



# 9th Ward E-News

From Minneapolis Council Member Gary Schiff

March 5, 2010

Contact Gary

[Where to send  
in email](#)

More contact  
information

[Inspections](#)

[Report Graffiti](#)

[Animal Control](#)

[Public Works](#)

## Winter parking restrictions have ended

Effective immediately, Minneapolis has lifted the [Winter Parking Restrictions](#) that were put in place last month. The restrictions went into effect on February 11 after snow accumulations narrowed many streets, making it difficult for fire trucks, ambulances, and other emergency vehicles to navigate in some neighborhoods. Limiting parking to one side of many city streets created more reliable access for emergency responses.

Recent mild temperatures and sunnier days have melted snow along city

streets, widening them far enough that the Fire Chief, Public Works officials, and other public safety officials have determined the restrictions can be lifted.

Beginning March 5, normal parking rules again apply on city streets, and drivers should continue to follow all posted signs. The public's cooperation in following the restrictions greatly aided emergency responders in their work to serve folks in Minneapolis. During the time the parking restrictions were in place, Minneapolis Fire crews made more than 1,800 runs for emergency medical calls and fires—and crews were able gain better access on those runs because of the parking restrictions.



Warmer conditions have melted snow along city streets enough to merit lifting the winter parking restrictions. (Photo courtesy of [www.twincitiesdailyphoto.com](http://www.twincitiesdailyphoto.com).)

## Minneapolis aids Chile earthquake

## recovery



Minneapolis residents can help “sister city” Santiago, Chile with earthquake relief by [donating](#) to a special fund at the American Red Cross.

Following the 8.8 magnitude earthquake and numerous aftershocks that struck Chile on Saturday, February 27, the City of Minneapolis and the American Red Cross Twin Cities Area Chapter announced on March 4 how folks can donate to help recovery efforts. “Santiago was Minneapolis’s first sister city. This grave situation reminds us that even though we are miles from Santiago, we are part of a global community and can play a role in helping those in need,” said Council Member Gary Schiff.

Donations to the fund, will aid relief efforts throughout the country and can be made in honor of Santiago, Chile. To contribute, folks should call the Twin Cities Red Cross at 612-460-3700 or visit their [website](#). Since the earthquake struck Chile, the American Red Cross has responded with a pledge of \$250,000 from its International Response Fund to aid relief operations.

The City of Minneapolis established its first sister city relationship with Santiago, Chile, in 1961, under Mayor P. Kenneth Peterson. The purpose of sister city relationships is to promote greater good will and understanding through cultural, educational and other mutually beneficial exchanges. These relationships are supported by citizen groups here in Minneapolis whose members organize the exchanges and other activities. The City of Minneapolis works through Meet Minneapolis on behalf of the 10 [Sister City relationships](#) worldwide, and is recognized by Sister Cities International, a non-profit citizen diplomacy network.

[Unsubscribe from E-News](#) / [Subscribe to E-News](#) / [Learn About the Ninth Ward](#)