

# 10<sup>th</sup> Ward e-News

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**A VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES!**

## Election Day

First off, a big Thank You to all of you for the great turn out on Election Day. Thank you to the election judges and volunteers who worked at the polls.

I am very concerned about the problems that occurred at several 10<sup>th</sup> ward polling places. I am very sorry for those that encountered long wait times to vote. Your patience is greatly appreciated. Thank you to everyone who also sent comments to me. I am working with the City Clerk's office and the City's Election's staff to address all the issues that occurred at 10<sup>th</sup> ward polling places. We are also working with our partners at Hennepin County to figure out why ballots at three 10<sup>th</sup> ward polling places were not being read by the scanning machines.

## Flight Pattern Changes at MSP International Airport

I have heard from 10<sup>th</sup> Ward residents who are concerned the proposed navigation changes for the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport could have an impact on some Minneapolis neighborhoods. Moreover, the Metropolitan Airport Commission's (MAC) process has not provided enough time or information for the public to completely understand the impact of these changes. If you would like more information on what is being proposed and where this issue is at, check out this [StarTribune](#) article.

I encourage you to make your voices heard. **Please contact the MAC and the Federal Officials who are involved in this process prior to Monday's vote.** Here is the contact information:

MAC Chairman Dan Boivin, [Dan.Boivin@mspmac.org](mailto:Dan.Boivin@mspmac.org)

Senator [Amy Klobuchar](#)

Senator [Al Franken](#)

Congressman [Keith Ellison](#)

The City of Minneapolis has been making the case for our neighborhoods. Specifically, we want:

- More time and opportunity for community input
- A more rigorous environmental review which includes analysis of both RNAV (a form of navigation) and the Long Term Comprehensive Plan (LTCP)
- A delay in implementation of these changes, at least for flight-paths over Minneapolis

While the City recognizes the value of the airport to our regional economy, we also realize the need for a carefully crafted plan that considers both the airport and the residents of Minneapolis. That is why it is important for you to continue contacting the MAC and Federal Officials to amplify this message.

I will continue to monitor this situation with my colleagues. I will keep you updated via my newsletter as I have more information.

## Nicollet Ave Construction Update

**Nicollet Avenue is open!**

Metro Transit busses are back on Nicollet Avenue.

**Please continue to patronize Nicollet Avenue Businesses.**

## Single Sort Recycling Roll Out

The eagerly awaited information on the rollout of single sort recycling has arrived! Minneapolis Solid Waste and Recycling has posted a color coded map showing the rollout schedule. For 10<sup>th</sup> Ward residents, depending on the garbage pick-up route you are on, you will either receive a Single Sort Recycling cart during the week of November 26 - December 1<sup>st</sup> or in Spring of 2014.

To see the map, visit the City's [Single Sort Map](#) webpage. You can put in your address, including City and State, in the upper right hand corner of the map to find out when it starts on your block. To figure out what each color means, click on the Legend in the upper left hand corner of the map. Please note the legend takes a bit to load.

## Public Hearings on City's Budget are Coming Up!

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, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:05 p.m.  
City Hall (350 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street), Council Chambers (Rm 317)
- Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:05 p.m.  
City Hall (350 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street), Council Chambers (Rm 317)

The final 2013 Budget Adoption will also take place on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> after the public hearing.

Have any thoughts, ideas, or concerns about the proposed 2013 budget? Please email them to me before December 12<sup>th</sup> at [meg.tuthill@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:meg.tuthill@minneapolismn.gov).

All budget hearings will be broadcast live (and rebroadcast) on Minneapolis 79 (the City's cable channel). You can find the rebroadcast schedule and also view the hearings online on the City's [Channel 79](#) webpage. For more information on the Mayor's recommended 2013 budget, visit the City's [Budget](#) webpage.

## Rental Property Owner Workshop

A **free** workshop for rental property owners in Minneapolis will be held **Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, from 6-9 pm** at the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct, 3101 Nicollet Ave. You must own rental property in Minneapolis. This information is Minneapolis-specific and does not replace education in other municipalities.

The agenda for the 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 only to [luther.krueger@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:luther.krueger@minneapolismn.gov). Include your contact information and list of rental properties.

## The Bridge for Youth Awarded \$10,000 Grant!

Congratulations to the Bridge for Youth for receiving a \$10,000 grant from the Xcel Energy Foundation! The \$10,000 grant will be used for the organization's Homeless Youth program which is specifically aimed at older homeless youth that aren't able to return home or don't have a home to return to. The program provides transitional living services and teaches the youth a variety of skills that they'll need to live independently.

Visit the [Bridge to Youth's](#) webpage for more information on the organization and what programs they have to offer.

## Uptown Association wins 15 IFEA awards!

Congratulations to the Uptown Association for receiving an outstanding 15 awards at this year's International Festival and Events Association (IFEA) Pinnacle Awards. The awards ranged from best association e-newsletter and social media site, to the best volunteer program and safety and security plan during the Uptown Art Fair.

## City Receives \$50,000 Grant for Open Streets Events

The Partnership for a Healthier America has awarded the City of Minneapolis a \$50,000 grant to allow the City to organize four Open Streets events in 2013. Minneapolis has previously held three very successful Open Streets events: on Lyndale Ave S in 2011 and 2012, and on Lowry Ave N in 2012. Grant money will be used to allow the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition, who organizes the events, to hire an Open Streets Coordinator. It will also help pay for physical activities and nutrition education programming for youth, and for paid advertising.

I would like to thank Mayor R.T. Rybak, Council President Barb Johnson, Council Vice President Robert Lilligren and Council Member Cam Gordon for all their work on this grant. The Open Streets events are an excellent addition to our City and I can't wait to see where else we will hold these events.

## Intermedia Arts Named High Impact Nonprofit!

In September, Intermedia Arts was named 1 of 18 high-impact nonprofits working in the field of access to arts and culture in Minnesota. Intermedia Arts is a multicultural, multidisciplinary arts organization which serves youth and many immigrant groups. Visit the [Intermedia Arts](#) webpage for more information on the organization and the programs they offer.

## Council Prepares for Utility Franchise Agreement Negotiations

The City of Minneapolis is in the early stages of preparing for franchise negotiations with Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy, both of which expire in 2014.

State law governs the scope of the City's authority through a franchise agreement. The City believes it's time for changes to state law that regulates these utilities, to give us greater flexibility in seeking how to meet our green energy goals through franchise agreements. In the coming months, the City Council will review potential state law changes and consider formal support for these changes on our state legislative agenda.

For key information and updates regarding Minneapolis utility franchise agreements and negotiation, visit the City's [Energy Franchise](#) webpage.

## Creative City Challenge Art Competition for Convention Center Plaza

The Minneapolis Convention Center, along with other partners, is seeking proposals for a new annual \$50,000 competition to create and install temporary, interactive, site-specific, eco-focused portal to the City of Minneapolis on the Plaza of the convention center. All Minnesota-resident architects, landscape architects, urban designers, planners, engineers, scientists, artists, students and individuals of all backgrounds can take part. The winner will have his or her entry displayed on the plaza beginning summer 2013.

**Initial responses to the Creative City Challenge are due by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.** The prize for the final selected project is \$50,000, inclusive of all artist fees, installation and de-installation costs.

To register to participate in the competition, simply fill out the [Registration Form](#). Additional information on the art competition can be found on the [Meet Minneapolis](#) webpage. Specific questions can be directed to [conventioncenterplaza@northern.lights.mn](mailto:conventioncenterplaza@northern.lights.mn).

## No Meet with Meg in December!

Due to the budget season and changes in the committee and council calendar, **there will be NO Meet with Meg held in December!** I apologize for the inconvenience.

In light of a change to the council committee schedule, I will be changing the date for the monthly Meet with Meg. **Starting in January of 2013, Meet with Meg will be held on the second Monday of the month.** The time and location will remain the same. Thank you for your flexibility in this change.

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**Spanish** - Atención. Si desea recibir asistencia gratuita para traducir esta información, llama 612-673-2700;

**Somali** - Ogow. Haddii aad dooneyso in lagaa kaalmeeyo tarjamadda macluumaadkani oo lacag la' aan wac 612-673-3500.