Fourth Ward Report

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Camden Bridge Funding

Residents will be pleased to know that the City of Minneapolis' request for $10 million in American Recovery & Reinvestment Act funding to rehabilitate the Camden Bridge over the Mississippi River has been approved by the Metropolitan Council. The Camden Bridge funding is part of a larger package of transportation funding for the metro provided by the Recovery Act, which the Met Council approved at its June 10, 2009 meeting. The rehabilitation work is expected to begin in early 2010, and it is estimated that the project will create about 90 construction jobs once work begins. The work will add 35 years to the life of the bridge, which serves as a critical link between neighborhoods in north and northeast Minneapolis. The work will happen concurrently with Hennepin County's complete reconstruction of the Lowry Avenue Bridge in the same area, so Minneapolis will maintain traffic flow across the Camden Bridge during construction.

Youth Leadership Graduation

On Friday, July 10, I attended the Minneapolis Police/State Patrol Youth Leadership Academy graduation. The camp, held at Camp Ripley, is designed to equip at-risk kids with practical skills for success. Sixteen 14-16 year old young men successfully accomplished the rigorous course. The academy provided a learning environment for the young men to receive lessons on leadership, fellowship, responsible citizenship, health, community service and life-coping skills, such as conflict resolution and anger management. The academy also included military drills, group workshops and discussions. It is an intense training camp meant to instill pride in self and team, gain confidence, and teach conflict resolution skills. I was very impressed with the young men I met as well as their parents and the Police and State Patrol officers who serve as instructors/mentors.

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Summer Activities for Kids

There are many summer activities in our community for kids. Check out the events at North Regional Library that include story time, computer classes, chess club and even video games. Visit http://www.hclib.org/pub/events/AllEventsAction.cfm?Agency=NR for full listings of classes and events. The Minneapolis Park Board also offers a wide variety of youth programs and sports. Visit http://www.minneapolisparks.org/home.asp to find an activity at a park near you. The Police Athletic League (PAL) has many Camden kids participating in sports, fieldtrips and events. For information about their programs, call 612-673-3953 or visit www.minneapolispal.org

Top 5 Fourth Ward Service Requests to 311

Minneapolis 311 is a simple, three-digit number residents, businesses and visitors can call to reach the City to inquire about services, report problems, check the status of issues, or get information.

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Rank	Department Name	Service Request Type	Number of Service Requests
1	Regulatory Services	Exterior Nuisance Complaint	155
2	Regulatory Services	Residential Conditions Complaint	125
3	Regulatory Services	Animal Complaint - Livability	80
4	Police	Abandoned Vehicle	58
5	Finance	Utility Billing General Inquiry	30