

Ward 11 Newsletter

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Airport lawsuit update

Thank you to everyone who attended the airport noise open house on June 27th at Richfield Lutheran Church. The number of attendees was nearly overwhelming and we received helpful feedback regarding how to proceed with MAC.

A number of people have contacted my office because they were not able to attend and wanted to know what happened. Others who were there are looking for additional information. Thus we are developing a website which hopefully will address most questions. The website is still under development and so is not as robust as we plan to have it eventually, but it has answers to the two questions that come up the most. Both the [2005 and 2007 maps](#) are available and there is a link to the class action lawsuit page at the [Zimmerman Reed website](#).

The city website is still a work in progress and expanding more each day, so check back often.

Main Page: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/airportnoise/>

Maps: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/airportnoise/contour-maps.asp>

Class Action Lawsuit: http://www.zimmreed.com/Airport_Noise.htm

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Mayor's Great City Design Teams

Residents and community groups who want to create new visions for Minneapolis are encouraged to apply for free design help with the Mayor's Great City Design Teams. The Design Teams are made up of architects, landscape architects, urban designers and developers who work with Minneapolis residents and community groups to develop design visions for opportunity sites in their neighborhoods. A committee will select up to five projects to be completed in early 2008. Letters of interest are due by August 16th. An informational meeting will be held on July 26th from 4:30-5:30pm at the AIA in International Market Square. For more information about the Mayor's Great City Design Teams, visit the American Architect of Minnesota website.

<http://www.aia-mn.org/chapters/minneapolis.cfm>

**Important
Phone Numbers
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673-2211
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1-866-743-6590**



It's Your Turn: Do Your Part to Keep Minneapolis Safe

The City, the police, the park, library and school boards, the Youth Coordinating Board, and dozens of community partners are working together in an unprecedented, coordinated way keep our kids safe for the summer – and continue to drive down violent crime in Minneapolis. In the next two weeks, Minneapolis residents will have two great opportunities to step up to the plate and do your part to make our city safer:

#1: The Minneapolis Youth Violence Prevention Committee is holding two public forums to solicit ideas from residents about ways to reduce youth violence in Minneapolis. At each forum, we will present preliminary ideas being discussed, as well as collect input and perspectives from Minneapolis residents about how the entire community can be involved to reduce youth violence:

- 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 12 Midtown YWCA, 2121 East Lake Street
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Monday, July 16 North High School, 1500 James Avenue North

For more information about the Youth Violence Committee forums, visit www.mayorrybak.us and click on the related news article.

#2: Hands On Twin Cities is organizing a Great City Take Action forum to get people to roll up their sleeves and get involved to make Minneapolis a better city by making it a safer city. City and community-based organizations will be on hand at this forum to discuss what YOU can do to help make our neighborhoods safer by getting connected to current volunteer opportunities working directly on these issues. For more information and to register for the forum visit www.mayorrybak.us and click on the Great City Take Action logo:

- 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 East Side Neighborhood Services, 1700 2nd Street NE

Making Minneapolis a safe place to call home is our top priority, but City government can't do all of this work this alone. We need strong partnerships with our schools, community groups and businesses. We also need individual residents to get engaged to help build a Great City together. We need a vision, but we also need action. Don't just complain – do something to make our City better.

Learn More about Wireless Minneapolis

As the city's wireless internet network gets up and running, the City is hosting a series of community meetings to keep you updated. The meetings will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in these areas:

Southwest neighborhoods
Thursday, July 19
Wednesday, Aug. 15
Lyndale Farmstead Park

South neighborhoods
Thursday, Nov. 1
Nokomis Community Center

The city website has more information about Wireless Minneapolis at

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/wirelessminneapolis/index.asp>

Sign up Now for National Night Out

Just a reminder that you can close your street for **free** on National Night Out, Tuesday, August 7. Just apply by **Tuesday, July 24**. Go to www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno to register your NNO event and apply for street closure. You can also call 311 (612-673-3000). Whether you want to close your street or not, there are plenty of reasons to have an NNO event on your block this year:

- **Free** child ID kits (up to 10)
- **Free** ride tickets for The Park at MOA (up to 25)
- Vouchers for very low cost Minnesota Twins tickets (20 tickets)
- **Free** reminder door hangers (as many as you need)
- **Free** name tags (as many as you need)
- **Free** coloring sheets (as many as you need)
- Entry into a drawing for additional **free** door prizes (if you register by July 24)
- If your block is new to NNO, a **free** start-up kit with party basics (first come, first serve)

By bringing your neighbors together on NNO, you can help create a friendlier, safer place to live!

For more information, go to www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno or call John Baumann 612-673-3447.

Monthly Community Meetings

<p>Field Regina Northrop FRNNG.org Meets Third Wednesday 6:30 PM Lake Nokomis Presb. 46th St. & 17th Ave</p>	<p>Hale Page Diamond Lake HPDL.org Meets Fourth Monday 7:00 PM Emmanuel United Methodist 5144 13th Ave S</p>	<p>Kingfield Kingfield.org Meets Second Wednesday 7:00 PM Martin Luther King Park 4055 Nicollet Ave S</p>
<p>NENA Nokomiseast.org Meets Fourth Thursday 7:00 PM NENA Office</p>	<p>Tangletown Tangletown.org Meets Third Monday 7:00 PM Fuller Community Center 4800 Grand Ave S</p>	<p>Windom Windomcommunity.org Meets Second Thursday 7:00 PM Windom Community Center 5821 Wentworth Ave S</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 around the 11th ward.

Aug 2	Betsy's Backporch 5447 Nicollet Ave S	Oct 4	Anodyne @ 43rd 4301 Nicollet Ave
Sept. 13	Sister's Sludge 4557 Bloomington	Nov 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.

[Public Health Advisory Committee \(PHAC\) \(closes 7/13/2007\)](#)

[Minneapolis Empowerment Zone Governance Board \(closes 7/27/2007\)](#)

For more information:

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

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 and put the words "E-mail Update" in the subject line.