10th Ward e-News

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Happy Holidays!

Your 10th Ward office would like to wish everyone a wonderful and safe holiday season! Enjoy time spent with family and friends!
Meg, Leslie and Breanna

ECCO Wins CES Highest Participation Award!

On Tuesday, October 25, Community Energy Services (CES), in partnership with the McKnight Foundation and the City of Minneapolis, hosted the Award Ceremony for the 2011 Outreach Grant Challenge. It was a fun and exciting night that honored the dedication of partnering organizations, volunteers and city council members that have helped make CES a success. Our very own **East Calhoun Community Organization (ECCO) received the 1st Place award for the Highest Participation Among Eligible Properties and a $5,000 prize!** ECCO had a total of 18.08% participation! Congratulations to the East Calhoun community!

Monica Smith, staff for ECCO, East Isles Residents Association (EIRA) and Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association (CIDNA), was also one of five who **won an Outstanding Contribution Award** for her extraordinary efforts to assist ECCO, EIRA and CIDNA to be successful in the Outreach Challenge. Thank you Monica for all your hard work and dedication!

Last but not least, I would like to thank each of the 10th Ward neighborhoods for participating in the CES Outreach Challenge. As a result of your hard work, **the 10th ward was one of only two wards that had 100% participation!!** Congratulations on this achievement! I am so proud to represent each and every one of you.

Special General Election on January 10, 2012

The special election to fill the vacant house seat in District 61B will be held **January 10, 2012. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.** A portion of the Lyndale neighborhood is in District 61B. A map of Senate District 61B can be found here. For polling place information check out the following link.

Info on redesigned City website

A newly designed City website will be launched on Monday, December 19. www.MinneapolisMN.gov is now more accessible for people with disabilities and those who speak other languages. The new site complies with Section 508 of the Americans with Disabilities Act Guidelines, utilizes Google Translate, and allows for adjustable text size for people with low vision.

Snow Emergency Information – Stay Informed!

Residents, workers and visitors have a number of ways to learn when Snow Emergencies are declared. The City is advising drivers to put many of these tools to use. The more ways to learn about a Snow Emergency, the more prepared you will be, and the less likely to be towed. Remember, vehicles parked on the street during a Snow Emergency in violation of Snow Emergency rules can be ticketed or towed.
Hotline - Call (612) 348-SNOW
The City's Website - Visit the City's Snow Emergency webpage**.**
Phone Alerts - Minneapolis uses a phone alert system that calls land lines to notify residents when Snow Emergencies are declared.
Email/Text Alerts – Subscribe to have Snow Emergency alerts automatically emailed or texted to you.
The Media - News releases are sent to the media (TV, radio stations and other news outlets)
Cable TV – Check out cable channels 14 and 79 for information.
Facebook* – "Like" Minneapolis Snow Emergency on Facebook.
Twitter* – Follow "Minneapolis Snow Emergency" on Twitter.
New this year! Watch Digital Billboards for Snow Emergency information! The City has worked out a plan with Clear Channel Outdoor officials to use 12 digital billboards throughout the city to inform drivers when a Snow Emergency has been called.
Non-English Snow Emergency Information
Snow Emergency information is also available in other languages on the City's Non-English Resources webpage. Languages available include Spanish, Hmong, Somali, Oromo, Vietnamese or Lao.

Nicollet Avenue Reconstruction Update

The **public hearing** for the **paving and lighting assessment** is set for the City's Transportation and Public Works (TPW) committee meeting on **January 17th, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.**

MPRB releases Winter-Spring activities Guide

Check out the **Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's** (MPRB) **new Winter-Spring Guide**! You can find the guide on the MPRB's Winter-Spring Guide webpage and at recreation centers and libraries citywide. The Guide features activities, amenities, events and sports for youth, teens and adults available at parks, lakes and recreation centers throughout Minneapolis.

Once winter weather conditions allow, the park system's award-winning outdoor recreation facilities become available, including ice skating, skiing, snowboarding and tubing. The Guide lists hours for ice rink warming houses, ski chalets, tubing and snowboarding areas and recreation centers, including extended hours during Minneapolis school release days.

For park information or an online copy of the Guide, visit the MPRB webpage.

Recycle your Holiday Lights!

Strings of holiday lights that no longer work are now being accepted for recycling! You can drop off your lights at either the Brooklyn Park or Bloomington Drop Off Facilities or at collection sites throughout the Twin Cities participating in the Recycling Association of Minnesota's Recycle Your Holidays program.

Meet with Meg for Lunch

Please join me in the New Year for Meet with Meg on **Tuesday, January 10th, 2012 from 12-1pm at the 5th Precinct's Community Room (3101 Nicollet Ave S)**. Meet with Meg is a time for you to talk with me, ask questions, and voice concerns. Bring your sack lunch! Cookies and lemonade are provided! Meet with Meg is held the second Tuesday of every month.

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Somali - Ogow. Haddii aad dooneyso in lagaa kaalmeeyo tarjamadda macluumaadkani oo lacag la' aan wac 612-673-3500.