



# MinneapolisConnects

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*July 2014*

## Upcoming Events

7/10: Kingfield Garden Tour  
7/10: Live on the Drive  
7/10-7/31 *Thursdays*: Community Connects to the Creek series  
7/12: Bryn Mawr Garden Tour  
7/12: Prospect Park Garden Walk & Plant Sale  
7/12-7/13: Prospect Park Yard Sale Weekend  
7/15: Lowry Hill Ice Cream Social  
7/16: Cleveland Party in the Park  
7/17: Folwell Neighborhood Association Ice Cream Social  
7/17: Bancroft Ice Cream Social  
7/17-7/31 *Thursdays*: Dancing in the Park with the Whittier Alliance  
7/17: Lyndale Garden Tour  
7/19: Kids of CARAG Car Wash  
7/20: Southside Sprint Bike Race  
7/22: Lao-Hmong Day of Recognition  
7/22: Bryn Mawr Ice Cream Taste-Off  
7/23: Loring Park Aquatennial Pre-Parade Party  
7/25-7/26: FLOW Northside Arts Crawl  
7/26: Tour de Camden  
7/26: Park Siding Park Festivities  
  
7/26: Midtown Phillips Festival  
7/26-7/27: Stevens Square Red Hot Art  
7/27: Minnehaha Creek Cleanup  
7/27: Open Streets - Central Avenue Northeast  
7/31: Hale Page Diamond Lake Picnic in the Park

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

## Call for 2015 Community Connections Conference Theme

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Community Connections Conference is scheduled for Saturday, March 21, 2015 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The conference planning team is looking for Neighborhood and Community Organizations to submit ideas for the 2015 Conference Theme!

The conference is an annual gathering of neighborhood and cultural organizations for the purposes of 1) sharing experiences and best practices; 2) facilitating connections between organizations; and 3) supporting stronger relationships with the City of Minneapolis.

The conference planning team is looking for theme ideas that support one of the following City goals and Strategic Directions:

- Living well: Minneapolis is safe and livable and has an active and connected way of life
- One Minneapolis: Disparities are eliminated so all Minneapolis residents can participate and prosper
- A hub of economic activity and innovation: Businesses – big and small – start, move, stay and grow here
- Great Places: Natural and built spaces work together and our environment is protected
- A City that works: City government runs well and connects to the community it serves

**Please send your theme idea to [NCR@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:NCR@minneapolismn.gov) by Friday, August 15, 2014.**

Theme ideas will be reviewed by the conference planning team and announced in September 2014. The individual or organization whose theme idea is chosen will receive recognition in the program book and during the conference.

Questions can be directed to Cheyenne Brodeen, [Cheyenne.Brodeen@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:Cheyenne.Brodeen@minneapolismn.gov) or 612-673-2052. You can learn more about the City Goals and Strategic Directions by visiting [www.minneapolismn.gov/citygoals](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/citygoals).

## Join NCR in welcoming Ayiana Kennerly, African American Community Specialist

Please join the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department in welcoming Ayiana Kennerly as the new African American Community Specialist.

Ayiana has a Bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota in African & African American Studies & Sociology and comes to the NCR department after working for Senator Al Franken's office on Policy development. Ayiana is well regarded in the African American community and will bring many established relationships with community leaders to the City of Minneapolis. Ayiana can be reached at 612-673-5475 or [ayiana.kennerly@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:ayiana.kennerly@minneapolismn.gov).



## Enroll in the 2014 Minneapolis City Academy



Have you ever wondered how emergency calls in Minneapolis are dispatched? How streets get plowed? How the water gets to your faucet? Or, how property gets developed? The answers to these questions and more will be discussed at the Minneapolis City Academy program beginning September 17<sup>th</sup>.

The City Academy will be held weekly on Wednesdays from September 17<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup> at locations throughout Minneapolis. Each session will focus on one aspect of City government such as public safety, public works, planning and development and fire services. Sessions will run from 6:30 to 9:00 PM. The program is open to all Minneapolis residents who are 18 years or older.

The academy is filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Please complete the application form that can be found online: <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/MinneapolisCityAcademy>.

## Neighborhood Stories: Glendale Housing Fair

On Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association (PPERRIA) hosted a housing and community resource fair at Luxton Park Recreation Center. The event was well attended and many Glendale townhome residents came with their families. PPERRIA's Outreach Task Force hopes to forge a better connection between Glendale residents and the greater Prospect Park Neighborhood. The housing fair was a great start to reviving that connection and building a link to the townhome residents.

PPERRIA and the City of Minneapolis provided translation services in Somali and Hmong so that residents could participate in priority planning activities and talk with various agencies. The top priorities for Glendale residents fell into the areas of Health and Safety and Childcare and Recreation

Opportunities. Residents expressed need for larger and more modern units and assistance in understanding One-Sort recycling. There was also a large interest in the Own-A-Home Minneapolis program. The joint Task Force that organized the Resource Fair will be continuing their work to strengthen community relations between the two parts of the neighborhood.

Housing and Information was provided by: Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (MPHA), Metro Transit (Central Corridor Office), East African Development Services, Minneapolis Park and Recreation, Minneapolis Solid Waste and Recycling, Minneapolis Fire Dept. and more. The event was co-hosted by PPERRIA, City of Minneapolis Neighborhood and Community Relations, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, and East side Neighborhood Services.



## Attend the National Lao-Hmong Recognition Day Celebration on July 22<sup>nd</sup>

This day honors the Hmong-Lao American Veterans for their warrior tradition, loyalty, and bravery during the Vietnam War. Beginning in 1960, the U.S. recruited thousands of Lao-Hmong to fight against communist expansion in Laos in place of U.S. ground troops: Veterans engaged in direct combat with communist troops, flew thousands of deadly combat missions in support of the U.S. efforts in Southeast Asia, disrupted the flow of communist troops and war supplies along the Ho Chi Minh Trail to fight U.S. troops in South Vietnam; protected U.S. personnel and Air Force radar installation, and collected critical military intelligence for U.S. missions against North Vietnam.

**July 22, 2014 - St. Paul, Minnesota at 10:00am:** The Hmong community will host a parade from the Woodland Hill Church to the General Vang Community Center on 1600 White Bear Avenue to celebrate the National Lao-Hmong Recognition Day.

Questions can be directed to Michael Yang, 612-673-2162 or [Michael.Yang@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:Michael.Yang@minneapolismn.gov).

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FORUMS

**JULY 31st**  
6-9:00 PM

**EAST PHILLIPS PARK CULTURAL  
& COMMUNITY CENTER**  
2307 17th Ave S, Minneapolis

**FOLWELL RECREATION CENTER**  
1615 Dowling Ave N, Minneapolis

**AUG. 2nd**  
9-12:00 PM

## JOIN CITY LEADERS

-for a-  
**city-wide forum**  
to discuss what an  
**engaged community**  
looks like for  
**all our residents.**



Contact Forum Coordinators with  
questions or to reserve your spot  
phone: (612) 467-9745  
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**INTERPRETATION &  
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED**  
•please communicate language needs

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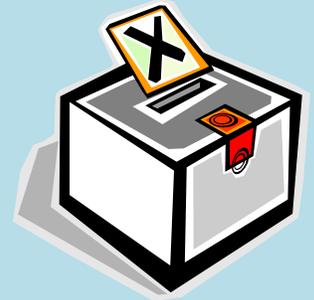
## Absentee voting begins for August 12 primary

The City has begun accepting absentee ballots for the August 12, 2014 primary. Contests on the ballot in Minneapolis include federal, state, county, school board, and judicial offices. All Minneapolis voters are encouraged to vote in the primary and make their voice heard in selecting who will be the ballot in the November general election.

This is the first time voters won't be required to provide a specific reason for not voting on primary day. That makes absentee voting available to all voters. Absentee voting for the Primary opened Friday, June 27 at the Minneapolis Office of Elections & Voter Services, 350 Fifth St. S. – Room 201.

Voters can choose to vote absentee either by mail or in person. City Hall has transformed into Minneapolis' largest polling place, open to all voters who want to come in to cast their absentee ballot in person. The Elections & Voter Services team has readied their office in room 201 to accommodate voters. They've also transitioned in-person absentee voting into the larger rotunda area of City Hall whenever high turnout requires more room.

For information about registering and voting in Minneapolis or to serve as an election judge, residents can visit the website at [vote.minneapolismn.gov](http://vote.minneapolismn.gov) or call Minneapolis 311 or 612-673-3000.



## Protect your property: register your bicycle with police



Every year, thousands of bikes are lost or stolen in Minneapolis and many of them are actually recovered. However, because of a lack of proper identification, only a small percentage are ever returned to their owners.

To help increase the chances that your stolen bike will be returned, you can now register your bicycle with the Minneapolis Police Department. You can register online, call 311, or use 311's phone app.

To register your bike, you will need to include your bike's serial number, a description of the bike--make and model--and your contact information.

Visit the Police Department's website at [www.minneapolismn.gov/police/about/evidence/police\\_about\\_bicycles](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/police/about/evidence/police_about_bicycles) for more information about bicycle theft prevention.

## 45 Day Review and Comment Period for Community Innovation Fund

The Community Innovation Fund is intended to provide grants to neighborhood organizations to foster innovative and locally-relevant approaches to City-identified goals. Scheduled to begin in early 2015, the program will make \$300,000 available in grants to neighborhoods for a two-year period.

The draft guidelines were developed by the [Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission \(NCEC\)](#) after a series of nine listening sessions with neighborhood organizations held in early 2014.

The guidelines can be found on the [Neighborhood and Community Relations](#) webpage. The comment period is open until Monday, August 18, 2014. Questions can be directed to Howard Blin, [Howard.Blin@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:Howard.Blin@minneapolismn.gov) or 612-673-3163.



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