



LYN-LAKE NEWS

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LYN-LAKE STREET FEST RETURNS TO NODE ON SUNDAY, MAY 16!

Mark your calendars! The Lyn-Lake Street Fest returns on Sunday, May 16, 2010!

The day planned holds many features! The Ride for the Y 2010 will include a fun-filled bike rally, complete with trivia contest, and cycling courses for both serious and casual riders.

After the biking events, come enjoy live music, tasty brews and wonderful street food. Rock out to the sounds of The Mood Swings, Mark Mallman, El No, Mictin and Razorback of Doomtree, along with other great bands. Summit Brewing is bringing the suds, while Fuji Ya, Galactic Pizza, It's Greek to Me and other super Lyn-Lake eateries are providing the food. See the website at www.lynlakestreetfest.com.

The Lyn-Lake Business Association again proudly sponsors this event! To learn how to be involved in this free, fun and family-friendly event, join us when we meet with our Nicollet-Lake Business Association neighbors on Wednesday, March 31 from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at Champions SportsBar, 105 West Lake Street. Questions? Call the Lyn-Lake Business Association at 612-874-7044 to learn more!

LAKE STREET COUNCIL'S ANNUAL MEETING IS ON TUESDAY, MARCH 16!

All Lake Street Council members and guests are invited to attend the Lake Street Council's 42nd Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon!

Join everyone for brunch at La Vina Restaurant, 3010 Fourth Avenue South (find a small parking lot located to the north of the building; on-street parking is also available). The meeting features a panel discussion titled *Building Our Community's Economic Future*. Panelists are Tony Hull from Transit for Liveable Communities, Ron Price of Local Initiatives Support Corp., and Morgan Zehner from Zehner Consulting. Board elections and annual business awards will also be held!

Be sure to make your reservations for this event today! Tickets are \$15 for Lake Street Council members, \$20 for non-members. Advance registration is requested. Questions? Contact Executive Director Joyce Wisdom at the Lake Street Council at 612-822-0232 to RSVP or register online at the Lake Street Council's website at www.lakestreetcouncil.org.

This event is guaranteed to fill everyone present with enthusiasm for the connections and the changes being experienced in the greater Lake Street corridor. So don't miss this year's great Lake Street Council event!



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**CELEBRATE THE FOUR NEIGHBORHOODS
THAT FORM LYN-LAKE!**

The Lyn-Lake Business Association area comprises the four neighborhoods of Whittier, Lowry Hill East, CARAG, and Lyndale!

Whittier is located in Minneapolis's Sixth City Council Ward and is represented by Council Member Robert Lilligren, who has represented it since 2006. CM Lilligren's telephone number is 612-673-2206, his e-mail is robert.lilligren@ci.minneapolis.mn.us. His city council aide is Nimco Ahmed; Nimco's telephone number is 612-673-3315. Anyone wanting to meet with Robert Lilligren should call his office and make an appointment to get together with him out in the ward.

Lowry Hill East, CARAG and Lyndale are in the Tenth City Council Ward. The Tenth Ward is represented by Meg Tuthill. CM Tuthill's telephone number is 612-673-2210, and her e-mail is meg.tuthill@ci.minneapolis.mn.us. Her city council aide is Leslie Foreman, whose telephone number is 612-673-3314. Call Meg or Leslie if you have topics that you would like to suggest for discussion. Call them today!

Third District Hennepin County Commissioner Gail Dorfman is available by telephone at 612-348-7883 or by e-mail at gail.dorfman@co.hennepin.mn.us. Her policy aide Kerry Pearce Ruch can be reached by telephone at 612-348-3080.

**SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE
PROGRAMS FOUND WITH CPED**

The City of Minneapolis offers a variety of financing programs for small businesses. The City provides loans for small- and medium-sized companies and organizations that are growing and need financing at affordable rates. By partnering with private lenders, the City is able to provide financing for acquisition and renovation of commercial buildings, for leasehold improvements and for production equipment. Here is information on just one type of loan along with contact information to learn more.

The Business Development Fund loans provide gap financing to businesses, with an opportunity for partial forgiveness for hiring Minneapolis residents.

Business Development Fund loans program guidelines include: loans may be used to finance working capital, production equipment, building expansions and leasehold improvements (improvements made by a tenant on leased property); maximum loan amount is \$75,000; interest rate is at prime with a maximum term of 10 years; loans are in participation with local lenders and must leverage other financing.

For information about the Business Development Fund, call either Nila McDonald at 612-673-5189 or Becky Shaw at 612-673-5066. For more information about CPED loans in general, call Bob Lind at 612-673-5068 or Judy Moses at 612-673-5283. Call them today!

Contact us at:

Lyn-Lake Business Association

2632 Aldrich Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55408

612-874-7044

On the web at www.lyn-lake.org

PREVENTING AFTER-HOURS BURGLARIES AT YOUR BUSINESS

Last year, there were several business burglaries in the MPD's 5th Precinct Sector 1 with similar MO's. Glass windows or doors into businesses were broken using a brick or large rock. There were unknown losses or no losses reported in at least three of the six burglaries. If your business is victimized in this way, here is what to do:

Ensure that you have updated business contact information available to the police department so that if there is an after-hours burglary, officers have someone to contact. Drop off business contact information at the Fifth Precinct, located at 3101 Nicollet Avenue South or telephone the main front desk at 612-673-5715.

If you have a business alarm, make sure it is set after hours and is functional. If you do not have one, consider installing one as an additional security measure. Train employees to avoid false alarms.

If you have security cameras, make sure they are functional and that employees know whom to contact to access the video if they are unable to themselves. This helps officers when they are searching for evidence to help solve your case or crimes in your area.

Know the business associations in your area as a means of communicating between other owners regarding issues that may affect more than your business.

For other tips, contact the local police department. Free commercial security checks are available by contacting Officer Judy Perry at 612-673-3044 or at judy.perry@ci.minneapolis.mn.us. Get hold of her today!

"IT'S HAPPENING HERE!" ALL AROUND LYN-LAKE

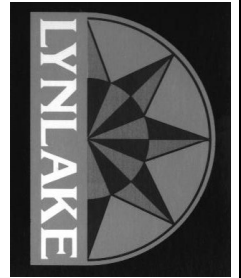
The Lyn-Lake Business Association 2010 membership drive continues in full swing. Your annual dues pay for the *Lyn-Lake News*, the web-site and other great things like our upcoming Lyn-Lake Street Fest bash! Thanks to you, we make Lyn-Lake the best business association in Minneapolis. Below are businesses and groups whose membership dues have been received as of March 5, 2010. If you've sent in your renewal but don't see your name here, call us at 612-874-7044 and let us know. Make sure to contact us if you need a renewal form -- we don't want to miss anyone! Our sincerest thanks to all!

Welcome to new members: Subway Sandwiches/I Am Coffee, Central Bank, and Sauce. Renewing members are: The Egg & I, Lee's Shoe Repair, Paul Williams Tire Company, Bill's Imported Foods, Top Shelf, It's Greek to Me, Jon English Salons, Jungle Theater, Ludeman Real Estate Inc., Highpoint Center for Printmaking, Uptown Business Association, Burnomatic, Mooney & Ridler, Laurel Ulland Architecture, Hagen's Auto Body, Inc., French Meadow Bakery & Café, The Calhoun Building - 711 Lake Street LLC, Yesterday's Auto, Saigon Uptown Restaurant, Joyce United Methodist Church, GHQ, CARAG, Whittier Alliance, Hair Police, Schatzlein Saddle Shop, Salem English Lutheran Church, Lyndale Animal Hospital, and Fuji-Ya. Thanks again for the continued participation and your support!

Overall, crime is down in the MPD Fifth Precinct, but people around here still experience theft from autos because they leave tempting items like laptop computers, handbags and GPS devices in plain view, and, what's worse, don't lock their vehicles. Not to state the obvious, but tell your customers, tenants and employees to stop doing this.



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AT THE LAST MEETING: Shaun Murphy, Mpls. Public Works, Carla McGrath, Highpoint Center, Wendy Stachowicz, Hair Police, Larry Ludeman, Ludeman Real Estate, Al Hagen, Yesterday's Auto, Gregg Scott, GHQ, Meg Tuthill, 10th Ward City Hall, Shaun Laden, Uptown Market, Mary Anne Hoffman, CCP, ZoeAna Martinez, LSC, Eric Sayer, Cult Status Gallery, Tom Delaney, Central Bank, Jen Nagel, Salem Church, Esther Grandbois, Rendez-vous Dance Studio, Dennis Tuthill, Peg Schatzlein, Schatzlein Saddle Shop, Kari Schirber, H&R Block