

Headwaters Walk for Justice!

McKinley residents will be walking in the **Headwaters Foundation Walk for Justice** on Sunday, September 17 from 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The Walk for Justice is an inclusive fundraising event in support of community-based non-profit organizations in Minnesota. Please join us at Boom Island Park to walk a three mile course along the Mississippi to raise funds for McKinley and celebrate the important work being done in our communities with other non-profit organizations. We need your help! If you are interested in walking, raising and/or donating money, please send an email to mckinleycommunity@yahoo.com or call the office at 612.668.2293. You can also make a donation directly on-line by going to www.walkforjustice.org. Let us know where you would like to see your contribution used within the neighborhood.

Farmers Market in McKinley!

Finally – Fresh Produce – Grown by Local Farmers – Brought to You! Many thanks to the Northside Food Project! They will be coordinating a Farmers Market every Sunday, Starting August 20 through October 22 from 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. at 3333 North Fourth Street (Across from Cityview School). Rain or Shine! *FMNP* coupons will be accepted.

Food Security in North Minneapolis

The Northside Food Project and the Metropolitan Design Center at the University of Minnesota invite North Minneapolis residents and community leaders to take part in a focus group to discuss food security and convenience stores in North Minneapolis - with the overall goal of establishing a thorough assessment of the quality of food based resources in our community. Focus groups will be held at the Center for Families at 3333 North 4th Street in the second half of September. Participants will receive a gift certificate to a local grocery store for their efforts in addition to a meal during the focus group itself. Transportation and childcare can be provided upon request. Please contact the Northside Food Project at (612)276-1528 if you are interested.

Opportunities for our Youth!

McKinley is coordinating youth programming in both the **Sheila Wellstone Community Garden** at Cityview School and the **McKinley After School Kids (MASK) Program**. If you are interested in enrolling your child in either of these programs, please contact Andy Williams at the MASK office at 612.668.2286 or send an email to McKinley Community at McKinleyCommunity@yahoo.com.

Foreclosure & Default Assistance is Available!

The number of vacant houses in McKinley is increasing. If you are in danger of losing your home to foreclosure, high interest rates or for any other reason, please call any of our partners listed below to see how they might be able to assist you.

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 800-569-4287

Don't Borrow Trouble 612-312-2020

Northside Resident Redevelopment Council (NRR) 612-335-5924

Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) 612-521-3581

Absentee Landlord Letter Writing Campaign

Continue to write absentee landlords. 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. Please keep your letters respectful and courteous – include the date - and do not forget to courtesy copy McKinley Community so we can inform city officials. If you are concerned about an address and don't have access to the internet, please attend the combined **Crime & Safety and Housing Meeting** on the fourth Monday of every month (meeting details in Calendar of Events). We do have several respectful and concerned landlords in the neighborhood and we applaud their commitments to the people of McKinley.

Don't forget to use 311

Minneapolis 311 is a simple, three-digit number residents, businesses and visitors can call to reach the City to inquire about services, report problems, check the status of issues, or get information. This would include reporting of problem properties. Please note that you should continue to use the 911 service for emergencies, such as house fires and violent crimes that require an immediate response by police, fire crews, or an ambulance. For all other city services, call 311.

McKinley Calendar of Events*

Monday, September 11 7 pm

McKinley Community Meeting

Sunday, September 17 11:30 a.m. (Boom Island Park)

Headwaters Walk for Justice

Monday, September 18 7 pm

McKinley Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, September 25 6:30 pm

NRP Crime/Safety and Housing Issue Group meeting

Sunday, September 3 – 10 – 17 - 24 12:30 p.m. (3333 North Fourth Street)

Farmers Market in McKinley

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Thank you! National Night Out (NNO)

Thanks to all block club leaders and members who organized NNO events on Tuesday, August 1. Getting to know each other within the community is incredibly important. If you are interested in organizing your block and becoming a block club leader, call our community policing specialist, Mary Etzioni, at (612) 673-3364. Thanks to all the local businesses as well who understand the community importance of this event and provided support.

Opportunities for our Youth!

McKinley is currently coordinating youth summer programming in both the Sheila Wellstone Community Garden at Cityview School and the McKinley After School Kids (MASK) Bike Shop at Farview Park in the Hawthorne Community. If you are interested in enrolling your child in either of these programs, please contact Andy Williams at the MASK office at 612.668.2286 or send an email to McKinley Community at McKinleyCommunity@yahoo.com.

Action Plan Community Discussion

Please join your neighbors for a discussion of the the McKinley Neighborhood Action Plan on Tuesday, August 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the Centre for Families. The Agenda will include an overall status of the plan and discussion with regards to future strategies. Future strategy approval will be put up for a community vote at the September 11 Community Meeting at Cityview School – 7:00 p.m.

North Side Inspections Update

Many of you have probably started receiving code violation letters as part of the recent north side city inspections. 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 CEE (612) 335-5885. Please be aware of those who are taking advantage of the inspection situation and canvassing the neighborhoods offering very high interest, unsustainable loans. See additional resource numbers in the next section.

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McKinley Executive Director Position

McKinley is currently looking for a qualified and dedicated Executive Director to assist the neighborhood with implementation of our Action Plan, planning for future growth, and increasing McKinley civic involvement. This is a 20 hour/week position without benefits. For a full job description, please send an email to McKinleyCommunity@yahoo.com.

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McKinley Calendar of Events*

Monday, August 7 7 pm

McKinley Community Meeting (Trash Pick-up – Meet 36th Avenue and 6th Street N)

Tuesday, August 8 7 pm

Action Plan Community Discussion

Monday, August 21 7 pm

McKinley Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, August 28 6:30 pm

NRP Crime/Safety and Housing Issue Group meeting

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Garden Plots Available - Sheila Wellstone Peace Garden at Cityview School!

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. 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.

National Night Out (NNO) is Tuesday, August 1

Now is the time to start organizing your block for NNO! 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 your block club to help support this important community building event. For more information on NNO, please go to the City of Minneapolis website or call our community policing specialist, Mary Etzioni, at (612) 673-3364

North Side Inspections

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Calendar of Events (*Note meeting location Change)

Monday, July 10 7 pm

McKinley Community Meeting (Trash Pick-up - Meet 35th and Bryant Aves 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

Tuesday, August 1

National Night Out!

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Thank you!

Thanks to all of the volunteers and organizations who participated in **Peace Across the Northside** on Friday, May 19 and **North Minneapolis Spring Cleaning and Greening Day** on Saturday, May 20. Together, we can make a difference!

McKinley National Night Out (NNO) Planning Meeting on Monday, June 26

Now is the time to start organizing your block for NNO! Please join the Crime & Safety meeting on June 26 to get your questions answered and to start organizing your events. Come and learn from some of the experts! 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 your block club to help support this important community building event. For more information on NNO, please go to <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno/> or call our community policing specialist, Mary Etzioni, at (612) 673-3364

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 CEE (612) 335-5885.

McKinley Board of Directors Executive Committee

Please note that 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 them for their ongoing community efforts.

Calendar of Events (*Note meeting location Change)

Monday, June 5 7pm

McKinley Community Meeting (Trash Pick-up - Meet at the Corner of 33rd and Bryant)

Tuesday, June 13 7 pm

NRP Housing/Economic Issue Group Meeting

Monday, June 19 7 pm

McKinley Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, June 26 6:30 pm

NRP Crime/Safety Issue Group meeting (NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGENDA)

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North Minneapolis Spring Cleaning and Greening Day on Saturday, May 20!

Please note that Garbage Trucks and Residents will be moving through McKinley Community the morning of Saturday, May 20 from 8:00 a.m. until noon to pick up excess trash as part of North Minneapolis Spring Cleaning and Greening Day.* We will also have volunteers at the Sheila Wellstone Peace Garden at Cityview School prepping and planting beginning at 8:00 a.m. All are welcome to participate in these events and join up at the park by the garden at noon for a plant give away and barbecue. For more information on this event and/or to volunteer, please send an email to McKinleyCommunity@yahoo.com or call the office at 612-668-2293.

**Appliances, large furniture, construction and/or hazardous materials will be excluded from the pickup.*

Come and kick off a summer of PEACE in Minneapolis on Friday, May 19! Join the Peace Foundation and over one thousand neighbors from North Minneapolis and around our community to stand together, side-by-side on 26th Avenue, stretching across the Northside. We will make a collective statement that peace will prevail over violence. McKinley residents can meet up at Lyndale and 26th Avenues at 7:00 p.m.

Sign up for a **McKinley Community Garden Plot** at Cityview School by sending an email to McKinleyCommunity@yahoo.com or calling the office at 612-668-2293.

Congratulations New Board Members!

Congratulations to new McKinley Board Members elected at the April 3 Annual Community Meeting: Steve Baxa, Hung Nguyen, Norma Miller, Beverly Stancile and Barbara Kennedy (re-elected). Each board member will serve a two-year term. Please recognize as well the continued community efforts of Eva Johnson, Vee Malone-Brown, Chris Morris, Jen Paige, and Anne Ross who are entering the second year of their two-year terms.

Calendar of Events*

Monday, May 1 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 26th Avenues North)

Friday, May 20 8:00 a.m. (Cityview School)

North Minneapolis Spring Cleaning and Greening Day on Saturday, May 20!

Monday, May 22 6:30 pm

NRP Crime/Safety Issue Group meeting

*Unless noted otherwise, all meetings above are located at Cityview School at 34th and 4th St N

We need your Vote! McKinley Annual Meeting – Monday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Elections for the McKinley Neighborhood Board of Directors will be held at the April Community Meeting at Cityview School. Five board seats will be open for election. All residents of McKinley are eligible to vote. McKinley neighborhood boundaries are as follows: South - Lowry Avenue; North - Dowling Avenue; West - Dupont Avenue; East - Mississippi River.

Get Ready for Spring - McKinley Checklist!*

Volunteer 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!**

*For more information, send an email to McKinleyCommunity@yahoo.com or call the office at 668-2293.

Third Ward Summit Success

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!

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. On Tuesday, March 28, a public engagement symposium sponsored by the University of Minnesota was held at Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in McKinley to engage researchers and community members to develop community strategies and policy initiatives to address these issues. Send an email to McKinleyCommunity@yahoo.com or call the office at 668-2293 if you would like to be involved in pushing these strategies forward.

Calendar of Events*

Monday, April 3 7pm

McKinley Community Meeting

Tuesday, April 11 7 pm

NRP Housing/Economic Issue Group Meeting

Monday, April 17 7 pm

McKinley Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, April 24 6:30 pm

NRP Crime/Safety Issue Group meeting

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North Side Housing Fair

McKinley would like to extend a thank you to all organizers, attendees, and volunteers of the North Side Housing Fair on Saturday, February 18. Thanks for promoting and supporting our larger north side community!

Third Ward Summit

Please join your McKinley neighbors and the communities of Hawthorne, Bottineau, Sheridan, St. Anthony West, St. Anthony East, Beltrami, Nicollet Island/East Bank, and Marcy Homes for the Third Ward Summit:

Date: Saturday, March 4, 2006

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon

Location: East Side Neighborhood Services – 1700 Second Street NE (612)781-6011

By bringing together Third Ward residents, businesses, community organizations, elected officials, and representatives from the City of Minneapolis, the Summit intends to build a common vision and plan for the new Third Ward. Let's ensure that McKinley is involved in establishing the priorities and goals we aspire to reach over the next four years!

Would you like to run for the McKinley Board of Directors?

Please start thinking now about whether or not you might be interested in running for a position on the McKinley Board of directors. **Annual elections** will be held on **Monday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. at Cityview School**. All McKinley residents are eligible to apply and vote. A board member commitment overview and applications will be available at our community meeting on March 6. You may also request them by sending an email to mckinleycommunity@yahoo.com or by calling the McKinley office at (612)668-2293. **The deadline for applications is March 27.**

Calendar of Events*

Saturday, March 4 8:30 am
Third Ward Summit - East Side Neighborhood Services
Monday, March 6 7pm
McKinley Community Meeting
Tuesday, March 14 7 pm
NRP Housing/Economic Issue Group Meeting
Monday, March 20 7 pm
McKinley Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, March 27 6:30 pm
NRP Crime/Safety Issue Group meeting

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The Northside Food Project - You could win!

McKinley community is looking for your **best recipes** and your **best stories** about food to create a **McKinley Community Cookbook***. All entries will be entered into a drawing for a **\$50 Cub Foods Gift Certificate**. You may submit more than one recipe or story to increase your chances of winning!

Please submit your recipes and your stories about food to McKinley Community at P.O. Box 11066 Minneapolis, MN 55411 or send them in an email to McKinleyCommunity@yahoo.com. We are hoping to get contributions from all age groups! Last chance to submit is Monday, February 6. ***Be sure to include your name and home address on each entry for the drawing!!!!***

*Please note that your submissions are subject to editing and could be used for neighborhood fundraising purposes.

Monday, February 6 - McKinley Community Meeting - Lowry Avenue Corridor Project

Please join us and guests from Hennepin County for an update and overview of the Lowry Avenue Corridor Project. Hennepin County is scheduled to begin road construction in May 2006! The McKinley neighborhood will also begin piloting the Lowry Avenue Corridor Façade Improvement Program. This is a commercial renovation program to encourage property and business owners to make storefront improvements of existing buildings by offering financial incentives. If you have questions about this program please send an email to mckinleycommunity@yahoo.com or call our office at 612.668.2293.

Calendar of Events*

Monday, February 6 7pm
McKinley Community Meeting
Tuesday, February 14 7 pm
NRP Housing/Economic Issue Group Meeting
Monday, February 20 7 pm
McKinley Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, February 27 6:30 pm
NRP Crime/Safety Issue Group meeting

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The Northside Food Project

The McKinley Board is currently working with Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center, MN FoodShare, and other partners around a phase one plan to explore developing a food coop on the northside - this effort could include more near term food policy initiatives (education and leadership courses, cooking classes, etc.) to increase Healthy Living and could once again give us the opportunity for some youth jobs/stipends for our neighborhood. Please send an email to mckinleycommunity@yahoo.com or call our office at 612.668.2293 if you are interested in joining this effort.

Lowry Avenue Corridor Project

Hennepin County is scheduled to begin road construction in May 2006!
McKinley neighborhood will begin piloting the Lowry Avenue Corridor Façade Improvement Program as early as January 2006. This is a commercial renovation program to encourage property and business owner to make storefront improvements of existing buildings by offering financial incentives. If you have questions about this program please send an email to mckinleycommunity@yahoo.com or call our office at 612.668.2293.

McKinley Gateway

McKinley's Physical Environment committee is currently in the planning process of designing and implementing a "McKinley Gateway" sign for the McKinley Community. We would love your input. Please send your ideas in writing on style and location to McKinley Community at P.O. Box 11066 Mpls, MN 55411 or send email to mckinleycommunity@yahoo.com.

Calendar of Events*

Monday, January 9 7pm
McKinley Community Meeting
Tuesday, January 10 7 pm
NRP Housing/Economic Issue Group Meeting
Monday, January 16 7 pm
McKinley Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, January 23 6:30 pm
NRP Crime/Safety Issue Group meeting

*All meetings above are located at Cityview School at 34th and 4th St N

McKinley December Community Meeting – Bring the Family!

Please take the opportunity to join us at Cityview School on Monday, December 5 at 7 p.m. for a community holiday get together. Bring your best holiday cookies or desserts to share - we will have hot coffee and apple cider on site and a cookie decorating table for the kids. It can be a very busy time of year, so please just bring yourself if baking is not your best talent and/or time is not on your side! We would love to see those of you who have not yet had a chance to make it to a McKinley meeting – this is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors and discuss key neighborhood issues and events!

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Are you new to McKinley or would you like to reach out to a new McKinley neighbor? The neighborhood has welcome packets that include useful phone numbers and other information regarding our neighborhood. Neighborhood yard signs are also available to show your community support. They are free to McKinley neighbors - but if you give a donation of \$1 or even \$5 per sign it will go to support block club events in McKinley. To obtain a neighborhood welcome packet or lawn sign, please call the McKinley office at 668-2293 or send an email to mckinleycommunity@yahoo.com.

Calendar of Events*

Monday, December 5 7pm
McKinley Community Meeting
Tuesday, December 13 7 pm
NRP Housing/Economic Issue Group Meeting
Monday, December 19
McKinley Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, December 26 7pm
NRP Crime/Safety Issue Group meeting

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McKinley November Community Meeting

Please join us at Cityview School on Monday, November 7 at 7 p.m. for an important community meeting.

County and city representatives will give an overview of Minnesota's Public Nuisance Law and Community Impact Statements – two tools for resident action in addressing crime and safety in our neighborhood. We will also get an update on current empowerment zone planning and development efforts in North Minneapolis.

A neighborhood vote will be taken to determine McKinley support for the North Regional Library Renovation Project. Library representatives as well as architects will be present to give an overview and update on the project.

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Calendar of Events*

Monday, October 24 7pm
NRP Crime/Safety Issue Group
Monday, November 7 7pm
McKinley Community Meeting
Tuesday, November 8 7 pm
NRP Housing/Economic Issue Group Meeting
Monday, November 21
McKinley Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, November 28 7pm
NRP Crime/Safety Issue Group meeting

*All meeting above are located at Cityview School at 34th and 4th St N

Harvest Festival & Farmers Market in McKinley

On Sunday, September 25 McKinley Community partnered with Cityview Performing Arts Magnet School, Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, Minnesota Food Share, and the JCDI Collective to hold a Harvest Festival and Farmers Market at Cityview School. The event included pony rides and games for the children, arts and crafts, fresh produce vendors, neighborhood resources, and health living information.

Rain Garden Update

McKinley Community recently received a grant from Mississippi Watershed Management Organization to install a rain garden in the Sheila Wellstone Peace Garden, located between Perkins Hill Park and Cityview School. The initial dig occurred on September 13. Many plants are on hand and ready to be planted. McKinley community will be working to encourage neighborhood residents and children to take part in future planting and educational efforts. If you are interested in participating please contact Perry Post at 612.251.3998.

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Calendar of Events*

Sunday, September 25 noon – 4:00 p.m.

Harvest Festival

Monday, September 27 7pm

NRP Crime/Safety Issue Group

Monday, October 3 7pm

McKinley Community Meeting

Tuesday, October 11

NRP Housing/Economic Issue Group Meeting

Monday, October 17

McKinley Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, October 24 7pm

NRP Crime/Safety Issue Group meeting

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Thank you McKinley!

On National Night Out, in our small corner of Minneapolis, **five** block clubs pulled together neighbors from all over McKinley to meet each other, talk about concerns, and "break" bread. Despite the sweltering heat, kids were playing in the streets safe under the eyes of our "village". This is the way it should be! Thank you all for coming out on the streets and taking part in this event. It truly was a special night. National Night Out is only one night, we need to stay connected to each other and continue to build relationships with each other. Stay involved!

CAUTION! CLEAN WATER AHEAD!!!!

McKinley Community recently received a grant from Mississippi Watershed Management Organization to install a rain garden in the Sheila Wellstone Peace Garden, located between Perkins Hill Park and Cityview School. Neighborhood volunteers will be digging out a large storm drain and laying dirt and native vegetation to use a natural cleaning and draining process that will provide cleaner water to the aquifer we all drink from. It will also be used as an educational tool by the school science classes. Stop by, say hello or lend a hand for a project that will quench your thirst.

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Calendar of Events*

Monday, August 22 7pm

NRP Crime/Safety Issue Group at Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church at 34th and 4th St N

Monday, September 12 7pm

McKinley Community *Meets at corner of 36th and N 6th St for end of summer Block Club/neighbor trash pick-up!

Tuesday, September 13

NRP Housing/Economic Issue Group Meeting

Monday, September 19

McKinley Board of Directors Meeting at Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church at 34th and 4th St N

Monday, September 26 7pm

NRP Crime/Safety Issue Group meeting

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Building Community One Neighbor at a Time!

Please join your neighbors in celebrating National Night Out (NNO) in McKinley - See start times for Block Club Events below! If you are interested in organizing a McKinley block club or helping block club leaders with this year's NNO event, please call the McKinley office at 668-2293 or send an email to mckinleycommunity@yahoo.com.

5:00 p.m. Aldrich Avenue between 34th and 35th

6:30 p.m. Aldrich Avenue between 36th and 37th

6:00 p.m. Bryant Avenue between Lowry and 33rd

5:30 p.m. Colfax Avenue between 37th and 38th

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McKinley After School Kids (MASK) Youth Bike Shop is Open

The MASK Bike Shop is open for bike repair and service, youth apprenticeships in bike repair and maintenance, and bike safety training daily throughout the summer. The MASK Bike Shop is located in Farview Park at 28th and Lyndale N. Contact MASK Program Director Andy Williams at 668-6686 or at maskbikeshop@yahoo.com to learn more about the program.

Calendar of Events

Monday, July 25 7pm

NRP Crime/Safety Issue Group meeting

Monday, August 1 7pm

McKinley Community *Meets at the corner of 33rd and Bryant for Block Club/neighbor trash pick-up!

Tuesday, August 2 *See start times and locations above!

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 9 7pm

NRP Housing/Economic Issue Group Meeting

Monday, August 15 7pm

McKinley Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, August 22 7pm

NRP Crime/Safety Issue Group meeting

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McKinley Neighbors Unite!

What are those McKinley Unite signs all about? They're about McKinley pride! The signs let all know that we care about our community - our children, our homes, our streets. They're free to McKinley neighbors - but if you give a donation of \$1 or even \$5 per sign it will go to support block club events in McKinley this summer. Call the McKinley office at 612.228.2293 to get a sign.

PEACE Goin' On the Northside with the PEACE Foundation

Lyndale/Lowry Street Party

Friday, June 24th • 7pm to 10pm

Games • Food • Music

Join your neighbors for a safe, fun, summer event to celebrate our community, meet neighbors and enjoy a summer night on our own streets! To volunteer to assist with this event, please contact the Peace Foundation office at 612-521-4405.

Children's Gardening Program at Sheila Wellstone Peace Garden

There are still some openings! McKinley and the MN Landscape Arboretum are offering an eight week summer gardening program to children in grades K-4. The program is being held in the Sheila Wellstone Peace Garden at Cityview School on Thursday mornings from 10am until 12pm beginning on June 16th, and will be conducted by three instructors from the Arboretum. To find out more information or request an application, please contact the McKinley Community by calling 668-2293 or by email at mckinleycommunity@yahoo.com.

MASK Youth Bike Shop is Open

The MASK Bike Shop is open for bike repair and service, youth apprenticeships in bike repair and maintenance, and bike safety training daily throughout the summer. The MASK Bike Shop is located in Farview Park at 28th and Lyndale N. Contact MASK Program Director Andy Williams at 668-6686 or at maskbikeshop@yahoo.com to learn more about the program.

Friday, June 24 7 -10 pm

PEACE Summer McKinley Block Party *Lowry Avenue, between 4th Street and Lyndale

Monday, June 27 7 pm

NRP Crime/Safety Issue Group meeting

Monday, July 11 7pm

McKinley Community - *Meets at the corner of 37th and Colfax for Block Club/neighbor trash pick-up!

Tuesday, July 12 7pm

NRP Housing/Economic Issue Group Meeting

Monday, July 18 7 pm

McKinley Board of Directors Meeting

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