



City of Minneapolis — Council Member Sandy Colvin Roy

12th Ward Update

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LEARN ABOUT THE LIBRARY CONSOLIDATION PLAN

Would you like to learn more about the possible consolidation of the Minneapolis Public Library System and the Hennepin County Library System?

City Council, Library Board and County Board representatives will explain why a consolidation is being considered and what changes a unified system might bring about. Informational meetings are set for –

- Thursday, March 1, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Walker Library, 2880 Hennepin Ave. Uptown
- Saturday March 3, 10 - 11:30 a.m.
North Regional Library, 1315 Lowry Ave. N.
- Monday, March 5, 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Minneapolis Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall
- Thursday, March 8, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Nokomis Library, 5100 34th Ave. S.

Consolidation appears to be the best option for ensuring the financial health of the Minneapolis libraries while also promising an improved level of service for all Hennepin County residents. In March, this issue will go before the Minneapolis Public Library's Board of Trustees, the Minneapolis City Council, and the Hennepin County Commissioners.

The consolidation vision calls for creating a premier library system that would provide better service to the public and preserve each system's complementary strengths. The unified library system would be a Hennepin County department funded by a countywide property tax, governed by an expand board advisory to Hennepin County Commissioners. For more information, visit www.mplib.org or www.hclib.org

KEEP TRACK OF LIBRARY DISCUSSIONS

Both Library groups (Future for Libraries in Hennepin County and the Library Advisory Committee) continue their work to consider the future of the Minneapolis and Hennepin County library systems. Information from both groups is available on the Internet.

Hennepin County Library has linked all the documents distributed at the Committee on the Future of Libraries in Hennepin County public website: www.hclib.org/futureoflibraries/

The Library Advisory Committee also has a robust website with links to agendas, minutes, survey results and comments, and supporting documents. You can find this information at www.mplib.org/committee.asp

IN-HOME GAS METER INSPECTIONS

CenterPoint Energy is undergoing a project to inspect inside gas meters for potential leaks and/or corrosion. Approximately 26,600 gas meters in Minneapolis will be inspected this year, primarily in Zip Code areas 55406, 55407, and 55417. Each inspection takes about 10 minutes and will be done by either CenterPoint Energy, or an employee of Underground Locating Services (ULS) - an authorized contractor for CenterPoint Energy that has been specifically trained for this project.

CenterPoint Energy will attempt to contact each resident / business owner to set an appointment prior to the inspection. Inspectors from CenterPoint Energy will be fully uniformed. Inspectors from ULS will have a CenterPoint Energy cap and safety vest with CenterPoint Energy logo. All inspectors are required to carry a Center Point Energy picture ID. Their vehicles will also carry a CenterPoint Energy logo.

If corrective action is required, depending on the specific circumstance, CenterPoint will either do the work immediately or schedule a follow up appointment with the customer. For more information, visit http://mn.centerpointenergy.com/newsroom/newsreleases/past_newsreleases/2006/MeterInspection.asp

EVENTS & SPECIAL MEETINGS

East Lake Library Reopening

The grand reopening of the fully renovated and expanded East Lake Library is set for Saturday, March 3, beginning at 12:30 p.m. with an outdoor gathering and ribbon-cutting at 1 pm.

Library Meeting

Thursday, March 8, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Nokomis Library, 5100 34th Ave. S.

South Minneapolis Housing & Home Improvement Fair

Saturday, March 10, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
South High, 3131 19th Ave. S
www.housingfair.org

Pan-O-Gold Site Development Meeting

Tuesday, March 27, 7 p.m.
Morris Park Community Center, 5531 39th Avenue S.

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

SENA Board Meeting

Monday, March 12, 7:00 p.m.
SENA office - 1830 E. 42nd St.
For more information, visit www.standish-ericsson.org

LCC Board Meeting

Thursday, March 15, 6:30 to 9 p.m.
Hiawatha Park
For more information, visit www.longfellow.org

NENA Board Meeting

Thursday, March 22, 7:00 p.m.
3000 East 50th Street
For more information, visit www.nokomiseast.org

OPEN APPOINTMENTS

Visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/boards-and-commissions/open/ for more information

- [Housing Board of Appeals \(closes 3/2/2007\)](#)
- [Minneapolis Capital Long-range Improvement Committee \(closes 3/2/2007\)](#)

NEW DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED

The development team that built Olin Crossings at 52nd and Minnehaha Avenue will be bringing forward a development proposal for land that includes the old Pan-O-Gold bakery site. The development site includes multiple properties from the point at 52nd and Minnehaha, and stretching southward along Minnehaha.

Details are still being finalized on the project. Nokomis East is hosting a community meeting to allow the developer to present the concept to the community on Tuesday, March 27 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at Morris Park Community Center (5531 39th Avenue S).

STAY INFORMED ON BICYCLE ISSUES IN THE CITY

The City of Minneapolis Bicycle Program has recently launched a listserv to keep cyclists informed of public meetings, trail detours, new infrastructure projects, volunteer opportunities, and bicycle-related events. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, visit the following link.

www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/bicycles/bicycling-esubscribe.asp

RENOVATIONS TO START SOON AT 4745 CEDAR AVE.

Last fall, a project was proposed to renovate the vacant service station and Dairy Queen building at the intersection of Cedar Avenue and Minnehaha Parkway. The proposal included a Caribou Coffee in the service station and a take-and-bake pizza shop in the old Dairy Queen building. The project received the necessary city land approvals in late November, but had not made any visible progress since then.

According to the Developer, building permits are being finalized and renovation will be beginning soon.

46TH AND 46TH UPDATE

Longfellow Community Council hosted a meeting on February 22 to receive and update from the developer of the 46th and 46th condo project. The project is being delayed by the slowdown in condo sales, but the developer stated at the meeting that he expects to re-start construction in June.

A major issue associated with the project has been the blocked sidewalks. The developer chose to pay for blocking the sidewalk during construction, but this created an unacceptable situation for residents who needed access to the sidewalk to safely use the 46th and 46th intersection. I met with the developer and a staff person from our Public Works Department to find a solution to that problem in January and using some techniques from downtown construction, the developer made some changes last week that create safe walking areas for pedestrians along both 46th Street and 46th Avenue. There are some tweaks that are still needed, but over-all the area is much safer and accessible for pedestrians.