff. If you have questions about permits, need a permit, have a permit and need to schedule an inspection, visit: [www.cityoramsey.com/permits](http://www.cityoramsey.com/permits) to either buy a permit or schedule an inspection online, or email staff at [permits@cityoframsey.com](mailto:permits@cityoframsey.com) or call 763-433-9850, or stop by the Building Division located at City Hall.**

**Final Inspections Comment.** Once you have received any necessary permits from the City to perform the work on your property, it is always a good idea to make sure the work covered under your permit has been inspected by the City building inspector. These required inspections are noted on the City inspection card you receive from the building division when picking up the permit. The State building code requires the “applicant” to contact the building division for all the required inspections, but the owner is always considered the responsible party for making sure the work has been inspected and approved. Also, it is usually a good idea to withhold any final payments until the final inspection as required by the state code has been called for and approved.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

Fire Department questions may be answered by calling 763-427-4452.

**Paid-on-call Firefighters:** The City recruits for Paid-on-call Firefighters on an “as needed” basis. Applications are available during the recruitment period at City Hall or on our website @ <http://www.cityoframsey.com/employment.asp>.

### **RECREATIONAL FIRES: PERMITS NOT REQUIRED FOR FIRES UNDER 3 FEET**

**IN DIAMETER.** A recreational fire means a fire set with approved starter fuel contained within the border of a recreational fire site using dry, clean wood; producing little detectable smoke, odor or soot beyond the property line; conducted with an adult tending the fire at all times; for recreational, ceremonial, food preparation or social purposes; extinguished completely before quitting the occasion; and respecting weather conditions, neighbors, burning bans and air quality so that nuisance, health or safety hazards will not be created. In no event shall a recreational fire be closer than twenty-five feet to any structure, unless approved by the Fire Chief or Fire Marshal. Fires shall not be allowed to smolder with no flame present.

Permitted starter fuels include dry paper, clean cardboard, liquid charcoal fire starter, paraffin candles, propane gas torches or clean and dry kindling/limbs. Burning hours are Monday – Friday 6:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m., Saturday – Sunday 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. and Federal Holidays 12:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

A recreational fire site is an area of no more than a three (3) foot diameter circle; completely surrounded by non-combustible and non-smoke or odor producing material, either of natural rock, cement, brick, tile or blocks of ferrous metal only; and is located depressed below ground, on the ground or on a raised bed. Included are permanent outdoor wood burning fireplaces. Mobile cooking devices such as manufactured hibachis, charcoal grills, wood smokers and propane or natural gas devices are not defined as recreational fires. **Burning barrels are prohibited. It is illegal to burn garbage, furniture, construction material and alike.**

### **OPEN BURN: PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR FIRES OVER 3 FEET IN DIAMETER.**

Fires found to be exceeding the above listed guidelines for recreational fires shall be considered open burns, for which a permit is required. Any person conducting an open burn without the necessary permit shall be required to extinguish said fire and can be cited and prosecuted under City Code § 7.83. Conviction of violation of this ordinance is punishable as a misdemeanor in addition to possible civil damages for injury or property damage and assessed cost of fire suppression services from the Ramsey Fire Department at the rate of \$300/hour plus any other costs incurred by the City.

Applications for an open burn permit are available upon request. Please contact the Fire Department through City Hall regarding permitted purposes, permitted materials and fire safety requirements for open burns prior to preparing the pile. Please allow at least ten (10) days after preliminary inspection to process the application. The rate schedule for approved applications for open burn permits is as follows:

Non-refundable application fee	
Residential	\$25.00
Open burn permit fire suppression escrow	\$500
Open burn permit fire suppression services	\$300.00/hr. – min. \$300.00

## **FIRE SAFETY/AIR QUALITY REQUIREMENTS OF OPEN BURN PERMITS**

### **You are responsible:**

- To keep the fire under control and to assume responsibility for all damages and costs that may result from burning done under the permit.
- To attend the fire until completely extinguished.
- Not to burn if there is a practical alternative method for disposal of the material such as chipping or composting.
- To use a clean burning device to start a fire.
- Not to conduct burning during any air quality alert.
- Not to burn paper or cardboard except as provided under Minnesota Statute 17.135.
- To extinguish the fire immediately if the permit is revoked.
- To have the permit available at the burn site for inspection.
- That prevailing wind **MUST** be away from nearby occupied buildings, and not to exceed 10 mph.
- That fires will not be allowed to smolder without flame.
- Burning barrels are prohibited, as well as burning leaves, garbage, furniture etc.

**PROHIBITED MATERIALS:** oils, rubber, plastics, tires and chemically treated materials such as railroad ties, treated lumber, composite shingles, tar paper, insulation, composition board, sheetrock, wiring, paint and hazardous and industrial solid waste and alike.

MINNESOTA RULES parts 7005.0705 to 7005.0805 "Open Burning", Minnesota Statutes 88.16 to 88.17 and Minnesota Fire Code are adopted by reference and made a part of Ramsey City Code.

## PARKING

### Parking is Prohibited on City Streets:

- between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- within twenty (20) feet of a fire hydrant
- within a properly marked fire lane
- within a cross walk
- within twenty (20) feet of a cross walk at an intersection
- at any place where official signs prohibit stopping
- on any boulevard
- directly across from or within three feet of either side of a public or private driveway
- with the keys in the ignition. (Passenger automobiles parked on a public street, alley, public parking lot, or place affected with a public interest in the City shall lock the ignition, remove the key and take the key with him/her.)
- when, within the preceding 24 hours, there is an accumulation of falling or blowing snow three (3) inches or more in depth at street level anywhere within that block, until the block has been cleared of snow from curb to curb (commonly referred to as “snowbirds”).

**Off-Street Parking Restrictions.** Off-street parking in residential areas is permitted only on an improved surface. Blacktop or concrete is required in all MUSA areas. For a complete list of regulations, please refer to City Code Section 117.355 (Residential off-street parking).

- Currently licensed and operable motor vehicles, the primary purpose of which is for private transportation or recreational use may be parked in the front yard if on a driveway or in the side or rear yard provided they are parked on a residential parking surface that consists of either bituminous pavement or concrete in the MUSA area, or recycled concrete, bituminous or prepared gravel outside of those boundaries. The number of items allowed is based on lot size. Call Community Development @ 763-433-9824 for more information.
- Commercial use motor vehicles and equipment may be parked outside for short-term periods (8 hours or less) or for longer terms under the following conditions:

The vehicles and/or equipment are screened to a degree of 75% at ground level view, within the MUSA and to a degree of 50% at ground level view outside the MUSA.

The vehicles and/or equipment shall be parked only in the side yard or rear yard of the subject property and said items shall be parked on a residential parking surface that consists of either bituminous pavement or concrete, or outside the boundaries of the MUSA on a minimum of con bit or prepared gravel with at least 2 inch base.

An **“Interim Use Permit”** is required for all commercial use vehicles and equipment that cannot meet the criteria established above.

Active agriculture vehicles and equipment necessary to sustain agricultural uses are allowed and not required to be parked on prepared surfaces or screened.

Private and/or commercial use type motor vehicles and equipment parked on properties must be owned by the person owning or leasing the parcel. MN Department of Motor Vehicles registration records will be used to determine the owner of registered vehicles and/or equipment and said owner’s address.

**For more information regarding parking of private or commercial vehicles and/or equipment, please contact the Community Development Department at 763-433-9824.**

### **TREES/PLANTINGS AND STREET VISIBILITY**

Safety on our streets depends on good visibility. Vegetation growing in easements and/or road right-of-ways may obscure sight lines, endangering motorists and pedestrians. Overgrown vegetation needs to be pruned, removed or transplanted.

Planting under power lines, in the road easement, or near property lines may create problems in the future. Spruce trees, for instance, hold their lower limbs, making them a popular choice for screening purposes. However, the same characteristic creates problems when the tree matures and begins blocking sight lines. When this happens, the tree needs to be radically pruned, destroying its beauty. When choosing trees for your yard, please consider carefully their location and mature size and growth characteristics before planting.

If you have questions regarding tree selection and their individual traits, please contact the City Planner at 763-433-9817. The City of Ramsey Tree Book, a reference guide for choosing, caring for and planting trees, is available on line at [www.cityoframsey.com/environmental-services](http://www.cityoframsey.com/environmental-services).

Questions regarding sight line problems, easement, right-of-way, tree trimming and/or removal may be directed to Grant Riemer, Public Works Superintendent at the Public Works Department at 763-433-9863.



**Call Gopher State Before Digging @ (651) 454-0002**  
<http://www.gopherstateonecall.org/>

For all other questions regarding tree health, location or preservation, recommended species planting for your site, or Oak Wilt/EAB concerns, contact the City Planner at 763-433-9817 or [canderson@cityoframsey.com](mailto:canderson@cityoframsey.com)



## FUN FACTS ABOUT THE CITY OF RAMSEY...

- Ramsey has a population of over 25,598 and growing.
- Ramsey is home to over four hundred businesses such as Connexus Energy, Life Fitness, Ace Solid Waste, Altron Manufacturing, Anderson Dahlen, Multi-Source Manufacturing, RJM, Vision Ease Lens etc.
- Ramsey covers 28 square miles and is bordered by both the Rum and Mississippi Rivers.
- Ramsey offers two championship public golf courses, The Links at Northfork and Rum River Hills.
- Ramsey has two regional parks, four Community parks, and a network of trails and neighborhood parks.
- Ramsey is working to develop a new downtown, The COR.
- Ramsey is served by 55 volunteer paid-on call Fire Fighters, and has 3 Fire Stations.
- Ramsey has the Northstar Ramsey Station, check [METROTRANSIT.ORG](http://METROTRANSIT.ORG) or Call 612-373-3333 for updates.

### Demographic Summary for the City of Ramsey

Population (2014 Census Population Estimate)	23,668
2020 Population Forecast (Metropolitan Council)	26,400
2030 Population Forecast (Metropolitan Council)	30,700
2040 Population Forecast (Metropolitan Council)	34,700
Households (Metropolitan Council)	8,500
2020 Household Forecast (Metropolitan Council)	9,400
2030 Household Forecast (Metropolitan Council)	11,300
2040 Household Forecast (Metropolitan Council)	13,000
Employment 2010 (Metropolitan Council)	5,736
2020 Employment Estimate (Metropolitan Council)	6,700
2030 Employment Estimate (Metropolitan Council)	7,000
2040 Employment Estimate (Metropolitan Council)	7,600

#### **Other Demographics (2010 Census & 2013 Census American Communities Survey)**

18 years or older	72%
Median Age	36.1
Median Income (family)	\$79,862
Education Level-High School or higher	93%
Education Level-BA/BS or higher	27%
% families with children	41%
% married couples, no children at home	35%
% living alone, with roommates	19%

#### **Housing**

Average Home Value	\$234,400
% of homes built after 1990 (2010)	56%
% owner-occupied (2010)	91%
% townhomes/apartments (2010)	19%

**CITY OF RAMSEY  
PARKS AND ADDRESSES**

Park Map and Additional Information Available @ [www.cityoframsey.com](http://www.cityoframsey.com)

1.	Alpine Park 6600 Alpine Drive NW	6600 Alpine Drive NW
2.	Autumn Heights Park 17450 Nutria Street NW	Northwest of the intersection of 168 <sup>th</sup> Lane NW and Nutria Street NW
3.	Bear Park 15500 Roanoke Street NW	Roanoke Street NW at 155 <sup>th</sup> Lane NW
4.	Brookview North Park 17201 Germanium Street NW	East of Germanium Street NW at 170 <sup>th</sup> Lane NW
5.	Central Park 7925 161 <sup>st</sup> Avenue NW	East of Armstrong Boulevard NW
6.	Cottonwood Park 6901 Sunwood Drive NW	6901 Sunwood Drive NW
7.	Deerwood Park 8011 177 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NW	North of 177 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, East of Eland Street NW
8.	Elmcrest Park 16303 Quicksilver Street NW	16303 Quicksilver Street NW
9.	Emerald Pond 6000 142 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue NW	6000 142 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue NW
10.	Flintwood Terrace 14250 Fluorine Street NW	a/k/a Flintwood Hills Park a/k/a/ Ramsey Terrace Park
11.	Ford Brook Park 5459 180 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	North side of 180 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NW at Fluorine Street NW
12.	Fox Park 17100 Potassium Street NW	South of 172 <sup>nd</sup> on Potassium Street NW
13.	Hunter's Hill Park 6301 144 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NW	North of 144 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NW
14.	Itasca Trail Head 15700 Okapi Street NW	15700 Okapi Street NW
15.	Mississippi West Park 14100 Traprock Street NW	Either side of Traprock Street NW, South of Highway #10 NW
16.	Pelzer Park 7001 149 <sup>th</sup> Lane NW	East of Kamacite Street NW
17.	Rabbit Park 17440 Rabbit Street NW	North of 173 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue NW – 1,000 Feet on Left
18.	Ramsey Elementary School 15000 Nowthen Boulevard NW	Nowthen Boulevard NW and County Road #5 NW are the same
19.	Ramsey Terrace Park 5455 142 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue NW	East side of Junkite Street NW North of 142 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue NW, a/k/a Flintwood Terrace Park
20.	Riverdale Park 6860 Riverdale Drive NW	Riverdale Drive NW and Garnet Street NW

21.	River's Bend Park 5000 142 <sup>nd</sup> Lane NW	Access at 142 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue NW and Waco Street NW
22.	Riverwood Hills North Park 17801 Fluorine Street NW	From Fluorine Street NW to Erkium Street NW between Highway #27 (179 <sup>th</sup> Lane NW) and 177 <sup>th</sup> Lane NW
23.	Riverwood Hills South Park 5230 177 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NW	South of 177 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, one Lot Past Argon Street NW to the River
24.	Rum River Central Park 17955 Roanoke Street NW	179 <sup>th</sup> Lane NW and Roanoke Street NW
25.	Shawn Acres Park 17421 Chameleon Street NW	East of Chameleon Street NW at approximately 17421
26.	Solstice Park 14700 Erkium Street NW	South of Sunwood Drive NW on Erkium Street NW on cul-de-sac
27.	Stanhope River Hills Park 15500 Oneida Street NW	East of Roanoke Street NW at 153 <sup>rd</sup> Lane NW to River
28.	Sunfish Lake Park 6330 Sunwood Drive NW	Northeast of the Intersection of Sunfish Lake Blvd NW and Sunwood Drive NW
29.	The Draw Park 7401 East Ramsey Parkway	East and West of the Rhinestone Street Bridge
30.	Titterud Park 16100 Jasper Street NW	From Jasper Street NW to Ramsey Boulevard NW at 161 <sup>st</sup> Lane NW on Jasper Street NW
31.	Wayside Rest Park (MnDot) 9220 Highway #10 NW	Approximately 9220 Highway #10 NW
32.	Woodland Green Park 5201 155 <sup>th</sup> Lane NW	Three Lots East of Barium Street NW on 155 <sup>th</sup> Lane NW and Accessed West of Yakima St NW on 156 <sup>th</sup> Lane NW