10th Ward e-News

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5th Precinct Open House

The 5th Precinct Open House will be held on **Monday, May 14th from 5-7pm at the 5th Precinct (3101 Nicollet Ave)**. There will be delicious food, a bouncy castle and a variety of demonstrations including Bomb Squad, K-9 Unit, SWAT, Horse Patrol and much more! This event is free and fun for the whole family!

Rash of Garage Burglaries around Lake of the Isles

The Fifth Precinct has seen a spike in the number of garage burglaries recently. The general area surrounding Lake of the Isles has been particularly hard hit in the past month. The garage burglaries appear to mostly occur in the late afternoon or overnight.

In many cases, entrance to the garage was via an unlocked or unsecured service door. In a few cases the door was pried open. In some cases, a vehicle parked in the driveway was entered via unlocked door or broken window and a garage door opener was used to gain entrance to the garage. Once inside, in some cases the unlocked vehicle was rifled through and any wallets, purses, electronics, or personal items were stolen.

Across all the cases, the main loss has been bicycles.

What You Can Do:

- Record the serial numbers on your bicycles and keep them in a safe place.
- Lock all your doors, including on your garage.
- Check the lighting on your home at night. If there are large dark spots, consider installing dusk-till-dawn low-level lighting or possibly motion detectors.
- Keep the alleyways clear so squads can drive through without weaving around vehicles.
- Report crimes by calling 911.
- Call 911 on suspicious activity!

If you do not already have a block club on your block, consider starting one. Being a block leader is as easy as forwarding crime info to your neighbors. Contact Crime Prevention Specialists Chelsea Adams at chelsea.adams@minneapolismn.gov or Amy Lavender at amy.lavender@minneapolismn.gov.

If you discover that your garage or home appears to have been burglarized, even if it occurred a few weeks ago you can still call 911 to report it. **Remember:** Call 911 any time you need police, fire, or ambulance response, not just for emergencies.

For more information on this and other crime prevention tips, please visit MPD's Crime Prevention webpage.

Pedestrian Improvements on Hennepin Avenue

In response to complaints I've received about the difficultly pedestrians have crossing streets in Uptown I have been working with Public Works staff to make pedestrian safety improvements.

Public Works has now added a **Leading Pedestrian Interval** at the intersections of **Hennepin Ave & Lake St** and **Hennepin Ave & Lagoon Ave.** The Leading Pedestrian Interval gives pedestrians the walk signal 3-5 seconds before the green signal for traffic. Pedestrians get a head start on crossing the street and become established in the crosswalk before vehicles begin moving

I am thrilled to announce that the two intersections in Uptown **are the first intersections in Minneapolis to test this pedestrian safety feature.**

Public Works staff is continuing to evaluate the Leading Pedestrian Interval. Please call 311 if you have questions or comments on the Leading Pedestrian Interval. Your comments will be forwarded to Public Works staff working on this project.

4th Annual Lyn Lake Street Fest

The 4th Annual Lyn Lake Street Fest is taking place on **Sunday, May 20th from Noon-7:00pm on Lyndale Ave between 28th St W and Lake St W**. Rain or shine, it's free to the public and has activities and music for the whole family! So come on out, have some delicious local food, hear great music from local bands and maybe even buy a few of the local crafts.

For more information on the event and to see all the businesses involved, visit the Lyn Lake Street Fest webpage at.

Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery Benefit Concert

Join the Friends of the Cemetery on **June 9th, 2012 for a benefit concert at and for Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery**! Headlining this year's concert is Low, back from their recent tour with Death Cab for Cutie. Zoo Animal will open the show. **The gates open at 4:30pm with Zoo Animal playing at 5:30pm and Low at 7:00pm**. All proceeds from ticket sales will go to help with the cemetery's fence restoration project.

Tickets are $16 in advance, $20 at the door and are available at the Electric Fetus, Hymie's Vintage Records, Treehouse Records, and at the Benefit Concert event webpage. Hola Arepa and Dandelion Kitchen food trucks will sell food during the event. Blankets and lawn chairs are welcome.

Please visit Friends of the Cemetery webpage for concert details.

Open Streets 2012

Open Streets is back! On **Sunday, June 10th**, **from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m**. **Lyndale Avenue between 22nd St W and 42nd St W will be closed to vehicle traffic.** Come out and walk, bike, skate or roll down the center of Lyndale Avenue! There will be programmed recreational activities available to all participants including yoga, dancing and games. Musical performances and classes on bike safety and repair will also be at various locations along Lyndale. This event is free and fun for the entire family!

For more information and to check out a video of last year's event, visit the Open Streets Mpls webpage.

Nicollet Avenue Construction Update

Road work has begun! On Monday, May 7th, construction began on the segment of Nicollet Avenue from Lake St to 32nd St W. Signed traffic detours are in place. **Access to local businesses will be maintained**. **Please support our local businesses during construction.**

Metro Transit buses are detoured from Nicollet between Lake Street and 36th Street on to Blaisdell (southbound) and 1st Avenue (northbound). More information on bus detours can be found on Metro Transit's webpage.

Public Works staff will hold stakeholder construction update meetings on every Tuesday at 11am at the field office located at the southeast corner of 36th and Nicollet.

Questions?
Immediate project issues – Call **On-site Project Inspector** Bob Schmidt, 651-308-3805.
General project questions – Call **Project Engineer** Beverly Warmka, 612-673-3762.
Questions relating to your business and the project – Call **Project Business Liaison** Erik Hansen, 612-673-5022.

Franklin Avenue Improvement Plan

Improving biking and walking conditions on Franklin Ave from Hennepin Ave to Minnehaha Ave was the topic at a recent meeting by Bike Walk Twin Cities. Improvements would be made within the existing road width. Some of the changes to be considered include adding bike lanes, adding or removing left turn lanes and the removal of parking.

Currently there is not funding for the project. Public input is being gathered for a preliminary engineering plan that would allow the project to be quickly implemented as funding becomes available.

If you travel on Franklin Avenue please consider sending your thoughts. **Submit comments or questions to Steve Clark**, Bicycling and Walking Program Manager, Transit for Livable Communities, at: stevec@tlcminnesota.org, or 651-789-1419. Please include "Franklin Ave Project" in the subject line.

To follow progress on this project visit the Bike Walk Franklin Ave Project webpage.

Rental Property Owner Workshops

Free workshops designed for rental property owners in Minneapolis will be held on **June 19th, July 18th, October 17th and December 12th at the 5th Precinct, 3101 Nicollet Ave from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m**.

The agenda for each workshop includes:

- The ABC's of Rental Property Management
- Criminal Conduct on Licensed Premises
- Legislative updates and resources available to owners and managers of rental property owners
- Working with the MPD

RSVP by email to Crime Prevention Specialist Luther Krueger at luther.krueger@minneapolismn.gov. Include your contact information and list of rental properties you own or manage.

You must own rental property in Minneapolis. This information is Minneapolis specific and does not replace education in other municipalities

Hennepin County Medicine Disposal Sites

Medicines flushed down the drain or disposed of in the trash can contaminate bodies of water, harm wildlife and end up in drinking water supplies. To combat this, Hennepin County now offers Medicine Disposal boxes at three convenient locations. Disposal is easy! Simply bring your medicine in its original packaging, drop it in the disposal container and you're done! It's free and no ID is required. The three locations are:

- H.C. Sheriff's Patrol Headquarters (9401 83rd Ave N, Brooklyn Park)
- H.C. Public Safety Facility (401 4th Ave S, Minneapolis)
- H.C. Sheriff's Water Patrol (4141 Shoreline Drive, Spring Park)

For more information on what you can and cannot drop off, visit the Hennepin County Medicine Disposal webpage.

Be a Good Neighbor When it comes to Recreational Fires

It's the time of year when many Minneapolis residents like to enjoy a small outdoor recreational fire. Residents who like to have a fire in their yards should keep these City ordinances in mind so that they can be a good neighbor and keep Minneapolis safe and livable:

- Outdoor fires are permitted between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m.
- Keep fire small, less than three feet in diameter and two feet high.
- Burn only untreated, unpainted, dry wood. Never burn cardboard boxes, trash or debris, because the smoke can be toxic. Visit the City's Air Quality webpage for more info.
- Fire must be at least 25 feet away from a structure or combustible material and in a fire ring or pit with edges more than six inches high.
- Have a hose or fire extinguisher present.
- Postpone the fire when wind exceeds 10 mph.
- Fires must be constantly attended by someone 18 years or older and completely out before being abandoned.

When being a considerate neighbor also remember to:

- Postpone a fire when Minneapolis is under an air pollution advisory or alert. Fires release fine particles that contribute to air pollution and can aggravate a number of health problems, including asthma. Click here to sign up for air quality alerts.
- Let neighbors know when planning a fire.
- Postpone a fire when smoke will blow directly at a neighbor's house or when still weather conditions prevent smoke from moving away at all.

To report an illegal or unsafe fire, call 911. Illegal burning can result in a $200 fine. The Fire and Police departments are authorized to extinguish the fire immediately if it is hazardous or unsafe. For more information, check out the Minneapolis Fire Department website and click on "Recreational Fires".

Meet with Meg!

Please join me on **Tuesday, June 12th, 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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