

Community 11 Connections

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Quincy's Corner

National Night Out may be the pinnacle neighborhood gathering night of the year, but it is important to carry the relationships formed forward and deepen them throughout the year. Court Watch is a community-focused way to do this. Property Crimes Court Watch was recently established in the Minneapolis Police Department's Third Precinct (serving the east side of Ward 11 – east of 35W) as a response to a significant increase in property crimes in both home and garage burglaries.

Several components are built into a Court Watch including:

- a Community resident Co-Chair,
- an invitation to participate in regularly scheduled precinct-wide community meetings where you will receive updates on those arrested and the court process,
- notification to the community about the need to write impact statements for the courts about repeat burglars,
- an opportunity to educate judges about the personal impacts of being a victim of a home or garage burglary,
- timely information on upcoming court hearings and outcomes, and
- an opportunity to be informed about judges' actions and court results

Property Crimes Court Watch will meet Monday, September 12, from 6:30–7:30 pm, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1720 E Minnehaha Parkway (Off of 18th Ave S), Community Room on street level. Enter on East side of Church on 18th Ave.

Come and join to learn more about Property Crimes Court Watch and participate in writing impact statements!

For more information, contact Crime Prevention Specialist Carla Nielson: 612-673-2850 or carla.nielson@minneapolismn.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Quincy".

P.S. — As a community, we are committed to working together to make our city safer and more livable. To this end, I am sending every address in Ward 11 a Safety Tips Flyer. The mailing is in response to concerns I've heard about mobile drug dealing, burglaries, personal safety, and theft from autos. Keep your eye out for the flyer in the coming weeks!

Minneapolis Updates Its Electronic Technology



The City of Minneapolis has a new web address:

www.minneapolismn.gov.

While the new address is shorter and easier to remember, the most significant benefit is that it provides the public with an added reassurance that it is the official City government site, since only government entities are allowed to have a "dot gov" domain.

The old domain name – www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us – will continue to work indefinitely, but people are encouraged to update their bookmarks and use www.minneapolismn.gov

when visiting the City's website.

In addition to the new domain name, City email addresses are also changing. City employee email addresses are now formatted like this: firstname.lastname@minneapolismn.gov. Like the web address, the old email addresses will continue to work indefinitely, so if a person sends an email to firstname.lastname@ci.minneapolis.mn.us, that City employee will still receive the email message.

Minneapolis 79

To coincide with the shift to a new web address, the City also launched a revamped government television channel: Minneapolis 79. Among the changes viewers will see:

- A "live" graphic bug in the upper left corner during live council meetings so viewers can immediately tell when they are tuned in to a live City Council or Committee meeting.
- New "lower third" graphics that provide on-screen information during City meetings.
- A consistent programming schedule so it's easier for people to know when to tune in to watch a Council or Committee meeting.
- A new set of short public education videos that promote important City news and information. These "Did You Know..." segments are also produced in Spanish, Somali and Hmong.

The program schedule includes more rebroadcasts

of government meetings. In addition to airing live and rebroadcast City Council meetings on Minneapolis 79, the City of Minneapolis offers live and archived meetings on its website. Live Minneapolis 79 programming can now also be viewed on most mobile devices at <http://minneapolis.implex.net/video.htm>.

The Minneapolis City Council approved the new web domain name in November 2010, and since then the City's Business Information Services department has been working to ensure that all Web pages and email addresses would work properly once the conversion to the new domain name was implemented.

Six Minneapolis Farmers Markets Expand Access to Healthy Foods



Most farmers market transactions are done in cash, limiting choices for people who get food assistance through EBT ("food stamp"

benefit) cards. To make it easier for these folks to benefit from their economical, nutritious goods, six Minneapolis farmers mar-

kets have started letting customers purchase fruits, vegetables and other produce with their EBT cards:

- Midtown Farmers Market
- Minneapolis Farmers Market
- Northeast Farmers Market
- West Bank Farmers Markets at Augsburg
- West Bank Farmers Markets at Brian Coyle Community Center

• West Broadway Farmers Market
Get up to \$5 in free "Market Bucks" coupons when you buy fresh, healthy food with your EBT card at participating farmers markets in Minneapolis this summer. Visit www.iatp.org/EBT or ask 311 for more information.



A number of historic places around the metro area will get extra money for preservation. A \$1 million grant is going to the Minneapolis-Saint Paul region for preservation projects, and soon

Twin Cities Receives \$1 Million to Preserve Historic Sites

you'll be able to vote for the one project you think should get full funding.

Partners in Preservation, a 10-year project of American Express, has partnered with the National Trust for Historic Preservation and selected the metro area for this special grant-making initiative. Our seven-county area is the sixth region in the country to participate, after Chicago, San Francisco, New Orleans, Boston and Seattle.

Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak and Saint Paul Mayor Chris Coleman will co-chair the local Partners in Preservation advisory committee, which is composed of civic and historic-preservation leaders.

Beginning on Sept. 20, you'll be able to participate by voting online for your favorite of 25 local preservation projects at www.Facebook.com/PartnersinPreservation. The project that gets the most votes by Oct. 12 will receive full funding. The

remaining funds will go towards a number of other historic sites as recommended by Partners in Preservation and the advisory committee.

For more information, go to www.preservationnation.org/partners-in-preservation and click on "Twin Cities 2011."



Ward Neighborhood Associations

[Field, Regina, Northrop Neighborhood Group](#)

3rd Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 pm, Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church

[Hale, Page, Diamond Lake Community Association](#)

4th Monday, 7-8:30 pm, New Creations Ministries

[Kingfield Neighborhood Association](#)

2nd Wednesday, 7-8:30 pm, Martin Luther King Park

[Nokomis East Neighborhood Association](#)

4th Thursday, 7-8:30 pm, NENA Office

[Tangletown Neighborhood Association](#)

3rd Monday, 7-8:30 pm, Fuller Park

[Windom Community Council](#)

2nd Thursday, 7-8:30 pm, Windom Community Center

Innovative Tree Canopy Map Available



A new mapping study of the Minneapolis tree canopy, made with the latest available technologies including satellite imagery, is now available online. The study finds that nearly 32 percent of Minneapolis is covered in tree canopy, which is greater than previously estimated. Not only is the majority of the city's tree canopy on residential property, but the greatest potential for new tree canopy also lies on residential property. Minneapolis property owners can check the map to find out which pri-

vately owned spaces in their communities could make the best use of trees. (Private property owners must not plant trees on boulevards.)

Our tree canopy is an important part of the urban environment and a priority for the City and its residents. Most people know that trees are important to any city's character, beauty, property values and air quality. Perhaps less intuitive are trees' effects on health, crime and

energy consumption. The map can help neighborhoods strategically plan and target resources for the greatest return on investment in our tree canopy, including reduced stormwater runoff and reduced energy consumption.

Staff plans to update maps following events such as the May tornado in north Minneapolis.

For more information and to see the map, visit www.minneapolis.gov/trees.

Low Cost Internet Access to Help Students Succeed

While many Minnesotans have Internet access at home, school, or work, there is still a significant number of individuals and families who are not able to utilize this powerful resource. For many, Internet access is simply too expensive to obtain. Now, Comcast is working to make it easy and affordable to bring the Internet to these

homes. Eligible families will qualify for Internet service at the rate of \$9.95 per month. For households that do not own a computer, Comcast also offers a low-cost computer option. To qualify for these offers, households must meet the following criteria:

- Be located where Comcast offers Internet service

- Have at least one child receiving free school lunches through the National School Lunch Program
- Have not subscribed to Comcast Internet service within the last 90 days
- Not have an overdue Comcast bill or unreturned equipment

If you are interested in taking advantage of this affordable option for Internet service and believe you meet the criteria for eligibility, please contact Comcast at 1-855-8-INTERNET (1-855-846-8376) to request an application. To learn more about Internet Essentials, visit www.internetessentials.com.

Calendar

September 5	Holiday: Labor Day
September 8	7–8:30 pm: Windom Community Council Meeting at Windom Community Center (5843 Wentworth Avenue S)
September 10	9:30–11:30 am: Second Saturday with Representative Jean Wagenius at Mayflower Church (106 Diamond Lake Road E)
September 12	6:30–7:30 pm: 3rd Precinct Property Crimes Court Watch at Holy Cross Lutheran Church (1720 Minnehaha Parkway E)
September 19	7–8:30 pm: Tangletown Neighborhood Association Meeting at Fuller Park (4800 Grand Avenue S) 7–8:00 pm: Hale Page Diamond Lake Community Association Annual Meeting at Pearl Park (414 Diamond Lake Road E)
September 21	8–9 am: Community Coffee Hour at Caribou Coffee (4606 Nicollet Avenue S) 6:30–8:00 pm: Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Meeting at Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church (1620 46th Street E)
September 22	7–8:30 pm: Nokomis East Neighborhood Association Meeting at the NENA office (3000 50th Street E)
September 26	7–8:30 pm: Hale Page Diamond Lake Community Association Meeting at New Creations Ministries (5144 13th Avenue S)
September 30	5–6 pm: Ward Happy Hour at First Course (5607 Chicago Avenue S)

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