



# Ninth Ward E-News

From Minneapolis City Council Member Gary Schiff

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## Spray Paint “Lock Up” Legislation Introduced

Spray paint will have to be displayed in locked cabinets or sold behind the counter if the Minneapolis City Council passes a new ordinance introduced by Council Member Gary Schiff. “City law already prohibits the sale of spray paint to people under 17 years of age,” says Schiff. “But you only need to look up and down alleys to see that far too many youth are getting access to spray paint.”



Schiff is speaking to elected officials in St. Paul and Bloomington to encourage similar legislation. A public hearing on the proposal is scheduled for August 9th in City Hall (Room 317) at 1:30 p.m.

## July Breakfast With Gary: MPD Chief Tim Dolan



Interim Police Chief  
Tim Dolan

This month’s Breakfast With Gary will feature Minneapolis Police Interim Chief Tim Dolan. Chief Dolan was raised in north Minneapolis and has been Chief of Police since former Chief William McManus took the same position in San Antonio. Chief Dolan will talk about the new juvenile crime unit, general crime and safety issues and take questions from the audience at Breakfast on Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>.

Breakfast with Gary is a monthly meeting for 9th Ward constituents held from 7:30 to 9:00am the final Friday of the month at the Café of the Americas (3019 Minnehaha Avenue South). \$5 buys breakfast.

## Boulevard Trees Need Watering

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) Forestry Section is concerned about thousands of new trees planted this spring on Minneapolis boulevards. In hot weather, these boulevard trees are at risk of dying. Even after recent rain and the Park Board's recent watering efforts, these trees still need to be watered by property owners (even if it rains).



All newly planted boulevard trees need to be watered once every 7 to 10 days during the growing season when dry soil conditions exist. To water your tree, place a hose under the crown of the tree and turn the water on at a slow rate for 2 hours. If a garden hose is not available, apply at least 20 gallons slowly around each young tree. It is best to maintain a 4 – 6 inch layer of mulch around your trees. Mulch should be kept a few inches away from the trunk of the tree and is [available from MPRB](#).

## Learn about Wireless Minneapolis and Tour 311

A community meeting will be held Wednesday, August 2, 2006 to update city residents and business owners on city plans to establish a wireless internet network. The meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. in the Minneapolis Police Third Precinct community room (3000 Minnehaha Avenue South).

The City of Minneapolis is in the process of selecting a vendor to build and operate a broadband wireless network that covers the entire city. [Wireless Minneapolis](#) networks are now being tested to analyze the capabilities of the finalist vendors seeking to partner with the City. A vendor will be selected this Fall, with full operation slated for 2007.

A tour of the 311 call center, located on the third floor of the Third Precinct building will follow the meeting. For more information on 311, [click here](#).

## Minnehaha Corridor Community Safety Meeting

[Longfellow Community Council](#), Council Member Gary Schiff and Council Member Sandy Colvin Roy, are sponsoring a Minnehaha Corridor Crime Prevention Meeting on Monday, August 7, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the [Longfellow Park](#) multi-purpose room (3435 36th Avenue South). Minneapolis Police representatives will discuss crime trends in detail and share tips for building your block club and preventing crime on your block.

In response to neighborhood concerns regarding crime prevention and safety strategies, Council Member Schiff is holding a series of block club and community meetings throughout the Ninth Ward. If you would like to help put together or host a community meeting in your area, please email [Heidi Quezada](#) or call 612-673-2209.

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