

Somewhere in the Middle

It's hard to believe that it's already newsletter time again! We are somewhere in the middle of wrapping up construction at one end of town, with construction just getting underway at the other. Somewhere in the middle of winding down for the summer and gearing up for the school year. Somewhere in the middle of planning for upcoming City events and opening our spaces to the community. Somewhere in the middle of all of it, there's excitement in the air – do you feel it?

As always, there's lots going on construction-wise. Contractors hired by the County for the improvements to County Road 4 continue to make progress on the reconstruction. At the time of this printing, the CSAH 45/ CR 4 intersection should be mostly open to traffic as the crew shifts its focus to the 10th St W roundabout, which will be done by the end of October. Your patience with this project throughout the summer has been appreciated and we are hopeful the reconstructed road and trail on the south side will provide increased safety for pedestrian traffic. Construction updates and information are posted to both the County and City's websites and will continue to be shared on the City's Facebook page on Tuesdays.

We are still looking for residents to fill vacant seats on the City Park Board, Planning Commission and Economic Development Authority. The application deadline has been extended three times, with very little response, however we keep looking because these groups are so important to shaping what Zimmerman looks like, not only now, but into the future. You'll find a QR code inside this newsletter that will take you right to the application form and we will continue accepting applications until our committee openings are filled.

Football season is about to start, with the annual "Meet the Thunder" night on August 18th. As usual, the evening was capped off with a great fireworks show, funded through donations from our community partners. We are thankful for their support of our athletes. Fireworks are displayed at every ZHS home football game. For a list of dates, please see the Calendar of Events on page 4 of the newsletter.

Finally, there's a whole bunch of things happening throughout town in September. On the 6th, the City is holding our annual "Shred Event" in the City Hall parking lot from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. This free event is open to anyone to safely dispose of documents and records you want to get rid of. In addition, the Fire Department Open House and the annual Firemen's Dance are happening at Station #1. You could also pop over to St. John Lutheran for their annual Fall Festival, with Ladies On The Loose happening the following Saturday, September 13.

September is always a full month in our town—between road construction, back-to-school routines, and all the great community events, there's something happening around every corner. And life happens somewhere in the middle of it all. I hope you'll take time to enjoy these moments, connect with your friends and family and celebrate all the things that make Zimmerman a special place to call home.

~ Mike