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November 2014

Upcoming Events

- 11/4: Election Day
- 11/6: Development around Penn & Plymouth Ave Summit
- 11/6: Neighborhood Film Festival
- 11/7: Powderhorn Empty Bowls
- 11/8: FRNNG's A Night on 48th
- 11/12: Bottineau station area planning open house
- 11/13: Give to the Max Day
- 11/15: LCC Annual Chili Cook Off
- 11/18: Minneapolis City Budget - public hearing
- 11/19: Corcoran Soup Cook-Off
- 11/23: CIDNA Art Mart

Additional events and details can be found online:
www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/calendar

Neighborhood Stories: Jordan Area Community Council celebrates 50 years



On October 16, the Jordan Area Community Council (JACC) celebrated its 50th anniversary. Formed in 1964 with the goal of saving the local library, JACC went on to be known for its block clubs, its innovative housing programs, its Clean Sweeps, and its focus on housing, crime prevention and community organizing. In 1992, Jordan's was the second-ever NRP plan approved in Minneapolis. While the neighborhood organization has experienced the usual growing pains over the years, JACC continues to "organize people, knowledge and capital for the collective empowerment of the Jordan Neighborhood". NCR congratulates JACC volunteers and staff – both past and present – and looks forward to your next 50 years. To learn more about the Jordan

Area Community Council, please visit: <http://www.jordanmpls.org/>.

Photo: Mayor Hodges presents Cathy Spann, JACC Executive Director with a Proclamation acknowledging JACC's 50th anniversary.

Indigenous Peoples Day event drums up a crowd

More than 500 people attended a celebration of the city's first-ever Indigenous Peoples Day at the Minneapolis American Indian Center on Monday, October 13th. The event included a community meal with indigenous foods from throughout North and South America provided by Native chefs Sean Sherman and Cheo Smith, a film screening, community speakers and cultural performance.



Photo Credit: Eagle Eye Photography

Minneapolis becomes first U.S. city to establish a sister city connection in Somalia

The City of Minneapolis now has a sister city relationship with Bosaso, Somalia, becoming the nation's first city to have established such a connection within Somalia.

Bosaso is the third largest city in Somalia and a thriving commercial center, located on the southern coast of the Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea.

Relationship benefits both cities

The Minneapolis/Bosaso sister city relationship will offer benefits while working to promote cultural understanding and stimulate economic development in both cities. The relationship will also be designed to establish mutual exchanges of information around city governance, public infrastructure, and environmentally sustainable practices, which is a growing concern in the Bosaso area. The Minneapolis Friends of Bosaso committee plans to work on a number of projects related to economic development and educational/cultural exchanges to ensure this relationship is a successful one. The types of projects that could be implemented could include:

- Hosting business forums with local businesses
- Fundraising to send books to Bosaso
- Student exchanges, including letter/email writing between grade school students in Minneapolis and Bosaso
- Official visits in Minneapolis and Bosaso

The City of Minneapolis recognizes "[sister city](#)" friendships with 11 cities internationally. These relationships are supported and implemented by community groups here in Minneapolis whose members organize exchanges and other activities. They have also been accredited by [Sister Cities, International](#), in Washington D.C.

2014 collection of compostable yard bags and bundled brush ends the week of Nov. 17

Your garbage day in the week of Nov. 17 is the last 2014 collection for leaves, brush and other yard trimmings. Yard waste must be in compostable bags – paper (Kraft) or compostable plastic – or unbagged in a reusable container 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.

Leaves

- less than 40 pounds

Brush

- less than 40 pounds
- less than three feet long
- branch size less than three inches in diameter
- must be bundled with string (no tape)



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.

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

Snow Emergency information coming to household mailboxes

You may have already received mail that could help you avoid tickets and tows when snow season arrives. The City of Minneapolis sent out about 176,000 Snow Emergency brochures, one to each household in the city. The brochure has graphics and text showing where to park during the three phases of a Snow Emergency.

Hold on to the brochure throughout the winter and have it handy whenever a Snow Emergency is declared. The brochure contains the Snow Emergency parking rules and lists ways you can find out when the City of Minneapolis declares a Snow Emergency. The more people follow the Snow Emergency parking rules and help their neighbors do the same, the easier snow season is on everyone. A printable version of the brochure is available at www.minneapolismn.gov/snow.



Snow Emergencies are declared whenever there's enough snowfall to warrant a complete plowing of our streets. To get that done, people need to follow the parking rules and move their vehicles so crews can plow the full width of the street. When the snow flies, City Public Works crews have enormous jobs to do, with more than 1,500 miles of streets, parkways and alleys that need to be cleared. It's important for drivers to follow the Snow Emergency parking rules so plows can do the best job possible clearing snow. Vehicles parked on the street in violation of Snow Emergency rules can be ticketed or towed.

Stay informed

There are a number of ways to learn when Snow Emergencies are declared and what to do when they are. Put many of these tools to use, not just one or two. The more ways you use to learn about a Snow Emergency, the more prepared you will be, and the less likely you will be to be towed because you didn't know one was declared. Visit the City of Minneapolis website: www.minneapolismn.gov/snow to find all the ways to stay informed about snow emergencies.

Spread the word in multiple languages

The City of Minneapolis has developed informative videos in English, Spanish, Somali and Hmong are available online to help explain where you can park when a Snow Emergency is declared:

- [Minneapolis Snow Emergency Parking Rules](#) (English)
Find out where to park your car when a Snow Emergency is declared to avoid a ticket and a tow. Learn more in this edition of the Minneapolis "Did you know..." series.
- [Reglas de Estacionamiento de las Emergencias por Nevada](#) (Spanish)
Averigüe dónde estacionar su carro cuando se ha declarado una Emergencia por Nevada para evitar una multa y remolque. Más información en esta edición de las series de Minneapolis Sabía usted.
- [Xanibaada Goobaha Baabuurta La Dhigto Xilliga Gurmada Barafka](#) (Somali)
Hel meel aad baabuurka dhigato marka lagu dhawaaqo gurmada barafka looga xaaqayo wadooyinka si aan gaariga lagaaga jiidin laguuna ganaaxin. Faahfaahin dheeraad ah waxaad ka heli kartaa nuqulkaan magaalada Minneapolis ee taxanaha "Ma ogtahay...."
- [Kev Cai Li Choj Txog Kev Kub Ceev thaum Daus Tau Lo](#) (Hmong)
Thaum muaj daus tau lo, lub nroog yuav tsum tau kaus kev. Pej xeem yuav tsum tau tshem lawv lub tsheb, lub nroog thiaj li kaus tau kev du lug. Yog xav paub ntxiv, sais nroog Minneapolis cov tshooj xov xwm hu, "Koj pos paub".

Minneapolis, Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy form first-of-its-kind Clean Energy Partnership

Mayor Betsy Hodges and the City Council have approved agreements with Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy that, among other things, establish a first-of-its-kind City-utility Clean Energy Partnership which will have the City and the utility companies collaborating in new ways to help Minneapolis achieve its clean energy goals. These goals include making energy affordable and reliable for everyone while increasing energy efficiency, increasing renewable energy and reducing greenhouse gases.

The Clean Energy Partnership came about following discussions over renewing the City's franchise agreements with the two utilities. Many communities in Minnesota negotiate franchise agreements with utility companies to identify the conditions under which the companies are allowed to use public property to provide service to local residents and businesses. A fee for that use is negotiated through franchise agreements, and utilities collect that fee from their customers.

Under the Clean Energy Partnership agreements, a board will be created that includes the mayor, two council members, the city coordinator and two senior officials from each of the two utilities. An Energy Vision Advisory Committee will also be established to provide feedback on the board's work plan and gather feedback from critical Minneapolis communities. The board's work plan will be shaped by Minneapolis' adopted Climate Action Plan and may include ideas such as:
Giving customers additional choices about the way their energy is generated.

Increasing residential and business use of new and existing energy-efficiency and renewable-energy programs to help consumers control energy costs and reduce greenhouse gases.

Supporting the development of renewable energy in the city and in Minnesota.

Exploring and implementing ways for the City to reduce its own energy use and increase its use of clean and renewable energy.

The City's current franchise agreements with Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy, both signed in the early 1990s, expire at the end of this year. The new franchise agreements would begin in January 2015 and have a term with a minimum of five years and a maximum of 10 with the potential to renew for up to 20. They would maintain the current formula for establishing the fees utilities collect from customers to pay the City. More information is available about the tentative Clean Energy Partnership and franchise agreements at www.minneapolismn.gov/energyfranchise.

Corcoran Neighborhood seeks an Associate Director

The Corcoran Neighborhood Organization is seeking a part-time Associate Director.

The Associate Director is responsible for Financial, Tax, Risk, and Facilities Management; Human Resource Management; and Fundraising, and oversees general operation of the CNO office. This is a part-time position with full benefits requiring 30-35 hours per week depending on experience. The position is hired by and accountable to the Executive Director.

Compensation: \$35,000 – \$45,000 commensurate with experience. Benefits include health and dental insurance, retirement plan with employer match, personal time off and vacation, and paid staff development.

To view the full job description, visit: <http://www.minnesotanonprofits.org/job-details?id=88149>



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