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From Minneapolis Council Member Gary Schiff

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Neighborhood organizations take on graffiti

New murals and new landscaping are beautifying the 9th Ward as neighborhood groups tackle gang graffiti.

Volunteers from Standish Ericsson and Corcoran Neighborhood Organization helped to design and install preventative measures this month for properties frequently vandalized with graffiti. "Landscaping and murals are proven methods for preventing graffiti and they are being used more and more as the costs of painting over graffiti add up," says Eric Gustafson, CNO organizer.

The [Standish Ericsson Neighborhood Association](#) (SENA) has just released the results of a summer-long study on the increasing graffiti in the community titled *Fighting Graffiti: An Investigation of Causes and Solutions*. "You only need to look up and down alleys to see that graffiti is a chronic problem," said Bob Kambeitz, SENA organizer. "This study gives us strategies for reducing, preventing and abating that problem." The study includes a detailed analysis of graffiti, a breakdown of the types of graffiti, maps of incidence and recommended strategies for preventing and removing graffiti. You can [read the study online](#) or for a hard copy visit the SENA office at 1830 E. 42nd Street or call (612) 721-1601. Photos courtesy of CNO and SENA.



Corcoran residents help a local business prevent graffiti by painting a mural.

Neighbors in Standish plant landscaping in front of a frequent graffiti target



E-News Exclusive!

Tour the new East Lake Library



East Lake Library Sept. 2006

Join Council Member Gary Schiff for a special sneak preview of the new East Lake Library building on Saturday, October 21, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. The first twenty E-News readers to RSVP for the tour will have the opportunity to see the East Lake Library

before the grand opening. To RSVP for the East Lake Library tour, [click here](#).

The new East Lake Library is nearing completion as the Lake Street Reconstruction and Streetscaping continues to progress. Installation of the glass art panels depicting book quotes is anticipated for fall. Public art will be installed in the exterior rain garden in early January. The rain garden, funded by the City of Minneapolis, features native plants, grasses and shrubs. The East Lake Library project continues to be within budget and on schedule for its grand reopening in March 2007.

Help needed to locate a witness

The Minneapolis Police Department is asking your help to locate a witness to the murder of Anthony Baca that occurred on June 21, 2006 in the intersection of E. 38th Street & 22nd Avenue South at 6:58 p.m.

The witness is described as a white male, stocky build with black glasses, driving a pickup truck (possibly brown) and may have been behind the suspect vehicle when the homicide occurred. Anyone with information about this witness, please contact the MPD Homicide Investigators Sgt. Chris Hauglid at (612) 673-3417 or Sgt Darcy Klund at (612) 673-3517.

Minneapolis to host first Northland Bioneers Conference

The Minneapolis Community and Technical College (1501 Hennepin Ave) will host the first-ever [Northland Bioneers Conference](#) from Friday, October 20 to Sunday, October 22. The conference will be a chance for people and organizations in the Midwest to learn about their ecosystems and connect the dots between the environment, health, science, social justice and spirit. Horst M. Rechelbacher, Ann Bancroft and Dr. David Wallinga will be among the local presenters.



Ann Bancroft will speak Friday, October 20th.

In its first year, The Northland Bioneers Conference is one of 17 satellite conferences happening simultaneously across the country serving as a companion event to the [17th Annual Bioneers Conference](#) out of San Rafael, Calif. Bioneers is the preeminent gathering of leading scientific innovators and environmental visionaries who explore how to heal nature by working with nature. For the full agenda or to register, visit www.nbconference.org. For further information, contact conference spokesperson Vonda Vaden at (612) 274-1448 or via [email](#).

3rd Precinct block leaders problem solving meeting

The 3rd Precinct is holding a block leaders meeting on Thursday, October 26 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Third Precinct Community Room (3000 Minnehaha Avenue). The purpose of this meeting is for block leaders to help come up with new ideas and strategies and find out more about problem-solving in their neighborhood.

Frequently asked questions include: How do I know I have a problem on the block? How do I know who to contact when I think there's a problem? What have other neighborhoods done? City Council members Gary Schiff, Elizabeth Glidden and Sandra Colvin-Roy are partnering with the Minneapolis Police Department, MADDADS and several neighborhood organizations to help answer these questions and more.

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