

# Community 11 Connections

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## Quincy's Corner

**Summer is coming to an end**, with kids back at school, the winding down of construction season, neighborhood festivals and more. At City Hall, fall means we turn our attention to street sweeping and the 2013 City budget. Not nearly as romantic of an image, but both are vitally important.

In addition to articles on the City's budget process and important news about street sweeping schedules, this issue of *Community Connections* provides articles on the Environmental Assessment Comment Period at the Airport, a caution about idling cars around kids, and fun Neighborhood News about Tangletown's Mural Project and the Monarch Festival Saturday, September 8 at Lake Nokomis presented by the Nokomis East Neighborhood Association.

Additionally, I am delighted to tell everyone about this year's [One Minneapolis, One Read Project](#), and provide details on the special event on September 24 featuring an evening with Garrison Keillor and author Diane Wilson.

### The 2013 budget season is in full swing

Over the next several months, every department will report to the Ways and Means Budget Committee, presenting how they will meet the Mayor's proposed budget plan and requesting any additional funding. The proposed budget strives to ensure the property tax burden is managed and sustainable. The proposed 2013 budget has significant investments in infrastructure, public safety and reform, as well as in housing and economic development.

Mayor Rybak's budget delivers these investments with a 1.7% property-tax increase. This below-inflation increase is half of what it would have been if the Mayor and City Council had not secured and passed the Vikings stadium deal.

**Investing in safety** - \$2.5 million is added to the Police Department budget to convert existing community service officers to sworn officers, hire new non-sworn community service officers and begin a new recruit class in early 2013. The proposed budget adds \$1.1 million to hire firefighters so that the Fire Department can prepare for expected retirements. The Fire Department will start a recruit class in 2012. This level of investment comes on top of a recently-received federal SAFER grant of \$1.07 million.

**Investing in our infrastructure** - Minneapolis is in year one of a five-year, ramped-up investment in infrastructure that the Council passed last year. As a result of this investment, the City's level of infrastructure improvements in 2013 will be three times higher than previously planned.

Best regards,

## City Focus

Mayor R.T. Rybak has released his recommended 2013 budget for the City of Minneapolis.

The Minneapolis City Council will now begin the process to consider this proposal. Along with budget hearings that will continue through mid-November, two public hearings will be held.

A schedule of all the [department's budget hearings](#) is available online. All budget hearings will be broadcast live (and rebroadcast) on Minneapolis 79 (the City's cable channel). You can find the rebroadcast schedule and also view the [hearings online](#)

**Public Hearing on Tax Levy: Wednesday, November 28**  
6:05 p.m.  
City Hall  
350 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Council Chambers, #317

**Public Hearing on 2013 City Budget: Wednesday, December 12**  
6:05 p.m.  
City Hall  
350 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Council Chambers, #317

**Budget info and hearing schedule:** [www.minneapolismn.gov/finance/budget](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/finance/budget)  
**Watch Hearings Online:** <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/tv/79>.

## Fall Street Sweeping Ready to Go

Fall is here, and that means Minneapolis street sweeping crews are preparing to sweep streets across the city. Drivers will need to park out of their way so they can do a thorough job cleaning our roadways.

Minneapolis Public Works will begin the big task of curb-to-curb sweeping and leaf collection on streets throughout the city on **Tuesday, Oct. 23**. During the four weeks of the comprehensive fall street sweep, crews will clean up about 1,100 miles of city streets.

To make sure the sweepers can do the best job possible, temporary "No Parking" signs will be posted at least 24 hours in advance so streets will be clear of cars when they're swept. The first signs will be posted Monday, Oct. 24, and sweeping will begin the next day. Anyone who parks on

the street will need to follow street sweep parking rules or their cars may be ticketed and towed.

Making it easy to follow parking rules:

**Social media** – The City will use [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to post periodic street sweeping updates and information.

- **Phone calls to residents** – In addition to the "No Parking" signs that will be posted the day before sweepers come through, the City will make about 3,500 automated phone calls each evening to let residents know their street will be swept the next day.

There's no guarantee the calls will reach everyone, so residents should be sure to check the schedule and watch for signs.

**Interactive web feature** – Folks can use a feature on the City's website to find out when the sweepers are coming through their neighborhoods. The tool will be available at [www.minneapolismn.gov/streetsweep](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/streetsweep).

The fall street sweep takes four weeks, and visitors to the website will be able to find out which week their street is scheduled to be swept. Then, on the week-end before each of the four weeks, the schedule for the upcoming week will be broken down to show which day of the week streets are scheduled to be swept.

**Clean streets mean a healthier environment**  
Minneapolis is known for its sparkling lakes and waterways, and we want to keep it that way. That's why protecting and enhancing our

environment is one of the City's top priorities. Street sweeping is one way we work to protect our environment because it keeps leaves and debris from clogging our storm drains and polluting our lakes and rivers. It also helps keep our neighborhoods clean and livable.

Minneapolis streets are swept completely curb to curb once in the spring and once in the fall.

Residents should NOT push leaves, grass clippings, or other debris into City streets – it's bad for our lakes and waterways, can cause safety hazards, and is against the law.

Anything that goes down a storm drain flows directly into our creeks, lakes and river, and decomposing plant material in the water encourages the growth of harmful aquatic plants and algae.

## Airport Environmental Assessment Public Comment Period Open

The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC), is considering an expansion in the number of gates at the airport and additional taxiways and other building.

Under one of the scenarios, Delta and it's partners would be the sole tenants within the Lindberg Terminal and all other airlines would be based at the Humphrey Terminal.

The MAC has conducted an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the various plans and have released the results for public comment.

The EA is available online at their Web site [here](#).



The MAC will conduct three open house opportunities to learn more about the EA as well as a formal public hearing.

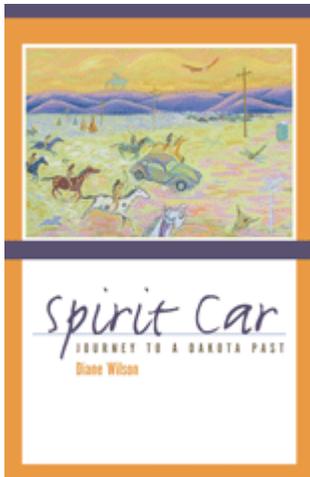
The open house being held in Minneapolis will be on **September 18** at the Lake Nokomis Community Center, 2401 E. Minnehaha Pkwy, 5:30-8:30 PM.

The public hearing will be October 1 at MAC offices 6040 28th Ave S., 7:00 PM.

The comment period closes on October 11.

Minneapolis officials will be preparing comments and testifying at the MAC meeting, as well as attending the public open houses.

## Don't Miss One Read Event featuring Garrison Keillor and Diane Wilson



This year, the citywide read program will feature *Spirit Car: Journey to a Dakota Past* by local author Diane Wilson.

The book honors the lives of the author's Dakota family. This year's One Read includes an evening with Ms. Wilson and Garrison Keillor on Monday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m. at the Minneapolis Convention Center Auditorium.

Tickets for this One Read evening event are available

now by calling 612/343-3390 or online by visiting [www.ticketworks.com](http://www.ticketworks.com).

Tickets are \$10; \$5 for seniors, students or limited income (for those tickets, select the \$10 option and choose "apply discount" before purchasing).

The City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County Library, and Minneapolis Public Schools are jointly leading this year's *One Minneapolis, One Read* program with a goal of promoting literacy and respectful public dialogue. For more information or to get involved, use the links below

### Read the Book—Join the Conversation

[www.OneMinneapolisOneRead.com](http://www.OneMinneapolisOneRead.com) or [www.facebook.com/OneMinneapolisOneRead](https://www.facebook.com/OneMinneapolisOneRead), or [www.twitter.com/minneapolisread](https://www.twitter.com/minneapolisread) or

**The second annual Minneapolis One Read is underway!**

For parents who drive a child to school, back to school time is the perfect time to start a new habit and turn off the engine while waiting.

Most air pollution comes from cars and trucks releasing fossil fuel exhaust. Exhaust from an idling car car-

ries a higher load of pollutants than a moving car, so reducing unnecessary idling is one easy way all drivers can do their part to improve air quality.

Children's lungs are still developing, and they inhale more pounds of pollution per pound of body weight

than adults do, so they are especially vulnerable to vehicle air pollution.

Turning off the engine while waiting will also save money on wasted fuel – in general, 10 seconds of idling uses more fuel than restarting the car – and it's the law. Minneapolis ordinance limits

most idling to three minutes.

For more information about sustainability in Minneapolis and what we can all do to protect our quality of life, visit

[www.minneapolismn.gov/sustainability](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/sustainability).

## Don't Idle Near Our Kids

## Neighborhood Notes

### Attend the Monarch Festival, Saturday September 8

The **Minneapolis Monarch Festival™** returns to Lake Nokomis on Saturday, September 8, with a fresh line up of performers and art activities, food from Minnesota, Mexico and beyond, and plenty of monarch butterflies.



The Festival celebrates the migration of the monarchs from Minnesota to the mountains of Central Mexico, and promotes habitat conservation to preserve the endangered migration. It is expected to draw 6,000 – 8,000 people.

The Minnesota - Mexico connection is highlighted with music, dance, food, art, education, native plant sales, and release of tagged monarchs.

Admission to the Minneapolis Monarch Festival is free, and monarch lovers everywhere are welcome.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own water bottle for refills.

Detailed information on the stage lineup, Butterfly Fun Run, art activities, monarch tagging, and the Nokomis Naturescape is available on the Festival website:

[www.monarchfestival.org](http://www.monarchfestival.org)

**Saturday, September 8,  
10 AM – 4 PM**

**Lake Nokomis  
Naturescape Gardens  
Lake Nokomis Parkway at  
East 50th St., Minneapolis  
[www.monarchfestival.org](http://www.monarchfestival.org)**



#### Ward Neighborhood Associations

##### [Field, Regina, Northrop Neighborhood Group](#)

3rd Wednesday,  
6:30-8:00 pm, Lake Nokomis  
Presbyterian Church

##### [Hale, Page, Diamond Lake Community Association](#)

4th Monday, 7-8:30 pm,  
New Creations Ministries

##### [Kingfield Neighborhood Association](#)

2nd Wednesday, 7-8:30 pm,  
Martin Luther King Park

##### [Nokomis East Neighborhood Association](#)

4th Thursday, 7-8:30 pm,  
NENA Office

##### [Tangletown Neighborhood Association](#)

3rd Monday,  
7-8:30 pm, Fuller Park

##### [Windom Community Council](#)

2nd Thursday, 7-8:30 pm,  
Windom Community Center

### See Tangletown's Mural Project

Anyone entering the Diamond Lake Ace Hardware (54th & Nicollet) from their back parking area can't help but notice the new mural on the wall of the Artscape studio space behind Simply Jane's and the Hwa Rang Do building; it extends the entire length of the 30 foot wall and much of the adjacent walls.

For a couple weeks in July it was the hub of much activity by local high school students brandishing paint brushes and being mentored by St. Paul artist and celebrity muralist Ta-Coumba Aiken.



Ta-Coumba met with the students early on and asked them to visually communicate the "theme" of Peace and Love in drawings on

paper, which he then adapted to a large format combining individual images from each student into a cohesive whole. After priming the entire surface, Ta-Coumba led the students in creating a spirit line, where one person begins drawing lines and another takes up the pencil where they left off, without losing contact with the surface. The continuous lines form an organic pattern that the students then fill in with color.

It's a project sponsored by the Tangletown Neighborhood Association to pro-

mote the arts and reduce graffiti in the neighborhood, while engaging budding artists from the neighborhood in a creative community activity.

The paint was generously donated by Valspar and Simply Jane's volunteered space as the base of operations.

## Community Calendar

<b>September 8</b>	10am-4pm: <b>Minneapolis Monarch Festival</b> at Nokomis Naturescape Garden (50th & E Minnehaha Pkwy)
<b>September 10</b>	6:30-7:30pm: <b>3rd Pct. Property Crimes Court Watch Meeting</b> at Holy Cross Lutheran (1720 E Minnehaha Pkwy)
<b>September 12</b>	7–8:30 pm: <b>Kingfield Neighborhood Association Meeting</b> at Martin Luther King Park (4055 Nicollet Avenue S)
<b>September 13</b>	7-8:30: <b>Windom Community Council Meeting</b> at Windom Community Center, (5843 Wentworth Ave)
<b>September 17</b>	7–8:30 pm: <b>Tangletown Neighborhood Association Meeting</b> at Fuller Park (4800 Grand Avenue S)
<b>September 19</b>	8–9 am: <b>Community Coffee Hour</b> at Caribou Coffee (4606 Nicollet Avenue S)  6:30–8:00 pm: <b>Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Meeting</b> at Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church (1620 46th Street E)
<b>September 24</b>	7–8:30 pm: <b>Hale Page Diamond Lake Community Association Meeting</b> at Emmanuel United Methodist Church (5144 13th Avenue S)  7-9:00 pm: <b>Minneapolis One Read Kick-Off event with Garrison Keilor</b> Minneapolis Convention Center Auditorium (Tickets required)
<b>September 27</b>	7–8:30 pm: <b>Nokomis East Neighborhood Association Meeting</b> at the NENA office (3000 50th Street E)
<b>September 28</b>	5–6 pm: <b>Ward Happy Hour</b> at First Course (5607 Chicago Avenue S)
<b>September 29</b>	11am-2pm: <b>I'm In the Dog House</b> – Fundraiser for MPLS Animal Care & Control At Minneapolis Animal Care and Control (212 17th Ave N.)

## Help Shape Our City: Apply for Minneapolis Boards and Commissions

Applications are being accepted for open positions on boards and commissions that the City Council and Mayor will appoint this fall. Board and commission members in the City of Minneapolis provide valuable insights, help shape key policy decisions and provide community-based input into administration of services. The City is seeking applicants with a diversity of backgrounds and experiences, to strengthen the work of the City. Residents of the 11th Ward are encouraged to submit applications as our neighborhoods deserve the opportunities to be represented.

There are more than 186 open positions on 24 boards and commissions. Applications will be reviewed beginning Friday, October 19. For a full list of appointment opportunities and position descriptions and to sign up to receive email visit the boards and commissions website at [www.minneapolismn.gov/boards/](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/boards/).

This is part of a new streamlined process to appoint members to the City's boards and commissions. Appointments to boards and commissions will be made twice a year — in the spring and fall in an effort to make it easier for folks to learn about volunteer opportunities, ensure a more open and understandable process for residents, and increase the diversity of the applicant pool.



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