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From Minneapolis City Council Member Gary Schiff

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New Ninth Ward Landmark!

New affordable housing rises near Midtown LRT

Hiawatha Commons, a new 80 unit apartment building is wrapping up construction and will be ready for residents this Fall. Sixty of the units will be affordable, developed by [Alliance Housing](#). The remaining twenty units will be market rate.

“We will help house low wage workers. Some of these adults have been homeless, or are at risk for homelessness,” said Herb Frey, Alliance Housing Executive

Director. By paying only \$380 a month for an apartment, these workers can have stability and protection from rising rents.”

Hiawatha Commons is located a short walk from the Midtown LRT station, between Cub and Target. On site services for residents will include job skill development and other employment services. Additional retail on the first floor will include a salon and hopefully a coffee shop and other local businesses. For leasing information call (612) 345-4711.



Council votes to demolish Gustavus

Adolphus Hall



The Minneapolis City Council ordered demolition of Gustavus Adolphus Hall two and a half years after a fire gutted the once-popular Lake Street meeting hall.

“The fire was a tragedy,” said Council Member Gary Schiff. “The owner’s refusal to rehab the building or sell it since the fire has been an additional heartbreak. Allowing the building owner to keep the property in its current state indefinitely is not in the community’s interest.”

The status of the building has been subject of multiple Council actions since the fire. The owner appeared before the City Council four times and, in recent months was granted several extensions to secure financing. Seven building permits were pulled, but no work has occurred. Rehabilitation has been estimated at \$2.8 \$3.6 million

The Gustavus II Adolphus Hall was built in 1924 as a social hall for Swedish immigrants. President Bill Clinton ate lunch at Sallie’s Soul Food in 2000. The Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission will make recommendations to save the signage and other features of the façade before demolition occurs. Demolition could occur before the end of the year, unless legal action prompts a court review.

Corcoran residents form walking patrol

The Caring Corcoran Neighbors walking patrol is a bi-weekly event to fight prostitution traffic and drug activity in the Corcoran neighborhood. “We want to add a growing feeling of safety in the community by providing a watchful presence in the streets,” said patrol member Jeff Blanch. Caring Corcoran Neighbors coordinates their patrol with the Third Precinct, and helps report illegal activity as well as pick up litter.

Patrols are Sundays at 10:00 a.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

To sign up for a Sunday morning patrol, call Karen Sorvaag at 612-296-2582 or via [email](#). To sign up for a Wednesday patrol, call Kathie Carlson at 612-325-5204 or via [email](#).

First sustainability report shows trends

The [2005 Annual Sustainability Report](#) has been published, showing city trends in air quality, health and economic indicators. [SustainLane](#) has ranked Minneapolis as one of the top 10 cities in the nation for sustainability. The report is the result of the Minneapolis



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Sustainability Plan passed by the City Council in 2005 and authored by Council Member Schiff. The report includes goals, targets and strategies for both City government and the community to conserve local resources, protect human health, maintain a healthy economy and improve our quality of life.

The 2005 report measures the City's standing on twenty-four specific [indicators](#) like carbon dioxide emissions, air quality, airport noise, teen pregnancy and homelessness against the target numbers established by the [Environmental Coordinating Team](#) and the [Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee](#).

All ears in Longfellow: 33rd Annual Corn Feed

The Longfellow Annual Corn Feed will be Thursday, August 10, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in [Longfellow Park](#) (3435 36th Ave South) featuring food, live music, Longfellow history and children's activities. Live music will be provided by Together Again and the Mexican dance group Kalpulli Quetzalcoaticue. [Latinos en Acción](#) will have a soccer demonstration and soccer tournament.

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