

## Items of Interest to MHNA December 2011

**Important meeting about possible Sound Walls coming to 35W in our neighborhood: Wednesday Dec 14th at Logan Park (690 13<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, near Broadway & Monroe) 5:30 – 7:30 pm**  
*Speak up/speak out about MN DOT's plans to erect a 20' sound barrier wall to replace the current 5' freeway fence.*

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### More legal help for renters

For Minneapolis renters who need legal advice regarding a landlord, more help is now available. Home Line, a nonprofit located at 3455 Bloomington Avenue, is adding low-cost legal services for all Minneapolis renters. For as little as \$25, renters will be able to consult in person or over the phone with an experienced attorney.

“Renters need to be informed so they don’t get taken advantage of,” says Home Line Director Beth Kodluboy. “Talking to an attorney can save renters a lot of trouble and money.” HOME Line’s four staff attorneys have a combined 36 years advising over 44,000 Minnesota renters. Through consulting with an attorney, renters can find out what is important to review in a lease, how to sue landlords in conciliation court and how to deal with privacy intrusions. Home Line’s tenant hotline at 612-728-5767.

Minneapolis renters may also find [HOME Line’s book on tenants’ rights](#) useful. Additionally, Minneapolis renters can find self-help materials online at [LawHelpMN.org](#), and low-income renters may qualify for Legal Aid at 612-334-5970.

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Here’s another place to **advertise your unwanted goods** – don’t add them to the landfill if there is still life in them. <http://twincitiesfreemarket.org/> A quick and easy and free way to give away goods, it’s a nonprofit online recycling site. Save money and time. Get Items or Give Items – Twin Cities Free Market is a great way to give and get stuff free. Sponsored by Eureka Recycling and Hennepin County.

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### Community Energy Services Workshops

**Worried about ice dams again this winter?** Community Energy Services workshops and home consultant visits can tell you what to do to prevent ice dams and also achieve energy savings. To get started you must attend a CES workshop and then sign up for the \$30 home consultant visit. The consultants audit your current energy use, install a number of energy saving devices (up to \$400 worth depending on your home), and develop a prioritized plan for energy improvements in your home. CES will also provide information about current rebates and tax credits for your energy improvements. Following are the workshop dates and locations for December: You

can sign up by going to <http://www.mnenergychallenge.org/Community-Energy-Services/Sign-Up-for-CES.aspx> and finding your preferred date on the calendar, or by phoning Kyle Boehm at 612/219-7334.

At 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 13 Jenny Lind School, 5025 Bryant Ave. N

Dec. 20 Northrop School, 4315 31st Ave. S

At 10 a.m.

Dec. 10 Lake Harriet Upper School, 4912 Vincent Ave. S

**Community Energy Services is a program of the Center for Energy and the Environment.**

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The MPD's Citizens Academy has been set for 2012 **are giving priority seating for each of those sessions to new block club leaders.** These sessions are presented at no charge.

If you live on a block where we currently have no identified leader, you can commit to being our key partner on your block. Your application will move to the front of the line. Besides four of the most commonly requested topics for crime prevention meetings, these sessions include the basics from our block leader training. *Block leaders are MPD's primary contact that officers and Crime Prevention Specialists reach out to when significant crime patterns develop on their block.*

MPD has four training sessions in March & April to choose from. Contact :

[Luther.Krueger@MinneapolisMN.gov](mailto:Luther.Krueger@MinneapolisMN.gov)

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**A SIP OF SCIENCE**

*Future Earth: Thriving on a Human-dominated Planet*

*Pat Hamilton, Director of Global Change Initiative, Science Museum of Minnesota*

**Wednesday, December 14, 5:30p.m.** No Cover.

A SIP OF SCIENCE bridges the gap between science and culture in a setting that bridges the gap between brain and belly. Food, beer, and learning are on the menu in a happy hour forum that puts science in context through storytelling. The talk takes place during happy hour at the Aster Cafe || Food and Drink Available for Purchase

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What could rise from the ruins of Minneapolis Water Works?

Historic Central Riverfront site reinvention explored

**Public invited to community meeting, 6-8:00 PM, Thursday, 15 December**

The public is invited to participate in a "designer-ask" community meeting about a potential new park along the city's Central Riverfront. Dubbed "Water Works" (former Fuji-Ya Restaurant site) because the city's first water supply and fire fighting pumping stations were located there in the 19th Century, the site encompasses Minneapolis Park Board-owned land between Portland Avenue South and the Third Avenue Bridge, and between First Street South and the Mississippi River.

The community meeting, which takes place 6-8:00 PM at the Mill City Museum, 704 South Second Street (in the ADM Room on 6<sup>th</sup> floor), is the first step in a preliminary feasibility study that will explore options for what could be a significant new park destination in downtown Minneapolis. The Minneapolis Parks Foundation is leading the project in partnership with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, for which it is also a forerunner to the Central Riverfront Regional Park Update master planning process.

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Message from SE Seniors: a Marcy Holmes resident is trying to find a home for a hospital bed. Could you include it in your news in case someone needs one? It's free. Contact: 612-331-2302 or Jean Hanson, Service Coordinator at [jeanneses@mtn.org](mailto:jeanneses@mtn.org)

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**Homegrown Minneapolis community meeting Dec. 12  
5 to 7:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 12 University Research and Outreach Center (UROC),  
2001 Plymouth Ave. N.**

A community meeting is scheduled for Dec. 12 to report on the first two phases of Homegrown Minneapolis, announce the new Food Council members and check in on the priorities community members have around development of a more healthy, sustainable local food system.

**Homegrown Minneapolis** is a citywide initiative expanding the community's ability to grow, process, distribute, eat and compost more healthy, sustainable, locally grown foods. For more information on Homegrown Minneapolis, visit [www.minneapolismn.gov/dhfs/homegrown-home.asp](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/dhfs/homegrown-home.asp)

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**Soap Factory Awarded National Endowment for the Arts Challenge America Fast-Track Grant**

The Soap Factory has been selected by the National Endowment for the Arts to receive one of the 162 grants of \$10,000 awarded to organizations nation-wide. The Soap Factory will receive funding in support of concept design for a new entrance to the building, including charrettes for community involvement. "As a first-time NEA grantee, The Soap Factory is honored by this evidence of the merit of our continued work on our historic building," said Ryan Kronzer, Soap Factory Board President. "Taken together, these Challenge America Fast-Track grants provide an extraordinary sampling of the work that arts organizations do to reach underserved communities," said NEA Chairman Rocco Landesman. "With these grants, we are helping to ensure that art works for all Americans."

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**Good News – Crime Prevention Specialist funding found**

City Council and Chief Dolan have found funding to maintain all of the Crime Prevention Specialists. We value our Crime Prevention Specialists on the Eastside and expect to have 2 of them for 2012. Thank you to our City Council members and Police Chief Dolan who found funding to make this possible. (MHNA recently sent letters urging support for the funding for Nick Juarez, our Crime Prevention Specialist.)

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**Happy holidays from MHNA.** Please remember MHNA in your year-end charitable giving. All donations are tax deductible. Send checks to address below or give with a credit card on: [www.givemn.org](http://www.givemn.org). Many neighbors and businesses have kindly donated to MHNA already and it is really appreciated.

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