10th Ward News

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Meet with Meg for Lunch!

Meet with Meg for lunch on Tuesday, May 11th from 11 am to 1 pm at the 5th 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 punch will be provided! Meet with Meg will be held the second Tuesday of every month.

Uptown Market's Spring Shindig and Fundraiser

Support your local market! The Uptown Market is back for a second year. This year plans are for the market to be held weekly on Sundays though out the summer.

Join Uptown Market supporters for a fantastic silent auction of local art and gift certificates, live DJ'ing by the Hi-Fi/Lo-Fi Disc Jockeys and a stomping set of live music by the band The 4onthefloor. There will be a cash bar, and snacks from Bryant Lake Bowl. Please note this event is ages 21+.

Wednesday, April 21st, 6pm to 10pm
Intermedia Arts, 2822 Lyndale Ave S
www.UptownMarket.org

Block Leader Training at the 5th Precinct

5th Precinct Crime Prevention Specialists (CPS) Amy Lavender and Chelsea Adams are offering training for anyone interested in becoming a block leader or to current leaders who have not been trained by the Minneapolis Police Department.

The training will be held on Wednesday, April 28 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Minneapolis Police Dept's 5th Precinct Community Room at 3101 Nicollet Ave. Visitor parking lot off 1st Ave S just south of 31st St W.

RSVP to CPS Amy Lavender at 612-673-5407 or amy.lavender@ci.minneapolis.mn.us. Refreshments will be provided. Please bring a pen and paper if you wish to take notes.

Lemonade Day is on Sunday, May 2nd!

Lemonade Day is a FREE citywide event designed to teach the Twin Cities' youth in grades k-12 how to start, own and operate their own lemonade business. On Lemonade Day, thousands of budding entrepreneurs set up lemonade stands—providing an opportunity for businesses and families to partner together to train the next generation of entrepreneurs through a fun, family activity. Best of all - participants keep all their hard earned profit!
For more information, visit http://twincities.lemonadeday.org/.

5th Precinct Annual Open House

Join the celebration on Thursday, May 13th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the 5th Precinct building (3101 Nicollet Ave S). The Minneapolis Police Band will be playing at 6:15 pm. There will be a variety of food along with displays and demonstrations from:

- MPD Bomb Squad
- MPD K-9 Unit
- MPD Horse Patrol
- Minneapolis Animal Control
- Community Crime Prevention/SAFE
- And Many More!

For more information, please call 612-673-5705.

The Rides of Spring and The Lyn Lake Street Fest Sunday, May 16, 2010

The festival is conceived as a multi-faceted partnership bringing together the 4 neighborhoods surrounding the Lyn Lake intersection, the Blaisdell YMCA as one of the less visible crown jewels of South Minneapolis, and the local business community to simply welcome spring, and showcase the vitality of one of Minneapolis's most vibrant and eclectic corners. It's free and family friendly, the music is local, and the crowd is sure to be entertaining. The second annual Rides of Spring bike rally will benefit the Blaisdell YMCA Y-Partners Campaign.

The Bike Rally-Ride is from 9 am to Noon
The Lyn-Lake Street Festival from Noon to 7 pm
www.lynlakestreetfest.com

Nicollet Avenue Repaving Project

A steering committee has been formed to guide the planning process for the repaving of Nicollet Ave in 2012-2013. The first public meeting will be held late May or early June. Watch for more info next month or contact the Lyndale Neighborhood Association at www.lyndale.org.

New hours for Minneapolis 311

As of April 12th, Minneapolis 311 will be changing their hours to Monday-Friday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. They are not open on weekends. In order to accommodate to the shortened hours, 311 will be improving their online services.

You can check out all these new services at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/311.

It's Sidewalk Inspection and Repair Season!

Have you noticed any white dots on sidewalks? This is the work of our Sidewalk Inspectors! They have been out identifying sidewalk sections that will be replaced this summer. Letters will be sent in the next couple of weeks to affected property owners. If you have any questions, please call 311.

Minneapolis named America's best bike city

The new issue of Bicycling magazine names Minneapolis as the **bike friendliest city the country**! Way to go Minneapolis! Progress is being made on two bike projects in the 10th ward, the **Bryant Ave Bike Blvd** and the **Blaisdell and 1st Ave Bike Lanes.** Public comments have been reviewed and final designs are being drawn up. For more information contact Shaun Murphy, Project Coordinator, at shaun.murphy@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

Outdoor Recreational Fires

The city of Minneapolis regulates outdoor recreational fires. If you are interested in having a recreational fire you must follow city and state regulations and fire code. These include:

- The fire must be located 25 feet from a structure, which includes both houses and garages, or combustible material.
- A surrounding fire barrier of non-combustible material that is at least six (6) inches in height must be used.
- Recreational fires shall be constantly attended by at least one competent person eighteen (18) years of age or older and shall be completely extinguished before being abandoned.
- On-site fire-extinguishing equipment - such as operable garden hoses, sand and shovels, water buckets or barrels, or a portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating - shall be readily available for use at recreational fires.
- Recreational fires shall only be conducted between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- Recreational fires shall not be conducted if prevailing wind conditions exceed ten mph.
- The total fuel area being burned in any recreational fire shall not exceed three (3) feet in diameter and two (2) feet in height.
- Only approved materials may be burned in a recreational fire.

If you have safety concerns about an outdoor recreational fire call 911. If you have other concerns call 311 for an administrative review.

Lyndale Community School Receives Mini-grant

Lyndale Community School was one of 25 schools nationwide to be awarded a National Center for Safe Routes to School Mini-grant (http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/).

The school is using the grant to establish well-organized, parent-led walking school buses. Starting on Earth Day, Thursday, April 22, they will operate the walking buses every Tuesday and Thursday for five weeks. They strive to improve the safety of students already walking to school and to increase the number of students walking to Lyndale Community School.

The Safe Routes Grant will also help students and families develop relationships, build bridges across cultures, and promote more active parent involvement. In addition kids walking to school create a safe and vibrant neighborhood for all.

This spring keep your eyes out for them...they will be the gleeful group in the Lyndale I Walk to School t-shirts!

Midtown Greenway Rezoning Study

On Friday, April 2nd, the City Council adopted the Midtown Greenway Rezoning Study zoning changes. The Midtown Greenway Rezoning Study analyzed the existing zoning in the area surrounding the Midtown Greenway, resulting in a recommendation to change the zoning of select parcels that made the zoning match the City adopted future land use plans. The study included the areas in the Uptown Small Area Plan and the Lyn-Lake Small Area Plan. The study involved several thousand properties. Property owners of parcels with recommended changes were notified by letter.

In the 10th ward the study area was roughly from 28th St. south to 31st St. as well as Hennepin Ave from Franklin Ave south to 36th St. and Lyndale Ave from Franklin Ave to 34th St.

Generally the recommendations by city planning staff were adopted. There were a number of parcels where property owners or neighborhood associations opposed the recommended zoning. In these cases, Council Member Tuthill and Policy Aide Leslie Foreman, worked with Council Member Gary Schiff, chair of the Zoning & Planning committee, to determine the most appropriate zoning for the disputed parcel.

Visit the Midtown Greenway Rezoning Study page of the city's website for links to the Adopted Primary Zoning District Changes, Adopted Pedestrian Overlay Zoning District Changes and a List of Adopted Zoning Changes by Parcel. There is also background information and links to the small area plans included in the rezoning study.
http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/mgrs/

The Dos and Don'ts of 911

National Telecommunications Public Safety Week was April 11-17. In light of this, here are some helpful dos and don'ts when calling 911.

Dos

- DO not hang up even if you don't get to a 911 operator immediately!
- DO not hang up if you call by accident! Operators are required to call the number back. This happens as many as 2,500 times per week and uses valuable operator and phone line time.
- DO give your location!
- DO know that help can be sent while you are talking to the 911 operator.
- DO know that it doesn't have to be an emergency to call 911. It can also be to report suspicious, criminal activity.
- DO know that if you need a translator, you can either ask for one or say "Language Line".

Don'ts

- DO NOT call for directions!
- DO NOT call to se if someone is in jail. You can call the jail at 612-348-5112.
- DO NOT call to report city issues that are not of police, fire or medical nature. Please call 311 for city issues.