

# Community 11 Connections

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## Quincy's Corner

Thank you for this opportunity to provide news on city issues in Minneapolis. I am privileged to have been elected to represent the 11<sup>th</sup> Ward on the Minneapolis City Council. I want to help make our city a great place to live, work, and raise families – today and tomorrow. I am excited about the opportunity to represent our community.

These are challenging economic times – but facing tough budget decisions is our shared reality. The City Council has approved a balanced 2010 city budget that maintains the City's commitment to economic recovery and public safety, while reducing spending by more than \$100 million. For details, please visit the City's Web site, on the [Finance Department](#) page.

I am always available to answer your questions at 673-2211 and would enjoy meeting with you. If you know of others who would like to receive the 11<sup>th</sup> Ward Monthly E-News, please send me an e-mail at [John.Quincy@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:John.Quincy@ci.minneapolis.mn.us). Beginning in February, I will also hold weekly and monthly community events.

- **Community Hours: Wednesday Mornings in the Ward** – This is a great time for me to meet with residents and businesses in a locale that is convenient for them. Call the office to set up an appointment.
- **More Community Hours: Second Saturdays** – I will join Rep. Jean Wagenius at her Second Saturday event from 9-11 am at Mayflower Church (106 E Diamond Lake Rd). Come and meet with both your City and State Representatives.
- **Happy Hours: Last Call** – Join me from 5:30-6:30 pm on the last Friday of each month as I sample brews at either First Course (5607 Chicago Ave) on even months or Kings (4555 Grand Ave) on odd months. Conversation is free; drinks are on you.
- **Coffee Hours: Community Coffee Hours** – I'll be rotating coffee shops throughout the Ward on the third Wednesday of each month from 8-9 am. See our newsletter or call the office for the schedule.

Hope to see you soon!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Quincy".

## City Focus

### New City Council and New Committees for 2010

2010 began with a new City Council. Shortly after their swearing-in on January 4th, Council Members voted to name Barbara Johnson as Council President and Robert Lilligren Council Vice President.

In one of its first orders of business for 2010, the Council restructured two previous committees: the Health, Energy & Environment Committee and the Public Safety & Regulatory Services Committee. Replacing them are the Public Safety & Health Committee and the Regulatory, Energy & Environment Committee. Also, the Intergovernmental Relations Committee has become a subcommittee of the Committee of the Whole.

Three new Council Members are part of this City Council: Kevin Reich in Ward 1, Meg Tuthill in Ward 10 and **John Quincy in Ward 11.**

The Council Committees and membership for the following term are:

**Audit** — Chair: Diane Hofstede Members: Betsy Hodges and Sandy Colvin Roy

**Claims** — Chair: Lisa Goodman Members: **John Quincy (Vice-chair)**, Cam Gordon, Betsy Hodges and Meg Tuthill

**Committee of the Whole**— Chair: Robert Lilligren Members: Elizabeth Glid-

den, Lisa Goodman, Cam Gordon, Betsy Hodges, Diane Hofstede, Barb Johnson, **John Quincy**, Kevin Reich, Sandy Colvin Roy, Meg Tuthill, Don Samuels and Gary Schiff

#### **Intergovernmental Relations Subcommittee** —

Chair: Elizabeth Glidden Members: Lisa Goodman, Cam Gordon, Betsy Hodges, Diane Hofstede, Barb Johnson, Robert Lilligren, **John Quincy**, Kevin Reich, Sandy Colvin Roy, Meg Tuthill, Don Samuels and Gary Schiff

#### **Community Development** —

Chair: Lisa Goodman Members: **John Quincy (Vice-chair)**, Cam Gordon, Robert Lilligren, Kevin Reich, and Don Samuels

**Elections** — Chair: Cam Gordon Members: Elizabeth Glidden, Lisa Goodman, Betsy Hodges, Diane Hofstede, Barb Johnson, Robert Lilligren, **John Quincy**, Kevin Reich, Sandy Colvin Roy, Don Samuels, Gary Schiff and Meg Tuthill

#### **Public Safety & Health**—

Chair: Don Samuels Members: Betsy Hodges, Diane Hofstede, Cam Gordon, Barb Johnson and Meg Tuthill

#### **Regulatory, Energy & Environment** — Chair, Elizabeth Glidden Members: Cam

Gordon, Diane Hofstede, Lisa Goodman, Don Samuels and Gary Schiff

#### **Rules** — Chair: **John Quincy**

Members: Elizabeth Glidden, Lisa Goodman, Cam Gordon, Betsy Hodges, Diane Hofstede, Barb Johnson, Robert Lilligren, Kevin Reich, Sandy Colvin Roy, Gary Schiff and Meg Tuthill

#### **Taxes** — Chair: Kevin Reich

Members: Elizabeth Glidden, Lisa Goodman, Cam Gordon, Betsy Hodges, Diane Hofstede, Barb Johnson, Robert Lilligren, **John Quincy**, Sandy Colvin Roy, Meg Tuthill, Don Samuels and Gary Schiff

#### **Transportation & Public Works** — Chair: Sandra

Colvin Roy Members: Elizabeth Glidden, Betsy Hodges, Robert Lilligren, **John Quincy** and Kevin Reich

#### **Ways & Means/Budget**—

Chair: Betsy Hodges Members: Elizabeth Glidden, Diane Hofstede, Sandy Colvin Roy, Gary Schiff and Meg Tuthill

#### **Zoning & Planning** — Chair:

Gary Schiff Members: Lisa Goodman, Cam Gordon, Barb Johnson, Kevin Reich and Meg Tuthill

You can find out more about City Council committee meetings and the 2010 meeting schedule at the [City Council's](#) Web page.

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## Improvements to Make Minneapolis a Better Biking City



Minneapolis is already among the top bicycling cities in the country, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, and it's getting even more bike-friendly. Last year, seven miles of bikeways were built, either as reconstructed bike trails or new on-street lanes, and even more projects are on the horizon.

As of the end of 2009, the city had 44 miles of on-street bikeways and 84 miles of off-street bike paths. 2010 promises a bikeway building boom for bicy-

clists, whether they ride for transportation or recreation. During the 2010 construction season, 35 miles of on-street bikeways are being built. That's nearly a doubling of on-street bikeways in the city in just one year. In addition, three new

miles of off-street bike paths will be constructed.

### Improvements planned for 2010 include:

- Bike lanes, sharrows (shared lane markings), and bike boulevards on 35 miles of streets city-wide.
- The U of M Trail connecting the U of M Transitway with Bridge 9.
- The Cedar Lake Trail to the Mississippi River, complet-

ing an 8-mile path to Hopkins.

- Nicollet Mall reopens to bicyclists 24 hours a day and 7 days a week, as part of the reconstruction of Marquette and 2nd Avenues Downtown.
- Bike sharing launches in Downtown, Uptown, and the University of Minnesota with 1,000 bikes available to the public at 75 locations.
- The University of Minnesota opens Minneapolis's second bike station at the Oak Street Ramp.
- The Bike Walk Ambassadors initiate a Bike Walk to Worship program, a pilot Bike Walk Friendly Business award program, and a Train-the-Trainer workshop for youth educators.

Bike commuting continues to increase in Minneapolis, according to the U.S. Census Bu-

reau's American Community Survey. Ridership numbers for 2008 rose 13 percent over 2007. This follows an even more substantial jump of 49 percent between 2007 and 2006.

The survey found that the number of Minneapolis residents who biked to work increased from an estimated 4,840 in 2006, to 7,200 in 2007, to 8,160 in 2008. About 4.3 percent of all Minneapolis commuters used bikes in 2008. These findings put Minneapolis second among the 50 largest cities in the nation, behind Portland, OR, where an estimated 6 percent of all commuters bike.

For more information on Minneapolis's bicycling program, go to the City's [Bike](#) website.

Light Rail Transit (LRT) expansion took a big step forward as Minneapolis joined other cities in supporting a LRT route that will begin in downtown by the Twins Ballpark and end in Eden Prairie. [The City Council passed a Resolution](#) supporting the recommended Locally Preferred Alternative route (known as the Kenilworth Trail).

The City of Minneapolis supports the development of the Southwest Transitway to further build a robust, integrated multi-modal transit system that reinforces downtown Minneapolis as the economic and cultural center of the region. Once completed, the Southwest Corridor will directly connect to the Hiawatha, Central, Northstar, and proposed Bottineau Corri-

dor Lines in Downtown Minneapolis.

The selected route will best meet the Southwest Transitway's purpose and need statement as expressed by the goals of improving mobility, providing a cost-effective and efficient travel option, preserving the environment, protecting quality of life, and supporting eco-

nommic development. Minneapolis will continue to work cooperatively and collaboratively with partners in all remaining aspects of the Southwest Transitway process including station area planning, environmental review, preliminary engineering, final engineering, mitigation solutions, construction and operations. For more information—[click here](#).

## Minneapolis Passes a Resolution on Southwest LRT Line

## 2010 Census Effort Officially Begins

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Census  
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IT'S IN OUR HANDS

The 2010 Census is close to getting under way. City leaders want you to know the importance of being counted this year.

An accurate count of Minneapolis in the 2010 census is vitally important to the city's future. Census data determines how nearly \$300 billion is annually distributed for 170 federal programs and the need for additional social services, including community development block grants and other grant programs essential to the city. It is estimated that for

every 100 people who are not counted, \$1 million will be lost to the people of Minneapolis over the next decade. What's more, the census count is used to distribute Congressional seats to states and Minnesota is on the cusp of losing one of those seats.

Census Day is April 1, 2010, the official day of the popula-

tion count. Households should complete and mail back their responses upon receipt. Census workers will visit households that do not return their forms to take a count in person.

For more information on how the 2010 Census affects Minneapolis and what steps are being taken, visit [2010 Census](#).

## A Pet License is Just a Click Away

Pet owners, take note: the deadline to renew Minneapolis dog and cat licenses is January 31st. There's a new online system that makes the licensing process easier than ever this year.

Licensing dogs and cats gives these animals added protection if they ever get lost. Licensing is also required by the City. Still, only a very small percentage of all the dogs and cats in Minneapolis are licensed.

To help make licensing easier and more convenient, Minneapolis Animal Care and Control has launched a new online pet licensing system. For those who already have their pets licensed, now is a perfect time to renew before the end-of-the-month deadline. If you've never licensed your pet before, now it's as easy as taking a few minutes on the computer. Check out the new system at the City's [Animal Care and Control](#) website.

Licensing provides real benefits to you and your pet, as well as, animals throughout our community. A pet that's licensed is three times more likely to be returned to its owner than a pet that isn't licensed. Plus, licensed animals that go missing and get picked up by Animal Care and Control receive free impound or rides home.

Pet licensing also helps take care of animals in our community that need help. License fees pay for basic

vet care for stray animals along with efforts to find homes for stray and abandoned animals. The funding also helps Animal Care and Control do animal cruelty and bite investigations, as well as, handle dangerous animal cases.

To license your pet over the telephone or by mail, just call 311. To learn more, visit the [Animal Care and Control](#) Web site.

## Neighborhood Notes

### South Mpls Schools Implement Organics Recycling



Hale Elementary and its sister school, Field Middle School, have started an organics recycling program. Hale was one of 21 schools that volunteered to participate in the Let's R.O.T. (Recycle Organic Trash) initiative of the Minneapolis Public schools that started in September 2009. Organic waste includes food scraps and other materials that can be broken down by the natural process of composting.

Anything that once was alive is organic and can be composted into a nutrient rich soil.

After only three months, the Hale program generated so much enthusiasm and environmental benefits that the older siblings of Hale students at Field pushed to get the program in their school. In January, Field joined their sister school in this popular new program and now their par-

ents and teachers have taken it one step further. The Hale PTA has committed to switching over the paper products used at their PTA-sponsored events to certified compostable products which have become much more available in recent years.

All told, the MPS Let's R.O.T. program is diverting 50-60 tons of trash to organics each month. The monetary savings are significant. Through the actions of students, teachers, and families, the South Minneapolis schools are reducing trash, saving money, and teaching students about environmental stewardship and natural processes.

For more information, please visit: [Minneapolis Public Schools Goes Green](#).

#### Ward Neighborhood Associations

##### [Field, Regina, Northrop Neighborhood Group](#)

3rd Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 pm, Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church

##### [Hale, Page, Diamond Lake Community Association](#)

4th Monday, 7-8:30 pm, Emmanuel United Methodist Church

##### [Kingfield Neighborhood Association](#)

2nd Wednesday, 7-8:30 pm, Martin Luther King Park

##### [Nokomis East Neighborhood Association](#)

4th Thursday, 7-8:30 pm, NENA Office

##### [Tangletown Neighborhood Association](#)

3rd Monday, 7-8:30 pm, Fuller Park

##### [Windom Community Council](#)

2nd Thursday, 7-8:30 pm, Windom Community Center

## Neighborhood Notes

Hennepin County has updated the City on the timeline for the Lyndale Avenue Bridge reconstruction. Construction on the bridge is now set to begin in 2011.

The postponement comes from a dispute regarding the

historic property review process. Mn/DOT is acting as the lead oversight agency (on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration) and the State Historic Preservation Office is participating as a consulting agency on this project. Historians and archaeologists at

these two state agencies have been unable to reconcile a difference of opinion and have requested mediation from a separate federal agency.

Both Minneapolis and Hennepin County continue to apprise these agencies of how the

decreased functionality of this resource is impacting the community.

[Lyndale Avenue Bridge Rebuild](#) will direct you to more information on this project.

## Lyndale Avenue Bridge Update

## Calendar

**January 29th**

9:30-11:30 am: **City Council Meeting**

6-8 pm: **HPDL Frost Fest** at Pearl Park (414 Diamond Lake Road E)

**February 2nd**

7 pm: **Minnesota's 2010 Precinct Caucuses**

[Click for Caucus Information](#)

**February 10th**

7-8:30 pm: **Kingfield Neighborhood Association Meeting**  
at Martin Luther King Park (4055 Nicollet Avenue S)

**February 11th**

7-8:30 pm: **Windom Community Council**  
at Windom Community Center (5843 Wentworth Avenue)

**February 12th**

9:30-11:30 am: **City Council Meeting**

**February 15th**

All day: **Presidents Day** – City offices are closed

7-8:30 pm: **Tangletown Neighborhood Association Meeting**  
at Fuller Park (4800 Grand Avenue S)

**February 17th**

8-9 am: **Coffee with John**  
at Sister Sludge (4557 Bloomington Avenue)

6:30-8:30 pm: **Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Meeting**  
at Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church (1620 46th Street E)

**February 22nd**

7-8:30 pm: **Hale Page Diamond Lake Community Association Meeting**  
at Emmanuel United Methodist Church (5144 13th Avenue S)

**February 25th**

7-8:30 pm: **Nokomis East Neighborhood Association Meeting**  
at the NENA Office (3000 50th Street E)

**February 26th**

9:30-11:30 am: **City Council Meeting**

5:30-6:30 pm: **Happy Hour with John**  
at First Course (5607 Chicago Avenue)