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12th ward news

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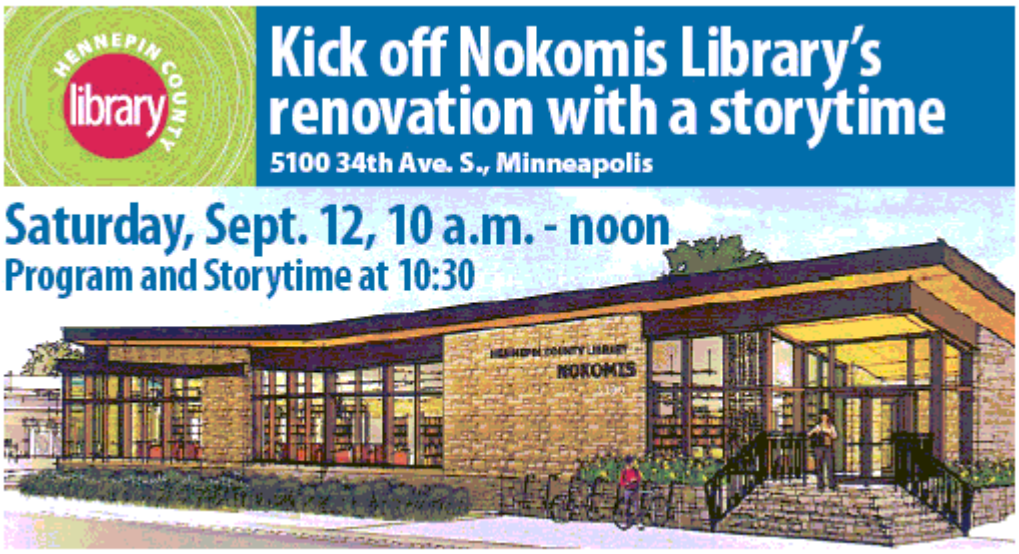
[September]

Nokomis Post Office No Longer Considered for Closure

In response to budget concerns, the United Postal Service is looking to close many locations. The Nokomis Post office at 5139 34th Avenue South was on the list being considered. On National Night Out I encountered several residents who raised their concerns about the closure. They told me the Post Office was an important resource to them and that finding an alternative for their shipping and mailing needs would be difficult and inconvenient. There are long-time residents in this area who rely on the Post Office and don't have the mobility to go elsewhere.

I contacted U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken and Congressman Keith Ellison to ask for their advocacy on this matter to keep the Nokomis Office open. Citizens and the American Postal Workers Union also made their voices heard. I was very happy to learn recently from Senator Al Franken's Office that the Nokomis location is no longer being considered for closure.



Join Sandy and Peter for Nokomis Library Renovation Kick-off

Please join Sandy on the Nokomis library's last day of service before renovations to celebrate the plans for an expanded library, expected to reopen in 2011. On September 12 from 10 am to noon you can enjoy refreshments and learn about renovation highlights from City Council Member Sandy Colvin Roy, Nokomis Library Advisory Team members and Library Board President Therese VanBlarcom. Commissioner Peter McLaughlin will lead a family storytime.

If you are a Nokomis patron looking for a new library, consider East Lake, Roosevelt, Southdale and Washburn. In response to concerns from residents, **Council Member Colvin Roy and Commissioner McLaughlin have secured additional hours for Roosevelt Library** while Nokomis Library is closed. Roosevelt Library will be open 10-6 on Wednesdays starting September 16th and will provide morning hours during the week for seniors and school groups and additional afternoon hours to support students.

MINNEAPOLIS monarch festival

Saturday, Sept. 12
8:45 am – 3:00 pm

The festival celebrates the amazing 2,300 mile Migration of the Monarch from Minnesota to Mexico

The event includes a children's and 5k run, and a day of music, celebration and activities

This event is hosted by NENA and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board In collaboration with Danza Mexica Cuauhtemoc and Community Celebration of Place

Voice Your Opinion on Proposed Minneapolis School Changes

The Minneapolis School Board is recommending some changes to schools in 2010. Proposals of particular interest to the 12th Ward include recommendations to close the program and building at Longfellow Elementary school and to end the middle school program at Folwell and move it to Sanford.

To learn more about these recommendations, and to share your views with district leaders, attend the appropriate Area meeting. Both Longfellow and Folwell are in the Area B District; the Area B meeting will be at Roosevelt on September 10 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. A public hearing will be held before the Board of Education at 6:00 pm on September 15th at Washburn High School. You can review the plans online at:
http://www.mpls.k12.mn.us/Changing_School_Options.html

Volunteer to Help with the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Count

Minneapolis Public Works is gearing up to conduct its 3rd annual Bicycle and Pedestrian Count, and you can volunteer to help. Volunteers will be asked to count the number of bicyclists and pedestrians at several locations around the city. The main day for counting will be **Tuesday, Sept. 15**, although other days are available. Volunteers will sign up for various two-hour time slots, and are particularly needed from 4 to 6 p.m. on the 15th. Minneapolis Public Works conducts bicyclist and pedestrian counts in order to understand the impact of non-motorized travel on streets, sidewalks, and bike paths. If you're interested in volunteering, register online contact Shaun Murphy at shaun.murphy@ ci.minneapolis. mn.us or (612)275-5128.

Events & Special Meetings

Hennepin County Transportation Systems Plan (TSP) Public Comment Open House
September 8, 5-8 pm Hennepin County Government Center (300 S. 6th St., A Level Auditorium)

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Fundraiser for Minnehaha Food Shelf – Ft. Snelling Employee Association Pork & Corn Feed, September 12, Noon-5 pm Ft. Snelling Club Patio & grounds. Members: $9.00 Adults - $4.00 kids 5-12. Non-Members: $11.00 Adults - $5.00 kids 5-12. Kids under 5 Free. All-you-can-eat BBQ and plain pulled pork, roasted corn on the cob, potato salad, coleslaw, & beans. Hot dogs for the kids. Outdoor bar and beer garden featuring beer and drink specials. Music, raffles & kids events.

SENA Annual Meeting & Ice Cream Social
September 14 6-8 pm Lake Hiawatha Park Bldg. Community Policing survey; Business Support activities report; election of new board members; Election of NRP electors; Neighborhood vote on SENA funding changes. Details at www.standish-ericsson.org.

Southwest Light Rail Transit Project Public Hearing
September 17, 6:30 pm Hopkins Eisenhower Community Center lunchroom. Transit officials considering a light-rail line connecting downtown Minneapolis with the southwestern suburbs want your thoughts about the route this rail line should take. www.southwesttransitway.org for info.

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