

# 10<sup>th</sup> Ward e-News

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## Congrats to 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct Inspector Matt Clark!

At the Minneapolis Police Promotion Ceremony on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Inspector Clark was officially promoted from Captain to Inspector of the City's 5<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct. The Fifth Precinct includes the southwest section of the City including the 10<sup>th</sup> ward. Inspector Clark began his career with the Minneapolis Police Department in July 1993. He worked as an officer in the First and Third Precincts as well as in the Forgery/Fraud Unit, SWAT Team and the MPD Recruit Academy. He has also been a shift lieutenant in the First and Fifth Precincts. He was promoted to Captain in 2008.



(left to right) 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct Crime Prevention Specialists Chelsea Adams and Amy Lavender, Inspector Matt Clark, Council Member Meg Tuthill and Policy Aide Leslie Foreman

Please help us in congratulating Inspector Clark on this spectacular achievement!

## New City Web Name – [www.minneapolismn.gov](http://www.minneapolismn.gov)

Minneapolis has a new domain name! The new name – [www.minneapolismn.gov](http://www.minneapolismn.gov) – is shorter, easier to remember and more secure than the previous domain name. Our email addresses will also change.

Our new email addresses are as follows:

Council Member Meg Tuthill – [meg.tuthill@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:meg.tuthill@minneapolismn.gov)

Policy Aide Leslie Foreman – [leslie.foreman@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:leslie.foreman@minneapolismn.gov)

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Please note that both the website and email with the previous domain name – [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us) – will continue to work indefinitely.

## EIRA Ice Cream Social

The East Isles Residents Association is holding their annual Ice Cream Social on **Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm at Joann Levin Triangle Park at Irving Ave S and W 26<sup>th</sup> St.** Join your neighbors for ice cream, cookies and lemonade. There will also be a variety of fun activities including face painting, jumpy inflatables, and a petting zoo!

## 35W/Lake Street Transit Station Open House

An open house to review drawings for a transit station on 35W will be held on **Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Zuhrah Shrine Center at 2540 Park Ave.** Several potential sites for the location of the transit station are being considered from the Midtown Greenway to Lake Street. Share your comments and ideas about transit services and facilities. For more information, visit the [35W/Lake Access Project](http://35W/Lake Access Project) website.

## The Mall/Walker Library Design Concept Public Meeting

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and Hennepin County invite you to a community meeting to study design options for a section of parkland just north of Walker Library. The meeting will take place on **Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at the Walker Library, 2880 Hennepin Ave.**

## ECCO Labor Day Parade and Festivities

East Calhoun Community Organization will be having their annual Labor Day Parade on **Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 3-6pm at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church (35<sup>th</sup> St W and Irving Ave S).** Kids can show up around 2:30 to decorate their bikes. The parade will start promptly at 3pm. Stop by after the parade for games for kids, a potluck dinner and bingo for all!

## Help High School Drop-Outs during We Want You Back Day of Action

Minneapolis Public Schools and Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board have joined forces for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual We Want You Back Day of Action taking place on **Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am-4pm. It will be at the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Headquarters at 2117 West River Road North.**

We Want You Back is a day of city-wide action to reach young people and raise public awareness about the dropout crisis and graduation gap in Minneapolis – and to enlist the entire community's help to resolve it. "We Want You Back" invites un-enrolled young people to come back to school, complete their credits and get their high school diploma. Superintendent Bernadeia Johnson, Mayor R.T. Rybak and Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman jointly chair the We Want You Back Campaign. Learn more, sign up, and learn how you can help out at the [We Want You Back](#) webpage.

## New Enhancements to Minneapolis' Channel 79

To coincide with the City's shift to a new Web address, Minneapolis' government television channel has been revamped. Graphic enhancements are making it easier for Channel 79 viewers to know when they are viewing live meetings and what agenda item is being discussed. The program schedule will also include more rebroadcasts of government meetings. The station will also be airing new informational videos. 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](#).

## Nicollet Ave Update

The final layout for the reconstruction of Nicollet Avenue from Lake Street to 40<sup>th</sup> Street is proposed to be 44 feet wide. The block from Lake Street to 31<sup>st</sup> will be a little wider, as will the intersections at 36<sup>th</sup> and 38<sup>th</sup> Streets to accommodate left turn lanes. Most of Nicollet Avenue is currently 50 feet wide. The proposed design includes a six foot wide sidewalk and a five foot wide boulevard. The boulevard will be large enough to hold bus benches and shelters, trees, utility poles, trash cans and other items. The layout is targeted to go to the Transportation and Public Works committee on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and to the full council on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Record your Bike Serial Number, Make and Model

5<sup>th</sup> Precinct Crime Prevention Specialists Amy Lavender and Chelsea Adams recommend recording your bike serial number, make and model. In case of theft this increases the odds of a stolen bike being returned. A picture is also a good idea. For more info and helpful tips, check out this flyer on [preventing bike theft](#).

## Taxi Stand Update

The taxi stand pilot project in Uptown has been a big hit! The locations and number of taxi stands is currently being assessed. There may be further tweaks to this project. Please be aware of taxi stand signage if you are parking on a street after 10 pm in Uptown.

## Bike Project Updates and Opening Celebrations

The state shut down stopped work on both the Bryant Ave Bike Boulevard and the 1st and Blaisdell Bike Lane projects. In spite of the delay, the projects should still be completed this year.

Opening celebrations for both projects are being planned. Tentative dates are mid-September for the Bryant Ave Bike Boulevard celebration and early October for the 1st & Blaisdell Bike Lanes celebration. Watch for more information!

## One Minneapolis, One Read aims to bring people together

Later this year, folks all over Minneapolis will have something in common: a book. One Minneapolis, One Read aims to bring people together and spark conversations by having everyone read “**The Grace of Silence**” by Minneapolis native and National Public Radio host Michele Norris. Her memoir describes the experience of the Norris’ as the first black family on their block in a south Minneapolis neighborhood. Read more this community read on the City’s [One Read](#) webpage.

## ECCO One-Sort Recycling Pilot Project Kick-Off

ECCO was selected to participate in a One-Sort Recycling Pilot Program. A kick-off celebration is being planned for **Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> late in the morning**. The location has not been finalized. Please contact Meg’s office if you are interested in more information.

## LGA Cuts Trigger Additional Cuts to the 2011 City Budget

Due to the State of Minnesota’s budget agreement that cuts \$23 million in Local Government Aid (LGA) to Minneapolis for 2011, the City must begin making additional cuts to this year’s budget. Instead of the 87.5 million initially committed to Minneapolis, the State will be returning only \$64 million in LGA to the City. For more information on how the city will handle the cuts, visit the [City’s webpage](#).

## Mayor’s 2012 Budget Address

Mayor Rybak will deliver his 2012 budget address on **Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at Noon**.

## Now’s the Time to Clean Your Garage!

Remember the past two winters? We don’t want to rush winter! Hopefully there will not be a one side of the street parking ban this winter. But just in case... if you are lucky to have a garage, take advantage of the nice weather to clean it out so you’re able to park off the street this winter.

## Meet with Meg!

Join us for Meet with Meg for lunch on **Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, from 12 pm to 1 pm** at the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct’s Community Room (3101 Nicollet Ave S). Meet with Meg is a time for you to talk with her, ask questions, and voice concerns. Bring your sack lunch! Cookies and lemonade are provided! Meet with Meg is held the second Tuesday of every month.

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