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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.

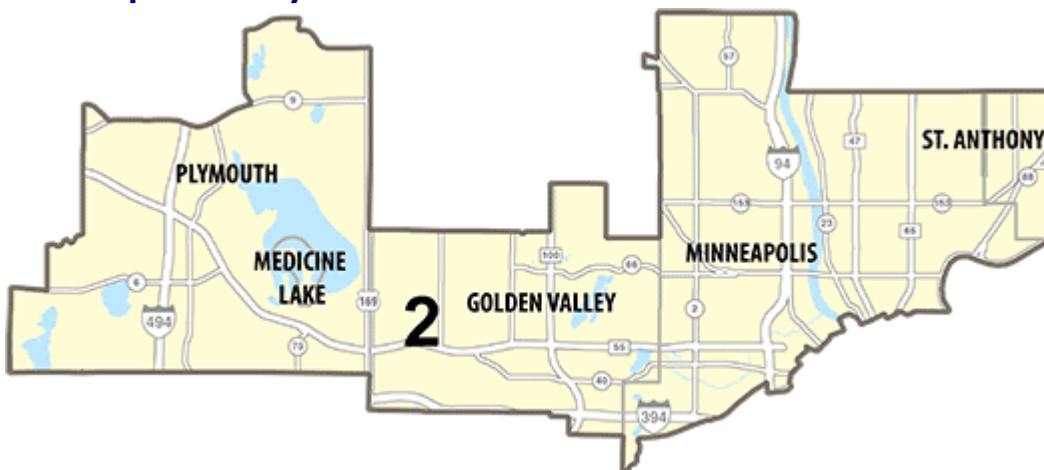
New domestic violence advocates hired at the Domestic Abuse Center



One of my first actions on the county board was to persuade the other commissioners to appropriate money to hire two new victim advocates. Last week County Attorney Mike Freeman introduced me to our much-needed Somali and Latina advocates in the [Domestic Abuse Center](#). Pictured above (L to R) are County Attorney Mike Freeman, Sumaya Yusuf, me, M. Liliana Espondaburu and Director Lolita

Ulloa. Advocates will be providing critical services to victims of domestic violence in the Victim Services Division of the Hennepin County Attorney's Office. The office is located in the lower level of the Government Center.

Hennepin County District 2



Are you interested in serving as an alternate on the county's Bicycle Advisory Committee? Let me know.



The Hennepin County Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) advises Hennepin County staff and the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners to promote the expanded use of bicycles for safe and convenient transportation and recreation purposes. Each County Commissioner appoints one voting member and one alternate member to serve for a three-year term at the pleasure of the appointing commissioner. The county is currently seeking alternate members for the BAC. Alternates are encouraged to attend all BAC meetings and may vote in the absence of their voting member.

Monthly meetings are typically held the third week of the month from 4-6 PM. Meetings are held at locations throughout the county, with about half of all meetings

held in Minneapolis. Optional bicycle tours are occasionally held following the regular meeting. BAC members are expected to review agendas and supplemental materials in advance of each meeting. There is no compensation for serving on the committee.

Questions about the committee can be directed to Rose Ryan, rose.ryan@co.hennepin.mn.us or 612-348-3009. To apply for the [District 2](#) alternate position, click [here](#) for an application. You may either email the completed application to Tina.Sanz@co.hennepin.mn.us or fax at 612-348-8701. Applications are due by July 5, 2013.

Further information about bicycling Hennepin County's 200 miles of trails and bike maps is on the web [here](#).

Mend it Clinic Saturday, June 29



Bring your clothing and other soft goods that need mending or altering, and a volunteer with sewing skills will help you repair them so you can put them back into use. For hems/seams, buttons, belt loops, rips, patches, zipper consults, stuffed toys. Bring items including clothes, bags, linens, curtains or your own sewing project. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., East Lake Library, 2727 E. Lake Street, Mpls.



Happy Pride!

On June 25, the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners passed resolution 13-0235R1, recognizing the 2013 Twin Cities Pride Celebration and its contribution to enriching the diversity and equality for all people of Hennepin County and wishing our employees and residents a safe and successful Pride.

I would also like to recognize the momentous occasion of this year that the Minnesota Legislature passed and Governor Mark Dayton signed into law the bill to legalize gay marriage, making Minnesota the 12th state in the country to allow same sex couples to marry.

See you at the parade!

How is your weather awareness?



Weather awareness and preparation for the worst doesn't cost money or take much time, and can increase your odds of survival. The following are tips from Eric Waage, Hennepin County Emergency Management Director:

Be aware of weather conditions. The best survival stories are the ones you'll never see in the paper, such as: "Family saved by deferring boat trip due to severe weather forecast."

Lowry Avenue Northeast Project Update

As mentioned in the May newsletter, Hennepin County is updating the Northeast Minneapolis portion of its [Lowry Avenue Corridor Plan](#). The county is now in the process of [hiring a consultant](#) to develop a new roadway layout and intersection designs, stormwater plan and redevelopment scenarios.

Since the corridor plan was initially developed in 2002, this revision is necessary to reflect the current needs of residents and businesses in the area. After the consultant has been selected, a draft of the revised plan will be ready in approximately 18 months.

Check forecasts daily during tornado season (May-August), and be prepared to adjust your plans. If even a small chance of thunderstorms is forecast for your area, check updated weather forecasts throughout the day. Free resources for weather information include the Twin Cities National Weather Service at www.crh.noaa.gov/mpx... (click [here](#) for the rest of this article)

The Lowry Avenue Corridor Plan is part of the Lowry Avenue Community Works Project. Community Works projects are developed in partnership with the community and other stakeholders to focus public and private investments along important corridors.

Hennepin County would like community input throughout the planning process. For project updates and information on how you can be part of the planning process, sign-up on the [project website](#) for email updates (note: if you previously sent your interest to my office, you are on this list).

Work for Hennepin County

Our website shows 19 positions currently available at Hennepin County. Positions include administrative operations coordinator, diversity and inclusion manager, food service 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
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).

Fill Up Your Calendar With These Upcoming Events in District 2

St. Anthony:

July 26-27-28, August 3-4. St. Anthony Community Theater production "Singin' in the Rain." SAV High School Auditorium. stanthonyvillagefest.org

August 2-4. St. Anthony Villagefest. Go to stanthonyvillagefest.org for a full listing of activities.

August 2, 7 pm. St. Anthony Parade followed by street dance and celebration. See you there!

Thursday evenings through August 15, 7 to 8 pm. Salo Park summer concert series, 39th Ave NE between Silver Lake Rd and Stinson. Free. Info [here](#).

Northeast:

Saturday, June 29, 2 to 9 pm. Honky Tonk Fest at Grumpy's Northeast, 2200 4th St. NE. Benefit for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Music by Trailer Trash, the Cactus Blossoms and more!

Saturday, June 29, 1 pm. Open Eye Theater's "Molly and the Magic Boot" performance at the Edison Basin, 700 22nd Ave. NE, across from Jackson Square Park.

Weds., July 3 and Thurs., July 4. Red White and Boom. See full listing under multiple communities.

North: Thursday, July 11, 6 to 8 pm. Live on the Drive Chastity Brown. Victory Memorial Drive at 34th Ave N. Free. Information at 612-588-1155 or visit liveonthedrive.org.

Sunday, July 14, 1 pm. Historic Old Highland Neighborhood walking tour. Starts at the Church of the Ascension, 1723 Bryant Ave. N.

Saturday, July 20, noon. Fix-it Clinic, North Commons Park, 18th and James Ave. N.

Thursday, August 8, 6 to 8 pm. Live on the Drive Lucy Michelle Trio. Victory Memorial Drive at 34th Ave. N. Free. Information at 612-588-1155 or visit liveonthedrive.org.

Bryn Mawr: Tuesday, July 16, 6:00 pm. Bryn Mawr Ice Cream Taste Off, 420 Cedar Lake Rd S, Minneapolis Music by Saddlesores. [Info](#).

North Loop: Tuesday, July 9, 6:30 to 8 pm. North Loop Ladies Book Club. Discussion of "Paris Wife" by Paula McLain. Location available to book club (see meetup.com/North-Loop-Ladies-Book-Club/events/114610062/ FFI).

Golden Valley: Friday, July 12, 8 am. Golden Valley Golf Classic, benefiting local charities. Brookview Golf Course, 200 Brookview Pkwy. <http://goldenvalleymn.gov/events/golfclassic/index.php>

Monday, July 15, 7 pm. Sixth Annual Ice Cream Social. Brookview Park Large Shelter. Free. [Info](#).

Sundays 9 am to 1 pm, Market in the Valley, under the water tower.

Plymouth: Tuesday July 2, 5 pm to fireworks (rain date July 9). 41st annual Music in Plymouth, Hilde Performance Ctr., 35th and Plymouth Blvd. Great music from local ensembles and ends with a performance by the Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra, with special guest trumpeter Charles Lazarus. More info [here](#).

Wednesday, July 3, 2:30 to 6:30 pm. Plymouth Farmers Market, Lifetime Fitness parking lot, 3600 Plymouth Blvd. Continues Wednesdays through October 2.

Multiple Communities:

Friday, June 28 through Sunday, June 30. Twin Cities Pride. Beer Dabbler Friday evening. Pride in Concert Saturday and Sunday followed by fireworks on Saturday night. The Ashley Rukes GLBT Pride Parade is Sunday, June 30, 11am starting at 3rd and Hennepin Avenue. More info: tcpride.org.

Wednesday, July 3 and Thursday, July 4 (fireworks at 10 pm July 4). Red, White and Boom. Celebrate America's Independence Day with a two-day celebration hosted by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. Downtown Minneapolis riverfront. Live music, great food, fun activities for the whole family, and the grand finale - fireworks on the riverfront near Father Hennepin Park! Info: minneapolisparcs.org.

Tuesday, July 16, 6:30 pm, rain or shine. Minnesota [Community Sings](#), promoting community public singing. Minnehaha Park - [Wabun Picnic Area](#), Large Shelter. Free.

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

