



Hennepin County Commissioner Linda Higgins

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In Touch With District 2

Hennepin Youth Sports Grants Awarded



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Each year, the [Hennepin Youth Sports Program](#) invests in our communities, providing capital and small asset grants throughout the county. Since 2009, more than \$11 million has been awarded in grants to 64 capital projects and 84 small asset projects.

The 2013 Spring small asset grants are awarded to promote a mix of various

sports and recreational activities throughout the county. A sampling of the 24 projects being funded for a total of \$124,999 include:

Golden Valley: \$2,500 for tennis nets at Brookview and Wesley parks

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board: \$8,320 for football and volleyball equipment at Harrison Park;

\$7,500 for a utility vehicle for Frank Quilici Field; \$7,500 for a riding mower for Northeast and Southeast baseball fields; \$1,750 for soccer goals and nets at Bryant Square Park; \$1,500 for a pitching machine at Pershing Park.

Plymouth: \$7,000 for player benches and dugout covers at Oakwood Park

Three Rivers Park District: \$6,600 for a trailer and ski equipment for mobile rental program.

The Twins ballpark sales tax, approved in 2006, funds the Hennepin Youth Sports Program and additional hours at 15 Hennepin County Library locations. Up to \$4 million annually is dedicated between the programs.

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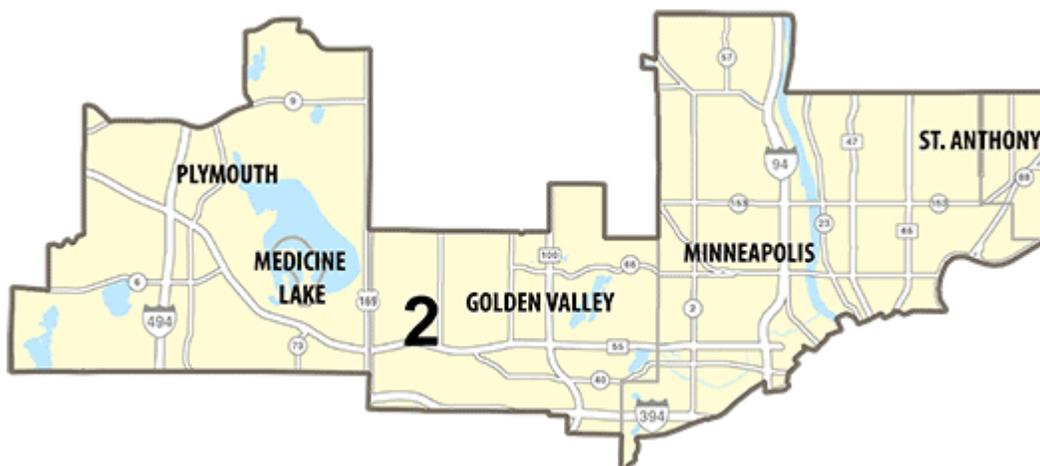
[Map It!](#)

Did You Know?

You can subscribe to many online services on the county website: Click [here](#) and see what information is interesting or useful to you.

Enter your email or cell phone number and then select which items interest you, such as tax-forfeited real estate auctions, public health updates, even property tax due date reminders.

Hennepin County District 2



New Hub will be building a future with North Minneapolis

You can help make it happen

For years, people have asked why they have to go downtown to get help from human services. The county is building six human services hubs, including one in North Minneapolis. The goal is to have the North Hub open before Century Plaza, the county's main financial assistance center, closes at the end of 2014. The first hub opened in the Brooklyn Center on Oct. 1, 2012. It's a big change to the way we provide the services North Minneapolis residents use, providing services in one location such as:

- Receive food supports
- Apply for Medical Assistance
- Address homelessness
- Deal with utility shut-offs, evictions and other emergencies
- Get support for seniors in their homes
- Get connected with a personal care attendant
- Learn about early childhood programs
- Support people with disabilities
- Improve mental health or chemical health

Hennepin County is working with North Minneapolis neighbors to locate hub centers in the same neighborhoods where clients live, work and attend school. Each of the hubs will provide access to the full range of financial, social and public health services the county offers.

A problem, a solution

Right now, you or your North Minneapolis neighbors go downtown to the Century Plaza Building to get needed county



Click [here](#) for a video about human service hubs

human services, including financial assistance. Clients report that between extended waiting time, difficulty finding and paying for parking and long intake times, they spend several hours there, alongside hundreds of others from every corner of the county.

Once the regional hubs open, clients will be able to access all the county human services they need in one place. They will tell their stories just once. During the first visit, they will embark on a plan to address such issues as housing emergencies, access to child care, and food support, and get help with in a range of issues that stand as barriers to self-sufficiency.

For further information, visit www.hennepin.us/northhub or call 612-348-4831.

Be a part of the process

We want North Minneapolis residents and business owners to be informed as we move forward. We invite you to get involved in the process.

Learn more about the project

Visit www.hennepin.us/northhub or call 612-348-4831.

Take a tour of the Northwest Hub in Brooklyn Center

Wednesday, May 1 5-6 p.m.

Saturday, May 4 1-2 p.m.

At the Northwest Family Service Center
7051 Brooklyn Blvd., Brooklyn Center

Share your opinions

Hennepin County, along with the Northside Residents Redevelopment Council, will host three public meetings to share our proposal for the North Minneapolis Hub, and to gather your ideas and opinions.

Come to a community meeting

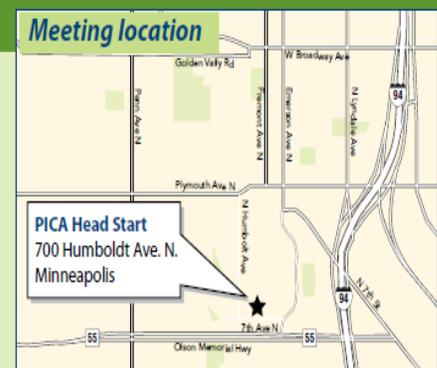
English and Spanish
Tuesday, May 14
6-9 p.m.

Hmong
Wednesday, May 15
6-9 p.m.

English and Somali
Wednesday, May 22
6-9 p.m.

PICA Head Start
700 Humboldt Ave. N., Minneapolis, 612-377-7422

For Metro Transit travel options visit metrotransit.org or call 612-373-3333 to speak with a transit expert.



Help us plan

We will offer a meal, and child care for families. Please e-mail charles.hanson@co.hennepin.mn.us, or call him at 612-596-0478, to let us know how many are coming, how many children will need care and their ages.

Corporate Art Force features local artists in Northeast Minneapolis

Commissioner Higgins, shown with Leslie Palmer-Ross and Bill Kieger, CEO of Corporate Art Force, in front of a piece by local artist Megan Bell. Employee driven and based in the heart of Northeast Minneapolis's arts district, Corporate Art Force provides art by local artists across the country for corporate purchase and lease programs.



Work for Hennepin County

The county website shows 35 positions currently available at Hennepin County. Positions include correctional officer (closes 4/22), health care trainee (PT, good for students), IT professionals, social worker—and more! If you're looking for a job or know someone who is looking, please check out this resource. Click [here](#) to see the list of positions that are available.

6,700 pounds of medicines collected in first year of drop-box program

The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office and Hennepin County Environmental Services have collected 6,700 pounds of unwanted medicines since [medicine disposal drop boxes](#) were made available in March 2012. Medicines from households are accepted, including:

- Prescription medicines, including controlled substances
- Over-the-counter medicines
- Vitamins and supplements

- Pet medicines

Hennepin County urges residents to properly dispose of their unused and unwanted medicines at drop boxes located in Sheriff and county facilities. Proper disposal of medicines is important to prevent poisoning or abuse and protect the environment. For more information, visit www.hennepin.us/medicine or call 612-348-5889.



Rain barrels, kitchen pails and compost bin sales —oh my!

The Recycling Association of Minnesota is selling rain barrels for \$69, compost bins for \$55, and kitchen scrap pails for \$14 to \$25. Prices are about half of retail cost.

You must preorder your rain barrel or compost bins on the [Recycling Association of Minnesota website](#).

Sale events are scheduled for:

- **May 10** in Plymouth
- **June 8** in Minneapolis



Still time to apply for heating assistance

Funds are still available through the state Energy Assistance Program (EAP) to help low-income Minnesotans pay their heating bills, according to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources. People in need, especially seniors, people with disabilities, and families with children, are encouraged to apply for funds before the May 31 deadline.

EAP pays the utility company directly on behalf of eligible households. Households must apply for assistance with the local service provider in their area. For [more on EAP and how to apply ...](#)

Upcoming Events in District 2

St. Anthony: *Saturday, May 4, 9 am to noon.* [St. Anthony Village Clean-up Day](#). Donate clothing and furniture, dispose of tires, junk, or appliances for small fees, or shred documents for free. Public Works Garage, 3801 Chandler Dr. 612-782-3301.

Northeast: *Saturday, April 20, noon to 3 pm.* North Minneapolis Meals on Wheels “Let’s Go Bowling” and auction. Elsie’s, 721 NE Marshall St., Minneapolis. \$6 includes shoe rental. [nmmow.org](#).

Saturday, April 27, 10 am to 1 pm. Raingarden workshop with Metro Blooms. \$15 registration. Audubon Park, 29th Ave and Lincoln Ave NE. Rebecca Speitz 612-801-9321.

Monday, May 13, 4 to 7 pm. 2nd Precinct Open House. Visit with K-9, mounted patrol, SWAT, and animal control. Free food and beverages. 1910 Central Ave. NE.

North: *Thursday, April 25, 7 pm.* Ten Thousand Things Theater and Project Success are performing *A Streetcar Named Desire* at North High, 1500 James Ave N. Free, but reservations required. Call 612-874-7710.

May 14, 15 and 22, 6 to 9 pm. Hub Information Sessions. See page 2 for details or visit [hennepin.us/northhub](#).

Saturday, June 1, 9 am to 4 pm. Victory Neighborhood Assoc. Garage sale and Flea Market. Registration deadline is May 6; space is limited. [victoryneighborhood.org](#).

Bryn Mawr: *Saturday-Sunday, May 4 and 5,* Bryn Mawr Festival of Garage Sales. Register your sale by April 24 (\$12). See [bmna.org](#) for further information.

Wednesday, May 8, 6 pm. Bryn Mawr Annual Potluck Dinner (bring a dish to share) and Board Elections. Bryn Mawr Elementary, 252 Upton Ave S.

North Loop: *Saturday, April 20, 10 am.* [North Loop Earth Day Cleanup](#). Join the party that is meeting at Corner Coffee, 514 N 3rd St. and spreading out from there.

Golden Valley: *Wednesday, May 1, 6-8 pm.* 2013 Bike Rodeo. Free bike safety checks, bike skill tests, bike helmet fittings, music, refreshments and visit with McGruff and Sparky. City Hall, 7800 Golden Valley Rd. (rain or shine).

Saturday, May 18, noon. Police Department Bike-Along. 5-mile moderate ride with mystery stops. Registration by May 1 required, call 763-593-8079. Must be at least 18 and provide your own bike/helmet. 7800 Golden Valley Rd.

Saturday, May 18, 9:30 am to 9:30 pm. Golden Valley Days. Parade, car show, music, fireworks and more. Schedule at [gvcfoundation.org/gv-days-2012/](#) Brookview Park, Highway 55 and Winnetka.

Medicine Lake: *Saturday, May 11,* Fishing Opener. Info at [dnr.state.mn.us/lakefind/showreport.html?downum=27010400](#).

Plymouth: *Saturday, May 4, 7:30 am to 2 pm,* special dropoff day at the Plymouth Maintenance Facility, 14900 23rd Ave. N. Plymouth residents can dispose of and recycle items not collected at your curb, including air conditioners and tires. [plymouthmn.gov](#) or call 763-509-5906.

Sunday, May 5, 8 am to 1 pm, [Waffle Breakfast](#). Firefighter and Plymouth Crime fundraiser. \$7 in advance (tickets can be purchased at the Fire Department Admin. Office), \$8 on that day, and \$20 for a family of four. Fire Station III, 3300 Dunkirk Lane.

Monday, May 6, 6 pm, Mayor Kelli Slavik invites you to kick off the [Step to It Challenge](#) with a walk with the Mayor. No registration is necessary. Just meet at the Plymouth Creek Center, 14800 34th Ave. N. Free.

Multiple Communities:

Saturday, April 20, 9:30 am to noon. Various locations. Earth Day Cleanup. Visit [minneapolisparks.org/default.asp?PageID=1196](#) and to verify events are still planned depending on weather!

Saturday, April 27, 9 am to 2 pm. Minneapolis Homeownership and Banking Fair in Studio 185 at International Market Square, 275 Market St. This free event will feature lenders, property developers and representatives from local nonprofit housing organizations. Details at [hocmn.org](#).

May 1-29. Step to It Challenge. Participants record the number of steps they walk each week or the amount of time spent doing activities. Twenty-three cities compete to see which one has the most active residents. Register at [steptoit.org](#).

If you have events you would like to promote in our newsletter, drop an email to tina.sanz@co.hennepin.mn.us.

