



# 9th Ward E-News

From Minneapolis Council Member Gary Schiff

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## Absentee voting underway at City Hall

Voters who are unable to vote in person on election day may register and vote in person at Minneapolis City Hall, 350 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street through 5 p.m. Monday. Register to vote and vote in person in Room 1B of City Hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Monday, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4.



Absentee voting closes at 5 p.m. on Monday Nov. 6. For absentee voting details, [click here](#) or call 311.

Tuesday, November 7 is election day in Minnesota. Voters can find information on [polling places](#), [sample ballots](#), [voter registration](#) and [voting absentee](#) at the City of Minneapolis web page. In

Minnesota, voters can register at polling places on election day. Voters may register by providing identification with their current name and address. [Click Here](#) for a list of acceptable IDs.

## New funding for teen pregnancy prevention

The Minneapolis City Council approved a motion today by Council Member Gary Schiff to create a new source of funding for teen pregnancy prevention programs. The motion comes on the heels of the [2006 Teen Parent Report Card](#). "While we are making progress overall with reducing unwanted teen pregnancies, we have not made progress with pregnancies for teen mothers who have already had children," said Council Member Schiff about the report. "In addition, pregnancies of foreign-born teens are on the rise. This trend is particularly concerning since immigrants are a growing percent of the City's population."

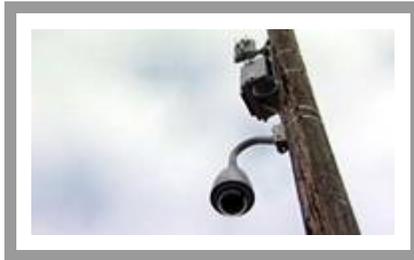
"Four million dollars from State and Federal funds for youth development in Minneapolis disappeared in 2003," says Gretchen Musicant, Minneapolis Health Director. "Currently, the city funds clinics in public schools that provide counseling,

contraceptives and Plan B, said Councilmember Schiff, "but in 2007, less than half of Minneapolis children attended public schools."

The Public Health Advisory Committee (PHAC) will be accepting grant applications in December for \$680,000 of public health dollars. Visit the [Department of Health and Family Services](#) web page or send an [email](#) for more information or with questions.

## Bloomington Avenue Crime Cameras

On Thursday, November 9 at 4:00 p.m., there will be a kick-off event for the new Bloomington Avenue camera system at Welna Hardware, 25<sup>th</sup> St E and Bloomington Ave. In the event of rain, the event will be held at the Third



Precinct building. "One of the nice things we'd like to have is 300 more cops. We can't do that, so how do you enhance the ability of the police officers that you already have? You use technology," said Lt. Greg Reinhardt of the Minneapolis Police Department.

Following the success of the Downtown Safety Zone, State Senator Linda Berglin sponsored legislation that secured funding for the cameras on Bloomington Avenue. "There have been over 500 cases that have been prosecuted, caught on camera and brought to court and 499 convictions," said Lt. Reinhardt. "We're not naïve enough to think that we're going to scare crime away, but it's going to provide citizens an avenue of safety." The cameras will be linked with squad cars and the Minneapolis Police Department's Third Precinct to help police monitor high crime areas and respond quickly and effectively.

***New Ninth Ward Landmark!***

## Midtown Exchange Condos on the Greenway



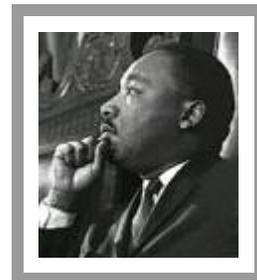
New homeowners are getting ready to move in Midtown Phillips latest affordable home ownership development. [Project for Pride in Living's \(PPL\) Midtown Exchange Condos on the Greenway](#) is part of the [Midtown Exchange](#)

development on the site of the historic Sears building at Lake and Chicago. The City of Minneapolis has awarded over \$800,000 of Empowerment Zone and Affordable Ownership Housing Program funds for reserved units for households below 50%, 60% and 80% Area Median Income (AMI). For a family of four the income level for 50% AMI is \$39,250, %60 is \$47,100 and 80% is \$59,600.

The [Minneapolis Television Network \(MTN\)](#) will broadcast a documentary hosted by Council Member Schiff about the redevelopment of the Midtown Exchange. The documentary, titled "Midtown Rising" will air on MTN channel 16 on Nov. 12 at 8:00 p.m.; Nov. 13 at 3:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.; Nov. 19 at 8:00 p.m.; and Nov. 20 at 3:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

## Students invited to submit essays for Martin Luther King essay Contest

Sixth, seventh and eighth grade [Minneapolis Public School](#) students are encouraged to submit essays for the 2007 Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest. The topic for the essay is: Do people have a human right to live where they choose on this earth? Why or why not? How should the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#) and the [Minnesota Human Rights Act](#) affect immigration policies? What recommendations do you have regarding immigration to the United States?



Submissions should be 500-words and will be judged on originality, spelling and grammar. Three essays will be chosen for recognition, and first, second and third prizes will be awarded at a ceremony to be held at Minneapolis City Hall. The deadline for the essay contest is November 10, 2006. Essays should include the student's name, the name of the student's home room/social studies teacher, grade, and the name of the Minneapolis Public School that the student attends. Essays should be sent to the Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights,

Attention: P. J. Hubbard at 350 South 5th Street-Room 239,  
Minneapolis, MN 55415. Any questions about the contest can  
be directed to Kenneth Brown of the [Minneapolis Civil Rights  
Commission](#) at 612-518-2155.

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