



City of Minneapolis — Council Member Sandy Colvin Roy

12th Ward Update

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35W/CROSTOWN RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

While this project isn't in the 12th Ward, I am sure it will have a major impact on residents between now and 2010. MnDOT recently updated the Transportation and Public Works Committee on the project and they presented some information that will be helpful to residents during construction.

Their project website is located at www.dot.state.mn.us/projects/crosstown/ and provides access to project background information, contact information and regularly project updates. I've signed up for their e-mail updates (click on "Get E-mail Updates" on the right side of the page) and find them to be very useful. It is an easy way to keep track of the ever changing lane closures that will be part of this project. The project will be an inconvenience for everyone in our part of the city, but arming yourself with the latest information should help you avoid the worst parts of the project.

PUBLIC SAFETY POINTS

MPD Continues to Add More Officers

The 2006 and 2007 budgets called for the hiring of 114 new sworn officers. As a result, sixty-six sworn officers were hired in 2006 and 48 sworn officers have been hired in 2007, for a total of 106 over the course of this two year period. The cadet class that graduated at the end of June had eight cadets drop out, which accounts for the difference between the number of officers hired (106) and the goal (114).

Focus on Juveniles Continues to Get Results

The Multi-Agency Juvenile Criminal Apprehension Team (JCAT) began operating in June 2006 and has been making tangible progress on our problems with juvenile criminals. The JCAT efforts have helped bring accountability and consequences to juvenile offenders who otherwise would go for extended periods of time without consequences for criminal behavior. Highlights from the first year of the program include 374 arrests and the recovery of 15 guns.

Graffiti

Enforcement will begin in July of a new ordinance that requires stores that sell aerosol paint and wide-tipped markers to display them in a place that can be continually monitored by store employees, or to keep them in areas that are not accessible to customers. Regulatory Services has been working closely with retailers, providing them with educational materials and in-store signs, plus information on how they can further help with the anti-graffiti effort.

As part of the new ordinance, Minneapolis will begin conducting compliance checks at stores, similar to ones that are used to pinpoint illegal sales of alcohol or tobacco to minors. The extra enforcement is being paid for in part by a grant from the National Council to Prevent Delinquency. Violations can bring fines of up to \$200.

We also kicked off a new reward program to encourage people to call 911 if they see graffiti vandals in action. A caller whose information leads to an arrest and conviction can receive an award of up to \$500. Funding for the rewards is coming from a number of sources, including the paint industry, my office and a generous contribution from Commissioner Peter McLaughlin and Hennepin County. For more information on the reward program, or to find out how to contribute to the fund, visit www.anti-graffiti.org.

Park Police Paying Attention to River Parties

Park Police informed residents at a recent community meeting that they are aware of the parties happening near the river and they have been making raids on the parties.

AIRPORT WEBSITE GOES LIVE

The tremendous turnout (nearly 1,000 residents) at our June 27 airport open house highlighted the need to get updated airport noise information on the city website. The link below will take you to noise contour maps, the latest on the airport lawsuits, and other information that, among other things, may help you decide whether to stay in or opt out of the class action lawsuit.

www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/airportnoise/index.asp

EVENTS & SPECIAL MEETINGS

Lifetime Fitness Triathlon

Saturday, July 14, 8 a.m.
Lake Nokomis

MPS Area B Schools Strategic Planning Session

Wednesday, July 18, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Anne Sullivan School, 3100 E. 28th Street
www.mpls.k12.mn.us/Strategic_Planning.html

Deadline for Free NNO Registration

Tuesday, July 24
www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno

Natural Resources & Watershed Management Plan

Tuesday, July 24, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Hiawatha School Park

Airport Noise Lawsuit

Open House About Proposed Settlement

Wednesday, June 27 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Richfield Lutheran Church, 8 W. 60th St.

Put a Living, Growing Roof on Your Garage

Saturday, July 28, 10 a.m. to Noon
East Lake Library, 2727 East Lake Street
Reservations Required: Contact Chris Wegscheid at cwegscheid@cermakrhoades.com

Runway Construction Open House

July 30, 2007 6:30 p.m.
Nokomis Community Center
2401 East Minnehaha Parkway

34th Annual Longfellow Corn Feed 2007

Thursday, August 9, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Longfellow Park
Kids activities, delicious corn, neighborhood resource fair, and more! Volunteers are needed to help set up and tear down. If you are interested, contact Jessica at jessica@longfellow.org or call 722-4529.

WiFi Informational Meetings

Thursday, November 1, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Nokomis Community Center
2401 East Minnehaha Parkway

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

LCC Board Meeting

Thursday, July 19, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Anderson Conference Room
Minnehaha Academy North Campus
For more information, visit www.longfellow.org

NENA Board Meeting

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

MORE BICYCLE LANES COMING TO MINNEAPOLIS STREETS

Minneapolis is already one of the most bike-friendly places around. Thanks to a multi-million dollar grant, there are going to be even more options for those who want to bike the town.

Transit for Livable Communities awarded \$7.3 million to create more and better biking lanes and routes in the Twin Cities. More than \$5.9 million of that will go to projects in Minneapolis.

For a list of projects being funded, go to www.tlcmnnesota.org/bwtcune07.html.

This grant money will make it possible to add 20 more miles of bike lanes in Minneapolis, bringing the city's total to 54 miles. Also, close to a mile will be added to the city's 56 miles of off-street bike trails. Some existing bike routes will be improved with new signs, special pavement markings, fewer stops, better access and more.

VA MEDICAL CENTER HAS FARMER'S MARKET EVERY TUESDAY

The VA Medical Center asked me to invite residents to their Farmer's Market on Tuesdays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The market is located in front of the medical center, past the Emergency Room entrance.

The VA Medical Center is located south of 54th Street along Minnehaha Ave, adjacent to the VA LRT station.

INTRODUCTION TO PEDESTRIAN SAFETY & WALKABILITY IN URBAN ENVIRONMENTS

A FREE Half-Day Workshop

August 2, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Currie Center, 1200 Currie Avenue, downtown Minneapolis
Presented by Michael Ronkin, principal of Designing Streets for Pedestrians and Bicyclists

The workshop will cover the essential questions relating to planning for pedestrians in your community including:

1. What does a safe, comfortable and accessible pedestrian system look like?
2. What are the most common pedestrian problems in places like Minneapolis and nearby communities, and how can communities identify the most pressing problems and design appropriate solutions?
3. What types of strategies and resources are available to address pedestrian issues?

Cost: FREE; but space is limited, so register early!!
Register: By July 20, 2007.
Questions: Please call Sacha Peterson at 651-767-0298 x.112 or email: SachaP@tlcmnnesota.org.