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3rd Ward Neighborhoods

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Third Ward Summit Empowers Neighborhood Response to Safety Issues

The Third Ward Summit in March produced a series of Public Safety meetings that involved enthusiastic residents across the Ward in the creation of four proactive and problem-solving Task Forces (Block Level Activities, Communications, Partnership for Action, and Systematic Solutions) which promoted practical steps to increase public safety and process problem properties. The Task Forces worked through the summer with plans for a final Third Ward Summit Saturday, October 21, 2006 at Eastside Neighborhood Services located at 1700 2nd Street NE from 8:30 a.m. until noon. Active, involved community members are one of the best deterrents against crime.

Community and Resource Exchange Committee (C.A.R.E.)

Third Ward residents met on September 20, 2006 to establish a resident based Third Ward C.A.R.E. Committee. This committee will coordinate the efforts of multiple City, County, Community and Neighborhood agencies, in addressing complex issues faced by the Third Ward such as problem properties, crime and neighborhood livability issues. Former C.A.R.E. committees were highly effective and with the renewed efforts within the Third Ward they will be again. You are encouraged to participate.

Hawthorne Neighborhood Program Awarded Half Million Home Depot Grant

A four square block cluster of blighted properties in Hawthorne neighborhood will benefit from a half million dollar infusion of funds awarded by the Home Depot Foundation. This is the first time Home Depot Foundation is partnering with a City in such a significant way. The grant promotes livable communities through responsibly built affordable housing, and the preservation and restoration of community trees. The grant will be coordinated through the City's Northside Home Fund in partnership with the Hawthorne Area Community Council which named Project for Pride in Living as the developer. In addition, the Home Depot Foundation plans to support future workshops in green building techniques. This grant will be used to leverage additional dollars, resources and expertise to support this work.

Senior Sources of Help for Home Repair and Maintenance

Recent Third Ward property inspections have timelines for compliance that empower the goals of a safe, livable, crime free city. The Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging has compiled information for seniors that are faced with compliance issues. Senior LinkAge Line is a free service, which allows seniors to find helpful community services. They can be reached at 1-800-333-2433 from 8am to 4:30pm weekdays, and messages can be left after hours, 24 hours a day. Seniors can work with Inspectors to correct problems so they do not face a penalty or fine.

Grocery Store Task Force at Work

Empowered residents who use 311/911 support the work of the Grocery Store Task force which focuses on business licenses of grocery and convenience stores that appear to support the drug trade, loitering and other illicit and criminal activities. The top offenders are determined by the number of complaints that the City receives about the business, the number of police calls, the number of successful law enforcement "stings" and the effect of that business on the surrounding community.

Gopher Stadium Area Advisory Group (S.A.G.) Reactivated

The University of Minnesota has placed \$1.5 million dollars into a Gopher Football Stadium Mitigation Fund with the purpose of offsetting the impact of the stadium's construction and operation will have on surrounding neighborhoods. The Governor and Legislature will receive a Neighborhood Impact Report in January of 2007 that will include consensus recommendations from the University of Minnesota, the City of Minneapolis and the S.A.G.

Ritz Theater Reopens in Sheridan Neighborhood

The Ritz Theatre opened its doors at 345 13th Avenue NE with a performance by the Ballet of the Dolls theatre company which now calls The Ritz home. The building was empty for 20 years, but through the collaborative efforts of the City of Minneapolis, the Sheridan neighborhood and private foundations it became the "little theatre that could."

City of Minneapolis Matches State to Fund Safe City Initiative

The City of Minneapolis and the State of Minnesota each contributed \$2 million dollars to support the city-wide Safe City Initiative Program. The goal to reduce violent crime throughout the city incorporates hiring up to 75 more police officers, plus increased collaboration with law, criminal justice, business, and neighborhood organizations.

City 2007 Budget Approval Process

The mayor presented his recommended 2007 budget of over 1 billion dollars to the Minneapolis City Council on August 15, 2006. The City Council will begin deliberations in September with final approval of the budget scheduled for December 11, 2006. Of note is the Truth in Taxation *public* hearing being held on November 11, 2006. All hearings will be held in the Council Chambers and are open to the public. For the complete schedule, go to ci.minneapolis.mn.us/city-budget/ which includes access to a copy of the proposed budget.

Industrial Land Use and Employment Policy Plan Public Hearing

Final City Council approval will be sought for the Industrial Land Use and Employment Policy Plan at the September 28, 2006 Zoning and Planning Committee Meeting. The study identifies where existing and new industrial uses should be located in the City and includes a comprehensive examination of current and future industrial sector employment opportunities in relation to national and regional trends. Further information is available at ci.minneapolis.mn.us/planning/industrial-landuse.asp. The plan contains 116 pages.

Minneapolis Wins International Award for Cutting-edge Water Plant

The Minneapolis City Council accepted the 2006 Global Water Award for its new water ultrafiltration plant which is the second largest plant of its kind in the world. Recognized as the "Water/Wastewater Project of the Year", the new process removes pathogens, pollution and particles as small as viruses from the water taken from the Mississippi River. Completion of a second plant in 2011 could make Minneapolis the world's largest city to have all its water treated through ultrafiltration.

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