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[June]



Susan Segal, Minneapolis City Attorney, Carol Arthur, Executive Director Domestic Abuse Project, City Council member Gary Schiff, Minneapolis Police Chief Timothy J. Dolan, City Council member Sandy Colvin Roy, and Tom Wurtz, Director of Retail Sales-North District, Verizon Wireless Great Plains Region

## Police Chief Acknowledged for Domestic Violence Work

Verizon Wireless recently presented Minneapolis Police Chief Timothy J. Dolan with the Hope Line Law Enforcement Partnership Award, which comes with a grant of \$10,000. The award is to recognize his leadership toward reducing domestic violence and his support of an innovative pilot program involving new training for police who respond to domestic violence calls and close work between the MPD, advocates and the City Attorneys.

**It was noted that in 2009, for the first time in 10 years, there were no homicides attributable to domestic violence in Minneapolis.**

Under the pilot program, successful prosecution of domestic violence cases went from 50% to 79% in 2009. Chief Dolan recognized the essential work of Insp. Kris Arneson of the 5th precinct when accepting the award. The MPD also secured federal Violence Against Women Act funds to add one city attorney and three advocates to the Domestic Assault Unit. The \$10,000 Hopeline grant will be used to add another advocate to the Unit.

CM Colvin Roy, speaking at the ceremony, said she was proud of Chief Dolan, the Minneapolis Police Department and the City Attorney's office for giving this crime the attention it deserves. "Sadly, there are still a lot of people that view domestic violence as a private matter," said CM Colvin Roy. "The fact that the crime of domestic violence happens at home just means that it is that much more intimate, that much more enduring, and that much more difficult to combat."

Abandoned Vehicles

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Metro Transit

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## Mortgage Workshops

Are you facing challenges with your Wells Fargo or Wachovia mortgage?

A free workshop will give you the opportunity to meet with a Wells Fargo representative who can help you review options, including restructuring.

June 5 & 6  
10:00 am – 7:00 pm  
Minneapolis Convention Center  
1301 Second Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55403

For more info call 1-800-405-8067

## Howe School Site Meeting to View New Proposal

Last August, United Properties (UP) entered into a purchase agreement with Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) for the Howe School site. The agreement expires in August, 2010. UP was planning to build senior cooperative housing. The Howe School Redevelopment Task Force, a resident committee of the Longfellow Community Council (LCC) was created to monitor the development.

The Task Force is hosting a meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup> to update residents about what has happened with the Howe School site and to hear about a potential new proposal from United Properties.

**Wednesday, June 16th, 6:30- 8:30 pm at the CWA Union Hall (3521 E. Lake St.)**

Recently, UP reached the conclusion that their original plans to build senior cooperative housing were not financially feasible for them. They have another idea for 50 units of rental, workforce housing that they'd like to present for community reaction. Since the Task Force was created to monitor the original proposal, they feel it is time to return to the broader community for a reaction to this new idea. With the purchase agreement soon to expire, UP would like to know if their new proposal for rental housing is something that the community would support.

If you are a resident of the Longfellow Community your opinion and ideas are needed! For more information, contact Kim Jakus at [kim@longfellow.org](mailto:kim@longfellow.org) or 612-722-4529 x 5.

## National Night Out is August 3. Register your Event.

National Night Out is Tuesday, August 3. You are encouraged to register your event, even if you are not blocking your street. It will help track the success of National Night Out. You can register and get more information about National Night Out online at [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno).

If you want to close your street for your event, the permit will be **free if you apply by July 14**. You need permission from 75% of block residents for street closure to be approved – Please have their names and addresses when you apply (You don't need their signatures). You can also register your event and apply for street closure by calling 311.

## Purina site due to be Demolished by end of June

As reported last month, environmental work is being done at the Purina site (38th Street and Hiawatha) in preparation for demolition. Demolition is expected to be done by the end of June. In the meantime, if you have questions or concerns about activity at the site, contact the contractor, John Landwehr, at Pinnacle Engineering by calling 1-866-658-8883 toll free.

## Minneapolis 6<sup>th</sup> Best Eco-City in the World

In a survey conducted by *Mercer's 2010 Quality of Living Worldwide* Minneapolis was named the 6<sup>th</sup> best eco-city world-wide.

The survey considered factors such as how cities optimized renewable energy, who generated the lowest possible quantity of air, water and noise pollution, water quality and traffic congestion. Who ranked higher than Minneapolis?

1. Calgary
2. Honolulu
- 3 & 4 Ottawa and Helsinki (tie)
5. Wellington

## Help for Santiago, a Minneapolis sister-city.

Santiago, Chile is a sister-city to Minneapolis. You can enjoy great music while providing earthquake relief for Chile at the upcoming **Twin Cities Latin Music Festival** hosted by Chilenos de Minnesota. The event is Sunday, June 20 from noon to 6:00 pm at the Nicollet Island Pavilion across from downtown Minneapolis. Tickets are \$15 or \$10 in advance. Click [HERE](#) for more.

## Cedar Avenue United Boulevard Workshop

Cedar Avenue United (CAU) is an organization of residents that, in their own words, is “dedicated to improving our neighborhoods and local commercial areas by reclaiming and redesigning Cedar Avenue in south Minneapolis.”

CAU is hosting a workshop to show how landscaping your boulevard can be both attractive AND traffic calming. Their special guest is Ryan Hogan - landscape designer, horticulturist, forester and neighbor.

The workshop will be held in the Sibley Park Recreation Center at 1900 40<sup>th</sup> Street E. on Saturday, **June 12th** at 1:00 pm. The workshop is open to ALL residents living near Cedar Avenue. This includes any resident of Standish-Ericsson.

CAU meets the first Wednesday of each month. To learn more, visit the website: <http://www.cedaraveunited.org/>



## Peace Pole Dedicated at Wellstone International

On May 3, a ceremony was held at Wellstone International High School to re-dedicate their school's peace pole. A peace pole is a monument that displays the message “May Peace Prevail on Earth” on each of its four or six sides, usually in different languages. There are tens of thousands of Peace Poles in 180 countries all over the world dedicated as monuments to peace. Students of the school read from their award winning poetry on peace and music was provided by students as well (see photo above.)

CM Colvin Roy participated in the dedication ceremony and told the crowd,

*Sometimes it seems like talking about peace is viewed as silly or naive. It takes courage to stand up for peace. People like Martin Luther King Jr. and Senator Paul Wellstone had that courage, and they changed the world. We can too. Senator Wellstone said, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." Today, we are renewing our dedication to believe in our dreams. To believe peace is possible and to work for peace.*

## Minneapolis Funding from Legislature this Session

Despite the ongoing budget crisis, lawmakers managed to enact several proposals that seek to stimulate the economy, provide financial stability for public pensions and prevent additional reductions to property tax credits. Several policy bills passed this year in such areas as public health, public safety, transportation and human services.

Below are some measures that will have a direct impact on Minneapolis:

**Capital bonding bill:** Among the \$700 million in bonds for projects across Minnesota are two Minneapolis priorities - construction of a new Northtown Railyards Bridge (a city priority due to its fracture critical design) and addition of an apparatus bay for the City's Emergency Operations Center. Other projects located in the City include Orchestra Hall and Peavey Plaza renovations, Lowry Bridge construction, Victory Veteran's Memorial Drive improvements and HCMC Hyperbaric Center construction.

**Pensions:** Along with providing financial stability for statewide pension funds, the omnibus pensions bill brings security to retirees under the closed Minneapolis Employee Retirement Fund, or MERF. Under the measure, the State and the City will provide financial stability to MERF, which has become drastically underfunded due to market losses and its closed nature. Once MERF achieves 80-percent funding, it will merge with the Minnesota Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA). The City's annual contribution to MERF is estimated to rise by \$20 million to \$23 million starting in 2012.

**Local Government Aid:** Minneapolis' cuts were around \$10.8 million. When added to the \$22 million in previous cuts, the State reduced the City's 2010 aid by \$32 million. While high, it's only about a third of what was initially considered.

**Jobs Bill:** The jobs bill authorized tax credits and provisions intended to stimulate construction of projects stalled by the economy. 1) the state historic tax credit mirrors the federal program and could provide incentives for the rehabilitation of historic buildings. 2) the angel investment credit is intended to provide an incentive for investment in start firms located in Minnesota.

## Summer walking tours showcase Minneapolis' history

Take a walk through history as you visit 21 areas of Minneapolis this summer, ranging from cultural gathering places and residential neighborhoods, to bustling commercial industrial area, to the theaters of Hennepin Avenue and remnants of the city's extensive streetcar system. The Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission and the City of Minneapolis Department of Community Planning and Economic Development will offer a series of expert guide-led tours of historic sites throughout Minneapolis between May 31 and Sept. 18.

Tours are free (except for the Como Harriet Streetcar Line tour, \$5 charge; American Swedish Institute's Park Avenue neighborhood tour, \$6 charge). Tour sizes are limited and participants should arrive 15 minutes before the start of the tour to obtain a ticket and sign a waiver. Reservations are not required except for the two Park Avenue tours, Tree Canopy tour, and the Grain Belt Brewery tour, which request a pre-registration.

For schedule information, call 612-673-2615 or see [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/hpc](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/hpc).

## Events & Meetings

### Longfellow Community-Warming Party

**June 2 6:30-8:30 pm** at Glacier's Café, 3019 Minnehaha Ave (Lake St, Minnehaha Av & 27<sup>th</sup> Av) Get to know your neighbors and learn more about the Longfellow Community Council (LCC). Help improve the quality of life and develop a sense of community in Longfellow by supporting your neighborhood organization. FREE custard & appetizers, live entertainment by local band None of the Above (NOTA) and artwork by League of Longfellow Artists (LoLa). Suggested donation of \$10 to benefit LCC (501(c)3 and donations are tax deductible. For more information, visit [www.longfellow.org](http://www.longfellow.org).

### Minnehaha AARP host Concert

**June 3 1 pm** Minnehaha United Methodist Church, 3701 E. 50<sup>th</sup> St., lower level. Free and open to the public. This month's meeting features a piano and violin concert by Mae and Robert Schroeder which will follow a short business meeting. Refreshments will be served.

### SENA Neighborhood Garage Sale

**June 12 9 am-5 pm** To include your sale in advertising, call the SENA office at 721-1601 by Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. For shoppers, a free map and guide to all sales will be available at following locations: Tillie's Bean (2803 E. 38<sup>th</sup> St); Midtown Farmers' Market (E. Lake St & 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave); Angry Catfish Bicycle & Coffee Bar (4208 28<sup>th</sup> Ave S) and Caribou Coffee (4745 Cedar Ave S). Sales will be held rain or shine.

### Howe School Site Redevelopment Community Meeting

**June 16 6:30-8:30 pm** CWA Union Hall, 3521 E. Lake St. United Properties will talk about possible workforce housing. See article above for more info. Refreshments will be served.

### Historical Resources Survey – Meeting #2

**June 23 6:30-8 pm** McRae Park Rec Ctr, 906 E. 47<sup>th</sup> St. Second of three community meetings to discuss the Heritage Preservation Commission's survey of Hale, Keewaydin, Ericsson, Field, Page, Minnehaha, Diamond Lake, Wenonah, Morris Park, Regina, Northrop, Corcoran, Bryant, Bancroft & Standish neighborhoods. For information about the survey, call Brian Schaffer, Senior City Planner, at 612-673-2670 or e-mail at [brian.schaffer@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:brian.schaffer@ci.minneapolis.mn.us)

### Nokomis East Neighborhood Garage Sale

**June 26 8 am – 4 pm** This first-ever sale will be held rain or shine. If you would like to have your sale added to the list and map of sales, visit <http://www.nokomiseast.org/hood-main.html#neps> to register. Registration is free and you keep all of the money you make. You may participate if you live south of Minnehaha Parkway and East of Cedar Avenue.

### National Night Out Registration Deadline Approaching!

Register your block's event by **July 14** and your street closure permit fee will be waived. Visit [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno) for more information and to register your August 3<sup>rd</sup> event. You may also register by phone. Call 311 (or 612-673-3000).

### Open Appointments to City Boards and Commissions

Latino Advisory Cmte Open until filled

Pedestrian Advisory Cmte Open until filled, priority to apps received by 5/28/10

Public Health Advisory Cmte (PHAC) Open until filled

For information on City openings: [ci.minneapolis.mn.us/boards-and-commissions/open](http://ci.minneapolis.mn.us/boards-and-commissions/open)