



City of Minneapolis — Council Member Sandy Colvin Roy

# 12th Ward Update

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## RUNWAY CLOSING AUGUST 13

### EXPECT DRAMATIC CHANGE IN FLIGHT PATTERNS

The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) will be closing the south parallel runway on August 13 for approximately 50 days to allow reconstruction of a portion of runway. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has complete authority over flight operations at MSP and they have approved these changes.

Two significant changes in flight patterns will be noticed by south Minneapolis residents. The increased use of the north/south runway for arrivals and departures over Minneapolis, will direct traffic along a corridor bracketing Cedar Avenue (something not usually allowed due to the city's agreement with FAA.) Increased use of the crosswind runway will take flights over the VA hospital and into St. Paul.

If you are interested in more information, visit [www.macavsat.org/construction](http://www.macavsat.org/construction).

I have asked a representative of the FAA to brief the Transportation and Public Works Committee about the Safety Risk Management process they underwent to ensure that flight operations would continue to be safe with these temporary uses.



## Important

**Our current drought is putting our young trees in danger.**

**Please give them some special attention during this dry spell.**

## BICYCLES AS BAIT?

The Minneapolis Police Department has been successfully using a bait car program for a number of years to catch auto thieves. Bait cars are wired with electronics that help the police make a quick arrest and build a very strong court case against the thief. The Minneapolis bait car program is a national model.

A council committee recently asked the Police Department to explore a similar program for bicycles. MPD was directed to explore the creation of a "Bait Bicycle" program to catch and deter bicycle thieves. In two months, they will an analysis of the costs of such a program and a recommendation for the City Council.

This is an out of the box idea, but I think it is worth exploring. Bicycle theft is common, expensive, and we've had limited success in catching the thieves. We also have a chance to fund the program with grants so we can test the program before we invest existing budget dollars.

As bicycles become a more popular transportation mode in the city, we need to do more for their owners. This is the very beginning of the discussion so keep your eyes open for updates in the future.

- **152** 12th Ward Events (2nd most in the City)
- An estimated **6,500+** 12th Ward residents participating
- On behalf of the City, thank you to all of the volunteers who make National Night Out such a success!

## MINNEHAHA CREEK GLEN RESTORATION PROJECT

The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) and the Minneapolis Park Board have done some excellent work to identify problems and opportunities in the lower Minnehaha Creek gorge area within Minnehaha Falls park. They are partnering with the US Army Corps of Engineers and the VA (whose property is contributing to some of the creekside degradation) with the goal of protecting the natural resources in the gorge below the falls, including the glen area, and improving the experience for visitors.

Residents can track the project at [www.minnehahacreek.org/MinnehahaCreekGlenRestorationProject.php](http://www.minnehahacreek.org/MinnehahaCreekGlenRestorationProject.php). The link will take you to a presentation recently made to a community meeting in Longfellow (to be repeated at NENA town meeting on Thur. Aug 9) that identifies the issues and possible strategies to resolve them. Creek bank erosion that threatens safety and increases the amount of sediment carried into the river is a big problem, while the uncovering of ruins from the first known mill in the area is an opportunity to preserve some local history. Photos are included to show what the issues and strategies look like.

Questions or concerns can be directed to Michael Wyatt, MCWD Planner/Program Manager at (952)471-0590 ext. 204 or via e-mail at [mwyatt@minnehahacreek.org](mailto:mwyatt@minnehahacreek.org)

### EVENTS & SPECIAL MEETINGS

#### VA Medical Center Farmer's Market

Tuesdays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

VA Medical Center - 54th St. and Minnehaha Ave.

#### National Night Out

Tuesday, August 7

Your Block!

#### NENA Town Meeting

Thursday, August 9, 7 p.m.

Topics will be Minnehaha Glen Planning and the closing of Morris Park Special Ed Program

Morris Park

#### SENA Annual Meeting

Monday, September 10

Call SENA Office for Location - 612-721-7601

#### 34th Annual Longfellow Corn Feed 2007

Thursday, August 9, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Longfellow Park

#### WiFi Informational Meetings

Thursday, November 1, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Nokomis Community Center

2401 East Minnehaha Parkway

### NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

**SENA Board Meeting** - Monday, August 13, 7 p.m.

For more information, visit [www.standish-ericsson.org](http://www.standish-ericsson.org)

**LCC Board Meeting** - Thurs., Aug. 16, 7 to 9 p.m.

For more information, visit [www.longfellow.org](http://www.longfellow.org)

**NENA Board Meeting** - Thurs., Aug. 23, 7:00 p.m.

For more information, visit [www.nokomiseast.org](http://www.nokomiseast.org)

### DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

A brief description of new and ongoing projects in the 12th Ward

**Purina Site** - Longfellow Community Council recently asked members of the community to discuss the Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) they have been negotiating with the developer for this project at the SE corner of 38th St. and Hiawatha Ave. This is a landmark effort by LCC and the outcome was well-received by the community at a meeting at Hiawatha School Park. Dale Joel's proposal for 225 housing units and 40,000 to 45,000 square feet of retail with 400 below grade parking stalls is much changed from an earlier version that included a "point tower." The project still has a significant amount of city process to go through, including project financing and land-use approvals.

**Vantage Flats** - MetroPlains, a St. Paul based developer and property manager, recently received approval to build a 37 unit apartment building on the 5400 block of Minnehaha Ave. (formerly Ricky's Loft). There will be one, two, and three bedroom units with rents ranging from \$736 to \$1,141 a month. The schedule has construction starting in the fall.

**Pan-O-Gold Parcel** - The developers of Olin Crossings are moving forward with their plan for the site at 53rd and Minnehaha, including some adjacent residential lots that were purchased by the developer. 33 condo units in two buildings will be set around an open green courtyard, with community green space on the triangular point. The plan includes the continuation of a boulevard along Minnehaha Ave. and an area for community space.

**46th and 46th** - The downturn in the real estate market really hurt this project and the result has been a lot of frustration for everyone involved. The developer is considering different financing that might allow them to proceed more quickly. My office continues to respond as issues come up regarding the condition of the site.