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1. Ice Follies at Matthews Park on Feb 6

What: Ice Follies at Matthews Park

When: Saturday, February 6
12:30 – 2:30 pm

Where: Matthews Park
[2318 28th Ave S](#)

Join your neighbors for some winter fun in the park! The Follies will offer indoor and outdoor activities, including bingo, games with prizes for the kids, an "Ice Fishing Pond," a horse-drawn hay ride, hot dogs (no pork), popcorn and other snacks, an art project, and more. Kids will have a blast singing along with The Teddy Bear Band. Meet a professional hockey player. A roving snowman will be looking for friends and photo opps.

This FREE event is sponsored cooperatively by Minneapolis Public Schools, Community Education, and Matthews Center (Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board).

FFI, contact Rita Keltgen, 612-668-4828 or Rita.Keltgen@mpls.k12.mn.us
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2. City and University Provide Resources to Help Neighborhoods Promote the 2010 US Census

January 27, 2010 - The City of Minneapolis and the University of Minnesota's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs have developed a variety of resources to encourage neighborhood groups to help residents understand the importance of the upcoming U.S. Census and to keep them up-to-date on census-related news and activities.

The City of Minneapolis has created a new web site and email listserv to keep people informed about local efforts to promote the upcoming 2010 Census. Those interested can visit the City of Minneapolis 2010 Census web site and sign up for the City's email updates by going to:

www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/2010census/index.asp

With City support, the U of MN's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) Census project staff have also created a toolkit that includes a variety of background information about the upcoming Census, including sample outreach and messaging techniques, drop in articles, press releases, and posters - including some items in Spanish and Somali - all designed to

help organizations promote the importance of the Census within our community. Download a copy of the toolkit at:

www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/2010census/CensusToolkitforNeighborhoods_Jan19.pdf

For further information about this toolkit, please call Margaret Kaplan at CURA/MN Center for Neighborhood Organizing: 612-624-2300.

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3. Community Power Grants Available

What: Grants to help your organization educate and encourage action among your stakeholders to address waste issues.

Letters of Interest due:

March 15, 2010

Informational Meetings:

Monday, February 8

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Hennepin County Environmental Services

[417 5th St N](#), Minneapolis, MN 55401

Tuesday, February 23

12:00 pm – 1:00 PM

Neighborhood House

[179 E Robie St](#), St. Paul, Room 212.

url: <http://www.rethinkrecycling.com/grants>

Grant Funding Available for community-based waste reduction, toxicity reduction, and recycling projects! Non-environmental groups are the focus of the program. Past recipients include neighborhood organizations, schools/youth organizations, faith communities, immigrant organizations, arts groups, senior citizen organizations, and many others in the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

Community POWER (Partners on Waste Education and Reduction) is a project of the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board that supports innovative, community-based approaches to waste reduction. For nine years, Community POWER has educated and actively engaged over a half million residents of the six-county metro area in waste reduction by partnering with non-environmental organizations and schools. \$168,000 is available, supporting projects up to \$12,000 each.

Letters of Interest for this funding are due by March 15, 2010.

The Request for Application is available in a Microsoft Word or PDF document and can be downloaded at <http://www.rethinkrecycling.com/grants>.

Two free, optional information meetings regarding the grants will be offered on February 8th and 23rd. See details on page five in the Request for Applications document.

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