

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

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## East Calhoun Kicks Off Single Sort Recycling Pilot Program



(l to r) Meg, Sarah Sponheim (ECCO's Waste Watchers Chair) and Charlie Hall (Charlie Hall Disposal and President of MRI) with a blue lid single sort recycling cart.

The Single Sort Recycling Pilot Program was launched with a press event on August 15<sup>th</sup> in the Willard Hay neighborhood. East Calhoun and Willard Hay are the two Minneapolis neighborhoods chosen for this year long pilot program. All East Calhoun residents should have received their new single sort cart. If you live in East Calhoun and have questions about single sort recycling project please contact Sarah Sponheim at [greenteam@eastcalhoun.org](mailto:greenteam@eastcalhoun.org) or 612-824-2613.

## Minneapolis Firefighters Local 82 Charities present donation to NIP!



(l to r) CM Meg Tuthill, Maria Ruud (Community Clinical Director), Firefighter Reid Wilson, Firefighter Josh Tjaden, Patsy Bartley (Executive Director), Firefighter Mike Dahlberg and Siri Hustad (Clinic RN)

Minneapolis Firefighters have had a long history of volunteering to help at local charities. This history continued on August 15<sup>th</sup> when the Minneapolis Firefighters Local 82 Charities presented a check to the Neighborhood Involvement Program (NIP) at 2431 Hennepin Ave S.

Two years ago, firefighter Captain Mike Dahlberg was on the receiving end of Madison Fire Local 311's generosity. This sparked the idea for Minneapolis Firefighters Local 82 to establish their own charity.

The firefighters picked up the idea, filed for non-profit status and the Local 82 Charity was born.

## Minneapolis Firefighters Local 82 Charities (Cont.)

The Neighborhood Involvement Program (NIP) was one of the first to receive a check issued by Minneapolis Firefighters. 100% of the money that the active and retired firefighters give to Local 82 Charity will go back into the community or help other firefighters and their families throughout the nation just as the Madison Firefighters helped one of Minneapolis Firefighters.

In addition to their youth and seniors programs, NIP's Community Clinic offers medical and dental services. They also offer a wide variety of counseling including comprehensive services for adolescent and adult survivors of sexual assault and incest, specialized services for the GLBT community and individual therapy. Services are offered on a sliding fee scale based on family size and income. Visit [NIP's](#) website or contact 612-374-3125 for more information.

Thank you to Minneapolis Firefighters Local 82 for supporting our community through your generous gift to NIP, one of our great community resources!

## Free Residential Home Energy Workshop from CES

If you haven't had a home energy visit done don't miss one of the upcoming workshops. **For only a co-pay of \$30 you get up to \$400 in services and materials!**

CES is a one-stop residential energy program designed to help homeowners save energy and money in their homes. CES begins with a FREE educational workshop where homeowners can schedule a customized home energy visit. The visit includes a blower door test as well as the installation of energy and money saving materials including compact fluorescent light bulbs, low-flow showerheads, faucet aerators, pipe wrap, a programmable thermostat and more! Visit a workshop to find out what you can do to save money on energy costs! You must attend a workshop before having the Home Energy Visit.

Two workshops are being offered in our area in September:

### **Saturday, September 17**

10:00 a.m.

Pilgrim Lutheran Church gym,  
3901 1st Avenue S

### **Thursday, September 29**

6:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church,  
3450 Irving Avenue S

[Click here](#) for a complete listing of workshop dates.

Free childcare provided at workshops.

**To RSVP contact Ashley Robertson at 612-335-5869 or [arobertson@mncee.org](mailto:arobertson@mncee.org).**

More information can also be found at [www.mnces.org](http://www.mnces.org). Community Energy Services is a partnership with the Center for Energy and Environment, City of Minneapolis, CenterPoint Energy and Xcel Energy with funding provided by the MN Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund and the City of Minneapolis block grants.

## CIDNA Fall Festival

The Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association (CIDNA) will be hosting their annual Fall Festival on **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Park Siding Park (W 28<sup>th</sup> Street at Dean Court)**. Come out for hot dogs on the grill, snacks and soft drinks provided by CIDNA and donations from local businesses. There will also be kid activities including a moon walk, face painting, a fire truck and more! Enjoy the beautiful gardens tended by CIDNA volunteer gardeners. Joyce Uptown Food Shelf will be on hand to accept cash donations. This is a free event and will be held rain or shine!

## MDR Open Limited Hours on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

The Minneapolis Development Review (MDR) Customer Service Center will **only be open from 8am-11am on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** to accommodate a Regulatory Services Employee event. The service center will be **open regular hours on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Please make note of this and we apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

## Bryant Ave Bike Boulevard Celebration

A celebration of the Bryant Ave Bike Boulevard will be held **September 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 4:00pm**. Join us on your commute home or your afternoon recreational ride to celebrate this bike route from Franklin Avenue to West 58<sup>th</sup> Street! **Meet on Bryant Ave South one block north of Franklin Avenue**. There will be a few short comments at 4:15pm. Then we will have a leisurely ride on the Bryant Ave Bike Boulevard to allow for plenty of time to stop at area businesses. For more information, please visit the [Bike, Walk, Move – Bryant Ave Bike Boulevard](#) website

Also during the celebration, bring your bike helmet in to **Jackson's Coffee and Gelato** (corner of Bryant Ave S and W Lake St) and receive 50% off any purchase!

## Walker Library Open House

Hennepin County Library and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board will be holding a combined **open house on Tuesday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm. at the Walker Library (2880 Hennepin Ave)**. Design concepts for the park board's land adjacent to the Walker Library and Hennepin County Library's new Walker Library will be presented.

## Openings on Minneapolis Boards and Commissions

Applications are now being accepted for over 80 open positions on 16 boards and commissions that the City Council and Mayor will appoint this fall. The City is seeking applicants with a diversity of backgrounds and experiences to strengthen the work of the City.

**Applications will be reviewed beginning September 30, 2011**; however the positions are open until filled. For a full list of appointment opportunities and position descriptions, please visit the [Boards and Commissions](#) webpage.

## One Minneapolis, One Read: Community Shares a Book & Conversation

The book "The Grace of Silence" by Minneapolis native and National Public Radio host Michele Norris was chosen for One Minneapolis, One Read which kicked off on September 13<sup>th</sup>. This memoir describes the experience of the Norris family as the first black family on their block in a south Minneapolis neighborhood. For more info, check out the [One Minneapolis, One Read](#) webpage.

Join Michele Norris with MPR News host Kerri Miller for a discussion of "The Grace of Silence" on **Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm at the Guthrie Theater**. We expect a lively conversation! A dessert reception will follow. Tickets are on sale now! Tickets are: \$10 - general admission; \$5 - seniors, students and limited income. Purchase tickets at the [Guthrie Theater's](#) webpage or call 612-377-2224.

## Blaisdell and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave Bike Lane Celebration

The celebration for the Blaisdell & 1<sup>st</sup> Ave bike lane completion will be **October 9<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3 pm. Begin at Martin Luther King Park (40<sup>th</sup> & Nicollet)**, then proceed to family friendly celebration stations along the north/south route. The 5<sup>th</sup> precinct will be a station focusing on bike safety. More stations will be announced at the park. For more information visit the [Bike, Walk, Move – 1<sup>st</sup> & Blaisdell](#) website.

## Senate District 61 Special General Election is October 18<sup>th</sup>

The General Election to fill the District 61 Senate seat is **Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**. The eastern two-thirds of the Lyndale neighborhood are in Senate District 61. Polling locations are Horn Towers and Lyndale School. A map of Senate District 61 can be found [here](#). For polling place information check out the following [link](#).

## Fall Street Sweeping—Mark Your Calendars!

Fall street sweeping will **begin Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>** and will take the usual 4 weeks. **WATCH FOR TEMPORARY NO PARKING SIGNS!** Please watch for more information in our October newsletter.

## Save the Date for the Annual Wine Tasting!

The date has been set for the annual Hennepin Lake Wine Tasting Fundraiser! Please mark your calendar for **Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Calhoun Square**. 100% of proceeds of tickets sold in advance go directly to the neighborhood you purchase them from. Ticket information, including which neighborhoods will be participating this year, will be available soon. Please watch our October newsletter for more information!

## Nicollet Ave Update

On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, the city council approved the layout for the reconstruction of Nicollet Ave. In general, the street will be 44 feet wide (six feet narrower than Nicollet currently is). Boulevards will be 5 ½ feet wide. The boulevard will be planted with trees and is wide enough to hold the bus shelters and other streetscape features. The next public meeting is being planned for the first half of October. Check the [Nicollet Ave Project](#) website for meeting details.

## Energy efficiency loans for multi unit buildings

Low interest loans to provide financing for energy efficiency upgrades to large multi-family rental properties (structures of 4 stories or more containing more than 10 dwelling units) are available from the City of Minneapolis - Department of Community Planning & Economic Development (CPED). CPED established the city-wide program to remove financial barriers for property owners to make energy efficiency improvements. Loans will be structured in such a way that the energy savings would fully or substantially offset the debt service on the loan. For more information, please check out the [Multifamily Energy Loan Program](#) webpage or contact Jessica Green at 612-673-5232.

## Helping Students Succeed with Internet Essentials<sup>SM</sup> from Comcast

Eligible families can qualify for Internet service from Comcast for \$9.95 per month. To qualify families must meet several conditions including having at least one child receiving free school lunches through the National School Lunch program; be located where Comcast offers internet service; have not subscribed to Comcast internet service within the past 90 days; and not have an overdue Comcast bill or unreturned equipment.

Please contact Comcast at 1-855-8-INTERNET (1-855-846-8376) to request an application. Visit the [Internet Essentials](#) website to learn more.

## Innovative Tree Canopy Map

Did you know nearly 32 percent of Minneapolis is covered by tree canopy? That is more than previously thought! Find out more from a new mapping study of the Minneapolis tree canopy now available online. The map can help neighborhoods strategically plan and target resources for the greatest return from our tree canopy, including reduced storm water runoff and reduced energy consumption. Staff plans to update maps following events such as the May tornado in north Minneapolis. For more information and to see the map, visit the city's [Urban Tree Canopy](#) webpage.

## Don't forget – There's Still Time to Clean Your Garage!

We are all hoping there will not be a one side of the street parking ban this winter. However, just in case, if you are lucky enough to have a garage, take advantage of the nice snow-free weather to clean it out so you're able to park off the street this winter.

## Residential Burglaries and How to Help Prevent Them

This summer **residential burglaries the 5<sup>th</sup> police precinct are up. The majority of these burglaries are crimes of opportunity**, which means that taking a few simple steps can drastically reduce the chance of a crime occurring to you. As always, please remember to call 911 when you see any suspicious activity!

### Patterns:

- Many garage burglaries happen when garage service doors are unsecured or garage doors are open
- Most burglars are entering (or reaching in) open windows
- Some burglars are starting to push in A/C units to gain access to the home
- Many ground level apartments are being entered via open windows
- Burglars will commonly use a garbage can (or anything available) to access a high window

### Homeowners/Renters:

- If you live on the ground level of a building or your window is within reaching height with help from a garbage can or other item, pin your windows at 6".
- If your windows are within reaching height of the ground, do not leave them open unless screens and windows are pinned.
- Secure your A/C unit.
- Fill out a home inventory form! Make, model, and especially serial numbers are very important information in the event of a theft. Find more information on the [Home Inventory FAQ](#) sheet or use the sample [Home Inventory Form](#).
- Secure your garage service door. If the lock doesn't work, fix it.
- Install lighting around the main entrances to your home and garage.
- See the [Apartment Building Residents Security](#) sheet if you live in a multi dwelling building.

### Rental Property owners:

- Pin the windows of all ground and first level apartments in your building.
- Remind your tenants not to let anyone trail behind them into the building and check before buzzing people in.
- Remind your tenants not to prop the doors open.
- Ensure that the main doors to your building are secure.
- For additional security on apartment doors, verify that there are at least 3" screws in the strike plate and that the screws are angled into the studs.
- If you have a surveillance system, verify that it's working and you know how to access it. For more information on surveillance systems, check out the [Surveillance Systems Info](#) sheet.

## Meet with Meg!

Join us for Meet with Meg for lunch on **Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, from 12 pm to 1 pm** 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.