



12TH WARD UPDATE

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Minneapolis Police Department Focusing Resources on Robbery Trend

A recent spate of armed robberies in the Longfellow and Standish Ericsson parts of the 12th Ward has understandably alarmed residents. These robberies occur when the victims are leaving their car on arriving home or entering their car to leave. Please be observant in these situations. I have been tracking the issue closely with Inspector Gerlicher and want to pass on some of the extra work that has been going into capturing the criminals who are causing so much fear in our neighborhoods.

- Investigators work closely with victims to identify common themes or threads that could provide a lead for the investigation.
- The 3rd Precinct Directed patrol, 8 officers and 1 Sgt. have been specializing in robberies for almost a year now, saturating the areas of robbery in marked and un-marked patrol cars. This has all been moved to 12th ward areas of the recent incidents.
- In addition, since this pattern started, extra over-time officers have saturated the area. All officers are asking extra questions of people they arrest for other crimes because in the past they have been able to get information this way.
- All officers that were lost to the STOP effort that focused on crime in North Minneapolis this summer have been returned to our precinct. We have hired more officers and even more are in process.

Police need your help!!

With the recent pattern of robberies in the 3rd Precinct, Minneapolis Crime Prevention Specialists (who do great work) want to expand the subscription base for the email alerts. These e-mail alerts are a very important communication tool for residents. Currently, the three sectors in the 12th Ward have almost 1,000 subscribers and the reach extends far beyond that number because many residents print copies for their neighbors and the alerts often give news stations the tip they need to get a story on the news.

Subscribing is easy and quick to do but you have to self-subscribe directly to the server. To subscribe, send an e-mail to the address listed below for your neighborhood and you are subscribed. If you or any potential new subscribers have questions about the process please contact your Crime Prevention Specialist.

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Pieces of Minneapolis History

Paving bricks/paving stones were a common street material during the late 1800s and early 1900s. During the 1970s and 1980s, large numbers of paving bricks/paving stones were salvaged by the city during street and utility infrastructure improvements and stored at the Columbia Heights Water Facilities. This facility is now secure, so a new process has been organized for the release and re-use of these paving bricks/stones.

There are several types of paving bricks/paving stones available, and cost information is available upon request. The first release of these materials will be made available for use in the City of Minneapolis for use in *public* projects. They will initially be released to City of Minneapolis Departments and City of Minneapolis Agencies (Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board, Minneapolis School Board, and Minneapolis Library Board). Requests, including description of intended use, **must be received by May 5, 2006**. Minneapolis neighborhood organizations will be allowed to request these paving bricks/stones under the same conditions in a 2nd phase. Any remaining paving bricks/stones after the first two types of requests will be made available to the general public without the need for a written project description.

To learn more about the application process, product description and cost, or if you have questions, contact Larry Matsumoto at 612-673-5630 or Larry.Matsumoto@ci.minneapolis.mn.us

EVENTS & SPECIAL MEETINGS

Lake St. Reconstruction Public Meetings

February 7, 6:30 p.m.
February 9, 6:30 p.m.
CWA Hall, 3521 East Lake Street

38th St. Station/Purina Taskforce Task Force

February 8, Transit Oriented Development
February 22, Access, Circulation, and Connectivity
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Hiawatha School Park, 4305 East 42nd Street

Gangs and Graffiti Community Meeting

February 9, 7 p.m.
St. Joan of Arc Hospitality Hall, 4537 3rd Ave. S.
Information about:

- Investigation & prosecution
- Graffiti removal
- How you can help fight the problem

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

SENA Board Meeting

4000 28th Avenue S
February 13, 7:00 p.m.
For more information, visit www.standish-ericsson.org

LCC Board Meeting

Longfellow Park, 3435 36th Ave. S
February 16, 7:00 p.m.
For more information, visit www.longfellow.org

NENA Board Meeting

3000 East 50th Street
February 23, 7:00 p.m.
For more information, visit www.nokomiseast.org

BOARD AND COMMISSION OPENINGS

- Minneapolis Private Industry/Workforce Council (PIWC) (closes 2/28/2006)
- Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (closes 2/10/2006)

For more information, visit:
<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/boards-and-commissions/open/>

Entrepreneur Training

Seward Redesign, in conjunction with the Neighborhood Development Corporation (NDC) is sponsoring an entrepreneur training program for current or aspiring small business owners.

The program provides training on starting and running a successful business: financing, marketing, and other topics. Participants will develop a strong understanding of small business management and complete a solid business plan. They will also be put in touch with organizations that provide ongoing guidance and consultation.

This 16-week training consists of group classes and one-on-one meetings with the instructor. Classes meet Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30. The fee for the class is on a sliding scale basis based on household income. Most students pay \$75.

Applications are being accepted now! Interviews will be conducted February 28th and classes will begin March 7th.

For an application or more information, please contact Nick Sperrazza at Seward Redesign. (612) 338-8729 x106 or nick@sewardredesign.org

Planning for the Future

The 12th Ward likely has the unique distinction of being the only ward in the city with two intensive planning efforts taking place at the same time. Both the 38th St. Station Area (keep track of this process by e-mailing lcncdc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com with "Subscribe" in the subject line) and the VA/50 St. Station areas (<http://nokomiseast.org/association/dev/dev-update.htm>) are the subject of planning efforts that have the goal of creating a long term vision for their respective areas.

While both of these planning processes are focused on areas surrounding LRT stations, there are some big differences.

The 38th Street plan received Planning Commission approval, but final adoption was postponed to take advantage of a developer's willingness to work with residents to make further refinements to the draft plan. The 38th Street/Purina taskforce is being guided by the Longfellow Community Council.

The Nokomis East process is the last Minneapolis station area to go through the master planning process. Staff support is coming from the city, county, and consultants. Both use smaller steering committee/technical advisory groups to guide the steps of the planning, but are reliant on the larger community to make decisions about what the final plan will look like.

A final, and important difference, is that the Nokomis East process is looking at a broader planning area, which is typical of station area plans in the city. The 38th Street effort has narrowed its focus because a developer has control of a major parcel in the area (former Purina site). Work on traffic, scaling, design principles will apply across the whole area, but there will also be a focus on how these values apply to the Purina location.

There will continue to be community meetings through this spring. If you are interested in these areas (or planning), please take some time to join the discussion.