

Upcoming Events

November is National American Indian Heritage Month

- 11/3: Minneapolis Foreclosure Recovery Community Workshop
- 11/5: Blueprint for Equitable Engagement & NCR Open House
- 11/5: Linden Hills Pocket Park Design Session #2
- 11/6: Powderhorn Empty Bowls
- 11/6: NENA seeks Program & Communication Manager - application deadline
- 11/7 & 11/14: Downtown Community Choir Rehearsal
- 11/7: FRNNG's A Night on 48th
- 11/7: Windom Neighborhood Variety Dance Party
- 11/9: LNA seeks Lead Community Organizer - application deadline
- 11/9: Dine out for LHENA Fundraiser
- 11/11: Corcoran Soup Cook-off and CNO Open House
- 11/12: Nokomis Healthy Seniors Fundraiser
- 11/12: Neighborhood Community Solar Garden Event
- 11/14: Hennepin County Fix-It Clinic
- 11/14: Changemakers Ball
- 11/15: LCC Annual Chili Cook Off & Fundraiser
- 11/18: Ready Camp
- 11/19: Native American College Fair
- 11/20 & 11/21: Harrison Fall Festival
- 11/21: Fix-It Tech Event

Additional events and details can be found online:

www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/calendar

Attend NCR's Open House this Thursday, November 5th

The City of Minneapolis' Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) Department is pleased to invite you to the NCR department Open House on **Thursday, November 5th from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the NCR offices (105 Fifth Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55401)**. There will be a short program at 4:30p.m. Light refreshments will be served.



At the Open House, you will be able to:

- Review the latest draft of the Blueprint for Equitable Engagement
- Connect with other neighborhood and cultural leaders
- Share your ideas with NCR staff, other City staff members, and NCEC Commissioners
- Visit interactive stations highlighting the work of neighborhoods, cultural communities and the City
- Learn about additional opportunities to get involved; and
- Celebrate the accomplishments of NCR partners!

The Neighborhood and Community Relations department strives for equitable access and the opportunity for equal input by addressing and removing barriers to civic participation and meaningful engagement. We connect the community to the City and the City to the community.

The American's with Disabilities Act Programs and Services Evaluation is nearing completion

NCR is leading an enterprise-wide ADA program and services evaluation. This is part of an ongoing effort by the NCR department to update and improve Minneapolis' commitment to the ADA. The City's current ADA Transition Plan was completed in 1993 and is significantly out of date.

This evaluation reviews City services, policies and operations to identify deficiencies or barriers where people with disabilities are unable to participate or receive services. Additionally, Property Services started a facilities ADA evaluation and inventory of the City's physical space. This work is nearing completion and is an important base of information for NCR's program and services evaluation.

Honoring Indigenous People's Day

The City recognizes the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples Day to celebrate the significance of the American Indian and Indigenous community in Minneapolis, as well as the city's history of American Indian activism. The City cosponsored several events to honor Indigenous Peoples Day this year, including a panel discussion with community leaders and a Red Shawl dance. Pictured to the right: Wakinyan LaPointe, Mayor Hodges and Thorne Lapointe.



Minneapolis receives designation as the first age friendly City in Minnesota

The City of Minneapolis was recently recognized on a national level for its work in Minneapolis' aging community. The AARP recently designated Minneapolis as the first age friendly City in Minnesota. Learn more about the work happening in Minneapolis' aging community, visit: <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/outreach/WCMS1P-143473>.

Neighborhood Stories: Double Feature

2014 Neighborhood Programs Annual Report

NCR is pleased to release the 2014 Neighborhood Programs Annual Report. The report – which can be found on [NCR's website](#) - highlights the work of Minneapolis' 70 neighborhood organizations, comprised of more than 700 volunteer board members, dozens of staff, and thousands of dedicated volunteers. Much like neighborhood organizations do in each of their CPP annual reports, this report also summarizes some of the behind the scenes work that the NCR Neighborhood Support team and other City support staff carry out to manage these vibrant and complex programs on a city-wide basis.

Much of the content for this report came from the 2014 Community Participation Program Annual Reports submitted by neighborhood organizations. These reports - along with a wealth of other data - can be found at each neighborhood organization's page on the NCR website at www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/links/index.htm.



13th Annual Phillips CLEAN sweep gathers over 850 volunteers

On Saturday, October 10th the 13th Annual Phillips CLEAN Sweep took to the streets of the Midtown, Phillips West, Ventura Village and East Phillips neighborhoods. Over 850 residents took part in the day long neighborhood CLEAN Sweep.

The Phillips neighborhoods have raised funds to leverage and sustain this annual event for over 13 years, with outstanding results. The 2015 CLEAN Sweep resulted in picking up **36,840 pounds of trash** in all four of the Phillips neighborhoods and the specialty trucks collected **2,500 pounds of metal, 32 TV's, 14 appliances, 69 tires**.

This annual CLEAN Sweep event began in 2002 as an initiative of the Department of Justice's Weed & Seed Program. This event brings all four neighborhoods and community partners together to build community and clean up their neighborhoods.

Draft Blueprint for Equitable Engagement – review period now open

The revised [draft of the Blueprint for Equitable Engagement](#) is now available for another round of public review. **The review period began, Friday, October 16 and last until Monday, November 30.** During the review and comment period held during summer the of 2015 we received much input and feedback from neighborhood and community members, so much so, that it led to major revisions of the Blueprint for Equitable Engagement document. Because of this, another review period is being held for any additional feedback.

The Blueprint for Equitable Engagement is a 5 year plan to ensure an innovative and equitable engagement system for the City of Minneapolis. The plan will be used as a roadmap to better achieve the department's mission, "Engaging Communities for a Better Minneapolis", between 2015 and 2020. Inclusive and equitable participation will be critical to achieve the One Minneapolis goal. For more information, visit:

<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/initiatives/EquitableEngagement>.

2015 collection of compostable yard waste bags and bundled brush ends the week of Nov. 16

Your garbage day in the week of Nov. 16 is the last 2015 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 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.



Leaves

- less than 40 pounds

Brush

- bundles 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.

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.

Follow the City's 2016 budget process, have your voice heard

As part of the City Council's process of considering Mayor Betsy Hodges' recommended 2016 budget for the City of Minneapolis, council members will hold two public meetings before the final budget is approved:

6:05 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 18
Room 317, City Hall

6:05 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 9
Room 317, City Hall

Additional key dates in the 2016 budget process include:

- Through 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 2016 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 online: <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/tv/79>.

Snow Emergency information coming to household mailboxes

Even though no snow is in sight yet, snow season is coming. If you haven't received it yet, watch your mail over the next several days for information that could help you avoid tickets and tows when snow season arrives. The City is sending out almost 178,000 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.

Stay informed

Residents, workers and visitors have a number of ways to learn when Snow Emergencies are declared and what to do when they are. We're advising drivers to put many of these tools to use, not just one or two. The more ways people use to learn about a Snow Emergency, the more prepared they will be to do their part, and the less likely they will be to be towed because they didn't know one was declared.

- **Hotline** – By calling the automated 612-348-SNOW hotline, folks can find out if a Snow Emergency has been declared. If a Snow Emergency is in effect, the hotline will have information on that day's parking restrictions that drivers need to follow to avoid tickets and tows. The hotline includes information in English, Spanish, Somali and Hmong.
- **The City's website** – Go to www.minneapolismn.gov/snow during snow season to find out whether a Snow Emergency has been declared and for a wealth of information on Snow Emergencies in many languages
- **Phone alerts** – Minneapolis uses a phone alert system to notify residents when Snow Emergencies are declared. It is an automated notification system that can place thousands of calls per hour. You can add your cellphone or unlisted landline number to the alert system by signing up at www.minneapolismn.gov/snow.
- **Email and text alerts** – You can sign up to get Snow Emergency alerts automatically emailed or texted to you. Go to www.minneapolismn.gov/snow/snow_esubscribe for more details.
- **App for Android devices and iPhones** – With an Android device or iPhone, you can download the Snow Emergency app. During a Snow Emergency, the app will tell you the parking rules for that day.
- **The news media** – News releases are sent to the media so TV, radio stations and other news outlets can inform their viewers and listeners that a Snow Emergency is in effect.
- **Cable TV** – Tune in to cable channels 14 and 79. These channels will have information in several languages when a Snow Emergency is declared.
- **Facebook** – Like Minneapolis Snow Emergency on Facebook. www.facebook.com/MinneapolisSnowEmergency.
- **Twitter** – twitter.com/minneapolisnow. If you have a Twitter account, just follow us. Both the Twitter and Facebook pages will tell fans and followers when a Snow Emergency is declared.
- **Videos** – Informative videos in English, Spanish, Somali and Hmong are available online to help explain where you can park when a Snow Emergency is declared. www.youtube.com/user/cityofminneapolis.

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