



Hennepin County Commissioner Linda Higgins

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In Touch With District 2

Thank you to all veterans!



Veterans Day, November 11, is dedicated to honoring the men and women of all branches of the United States Armed Forces who serve their country.

Did you know there is a Hennepin County Veterans' Service department that provides assistance and support to veterans and their dependents? Services include help in obtaining state and federal veteran benefits, acting as an advocate on veterans' behalf, and/or directing veterans to other authorized agencies or providers as their needs dictate.

Join me in thanking veterans from all across this country!

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Sheridan Veterans Memorial in Sheridan Memorial Park

WWII veterans group known as the "Freedom Fighters" make dream a reality

A group of 13 Northeast Minneapolis World War II veterans known as the "Freedom Fighters," led by the late Ed Karbo Sr., joined forces with the Sheridan Neighborhood Organization in 2005 and approached Minneapolis Park Board about locating a memorial in what became Sheridan Memorial Park. Hennepin County provided a \$52,750 Environmental Response Fund grant for soil cleanup for this project.

State Representative Diane Loeffler said, "The Sheridan Veterans Memorial is a thank you to those who stepped forward to serve, a tribute to those whose lives were lost or forever altered, and a living reminder of our hope for a world with lasting peace." A grand opening celebration of the memorial will occur in spring of 2014 when the central sculpture is completed and installed.

There will be a special Veterans Day dedication ceremony at the site of the Sheridan Veterans Memorial on Monday, November 11, at 10 am. The memorial is located at 1300 Water Street (between the Grain Belt complex and the Mississippi River, just north of the Broadway bridge). More information at [MPRB](#).

The ceremony will feature music by the Macalester College Pipe Band, remarks from public dignitaries including Minnesota National Guard Command Sergeant Major Rollyn Wold, a performance by Twin Cities' vocalist Anita McColley, raising of the flags by the Minnesota National Guard Honor Guard, and comments by Howard Weller, age 85, the last surviving member of the NE Minneapolis WWII veterans group who first envisioned the memorial site.



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300 S. 6th St.

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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.

Webber Park Library temporary location approved

The Board approved a lease for a temporary library for Webber Park area residents on [November 5](#).

The temporary library - necessary because of the July 2013 closure of the library from structural failure - will be located in the Camden Center at 4203 Webber Parkway. The temporary library will offer residents access to computers, a browsing collection for adults and children, reserve book pick-up and space for work or study. It is anticipated that the temporary Webber Park Library will open in December 2013 and will continue to be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12-8 and Saturdays from 9-5.

Thank you to all the residents who provided input for the temporary location! We will share information when the Board discusses a new library as part of the regular budget process.



Levy for Bassett Creek Watershed approved

The board approved a special [levy for the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission](#) of \$895,000 for 2014 to fund three water-quality improvement projects in Golden Valley: Schaper Pond Diversion, Briarwood/Dawnview Water Quality, and the Twin Lake In-Lake Alum Treatment Project. These projects will improve the water quality in Sweeney Lake, Bassett Creek, and Twin Lake respectively. Sweeney Lake and Bassett Creek are on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Impaired Waters List. Twin Lake is a high quality lake that has recently experienced a marked decline in water quality.

Partnership with Project for Pride and Living and Better Futures Enterprises reduces waste and creates jobs

The Board amended an agreement totaling \$1,500,000 with the [Project for Pride in Living Enterprises \(PPL\)](#) and [Better Futures Enterprises](#) (formerly the NetWork for Better Futures) to continue reuse and recycling programs for mattresses, books, plastics, building materials and household goods for another six months. This agreement will reuse or recycle 450 tons of waste and recycle 54,600 mattresses.

The Board also amended an appliance recycling agreement with Better Futures Enterprises to recycle appliances collected at the Brooklyn Park Transfer Station. This contract has been extended for two years to October 31, 2015.

PPL provides training and employment for low-income individuals. Better Futures provides job training for high-risk adults, primarily African American men, with histories of incarceration, substance abuse, mental illness, chronic unemployment, and homelessness.



Photo by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, courtesy of Better Futures Enterprises

County Board moves Bottineau LRT to next step



Photo by Metro Transit

The County Board, acting as the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority, approved funding \$18.4 million of costs for the METRO Blue Line extension (Bottineau LRT) on [Nov. 5](#).

To move into project development, the Bottineau LRT needed to demonstrate a funding commitment from local partners to the Federal Transit Administration.

The rest of the funding is anticipated to be provided by the Counties Transit Improvement Board, who will vote on the issue in December. Project development will take approximately two years and cost an estimated \$46 million.

Project development involves completing the environmental review process and the municipal approval process for the corridor and beginning engineering-related work. The Metropolitan Council will lead the project development process, but the county, along with its city partners, will still be involved with the station area planning aspects of the project.

For more information about the Bottineau LRT, visit bottineautransitway.org.
Click [here](#) to view a link to an informational video about the Bottineau Transitway.
Click [here](#) to view a flyover simulation video of the Bottineau Transitway.

Youth employment opportunity with Conservation Corps

Conservation Corps Minnesota is accepting applications from 18- to 25-year-olds for their 2014 program. Applicants should have an interest in working outdoors in a team setting, giving back to their community and exploring professional development opportunities. The priority application deadline is December 4, 2013.

Conservation Corps' goal is to help young people from diverse backgrounds become more connected to the environment and prepared for future employment.

Crew members receive a stipend, health insurance, student loan forbearance during the service term and a post-service AmeriCorps Education Award that may be used for college expenses or to repay qualified student loans. For further information, visit conservationcorps.org/join-corps/.



Work for Hennepin County

Our website shows 28 positions currently available at Hennepin County. Positions include civil engineer, data administrator, dental assistant, human services representative III, 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: *Thursday, Nov. 14, 5:30 to 8 pm.* Sustainability Festival. Silverwood Park, 2500 County Rd. E West. Learn about sustainable practices. More [info](#).

Saturday, Nov. 16, 10 am. St. Anthony Village Historical Society 2013 Annual Meeting. St. Anthony City Hall in Council Chambers, 3301 Silver Lake Rd., St. Anthony.

Northeast: *Saturday, Nov. 16, 10 am to 3 pm.* Edison Boosters host their first autumn bazaar. Crafts, entertainment and a farmers market. Edison High School, 700 22nd Ave. NE, Minneapolis.

Saturday, Nov. 16, 11 am to 5 pm. Shop local at the Locavore Design Boutique. Chowgirls parlor at 1224 2nd St. NE., Mpls. Shop with food and a cash bar. More [info](#).

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 5 to 6:30 pm. [New City School](#) open house at 229 13th Ave. NE. New City School, a K-8, tuition-free public school with free busing is accepting applications for the 2014-15 school year. Info. [here](#).

North: *Thursday, Nov. 7, 6:30 pm.* Webber-Camden Annual Meeting. Epworth Room of North United Methodist Church, 44th and Fremont Ave. N. Meet your neighbors, plan for the new year, and elect the board.

Saturday, Nov. 9, 11 am to 4 pm. "Hoop Dreams," a family-friendly basketball-themed fundraiser at Patrick Henry, 4320 Newton Ave. N. Bring a nonperishable food item for admission. Family activities including clowns, face-painting, music, dance and a silent auction. Students in grades 6-12 may participate in the Hoops Contest (\$10 registration). Visit [nmmow.org](#). Sponsored by North Minneapolis Meals on Wheels and Patrick Henry students.



The [West Broadway Business and Area Coalition](#) and the [West Broadway Farmers Market](#) are bringing a Holiday Pop Up Boutique to West Broadway and they are looking for vendors. Vendors may sell self-produced goods of any type, including foodstuffs, produce, plants, services, crafts and fine arts. [Access the vendor application here](#) (due November 18). The boutique will take place December 13 and 14 at 201 West Broadway, Minneapolis.

Wirth Park winter season passes are now on sale for cross country skiing, snow tubing and snow boarding. Rental equipment available. Call 763-522-4584 or [web](#).

Bryn Mawr: *Tuesday, Nov. 12, 7 to 9 pm.* Bryn Mawr [Garden Group meeting](#). Cuppa Java, 400 Penn Ave. S. Minneapolis.

North Loop: *Friday, Nov. 22, 6:30 to 9 pm.* Holiday wine tasting event. All proceeds support safe, fun and learning-enriched programs for the youth of North Minneapolis. Tickets are \$30 in advance (\$35 at door, if available) at

<https://give.ymcatwincities.org/NCWineTasting>. North Loop Wine and Spirits, 218 Washington Ave. N., Mpls.

Golden Valley: *Friday, Nov. 8, 2 pm.* Veterans' Program. Patriotic songs and readings, thank you ceremony and light refreshments. King of Grace School (gymnasium), 6000 Duluth St., Golden Valley. Information [here](#).

Thursday, Nov. 21, 6:30 pm. Movie "MN Nice?", a documentary featuring interviews with students across Minnesota, most of whom have been victims of bullying. Panel discussion with the director after the movie. City Hall Council Chambers, 7800 Golden Valley Rd, Golden Valley. Information [here](#).

Medicine Lake: *Thursday, Nov. 14, 6:30 pm.* Plymouth Lions Club dinner meeting. Speaker: Victor "Sonny" Williams and Rob Britton, Northern Voices. Medicine Lake City Hall, 10609 S Shore Dr., Medicine Lake. Information [here](#).

Plymouth: *Saturday, Nov. 16, 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday, Nov. 17, noon to 5 pm.* Plymouth Arts Fair. Juried event, children's activities and live music. Free admission. Plymouth Creek Center, 14800 34th Ave. N., Plymouth.

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 4 to 6 pm. I-494 rehabilitation open house presented by the Minnesota Department of Transportation. Scheduled to begin July or August 2014, the project will stretch through seven miles of roadway on I-494, between I-394 and I-694 and will include roadway, pavement and bridge reconstruction, the construction of noise barriers and the addition of a dynamic shoulder – a wider shoulder that will open to traffic during peak periods – between Highway 55 and East Fish Lake Road. More information [here](#).

Multiple Communities:

Wednesday, Nov. 13, program begins at 7 pm, doors open at 6:15 pm. Talk of the Stacks with Amy Tan, bestselling author of seven novels (including *The Joy Luck Club* and *The Bonesetter's Daughter*), a memoir and two children's books. Her latest book, *The Valley of Amazement*, will be her first published novel in almost ten years. Seating is free and first come, first served. Books are available for sale and signing (following lecture). Hennepin County Library – Minneapolis Central, Pohlad Hall, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis. A program of Friends of the Hennepin County Library.

Weekly. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)-Hennepin. Support groups for adults and young adults to relieve stress and connect people to resources. All groups are drop-in with no need to register. Visit [namihelps.org/support.html](#) or call 612-424-1823 (voicemail).

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