

# 12<sup>th</sup> Ward news

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[April]

## Grand Opening

Celebrate the Nokomis Library grand opening on Saturday, April 30 at 9:45 a.m.



It's time to celebrate! Nokomis Community Library reopens April 30<sup>th</sup>. Please join Hennepin County Commissioner Peter McLaughlin, Council member Sandy Colvin Roy, members of the Community Advisory Committee for the project and Friends of Nokomis Library at the Grand Opening.

**There will be a brief program at 9:45 a.m. on the front steps, followed by a ribbon-cutting at 10:00 a.m.** Stay to enjoy a scavenger hunt, live music or just to stroll your way through the building. Parking is limited, so you are encouraged to walk or ride your bike. There will be special bicycle parking on 51<sup>st</sup> Street for the event.

Built in 1968, the Nokomis Library has now been expanded by more than 4,300 square feet. Its 21<sup>st</sup> century improvements enhance the customer experience and include enlarged and improved children and teen areas; a refreshed collection of books, DVDs, and CDs; an interactive early literacy area for young children; and more public computers plus wireless Internet access throughout the building. A multipurpose meeting room for story time, library programs, and community meetings was relocated to the main level to improve customer access to the space.

The library's environmentally-friendly features include a geothermal heating and cooling system; maximized use of natural daylight; a storm water management system; and landscaping with native plants to enhance the building and site.

### Warmer Weather Means More Pothole Patching Ahead

City crews have been patching potholes all winter, especially since February, using a temporary patching material. They have used more than 300 tons of temporary winter patching mix. As the weather gets warmer, a higher quality asphalt material can be used. The asphalt adheres better and provides a more durable patch. The City has already used 180 tons of the material this spring.

Today, the City Council authorized an additional \$1 million for the purpose, but it is not possible for crews to address all potholes at once. City pothole patch crews prioritize which potholes to patch, weighing in factors such as the amount of traffic a street carries, the severity of a particular pothole problem and whether the street is slated for more extensive repairs sometime during the year. To report a pothole please call 311 or go online: [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/311](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/311).

### Hiawatha Public Works is LEED Platinum

The City of Minneapolis' Hiawatha Public Works Facility has received the highest certification awarded by Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). The LEED Platinum certification means that the building is one of the most sustainable in the nation.

Through extremely thorough planning, use of the best technology available, as well as old technology like sun to light the work spaces and re-use of materials from the old site, the platinum level was achieved with no additional cost. The sustainable measures mean that cost of operations on the site will be less than traditional for many years to come.

### Nokomis Healthy Seniors Race for the Golden Plunger April 30

If you are a senior who would like assistance with a cleaning project this spring, call 612-729-5499. If you would like to form or join a team to volunteer and compete for the prized Golden Plunger award, or contribute to one of the domestic athletes who has already volunteered, call 612-729-5499. See details in calendar below.

## Property Tax Discussion with Mayor Rybak in 12<sup>th</sup> Ward, April 20

Council Member Colvin Roy invited Mayor RT Rybak to hold one of his property tax conversations in the 12<sup>th</sup> ward. The mayor will talk about the City budget and property taxes and receive input from residents for the 2012 budget. Please join Mayor Rybak and CM Colvin Roy **April 20 at Nokomis Community Center, 2401 E. Minnehaha Parkway at 6:30 pm.**

### Did you know?

In 2011, the City will receive about \$168 million dollars from property taxes. The cost of funding police, fire and public safety is \$196 million dollars.

The city has eliminated \$130 million in debt since 2002 and has achieved AAA bond rated by all three major bond ratings firms; Fitch, Moody's and Standard & Poor's, an important step that saves money on every street, sewer or other public property construction project.

Minneapolis will send the State more than \$456 million in sales and commercial-industrial property tax revenues in 2011. In 2010 it got \$64.4 million dollars from the state in the form of Local Government Aid (LGA).

Since 2002 Minneapolis has experienced \$297 million in LGA cuts.

## City Saves Money and Environment with Green Fleets Policy

The City Council recently approved a Green Fleet policy to help the City achieve sustainability while reducing the short-term and long-term costs of City vehicles. Cars and trucks are the largest contributor of air pollution within Minneapolis and are a significant source of greenhouse gases.

This policy continues work the City has already begun in greening its fleet and provides clearer direction and standardized practices for all City departments. Already, these practices have:

Reduced fuel consumption in City vehicles and equipment by 6 percent from 2008 to 2010.

Reduced the City's fleet by 75 vehicles since 2008.

Purchased 324 alternative or hybrid vehicles since 2008.

Retrofitted 57 large vehicles (including plows and fire trucks) to reduce air emissions, paid for by a federal grant.

Switched many departments to HOURCAR – the nonprofit car-sharing organization – for travel on City business rather than maintaining a vehicle pool for employee use.

Tested new technologies such as electric vehicles and Segways ahead of the market.

As the City improves its fleet and practices, Minneapolis residents and businesses can do the same. For instance, Minneapolis has an ordinance prohibiting most vehicle idling for more than three minutes. Idling burns into a family's gas budget without getting them anywhere. The incomplete combustion from idling causes air pollution, which is linked to increased rates of cancer, heart and lung disease, asthma and allergies, and is particularly harmful to young lungs.

## Pedestrian Advisory Committee seeking community representatives

Minneapolis is seeking residents and business owners to serve on its Pedestrian Advisory Committee. The committee exists to advise City leadership on policies, programs and actions improving pedestrian safety, mobility, accessibility and comfort; promote walking for transportation, recreation and health; and strengthen the connection between the pedestrian environment and public transportation. Term lengths are two years. For more information or to apply to serve on this committee, visit [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/boards-and-commissions/open/index.asp](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/boards-and-commissions/open/index.asp). Applications may be submitted at any time and will be kept on file for 12 months. For appointments beginning July 1, 2011, priority will be given to applications received by April 4, 2011.

## Hymie's Vintage Records Festival to Celebrate World Record Day April 16

Hymie's Vintage Records is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> year in business on Lake Street, first at 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue for many years and now 5 blocks east.

In 2010 *Rolling Stone Magazine* named Hymie's one of the top 25 Best Records Stores in the United States, calling it "a classic, overstuffed mom-and-pop used-vinyl haven," and has been named "Best Place to Buy Vinyl" by *City Pages*, which wrote that "the case could be made for Hymie's as the best pop-culture museum in the state".

On April 16, Hymie's is hosting a festival in honor of World Record Day. The event includes live music on two stages with entertainment from local artists and street performers.

The festival runs from 11:00 to 7:00 pm on Saturday, April 16 at Hymie's, 3820 E. Lake Street and on the adjacent street, closed for the event.

## Forbes' List of Best U.S. Cities for Employment Ranks Minneapolis #4

According to Forbes, one reason that Minneapolis received such high marks is that it is home to several large companies that have recently stepped up their hiring.

## Vacancies on Met Council Advisory Committees

The Metropolitan Council is the regional planning organization for the seven-county Twin Cities area. The Council runs the regional bus and rail system, collects and treats wastewater, coordinates water resource preservation, plans regional parks and administers funds that provide housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income individuals and families. The Council currently has vacancies on four advisory committees. Deadlines for applications are April 18 and 26. Learn more here:

[Land Use Advisory Committee](#)

[Regional Parks Commission](#)

[Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee](#)

[Transportation Advisory Board](#)

## Minneapolis Charter Commission Applications Due by April 8th

The City is seeking applicants for a single vacancy on the 15-member Minneapolis Charter Commission. The commission is appointed by the Honorable James T. Swenson, Chief Judge of Hennepin County. The job of the Charter Commission is to gather, receive, review, and/or propose amendments to the Charter, and then to determine if they are appropriate to submit either to the voters or to the City Council for 13-0 passage. The Charter Commission, with the assistance of an Advisory Group, is also responsible for redrawing Ward and Park district boundaries in the City after every census.

If you are interested in applying or obtaining more information about the position, visit the Minneapolis Charter Commission website or contact the City Clerk at 612-673-3358 or [cityclerk@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:cityclerk@ci.minneapolis.mn.us). You may apply on your own behalf, nominate others for consideration, or inform the City Clerk of persons to whom you wish application materials be sent. Applications must be received no later than April 8, 2011.

## Street Sweeping Begins April 12th

Weather permitting, Tuesday, April 12 is when crews begin sweeping of all 1100 miles of city streets.

The work will be done over four weeks. If you park on the street, watch for temporary "no parking" signs to avoid a ticket and tow and to help protect water quality in our lakes and creeks.

About a week before the sweeping begins, you can find out the week your street will be swept by visiting the [City's Web site](#).

Street sweeping keeps leaves and debris from clogging our storm drains and polluting our lakes, creeks and river. It also helps our neighborhoods stay clean and livable.



## Events & Special Meetings

**Teen Job Fair April 2, Noon-3 pm**, Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall. Free event helps teens connect with over 30 potential employers and gives expert advice on job applications, resumes and interviewing. Fair is geared to teens in grade 8 and up, though most employment opportunities are for teens 16 and older. Sponsored by Achieve Minneapolis, Minneapolis Department of Community Planning & Economic Development, Mall of America and South Minneapolis Workforce Center's the Zone for Youth. Visit [www.hclib.org](http://www.hclib.org) or call 952-847-8049 for more information.

### Minnehaha AARP

**April 7, 1 p.m.** Minnehaha United Methodist Church, 3701 E. 50<sup>th</sup> Street, lower level. Free and open to the public. Choraliers' 2011 Spring Concert. Program follows a short business meeting. Refreshments provided.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Sustainable Communities Conference

**April 9, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm**, Central Lutheran Church, 333 12<sup>th</sup> Street South (next to Convention Center). Visit [www.afors.org/2011Conference](http://www.afors.org/2011Conference) for agenda and list of workshops. Event is free, but preregistration is requested. Call Sean at 331-1099 x1 or [www.afors.org/2011ConferenceRegistration](http://www.afors.org/2011ConferenceRegistration). Lunch can be purchased for \$5 per person. Ramp parking is available for \$9 per vehicle at Central Lutheran.

### Roosevelt High School Community Meeting

**April 12, 6 pm**, Roosevelt H.S. Media Center, 4029 28<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Join Bruce Gilman, Principal and Roosevelt neighbors to talk about what is happening at the school.

## **Earth Day Clean-up**

**April 16th All events 9:30 am – Noon Pre-registration not required.**

At **Nokomis Community Center**, 2401 E. Minnehaha Parkway. Coordinator will have bags, assignments and gloves (1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> served on the gloves).

At 36<sup>th</sup> St & **West River Parkway** or 44<sup>th</sup> St & West River Parkway coordinated by **River Gorge Stewards**. Cleanup supplies provided; educational presentations and free pizza. Map & details [http://fmr.org/participate/events/earth\\_day\\_cleanup-2011-04-16](http://fmr.org/participate/events/earth_day_cleanup-2011-04-16)

## **Friends of Lake Nokomis Cleanup - Rake 4 the Lake**

**April 16, 9am-Noon**, Help remove leaves, branches and dirt from a targeted area near Lake Nokomis to protect the lake's water quality. If not removed, organic material breaks down into phosphorous which contributes to the growth of algae. This year's clean up will take place in an area between 49<sup>th</sup> St and 52<sup>nd</sup> St between Nokomis Parkway and Nokomis Avenue. To volunteer or find out how to report your own clean up in the same area, e-mail [Friendsoflakenokomis@gmail.com](mailto:Friendsoflakenokomis@gmail.com)

## **SENA Community Conversation: We Love Our Parks!**

**April 18, 7 p.m.** Lake Hiawatha Park, 2701 E. 44<sup>th</sup> St. Wonder how the park decides which sports to offer? Want to know how to volunteer? Questions about water quality of Lake Hiawatha? Take part in this community conversation. MPRB Commissioner Carol Kummer, Park Superintendent Jayne Miller, MPRB Planner Lonnie Nichols, Park Directors & Community Service Area Team Leaders will attend. Refreshments served. Special activities for children aged 2-6 (Contact SENA by April 15<sup>th</sup> to reserve a space). Refreshments served.

## **No Pie Charts! Only Pies!**

### **Longfellow Community Council Annual Meeting**

**April 19, 6:30-8 pm**, Minnehaha Academy North Campus, 3100 W. River Parkway. Bring a pie to share, get updates on what is happening in Longfellow, learn about local organizations at the resource fair and elect board members. Bring a non-perishable food item for the Minnehaha Food Shelf. One ticket per donated item (up to 10 tickets) will be entered in a drawing to win great prizes donated by local businesses. Childcare available.

## **Identity Theft Presentation**

**April 21, 6 pm** Providence Place, 3720 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave S. Community Crime Prevention Specialist Karen Notsch will educate attendees on how to remain safe while at home and out in the community. Seating is limited, please RSVP with Catoya Clausell, 238-2577, by April 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **Earth Day II: River Flats Restoration**

**April 23, 9:30 a.m. – Noon** 34<sup>th</sup> St & West River Parkway. Help restore habitat and improve water quality along the beautiful River Flats. Visit <http://www.fmr.org/participate/events/riverflats-gm-pull-2011-04-23> for registration information.

## **Nokomis Healthy Seniors Clean-A-Thon – Race for the Golden Plunger**

**April 30** Nokomis Healthy Seniors' main fundraising events, the proceeds help area seniors stay in their homes. Teams collect pledges from sponsors, then are assigned to clean the home of a senior in the community who has been interviewed by a nurse or other professional to identify the work to be done. If you are a senior who would like assistance with a cleaning project this spring, call 612-729-5499. If you would like to form or join a team to volunteer and compete for the prized Golden Plunger award, or contribute to one of the domestic athletes who has already volunteered, call 612-729-5499.

## Grand Opening of Nokomis Library

April 30, 9:30 am 5100 34<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. See the newly remodeled community library.

Program begins at 9:45 am, ribbon cutting 10 am. Scavenger hunt, live music and more.

## Open Appointments for Boards & Commissions

Animal Care & Control Advisory Board	Open until filled
Mpls Charter Commission	Closes April 8
Mpls Advisory Cmte on People with Disabilities	Open until filled
Latino Advisory Cmte	Open until filled
Pedestrian Advisory Cmte	Open until filled
Mpls Planning Commission	Open until filled
Public Health Advisory Cmte (PHAC)	Open until filled
Mpls Workforce Council	Open until filled
Mpls Zoning Board of Adjustment	Open until filled

Deadline is April 4, 2011

For information on openings: [ci.minneapolis.mn.us/boards-and-commissions/open](http://ci.minneapolis.mn.us/boards-and-commissions/open)

I am honored to serve the residents of the 12<sup>th</sup> Ward. If you have any questions or comments, please call me at 612-673-2212 or e-mail me at [Sandra.Colvin.Roy@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:Sandra.Colvin.Roy@ci.minneapolis.mn.us).

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