



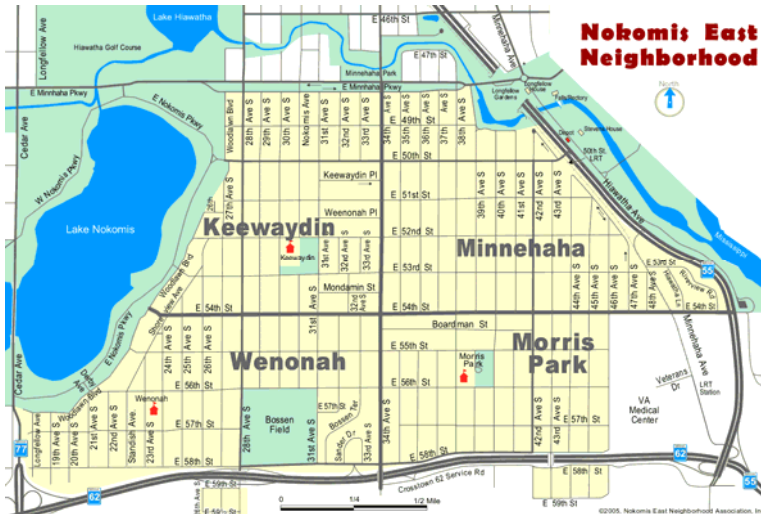
# Minneapolis Police Department 2008 Neighborhood Policing Plan *Wenonah Neighborhood*

## Introduction:

Wenonah Neighborhood in south Minneapolis is in Sector 3 of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct of the Minneapolis Police Department.

## Precinct Contacts:

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## Overview:

Wenonah Neighborhood is one of the four neighborhoods that make up the city's Nokomis East area in southeast Minneapolis. Its sister neighborhoods are Morris Park, Keewaydin, and Minnehaha. Highway 62 is the southern border and 54<sup>th</sup> Street is its northern extent. Beyond the southern border, a small piece of the

neighborhood extends into the Richfield area, but it is really Minneapolis-contained. The neighborhood is bordered by Cedar Avenue and Lake Nokomis on the west and 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue on the east.

Wenonah Neighborhood is named after Hiawatha's mother, the daughter of Nokomis, from a legend that Henry Wadsworth Longfellow attributes to Ojibwe people in his poem, *The Song of Hiawatha*. Before 1900 the neighborhood was a major American Indian center. Small commercial nodes along East 34<sup>th</sup> near 58<sup>th</sup> Street and 54<sup>th</sup> Street, includes a restaurant, convenience stores, shops, and service businesses. About 4,500 residents call Wenonah home. There is a significant number of multi-unit rental properties in the community.

## Neighborhood Concerns:

### Wenonah Part 1 Crimes

Category	2007	2006	2005
Homicide	0	0	1
Rape	3	3	4
Robbery	9	14	12
Assault	17	23	16
Burglary	46	46	40
Theft	63	58	59
Auto Theft	26	21	27
Arson	0	1	2

Burglaries in Wenonah continued at the same rate in 2007 as in 2006, and many of those entry was eased by open or unlocked doors.

One of the community's significant assets is the Bossen Area Rental Coalition (BARC), a group of owners and property managers of rental properties in the Bossen Area who work regularly with 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct to address crime and livability issues in their area. The precinct continues to work with owners on buildings which evidence a need for improve management techniques.

## 2008 Policing Strategy:

The Minneapolis Police Department has two citywide goals: reduce crime and improve the relationship with the community it serves. In Wenonah Neighborhood, we will focus on two specific crime reduction areas:

1. Targeting of drug trafficking in the Bossen Area: Strategies include implementation of a Critical Parking Pilot Project to reduce clustering of non-resident narcotics traffickers on Sander Drive, 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South and Bossen Terrace; assignment of 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct officers for Targeted Enforcement Actions;

and implementation of the nuisance laws on properties involved in narcotics, prostitution, weapons and other applicable cases.

2. Reducing Robberies and Burglaries: Strategies include continued patrols, increasing arrests of burglary suspects; conducting home security audits and educating the public about the latest developments in low-cost, easy-to- install home security devices.

The MPD will also increase positive relationships with the community by:

1. Providing NENA with updates cases involving narcotics and weapons violations in the Bossen Area.
2. Communicating to NENA public information on significant crimes or crime patterns in the area as identified by police investigators, including information on Level Three Sex Offenders living in the community.

### **Neighborhood Engagement:**

As a member of the police/community partnership in 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct, NENA will be asked to increase its collaboration with MPD on crime and safety concerns.

The Nokomis East Neighborhood Association will be asked to:

- Designate representatives to participate in monthly 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct 3-PAC meetings so as to communicate information from that meeting in a timely manner to its People and Safety Committee and its communication tools.
- Promote organization of block clubs and McGruff Houses and assist with the recruitment of new or replacement volunteers.
- Co-sponsor an annual Police/NENA community meeting focusing on crime topics, updates and crime prevention techniques to be organized and conducted by 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct personnel with NENA's assistance.

### **2008 Performance Measures:**

The Wenonah Neighborhood will measure success by the following goals:

1. Increase of Narcotics Arrests (and other livability crimes that may add to the drug problems).
2. Reducing Robberies and Burglaries by 5%.

## WENONAH – 2007 NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN RESULTS

### 2007 Performance Measures:

1. A 10% decrease in burglaries. **INCOMPLETE**. Burglaries showed no improvement.
2. A 5% increase in the number of arrests in the Bossen Area. **CAPRS ARRESTEE** data showed in 2006 that 97 adults and no juveniles who were arrested listed residences in the Bossen Area. Those numbers were 75 adults and 26 juveniles in 2007. It may be that work with the Bossen Area Rental Coalition and aggressive patrolling by 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct improved the climate so that fewer criminals were present. The increase in juvenile arrestees is disturbing, however.
3. An increase of 3 new block clubs and/or the replacement of retired block leaders in the Nokomis East Area. **COMPLETE**. Two new block leaders and one replacement block leader were trained.

--- end of 2008 Plan; 2007 Results for the Wenonah Neighborhood