

Ninth Ward E-News

From Minneapolis City Council Member Gary Schiff
www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/ward9

February 7, 2006

Contact Gary!

> [Click here to send Gary an email](#)

More contact information

> [Inspections](#)

> [Report Graffiti](#)

> [Animal Control](#)

> [Public Works](#)

En Español

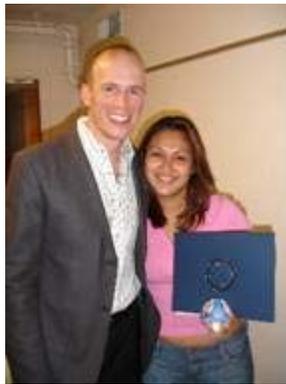
> [Presiona Aqui](#)

2005 Ninth Ward Award Winners

On Friday, January 27th at Breakfast with Gary, the 2005 Ninth Ward Awards were handed out by Council Member Gary Schiff.

Youth Leader of the Year: Monica Segura

2005 Youth Leader of the Year Monica Segura is a resident of the Phillips neighborhood. Her involvement in her community started in the 4th grade. She has been active with Waite House service-learning projects - cleaning up her neighborhood, working with seniors at local nursing homes, organizing food at a food shelf, and in the summer months, gardening in community gardens. In 9th grade, Monica began working part-time at Waite House as a mentor to younger youth, helping with efforts to delay parenthood, resist drugs, and prepare for college. In 10th grade she took the initiative to lead a girl's group, teaching literacy and technology.



Council Member Gary Schiff
and Youth Leader of the Year
Monica Segura

Block Club of the Year: Caring Corcoran Neighbors

Caring Corcoran Neighbors, the 2005 Block Club of the Year, was organized by Jeff and Sara Blanch. They convened residents for a grassroots group pledging to fight neighborhood prostitution by educating neighbors, pursuing improvements to lighting and signage, and starting a new walking patrol. The group has utilized new tools to combat the oldest profession. Private citizens using hand-held cameras to record the non-stop soliciting of Johns that occurs in front of their homes every night. For the first time, the City Attorney's office has agreed to

use those tapes as evidence for prosecution. A full-fledged, re-energized community effort to end prostitution and the victimization of women is underway, with nearly 100 people attending a meeting in January at the 3rd Precinct. Key block club leaders include Sara & Jeff, Russ Henry, Bob Milner and Tiffany Hand.

Neighborhood Project of the Year: UPI Organizing Project

Jeff Bartleson, Ana Lavold and the residents of the UPI Organizing Project, the 2005 Neighborhood Project of the Year, went unit to unit, collecting and photographing detailed repair orders and organizing tenants to have one voice in their struggles with their slumlord. What they uncovered was unsafe and unsanitary living conditions, a climate of threats and intimidation (a five page lease with extravagant penalties and fees including a \$50 penalty for using the 24-hour maintenance line and a \$200 "processing fee" just to move out). The results have been impressive: six of the buildings have been sold, with more to come.

Citizen of the Year: Tim Moore

Tim has been an active part of many issues in North Longfellow. In the past few years, Tim has been a voice for the neighbors dealing with issues related to the Metro Produce site and El Nuevo Rodeo's noise issues. All of that came together with his recent work on the fundraiser for Peter Kadlec. Tim coordinated volunteers as they prepared for the event by cooking, acquiring donated items for a silent auction, and organizing event volunteers to make the event so successful that it more than \$30,000. Tim was relentless in his endeavors, and the event could not have happened without his dedication.



Citizen of the Year Tim Moore accepts his award.

[Unsubscribe from E-News](#) / [Subscribe to E-News](#) / [Learn About the Ninth Ward](#)