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Minneapolis Neighborhood & Community Relations

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March 2014

Upcoming Events

March is Women's History Month

- **3/6:** Community Innovation Fund input meeting
- **3/7 – 3/8:** Urban Agriculture Summit
- **3/8:** Hennepin County Fix-It Clinic
- **3/15:** Free Electronics Recycling Event
- **3/21:** Innovative Graffiti Prevention Micro Grant Proposals – submission deadline
- **3/22:** Minnehaha Creek Corridor Meeting
- **3/22:** Southwest Minneapolis Home Improvement Fair
- **3/22:** Community Connections Conference

Additional events and details can be found online:
www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/calendar

Register now for 2nd annual Communities Connections Conference



Registration is now open for the 2nd Annual Community Connections Conference happening Saturday, March 22, 2014 from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the [Minneapolis Convention Center](#). The conference is free to all participants.

This conference is specifically designed for neighborhood organizations, cultural communities, nonprofit organizations, City departments and residents to share best practices of neighborhood engagement. This year's

conference theme – **Common Ground: A City That Works for All** - aims to help attendees hone their organizational and communication skills, learn how to better work with and influence city government, and build broad-based efforts that involve all segments of our increasingly diverse spectrum of neighborhoods and community-at-large.

The conference includes a keynote address by Dr. Verna Cornelia Price, more than 35 workshops, and a post-conference social gathering.

Register for an Exhibitor Table at the Conference by March 7th

The cost for an exhibitor space is **free** to neighborhood organizations and non-profits with operating budgets of \$250,000 or less. The cost will be \$100 for government, for-profit and large non-profit agencies.

For more information about the conference or to download the Exhibitor Registration packet please visit:
www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/CommunityConnectionsConference.

Now seeking submissions for the 2014 One Minneapolis Fund RFP

The One Minneapolis Fund provides grants to community organizations for leadership development programs and community engagement activities.

A total of \$80,000 is available from the One Minneapolis Fund in 2014. Community organizations may apply for up to \$15,000 in funding for projects. To be eligible for funding from the program, an organization must be a non-governmental, non-profit organization serving residents of Minneapolis. In addition, the organization may not be a recipient of funding from the City's Community Participation Program.

The Neighborhood and Community Relations Department will host a Pre-Proposal question and answer Session for prospective submitters on **Thursday, March 13th at 3:00p.m.** at the Crown Roller Mill, 2nd Floor, 105 5th Avenue South, 55401.

Proposals are due by 4:00 PM on April 7, 2014. Any questions on the program should be submitted in writing to howard.blin@minneapolis.mn.gov.

Winter Parking Restrictions are in effect



Winter Parking Restrictions have been put in place for reasons of public safety. Because of snow and ice buildup along curbs, many streets are getting too narrow for fire trucks and ambulances to get around. Until further notice, DO NOT park on the even side of non-Snow Emergency routes.

Until further notice, DO NOT PARK on the even side of non-Snow Emergency routes (most residential streets). This will allow emergency crews to navigate every street in Minneapolis and get to people as quickly as possible.

You can park on both sides of Snow Emergency routes, parkways and along the odd numbered side of non-Snow Emergency routes, provided a Snow Emergency is not in effect, or unless otherwise posted. Visit the Winter Parking Restrictions website or call 311 for more information: http://www.minneapolismn.gov/snow/snow_winter-parking-restrictions.

Apply for openings on Minneapolis boards and commissions

Applications are now being accepted for a number of open board and commission positions that the City Council and mayor will appoint this spring. Board and commission members 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.

There are more than 40 open positions on the following six City boards and commissions:

- Civil Rights Commission
- Bicycle Advisory Committee
- Workforce Council
- Public Health Advisory Committee
- Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission
- Pedestrian Advisory Committee



Applications will be reviewed beginning April 25, but the positions are open until filled. Visit the City's website for a full list of appointment opportunities and position descriptions: <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/boards/openings/index.htm>.

Appointments to boards and commissions are made twice a year — in the spring and fall. This streamlined appointment process makes it easier for residents to learn about volunteer opportunities, ensures a more open and understandable process for residents and staff, and increases the diversity of the applicant pool.

Help guide the City's work over the next 4 years

The Minneapolis City Council Committee of the Whole heard a staff presentation on Wednesday about the City's draft [vision, values, goals and strategic directions](#) that will guide the City's work for the next four years. The public is now invited to provide feedback on these documents through Friday, March 14.

Folks interested in providing feedback on the City's draft vision, values, goals and strategic directions can do so in a number of ways:

- Contact their council member directly - <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/council/index.htm>
- Online Public Comment: Written comments are encouraged and can be submitted to citygoals@minneapolismn.gov from Feb. 19 – March 14. Public comments received during the public comment period will be included as part of a public hearing.
- Public hearing: Committee of the Whole meeting, 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 5, City Council Chamber, Room 317, City Hall, 350 S. Fifth St.

The City Council Committee of the Whole is scheduled to approve the City's vision, values, goals and strategic directions at its March 26 meeting. Once approved, these documents will serve as the City's roadmap through 2017. The draft vision, values, goals and strategic directions can be found at: <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/citygoals/index.htm>.

Neighborhood Stories: Congratulations are in order!

Please join NCR in congratulating

- The Bancroft Neighborhood Association, which now has active block club leaders on 100% of its blocks;
- The Holland Neighborhood Improvement Association and the Concerned Citizens of Marshall Terrace, which secured City Council approval of their NRP Phase II plans on February 21.



If you would like to have your Neighborhood Story shared in this newsletter, please send information to Stacy Sorenson at Stacy.Sorenson@minneapolismn.gov.

Harrison Neighborhood Association in North Minneapolis is Hiring



Executive Director: HNA seeks an experienced Executive Director committed to ensuring a strong organizational foundation, building racial and economic equity, developing grassroots leaders, fostering cross-cultural relationships, maintaining and building partnerships, and sharing power. Ideal candidates will be skilled in financial and staff management, fundraising, coalition building, planning, administration, and board development.

Transit, Housing & Economic Development Organizer: HNA seeks an experienced Organizer committed to transit equity, improved housing, and economic development. Successful candidates will be interested in promoting racial equity, building grassroots leaders, fostering cross-cultural relationships, and maintaining and creating partnerships to sustain the organization and realize its vision.

For more information on how to apply, visit the [Harrison Neighborhood Association](http://www.hnampls.org) website: www.hnampls.org.

City of Minneapolis Reaffirms Support to Immigration Reform

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee amended the City's Immigration Agenda reaffirming the support for immigration reform.

Nearly one year ago, the United States Senate voted to pass the "Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act (S. 744,). While numerous immigration bills have been introduced in the United States House of Representatives, to date no bill has been brought to the floor for debate, leaving the possibility of reforming our immigration laws uncertain. Meanwhile, enforcement of U.S. immigration laws continues: by the end of fiscal year 2013, the Obama Administration has deported approximately 1.8 million people since taking office. Congress's failure to reform immigration laws has real impact on Minneapolis's efforts to create a city in which every resident is welcome to thrive.

In January 2013, the City Council amended the Legislative Agenda to include Principles of Immigration Reform that were established by the Latino Engagement Task Force. You can view the Principles of Immigration Reform here:

<http://alturl.com/rtf54>.

NRP Policy Board thanks Commissioner Gail Dorfman for service to Minneapolis Neighborhoods

At the January 21st NRP Policy Board meeting Commissioner Gail Dorfman was presented with a plaque of appreciation by NRP Policy Board Chair Jeffrey Strand and fellow NRP Policy Board Members. Commissioner Dorfman served on the NRP Policy Board for over 15 years.

Commissioner Dorfman stepped down from her seat on the Hennepin County Board to become the new Executive Director of St. Stephen's Human Services. The photo to the right includes David Rubedor, NCR Director, Policy Board members Denis Houle (NCEC), Josh Reimnitz (School Board), Council Member Kevin Reich (City Council), Andres Hortilloso (NCEC), Jeffrey Strand (NECC), Commissioner Gail Dorfman (Hennepin County Board).



Deadline extended for 2014 Urban Scholars internship program applications

The City of Minneapolis is extending the application deadline for its leadership development summer internship for college students interested in public service careers. Students interested in the 2014 Urban Scholars summer internship should apply online at www.minneapolismn.gov/urbanscholars by Friday March 14, 2014.



The Urban Scholars program seeks to help young people from diverse backgrounds build their professional and leadership skills for the future in the public service sector. To be eligible, students must have completed their first year of post-secondary education prior to the beginning of the internship and be enrolled and in good standing at a two- or four-year college or university, graduate school or law school. The 12-week program is a full-time paid internship experience that runs May 27–Aug. 15. Urban Scholars will work in City of Minneapolis departments and participate in events focused on building networks, skills and opportunities.

The Urban Scholars leadership development summer internship is one component of the Employment Equity Division of Minneapolis Civil Rights, which aims to close the employment gap in a city and metro area that suffers from one of the highest disparities between white and non-white workers in the country.

Watch your mailbox for 2014 property value notice

Do you know the value of your property? The City of Minneapolis is mailing [2014 property value notices](#) to all property owners in Minneapolis starting this week.

On the first page of the property value notice there is a section titled “Appealing the Value or Classification of Your Property.” On this page, folks will find the phone number of the appraiser who’s assigned to their property and who they should contact if they have questions about their assessed value.

If you disagree with the estimated value for your home, you do have several options available:

- First, call the Assessor's Office to discuss your concerns with a deputy assessor responsible for valuing your property. Explain why you believe your property value is less than that indicated on the statement. The deputy assessor can explain how the property value and classification were determined.
- Appeal to the City Board of Appeal and Equalization: www.minneapolismn.gov/boe
- Appeal to the Hennepin County Board of Appeal and Equalization: www.hennepin.us/residents/property/property-value
- Appeal to the Minnesota Tax Court: www.taxcourt.state.mn.us



For more information visit the City Assessor’s website at www.minneapolismn.gov/assessor.

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The City of Minneapolis invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event within our city. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or should you require this document in an alternative format, please let us know by contacting 612-673-3737.