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Recruiting:

We need volunteers to join the Beltrami Neighborhood Council (BNC)! We have a few open seats to fill. Whether you own a home, rent or own a business in the Beltrami neighborhood, you can become part of the council! We are working to better serve our community with important information.

Thank You, thank you

We are grateful for Diane Coan's many years on the BNC while she has lived in our neighborhood.We wish her all the best!

Juvenile Curfew Hours:

Age 15-17:
Sun-Th home by 11 p.m.
Fri-Sat home by midnight

Age 12-14:
Sun-Th home by 10 p.m.
Fri-Sat home by 11 p.m.

Under 12:
Sun-Th home by 9 p.m.
Fri-Sat home by 10 p.m.

All curfews remain in effect until 5 a.m.

City of Minneapolis Housing Inspections

As part of the ongoing effort to keep Minneapolis a great place to live, work and play, Minneapolis Housing Inspection Services will begin looking at properties in the City's 3rd, 4th & 5th Wards. Financial assistance may be available, please call the Greater MetroHousing Corporation at 378-7985.

MPRB - The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board Fall Programs

Registration begins Monday, August 7, 2006. All programming information will be available on Tuesday, August 1, 2006 at the MPRB Recreation Centers and on the website at *www.minneapolisparks.org*. Forty-nine recreation centers offer a wide range of fall activities from kids' tumbling classes to senior field trips. Information about specific activities is available at individual park locations. Participants may register in person at any park or online. In addition to fall programs, the MPRB Rec Plus+ School-Age Care Program offers recreation based child care for children ages 5-12 years old. The Rec Plus+ calendar will be based on the Minneapolis Public School Schedule. Fourteen recreation centers will offer after school care from Monday through Friday. Some sites will offer before school care, kindergarten and all-day care on school-release days. Check the website for specific site programming at *www.minnepolisparks.org*, for any other fall program questions call 612-230-6475. The Parade Ice Garden and Parade Figure Skating Club offers a complete training program for beginning and advanced skaters. For details visit *www.paradefsc.org*.

Beltrami Park Building Hours and Activities - 612-370-4971

- **Mon-Thurs Homework Helper** 3:15-5:30 pm
- **Mon-Thurs Arts & Crafts** 3:30-5:30 pm
- **Thursday African Dance** 6-7:30 pm

Beltrami is hoping to be open through the winter, but if they don't have enough attendance, it will close until spring.

Problem Properties

Tired of loud parties, fireworks, drug use or drug dealing amongst other problems in your neighborhood? The BNC is compiling a list of these properties and will work with our Crime Liaison representative at 2nd Precinct on dealing with these properties. There are other remedies and we'll mention those in the next newsletter. Please continue to call 911 & utilize Minneapolis' 311 to report these types of problem properties. If you would like the BNC to know of a problem property on your block, please call our new Message Center at 612-623-2454.

Go-Peds a/k/a as "Scooters"

These are considered motor vehicles and must be registered to be legal on public roads. Minn. Stat. §168.09, Subd. 1. Due to a lack of required safety equipment, and the absence of a VIN or Motor Vehicle Title, most go-peds do not meet these basic requirements. Because they cannot be registered, they are not legal for use on a public street. Call 911 if you witness an illegal use of a go-ped. You can check online at: *http://www.leg.state.mn.us/leg/statutes.asp*.

What is 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. Instead of having to weed through a list of more than 200 seven-digit City numbers, 311 is all people need to know. From getting library hours, to finding out where to vote, to reporting a stray dog in your neighborhood, to reporting problem properties and a whole lot more, 311 operators are ready to help. **For emergencies call 911, for all other city services, call 311.**

Beltrami Message Center
Beltrami now has a Message Center!
The number is 612-623-2454. Please leave a message, and we will get back to you.

Beltrami Neighborhood Council
P.O. Box 18297
Minneapolis, MN 55418
www.neighborhoodlink.com/minneapolisbeltrami

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Mark Your Calendars!

Monthly meetings are held the first Monday of each month unless it's a holiday then it's the second Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Our next meeting will be on September 11th.
Beltrami Park Building,
1111 Summer Street, NE,
Minneapolis, MN 55413

Beltrami Crime Stats

The listed crime stats are for:
June, 2006: **8-17-06**
Robbery: 1 Theft from Vehicle: 1
Burglary: 3 Larceny: 1
Theft: 6
Total: 10

Beltrami Neighborhood Council (BNCf)	**Chairperson:**	**Vice Chair:**	**Secretary/Treasurer:**	**Board Members:** Maurce Schultz, Cindy Bodnar JoMarie McNichols, Tony Ogbozo, Sarah tenBensel Sam Schullo, business owner
	Jon DeKok	Rita Bove	Arlene Zamora	

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

The Northeast Citizen Patrol (NECP) is a growing number of concerned NE citizens that are willing to help patrol NE neighborhoods and report criminal activities to police via 911 and other means available.

Why: Because of the rapidly growing NE crime rate, elements of crime, and the shortage of patrolling police that are able to watch for trouble, and discourage criminal activities.

Where: NECP started in the Audubon Park neighborhood and now has patrols and walking groups working in Waite Park and Holland neighborhoods. We are inviting all other NE neighborhoods to form their own patrol groups and work through the NECP.

If you have any questions on the NECP, or would like to have someone from the NECP contact you, please send an e-mail to; *info@nepatrol.org* or call the Audubon Neighborhood Association at 612-788-8790 and leave a message. Thank you!

City of Minneapolis

Mayor, R.T. Rybak announced the recommended Minneapolis Budget for 2007. Read it on the web at: *www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/city-budget/2007recommended/*. Earlier this week Mayor Rybak announced his plan to dedicate $2 million over the next two years to public safety technology. The new safety technology investment is part of a comprehensive public safety proposal that includes hiring 43 more police officers, expanding youth crime prevention, increasing graffiti enforcement and improving blighted and problem properties. To ensure this technology plan succeeds, he is traveling to Chicago this week to meet with Mayor Richard M. Daley and other Chicago officials to study their public safety camera system, considered to be one of the most advanced in the world and a model to an increasing number of large cities.

Hennepin County

In 1999, Hennepin County Attorney Amy Klobuchar initiated a new, innovative approach to crime-fighting: community prosecution. This approach is based on a closer working relationship between prosecutors and the local neighborhoods and communities where crime is occurring. Prosecutors are assigned to work with police, local residents, businesses and others in a specific geographic area to develop strategies for preventing and prosecuting crime, as well as to identify appropriate consequences for those who break the law. Find out who is on trial in for committing crimes in your neighborhood: *www.hennepinattorney.org/MplsNeighborhoodMap.asp?Precinct=50&PrecinctName=Mpls%202nd%20Precinct*

The Beltrami Neighborhood Council has made a donation to NECP. NECP will be at our next monthly meeting on Monday, September 11th, 6:30 p.m., Beltrami Park Bldg. to talk about their organization and information on forming our own neighborhood walking club.