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City of Lakes

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Dear Chairperson Sandberg:

We wanted to take this opportunity to bring to your attention some of the work of the City Attorney's Office (CAO) directed to improving public safety and the livability of our neighborhoods. As you may know, the Criminal Division of the CAO prosecutes all adult misdemeanor crime in the City of Minneapolis. Misdemeanor crime includes everything from traffic-related offenses to lower level assault charges – any crime that is punishable by up to a year in jail.

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve results, the CAO launched its **Community Attorney Program** back in 2002. Each of the five police precincts in the City have their own Community Attorney, a community-based prosecutor, who offices at the precinct station. The Community Attorney for your neighborhood is Lois Conroy; her phone number is (612) 673-5526 and e-mail: lois.conroy@ci.minneapolis.mn.us. The Community Attorney is there as a resource not only for the police, but for members of the community. Lois is available to attend meetings of your association and respond to particular questions and concerns of your members.

The goal of the Community Attorney program is to continually improve public safety and the livability of our communities by aggressively prosecuting livability crime in our neighborhoods, using a coordinated approach, working closely with community members, law enforcement, probation and community service providers. Livability crimes include such things as prostitution, trespass, public urination, consuming in public and code violations relating to "problem" properties.

The CAO focuses additional resources on prosecuting the most chronic livability offenders – those relatively few individuals who commit the most number of offenses –through our **Top Offender** program. Your Community Attorney is responsible for maintaining a list of the Top 20 most chronic offenders in your precinct. The list is updated quarterly based on input from community members, the police, probation and prosecutors.

The CAO is able to obtain significant and meaningful consequences for those on the top offender list. Last year, top offenders from the First Precinct served an average of 123 days in jail for each livability crime. Most importantly, we

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have been able to reduce recidivism. Comparing the twelve months before prosecution by the CAO top offender team and the twelve months after, we have seen a reduction of over 40% both in the number of new cases and the number of police contacts related to these individuals.

The CAO relies on the involvement of neighborhood and community members in our efforts to successfully prosecute offenders and obtain appropriate sanctions. One important tool is being able to submit **Community Impact Statements** to the Court for consideration in sentencing. Victims have a right to provide input to the Court on the impact of a crime. For livability offenses, the community is the victim of the crime. Providing statements from neighborhood members of the impact that a repeat offender has on the quality of life in the neighborhood serves as a powerful reminder that these are not victimless crimes. Community impact statements can be submitted to your Community Attorney or through the CAO's Web site: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/attorney. The MPD Crime Prevention Specialists and our Community Attorneys ask for statements to be submitted in appropriate cases. Taking the time to submit these statements can make a real difference in the outcomes we are able to obtain in certain cases.

Other tools used by our Office include obtaining geographic restrictions as part of an offender's conditions of probation. We have been successful in having the Court order an offender to stay out of a certain neighborhood area if that individual has committed an offense in that area in the past and does not live or work in that area. The offender can be held in contempt of court if he or she is caught in the restricted area. In 2009, 94 offenders have been geographically restricted from designated neighborhoods.


Other activities in the First Precinct include:


- We created and lead the Downtown Court Watch program for all of the First precinct neighborhoods, This group selects cases and defendants they wish to follow through the Court process, and keep close tabs on the procedures and outcomes. The group follows chronic offenders and problem areas, then works together to find solutions.
- To speed up the court process, the First Precinct Community Attorney now reviews and charges all chronic offender cases submitted by police investigators. In addition to speeding the charging process up by several months, we have dramatically increased the average amount of cases being charged directly from the precinct in the past year.

Other information about our Office can be found on the CAO page of the City's Web site or at the *Results Minneapolis* Web site: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/results.

Please do not hesitate to contact either of us or your Community Attorney if there is any additional information we can provide or if there are other ways we can be of service.

Very truly yours,


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City Attorney


MARTHA HOLTON DIMICK
Deputy City Attorney, Criminal

INFORMATION FROM THE 1st Precinct - MINNEAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Minneapolis Police Department Precincts and Safety Centers

First Precinct..... 19 N 4th St N
Second Precinct..... 1911 Central Ave NE
Third Precinct..... 3000 Minnehaha Ave S
Fourth Precinct..... 1925 Plymouth Ave N

Fifth Precinct..... 3101 Nicollet Ave S 5
Franklin Ave Safety Center..... 1201 E Franklin
Midtown Safety Center 2949 Chicago Ave
Downtown Improvement District/SafeZone... (612) 673-5172

Other Numbers and addresses

Traffic Unit..... (612) 673-2981
HN County Jail, 401 4th Ave S..... (612) 348-5112
HN County Attorney/Victim Assistance ... (612) 348-4003
Criminal Investigations Division (612) 673-2941
Police Property and Evidence (612) 673-2932

Juvenile Supervision Center, 21A of City Hall..... (612)673-5465
City of Minneapolis, City Hall, 350 South Fifth St
<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/>
Hennepin County, Government Center, 300 South 6th Street
<http://www.co.hennepin.mn.us/>

Police Reports, Minneapolis City Hall, 350 5th St S, Room 31..... (612) 673-2961

Request records in person in Room 31 of City Hall, or complete an Online Request for Public Data and have information sent to you by e-mail, fax or pick it up at City Hall. There is a fee for all printed materials/reports. Prices and Online Request for Public Data is available at: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/records/>

311 or <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/311/>

Service requests are available by calling 311 or going to the website. The forms help people report a wide range of things, including:

- Pothole reporting
- Minneapolis City Attorney's Office (Filing criminal charges)
- Traffic sign and signal repair requests
- Graffiti reporting
- Street light repair requests
- Parking meter problems
- Animal control complaints
- Abandoned vehicle complaints

Service requests are sent directly to the relevant City departments. When you submit a request, you are given an estimate of how long it will take to fix and a tracking number so you can follow up on the request if you like.

Useful Websites

Crime Statistics..... <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-statistics/>
Crime Prevention Information <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-prevention/>
Sex Offender Locator..... <http://www.doc.state.mn.us/level3/search.asp>

Gun Permits: Permits are issued at: 400 South 4th Street, Suite 600 (Grain Exchange). Information on the process is available at: <http://www.hennepinsheriff.org/investigativeservices/handgun.asp>. If you have questions, you can contact: sheriff.gunpermit@co.hennepin.mn.us or the Permit Hotline at (612) 348-8008.

Order of Protection: For information about Order of Protection, call the Hennepin County Domestic Abuse Service Center at 348-5073. It is located on Level A of the Hennepin County Government Center,

Impound Lot: Within 72 hours, a notice is mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle. If the vehicle is not picked up within 15 days of the notice, it may be sold at auction by the City.

- Call (612) 673-5777 to verify we have your vehicle
- (Have your license plate or VIN number ready)
- Learn what you'll need to release your vehicle at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/impound-lot/>
- Pick up your vehicle at the 51 Colfax Ave N

Miscellaneous Information

Lost Matriculate Consulate ID: An individual is to bring a police report (theft, mysteries disappearance) to Consulate

Conflict Resolution Center, 2101 Hennepin Ave S..... (612) 822-9890
Works with individuals who are having a conflict. Information about services available at: www.mplsmediationprogram.org

Public Fingerprinting: The Minneapolis Police Crime Lab is located at Minneapolis City Hall, Room 316, 350 South 5th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55415. The hours for public fingerprinting are: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., Monday through Friday. The cost for public fingerprinting is \$15.00 per fingerprint card. The Crime Lab can only accept checks or money orders made out to the "City of Minneapolis". We cannot accept cash or debit cards. You must present a valid driver's license, state issued ID card or passport. Under Minnesota Government Data Practices Statutes, Section 13.87, fingerprints are considered private data. Fingerprint cards can only be given to the subject of the fingerprints or to a governmental entity. For additional information, contact the Crime Lab at (612) 673-3073 or e-mail us at police@ci.minneapolis.mn.us. Public fingerprinting is also done by the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office. Please contact them for additional information.

Curfew Hours

Curfew Hours for youths under 12 years old:

Sunday through Thursday Home by 9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday Home by 10 p.m.
For ages 12-14 1 hour later than those under 12
For ages 15-17 2 hours later than those under 12

1st Precinct Crime Prevention Specialists: Ahmed Hassan...(612) 673-5164; Renee Allen...(612) 673-5163

Twin Cities Sustainable Communities Conference, March 12 & 13 2010

Linking Citizens and Cities for Sustainable Communities

Central Lutheran Church, 333 12th Street South, Minneapolis 55404 (next to the Minneapolis Convention Center)

Local Government Sustainability Workshop - Friday March 12 Noon to 5pm,

Neighborhood Sustainability Conference – Saturday March 13 8:30am to 4:30pm

Contact: Sean Gosiewski, Program Director, Alliance for Sustainability 612-331-1099 sean@afors.org www.afors.org ,

Audience: Fri. - 350 local government leaders, Sat. - 500 volunteers from neighborhoods, congregations & schools.

Third Annual Local Government Workshop – Friday March 12, Noon to 5pm

Goals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Link local governments with grants and innovative funding tools for their sustainability projects. 2. Highlight effective sustainability best practices included in the new MN Greensteps Cities Program. 3. Help cities simplify their sustainability efforts by using sustainability indicators to focus city operations, ordinances and community engagement to achieve common goals & report on progress.
Audience	350 local government staff and elected officials, citizen and business leaders will learn about model policies and ordinances they can adopt to save money on city buildings, pay for ash tree removal, fund innovative storm water management projects, expand pedestrian, bike and transit networks, reduce costs of road repair and waste management, spur economic development and enhance livability.
Noon	Networking, Exhibitors, Light Lunch
Keynote 12:45 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making sustainability simple. How Madison is using the Natural Step to guide changes in city operations, ordinances and community engagement to meet their goals and report their results to residents. • Creating consensus for local action. Bridging differences to get projects done. New state and federal funding for city sustainability projects. Overview of Burnsville’s Sustainability Guide Plan - Mayor Elizabeth Kautz, Mayor, City of Burnsville and President, U.S. Conf. of Mayors (invited)
Workshops 2:00 to 3:10	<p>Local government staff, elected officials and topic experts will share successful projects and new funding opportunities and will engage participants to share insights from their cities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of the MN Green Step Cities Program including technical assistance, Phillip Muessig, MPCA - Using Sustainability Indicators and the Natural Step to focus city efforts to green city operations, ordinances and community and business engagement - City of Madison, Office of Sustainability, Gayle Prest, Sustainability Manager, City of Minneapolis - New Money Available for City Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Projects – MN Office of Energy Security and MPCA update on state and federal grant opportunities Christie Traczyk Center for Energy and Environment Public Buildings Enhanced Energy Efficiency Program. - Creating safe pedestrian and bike networks through Complete Streets policies – municipal leaders will highlight ways citizens and city councils can create safe and convenient pedestrian, bike and transit links to new transit corridors and regional trails. Learn how to use the new web-based Cyclopath tool. How the proposed State of MN Complete Streets Policy will offer municipalities added flexibility. Overview of state and foundation grants for bike and pedestrian planning. - Protecting and Diversifying Urban Forests. Updates on state funding sources to for ash tree removal and replanting diversified urban forests. Balancing needs for shade and storm water mitigation with solar access and food production. Fruit and nut tree options. Protecting priority elm and ash. Model Tree Policies, Tree City USA, Ken Holman, DNR, John Uban Bonestroo.
Workshops 3:20 to 4:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MN Green Step Cities Pilot Communities Roundtable – staff and elected officials from Edina, St. Louis Park, Bloomington, Falcon Heights and Victoria will share some of their sustainability initiatives. Urban Lands Institute and the Regional Council of Mayors. - Implementing your Comprehensive Plan with innovative ordinances – Local examples of cities that are improving building performance, expanding recycling, ensuring low-impact development and meeting other comp plan goals through updating ordinances. Examples of Cities that are

<p>developing or implementing Comprehensive sustainability plans – Burnsville, St. Cloud</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community-Wide Energy Efficiency Initiatives – learn how Apple Valley, Minneapolis and St. Paul leveraging utility resources and state and federal funds to retrofit hundreds of homes and businesses. Staff from Minneapolis, St. Paul, Apple Valley, Center for Energy and Environment, Neighborhood Energy Connection and Metro Clean Energy Resource Team. - Blue Star Cities – Improving water quality through comprehensive strategies and innovative funding models - Brett Emmons, Emmons Olivier Resources, Trevor Russel, FMR - Saving money and resources through organized collection, organics waste collection and tiered pricing. Sig Scheurle will share the results of the MPCA’s study that shows the multiple environmental and financial benefits of cities switching to organized collection. Dianne Wanner, City of St. Paul, John Jaimez, Hennepin County, Eureka Recycling. - Empowering Your Citizen Environmental Commission – Suburban environmental commission members will share ways they are harnessing the expertise, time and energy of volunteers and interns to partner with city staff to save money on city operations and engage the public in conservation.
4:30 to 5:00 Networking, exhibitors, reception for local government staff, elected officials and citizen leaders.

5th Annual Neighborhood Sustainability Conference, Sat. March 13, 2010 8:30am to 4:30pm,
 Central Lutheran Church, 333 12th Street South Minneapolis 55404 (next to the Minneapolis Convention Center)

Goals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support volunteers to green their neighborhood, congregation, school or businesses – with project tool kits, free materials, lawn signs a resource guide and speaker lists 2. Support citizens to partner with their city to enact sustainable local policies - through becoming a MN Green Step City, eco-municipality or transition community and sustainability indicators. 3. Support citizens to advocate for wise state policies to secure a sustainable shared future. 				
Audience	500 citizen leaders and volunteers from neighborhoods, congregations, schools, businesses and city environmental commissions will get practical resources for their hands-on projects and will learn from other citizen leaders who have partnered with their city to bring about sustainable local policies.				
8:30am	Registration and Refreshments				
Keynote 9am	City Repair – How neighborhood volunteers in Portland are reclaiming urban spaces to create community-oriented places for greater neighborhood communication, local food production, and local culture. Mark Lakeman, City Repair, Portland Oregon				
Grassroots Project Workshops 10 to 11:30	Grassroots Projects – Introductions, Topic overview 20 minutes. Project Case Studies 20 min. Technical Assist and Grants 10 min, Q and A/ Discussion 30 min.				
	Neighborhood Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Projects	Creating safe, welcoming streets /sidewalks for All Complete Streets	Blue Thumb gardening and rain gardens for water quality	Deepening the top soil on your block through shared composting	Neighborhood Tree Stewards – diversifying your urban forest.
	Community Gardening, Farmer’s Markets, Food, Preservation	Launching a Transition Town initiative in your community.	Introduction to the Natural Step Framework – envisioning a new shared future	Global Sufficiency Network/ Buy Local/ Dual Currencies	
Participatory Design Charettes 11:30 to 12:30	Participate in Extreme Makeovers for a city block, suburban congregation and transit corridor Volunteer landscape architects, permaculture designers, architects and planners will work with residents to envision new community spaces, green spaces and energy, storm water and food systems.				
	Seward Block Club Closing the city street and connecting yards to build community and grow healthy food	St. Luke Presbterian, Minnetonka - Replacing 2 acres of lawn with permaculture food crops to benefit the congregation, community and watershed		Central Corridor - Powering up green jobs through efficiency & solar projects, urban food production & bike,/ pedestrian access for businesses	

Lunch and Geographic Break Out Sessions 12:30 to 1:30	Geographic Break Out Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet for lunch with others from your neighborhood or suburban community to share your project ideas for the spring and summer. - Link the green efforts of neighborhoods, congregations and schools in your community. - Share news about new initiatives on energy, water, food, greening, etc. in your area. - Plan ways to engage others to grow your core team at public gatherings, movie screenings. 			
2pm to 3:30pm	Organizing and Outreach Skill Building Sessions – learn ways to grow your green team			
	School Environmental Clubs Youth Environmental Activists of MN	Congregational Creation Care Teams Congregations Caring for Creation	Block Clubs Neighborhoods, Transition Town & Initiatives Twin Cities Transition Towns	Entrepreneurship Urban Market Gardens Collie Graddick, Alliance for Sustainability
3:30 to 4:30	Networking, exhibitors and reception			

Geographic Follow-Up Sessions- April/ May/ June 2010

3pm Workshop for City Staff and other city and community sustainability leaders

5pm Reception/ Networking – for city staff, elected leaders and citizen leaders, info tables

6pm Community Workshop – for community volunteers, council members, and environmental commissions.

Spring 2010 Sessions will focus on water quality, urban forestry and complete streets.

West Metro Roundtable - April St. Louis Park , for cities and towns in Hennepin and Carver Counties	East Metro Roundtable Woodbury, - May for Cities and towns in Ramsey, Washington and Chisago Counties and the St. Croix Valley	North Metro- Roundtable – Roseville May for Cities and towns in Anoka, and Northern Hennepin, Ramsey and Washington Counties	South Metro Roundtable - June Cities and towns in Dakota County, South Washington, Rice and Scott Counties
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Resources to be included in Conference Resource Guide

- **Current listing of funding options for city sustainability projects**
- **Listing of exhibitors and resource organizations**
- **How to participate in the MN Green Step Cities program**
- **How your city can become an Ecomunicipality**
- **How to form a transition town initiative**
- **Sample questions to ask governors candidates on sustainability**
- **Examples of Sustainability indicators from several cities that model social, economic and environmental sustainability – Santa Monica, Minneapolis, Seattle**

Conference Sponsors

Alliance for Sustainability, Cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Hennepin County, the League of Minnesota Cities, MN Pollution Control Agency, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, Eureka Recycling, Xcel Energy – (Please call us at 612-331-1099 if your organization would like to sponsor or exhibit at the event.)

Part 1 Crimes

2009

Cedar River	280		9	20	26	24	160	37	4
Downtown <i>E</i>	140		1	2	5	6	118	8	
Downtown <i>W</i>	2000		41	114	131	67	1574	71	2
Elliot Park	438		15	21	57	31	268	43	3
Loring Park	400		13	32	26	66	236	27	
North Loop	241		2	10	13	49	147	20	

2008

Cedar River	365	3	5	36	33	44	188	54	2
Downtown <i>E</i>	178	1	1	3	7	14	141	11	
Downtown <i>W</i>	2404		21	105	149	60	1980	86	3
Elliot Park	537	1	12	45	40	46	343	47	3
Loring Park	473		5	26	15	53	345	29	
North Loop	293	2	3	18	23	26	201	19	1

2009
Percentage
Totals

Change08t	CHpct	HOMpct	RAPEpct	ROBpct	AgASLTpct	BURGPct	LARCpct	AUTOTHpct	ARSpct
Cedar River	-23%	-100%	80%	-44%	-21%	-45%	-15%	-31%	100%
Downtown <i>E</i>	-21%	-100%	0%	-33%	-29%	-57%	-16%	-27%	#DIV/0!
Downtown <i>W</i>	-17%	#DIV/0!	95%	9%	-12%	12%	-21%	-17%	-33%
Elliot Park	-18%	-100%	25%	-53%	43%	-33%	-22%	-9%	0%
Loring Park	-15%	#DIV/0!	160%	23%	73%	25%	-32%	-7%	#DIV/0!
North Loop	-18%	-100%	-33%	-44%	-43%	88%	-27%	5%	-100%

2009
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Change08t	CHnum	HOMnum	RAPEnum	ROBnum	AgASLTnum	BURGNnum	LARCnum	AUTOTHnum	ARSONnum
Cedar River	-85	-3	4	-16	-7	-20	-28	-17	2
Downtown <i>E</i>	-38	-1	0	-1	-2	-8	-23	-3	0
Downtown <i>W</i>	-404	0	20	9	-18	7	-406	-15	-1
Elliot Park	-99	-1	3	-24	17	-15	-75	-4	0
Loring Park	-73	0	8	6	11	13	-109	-2	0
North Loop	-52	-2	-1	-8	-10	23	-54	1	-1

ATTACHMENT #5

May 2009 Livability

Monica updated the committee about opportunity centers (Heading Home Hennepin) for youth, single adults and families. YouthLink, located off Currie Avenue, has a goal of a 24/7 center for youth (21 and younger). For single adults, Catholic Charities at 17th St and Chicago Avenue will offer a venue. Monica provided a brief background on St. Stephen's, which focuses on those sleeping outside or in substandard settings (such as cars). They focus on finding housing but also need to address folks with mental and drug dependency issues. Monica cited a real success story of a young woman who went from sleeping in the bushes to an apartment with view of the same park bushes.

Monica distributed the small green brochures that list services for the homeless and how to access them. She also talked about items such as socks and slim-jims that they pass out to help build relationships. Monica noted that most of the homeless are women and children. There is concern that the rotating model of housing families may be less available with recent closures. The most recent count of those unsheltered (350 in April) is up considerably from January.

The St. Stephen's program is running at a deficit for the year with cuts in state funding. Jan suggested contacting some of the condo buildings for possible inclusion in the building letter or similar.

Gary asked if the four churches that support Sunday Night suppers might consider having the money diverted to St. Stephen's Outreach. Dave suggested developing a liaison with the State Patrol. Jana thought that CLPC's Phase II monies might be used as matching funds to develop a Loring Park outreach worker.

July 2009 Livability

Is there is one area that they need money more than others? Monica said that items coordination, prevention and housing need more community support. CLPC should identify which issues they are passionate about and target those. In response to a question, Monica described how St. Stephen's approaches a call and what it takes to get someone housing.

Dick asked about the Downtown Ambassadors – Monica attended training and hopes they will call her.

Dick asked which agencies to approach about housing—Monica suggested picking one place and support it for all three years. Different agencies focus on families, youth or single adults. Bob suggested working with those who are recently discharged from custody. While not a sympathetic group, Monica suggests that they are less of a threat if sheltered than if on the street.