



# 10<sup>th</sup> Ward eNews

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My thoughts and prayers go out to the families who lost a loved one and those injured in the tragic events on May 10th. The police investigation is ongoing. I will be holding a community meeting after the investigation is complete.

## \$7 Million Used to Hold the Line on Property Taxes

The City Council passed an amendment to reallocate over \$9 million in unspent 2012 funds from various City departments. The unspent funds resulted from City departments being more efficient and well managed as well as higher than expected revenues. A portion of the funds were allocated to projects already underway. \$7 million of the funds were placed in a property tax stabilization fund for reducing property taxes next year. This is a big step toward reaching the goal of a zero percent increase in the property tax levy for 2014.

## Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis Public Open Houses

Metro Transit will host open houses **May 21 and May 23** on the Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis, a project that aims to determine the benefits, costs and impacts of creating a new transitway along either the Midtown Greenway or Lake Street in Minneapolis.

At the open houses, project staff and Metro Transit will be sharing information on the universe of alternatives for possible transit mode/alignment combinations and which of these alternatives are recommended for further evaluation. Staff will be on hand to discuss those options and any other questions related to the project. Spanish and Somali interpreters will be on hand at both open houses. This is a great opportunity to talk with staff and get your questions answered.

- Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Colin Powell Center, 3rd Floor  
2924 4th Ave S
- Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Whittier Clinic  
2810 Nicollet Ave S

For more information about the Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis, visit the [Midtown Transitway](#) webpage or email [midtown@metrotransit.org](mailto:midtown@metrotransit.org).

## Memorial Day Service at Lakewood Cemetery

Lakewood Cemetery will be hosting an event to honor veterans and remember loved ones on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. The memorial service begins at 10:30am and is followed by tours and activities in the afternoon, all free and open to the public. The service will also pay special honor to the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War.

For more information, visit [Lakewood Cemetery's Memorial Day Celebration](#) webpage.

## Nature Valley Grand Prix

The Nature Valley Grand Prix will be back in Uptown on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. The event runs from 4:30-9pm. The women's race begins at 6:15pm and then men's race at 7:45pm. This is a very fun, family friendly event that runs through the heart of Uptown. Come check it out! For more information, visit [Nature Valley Grand Prix](#) webpage. Remember to watch for road closures during this event.

## 10<sup>th</sup> Ward Neighborhoods

### CARAG

[www.carag.org](http://www.carag.org)

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7-8:30 p.m.  
Bryant Square Park  
(3101 Bryant Ave S)

### CIDNA

[www.cidna.org](http://www.cidna.org)

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 6-8 p.m.  
Jones-Harrison Residence  
(3700 Cedar Lake Ave)

### ECCO

[www.eastcalhoun.org](http://www.eastcalhoun.org)

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7-9 p.m.  
St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church  
(3450 Irving Ave S)

### EHFNA

[www.eastharriet.org](http://www.eastharriet.org)

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 7-9 p.m.  
Walker Health Services  
(3737 Bryant Ave S)

### EIRA

[www.eastisles.org](http://www.eastisles.org)

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 7-9 p.m.  
Grace-Trinity Community Church  
(1430 W 28<sup>th</sup> St)

### LHENA

[www.thewedge.org](http://www.thewedge.org)

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 6:30-8:30  
p.m.  
Sept-May - Jefferson School, Media  
Center (1200 W 26<sup>th</sup> St)  
May-Aug - NIP (2431 Hennepin Ave)

### LNA

[www.lyndale.org](http://www.lyndale.org)

Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 6:30-8 p.m.  
Painter Park (620 W 34<sup>th</sup> St)

## Four "Open Streets" Taking Place this Summer

I am excited to let everyone know that there will be a total of four Open Streets events this year starting in June. This year's first event will be held in Ward 10 along Lyndale Ave S as has been the case in previous years. All events are co-sponsored by the City of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition.

The Lyndale Avenue Open Streets is on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. I have been to every Open Streets event with my family. They are a blast! Don't miss it.

For more information on this year's events, visit the [Open Streets](#) website. To learn more about bicycling in Minneapolis, visit the City's [Bicycling](#) website.

## Council Passes Amendment to Help Protect Air Quality

The City Council has made changes to the recreational fires ordinance to protect air quality: recreational fires are now prohibited during an air pollution public health advisory. Those advisories are issued by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency whenever air pollution levels are likely to affect health. Sign up to receive air quality alerts through the [Minnesota Pollution Control Agency](#). For more information on recreational fires, check out this [news release](#) from the City.

To register a complaint about a recreational fire, call 311 or email [Minneapolis311@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:Minneapolis311@minneapolismn.gov). Outside 311 hours, call 911. The Fire and Police departments are authorized to extinguish a fire immediately if it is hazardous.

## Minneapolis Moves toward Big Expansion of Car Sharing

The City of Minneapolis is moving forward with plans to greatly expand car sharing in the city. The City Council authorized staff to negotiate terms with a company to start a two-year car sharing pilot program that uses on-street parking spaces. The company selected to implement the pilot program is Car2Go. City staff will make recommendations on additional companies in June. There is no City funding in this expansion of car sharing options. However, through the pilot, the City will allow car sharing companies to use on-street parking spaces for the first time, making it more convenient for users to get a car when they need it.

As a next step, the City will negotiate an agreement with Car2Go and consider arrangements with other companies as well. The City Council will then take action on approving any final agreements. I feel strongly that this program will be as well received as Nice Ride.

Car sharing reduces the need for people in the city to own their own cars. The shared cars are parked throughout the city, and members can reserve one whenever they need to.

## Minneapolis Police begin Bike Patrols on Greenway

The warm weather is finally upon us and that means people will be riding their bikes. The Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct has begun bicycle patrols along the Midtown Greenway starting May 9<sup>th</sup>. The MPD patrol officers will use their bicycles during their regular patrol activities and there will be additional bike patrols on Friday and Saturday nights throughout the summer with officers from the Bike Rapid Response Team.

## Hold Off Pruning Ash Trees until Fall

Conditions are now warm enough for beetles that attack and kill ash trees. Emerald ash borers are present in Minneapolis and are normally active from May through Labor Day. If you have an ash tree in your yard, it is important not to prune it this time of year or move any part of an ash tree (firewood, branches, etc.) while the pests are active. Inadvertently moving the pests helps them spread to uncontaminated areas.

For more information on emerald ash borers, visit the [Minnesota Department of Agriculture emerald ash borer webpage](#) or the [Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's emerald ash borer webpage](#).

## Meet with Meg

The next Meet with Meg will be held on **Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from Noon-1pm at the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Monday of every month.

## Crime Alert: Occupied Residential & Apartment Burglaries

The 5th precinct recently sent out an alert about a burglary trend. Between April 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup>, 17 occupied residential and apartment burglaries occurred in the Fifth Precinct. 13 of them fit a trend.

An occupied burglary is when the suspect enters the home and a resident is present. Note that this is different than home invasions, which are when a suspect enters the home with the intention of robbing or harming the person inside. In these occupied burglaries, the majority of the residents were asleep and the suspects often did not go anywhere near them. In instances where the resident and suspect saw each other, the suspect fled.

The majority of the cases occurred between 2-5 am, with some ranging as late as 9 a.m. or as early as midnight. Entry to the home varied. **70% contained no force, utilizing unlocked doors and windows and removing screens.** Other cases included entrance via breaking a window and via forcing open a door. In some of the cases, the suspect did not enter the home, but stole items by cutting or removing the window screen and reaching through an open or unlocked window. In one case, the suspect attempted to gain entry to the home but was unable to due to the window being pinned.

These incidents occurred in apartments as well as residential homes. Due to the time of these cases, suspect descriptions are minimal. No one was harmed in any of these incidents. There is no further information on them at this time. If you believe you have suspect information for any of these crimes, contact the Fifth Precinct desk at 612.673.5705.

### Incidents occurred in the 10th Ward on the following blocks:

32xx Garfield Av

32xx Fremont Av S (two different addresses at different times) **\*\*needs block leader**

34xx Aldrich Av S **\*\*needs block leader**

**Block leaders receive alerts of most crimes in a 1.5 to 2 block radius around their house and are asked to forward it to their neighbors.** It's as easy as that! If you are interested in more information on being a block leader, please contact [chelsea.adams@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:chelsea.adams@minneapolismn.gov) with the block you live on.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Call 911 on suspicious activity
- Get to know your neighbors
- Form a block club if one does not exist
- Lock your doors and windows, even if you're home or in the yard
- Pin your windows so you can stop them at 6" or less (search 'window vent stop' for the most effective and cost efficient solution for double hung windows, or for more specialized information check out the [Home Security Information](#).)
- Record the make/model/serial number on valuables so it can increase the chances of recovery and locating a suspect. It's especially important on bicycles!
- Watch an [interview of a chronic burglar](#) to see what he looks for in a location.

For more crime prevention information, visit the City's [Crime Prevention](#) webpage. You can also contact your Crime Prevention Specialist:  
For Cedar-Isles-Dean, East Isles, Lowry Hill East, East Calhoun and CARAG - Contact Chelsea Adams, 612-673-2819, [chelsea.adams@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:chelsea.adams@minneapolismn.gov)

For Lyndale and East Harriet - Contact Amy Lavender, 612-673-5407, [amy.lavender@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:amy.lavender@minneapolismn.gov)