



12th Ward Update

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HISTORY OF PROBLEMS CLOSES SAM'S MARKET

The recent stabbing of the owner at Sam's Market (54th St. and 42nd Ave.) garnered a lot of media coverage, but the news didn't tell you everything. There has been a history of problems at this store that led to my request, before the stabbing/robbery, that it be put on the 3rd Precinct list of problem convenience stores for special attention. The documented problems include an April 13th felony conviction of the owner for criminal sexual conduct at the store.

City staff moved quickly to close Sam's Market on the morning of Tuesday, April 25th because the business license had expired. The store cannot be reopened without an approved business license. The owner has the option of

filing for a renewal of the license, but a new license application would have to be evaluated by the Business Licensing department of the City. If there is a legal basis for denying the license renewal to this owner, I will urge denial.

The business is currently posted as unlicensed. *If you see the business open, please call 911 and the Minneapolis Police Department will respond.*

If the location is sold to another owner for use as a convenience store, I will ask Regulatory Services to put on conditions to encourage good management of the store.

FIRE PITS — A LITTLE EFFORT TO KEEP YOUR NEIGHBORS HAPPY

Recreation fires (fire pits, chimineas, etc.) are a love/hate subject for Minneapolis residents. They are legal in Minneapolis (although I've been getting more requests to change that), but there are guidelines residents should follow to not only obey city ordinance, but to also be a considerate neighbor.

The list of rules is lengthy and fall into the categories of being safe and being considerate. I want to highlight the rules you should follow to be considerate:

- The hours you can have a fire are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. This also means the fire should be extinguished at 10 p.m. and not allowed to burn down on its own.
- Burn only unpainted wood which has not been treated with chemicals or preservatives. You can also burn coal or charcoal. Do not burn rubbish.
- Fires must be less than three feet in diameter and 2 feet or less in height.

If you are having problems with recreational fires in your neighborhood, please call 311. Not only will 311 process your complaint, complaints will also be tracked so the we can understand if we have a problem with our current rules.

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON ONE STOP

An important city initiative has been the attempt to create a development and construction permitting process that is easy to navigate for businesses and residents. The concept for the project is easy and straightforward: project managers (ranging from a new restaurant proprietor to a construction manager to the spouse responsible for finishing the attic bedroom) should be able to go to one spot in the city and get all of the city approvals they need to finish the project.

The final product has been much more complicated to produce, largely because the city could not stop issuing permits for the period of time it would take to change from the old system to One Stop.

There is no question we have problems with One Stop and we want to hear your comments and constructive criticism. Please consider attending the public meeting on **May 2 at 3 p.m. at City Hall**. If you can't make the meeting, you can send your comments to Irene.kasper@ci.minneapolis.mn.us

EVENTS & SPECIAL MEETINGS

Public Review Meeting of proposal for F&D Motors (54th St. and Minnehaha Ave.)

May 2, 7 p.m.

Morris Park

38th St/Purina Steering Committee, Presentation of Draft Master Plan

May 3, 7 p.m.

Hiawatha School Park, 4305 42nd St.

Wenonah-Keewaydin Cinco de Mayo Carnival Fundraiser

May 5, 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Wenonah School, 5625 23rd Ave. S

Panel conversation with developers, Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development staff, and neighborhood leaders.

Tuesday, May 9, 2006, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Sibley Neighborhood Center (1900 E 40th Street)

Nokomis East Station Area Planning Workshop

May 11, 7 p.m.

Keewaydin Park

Public Review Meeting of Proposal for Ricky's Loft Site (54th St. and Minnehaha Ave.)

May 18, 7 p.m.

Morris Park

Lake Hiawatha Park Building Improvements Public Meeting

May 25, 7 p.m.

Lake Hiawatha Park Center

Contact Lonnie Nichols at 612-230-6525 or lnichols@minneapolisparcs.org with questions.

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

SENA Board Meeting

1830 East 42nd Street

May 8, 7:00 p.m.

For more info, visit www.standish-ericsson.org

LCC Board Meeting

Longfellow Park

May 18, 7:00 p.m.

For more information, visit www.longfellow.org

NENA Board Meeting

3000 East 50th Street

May 25, 7:00 p.m.

For more information, visit www.nokomiseast.org

The Mystery of Airplane Arrivals & Departures

I occasionally get calls about why airplanes have been taking off over the city for extended periods of time. While it is fun to speculate on conspiracy theories, the primary factor for the direction of departures is current and forecasted wind speed and direction. The Metropolitan Airports Commission publishes a quarterly report called *MSP Noise News* and their most recent issue had a good article on the airports arrival and departure policies.

If the wind is from the north, northwest or west, planes depart over Minneapolis using the parallel runways and arrive from the south using the new runway. A southwesterly wind still sends departures over Minneapolis but the new runway to be used for departures as well. Finally, winds from the south, southeast or east, will cause departures on the parallels to go over Eagan and Mendota Heights and the new north/south runway can also be utilized for departures.

Since wind direction is seasonal, certain times of the year will see extended use of a certain take-off pattern. That is what gets to be frustrating for residents who hear the noise day after day.

There is a final caveat: runway demand can trump wind direction during periods when there is a higher demand for arrivals or departures. During low demand periods, air traffic controllers employ a arrival/departure system that has the least impact on residents.

This information won't make the airplanes any quieter, but hopefully it will help you understand the logic behind airport operations.

12TH WARD DEVELOPMENTS

A brief description of new and ongoing projects in the ward.

F&D Motors Site *NEW* - The Developer of Olin Crossings has a purchase agreement for these four lots at 54th St. and Minnehaha Ave. Application was made on 3-27-06 for 42 market-rate condos and 1,000 square feet of retail. Community meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 7 p.m. at Morris Park.

Ricky's Loft Site *NEW* - Current owner working with MetroPlains to build a mixed income development at 54th St. and Minnehaha Ave. Community meeting will be held on Thursday, May 18, 7 p.m. at Morris Park.

Olin Crossings *UPDATED* - At the site of Parkside Inn (formerly the Falls, 53rd & Minnehaha Ave). Construction has reached the final floor of this 4 story condo building. We have heard from neighborhood residents who have purchased units.

46 & 46 *UPDATED* - Construction has started on this 27 unit condo building at 46th Avenue and 46th Street. Construction is expected to last approximately a year.

Hiawatha Flats *UPDATED* - Located between Snelling Ave. and the railroad tracks at 43rd St., demolition of the existing structures will begin this spring.