



Ward Six News

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Protect your family from lead paint

Lead paint is a hazard because children with high levels of lead in their bodies can suffer from damage to the brain and nervous system. In 2014, 253 children in Minneapolis had lead poisoning.

Lead poisoning can slow a child's growth, damage hearing, cause aggressive behavior problems, reduce IQ, and make it harder to concentrate or do well in school. But the good news is that lead poisoning is entirely preventable. Parents and other caregivers need to know how to protect children from lead exposure, and property owners need to make sure all painted surfaces are intact and work safely with lead during property maintenance.

Lead-based paint in homes built before 1978 remains the primary source of lead poisoning for children. In Minnesota, there are an estimated 1 million homes with lead paint. But other sources exist as well: lead in toys, chalk, plumbing and even some foods. Other ways children could come in contact with lead include remodeling being done in the home, someone in the household who works with lead (paint removal, remodeling, electronics, ceramics, automotive repair), and playing outside in soil or sand that may be contaminated. Contaminated soil is more likely near busy roads, highways or within two feet of a house or garage that was painted with lead paint.

The City has grants to reduce lead-based paint hazards in 280 homes throughout the city. The focus will be on homes built before 1940 in areas of Minneapolis historically known for their concentration of rental units, poverty and reported lead poisoning in children under the age of 6.

For information and resources visit minneapolismn.gov/health/homes/lead/index.htm.

Bicycle safety starts with all of us

With the weather warming up, more people are taking to our streets and trails on bicycles. Whether you drive a car, ride a bicycle or do some of each, safer streets start with all of us. Data shows that bicyclists and drivers are equally responsible for bicycle crashes in Minneapolis.

When you bike, remember to follow traffic laws and ride predictably. When you drive, remember to slow down and look for bicyclists, especially when turning.

Bicycling in Minneapolis is getting safer. As more people have started riding, bicycle crashes have not increased.

No matter how you get around, thank you for making our streets safer.

For more information on bicycling in Minneapolis, go to www.minneapolismn.gov/bicycles.

Riding a bike is one of the most popular ways to get around Minneapolis. Find is a video about why it's important for both cyclists and drivers to know the road on the City's YouTube channel youtube.com/user/cityofminneapolis




City calls for better transportation funding

The City of Minneapolis is joining Saint Paul and other cities across Minnesota in support of better transportation funding. The Minneapolis City Council and mayor passed a resolution calling for new, dedicated State funding for Minnesota's city streets.

Of the roughly 141,000 miles of roadway in Minnesota, about 19,000 miles are owned and maintained by cities across the state. It's up to those local governments to pay for repaving and any other maintenance those streets need. Around 84 percent of the funding comes from local resources alone, primarily property taxpayers.

Like the measures approved in other cities, the Minneapolis resolution calls for new, sustainable funding for roads, bridges and multimodal transit. The resolution cites the more than 19,000 city-owned miles of roadway in Minnesota, of which more than 80 percent are ineligible for dedicated Highway User Tax Distribution dollars. The resolution also points to more than 700 Minnesota cities with populations below 5,000 that remain ineligible for the same dedicated funds.



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

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

Minneapolis Central Library
300 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis

Help shape our city Apply for openings on 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 spring and 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.

Current open positions

- Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities
- Animal Care & Control Advisory Board
- Bicycle Advisory Committee
- Capital Long-Range Improvement Committee (CLIC)
- Minneapolis Charter Commission
- Minneapolis Housing Board of Appeals
- Minneapolis Planning Commission
- Minneapolis Public Housing Authority Board
- Minneapolis Telecommunications Network (MTN)
- Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission
- Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Public Health Advisory Committee (PHAC)
- Senior Citizen Advisory Committee

The positions are open until filled. Visit the City's website for a list of appointment opportunities, position descriptions and to apply minneapolismn.gov/boards/openings/index.htm

Spring Street Sweep Is Coming

As you may recall, the final four days of last fall's comprehensive street sweep were cancelled due to weather. As a result, there are many neighborhoods with leaf-covered storm drains and messy curbs and lanes. Crews have started night sweeping of commercial corridors and the parkways. Alley sweeping will tentatively begin a week prior to the street sweep.

Please keep an eye out for No Parking signs beginning in the first weeks of April. You can use the City of Minneapolis [Street Look Up](#) tool to find out when your street will be cleaned. The Street Look Up will be updated in advance of the commencement of the sweep.

City seeks applicants for New Information Technology positions

The City of Minneapolis has a tremendous opportunity for folks in the IT field. The City's IT department has posted the first wave of 33 new jobs that will make up the service desk and deskside support areas for the City of Minneapolis. The job openings are part of a change to the City's IT services that will bring these support functions back in-house after years of being outsourced.

Since 2003, the City's IT Department has outsourced computing, network, security, service desk and deskside services. Under the new contract OneNeck IT Solutions LLC will manage computing, network and security services and the City will bring service desk and deskside services back in house. Bringing service desk and deskside services in-house will cost lower than outsourcing them and will create 33 full-time, high-tech positions that will be hired within the City's IT department.

Visit www.minneapolismn.gov/jobs/opp and click on "current job opportunities" to view these and other City openings.

SADBOC Government Procurement Fair

Small businesses interested in doing business with government agencies and prime contractors are encouraged to attend this trade fair. Registration is FREE.

Coupling education with marketing strategies, this event will provide small businesses an opportunity to meet with representatives from federal, state and local departments, commercial/prime contractors, and nonprofit organizations.

Thursday April 30, 2015

9 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Earle Browns Heritage Center

6155 Earle Brown Drive

Brooklyn Center, MN

To register visit <http://conta.cc/1AiZ6gk>

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