



Hennepin County Commissioner Linda Higgins

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In Touch With District 2



Happy 4th of July!

Enjoy July 4th with the Red, White and Boom celebration at Father Hennepin Park that will have free family activities and live music from 6 to 10 p.m. at Mill Ruins Park and Father Hennepin Bluffs Park. Fireworks will follow along the riverfront at 10 p.m. View more information [here](#). And see page 2 of my newsletter for helpful water safety tips.

Have a great holiday!

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Grants for business and non-profit for organics and recycling programs

Applications due October 15

Grants of up to \$50,000 are available to help businesses, non-profit organizations and institutions start or improve programs to reduce waste and divert recyclables and organics from the trash. Most businesses and non-profits in Hennepin - from large office buildings to churches, restaurants and apartment buildings - are eligible to apply. Grants can be used to help with the purchase of recycling containers, equipment and hauling services and minor improvements to loading docks and waste enclosures. Proposals are due by Oct. 15 and this is the final funding round for 2014. [Learn more and apply](#). For more information, contact Andre Xiong at andre.x.xiong@hennepin.us or call 612-543-1316.



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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 Board approves 911 dispatch services for Golden Valley

The Hennepin County Board recently approved an agreement that will add Golden Valley to the county's dispatch services following the opening of the new Regional Emergency Communication (911) Center opening later this year in Plymouth. Golden Valley currently receives dispatch services from Edina and will be saving money under the agreement with Hennepin County. As part of the agreement, Golden Valley will pay a one-time set-up fee of \$54,000 and transfer annual payments it receives

from the state to the county (currently \$38,364). Each year, [Hennepin County](#) telecommunicators (also known as dispatchers) answer more than 230,000 emergency 911 calls for 24 police departments 20 fire departments in 37 communities.



Services for seniors are only a phone call away

Many seniors wish to live independently and remain in their homes as they age. To promote longevity and success with aging-in-place, services are available to help seniors succeed.

The City of Minneapolis, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has produced the [Healthy Homes Resource Guide for Minneapolis Senior Citizens](#), a resource guide for agencies that serve Minneapolis senior residents. Resources are included for chore services, financial assistance, home modification, de-cluttering, indoor health hazard mitigation, pest control and programs for veterans.

The Minneapolis program is complementary to the **Minnesota Senior LinkAge Line®**, where just one phone call to 1-800-333-2433 is all it takes. The Senior LinkAge Line® can help simplify the complex issues and decisions you face every day as a senior, Baby Boomer, Medicare beneficiary, caregiver or someone trying to reduce prescription drug costs. Call for information.

Water safety tips from Hennepin Sheriff Stanek

hennepinsheriff.org/sites/hennepinsheriff.org/files/7_3_14_4th_of_july_water_safety.pdf

WATCH – your kids

* Parents must use ACTIVE supervision when children are in --or near-- the water. In 70% of cases where young children drowned, one or both parents were nearby. Being nearby isn't enough. Parents must focus on kids and avoid distractions such as using cell phones or talking with other adults.

* Parent supervision is needed even when lifeguards on duty.

WEAR – a life jacket

* Weak swimmers or non-swimmers should wear life jackets in the water – including swimming pools. Adult supervision is needed even when using a life jacket.

* Do not rely on water wings or other inflatable devices.

LEARN -- to swim & learn about water safety



Businesses recognized for efforts to recycle and divert food waste

Hennepin County Environmental Partners



Hennepin County is recognizing local businesses for their efforts to recycle and divert organic waste, which includes food scraps and non-recyclable paper, from the trash through composting, sending food scraps to local farmers to feed animals, or by donating edible food.

Businesses that become a [Hennepin County Environmental Partner](#) receive window decals that communicate their

efforts to customers. They are also listed in an online directory that potential customers can use to find and support businesses that are recycling and diverting organic waste from the trash.

Many businesses in the county are already recycling and diverting food waste, including the Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport and the Minnesota Twins. See the [Hennepin County Environmental Partners map](#) to find businesses whose recycling practices have been recognized by the county.

In response to a request from business leaders to develop a recognition program, Hennepin partnered with the [Noun Project](#), a platform of more than 50,000 icons and symbols, to develop the decals. The county is now seeking businesses interested in getting recognition for their recycling efforts. [Apply now to become a Hennepin County Environmental Partner](#). For more information, contact John Jaimez at john.jaimez@hennepin.us or call 612-348-5893.

Lots of Upcoming Events in District 2!

St. Anthony: *Thursdays, through August 14.* Salo Park Summer Concert Series. Visit nema.org for more information.

Mondays, through early October, 3-7pm. The Village Farmers Market, Saint Anthony Village Shopping Center parking lot, St. Anthony.

Northeast: *Friday, July 25, 6:15-8pm.* NE Dog Parade. One of Northeast's most popular events. At Chute Square (Central and University) at the Ard Godfrey House. northeastminneapolis.org.



Sunday, July 27, 2-9pm. NE Brewers Block Party. Northeast Minneapolis cider brewery will host a free block party. Sociable Cider Werks, 1500 Fillmore Street NE.

Thursdays, through September 25, 4-7pm. Audubon Mini-Market, Johnson Street NE and 27th Avenue NE, Minneapolis.

Saturdays, through October 25, 9am-1pm. Northeast Farmers Market. St. Boniface Church, corner of University Avenue NE and 7th Avenue NE, Minneapolis.

North: *Thursdays, July 10-October 2, 3-7pm.* Camden Farmers Market. The Warren, 4400 Osseo Road, Minneapolis.

Fridays, through October 17, 3-7pm. West Broadway Farmers Market, 900 West Broadway Avenue (West Broadway and Emerson).

Thursday, July 10, 6-8pm. Live on the Drive featuring Clocks and Clouds. Victory Memorial Parkway, 34th Avenue North and Victory Memorial Parkway, Minneapolis. Visit liveonthedrive.org.

Wednesday, July 16, 5:30-7:30pm. Cleveland Neighborhood presents Party in the Park. Connect with neighbors, find out about different resources and opportunities in the community. Cleveland Park and Lucy Craft Laney School green space, 3333 Penn Avenue N.

Thursday, July 19, 5:30-8pm. Folwell Neighborhood Association Ice Cream Social. Folwell Park, 1615 Dowling Avenue N.

July 25-26. FLOW Northside Arts Crawl. Join this premier art event and community celebration. Visit flownorthside.org for more information.

Saturday, July 26, 9am. Tour de Camden. Free guided group bike tour of the Camden community. Meet at Creekview Park, 5001 Humboldt Avenue N.

July 31-August 2, 9am-4pm. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event. Dispose of your household hazardous waste. Jenny Lind Elementary, 5026 Dupont Avenue N.

Saturday, August 2, 10am-4:30pm and Sunday, August 3, noon-4pm. North Regional Library Book sale. Library Friends groups throughout Hennepin County host book sales. North Regional Library, 1315 Lowry Avenue N. information.

July 7-August 8. Camp Capri. A five-week middle school arts camp in the heart of north Minneapolis dedicated to theater, music, dance, writing and visual arts. Visit thecapritheater.org for registration and more information.

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Work for Hennepin County

Our website shows 23 positions currently available at Hennepin County. Positions include community liaison, corrections counselor, sentencing to serve crew leader, sheriff's detention deputy, 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 **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.

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=.

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= (note: Subscription purchased with funding from Hennepin).

More Upcoming Events in District 2!

July 15-31. Juxtaposition Arts presents Free Wall: Introduction to Aerosol Painting. Visit juxtapositionarts.org for registration and more information.

Sunday, August 3, 1-4pm. Victory Neighborhood Annual Garden Tour. This free self-guided tour will highlight a wide range of gardening styles and the diversity of Victory's landscaped spaces. Loring School yard garden, 2600 44th Avenue N.

Bryn Mawr: Saturday, July 12. 2014 Bryn Mawr Garden Tour. Take a self-guided tour of 10 private residential gardens. Visit bma.org for garden locations.



Tuesday, July 22, 6-8pm. 2014 Ice Cream Scoop-Off. Come sample ice creams donated by several local ice creameries. Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 420 Cedar Lake Road S, Minneapolis.

North Loop: Saturdays, through September 27, 8am-1pm. Mill City Farmers Market, 704 South Second Street, Minneapolis.

Golden Valley: July 7-August 11, 7pm. Concerts in the Park. Every summer, the Park and Recreation Department sponsors free weekly concerts. Brookview Park, 200 Brookview Parkway N.

Monday, July 14, 7pm. Golden Valley Ice Cream Social. Free Sebastian Joes ice cream and concert featuring the First John Philip Sousa Memorial Band. Brookview Park large shelter, 200 Brookview Parkway N.

Tuesday, July 22, 8am-4pm. Junior Police Academy. Get an inside look during a hands-on, interactive session. Visit goldenvalleymn.gov for registration information.

Plymouth: Monday, July 7, 6-7pm. Walk with a Doc. Residents are invited to take a 45-minute walk with a local doctor. Plymouth Creek Center, 14800 34th Avenue N.

Tuesday, July 22, 5-8pm. Summer Carnival & Kids Concert: Cale the Juggler. Join in the fun of entertainment, games, music, inflatable bouncers, face paintings, prizes and more. Parkers Lake Park, County Road 6 and Niagara Ln.

Thursday, July 24, 7-8pm. Everett Smithson Band. Come out to hear hot movin music from up and down the Mississippi River. Parkers Lake Stage, County Road 6 and Niagara Lane.

Tuesday, July 29, 7-8pm. Todd Menton. Edgy folk music

performance with traditional songs and tunes. Parkers Lake Stage, County Road 6 and Niagara Road.

Thursday, July 31, 7-8pm. Kevin Bowe Duo. Join Minneapolis' own for a night of entertainment. Parkers Lake Stage, County Road 6 and Niagara Lane

Wednesdays, through October 1, 2:30-6:30pm. Farmers Market. Plymouth Ice Center parking lot, 3650 Plymouth Blvd.

Multiple Communities: Wednesday, July 9, 10am-3pm. Veterans' Career Fair. Earle Brown Heritage Center, 6155 Earle Brown Drive, Brooklyn Center.

Tuesday, July 22, 1:30 pm, Budget and Capital Investment Committee. Public hearing for the proposal to issue general obligation bonds of the county for financing new capital improvements in the county's five-year capital plan. Board Room, A-2400 Government Center. Information: hennepin.us/your-government/#leadership

Computer Classes at North Regional Library, 1315 Lowry Avenue N. Registration is required. Call 612-543-8450 or visit hclib.org.

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board presents Music and Movies in the Park. Bring chairs or blankets to sit on. Movies start at dusk. For dates, times, and locations, visit mplsmusicandmovies.com.

The Minneapolis Public Schools offers a summer food service program, which provides meals to all children ages 1-18 without charge from 12-2:30pm, at select school and community sites. The program runs through Friday, August 15 (unless noted); no food service on July 4. Visit nutritionservices.mpls.k12.mn.us for locations and information or contact Sara Eugene at 612-668-2836.



Get a behind-the-scenes history lesson by taking the East Hennepin Historic Walking Tour. Visit northeastminneapolis.com/historytour/ for dates and times.

Preserve Minneapolis North Side walking tours. This unique tour will highlight the natural, built, and cultural treasures found throughout the city. Cost of each tour is \$8. Visit preserveminneapolis.org for tour locations.

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