



Council Member Diane Hofstede

Ward 3

City of Minneapolis

January, 2011

3rd Ward Neighborhoods

Beltrami

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Mpls. MN 55418

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[www.neighborhoodlink.com/
Minneapolis/Beltrami](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Minneapolis/Beltrami)

Meetings:

1st Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Beltrami Park Building
1111 Summer St NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Bottineau

2205 California St NE #107
Mpls. MN 55418
612-782-2145

bna@bottineaneighborhood.org
www.bottineaneighborhood.org

Meetings:

2nd Tuesday 6:30 – 9:00 pm
Eastside N'hood Services
1700 2nd St NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Hawthorne

2944 Emerson Ave N
Mpls. MN 55411
612-529-6033

www.hawthornecommunitycouncil.org
Meetings:

1st Thursday, 7:00 – 8:30 am
Farview Park
609 29th Ave N
Minneapolis, MN 55411

Happy New Year!

My staff and I would like to wish you a safe and enjoyable 2011! Maintaining a strong and vibrant community is not easy, but with the hard work and support from members like you it is possible. As we begin a new year, the Third Ward celebrates significant achievements, and I would like to thank all of those who helped make these changes possible. However, even while we recognize our past accomplishments we will not dwell on them but rather push onwards towards making the Third Ward an even better place to live, work, and play!

Diane Hofstede

World Habitat Day, The Third Ward,

Hawthorne Neighborhood!



Courtesy of Habitat for Humanity International – George Hipple, Photographer

October 4, 2010 was recognized as “World Habitat Day,” a day designated by the United Nations to call global attention to the need for stable housing. In partnership with Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, we were successful in bringing President Carter and the “Olympics” of affordable housing to our community at the Hawthorne EcoVillage.

Five years ago, this neighborhood was a very different place, ranked number one in the state for mortgage foreclosures. It led the city in criminal activity, illegal drug sales, prostitution, unemployment, and vacant and abandoned properties.

But what this neighborhood has always had is passion and neighborhood members who are unwilling to give up and walk away. They know that rebuilding their neighborhood and achieving a new vision is not an easy or a quick undertaking. More importantly, they know when to involve partners to help.

Creative, new approaches to community governance have been developed, which involved the Police Department, Regulatory Services, the Hennepin County Attorney’s Office, probation, and the Problem Property Unit. In addition, several non-

Marcy-Holmes

415 4th Ave SE #209
Mpls. MN 55414
612-623-7633

office@marcy-holmes.org
www.marcy-holmes.org

3rd Tuesday: Jan, March, June, Oct.

Meetings:

7:30 – 9:00 pm

Univ. Luth. Church of Hope
601 13th Ave SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414

McKinley

At Center For Families
3333 4th St N, Suite 1
Mpls. MN 55412
612-276-1541

mckinleycommunity@yahoo.com

www.neighborhoodlink.com/
Minneapolis McKinley

Meetings:

1st Monday, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Center For Families
3333 4th Street North
Minneapolis, MN 55412

Nicollet Island/East Bank

612-340-7934

[www.neighborhoodlink.com/](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/minneapolis/ni-eb/)
minneapolis/ni-eb/

Meetings:

3rd Monday every other month
6:30 – 8:30 pm

Ginger Hop Restaurant Side Room
132 Bank St SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414

St. Anthony East

909 Main Street NE(Lower Level)
Minneapolis, MN 55413

saenarp1@aol.com
www.saena.org

Meetings:

4th Monday, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Logan Park Building

690 13th Avenue Northeast
Minneapolis, MN 55413

profit organizations have focused attention on the immediate need to stabilize and support this process. The City has used its ordinances, codes enforcement, and inspections to put pressure on the problem landowners in the area. We developed and passed more aggressive regulatory policies and engaged every possible partner within the community in identifying and implementing solutions.

The overwhelming challenges that faced the Hawthorne neighborhood just five years ago could easily have resulted in a much different situation. Fortunately, success in the neighborhood has brought positive change to the area, making real improvements in the lives of our residents.

The Hawthorne EcoVillage development is a shared vision of the interests and commitment of neighborhood residents and leaders, community agencies, private sector and non-profit sector partners, and, of course, the City Government to respond pro-actively and cooperatively to some of the area's toughest issues, such as crime, poverty, rising foreclosure rates, vacant housing, unemployment, and overall resident health. This is affordable housing done right – on a national stage.

The Hawthorne EcoVillage development uses best practices in community-based development, neighborhood revitalization, and sustainable green development to create a model for more healthy, stable, and livable communities.

Winter Parking Restrictions Update

With the current fluctuations in temperature, questions are naturally being raised about when the City might be able to lift the Winter Parking Restriction, or “parking ban.” While we have lost some snow cover over the past couple of weeks, the snow that causes the narrowing of streets has not receding at the same rates. These now consolidated and often solid snow and ice masses still encroach several feet into the streets in most areas.

There is no particular measure that triggers lifting of the ban. Factors such as the current conditions and street widths, time of year and weather forecasts all play into decision making. And Officials do not want to lift the ban early, only to have to re-implement it if conditions change.

For these reasons, the City is not ready to lift the parking ban at this time, but public safety officials continue to monitor conditions and will make an announcement at the appropriate time.

See winter parking restrictions FAQ: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/snow/winter-parking-restrictions.asp.

Keep your sidewalk safe

Minneapolis ordinances requires property owners to clear sidewalks after a snowfall within 24 hours for houses and duplexes and four daytime hours for apartment and commercial buildings. When you shovel snow and clear ice, shovel the sidewalks on all sides of your property, the full width of the sidewalk down to the bare pavement.

After shoveling and clearing your sidewalks, spreading sand or ice-melting material is helpful. The City 24-hour sites where residents can

up free sand for their residential sidewalks. Please bring your own pail and shovel.



Free sand locations:

6036 Harriet Ave S (on West 60th St. between Lyndale and Harriet)

1809 Washington St. NE (18th and Jefferson)

East 27th St., just east of Longfellow Ave near the Public Works gate.

St. Anthony West

909 Main St. NE, Lower Level
Minneapolis, MN 55413
612-378-8886

neighbors@stawno.org
www.stawno.org

Meetings:

2nd Thursday, 7:30 pm

909 Main St. NE, Lower Level
Minneapolis, MN 55413

Sheridan

1226 2nd St NE
Mpls. MN 55413
612-379-0728

sno@sheridanneighborhood.org
www.sheridanneighborhood.org

Meetings:

4th Monday, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Eastside N'hood Services
1700 2nd St NE
Minneapolis, MN 55413



City of Minneapolis Information

www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us

Call: 311

Precinct Meetings

2nd Precinct Advisory Council
(2-PAC)

3rd Monday, 6:00 pm
1911 Central Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN

Check Location at 612-673-2874

4th Precinct Advisory Co
(4-PAC)

3rd Tuesday, 6:30 pm
4th Precinct Meeting Room
1925 Plymouth Ave North
Minneapolis, MN

Plymouth Avenue Bridge reopens to foot traffic

The Plymouth Avenue Bridge reopened for foot traffic and bikes, but major repairs for vehicle traffic may not be done until 2012. Department of Public Works asked bikers to walk their bikes across because it's too narrow for combined bike-foot traffic.

The bridge is expected to remain closed to motor vehicles until corroded cables are replaced. That's not expected to happen until at least late this year.

3rd Ward Welcomes 2 New Businesses

Council Member Hofstede proudly welcomes two businesses to the 3rd Ward. Psycho Suzi's Motor Lounge has moved into the space formerly occupied by Gabby's and is now open for business. It represents the only first and only riverfront/event center now open. The restaurant and bar is now home to an indoor waterfall, diverse tiki themed settings and a house band.

For those interested in trying some delicious Nepali, Indian and Tibetan cuisine, look no further than Ghorkha Palace. In addition to being delicious, the food is sourced from local organic and sustainable farming options.

STEP-UP program seeks Minneapolis youth for 2011 summer jobs

The City of Minneapolis STEP-UP Program is now accepting applications from youth ages 14-21. STEP-UP trains and places Minneapolis youth in paid internships during the summer at local businesses. Youth earn a minimum of \$7.25 to upwards of \$10 an hour. Most interns work part-time for up to 9 weeks during the summer. Youth selected to participate in the STEP-UP program must attend the mandatory work readiness training in April to be considered for a summer position.

2011 summer job applications visit;

www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/docs/STEP-UP_Application.pdf

Applications will be accepted through Feb. 4, 2011.

For more information about the Minneapolis STEP-UP program visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/stepup.asp or contact

Tammy Dickinson at 612-673-5041 or
tammy.dickinson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

Learn how to Save Energy and Money in your Home!

Attend one of the FREE Workshops

Saturday, Jan 8th, 10 a.m.
Hale Community School (1220
54th St. E)

Thursday, Jan 13th, 6:30 p.m.
Matthews Park Rec Center (2318
29th Ave. SE)

Thursday, Jan 27th, 6:30 p.m.
University Lutheran Church of
Hope (601 13 the Ave. SE)

Childcare provided at all workshops.

Reserve your spot TODAY!
Call or e-mail Kyle Boehm at
(612) 219-7334 or
kboehm@mncee.org

LEADERSHIP CHANGES AT WESTBROADWAY BUSINESS AREA COALITION

Sarita Turner, the Executive Director of the West Broadway Business and Area Coalition has been awarded one of the prestigious Bush Leadership Fellowships. A fellowship offers a one-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be transformed as a leader. This Award allows for intensive study and practicum of both academic and/or self designed programs. Ms. Turner is interested in understanding how to better impact public policy surrounding community development strategies that are rooted in community input, the self-stated needs of the community, and that comprehensively meet the needs of the community members.

Minneapolis Riverfront Design Competition



The Minneapolis Riverfront Design Competition jury, including Council Member Hofstede, crowned its winner, the design team TLS/KVA, on February 10th.

The competition called for teams to produce 21st-century parks designs for 220 acres of parkland and the surrounding neighborhoods along both sides of the 5.4-mile stretch of the Mississippi River from the Stone Arch Bridge in the historic downtown Mill District to the city's northern limits. The winning design is a comprehensive, integrated vision for the Upper Riverfront that establishes parks as the engine for economic development, transforms the river into a connector rather than a barrier between east and west banks, and refocuses Minneapolis toward what is one of the three great rivers of the world.

Fifty-five design teams responded to the competition, and the 13-member jury noted that the quality was exceptionally high. Says Bill Morrish, MR|DC jury member, and Dean of the School of Constructed Environments and Associate Dean, Parsons The New School of Design in New York City, "The four teams we short-listed comprise innovative and inspirational people who will work very hard to create great concepts for the Minneapolis riverfront.

We are excited for the implementation of world class design in our community.

Bicycle Advisory Committee

The role of the Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) is to promote both commuter and recreational bicycling, to advocate for bicycling infrastructure improvements, to encourage safe riding, and to involve people interested in bicycling issues throughout the city.

The BAC functions as an advisory committee to the Mayor and City Council as well as the Park Board and serves as a liaison to bicyclists, businesses, neighborhoods, and other communities and agencies.

The BAC is comprised of various individuals interested in bicycling issues representing both the public and the private sectors. Meetings are open to the public, and take place on the first Wednesday of each month, 10:00 to 11:30, in Room 220 in City Hall. If you plan to attend an upcoming meeting, you may wish to contact City staff to confirm the time and location.

City Staff Contact: Don Pflaum, 612-673-2129,
donald.pflaum@ci.minneapolis.mn.us

To view previous BAC meeting minutes and presentations visit:
www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/bicycles/previous-meetings.asp



“Sarita has been the key to the successful work of the West Broadway Coalition.” Says Diana Hawkins, chair of the WBC Board “Her passion for working for positive change, coalition building, and safety initiatives have helped to bring new facades to West Broadway, increased citizen involvement with the proposed Bottineau Light Rail planning process and brought focus to making the Avenue cleaner, safer and greener. She will be missed; we are looking forward to her future successes.”

Property Tax Information

www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/city-budget/2011truthintaxation, answers many questions about the process and explains the City’s different funding sources.

To view the complete proposed 2011 budget, go to www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/city-budget/2011recc.

Afraid to leave an abusive relationship due to safety concerns for your pet?



Pet Kenneling for Victims of Domestic Violence

Minneapolis Animal Care and Control (MACC) and the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) are partnering to provide temporary, no-cost kenneling of pets for victims of domestic violence.

If you or someone you know would like to access this program, please call 612-673-6222 or 311.

Understanding Taxes

As the City of Minneapolis continues to confront cuts in aid and tax base there have been questions about taxes and government services. The city of Minneapolis has taken many steps to continue to provide essential services while continuing to reduce expenditures and increase our efficiency.

Over the last 10 years, City spending has declined in constant dollars: after adjusting for inflation, the City’s proposed budget for 2011 is 7 percent smaller than the City’s budget in 2001. The City will also have fewer full-time employees in 2011 than at any point in the last 10 years.

Over the last nine years, the City has produced structurally balanced budgets that have matched proposed spending to projected revenue five years out, paid down or avoided \$130 million in debt, restored the City’s top AAA credit rating with all three major national ratings agencies and reduced the size of government. In addition, the City recently hired an auditor who will increase efficiency and cost savings for the people of Minneapolis.

There have been several unique factors which have played a major role in the property taxes this year. One major contributor is the City’s contractual obligations to closed pension funds; compounding this issue, in these challenging times, is the decreasing support from the State of Minnesota to local government aid. Minneapolis returns funds to the state, while receiving smaller amounts of Local Government Aid from the state. We will continue to look for ways to provide services while reducing expenditures.

Minneapolis Approves 2011 Audit Plan

The Minneapolis Audit Committee, chaired by Council Member Hofstede, approved an internal audit plan for 2011 at their meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 16. Like all large organizations, the City of Minneapolis has many functions that carry business and financial risks, and the City’s newly-expanded Department of Internal Audit will help the City better understand and manage those risks through the audit process.

The City consistently receives high marks from the State Auditor and national credit rating services for its financial management. City leaders created the Department of Internal Audit in 2009 to maintain the City’s high standing by continually reviewing and improving how it manages financial and business processes and be more accountable to taxpayers.

As a first step, the department completed an initial risk assessment by working with City departments and other stakeholders. That assessment outlined key business and financial risks facing City government, and looked at both the likelihood of a possible occurrence and the severity of the impact it would have to the City. The risk ranking criteria were tailored specifically to the City’s work based on both quantitative and qualitative factors, and that ranking was used to design the audit plan.

The 2011 plan is based on the risk analysis and the need to get a baseline understanding of operations in specific business units, ranging from technology management to financial reporting and purchasing. Along with the approved 2011 plan, the Audit Committee tentatively approved a plan for 2012 and 2013. Although the 2012 and 2013 plans are tentative, an annual review at the end of each year will allow opportunities to adjust the auditing priorities for the upcoming year if needed.

The Internal Audit Department adds value to the City enterprise by performing audits and making recommendations based on the results. These audits focus on the accuracy and integrity of financial information, reducing costs, and increasing efficiency and effectiveness of processes and controls to provide reasonable assurance that City’s business goals will be met.

The City Wants to Hear about Your Company

If you'd like to meet with the City of Minneapolis and share your business story, please contact Andrew Dahl at (612) 673-5133.

**3rd Ward
New
Business(s)/Proprietor(s)**

PAPPY'S FISH AND CHICKEN, 2006
WASHINGTON AVE N

MINNEAPOLIS AUTO CARE, 2501
2ND ST N

PSYCHO SUZI'S, 1900 Marshall St.
NE

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Decline in Crime Continues on the Northside

Crimes are down 10% when compared to last year and 27% as compared to two years ago. Congratulations to the 4th Precinct whose hard work is making the 3rd Ward a safer place to live and work. Keep up the good work!

For more information about the 4th Precinct visit their website at:
<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/about/4th-precinct.asp>

Join us for the monthly 3rd Ward CARE Meeting

Please help us to deal with your neighborhood livability concerns, promote timely and innovative solutions, with our partners. The next meeting is March 16th, at Center for Families, 3333 4th Street North, starting at 7 PM. PLEASE see the Third Ward Website for current topics and monthly additions to our agenda.

Market Manager Position

The Northeast Community Farmers Market is searching for a part-time Market Manager to oversee their weekly seasonal farmer's market. The Market manager will be responsible to oversee daily operations, act as a liaison between vendors and Market goers, and monitor compliance with city ordinances and regulations governing Farmer's Markets. The Market Manager should be an effective communicator and passionate about food, local farming, and agriculture. Experience with electronic media and strong organizational skills are required. Managerial experience is preferred. This is a part time seasonal position 8-10 hours per week. Individuals who are familiar with Northeastern Minneapolis are encouraged to apply.



Minneapolis program to aid local corner stores in promoting fresh produce and healthy foods



This fall, 10 corner stores throughout Minneapolis celebrated the launch of a new effort to provide their customers with more healthy, fresh foods as part of the City of Minneapolis' larger effort to combat obesity and chronic disease.

The Healthy Corner Store Program centers on increasing the availability of fresh produce and healthy foods to residents who live in high-poverty pockets of the city. The program arose from an assessment the Minneapolis Department of Health and Family Support (MDHFS) staff made of 35 stores to determine availability and quality of fresh produce. Results showed that 36 percent of stores did not have any fresh produce in stock. In the other 64% of stores, produce was limited, expensive and often difficult to find in the store.

Working closely with the 10 store owners and managers, MDHFS staff identified barriers they had in stocking and selling fresh produce. To determine effectiveness of the effort, MDHFS will track the stores' sales data of fresh produce for the duration of the project (June 30, 2011). The data will indicate if the program sustains or boosts store sales. If the project proves successful, City officials hope to expand it city wide.

Review of Neighborhoodfest/Summit 2010

Council Member Diane Hofstede, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, Minthoe, Habitat for Humanity and East Side Neighborhood Services along with the residents of the 3rd Ward celebrated the eight-annual Neighborhoodfest/Summit on Wednesday, September 22nd, 2010. Held at the Historic Nicollet Island Pavilion the gathering provided an opportunity for residents to learn about the businesses and services the 3rd Ward has to offer.

The evening featured a kick-off to the Habitat for Humanity's Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project, an internationally-recognized week of building to bring attention to the need for simple, decent and affordable housing in partnership with families. The Carter Work Project is held at a different location each year and attracts volunteers from around the world. The project took place at the Hawthorne Eco-Village in the 3rd Ward in partnership with Project for Pride in Living, and included a visit from Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter.

Save the Date; Neighborhoodfest 2011!

The 9th Annual Neighborhoodfest/Summit is scheduled for September 28th at the Nicollet Island Pavilion. Mark the date on your calendars and contact the 3rd Ward office if you are interested in participating or becoming a sponsor!

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/ward3/docs/SaveTheDate.pdf>