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Nokomis Library is open! Many hands helped cut the ceremonial ribbon- a reflection of the broad community effort to support Nokomis Library and the beautiful renovation. Picture by Doug Walter.

Three Projects Along Hiawatha Avenue Moving Ahead

The Hiawatha Corridor continues to see investment despite a challenged economy. The vision that area residents put into master plans for this area is coming to life.

Plans for 180 rental units and 10,000 square feet of commercial space are on track for Longfellow Station at 38th street and Hiawatha Avenue. The existing buildings on the site have been demolished and plans for the new site were approved in December, 2010. The developer, Sherman and Associates, is getting ready to finalize the acquisition of the land from Capital Growth and is reportedly very close to securing a HUD mortgage.

Near the south end of the corridor, affordable senior housing is nearing reality. Final approvals for the 42 unit project at 54th Street and Riverview Road passed the Planning Commission on April 11. Plymouth Church Neighborhood Foundation, a non-profit that builds affordable housing, is leading the project with support from two neighborhood churches. They are working with CommonBond, a manager of housing with an excellent reputation in the metro area.

The Planning Commission is scheduled to consider plans for Oaks Station Place at their May 23 meeting. Oaks Station Place, located along the western and southern borders of the 46th Street LRT station, will include 104 rental units and approximately 9,000 square feet of commercial space, as recommended in the Station Area Plan. According to the developer, Oaks Properties, this housing will encourage alternative transportation by having a community car and dedicated storage for bicycles and scooters, as well as the obvious - it's right next to LRT.

Second Budget Discussion with Mayor RT Rybak in Ward 12

If you missed the first discussion in April, you have a second chance to discuss the City budget and taxes with Mayor Rybak. Join the Mayor on **May 17** from **6:30-8:00** pm in the Danebo Lounge at the Danish American Center, 3030 West River Parkway. Share your thoughts on the budget and get your questions answered.

Animal Care and Control (ACC) 2010 Accomplishments

National Animal Control Appreciation Week was celebrated April 10-16. Here are some 2010 Mpls. highlights:

Continued 20% decrease in serious bites levels since 2008;

Implemented Domestic Violence Intervention Initiative; including, no cost kenneling and filing of felony charges;

Returned 450 animals to their owners and adopted 525 animals to new homes;

Increased percentage of pets licensed by 25%.

Ash Tree Alert

If you have an ash tree in your yard, only prune it before May 1 and after Labor Day. The emerald ash borer, an invasive beetle that attacks and kills ash trees, has now been spotted in Minneapolis and is active between May 1 and Labor Day. Only work on your ash tree when the emerald ash borer is dormant, because transporting any part of an ash tree (firewood, branches, etc.) helps spread the pest.

Mobile Food Vending to Expand Outside of Downtown

Mobile food vendors like those along downtown streets will soon be coming to locations outside of downtown. The City Council approved an expansion of mobile food vehicle vending at preapproved locations.

In addition to sidewalks or private lots, approved mobile food vehicle vendors are now able to sell their food curbside. Because of these changes, mobile food vehicle vendors are not committed to a permanent location as was the case in 2010. Mobile food vehicle vendors who use the street must follow all parking regulations and signage and pay the appropriate parking meter rates.

Preapproved locations can be found on the following map:

http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/business-licensing/docs/Mobile_Food_Maps.pdf.

Approved mobile food vehicle vendors must be open at least 150 days per year and will be prohibited from operating within 100 feet on the same block-face of a licensed sidewalk café or restaurant.

There are currently no preapproved locations for mobile vehicles in the 12th Ward.

Would you like to have mobile food vehicles in the 12th Ward? Where?

Reply to this newsletter or send an e-mail with your thoughts to

Sandra.colvin.roy@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

All potential locations will be reviewed by Regulatory Services and Public Works to make sure the location is safe and appropriate before it is approved.

Dowling Community Garden Plant Sale, May 14th

It's time for the Dowling Community Garden annual plant sale. The sale will be held at the garden on May 14th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Dowling Community Garden is located at 3901 46th Avenue South. The sale includes more than 100 varieties of vegetables, herbs and flowers. A list of plants is available on the Dowling Garden website: www.dowlingcommunitygarden.org. Arrive early for the best selection!

Metro Blooms Raingarden Workshops

At the Metro Blooms workshops, participants learn how to use native plants in their garden, how to limit fertilizers and pesticides without compromising a beautiful yard, and how to capture rainwater on site. There are a number of different times and locations available for the two-part workshop. Here is an option in the neighborhood:

Part A May 5 6:30-8:30 pm Nokomis Community Center, 2401 E. Minnehaha Parkway. Learn the basics of why, where and how to install a raingarden. Begin planning your raingarden.

Part B May 19 6:30-8:30 pm Nokomis Community Center, 2401 E. Minnehaha Parkway. Work with a Landscape Design Assistant and Master Gardener to finalize design of your garden.

The registration fee for each workshop is \$10. Hennepin County Environmental Services and Metro Blooms offer a limited number of native plant grants for workshop attendees who purchase Minnesota native plants for their raingardens. This program is supported by City storm water fees. For more information or to register, please visit www.metroblooms.org or call 651-699-2426.



What Happened to the Lilacs on Hiawatha Ave?

You may have noticed that the lilac bushes on Hiawatha Avenue have been “trimmed.” Some residents felt it was excessive. According to MnDOT, which maintains the land and the vegetation, they were advised by their forester to do some “aggressive pruning” to promote re-growth. Let’s hope it works!

Report on City's Sustainability Efforts Available Now

The sixth annual Greenprint is now available. The Greenprint tracks the progress and challenges in improving the City's environment. Minneapolis continues developing new, relevant sustainability indicators, data and policies that are helping systematically make Minneapolis a cleaner, healthier, more efficient city.

Minneapolis Named one of the World's Top 10 Summer Destinations

The editors of National Geographic Traveler magazine have picked Minneapolis as one of their 10 best summer trips for 2011. The list features destinations around the world, and Minneapolis is one of only three in the United States. In choosing Minneapolis, the magazine says "a pedestrian-and-pedal friendly downtown and welcoming Midwestern vibe make it easy for first-time visitors to quickly feel at home in Minneapolis." The magazine notes Minneapolis' vibrant arts culture, summer festivals, great restaurants and the new, fan-friendly Target Field as reasons why Minneapolis is a top destination.

Yard Waste collection Begins for the Season

If you're a City of Minneapolis Solid Waste & Recycling customer, you can now set out your bundles of branches and bags of yard clippings and leaves by 6 a.m. on your garbage day. Yard waste collection is a special service to our customers, and is included in your monthly fee.

Brush, leaves and other yard trimmings are collected weekly on garbage day through mid-November, weather permitting. Yard waste must be bagged or bundled. See how to prepare it at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/solid-waste/yardwaste-preparation.asp. The yard clippings are then composted. Compost is organic materials (grass clippings, leaves and vegetable food wastes) that have decomposed into a rich soil conditioner. If you are interested in making your own compost, you can read more about it at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/solid-waste/compost.asp.

State Law will Require Compostable yard bags by 2013

Starting in 2013, Minneapolis residents will be required by state law to use compostable bags for leaves and clippings. The requirement is already in place for Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Ramsey, Scott, Washington, and Hennepin counties (excluding Minneapolis).

Using paper and compostable bags instead of black plastic bags will greatly reduce the amount of plastic being sent to local composting leaving a more desirable compost product and reducing the amount of waste.

Events & Special Meetings

Longfellow Community Solar Education Workshop

May 2, 6:30-8:30 pm Matthews Park, 2313 28th Ave S. Workshop highlights LCC's Solar Hot Water/Air Heat Bulk Purchase Program, Make Mine Solar. Participants learn the basics of energy efficiency, solar hot water and solar air heat technology, rebates, incentives & financing. For more information and to register, visit <http://mnrenewables.org/node/861>

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River Gorge Bird Hike

May 7, 7:30-10 am Minneapolis River Gorge. Led by local birding experts Dave Zumeta and Lee Pfannmuller. Event is free, but you must register in advance at <http://tinyurl.com/5usbksg>

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Abandoned Vehicles

Crime Prevention

Utility Billing

Housing Inspections

Metro Transit

Report Graffiti

Animal Control

USI Wireless

Complete Streets Bicycle Tour

May 7, 10 am – 1 pm This first-ever, free, bicycle and transit event is a guided tour of Longfellow. Stops highlight street improvements that increase accessibility & safety. 10-mile ride is at a family-friendly, comfortable pace. Begins at Sierra Club Office, 2327 E. Franklin Avenue and ends at Living Green Expo, state fairgrounds. Water, Peace Coffee and snacks provided. More information and RSVP www.northstar.sierraclub.org or contact Alex at alex.tsatsoulis@sierraclub.org 612-659-9124.

Dowling Garden Annual Plant Sale

May 14, 10 am – 1 pm Dowling Community Garden, 39th St E & 46th Ave S. Featuring vegetables, herbs and flowers – many hard-to-find varieties. For information, visit www.dowlingcommunitygarden.org.

Monarch Garden-to-Go Workshop

May 14, 9:30-10:30 am or 11 am – Noon Nokomis Community Center, 2401 E. Minnehaha Pkwy. \$20 registration fee. Learn how to approach gardening for monarchs. Garden-to-Go includes plants to get your garden started, informational brochure & native plant resources list. Kits available for 2 different soil conditions. Contact NENA at 724-5652 for more information.

East Lake Library Spring Book Sale

May 14, 10 am – 4 pm East Lake Library, 2727 E. Lake St. Stop by and browse donated books to add to your summer reading selection. Donate your winter reading before May 14th.

3rd Police Precinct Open House

May 16, 11 am – 2 pm 3000 Minnehaha Ave. Stop by this annual event for information provided by the Bomb Squad, Canine Officers, Crime Prevention Specialists, Fire Department, Mounted Patrol, SWAT Team, Community Response Team, Sheriff's Water Patrol. Refreshments provided.

Roosevelt High School Mosaic Festival

May 20, 4-8 pm Roosevelt School Gymnasium, 4029 28th Ave S. Join students, teachers and staff in a fun-filled afternoon of arts, culture, entertainment and food. If you have a classic car to display at the car show, contact Curtis Franks at 668-4800 or curtis.franks@mpls.k12.mn.us to reserve your spot.

Longfellow Garden Club Plant Swap & Sanford Raingarden Tour

May 21, 11 am – 1:30 pm Sanford Jr. High west parking lot. Rain or shine! Swap some of your spreading plants or make a small donation to the club's Speaker Fund. For information longfellowgardenclubmail@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/LongfellowGardenClub.

NENA Annual Meeting & Elections

May 24, 6:30 pm Crosstown Covenant Church, 5540 30th Ave S. Enjoy a pasta dinner from Fat Lorenzo's (a modest donation of \$4 per adult and \$2 per child is requested for the dinner), volunteer recognition, board elections and the presentation of the "NOKI" award for the Best of Nokomis. NENA is looking for residents interested in filling the seven board positions that are up for election this year. For more information contact Rita Ulrich at rulrich@nokomiseast.org or at 724-5652.

SENA Neighborhood Garage Sale

June 11, 9 am – 3 pm 9th annual community event from Lake St to Minnehaha Pkwy and Cedar Ave to Hiawatha Ave. Individual households set up their own sales at their own homes. SENA and Corcoran Neighborhood Association will take care of the publicity. **To be added to SENA's sales guide and map, call SENA office at 721-1601 by Friday, June 3rd.** Free map and guide to all sales available from 8:45 am – 5 p.m. day of the sale at: Midtown Farmer's Market (Lake St & 22nd Ave), A Cup A Joe (3445 Cedar Ave S), Angry Catfish Bicycle & Coffee Bar (4208 28th Ave S) and Caribou Coffee (4745 Cedar Ave).



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Open Appointments for Boards & Commissions

Pedestrian Adv. Cmte Open until filled, application review begins May 20

Mpls Telecomm. Network (MTN) Open until filled, application review begins May 6

For information on openings: ci.minneapolis.mn.us/boards-and-commissions/open

I am honored to serve the residents of the 12th Ward. If you have any questions or comments please call me at 612-673-2212 or e-mail me at Sandra.Colvin.Roy@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

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