



Ward Six News

November 2015

Nominations now accepted for positions on Workplace Regulations Partnership

Nominations are now being accepted for open positions on the City's Workplace Regulations Partnership that the Mayor and City Council will appoint later this month. The Workplace Regulations Partnership Oct. 30 as a working group specifically tasked with developing policy recommendations related to earned sick time and paid time off.

The partnership group will consist of 15 individuals, with representation balanced between the following stakeholder groups:

- Representatives of employees, specifically low-wage employees
- Representatives of organized labor
- Representatives of employers, including large and small employers, immigrant-owned businesses
- Representatives of business groups and associations

To be considered, individuals need to submit to the City Clerk's office – cityclerk@minneapolismn.gov – no later than **5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9** their full name, home address, phone number, email address and which stakeholder group they would represent if appointed. Nominations may also include a cover letter relating why they believe their background will be relevant and beneficial to the efforts and goals of the Workplace Regulations Partnership.

For more information please go to the city's website at minneapolismn.gov/news/WCMS1P-151324

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New indicators to measure success

The City Council and mayor adopted [community indicators](#) by which the City will assess whether it's moving in the right direction toward its [goals](#). Community indicators are high-level signals of community health and well-being. They also represent what people who live and work in Minneapolis care about. Progress toward City goals will be assessed by the following measures:

- **Living well:** the types of transportation people use to commute to work, housing that is both affordable and safe, the amenities and services in our neighborhoods, residents' perception of safety, the number of violent crimes, and the economic power of the arts and the creative sector.
- **One Minneapolis:** disparities in the following focus areas: unemployment, poverty, low-level crime arrests, third grade reading proficiency, hospitalization from asthma, infant mortality rate, trust in Minneapolis City government, and access to healthy food.
- **Great places:** air quality affecting human health; the health of our lakes, streams and rivers; garbage and recycling; the city's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions, access to parks and green space, and the condition of roads and bridges.
- **A hub of economic activity and innovation:** employment, sales, business startups, and adults' education levels and wages.
- **A City that works:** resident satisfaction with City services and value for tax dollars, City employee engagement, resident access to information about City programs and services, and percentage of women and people of color in the City workforce.

The set of community indicators is based on an extensive review of best practices from peer cities, community input and professional staff and policymaker feedback. To identify measures that people who live and work in Minneapolis care about, the City conducted an engagement process that included individual interviews, paper surveys, listening sessions and an online crowdsourcing tool called IdeaScale. Over four weeks, more than 1,500 people participated. More than 200 ideas and 7,900 votes helped City staff develop a list of 30 community indicators. The City tailored engagement strategies to ensure that a variety of perspectives from a wide range of communities was heard, including cultural communities, seniors, young people and City employees.

Order supplies to help make recycling easier

Free recycling resources from Hennepin County are available for you, including recycling labels, bags for collecting recyclables and a recycling guide. You can order for your household, or get larger quantities to use and share at events, at work or in your community.

You can [order online](#) through the county website call 612-348-3777 or email environment@hennepin.us.



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 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.

- [Arts Commission](#)
- [Capital Long-Range Improvements Committee](#)
- [Charter Commission](#)
- [Community Environmental Advisory Committee \(CEAC\)](#)
- [Heritage Preservation Commission](#)
- [Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council](#)
- [Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Aging](#)
- [Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People With Disabilities](#)
- [Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights](#)
- [Minneapolis Planning Commission](#)
- [Minneapolis Police Conduct Oversight Commission](#)
- [Minneapolis Police Conduct Review Panel](#)
- [Minneapolis Public Housing Authority](#)
- [Minneapolis Telecommunications Network \(MTN\)](#)
- [Public Health Advisory Committee](#)
- [Skyway Advisory Committee](#)
- [Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)



The positions are open until filled. Visit the City's website for a [list of appointment opportunities, position descriptions and to apply](#).

Collection of Compostable Yard Waste Bags & Bundled Brush Ends week of Nov. 16

Yard waste must be in compostable bags – paper (Kraft) or compostable plastic – or unbagged in a reusable container approximately 33 gallons in size and at least 26 inches high with sturdy handles. Yard waste is not allowed in City-provided containers. Set all yard waste next to your garbage cart by 6 a.m.

For information about all of our services, see www.minneapolismn.gov/solid-waste. If you have questions about leaf and brush pickup, call 673-2917 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

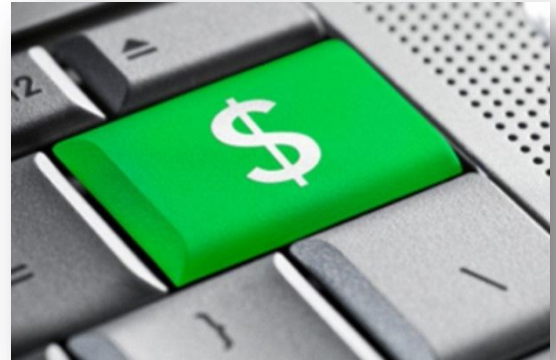
Other options include dropping off yard waste at a compost facility or composting yard waste at home and using the nutrient-rich compost for gardens and lawns.

Remember – don't rake leaves into the street; it's against the law and makes our lakes smell bad.

2015 Budget Process Underway

Mayor Betsy Hodges presented her 2016 recommended budget to the City Council Aug. 12. Council members will now consider the budget with final approval of the 2016 budget scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 9.

Visit the City's website to see the [mayor's proposed budget](#) and other budget information. The proposed budget is also posted on the [City's Financial Transparency website](#), which provides an interactive search feature.



Additional key dates in the 2016 budget process include:

- Sept. 18-Nov. 3: Ways and Means presentations and City department budget hearings (tentative dates can be found at www.minneapolismn.gov/budget/index.htm).
- 6:05 p.m. Nov. 18: Public hearing on levy and budget.
- 1 p.m., Dec. 4 and 7: Ways and Means Budget Subcommittee budget markup.
- Wednesday, Dec. 9: Public hearing and budget adoption.

Watch the 2015 budget process live on TV or the City website

You can watch the mayor's budget address and upcoming budget hearings on Minneapolis 79 (Comcast Cable channel 79) or on a smartphone, tablet or computer by visiting the City of Minneapolis website at www.minneapolismn.gov/tv/79. Video recordings are available to watch any time on [the City website](#). The rebroadcasts on Minneapolis 79 will be Mondays at 7 p.m. and Wednesdays at noon from now until early December.

PUBLIC COMMENT HEARINGS

The City of Minneapolis has tentatively scheduled two public comment hearings on the proposed 2015 property tax levy and budget:

Nov. 18 at 6:05 p.m.
Room 317 of City Hall

Dec. 9 at 6:05 p.m.
Room 317 of City Hall

New parking app goes citywide

A new smartphone app that lets drivers pay for on-street parking time without going to a meter or pay station has expanded throughout Minneapolis. The City is offering the MPLS Parking app as an option to people who want the convenience of paying for parking through their smartphones. With the app, drivers just enter their space numbers and payment methods into the app wherever they are. They can also add more time to their parking wherever they are.

More information about MPLS Parking app is available at mplsparking.com.