



Homegrown Minneapolis – February 5, 2014, Update

Pollinator Public Policy Forum

Monday, February 10, 2014

Dakota Lodge of the Thompson Park Center

1200 Stassen Ln, West St Paul, MN 55118

6:30 open, 7:00 program/presentations followed by a panel discussion (ending by 9:30 PM)

Presentations from state agencies will begin at 7:00 PM followed by a panel discussion and question and answer session. Doors open at 6:30 PM — with displays available — and there is no cost to attend.

Who: Rep. Rick Hansen (moderator),

- Bob Welsh, Wildlife Habitat Program Manager at Minnesota DNR;
- Kevin Cavanaugh, Pesticide Management Advisor, Minnesota Department of Agriculture;
- Joe Zachmann Manager, Pesticide and Fertilizer Management Division, Minnesota Department of Agriculture;
- Dan Shaw, BSWR;
- Becky Masterman, University of Minnesota Bee Squad Coordinator

Carpool available from The Honey House, 2204 Minnehaha, Minneapolis leaving at 6:30 pm sharp. If you have further questions contact Kristy Allen, 612.990.9770

Minneapolis Local Food Coordinator Position Open

https://hris.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/psp/candidate/CANDIDATE/HRMS/c/HRS_HRAM.HRS_CE

The Sustainability Program Coordinator-(Homegrown Minneapolis Food Policy) is now posted. Application closes on Feb 12.

Work closely with City Staff, Elected Officials, and the Community in developing, informing, implementing, and monitoring the City's Homegrown Minneapolis efforts and other sustainability programs as assigned. Homegrown Minneapolis is a citywide initiative expanding Minneapolis' ability to grow, process, distribute, eat and compost more healthy, sustainable, locally grown foods and strengthen the local economy.

RFP for Healthy Living Initiative

Through its Community-driven Healthy Living Projects RFP, the Minneapolis Health Department seeks three community-based groups that will implement projects to improve community livability and make it easier for residents to eat healthfully, be physically active, and/or live tobacco-free. The Health Department will fund organizations between April 2014 and June 2015 to fulfill three functions: 1) implement community-defined projects; 2) assist the Health Department with its existing Healthy Living Initiatives, and 3) adopt or improve healthy policies and practices within their own organizations to create healthier environments for employees and clients. The application is due by **4:00 p.m. Monday, March 10, 2014** and can be found here:

www.minneapolismn.gov/health/grants/index.htm.

A pre-proposal conference for interested applicants will be held on **Friday, February 14, 2014 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 4100 Lyndale Avenue South, Minneapolis.**

2014 RAM Rain Barrel and Compost Bin Distribution Events

April 26, 2014: City of Minneapolis Sale

- **COMPOST BINS \$55:** Composting is a great way to inexpensively create nutrient rich fertilizer for gardens or landscaping by recycling much of your kitchen and yard waste.
- **RAIN BARRELS \$69:** With many cities enforcing watering bans, rain water can be applied anytime and is naturally soft, devoid of minerals, chlorine, fluoride and other chemicals making it great for plants, lawns and gardens. Rain water should not be used for drinking.
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- How does placing an order work? Start by going to our **ONLINE STORE** and select which distribution event you would like to pick up your order. Then enter in your contact information, quantities desired and your payment information. You will receive an automatic email confirmation when your order is complete with a receipt. Details about the event will arrive in a separate email. You will also receive an email the week before the event to remind you to pick up your order.

Contact: Maggie Mattacola, Executive Director of Operations

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GROW A GIVING GARDEN: *Give the gift of health to your community by growing fresh fruits and vegetables for your local food shelf*



CALLING ALL MINNEAPOLIS-BASED BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS!



Homegrown Minneapolis

DID YOU KNOW many families in Minneapolis rely on food shelves to feed their households? Food shelves play an important role in improving the health of their clients by offering healthy food options, including fresh foods and vegetables. However, healthy items are not regularly donated and are often expensive for food shelves to purchase on their own.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP! The Minneapolis Health Department is recruiting Minneapolis-based businesses and organizations to grow fresh produce for local food shelves by starting a Giving Garden, an innovative way to help provide nutritious foods for individuals and families in need. Worksite Giving Gardens also provide a bounty of benefits to your employees and worksite including volunteerism, sustainable employee wellness, and the opportunity to be a role model for other worksites in your community. You can grow a Giving Garden in the ground, raised beds, or straw bales placed in parking lot stalls!

Interested in learning more? Join the Minneapolis Health Department, in partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota, for a 2-hour workshop about Growing a Giving Garden. At this workshop, you will learn more about starting Giving Gardens, hear from model garden worksites, receive information about the resources that are available to you, and hear about how the health department can connect you to a local food shelf near you!

Date: Thursday - February 27, 2014

Time: 9:30-11:30am (arrive 15 minutes early to ensure that we start/end on time)

Location: East Phillips Park Cultural & Community Center, 2307 17th Avenue S.

For more information or to RSVP, please e-mail Vish Vasani at vish.vasani@minneapolismn.gov or call (612) 673-3861.

Want to help but can't start a garden? If a Giving Garden is not possible, visit the [Healthy Food Shelf Network website](#) for ideas on how you can still help local food shelves in your neighborhood.

We need to grow the local food movement! Forward this newsletter to your friends or post the link to Homegrown Minneapolis on Facebook.

<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/homegrown>

If you need this material in an alternative format please call Lance Knuckles at (612) 673-2919 or email Lance.Knuckles@minneapolismn.gov. Deaf and hard-of-hearing persons may use a relay service to call 311 agents at (612) 673-3000. TTY users may call (612) 673-2157 or (612) 673-2626.

Attention: If you have any questions regarding this material please call 311 (or insert your department telephone number)

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