



Council Member Betsy Hodges

Ward 13 News

August 2010

Public Safety Fair

Please join me and your Ward 13 neighbors at **Kenny Summerfest Saturday • August 14 • 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** at Kenny Park for my third-annual public safety fair. My goal is to bring neighbors together with public safety providers and services to strengthen the partnerships that keep our community safe. There will be demonstrations and information regarding:

- Crime Prevention for Your Block
- Home Fire Safety
- Block Club Organizing
- Tips on Home Burglary-prevention
- Safe Routes to School
- Graffiti Prevention and Removal
- Problem Properties
- Community Impact Statements
- And much more!



Helpful Links

- > [Public Works](#)
- > [Report Graffiti](#)
- > [Animal Control](#)
- > [Ward 13 Website](#)
- > [Inspections](#)
- > [Council Agendas](#)
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Southwest Light Rail Station

Station area planning for the five Minneapolis stations along the proposed Southwest light rail line is underway. The five proposed Minneapolis stations will be located at West Lake Street, 21st Street, Penn Ave, Van White Memorial Blvd and Royalston Ave. The station area planning process is expected to be complete by the end of 2010 and will become the basis for proposals to the City of Minneapolis Planning Commission and City Council. The plans will also be used to inform the next phase of the LRT project, Preliminary Engineering. Two community meetings were held in July for the project consultants to show and discuss their initial analysis of the station areas. The next community meetings will be held September 14th and 15th. Go to www.southwesttransit.org for details about meeting locations and times and to view materials from past meetings.

Ward Breakfast

Wednesday • October 20th
8 am • Pearson's Restaurant

Moving Forward at 50th and Bryant

New building will debut a year after February blaze

Crews began demolishing the structure in late July, including the south face of the building's foundation. Patina's website, www.patinastores.com, posted a notice that it intends to start rebuilding an "improved structure that is tailored to the neighborhood" this fall. Patina is working with the builder Streeter & Associates and architects from Gensler. Heidi's found its new location in Lyn/Lake at 2903 Lyndale Ave and will open in October ([Star Tribune Article](#)). We will continue to keep you updated as the project progresses.

Make Sure You're Registered for Upcoming Primary Election

August 10 is the primary election day. If you haven't done so already, there's still time for you to register to vote. If you're going to be out of town on that date, you can make sure your vote is counted by filing an absentee ballot. In the past, Minnesota's primary election was held in September. However, a recent law moved the primary date to August to allow members of the military extra time to return their ballots. Absentee voting opened June 25 and continues through Aug. 9. You can pick up an absentee ballot application in the Mpls Office of Elections, Rm 1B, City Hall or by visiting the election's website at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/elections.

Online Survey Asks How You Like to Drink Water

The City of Minneapolis is conducting an online survey to find out where people go to get their drinking water. This is a short survey that should take less than five minutes to complete. The purpose of the survey is to give the City a general understanding of water consumption in Minneapolis. The survey is open through August 20. To take it, go to www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/watersurvey.

Making Home Affordable

The Making Home Affordable Program has opportunities to modify or refinance your mortgage to make your monthly payments more affordable. It also includes the Home Affordable Foreclosure Alternatives Program for homeowners who are interested in a short sale or deed-in-lieu of foreclosure. Please visit: www.MakingHomeAffordable.gov or call the Homeowner's HOPE hotline (1-888-995-HOPE) to speak with a HUD-approved housing counselor for free.

Linden Hills Co-Op

The new, expanded location at 3815 Sunnyside Ave is still undergoing renovations, with construction crews working to meet the expected opening date in mid to late-September. The exact date of the new store opening is not known, but they've chosen Sunday, September 12th to mark the ceremonial transition to their new location.

Free Internet Access at More Than 100 locations in City

You can now get onto the Internet for free from 117 "Wireless Minneapolis" hotspots throughout the city. These hotspots are among the many community benefits that resulted from the City of Minneapolis' contract with USI Wireless, the company that built the wireless network blanketing the entire city. Sites in the 13th Ward are: 58th & Fremont Ave, 46th St & Upton Ave, 48th & Beard Ave, 43rd & Zenith Ave, 42nd & W Lake Harriet Pkwy, W Lake Calhoun Pkwy & 36th St and Lake St & Dean Pkwy. Please use and enjoy this new amenity!

To remove your name from our mailing list, please [click here](#).

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