10th Ward e-News

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Happy New Year!

Your 10th Ward office would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy new year!
Meg, Leslie and Breanna

East Harriet KiteFest – CANCELLED!!

After much consideration, East Harriet, the DNR and the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board (MPRB) have decided to **cancel the Winter Kite Festival this year**. Currently, the ice is at varying degrees of thickness with open water in areas where the event takes place. Though the current temps are cold, next week's forecast includes above freezing temps that could further compromise the ice conditions on the lake. All three organizations agreed they did not feel comfortable taking this risk.

East Isles Skating Party

The East Isles Residents Association (EIRA) will be hosting their annual Skating Party on **Sunday, January 22nd from 1 to 3 p.m.** Dust off your ice skates and join your neighbors for coffee, hot chocolate, cookies and a nice warm fire! New this year – SQSA-Parade Figure Skating Club will be joining the party! The event is **located at the Lake of the Isles Skating rink (East Lake of the Isles Parkway and W. 26th St).** For more information, visit the East Isles Skating Party webpage.

Uptown Association Annual Meeting

The Uptown Association will be hosting their **Annual Meeting Expo on Wednesday, January 18th from 5-8pm at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church (3450 Irving Ave S).** Festivities will include a cocktail hour and networking, a Business and Community Expo, dinner catered by Rudolphs and an Uptown Update. This year's dynamic keynote speaker is Robert Stephens - founder of Geek Squad, the world's largest technology support company, and Chief Technology Officer for Best Buy.

For more information and to purchase a ticket, visit the Uptown Association's webpage.

City of Lakes Loppet is coming up!

The City of Lakes Loppet celebrates its 10th year on **Saturday, February 4th and Sunday, February 5th** by sending skiers gliding into the heart of Uptown. This one of a kind urban ski festival uses the snowy corridors (fingers crossed for snow!) of the city to connect the parks, lakes, and urban streets of Minneapolis. The array of weekend activities includes the National Skijor Championships (ski racing with dogs), youth ski events, snow sculpture contest (fingers still crossed!), the Luminary Loppet - a one-of-a-kind candlelit trek around Lake of the Isles, and a ski marathon.

Please note – **This year's route for the ski races has changed!** Participants will ski from Lake Calhoun up Lake Street before turning onto Hennepin Avenue for a grand finish in front of Calhoun Square's Kitchen Window. Event Headquarters will be based in Calhoun Square.

For more info and a complete schedule of events, please visit the City of Lakes Loppet webpage.

Family Housing Fund Vacancy

The Family Housing Fund has a vacancy for a seat with a term to begin April 1, 2012 and end on March 31, 2015. This seat is open until filled however the **application review process will begin Friday, January 27th, 2012** (applications must be delivered before 4:30pm).

The Family Housing Fund was created in August 1980. The mission of the Family Housing Fund is to provide safe, affordable homes to all families in the Twin Cities metropolitan area through ongoing partnerships with the public and private sector. The Family Housing Fund is a supporting organization of the cities of Minneapolis, Saint Paul, Metropolitan Council, and Minnesota Housing.

For more information on this and other current openings, visit the Boards and Commissions webpage or contact the City Clerk's Office at 673-3358.

City now accepting STEP-UP Program Applications!

The City of Minneapolis has officially released the 2012 STEP-UP Summer Youth Application. The Minneapolis Employment and Training Program (METP) has combined its summer youth employment opportunities under the STEP-UP name. Therefore, the STEP-UP application is the sole entry point for youth ages 14-21 to apply for a summer job with the City of Minneapolis. **The application deadline is February 3, 2012.**

STEP-UP serves youth who:

- Live in the City of Minneapolis
- Are ages 14-21
- Are not enrolled and actively attending college (PSEO is ok).
- Come from lower-income households. For example, the annual maximum income for a family of 4 is $64,000.

If you qualify or know someone you is, check out the STEP-UP program application. More information and answers to Frequently Asked Questions (in English, Hmong, Somali, and Spanish) are available on the City's METP webpage.

Winter Wonder Walk/Ride

Join the Midtown Greenway Coalition (MGC), Bike Walk Twin Cities, and the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition on **Saturday, February 11th at noon** for an afternoon of biking and walking, food, learning, and fun winter activities on the Midtown Greenway!

- A fat tire bicycle obstacle course, courtesy of Freewheel Midtown Bike Center
- Slow-bike races with Nice Ride MN
- A marshmallow-roasting bicycle
- Snow tubing behind a bike
- Tricycle trains
- Snowshoe activities
- Delicious treats from Common Roots Cafe
- And much more!

Whether you're an experienced winter biker, a year-round walker, or a fair-weather cyclist just itching to get back on the trails, come out and show winter that it can't force you into four wheels!

For more information on this event, please visit the Winter Wonder Walk/Ride webpage on the MGC website. Though the Midtown Greenway Coalition asks for a donation to help support this event, participation is **free**! Register here--it'll only take a second!

Lunch with Leslie!

Due to a conflict in my schedule, the next Meet with Meg will become Lunch with Leslie! Please join Leslie Foreman, our 10th Ward Policy Aide, on **Tuesday, February 14th, 2012 from 12-1pm at the 5th Precinct's Community Room (3101 Nicollet Ave S)**. Lunch with Leslie will be a chance to talk with my policy aide, ask her questions, and voice any concerns you may have. Bring your sack lunch! Cookies and lemonade are provided! Meet with Meg is held the second Tuesday of every month.

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