



Council Member Betsy Hodges

Ward 13 News

April 2013

Penn Ave Reconstruction Update

Phase I of the Penn Avenue reconstruction is underway. On **April 10**, Penn Ave. was closed to thru traffic between West 54th St. and West 60th St. All east west cross-streets, including at W. 54th St. and W. 60th St., will remain open until further notice. All Penn Ave. businesses will remain open. Local access to businesses will be maintained as much as possible.



The Minneapolis Park Board removed all the Ash Trees along Penn Ave. due to the Emerald Ash borer. Tree stumps will be ground out at a later date by the Contractor and new trees will be planted next spring.

During the closure, Route 4 buses will travel on Xerxes Ave S. between MN-62 and W. 50th St. in both directions. Buses will serve all marked bus stops along the detour route. Please note that Route 4D was eliminated on Wednesday, April 10. There will be no service on W. 56th St. between Penn Ave. and Lyndale Ave. S. Route 4D buses will become Route 4K trips that will travel on Xerxes Ave. S. until Penn Ave. construction is complete.

The 156 Express bus will remain on W. 56th St. until such time the project occupies that intersection. Then the 156 Express bus will route via W. 54th St. to Xerxes Ave. S. to W. 60th St. Once W. 60th St. is closed, the route 156 will start and end at 60th & Xerxes.

QUESTIONS? Please look over the [project webpage](#) and contact city staff working on the project. Their contact information is provided.

Single-Sort Recycling Phase 2

Single-sort recycling, where customers combine their glass, plastic, paper, aluminum and cardboard into one container, is coming to every solid waste and recycling customer in Minneapolis. The second phase of the rollout **begins the week of April 22**, and about 75,000 recycling customers will receive their new carts **by the end of June**.



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Single-Sort Recycling Phase 2 continued



Find out [online](#) when you are scheduled to receive your one-sort recycling cart. Crews will drop off new blue carts for each residential customer. As soon as you have your cart, you can start using it for one-sort recycling. By making it easier for folks who don't use the multi-sort recycling system at all, or for those who don't recycle as much as they could, the City hopes to double the 2012 recycling rate by 2015.

More information on one-sort recycling is available at www.minneapolismn.gov/onesort.

Order a Compost Bin or Rain Barrel



Residents can order a \$55 backyard compost bin (80 gallons) or a \$69 rain barrel (55 gallons). Order [here](#). Supplies are limited. Place your order before **May 24** to ensure a bin or barrel. Residents who place orders will need to pick up the bins and barrels on **Saturday, June 8** at a City of Minneapolis Public Works Facility, [3607 East 44th Street](#).

Learn more [here](#).

Yard Waste Collection Underway



Yard Waste season started up again the week of **April 8**. A reminder that yard waste materials **must** be in either compostable bags or your own reusable container. See the [Yard Waste page](#) for complete details.

QUESTIONS? Contact Solid Waste at (612) 673-2917, Monday-Friday, 8:00am to 4:30pm.

Kenny Neighborhood Annual Meeting - April 23



Join the [Kenny Neighborhood Association](#) for its Annual Meeting and Celebration at the Anthony Middle School Cafeteria ([5757 Irving Ave. S.](#)) on **Tuesday, April 23 starting at 6:30pm**. Social time will go from 6:30 to 7pm. The Annual Meeting is set for 7:00 to 8:30pm.

The meeting will feature a panel discussion about the proposed flight path changes at MSP Airport and how these changes could affect the Kenny neighborhood. Scheduled guests include: MN Speaker of the House Paul Thissen, MN State Senator Scott Dibble, Ward 13 Councilmember Betsy Hodges, MAC Commissioner Lisa Peilen and representatives of MSP FairSkies Coalition

[Contact](#) the Kenny Neighborhood Association with any questions.

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- For more information, [visit the Ward 13 website](#).



Linden Hills Small Area Plan Workshops

Participate in an upcoming Community Workshop:

Wednesday, April 24 and Thursday, April 25

6-9pm

Southwest High School Media Center, [3414 West 47th Street](#)



Topics will include:

- How infrastructure improvements can insure a vibrant future for our neighborhood
- Transitions between new developments and lower-scale character of the residential and commercial areas
- Parking for new businesses and new development
- How new development can respect and maintain the character of Linden Hills through its location, height, length, massing

These community workshops will be the third public forum in the process to develop the Linden Hills Small Area Plan.

Detailed information on the project can be found at [LHSAP.org](#).

Contact City Planner Brian Schaffer with questions: brian.schaffer@minneapolismn.gov

311 Pilots Expanded Contact Center Hours

The Minneapolis 311 contact center is now open an extra hour – until 8pm – through mid-October as part of a new pilot program. During this pilot program period calls will be answered from 7am to 8pm, Monday through Friday. Those who call 311 after hours can still leave a message, and a contact center agent will follow-up the next business day.



Following completion of the pilot program in October, the City will determine whether to make the expanded 311 call center hours permanent.

More 311 services are being added every day. For information on all city services currently accessible through 311, [online reporting](#) and mobile applications available for download, visit www.minneapolismn.gov/311/index.htm.

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MPD Hiring Community Service Officers

The Minneapolis Police Department is accepting applications now for Community Service Officers, a civilian position with the possibility of promotion to a full time police officer position.

The work commitment is at least 20 hours per week in the Minneapolis Police Department while being enrolled as a full-time student in an approved, two-year Law Enforcement Program. Full time CSOs work 40 hours per week, after successful completion of the Skills Program.



[Review the list of local schools that offer 2-year law enforcement programs.](#)

Applications are being accepted through **May 3**. For further details, job requirements and to apply, [visit the MPD website](#).

MPD 5th Precinct Open House - May 14

Tuesday, May 14

5-7pm

5th Precinct, [3101 Nicollet Avenue South](#)

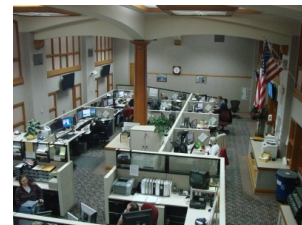
This open house is an opportunity to learn about the Minneapolis Police Department. It's fun, free, and family-friendly. Refreshments will be available. Join the fun and bring your friends!

Don't forget to sign-up for the 5th Precinct Quarterly Email Newsletter at the bottom of this [page](#).



911 Responders and Dispatchers Recognized

National Public Safety Telecommunications Week is **April 14-20**. Each April, this public safety week of recognition provides the city a special opportunity to acknowledge the great work of its 911 operators and public safety dispatchers, and their efforts to ensure people get prompt emergency assistance. Minneapolis honored its 911 operators and dispatchers this year with a read proclamation at the City Council's Public Safety, Civil Rights and Health Committee meeting (**April 17**).



THANK YOU 911 Responders and Dispatchers for your commitment and service to our city!

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National Night Out - REGISTER EARLY

It's early, but not too early to register your event [online](#) or through 311 for this year's National Night Out gathering in Minneapolis on **Tuesday, August 6**. If you want to block off your street, you can do so for FREE through **July 23**. [Get started today!](#)



E-mail crime.prevention@minneapolismn.gov with questions about National Night Out.

West Calhoun Neighborhood Annual Meeting - May 14

Please join the [West Calhoun Neighborhood Council](#) for its Annual Meeting and Elections on:



Tuesday, May 14

5:30pm

The Bakken Museum, [3537 Zenith Avenue South](#)

Enjoy pizza (donated by Whole Foods Market) and hear updates from:

- Hennepin County Commissioner Gail Dorfman
- Minneapolis Park Board Assistant Superintendent Bruce Chamberlain
- Metro Transit's Community Outreach Coordinator for the Southwest LRT, Sophia Ginis

Meet the WCNC Board of Directors and consider joining the group. If you would like more information on being a part of the West Calhoun Board, contact Rhea at info@westcalhoun.org.

East Harriet and LHiNC Garage Sales - May 18

Both the East Harriet and Linden Hills neighborhoods have garage/yard sales scheduled for **Saturday, May 18**. Sell or Shop that day!



East Harriet's Sale-O-Rama is scheduled from **9am-3pm**. The cost to register is \$10. Print off the registration form [here](#). [Visit their website](#) for mailing details.



Linden Hills sale is scheduled from **8am-2pm**. The registration cost is \$10. To register, click [here](#).

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