

September 2012

NOTICE OF TENNIS COURT AND BASKETBALL COURT REMOVAL AT AURELIA PARK

Dear Resident:

The City of Blaine, Park and Recreation, and Public Works Departments is removing the basketball court and both tennis courts located on the corner, east of Jefferson Street and north of 91st Avenue. This 1.42 acre parcel is part of Aurelia Park.

The decision to remove these amenities is based on the obvious poor condition of the courts. The courts were installed in the early eighties and did serve the neighborhood well for many years. However, as the courts aged, many maintenance hours and materials were spent repairing cracks, nets, poles, and repainting the tennis court surfaces. Now the courts are beyond repair and need to be removed and will begin as early as September 4, 2012.

Once the courts are removed the City will plan on replacing the basketball court, poles and nets at an estimated cost of \$10,000. However, replacing the tennis courts are estimated at \$35,000 and the cost could be higher if soil corrections are needed to prevent heaving and sagging of new courts. Soil tests for stability will be determined by our Engineering Department.

Funding a project cost of \$45,000 must be reviewed and recommended by the Park Board and approved by the City Council. City staff will keep the Park Board and City Council updated on the removal project and the proposed costs for moving forward with replacing Aurelia Park basketball and tennis courts.

Sincerely,

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