

Ramsey County League of Local Governments

Quarterly Newsletter 1st Edition, 3/1/16

Newsletter will be emailed out on the first of March, June, September & December. Deadline for submissions is 15th of prior month.
Email stories and photos to dparker@mngts.org by the 15th!

New Administration & New Vision

On December 3, 2015 at the annual meeting of the Ramsey County League of Local Governments, our new officers were elected. New President, Ramsey Conservation District Board Supervisor, Margaret Sletten Behrens; Vice President is North St. Paul City Council Woman, Candy Petersen. We are very excited to have returning, as our Treasurer, Stephanie McNamara, who is the Administrator of VLAWMO. Doug Biehn is our immediate past president. These are your executive committee members.



We look forward to an exciting New Year and great new engagement and opportunities. Along with our standard programs, you will notice that we have some great, new and exciting initiatives coming for the new year.

In photo (from L to R): Doug Biehn, Immediate Past President; Stephanie McNamara, Treasurer; President, Margaret Sletten-Behrens; Vice President, Candy Petersen.



The Mission of the Ramsey County League of Local Governments is to foster cooperation among Ramsey County units of government thereby increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of public service delivery.

Upcoming Events

March (date TBD): In Shoreview: "How to Get Your Community Center to Work for you!" Details to follow – Watch your email for announcements!

April 28: Minnesota Ethnic Council Panel Discussion – How Can We Unite? Location: City of Maplewood Council Chambers

May 19: North St. Paul Clean Energy Alternatives – Business Day for Members and Staff (during business hours.)

June 10: RCLLG Golf Tournament. Tee Off at 1:00 p.m. at Gem Lake Golf Course. Cost is \$22 for 9 holes. Prizes and awards!

July 28: Tour of the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District Green Campus.

August (date TBD): RCLLG Picnic at Keller Island.

September (date TBD): Safety & Sensitivity (anti-bullying.)

October (date TBD): Ramsey Conservation District 4th Annual "State of the Waters."

October (date TBD): Public Policy Analysis with Brett Buckner.

December 8, 2016: Annual Meeting & Election Recap. Gulden's Event Center. Watch email for E-vite & registration!

Registration for all meetings and events is requested. For the Annual meeting, **registration is required**. Visit the website for any registration questions:

<http://mngts.org/rcllg>

A Note from the New President

Welcome to the 2016 Ramsey County League of Local Governments. I am excited to have your commitment to actively participate in this organization. Whether you are new to RCLLG or a returning member. It is our goal is to provide you with specialized programs, events, and workshops will assist you in maximizing your membership dollars.

In addition, the added benefit of your active membership is the opportunity to network and build sustainable partnerships that will enhance your effectiveness and your efficiency through your public service. Together we have great opportunities to make life in Ramsey County the best it can be for everyone who works here or calls Ramsey County home. I look forward to working with you this year. Please feel free to contact me personally with any questions, comments, concerns or suggestions that you may have. I appreciate your input and I respect your perspective.

-Margaret Ann

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

We are very pleased to announce that Ramsey County Commissioner **Blake Huffman** will continue as the RCLLG Liaison to Beyond the Yellow Ribbon.

Shoreview City Council Member, Ady Wickstrom, received a Citizenship Award from Beyond the Yellow Ribbon for her tireless commitment to the organization and its mission. Craig Boylan and Dana Durkee present Wickstrom with this honor in the photo below. Ady Wickstrom was President of the RCLLG in 2009-2010. Thank you, Ady, for your service!



Beyond the Yellow Ribbon is a program that creates awareness for the purpose of connecting military service members and their families with community support, training, services and resources.

Raising Funds for Beyond the Yellow Ribbon.....If You Go... The "Build A Burger" events take place every second Monday of the Month at the VFW in White Bear Lake. Burger building kicks off at 5 p.m. and all are welcome! The kitchen closes at 8 p.m. so come in time to grab your burger! Five bucks for a burger, with fixings to your liking; add-ons such as fries are additional (\$1.) ALL proceeds benefit Beyond the Yellow Ribbon's mission in the community! White Bear Lake VFW located at 4496 Lake Ave. S.—Next event is Monday, March 14, 2016!

RCLLG Meeting Schedule:

The RCLLG schedule includes two types of meetings:

1. RCLLG Board Meetings—primarily for Board Delegates and Alternates. These meetings are held to conduct the business of the organization and include an opportunity for its members to discuss current issues and provide updates on developments in their jurisdictions.

2. RCLLG General Programs—these sessions are open to anyone interested in the topic being addressed. See the schedule of upcoming events for dates, topics and locations.

Details for all meetings and/or events will be updated online as that information becomes available.



New to RCLLG

In January, 2016, the RCLLG launched our new social media sites! Please check them frequently to stay up-to-date with important news and announcements! Please "Like" and "Follow" us on both FaceBook and Twitter!

With Helene Johnson's departure in late summer of 2015, GTS has appointed Dolly Parker to take over the role Helene served for many years. The Executive Board welcomes Dolly Parker to her new position!