

# Community 11 Connections

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## Quincy's Corner

Dear Neighbors,

It's **election time** and **budget season** in Minneapolis.

This year there are new precinct boundaries and new polling places, so save yourself some running around and make sure you know where you are supposed to vote in advance of November 6. You can find the answers to most questions on the City's [election website](#). To find your polling location, use the [online polling place finder](#) tool or call 311.



The polling places for the voting precinct locations in the 11th ward are:

### ELEVENTH WARD PRECINCTS

- Precinct 1 - Knox Presbyterian Church, 4747 Lyndale Ave S
- Precinct 2 - Mayflower Church, 106 Diamond Lake Road E
- Precinct 3 - Windom Park Community Center-South, 5843 Wentworth Ave S
- Precinct 4 - McRae Park Building, 906 47th St E
- Precinct 5 - Pearl Community Center, 414 Diamond Lake Road E
- Precinct 6 - Our Lady of Peace Church, 5426 12th Ave S
- Precinct 7 - Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 5645 Chicago Ave
- Precinct 8 - Lake Nokomis Community School Wenonah Campus, 5625 23rd Ave S
- Precinct 9 - Keewaydin Neighborhood Center, 3030 53rd St E
- Precinct 10 - Diamond Lake Lutheran Church, 5760 Portland Ave S

### City Budget Update:

In addition to the upcoming election, the City has been working through the annual budget process. There have been detailed presentations by all the city departments outlining what is included in their budget request, as well as the consequences of a budget reduction, or should a budget increase be adopted. Later this month, I will be hosting a special Budget Forum with Mayor Rybak. The Mayor will present an overview of what is included in his recommended budget at **Pearl Park on November 20, 7:30 pm**. If you have questions about the budget, or just want to learn more about what is in the budget, I hope you can join us that evening.

## City Focus

The Ways & Means Budget Committee of the Council held a series of department budget hearings over the past month, to hear from City departments about how the Mayor's recommended budget proposal will impact their operations.

These budget hearings are currently being replayed on Minneapolis 79: the City's cable channel (on Comcast), as well as viewable online at the Website link here.

Beginning Saturday, November 10, the City is rebroadcasting all of the budget hearings back-to-back on Minneapolis 79 every weekend until the budget is adopted on Wednesday,

December 12. This provides folks the opportunity to learn more about the budget proposal and its potential impact in advance of the two public hearings scheduled for later this fall.

A schedule of the weekend budget hearings "marathon" will be available on



[www.minneapolis.gov/tv/79schedule](http://www.minneapolis.gov/tv/79schedule)

You can also watch any of the budget hearings online at <http://www.minneapolis.gov/tv/79>.

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has posted guidelines and application materials for Our Town, the agency's primary creative placemaking grants program. Pending availability of funding, grants will range from \$25,000 to \$200,000.

Our Town will invest in creative and innovative projects in which communities, together with their arts and design organizations and artists, seek to: Improve their quality of life, encourage greater creative activity, foster stronger

community identity and a sense of place, and revitalize economic development.

Other key information: Complete Our Town application guidelines are available at [arts.gov/grants/apply/OurTown/index.html](http://arts.gov/grants/apply/OurTown/index.html)

Application deadline is **January 14, 2013 at 11:59 pm.**

For Our Town FAQs, go to [arts.gov/grants/apply/OurTown/FAQ.html](http://arts.gov/grants/apply/OurTown/FAQ.html) Webinars to learn more

## City Budget Process Underway

### Budget Forum

Mayor Rybak will be making a number of Community Forums on the budget throughout the city over the next several weeks.

As you are available and interested in learning more about this year's proposed budget, you are invited to attend this special Forum.

A special forum directed to Ward 11 residents will be held on **November 20, 7:30-8:30 pm at Pearl Park, (414 Diamond Lake Rd. E).**

### Public Hearings

After the budget hearings and presentations, the City Council will have two public meetings before a final budget is approved.

**Wednesday, November 28 beginning at 6:05 p.m.**  
City Hall, 350 South 5th Street, room 317

**Wednesday, December 12 beginning at 6:05 p.m.**  
City Hall, 350 South 5th Street, room 317

More information on the 2013 budget process is available on the City's website:

[www.minneapolis.gov/finance/budget](http://www.minneapolis.gov/finance/budget)

## NEA releases funding guidelines for Our Town Grants

about this funding opportunity will be held on **November 6 and 13, 2012** at 3:00 pm EST at [arts.gov](http://arts.gov)

Program Inquiries: Email [OT@arts.gov](mailto:OT@arts.gov) to schedule a call with an NEA design program specialist.

Now in its third year, Our Town has provided \$11.57 million to fund 131 projects in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Those projects are diverse in geographic distribution, number and types of partnerships, artistic discipline, and type of project. As regards

population size, in FY 2012 alone, 41 of the 80 grants supported projects in communities with populations under 50,000.

To view a map of these projects along with descriptions and images, visit the Our Town section of the [NEA website](http://NEA website).



The 4th Annual Night on 48th is Saturday, November 3 and features a ton of great things! It will be a fun event! Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Advance tickets available online at

[www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)

Each ticket includes wine raffle ticket, iPad raffle ticket, movie ticket & access to the event.



A few highlights include

- Live jazz music featuring "Courts In Session" - they are sooo cool!!!
- Silent Auction featuring local businesses and special items
- Gourmet coffee bar provided by Sister Sludge
- Appetizers & sweets provided by Turtlebread.

## Night on 48th

And . . .

- Two raffles! Win an iPad plus our wine raffle is back by popular demand.

For more information contact FRNNG at 612.721.5424 or

[frnng.org](http://frnng.org)

Proceeds benefit Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Association.



**Making solar more affordable and accessible through education, financial incentives, and bulk buy options...in Kingfield and beyond!**

The Kingfield Neighborhood Association

(KFNA) is partnering with Applied Energy Innovations (AEI) to help Minneapolis residents and businesses

assess if their property is "right" for solar, and to allow interested parties to participate in a group purchasing program.

This will help to reduce the cost of solar electric systems and

reduce the dependency of solar rebates to make these systems affordable!

Our goal is to create a concentration of solar-supported homes and businesses in and around Kingfield neighborhood (that means if your home or business is outside of Kingfield, you still qualify!)

Please visit the [Kingfield Web site](#) for details and share it with others you think might be interested in learning more about solar

## Solarize Kingfield

commercial and residential options.

The first step is to simply sign up for a Solar Workshop on either **Nov. 13 or 15, 7 PM.** Registration available at [kingfield.org/solarize-kingfield/](http://kingfield.org/solarize-kingfield/).

If you have any questions regarding this program please contact Sarah Linnes-Robinson, Executive Director Kingfield Neighborhood Association by email to: [sarah@kingfield.org](mailto:sarah@kingfield.org) or call at 612.791.7081.

## Lyndale Ave is Open!



After being closed since February, the Lyndale Ave Bridge is open again, and the street south of the bridge down to 58th St. has been reconstructed! Above are pictures from the official ribbon cutting event on October 15. Businesses are open and there is a great new street to get you in and out of the area quickly.

## Protect Water Quality by Keeping Leaves and Grass Clippings OUT of Streets and Storm drains

Grass clippings and leaves left in the street end up in storm sewers that flow directly into nearby lakes and streams.

Clippings and leaves contain phosphorus and other nutrients that are significant sources of water pollution.

The pollutants – especially phosphorus – can cause excess algae growth that nega-

tively impacts other plants and wildlife, can be unsafe for pets and can degrade recreational opportunities.

Keep leaves and grass clippings out of storm sewers by using them for compost, bringing them to a yard waste drop-off site or use curbside pickup pick-up in Minneapolis through the week of November 12.

You can also help organize a community cleanup. The Freshwater Society has a [toolkit for community cleanup organizers](#) that includes step-by-step instructions, recruitment and promotional materials and a reporting form to track



Freshwater Society toolkit- [freshwater.org/index.php/projects/community-cleanups-for-water-quality](https://freshwater.org/index.php/projects/community-cleanups-for-water-quality)

**VOTE NOVEMBER 6**

**It's easy to find out where to vote November 6**

Minneapolis has been redistricted, and the new wards and precincts are being used for the first time in the 2012 elections. That means many residents will vote in new wards, and a number of polling places are in new locations. Voters in Minneapolis should plan ahead to make sure they know where to vote on Election Day, Nov. 6, and there are several easy ways to find your polling place.

You can find out where to vote by visiting the



Minnesota Secretary of State's polling place finder at [www.mnvotes.org](http://www.mnvotes.org). On the website, you can also confirm whether you're registered to vote or learn what you need to do to register at the polls on Election Day.

Voters can also see a new [map](#) on the City's website that shows the new ward and precinct boundaries along with a [list of polling places](#) for each precinct. To see the map, or for more information on voting this fall, visit the City's elections web page at [www.minneapolismn.gov/elections](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/elections). Voters can also get election information by calling 311.

**Calendar of Events**

<i>November 6</i>	<b>ELECTION DAY</b> <a href="http://www.minneapolismn.gov/elections/index.htm">http://www.minneapolismn.gov/elections/index.htm</a>
<i>November 8</i>	5:30–7 pm: <b>Windom Community Council Annual Meeting</b> at Windom Community Center (5843 Wentworth Ave S)  5:30-8:30 pm: <b>MAC Open House for MSP Performance Based Navigation (RNAV)</b>
<i>November 14</i>	7–8:30 pm: <b>Kingfield Neighborhood Association Meeting</b> at Martin Luther King Park (4055 Nicollet Avenue S)
<i>November 19</i>	7–8:30 pm: <b>Tangletown Neighborhood Association Meeting</b> at Fuller Park (4800 Grand Avenue S)
<i>November 21</i>	8:00-9:00 am: <b>Community Coffee Hour</b> at Sister Sludge (4557 Bloomington Ave S)  6:30–8:00 pm: <b>Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Meeting</b> at Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church (1620 46th Street E)
<i>November 20</i>	7:30-8:30 pm: <b>Mayor's 11th Ward Budget Presentation</b> at Pearl Park (414 Diamond Lake Rd. E.)
<i>November 26</i>	7–8:30 pm: <b>Hale Page Diamond Lake Community Association Meeting</b> at Emmanuel United Methodist Church (5144 13th Avenue S)
<i>November 29</i>	7–8:30 pm: <b>Nokomis East Neighborhood Association Meeting</b> at the NENA office (3000 50th Street E)