

10th Ward e-News

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5th Precinct Receives Citywide Recognition

The 5th Police Precinct was the honored recipient of the **2010 MPD CODEFOR Recognition Award – Highest Reduction in Part I Crimes** at the Minneapolis Police Department's 2010 Awards Program on Tuesday, April 19th. This significant award recognizes the hard work our 5th precinct officers did to have the largest reduction of Part I crimes in Minneapolis in 2010. Part I crimes are burglary, rape, robbery, theft, aggravated assault, arson and homicide.

In addition, a number of 5th precinct individual officers received recognition.

Chief's Award of Merit:

Insp. Matt Clark (received 2 awards as a Lieutenant in the 1st precinct)

Lt. Tom Rice

Sgt. Giovanni Veliz

Officer Jessica Bartholomew

Department Award of Merit:

Sgt. Giovanni Veliz

Officer Anthijuan Beeks

Officer Jonahs Novak

Medal of Commendation:

Sgt. Sara Metcalf

Officer James Gorgart

Officer Nicholas Hwang

Lifesaving Award:

Lt. Gwen Gunter

Officer James Gorgart

Officer Jonahs Novak

Officer Amanda Saengdara

New 5th Precinct Newsletter

The 5th Police Precinct recently sent out the first edition of their quarterly newsletter "5th Precinct Spotlight". The newsletter provides current information on public safety matters, the status of 5th Precinct initiatives, updates on crime issues, crime prevention strategies and training, and highlights on arrests and public safety concerns. Please click [here](#) if you would like to sign up for the 5th Police Precinct newsletter.

Metro Blooms Rain Garden Workshop in LHENA

Learn about creating a rain garden in your own yard! The Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Assn is holding a rain garden workshop on Wednesday, **April 27th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm**. There is no charge to attend. For more information or to sign up please contact Caroline at 612-377-5023.

Take Back the Night is April 29th!

Take Back the Night is an annual march and rally to combat sexual violence. The event, as always, will include a rally complete with entertainment, powerful speakers, and socializing. The event also includes a candlelight vigil where attendees will be able to share their experiences in a safe environment, show their support for survivors, and empower each other to continue taking a stand.

Take Back the Night is taking place on **Friday, April 29th at 6pm on the MCTC Plaza** (1501 Hennepin Ave S).

Lyn-Lake Street Fest is coming up!

Taking place on **Sunday, May 15th from noon to 7pm**, the festival is bigger, better, and back to its original location along a two block stretch of Lyndale between 28th St and Lake Street. It's time to celebrate the long overdue start of spring, with biking, music, artists, craft persons, art cars and businesses welcoming each other in Lyn-Lake style.

Check out the [Lyn-Lake Street Fest](#) website for more information.

Also taking place during the street fest is the **Rides of Spring** bike rally **beginning at 9 am**. Grab a friend, hop on your bicycles and follow the clues to top secret, fun and wacky event stations, and receive tons of cool stuff. Your journey will take you around the Midtown Greenway and to local Lyn-Lake landmarks and businesses.

For more information and to register for the bike rally, visit the [Rides of Spring](#) webpage.

5th Precinct Open House

Every year during National Police Week, the Minneapolis Police Department precincts open their doors to the public. The events are family-oriented and include demonstrations and information from K9, the Bomb Unit, Mounted Patrol, and many more city departments.

This year's open house is taking place on **Thursday, May 19th from 6-8pm**. The 5th Precinct is located at 3101 Nicollet Ave. Refreshments will be provided. The Open House is free and everyone is welcome and will be held rain or shine.

Please join us at the Fifth Precinct for family-friendly fun!

Spring Street Sweeping Has Begun!

Over the course of roughly four weeks, sweepers will take care of all 1,100 miles of city streets, cleaning 35 to 40 miles of roadway each day. Alley sweeping has also begun, and will continue until all alleys are swept.

Temporary "no parking" signs will be posted at least 24 hours before a sweeping. On the day of the sweeping, parking will be prohibited on the street from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Vehicles parked on streets designated for sweeping may be ticketed and towed to the City's impound lot. **Please watch for "No Parking" signs to avoid a ticket and tow!**

You can find out the week your street will be swept by visiting the City's [Street Sweeping](#) webpage and clicking on "schedule lookup." The weekend before your street's scheduled sweeping, revisit the site to find out the exact day sweepers will come to your street.

Ward 10 Census Update

The 2010 census data has been released. The population of Minneapolis overall was steady. The City has gained forty residents in the past 10 years.

The 10th ward experienced population decrease of 4.9%. We now have 27,975 residents. The gain or loss of residents by neighborhood is:

- CARAG lost 260 residents.
- Cedar-Isles-Dean (partially in the 10th ward) gained 227 residents.
- East Calhoun lost 88 residents.
- East Isles lost 171 residents.
- East Harriet Farmstead (partially in the 10th ward) lost 395 residents.
- Lowry Hill East gained 238 residents.
- Lyndale lost 271 residents.

For more information, visit the city's [Census](#) webpage.

Looking for a dog or cat? Check out the City's "Pet of the Week"

Minneapolis Animal Care & Control wants pet lovers to know that there are many dogs, cats, rabbits, ferrets, and other animals available for adoption every day. More than 500 animals are adopted to the public every year.

Each week, Minneapolis Animal Care & Control will post a "Pet of the Week" on the [City's Facebook](#) page. This will include a picture and description of an animal that is available for adoption. Those interested in adopting the featured pet should contact Minneapolis Animal Care & Control by visiting the shelter or calling 311. Minneapolis Animal Care and Control encourages everyone thinking about adopting an animal to be a responsible pet owner: before you look for a pet, think about what type of pet will fit your lifestyle. This will ensure a happy home for you and your new companion.

For more information on what is required to adopt a pet, please visit the [animal adoptions](#) webpage.

Yard waste collection begins for the season

If you're a City of Minneapolis Solid Waste & Recycling customer, you can now set out your bundles of branches and bags of yard clippings and leaves by 6 a.m. on your garbage day. Yard waste collection is a special service to our customers, and is included in your monthly fee. Brush, leaves and other yard trimmings are collected weekly on garbage day through mid-November, weather permitting. Yard waste must be bagged or bundled. See how to prepare it at the City's [Yard Waste Preparation](#) webpage.

Pedestrian Advisory Committee Seeking Community Representatives

The City of Minneapolis is seeking Minneapolis 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 the City's [Boards and Commissions](#) webpage. Applications may be submitted at any time and will be kept on file for 12 months. Appointments will begin July 1, 2011. The deadline is May 20th.

Rain Barrels and Compost Bins Now Available

It is never too early to begin planning for spring gardening. The Recycling Association of Minnesota (RAM) is once again offering an easy solution to green up your backyard this spring by providing inexpensive rain barrels and compost bins for Minnesota residents at wholesale price. By composting organic waste (vegetable scraps and yard waste) and capturing rainwater from the roof, you can reduce the need for expensive fertilizers and reduce your water bill.

To ensure you receive yours at the discounted price, Minnesota residents must pre-order on RAM's website which can be found below. There are several distribution events this spring throughout the greater metro area as well as greater Minnesota so it is easier and more convenient than ever to get a rain barrel or compost bin this spring. RAM provides everything you need to get started-even a 'how to' guide to learn about composting and rain barrel use best practices compiled by industry experts.

Pre-ordered compost bins and rain barrels will be available for pick up April through June at various location, see the website for details. For more info and to order visit the [Recycle Association of Minnesota's](#) website.

Meet with Meg!

Join us for Meet with Meg for lunch on **Tuesday, May 10th 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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