

Community 11 Connections

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Quincy's Corner

Summer is in full swing! I hope everyone takes advantage of warm days, great recreational opportunities, and most of all family and friends. Please enjoy your Independence Day Holiday and remember those who have sacrificed and those who continue to serve so that we can have this important day.

On July 1, the Minneapolis City Council passed a resolution honoring a Field, Regina, Northrop Neighborhood Association (FRNNG) family for standing against racism and supporting fair housing for all. An organizing committee partnered with FRNNG to enthusiastically create a special event marking the 80th Anniversary of an important, but not well known, instance in our city's history.

A Time to Remember: The Lee Family

Commemorative Event honors the experiences of Arthur and Edith Lee, the first African-American couple to move into the Field neighborhood. It was 1931, and the Lees' arrival in the neighborhood was greeted by approximately 4,000 residents from the surrounding area holding a three-day racial demonstration to try and force them out of their home.



The entire community is invited to join and participate in this amazing program on Saturday, July 16 for the [Lee Family Commemorative Event](#). Recounting of the Lee family experiences starts at 6:45 pm with a procession from Field Community School down 46th Street E and a commemorative dedication at the Lees' former home. The evening finishes at McRae Park where the telling of the Lees' story concludes.

National Night Out (NNO) 2011 is coming up! I am looking forward to the 27th Annual NNO to occur on Tuesday, August 2. NNO is an annual nation-wide event that encourages residents to get out in the community, hold block parties and get to know their neighbors as a way to encourage crime prevention. It's also a great way to promote community-police partnerships and enjoy a Minnesota summer evening surrounded by friends and family.

Whether it's your first time planning an event or you're continuing a tradition of years on your block, you can [register your event](#) through 311. **Remember if you want to block your street, you can do so for free through July 19!** Not all streets can be blocked, depending on traffic flow. From July 20 through July 28, there is a \$100 fee. After July 28 no applications for blocking off a street will be accepted.

City Focus

The RiverLake Greenway, a bike thoroughfare that includes Minneapolis' first bike boulevard, is now open. The 4.5-mile project uses neighborhood streets as a biking environment to create a route geared for cyclists of all skill levels.

The community-driven project – so named because it runs generally from Lake Harriet to the Mississippi River – was initiated by residents in the mid-90s. The goal was to create a green space and alternative transportation route within the existing right-of-way between the Midtown Greenway and Minnehaha Creek. The result is an east-west bicycle and pedestrian route that runs along 40th Street E from Kings Highway to 30th Ave S and on 42nd St E from

Region's First Bike Boulevard

30th Ave S to West River Parkway, with additional connections along 30th Ave S and Nokomis Ave.

Street enhancements along the greenway put the priority on bicycle and pedestrian traffic. The features include:

- **Minneapolis' first bike boulevard.** Bicycle boulevards exist in a number of cities across the country. Usually located on existing residential streets, bike boulevards incorporate several enhancements that make them good routes for bicycling, while also discouraging automobiles from using them as a throughway.
- **New bike lanes** along 42nd St E, from Nokomis Ave to Minnehaha Ave.

- **Sharrows**, or shared use lanes, along 42nd St E, from Minnehaha Ave to West River Parkway. This street is too narrow for conventional bike lanes, so the sharrow indicates where bicyclists should ride to avoid opening doors of parked vehicles.
- **Bump-outs** of intersection corners to reduce the length of crosswalks.

The RiverLake Greenway was largely paid for through U.S. Transportation Enhancement funding and U.S. Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot funds. For more information including a map of the greenway, visit [RiverLake Greenway](#).

Metropolitan Airports Commission Open Houses



The Metropolitan Airports Commission is in the process of preparing a Federal Environmental Assessment (EA) and a State Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) to evaluate the environmental effects of proposed development

at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport to meet the forecasted need of the metropolitan area through the year 2020.

Two open houses will be held to provide information to the public concerning the aviation activity forecast and potential development alternatives to meet the purpose and need for the project. Information detailing the environmental review process and identifying future opportunities

for public involvement will also be available.

Wednesday, July 13, 2011
5:00-8:00 pm
Eagan Community Center
1501 Central Pkwy
Eagan, MN 55121

Thursday, July 14, 2011
5:00-8:00 pm
Washburn High School
201 W 49th St
Minneapolis, MN 55419

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Progress Made in Tornado Recovery Efforts



Photo by Joseph Michaud-Scorza

Since the May 22 tornado struck North Minneapolis, the City and its partners have been working to make the area safe, repair and clean up damage, and support people affected by the storm. Residents, businesses, and property owners, as well as thousands of volunteers have been working hard to clean up properties and make any neces-

sary repairs. Some highlights include:

- Over 1.2 million pounds of debris cleared from City property and private residences.
- More than 10,600 people from more than 2,700 different households helped at a Disaster Recovery Center set up on the North Side.
- Traffic lights at 21 intersections were knocked out by the tornado. All but one of these intersections now have signals, with most up and running within two weeks of the tornado.
- More than 5,000 volun-

teers were mobilized in cleanup efforts.

- More than 600 overnight stays were hosted by the shelter set up by the Red Cross.

In mid-June, Minneapolis housing inspectors began a more thorough inspection of damaged rental properties in the affected area. To ensure that the dwellings still meet health and safety requirements of our rental code, inspectors are checking for basic safety necessities.

Although the Federal Emergency Management Agency declared a major federal disaster for the tornado-damaged area, federal as-

sistance was only granted to state and local government and certain private non-profit organizations that provided emergency work following the storm. FEMA denied Minnesota's request for individual assistance to affected homeowners, renters, and businesses. The State is now reapplying for individual assistance, and City of Minneapolis officials are looking at other federal and State sources to help people affected by the storm.

For more information on the response, go to www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/news/tornado.asp.



As summer heat sets in, Minneapolis City officials want to remind everyone how to handle the heat. Heat-related illness happens when the body isn't able to cool itself. Seniors, small children, and those with physical disabilities are the most vulnerable to heat-related illness, but everyone should take steps to stay safe in extreme heat.

Tips for preventing heat-related illness:

- **Drink more fluids.** Drinking fluids helps your body cool itself. Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink. Don't drink liquids with caffeine, alcohol, or large amounts of sugar. They can actually cause your body to lose more fluid.
- **Never leave any person or animals in a closed, parked vehicle.**
- **Wear lightweight, loose-fitted clothing.**
- **Check on your neighbors who may be at risk.** Visit seniors and other vulnerable neighbors at least twice a day and look closely for signs of heat

Know How to Handle the Heat

exhaustion or heat stroke. Seek medical advice immediately if you notice nausea, weakness, disorientation, rapid pulse, and dry skin.

- **Stay indoors if you can.** Air conditioning is your best defense against heat-related illness. If you must be outside, try to limit your activity to morning and evening hours, take frequent breaks in the shade, drink plenty of fluids, and protect yourself from the sun by wearing a wide-brimmed hat and sunscreen. Minneapolis provides a list of public, air-conditioned buildings for those who don't have it at home.

- **Don't rely on an electric fan.** Electric fans may seem to provide comfort, but when the temperature is in the 90s, fans will not prevent heat-related illness. Using wet cloths or a spray of mist on exposed skin will help cool your body temperature.

For more information on heat-related illness and how to prevent it, visit the Minneapolis Department of Health and Family Support website:

www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/dhfs, and click on "extreme heat."

Neighborhood Notes

Elite Bicycle Racing Returns To South Minneapolis

The first ever Southside Sprint festival will take place July 24. This new race brings elite bicycle racing back to South Minneapolis for the first time in over two decades. The event, presented by the South Chicago Avenue Business Alliance and Nomad Marketing, includes seven different races, a family fun expo, and a free kids fun race. Click for more logistical information about the [Southside Sprint](#).

The festival opens at 7 am with an amateur racing

clinic. At 8 am, the first race leaves the starting line. The family fun expo also opens at 8 featuring a variety of local shops and restaurants. Racing continues throughout the morning, culminating with the Pro/Category 1/2/3 Men's race at 1 pm. At 12:45, the FREE Bikes and Pieces Kids Fun Race gives kids the chance to show their stuff on the same course as elite racers – and every kid wins a medal!

The Southside Sprint showcases top regional bicycle

racers in a fun family festival atmosphere. Flatland BMX stunt riders will have shows throughout the day. Seven categories of racing, including the Town Hall Tap Brewmaster's Sprint pit top racers in the upper Midwest on a fast, challenging urban race course. Starting and finishing at 48th St and Chicago Ave in the heart of the Field Regina Northrop neighborhood (FRN), the racers will fly past unique shops and great restaurants and thrill the residents.

Full Cycle, a non-profit bicycle shop that serves homeless and at-risk youth will be collecting bikes for their efforts. Race spectators are encouraged to donate used bikes in any condition to help [Full Cycle](#).



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, Emmanuel United Methodist Church

[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

Coming Soon: A New Lehman's Garage on Lyndale



Over the years, the original Lehman's Garage on Lyndale has had at least three additions to the building giving it its current shape and size. The building has served this location well over the years, but now it has grown tired and is in need of replacement. The owner, Karen Cossette, has decided it is time to tear down and build a new building at the same location.

Demolition began in early June, setting the stage for a new building to be built. The new structure will be

state of the art with updated technology and environmentally friendly products. It will be more customer friendly with a customer lounge and wireless Internet available. The construction is scheduled to be finished November 1.

Lehman's Garage on Lyndale will remain open during construction in an on-site trailer. From there, they can write estimates, answer questions, and accept vehicle drop-offs, which will be shuttled to their five other locations for auto body and mechanical

repair. And as always, their Paintless Dent Repair (PDR) and auto glass services are mobile.

Lehman's would like to thank all of their loyal customers throughout the years. They look forward to making new friends during construction and beyond. In the meantime, come see them in the trailer and "like" Lehman's on Facebook for updates during construction!

Kingfield Exterior Home Loan Program Reopening

Location: 36th to 46th Street/35W to Lyndale

Loan size: \$7,500-\$20,000 / Interest Rate: 3% / Repayment Plan: 1 year per \$1,000 / Exterior projects only.

Applications reviewed on a first come/first served basis beginning August 15.

Contact Rachel Rupp, Center for Energy and Environment at 612.335.5830 or rrupp@mncee.org for details.

Calendar

July 4	Government Holiday 10 am: Tangletown 4th of July Parade and Celebration at Washburn High School to Fuller Park (parade) and Fuller Park (celebration)
July 13	7–8:30 pm: Kingfield Neighborhood Association Meeting at Martin Luther King Park (4055 Nicollet Avenue S)
July 14	5 – 8 pm: Metropolitan Airport Commission Open House at Washburn High School (201 49 th St W)
July 15	5 – 8 pm: Metropolitan Airport Commission Open House at Eagan Community Center (1501 Central Pkwy, Eagan)
July 16	6:45 pm: Lee Commemorative Event at Field School (4645 4th Avenue S)
July 18	7–8:30 pm: Tangletown Neighborhood Association Meeting at Fuller Park (4800 Grand Avenue S)
July 20	8–9 am: Community Coffee Hour at Sovereign Grounds (813 48th Street E) 6:30–8:00 pm: Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Meeting at Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church (1620 46th Street E)
July 25	7–8:30 pm: Hale Page Diamond Lake Community Association Meeting at Emmanuel United Methodist Church (5144 13th Avenue S)
July 28	7–8:30 pm: Nokomis East Neighborhood Association Meeting at the NENA office (3000 50th Street E)
July 29	5–6 pm: Ward Happy Hour at First Course (5607 Chicago Avenue S)

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