

10th Ward News

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Increase in Bicycle Thefts!

During the past several weeks, the Fifth Precinct has seen a noticeable increase in bicycle thefts. The majority of these incidents have been preventable. Unsecured bicycles have been taken from yards, porches and open garages. Most of these bicycles are eventually recovered, but are unable to be returned to the owners due to lack of reporting or identification. Please take a moment to go to the Minneapolis Police Departments [webpage on preventing bicycle thefts](#) for more information and helpful tips.

National Night Out is Coming Up!

National Night Out is on Tuesday, August 3rd! **The deadline for registering your event on-line and blocking off your street for FREE has been extended to JULY 21!** After July 21, the fee will be \$100 to block off the street. You may register right up until August 3 for any non-street or alley-blocking event.

To register, please call 311 or visit Minneapolis' [on-line block event permit](#) application.

Uptown Art Fair

Location- intersection of Lake Street and Hennepin Avenue and “The Mall” in SW Minneapolis.

Hours- Friday August 6: Noon-8 p.m. Saturday August 7: 10 a.m-8 p.m. Sunday August 8: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Discover a true “Urban Experience” at the 2010 Uptown Art Fair August 6-8. As always, the Uptown Art Fair offers a wide range of diverse and exciting activities, along with world class artists. In between booth browsing sit back and relax in the Old Chicago parking lot at the Barefoot Wine Garden. While enjoying wine sampling, you will be entertained by the non-stop live art on the Performance Stage ranging from reggae to magic. Enjoy festival food and beverages from over 20 vendors while exploring the experiences of the fair. Additional features include *Tomorrow's Stars Seen Today*, Youth Art Fair located in Calhoun Square, interactive art activities at the Family Imagination Station, Keys 4/4 Kids Paint a Piano booth and new “green initiatives” such as complimentary valet bike corrals provided by Nice Ride Minnesota and bottle and can recycling. We hope you can join us in exploring the “Urban Experiences” of the Uptown Art Fair!

Visit the [Uptown Art Fair webpage](#) for more information.

Meet with Meg for Lunch!

Meet with Meg for lunch on Tuesday, August 10th from 12 pm to 1 pm at the 5th Precinct's Community Room (3101 Nicollet Ave S). Meet with Meg is a time for you to talk with her, ask questions, and voice concerns. Bring your sack lunch! Cookies and lemonade will be provided! Meet with Meg will be held the second Tuesday of every month.

We are still looking for your input on who you would like to see at Meet with Meg for Lunch! We would like to start inviting local and city officials to Meet with Meg and we need your help! If you have any ideas of whom you would like to hear from or of a topic that is of interest to you, please email 10th ward associate Breanna Patsch at breanna.patsch@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

City Promoting Energy Efficiency for Rental Property Owners

The City of Minneapolis, Xcel Energy, CenterPoint Energy and Minnesota Housing are teaming up to help rental property owners take advantage of programs and rebates to help make their properties more energy efficient. Property owners will receive special energy efficiency information with their rental license renewal notice which will be mailed out in the next few days.

There are savings options for all kinds of rental buildings, big or small! Government programs and rebates from Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy make it easier and more cost-effective than ever to upgrade the energy efficiency of a rental property. There's also help available to pay for energy efficiency upgrades. Additionally, Minnesota Housing and Community Action of Minneapolis have grants and loans that qualifying property owners can use to make upgrades.

To learn more about how to get started making energy efficiency upgrades, and who to contact, visit [the City's website](#).

Urban Farming Branches Out

For Minneapolis residents looking to grow lush food gardens in their yard or community garden, a new innovative program provides skills and support. [Backyard Harvest](#) partners experienced, trained urban farmers with residents interested in starting or improving their garden. It also offers gardens featuring over 35 vegetables, herbs, and edible flowers. The program provides both garden fresh food and garden education for homeowners, renters and neighborhoods, as well as entrepreneurial and small-scale food production training for their farmers.

Modestly priced garden coaching services help local backyard farmers with soil fertility, garden installation, basic watering systems, rabbit fencing, maintenance, how to deal with pests, plant disease, garden placement, garden design, and sourcing materials including seeds and plants. Backyard Harvest farmers contract with homeowners, renters and communities to create gardens in their yards, maintain the gardens and harvest all of the produce weekly for each.

For more information, visit the [Backyard Harvest Blog](#), or contact Krista Leraas at harvest@pricoldclimate.org

A special thanks to Ninth Ward E-Newsletter for this fabulous article!

Barbeque Grill & Bonfire Safety during the Summer!

As many of us know, with summer comes the almost daily use of barbeque grills and bonfires in the backyard. Here is a summary of the basic provisions pertaining to barbeque grills and bonfires in Minneapolis.

Barbeque Grills

- Grills must be at least 18 inches from noncombustible building walls (such as cement) and 10 feet from combustible walls or materials (such as wood siding)
- Charcoal, electric, natural gas and one (1) pound propane (LP) grills in good condition are allowed on decks **when securely mounted to the deck to prevent tipping.**
- **Grills are not to be used on balconies** of combustible construction unless the underside of the balcony is protected by fire sprinklers.
- Open flame, fire pits, fire places, chimineas and propane (LP) fueled grills with tanks greater than one (1) pound capacity **are not allowed on balconies, roofs or within 15 feet of the exterior of multi-unit residential buildings.**

Check out the [barbeque grill rules](#) for more detailed information.

Bonfires

- Must be small fires less than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet or less in height.
- Must be contained by a fire ring at least 6 inches high of non-combustible material, such as a metal ring, concrete blocks, or large stones.
- Must be at least 6 inches deep.
- Must be further than 25 feet from a structure, such as a house, garage, or shed
- Must be further than 25 feet from combustible materials unless contained in a fire ring, barrier, or pit.
- Can only burn unpainted, untreated wood.
- You **MUST HAVE EXTINGUISHING** tools nearby when you have a bonfire, such as a garden hose, a fire extinguisher, and/or several big buckets of water.
- The bonfire **MUST BE ATTENDED** by a competent person 18 yrs or older.
- The bonfire **MUST BE COMPLETELY EXTINGUISHED** before leaving.

Please check out the [MFD's recreational fires page](#) for more detailed information.

Disposing of Ashes

The safest way to dispose of hot ashes is to follow these procedures:

1. Dispose of ashes in a metal container that can be tightly closed and douse with water.
2. Place the closed container outside your home away from combustible materials and leave in the container for several days before disposing of them.

Attention: If you want help translating this information into a language other than Hmong, Spanish or Somali, please call 311.

Hmong - Ceeb toom. Yog koj xav tau kev pab txhais cov xov no rau koj dawb, hu 612-673-2800;

Spanish - Atención. Si desea recibir asistencia gratuita para traducir esta información, llama 612-673-2700;

Somali - Ogow. Haddii aad dooneyso in lagaa kaalmeeyo tarjamadda macluumaadkani oo lacag la' aan wac 612-673-3500.