

12th ward news

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DREAMers

On June 15th, 2012 President Obama announced that the Department of Homeland Security will stop deporting young immigrants who meet certain criteria. On June 29th the City Council acted to push for the swift implementation of this move that could affect the future of 5,000 to 26,000 young people in Minnesota, known as DREAMers, who were brought here as children and in many cases, know only this country as home.

As Independence Day approaches, I think about what makes our country special. We are a country which promotes justice and fairness, with a population drawn from all over the world and until early in the 20th century, without the quota restrictions we now argue about. The decision to welcome instead of punish these young people who didn't choose to come here, is just the right thing to do.

Secretary Napolitano's Memo gave the following criteria before an individual can be considered for an exercise of prosecutorial discretion:

- Came to the United States under the age of sixteen;
- Has continuously resided in the United States for a least five years preceding the date of this memorandum and is present in the United States on the date of this memorandum;
- Is currently in school, has graduated from high school, has obtained a general education development certificate, or is an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States;
- Has not been convicted of a felony offense, a significant misdemeanor offense, multiple misdemeanor offenses, or otherwise poses a threat to national security or public safety; and
- Is not above the age of thirty.

The City will encourage Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to act quickly, and as part of our federal agenda we intend to weigh in regarding the development of standards regarding who is eligible for this deferred action. We will encourage an inclusive approach which could act as a positive incentive for some to complete their education.

-SANDY

MPD & UMPD Team Up For Speeding / Aggressive Driver Enforcement

City and U of M Police officers will participate in a speed enforcement campaign this coming month as part of a statewide campaign coordinated by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety as part of the state's *Toward Zero Death* program.

Unsafe and illegal speed is the most commonly reported contributing factor in fatal crashes. From 2009 through 2011, speed was a contributing factor in 40 fatalities in Hennepin County and 254 traffic deaths statewide.

Colvin Roy Appointed to Metro Water Supply Advisory Committee

The Metropolitan Council has the charge of carrying out planning activities addressing the water supply needs of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. To assist the Council in its planning activities, the legislature established the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee reviews information about the availability of ground and surface water and projections about future water use and make recommendations about local water supply systems and future regional investments. The group also considers water quality and conservation issues.

“This may not sound very exciting,” said Colvin Roy, “but a reliable water supply is critical to all of our lives and it can’t be taken for granted. The right investments at the right time will also save money for taxpayers in the long run. I guess I get excited about that kind of thing.”



Flowers in bloom at Nokomis East Gateway Gardens. Join the Facebook group for the garden: <http://www.facebook.com/NokomisEastGatewayGardens>

Riverview Road Senior Housing Accepting Applications

Applications are now available for affordable senior housing at Riverview Road apartments at 5360 Riverview Road. An individual can meet the income requirement if they have an annual household income of less than \$29,400. Rent is 30% of your income. The building is expected to open in November of 2012. You can find the application online at: www.commonbond.org or go the Common Bond offices in St. Paul. Mail or bring your completed application to the office at 328 Kellogg Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55102.



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- **Phone 311 (612-673-3000)**

- **In Person 212 17th Ave. N. Mpls, Tuesday - Friday, 3 - 7 p.m. and Saturdays 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

- **Mail** Download an application from the City website and send to the address above.

LCC Receives Graffiti Prevention Grant

Congratulations to the Longfellow Community Council (LCC) for being awarded a Graffiti Prevention Micro Grant in the amount of \$9,750. Micro Grants are available to projects intended for graffiti prevention, eradication and education.

This proposal is for community-focused graffiti prevention through installation of public art on City of Minneapolis owned utility boxes in the Longfellow community. The project will occur within the Minneapolis neighborhoods of Longfellow, Cooper, Howe, and Hiawatha, which together constitute the greater Longfellow community. Longfellow Community Council (LCC) is the designated citizen participation organization for greater Longfellow.

The Longfellow community has a history of pursuing innovative strategies to prevent and abate graffiti. This graffiti prevention project will build on past successes and address ongoing challenges by expanding the use of public art as a preventative measure on utility boxes that are frequently targeted by graffiti.

Stadium Implementation Committee

The City Council appointed Mayor Rybak, Council President Johnson and Council Members Sandy Colvin Roy, Kevin Reich, Diane Hofstede, and Betsy Hodges to the Stadium Implementation Committee. The Committee will be responsible for making recommendations to the Planning Commission and City Council on planning, zoning and land use; to the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority on the exterior design of stadium, plaza and environs; and more broadly on the long-term planning and development vision for Downtown East, West Bank and the University area.

“I sought this position with two goals in mind,” Colvin Roy stated, “making the stadium the greenest in the country and using as little of our limited downtown land as possible to create a great game day experience.” The members will serve one-year terms that begin on July 1, 2012.

Trees Need an Inch of Water Every Week

Boulevard trees need an inch of water every week throughout the spring, summer and fall. The recent rain has been welcome for trees but not enough to counteract nine years of drought, the driest fall on record and 10th lowest snowfall in more than 100 years. Extended drought conditions can make trees vulnerable to insects and disease and cause permanent damage to young and old trees alike. Young trees three to five years old are especially susceptible.

An effective way for residents to water a tree is to turn on a slow stream of water (just so the hose is weeping) for a few hours. Watering in the evening after dinner time is most effective since it minimizes evaporation, and trees tend to take most of their water during the night. Watering one tree weekly for the warmer months costs only about \$3 for the entire season. For people who lose track of when they last watered a tree, a good system could be watering it on the same day trash is picked up.

For information on tree care and the urban forest contact the Park Board’s Forestry Department at 612-313-7710, or go to www.minneapolisparks.org and click on “urban forest.” Taking care of our trees means protecting our Minneapolis quality of life.

Interactive Map Makes it Easy to Find Farmers Markets

With 29 farmers markets in Minneapolis this year, one of them is convenient to every part of town, and the City has an online [interactive map](#) that makes it easy to find markets all over the city. Click on map pins to get addresses, season dates and opening times for each market.

Reusable Containers Option for Yard Waste

If you are grumbling about the State’s requirement to use compostable bags for your yard waste, consider a reusable container. The containers must be less than 33 gallons in size and have sturdy handles. Full containers must weigh less than 40 pounds. Brush and branches must still be less than 3 feet long, and less than 3 inches in diameter.

Yard waste stickers are available to identify your reusable yard waste container. To request one, call Solid Waste and Recycling, 612-673-2917.

Keewaydin Park, What's Open During Construction of School?

Minneapolis Public Schools began construction in June on expansion of the Keewaydin Campus of the Lake Nokomis Community School. What does this mean for nearby Keewaydin Park? The following message from MPRB explains:

During the 2012-2013 construction, the western-most play area components for ages 5-12 will remain open; however the other play equipment will be removed and the southwest corner of the athletic fields and parking lot will be used for construction staging. Park visitor safety will be top priority for the summer wading pool season, and staff will regularly monitor the pool and review five factors to determine if the pool can remain open: structural damage to the pool or mechanical equipment, water clarity, water chemical balance, level of construction traffic through the area, and user satisfaction.

“During construction of the school expansion, our primary focus will be to provide safe amenities for park patrons. In the event that we are not able to maintain the wading pool at Keewaydin to our standards, I encourage park visitors to enjoy Lake Hiawatha, Minnehaha or Morris Park wading pools or the beaches at Lake Nokomis,” said Fifth District Commissioner Carol Kummer.

Keewaydin Park shares a one block parcel with Lake Nokomis Community School, which has two campuses. The Keewaydin Campus serves students in grades 4-8; the Wenonah Campus serves grades K – 3. The park and school have shared a city block and recreational facilities since 1929. The school district owns the western half of the parcel and the MPRB owns the east. To prepare for the long-term changes to the outdoor recreation facilities, MPRB staff have been working with the community to develop a new master plan for the park. To date, this has included a design workshop and a community meeting. The next community meeting to finalize the design is anticipated for July 2012.

For further information contact the Project Manager, Deborah Bartels at 612-230-6438 or to subscribe to emails about the project on the project page at: <http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/default.asp?PageID=1320>

General Mills Donation for Homegrown Minneapolis Coordinator

Minneapolis accepted a donation from General Mills of \$40,000 to go toward the cost of funding the Homegrown Minneapolis Coordinator.

The Coordinator, working with a citizen advisory group, encourages local, sustainable food options and encourages policy and ordinance changes to advance these efforts.

Homegrown Minneapolis makes it easier for residents to grow food at their homes and also to purchase locally grown food.

Events & Special Meetings

Minnehaha Park Outdoor Concerts

July 5 & 6, 7 pm, Minnehaha Falls Park, 4801 South Minnehaha Park Drive. In case of rain, concerts will be held in the Minnehaha Falls Pavilion. Free. Concert schedule is subject to change. For updates and more information: <http://www.mplsmusicandmovies.com/>.

July 5 – Slovcech (central European folk rock)

July 6 – The Slush Puppies (lovely jazz/blues/pop quartet)

Washburn A Mill Tour

July 7, 1 pm, Mill City Museum, 704 South 2nd Street. Take an in-depth look at the historic Washburn A Mill complex and the award-winning Mill City Museum building. The tour includes admission to the museum gallery, Baking Lab, Water Lab and Flour Tower show. Fee: \$14 adults, \$12 seniors and college students, \$10 children ages 6-17 and MHS members. This is the only opportunity for a guided tour through the entire museum building and the only chance to see some of its non-public spaces. Tour includes museum admission. Reservations recommended; call 612-341-7555 or register online at www.millcitymuseum.org/tours.



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6th Annual Minnehaha Creek Cleanup

July 8, 9:00 am – Noon, Lake Hiawatha. Minnehaha Creek Watershed District is teaming up with the Jacob Leinenkugel Brewing Company's to host the event. The goal is to collect 2 tons of trash. Schedule of Events:

- 9 am** Free bagel breakfast for the first 250 volunteers
- 9:30 am** Board buses to clean-up locations along creek and chain of lakes
- 11-11:30 am** Return to Lake Hiawatha for free BBQ lunch provided by Leinenkugel's
- 11:45 am** Prizes for kids and adults, including a Leinenkugel's canoe

Volunteers of America & LCC Community Dinner

July 11, 6-7:30 pm, Minnehaha Communion Church, 4101 37th Avenue. Using a grant from the University of Minnesota's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, Volunteers of America residents have been at Minnehaha Community Garden, learning about urban gardening and how to grow healthy food. Now they want to make you dinner!

Morris Park Festival

July 12, 6-8 pm, Morris Park Rec Center, 5531 39th Avenue South. Join your friends and neighbors for carnival games, the DJs from Kids Dance and more! Admission is free, but there are fees for food and some activities.

Lake Nokomis Concession Presentations & Final Decision

July 12, 7 pm, Nokomis Community Center, 2401 East Minnehaha Parkway. There will be three vendor presentations before the Citizens Advisory Committee for the new Lake Nokomis Concession service, following by a final selection made by the committee. To see the proposals, visit www.standish-ericsson.org/news--events1

Annual Nokomis Healthy Seniors Hot Dog Sale

July 20-22, 10 am – 4 pm, Bergan's SuperValu, 4715 Cedar Avenue. Get a freshly grilled hot dog or sausage and help support Nokomis Healthy Seniors. Soda and chips also available for sale.

Annual Sibley Corn Feed

July 27, 6:30-8:30 pm, Sibley Park, 40th Street East & 19th Avenue South. This annual event includes roasted corn and other food, games, and fun for the entire family. Live music on stage!

Nokomis Library Book Sale

July 28, 10 am – 4 pm, Nokomis Library, 5100 34th Avenue South. Friends of Nokomis Library is sponsoring this sale. All funds raised go to support programs and activities at Nokomis Library.

Ice Cream Social & Canoe Rides

July 30, 6-8 pm, This event takes place at the overlook on West River Parkway, just north of 36th Street. LCC's River Gorge Committee invites Longfellow residents to enjoy ice cream and then a tour of the nearby Oak Savanna or take a short canoe ride. Wilderness Inquiry and National Park Service will offer family canoe rides in 6-person canoes, departing from the Sand Flats.

Keewaydin Park Plans

July 31, 6:30-8:30 pm, Keewaydin Park, 3030 East 53rd Street. Park board staff will show revised plans for the park and equipment for the new playgrounds. Plans were developed with input from residents at two previous meetings.

Lake Hiawatha Festival

August 1, 5-8 pm, Lake Hiawatha Park, 44th Street East & 27th Avenue South. A great way to enjoy being with family and friends before the kids go back to school! Pony rides for kids 10 and younger; free canoe rides; 5-in-1 moon walk; Mini-golf; face painting & hair spraying; Family fitness challenge (register via email to lhfest@yahoo.com); raffle; scavenger hunt and more. Showcase your business at table by emailing lhfest@yahoo.com with Business Display in subject line. Food available for sale. For more information, visit www.lhrc.freeservers.com/festival.htm.

Boards & Commissions Openings

There are currently many openings on the City's Boards, Commissions & Advisory Committees. Applications are accepted in the spring and fall. Please visit <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/boards/openings/index.htm> for application information.

I am honored to serve the residents of the 12th Ward. If you have any questions or comments please call me at 612-673-2212 or e-mail me at Sandra.Colvin.Roy@minneapolismn.gov

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