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3rd Ward Neighborhoods

Beltrami
P.O. Box 18297
Mpls. MN. 55418
612-623-2454
arlene.zamora@leonard.com
1st Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
1111 Summer St NE

Bottineau
2205 California St. N.E. #107
Mpls. MN 55418
612-782-2145
bna@bottineauneighborhood.org
4th Thursday, 7 – 9 p.m.
Eastside N'hood Services
1700 2nd St NE

Hawthorne
2944 Emerson Ave. No.
Mpls. MN 55411
612-529-6033
bworra@hawthornecommunity.org
2nd Thursday, 7 – 9 pm
Farview Park, 609 29th Ave N

Marcy-Holmes
415 4th Ave. S.E. #209
Mpls. MN 55414
612-623-7633
mhna@pro-ns.net
3rd Tuesday, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Univ. Luth. Church of Hope
601 13th Ave SE

McKinley
P.O. Box 11066
Mpls. MN 55411
612-668-2286
Mckinleycommunity@yahoo.com
1st Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
City View School
3350 N 4th St

Nicollet Island/East Bank
27 Maple Place
Mpls. MN 55401
612-340-7934
www.nieba.org
3rd Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
(meets odd months only)
Times Café
201 East Hennepin Ave

Problem Properties/Care Committee Open and Informative Format Works

- ALJ Report regarding Gabby's Saloon focus of January meeting

A Third Ward property, *Gabby's Saloon* (1900 Marshall St NE) has received much oversight and review by the Problem Properties/Care Committee. In January a review and update of the Administrative Law Judge Report (ALJ) will be given. Recommendations for future conditions regarding the operation of Gabby's Saloon will be discussed on Wednesday, January 16th, 2008 at 7 p.m. The location of the January and February 20th Problem Properties/CARE Committee meetings will be at the Center for Families (3333 N 4th St).

One of the Committee's strengths is looking at a challenge from many different perspectives resulting in effective and efficient use of staff and resident's skills to solve a problem. In December, Foreclosure Issues received this attention. How do the Police, a neighbor, the Utility Department, Animal Control or a neighborhood organization identify, deal with or report activity at a foreclosed property? Is there an existing tracking system for data that all can access? Someone is living at the property, are they there legally? Tough questions like these are now before the Committee and you are needed. Take the challenge and come to just ***one meeting***. Your idea may be just the right one at just the right time. All meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Call the Third Ward office at 612-673-2203 for location and any special needs of access or language. All locations are handicapped accessible.

North Minneapolis Unveils Public Safety Camera Grid

- Community leaders look at camera operation/monitoring system technology

Fourth Precinct Commander Inspector Mike Martin showcased the now operational Public Safety Camera system. Trained officers use the 24 hour system to quickly locate crime while camera images used in court provide reliable documentation that leads to higher prosecution rates. **Sector 2 Lieutenant Jeff Rugel** spoke of the Police Dispatch System that in the very near future will offer officers specific address information; is the address vacant, boarded, owned by? Better information leads to effective, safe decisions especially for late night calls. Under development is a system flag to supervisors when follow up is needed keeping progress moving forward toward timely resolution with feedback available to concerned parties. These are proactive tools that enhance our City and neighborhoods.

St. Anthony East
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Mpls. MN 55413
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2nd Tuesday, 7-9 p.m.
Webster School Bldg
807 Broadway St NE

St. Anthony West
909 Main St. N.E.
Mpls. MN 55413
612-378-8886
www.stawno.org
2nd Thursday, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Catholic Eldercare Atrium
817 Main St NE

Sheridan
1226 2nd St. N.E.
Mpls. MN 55413
612-379-0728
sno@sheridanneighborhood.org
4th Monday, 7 – 9 p.m.
Eastside N'hood Services
1700 2nd St NE

Please check with your neighborhood before attending meetings for last minute changes in location or times.

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I-35W Bridge Project Web Site Launched
The site provides background information on the project, graphics of the new bridge, photo gallery, updates on construction progress and timelines. A sign up feature is available if you wish to receive e-mail updates. Go to www.mndot.gov and click on I-35W Bridge Replacement Project link.

New Hours for Impound Lot
The Minneapolis Impound Lot is now open Mon – Sat from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. On Sunday they are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The lot is closed on City holidays. For Snow emergency hours they are open 24 hrs for the first two days of a Snow Emergency and close at 1 a.m. on day three. For more information just call 311.

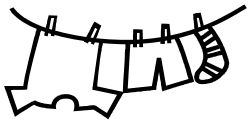
Third Ward Events

2nd Precinct Advisory Council (2-PAC)
2nd Monday, 6 pm
1911 Central Ave NE
Check location at 612-673-2874

4th Precinct Advisory Council (4-PAC)
3rd Tuesday, 7 pm
1925 Plymouth Ave N

Hang Crime Out to Dry

2nd Precinct website offers CLEAN sheet



The 2nd Precinct is now issuing a weekly electronic sheet called a "Citizens-Law Enforcement Action Network (CLEAN) sheet. The purpose is to monitor chronic livability offenders. It includes a photo of the person, a list of prior convictions, current conditions of probation, custody status, geographic restrictions, bench warrant status, names of the person's probation officer and future court dates. Updated weekly it is available at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us./police/about/2nd-precinct.asp.

Double Digit Crime Drop

- **Many pronged approach brings results**

Violent crime dropped by 13% in 2007 according to an article in the *Star tribune*. Attention on juvenile crime, dangerous and chronic offenders, 50 new officers, $1 million for surveillance cameras and shot spotter plus a change in the community- ties tolerance of crime all added up to the welcome decrease. Shutting down problem convenience stores and dealing with problem properties freed up hundreds of police hours formerly used responding to 911 calls at these sites. An 18 officer unit will target teens with warrants while aggressively dealing with truancy and curfew violators. A new center that links offenders with social services will open this January. Thank you to all in the Third Ward that are part of these programs especially your work with the Problem Properties/Care committee.

Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth on Review

Come review the draft and give your input on Tues., January 29th, at Eastside Neighborhood Services (1700 2nd St NE) from 4-6 p.m. The plan is the long term vision for growth and development to 2030! What do you want Minneapolis to look like, feel like? What are your views on population growth or economic development? Show up!

T-Mobile Tower Compromise Reached

- **Positive negotiation process brings results at 414 7th Ave. S.E.**

The City Council on December 21, 2007, approved the recommendation that was the result of the collaborative work of the Marcy Holmes neighborhood Eric Nauman, Tom Lincoln, Brian Muldoon, Norma Lynskey, Leonard Parades, Paula Buchta and many others in the community. With the neighborhood, the Minneapolis City attorney's T-Mobil's staff and attorney's along with the Third Ward Office and Council Member Hofstede made this a successful outcome.

Southeast Library Opens its Doors

- **Hennepin County/Minneapolis Library merger final**

On January 3rd, 2008 the shuttered Southeast Library (1222 4th St SE) reopened with the following hours, Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. A special community celebration will take place at noon on January 12th and all are invited. The new name of the library system is Hennepin County Libraries and all fines stay the same at present. Your card will work in both systems with a simple registration. For further information see their website at www.hclib.org. Many Third Ward residents helped this happen. Thank you!

Third Ward Extra

From the Desk of Council Member Diane Hofstede: What's Up? Who's New? Go Where? In the Third Ward

Third Ward businesses, residents, & entrepreneurs featured in print this month

- **Vic's** (201 Main St SE) on the Minneapolis Riverfront steams up Minnesota weekends with a calendar of jazz and R& B bands every Friday and Saturday evening from 9 p.m. to midnight. No cover! Checkout the website for yearlong indoor and outdoor music and more at: www.vicsdining.com.
- Share space with students or couples looking to salsa at the **Loring Pasta Bar** (327 14th Ave SE) in Dinkytown. Eclectic, and down home at the same time, the food is economical but varied. Check out their website at info@loringcafe.com or call 612-378-4849 for more information.
- Need your glasses replaced? **Try I Ware On Second** (1228 NE 2nd St) for a unique experience. Wristwatches by Paul Frank or a Funerary urn by local artist Brad Royce share space with a wide assortment in the latest in eye ware. Info at 612-617-1070.
- A long time favorite of both SE and NE Minneapolis, **Kramarczuk's** (215 E Hennepin Ave) has been serving Ukrainian comfort food for more than half a century. Take something home for dinner or stay and eat in their newly remodeled Deli. Staff fluent in East European languages add to its international flavor. For further information call 612-379-3018.
- Another staple in this same area is **Surdyk's** liquor store and Cheese shop (303 E Hennepin Ave). From a classy wine to a gourmet cheese this is the place to go. Longtime tenant of Hennepin Avenue it is a wonderful place to get a take out to go along with your favorite beverage. Info at 612-379-3232.
- Cold winter nights are the best time to take up a hobby and **Bella Lana** (21 4th St SE) can offer you classes and superb yarns for the age old art of knitting. A brand new store awaits your senses of sight and touch. Call 612-331-3330 for store hours.

Get Rid of Your Winter Blues at Sno Daz

- Sheridan neighborhood offers its fun filled evening on February 2nd

Once again this year the Ritz Theatre (345 13th Ave NE) will be the place to be on February 2nd to have a wonderful night out and help Sheridan neighborhood raise money for neighborhood initiatives. Food, entertainment and fellowship will abound. For a full description of the fun, times and ticket information go to the Sheridan website at www.sno@sheridanneighborhood.org.

Riverfront Blue Ribbon Task Force Envisions a Revitalized Riverfront

- Corporation seen as catalyst for change

A riverfront organization model with the working name of the *Minneapolis Riverfront Corporation* is the result of years of focus on enhancing and revitalizing the Minneapolis riverfront. Its goal is to allow riverfront revitalization to be completed more efficiently and effectively, attract additional investors and support and complete tasks in a more coordinated manner for better results. Planning, design input and targeted implementation would also be part of its function. Several steps need to occur to make it a reality. Thanks go to **CM Hofstede** and **Ostrow** for their work on this Task Force. Go to www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us for further information.

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