CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

12th ward news

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[November]

Tuesday, November 3 is Election Day!

The following municipal offices and one ballot question will be on the ballot:

- Mayor
- Council Member
- Board of Estimate and Taxation - 2 At-Large Members
- Park and Recreation Board – 3 At-Large and 6 District Commissioners

For information about Ranked Choice Voting, or voting in general: http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/elections/ Or, call 311 with your questions.

Would you like to see what your ballot will look like? Go to the above website, on the right select "voting precinct finder" and then enter your address. You will then be informed of your voting location. On the right, you can click on "sample ballots" to view the ballot for your area.

Track how Minneapolis is using Federal Stimulus Dollars

The City of Minneapolis has received $30 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding.

The category of greatest investment is housing, followed by pubic safety. So far, more than 600 new jobs have been created.

To learn more about how stimulus funds are used, check out: MinneapolisRecovery.US

Another Reason Minneapolis is Awesome

Minneapolis-St. Paul has been named one of America's Smartest Cities according to online magazine, The Daily Beast. Minneapolis ranked 4th among 55 cities. The rating was based on education levels, number of higher education institutions, non-fiction book sales, and voter participation

Minneapolis the Safest City in America

Minneapolis tops the Forbes list of America's safest cities. The ranking considers crime rates, workplace fatalities, traffic-related deaths and natural disaster risk. The City of Lakes ranked in the top 10 of all four categories.
http://www.forbes.com/2009/10/26/safest-cities-ten-lifestyle-real-estate-metros-msa.html

Public hearing on City budget comes Earlier this Year

An upcoming public hearing on the City's 2010 budget is just weeks away. Unlike previous budget hearings, this one is coming earlier in the budget-making process.

State law requires the City to hold a public hearing on the date the proposed budget is scheduled to be adopted. However, that's so late in the process that making major changes to that proposed budget is impractical. Council Member Colvin Roy, who led the effort to add the hearing said, "although Council Members are engaged with constituents throughout the budget process, there is just no substitute for a public hearing and clearly, having the hearing the same day that the budget is adopted doesn't provide a meaningful opportunity to participate. I want to hear from residents and I want time to consider what I am hearing."

> **Public hearing on tax levy and 2010 City budget**
> Thursday, Nov. 19, 6:05 p.m.
> City Hall, 350 South 5th Street, room 317

Minneapolis is facing a number of serious fiscal challenges that affect the City's bottom line. This includes State cuts to Minneapolis of more than $40 million during 2009-2010 and escalating health care and pension costs. To view the Mayor's proposed 2011 budget, which is the framework for budget discussions, visit:
http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/city-budget/2010recc/index.asp

Need Help Raking or Shoveling? Get an Extra Hand While Supporting Sanford Students

The Sanford Job Corps is a program for students to raise money for various activities including field trip and athletics. Students can help you with yard work, shoveling, events, office work, garage painting, and more. In exchange, you are asked to donate $5 an hour for each student. The entire donation will go to that student's education goals. Low income seniors are asked to donate $2.50. To learn more, or set up a job, call Nick Cross, Job Corp Coordinator at 612-668-4900.

Flu Worries? These Websites Offer Answers

Are you avoiding the Doctor's office because that's where the sick people are? It can be tough to know when you really ought to seek medical attention for flu symptoms. A new interactive website, which is based on information from the Center for Disease Control, can help you determine if you may have the H1N1 flu and what you should do next.
http://www.h1n1responsecenter.com

For children, use http://www.flu.gov/ for advice about when to seek medical treatment. This website also provides information about the availability of the flu vaccine and the medications used to treat the flu and its symptoms, including warnings about fraudulent treatments.

Street Sweeping

It's time for street sweeping so keep an eye out for parking restrictions and avoid a tow or ticket.

The City uses many methods to reach residents about street sweeping including automated phone calls. You can even find the sweeping schedule on this website:

www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/streetsweep.

Find out about Street Sweeping via Facebook or Twitter

To become a fan of the City of Minneapolis Facebook page, go to www.facebook.com/cityofminneapolis.

To follow the City's Twitter account, go to www.twitter.com/CityMinneapolis.

Abandoned Vehicles

Crime Prevention

Utility Billing

Housing Inspections

Metro Transit

Report Graffiti

Emergency Preparedness for People with Disabilities

A new guide from the Minnesota State Council on Disability helps you ask the right questions to evaluate what you need to do to be ready for an emergency and offers tips to prepare. People with different abilities face different challenges when faced with an emergency. This guide considers some of those unique circumstances. If you would like a copy, contact Margot Imdieke Cross at 651-361-7800 (v/tty) or 1-800-945-8912 (v/tty).

Animal Control

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NENA

SENA

Community Events & Meetings

Election Day
November 3, Polls are open 7:00 am – 8:00 pm.
To find your polling place, call 311 or visit the city's website:
http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/elections/precinct-finder.asp

Longfellow Garden Club Fall Potluck Dinner
November 11 7-9 pm Epworth United Methodist Church, 3207 37th Ave. S.
Bring a dish to share, beverages provided. Share your photos, stories or something from your garden. You are encouraged to bring your own dishes and utensils. Club meetings are free and open to the public.

NENA Town Meeting – 2010 City Budget
November 12 7 pm Keewaydin Community Ctr, 3030 E. 53rd St. City Budget Director Heather Johnston will present a summary of the Mayor's proposed budget and will answer your questions.

Midtown Farmers' Market Fundraiser
November 14 2-8 pm Mpls Eagles Club, 2507 E. 25th St; Musicians, food, bake sale and other activities. Market to be held in parking lot (or inside if inclement weather) 2-5 p.m.

Lake Nokomis Community Schools Annual Fundraiser
November 14 5-8 pm Crosstown Covenant Church, 5540 30th Ave S. Spaghetti dinner provided by Fat Lorenzo's. Silent Auction. Adults $9, kids $4. Proceeds to Lk Nokomis Community School PTA. Everyone is welcome!

Tax Levy & 2010 City Budget Public Hearing
November 19 6:05 pm City Hall, 350 S. 5th St., Room 317. Mayor & Council members will be on hand to hear your comments on the proposed 2010 Minneapolis budget.

Open Appointments

Mpls Arts Commission Closes 11/6/09
Mpls Planning Commission Closes 11/13/09
Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Closes 12/11/09
Civilian Police Review Authority Closes 12/31/09
Mpls Public Health Advisory Cmte (PHAC) (open until filled)
For information on City openings: **ci.minneapolis.mn.us/boards-and-commissions/open**