



## Hennepin County Commissioner Linda Higgins

Issue Two

### In Touch With District 2

### Penn Avenue Community Works planning study launched



The Hennepin County Board recently approved the contract for the Penn Avenue Corridor Vision and Implementation Framework.

Project staff and representatives from the community met in late 2013 to review consultant proposals and recommended the Hoisington-Koegler Group, Inc. (HKgi) team as our partner for their demonstrated experience and thoughtful approach. Metro Transit and the City of Minneapolis join Hennepin County in funding this effort.

Over the next two years, community members, project staff, inter-agency staff, community organizations and others will work together with HKgi to create a vision and framework that will stimulate economic development, beautification, livability and job creation along the Penn Avenue corridor in North Minneapolis. One of the first steps is the development of a community outreach and engagement strategy. Working together, we are ready to make some great strides! Sign up for updates and learn more at [hennepin.us/penn](http://hennepin.us/penn).

[hennepin.us/~media/hennepinus/residents/transportation/documents/penn-avenue-cw-location-map.pdf](http://hennepin.us/~media/hennepinus/residents/transportation/documents/penn-avenue-cw-location-map.pdf)

### New Webber Park Library planning starts with community meetings

What will the new Webber Park Library look like? That is the question Camden community residents will help answer in upcoming months. The former Webber Park Library closed in 2013 for structural reasons, and a temporary library opened in late 2013.



The planning process for a new library starts with a community meeting this Saturday, March 8 (9:30 to 11 am). A series of future community meetings will be held starting April 15 (6 to 7:30 pm) and May 10 (9:30 to 11 am). All three meetings to be held at Folwell Recreation Center Gym, 1615 Dowling Ave. N, Minneapolis. Further information on this project will be updated at [hclib.org/buildingprojects](http://hclib.org/buildingprojects).

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#### 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.

**Target Field Station will be closed from 7 pm Friday, March 7, to 3:30 am Monday, March 10, to allow for construction. The pedestrian crossing at the west end of Target Field Station will also be closed.**

## County withdraws proposal to process additional waste at the Hennepin Energy Recovery Center, will focus on increasing organics recycling

In an effort to meet state waste management goals of increasing recycling and minimizing the landfilling of waste, the board approved new strategies that focus on expanding curbside organics recycling and securing more funding from the state solid waste management tax to support local recycling efforts.

The county will withdraw its request for a permit modification from the City of Minneapolis and for approval from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to increase the amount of waste processed at the [Hennepin Energy Recovery Center \(HERC\)](#).

The board directed changes to the county residential recycling funding policy that will require Minneapolis to provide organics recycling service to its residents by January 1, 2015, and will set a schedule for the remaining cities to add organics recycling. The county also will contract with Specialized Environmental Technologies Inc. and Full Circle Organics LLC to compost organic waste collected in Hennepin County.

Further info is online [hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/organics-recycling](http://hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/organics-recycling) or watch the [How to Collect Organics at Home video](#) to learn more.

The board called on the state to stop diverting funds collected through the state solid waste management tax to the state general fund and direct these funds to their original purpose – supporting local governments in implementing waste reduction, recycling and organics recovery programs to meet the state waste management goals. In 2013, only \$14 million of the \$70 million collected by the solid waste management tax went to counties and municipalities for recycling programs, making it difficult for local governments to fund new recycling efforts.



## Hennepin Gallery features works from 32 artists with disabilities

Thirty-two artists from Rise, Inc.'s Art Speaks program have original artwork on display in the [Hennepin Gallery](#) through April 25.

The Art Speaks program provides opportunities for people who have physical, intellectual, brain injury and emotional disabilities to express themselves through art. The exhibit includes a variety of mixed media pieces and paintings.

[Rise](#) is a Twin Cities nonprofit that helps people with disabilities meet their goals for self-sufficiency in the community, including housing and employment.

The Hennepin Gallery is free and open to the public Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m., at the Hennepin County Government Center, A-level, 300 S. Sixth St., Minneapolis.

The exhibit is sponsored by Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health Department. The Gallery is a project of Hennepin County Public Affairs.



## Volunteers needed to monitor wetlands

Explore your community's wetlands through a unique volunteer opportunity, Hennepin County's Wetland Health Evaluation Program (WHEP). Partnering cities use the data to determine the health of water resources and assist with natural resource management.



Adult volunteers do not need a science background or previous experience — just an interest in wetlands, bugs and/or plants. Hennepin County provides all of the training, equipment, and leadership. Teams will be formed in Minneapolis, Maple Grove, Bloomington, Eden Prairie and Minnetonka. Everyone in these cities and neighboring communities is welcome to join a team.

The total time commitment is 15 hours a month from May to September 2014. Volunteer applications will be accepted through June 15, 2014.

## Work for Hennepin County

Our website shows 35 positions currently available at Hennepin County. Positions include civil engineer graduate rotational program, fleet supervisor, forensic scientist, social worker, IT positions 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.

The Library also has help at [www.hclib.org/pub/search/SubjectGuides.cfm?Topic=Jobs/Careers](http://www.hclib.org/pub/search/SubjectGuides.cfm?Topic=Jobs/Careers)  
**Hennepin County is a great place to work!**

## Job assistance is as close as your computer

Job seeking assistance is available as close as your computer from the Hennepin County Library.

Many tools are available at [hclib.org/pub/search/subjectguides.cfm?topic=jobs/careers](http://hclib.org/pub/search/subjectguides.cfm?topic=jobs/careers).

For online resume and interview coaching and career advice from job help professionals, visit [hclib.org/pub/search/RefDetails.cfm?DBAbbrev=JobNow&Topic=databases&Display=&SubTopics\\_Display=](http://hclib.org/pub/search/RefDetails.cfm?DBAbbrev=JobNow&Topic=databases&Display=&SubTopics_Display=).

A tool to create and save resumes and cover letters (including tools to help you prepare for a job search) is available at [http://www.hclib.org/pub/search/RefDetails.cfm?DBAbbrev=OptimalResume&Topic=databases&Display=&SubTopics\\_Display=](http://www.hclib.org/pub/search/RefDetails.cfm?DBAbbrev=OptimalResume&Topic=databases&Display=&SubTopics_Display=) (note: Subscription purchased with funding from Hennepin).

## Public art proposed for the new North Hub



A public meeting to view and comment on the public art for the Human Services Hub will be Wednesday, March 12 from 7:30 to 9:00 pm; a 30-minute program begins at 8 pm. Join us at 1108 W. Broadway, Minneapolis (Juxtaposition classroom).

See [hennepin.us/northhub](http://hennepin.us/northhub) for more about the new North Hub. You can also like the Hub on [Facebook](#) or follow it on [Twitter](#).

## County commends Horst Rechelbacher

At its February 11 meeting, the Hennepin County board recognized Horst Rechelbacher, founder of Intelligent Nutrients and former owner of Aveda. More frequently known as Horst, Mr. Rechelbacher's generosity was recognized for his contributions of \$50,000 in 2011, 2012 and 2013 for scholarships to students of Epsilon High School for post-high school education. Epsilon High School is located at the [County Home School](#), a residential treatment center for juveniles ages 13 to 20 who have been



committed by the court. The facility provides a safe, secure, and healthy environment on a 167-acre rural setting. Mr. Rechelbacher's encouragement helped change the lives of young people. Note: Mr. Rechelbacher passed away shortly after this recognition.

Watch video at [youtube.com/watch?v=ncRfirg6KpIQ](http://youtube.com/watch?v=ncRfirg6KpIQ)

## Fill Up Your Calendar With These Upcoming Events in District 2

**St. Anthony:** *Thursday, March 13, 7 pm.* St. Anthony MS/HS Band-O-Rama. Enjoy the musical talents of the St. Anthony 6th-12th grade bands. St. Anthony High School gym, 3303 33rd Ave. NE. Free admission.

**Northeast:** *Thursday, March 20, 7 pm.* Spring concert and music premiere with the Northeast Community Band and the Edison High School Band. NE Middle School Auditorium, 2955 Hayes St. NE. Concert will feature music from composer Richard Saucedo and the premiere of William H. Fry's "A Dying Soldier" as arranged by Steve K. Gerber and commissioned for the Northeast Community Band. Conducted by Tim Martin. Free and open to the public; donations accepted.

**North:** *Saturday, March 8, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.,* new Webber Park Library meeting. See page 1 for details.

*Wednesday, March 12, 7:30 to 9 pm,* North Hub public artwork meeting. See page 3 for details.

*Saturday, March 22, 11 am to 2 pm.* Fourth annual North Minneapolis Summer Resource Fair, held at Urban Research and Outreach/Engagement Center (UROC), 2001 Plymouth Ave N. Summer opportunities for youth of all ages will be showcased. The event features activities ranging from sports to performing arts, small business and animal care. Volunteers from all organizations will be on hand with scholarship, registration and general information. The event is free and open to the public. For more information contact [mace0047@umn.edu](mailto:mace0047@umn.edu).

*Friday, April 4, 7 pm.* After nine years, Camden Music School is closing its doors in June. To celebrate and honor the hundreds of students, parents, friends, neighbors and others who've experienced the joy and inspiration music brings to the mind and soul at CMS, they're hosting a grand finale sing-along, entitled "Singin' at the Screen," at the Capri Theater, 2027 West Broadway, Minneapolis. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. [camdenmusicschool.com](http://camdenmusicschool.com).

**Bryn Mawr:** *Wednesday, March 12, 6 to 7 pm.* Garden group meeting. Jump start the 2014 season by bringing your ideas and call for volunteers. Bryn Mawr School cafeteria. Email [gardengroup@bmna.org](mailto:gardengroup@bmna.org) with questions.

**North Loop:** *Saturday, March 8, 10 am to 1 pm.* Mill City Farmers Market at the Mill City Museum, 704 South 2nd Street, Minneapolis.

**Golden Valley:** *Thursday, March 20, 7 pm.* Annual Caring Youth Recognition, sponsored by the cities of Golden Valley, Hopkins, and Minnetonka, and the Hopkins and Minnetonka School Districts, celebrates the contributions of young people who positively affect our communities and who have given outstanding service to others. Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd, Minnetonka.

*Friday, March 22, 7:30 am,* Mayor Shep Harris's State of the City address, Golden Valley City Hall council chambers.

**Medicine Lake:** *Thursday, March 13, 6:30 pm.* Plymouth Lions Dinner Meeting, Medicine Lake City Hall. Speaker: Pam Anderson of Helping Paws. [plymouthlions.org/](http://plymouthlions.org/)

**Plymouth:** *Sunday, March 9, 1 to 4 pm.* Healthy Living Fair. Take charge of your family's health by sampling a variety of health screenings, educational sessions, active samplers, teen component, give-aways and prizes, health screenings, vendor booths and more! Free, with no registration is required. 14800 34th Ave N, Plymouth.

*Tuesday, March 11, 7:30 to 9 am,* Mayor Kelli Slavik's State of the City address, Plymouth City Hall, 3400 Plymouth Blvd.

*Saturday, March 15, 9 am to 12 pm,* free City Sampler at Plymouth City Hall, 3400 Plymouth Blvd., offers a casual setting to meet the Mayor and Council with a sampling of city services, refreshments and a chance to win prizes.

*On March 23, Plymouth Reads kickoff event, book discussion March 30, and literary night April 6.* This year's book selection is "Holiday Inn" by Minnesota author Kevin Kling. Plymouth resident and author Dolly Bentson will present "Everybody Has a Story – Writing Memoir." Visit [plymouthartscouncil.org](http://plymouthartscouncil.org) for more information

**Multiple Communities:** *Daylight savings time begins March 9.* As you spring forward this year, also take a few minutes to check your smoke alarms and talk through what your family would do during an emergency.

Get MNSure assistance. If you have not yet signed up for health insurance for the first time, or want to see if you can get a better policy, navigators are available free of charge at various locations. To schedule an appointment, call 612-588-9411.

*If you have events you would like to promote in our newsletter, drop an email to [tina.sanz@hennepin.us](mailto:tina.sanz@hennepin.us).*

**F**ree tax preparation help for seniors and low income persons. Hennepin County Government Center, walk-ins welcome. 300 S. 6th St. in Minneapolis – Skyway Level Mon. through Fri., 9 am to 1 pm. Taxpayer and all dependents must supply a Social Security card for return to be prepared. More locations can be found using the following links: [aarp.org/applications/VMISLocator/searchTaxAideLocations.action](http://aarp.org/applications/VMISLocator/searchTaxAideLocations.action); [accountabilitymn.org/](http://accountabilitymn.org/).