# Sixth Ward E-News

From Minneapolis City Council Member Robert Lilligren
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Just call 3·1·1 weekdays from 7:00 AM to 11:00 PM and a 311 agent will assist you.

Council Office

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Tiffany Green, Aide

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## Council Member Lilligren *Community Office Hours*

Every Monday in one of the four 6th Ward neighborhoods. To Schedule an appointment, call Connie @ 612-673-2206. Translation available by appointment. Drop-ins ok.

Guest Host: Inspector Kris Arneson of the 5th Precinct (MPD) will co-host with Council Member Lilligren on September 18th and October 23rd in Stevens Square, and October 2nd in Whittier.

**No office hours if Monday falls on a city holiday*

**Office Hours Cancelled: August 21st for Stevens Square and September 4th for Whittier**

## Schedule:

**1st Monday, 9:30am-12pm**
**Whittier Alliance @ 10 East 25th Street**

**2nd Monday, 9:30am-12pm**
**Lutheran Social Services (Phillips West) @ 2414 Park Ave**

**3rd Monday, 9:30am-12pm**
**Stevens Square Community Organization @ 1925 Nicollet Avenue**

**4th Monday, 9:30am-12pm**
**Franklin Ave. Safety Center (Ventura Village) @ 1201 E. Franklin**

## Nicollet Moratorium Passed

Today the Minneapolis City Council voted to introduce a moratorium on new construction on Nicollet Avenue from Franklin Avenue to the Midtown Greenway. This effectively puts a hold on building permits and approvals for new construction projects along Nicollet. The City's Planning Division is in the process of working with the community to establish a zoning district to encourage pedestrian-friendly design and create some design guidelines for this area. The moratorium, which will last for up to one year or until the planning is done and this will allow for the time needed to complete this planning. If you have questions or comments regarding the moratorium please contact the 6th Ward office at 612-673-2206 or the City's Planning Director Barb Sporlein at 612-673-2616.

## Alley Ordinance Public Hearing: Wednesday, August 23rd @ 1:30pm

At the May 26th Council Meeting, Council Member Paul Ostrow moved to introduce for Council Member Lilligren (who is recovering from surgery) a motion to introduce the subject matter of enacting Title 15, Offenses – Miscellaneous, Chapter 385, In General, Section 385.85 Use of Alleys by Pedestrians of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, to prohibit use of alleys for through pedestrian traffic, except for abutting property owners, tenants, their guests and invitees, law enforcement personnel, emergency medical or fire personnel, persons performing public service activities or inspections, and persons performing services for public or private utility, garbage collection, or communication companies.

**Did you know?**

...that 43.5% of the 6th Ward Population is foreign-born. (49.2% are from Latin America; 33% from Africa and 13.3% from Asia)

...49.6% of residents in the 6th Ward get to work by walking, carpooling or public transportation.

...30% of the age 25+ has a college degree

...57.6% of the age 15+ population has never been married

...the median household income is $24,290

*Data compiled from the 2000 Census (so take it with a grain of salt).*

In short, the motivation behind the ordinance is two-fold: (1) to increase the safety of persons who use alleys (because there is a safety risk due to motor vehicle traffic in the alleys, some of which proceeds at speeds much higher than 10 miles per hour); and (2) to increase public safety and aid law enforcement (alleys are easy targets for criminal activity, such as graffiti, drug-related traffic, use of guns, and many other crimes).

Public Safety and Regulatory Service Committee will hold a Public Hearing on this ordinance change on Wednesday, August 23rd @ 1:30pm at City Hall in the Council Chambers. This is the public's opportunity to share their thoughts on the ordinance change.

## National Night Out: Phillips West #1 Again despite the rain!

By Tony Webster, 6th Ward Intern

National Night Out was another success at the ninth annual Phillips West 27th Street Block Party. 27th Street, from Chicago to Portland Avenues, were closed on Tuesday, August 1, and Phillips West residents were out meeting one another and enjoying free food, local musicians, and activities.

A rainy evening didn't stop residents from attending the event. Temperatures in Minnesota during the week prior to the block parties were nearing record highs, so there were no complaints to a little rain in the forecast.

Established in 1984, National Night Out has provided an opportunity for communities to stand up against crime, meet their neighbors and build community and police partnerships. Residents are encouraged to watch out for each other, and call 911 to report suspicious behavior or criminal activities.

This year, there were over 1,100 registered National Night Out events in the City of Minneapolis. Minneapolis has been ranked #1 for National Night Out events by national coordinators for five of the past seven years, and the West Phillips block party was the largest event in the city, and one of the largest in the country.

The West Phillips event was sponsored by about two-dozen businesses and associations, and was only possible through the hard work of volunteers. Target Corporation sent volunteers to distribute toys and candy to kids, Wells Fargo Bank and Wells Fargo Home Mortgage brought a large team of volunteers to help clean up the event, and volunteers from Allina and Abbott Northwestern Hospital provided children's activities: face painting, contests, and games.

## New Police Review Changes - Tell Us What You Think! Wednesday, August 30, 2006, 7 p.m.

**Brian Coyle Center, 420 15th Ave S**

The Coyle Center is near Cedar-Riverside. (Coyle Center – 338-5282). The location is within walking distance of Metro Transit Bus Routes 2, 3, 7, 16, 19, and 50 and the Hiawatha Light Rail line. (Metro Transit – 373-3333). There is bike and vehicle parking on site.

**WHAT THIS IS ABOUT**

The Civilian Police Review Authority (CRA) investigates complaints about any Minneapolis Police Officer and decides if the Police Chief should discipline the officer. People that feel they have been mistreated by a Minneapolis Police Officer can file a complaint with the CRA. We have been working to improve the way the CRA handles complaints and have recommended

- changes to improve communication between the CRA and the Police Department
- research on how complaints are handled by the CRA and the Police Department's Internal Affairs Unit

- identifying problematic behavior by Police Officers early
- Training on police accountability issues.

We are considering ordinance changes having to do with complaint dismissal, CRA scope of authority, disciplinary decisions, and subpoena power. A detailed report from the group will be available soon on the City's website.

It is important that you participate so that your voice is heard on this important issue!

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Reports to Council
http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/2006-meetings/20060512/HEE20060501agenda.asp Item #6

http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/2006-meetings/20060630/HEE20060619agenda.asp Item #9

A Study of the Policy and Process of the Minneapolis Civilian Police Review Authority
http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cra/docs/CRAReport_2006.pdf

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