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March 2015

Upcoming Events

- 11/4: Election Day
- 11/6: Development around Penn & Plymouth Ave Summit
- 11/6: Neighborhood Film Festival
- 11/7: Powderhorn Empty Bowls
- 11/8: FRNNG's A Night on 48th
- 11/12: Bottineau station area planning open house
- 11/13: Give to the Max Day
- 11/15: LCC Annual Chili Cook Off
- 11/18: Minneapolis City Budget - public hearing
- 11/19: Corcoran Soup Cook-Off
- 11/23: CIDNA Art Mart

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

Register for the March 21st Community Connections nonConference

The Community Connections nonConference is organized by community members in collaboration with the City of Minneapolis. The goal of the conference is to gather the community, neighborhood organizations and the City of Minneapolis together on a yearly basis to share best practices and ideas surrounding engagement.



This year's nonconference theme – ***Creative Engagement and Action using Arts and Placemaking*** - is an in-depth look at creative engagement strategies and creative placemaking. Participants will be immersed into a experiential atmosphere where they will gain the skills and strategies to take creative placemaking techniques back to their own community and do it from start to finish.

The conference will feature an interactive exhibit hall, dubbed the Village Square with over 70 exhibitors, Learning Labs that will walk you through the place making process and a free lunch. The conference will be held on March 21st from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Minneapolis Convention Center. [Registration](#) is open now until March 18th.

Now seeking proposals for the One Minneapolis Fund

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

A total of \$182,000 is available from the One Minneapolis Fund in 2015. Community organizations may apply for up to \$25,000 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. Neighborhoods who receive Community Participation Program funding are not eligible to apply, however, they may partner with a community organization on a project in which the community organization serves as the applicant to the One Minneapolis Fund.

Proposals are due by **4:00 PM on April 6, 2015**. Any questions on the program should be submitted in writing to howard.blin@minneapolis.mn.gov.

[Download a copy of the One Minneapolis Fund RFP.](#)

Neighborhood Story: Minneapolis Neighborhoods think globally, act locally

While Minneapolis neighborhood organizations by definition focus on local issues, several are also addressing global concerns.

This month, the East Isles Residents Association presents its “Green Food Series” on March 9 and March 23 at 7pm at Grace Trinity Lutheran Church. The event information notes, “The jury is in---food and climate are linked! But what foods are okay to eat?” and offers attendees practical tips and low- carbon snacks.

In hosting "Bottom: a play about sex trafficking in Minnesota" the Longfellow Community Council takes on a global issue that many have mistakenly believed is foreign to our state. This free performance is cohosted by the Longfellow Faith Forum, and will be held on March 14 at 7pm at Minnehaha Academy.

For the past two years, the Logan Park Neighborhood Association has sponsored the Northeast Film Series, which celebrates the multicultural identity of Northeast Minneapolis. Films presented are in the native tongue of chosen culture, with English subtitles, and are followed by a discussion afterwards led by a community representative.

These are just a few examples of the way neighborhood groups help connect people’s global consciousness to actions in their own neighborhood. If you have some examples from your own neighborhood that you like to share, please email us at ncr@minneapolismn.gov.

New City program provides increased wheelchair accessible taxicab service to the public

The City of Minneapolis has developed a new program to provide wheelchair accessible taxicab service to the public. Effective Feb. 1, five local taxicab companies have agreed to provide wheelchair accessible taxicab service 24 hours a day.

The participating companies receive incentives in the form of reduced license fees for providing the services. The incentive fund is created by charging an annual license surcharge to all other taxicab companies and transportation network companies such as Uber and Lyft, which do not provide the services.

All of the participating taxicab vehicles comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and charge the same fare as all other licensed taxicabs. Currently, 23 wheelchair accessible taxicabs are participating in the program, and all accept credit cards. The drivers have received training from their respective companies on the proper use of these specialty vehicles.

The taxicab companies participating in the program are Airport Taxi (seven wheelchair accessible vehicles), Yellow Taxi (seven wheelchair accessible vehicles), Green and White Taxi (six wheelchair accessible vehicles), Minneapolis Taxi (two wheelchair accessible vehicles), and La Mexicana Taxicab (one wheelchair accessible vehicle).

The Wheelchair Accessible Taxicab program was developed by the City of Minneapolis Division of Licenses and Consumer Services, the taxicab advisory committees of taxicab service companies, owners and drivers, with advice from the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities. For more information visit the City of Minneapolis Business Licensing [website](#).

Snow Emergency information coming to household mailboxes

You may have already received mail that could help you avoid tickets and tows when snow season arrives. The City of Minneapolis sent out about 176,000 Snow Emergency brochures, one to each household in the city. The brochure has graphics and text showing where to park during the three phases of a Snow Emergency.

Hold on to the brochure throughout the winter and have it handy whenever a Snow Emergency is declared. The brochure contains the Snow Emergency parking rules and lists ways you can find out when the City of Minneapolis declares a Snow Emergency. The more people follow the Snow Emergency parking rules and help their neighbors do the same, the easier snow season is on everyone. A printable version of the brochure is available at www.minneapolismn.gov/snow.



Snow Emergencies are declared whenever there's enough snowfall to warrant a complete plowing of our streets. To get that done, people need to follow the parking rules and move their vehicles so crews can plow the full width of the street. When the snow flies, City Public Works crews have enormous jobs to do, with more than 1,500 miles of streets, parkways and alleys that need to be cleared. It's important for drivers to follow the Snow Emergency parking rules so plows can do the best job possible clearing snow. Vehicles parked on the street in violation of Snow Emergency rules can be ticketed or towed.

Stay informed

There are a number of ways to learn when Snow Emergencies are declared and what to do when they are. Put many of these tools to use, not just one or two. The more ways you use to learn about a Snow Emergency, the more prepared you will be, and the less likely you will be to be towed because you didn't know one was declared. Visit the City of Minneapolis website: www.minneapolismn.gov/snow to find all the ways to stay informed about snow emergencies.

Spread the word in multiple languages

The City of Minneapolis has developed informative videos in English, Spanish, Somali and Hmong are available online to help explain where you can park when a Snow Emergency is declared:

- [Minneapolis Snow Emergency Parking Rules](#) (English)
Find out where to park your car when a Snow Emergency is declared to avoid a ticket and a tow. Learn more in this edition of the Minneapolis "Did you know..." series.
- [Reglas de Estacionamiento de las Emergencias por Nevada](#) (Spanish)
Averigüe dónde estacionar su carro cuando se ha declarado una Emergencia por Nevada para evitar una multa y remolque. Más información en esta edición de las series de Minneapolis Sabía usted.
- [Xanibaada Goobaha Baabuurta La Dhigto Xilliga Gurmada Barafka](#) (Somali)
Hel meel aad baabuurka dhigato marka lagu dhawaaqo gurmada barafka looga xaaqayo wadooyinka si aan gaariga lagaaga jiidin laguuna ganaaxin. Faahfaahin dheeraad ah waxaad ka heli kartaa nuqulkaan magaalada Minneapolis ee taxanaha "Ma ogtahay...."
- [Kev Cai Li Choj Txog Kev Kub Ceev thaum Daus Tau Lo](#) (Hmong)
Thaum muaj daus tau lo, lub nroog yuav tsum tau kaus kev. Pej xeem yuav tsum tau tshem lawv lub tsheb, lub nroog thiaj li kaus tau kev du lug. Yog xav paub ntxiv, sais nroog Minneapolis cov tshooj xov xwm hu, "Koj pos paub".

Minneapolis, Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy form first-of-its-kind Clean Energy Partnership

Mayor Betsy Hodges and the City Council have approved agreements with Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy that, among other things, establish a first-of-its-kind City-utility Clean Energy Partnership which will have the City and the utility companies collaborating in new ways to help Minneapolis achieve its clean energy goals. These goals include making energy affordable and reliable for everyone while increasing energy efficiency, increasing renewable energy and reducing greenhouse gases.

The Clean Energy Partnership came about following discussions over renewing the City's franchise agreements with the two utilities. Many communities in Minnesota negotiate franchise agreements with utility companies to identify the conditions under which the companies are allowed to use public property to provide service to local residents and businesses. A fee for that use is negotiated through franchise agreements, and utilities collect that fee from their customers.

Under the Clean Energy Partnership agreements, a board will be created that includes the mayor, two council members, the city coordinator and two senior officials from each of the two utilities. An Energy Vision Advisory Committee will also be established to provide feedback on the board's work plan and gather feedback from critical Minneapolis communities. The board's work plan will be shaped by Minneapolis' adopted Climate Action Plan and may include ideas such as:
Giving customers additional choices about the way their energy is generated.

Increasing residential and business use of new and existing energy-efficiency and renewable-energy programs to help consumers control energy costs and reduce greenhouse gases.

Supporting the development of renewable energy in the city and in Minnesota.

Exploring and implementing ways for the City to reduce its own energy use and increase its use of clean and renewable energy.

The City's current franchise agreements with Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy, both signed in the early 1990s, expire at the end of this year. The new franchise agreements would begin in January 2015 and have a term with a minimum of five years and a maximum of 10 with the potential to renew for up to 20. They would maintain the current formula for establishing the fees utilities collect from customers to pay the City. More information is available about the tentative Clean Energy Partnership and franchise agreements at www.minneapolismn.gov/energyfranchise.

Corcoran Neighborhood seeks an Associate Director

The Corcoran Neighborhood Organization is seeking a part-time Associate Director.

The Associate Director is responsible for Financial, Tax, Risk, and Facilities Management; Human Resource Management; and Fundraising, and oversees general operation of the CNO office. This is a part-time position with full benefits requiring 30-35 hours per week depending on experience. The position is hired by and accountable to the Executive Director.

Compensation: \$35,000 – \$45,000 commensurate with experience. Benefits include health and dental insurance, retirement plan with employer match, personal time off and vacation, and paid staff development.

To view the full job description, visit: <http://www.minnesotanonprofits.org/job-details?id=88149>



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