

10th Ward e-News

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Single Sort Recycling

The roll out of single sort recycling will begin in November and continue into 2013. Watch your mailbox! Residents will be notified by mail when single sort will be rolled out on their solid waste route.

Fall Street Sweeping Starts October 23rd!

Fall is here, and that means Minneapolis street sweeping crews are preparing to sweep about 1,100 miles of streets across the city. Minneapolis Public Works will begin the big task of curb-to-curb sweeping and leaf collection on **Tuesday, October 23rd**. Street sweeping takes about four weeks. Visit the Street Sweeping webpage [add link] to find out when your street will be swept.

Temporary “No Parking” signs will be posted at least 24 hours in advance with parking banned from 7am to 4:30pm. Posting begins Monday, Oct. 22nd with sweeping beginning the next day. The “No Parking” signs will be removed as soon as possible after a street has been completely swept to allow people to resume parking. Vehicles not in compliance with “No Parking” signs may be ticketed and towed to the Minneapolis Impound Lot. To find out when your street is scheduled to be swept, visit the City’s [Street Sweeping](#) webpage.

LHENA Hosting “City Ghosts: Tales of Minneapolis Hauntings”

Listen to folklorist Trilby Busch relate stories of real hauntings in Minneapolis. A \$15 donation to the Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association (LHENA) gets you refreshments and scary stories, plus a glimpse into the mystery and grace of a bygone age in Wedge houses over a century old. **Costumes are encouraged.**

The spookiness is set two historic homes on Bryant Avenue:

- The Gluek House, 2447 Bryant Ave S
Friday, October 19th, 7-9pm **OR** Friday, October 26th, 7-9pm
- The Drew House 2012 Bryant Ave S
Saturday, October 20th, 7-9pm **OR** Saturday, October 27th, 7-9pm

Purchase tickets through an online donation on the [LHENA](#) website. Please no children under the age of 13. Please also note that seating is limited to 50 at the Gluek House and 35 at the Drew House. For questions or more info, contact the LHENA office at 612-377-5023 or lhena@thewedge.org.

Enroll in the Minneapolis City Academy

The Minneapolis City Academy is a five week program designed to give residents an introduction to the various City functions. Participants will have the opportunity to tour the City’s Emergency Operations Center, learn the latest firefighting techniques and police procedures, learn how developments are planned and constructed, find out how taxes are levied and budgets approved, and so much more!

Classes are held weekly from October 30th to November 27th from 6:30-9:00pm at different City locations. The program is open to the public but seats are limited and are filled on a first come, first served basis. If you are interested, you can fill out an application [here](#). For more information, contact the Neighborhood Community Relations department at 612-673-3737.

Mark your Calendars for Public Hearings on City's Budget

The City Council is now in the process of considering Mayor R.T. Rybak's recommended 2013 budget for the City of Minneapolis. Along with budget hearings, there will be two public meetings before a final budget is approved.

Public hearing on tax levy and 2013 City budget:

- Wednesday, Nov. 28, 6:05 p.m.
City Hall (350 South 5th Street), Council Chambers (Rm 317)
- Wednesday, Dec. 12, 6:05 p.m.
City Hall (350 South 5th Street), Council Chambers (Rm 317)

Departmental budget hearings are taking place over the next two months. For a schedule of these hearings, go to the City's [Budget Process Calendar](#) webpage. All hearings will be broadcast live (and rebroadcast) on Minneapolis 79 (the City's cable channel). You can find the rebroadcast schedule and view the hearings online by clicking [here](#).

For more information and to view the Mayor's recommended 2013 budget, visit the City's [Budget](#) webpage.

Boards and Commissions Openings

Interested in joining one of the City's many boards and commissions? Now is the time to apply! There are many openings. **Applications are due by Friday, October 19th**. For more information on each committee and to apply, visit the City's [Boards and Commissions](#) webpage.

Calhoun/Isles Sewer Improvement Project

Work related to the Met Council sewer improvements project will require the closure of a section of the Mall through approximately the end of November. The westbound lane of The Mall will be closed between E Calhoun Parkway and James Ave. westbound traffic on The Mall will be detoured south on James Ave and west on Lagoon Ave to access E Calhoun Parkway.

Detours will be posted. You can view a map of the detours here: [E Calhoun Pkwy DetourMap.pdf](#). For more info, visit the [Met Council Sewer Construction](#) webpage.

Nicollet Ave Construction Update

I am very happy to report that Nicollet Ave from Lake St to 35th St is now completed and open!

Starting today, traffic will switch to the north side of the 36th St and Nicollet Ave intersection. Thomas and Sons will begin removals and storm sewer work on the south half of the intersection. There will be no north/south traffic at the intersection while the south half of the intersection is under construction.

Metro Transit buses will continue to be detoured from Nicollet to 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.

Nicollet-Central Transit Study

The City has begun a study of the Nicollet-Central corridor to identify the preferred enhanced transit mode through the area, including a modern streetcar and enhanced bus options. The corridor being studied extends from Nicollet Ave and 46th St on the south, through downtown Minneapolis on Nicollet Mall, and up Central Ave to the Columbia Heights Transit Center on the north. For more info, visit the [Nicollet-Central Project](#) website.

35W/Lake Street Transit Access Project Moves Forward

On September 25th, the City Council voted to support a significant transit improvement – a transit station at Lake St and 35W. This transit station is a crucial missing link in the 35W Bus Rapid Transit system stretching from Lakeville to downtown Minneapolis. The other components of the project are a high quality connection from the Midtown Greenway to the transit station, an exit ramp from southbound 35W to Lake Street and an exit from northbound 35W to 28th St W. Planning on the project continues. For more information visit the [35W/Lake Transit Access Project](#) website.

Voting Information

Voter Pre-Registration Deadline is Tomorrow, Tuesday, October 16th.

State law requires Minnesotans to be registered at their current address before they are allowed to vote. Voters must also re-register if they have changed their address or their name, or have not voted in the last four years. You can pre-register to vote by completing a voter registration application which can be found online on the [MN Votes](#) webpage or at Minneapolis or Hennepin County government offices and public libraries.

If you are able to register prior to the deadline your name will appear in the roster at your polling place. If you are unable to pre-register, Minnesota allows eligible voters to register on Election Day as long as they provide proper proof of residence. For more information about voting eligibility requirements and to look up if you are registered at your current address or not, visit the [MN Votes](#) webpage.

Polling Place Location

Please remember, due to redistricting, your polling place may have changed since you last voted. To find out whether your polling place has changed or not, visit the City's [Elections](#) webpage.

Voting Absentee

Will you be absent from your precinct, observing a religious holiday or unable travel to the polls due to illness on Election Day? If so, visit the City's [Absentee Voting](#) webpage for information about how to receive an absentee ballot or to learn how to vote in person before Election Day. If you have already sent an absentee ballot in, you can look up and track your ballot at the state's [Absentee Ballot Status](#) website.

Please note: Military and Overseas voters have different absentee balloting procedures. The [Minnesota Military and Overseas Voter Service](#) provides information for these voters.

Preview Your Ballot

You are now able to preview a ballot specific to your precinct before Election Day. To see what will appear on your ballot visit the State's [My Election Ballot MN](#) website.

Meet with Meg!

Please join me on **Tuesday, November 13th, 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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Somali - Ogow. Haddii aad dooneyso in lagaa kaalmeeyo tarjamadda macluumaadkani oo lacag la' aan wac 612-673-3500.