

## Upcoming Events

### December 10 is Human Rights Day

- 12/1:** East Isles Residents Association Neighborhood Coordinator - application deadline
- 12/3:** Homegrown Minneapolis 2015 Open House
- 12/4:** Holiday on 44<sup>th</sup>
- 12/4-12/6:** Seward Winter Frolic
- 12/5:** Lynnhurst Gives
- 12/5:** Linden Hills Reindeer Day
- 12/5, 12/12:** Downtown Community Choir Rehearsal
- 12/5:** Lyndale's Annual La Posada Celebration
- 12/10:** Bryn Mawr Craft Fair
- 12/11:** Cleveland Neighborhood Movie Night
- 12/12:** Hennepin County Fix-It Clinic
- 12/12:** Bryn Mawr Saturnalia Festival
- 12/13:** Roberta Kaplan - *Then Comes Marriage: United States v. Windsor and the Defeat of DOMA*
- 12/15:** Rescheduled meeting of the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission
- 12/17:** East Calhoun Holiday Caroling Party
- 12/19:** Downtown Community Choir at Holidazzle
- 12/30:** Nokomis East Night Before New Year's Eve Party

Additional events and details can be found online:  
[www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/calendar](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/calendar)

## Minneapolis Neighborhood Organizations support December gatherings – old and new

People sometimes assume that December is a quiet month for Minneapolis neighborhoods. Rather, there are both long-standing gatherings and new events this year.

Now in its 18<sup>th</sup> year, Holiday on 44<sup>th</sup> in the Camden community has become a Minneapolis tradition. The December 4 event transforms a city street into a twinkling wonderland and uses arts to promote understanding among the diverse Camden neighborhoods. Similarly, the Seward Winter frolic on December 4-6 is an art crawl that promises three days of culture, art, performance, music, food, beverage, and delight. Shoppers, residents and businesses are invited to Triangle Park (26<sup>th</sup> and Franklin) at 5pm on Saturday to light up the park, creating a symbol of warmth and community spirit during the cold days of winter.

Led by J.D. Steele, the Downtown Community Choir makes its Holidazzle debut in Loring Park on December 19. Also new this year is Lynnhurst Gives – an extension of “Giving Tuesday”. Residents are invited to stop by Lynnhurst Community Center on December 5 with new and gently used children’s books, mittens, hats and scarves, which will be donated to the MN Literacy Council and People Serving People. There will be coffee and treats, as well as activities for kids to burn off extra energy.

## Stay informed about Snow Emergencies

Residents, workers and visitors have a number of ways to learn when Snow Emergencies are declared and what to do when they are. We’re advising drivers to put many of these tools to use, not just one or two. The more ways people use to learn about a Snow Emergency, the more prepared they will be to do their part, and the less likely they’ll be towed because they didn’t know a Snow Emergency was declared.

### Remember to shovel sidewalks and shovel around your garbage carts

Sidewalks are a critical part of our city’s transportation system, and they should be open for everyone. That’s why Minneapolis ordinance requires property owners to clear sidewalks within 24 hours after a snowfall for houses and duplexes and four daytime hours for apartment and commercial buildings. Failure to shovel your walk could lead to a ticket plus the cost of crews shoveling it.

There may be resources for people who need help clearing their sidewalks. People can call 311 for a list of resources that might be available. Visit [www.minneapolismn.gov/snow](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/snow) to sign up for [Email and text alerts](#), [Phone call alerts](#) and follow on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

## Interpretation and Translation Vendors being sought – Request for Proposals due Dec. 30

The Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) Department issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking professional vendors to provide interpreting and translation services for the City of Minneapolis. Selected vendor(s) are to conduct language services in Spanish, Hmong, Somali and Oromo.

This is a crucial part of the City's equity work in providing effective communication and information to Minneapolis' diverse communities. Selected vendor(s) are to perform interpreting and/or translation services upon request and through scheduling with NCR. They will work with City staff to conduct business with residents to access and understand City ordinances, policies, programs, services and activities.

The RFP is located at <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/finance/procurement/rfp>. For further information or questions, please contact Nick Ngo at 612.673.3969 or [nicholas.ngo@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:nicholas.ngo@minneapolismn.gov).

## HOME: A success story of the Homeowner Navigation Program

The Homeowner Navigation Program (HNP) is a **partnership** between Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) and Regulatory Services. This program works to assist Minneapolis low income seniors and Veterans in resolving housing issues. The result often means long-term savings for both the homeowners and taxpayers.

The Homeowner Navigation Program takes on tough cases that require more time than most housing inspectors are able to commit to an individual property. For example, this spring a home near the Mississippi River was reported to the City and after an inspection found it to be unsanitary and too dangerous to be occupied. The property had to be condemned and vacated immediately, and was classified as a hoarded home. At the request of Regulatory Services, Homeowner Navigation Program staff stepped in to help. A relationship was established with the senior and her adult son, who had also lived at the property. Staff assisted the family in securing safe, temporary housing. Staff continued discussions with the senior and her son – including how best to clean the home and whether or not to remain living there. Ultimately, she and her son decided to sell the home. They have since purchased and settled in to a home that provides them with needed services.

At the same time, Regulatory Services HNP staff worked to ensure the property was livable – a real concern to neighbors. Contractors were called in to clean out and sanitize the property. Because the owners were moving forward and making progress, no new violations were written and no citations were issued. The property was sold to a young family just before Thanksgiving, and the new owners have already introduced themselves to many of their new neighbors and begun to make needed repairs.

To learn more about the Homeowner Navigation Program, please contact Angie Hugen, Manager of the Homeowner Navigation Program at [Angela.Hugen@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:Angela.Hugen@minneapolismn.gov) or 612-685-8444.



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