

Ward 11 Newsletter

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City and NRP schedule public meetings to seek input on community engagement report

A survey seeking input on community engagement will be available in mid-January

The Minneapolis City Council and the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board have called for public discussion of the Community Engagement Report submitted by the City Coordinator on November 9, 2006. [NRP and the City of Minneapolis](#) are facilitating a series of eight public meetings and a community survey to gather input on community engagement.

The deadline for public comment has been extended to **Thursday, Feb. 8, 2007.**

Community Meetings

The public meetings have been scheduled at various locations in early 2007 to reach a broad cross-section of community stakeholders. The dates, times and locations of the meetings in and around the 11th Ward are as follows.

7 – 8:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 29
Burroughs School – 1601 W 50th St

7 – 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 30
Minnehaha United Methodist Church – 3701 E 50th St

Community Survey

A survey about community engagement, in electronic and paper formats, will be distributed to stakeholders in January. The survey will also be available in Spanish, Somali, Hmong, Vietnamese, Lao and Oromo. Requests for surveys, additional information, and completed surveys should be directed to Joe Horan, NRP, 105 5th Avenue S, #425, Minneapolis, MN 55401; (612) 673-5141, jhoran@nrp.org

The deadline to complete the community survey is also Thursday, Feb. 8.

To submit comments on the Community Engagement Report

Written comments on the Community Engagement Report should be sent to Clara Perrin, community engagement coordinator, 301M City Hall, 350 S 5th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55415; by fax to: (612) 673-2011; or by e-mail to: clara.perrin@ci.minneapolis.mn.us by Thursday, Feb. 8, 2007.

Link to the Community Engagement Report :

http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/news/docs/CE_Report_final.pdf

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Important Phone Numbers

Ward 11 office
673-2211



Minneapolis launches a new Web site design

The City of Minneapolis has a new public Web site. The new Web design makes it easier for folks to **accomplish** what they came to the City's Web site to do. The site also reflects the beauty, creativity, and energy of Minneapolis with vibrant photographs and an enhanced design.

There are a number of new features you'll find on the site:

- Content organized from the user's perspective, not based on City departments/divisions. In other words, you will be able to find service and information listings even if you don't know the department where the information is housed.
- Dynamic menus allow users to easily drill down into content categories.
- Prominent and consolidated space for Spanish, Somali, and Hmong Web content.
- Improved accessibility for visually impaired visitors, and those who cannot use a traditional computer mouse.
- New opportunities to highlight top City news "stories" for Web visitors.
- Dynamic photographs promote the beauty and vibrancy of Minneapolis, and reflect changes in season and subject matters.

There are some things we haven't changed. You can still find:

- City of Minneapolis department/division pages, which will remain as they have.
- Existing content. Changes to the City's Web site did not alter department and division Web content.
- Links. Pages that contain information and services people are looking for are staying put. Links set in bookmarks or printed guides will continue to work as they always have.

While the new site is up and running, it will take several months to transition all of the 15,000 pages on the site, so stay tuned.

35W/Crosstown Construction

The long delayed 35W/Crosstown project appears to be moving forward again. Preliminary communication from MnDOT indicates that they plan to mail out information to affected residents in early April and hold a community meeting sometime during the week of May 7. The current timeline would have construction starting as early as May 30. Council Member Benson and city staff will be meeting with MnDOT to encourage them to work directly with residents and provide as much information about the project. Stay tuned for more information in the February newsletter.

November Crime Statistics

NEIGHBORHOOD	TOTAL	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Theft	Motor Vehicle	Arson
Diamond Lake	22			2	2	10	8		
Field	8						6	2	
Hale	6					1	3	2	
King Field	27			4		9	7	7	
Northrup	18					11	5	2	
Page	3				1		2		
Tangletown	21		1	1	1	3	11	3	1
Wenonah	18			2		10	5	1	
Windom	17			1	1	3	8	4	

Definitions of the types of crimes and statistics from other months can be viewed at:

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-statistics/>

Electronic Newsletter

Council Member Benson publishes an electronic newsletter to keep you up to date on what is happening at City Hall. If you would like to receive this update, please e-mail me at scott.benson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us and put the words "E-mail Update" in the subject line.

Monthly Community Meetings

<p>Field Regina Northrop FRNNG.org Meets Third Wednesday 6:30 PM Lake Nokomis Presb.</p>	<p>Hale Page Diamond Lake HPDL.org Meets Fourth Monday 7:00 PM Emmanuel United Methodist 5144 13th Ave S</p>	<p>Kingfield Kingfield.org Meets Second Wednesday 7:00 PM Martin Luther King Park 4055 Nicollet Ave S</p>
<p>NENA Nokomiseast.org Meets Fourth Thursday 7:00 PM NENA Office</p>	<p>Tangletown Tangletown.org Meets Third Monday 7:00 PM Fuller Community Center</p>	<p>Windom Windomcommunity.org Meets Second Thursday 7:00 PM Windom Community Center</p>

Coffee With Scott

Whatever is on your mind, you can sit down with **Scott Benson** and talk about it over a cup of coffee, from **8:00 AM until 9:00 AM** at coffee shops

Feb 1	Anodyne @ 43rd 4301 Nicollet	Apr 5	Betsy's Backporch 5447 Nicollet Ave S
Mar 1	Mike's Corner Store 5601 Chicago Ave	May 3	Sister's Sludge 4557 Bloomington

Open Appointments

The City of Minneapolis has more than 45 boards, commissions and advisory committees. These organizations, composed of citizen volunteers, advise the City on current issues and assist the City in policy development and administration of services.

[Senior Citizen Advisory Committee \(closes 1/31/2007\)](#)

[Latino Advisory Committee to the Mayor and City Council \(closes 1/15/2007\)](#)

[E 48th St & Chicago Avenue Special Service District Advisory Board Vacancy \(closes 01/29/2007\)](#)

[Minneapolis Empowerment Zone Governance Board \(closes 1/29/2007\)](#)

[Minneapolis Public Housing Authority \(closes 1/26/2007\)](#)

[Minneapolis Charter Commission \(closes 2/16/07\)](#)

[Pedestrian Advisory Committee \(closes 1/16/2007\)](#)

[Public Health Advisory Committee \(PHAC\) \(closes 2/2/2007\)](#)

For more information:

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/boards-and-commissions/open/>