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Minneapolis **Neighborhood & Community Relations**

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May 2014

Upcoming Events

May is American Indian Month

May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month

May is Older Americans Month

- **5/4-5/11:** Twin Cities Bike Week
- **5/7:** Placemaking & Public Realm in Downtown Minneapolis
- **5/8:** Bottineau Transitway Draft EIS Public Hearings
- **5/10:** Genealogy Research: Dig Deeper Into African American Genealogy
- **5/10:** Run Camden 5K
- **5/14:** Nicollet Mall Concept Design Presentation
- **5/16 & 5/17:** Seward Garage Sales Days
- **5/16-5/18:** Art-a-Whirl
- **5/17:** Garage Sales in CARAG, East Harriet, Kingfield & Linden Hills
- **5/17:** Fulton Farmers Market Opens
- **5/18:** Kingfield Farmers Market Opens
- **5/18:** Linden Hills Festival
- **5/24:** Armatage & Kenny Garage Sales
- **5/30:** Pratt Ice Cream Social
- **5/31:** Northeast Farmers Market Opening Day & Foodie 4 Mile
- **5/31:** Victory 20th Annual Garage Sale
- **5/31:** East Calhoun Bicycle Festival
- **5/31:** East Isles Green Festival
- **5/31:** Nokomis East Growing Monarch Habitat workshop
- **5/31:** Northside-Greenway Open Streets Event

Additional events and details can be found online:

www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/calendar

Blueprint for Equitable Engagement: One Minneapolis Fund Results in Changes for Neighborhoods

At a number of recent annual meetings, neighborhood organizations saw a resurgence of interest in their work with a number of new people getting elected to their board of directors. The Lao Assistance Center and Pillsbury's Waite House, both funded by the One Minneapolis Fund, were instrumental with creating connections between the SE Asian and Latino communities with several neighborhood organizations. Midtown Phillips, East Phillips, Nokomis East and Shingle Creek neighborhoods all saw changes as a result of this work.



In south Minneapolis, Waite House worked closely with the Latino community on outreach and leadership development. Organizing included building an understanding of how neighborhood organizations work. Waite House worked collaboratively with the neighborhood to support the new residents in leadership roles. The Lao Assistance Center did similar work in north Minneapolis with the Southeast Asian community. In addition to building new relationships between neighborhoods and cultural communities, a total of nine new neighborhood organization board members were elected as a result of this effort.

The One Minneapolis Fund is a new program specifically designed to support leadership development within cultural communities and support connections with the City's engagement work, including neighborhood organizations. Last year, 2013, was the first year of this program.

The One Minneapolis Fund is part of a broader, multi-year strategic action plan to ensure an equitable community engagement system for the City known as the Blueprint for Equitable Engagement (formally known as the Blueprint for Equity). NCR and the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) are working together to ensure that City's engagement efforts are equitable in their approach and reflective of the people of Minneapolis.

The Blueprint focuses specifically on tools and strategies for: 1) Neighborhood organizations; 2) City advisory boards and commissions; and 3) City department engagement. For more information, please visit the Blueprint for Equitable Engagement webpage:

<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/initiatives/BlueprintForEquity>.

Join NCR in welcoming Michael Yang, Southeast Asian Community Specialist

On Monday, April 24th Michael Yang officially joined the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department as the new Southeast Asian Community Specialist.

Over the duration of his career Michael has worked to create access and voice for residents at the neighborhood level all the way up to the capital. His past work experience includes the MN OIC State Council, MN State Department of Human Rights, Hmong American Mutual Assistance Association, and Project for Pride and Living.



Please join us in welcoming Michael. Michael can be reached at 612-673-2162 or Michael.Yang@minneapolismn.gov.

Neighborhood Stories: Como Green Village



Since November, when Southeast Como neighbors were contacted by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) about trichloroethylene (TCE) vapor intrusion related to an old General Mills site, the Southeast Como Improvement Association (SECIA) has been busy meeting with industry staff and government officials and getting information out to area residents.

While this issue has consumed hundreds of hours of volunteer and staff time, SECIA is uniquely positioned to address the problem. Since its inception, the organization has undertaken a variety of environmental initiatives, including air quality programs, tree planting, opening new community gardens, organic lawn care, clothesline give-aways, building rain barrels and GrowBarrels™, and a Solar Pilot Project. Environmental awareness has also been a driving force behind SECIA's novel program, MIMO – a Move-In/Move-Out Neighborhood Free Store - geared for the neighborhood's student population and aimed at reducing waste. And, the Como Green Village initiative and companion website promote activities focused on sustainability - most recently, two new bike repair stations (pictured) installed just last week. For more information, visit www.secomo.org.

Spring street sweeping has begun

An annual rite of spring in Minneapolis began Tuesday, April 22. That's when Public Works crews started a comprehensive sweeping of all city streets to clean up the dirt and grime the melting ice and snow leaves behind. Beginning Monday April 21, drivers should watch for temporary "No Parking" signs along these streets to avoid a ticket and tow.

From April 22 through May 16, sweepers will take care of all 1,000 miles of city streets. To make sure the crews can do the best job possible, temporary "No Parking" signs will be posted at least 24 hours in advance to make sure streets are clear of parked vehicles. Residents need to follow street sweep parking rules or they may have their cars ticketed and towed to the Minneapolis Impound Lot.



The below-normal temperatures are causing this spring's comprehensive street sweeping to start a bit later than in previous years. For more information, please visit: www.minneapolismn.gov/publicworks/streetsweeping.

Join Minneapolis to Celebrate Older Americans Month this May

On Monday, May 19th from 11a.m. – 1p.m. the City of Minneapolis' UCare Senior Skyway Center will be holding a celebration in recognition of Older Americans Month. There will be food, fun and refreshments provided, and the cost is FREE.

The UCare Senior Skyway center is located at 950 Nicollet Mall Ste. 290. You can call 612-370-3869 or visit: <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/health/seniors/ucare> for more information.

Minneapolis to recognize Indigenous Peoples Day

On Friday, April 25th the Minneapolis City Council and Mayor Betsy Hodges unanimously approved a resolution that will recognize the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples Day in Minneapolis, beginning this year.

Along with the federal government, Minneapolis has for many years recognized the second Monday in October as Columbus Day. The resolution recognizes the day as Indigenous Peoples Day, marking and celebrating the significance of the American Indian and Indigenous community in Minneapolis, as well as the city's history of American Indian activism.

As part of the resolution, the City of Minneapolis also encourages other businesses, organizations and public entities to recognize Indigenous Peoples Day.

May is also American Indian Month in the City of Minneapolis

Throughout the month of May there are a number of events and activities happening in the Native American Community that celebrate American Indian Month, for a list of events, please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/AmerIndMonthMpls>.



Photo Credit: Daniel Yang, Native American Community Development Institute

Precincts host open houses for National Police Week

For National Police Week May 11-17, each of the City's police precincts invites neighbors to drop by to meet officers, crime prevention specialists and the precinct commander. Visitors can tour the stations, check out police squad cars and emergency equipment, watch demonstrations of law enforcement techniques, see exhibits, pick up crime prevention information and enjoy free snacks.

National Police Week, designated by President John F. Kennedy and established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, recognizes the service and sacrifice of U.S. law enforcement. National Police Week occurs each year during the week in which May 15 falls.

1st Precinct open house

11 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday, May 12
19 N. Fourth St.

2nd Precinct open house

4-7 p.m., Monday, May 12
1911 Central Ave NE

3rd Precinct open house

11 a.m.-2 p.m., Friday, May 16
3000 Minnehaha Ave. S.

4th Precinct/Special Operations Center open house

10 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursday, May 15
4119 Dupont Ave. N.

5th Precinct open house

5-7 p.m., Tuesday, May 13
3101 Nicollet Ave. S.

Nokomis East Neighborhood Association (NENA) is seeking a bilingual (Spanish-English) Community Outreach Specialist

The Outreach Specialist will conduct outreach to residents of Nokomis East, with an emphasis on native Spanish speakers, encouraging their participation in NENA and neighborhood activities. The Outreach Specialist will also work with Hispanic and other families living in an area of concentrated apartment buildings (known as Bossen) to empower residents to identify and address problems themselves or with assistance. He/She will participate in planning the Minneapolis Monarch Festival, a fully bilingual event that celebrates the migration of the monarch butterfly from Minnesota to Mexico, and creates connections among Minnesotans of Mexican, Hispanic and all other origins. Excellent translation and interpretation skills are essential to this position.

The position is part time, averaging 20-25 hours/week, with more hours during the Summer, and fewer in Winter. For a full job description and to apply, please visit: <http://www.minnesotanonprofits.org/job-details?id=80421>.

State of the City address calls for growth and equity in a well-run city

In her first State of the City address, Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges made the case for inclusive growth, where all residents contribute to and share in growth and prosperity.

Three questions guide decision-making

Ensuring that the City runs well is one of Mayor Hodges' key priorities. When considering proposed policies and initiatives, the mayor told the audience that she uses three questions to guide her decisions:

- How will this make the City run well?
- How will this move the dial on equity?
- How will this move the dial on growth?

Hodges explained that these three questions are inextricably linked.

"If we do not run the City well, it is not possible to meet any of the other goals we have for ourselves as a people and as a City. And if not every part of the city is getting the level of service that they need, we are neither equitable nor running the City well. Equity relies on creating opportunities for people to thrive, and that takes growth."



Moving the City toward its goals

Mayor Hodges highlighted a number of efforts that are moving or will move the City toward these goals, including:

- Moving the dial on running the City well
- Moving the dial on equity
- Moving the dial on growing the city

It's time to brag

Mayor Hodges ended her speech by announcing the "Best Week of Bragging in Minneapolis Ever." Noting that Minneapolis' growth is held back by its residents' "militantly modest" characteristics, Hodges told the audience that Minneapolis can't afford to be modest if it wants to grow and bring new opportunities here. The week of bragging — set for July 14-20 — will feature "best of" lists and events meant to encourage bragging.

Learn more about the State of the City Address by reading the full text of the Mayor's speech by visiting:

<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/mayor/news/speeches/2014StateoftheCity> or by watching the speech on Minneapolis 79: <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/tv/79>.

Learn about licensing and regulation changes for short-term, special and seasonal events In Minneapolis

9-10 a.m., Monday, May 12, 2014
Minneapolis Central Library, Pohlad Hall
300 Nicollet Ave

2-3 p.m., Monday, May 19, 2014
Minneapolis Central Library, Pohlad Hall
300 Nicollet Ave

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