



Ward Six News

March 2015

CM Warsame at a Resident Representative Board meeting in Seward Towers East
February 11th, 2015

Message from the Ward Office

by Council Member Abdi Warsame

Last year our office worked hard on making changes to the Taxicab Ordinance that the City uses to regulate the industry. We were looking to maintain quality service while creating parity between taxicabs and the new Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) coming into the market. As part of that work we looked at the impact the changes would have on the citizens and visitors of our city.

We are happy to announce that one of the promised pieces is now ready for roll out. The newly developed program to provide wheelchair accessible taxicab service to the public became effective February 1st. Five local taxicab companies have agreed to provide wheelchair accessible taxicab service 24 hours a day. This new program makes access to taxicabs in Minneapolis more equitable, addressing issues previously raised by the Minnesota State Council on Disabilities and the Minneapolis Advisory Council with Disabilities.

Participating taxicab vehicles are ADA compliant, charge the same fare as all other licensed taxicabs, and accept credit cards. All drivers have received training on the proper use of these specialty vehicles. In addition, the taxicab companies receive incentives in the form of reduced license fees for providing the service. This program is mutually beneficial given it lowers the costs for taxicab companies while ensuring quality services to all who live, work and play in our City.

It is an honor to serve you. As always, our doors are open.

City Trees 2015

Starting Monday, **March 9**, in wards 3, 4, 5 and 6, the City of Minneapolis is offering more than 1,200 three- to eight-foot trees for only \$25 each.

Mark your calendar now. Order your tree online at www.treetrust.org or call 952-767-3886. You must pick the trees up on May 16, 17, 18 or 19 at the Minneapolis Impound Lot. Trees are available for Minneapolis property owners including residents, businesses and nonprofits.



Choose from several varieties and sizes of trees, including fruit trees. First-come, first-served – order early for best selection. Limit one tree per property, maximum three properties.

Monday, **March 23**, the trees go on sale citywide.

Healthy trees look beautiful in your neighborhood, increase property values, help clean the air you breathe, absorb carbon dioxide, save on your energy bills with strategic planting, keep the city cooler in the summer, provide homes for wildlife and help manage storm water.

Please pass along this information to your neighbors.

Business recycling grants from Hennepin County



Funding is available to businesses, organizations and institutions to start or improve recycling and organics recycling programs.

Funding can help with the purchase of recycling containers, equipment and hauling services and minor improvements to loading docks and waste enclosures.

Applications are due on **March 15**. For more information, contact Andre Xiong at andre.x.xiong@hennepin.us or 612-543-1316

Health Department Launches Online Neighborhood Health Indicator Tool

The Health Department recently launched an online tool that provides information about the physical, social and economic conditions of community health in Minneapolis. The information in the new Healthy Communities Assessment Tool can be used to help neighborhoods with strategic planning, policy development and community engagement.

<https://hci-minneapolis.icfwebservices.com/>

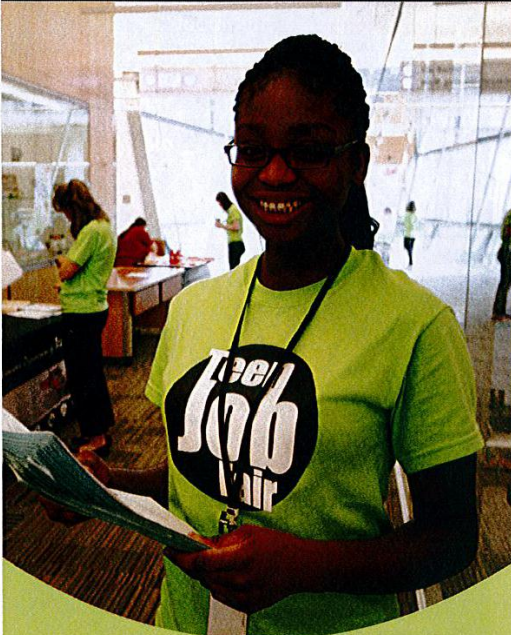
Registration open for the 2015

communityconnections conference

Saturday, March 21st from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The cost to attend the nonconference is FREE!

The 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 an 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.

Register at www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/conf/index.htm.



**Minneapolis
Teen Job Fair**
Be part of something great!

Saturday, April 25, 2015
Noon - 3 p.m.

Minneapolis Central Library
300 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis

Get free computer repair and support “Fix-It Tech”

The City of Minneapolis and many community partners will soon be offering free computer repair and technology support at a “Fix-It Tech” events.

Saturday, March 28

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Waite House Pillsbury United Communities
2323 11th Ave. S

If you have a computer or laptop that is running slow, not working or appears to have a virus, you are encouraged to bring it in (with power cords) for free tech support. Computers and laptops will be looked at on a first-come, first-served basis. The consultation and labor are free but parts will be available for purchase. Volunteers may be able to help with smartphones and tablets depending on capacity.

The City of Minneapolis developed the Fix-It Tech events with community partners in response to the Minneapolis Community Technology survey results and our experiences working with residents on their technology needs. The 2014 survey results show that residents overall are not very comfortable troubleshooting computer problems, installing software or backing up files, or protecting themselves online.

CALL FOR ARTISTS



Minneapolis Convention Center SmartArt Rotation Program Exhibit

Art Force, the premier provider of artwork services requests submissions of original two-dimensional artwork for our SmartArt Rotation Program Exhibit at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The scale of the Convention Center space requires a large body of work not only in quantity but also in physical size. We are seeking work that is 48" x 60" or larger. The space will accommodate square and horizontal formats and groupings.

The goal of the exhibit is to showcase the varied visual art created by Minneapolis Artists. Artwork will be on display from July - December, 2015. This program requires that the submitting Artist agree to commit artwork for a minimum of 12 months.

Please consider these parameters when submitting to the exhibit:

- Artist must live or has a studio location in the City of Minneapolis
- Work is 48" x 60" or larger
- The Artist has a cultural or geographic perspective that is unique or appropriate to the City of Minneapolis
- Artist could be considered an emerging artist
- Artwork content must be appropriate for public space, in terms of material and content.
- All framed artwork must be approved and installation ready. Please submit frame examples with your submission. Works in need of framing (or stretching) please [contact us](#) for pricing. Artist discounts are available.

The Minneapolis Convention Center has subscribed to this exhibit with a monthly art subscription fee. The artwork portion of the fee is divided equally between the Artist and Art Force. While shown, the artwork is advertised as available and for sale through smartartprogram.com. In the event of a sale, the price is divided equally between Art Force and the Artist.

Submission Guidelines

Please submit via [Dropbox](#). It is FREE to create an account! Once set up, make a folder titled with your name, upload your images and share it with sallen@artforce.org. This will generate an e-mail that allows viewing your Dropbox folder.

Submit up to 10 images and include the following:

- Digital image (at least 72 dpi)
- Information for each piece: title, medium, dimensions (h x w x d) framed or unframed, wholesale and retail pricing
- Framing example (if applicable)
- Biography and Artist Statement

Submission Deadline
April 15, 2015