10th Ward e-News

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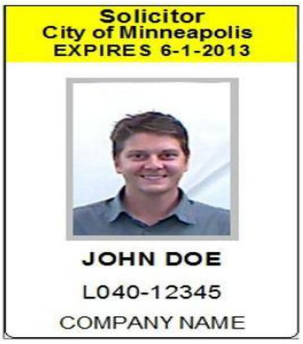
Door-to-door Sales License Now Required

On Friday, July 20th the Minneapolis City Council unanimously approved new rules for door-to-door sales that will protect consumers and make it more difficult for out-of-state companies to exploit youth workers. Under the new rules, door-to-door salespeople and transient merchants will be required to wear a City-issued photo identification card, will only be able to door knock from 8am-9pm (or sunset, whichever is later) and must leave your property if you ask them to do so. To make things easier for schools and youth groups doing fundraising, the City will approve group identification cards at no cost.

The new door-to-door sales licenses will look similar to the sample below:



These ordinance revisions are intended to create reasonable rules that protect youth and consumers while supporting the rights to freedom of speech, religion, and interstate commerce. The photo ID rule does not apply to canvassers, including people who advocate for religious, social, or political causes.

If you think a company is exploiting youth, call 911 so the City can take action! Some companies create dangerous situations for young people by taking youth across state lines to sell magazines door to door. If a youth comes to your door to sell magazines and does not have a City ID card, offer them the 24-hour phone number for Parent Watch at 917-579-4641 or the National Runaway Switchboard at 1-800-786-2929.

Burglary Prevention Presentation

The 5th Police Precinct will be hosting a Burglary Prevention Presentation on **Wednesday, August 22nd from 6-8pm at Temple Israel (2324 Emerson Ave S)**. The presentation will cover burglary prevention tips, how the 5th precinct investigates property crimes and how, when and why to use 911 or 311. Speakers will include a representative from the 5th Precinct Property Crimes unit and the 5th Precinct Crime Prevention Specialists (CPS).

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact your CPS:
South/East 5th Precinct – Amy Lavender, amy.lavender@minneapolismn.gov
North/West 5th Precinct – Chelsea Adams, chelsea.adams@minneapolismn.gov
If you are unsure which CPS covers your neighborhood, feel free to email either one and they will point you in the right direction!

5th Precinct Garage Burglaries Update

As many of you already know, during the week of July 16th-23rd, the 5th Precinct reported a sharp increase in the amount of burglaries. There were 38 garage burglaries alone with a total of 60 burglaries overall. The total number of burglaries includes businesses, homes, apartments, and storage units or laundry rooms in apartment buildings.

The 5th Precinct saw a large drop in burglaries during the week of July 24th-30th with only 9 garage burglaries with a total of 23 burglaries overall.

The officers and investigators at the 5th Precinct have been working tirelessly to analyze evidence and develop suspect information that will lead to the arrests and convictions of these parties. We are very happy to report in the past few weeks that nine adults and a juvenile have either been identified (investigation on-going), arrested, or charged in regard to burglary.

Thank you to all the investigators, officers and staff for all of their hard work on this!

Three Blocks to Implement Critical Parking

The City Council has approved adding three blocks to Uptown's critical parking areas. The critical parking areas on Knox Ave. S. and Girard Ave. S. are expected to **go into effect on August 27th**. Residents who need to park in this area can apply for a permit from the City. Any vehicle parked on these streets without a permit during the critical parking hours will be subject to a ticket and tow.

Uptown already has critical parking areas in effect. They cover both sides of Fremont Ave. S. and Emerson Ave. S. between Lake St. and 31st St. W., and also the north side of 31st St. between Fremont and Emerson. Parking is not allowed on these streets from 9am to 2am, Monday-Sunday, except by permit.

The two new critical parking areas are:

- Girard Ave. S., from 31st to 32nd St. W – No parking on either side of the street from 9am to 2am, Monday-Sunday, except by permit.
- 31st St. W., from Girard Ave. S. to Fremont Ave. S. – No parking on the south side of the street from 9am to 2am, Monday-Sunday, except by permit.
- Knox Ave. S., from Lake St. to 31st St. W. – No parking on either side of the street from 9am to 10pm, Monday-Sunday, except by permit.

Meters are planned to be installed along the north side of 31st St. W. between Fremont and Hennepin Ave.

Live Nicollet – Sign Up Today!

This year, to help you get to know Nicollet Avenue businesses, the Lyndale Neighborhood Business Association is asking you to Live Nicollet. Live Nicollet is an innovative marketing campaign by the Lyndale Neighborhood Business Association and the City of Minneapolis to encourage people to get to know and support Nicollet Avenue businesses during the rebirth of Minneapolis' main street. **To get great stuff all you have to do is Sign-Up -> Shop -> Talk -> Get Stuff -> Have Fun!**

Signing up is easy, you can sign-up online at www.lyndale.org/livenicollet or stop by the Lyndale Community Center at 3537 Nicollet Avenue and fill out a paper sign up form. You will receive special offers and info to help you save money and get to know our local businesses. You'll also have the chance to get great stuff by earning Live Nicollet points.

For details on activities and rewards, check out the Live Nicollet webpage or contact Mark Hinds at mark@lyndale.org or 612-824-9402 ext. 16.

Nicollet Ave Construction Update

Access to local businesses will be maintained. **Please support our local businesses during construction.**

As of 3pm today, access across Nicollet Ave at 32nd St W will be to close. The rest of the access on Nicollet Ave is scheduled to remain the same for the time being.

Storm sewer installation continues to proceed north of 33rd St. CenturyLink has a contractor installing two conduits on the east side of Nicollet, proceeding north of 35th St. Traffic signal conduit is scheduled for installation at the intersection of 34th & Nicollet within the next two weeks.

Grading Nicollet north of Super America (35th St.) will start this week and continue next week going through the intersection of 34th St. If all goes well, the first layer of asphalt paving in this location will be installed late next week.

The new sidewalks at the corner of Nicollet and 35th are planned to be installed within the next few weeks, weather permitting. The SW corner of this intersection may have to wait as it needs traffic signal work before the sidewalk can be placed.

The temporary water main is still in use between 32nd St. and 34th St. and will remain until two new fire hydrants and the looping of the water main in three locations are completed. The remainder of the 2012 project area is off the temporary water service and back on the permanent water main and the temporary water main has been removed.

Metro Transit buses are detoured from Nicollet between Lake St and 36th St onto Blaisdell (southbound) and 1st Ave (northbound). More info 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 St 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
For additional information regarding the project, visit the Nicollet Ave Project webpage.

Walker Library Closing September 22nd

The Walker Library is scheduled to officially close on Saturday, September 22nd in preparation for the new Walker Library to be built. There will be a closing celebration taking place during the day. Please watch for our September newsletter for more details on the event.

Meet with Meg!

Please join me on **Tuesday, August 14th, 2012 from 12-1pm at the 5th Precinct's Community Room (3101 Nicollet Ave S)**. I will have a **special guest speaking from the Fraud & Forgery unit in the Mpls Police Department.**

September's Meet with Meg will be held on **Tuesday, September 11th, 2012**. It will be a chance for you 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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