10th Ward News

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Tour the New LEED Certified Hiawatha Maintenance Facility

An open house of the new Hiawatha Maintenance Facility at 1901 East 26th St will be held on **Sunday, August 15th from 1-4 pm**. There will be a program at 1:30, free ice cream, guided tours and the opportunity to meet city leaders. The building consolidates city staff who plan, build and maintain our sewers, bridges, streets and sidewalks and were previously housed in 18 different buildings.

This is the first City building to meet strict Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards and is built to a LEED Gold Certified standard, with a potential for LEED Platinum Certification. LEED is a national point-based green building system that rates a building's energy efficiency, stormwater management, indoor air quality and use/re-use of materials. The building is actually 60% more energy efficient than the state building code requires!
Visit the Hiawatha Maintenance Facility's webpage for more information.

Helpful Parking Info to Avoid Tickets

We have received numerous reports this summer of residents being ticketed for parking too close to an alley or driveway entrance. We would like to remind you of the following Minneapolis parking rules.

1. You cannot park within 5 feet of a driveway or alley entrance. (Measurement begins where the curve of the curb ends)
2. You cannot park within 20 feet of an intersection corner.
3. You cannot park within 30 feet of a stop sign or signal.

Following these simple parking rules will help you avoid getting a pricey ticket. For more information, please visit the city's Street Parking Restrictions webpage.

Volunteer at the Uptown Market!

Your local neighborhood market is looking for volunteers and they need your help for the remainder of their summer Sunday afternoons! Volunteering for the Uptown Market is easy! Some of the duties you might help with include: helping set up the market (putting out trash and road barriers), checking in with vendors to see if they need anything, monitoring trash and recycling, promoting the market by chalking in the neighborhood, or helping do break down at the end of the day (putting away all of our materials, making sure the street is clear and clean). If you are interested in joining the Uptown Market on **Sundays** please contact Megan Gamble at megan@uptownmarket.org. The Uptown Market is located on west 29th Street between Lyndale Ave S and Dupont Ave S.

5th Annual Parade of Community Gardens

66 gardens are participating in this year's Parade of Community Gardens, a Minnesota event celebrating community and gardening. This self-guided tour will take place on **Saturday, August 21st from 10 am to 2 pm**. Two community gardens will be participating from the 10th Ward. Pleasant Avenue Community Gardens (3540 Pleasant Ave S) and Greenwood Acres Victory Gardens (3204 1st Ave S) will both be open for people to view and to have a chance chat with the gardeners!

The Parade of Community Gardens is organized by Gardening Matters.
For more information, check out the Parade of Community Gardens' website. You can also check out the parade map to see what gardens are participating and to plan out a route.

"We Want You Back" Initiative

Minneapolis Public Schools and the Youth Coordinating Board have joined forces to raise public awareness about the dropout crisis and graduation gap in Minneapolis and will be enlisting the entire community's help to resolve it. "We Want You Back" is hoping to invite 200 un-enrolled young people to come back to school, complete their credits and get their diploma. The Youth Coordinating Board plans to mobilize and train as many as 1,000 volunteers to connect with young people who want to return to school. The campaign's strategy includes a summer-long push of community outreach at more than 30 events to generate awareness, culminating in a citywide door-knocking event the second Saturday after school starts, **September 11, 2010**.
For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, please visit the We Want You Back website.

Midtown Greenway Challenge

The first annual Greenway Challenge will highlight committed Twin Cities riders in a bike-a-thon on the Midtown Greenway. The Challenge will be taking place on Saturday, **September 25th** and is a 44-mile (four loops of the Greenway) bicycle ride on the Greenway. Participants will be asked to raise at least $250 in pledge support from friends and family.
Riders will be delighted by live music, colorful community art, and delicious snacks along all 5.5 miles of the Greenway trail. Sign up with your friends, raise pledges to support the Greenway, and enjoy a festival Saturday on the trail!
For more information, visit the Midtown Greenway Challenge's webpage.
Want to sign up to ride and raise pledges? Go to the registration page.

Nicollet Ave Reconstruction Update

The Nicollet Avenue Reconstruction Steering Committee is working on creating a survey. The survey results will be used as a guide to redesign Nicollet Ave. The target timeline is to have the survey out by early September. Plans are to insert the survey in the Lyndale Neighborhood News (LNN) paper, have it available online and mail it to property owners that will be assessed for the project. These are tentative plans. Please read the September Lyndale Neighborhood News for more information.

Meet with Meg for Lunch!

Meet with Meg for lunch on Tuesday, September 14th 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 are still looking for your input on who you would like to see at Meet with Meg for Lunch! 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.

Thank You for a Great National Night Out!

The 10th Ward had a fantastic National Night Out! Many block parties received visits from fire fighters and police officers. Meg, and her Aide Leslie, visited about a dozen block parties. They had a wonderful time meeting and talking with residents.

The City is seeking photos and videos of your 2010 National Night Out Block Party to document Minneapolis National Night Out this year. Please send your 5 best photos (in digital format, on a CD) or your event footage (on a DVD or mini DV) to:
CPS Don Greeley, 3rd Precinct, Minneapolis Police Dept.
3000 Minnehaha Ave.
Minneapolis, MN 55406
(612) 673 -3482
Please keep copies as photos and videos will not be returned.
You can also email your photos and videos to donald.greeley@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.
Please include the location of your block party and contact information.
Please submit your photos and videos by **August 18, 2010**.

Landscape Architect Needed for Peavey Plaza Revitalization

The City of Minneapolis, in cooperation with the Minnesota Orchestral Association (MOA), is calling for Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) for landscape architecture design services for the revitalization of Peavey Plaza, on Nicollet Mall, in downtown Minneapolis. The purpose of the call is to solicit qualifications from interested landscape architecture firms.
The City and the MOA are collaborating in the revitalization of Peavey Plaza and Orchestra Hall, which are adjacent to one another and together comprise a full city block, as a single project. Information can be found at the City's Request for Proposals webpage (located at the bottom of this page, under the heading "Other"). Qualifications are **due on or before Friday, August 20, 2010 at 2:30pm**.
Phase I of the project, which includes concept design and budget development, will get underway in January 2011; construction is to be completed by the fall of 2012.

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