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National Night Out is Tuesday, August 1 Register Events and Plan Ahead to Close Off Your Streets

Please join the McKinley Crime & Safety meeting on June 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Center for Families, Conference Room 13, 3333 North Fourth Street. Neighbors and city representatives will be on hand to answer you National Night Out (NNO) questions. Experienced NNO coordinators can use this event to begin planning efforts with their block clubs and share their experience with new planners. Please note that there will be no charge for closing off your street this year if you meet the July 18 registration deadline. McKinley Community will also have funds available for registered block clubs to help support this important community building event. Registration and event overview details are below.

Register Your NNO Event for Free with CCP/SAFE

Registration is free. Simply register the event online at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno/ or call 311 (612-673-3000). For more information on NNO, please visit the NNO website above or call our community policing specialist, Mary Etzioni at (612) 673-3364.

National Night Out (NNO) - Join the Tradition

NNO is the largest community-building, crime prevention event in the world. It is based on a set of simple ideas: Get to know your neighbors. Spend some time with them in a social setting and break down barriers to isolation. See familiar, friendly faces and create a better, safer place to live for you and your family.

McKinley Calendar of Events

**Note Summer Location/Schedule Changes*

Monday, June 5 7pm - McKinley Community Trash Pick-Up. Meet 33rd/Bryant Ave N

Tuesday, June 13 7pm NRP Housing/Economic Issue Group Meeting

Monday, June 19 7pm McKinley Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, June 26 6:30 pm NRP Crime/Safety Issue Group meeting (NNO Agenda)

Monday, July 10 7pm McKinley Community Trash Pick-Up. Meet 35th/Bryant Ave N

Tuesday, July 11 7 pm NRP Housing/Economic Issue Group Meeting

Monday, July 17 7 pm McKinley Board of Directors Meeting

Monday July 24, 6:30 pm - NRP Crime/Safety Issue Group meeting

July 28 - August 10 Peace Foundation 2006 Peace Games and Northside Art Crawl
<http://www.citypeace.org/summer> or 612-521-4405

*Unless otherwise noted, meetings scheduled at the Center for Families, 3333 North Fourth Street, Conference Room 13 on the main floor. Meetings will return to Cityview School when academic year begins in September. Please note that the July Community meeting will take place on July 10 due to the July 4 holiday.



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Third Ward Property Inspections

Please note that the city of Minneapolis began housing inspections in North and Northeast Minneapolis on May 15, 2006. Inspections will continue throughout the summer. Inspectors will look at residential buildings, garages, and sheds to make sure the properties are safe and well-maintained. They'll also look for nuisance type violations such as tall grass, inoperable vehicles, and rubbish in the yard. Please keep in mind that McKinley has a low interest revolving loan program to assist residents in making home improvements. To learn more about the program, contact Jim Hasnik at the Center for Energy and the Environment - CEE (612) 335-5885.

McKinley Board of Directors—New Faces

Thanks to everyone who attended the McKinley Annual Community Meeting this Spring. We are pleased to announce that Hung Nguyen and Steve Baxa were newly elected to the McKinley Neighborhood Board of Directors. Returning Board Members Beverly Stancile, Norma Miller and Barbara Kennedy were re-elected for a second term.

In addition, the following officers were elected at the May 15 McKinley Board of Directors meeting. Barbara Kennedy (Chair), Jen Paige (Vice-Chair), Hung Nguyen (Treasurer), Steve Baxa (Secretary). We applaud our new and returning board members for their ongoing community efforts. We also extend a big thank you to Chris Morris who served as McKinley Chair for the past year and remains an active McKinley Board Member.

The Sheila Wellstone Peace Garden

McKinley Community established a 24 plot community garden in the Spring of 2004 in partnership with Cityview School. Shortly thereafter, the garden was dedicated as the Sheila Wellstone Peace Garden to honor Sheila and raise the level of awareness with regards to community action and its impact on violence prevention - especially domestic violence. The garden is located on the grounds of Cityview School and shares a border with Perkins Hill Park. The overall goals of the park are to provide a dedicated space for outdoor classroom learning for science teachers and their students, create a location for community members to grow vegetables and flowers, and ensure a center of activity that will deter unwanted behavior in the park and around the school. The garden is now in its third year. This year, we are particularly focused on bringing out the entrepreneurial spirit of our children by teaching garden to farmer's market activities. We also encourage you to bring your family and join others by adopting plots to plant your own food and flowers over the summer months. If you are interested in opportunities for your children, volunteering in the garden, and/or want to rent a plot (\$15/summer) please contact McKinley Community at McKinleyCommunity@yahoo.com or call the office at 668.2293.

Letter Writing Campaign - Absentee Landlords

Are you tired of the grass that hasn't been cut at the house next door? Has a house next to you been sitting empty for months and turned into a haven for criminal activity? Please note that you should not underestimate the power of community action. We would like to put out a request to all McKinley Residents to start writing absentee landlords who neither live in our community nor care about its future. You can look up the owner and address of any property at the City of Minneapolis website at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/propertyinfo/> and express your concerns via the mail. We encourage you to keep your letters simple, to the point, and with specific details that need to be addressed. Although it might be difficult, please try and keep it respectful and courteous – include the date - and do not forget to courtesy copy McKinley Community so we can inform local city officials of our progress. We would also be interested in any responses that you receive. If you are concerned about an address and don't have access to the internet, please call the McKinley office or attend the Crime/Safety Meeting on the fourth Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Center for Families. We do have several respectful and concerned landlords in the neighborhood and we applaud their commitments to McKinley.

Do not forget....

To include your children in your community activities. They can help you start a block club, distribute fliers, clean up the neighborhood, plan social events, and help you tend to a community garden plot at Cityview School. They will learn the importance of public engagement and civic involvement through your leadership and action.

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NRP Issue Group Updates



Youth & Family: Please contact McKinley after School Kids (MASK) Program Director Andy Williams at 668-2286 to enroll your child. Several opportunities are available this summer in the Sheila Wellstone Peace Garden and MASK Bike Shop. To register your child for the Summer Peace Games, visit www.peacefoundation.org.



Housing: New Committee Chair Needed: The McKinley Housing and economic development committee is in need of a new chairperson. If you are interesting in housing issues, consider volunteering to lead this exciting group. The committee meets on the second Tuesday of every month from 7-9 pm at the Center for Families. All interested volunteers should call the McKinley office at 668-2293 or send an email to McKinleyCommunity@yahoo.com.



Physical Environment: The McKinley community garden will be entering its third year in the summer of 2006. For a \$15 fee, McKinley residents can reserve a plot, for which they can grow vegetables or flowers. For more information about the community garden, or to obtain an application form, call the McKinley office at 668-2293 or send an email to McKinleyCommunity@yahoo.com.



Crime & Safety Bring concerns about problem properties to our monthly C & S committee meetings on the fourth Monday of every month at the Center for Families. Crime States for McKinley from 04/01/06 - 04/30/06: Homicide (0), Rape (0), Robbery (2), Aggravated Assault (4), Burglary (9), Larceny (5), Auto Theft (6), and Arson (4).

McKinley Numbers to Know

Barbara Kennedy, McKinley Board Chair.....	287-9992
Beverly Banks, NRP.....	673-5202
Crime/Safety Chair: Mary Jorgenson.....	522-5601
Physical Environment Chair: Perry Post.....	251-3998
Youth/Family: Andy Williams.....	668-2286

City of Minneapolis

Council Member: Diane Hofstede.....	673-2203
Council Member: Barb Johnson.....	673-2204
CCP/SAFE CPS: Mary Etzioni.....	673-3364
Housing Inspector: Harold Middleton.....	685-8518
Sidewalks.....	673-2441 or 673-2420
Streets, Alleys, Pothole Repair.....	673-5720
Graffiti Hotline.....	673-2090
Animal Control.....	348-4250
Police 4 th Precinct.....	673-5704
Streetlight Outage.....	673-5750

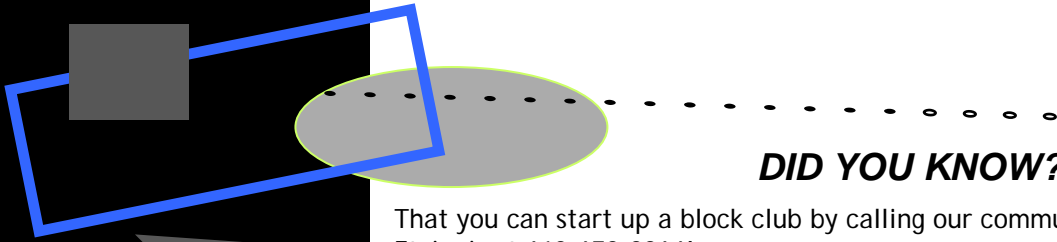
E-mail: mckinleycommunity@yahoo.com

McKinley Mission Statement

The McKinley Community is committed to improving the quality of life in our neighborhood. We are dedicated to the empowerment of all McKinley residents and the creation of successful partnerships with local businesses, organizations and government agencies to effect positive change. We, as a community, will unite to cooperatively resolve our problems, celebrate our successes and value our diversity.

McKinley Community Boundaries

*South - Lowry Avenue
West - Dupont Avenue
North - Dowling Avenue
East - Mississippi River*



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DID YOU KNOW?

That you can start up a block club by calling our community policing specialist, Mary Etzioni, at 612.673.3364!

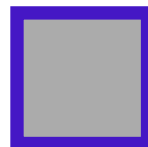
McKinley Community has low interest NRP loans available to McKinley Residents for Home Improvements? If you are interested, please contact Jim Hasnik at CEE (612) 335-5885.

McKinley has yard signs to show your community support. To obtain a lawn sign, please call the McKinley office at 668-2293 or send an email to mckinleycommunity@yahoo.com.

The Peace Foundation is once again planning several events this summer to promote non-violence on the north side: PEACE Across the Northside, PEACE Goin' On Street Parties, and the PEACE Games. For more information about these initiatives, go to www.citypeace.org or call the PEACE Foundation office at 612.521.4405

MCKINLEY SUMMER CHECKLIST!

- Sign up for a McKinley Community Garden Plot!
- Enroll your child in McKinley Summer Programs and the 2006 Peace Games!
- Get to know your neighbors--attend a community trash pick up!
- Register your Block for National Night Out!
- Pick up your McKinley Community Lawn Sign!



MAILING ADDRESS