

# 10<sup>th</sup> Ward e-News

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**February 2011**

## Congrats to Officers Chard & Illetschko, 2010 Officers of the Year!

We would like to congratulate Officers Adam Chard and Rob Illetschko of the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct for being the Officers of the Year for 2010!

Officers Chard and Illetschko both volunteered to work the night Uptown Neighborhood beat. They take their beat area very seriously and have spent a great deal of time getting to know the business owners, employees, and Uptown Association members. Both voluntarily worked their beats during the summer months on bikes purchased for them by the Uptown Association. Officers Chard and Illetschko made almost 140 arrests within their assigned beat area in 2010.

We are so lucky to have these two stellar officers working to keep the Uptown area a safe place to live and enjoy! Please help us in congratulating Officers Chard and Illetschko for their outstanding service to our community!

## Understand Your Minneapolis Property Taxes

The City Assessor annual neighborhood meetings are coming up! This is an opportunity to get an overview of the property tax system, learn basic terms and concepts, and get an explanation of property tax relief programs. There will also be residential and commercial appraisers on hand to meet with property owners to discuss their situation individually. Please take the time to attend one of the two meetings:

- Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011  
4:30-7:00pm  
Pearl Park Neighborhood Center (414 E. Diamond Lake Road)
- Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
4:30-7:00pm  
North Regional Library (1315 Lowry Ave N)

For more information, please visit the [City Assessor's](#) webpage.

## Recycling, Composting, & Waste Management Workshop

Learn what you can do to actively reduce waste, improve recycling, and help to bring a composting program for community gardens to the Lowry Hill East neighborhood. Join Susan Young, the City of Minneapolis' Solid Waste and Recycling Director, and Hennepin County leaders as they discuss waste reduction and prevention.

**Workshop is taking place on Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm at Jefferson Community School's Lower Cafeteria (1200 W. 26<sup>th</sup> St.).**

## Upcoming Neighborhood Events

**CARAG's Chilly Chili Fest** is taking place on Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-3:00pm. Come out to Bryant Square Park Rec Center to enjoy some delicious chili! There will be door prizes and fun for all. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the food drive. For more information, please visit the [CARAG](#) webpage.

**Dine Out for LHENA** at Duplex restaurant & bar, 2516 Hennepin Avenue, on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 from 11:00am to Midnight. A portion of the proceeds support Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association (LHENA) programs and services. Make your reservation: call duplex at 612-381-0700 and mention LHENA.

**Mustaches for LHENA** will be taking place from March 14<sup>th</sup> to April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The entire \$25 tax-deductible contest donation supports LHENA programs and services. Prizes to winners! Anyone can participate, including mustache growers or wearers who live outside of LHENA! Enter the contest and learn more about the Lowry Hill East Neighborhood on the [LHENA](#) webpage.

## Identity Theft/Mail Fraud Prevention & Burglary Prevention Workshops

The Fifth Precinct Crime Prevention Specialists will be hosting two presentations in March 2011. The first presentation will focus on Identity Theft & Mail Fraud Prevention. With representatives from the Mpls Police Dept and the US Postal Inspector presenting, this is a great opportunity to learn about the fastest growing crime in America and how to protect yourself.

### **Identity Theft/Mail Fraud Prevention Presentation**

**Wednesday, March 2 at 6pm**

**Temple Israel (2324 Emerson Av S) - Minda Hall**

The second presentation will look at Burglary Prevention. This presentation includes a short video with an interview of a career burglar, and recommendations related to landscaping, lighting, and how to secure your home.

### **Burglary Prevention Workshop**

**Wednesday, March 23 at 6pm**

**Temple Israel (2324 Emerson Av S) - Minda Hall**

For questions, please contact Chelsea Adams, Crime Prevention Specialist of the MPD 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct at [chelsea.adams@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:chelsea.adams@ci.minneapolis.mn.us).

## 35W Access Project Advisory Committee

Are you interested in the design of the 35W connection to Lake Street and the Midtown Greenway? A Project Advisory Committee has been formed to identify the location of a connection between the Midtown Greenway and Lake Street. The purpose of the connection is to provide intermodal connections between vehicles, buses, bicyclists, pedestrians, fixed rail transit and future streetcars. Meg will make one appointment to this Project Advisory Committee. If you are interested, please contact Breanna at [Breanna.patsch@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:Breanna.patsch@ci.minneapolis.mn.us) or 612-673-2210.

## Changes at the Midtown Greenway Coalition

The Midtown Greenway Coalition has announced that Tim Springer, founder and Executive Director of the Midtown Greenway Coalition (MGC), will retire on June 3<sup>rd</sup> of this year. Tim has been leading the MGC for over 18 years. Thank you Tim for all your hard work!

The MGC has begun a search for a new Executive Director. Please check out the [MGC Job Description](#) on their website if you are interested and would like more information.

## Play a Role in Minneapolis' Redistricting!

In 2010, Minneapolis voters transferred authority for developing new boundaries for the City's thirteen wards and the Park Board's six districts to a Redistricting Group made up of the Charter Commission and an appointed Advisory Group. The Charter Commission is now seeking applicants who will bring diversity to the Redistricting Group, are active citizens, have knowledge of the many communities within the city, and will serve on a nonpartisan basis. Please note that while Advisory Group members are expected to participate in a nonpartisan manner, current or past involvement in political party activities does not disqualify an applicant from service.

You can find the job description and application form on the [Charter Commission's](#) webpage.

### **All applications should be submitted by the March 25, 2011 deadline.**

Interviews will be conducted in April 2011. If your group is interested in a presentation or if you have any questions, please call the Commission Coordinator, Peggy Menshek, at 612-673-2287 or at [peggy.menshek@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:peggy.menshek@ci.minneapolis.mn.us).

## Lease Minneapolis owned vacant lots for community gardens

The City of Minneapolis has 13 vacant lots available for qualifying groups to lease for community gardens. These City-owned lots were selected because they are not appropriate for development. This means that they will remain available for years of gardening even as the economy changes and redevelopment picks up.

Lots are available on a first-come, first-served basis to qualifying groups. Experienced community garden groups may be eligible for three- to five-year leases, while groups gardening for the first time will start with one-year leases. To qualify, the group must be a not-for-profit or a group with a not-for-profit sponsor. The garden will need to have liability insurance. Applicants should be ready to discuss the layout of the community garden, how it will be managed and how it will engage and benefit the community.

For more information on this program, visit the [Homegrown Minneapolis](#) webpage or call (612) 673-2597.

## Help us make Minneapolis better by taking the Resident Survey

Beginning Monday, Jan. 31 and continuing through February, the City of Minneapolis will survey residents to get their perspectives about the quality of services the City provides. Approximately 1,100 randomly selected residents will complete the telephone survey, which is being conducted by the National Research Center, Inc., an independent research firm.

If you are contacted to participate in the survey, please take the few minutes necessary to provide your honest opinions about how we're doing in Minneapolis. Results from the survey are used in the business planning efforts of City department. The survey will be translated for people who prefer to take it in Spanish, Hmong, Somali, Laotian, Oromo or Vietnamese.

For more information or to see past survey results from 2001, 2003, 2005 and 2008 visit the [Results Management in Minneapolis](#) webpage and click on "Residents Survey."

## SW LRT Update

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the SW LRT has not yet been released. It is now expected to be released sometime this spring.

## Southwest LRT Corridor Survey Deadline Extended

On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) began a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) process to help develop recommendations related to the proposed corridor for the Southwest Light Rail Transit (LRT) Corridor and its impacts on park facilities. The proposed corridor is adjacent to or intersects areas of park land in and around Cedar Lake, Lake of the Isles, Lake Calhoun, Bryn Mawr Meadows, and Park Siding as well as the network of trails in Minneapolis.

The CAC is interested in hearing input from community members on the draft issues and outcomes they have identified along the proposed light rail corridor. Please take a few minutes to fill out their [survey](#). **The survey deadline has been extended and will be active through noon on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**

For more information on the MPRB Community Advisory Committee and what they do, please visit their [webpage](#).

## Meet with Meg!

Join us for Meet with Meg for lunch on **March 8<sup>th</sup> from 12 pm to 1 pm** at the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct's Community Room (3101 Nicollet Ave S). Meet with Meg is a time for you to talk with her, ask questions, and voice concerns. Bring your sack lunch! Cookies and lemonade are provided! Meet with Meg is held the second Tuesday of every month.

We want to hear from you! We are looking for your input on who you would like to see/hear from at Meet with Meg for Lunch. We would like to start inviting local and city officials to Meet with Meg in the new year and we need your help! If you have any ideas of whom you would like to hear from or of a topic that is of interest to you, please email 10th ward associate Breanna Patsch at [breanna.patsch@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:breanna.patsch@ci.minneapolis.mn.us).

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