10th Ward e-News

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Happy Halloween from the 10th Ward Office!

Dress up your kids and pets! Dress up yourself! Enjoy some candy and get out to meet and greet your neighbors!
Have a wonderful and safe Halloween,
Meg, Leslie, and Breanna

Hennepin Lake Community Wine Taster

Support our neighborhoods at the Wine Taster this Wednesday, October 20th from 5-8 pm in Calhoun Square. Tickets are $25 in advance, $30 at the door. Purchase tickets from representatives of the following neighborhoods: CARAG, ECCO, EIRA, LHENA, and LNA. 100% of the ticket proceeds from advance sales will go to the neighborhood you purchase your ticket from. This is a significant fundraiser for many neighborhoods. See you Wednesday!

2010 Fall Street Sweep & Leaf Collection

Here's a quick heads up on the 2010 Fall Street Sweep & Leaf Collection! The first day of posting will be Monday, October 25th. The first day of sweeping will be Tuesday, October 26th. The Fall Street Sweep will last approximately four weeks. Please be aware and keep an eye out for the "No Parking" signs that will pop up as your street is prepared for cleaning.

Nicollet Avenue Reconstruction Update

Well over 300 responses to the Nicollet Avenue survey were received! The answers are now being compiled. The results will be a guide as the planning process continues.

5th Precinct Block Leader Training

Please join the folks at the 5th Precinct for a precinct-wide Block Leader Training. Training will take place on Monday, October 25 from 6:30-8:00pm at the 5th Precinct Community Room (3101 Nicollet Ave). RSVP is appreciated but not required. For questions or to RSVP, please contact CPS Amy Lavender at 612-673-5407 or amy.lavender@ci.minneapolis.mn.us. Please feel free to forward this information to anyone in the 5th Precinct who you think may be interested.

If you are interested in block leader training and can't attend the meeting, please contact your Crime Prevention Specialist to schedule a time that works for you.

For East Harriet or Lyndale: CPS Amy Lavender-amy.lavender@ci.minneapolis.mn.us
For CARAG, Cedar-Isles-Dean, East Isles, ECCO, and Lowry Hill East: CPS Chelsea Adams-chelsea.adams@ci.minneapolis.mn.us

Sign up for Snow Emergency Alerts

It's getting to be that time of year! Sign up to receive an alert when a snow emergency has been declared. You can sign up to receive a phone call, an email or a text message. Or you can call (612) 348-7669 (SNOW) or 311. If you are out of town, leave your car keys with a trusted friend or neighbor who can move your car while you're away.
For more info, please visit the Snow Emergency Info webpage.

Report Graffiti ASAP!

Please call **311** to report graffiti. Help us keep our neighborhoods clean and beautiful!

Used Book Sale at Walker Library!

Bargain hunters and book lovers take note: the Friends of the Library will hold a sale of hundreds of adult and children's fiction and nonfiction books in hardcover and paperback. The sale will take place on Saturday, November 20th from 10am – 4pm. Most books, withdrawn from the Hennepin County Library system or donated by the public, will be priced at $1 or less. Funds raised will benefit the library. Book donations will be accepted at the library beginning Oct. 1.

For more info on this sale as well as the many other book sales that will be taking place at libraries throughout Hennepin County, visit the Hennepin County Library's Book Sales webpage.

CPED Loans for Energy Efficiency Upgrades in Multi-Family Dwellings

The City of Minneapolis' Department of Community Planning & Economic Development (CPED) has established a city-wide, low-interest loan program to provide financing for energy efficiency upgrades to large (structures of 4 stories or more containing more than 10 dwelling units) Multi-Family residential properties.

The program will help remove financial barriers and allow property owners to obtain the capital needed to make energy efficiency improvements. Loans will be structured in such a way that the energy savings would fully or substantially offset the debt service on the loan. The loans would target significant energy system upgrades including boilers, water heating and distribution systems, and control systems.

For more information, please visit the Energy Loan Program's webpage or contact Jessica Green at 612-673-5232 or jessica.green@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

Turn Off your Engine When Picking your Kids up at School

If you drive your child to school, get in the habit of shutting off the engine while you wait. It protects your child's air quality as they are especially vulnerable to vehicle air pollution. Remember, a child's lungs are still developing, and they inhale more pounds of pollution per pound of body weight than adults do. Exhaust from an idling car also carries a higher load of pollutants than a moving car, so reducing unnecessary idling is one easy way we can all do something to improve air quality.

It will also save you money on wasted fuel. In general, 10 seconds of idling uses more fuel than restarting the car.

Lastly, and quite simply, it's the law. Minneapolis ordinance limits most idling to three minutes.

For more information about sustainability in Minneapolis and what you can do to protect your quality of life, visit Minneapolis' Sustainability Initiatives webpage.

MFD to Distribute and Install Free Smoke Detectors

As part of National Fire Prevention Week, the Minneapolis Fire Department (MFD) has launched the "Beep...Beep, A Sound You Can Live With" Smoke Detector Distribution Campaign. Under the program, funded by a fire prevention grant through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Minneapolis Fire Department will be distributing and installing smoke detectors to single family, owner occupied homes across the City of Minneapolis. Priority will be given to homes located in high risk neighborhoods in the city as determined by a study of factors identified in the 2000 U.S. Census. Our own Lyndale Neighborhood has been identified as a high risk neighborhood and will be receiving some of these smoke detectors.

If you are interested in obtaining a free smoke detector and live in the Lyndale neighborhood, please call 311.

Input Needed for the 2011 Neighborhood Policing Plans

The Minneapolis Police Department is seeking your assistance in the development and implementation of the 2011 Neighborhood Policing Plans. This is your opportunity to submit your ideas for collaborating with the MPD in order to increase the safety and security of your neighborhood. If you're interested, please check the list below for your neighborhood's meeting. If you have questions, please contact Amy Lavender at amy.lavender@ci.minneapolis.mn.us or at (612) 673-5407.

East Harriet
Tuesday October 26, 7-8:30pm
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
4801 France Av S

Lyndale
Tuesday November 9, 6:30-8pm
5th Precinct / 3101 Nicollet Av
Community Room

Lowry Hill East, ECCO, and CARAG
Tuesday November 16, 7-8:30pm
Martin Luther King Park Building / 4055 Nicollet Av.

Help Minneapolis Fire Win $10,000 for Fire Education & Prevention!

Minneapolis Fire Department (MFD) encourages you to take a short, online, 10-question fire safety quiz. MFD is competing for a $10,000 grant prize. The fire department in each size-category (based on population) who get the most people to take the fire safety quiz wins $10,000!

This event is sponsored by Liberty Mutual and their "Be Fire Smart" program. The money will go towards Minneapolis Fire's fire safety education and prevention program. The quiz runs through midnight of Oct. 31.

Please go to the Be Fire Smart webpage to take the quiz. Don't forget to list Minneapolis Fire Dept. as your local department!

Attention: If you want help translating this information into a language other than Hmong, Spanish or Somali, please call 311.

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Spanish - Atención. Si desea recibir asistencia gratuita para traducir esta información, llama 612-673-2700;
Somali - Ogow. Haddii aad dooneyso in lagaa kaalmeeyo tarjamadda macluumaadkani oo lacag la' aan wac 612-673-3500.