

Upcoming Events

- **8/1:** Owamni Falling Water Festival
- **8/2:** Open Streets East Lake Street
- **8/2:** Victory Neighborhood Garden Tour
- **8/4:** National Night Out
- **8/4-8/5:** Stand Down for Veterans
- **8/6:** 50th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965: Stay Restless
- **8/7-8/9:** Uptown Art Fair and CARAG Pop Booth
- **8/8- 8/9:** Loring Park Art Festival
- **8/8- 8/9:** Powderhorn Art Fair
- **8/8:** Whittier Youth Field Day
- **8/9:** Hennepin County Fix-It Clinic
- **8/10:** Armatage Summer Festival
- **8/13:** Longfellow Annual Corn Feed
- **8/13:** Live on the Drive
- **8/13:** Linden Hills Corn Feed
- **8/15:** Kingfield Garden to Table Dinner
- **8/16:** Open Streets Franklin Avenue
- **8/21:** Fix-It Tech Event
- **8/23:** Open Streets Downtown
- **8/29:** Beltrami Summer Festival

Additional events and details can be found online:

www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/calendar

NCR and MPD team up to host a Public Safety Career Fair on the city's North Side

On Saturday, July 25th the Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) Department co-hosted a Public Safety Career Fair along with the Minneapolis Police Department's Community Engagement Team. The event was held at University of Minnesota Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC) in north Minneapolis. NCR's African American Community Specialist, Ayianna Kennerly organized the event as part of her work to form relationships with the African American community and the City.

The goal of the career fair was to inform the African American and other under-represented communities of the diverse array of public safety careers that are open available to apply for within the Twin Cities. The career fair also aimed to provide a positive platform for engagement between law enforcement, public safety liaisons and under-represented residents.

The career fair drew over 50 attendees. Participants were able to:

- Receive a list of current employment opportunities from 11 of the 13 agencies;
- Collect resume and cover letter tips and current City job openings from the City of Minneapolis' Human Resources Department;
- Learn about 13 jobs at 911 that will be available in the fall and six City jobs advertised by Human Resources;
- Engage and meet diverse employees currently working in the public safety field; and
- Build lasting relationships with participating agencies.

The event was also the first public safety themed career fair held in Minneapolis that brought together a wide array of local public safety agencies, including: The City of Minneapolis Public Safety Departments; Hennepin and Ramsey County Departments; Minnesota State Patrol; Hennepin Emergency Medical Services; Metro Transit Police and the University of Minnesota Police Department. This collaborative effort established the ground work to build a larger, more diverse, applicant pool for the City of Minneapolis' workforce.

To learn more about Ayianna's work with the African American Community, please visit: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/ncr/outreach/WCMS1P-143452>.





Minneapolis Celebrates 25 years of the Americans with Disabilities Act

On Thursday, July 23rd the City of Minneapolis held a celebration honoring the 25 years of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Over 80 people attended the event. 4th Street in front of City Hall was closed to car traffic to allow for dancing in the street by Young Dance, a mixed ability dance group; obstacle course demonstrations with therapy dogs from Canine Inspired Change; and accessible vehicle demonstrations from Metro Transit, Rollx, Airport Taxi, Yellow Taxi, and Green and White Taxi.



An Excellence in Service Award was presented to Wilderness Inquiry by the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities. Wilderness Inquiry received the award for work in making outdoor programs accessible to everyone. Honorary Recognition Awards were given to the Metropolitan Airports Commission and Vision Loss Resources for their continued efforts to the disability community.

Besides observing the milestone, Minneapolis and its partners are focusing on improving engagement, participation and quality of service

for people with disabilities. The City of Minneapolis has started a thorough Americans with Disabilities Act evaluation of its own programs and services to identify possible barriers to residents.

The Americans with Disabilities Act, is a law that bans discrimination on the basis of disability in employment, public accommodations, public services, transportation and telecommunications. It's viewed as the most comprehensive civil rights law for people with disabilities.

The City's Neighborhood and Community Relations Department and Department of Civil Rights organized the celebration in partnership with the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, and the Metropolitan Council.

Registration now open for the 2015 City Academy

Have you ever wondered how emergency calls in Minneapolis are dispatched? How streets get plowed? How the water gets to your faucet? Or, how property gets developed? The answers to these questions and more will be discussed at the Minneapolis City Academy program beginning September 17th.

The City Academy will be held weekly on Wednesdays from September 23rd through October 21st at locations throughout Minneapolis. Each session will focus on one aspect of City government such as public safety, public works, planning and development and fire services. Sessions will run from 6:30 to 9:00 PM. The program is open to all Minneapolis residents who are 18 years or older. The academy is filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Please complete the application form that can be found online: <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/MinneapolisCityAcademy>.



Blueprint for Equitable Engagement: next input meeting to be held on Aug. 11

The Neighborhood and Community Relations department is holding the second of two meetings to get the public's input on the Blueprint for Equitable Engagement, a multi-year strategic action plan to ensure an equitable community engagement system for the City of Minneapolis, and will guide the work of NCR and the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission through 2020.

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, August 11th from 6:30-8:00p.m. at Heritage Park**. For more information and to download a draft of the Blueprint for Equitable Engagement Plan, please visit:

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/ncr/initiatives/WCMS1P-141685>.

14 Neighborhoods receive funding through the Community Innovation Fund Program

The Community Innovation Fund provides grants to Minneapolis neighborhood organizations to foster innovative and locally relevant approaches to City-identified goals. The aim of the program is to provide funding for projects to test concepts in neighborhoods that may later be replicated throughout Minneapolis.

Recently the City Council approved 14 neighborhoods from around the City funding to complete these new projects. They are:

- Bottineau Neighborhood Association, \$16,000
- Central Neighborhood Association, \$30,000
- Citizens for a Loring Park Community, \$15,000
- Cleveland Neighborhood Association, \$20,000
- East Phillips Improvement Coalition, \$25,000
- Harrison Neighborhood Association, \$15,000
- Holland Neighborhood Association, \$15,000
- Longfellow Community Council, \$18,000
- Lyndale Neighborhood Association, \$30,000
- Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association, \$26,000
- Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association, \$25,000
- Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association, \$15,000
- Ventura Village, \$25,000
- Windom Park Citizens in Action, \$25,000.

For project narratives and more information, please visit:

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/ncr/programs/CommunityInnovationFund>.

Stay current on the work of the Access and Outreach Team

Each community served by the Neighborhood and Community Relations department Access and Outreach team now have webpages designated for their work. Check them out here: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/ncr/outreach/index.htm>.

Cart rollout for citywide organics starts Aug. 10

If you are one of about 7,000 households signed up and living in the first phase areas of citywide organics collection, you'll soon get to start. City crews will deliver the first green organics carts Aug. 10-Sept. 18.

Minneapolis residents are great recyclers, and now they can keep even more useful materials out of the trash. More than 31,000 households have signed up for green organics recycling carts. To take part, residents must sign up by contacting Solid Waste and Recycling at 612-673-2917 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday or SWRcustomer@minneapolismn.gov.

The second phase of the rollout begins in the spring of 2016. Once the rollout is complete, all Solid Waste and Recycling customers who sign up will be able to take part. More information is available at www.minneapolismn.gov/solid-waste/organics.

Videos

Learn how to participate in organics recycling.

- [Minneapolis organics recycling](#)
The City is collecting organics for recycling. Find out how you can participate.
- [Reciclaje de Desechos Orgánicos en Minneapolis](#) (Minneapolis organics recycling, Spanish)
La Ciudad está recolectando desechos orgánicos para reciclarlos. Infórmate como puedes participar.
- [Dib u warshadaynta Qashinka Dabiiciga ah](#) (Minneapolis organics recycling, Somali)
Magaaladu waxay uruurinaysaa haraaga Qashinka dabiiciga ah si loo warshadeeyo. Ogoow sida aad uga qaybqaadan kartid.
- [Nroog Minneapolis nyoj khoom tsis siv](#) (Minneapolis organics recycling, Hmong)
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Help shape our city – apply for openings on Minneapolis Boards and Commissions

Applications are now being accepted for a number of open boards and commissions positions 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.**

There are open positions on the following 15 City boards and commissions:

- Arts Commission
- Community Environmental Advisory Committee
- Charter Commission
- Civil Rights Commission
- Heritage Preservation Commission
- Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council
- Housing Board of Appeals
- Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Aging
- Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities
- Planning Commission
- Police Conduct Oversight
- Police Conduct Review Panel
- Public Health Advisory Committee
- Public Housing Authority
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

Applications will be reviewed beginning **October 23, 2015**. However, the positions are open until filled. Visit the City's website for a list of appointment opportunities, position descriptions and to apply:

www.minneapolismn.gov/boards/openings/index.htm.

How did your neighborhood look decades ago? Find out with online historical aerial photos

Minneapolis has changed a lot since the 1930s, and now you can see those changes for yourself.

As part of a collaborative effort with the City of Minneapolis and the Minnesota Historical Society, the University of Minnesota Libraries has digitized more than 4,500 historical aerial photos of Minneapolis. All of the large-scale, detailed aerial photos, dating back to 1938, are free and available to the public at www.lib.umn.edu/apps/mhapo/index.html#mpls.

The Minneapolis photos were added to the library's existing Minnesota Historical Aerial Photographs Online collection, which includes more than 121,000 aerial photographs from around the state that date back to 1923.

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