



Minneapolis Connects

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Neighborhood and Community Relations Department

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NCEC Commissioner Elections for Districts 1, 3, 5 and 7 on June 25th

Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission Elections for districts 1, 3, 5, and 7 will be held on Saturday June, 25th from 9:00am to Noon at the American Indian OIC, 1845 East Franklin Ave, Minneapolis, MN. The application deadline to be a NCEC Commissioner through the neighborhood election process is Friday, May 20th, applications can be found at:

http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/ncr/NCEC_election.asp.

Applicants with diverse backgrounds such as race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, age, physical abilities, religious beliefs, political beliefs, or other ideologies are strongly encouraged to apply.

Hmong National Conference

On Friday, April 22, 2011, Access and Outreach Specialist Gao Nhia Vang attended the 15th annual Hmong National Conference. Gao co-presented a workshop focusing on the Hmong culture and its impact on health outcomes. The Hmong National Conference brings community members together to leverage collective power through business, politics, social service and education as community members from around the world work together to create the future for the Hmong community.

Neighborhood Programming Focus Groups now Complete

The Neighborhood and Community Relations Department conducted a series of focus groups throughout April following action by the City Council in December 2010. The goals of the focus group were to get input on neighborhood organization funding programs prior to developing recommendations for the City Council in July. For more information, please go to: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/ncr/equity-directive.asp>

Quarterly Interpretation Report from the Access and Outreach Team

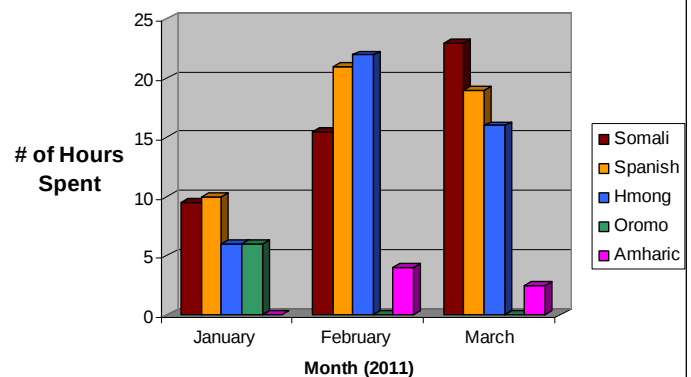
The graph shows the number of hours the Access and Outreach Specialists have spent translating and interpreting in the first three months of 2011.

The Access and Outreach Team typically get requests from city departments and has expanded to neighborhood organizations, to assist in translating documents. For interpretation requests, the Access and Outreach Team track phone calls received from city residents from each language line who need assistance in accessing city services, face to face interpretation as well as interpreting at a community meeting or event. The demand for translation and interpretation has steadily increased from January to March.

For more information regarding the work of the Access and Outreach team, please visit:

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/ncr/access-and-outreach.asp>

Access and Outreach Translation and Interpretation



NCR Welcomes New Neighborhood Specialist Team

In April, the NCR Department welcomed 3 new Neighborhood Specialists, Robert Thompson, Stacy Sorenson and Carrie Day Aspinwall. The Neighborhood Specialist team will support neighborhood organizations in working with the Community Participation Program and other funding programs, and they help strengthen the ties between neighborhood organizations, City departments, and community groups.



Resident Survey Results

The 2011 Resident Survey is now complete and the results are available. The survey provided residents the opportunity to rate the quality of life in the City, as well as service delivery and their satisfaction with local government. The survey also allowed residents to provide feedback to the City on what is working and what is not, and share their priorities for community planning and resource allocation.

To view the results, please go to: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/results-oriented-minneapolis/survey2011.asp>



Census Results

As of April 1, 2011, the Census Bureau has released a portion of 2010 Census data, which includes the following information at a Census block level; Total population, 18+ population, Race and Ethnicity, Counts of occupied and vacant housing units.

The remaining portion of 2010 Census results, including age and gender detail, household and group quarter's population, will be released later this year. To view the results, please go to: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/census/2010.asp>

American Indian Partnership Established

At their May 12, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting, the City Council approved 5 appointments to the American Indian Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Workgroup. Originally adopted on May 1, 2003, the MOU establishes a working partnership of dialogue, action and measurable results between the American Indian community and the City of Minneapolis. The re-establishment of the workgroup represents a significant commitment to continue supporting and building the relationship between the American Indian community and the City. For additional information, please go to:

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/ncr/access-and-outreach.asp>.

Upcoming Community Events

- **Blueprint for Action Youth Violence Prevention Conference**- Friday, May 27th, 9-3PM at the McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak Street SE. For more information, please go to: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/dhfs/BFA%20conference-Rev.pdf>
- **Project Homelessness Connect** - Monday, May 23rd at the Minneapolis Convention Center. For more information, please go to: <http://www.homelessnessconnectminneapolis.org/index.htm>.
- **Twin Cities Juneteenth Celebration** – Sunday, June 18th at the North Regional Mississippi Park.
- **Twin Cities World Refugee Day** – Saturday, June 25th, Noon – 6PM at Minnehaha Park. For more information please go to: <http://tcworldrefugeeday.org/>
- **Community Forum on the Minneapolis Disparity Study** - Tuesday, June 28th 6:00-8:00PM at the Minneapolis Central Library, Pohlad Room, RSVP by June 14, 2011, RSVPCivilRightsForum@ci.minneapolis.mn.us

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