

SIXTH WARD NEWS



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Community Office Hours

Council Member Lilligren has Community Office Hours at each of the four Sixth Ward Neighborhoods, every Monday, 9:30am-12:00pm

To schedule an appointment, call Connie at 612-673-2206. Drop-ins are welcome, however, you will be asked to wait if someone has an appointment. Translation is available by appointment. There will be no Community Office Hours when the Monday lands on a city holiday.

Monday, October 13-City Holiday—No Community office hours

Monday, October 20—9:30am-Noon at Stevens Square Community Organization—1925 Nicollet Avenue

Monday October 27—No Community Office Hours—City Council will be in Budget Hearings

Monday, November 3—9:30am-Noon—at Whittier Alliance—10 E 25th Street

THE FUTURE OF NRP

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The future of NRP looks brighter today than it has for a long time. Going forward we will continue to build on the tremendous successes and the capacity built during nearly two decades of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP). We now have a funding stream in place to support NRP for the next decade. Also, we have a governance structure that elevates, integrates and amplifies the role of neighborhoods within City government and departmental operations.

NRP came into existence about 18 years ago based on the work of many community activists and elected officials. From the start the program was created around a 20 year timeframe. Its funding stream, its Joint Powers Agreement and Governance Board and other components were set to a 20 year alarm clock. That alarm is set to go off in 2010. Rather than hit the snooze button many residents urged the City Council to take leadership and do something to save NRP.

With two near unanimous votes at the City Council meeting on September 26th we took our first incremental steps to secure the future of NRP. Our underlying principles are to keep what works, building on the many successes of the NRP. Neighborhood organizations will still determine their visions through Neighborhood Action Plans and dollars will continue to flow to neighborhoods to implement their plans. With the 2008 State Legislature's statutory creation of the Transformation Districts (TD's) the City of Minneapolis now has a way of providing discretionary funding to neighborhoods, one of the things that makes the NRP unique.

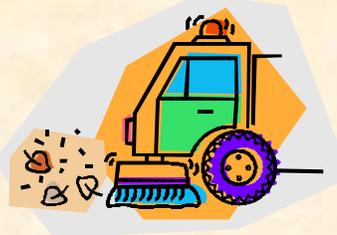
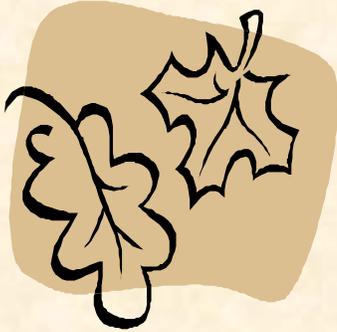
Through the creation of the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission, neighborhood organizations will collectively have a greater role in the governance and operations of the City. The NCEC will have the preeminent place in hiring the Assistant City Coordinator position responsible for the program; help create the department's business plan and budget; and lead in creating improvements in the way the City of Minneapolis delivers services.

With the creation of the Neighborhood and Community Relations

Department we as a city take another step toward achieving one of the primary goals set when establishing the NRP. We have the opportunity of improving the way the City of Minneapolis delivers services. The new department, as part of the City Coordinator's office, will foster a greater community voice and provide direction for improvement in our operations. I think this will bring greater satisfaction in the City's response to our residents.

There are still many questions to be answered and many actions to be taken. Of great interest will be the level of funding dedicated to the NRP. Important budget decisions will be made in the coming weeks and months in our council's Ways and Means Budget committee; potential legislative changes need to be discussed; Members of the Commission need to be recruited and the new department needs to be put together.

We are poised on the threshold of a new era of neighborhood revitalization in our city. We have the chance to move forward and define a new and stronger partnership between City Hall and our neighborhoods. I believe it is now more important than ever for Minneapolis City Hall to be supportive of the fine work done by our neighborhood organizations. I know that working together we are all up for the challenges ahead.



*WATCH FOR
SIGNS—Fall Clean
up starts in Mid-
October—don't let your
vehicle be tagged and
towed!!!*

**The Phillips Community
Needs You!!!**

**9-10 a.m. — Breakfast,
Sign In and Pick-Up
Supplies:**

- West Phillips & Ventura Village -Behind Messiah's Community Education Center

25th & Park Avenue

- East Phillips & Midtown Phillips -Welna Hardware, 24th and Bloomington Ave

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STEVENS SQUARE PARK FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL—OCTOBER 18TH

Bring your friends, your dog, and your appetite to the FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL on Saturday, October 18th, Noon-3pm. Highlights include: Noon-Chili Cook-off; 1pm-Dog Costume Contest; 2pm-Harvest Bake-off. All day live music, bocce ball, horseshoes, face painting, beanbag toss, pumpkin decorating, and interactive art by William Hessian and Matt Semke.

For more information go to SSCO_events@gmx.com.

Council Member Lilligren will be an announcer for part of this event.

IT'S FALL CLEAN UP TIME - STREET SWEEPING BEGINS IN MID-OCTOBER

The City will begin the big task of curb-to-curb sweeping and leaf collection on streets throughout Minneapolis in mid-October. During the five weeks of the comprehensive fall street sweep, crews will clean up about 1,100 miles of city streets.

To make sure the sweepers can do the best job possible, temporary "No Parking" signs will be posted at least 24 hours in advance to make sure streets are clear of vehicles when they're swept. Anyone who parks on the street will need to follow street sweep parking rules or their vehicles may be ticketed and towed.

In addition to the "No Parking" signs that will be posted the day before

sweepers come through, the City will make about 3,500 automated phone calls each evening to let residents know their street will be swept the next day.

The exact timing of the street sweeping will be set based on weather and other conditions. Watch the City's street sweep Web page at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/streetsweep to find the exact dates of the sweep once they're determined.

Minneapolis is known for its sparkling lakes and waterways, and we want to keep it that way. That's why protecting and enhancing our environment is one of the City's top priorities. Street sweeping is one way we work to protect our environment

because it keeps leaves and debris from clogging our storm drains and polluting our lakes and rivers. It also helps keep our neighborhoods clean and livable.

Also please remember that **you should never** rake your leaves, grass clippings, or other debris into City streets – it's bad for our lakes and waterways, it can cause safety hazards, and is against the law. Anything that goes down a storm drain flows directly into our lakes and river, and decomposing plant material in the water encourages the growth of harmful aquatic plants and algae. City crews sweep every Minneapolis street curb to curb twice each year, in the spring and fall.

PHILLIPS COMMUNITY CLEANSWEEP!

9 a.m. to noon — CleanSweep Phillips!

- Get your neighbors involved...Pick up litter from streets & boulevards.
- Put litter in yellow bags at your garbage pick up site.
- Put leaves and yard waste in regular trash bags at your garbage pick up site.
- Help load trash into the city garbage trucks.

Noon to 2 p.m. — Lunch:

- Stewart Park, 2700 12th Avenue South

Do not put out the following:

- Hazardous waste such as batteries, motor oil, full cans of paint/pesticides. Call Hennepin County at 612-348-3777 or check the A-Z guide on their web site.
- Auto parts or fluids. Call Hennepin County at 612-348-3777 or check the A-Z guide

on their web site.

- Appliances – can be picked up on next regular recycling day
- Yard waste – can be picked up on regular garbage day
- Garbage cans – will be emptied on next regular garbage day

Questions? Call: 952-996-6490—Phillips Hotline

Make sure you're pre-registered to vote before Election Day

This is a big election year here in Minnesota. Make sure you're prepared to vote in November by pre-registering or applying for an absentee ballot.

City elections officials remind Minneapolis voters that Oct. 14, 2008 is the deadline to pre-register to vote on Election Day. By pre-registering, you help speed up the voting process on Election Day for yourself and others. Voters who don't pre-register will need to register on Election Day, which means bringing a state-required identification to the polls and allowing for a little extra time. To pre-register, eligible

voters can fill out voter registration applications at Minneapolis City Hall, Hennepin County offices, public libraries, park buildings and fire and police stations. Applications in English, large print English, Hmong, Russian, Somali, Spanish and Vietnamese are available online at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/elections.

All individuals whose registration applications are received by election officials by 5 p.m. on Oct. 14 will be pre-registered for the Nov. 4 General Election. Newly registered voters will receive a postcard telling them where

to vote.

Voters can vote by absentee ballot either in person at Minneapolis City Hall or by mail. Applications may be submitted at any time. Ballots are available 30 days before each election. Be sure to allow seven days to complete voting through the mail.

Voters permanently unable to go to the polls because of illness or disability may apply year-round to automatically receive absentee balloting applications before each election. For an absentee ballot application and more details, visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/elections or call 311.



November 4, 2008

Learn how to keep your family and pets safe during Fire Prevention Week

In recognition of National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 5-11, the Minneapolis Fire Department and the Firefighters Hall and Museum will hold events to help folks have fun while learning how to keep their families and pets safe.

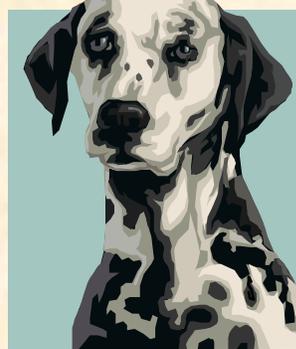
On Oct. 11, the museum will hold an all-day open house to help people learn about preventing home fires, which is the theme of National Fire Prevention Week this year. The free open house will provide fire safety tips and give kids of all ages the opportunity to slide down a fire pole, ride a fire truck and much more. During the open house, the "1st Annual Best (of the rest) In Show" event will take place outside the museum, giving pet owners a chance to show off their dogs and learn ways to keep their pets safe. Come for the free

information, activities and snacks, and stay for the complimentary admission to the Fire Museum, which contains a 12,000 square-foot exhibit on Fire Department history. The Fire Museum is great fun for children, with lots of activities for the entire family to enjoy.

The "1st Annual Best (of the rest) In Show" event will run from 10 a.m. to noon, and it's a great opportunity for folks to show off their dogs and meet other pet owners. It's also a chance to receive information on pet safety from a variety of partners at the event, including Minneapolis Animal Care & Control, Hearing & Service Dogs of Minnesota, the Canine Coach, BART, the Humane Society, and others.

For more information on the open house or to register your pet for the event, visit

www.firehallmuseum.org or contact Casidy Anderson at (612) 919-7790. Pet registration forms are also available at Minneapolis fire stations, dog parks, and some local pet stores.



Minneapolis Fire Department Open House and "1st Annual Best (of the rest) In Show" dog event 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 11 Firefighters Hall and Museum 664 22nd Ave. N.E

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call (612) 673-3000.



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MINNEAPOLIS RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE MOST SUSTAINABLE CITIES IN THE NATION

Minneapolis has been named one of the most sustainable cities in the United States by SustainLane.com, an online people-powered guide to sustainable living. Minneapolis ranked number seven, moving up from the tenth spot in 2005, among the 50 most populous cities in the nation.

SustainLane's rankings are based on 16 different indicators that cover many sustainable practice areas, including local food availability, tap water quality, air quality, metro transit ridership, energy and climate change, and green building practices; the indicators show where cities are excelling or struggling. The rankings also take into consideration the chance of natural disasters and the preparation that cities have made to handle those catastrophes.

Minneapolis ranked high among other cities in many indicators, such as the availability of local food and agriculture (#1), city innovation (#6) and green economy (#7). The city was referred to as a "Midwestern jewel of a city" and was also recognized for the climate change grants that the City awards to groups for funding projects aimed at tackling global warming.

Creating a more sustainable community is a top priority for Minneapolis. The quality of life in the city is linked to the health and well-being of our community and our environment. Minneapolis has focused limited resources and reformed city government processes to be a more sustainable city, which means a city that meets its current needs without sacrificing the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. This can be accomplished by balancing environmental, economic, and social equity concerns. All of us – residents, businesses and government – can take actions everyday that will make Minneapolis better today and create a positive legacy for future generations.

To learn more about Minneapolis' sustainability efforts, visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/sustainability.

Rental Property Owner Workshop

The MPD and Housing Inspections are sponsoring a Rental Property Owner Workshop:

Thursday, October 23, 5-9 pm

St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church

3450 Irving Ave. S

Pre-registration required

Cost: \$20 if registered by Oct. 16; \$30 thereafter. The fee covers a manual and other materials, a DVD on Housing Court and a box meal.

This 4-hour workshop includes useful information on:

The ABC's of property management - Dealing with tenant behavior issues

Tenant screening - Effective leases - Housing Court - Working with the MPD and Inspections

And Much more

The workshop is particularly useful for new owners and those owners/managers who are having problems at their properties. There is more information and a registration form at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/safe/workshops.asp#TopOfPage>. For more information, contact your CPS, e-mail ccpsafe@ci.minneapolis.mn.us or leave a message at 612-673-2812.

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