



Hennepin County Commissioner Linda Higgins

May 2014

In Touch With District 2

The Victory Neighborhood of Minneapolis is hosting a Memorial Concert at the Victory Memorial flagpole (Victory Memorial Drive and 45th Ave. N), ([map](#)), Thursday, May 22, 2014, at 7 pm. The Robbinsdale city band will perform a concert of patriotic music. Bring a chair or blanket and a picnic.



In Golden Valley, you are invited to walk through 600 flags lining Golden Valley Road between Highway 100 and Winnetka Avenue North to honor those who have fallen while protecting their country (through May 26).

Thanks to all who have served our county. Have a great Memorial Day!

Linda

Wildwood Park/School of Engineering Playground Ribbon Cutting a Success

Commissioner Higgins, pictured with Golden Valley Mayor Shep Harris (left), Council Member Larry Fonest, and others cut the ribbon Wednesday for a newly redone playground at 7401 Duluth Street while kindergartners and first graders waited and waited for the playground to officially open.



The Wildwood Park playground is a community partnership with Golden Valley, the SEA School, the Golden Valley Open Space Commission, Robbinsdale School District, MN/WI Playgrounds, numerous student, parent and other volunteers, and Hennepin County, who approved a \$50,000 [Youth Sports grant](#) for the project via the Ballpark Initiative.

Since it began in 2009, the Hennepin County Ballpark Initiative has awarded grants for 69 facility projects and 86 small equipment projects in the amount of \$11.2 million.

For further information about the Wildwood Park project, visit Golden Valley's web site at goldenvalleymn.gov/parks/wildwood/index.php

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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 welcomes newly elected Commissioner Marion Greene (District 3)

Commissioner Marion Greene (shown center in picture with Commissioners Opat, Callison, Higgins, and McLaughlin) was sworn in by Judge Cutter on May 21, 2014.

Elected in a special election held May 13, Commissioner Greene replaces Gail Dorfman, who accepted a position with St. Stephens earlier this year.

Greene represents the residents of [Southwest Minneapolis and St. Louis Park](#).

Greene, of Minneapolis, is a former state representative, a healthcare finance professional who lives in Minneapolis with her husband, Bart Cannon, and two stepdaughters.



Metropolitan Council and Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority will hold joint public hearing for Southwest Green Line LRT

The Metropolitan Council and the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority will hold a joint public hearing on the physical design component of the preliminary design plans of the Southwest Light Rail Transit Project (Green Line Extension) as part of the municipal consent process set forth in Minnesota Statutes section 473.3994.

When: 6 p.m., Thursday, May 29. An open house will be held at 5 p.m. on the Public Service Level of the Hennepin County Government Center before the hearing.

Where: Board Room, 24th floor of the Government Center - 300 S. 6th Street, Minneapolis, MN

Written comments may be submitted to the Southwest LRT Project Office, 6465 Wayzata Boulevard, Suite 500, St. Louis Park, MN 55426 Attn: Daren Nyquist
TTY: 651-291-0904

E-mail comments to swlrt@metrotransit.org

Fax comments to 612-373-3899

Green Line Municipal Consent Hearings

The cities of Eden Prairie, Hopkins, Minneapolis, Minnetonka and St. Louis Park will hold separate public hearings in May and June 2014, before the city councils vote on the plans.

Additional information on these hearings will be posted at metro council.org/ as they are scheduled.

May 20 county board actions included housing and TOD grants

Strategic land acquisition

The board approved the reallocation of 2012 and 2013 Transit Oriented Development funds to an opportunity fund that will leverage an estimated \$10 million through partnership with the Twin Cities Community Land Bank. The land bank will allow the Hennepin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority to purchase strategic sites in Hennepin County that are consistent with Hennepin County goals.

Board approves affordable housing projects

The Hennepin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority approved projects to be funded by the Affordable Housing Incentive Fund (AHIF). This year \$3.3 million will be committed to projects that work with municipalities, other government and nonprofit agencies, private and nonprofit developers and lenders to encourage development and preservation of affordable housing. Since

2000, this program has committed more than \$50 million and leveraged more than \$1 billion in more than 5,500 affordable housing units. Projects are selected through a competitive request for proposal process.

2014 Transit Oriented Development program

The board approved four Housing and Redevelopment Authority projects that will leverage a total of \$167 million in private and public funding to create 518 housing units, 204,500 square feet of commercial space, and 406 new and 307 retained jobs.

- Bloomington Central Station Apartment Project (City of Bloomington) - \$400,000 grant
- Broadway Flats (Broadway Flats, LLLP) - \$300,000 cash flow loan
- Cedar Plaza (Cedar Cultural Center) - \$125,000 grant
- MoZaic East (The Ackerberg Group) - \$300,000 grant

Lots of Upcoming Events in District 2!

St. Anthony: *Thursdays, June 12-August 14.* Salo Park Summer Concert Series. Visit nema.org for more information.

Northeast: *Saturdays, May 31-August 30, 9am-1pm.* Northeast Farmers Market. St. Boniface Church, corner of University Ave. NE and 7th Ave. NE, Minneapolis.

May 30-31. John Stock 2014 with the Johnson Street merchants. Artists, crafters, family events, music and more. Info at nenorthnews.com.

Wednesday, June 11, 6-8pm. Public workshop on Lowry Avenue plan. Hennepin County is hosting a second public workshop. Mississippi Watershed Management Organization, 2522 Marshall Street NE, Minneapolis.

June 13-15. Stone Arch Bridge Festival. A weekend of art and music on the Riverfront. For more info: stonearchbridgefestival.com.

Tuesday, June 17, 6:30-9pm. Northeast Parade. Parade route is on Central Avenue, between 27th Avenue NE and 18th Avenue NE, Minneapolis.

Celebrate Northeast Parade

June 23-27 and June 30-July 4. Art Camp 2014. Visit nema.org for more information.

North: *Saturday, May 31, 10am-4pm.* Open Streets. Open Streets is a rare opportunity to experience what streets feel like without cars. Residents can give input on the proposed North Minneapolis Greenway project. Those interested in joining the planning process or volunteering

for the event should email OpenStreets@mplsbike.org. Visit openstreetsmpls.com for info.

Saturday, May 31, 9am-4pm. Victory Neighborhood Garage Sales. Sales throughout the neighborhood and a flea market at Loring School from 9am-2pm.

Sunday, June 1, 1-4pm. First annual Children's Day Festival. Crafts, games, and music. Webber Park, 4400 Dupont Ave. N, Minneapolis.

Thursday, June 12, 6-8pm. Live on the Drive featuring Thomasina Petrus. Victory Memorial Parkway, 34th Avenue North and Victory Memorial Parkway, Minneapolis. Visit liveonthedrive.org for more information.

Saturday, June 14. Juneteenth. North Mississippi Regional Park, 5114 North Mississippi Drive, Minneapolis. More info at juneteenthminnesota.org.

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

Wednesday, June 27, 7-9:30pm. Victory Neighborhood Ice Cream Social. Victory Park, 4414 Upton Ave. N.

Saturday, June 28, 11am-5pm. Lind-Bohanon Home and Art Fair. Emmy award winning Zinghoppers will be hopping at this event. Jenny Lind Elementary School, 5025 Bryant Ave. N.

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Work for Hennepin County

Our website shows 29 positions currently available at Hennepin County. Positions include account clerk, community liaison, supply chain manager, volunteer special 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!

Thursday, June 5, 12pm and Saturday, June 21, 10am.

Givens Black Books: Community Reading Campaign. This month's featured author is Hill Harper. Join Leon Trawick and Tene Wells as they discuss Harper's "Letters to an Incarcerated Brother" and "The Wealth Cure: Putting Money in its Place." Sumner Library, 611 Van White Memorial Blvd. To register, call 612-543-6875 or online (giveaway copies available) at www.hclib.org/pub/events/.



June 9-July 28. Lundstrum Center for the Performing Arts presents Dancemania! Visit lundstrumcenter.org for registration and more information.

June 17-July 17. CAST (Capri After School Theater). Summer Session for High School Students. Visit thecapritheater.org for registration and more information.

June 17-July 10 and July 15-31. Juxtaposition Arts presents Free Wall: Introduction to Aerosol Painting. Visit juxtapositionarts.org for registration and more information.

June 24-August 14. V.A.L.T. (Visual Arts Literacy Training). Juxtaposition Arts after school program. Visit juxtapositionarts.org for registration and more 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.

Bryn Mawr: Friday, May 30 and Saturday, May 31, 7pm. Beauty and the Beast, Anwatin Middle School.

Saturday, June 7, 10am-2pm. Electronic Recycling Collection. Natural Step Tai Chi will partner with Tech Dump to collect unwanted electronics. Parking lot of Anwatin Middle School, 256 Upton Ave. S., Minneapolis. Visit bmna.org/images/Bugle_2014_05 for more information.

Golden Valley: June 9-August 11, 7pm. **Concerts in the Park.** Every summer, the Park and Recreation Department sponsors free weekly concerts at Brookview Park, 200 Brookview Parkway N.

June 12-14, 9am-4pm. **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event.** Dispose of your household hazardous waste. St. Louis Park Jr. High School, 2025 Texas Ave. S.

Wednesday, June 18, 6-8pm. Public Safety Open House. Tour the Police Station and any or all three fire stations. Visit goldenvalleymn.gov for more information.

Saturday, June 21, 5pm-midnight. **Fire Relief Association Street Dance.** Chester Bird American Legion, Hwy 100 and Glenwood Avenue N, Golden Valley.

Medicine Lake: Thursday, June 12, 6:30pm. Plymouth Lions Dinner Meeting, Medicine Lake City Hall. Speaker Nancy Brooks. Visit plymouthlions.org for more information.

Plymouth: Saturday, May 31, 9am-noon. Volunteers needed to plant flowers at Plymouth city parks and buildings. For more information or to be assigned a planting location, call Volunteer Coordinator Jackie Maas at 763-509-5230 or email jmaas@plymouthmn.gov.

Monday, June 2, 6-7pm. **Walk with a Doc.** Take a 45-minute walk with a local doctor. Plymouth Creek Center, 14800 34th Ave. N.

Monday, June 2, 4:30-6:30pm. **Plant Swap.** Residents can grow their collection of plants. Plymouth Maintenance Facility parking lot, 14900 23rd Ave. N.

Friday, June 6, 7:30pm. **Live at the Hilde.** This family-friendly, all-ages concert will feature popular regional performers. Hilde Performance Center, 3450 Plymouth Blvd.

Monday, June 16, 6:45pm. **Naturalist Visit: Zoomobile.** The Zoomobile will use animals and props to demonstrate to children how all life on Earth is connected. Hilde Small Stage, 3450 Plymouth Blvd.

Wednesdays, June 18-October 1, 2:30-6:30pm. **Farmers Market.** Plymouth Ice Center parking lot, 3650 Plymouth Blvd.

Wednesday, June 25, 10am-noon. **Happy Birthday America Parade.** Children are invited to bring their bikes, trikes, wagons and friends and be part of a special parade. Hilde Performance Center, 3450 Plymouth Blvd.

Multiple Communities: June 28-29. Twin Cities Pride. Multiple events and locations including concerts, weddings, the Rainbow Run 5K and the June 29 parade at 11am. Visit tcpride.org for more information and don't forget to check out the Lowry Bridge.



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