

# 10<sup>th</sup> Ward e-News

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## Happy Thanksgiving from Your 10<sup>th</sup> Ward Office!

We would like to wish each of you a wonderful and relaxing Thanksgiving full of family, friends, and fun! Please drive safely and enjoy the holiday!

Meg, Leslie, and Breanna

## Lakes Area & Lowry Hill East Crime and Safety Meeting

The 5<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct is hosting a Crime and Safety meeting for 5 neighborhoods within the precinct: Cedar-Isles-Dean, East Isles, Kenwood, Lowry Hill and Lowry Hill East. This meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm at Temple Israel (2324 Emerson Ave S)**. The meeting is in partial response to recent burglaries and arrests within the listed neighborhoods. It is also a general crime and safety meeting where attendees can raise any questions or concerns. We will have representation from the Minneapolis Police Department and info on the neighborhood associations. Please note that this meeting is **open to all 10<sup>th</sup> ward residents and anyone can attend!**

For questions regarding this meeting, please contact the facilitators:

5<sup>th</sup> Precinct Inspector Matt Clark - [matthew.clark@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:matthew.clark@minneapolismn.gov)

Crime Prevention Specialist Chelsea Adams - [chelsea.adams@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:chelsea.adams@minneapolismn.gov)

## Mayor to Hold Community Budget Forum

Mayor R.T. Rybak is holding a community budget forum on **Wednesday, November 16th, from 6:30-8:00 pm at Temple Israel (2324 Emerson Ave S)**. He will address the City of Minneapolis budget for 2012 and how budget decisions affect City services. The forum will include time for the Mayor to address audience questions. This is an excellent opportunity for 10<sup>th</sup> Ward residents to ask questions and voice concerns on the upcoming budget!

For more info, please contact Andy Holmaas of Mayor Rybak's office at [andrew.holmaas@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:andrew.holmaas@minneapolismn.gov) or 612-673-2109.

## Lake Street Council's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Tasting & Silent Auction

Lake Street Council will hold its 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction on **Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:00pm at El Nuevo Rodeo (3003 27<sup>th</sup> Ave S)**. Bid on great auction items while enjoying music and sampling tasty south of the border treats. Parking is available at the US Bank lot across Lake Street. The tickets are \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. You may purchase tickets at [www.lakestreetcouncil.org](http://www.lakestreetcouncil.org) or by call 612-822-1912.

## Last Day for Yard Waste Collection is November 14<sup>th</sup>!

Your garbage collection day during the week of November 14<sup>th</sup> is this year's final collection of leaves, brush and other yard trimmings at no additional charge. Please set bags of leaves and bundles of brush next to your garbage cart by 6 a.m. You can include pumpkins, gourds and other decorative plants in your bags of leaves, or you can bag them separately. Each bag must be smaller than 33 gallons and weigh less than 40 pounds. Branches and leaves must be tied or bagged. Branches must be less than three inches in diameter and less than three feet long, and bundles must weigh less than 40 pounds.

If you have questions about leaf and brush pickup, call 673-2917 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## City Offers Free Testing of Children's Toys for Lead

There is still one more opportunity left to have your children's toys tested for lead for free! Lead is a hazard because if not diagnosed early, children with high levels of lead in their bodies can suffer from damage to the brain and nervous system. The good news is that lead poisoning is entirely preventable.

The next free lead testing will be held:

- **Saturday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, 10 am-5 pm**  
Do It Green! Minnesota's annual Green Gifts Fair  
Midtown Global Market  
Intersection of Lake Street and Chicago Avenue

Suggested toys to bring for testing include: vinyl toys such as dinosaurs, farm and zoo animals, vinyl lunch boxes and back packs, play kitchen foods, kid's dishes, rubber ducks, wood painted toys and red and yellow plastic toys and any toys that are "chewable."

## "Dine Out for LHENA" at The Lowry

On **Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**, join the Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association (LHENA) at The Lowry (2112 Hennepin Ave) for a neighborhood fundraiser. Simply mention "LHENA" to your server and a significant portion of all sales made will be donated to support LHENA programs and services. It's a fun and delicious way to support the neighborhood!

For more information about this event and the neighborhood organization, visit [LHENA's](#) webpage.

## City Council begins 2012 City budget consideration

The Minneapolis City Council has begun the process to consider Mayor R.T. Rybak's proposed 2012 Budget. The City Council's Ways & Means/Budget Committee began budget hearings on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Budget hearings will continue through mid-November, with final approval of the 2012 budget scheduled for Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. Two public hearings will be held before the budget's approval, offering you a chance to comment. The Mayor's proposed budget calls for no property tax levy increase in 2012.

For a schedule of all the department's budget hearings, please visit the [City's Budget](#) webpage. All budget hearings will be broadcast live (and rebroadcast) on the City's cable channel 79. You can find the rebroadcast schedule and view the hearings online at the [Webcasts](#) webpage.

### Public hearings on tax levy and 2012 City budget:

- **Wednesday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:05 p.m.**  
City Hall, 350 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Council Chambers (Room 317)
- **Wednesday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:05 p.m.**  
City Hall, 350 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Council Chamber (Room 317)

For more information on the Mayor's proposed 2012 Budget, visit the [Mayor's Office](#) webpage.

## Snow Emergency Information Coming to Your Mailbox

Over the next several days, you will be receiving information that could help you avoid tickets and tows this snow season. The City of Minneapolis is sending out Snow Emergency brochures, one to each household in the city. Hold on to your brochure throughout the winter and have it handy whenever a Snow Emergency is declared. By following the Snow Emergency parking rules and helping your neighbors to do the same, the snow season will be easier on you and everyone else in town.

### Stay Informed

Residents, workers, and visitors have a number of ways to learn when Snow Emergencies are declared, and what to do when they are. The City is advising drivers to put many of these tools to use, not just one or two. The more ways to learn about a Snow Emergency, the more prepared you will be to do your part, and the less likely to be towed. Remember, vehicles parked on the street during a Snow Emergency in violation of Snow Emergency rules and can be ticketed or towed.

**Hotline** - Call (612) 348-SNOW - folks can find out if a Snow Emergency has been declared. The hotline will include information on parking restrictions that drivers need to follow to avoid tickets and tows. The hotline includes information in Spanish, Somali and Hmong.

**The City's Website** - Visit the City's [Snow Emergency](#) webpage has been declared and for a wealth of information on Snow Emergencies in many languages. Also, check out the street lookup, which lets you put in an address or a neighborhood to see where you can park during a Snow Emergency.

**Phone Alerts** - Minneapolis uses a phone alert system to notify residents when Snow Emergencies are declared. It is an automated notification system to land lines that can place thousands of calls per hour.

**Email/Text Alerts** – [Subscribe](#) to have Snow Emergency alerts automatically emailed or texted to you.

**The Media** - News releases are sent to the media so TV, radio stations and other news outlets can inform their viewers and listeners that a Snow Emergency is in effect.

**Cable TV** - Tune in to cable channels 14 and 79. These channels will have information in several languages when a Snow Emergency is declared.

**Facebook\*** – “Like” [Minneapolis Snow Emergency](#) on Facebook.

**Twitter\*** – Follow “[Minneapolis Snow Emergency](#)” on Twitter.

\*Both the Twitter and Facebook pages will tell fans and followers when a Snow Emergency is declared.

### Non-English Snow Emergency information

Information on Snow Emergency is also available in other languages on the City's website. If you know anyone who primarily speaks Spanish, Hmong, Somali, Oromo, Vietnamese or Lao, you can direct them to the City's [Non-English Resources](#) webpage for information on Snow Emergency in their language.

## Minneapolis tap water system gets highest rating

The Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies awarded Minneapolis its Platinum Award for Utility Excellence for making dramatic improvements in tap water and for the way it manages an operation that delivers an average of 57 million gallons of drinking water to around a half million people every day. Check out the City's [Communications – News and Events](#) webpage to learn more about this award to Minneapolis.

## No Meet with Meg in December!

Please note – Due to the budget season and scheduling changes with committee and council meetings, there will be **NO Meet with Meg for lunch in December!** We apologize for any inconvenience.

Please join us in the New Year for Meet with Meg on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 12-1pm at the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct's Community Room (3101 Nicollet Ave S). Meet with Meg is a time for you to talk with her, ask questions, and voice concerns. Bring your sack lunch! Cookies and lemonade are provided! Meet with Meg is held the second Tuesday of every month.

**Attention:** If you want help translating this information into a language other than Hmong, Spanish or Somali, please call 311.

**Hmong** - Ceeb toom. Yog koj xav tau kev pab txhais cov xov no rau koj dawb, hu 612-673-2800;

**Spanish** - Atención. Si desea recibir asistencia gratuita para traducir esta información, llama 612-673-2700;

**Somali** - Ogow. Haddii aad dooneyso in lagaa kaalmeeyo tarjamadda macluumaadkani oo lacag la' aan wac 612-673-3500.