12TH WARD UPDATE

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Library Board Agrees to Hold Meeting in Nokomis East

Last fall, residents brought a petition of more than 1,000 signatures to the Library Board imploring them not to decimate access to Nokomis, the 4th highest circulation library in the city, but the Board voted to cut hours at Nokomis. Now that the shortened library hours have hit the Nokomis Library, residents are taking their displeasure straight to the decision makers. The Library Board answered the call of residents and has agreed to hold their board meeting on Wednesday, April 21st, at Minnehaha United Methodist Church (3701 East 50th Street) at 6:30 p.m. (Board meeting starts at 5:30 w/ Nokomis discussion starting at 6:30). Residents will have the opportunity to express their opinion about the reduced hours and to offer suggestions for improved service from the library.

Last July and August, I spent a lot of time talking to library board members and making the obvious points that Nokomis Library was one of the most popular libraries in the system and deserved to have more hours. The Library Board's adopted plan does not meet what I believe to be an acceptable level of service for Nokomis. I look forward to attending this meeting and speaking, along with neighbors, to explore solutions to this very important problem.

Earth Day 2004

April 22nd, 1970 was an important date for our country's environment. The first Earth Day is credited with starting the modern environmental movement in the United States. Minneapolis honors that each year by cleaning up our river, creeks and lakes. There are a number of ways that residents join in.

EARTH DAY 2004

Saturday April 17, 2004

Schedule of Events:

9:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Registration
9:30-11:00 a.m.
Clean-up designated areas
11:00 a.m. to Noon
Celebration parties

Area Registration Sites

- Lakes Nokomis & Hiawatha & Minnehaha Creek: Nokomis Community Center, 2401 E Minnehaha Pkwy
- Mississippi River S: West River Road and 36th St
- Minnehaha Park Longfellow House, 4800 M'haha Ave.

Celebrate Afterwards at

- Nokomis Community Center
- Mississippi River S: West River Road and 36th St

For more information, please visit:
http://www.minneapolisparks.org/default.asp?PageID=709

Apply for a Free Rain Barrel!

One way you can contribute to managing storm water, and at the same time save yourself some money, is to install a rain barrel. Simple to install and use, rain barrels take runoff from your roof and store it for use in your garden.

To get a free rain barrel, you must attend a workshop to learn the "how-to" of rain barrel use and additional ways to reduce the flow of storm water to the river. Recipients can attend either workshop. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Bernie Waibel at 612-338-6205 (x102) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or email at: Bernie@sng.org. Rain Barrel Workshops will be held at:

Thursday, May 6th	Saturday, May 8th
6:30-8:30 p.m.	10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Faith Mennonite Church	East Lake Library
2720 East 22nd Street	2727 East Lake Street

The program is made possible through a grant from the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization. 50 rain barrels will be available for participants. Applications are available at www.longfellow.org.

Storm & Surface Water Management

The Public Works Department has recently added a comprehensive resource on storm and surface water management to their website. (http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/stormwater/) The page includes explanations on the role of different city departments, advice for preventing flooding, and educational materials. It is a great place to visit if you are interested in water management.

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EVENTS & SPECIAL MEETINGS

SAFE Meeting - Child Safety on the Internet

Thursday, April 8th – 6:30 p.m.
Our Redeemer Church – 4000 28th Avenue S

Public Meeting – Mpls Plan for Arts & Culture

Monday, April 12th, 6:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.
Seward Montessori School, 2309 28th Ave. S.

Hiawatha Community Meeting – River Lake Greenway & Minnehaha Academy South Campus

Tuesday, April 13th – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
St. Peders Church – 4600 East 42nd Street

2004 Minneapolis Stormwater Management Program Public Hearing

Tuesday, April 20th – 1:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers, City Hall Room 317

SAFE Meeting – Identity Theft

Wednesday, April 28th – 6:30 p.m.
Roosevelt High School, 4029 28th Avenue S
Must Register with Community Ed @668-4810

MONTHLY NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

SENA Board Meeting

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 4000 28th Ave. S
April 12th, 7:00 p.m.
For more information, visit www.standish-ericsson.org

LCC Board Meeting

Longfellow Park
April 15th, 7:00 p.m.
For more information, visit www.longfellow.org

NENA Board Meeting

3000 East 50th Street
April 29th, 7 p.m.
For more information, visit www.nokomiseast.org

Open Appointments

- Minneapolis Private Industry/Workforce Council (PI/WC) - Mayoral Appointment **(April 30th Deadline)**
- Charter Commission

For more information, visit:
http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/boards-and-commissions/open/

Homeowner's Night Begins in April

In order to better serve homeowners with do-it-yourself plans in Minneapolis, the Inspections Division will hold Homeowner's Night every Monday from April 5th through September 27th. Homeowner's Night offers free parking and extended hours (7 p.m.) at the downtown Public Service Building for homeowners needing permits for decks, garages, additions, etc. For more information, call 673-DECK (3325).

Community Emergency Response Team Training in April

The Minneapolis Fire Department is holding another round of Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training in April. The CERT training provides citizens with the basic skills required to handle virtually all of their own needs and then to be able to respond to their neighborhoods needs in the aftermath of a disaster. To sign up, call the Minneapolis Fire Department at 612-673-2890. **Classes will be held every Tuesday and Thursday night from 6-9 p.m. starting on April 6 and ending on April 27.** The class will be held at Fire Station #21 which is located at 3209 East 38th Street.

Annual Neighborhood Meetings

Longfellow Community Council and Nokomis East Neighborhood Association are both holding annual neighborhood meetings in April. I encourage residents to attend these meetings to meet their neighbors and to learn about what is happening in their area. It takes some time to be involved, but the benefit of learning about large projects and shaping them to fit the neighborhood is worth it. Here are the details:

NENA 2004 Annual Neighborhood Meeting

Thursday, April 22, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Minnehaha United Methodist Church, 3701 East 50th Street

- Silent Auction
- Pasta Dinner compliments of Fat Lorenzo's
- NENA Volunteer Appreciation
- Annual Report
- Board Elections – vote for your neighborhood representatives

LCC General Membership Meeting, Pancake Breakfast and Election of Directors

Saturday, April 24
Longfellow Park, 3435 36th Avenue South
Breakfast 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
$5.00 per Adult / $2.00 per child under 12
Business 10:00 – 12:00 noon