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## **Board Elections – Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Elections for the McKinley Neighborhood Board of Directors will be held at the April Community Meeting, on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm. Five board seats will be open for election. All residents of the McKinley community, McKinley business owners, or representatives from McKinley nonprofit organizations are eligible to vote or run for the board of directors.

Board members are expected to serve for two years, and must be able to attend monthly board meetings, which typically occur on the third Monday of every month at 7 pm. In addition, board members are encouraged to attend community meetings and serve on issue group committees.

If you are interested in serving your community by running for the McKinley Neighborhood Board of directors, please request an application at [mckinleycommunity@yahoo.com](mailto:mckinleycommunity@yahoo.com) or by calling the McKinley office at (612)668-2293. The deadline for applications has been extended to Wednesday, March 29.

## **Healthy Foods Symposium in McKinley**

Have you noticed that many of the corner stores in McKinley carry lots of overpriced junk food, but not very many fruits and vegetables? Lack of access to affordable healthful foods is a significant problem in many inner city neighborhoods. Obesity and diet-related illnesses are just some of the harmful effects of poor nutritional choices in working class communities. On Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, a free symposium entitled "Healthy Foods in Minneapolis Urban Communities" will attempt to address these issues. This workshop is co-Sponsored by the University of Minnesota, the Center for Youth and Families and other public interest groups. The Northside Food Project will be presenting and McKinley representatives will be present. This event is free and open to the public, but anyone interested in attending is encouraged to pre-register at [www.publichealthplanet.org](http://www.publichealthplanet.org).

**What:** Free Workshop: Healthy Foods in Urban Communities **Where:** Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church **When:** Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 9 am **Need more info?** Call: 612.626.4515

## **McKinley Calendar of Events**

**Monday, April 3** 7pm - McKinley Community Annual Meeting

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

**Monday, April 17** 7pm McKinley Board of Directors Meeting

**Monday, April 24** 6:30 pm NRP Crime/Safety Issue Group meeting

**Monday, May 2** 7pm McKinley Community Meeting

**Tuesday, May 9** 7 pm NRP Housing/Economic Issue Group Meeting

**Monday, May 15** 7 pm McKinley Board of Directors Meeting

**Friday, May 19** 7 pm Peace Across the Northside (Lyndale and 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue North)

**Saturday, May 20** TBD North Minneapolis Spring Cleaning and Greening Day

**Monday May 22,** 7pm - NRP Crime/Safety Issue Group meeting

\*Unless otherwise noted, meetings scheduled at Cityview School.



# Highlights

## ***Hello, Spring 2006!***

It is another New Year, and there is a lot of work to do. The most important thing we can do is to engage you better. You. Our neighbors. We need your help and ideas in order to make McKinley the great neighborhood we all know it can be.

In 2005, we have had some of the best participation levels that we have seen in McKinley in a long time, and we are very proud of all we've accomplished. Thanks to all of you for coming out! But we cannot sit still in 2006. We need to get more of you involved! Whether you decide to run for the Board of Directors in April, come to a garbage pick-up during the summer months, or take part in the Clean Sweep events taking place in May, we need you. It is you who make us go. Your voice makes us louder. It is you who can make a difference!

Chris Morris, McKinley Board Chair

## ***ACORN Takes on Local Convenience Stores***

Members of activist group ACORN have launched an initiative against a group of North Minneapolis Convenience stores. ACORN members believe that these small corner stores are contributing to the crime problem in the McKinley neighborhood, through their sale of drug paraphernalia and tolerance of loiterers and drug dealers.

On February 4<sup>th</sup>, ACORN members rallied at Northside Food Market, on the corner of 36<sup>th</sup> and Lyndale. When confronted by protesters, store owner Idriss Alnabi agreed to stop selling rolling papers, but refused to stop the sale of single blunts, which are often used for smoking marijuana.

On March 4<sup>th</sup>, ACORN members protested at the Eden Prairie home of Totem Foods president Saikander Dar. Protesters asked Mr. Dar to meet with them, to discuss making his property safer. When Mr. Dar Stated that the problems associated with Totem Foods were not his responsibility, ACORN protesters began knocking on the doors of Mr. Dar's neighbors, showing them pictures and telling them about the problems that his stores create for the McKinley community.

Both of these protests were covered by Channel 5 Eyewitness News. ACORN members hope that this publicity will encourage North Side business owners to take more responsibility for the safety and appearance of their properties. To learn more about ACORN, contact Brandon Nissen at [mnacorn@acorn.org](mailto:mnacorn@acorn.org).

## ***Third Ward Summit Outcomes***

Thanks to all of you who were able to attend the Third Ward Summit. It was an excellent event attended by over 200 third ward residents, business and community organizations, elected officials, and representatives from the City of Minneapolis. All took part in the process to begin building a common vision and plan for the new Third Ward. McKinley is thrilled that we will be hosting the next summit in partnership with Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in our neighborhood – stay tuned for more details!

## ***Northside Housing Fair a Success!***

On February 18<sup>th</sup> at North High School over 1200 people visited the First Annual North Minneapolis Housing and Home Improvement Fair. At the event were neighborhood organizations, City agencies, contractors, and people who deal with all things housing related.

McKinley was very proud to have had a booth at the event, and we are already on board for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual event next year. Special thanks go out to Jenny Skorupa, Housing Issue Group Chair, for manning the booth for most of the day.

## ***Get Ready for Spring – McKinley Checklist***

- Help McKinley coordinate activities for **North Minneapolis Spring Cleaning and Greening Day** on Saturday, May 20!
- Sign up for a **McKinley Community Garden Plot** at Cityview School!
- Enroll your child in **McKinley Summer Programs**!
- Attend the Peace Foundation's **Peace Across the Northside** on Friday, May 19 at Lyndale and 26<sup>th</sup> Avenues!

\*For more information, send an email to [McKinleyCommunity@yahoo.com](mailto:McKinleyCommunity@yahoo.com) or call the office at 668-2293.

# Highlights

## 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.



**Housing: Members needed!** The housing strategies of our NRP Action plan encompass the largest portion of dollars to be spent in McKinley; WE NEED YOU! Meetings are the second Tuesday of every month at City View School.

Three new **Habitat for Humanity** homes will be built on the on 4<sup>th</sup> street this spring. We are pleased to welcome Habitat back to our community



**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 or send an email to [McKinleyCommunity@yahoo.com](mailto: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 Cityview.

Crime States for McKinley from 02/01/06 – 02/27/06: Homicide (0), Rape (1), Robbery (3), Aggravated Assault (5), Burglary (4), Larceny (2), Auto Theft (2), and Arson (1).

### McKinley Numbers to Know

Christopher Morris, McKinley Board Chair.....	588-7033
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 <sup>th</sup> Precinct.....	673-5704
Streetlight Outage.....	673-5750

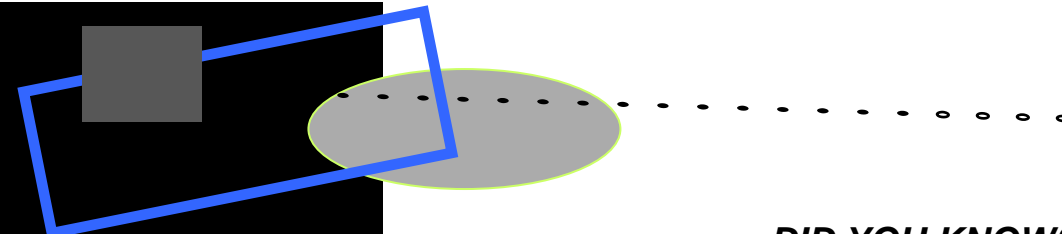
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### McKinley Mission Statement

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!

Construction on Lowry Avenue will begin in May 2006! The Lowry Façade Improvement program is soon to follow.

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](mailto: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](http://www.citypeace.org) or call the PEACE Foundation office at 612.521.4405

McKinley has NRP Home Improvement Loan Money Available NOW!! Call Jim Hasnik at CEE (612)-335-5885