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Ward 3

City of Minneapolis

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3rd Ward Neighborhoods

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1st Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
1111 Summer St NE

Bottineau
2205 California St. N.E. #107
Mpls. MN 55418
612-782-2145
bna@bottineauneighborhood.org
4th Thursday, 7 – 9 p.m.
Eastside N'hood Services
1700 2nd St NE

Hawthorne
2944 Emerson Ave. No.
Mpls. MN 55411
612-529-6033
bworra@hawthornecommunity.org
2nd Thursday, 7 – 9 p.m.
Farview Park, 609 29th Ave N

Marcy-Holmes
415 4th Ave. S.E. #209
Mpls. MN 55414
612-623-7633
mhna@pro-ns.net
3rd Tuesday, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Univ. Luth. Church of Hope
601 13th Ave SE

McKinley
P.O. Box 11066
Mpls. MN 55411
612-668-2293
Mckinleycommunity@yahoo.com
1st Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
City View School
3350 N 4th St

Nicollet Island/East Bank
27 Maple Place
Mpls. MN 55401
612-340-7934
www.nieba.org
3rd Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
(meets odd months only)
Times Café
201 East Hennepin Ave

2006 Third Ward Accomplishments

The Third Ward has become a cohesive Ward thanks to the hard work of neighborhood organizations, city agencies and Third Ward staff. Here is proof of this hard work:

Public Safety – Civic Engagement – Housing – Livability Issues

- Third Ward Summits brought residents and stakeholders together to plan and implement programs based on the input generated. This included the highly effective CARE Committee program which has begun to address problem properties in the Third Ward.
- The City Council unanimously approved the 2007 City of Minneapolis budget in December. The $1.3 billion dollar budget includes nearly $200 million in public safety funding which will hire 43 new police officers, purchase security camera technology, increased funding for community prosecution and initiatives to address juvenile crime. Additional funding for public libraries was also provided.
- The 4-You Food Market/Wafana's was closed in part due to the efforts of neighbors and the City's Grocery Store Task Force.
- Tim Dolan was confirmed as Minneapolis Chief of Police and asked to focus on a diverse police force, deal effectively with police misconduct, improve contact between the police and citizens and bring down the incidence of violent crime in Minneapolis.
- A taxi-cab ordinance was passed which promotes energy efficient &handicapped accessible cabs along with an incremental increase in the actual number of cabs.
- A resolution accepting the "Heading Home Hennepin: The 10 Year Plan to end Homelessness in Minneapolis and Hennepin County" was passed.

Planning and Development

- The Hawthorne neighborhood accepted a half million dollar Home Depot Grant for its cluster housing project located at 31st Ave. and 6th St. No. in conjunction with PPL.
- The Gopher Football Stadium Mitigation Task Force will determine the impact of a new stadium on the surrounding neighborhoods, and $1.5 million in initial funding has been appropriated.
- The Industrial Land Use & Employment Policy Plan for the city was approved.
- The opening of Lund's Grocery store and the Ritz Theater.
- Children's Dental Service is expanding their services to low-income families.
- West Broadway Alive! was initiated to begin the planning process on West Broadway.
- The Sheridan neighborhood is working towards implementation of a new veterans memorial and park.

Environmental Sustainability

- Environmental programs endorsed this year promote environmentally sustainable architecture such as reflective and green roof construction, rain gardens in public and private development, the Minneapolis Energy Challenge, and a Green Cleaning policy that uses nontoxic or less toxic cleaning supplies in City departments.
- Creation of the Minneapolis Riverfront Revitalization Technical Advisory Committee and the Blue Ribbon Task Force, co-chaired by Councilmember Hofstede and Park Board President Jon Olson to look at issues confronting our riverfront.

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2nd Tuesday, 7-9 p.m.

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612-378-8886
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2nd Thursday, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Catholic Eldercare Atrium
817 Main St NE

Sheridan
1226 2nd St. N.E.
Mpls. MN 55413
612-379-0728
sno@sheridanneighborhood.org
4th Monday, 7 – 9 p.m.
Eastside N'hood Services
1700 2nd St NE

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Call 311

***Opportunities to Help in the Third Ward**
Help plan the next Third Ward Summit. Call Lorna at 673-2203 to be added to the committee.

***City Board and Committee Openings**
Senior Citizen Advisory Committee
(by 1/30/07)
Mpls Private Industry Workforce Council
(by 1/12/07)
Latino Advisory Committee
(by 1/15/07)
Dinkytown Special Service District Advisory Board
(by 1/29/07)
Mpls Empowerment Zone Governance Board
(by 1/29/07)
Call 311 for details

***Third Ward Events**
SNO Ball 2007
Saturday – February 3, 2007
At The Ritz Theater
345 13th Ave NE
A fundraiser to benefit the development of the Sheridan Neighborhood Park and Veteran's Memorial

CARE Committee

The CARE Committee meets the third Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be January 17, 2007 at Farview Park, 609 29th Ave N, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. All are welcomed.

Minneapolis Library Funding Update

The City Council returned $850,000 from the Planetarium Loan Fund and $105,000 from departmental cuts for the Library Board to meet current and future debt. The Library Board voted to shutter 3 libraries, Southeast, Roosevelt and Camden until more funding is found. Staff will be transferred to other libraries. Council passed the following directives:

- January 30, 2007 report on timeline to have all 15 libraries open 8 hrs, 5 days a week
- Two weeks after May closing of the Legislature report on budget impact on City and Library funding
- Direct the City Attorney to investigate making the Library Board a department of the City and report back to Council by March 1, 2007.

Solid Waste Collection

The City has begun a 180 day process of evaluating whether the private collection of residential solid waste might be done more efficiently and cost effectively. All residents and persons licensed to operate a solid waste collection service are invited to help plan and establish the new organized collection system. Standards for evaluation are:

- Cost-effectiveness /Enhanced customer service
- Maximization of efficiency of solid waste collection
- Protection of public security/Health and safety
- Minimization of displacement of existing private collectors
- Participation of all interested parties in the decision-making process.

Public Comment sought on City's Community Engagement Report

City Council requested a review the City's current community and engagement system and activities and report back. Written comments on the initial report must be received by February 8, 2007 by e-mail to: clara.perrin@ci.minneapolis.mn.us or faxed to 612-673-2011. Results will impact how the City will interact with neighborhoods and its residents. Your response is critical. The report can be viewed at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us. Public meetings will be on Wednesday, January 31, 2007 at Marcy Open School (415 4th Ave SE) and the Firefighters Hall and Museum (664 22nd Ave NE) and February 1st, 2007 at North Regional Library (1315 Lowry Ave N). All meetings are from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Foreclosure Help Available

If you are falling behind on your mortgage payments the following programs can offer you assistance to prevent possible foreclosure proceedings.

- North side Residents Redevelopment Council – 612.335.5924
- MN Home Ownership Center – 651.659.9336
- Freddie Mac Don't Buy Trouble MN – 612.312.2020
- Home Ownership Preservation Foundation – 1.888.995.4673

Call 311 for assistance. To obtain posters in Somali, Spanish, Hmong and English call Casper Hill of the City of Minneapolis Communications Department at (612) 673-2342.

Claim It! Campaign Helps Working Families Claim Tax Credits

Claim It! is a community-driven effort to increase the number of residents who can claim their Earned Income Tax Credit in 2007. Many families are unaware of this tax credit and millions of federal dollars go unclaimed each year. Tax help available at:

- Claim It! Kickoff (Mpls Convention Center) January 27, 2007, call 651-287-0187
- After January 27th call the Greater Twin Cities United Way at 2-1-1.

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