

# Ward 11 Newsletter

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## Great City Design Teams

Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak and Tom Hysell, President of the Minneapolis Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) announced the creation of the Mayor's Great City Design Teams and encouraged residents and community groups to join the effort to create new visions for the City of Minneapolis. The Mayor's Great City Design Teams are made up of architects, landscape architects, urban designers and developers who will work with residents and community groups to develop design visions for opportunity sites in their neighborhoods.

Any citizen group or community-based organization in Minneapolis may apply for a Design Team. A selection committee will select up to five projects in an initial round to be completed in early 2007, with a second round planned for later in the year. The Design Teams will assist their community-based partner to define a vision and principles for future community improvements, with exact composition and resources of the Design Teams determined on a case-by-case basis.

Mayor's Great City Design Team projects can be an individual site, an intersection or several blocks along a corridor. Ideal projects identify a specific gap in the urban fabric and have a community-based partner. Proposed projects should also show community need, public benefit, political and community support, potential for implementation, project timing and consistency with city planning.

Projects should also reflect AIA's 10 Principles of Livable Communities:

- 1) Design on a Human Scale
- 2) Provide Choices
- 3) Encourage Mixed-Uses
- 4) Preserve Urban Centers
- 5) Provide Transportation Options
- 6) Build Vibrant Public Spaces
- 7) Create Neighborhood Identity
- 8) Protect Environmental Resources
- 9) Conserve Landscape
- 10) Ensure Design Matters

Community organizations interested in being considered for a Mayor's Great City Design Team need to submit a letter of interest by **Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** to AIA 150<sup>th</sup> Mayor's Great City Design Team, International Market Square, 275 Market Street, Suite 54, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55405. For more information or to discuss an idea before deciding to apply, interested groups can contact Destin Nygard at [dnygard@urban-works.com](mailto:dnygard@urban-works.com) or visit the Mayor's Great City Design Teams website at [www.greatcitydesignteams.org](http://www.greatcitydesignteams.org).

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### Important Phone Numbers

Ward 11 office  
673-2211



## Parkway Street Light Replacement

The Public Works capital program to replace Parkway Street Lights will start up again in late fall/early winter of 2006. The Parkway Street Light replacement began earlier with underground and foundation work. Public Works is moving into the next phase with the installation of the new poles and fixtures. The project funding will allow the placement of approximately 200 poles/fixtures.

Locations -- The anticipated locations for replacement are listed below.

- Minnehaha Parkway (eastbound) Lyndale to Humboldt.)
- Minnehaha Parkway, 28th Ave. S. to Chicago Ave. S.
- Theodore Wirth Parkway, 394 to Golden Valley Road
- St. Anthony Parkway, 37th Ave. to Marshall
- Nokomis Parkway, East and West

Schedule -- The Lights have been ordered and the first shipment is expected to arrive in November 2006. With the underground construction (replacement of foundations, wire, and conduit) complete at these locations, an approximate three month (start to finish) construction timeline is expected once the lighting structures arrive. Therefore, Public Works is expected to be done in February/March 2007.

Operation and Maintenance -- Public Works operates and maintains the Parkway Street Lights (not the pathway lights). If you have parkway street light concerns, questions or feedback, please use the City 311 system and the requests will get directed to the appropriate personnel.

## Parkway Theater Design Fair

Joe Synker, owner of Pepito's restaurant on 48th & Chicago would like to invite you to attend the Parkway Theater Design Fair, on November 21st at 9:30 A.M. The Design Fair will take place at the Theater.

This event is being hosted by the Senior Class of the University of Minnesota, Architectural and Concept design department. At the Art Fair, eight teams of students will present their original plans for the restoration and building of the new "Parkway Theatre Film and Performing Arts Center".

These ideas will form the base of a five year projected plan for renewal. This is open to the public and Mr. Synker hopes residents will participate. He will use this opportunity to have an open question and answer forum to help address any concerns from the neighborhood.

## September Crime Statistics

NEIGHBORHOOD	TOTAL	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
Diamond Lake	9			1		3	4	1	
Field	2						2		
Hale	12					6	5	1	
King Field	29			1	2	7	12	7	
Northrup	15		1		1	6	7		
Page	1					1			
Tangletown	10			2		3	5		
Wenonah	5		1			1	3		
Windom	8					3	4	1	

Definitions of the types of crimes and statistics from other months can be viewed at:

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-statistics/>

## Electronic Newsletter

Council Member Benson publishes an electronic newsletter to keep you up to date on what is happening at City Hall. If you would like to receive this update, please e-mail me at [scott.benson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:scott.benson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us) and put the words "E-mail Update" in the subject line.

## Monthly Community Meetings

<p>Field Regina Northrop  <a href="http://FRNNG.org">FRNNG.org</a>                      Meets Third Wednesday                      6:30 PM                      Lake Nokomis Presb.</p>	<p>Hale Page Diamond Lake  <a href="http://HPDL.org">HPDL.org</a>                      Meets Fourth Monday                      7:00 PM                      Emmanuel United Methodist                      5144 13<sup>th</sup> Ave S</p>	<p>Kingfield  <a href="http://Kingfield.org">Kingfield.org</a>                      Meets Second Wednesday                      7:00 PM                      Martin Luther King Park                      4055 Nicollet Ave S</p>
<p>NENA  <a href="http://Nokomiseast.org">Nokomiseast.org</a>                      Meets Fourth Thursday                      7:00 PM                      NENA Office</p>	<p>Tangletown  <a href="http://Tangletown.org">Tangletown.org</a>                      Meets Third Monday                      7:00 PM                      Fuller Community Center</p>	<p>Windom  <a href="http://Windomcommunity.org">Windomcommunity.org</a>                      Meets Second Thursday                      7:00 PM                      Windom Community Center</p>

## Coffee With Scott

Whatever is on your mind, you can sit down with **Scott Benson** and talk about it over a cup of coffee, from **8:00 AM until 9:00 AM** at coffee shops

Dec 7	Betsy's Backporch 5447 Nicollet	Feb 1	Anodyne @ 43rd 4301 Nicollet
Jan 4	Sister's Sludge 4557 Bloomington	Mar 1	Mike's Corner Store 5601 Chicago Ave

## Open Appointments

The City of Minneapolis has more than 45 boards, commissions and advisory committees. These organizations, composed of citizen volunteers, advise the City on current issues and assist the City in policy development and administration of services.

[Latino Advisory Committee to the Mayor and City Council \(closes 12/1/2006\)](#)

[Citizen Environmental Advisory Committee \(CEAC\) \(closes 11/8/2006\)](#)

[Minneapolis Empowerment Zone Governance Board \(closes 11/30/2006\)](#)

[Heritage Preservation Commission \(closes 12/1/2006\)](#)

For more information:

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/boards-and-commissions/open/>