



City of Minneapolis — Council Member Sandy Colvin Roy

12th Ward Update

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FALL STREET SWEEPING — YOU BAG YOURS AND WE’LL SWEEP OURS

In late October, many of the trees in Minneapolis will have dropped their leaves, and Minneapolis Public Works will begin the big task of sweeping every street in the city curb-to-curb. During the four weeks of the comprehensive fall street sweep, crews will clean up more than 1,100 miles of city streets. Leaves and other debris are removed because they can clog storm drains and pollute our lakes and rivers. **Residents should not rake their leaves and other debris into City streets – it’s bad for our lakes and waterways and it’s against the law. Residents should bag their leaves and put them out to be picked up during their weekly garbage pickups. Decomposing leaves that end up in our lakes encourage the growth of harmful aquatic plants and algae.**

To make sure the sweepers can do the best job possible, temporary “No Parking” signs will be posted at least 24 hours in advance to make sure streets are clear of cars when they’re swept. Residents need to follow street sweep parking rules or they may have their cars ticketed and towed.

Because the weather – and falling leaves – play a big role in deciding exactly when to sweep, the exact dates of the sweep won’t be known until mid-October. Typically, the fall street sweep begins the third or fourth week of October.

Three Easy Ways to Know When Your Street Will be Swept

“No Parking signs” -- City crews will post “No Parking” signs at least 24 hours before sweeping any streets. Parking will be banned from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the day a street is swept. 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 will be ticketed and towed to the Minneapolis Impound Lot.

Phone calls to residents -- In addition to the “No Parking” signs that will be posted the day before sweepers come through, the City will make 3,500 automated phone calls each evening to let residents know their street will be swept the next day.

Interactive Web tool -- Once the street sweeping schedule is finalized, folks will be able to use a tool on the City’s Web site to find out when the sweepers are coming through their neighborhoods. The tool will be available at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/streetsweep. The tool will not be ready until the sweep schedule is finalized in mid-October.

50TH STREET RECONSTRUCTION MEETING

50th Street, between Lake Nokomis and 43rd Avenue, was constructed in 1964. It is scheduled for reconstruction in 2007, including replacement of the road-bed, curb and gutters. Sanitary sewers are being investigated for repair if needed, while the street is open. Public Works is now planning and we need resident opinions on several points. Please join us on

Wednesday, October 11th - 7 p.m.
Nokomis Community Center
2401 E. Minnehaha Pkwy

Staff will have answers to some of the questions asked at the NENA town meeting of Sept. 14th and drawings of possible lay outs to discuss.

TAKE THE MINNEAPOLIS ENERGY CHALLENGE!

The Minneapolis Energy Challenge is a great opportunity for residents to learn how to lower your energy bill and protect the environment by lessening your impact on climate change. Two energy fairs will feature demonstrations and displays about taking the Energy Challenge, home energy audits, energy efficient furnaces, and financing options for energy saving improvements and renewable energy. There will also be kids’ activities, and the first 500 people at each fair will receive a free compact fluorescent light bulb. The fair in our part of the city is being held on **Monday, Oct. 16, 6-9 p.m. at Hale Elementary School, 1220 54th St. E., newscaster Don Shelby will speak at 7:30 p.m.**

For more info on the Minneapolis Energy Challenge, call 612-335-5881 or visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/energychallenge/

EVENTS & SPECIAL MEETINGS

Wabun Park Area Improvements Open House

Thursday, October 5, 6:30 to 8:30
Hiawatha School Park, 4305 East 42nd Street

50th Street Reconstruction Community Meeting

Wednesday, October 11, 7 p.m.
Nokomis Community Center
2401 E. Minnehaha Pkwy

Minneapolis Energy Challenge Energy Fair

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NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

SENA Board Meeting

Monday, October 9, 7:00 p.m.
1830 East 42nd Street
For more info, visit www.standish-ericsson.org

LCC Board Meeting

Thursday, October 19, 7:00 p.m.
Longfellow Park
For more information, visit www.longfellow.org

NENA Board Meeting

Thursday, October 26, 7:00 p.m.
3000 East 50th Street
For more information, visit www.nokomiseast.org

WABUN PARK AREA IMPROVEMENTS OPEN HOUSE

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board is holding a public open house to share plans and answer questions about proposed park improvements for the Wabun Picnic Area at Minnehaha Regional Park. **The Open House will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday, October 5 in the Park Board's multipurpose room of Hiawatha School Park, 4305 East 42nd Street, Minneapolis.**

Proposed improvements to the Wabun and adjacent Omemee group picnic areas include new shelters, restroom renovation, bicycle and pedestrian paths, recreation facilities, parking and service drive, lighting, playgrounds, landscaping and scenic overlooks with enhanced views of the Mississippi River Valley.

Available funding to date is \$925,000 from the Metropolitan Council. Additional improvement funds are being sought through partnerships with other agencies. The proposed timeline for construction is May to October 2007, during which time the Wabun and Omemee picnic areas will be closed to the public. The remainder of the park will remain open.

The proposed improvements are reflective of the 1992 master plan for the Minnehaha Park and incorporate current funding limitations, usage patterns and new trends. As part of the 1991-92 planning process, public input opportunities included an appointed Citizens Advisory Committee and numerous public meetings.

The Wabun picnic area shelter and restroom were built in 1956 and remain largely unchanged since their original construction. The Wabun picnic area is one of the most popular reservation sites within the Minneapolis park system, and annually serves approximately 15,000 park visitors through family, group and corporate reservations. Information about the park system and its picnic facilities is available at www.minneapolisparcs.org.

NRP SEEKS CANDIDATES FOR NRP POLICY BOARD

The Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board has extended the filing deadline for Neighborhood Representative candidates for the NRP Policy Board to noon on Friday, October 13th. To find out more about NRP and the roles and responsibilities of NRP Policy Board members, please go to NRP's website at www.nrp.org.

This coming year will be a very important one as NRP continues to review and approve Phase II Neighborhood Action Plans and works to address the future of NRP and the neighborhoods after 2009. A full complement of committed and responsible neighborhood representatives on the Policy Board is critical to effectively representing neighborhood concerns at the Policy Board level. Please urge knowledgeable and interested neighborhood residents to apply for these important positions.

A copy of the filing forms are available on the NRP website at www.nrp.org. The forms must be completed and submitted to the League of Women Voters by noon on Friday October 13. (The elections will be held for NRP Policy Board Neighborhood Representatives on December 12th in the atrium of the Crown Roller Mill building at 105 5th Ave S)