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## Gary Schiff throws his hat into Mayoral race in Minneapolis

By JAN WILLMS

Gary Schiff, who has been a City Council member representing Ward 9 since 2001, has made his move to join the race to become mayor of Minneapolis.

"The city has emerged from this recession, and we have a real opportunity that we can't afford to waste to make every neighborhood a neighborhood that's a great place to raise a family and a great place for small business," Schiff said. He added that his years of experience on City Council as a voice for strong neighborhoods and small business will help move the city forward.

Citing enormous equity gaps in neighborhoods, Schiff said he wants to be a mayor who closes those gaps and has a concrete plan in place, and also a mayor who overhauls the complicated regulatory systems so small businesses can succeed.

Turning to the issue of employment, Schiff said that the only time City Hall really talks about jobs is when a big project like the Vikings Stadium or the Convention Center comes up.

"Every year we spend hundreds of millions of dollars on projects like roads and sewers," he stated. "Those contracts are paid for by property tax money, but none of the contractors are required to employ people who actually live in Minneapolis."

Schiff said one of the most common complaints he receives is from people wondering why there isn't anyone who looks like them working at the jobsite. He said constituents wonder why property taxes are going up, but a company outside of Minneapolis gets the contract.

"So, like the Stadium or Midtown Exchange, we will require that one out of four jobs in repairing our infrastructure will go to people living in Minneapolis," he noted. "We should invest in our people at the same time we invest in our infrastructure."

Schiff said he considers one of the biggest challenges the city faces is that government does not work together.

"I was surprised when I joined the City Council to find that the Council and Hennepin County never meet together to talk about the city of Minneapolis," he related. "Twelve years, and we have never talked together about what we are going to do when we tackle problems. The same goes for our school district and the Council."



Gary Schiff, who has been a City Council member representing Ward 9 since 2001, has made his move to join the race to become mayor of Minneapolis. Above, Schiff is pictured with Minneapolis Firefighters from Local 82.

"Twenty per cent of the youth in our schools are homeless, or highly mobile," Schiff said. "Whose responsibility is it to reduce homelessness? The City and County have to work together to set a goal. There has to be accountability for housing, and how tax dollars are spent. There needs to be a mayor who breaks down silos and makes sure that government works for everybody."

Schiff has a history of working as a human rights activist, from the time he was in high school in New York through his days at the University of Minnesota, where he graduated with a degree in women's studies, and beyond. "As a representative of the 9th ward, I am in a very diverse district, and it has been very good preparation for the mayor's race," Schiff said. "My district has thousands of small businesses from Lake Street to 38th Street, and the largest population of American Indians, the largest population of Latinos and historic populations of African Americans. It is 50 per cent homeowners, and 50 per cent renters."

Schiff has been endorsed by the Minneapolis Firefighters Union, the first union endorsement in the crowded mayoral race. He has enlisted 100 small business owners as supporters, who are also city residents.

"I just kicked off a listening tour, going across the city to hear from residents what people want from city government and what they hope for the future," Schiff said.

He said he considers his

ability to listen to be the strongest personal quality he brings to the race.

"Many people wanted to start a microbrewery," Schiff recalled. "I got a phone call from Jason Sowards from Harriet Brewing. I listened to him tell

about the fault in city codes that made it impossible to open a brewery. And listening allowed me to change the law. We now have seven microbreweries and two more set to open this year. That's what people want, someone to listen and find solutions."

Schiff said the votes he regrets most making on City Council were ones in which he didn't trust his instincts and went along with the pack.

"A mayor needs to lead, and even if everybody thinks something is a great idea, needs to make sure that it makes sense and continue to ask questions," Schiff explained.

He said he makes his decisions based on his values. "Those are the values I learned growing up in a union family, the values I learned as a product of the public schools system and the values of a deep faith."

Schiff said the district he represents reflects the challenges that Minneapolis needs to face.

"Too many homeowners are underwater on their mortgages or need to find a job or are struggling with small business," he claimed. "With rising property taxes and big tax cuts to corporations, people want a mayor who will be a voice for them. On the City Council I have maintained my independence and always voted my values."

### South High looks to future following student melee

School District plans to involve students and parents as it moves forward

By TESHA M. CHRISTENSEN

South High School parent Linda Leonard was surprised that the district did not suspend classes the day after a food fight erupted into a melee involving hundreds of students.

"I was stunned they decided to have school on Friday," said Leonard.

After hearing the rumors there would be more fights, and knowing that there have been planned fights behind the YWCA and Target in the past, Leonard opted to keep her daughter, Mary-Juanita Leonard, home from school on Feb. 15, 2013. Mary-Juanita returned to class the next Tuesday, following the President's Day break, after students had "a chance to calm down and collect themselves emotionally," said her mother.

Mary-Juanita, a sophomore at South High, was in class on the third floor when they began to hear rumors about a fight in the cafeteria. After a series of bells went off, an announcement was made to empty the halls. Students who had been running through the building

entered Mary-Juanita's classroom.

"I was wondering if the whole school was fighting each other," recalled Mary-Juanita.

A fight, which began small during the first lunch period, escalated during the third lunch period at 12:45 p.m. as 200-300 students shoved, kicked and threw bottles at one another. No weapons were used and no one was arrested, although three students and one staff member were taken to the hospital for medical treatment. Both the school district and police investigations are ongoing and additional disciplinary action, as well as criminal charges of disorderly conduct and rioting, are possible. About 25 school staff members intervened. Students dispersed when a chemical irritant was used by Minneapolis Police officers.

Mary-Juanita has heard the news reports suggesting that this melee was racially motivated, part of ongoing tensions with Somali-Americans. Mary-Juanita, herself a Haitian-American, views the violence as being more

related to gangs.

"I think the school should have an assembly and talk about all the groups in our school," suggested Mary-Juanita. She would like to see discussions on the challenges each ethnic group represented at South High faces, and believes that if each group understood each other better students would be less judgmental of each other.

"This could happen again in the future," Mary-Juanita warned.

Her mother hopes that a plan is created so that students know what to do in a situation such as this. Leonard pointed out that the students who were not involved in the fight didn't know what to do and where to go to get away from the violence.

Leonard views the issue as being greater than merely a school problem, and sees it as a problem that all the various agencies in the city of Minneapolis should be working together on.

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# Minnehaha Ave. to be reconstructed in 2014

By JILL BOOGEN

Two concepts for reconfiguring Minnehaha Ave. (County Rd. 48) were presented at a Longfellow Business Association meeting in February.

Each would "square off" skewed intersections where people traveling north on Minnehaha Ave. currently make a soft (and often faster) right turn. Bump outs would also be added at intersections, which narrow the distance for pedestrians to cross the street. Some parking would be lost where these are added.

Driving lanes would be reduced from 12 to 11 feet, which Hennepin County Engineer and Project Manager Kristy Morter said works to slow traffic. In one concept the extra foot on each side would be added to the boulevards, and bicycle lanes would stay where they are, between traffic and parked cars.

In the other concept, lanes would be shifted to allow room



36th Ave. is one of the skewed intersections along Minnehaha Ave. to be squared off in reconstruction concepts. (Photo by Jill Boogen)

for a two way "cycle track," which would put north and southbound cyclists together on the west side of Minnehaha Ave. on a raised surface aligned with the boulevard and sidewalk. Brian Shekleton, aide to Hennepin County Commissioner

Peter McLaughlin, said more trees would be removed for this option to increase visibility at intersections. He also said this option would cost more, although no estimates were available yet.

It was pointed out that the cycle track appears to end just before Lake St., in front of the police station, which could create a conflict between bikes and police cars exiting the station. It wasn't clear how riders would join onto the bike lane north of Lake St.

"The goal is to improve safety for all users," said Morter. The project will also improve a crumbling pavement surface and address issues of poor

drainage.

Business owners wanted to know what costs would be assessed to their properties and whether there would be new requirements for street lights. Council Member Sandy Colvin Roy, who was in attendance, said she would not be pushing for lighting and wanted to hear from the community.

The project, from Lake St. to south of 46th St., will begin in 2014 and is expected to take two years. Public meetings will be held this spring, possibly in March, to get public feedback.

More information is at [minnehaha-hiawatha.com](http://minnehaha-hiawatha.com) under Minnehaha Avenue Reconstruction.

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# Riverview Café marks 15 years in Longfellow

By IRIC NATHANSON

Dave Bernick remembers standing out on the corner of 38th Street and 42nd Avenue in the late 1990s watching young moms and dads go by with their strollers.

"I had just finished doing a market study of Longfellow, and I had been looking at the reports from the 1990 census. They said the average age in the neighborhood was something over 60. But I knew those reports were now out-of-date. Longfellow was changing. A lot of young people were moving in, and that change wasn't reflected in the census."

Bernick's street corner observations prompted him to move ahead with a new business venture at 38th and 42nd. That venture, the Riverview Café, is now marking its 15th year in Longfellow. During a time when many other independent coffee shops have come and gone, the Riverview continues to be a popular neighborhood gathering spot. Today, Bernick and his wife, Mara, operate the café together, along with the adjacent Riverview Wine Bar.

In the 1990s, as he moved ahead with a plan for his new venture, Bernick was transitioning out of his earlier career in the corporate world. "I wanted to move out on my own and a coffee shop seemed like the right fit for me. I had lived for a time in California where the coffee shop movement was gaining momentum, so the time was right to bring that movement to Longfellow."

While he was doing his market research, the Riverview's future owner was eyeing an abandoned, dilapidated building at 38th and 42nd, that had once housed Crane's Drug Store. "The building was a mess, but it had a



Today, David Bernick and his wife, Mara, operate the Riverview Café together, along with the adjacent Riverview Wine Bar. (Photo by Stefanie Berres)

great history," Bernick recalled. "People still remembered the soda fountain at Crane's. It was the neighborhood gathering place of its time."

Bernick noticed that the building had been sold and was about to be restored, so he began negotiations with the owner to lease space there. Later, after the Riverview was up and running, he purchased the building, which included two additional storefront spaces, along with the coffee shop.

"The intersection had a lot going for it, he noted, "Fairview had just decided to rebuild its clinic across the street, and that was a good sign that it had confidence in the neighborhood. The Riverview Theater on the next corner was a real destination, and I knew that brought potential customers into the area. And then, there was Mother Earth Gardens right across the street."

"My goal was to make the

Riverview a welcoming place that did not have a corporate feel, and that is something that Mara and I are still working at

today. We don't go by a formula, like the chains do, which says that you have to have to stick the numbers and have just right amount of sandwiches and pastries. I think we have been successful because we are so much a part of the neighborhood. Mara and I live here. People know us and we know them. Our customers see this place as their coffee shop. There is a lot of neighborhood investment."

During the 15 years that the Riverview has helped anchor 38th and 42nd, the neighborhood has continued to evolve, Bernick said. "Today, Longfellow is a place for the Uptown crowd that has gotten tired of Uptown. Uptown was fine when they were younger, but now they want to settle down and buy a home, but still have access to the amenities and the urban life they were able to enjoy when they lived in that part of town. That's what they are finding here in

this neighborhood."

Bernick says he still meets people who tell him that they want to open a coffee shop. "They see all the good vibes that a coffee shop gives off and they think it would be a great business to run. I tell them to follow their dream, but I also tell them about all the work they don't see that goes on behind the scenes. You have to wear many hats. You have to be a plumber, a janitor and an accountant. You have to be prepared to put in a lot of hours doing work that is not very glamorous."

"We keep getting asked if we are going to open a second location, but that is something we are not going to do. It would take too great a toll on our family life, and, in any case, it just wouldn't work. We wouldn't have the same kind of neighborhood connection if we went and opened up a shop in a strip mall somewhere out in Burnsville."

## South High melee

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"It would be great if we educate our young people for cultural intelligence," Leonard said. "It would be one of Minneapolis' finest strengths to teach that concept."

Restorative measures began on Tuesday, Feb. 19. According to Minneapolis Public Schools Chief Community Officer Stan Alleyne, the district will begin gathering students together in small groups. "We want to make sure the students have the opportunity to discuss what happened and how to move forward," said Alleyne. Parents will also be pulled into the discussion.

"It should make us stronger in the long run," he said.

Alleyne pointed out that the school day on Friday, Feb. 15 proceeded without any incidents.

On the day following the melee, the school building was under a code yellow lockdown. Access into and out of the building was limited and students remained in their classrooms at all times. Extra school resource officers and central office staff members were on site. More adults than typical were at the school the next week, as well.

South High Principal Cecilia Saddler said, "I am proud of our students, who came to school to learn while being respectful of the environment and

additional adult supervision. They have shown maturity and a willingness to address this issue in a positive way. I am optimistic that appropriate student responses will continue."

At South High, nearly half of the school's 1,750 students are students of color, and of those, 8 percent are of Somali heritage.

"We are at the beginning of a necessary learning process in which we will engage parents, students, community members and partners to address challenges at South High School," said Minneapolis Public Schools Chief Executive Officer Rick Mills. "I am confident that we can grow from this experience and become better as a school and school district."

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# Viewpoints

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It may well be necessary to reduce mail delivery to five days a week. But does it have to be Saturday mail which is eliminated?

Saturday mail has long been more special to me than other days. For one thing, there is usually more time to linger over the day's mail. On weekdays, I often bring the mail in, take a quick glance and then toss it into a pile of other mail.

But on Saturdays I sit down and leisurely browse through the mail. Often, there are treasures — an offer for a new magazine, a garden catalogue, a brochure from a friend who has started a new business or non-profit organization.

For some years, I subscribed to Sunday editions of various newspapers, including the Los Angeles Times. Generally, these editions arrived on the Saturday following publication. That made them a great treat for reading. When the papers arrived earlier, I set them aside and often never got around to reading them.

When I was a weekly newspaper editor, the best let-



## Hiawatha Notebook

By TOM GILSEAN

### Mourning the loss of Saturday mail

ters seemed to arrive on Saturday. Readers would respond to a story from the midweek edition (Wednesday or Thursday) and pop a letter into the mail on Thursday on Friday. I could pore over these on Saturdays, savoring the compliments ("You are the conscience of the community," a reader wrote once) or wincing at the critiques ("Would you please find someone who can spell," a reader wrote after listing all of the errors found in the paper.)

The best Saturday mail came in the post office boxes. It seemed to me that the folks at the post office worked extra hard on Saturdays to clear out all the mail and get it into the boxes. This mail clearance was at its peak if there was a Monday holiday. Wow, was the box full on those

Saturdays.

There isn't as much mail these days, of course. But I still look forward to the Saturday mail.

So, if mail delivery really needs to be reduced to five days (and there are a lot of "ifs" in there), could a different day be chosen. How about Monday or Tuesday instead of Saturday?

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Have you noticed that packages of Betty Crocker baking mixes now advise us to not eat the dough or batter? I'm ignoring that advice; eating a bit of the dough or a spoonful of batter has always been a part of baking for me. How about you?

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(Tom Gilsean has been writing the Hiawatha Notebook column since 1997. He welcomes your letters via email ([tomgilsean@gmail.com](mailto:tomgilsean@gmail.com)) or in care of the Messenger, 1885 University Avenue W., St. Paul, Minn. 55104.)

## Ward 12 Candidate Forum

NENA has traditionally hosted candidate forums for local elections in October. We expect to still do that, but in addition, we are working with the Standish Ericsson Neighborhood Association (SENA) to host a pre-caucus forum for Ward 12, tentatively scheduled for April 11. All of SENAs and about three-quarters of NENA are in the post-redistricting Ward 12.

When the details of the location, date and time are confirmed, they will be posted on NENA's website [www.nokomiseast.org](http://www.nokomiseast.org)

## NENA Annual Meeting Date Changed

Due to a conflict with caucuses, NENA's annual meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, April 30, 6:30-9 pm. It will be at Crosstown Covenant Church (29th Ave at 56th St). The meeting will include dinner, highlights from 2012, Board elections, the Noki (Best of Nokomis) Award, and volunteer awards.

Three at-large seats and one representative for each of NENA's four neighborhoods (Wenonah, Minnehaha, Morris Park, Keewaydin) will be elected to the Board of Directors at the meeting. If you are interested in running for a Board position, please call the NENA office (612-724-5652) to request an information packet or to ask any questions.

## Housing Loans

After over a year of waiting, NENA will soon be able to expand its housing loan program to more Nokomis East

## NENA (Nokomis East Neighborhood Association)

BY RITA ULRICH AND DOUG WALTER, NENA STAFF

### Candidate Forum, Annual Meeting, Housing Loans, and more

households. At the end of 2011, NENA requested a contract amendment adding \$200,000 to our loan pools and revising the income guidelines to make the funds available to people earning up to 150% of the Metro Median Income (MMI). The current income limit is 80% of MMI, and not enough of the funds have been used under that requirement.

Since the purpose of the program is to maintain and improve the housing stock, the money needs to get out there to do its job. The contract amendment is in the signing stage, and when the funds are available, we will notify people through the NENA Email list. If you are not on the list, send an email to [nenan@nokomiseast.org](mailto:nenan@nokomiseast.org) and put "email list" in the subject line. You can also call the office at (612) 724-6762 and ask.

## Save the Dates

Several people have asked when the [Nokomis East Neighborhood Garage Sale] will be this year. We are sticking with our traditional 4th Saturday of June, in this case, June 22. Based on the responses to last year's participant's questionnaire, the hours will likely remain 8 AM – 4 PM. Applications will be available at the beginning of May.

An important part of the activities around the [Minneapolis Monarch Festival] (September 7) is education

on monarch habitat. For several years, NENA volunteer Vicki Bonk has given a workshop on growing gardens that attract and support monarch butterflies. This year's [Growing Monarch Habitat] workshop will be Saturday, May 11, 9:30 am and 11 am, at the Nokomis Community Center (2401 E. Minnehaha Parkway). You will learn

about the monarch life cycle, plants they need at each stage, and how and where to plant the seedlings in the "garden to go" kit which is included with the registration cost (to be determined, but it's always a bargain).

## Upcoming NENA Meetings and Events

NEBA Winter Social and Silent Auction: 6 - 9 pm, Thursday, February 28 at the American Legion, 5700 34th Ave S. \$20 admission.

Livability Working Group: 6:30 PM, Monday, March 25, at NENA, 3000 East 50th Street.

Board of Directors: 7pm, Thursday, March 28, at NENA.

South Minneapolis Housing Fair: 10 AM – 3 PM, Saturday, April 13 at Midtown YWCA, 2121 E. Lake St.

NENA Annual Meeting: 6:30 – 9:00 pm, Tuesday, April 30, Crosstown Covenant Church, 29th Ave at 56th St.

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Last-minute schedule changes are posted on our Calendar page at [www.nokomiseast.org](http://www.nokomiseast.org) or you may call the office (612) 724-5652.

## Letters to the Editor

### Universal accessible transit to the Universal Access playground

It was a great to read the article, "Wabun's new playground will be city's first Universal Access one," (February Longfellow Nokomis Messenger) and read about how Minnehaha's Wabun Park is updating their playground so that children with disabilities will be able to enjoy 90% of the play equipment. But I was left wondering - how will these children and their parents get to the park? Wouldn't it be nice if families could have an easier way to access parks so they could enjoy them more often? Mass transit, including accessible pathways, would allow these families to enjoy this park, and others alike, more conveniently.

Currently it is about a ten minute walk from Wabun Park to the nearest bus stop, where the bus only comes every half hour. By fully funding our transit system, we

can create a more livable community in which children and their families can better access the wonderful parks and recreation Minneapolis has to offer.

Katie Tharp  
Cooper resident

### In support of increased transit funding

I urge Longfellow and Nokomis residents to support increasing transit funding to help build a stronger economy.

It's not news that gasoline costs are way up. The average driver paid an extra \$900 a year to fill up the gas tank in 2012 compared to 10 years back. Extra money for gasoline means less for the mortgage, groceries, eating out, shopping, college tuition (or, goodness forbid, something fun!) Less spending at local shops has forced them to cut hours or close and the result is high unemployment.

Thank you to all our neighbors who are helping put everyone back to work by walking more, riding a bike or taking transit. Bike ridership has risen 50% since 2007, bus ridership rose 4% in 2011, and the Hiawatha Light Rail line hit record high in ridership last year.

But more help is needed. According to Transit for Livable Communities, our transit system only reaches 25% of homes and 10% of jobs. Even more people could start saving money if we invested in additional quick moving rail lines, more frequent and faster buses, and better bikes lanes.

The Itasca Project study found that a fully built transit system would add 30,000 jobs and bring an addition \$1.4 billion dollars to the metro area. That is the kind of boost we need to get our economy out of the doldrums and put everyone back to work.

Jon Freise  
Longfellow resident

# After much ado, 'Elevated' opens in Longfellow

By JAN WILLMS

Walk into Elevated Beer, Wine and Spirits at 4135 Hiawatha, and the first thing you notice is the open space and bright, airy look of the liquor store.

"Our craft beer section is like a store within a store," said co-owner Ryan Widuch.

"Our six-packs of beer are organized regionally," added co-owner Tom Boland.

"We have basically dedicated 15 to 17 windows of our cooler section to craft beer and imports," Widuch said.

Also in the beer section are a variety of bombers, beers sold in 22-ounce bottles. The store features both imports and local bombers. "Some brewers sell their beer in these bottles exclusively," Widuch said.

Seasonal beers, organized by styles, can be mixed and matched to form a six-pack. "We have one of the biggest mix and match selections in the state," Widuch said.

In one part of the store, much like library staff selects their favorite books, the staff members at Elevated Beer, Wine and Spirits have selected their favorite beers to suggest to customers.

"We have a lot of beer geeks on staff," Boland said. "This is kind of a fun way for them to show their interest in the product."

The Beer Cave is a walk-in cooler of domestic, imported and craft beers sold in bulk. "People can walk in and help themselves, and grab whatever they want," Widuch stated.

He said that one of the highlights of the store's wine selections is the boxed wine.

"Attitudes about boxed wine are really changing," Boland explained. "The boxed wine has great value and there is an environmental element, as well. And



Striving to bring expertise as well as a wide variety of product to their business, Tom Bohland and Ryan Widuch opened Elevated Beer, Wine and Spirits, 4135 Hiawatha Avenue, in November 2012. (Photo by Jan Willms)

they cost less to transport."

Widuch said the store offers a global wine selection, organized by region.

"Depending on the time of year, we will put holiday wines on display, sometimes with recipes," he said. "It's a fun way for us to make a suggestion."

"We handpicked all our wine with the help of a local sommelier," Boland said. We have an interesting, diverse selection, some different things people have not seen before. We continue to work with the sommelier."

Along the wall in the back, the Spirit Wall, are cordials, whiskey and spirits.

"There's a little bit of focus on North American whiskeys," Boland claimed. "We have two sections dedicated to North American whiskeys, which have a more unique flavor."

A tasting room for wine, spirits

and local craft beers is available, and tastings are frequently scheduled.

"We get crafters in here, and customers can get information about the beers direct from the source," Boland said.

Striving to bring expertise as well as a wide variety of product to their business, the two opened their liquor store in November 2012.

"We want people to stop in here, hang out and not feel the need to rush," Widuch said. "We want them to get some expertise as well as a good product."

Initially, there had been some concerns expressed by a day care center two doors down about a liquor store moving so close and sharing the same parking lot. The possibility of increased traffic in the area was also raised.

An ordinance prevented a liquor store from operating within 300 feet of a church or school, although that ruling did not pertain to a daycare. Nonetheless, an anonymous flyer was sent around the neighborhood alerting residents of a hearing to be held regarding these issues. But those concerns seem to have diminished.

"Our relationship with the daycare is great," Boland said.

"We're working together with the daycare center," Widuch added. "The owner has my cell phone number. We have an open line of connection with him; there are no barriers there. We have a good connection with all the businesses."

The store, right off Hiawatha, offers 20 parking spots. Including the owners, the store has a full-time staff of two and a part-time staff of nine.

"There are a lot of awesome things happening on Hiawatha," Widuch said. "There are condos and apartments going up, and the 38th Street Station. A lot of businesses are opening up every day."

Boland said that Ward 9 council member Sandy Colvin Roy had been telling them about the change coming to the traffic lights along Hiawatha. "The neighborhood is transforming," he said.

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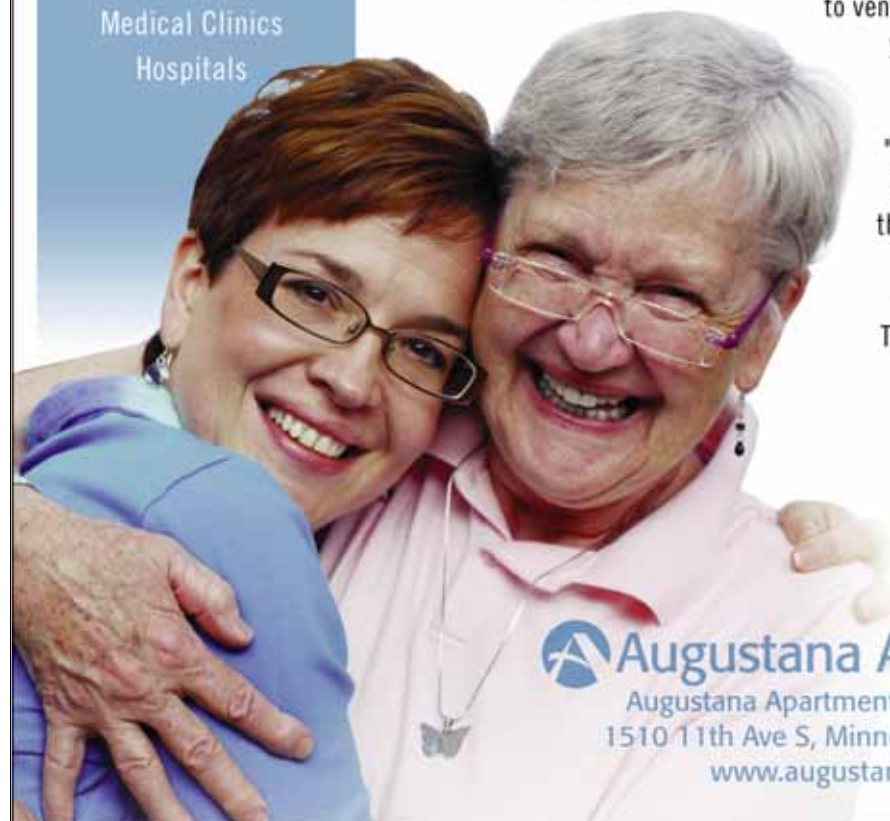
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# 2000-2010 sees drop in bike-car crashes

*But some area intersections still problematic*

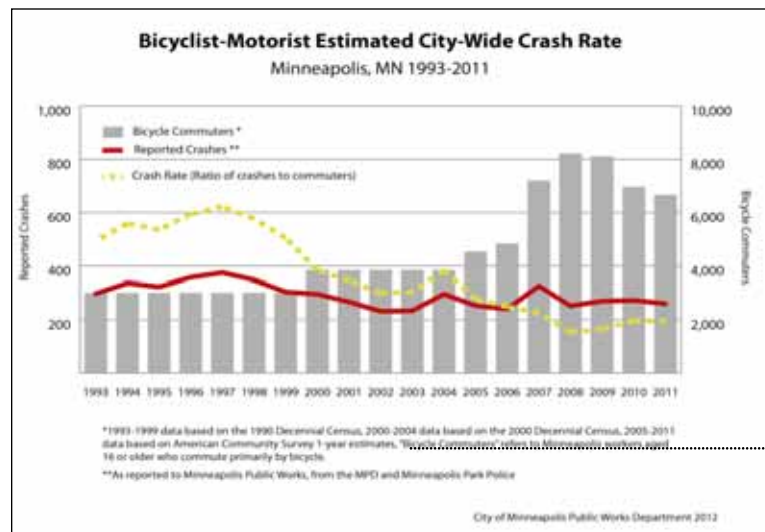


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By JILL BOOGREN

A new Minneapolis study shows that the number of bicyclist-motorist crashes has decreased in the past decade even as the number of people biking on city streets has gone up. But two area intersections, at Franklin Ave. and Cedar Ave. and at E. 26th St. and Hiawatha Ave., are still problematic.

Where there are crashes, the study found, the blame lies almost equally between cyclists and drivers.

The study examined nearly 3,000 accident reports from 2000-2010 to determine causes of crashes and help the city meet its goal to reduce bike-car accidents by 10% annually.

### Safety in Numbers

Citywide, bike-car crash numbers dropped from an average of 320 per year in the 1990's to 270 over the last decade. Yet over the same period the number of regular bicycle commuters more than doubled.

"This is something we're referring to as 'safety in numbers,'" said Simon Blenski, Bicycle and Pedestrian Planner for the City of Minneapolis. "It's been documented in other bicycle-friendly cities in the U.S. and in Europe. The data in Minneapolis shows that as bicycling has increased, the crashes have not."

One reason is that more riders on the street make them more visible to drivers.

"The idea [is] that the more people are out, the easier it is for drivers because they expect to see more bikes," said Jill Chamberlain, a Longfellow resident and co-chair of the Longfellow Community Council's Environment & Transportation Committee. Chamberlain describes herself as a casual rider who commutes once or twice a week in the summer to her work in Eagan. She said the more she rides her bike, the more aware she has become as a driver.

Adding bicycle facilities, such as striped bike lanes, helps, too. They give riders space on the road and signal their presence to drivers.

"Road users of all types like the separation," said Blenski. And they, in turn, attract more riders. There's a pretty clear correlation between the miles of bikeways, which have doubled over the past decade, and the increase in riders, he said.

But stripes alone may not be

enough. Chamberlain finds Minnehaha Ave. to be a deterrent for bicycling. It's fast driving, and the striped paint doesn't protect her. She hopes reconstruction (see article page 2) will go beyond painted bike lanes to having a separated lane that makes it easier for riders who are interested but apprehensive.

### Dangerous Intersections

Some areas are trickier to navigate than others. It may come as no surprise that the most crashes are along the city's busiest streets. Corridors with the highest number of crashes are Lake St., Franklin Ave. and Portland Ave. S.. The highest crash volume intersection in the city is at E. Franklin Ave. and Cedar Ave. S. (20 crashes from 2000-2010). Tied for third highest is E. 26th St. and Hiawatha Ave. S. (17 crashes).

While citywide crashes are down, the 26th St.-Hiawatha intersection does show an uptick since 2008.

Robin Garwood, aide to Council Member Cam Gordon and bicycle commuter himself, said this makes sense because there didn't used to be bikes there. Now the Hiawatha LRT Trail crosses at a very complicated intersection. Cyclists must watch straight-bound, merging and turning traffic, and motorists must watch merging and turning traffic, the train and bikes.

A couple of things have been done to address the issue. The median on 26th St. has been widened, which gives riders more room to wait if they are stuck in the middle when crossing. And the westbound direction on 26th has gone from being a "triple threat" for cyclists, with left-turning, straight and right-turning lanes, to a "double threat," by narrowing the road approaching the bike path.

"It's not an ideal situation at all," said Garwood. But other fixes would either be very expensive or would add to commuters' drive time. Council Member Gordon said further improvements are definitely needed.

The intersection at Franklin and Cedar will see some changes this year. According to Garwood, Hennepin County is resurfacing Franklin Ave. from just east of Minnehaha Ave. to 16th Ave., and bike lanes should be continuous all the way from there to the river.

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# Crashes

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The Native American Community Development Institute is also creating a plaza, the Anpetu Was'te Cultural Arts Market, which will transform the space beneath the Franklin Ave. LRT station that many refer to as "no man's land." It will be a pedestrian zone with markets, musicians, artists and food that should accommodate cyclists as well.

## Sharing the Blame

In many crash reports, no clear fault is given. But in those where cause is identified, it appears cyclists and drivers are equally at fault. Each are failing to yield right of way to the other, although motorists at a much higher rate (bikes 13%; cars 32%). Each are guilty of improper lane use, which could be a bike going the wrong way to a car driving in a bike lane. But drivers are more often distracted or inattentive (9%), and cyclists more often ignore traffic signals (13%). Being impaired is seldom a reason given.

"We get a lot of comments from both sides that blame the other side for crashes, or anecdotal events we hear about, so we've heard from both for a while," said Blenski. "Data shows that it is both sides."

Adding separate bikeways can help everybody pay closer attention. Blenski said that bicycle counts have shown that when a bike lane is added to a street, sidewalk riding goes way down. This is safer for pedestrians, but it also in-

creases predictability of where bicyclists will be.

"A common narrative provided is the driver saying 'I didn't see the bicyclist, they came out of nowhere,'" Blenski said. With dedicated bikeways, riders "won't be flying off the sidewalk."

Council Member Gary Schiff said the report recognizes cycling as a legitimate mode of transportation and will affect the engineering of our roads.

Chamberlain thinks the data is useful but wants the city to focus on an overall system that accommodates all users rather than on crisis points.

"Let's use the report as a way to make it so it's safe and easy to bike anywhere in the city," she said. "Let's see crash data continue to drop."

## Sharing the Road

The study found 87% of the time bike-car crashes caused injuries to bicyclists, while there were no reports of injuries to motorists.

"[Bicyclists are] the more vulnerable user of the road," said Chamberlain.

Cyclists are entitled to ride on the street, with traffic. According to Blenski, the law allows people to ride one or two to a lane, and they are supposed to stay as far right as feasible. This can vary depending on condition of the road, presence of parked cars (getting "doored" while riding is a problem cyclists encounter and fear when riding near parked vehicles), and whether there is snow or debris in the way. The law also states motorists are to give them three feet when passing.

The city plans to launch a safety campaign aimed at bicyclists and motorists this spring.

# What's Cookin'...

By COLETTE MULLENMASTER

HealthPartners Nokomis Clinic and Torri L. Washington, Certified Nurse Midwife

**CM:** Why do you like working at HealthPartners Nokomis Clinic?

**TW:** HealthPartners is truly supportive of midwives. This support allows me to grow my practice as a midwife while knowing that I have the full support of my collaborating ob-gyns. What is wonderful about HealthPartners is that the entire ob-gyn department works together to provide patients with the best care and experience possible. And the Nokomis Clinic itself is just beautiful. It's a joy to be able to work every day in a space that was designed to support partnership between our patients and our care teams. We want our patients to know that we are in this together!

**CM:** Besides caring for expectant mothers, what other services are you able to offer women that our readership may not be aware of?

**TW:** I care for women of all ages, from puberty through menopause. In addition to prenatal care, I

see patients for well-women exams, pap smears, breast exams, birth control consultations, sexually transmitted diseases, and pre-conception planning.

**CM:** What's something new or exciting in your work?

**TW:** One thing I'm particularly excited about is being part of the team delivering babies at the new Mother Baby Center at Abbott Northwestern Hospital. At the new center, we are able to offer women a warm, comfortable birth environment with the security of knowing that advanced care is right there if it's needed, either at Abbott for our moms or at the Children's neonatal intensive care unit.

**TIP!**

The reality of living in Minnesota, especially during the winter, is that many people aren't getting enough vitamin D, which is vital for the health of your bones. In the summer, if your arms are exposed for 10-20 minutes, that can be enough, but in the winter, there are fewer hours of sunlight and we are either bundled up or indoors. Because of this, I recommend that most people take a vitamin D supplement, generally around 1,000 IU/day. Talk to your care provider to see if that would be right for you.



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## Youth Space has Launched!

A new free youth program, Youth Space is starting at the Minnehaha Free Space, 3747 Minnehaha Avenue, every Saturday, 1-3pm from February 23 to May 11.

Every other week will feature 'playshops' where youth can explore different topics and skills. Playshops include Music Making (Mar. 9), Creative Construction and Accessible Play (Mar. 23), Gender Creativity (Apr. 6), Native Sky Watching and Indigenous Art (Apr. 20), and Hip Hop/Spoken Word (May 4). The alternate weeks will feature art-making activities and informal social time for youth and families.

Recommended ages are 5-14. Playshops will be mixed age, encouraging older kids to help younger ones and with suitable projects for any age.

Registration is FREE and easy! Families need not commit to every week to register. To register or for more information, please call 612-217-0578, visit <http://minnehahafreespace.org> or stop by 3747 Minnehaha Avenue.



## Save the Date: 2013 Longfellow Garage Sale

By popular demand, LCC will help coordinate a neighborhood garage sale day this Summer. If you'd like to have a sale or browse other sales (or both!), mark your calendar for Saturday, June 1st! Details such as time, registration methods, advertising, and maps are still in the planning stages. If you are interested in hosting a sale or just want to keep informed of details as they are determined, contact Spencer: [spencer@longfellow.org](mailto:spencer@longfellow.org) or 612-722-4529 (ext. 5).

## LCC Welcomes New Staff

On behalf of the LCC staff and Board of Directors, I would like to introduce LCC's most recent

staff hires. Yer Lor is LCC's new part-time Community Engagement Coordinator. Yer most recently worked as a youth organizer on the very successful Minnesotans United for All Families campaign. She has a strong organizing background and is fluent in Hmong, Spanish and English. Jessica Buchberger is the new part-time Communications and Events Manager. Jessica currently works part-time for the Prospect Park and East River Road Improvement Association (PPERRIA) and has a background in both community and event organizing. Both will be a tremendous addition to the staff and committees of LCC and will help us to provide support and resources to the Greater Longfellow community. Welcome Yer and Jessica!

## 2013 Open seats:

- \*Longfellow Neighborhood – 1 seat (2-year term)
- \*Cooper Neighborhood – 1 seat (2-year term)
- \*Hiawatha Neighborhood – 1 seat (2-year terms)
- \*Howe Neighborhood – 1 seat (1-year term)
- Community Representative – 3 seats (1-year term)
- \*\*Business Representative – 1 seat (1-year term)
- At-Large Representative – 1 seat (3-year term)

\* In order to run for a neighborhood specific seat, you must live in that particular neighborhood.  
\*\* In order to run the business representative, you must own or work for a business located in the Greater Longfellow neighborhood.

## Calendar of Meetings and Events March 2013

Meetings are free and open to the public, and are accessible. Check the calendar on our website [www.longfellow.org](http://www.longfellow.org)

### ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 6  
7:00 - 8:00 pm  
Fireroast Café  
3800 37th Ave



### NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, March 11  
6:30 - 8:00 pm  
LCC Office, 2727 26th Ave S  
FFI: [spencer@longfellow.org](mailto:spencer@longfellow.org)

### RIVER GORGE COMMITTEE

Monday, March 11  
7:00 - 8:30 pm  
Hiawatha School Park  
4305 42nd St. E

### LONGFELLOW FAITH FORUM

Tuesday, March 12  
12:00 - 1:30 pm  
St Albert the Great  
2836 33rd Ave S



### COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Tuesday, March 12  
6:30 - 8:00 pm  
FFI: [longfellow.org](http://longfellow.org)

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, March 21  
6:30 - 8:30 pm  
Brackett Park  
2728 39th Ave S  
FFI: [melanie@longfellow.org](mailto:melanie@longfellow.org)

### ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION

Tuesday, March 26  
6:30 - 8:00 pm  
LCC Office, 2727 26th Ave S  
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## Throw your hat in the ring – Join the LCC Board in April!

Have you ever thought about joining your neighborhood Board of Directors? It's a great way to be involved in some of the most important decisions that the community will make. The Longfellow Community Council (LCC) annually elects a Board of Directors in April during our "No Pie Charts! Only Pies!" General Membership meeting. This year, our meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 23rd (see more information on this page). It's easy to run for a LCC board seat. Simply show up to the General Membership meeting and have someone nominate you or nominate yourself. The LCC Board welcomes people from all backgrounds and experiences. For additional details or if you have questions, please contact Melanie at 612-722-4529 ext. 4 or via email at [melanie@longfellow.org](mailto:melanie@longfellow.org)

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# In Our Community

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### Sweet on School Dance at Hiawatha

Hiawatha Community School together with KFAI Radio will hold the 9th annual "Sweet on School" Dance on Friday, March 13 from 4-6 p.m. Lolly Obeda of KFAI's Sugar Shop Show will broadcast live from Hiawatha (4201 42nd Avenue South) while children and their families enjoy good music, fun dances and fellowship with friends. All children who are accompanied by an adult are invited to join us for this fun event that has become a tradition at Hiawatha.

### St. Helena's Spaghetti Dinner March 9

Join us for St. Helena's Catholic school annual Fat Lorenzo's Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, March 9th, 2013 from 5 - 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets are available for a discounted rate by calling 612-729-9301. Tickets at the door are, Adults \$11, Children and Senior Citizens \$9 and Family \$35. Located in the church basement at 3204 East 43rd St. Mpls.

### Exploring sin at St. Albert's Church

"Whatever happened to SIN?" Explore the topic on three Thursday evenings in March with Fr. Joe Gillespie, O.P., the engaging pastor of St. Albert the Great Catholic Church, located one

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### Nature and garden journaling at Garden Club March 13

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Garden Club events are free and open to the public. Time: 7-9 pm, March 13, at Epworth United Methodist Church, 3207 37th Ave South.

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### Annual Church Auction on March 16

Join us for the annual Minnehaha United Methodist Church auction on March 16 from 12 noon to 3 p.m. (Doors open at 10:30 a.m. for preview.) Come early to see the incredible selection of collectibles, housewares, furniture, antiques, gift certificates, sporting goods, toys, electronics, crafts, books and more. Lunch will be served from noon to 1:30 p.m. It's all happening at 3701 East 50th Street in Minneapolis (the corner of 37th Avenue South and East 50th Street). Want to know more? Contact the church office at 612-721-6231 or visit [www.minnehaha.org](http://www.minnehaha.org).

### LBA talks taxes Thursday, March 14

April 15th is just around the corner. Taxes got you stressed out? Worried that you're paying too much? Too little? Join Longfellow Business Association on Thursday, March 14, 9-10 a.m., at Becketwood Cooperative, 4300 West River Parkway, as we welcome back our IRS Stakeholder Liaison, Karen Brehmer. Karen will focus on issues that affect small business owners

and provide an update on the Affordable Care Act. You don't want to miss this one! Karen is not only knowledgeable about taxes, but she's proven that she can tell a good tax-related joke or two! Knowing the law can help you avoid an audit. This meeting is co-hosted with Seward Civic & Commerce Association and West of the Rail Business Association. FFI Ruth 612-722-4529 x1.

### Annual Codfish and Meatball Dinner

St. Peder's Lutheran church will be holding its annual Codfish and Meatball Dinner on Friday, March 1. There will be seatings at 5 and 6:30 p.m. The dinner also includes boiled potatoes with our famous mustard gravy, peas and carrots, Havarti cheese on pumpernickel, cupcakes and beverages. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. St. Peder's Church is located on 4600 East 42nd Street in South Minneapolis. Call St. Peder's Church office at 612-722-8000 or email Kristin Lerstrom: [kristin@stpeders.net](mailto:kristin@stpeders.net) for reservations. Please state how many meatball or cod dinners, seating time preference, and phone number if leaving a message.

### Dementia and memory loss

Join Longfellow/Seward Healthy

Seniors and Minneapolis Community Education for a presentation about dementia and memory loss on Tuesday, March 19 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2730 E. 31st Street. Is dementia the same as Alzheimer's disease? What else causes memory loss? This presentation answers these questions and includes tips for communicating and relating to people who have memory loss. Call Healthy Seniors at 612-729-5799 for more information.

### Hope for Parents March 4 at the church

The next installment of the Hope for Parents forum on Monday, March 4th features author and parent educator, Mary Sheedy Kurcinka, Ed. D. Mary is the best-selling author of *Raising Your Spirited Child* and *Kids, Parents and Power Struggles*. Mary has been featured in *The New York Times* and *Parenting Magazine* among others and has appeared on *Good Morning America* and *National Public Radio*. Her topic for the evening is *Creating Calm in a Fast-Paced World*. The forum, held at Hope Lutheran Church, 5728 Cedar Ave., begins at 7 p.m. and is free of charge. If you have questions, call 612-827-2655 or go to [www.hopempls.org](http://www.hopempls.org)

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# Two off-leash South Minneapolis parks have become 'Dog's Best Friend'

By KATHERINE KUNZ

Looking to release some of your dog's pent up energy this winter? You need not look far. Even on snowy, frigid days dog owners (and dogs) are energetically utilizing South Minneapolis's two expansive off-leash parks, the Minnehaha Off-Leash Recreation Area and The Airport Dog Park. Yet there are some safety and environmental concerns owners are advised to consider.

Even before stepping foot into off-leash parks, Maureen Haggerty, owner and head trainer at The K-9 Coach, offers some safety advice to ward off dog aggression. "When entering the dog park through a gate," she said, "wait for all dogs to clear the door. Then walk in. There is often too much arousal at the entrance."

Since neither dog park is fully

fenced in, once in the area always keep dogs in sight.

Haggerty also advises adults who bring their children to off-leash parks to prepare the child. While at a dog park, "A child needs to act like an adult," she said. "They should stay by their parent, standing still and walking. Not running or screaming."

Also, people who have a dog that is triggered by kids are advised to leave the park when a child arrives. At the very least they should talk to the child's parent and alert him or her about their dog's distrust of children. To find more tips visit [www.thek9coach.com](http://www.thek9coach.com).

Everyone should be on alert when it comes to picking-up. With over 100,000 dogs in the city disease and parasites can be transferred to humans by feces in water. Feces also negatively impacts water



This photo was taken at the Minnehaha Off Leash Recreation Area on a day that many people were out walking, hiking, and skiing with their dogs. (Photo by Dayna Louise)

quality and the beauty of our waters.

The Minneapolis movement Canines for Clean Water states

that abandoned feces is a "non-point" source of pollution by the EPA. This means that it is equally as harmful in high quantities as

oil and other toxic chemicals.

In mid-February there was a posted sign at the Minnehaha dog park about dogs with worms. It stressed the need to pickup waste to eliminate the spread of the worms.

On March 2, 2013 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. there is a cleanup event at Minnehaha. Participants are asked, if possible, to bring a shovel, a bucket or garbage can, and bags.

Marylynn Pulshcher with the Minneapolis Parks and Recreational Board (MPRB) emphasizes that dog owners need to, "Pick up! Especially off path poop." She also invites people and their dogs to join in the Earth Day pickup event at Minnehaha, aimed at keeping waste and trash out of our storm and sewer systems.

The 6.54 acre Minnehaha Off-Leash Recreation Area, located on 54th Street and Hiawatha Avenue, is an official MPRB park. It boasts woodland, river shore, open fields, and marked paths.

The Recreation Area itself is off-leash, but not the paths leading there. So keep your dog on a leash during the walk down to the area.

Park hours are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. There is a paid parking lot and meters are located on 54th street.

To use the Minnehaha Recreation Area Minneapolis dog owners must comply by some rules. Dogs must be vaccinated for rabies, owners must purchase a Minneapolis Dog License and an Off-Leash Recreation permit, and dogs must wear a collar with their license and permit.

A one year license for a spayed/neutered dog is \$25 and a permit costs \$35 per year for the first dog. Permits cost \$25 dollars a year for each additional household dog.

There are benefits to having the license and permit. A licensed dog will be given a free ride home if lost. The fee helps shelter and feed other lost dogs and cats, educates the public about responsible pet ownership, and it's the law.

A dog with a permit gains access to all six Off-Leash Recreation Areas throughout Minneapolis. More information and the ability to purchase both are available on the MPRB website.

The second dog park, on land owned by the Metropolitan Airport Commissions (MAC), is located behind their administrative offices at 6040 28th Avenue South. It is an unofficial dog park, commonly referred to as The Airport Dog Park. Here dogs can roam 80 acres of rolling fields, trails, small patches of trees, and a large marsh that freezes over in the winter. There is free parking in the adjacent lot and along 28th Avenue.

Melissa Scovronski, with the MAC, says that because no permit is required for the Airport Dog Park owners are expected to police themselves and cleanup after their dogs. No fresh water or garbage bins are provided. Accordingly, bring water with you and take dog waste away. Also, mind any "No Trespassing" signs.

As always, it's wise to know what dogs live in your neighborhood. The city of Minneapolis's Animal Care and Control website posts information about dangerous dogs, bites, and reporting.



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