10th Ward e-News

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Assaults in the 10th Ward

The 5th Police Precinct has issued an alert concerning a number of aggravated assaults and robberies in the 10th Ward. Council Member Tuthill is very concerned about these assaults. Inspector Clark of the 5th Police Precinct has been in close communication with her. This is an unusual trend for the precinct and especially for this area.

In most cases:

- the victim is assaulted from behind
- suspect descriptions vary but seem to include groups of multiple suspects
- the incidents are occurring late at night, typically between 11 pm and 2 am
- in one incident, an assault may have included brass knuckles

Please remember that crime can occur anywhere and is not reflective of the area. There are preventative steps that can be taken to help decrease the opportunity for crimes and increase the chances that any crimes that do occur result in an identification or arrest.

What You Can Do:

- **Call 911 on suspicious activity! Calls to 911 have helped officers prevent and interrupt these incidents.**
- Pay attention to your surroundings and trust your instincts.
- Walk in groups of at least four if at all possible.
- Stay in well-lit areas.
- Any information about the suspect(s) and vehicle(s) is very important. Try to provide this information to the responding officers and the 911 operator.
- Be aware of your ability to focus. In the past, intoxication has been a factor in the vulnerability of pedestrians.
- If you have information on an incident, call the MPD Tips Line at (612) 692-8477.

Spring and summer are finally here – let's get outdoors, have fun, but be alert and be safe.

Spring Safety Tips from the Police Department

In light of the recent events, we would like to provide you with a few safety tips given out by the Minneapolis Police Department. The Police Department does as much as they can to prevent crime, but its community members who are our best partners to stop crime. Actions you take at home on a daily basis can thwart most crime, or reduce the opportunity for it. Use 9-1-1 to notify immediately if you think a crime is occurring. We are happy to respond and investigate.

The Police Department's goal this year is to work with you to reduce the incidence of property crime in your neighborhood. Please:

1. **Lock your doors on your home**. If you have an alarm system, use it.
2. Once it's warm again and windows are open, **pin your windows** to prevent unwanted people from entering your home.

Spring Safety Tips (Cont.)

3. Lock your front door even if you are in the back yard doing yard work.
4. Be aware of strangers at your door. A common tactic is for someone to occupy you at the front door, while their partner enters your home from the rear.
5. Don't store vehicle keys on hooks or in a drawer by the back door or garage service entrance. Break-ins to homes with this method of key storage frequently experience the loss of a vehicle or two in addition to the burglary of the home.
6. **Lock your garage**, both the overhead door and the service door. Deadbolts are preferable and provide a higher level of security.
7. **Do not store valuables in your car**. Thieves target vehicles with obvious valuables like wallets, purses, cell phones, ipods, laptop computers, GPS units, etc showing. Invest in GPS technology for computers and cell phones. If stolen they are fairly easily found within a short time.
8. Many thefts from autos involve the use of your credit cards within the hour, or your identifying information is stolen for use in larger frauds. Protect your personal information.
9. If storing valuables in your car, stow them prior to arriving at your final destination.

Think Spring

Spring has finally arrived! This means tons of additional pedestrian and cyclists on the road. Everyone – drivers, cyclists and pedestrians – please be extra attentive.

Lyn Lake Wins Award!

Congratulations to Lyn Lake for winning the best neighborhood award in City Pages Best of Awards. Lyn Lake was highlighted for its affordability, friendly neighbors, easy parking, and a thriving business district. We encourage you to go check it out and see what everyone is raving about!

Midtown Greenway Detours due to Bridge Work

Due to bridge rehabilitation work, the Midtown Greenway will have intermittent and partial closures through June. The work is taking place between Cedar Ave and Hennepin Ave to improve safety for bicyclists and extend the useful life of the approximately 30 bridges. In order to protect the safety of trail users, the Midtown Greenway will be closed and detoured to 28th St and 29th St for short stretches at times. Work will take place on weekdays beginning at 7:00am and last until 4:30pm. Please respect your safety and the safety of city crews by following posted signs and closures. The trail will remain open at all other times (including evenings, nights, and weekends).

Further west on the Midtown Greenway, bridges over Lake Calhoun Parkway, the Lake Calhoun-Isles Channel, and Dean Parkway are also undergoing bridge rehabilitation work. This work is taking place to widen the trail and extend the useful life of the bridges, and will last through mid-summer. The trail at these bridges will not be closed, but will be narrowed at times.

Sidewalk Repairs

Three neighborhoods will see sidewalk repair projects this summer. All of Lowry Hill East, CARAG from Lake St to 34th St; and few blocks on the east edge of ECCO between Lake and 34th Streets. Sidewalk panels to be replaced are spray painted with a white dot. Call 311 with questions or for more information.

Bike Project Updates

On May 3rd, the Transportation and Public Works committee voted to approve the low bid to complete several bike projects, including the Bryant Bike Boulevard and the Bike Lane project on Blaisdell and 1st Ave S. This goes before the City Council at their meeting on Friday, May 13th. After approval by the Council the construction timeline will be set.

Upcoming Neighborhood Events

5th Precinct Open House is taking place on **Thursday, May 19th from 6-8pm at the 5th Precinct (3101 Nicollet Ave)**. The Open House is free and everyone is welcome! The event will feature family oriented events including demonstrations and information from K9, the Bomb Unit, Mounted Patrol, and many more city departments. Please note that they are planning to have a helicopter in the front visitor parking lot. Due to this, parking this year will only be available on the streets.

We have several **neighborhood garage sale** events coming up. Doing some spring cleaning and need to get rid of some stuff? Please contact your neighborhood organization to find out how you can participate! You can click on the links below to find more info on each neighborhood's sale.

CARAG Super Sale – Saturday, May 21st from 8am-4pm
EHFNA Sale-O-Rama – Saturday, May 21st from 9am-3pm
ECCO Super Sale – Saturday, June 4th from 9am-4pm
LHENA Garage Sales – Saturday, June 18th from 9am-3pm

Joyce United Methodist Church is holding a **garage sale to benefit the Joyce Food Shelf** during the CARAG Super Sale. Items are being accepted at the food shelf and the sale will be at the church. They will be accepting a variety of items including clothes, bicycles, DVDs, books, knick knacks, and furniture. They will not be accepting TV's, computers, phones, car parts, and large appliances.

A Memorial Day Service will be held on **Monday, May 31st at 10 am at the Lakewood Cemetery** (3600 Hennepin Ave S). The service will feature performances by a gospel quartet and the Police Band, a dove release, and color guard. Between noon and 3 p.m. Lakewood is offering two walking tours: Civil War and Women in Minneapolis History. A trolley tour will showcase Lakewood's gardens and the monuments of local politicians, musicians, artists and business leaders.

Dine Out for LHENA is a fun event that helps support the Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association (LHENA). It will take place at **moto-i restaurant & sake brewery on Monday, June 6 from 12:00pm to Midnight**. A portion of the sales support LHENA's programs and services. To make your reservation, call moto-i at 612-821-6262 and mention LHENA.

An **Open Streets Mpls Ciclovia event** will be taking place on **Sunday, June 12th from 10am-2pm on Lyndale Ave S from 22nd Street W to 42nd Street W**. Lyndale will be closed to motorized traffic allowing people to walk, bike, run and skate without the presence of motorized traffic. In addition, there will be variety of activities including yoga, dance lessons, aerobics, games, musical performances and classes on bike safety and repair. Open Streets is based on the *Ciclovia* event from Bogata, Columbia. For more information, please visit Open Streets Ciclovia webpage.

Uptown Market will be opening again for the summer on **Sunday, June 12th on 29th Street between Lyndale Ave S and Dupont Ave S**. The Uptown Market is a street market with local farmers, food vendors, artisans, craftspeople, and neighbors. Their 2011 season runs every Sunday from June 12th until September 25th. Check out the Uptown Market's webpage for more info.

Guided Tours of Minneapolis Historic Sites

This summer Preserve Minneapolis is offering tours of local historic sites across Minneapolis. Tour historic districts, Hennepin Avenue Theaters, Parks & Waterfalls, City Hall and more! One of these tours is taking place in the 10th Ward! The **Walk with Maud (Hart Lovelace) in Lowry Hill East** tour will be taking place on Saturday, June 25th from 10-11:30 am and Tuesday, Aug. 23rd from 5:30-7 pm.

For a full list of tours and to register visit the Preserve Minneapolis Tours webpage. There is a $5 tour fee which is used to help fund the tour program.

Block Leader Social!

Are you a current block leader, e-block leader, block contact, or just interested in getting more involved in your neighborhood? No matter your level of interest, we welcome you to join us at a social! It will be taking place rain or shine on **Thursday, June 16th at 6 pm at Kenwood Park** (meet at the picnic tables by the playground. If it rains, meet at the Kenwood Rec. Center's Art Room).

- Receive crime and safety information about your neighborhood
- Learn about resources from your Neighborhood Association
- Receive training to be a block leader (it's fun and easy!)
- Network with other block leaders
- Share fun ideas for getting people more involved or ask for help with any block concerns

This is the perfect chance to have fun and get involved. If you don't know if you want to be a block leader, come over, bring your neighbors and learn more about it. Light refreshments will be provided.

Please note - Although anyone is welcome to attend, the information will be aimed at Lakes Area residents located in Cedar-Isles-Dean, Kenwood, Lowry Hill, and East Isles. For questions, contact Crime Prevention Specialist Chelsea Adams at Chelsea.Adams@ci.minneapolis.mn.us or the Lakes Area Crime & Safety committee at lakes.area.safety@gmail.com.

Firefighters' Efforts Help the Community

Over three weekends in late March and early April, Minneapolis firefighters from Local 82 and the Minneapolis African-American Professional Firefighter Association installed 1,500 smoke detectors in neighborhoods in North and South Minneapolis.

The smoke detector program is part of the department's continuous effort to ensure more residents have working smoke detectors in their homes. A working smoke alarm in your home reduces your chances of dying in a fire by nearly half. Test your smoke alarm monthly, and change the batteries twice per year.

Thank you to Earth Day Clean Up Participants!

We would like to send out a HUGE thank you to all those that participated in this year's Earth Day clean up activities. We greatly appreciate your time and efforts to help make our community a cleaner and better place to live.

Meet with Meg!

Join us for Meet with Meg for lunch on **Tuesday, June 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 are provided! Meet with Meg is held the second Tuesday of every month.

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