

# 9th Ward E-News

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## Candlelight vigil Thursday for Andrew Battees

A candlelight vigil and rally to remember [Andrew Battees](#), the city's 24<sup>th</sup> homicide this year, will be held on Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. The vigil, sponsored by [MADDADS](#) and the Ninth Ward office of City Council Member Gary Schiff will take place in the middle of the 2600 block of 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. Attendees will walk to [Cedar Field](#) near Little Earth at 2500 Cedar Avenue South.



Andrew Battees

Battees, just 16 years old, was shot early Sunday morning and was taken by ambulance to Hennepin County Medical Center, where he later died. No one had been arrested in Battees' death and police are asking anyone with information about the case to call the TIPS line at 612-692-8477.

## Bike sharing arrives in Minneapolis



This bike kiosk by the Birchwood Café holds some of the 1,000 bikes that are part of a local bike sharing program.

Minneapolis joins more than 170 cities worldwide with its recent addition of a bike sharing program. [Nice Ride Minnes](#)

[ota](#) is currently the nation's largest bike sharing system. Launched on June 10<sup>th</sup>, the first phase offers 1,000 bikes in [75 kiosks](#) spread throughout downtown, by the University of Minnesota, and Uptown area. This comes on the heels of Minneapolis recently being named America's most bike friendly city by [Bicycling Magazine](#).

For \$5 a rider can make as many trips as they like to different bike stations around town. If it takes longer than 30 minutes to get from one station to another, the price will increase. A [\\$60 subscription](#) is good for one year of unlimited use, with no

added costs as long as trips are all under a half hour each. The bicycles will be available from April to November. Other cities are considering or planning to follow suit, including Washington, D.C., Boston, New York, and Chicago. Minneapolis has the second largest number of bike commuters, with 4,500 daily. This year the city will be adding 40 miles of bikeways to the already 123 miles already in place.

## Historic resources survey underway in Ninth Ward



[Roosevelt Library](#) is the only historically-designated building in either the Standish or Corcoran neighborhoods. A survey is underway to identify other potential historic resources in the two neighborhoods.

The City of Minneapolis is conducting a survey in the Ninth Ward for the Corcoran and Standish neighborhoods to assess the potential for historic designation. The City was first surveyed for historic resources in the 1970s and many of today's designated landmarks and historic districts are a result of the original survey.

The city will host three community meetings to receive community input. The next community meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 23, 2010 from 6:30 – 8 pm at the McCrae Recreation Center: 906 47<sup>th</sup> Street East, Minneapolis.

[Click here to take the survey.](#) More information can be found online at: [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/hpc/](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/hpc/).

## Downtown late night food ordinance introduced



Got the munchies? Current law allows late night food in city neighborhoods, except downtown.

A new [Late Night Food ordinance](#) authored by Council Member Gary Schiff will come before Minneapolis City Council later this summer. The bill will allow downtown restaurants to serve food after

2:00 a.m. “The [Late Night Food](#) ordinance will create jobs and boost the downtown economy,” Schiff said. “It will also tame the bar close mayhem and help people sober up before they hit the road.”

The Minneapolis Police Department has formed a work group to focus on the problems related to crowd control at bar close. The group recommended more downtown restaurants be allowed to serve food after 2:00 a.m. to lessen the demands on police when people exit downtown bars simultaneously.

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