

10th Ward e-News

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Congrats to new MPD Recruits!

I would like to congratulate the 13 men and women on their graduation from the Minneapolis Police Academy! Last year, I voted to keep the Community Service Officers knowing that this diverse group of men and women were interested in going through the work to become sworn Minneapolis police officers. After 17 weeks of training in areas such as defensive tactics, emergency driving, report writing and firearms training, they are finally ready to move to the next level. The class will now begin their Field Training phase where they will be paired up with seasoned officers who mentor and guide them through the early months of their careers.

With the addition of these new officers, the Minneapolis Police Department has 840 sworn police officers in the city.

I wish all of them continued success within our Police Department!

Minneapolis Accepting Applications for Firefighters

For the first time since 2006, Minneapolis will be accepting applications to create a new firefighter eligibility list. I am thrilled about this because the Minneapolis Fire Department is operating with a minimal number of fire fighters and is anticipating retirements.

Beginning January 24th, anyone interested in applying to become a Minneapolis Firefighter can pick up an application at any [Minneapolis Fire Station](#) or at the Minneapolis Human Resources Office (250 S. 4th St., Rm. 100). Applications will *only be accepted in person* at 1025 Broadway St. NE, and will only be accepted on the following three days:

- Thursday, January 31st, 8am – 4pm
- Friday, February 1st, 10am – 7pm
- Saturday, February 2nd, 8am – 4pm

For more information on the application process and the basic requirements that need to be met to become a Minneapolis firefighters, check out the [recent news release](#) on the City's webpage.

City Working to Bridge the Digital Divide

This month, the City of Minneapolis will be sending surveys to about 12,400 randomly selected households on how they use technology, such as computers and mobile devices, in their daily lives. **If you receive the survey, please take the time to complete it.** The survey information will guide the City's community technology efforts to bridge the digital divide. The survey is being conducted by the National Research Center. All responses are anonymous.

The [entire report](#) from the 2012 survey is on the City's website. Folks are also able to use an interactive map to compare neighborhood data to city-wide data.

Sex Trafficking and Gun Violence

Last week I attended two seminars. The first was on Sex Trafficking (a term used interchangeably with prostitution) for hotel management and employees. The seminar was held to help hotels identify sex traffickers in their establishments in order to put a stop to this crime in Minneapolis. The Minneapolis Police Department is the first police department in the state to dedicate an investigator, Sgt. Grant Snyder, to working full time to investigate juvenile sex trafficking. There are also plans to add an additional investigator to work on juvenile sex trafficking as well.

The second seminar I attend was the Summit to Combat Gun Violence hosted by Mayor RT Rybak and Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett. It was very eye opening listening to the law enforcement, attorneys, mayors and elected officials from around the Midwest discussing a topic that affects all of our communities. Every idea to curb gun violence was on the table. Nothing was sacred. Additional information was provided by professionals who have been collecting data and following trends for years. This Summit was in the works long before the tragedy in Connecticut.

I appreciated the honest, open and very thoughtful dialogue at both seminars. I am committed to remaining engaged on these important issues.

Time to Sign Up for a STEP-UP internship

I know summer might feel like a long way off but 2013 summer internship deadlines are coming up fast! Now is the time for youth, and employers, to sign up to be a part of City's STEP-UP internship program. The STEP-UP program prepares youth for future employment by offering summer work experience and training at Minneapolis businesses. The program is focused on serving youth from low-income families or youth that have risk factors making it challenging to find employment on their own.

Minneapolis youth ages 14 to 21 can apply for a summer internship with STEP-UP until March 4th, 2013. This year, **all applications must be completed online.** You can fill out the application via the City's [STEP-UP application](#) webpage. If you need assistance with your application, call 612-673-5041 or check out the [list of agencies](#) that offer staff and/or computer assistance. Internships are paid, and youth are matched up with a wide range of local businesses for summer jobs. Internships are generally 20-40 hours per week for 6-10 weeks from mid-June to August.

For more information on the STEP-UP summer internship program, visit the City's [STEP-UP](#) webpage.

Free Resources and Assistance Available for Recycling at Apartments

Hennepin County has free resources and assistance available for property owners, managers and residents interested in establishing or improving recycling programs in apartment buildings, condominiums and townhomes. Among the resources available to make recycling programs a success are reusable, durable recycling totes, recycling container labels, trained volunteers to assist with door-to-door outreach and more. Check out the [County's webpage](#) on the resources available to property owners and managers.

For more information, visit the County's [Recycling at Apartments](#) webpage, or email [Carolyn Collopy](#) or call 612-596-0993.

Two Open Houses for Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis

Metro Transit will be holding two public open houses on Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis (MCAA), an initiative to determine the benefits, costs and impacts of creating a new transitway on the Midtown Greenway or Lake Street in south Minneapolis. The MCAA will look at transitway options between the future Southwest Light Rail line and the Hiawatha Light Rail line and aims to recommend the best method of delivering transit service in the Midtown Corridor.

Anyone interested can attend either of the following open houses:

- **Monday, January 28th, 2013**, 6-8 p.m. Colin Powell Center, 3rd Floor (2924 4th Avenue S.)
- **Tuesday, January 29th, 2013**, 6-8 p.m. Whittier Park Recreation Center (425 W. 26th Street)

For more info about the study visit the [Midtown Transitway](#) webpage, email midtown@metrotransit.org or call 612-349-7793.

36th Street Bike Lane Project

A public meeting on the 36th Street bike lanes from East Calhoun Boulevard west to Dupont Ave S will be held **Thursday, February 7th, from 6-7pm at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church (3450 Irving Avenue South).**

The meeting will provide an update on possible layouts as well as an update on the status of the Hennepin County grant application submitted for this project.

31st Street Resurfacing

31st Street from Hennepin Avenue going east to Nicollet Ave will receive a mill and overlay in mid-May. The project will last about two weeks, possibly less weather permitting. The pavement will be ground off the entire stretch, and then repaved in short segments. Public Works will work with businesses with curb cuts on 31st Street to minimize disruption as much as possible. Also being addressed is the possibility of adding bike lanes to 31st Street when the street is re-stripped.

A **community meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, February 12th, from 6:30-7:30pm at Bryant Square Park.** The public hearing take place at the Transportation and Public Works committee meeting on Tuesday, February 26th at 9:45am.

Modern Streetcar and Enhanced Bus Options for Nicollet-Central

Attend an open house to learn about the Nicollet Central Alternatives Study of modern streetcar and enhanced bus options. Updates will be given on the results on transit alternatives, the next phase of the study, as well as provide an opportunity for you to give your ideas on improving transit service.

The corridor extends from the 46th Street/Interstate 35W Transit Station and Nicollet Avenue on the south, through Nicollet Mall in downtown Minneapolis, over the Mississippi River, and north along Central Avenue NE to the Columbia Heights Transit Center on Central Avenue at 41st Avenue NE. The Nicollet-Central Transit Alternatives Study began last fall and will identify a preferred transit enhancement that could serve as the first phase of a longer-ranger vision for transit service in the corridor.

Open houses are being held:

- **Tuesday, February 12th, 5:30-7:30 pm** MPHA Parker Skyview Community Room (1815 Central Ave NE)
- **Wednesday, February 13th, 5:30-7:30 pm** HCMC Whittier Clinic (2810 Nicollet Ave S)
- **Thursday, February 14th, 3:30-5:30 pm** Minneapolis Central Library (300 Nicollet Mall)

For more information, visit the [Nicollet-Central](#) project website.

Meet with Meg

The next Meet with Meg will be held on **February 11th, 2013 from Noon-1pm at the 5th Precinct Community Room (3101 Nicollet Ave S).** 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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