



Council Member Diane Hofstede

Ward 3
City of Minneapolis
Summer 2009

3rd Ward Neighborhoods

Beltrami

P.O. Box 18297
Mpls. MN 55418

Arlene.zamora@leonard.com

[www.neighborhoodlink.com/
minneapolis/beltrami](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/minneapolis/beltrami)

1st Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
1111 Summer St NE

Bottineau

2205 California St NE #107
Mpls. MN 55418
612-782-2145

bna@bottineauneighborhood.org

www.bottineauneighborhood.org

4th Thursday, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Eastside N'hood Services
1700 2nd St NE

Hawthorne

2944 Emerson Ave. No.
Mpls. MN 55411
612-529-6033

www.hawthornecommunitycouncil.org

1st Thursday, 7:30 – 8:30 am
Farview Park
609 29th Ave N

Marcy-Holmes

415 4th Ave SE #209
Mpls. MN 55414
612-623-7633

office@marcy-holmes.org

www.marcy-holmes.org

3rd Tuesday: Jan, March, June, Oct.

7:30 – 9:00 pm

Univ. Luth. Church of Hope
601 13th Ave SE

Third Ward Neighborhood Summit!

A forum on Economic Development and the Mississippi Riverfront

Who: **Council Member Diane Hofstede**

With Third Ward neighborhoods, businesses, organizations and guests

What: **A Panel Discussion and Trade Show Festival!**

- Tours of Third Ward landmarks
- Panel Discussion from experts and residents
- Community displays featuring the 3rd Ward and our partners

FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED!

When: **Wednesday, September 23, 2009**

Tours – 4:30-6:00 pm

Food and registration – 6:00 pm

Introduction, Program & 3rd Ward Update – 7:00 pm

Creative Displays, Entertainment, Bands, Comedians, and Networking
to follow!

Stay and socialize after pm!

Where: **Nicollet Island Pavilion**

40 Power St Minneapolis, MN 55401

Why: **To make a difference in our community!**

Together we will learn, plan, dream, network, and laugh

- A healthy ecosystem, recreation and a distinctive riverfront culture
- Increased economic vitality, housing and living wage jobs

McKinley

P.O. Box 11066
Mpls. MN 55411
612-668-2286

Mckinleycommunity@yahoo.com

[www.neighborhoodlink.com/
minneapolis/mckinley](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/minneapolis/mckinley)
1st Monday, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
City View School 3350 N 4th St

Nicollet Island/East Bank

612-340-7934

[www.neighborhoodlink.com/
minneapolis/ni-eb/](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/minneapolis/ni-eb/)
3rd Monday every other month
6:30 – 8:30 pm
Locations Vary

St. Anthony East

Webster School
425 5th St NE
Mpls. MN 55413

saenarp1@aol.com

www.saena.org
4th Monday, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Webster School

St. Anthony West

St. Maron Church
602 University Ave NE
Mpls. MN 55413
612-378-8886

neighbors@stawno.org

www.stawno.org
2nd Thursday, 7:30 pm

Sheridan

1226 2nd St NE
Mpls. MN 55413
612-379-0728

sno@sheridanneighborhood.org

www.sheridanneighborhood.org
4th Monday, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Eastside N'hood Services
1700 2nd St NE

Precinct Meetings

2nd Precinct Advisory Council
(2-PAC)

3rd Monday, 6:00 pm
1911 Central Ave NE
Check Location at 612-673-2874

4th Precinct Advisory Council
(4-PAC)

3rd Tuesday, 6:30 pm
1925 Plymouth Ave N

Next Third Ward Summit planning meeting
August 12th, 7:00 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Church
1 Lourdes Place
Everyone is welcome!



Press Conference Highlights Drop in Crime



Council Member Diane Hofstede at the conference with Mayor R.T. Rybak and Minneapolis Police Chief Dolan

The Third Ward contains the majority of the 2nd and 4th police precincts, both of which have **led the city's campaign to reduce crime**. Violent crime in the 4th police precinct has dropped close to 42% in the last three years, with this year's homicide rate down almost 60% from last year. The 2nd police precinct had the largest reduction of serious crimes in Minneapolis last year alone, and juvenile arrests for serious crimes have dropped by 33% from the first six months of last year. **Congratulations to Beltrami neighborhood** for having the one of the safest records in the city! Additionally, **St. Anthony West, Sheridan, and Nicollet Island – East Bank** each had less than a dozen crime incidents during June!

City-wide, violent crime is down 17% from last year, 28% since 2007, and 39% since 2006. The city officials who spoke at the recent press conference sounded very hopeful that this trend would continue, and they thanked the hard work of police officers and diligence of residents for the current improvements. Police have focused on violent crimes, juveniles and community relationships, and many north Minneapolis residents believe they can feel the difference. Our community has made great progress towards creating a pleasant atmosphere!

Officers Honored for Service

An awards ceremony last week honored officers for extraordinary dedication, valor, and merit. These officers have saved and changed lives and our community by acting beyond the call of duty. 4th police precinct **Officer Powell, Officer Alberts** (2nd police precinct) and 4th police precinct **Officer Buck** were presented the **Lifesaving Award** for using quick thinking to save the lives of two suicidal citizens. The Chief's **Award of Merit** was given to **Marcus Carter**, a janitor for the 4th precinct who stopped two kids from stealing. Finally, the **Medal of Valor** was presented to **Officer Honeycutt** (2nd police precinct) and 4th police precinct **Officer Warzinik** for entering a home on fire and assisting all 3 adults and 18 children to safety. Thank you all for your commitment to our neighborhoods!

DONNY DIRK'S ISA
NEW BUSINESS
NOW OPEN!

On Friday July 17th, the Minneapolis City Council granted Donny Dirk's Zombie Den a license. The bar will serve drinks and pizzas from Psycho Suzi's, which is the Northeast's favorite pizza. The brightly-colored building is located at 2027 2nd Street N. Opening soon!

**2010 City Budget
Important Dates!!!**

**August 13: Mayor's Budget
Address 2:00-3:00 pm**

August 17: Budget Overview
9:30-noon

Sept –Nov: departmental budget
hearings

**Nov 19: Public Comment on
Levy and Budget 6:05 pm**

Dec 2: Ways and Means
committee mark up of budget
9:30-noon, 1:00-4:30 pm

**Dec 7: *2010 Budget Adoption*
6:05 pm**

How Should Minneapolis Fund Our Street Lights?

A proposed fee is being considered to remedy reductions in aid from the State of Minnesota to the City of Minneapolis.

Question: Why is the new fee being proposed?

Answer: The City's 2010 allocation of local government aid has been cut by \$21.3 million. As a result, Minneapolis Public Works must cut \$5 million from its 2010 budget and is looking for new and more sustainable ways to pay for the services residents and visitors expect.

Question: What will the revenue from this proposed fee pay for?

Answer: Street light operations. Minneapolis spends \$2.9 million a year for operating the 46,700 street lights in the city. Most of this expense is payment to Xcel Energy for electricity plus light bulb replacement

Question: Are there any other options?

Answer: Yes. The city could limit hours for street lights, turn off alley lights, reduce the number of traffic lights, turn off mid-block lighting, reduce pavement line striping or eliminate street maintenance and repair crews.

Question: Why not just raise property taxes to pay for street light operations?

Answer: Property tax, the proposed fee, and Public Works Department service cuts are all options for the City Council to consider. We are proposing the street lighting operations fee as an option that will capture both taxable and property-tax-exempt parcels and will be clearly tied to an essential city service. The proposed fee will also provide a stable revenue source into the future.

Question: How is the fee calculated?

Answer: The recommended methodology uses a uniform rate that is applied to the size of a property.

Question: I live on a corner lot. Will I be doubled charged?

Answer: Corner lots will not be double-charged. We are proposing to use the influence-area method for the fee which accounts for corner properties and does not double charge their lot area.

Question: Do other cities charge a similar fee?

Answer: Yes. Numerous other cities both regionally, statewide and nationally already use street light fees and/or assessments. A sampling of other Metro Area cities includes: Apple Valley, Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Cottage Grove, Oakdale, Crystal, Eagan, Forest Lake, Maple Grove and North St. Paul.

Question: When will I learn what the City decides?

Answer: The City Council will make a decision on the ordinance on August 14th. If the ordinance is approved, community dialogue about the fee will continue through September 21st. Even with an ordinance change, a new fee would not be implemented until 2010 after more public review! A public hearing is set for September 22nd at a location to be determined. If you have questions or comments, please contact Council Member Diane Hofstede at 612-673-2203 or diane.hofstede@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

The Hawthorne Garden is in Bloom!

Go Twins! A new stadium is currently under construction for the Minnesota Twins baseball team. It will be finished before the beginning of next season, and it will be easily accessed by many methods of transportation, including the Metro. Bikers will also be given discounts on their tickets for their healthy and environmentally friendly lifestyle. Baseball is a great way to bring the community together to enjoy the summer weather. Check it out!



The garden is part of the Homegrown Minneapolis Initiative to help both the community and the environment. Part of its plan is to increase local food production, which will create some income and stimulus for the Third Ward community along with more affordable products for residents. The South Hawthorne Community Garden is located at 2123 6th St. N. The garden is also affiliated with Gardening Matters and many resident gardeners.



Welcome New North Minneapolis Neighbors!



Denmark-based Coloplast celebrated its grand opening of its U.S. Headquarters in North Minneapolis with employees, global leadership from Denmark, business partners, neighbors, city officials, and the mayor. The company has made a \$30-million-dollar investment in our community, and we are excited to welcome them as a new neighbor in the North side! Coloplast develops healthcare products for people with personal medical issues. The company is working with nearby neighborhoods to create a large number of living-wage job opportunities, and it is LEED certified (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design). LEED certification is decided upon by a committee of thousands of organizations, and it means that the building is environmentally suitable. Responsible construction generates less waste for the surrounding neighborhood, and it demonstrates the company's desire to be a true community partner. Coloplast Headquarters is located on West River Road and Broadway Avenue near the river. Welcome!

Reminder: Please Water Your Thirsty Boulevard Trees!

New Economic Recovery Website!

The site, www.minneapolisrecovery.us, has an up-to-date list of recovery grants that the City has either received or that are in the application pipeline. It includes economic recovery resources for residents and businesses, and there's also an opportunity for you to submit your ideas for making the most of the federal recovery funding. For more information on the Minneapolis Economic Recovery Strategy, go to www.minneapolisrecovery.us.

Northeast Farmer's Market

June to October

Every Saturday

9:00 am 'til 1:00 pm

Saint Boniface Church Parking Lot

The corner of University Ave NE

& 7th Ave NE

Fresh Produce from local vendors available all summer!

Berries and Sweet Corn

Apples and Squash

MN raised beef

Fresh flowers!

Coffee and Baked Goods

Live Entertainment Every Week

ATTEND THESE SUMMER EVENTS!



■ Free Concerts at Father Hennepin Bluffs Park!

Mondays and Wednesdays,

7:00 pm unless noted

Northeast bank of the

Mississippi River at the Stone

Arch Bridge

Schedule:

<http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/default.asp?PageID=714>

■ St. Anthony Main Outdoor Concert Series

Friday through Sunday, free and open to all ages

St. Anthony Main, between

Tuggs Tavern and VIC's,

219 SE Main St.

Schedule:

<http://www.saintanthonymain.com/musiccalendar.shtml>

Convey Your Concerns at the Monthly C.A.R.E. Meetings!

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, August 19th

7:00 pm

Eastside Neighborhood Services

1700 2nd St NE

***C.A.R.E. = Community And Resource Exchange.** These are monthly committee meetings to deal with problem properties, mortgage foreclosures and safety issues to promote timely and innovative solutions.

In attendance are neighborhoods, businesses, churches and non-profits, Minneapolis Regulatory Services, Problem Property Unit, the 4th and 2nd Police Precincts, the University of Minnesota Police Department, Minneapolis City Attorney, Hennepin County Probation Office, CPED, other Minneapolis departments and agencies to address critical issues in the ward.

C.A.R.E meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month. Please go to <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/ward3/> for future meeting dates and locations.

Update on Neighborhood Stabilization Program

Phase I contracts are now in place so work may begin. The city received \$14 million in federal funds to acquire and redevelop foreclosed properties to sell to homebuyers and nonprofits at low prices! As the first plan of its kind, this original program is a leading model for combating foreclosures in the nation. The program has already begun to help the city, with the number of foreclosures down from 2008. The city council also recently approved phase II of the stabilization program. For this phase, we received \$38 million in funds to help restore a healthy housing market in Minneapolis. We have applied for an additional \$20 million. **Beltrami, Sheridan, Hawthorne, and McKinley neighborhoods are qualified to receive funds!** For more information, please go to the city's website <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/foreclosure/>.

MINNEAPOLIS AWARDED \$3.2 MILLION

The City of Minneapolis will receive a public safety grant of **\$3.2 million** in Recovery Act funding through the Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program. The City applied for this grant in April to pay for the **hiring of 13 police officers.** Minneapolis and several other Minnesota cities were chosen to receive the Recovery funding, which is part of a package of \$1 billion in COPS funding being awarded nationwide. Minneapolis crime rates have been declining steadily throughout the last three years, but officers have been straining to cover the entire city with decreasing aid from the State. There are about 800 police officers in the department already. **This grant will help keep officers on the street and help push crime rates even lower!**

■ Hawthorne EcoVillage Design Workshops

DESIGN PRESENTATIONS:

Saturday August 22
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Farview Park

DESIGN OPEN HOUSE:

date and location to be
determined

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Call 311

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The Latest on Water from your Tap!

What should you drink – bottled water or city water? Here are some reasons why you should choose the water from your sink:

- **Tap water is safe (and healthy).**
Minneapolis has one of the safest supplies of drinking water in the nation, with about 500 tests performed on the water each day. All regulatory standards are exceeded, and the water even contains fluoride, which protects your teeth from cavities.
- **Tap water is an economical way to quench your thirst.**
Bottled water costs more than gasoline, and in these economic times it is important to save money where we can. The \$ to fill up 10 bathtubs with tap water = the \$ for 1 twenty-ounce bottle of water!
- **Tap water is environmentally friendly!**
Bottled water uses irreplaceable energy resources when it is shipped to your city from national and international sources. Few people reuse the empty plastic bottles, and non-recycled bottles are dumped into landfills.

Minneapolis named one of the world's top biking cities!



Travel and Leisure magazine has named Minneapolis one of the world's top biking cities. The magazine chose ten cities worldwide for its list, and just three in the United States. *Travel and Leisure* refers to Minneapolis as "a case study in policy promoting bicycling as a viable means to get around." The magazine notes designated street lanes, bike lockers, recreational trails, and winter

plowing of bike trails as reasons it placed Minneapolis on its list. The city has 83 miles of off-street bicycle paths and 40 miles of streets with dedicated bicycle lanes. Minneapolis has also been awarded the League of American Bicyclists' Bicycle Friendly Community Award.

The U.S. Census bureau ranks Minneapolis as the number two bicycling city in the country, just behind Portland, in its comparison of how many people bike to work in the nation's 50 biggest cities. Bicycle commuters help keep down traffic congestion in Minneapolis. Bicycling is a great workout and an environmentally friendly alternative to driving, reducing our dependence on oil and our production of greenhouse gases. To learn more about bicycling in Minneapolis, visit the City's bicycling Web page:

www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/bicycles.