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From Minneapolis Council Member Gary Schiff

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## Gerlicher promoted; Lucy Gerold is new Inspector



New Deputy Chief Scott Gerlicher and new Third Precinct Inspector Lucy Gerold

Minneapolis Police Chief Tim Dolan has announced changes in his management team, naming Lucy Gerald the new Third Precinct Inspector and promoting former Third Precinct Inspector Scott Gerlicher as Deputy Chief of Professional Standards.

Scott Gerlicher has been with the Minneapolis Police Department since 1989. In addition to serving as Third Precinct Inspector for the past three and a half years, Gerlicher has served as the Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security coordinator. Gerlicher has a master's degree in Public and Non-Profit Administration and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and PERF's Senior Management Institute for Police.

Lucy Gerold is a 28 year employee of the City of Minneapolis. She has led four bureaus in MPD as a Director or Deputy Chief. Gerold began her career with the Police Department as a civilian and has been a police officer for the past decade. She has earned a master's degree in Criminal Justice from Concordia University and is a graduate of Senior Management Institute for Police at the Kennedy School of Government.

## Ninth Ward Award Nominations Open

January's Breakfast with Gary will feature the fifth annual State of the Ward Address and 9th Ward Awards. Awards will be given for the Citizen of the Year, Block Club of the Year, Neighborhood Project of the Year and Youth Leader of the Year.

To nominate a block club, neighborhood project or leader in your community, please write a

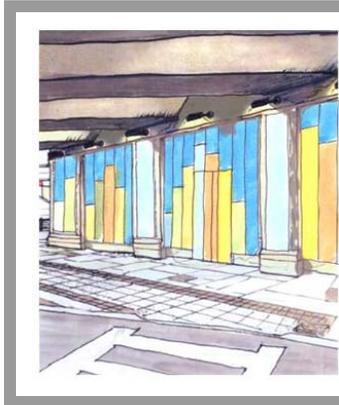


Monica Segura receives the 2006 Ninth Ward Youth Leader of the Year award.

description of the accomplishments that you think deserve recognition. Please submit your Ninth Ward Award nominations via [email](#), fax (612-673-3940) or by mail (350 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 307, Minneapolis, MN 55415) by Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Breakfast with Gary will take place Friday, January 26, 2006 from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. at the Café of the Americas (3019 Minnehaha Avenue South). Food is \$7. RSVP encouraged: (612) 673-2209 or via [email](#).

## Hi-Lake intersection improvements unveiled



City of Minneapolis artist in residence Seitu Jones has unveiled drawings for improvement to the pedestrian area for the Hiawatha bridge at Lake Street. The designs include ideas for upgrading the blue tile walls into ceramic murals and improved crosswalks. "This area needs a lot of help, so all of the partners are very motivated to find support for the improvements," Mary Altman,

Public Art Coordinator for the City of Minneapolis said.

Hennepin County will begin improvements on the intersection in 2007 as part of the Lake Street construction. Features will include significant reduction in pedestrian crossing distance including enlarged medians for shorter pedestrian crossing distance, well-marked pedestrian paths, countdown timers, signal timing revisions, lighting upgrades under the bridge, and new lights to make sidewalks safer.

"This area has been one of the least pedestrian-friendly areas on Lake Street," Council Member Gary Schiff said. "With the incredible changes happening all along the Lake Street corridor, it's fitting that the Hiawatha-Lake intersection will catch up with the rest of the area."

## City seeks proposals for Younger Youth STEP UP programs

The City of Minneapolis Employment and Training Program is seeking proposals from non-profit organizations to provide Younger Youth STEP-UP employment and training for economically disadvantaged and at-risk youth, age 14-15, who reside in the City of Minneapolis. A Community Information Session relating to the development of Younger Youth STEP

UP proposals through this RFP process will be held on December 12, 2006.

The purpose of Younger Youth STEP UP is to provide low-income youth with opportunities for career exploration and skill development. Most of the youth participants are 14 or 15 years old, some are recent immigrants to the U. S., and the Younger Youth STEP-UP is often their first job.

[View the RFP](#) for details and additional information.

## Rain Barrel program is newest tool to protect our water



The City has received \$100,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency to fund a [rain barrel](#) program for 2007. "Rain barrels are just the latest tool we have for residents to help protect our water from pollution" Council Member Gary Schiff said.

Rain barrels function as a small cistern, trapping and storing water from rooftops during a rain storm. Barrels are equipped with a faucet that connects to a standard garden hose. The barrel can then be used as an irrigation source. "By trapping rain water and storing it for later use, rain barrels help protect our lakes, streams and the Mississippi River from storm water runoff while providing irrigation water for yards and gardens," Schiff said. Interested City residents are encouraged to register for a rain barrel through the [City's website](#).

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