

1. 16th Annual South Minneapolis Housing & Home Improvement Fair on March 6

What: The 16th annual South Minneapolis Housing & Home Improvement Fair

When: March 6, 2010
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Where: South High School
[3131 19th Ave S, Minneapolis](#)

url: [2010 South Minneapolis Housing & Home Improvement Fair](#)

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The South Minneapolis Housing and Home Improvement Fair is one of the most successful and well-attended community events in the South Minneapolis area.

Always Free and open to the public, the annual Fair promotes city living, home improvement & maintenance, and community involvement. The Fair's hallmark is its industry exhibits and educational workshops.

The 2010 Fair will feature nearly 100 reputable and local contractors, retailers, Real Estate agents, lenders, and community organizations. In addition, attendees will have access to representatives from energy, affordable housing, green homes and the neighborhood associations to answer questions.

Industry professionals will offer a variety of how-to, home repair, and design-based workshops and seminars. The 2010 lineup includes Home Electrical Wiring Systems, Plumbing Repair Basics for the Home, Distressed Homes for Sale, and 10 Ways to Save Energy...and Change Other Stuff, Too!, plus many others to be announced. Most of the workshops are hands-on, and all are free.

The popular 'Ask the Expert' area will be back again this year. Experts such as master gardeners, waste & recycling staff from the City and home accessibility specialists will answer your specific questions.

As always, the Fair remains a family event. Kids will enjoy a special workshop where they can build their own wooden bird feeder to take home. Enter to win a personal tool kit! This year, the Fair will give away over \$2,000 in door prizes.

Food and beverage for purchase will be available, including pizza slices from the wonderful Pizza Lucé.

For more information on the Fair, please contact the Fair's Coordinator, Laura Mullen at laura@housingfair.org

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2. Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) Department Open House on March 25

When: Thursday, March 25, 2010
3:30 – 7:30 p.m.

NCR Office
Tri Tech Center

Where: [331 2nd Ave South](#) Room 220 (Skyway level)
Minneapolis, MN 55401

([Click here for information on using public transportation](#))

You are invited to the Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) Department Open House!

Entrance to the Tri Tech Center is on the corner of 4th St and 2nd Ave. Once you enter, take the stairs to the skyway level (elevators are also available) and keep walking straight towards the Public Service Center.

Come learn more about the department, services it provides and meet the NCR staff! Also, check out NCR online at the City's Web site at

www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/ncr

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3. 3rd Lowry Avenue Strategic Plan Community Meeting on March 25

What: 3rd and final community meeting on Lowry Avenue Strategic Plan

When: Thursday, March 25
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Where: North Regional Library
[1315 Lowry Ave N](#)

url: http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/lowry_strategic_plan.asp

February 19, 2010 (MINNEAPOLIS)—The City of Minneapolis and Lowry area neighborhood organizations are hosting the third and final community meeting related to the Lowry Avenue Strategic Plan on Thursday, March 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the North Regional Library, [1315 Lowry Avenue North](#), Minneapolis.

The community is invited to:

- Review maps guiding future development
- Review and discuss proposed strategies for attracting new development and addressing the challenges related to revitalizing Lowry Avenue's neighborhood retail areas.

The plan is an update to the 2002 Lowry Avenue Corridor Plan. Its purpose is to sharpen the long-range vision for Lowry Avenue and to create a strategy for fostering change. It will lay the groundwork for ongoing improvement efforts led by multiple parties, including the neighborhood organizations, Lowry Avenue businesses, and developers.

"We want to see the Lowry Avenue Plan put into action, to build on the investment made by Hennepin County", said Minneapolis City Council President Barbara A. Johnson.

The reconstruction of Lowry Avenue, funded by Hennepin County, followed approval of the 2002 plan and is now complete from the Mississippi river to Victory Memorial Drive. The recently constructed Aldi development at the Penn and Lowry intersection, and a groundbreaking for the EcoVillage development at Lyndale and Lowry already held this year are setting a standard for new development. With the economy beginning to emerge from the recession, other opportunities for new development are being identified. After soliciting community feedback at the March 25 meeting, the plan will be finalized and submitted to the City Council for adoption.

More information can be found at

http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/lowry_strategic_plan.asp

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4. City seeks applicants for Director of Civil Rights

Deadline: March 12, 2010

url: [City seeks applicants for Director of Civil Rights](#)

The City of Minneapolis is seeking qualified applicants for the appointed position of Director, Civil Rights. This position provides leadership, direction, and oversight for the City department that receives and investigates discrimination complaints city-wide. The Director also monitors city and independent board contractors' affirmative action plans and programs, administers administrative hearings in discrimination cases and through the Civilian Review Authority investigates and adjudicates citizen complaints of misconduct.

This position is appointed by the Mayor, approved by the City Council and works in concert with the Civilian Review Authority, Commission on Civil Rights and all City departments. Direct reports to the Director position include the Director of Outreach and Enforcement, the Civilian Review Authority and Complaints Investigation Coordinator. The complete job description linked below details the primary roles and other relevant information for the position.

[Director, Civil Rights Department](#) (PDF)

Applications will be accepted **March 1, 2010 through March 12, 2010**. To apply, please send your resume and cover letter to Kendall Mines at kendallm@keystonesearch.com. The City of Minneapolis is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

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5. Applicants sought for new City Audit Committee

Deadline: Applications are due by March 12

url: [Applicants sought for new City Audit Committee](#)

Applications are now being taken from members of the public interested in being members of the City's new Audit Committee which was created in December 2009. There are two vacancies available for terms running through January of 2013. One vacancy is a Mayoral appointment, and the other will be appointed by the City Council. Applications are due by March 12, 2010.

The Audit Committee is responsible for the oversight of the City's internal audit function, financial reporting practices, internal controls, compliance with applicable law, and regulation relating to financial controls and other related matters. The commission will meet a minimum of four times a year, and there is no compensation for committee members.

The Committee is responsible for appointing and removing the Internal Auditor, reviewing and approving the Internal Auditor's annual audit plan, reviewing audit reports, and making recommendations to the City council on the appropriate course of action on any such audit reports. It also charged with monitoring the Internal Auditor's results and follow-up activity, and reviewing reports of the State Auditor prepared for any of the city's departments, boards and commissions.

In recent weeks, the City has [streamlined the process for appointments](#) to volunteer boards and commissions. Applicants must be residents of the city who are not past or current city employees, are not past or current elected officials of the City Council or any of its boards or commissions, and who have expertise in auditing, preferably internal or management auditing, or financial management.

Applications are available by visiting the City's [Board's and Commissions Openings site](#) or by contacting the Office of the City Clerk at cityclerk@ci.minneapolis.mn.us or by calling (612)673-3358. Folks can apply on their own behalf, nominate others for consideration, or inform the City Clerk of people to whom they wish application materials be sent.

Applications must be received or postmarked by Friday, March 12, 2010.

Applications are forwarded from the City Clerk to the Mayor and City Council for their consideration. A public hearing is required for selected applicants.

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