

10th Ward News

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National Night Out Registration!

Join the fun and meet your neighbors during this year's National Night Out! National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 3rd. The event is coming up fast so now is the time to start making preparations! The City of Minneapolis asks that you register your event as it helps them track the success of the event. If you would like to block off your street, you can do so for free if you apply by July 14th. You will need permission from 75% of your neighbors (names and addresses, no signature required). Please visit the [National Night Out webpage](#) to get information on the event and what you need to do to be a part of it!

RoseFest!

The festival is held at Lyndale Farmstead Park on Saturday, July 17th from 12pm-7pm. This a great family event and has many fun activities like a moonwalk, pony rides, a dunk tank (last year's tank featured dunk-able MPR personalities), grilled food, and a live music stage featuring local performers. Those looking for a bit of history can take a tour through the [Theodore Wirth](#) house. Other tours include a self-guided tour of the small community garden in the area, and the Rose Garden, the second-oldest garden of its kind in the United States.

For more information, call 612.824.9350 or visit www.eastharriet.org.

Bryant Square Park Concerts

Enjoy summer with live music, popcorn and your neighbors. Concerts will be held every Tuesday and Thursday at 7pm through August 19. Check out the Bryant Square Park concert schedule on [Minneapolis Park Board's webpage](#).

Bryant Ave Bike Blvd Update

We would like everyone to know that we will be doing a median test on June 14th at the intersection of Bryant Avenue South and Franklin Avenue West. This test will last for 30 days and will help us understand how the traffic and bike flow might go if a permanent median were to go in.

Nicollet Ave Reconstruction update

The planning process is underway. Several community meetings were recently held. Check out Lyndale Neighborhood Assn's [Nicollet Ave Reconstruction webpage](#) for planning documents and meeting notes.

The project page on the city's website should be up soon. Stay 'tuned...

Participants needed for the RENEW program

RENEW (Renewable Energy Networks Empowering Workers), a collaborative project between the City of Minneapolis and Ramsey County Workforce Solutions, prepares jobseekers for "green careers," and recruits job candidates from high-poverty neighborhoods which ensures that low-income communities are strategically connected to the job creation and environmental returns of the emerging green economy. In total, 500 project participants will select from more than forty training opportunities, offered at twelve training sites, throughout the metropolitan area. RENEW focus areas include construction/deconstruction, manufacturing, building systems, and renewable energy with a focus on solar power.

Qualified candidates:

- Live within the city limits of Minneapolis or St. Paul
- Are over age eighteen
- Meet at least one of nine high-barrier criteria including unemployed, underemployed, veteran or disability status, over age 55, Indian or Native American, limited English proficiency, a criminal background, or lack of a high school diploma or certificate.

To learn more about RENEW, go to www.RENEWMN.com

Meet with Meg for Lunch!

Meet with Meg for lunch on Tuesday, July 13th from 12 pm 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 lemonade will be provided! Meet with Meg will be held the second Tuesday of every month.

We would like to start inviting local and city officials to Meet with Meg and we need your help! If you have any ideas of whom you would like to hear from or of a topic that is of interest to you, please email 10th ward associate Breanna Patsch at breanna.patsch@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

Lighten your carbon footprint!

To encourage clean air, Minneapolis has an ordinance specifically relating to car idling. "No person shall allow a motor vehicle to idle for more than three (3) consecutive minutes in any one-hour period." Remember to turn off your car's engine if you are waiting for someone or something. Let's keep our air clean!

Watch out for Aggressive Door-To-Door Solicitors

There have been some reports recently regarding aggressive door-to-door solicitors. As a reminder, solicitors must be licensed with the city and cannot solicit to you if they are not. When a solicitor comes to your door, the best way to handle the situation is to ask if they have a Minneapolis Solicitors License with them. If they are licensed with the city, they will carry it with them and are legally allowed to solicit at your door. If they do not have a license, send them on their way, call 911 and give the 911 operator your address and what block the solicitor is on. This way they can track them down and take appropriate action.

Safety Tips for Summer

As the warm weather hits and we spend more time outdoors, we would like to remind everyone of a few safety tips that will make sure your summer both happy and fun.

- Lock your doors at home and in your garage. When working in the back yard, make sure the front door is locked.
- Do not leave valuables in your car! Put your purse, bag, etc. in the trunk of your car prior to arriving at your final destination.
- Write down the serial numbers on your GPS units, laptops, ipods, etc. Keep this list in a safe place as it will be extremely helpful in getting items back should they be stolen.
- Remind friends and family coming to visit our wonderful lakes and parks to follow the above rules as it will help make their experience here a joyful one.

Free Wireless Spots in the 10th Ward

USI Wireless has been providing WiFi to paying customers in Minneapolis for some time now. We are now happy to inform you that the City of Minneapolis and USI Wireless have worked together to come up with over a hundred free WiFi hotspots that anyone, residents or visitors, can use.

Visit the [Wireless Minneapolis webpage](#) to get more information or check out the [WiFi Hotspots map](#) to see where your closest hotspot is.

Invest in trees, not insecticides, to fight emerald ash borer

The City Council recently passed a resolution encouraging residents not to apply insecticides to their trees to guard against emerald ash borer. Insecticides can cause a lot of damage to our urban environment. This kind of treatment is not expected to be successful in the long run. Results in other cities indicate that all ash trees in the region are likely to die from the beetle even when insecticides are used. Plus, insecticides sprayed on trees can eventually wash off trees and end up in our lakes, creeks and the Mississippi River, affecting people and wildlife.

Instead of using insecticides, the Council urged residents to focus limited resources on growing the next generation of trees and preserving the long-term health of the ecosystem. Do your part by planting diverse tree, bush and native grass species, and replacing both infested and non-infested ash trees with other tree species.

Roberts Bird Sanctuary

This past spring the Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis (ACM) adopted Thomas Sadler Roberts Bird Sanctuary through the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's (MPRB) Adopt-a-Park program. The ACM adopted Roberts because they wanted to work with the MPRB to enhance the environment at the sanctuary. While the adoption program is limited in scope, the ACM hoped that by completing their adoption tasks successfully, they could show the MPRB they are committed to Roberts. With this commitment established, they wanted to start working with the MPRB on a project that will have a huge beneficial impact on Roberts: the development and implementation of a management plan. We're pleased to report the management plan process has begun.

The ACM recently met with MPRB staff to review the adoption agreement and to discuss the next steps. They agreed on two major steps. First, they are going to work with the MPRB's volunteer coordinator to set up a program to allow registered, trained volunteers to work independently on their own adopted section of Roberts. The program will be modeled after the Legacy Stewards program at the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden in Theodore Wirth Park.

The second major step for the ACM is going to be setting up a series of meetings to gather input from the birding community and the public at large about their vision and goals for Roberts. Gathering this input is the first step in a long series of steps towards a management plan. Some of the other steps involve technical and funding considerations.

For more information on the bird sanctuary, please visit the ACM's [Thomas Sadler Roberts Bird Sanctuary webpage](#).

For information on the ACM's Conservation Committee, please visit [their webpage](#).

Also, check out the Audubon Society's bird call phone app. It's amazing!

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