

# Ward 11 Newsletter

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## New idling rules seek to clean up our air

Idling cars and trucks not only waste expensive fuel, they also put a lot of pollutants into our air. That's why the City Council and Mayor R.T. Rybak have modified a city ordinance to limit vehicle idling times to three minutes, except when in traffic.

Vehicle motors release particulate matter, dirt, nitrous oxides, hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide into the air. These chemicals are linked to increased rates of cancer, heart and lung disease and asthma and are the major source of human-caused global warming. Children are especially vulnerable to vehicle air pollution because their lungs are still developing, and they inhale more pounds of pollution per pound of body weight than adults do.

Reducing vehicle idling in Minneapolis translates into substantially less air pollution. Reducing air pollution protects the public health and the environment.

For the driver, reducing idling saves money in fuel. On average a car will burn more than half a gallon of fuel for every hour spent idling. In general, 10 seconds of idling uses more fuel than restarting the car. Warming up a car's engine in winter needs no more than 30 seconds, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Engines generally pollute more when cold, and driving a vehicle cuts warm-up time in half. Idling a cold engine actually pollutes more than driving it does, and idling is harder on the engine.

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Important  
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673-2211  
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1-866-743-6590



# Celebrate Minneapolis 150 This Summer



The City of Minneapolis will officially celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> year in partnership with the 2008 Aquatennial, July 18 – 27. Through this partnership, there will be plenty of ways you can join in the celebration. There will be a Minneapolis “icons” category for the sandcastle-building competition, a special “tribute” to Minneapolis as part of the Target fireworks display, and many other ways to mark our 150<sup>th</sup> year.

If you want to learn more about the city’s rich history, the Minneapolis Central Library is hosting a special lecture series to celebrate Minneapolis 150. Local historians, authors, educators and experts will give presentations on the city’s past, its culture, its architecture, its people and growth. Authors of books on Minneapolis history will also be on hand to sign copies of their work. Hour-long discussions will begin at 6 and 8:20 p.m. on the following four dates:

## **July 22**

### **Before Minneapolis: The Land, Native People .**

Learn about the pre-Minneapolis landscape and lives of the native people, contrasting views of archaeology and Dakota and Ojibwe oral histories, perspectives on inter-tribal conflicts and Native-Anglo conflicts, and the evolving lifestyles and relocations of indigenous populations during the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

### **American Indians 20<sup>th</sup> Century Relocation to Minnesota Cities**

Discussion will include Native American urbanization of the last 50 years, resettlement programs, formation of the Indian community in Minneapolis, assimilation, political movements and more.

## **Aug. 19**

### **Building Minneapolis**

This illustrated program will cover the establishment and development of Fort Snelling, St. Anthony and Minneapolis, including the squatters, the settlers, the entrepreneurs.

### **Minneapolis Late 19<sup>th</sup> and Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Growth**

Topics include population explosion, new technologies and business development and expansion, dynamic financial swings, and how business, finance, politics, government and labor were affected as Minneapolis expanded geographically.

## **Sept. 23**

### **Our People and Their Stories**

Why did 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century immigrants choose Minneapolis? How did they get here? What was their experience of local culture? How were they accepted?

### **New Stories from New Arrivals**

How did 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century immigrants get to Minneapolis? What was their experience of this new culture and community?

## **Oct. 21**

### **Buildings and Their Tales**

This panel will discuss the current state of the Minneapolis-built environment and an overview of post-WWII growth, flight to suburbs, urban renewal and new urbanism.

### **Architecture and the Future**

Discover the city’s “not-to-be missed” buildings, and learn more about new homes, rediscovery of the riverfront and new cityscape trends.

For more information on this lecture series, go to the Hennepin County Library’s event’s page, [www.hclib.org/pub/events/](http://www.hclib.org/pub/events/), choose “Minneapolis Central Library” from the drop-down tab, and go to the above dates.

# Do Fish Eat Candy Bars?

Minnehaha Creek Clean-up, Sunday, July 13, 2008, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM, Lake Hiawatha, E. 46th St. & 28th Ave.

9:00 AM Pre-Clean-Up Breakfast (Free)

9:30 AM Clean-Up Begins (Gloves and Bags Provided)

12:30 pm Post-Clean-Up BBQ

\*\*\*Prizes for the most candy bar wrappers collected\*\*\*

**RSVP to 612.331.5600 or email [kelly@silhouettellc.com](mailto:kelly@silhouettellc.com)**

[www.minnehahacreek.org](http://www.minnehahacreek.org)

## Making it Green report

The Health Energy and Environment Committee recently heard the results of a report titled, *Making It Green in Minneapolis Saint Paul*, which examines three green manufacturing sectors and outlines strategies for the two cities to capitalize on those sectors' potential. The study looked at job growth opportunities in the green building, transportation, and renewable energy sectors and found that the area has significant advantages for green manufacturing. Taken together, Minneapolis and Saint Paul are the 4th largest manufacturing city in the U.S. both cities have policies in place to attract industrial firms; both offer ready marketplaces for green products and suppliers; and both have an increasing variety of renewable energy sources and green transportation/shipping options, such as the Mississippi River.

*Making it Green* recommends focusing on five strategies to create green manufacturing jobs in the Minneapolis Saint Paul area:

1. Market Aggressively — Initiate an aggressive, leadership-driven marketing plan — “Making it Green in Minneapolis & Saint Paul” campaign;
2. Realign Our Tools — Realign our cities' economic development tools to focus on the green “industries of the future”;
3. Grow Markets for Local Suppliers - Grow receptive markets for these green manufacturers by sharpening our procurement and public policies;
4. Coalesce State Policies and Programs — Create a set of state policies and incentives to support the creation of green jobs in Minneapolis and Saint Paul; and
5. Forge Enduring Partnerships-Adopt and strengthen the culture of innovation and partnership of the cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul with the on-going work of the Mayors' Green Manufacturing Initiative through a restructured Mayors' Green Manufacturing Development Team.

The Committee has instructed City staff to begin implementation of the recommended strategies.

The full report is available at:

[http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/sustainability/docs/MakingItGreenReport\\_2008.pdf](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/sustainability/docs/MakingItGreenReport_2008.pdf)

## Monthly Community Meetings

<p><b>Field Regina Northrop</b>  <a href="http://FRNNG.org">FRNNG.org</a>            Meets Third Wednesday            6:30 PM            Lake Nokomis Presb.</p>	<p><b>Hale Page Diamond Lake</b>  <a href="http://HPDL.org">HPDL.org</a>            Meets Fourth Monday            7:00 PM            Emmanuel United Methodist</p>	<p><b>Kingfield</b>  <a href="http://Kingfield.org">Kingfield.org</a>            Meets Second Wednesday            7:00 PM            Martin Luther King Park</p>
<p><b>NENA</b>  <a href="http://Nokomiseast.org">Nokomiseast.org</a>            Meets Fourth Thursday            7:00 PM            NENA Office</p>	<p><b>Tangletown</b>  <a href="http://Tangletown.org">Tangletown.org</a>            Meets Third Monday            7:00 PM            Fuller Community Center</p>	<p><b>Windom</b>  <a href="http://Windomcommunity.org">Windomcommunity.org</a>            Meets Second Thursday            7:00 PM            Windom Community Center</p>

## Coffee With Scott

Whatever is on your mind, you can sit down with **Scott Benson** and talk about it over a cup of coffee, from **8:00 AM until 9:00 AM** at coffee shops around the 11th ward.

Aug 7	Betsy's Backporch 5447 Nicollet Ave	Oct 2	Anodyne 4301 Nicollet Ave
Sept 4	Sister's Sludge 4557 Bloomington Ave	Nov 6	Mike's Corner Store 5601 Chicago Ave

## Open Appointments

The City of Minneapolis has more than 45 boards, commissions and advisory committees. These organizations, composed of citizen volunteers, advise the City on current issues and assist the City in policy development and administration of services.

[Minneapolis Workforce Council \(closes 7/11/2008\)](#)

For more information:

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/boards-and-commissions/open/>

## Electronic Newsletter

Council Member Benson publishes an electronic newsletter to keep you up to date on what is happening at City Hall. If you would like to receive this update, please e-mail me at [scott.benson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:scott.benson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us) and put the words "E-mail Update" in the subject line.