10th Ward e-News

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Final Two Redistricting Public Hearings

The last two public hearings for Redistricting in Minneapolis are coming up! Redistricting is done every 10 years following the US Census. State and local, including ward and park board, boundaries for voting districts are redrawn to reflect shifts in the population.

The last two public hearings where Minneapolis residents can comment on the latest "official draft" maps are:

Tuesday, March 20th – 5:00-7:00pm at Sabathani Community Center, Marion O. Snargrass Auditorium (310 E. 38th St.)

Wednesday, March 21st – 5:00-7:00pm at University of Minnesota – Urban Research & Outreach Engagement Center, Room 105 (2001Plymouth Ave N)

Minneapolis residents can email questions or ideas about maps or documents to the Redistricting Group at Redistricting2012@minneapolismn.gov. Please include your name and address (attachment size is limited to 10 MB). For more info, visit the City's Redistricting 2012 webpage. Click here to view the latest Ward draft map.

Lyndale Open House

The Lyndale Open House is fast approaching! This year's event will take place on **Thursday, March 22nd from 6:00-8:30pm at the Lyndale Community School (34th St W & Grand Ave S)**. This year's theme, "Passport to Lyndale", will explore the diversity that makes up the Lyndale neighborhood. The Open House gives you are opportunity to sample fares from local restaurants test your skills at carnival games, learn about service providers and youth programs in the neighborhood, bid for great items in the silent auction, test your luck at the raffle, and connect with friends and neighbors in a fun social environment. This is a wonderful and fun event that you won't want to miss!

For more information, visit the Lyndale Open House webpage.

Teen Job Fair

A job fair for teens grades 8-12 is being held on **Saturday, March 24th from 12:00-3:00pm at the Minneapolis Central Library (300 Nicollet Mall).** Set yourself up for success in landing a job! Meet employers; collect info about cool jobs, internships and volunteer opportunities; attend workshops and sign up for employment training. For more information, call 612-543-8049 or visit Hennepin County Library's Teen Job Fair website.

Presented in collaboration with AchieveMpls, City of Minneapolis Department of Community Planning and Economic Development, and South Minneapolis WorkForce Center's Zone.

Burglary Prevention and 911 Presentation

Join the 5th Precinct Crime Prevention Specialists (CPS) for a Burglary Prevention and 911 Presentation on **Tuesday, March 27th at 7:00pm at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepard (4801 France Ave S)**. The presentation will go over burglary prevention tips, how, when and why to use 911 or 311 and how the 5th Precinct investigates property crimes. Speakers will include the 5th Precinct Property Crimes Lieutenant and 5th Precinct CPS'.

If you have questions or for more information, contact either of the two Crime Prevention Specialists:
CPS Amy Lavender (amy.lavender@minneapolismn.gov / 612.673.5407) or
CPS Chelsea Adams (chelsea.adams@minneapolismn.gov / 612.673.2819)

Next Walker Library CAC Meeting

The new Walker Library project is progressing quite well! Join the Walker Library Community Advisory Committee (CAC) at their next meeting on **Thursday, March 29th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Walker Library meeting room**. The agenda will include a project update and a discussion of the designs for the children's, teen and reading room areas.

For more info on the project, visit Walker Library Community Advisory Committee webpage.

Stroll Minneapolis: 55+ Walking Series

Come out and explore Minneapolis! Join the 55+ strollers and enjoy the benefits of a valuable support network, new friendships and great exercise! These strolls are designed to offer an easy, pleasant social walking experience.

Strolls will take place at 10 a.m. on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, March to August 2012. Stroll distances are 1½ to 2 miles. The **Uptown area will be covered in the May 2nd** walk and the **Whittier area will be covered June 6th**. All events are free. No registration required. We welcome strollers of all abilities!

For more information on future Walking Wednesdays and to download the brochure, visit the City's Stroll Minneapolis webpage.

Changes Made to Minneapolis Hood Cleaning Ordinance

A recent change to the Minneapolis Hood Cleaning Ordinance will reduce the financial and regulatory burden on restaurants.

State law requires restaurant hoods which collect grease laden vapors to be cleaned twice a year. A change to Minneapolis' hood cleaning ordinance in 2009 required restaurant owners to pull a permit every time a restaurant's hood is cleaned. With the newest change, a permit is only needed for the two annual required cleanings. The base price to pull a permit is $133.

The changes were co-authored by Council Member Elizabeth Glidden and me in response to concerns raised by restaurant owners.

I've had numerous restaurant owners tell me they have their hoods cleaned quarterly, some more often than that. Pulling a permit for every cleaning adds up.

Some restaurant owners have told me the annual savings will be $300 or more. I know from running my own business for over 30 years how this all adds up. Part of the job of government is to stream line regulations to encourage an entrepreneurial spirit in Minneapolis.

The proposed changes to the Hood Cleaning Ordinance were approved by the Minneapolis City Council on March 8th and will be effective March 17th.

New Branding Logo for South Hennepin Business Association

New signs promoting the "Lowry Hill District" are now up on streetlight poles in the South Hennepin Special Service District. In the works for two years, the South Hennepin Business Association started this project after a survey of local businesses showed a need for a new identity different than the "Uptown" brand. After much discussion and deliberation, the "Lowry Hill District" was chosen to represent and honor Hennepin Ave (from Douglas Avenue to West 28th Street) and the local community.

The approximately 150 signs were 100% funded by the South Hennepin Special Service District, which will also maintain them.

Boards and Commissions Vacancies

There are currently 11 boards and commissions with vacancies. Application review process will begin **Friday, April 13th**. With a few exceptions, vacancies are open until filled. For more information and to see what boards and commissions have vacancies, please visit the City's Current Boards and Commissions Openings webpage.

Meet with Meg!

After two months of conflicts, I am back for Meet with Meg! Please join me on **Tuesday, April 10th, 2012 from 12-1pm at the 5th Precinct's Community Room (3101 Nicollet Ave S)**. Meet with Meg is a chance to ask me 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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