

# 12<sup>TH</sup> WARD UPDATE

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## Community Meetings Scheduled for Public Comment on New Bus Routes in the 12<sup>th</sup> Ward

Hiawatha LRT Community Advisory Committee  
Wednesday, January 22, 2003  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
Nokomis Community Center  
2401 East Minnehaha Parkway, Minneapolis

Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
Richfield Community Center  
7000 Nicollet Ave S, Richfield

Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>  
7 to 9 p.m.  
Room 155, Midtown YWCA  
2121 East Lake Street

### City Advocacy Wins MAC Funding

As a result of City advocacy, the Metropolitan Airport Commission (MAC) recently increased CIP funding by enough to complete the 1996 residential insulation program in 2003 (except those households who were previously scheduled for insulating but opted out of the program).

This action is important for a couple of different reasons. First, residents have been promised this sound insulation since 1996 based on the NEM (Noise Exposure Map) adopted then, but their insulation was threatened because completion has been delayed for so long. When the new NEM is finally approved by the FFA, it will likely show some of the 1996 65dnl homes to be outside the new 65dnl contour. Since FFA will not allow sound insulation money to be spent on homes outside the contour, such homes would have been left out. This is why I prepared official city comments and testified before the MAC for completion funding.

Second, it's also an indication that consistent lobbying from Minneapolis leaders and residents has kept MAC attention on noise insulation.

I want to thank the City's representative on the MAC, Commissioner Dan Boivin, for working with me to protect our citizens.

### 50<sup>th</sup> Street Bus Service

This past spring, I co-hosted with Council Member Schiff a meeting about Metro Transit buses on East 50<sup>th</sup> Street. The purpose of that meeting was to allow residents to voice their opinions directly to Metro Transit officials about whether buses should continue on East 50<sup>th</sup>. At that meeting, a promise was made to come back to the neighborhood in the fall after a draft plan for bus service was completed.

The draft is now completed and neighbors will have the opportunity to see it and comment at the Hiawatha LRT Community Advisory Committee meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Nokomis Community Center. Metro Transit officials will be at the meeting to listen to resident comment and concerns.

If you'd like an advance look at the draft plan, go to <http://www.metrocouncil.org/transit/sec5/index2.htm>

The draft plan does show bus service on 50<sup>th</sup> Street between 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Hiawatha, with some changes to the route due to LRT.

There will also be one of the new hybrid diesel/electric buses at the meeting to give people a look at the quieter and cleaner buses that could be used here in the future!

### Areaway Ordinance Change Makes It Easier to Work with the City

Areaways are largely relics of a time when coal provided heat to buildings in the city. These open spaces underneath public sidewalks and streets also provided access to underground utilities. Now, they present public safety problems as the hidden structures age to a state of disrepair. In the past, the City Engineer required complete removal of any areaway located during new construction. This often required extensive work, including large excavation projects in automobile and pedestrian lanes. Not only is this costly in the terms of dollars, it also creates an inconvenience to people moving around in the city. The new ordinance allows the latitude to protect public safety in a way that is less intrusive and less expensive.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY MEETING

4000, 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue S  
January 8, 7 p.m.

### HIAWATHA LRT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Nokomis Community Center  
2401 East Minnehaha Parkway, Minneapolis  
Wednesday, January 22, 2003  
6:30 TO 8:30 P.M.

### LONGFELLOW GARDENS CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Hiawatha Park School, 4220 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue S  
January 23, 6:30 p.m.

### NENA TOWN MEETING

NRP Funding and Redirect, Public Input  
Minnehaha United Methodist Church  
January, 30<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.

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## MONTHLY NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

### SENA BOARD MEETING

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 4000 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue S  
January 13, 7:00 p.m.  
For more information, visit [www.standish-ericsson.org](http://www.standish-ericsson.org)

### LCC BOARD MEETING

Longfellow Park, 3435 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue S  
January 16, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
For more information, visit [www.longfellow.org](http://www.longfellow.org)

### NENA BOARD MEETING

3000 East 50<sup>th</sup> Street  
January 23, 7:00 p.m.  
For more information, visit [www.nokomiseast.org](http://www.nokomiseast.org)

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## OPEN APPOINTMENTS

Deadline for application is February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Call City Clerk's Office (612-673-3358) for application

- Capital Long-Range Improvement Committee
- Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People With Disabilities
- Minneapolis Private Industry Workforce Council
- Public Health Advisory Committee
- Senior Citizen Advisory Committee to the Mayor and City Council

For more information, visit

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/citywork/clerk/boards/open/index.asp>

## PINK PAINT ON CURBS

Residents may be wondering why there is pink paint along storm drains near Minnehaha Creek. I recently asked that question and learned that the pink paint is part of the Park Board Storm Drains Project. The paint is being used in the first phase of a project to locate and document the entire storm drain system in the Park Board system. Work on the first phase will continue until the whole system is documented. Next spring and summer will see extensive cleaning and detailed video inspection of the system. Once the city has information on the physical condition of the system, the city can plan capital improvements to this former Park Board system that has received no repair for 20 years.

## Important Snow Related Information

Contrary to the pattern this year, winters in Minneapolis usually bring snow with them. Here are a few facts that you may find helpful when the snow finally arrives:

- Home and duplex owners have 24 hours to clear their sidewalks of snow and ice. Apartment and business owners have 4 daylight hours.
- Complaints about uncleared sidewalks can be made to 673-2420. An Inspector will visit the site, then a letter is sent to the property owner informing them of the snow removal requirements and time the owner has to comply. A reinspection is done to make sure the sidewalk gets cleaned.
- Minneapolis has a list of community groups that help with snow removal for a small fee. Call 673-3004 for more information.
- Free sand for sidewalks is available at East 27<sup>th</sup> Street, just east of Longfellow Avenue near the Public Works gate.

## 2002-03 SNOW EMERGENCY RULES

- **All Snow Emergency parking rules begin at 9 p.m. on the day Emergency is called**
- DO NOT PARK on either side of Snow Emergency Routes until the lanes are fully plowed to the curb

### Day 2

#### 8 a.m.

- DO NOT PARK ON THE EVEN SIDE of regular streets until that side is fully plowed.
- DO NOT PARK ON EITHER SIDE OF PARKWAYS until they are fully plowed.

### Day 3

#### 8 a.m.

- DO NOT PARK ON THE ODD SIDE of regular streets until that side is fully plowed to the curb.  
Snow Emergency ends at 8 p.m.

### Your Suggestions Please!

The "12<sup>th</sup> Ward Update" is a work in progress. Please let me know what topics interest you or how this publication can be more useful.