

**CITY OF LITTLE CANADA  
RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
RESOLUTION 2013-7-120**

***A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE OFFICE  
OF THE STATE AUDITOR 2013 PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT PROGRAM***

**WHEREAS,** Benefits to the City of Little Canada for participation in the Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation's comprehensive performance measurement program are outlined in MS 6.91 and include eligibility for a reimbursement as set by State statute; and

**WHEREAS,** Any city/county participating in the comprehensive performance measurement program is also exempt from levy limits for taxes, if levy limits are in effect; and

**WHEREAS,** The City Council of Little Canada has adopted and implemented at least 10 of the performance measures, as developed by the Council on Local Results and Innovation, and a system to use this information to help plan, budget, manage and evaluate programs and processes for optimal future outcomes; and

**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT,** The City Council of Little Canada will continue to report the results of the performance measures to its citizenry by the end of the year through publication, direct mailing, posting on the city's website, or through a public hearing at which the budget and levy will be discussed and public input allowed.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,** The City Council of Little Canada will submit to the Office of the State Auditor the actual results of the performance measures adopted by the city.

Passed and duly adopted this 1st day of July 2013 by the City Council of the City of Little Canada, Minnesota.

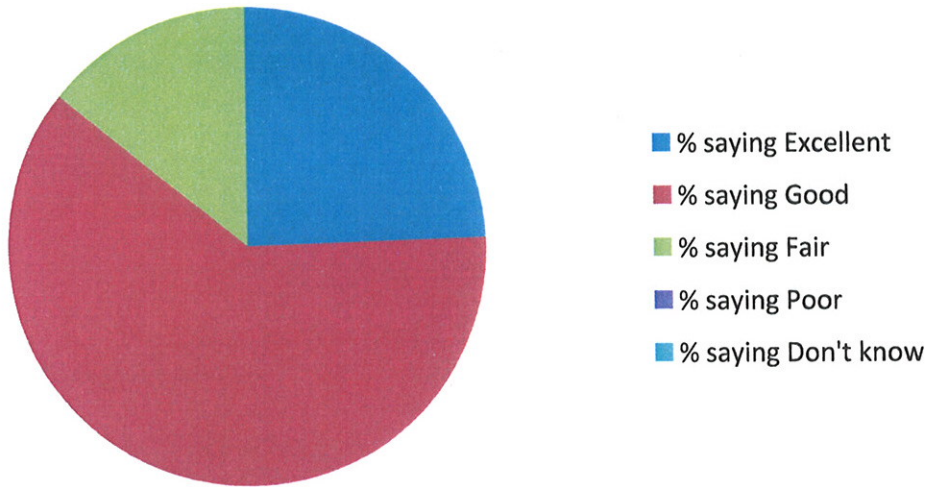
Attest:   
Joel R. Hanson, City Administrator

By:   
William Biesener, Mayor

**Detail of Voting:      Ayes    3                      Nays    0**

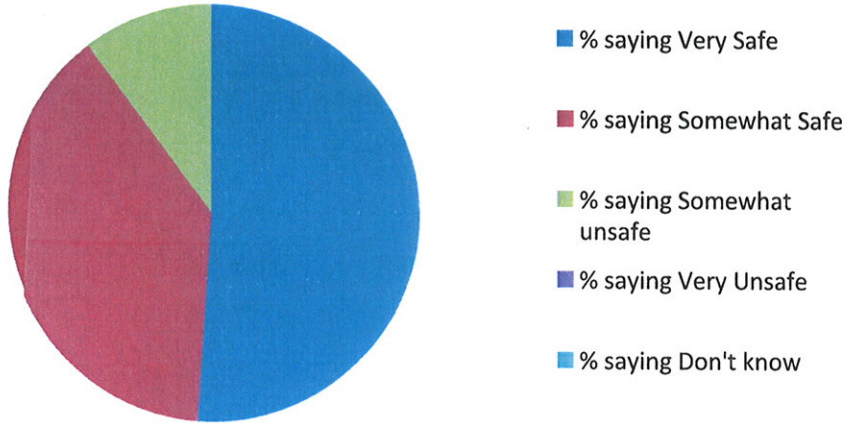
	How would you rate the overall appearance of the city?
% saying Excellent	24%
% saying Good	61%
% saying Fair	14%
% saying Poor	0%
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### Overall appearance of the city



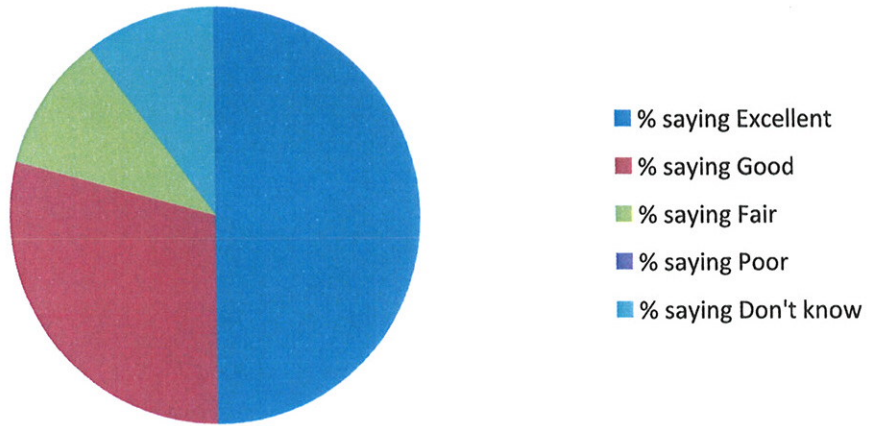
	How would you describe your overall feeling of safety in the city?
% saying Very Safe	51%
% saying Somewhat Safe	39%
% saying Somewhat unsafe	10%
% saying Very Unsafe	0%
% saying Don't know	0%

### Overall feeling of safety



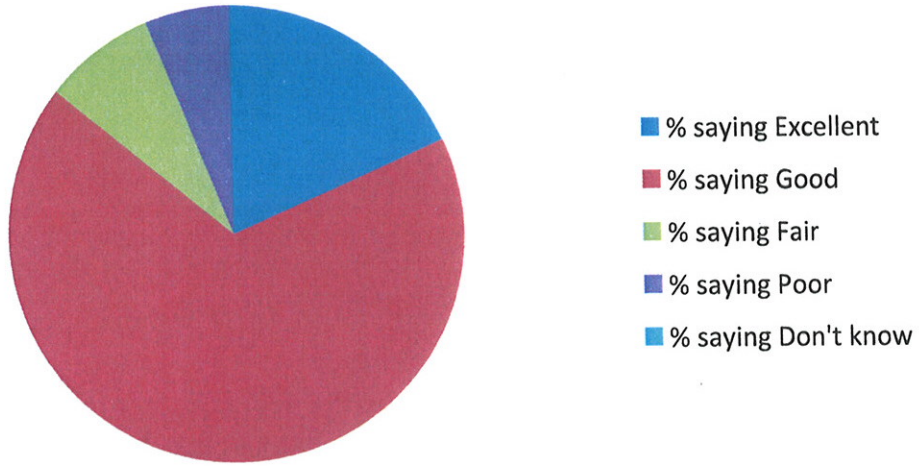
	How would you rate the overall quality of fire protection services in the city?
% saying Excellent	50%
% saying Good	29%
% saying Fair	10%
% saying Poor	0%
% saying Don't know	10%

### Overall quality of fire protection



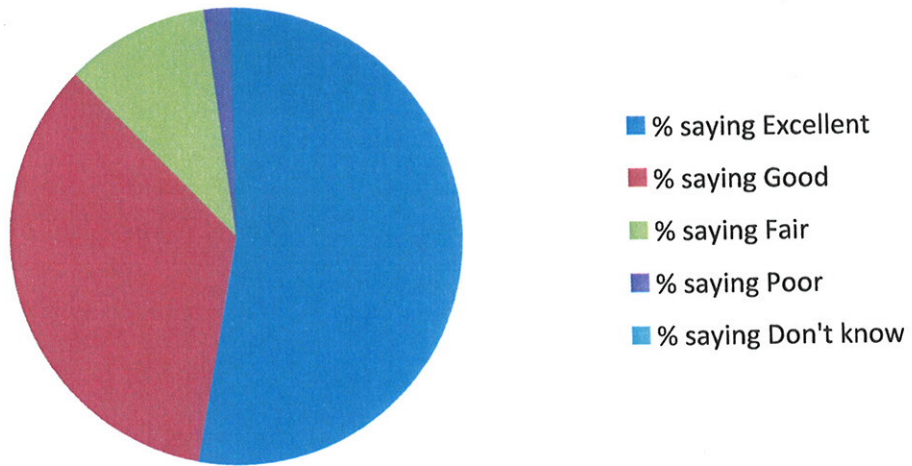
	<b>How would you rate the overall condition of city streets?</b>
% saying Excellent	18%
% saying Good	67%
% saying Fair	8%
% saying Poor	6%
% saying Don't know	0%

### Overall condition of city streets



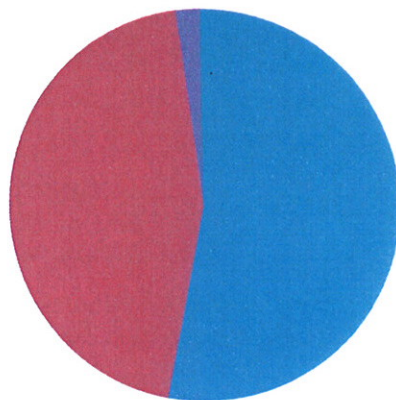
	How would you rate the overall quality of snowplowing on city streets?
% saying Excellent	53%
% saying Good	35%
% saying Fair	10%
% saying Poor	2%
% saying Don't know	0%

### Overall quality of snowplowing



	How would you rate the dependability and overall quality of city sanitary sewer service?
% saying Excellent	53%
% saying Good	45%
% saying Fair	0%
% saying Poor	2%
% saying Don't know	0%

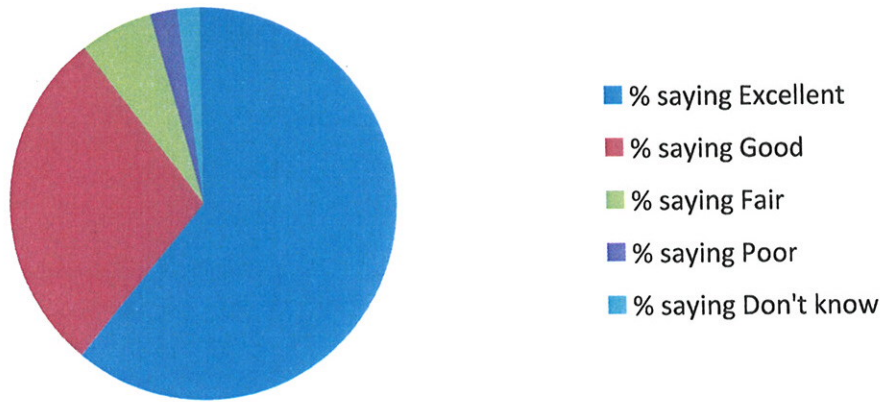
### Dependability and overall quality of sanitary sewer



- % saying Excellent
- % saying Good
- % saying Fair
- % saying Poor
- % saying Don't know

	How would you rate the dependability and overall quality of the city water supply?
% saying Excellent	61%
% saying Good	29%
% saying Fair	6%
% saying Poor	2%
% saying Don't know	2%

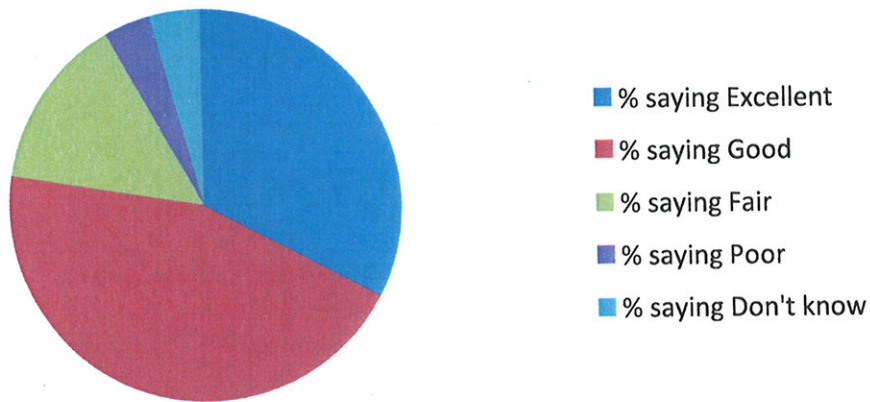
### Dependability and quality of city water supply





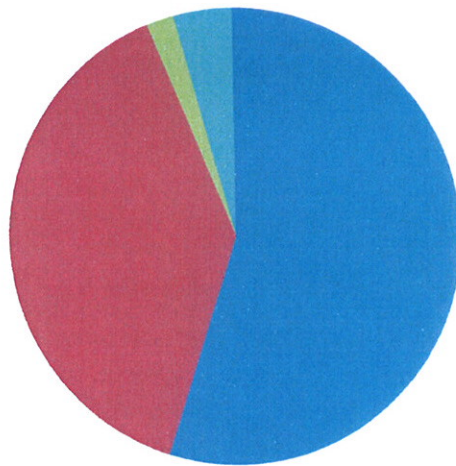
	How would you rate the overall quality of city recreational programs and facilities (e.g. parks, trails, park facilities, etc.)?
% saying Excellent	33%
% saying Good	45%
% saying Fair	14%
% saying Poor	4%
% saying Don't know	4%

## Overall quality of recreational programs and facilities



	How would you rate the quality of environmental services in your city (e.g. solid waste, garbage collection, recycling)?
% saying Excellent	55%
% saying Good	39%
% saying Fair	2%
% saying Poor	0%
% saying Don't know	4%

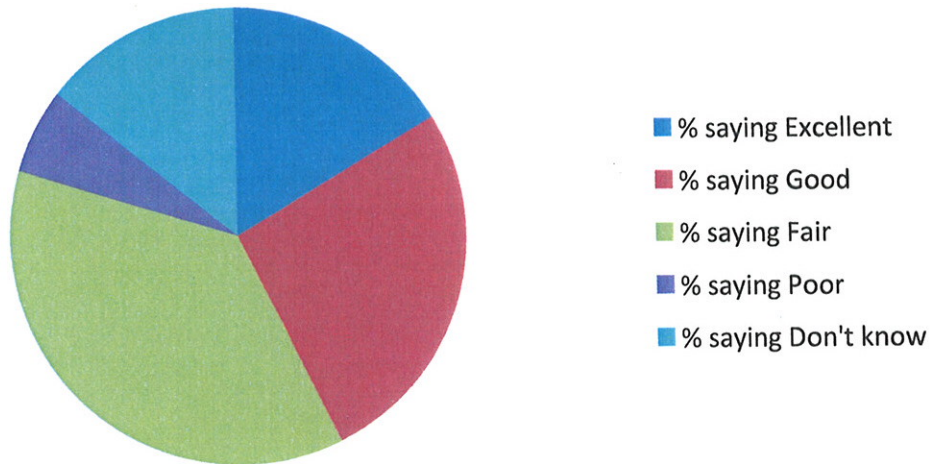
## Quality of environmental services



- % saying Excellent
- % saying Good
- % saying Fair
- % saying Poor
- % saying Don't know

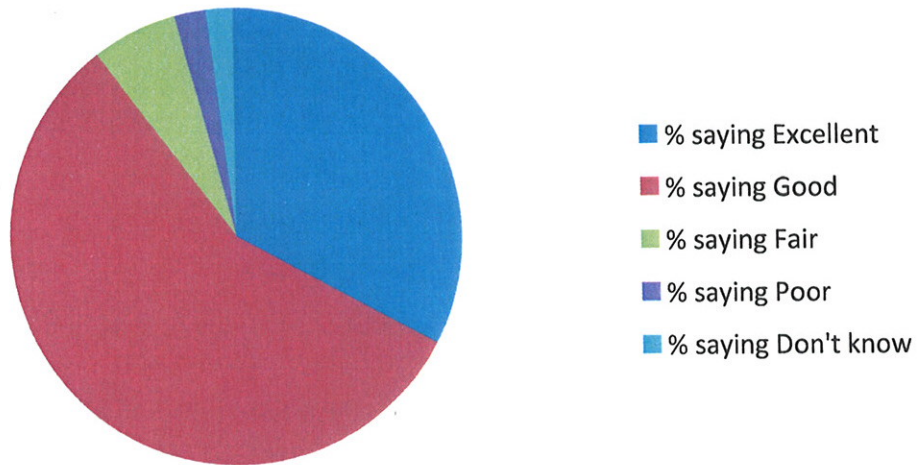
	How would you rate the quality of code enforcement services in your city (e.g. zoning, property maintenance)?
% saying Excellent	16%
% saying Good	27%
% saying Fair	37%
% saying Poor	6%
% saying Don't know	14%

## Quality of code enforcement services



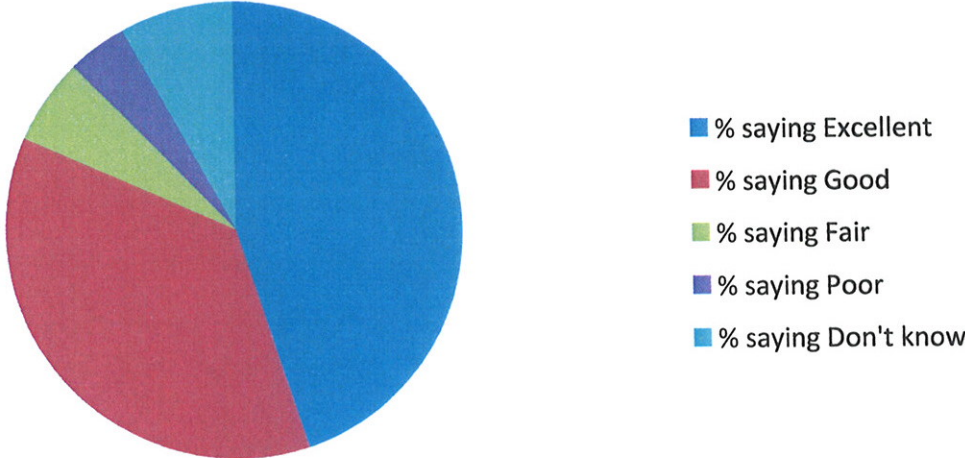
	How would you rate the overall quality of services provided by the city?
% saying Excellent	33%
% saying Good	57%
% saying Fair	6%
% saying Poor	2%
% saying Don't know	2%

### Overall quality of services provided



	How would you rate the fiscal management and health of your city?
% saying Excellent	45%
% saying Good	37%
% saying Fair	6%
% saying Poor	4%
% saying Don't know	8%

### Fiscal management and health of city





# Le Petit Canadien

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**Check out our helpful environmental links!** Find out where to bring yard waste, household hazardous waste, and other items that can be reused or recycled on page 2 of this newsletter.



**Looking for some last minute winter fun?** Register for the Little Canada Recreation Association's outdoor ice fishing contest to be held on Lake Gervais in February. See the article on page 4 for more details. Over \$4,000 in prizes!



Walking path within Gervais Mill Park.

## Local Performance Aid Survey Results

In 2010, the Minnesota Legislature created the Council on Local Results & Innovation. In 2011, that group released a set of ten performance measures for cities and ten for counties. The Legislature also enacted a program of additional state aid equal to \$.14 per capita to assist communities in implementing a performance measurement program.

A condition of program participation is the requirement that the city conduct a survey of its residents to get their input on the ten required areas. (Little Canada added two additional questions for other areas of interest.) Little Canada's survey was available online through the assistance of the League of Minnesota Cities. We advertised this program in our August newsletter, on the City's website, and through a notice in our utility bills. The

Roseville/Little Canada Review also printed an article on this program.

Forty-nine (49) responses were received to the survey. All in all the results seem to indicate a high satisfaction level with City services. For specific results, see page 5 of this newsletter.

### Annual Children's Ice Skating Party

Mark your calendars! The LCRA's 45th annual children's ice skating party will be held on **Saturday, February 9, from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM** at the Fire Barns Skate Park, 440 Little Canada Road East. Clowns, food, beverages, prizes, races, and skating are all part of the fun.

## Sheriff's Department Announces Community Outreach Initiatives

The Ramsey County Sheriff's Department (RCSD) is pleased to announce two new initiatives to enhance community outreach. The first is the Community Concerns Form that will enable citizens to share personal concerns, ideas, or observations with the Sheriff's office. The form can be accessed via their website at [www.co.ramsey.mn.us/sheriff](http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/sheriff). Information can be provided anonymously or you can leave contact information if you want follow-up communications.

The second outreach initiative involves a partnership with CodeRED to provide targeted community alerts and notifications during critical incidents. Messages will be transmitted via voice (telephone), text, and e-mail. CodeRED notifications may include lost, abducted or missing children or vulnerable adults; increases in crimes in a particular neighborhood; predatory offender notifications; and hazardous material or chemical spill evacuations.

An important caution is that these types of systems are only as good as the telephone directory supporting them. Unfortunately, if your phone number is not in the directory, you will not be notified. However, the CodeRED system gives businesses and individuals

the ability to add their own phone numbers directly into the system's secure database. Citizens with internet access can enter and verify their information via the Sheriff's website at [www.co.ramsey.mn.us/sheriff/alerts](http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/sheriff/alerts). Those without internet access may call the RCSD at 651-266-9333, Monday through Friday (8 AM - 4 PM) to supply their information. The required information includes first and last name, physical street address, city, state, zip code, and primary phone number. Cell phone numbers can be entered as well.

In discussing the benefits of CodeRed, Sheriff Matt Bostrom states *"The capability to quickly reach out in the course of a critical incident, with timely and directed information, will be one more tool to help the Sheriff's office deliver public safety services to all our communities."*



Bonnie Keran

### Welcoming New Staff

The City of Little Canada is happy to welcome Bonnie Keran as its new part-time accountant. She has a bachelor's degree in accounting from Concordia College and over nine years of experience in the accounting field. For the past several years, Bonnie has been the office manager for the Good Samaritan Society, Heritage Place of Roseville. Bonnie and her family reside in Maplewood.

### Helpful Environmental Links

**Ramsey County Recycling & Disposal Hotline 24/7**  
633.EASY (3279)

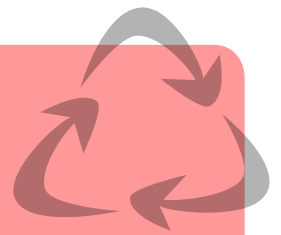
**Resident Guide for Recycling & Disposal**  
[www.RamseyAtoZ.com](http://www.RamseyAtoZ.com)

**Ramsey County Yard Waste Hours & Locations**  
[www.co.ramsey.mn.us/ph/rt/yard\\_waste\\_collection\\_sites.htm](http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/ph/rt/yard_waste_collection_sites.htm)

**Ramsey County Household Hazardous Waste Program Hours & Locations**  
[www.co.ramsey.mn.us/ph/hw/household\\_hazardous\\_waste\\_collection\\_sites.htm](http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/ph/hw/household_hazardous_waste_collection_sites.htm)

**Green Ramsey**  
on Twitter & Facebook

**Your Go-To Guide for Waste & Recycling in the Twin Cities**  
[www.RethinkRecycling.com](http://www.RethinkRecycling.com)



## Commission Vacancies

The City of Little Canada is seeking applicants to fill two vacancies on the Parks & Recreation Commission and two vacancies on the Planning Commission. The terms of office are for three years from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015. The Parks & Recreation Commission meets once a month on the first Thursday of each month. The Planning Commission meets once a month on the second Thursday of each month. Each Commission also meets periodically for special meetings and workshops. Members receive compensation for each meeting attended.

For more specific information on Commission duties, please contact our City Clerk Kathy Glanzer (651-766-4047 or [kathy.glanzer@ci.little-canada.mn.us](mailto:kathy.glanzer@ci.little-canada.mn.us)). All persons desiring to serve on either of these commissions are requested to submit their own resume and letter of interest on or before Thursday, December 6, 2012, to the City Administrator, City of Little Canada, 515 Little Canada Road East, Little Canada, MN 55117. Applications will be considered at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, December 19.

## Season's Greetings from Canadian Days!

At the close of 2012, the Canadian Days Committee wants to take a moment to wish you a joyful holiday season and peace, love, and laughter throughout the coming year. We warmly think of those whose friendship, support, and goodwill mean so much to us. During this season's chilly weather, remember that spring and summer follow winter, so save the dates for the 2013 Canadian Days festival: August 2, 3 and 4!

### HOLIDAY GIFT IDEA!

Canadian Days sweatshirts and t-shirts are available for purchase from \$10-\$22 at Little Canada City Center in the following colors and sizes:

- Island yellow t-shirts are available in Youth X-Small (2-4); Youth Medium (10-12); Youth Large (14-16); Adult Small-XL; and Adult XXL.
- Kiwi green t-shirts are available in Youth Small (6-8); Youth Medium (10-12); Youth Large (14-16); and Adult Small-Medium.
- Gray t-shirts come in Adult Small to XL.
- Red sweatshirts are available in Adult Small to XXL.
- Light blue sweatshirts are available in Adult Large and XL.

Some sizes and colors are limited in quantity, so hurry in for the best selection.

## Election Results

With the elections now behind us, here is a summary of how Little Canada voted in 2012:

PRESIDENT/VICE-PRESIDENT	VOTES	%
Obama/Biden	3,341	60.1
Romney/Ryan	2,046	36.8
US SENATOR	VOTES	%
Amy Klobuchar	3,726	67.0
Kurt Bills	1,372	24.7
US REPRESENTATIVE	VOTES	%
Betty McCollum	3,174	57.1
Tony Hernandez	1,612	29.0
STATE SENATOR	VOTES	%
Bev Scalze	3,294	59.3
April King	1,898	34.1
STATE REPRESENTATIVE	VOTES	%
Jason "Ike" Isaacson	3,070	55.2
Ken Rubenzer	1,918	34.5
RAMSEY CO COMMISSIONER	VOTES	%
MaryJo McGuire	1,905	34.3
Sue Jeffers	2,208	39.7
AMENDMENT #1 – MARRIAGE	VOTES	%
Yes	2,489	44.8
No	3,070	55.2
AMENDMENT #2 – VOTER ID	VOTES	%
Yes	2,359	42.4
No	3,200	57.6
LITTLE CANADA MAYOR	VOTES	%
Bill Blesener	3,748	67.4
LITTLE CANADA COUNCIL	VOTES	%
Michael McGraw	2,850	51.2
Rick Montour	2,780	50.0
OTHER STATS	VOTES	%
Total # of votes cast	5,559	84.0



### Jimmy John's Opens

The City is pleased to welcome Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches to Little Canada. They are located in The Village Office Center at Rice Street and Little Canada Road.



# WINTER ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

Registration has started for several children's winter activities. Register online via a link on our website or print a copy of our registration form available online in order to mail your registration to us. Registrations may also be dropped off at Little Canada City Center during our business hours or placed in our after hours drop box. You may even fax your registration to us at 651-766-4048 if you are paying by credit card.

## BASKETBALL CLINIC

**Boys & Girls, Ages 6-8**

This instructional clinic is designed to teach children the basics of basketball and to prepare them for league play that begins at the third grade level. Sessions held at Little Canada Elementary School.

**Registration Rate:** \$30 residents, \$35 non-residents (a \$5 late fee will be assessed after Friday, December 14, 2012).

DAY	DATES	TIME
Saturday	1/5-2/9	12:30-1:30 PM

## SKATING LESSONS

**Boys & Girls, Ages 5-12**

This instructional course gives children the opportunity to learn ice skating basics on the outdoor rink at 430 Little Canada Road East. Classes last a half hour sometime between the hours of 11 AM and 1 PM.

**Registration Rate:** \$30 residents, \$35 non-residents (a \$5 late fee will be assessed after Friday, December 14, 2012).

DAY	DATES	TIME
Saturday	1/5-2/16	Varies

## WINTER GYMNASTICS

**Boys & Girls, Ages 5-12**

This instructional class teaches children the basics of gymnastics, acrobatics, and tumbling. All classes held at Little Canada Elementary School.

**Registration Rate:** \$30 residents, \$35 non-residents (a \$5 late fee will be assessed after Friday, December 14, 2012).

DAY	DATES	TIME
Thursday	1/3-3/7	6:15-7:15 PM

## FASTPITCH REGISTRATION

The Roseville Area Girls' Fastpitch Association will be conducting registration at Roseville City Hall on Tuesday, February 5, from 5 PM to 9 PM. Players who live in or attend school in Roseville Area School District #623 are eligible to play. New players should bring a copy of their birth certificate to registration. Visit [www.rosevillefastpitch.org](http://www.rosevillefastpitch.org) for more information.



## Ice Fishing Contest

**Over \$4,000 in prizes! New children's bracket for 13 & under!**

The Little Canada Recreation Association (LCRA) will be hosting their 2nd Annual Ice Fishing Tournament on Lake Gervais, **Saturday, February 2, 2013, from noon to 3 PM.** Advanced registration tickets are \$15 and are on sale now at various sites in the area including Little Canada City Center. Tournament day registration is \$20.

Come and enjoy a day of family fun with plenty of opportunity to win prizes. For more information including other ticket locations, tournament rules, prizes and periodic updates visit the LCRA's website at [www.lcraonline.org](http://www.lcraonline.org).

## Help Wanted

We are accepting applications for part-time seasonal rink maintenance help. Hourly rate is \$9.75. Interested people can apply at Little Canada City Center or contact Jim Morelan (651-766-4045 or [jim.morelan@ci.little-canada.mn.us](mailto:jim.morelan@ci.little-canada.mn.us)) with questions.



# 2012 Local Performance Aid Survey Results, cont. from p. 1 (based upon 49 respondents)

QUESTION	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW
How would you rate the overall appearance of the city?	25%	61%	14%	0%	0%
How would you describe your overall feeling of safety in the city?	51%	39%	10%	0%	0%
How would you rate the overall quality of fire protection services in the city?	50%	29%	10%	0%	10%
How would you rate the overall condition of city streets?	18%	67%	8%	6%	0%
How would you rate the overall quality of snowplowing on city streets?	53%	35%	10%	2%	0%
How would you rate the dependability and overall quality of city sanitary sewer service?	53%	45%	0%	2%	0%
How would you rate the dependability and overall quality of the city water supply?	61%	29%	6%	2%	2%
How would you rate the overall quality of city recreational programs and facilities? (e.g. parks, trails, park facilities, etc.)	33%	45%	14%	4%	4%
How would you rate the quality of environmental services in your city? (e.g. solid waste, garbage collection, recycling)	55%	39%	2%	0%	4%
How would you rate the quality of code enforcement services in your city? (e.g. zoning, property maintenance)	16%	27%	37%	6%	14%
How would you rate the overall quality of services provided by the city?	33%	57%	6%	2%	2%
How would you rate the fiscal management and health of your city?	45%	37%	6%	4%	8%

## Caught in the Park

Will we catch you in one of Little Canada's parks? We are proud of our parks and want to encourage use of these facilities. Visit our website to view pictures of our parks and a map showing park locations.

### FEATURED PARK — Spooner Park

Melanie Cogan and her dog Buddy (*pictured right*) were caught on the Spooner Park trail system at the intersection of Noel Drive on a beautiful fall afternoon. Spooner Park is a fully-developed community park adjacent to Little Canada Elementary School, at 350 Eli Road. Amenities within this park include 5 softball fields, 1 soccer field, 2 lighted tennis courts, 2 picnic shelters, a band shell, a children's play area, horseshoe courts, a sand volleyball court, a basketball court, bituminous trails, and on-site parking. Picnic shelters can be reserved by calling 651-766-4029.



## Adult Activities

**MARKET PLACE MORNING TALKS**, a monthly educational series of interest for seniors, is held at the Market Place Bingo Hall, 2900 Rice Street, at 9:30 AM on the second Wednesday of each month. Upcoming topics of discussion are:

**December | No Session**  
**January 9 | T'ai Chi Chih**

**"55 ALIVE" DRIVER CLASSES** will be offered this spring for drivers age 55 and older. Dates will be known after February 1. Register online on our website or by calling 651-766-4029. Classes are held at the Little Canada City Center, 515 Little Canada Road East.

**OPEN CO-ED VOLLEYBALL** is being offered on Friday evenings, from 6:30 PM to 9 PM, at Little Canada Elementary School, 400 Eli Road. Season runs from January 4-March 29. This activity is very informal and fun. The cost is \$4 per evening and registration is available on-site.

**SUMMER SOFTBALL** will be offered again this year for men's and women's leagues with returning team registrations being accepted beginning Monday, January 14. New team registration begins on Monday, January 28. This league features double-headers that are held weeknights. Games are held at Pioneer Park beginning early May. Registration materials will be available on our website closer to the date of registration.

## Your Help is Needed with our Fire Hydrants



**The Fire Department and Public Works Department are asking residents for their assistance in clearing snow from around fire hydrants in their neighborhoods.**

Large amounts of snow accumulation combined with the after-effects of plowing roads and parking lots can leave many local fire hydrants partially or completely buried in snow. This creates a challenge for firefighters responding to emergencies. Critical minutes can be lost if firefighters must clear away snow to gain access to the water provided by fire hydrants. You could help save your house or a neighbor's house.

Please help out by clearing away at least three feet of snow on all sides of the hydrant and an access point to the hydrant from the road if you are physically able to do so. If you need assistance, please contact Public Works Superintendent Bill Dircks (651-766-4049 or [bill.dircks@ci.little-canada.mn.us](mailto:bill.dircks@ci.little-canada.mn.us)).

### Little Canada Elementary School PTA Thanks You!

Thank you to the following businesses and individuals who generously donated to the 2012 Little Canada Elementary Pumpkin Carnival that was held on October 27:

Barnes & Noble, Build-A-Bear, Bwana Archery, Candyland, Chanhassen Dinner Theater, Costco, Culvers, Division Stamping, Don Sager, Fra-Dor Inc., HOM, Horrace Mann Insurance, Joe's Sporting Goods, Le Petit Canadien, Linder's, Little Canada Fire Department, Little Canada Recreation Association, Macy's, Maplewood Community Center, Minnesota Swarm, Minnesota Twins, Minnesota Vikings, Minnesota Wild, Minnesota Zoo, Ordway, Radisson Hotel, Roseville Area High School AVID Program, Roseville Area Youth Hockey, Revive Chiropractic Wellness Center, Saints North Skating, Sara Lee, St. Paul Saints, Subway, The Provinces Apartments, Tropics Indoor Water Park, Little Canada Staff & Families

The Pumpkin Carnival was a huge success and fun was had by all. The funds raised from the Pumpkin Carnival will be used to pay for scholarships, student activities, school supplies/materials/equipment, and various enrichment initiatives.

Our school is very fortunate to be supported by such a wonderful community. We couldn't do it without the help of people like you.



## Space Heater Safety

Space heaters can be dangerous! Over the years of 2006-2010, there were 84 fires in Minnesota related to space heaters. To help prevent a hazard, follow these recommendations:

- When buying a heater, look for one that has been tested and labeled by a nationally-recognized testing company.
- Keep the heater three feet away from drapes, furniture, or other flammable materials.
- Place the heater on a level surface where no one can bump it, knock it over, or place items on top of it.
- Keep electric heaters away from water. Never use them near a sink or in the bathroom.
- Warn children of the dangers of physical contact with an electric heater.

## Streetlight Outages

If you see a streetlight that is out or malfunctioning in any way, please call Xcel Energy's streetlight outage line, 1-800-960-6235 or report it online at [www.xcelenergy.com](http://www.xcelenergy.com). You can also call Little Canada City Hall at 651-766-4029 to report streetlight issues. Once the outage is reported, Xcel usually has the light repaired within two or three days. You should also call Xcel Energy or City Hall if you see tennis shoes or other objects draped on power lines or any other utility lines.

## Little Canada's Park & Ride Facility Opens

The new, 280 space Metropolitan Council Park & Ride lot, located at the northeast corner of Rice Street and County Road B, will be opening on Monday, December 10, with the first bus departing at 5:51 AM. The site utilizes innovative landscaping and conservation practices dealing with storm water. Free coffee will be available to commuters using the new facility on the 10th.

## Snowplowing Regulations & Guidelines

The snow season is nearly upon us so the plow trucks will soon be out de-icing and plowing the city's streets, cul-de-sacs, city-owned parking lots, sidewalks, paths, and trails.

### SNOW PLOWING POLICY —

Little Canada plows streets after any snowfall event of two inches or more. For accumulations less than two inches, a decision is made based on road conditions and the weather forecast. On occasion, the best policy is to plow a one-inch snowfall if the forecast calls for extremely cold conditions that could freeze the snow and cause rough and unsafe driving conditions. Salt is spread on roads when plowing is not necessary and also as part of normal plowing procedures. Salt takes time to activate, particularly in extremely cold temperatures, so do not assume it is safe to brake quickly just because there is salt at an intersection.

### WINTER PARKING —

Residents can help plowing operations run smoothly by not parking in the street after a snowfall of two inches or more. Cars in the street hamper the plows and leave pockets of hardened, unplowed snow after the car is moved.

The Ramsey County Sheriff's Department tickets illegally parked cars during snow emergencies, and failure to move the vehicle could result in the vehicle being towed. Parking is prohibited on city streets between 2 AM and 6 AM, from November 1 until April 1.

### KEEP SNOW ON YOUR PROPERTY —

Please do not plow, blow, or shovel snow across the street or back into the street. This snow hardens and causes unsafe driving conditions. If you hire a contractor to plow your snow, please remind

them not to plow snow across the street. All snow should be kept on the property from which it is cleared. Under state statutes, it is illegal to deposit snow on another resident's property and also not very neighborly. Each resident is responsible for his/her own runoff, including snow, and cannot direct it onto another resident's property. Any resident found to have dumped snow on another resident's property without consent will be required to remove the snow and is subject to a citation.

### CITY PLOWING OPERATIONS —

Little Canada's Public Works Department does the best they can to minimize the snow left in driveways, but it is a necessary evil in plowing streets and cul-de-sacs. Pile snow downstream of the plowing operation to help minimize the

amount of snow you get at the end of your driveway.

Please stay back when driving behind the plow trucks. Seeing other vehicles is very difficult for the operators and they can activate the salt spreader at any time, which could damage a vehicle driving too close to the truck. Also, do not allow children to play in the snow piles at the end of driveways or along side the road. A plow truck could drive by without seeing a child and cause serious injury or death. With your cooperation Public Works can be more efficient and have the roads cleared in very little time. If you have any questions regarding our snowplowing procedures, please contact our Public Works Superintendent Bill Dircks (651-766-4049 or [bill.dircks@ci.little-canada.mn.us](mailto:bill.dircks@ci.little-canada.mn.us)).





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## 2013 Budget Adoption

The Little Canada City Council certified a levy increase of 1.97% for our 2013 budget. Based on information compiled by Ramsey County Property Taxes & Records, certified municipal levies range from a reduction of 15.4% (Spring Lake Park) to a high of 34.9% (Gem Lake). The average levy increase is 3.6%.

With our 1.97% levy increase, our tax rate will increase to 30.855%. This is an increase of 9.95% in our rate from 2012 to 2013. (The

average rate increase for Ramsey County municipalities is 9.25%.) With our small levy increase, the major factor causing a higher percentage rate increase is the continued decline in our tax base due to value adjustments. Our tax base has declined 5.93% from 2012. As a point of reference, the decline for suburban Ramsey County is 4.92% and the entire County dropped by 5.03%. It should also be pointed out that, depending on value adjustments to

individual properties, tax impacts will vary dramatically.

The City's budget adoption hearing will be held on **Wednesday, December 19, at 7:30 PM**. If you have comments or questions regarding the proposed 2013 Budget, please contact City Administrator Joel Hanson (651-766-4040 or [joel.hanson@ci.little-canada.mn.us](mailto:joel.hanson@ci.little-canada.mn.us)) and/or attend the hearing on the 19th.

## Veterans Memorial Committee Appointments

At the suggestion of Little Canada resident Rocky Waite, the City Council is exploring the idea of creating a Veterans Memorial for Little Canada. In our last issue of this newsletter, we solicited people who may be interested in helping with this project. At their meeting of November 14, the City Council appointed the following individuals to the Veterans Memorial Committee: Rocky Waite, Greg Schloer, Lee Freeman, and Dan Ryan. Kathy Hanson, Judy Berggren, and Frank Costa were also appointed as representatives of the Little Canada Historical Society. The City Council also appointed two of its members at their meeting of November 28. The committee is anticipated to convene after the first of the year. Updates on the committee's activities will appear in future issues of our newsletter.

## Deer Control Update

Metro Bowhunters Resource Base (MBRB) has completed their four scheduled hunts in designated sites within Little Canada. They took 16 deer (11 does and 5 bucks). The Sculley family was also granted a permit for their property and to date, they have taken 3 deer (2 does and 1 buck). A permit was also granted for the Frattalone Companies site, but no deer have been taken at that location.

In a coordinated effort with Little Canada, the City of Maplewood also allowed a deer control hunt on their Spoon Lake Preserve property that was conducted by MBRB. Seven deer were taken from that site, with five of them being does.

The next step in Little Canada's program will be the aerial count of the deer population to be done by Ramsey County this winter.