



West Calhoun Neighborhood Council

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Neighborhood Council

- West Calhoun boundaries are West Calhoun Parkway on the East, West Lake Street on the North, West 36th Street on the South and France Avenue on the West.
- The neighborhood includes Lake Calhoun's northern shoreline, Calhoun Commons and surrounding businesses, many residential buildings and 32 homes.

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West Calhoun demographics:

Based on the 2000

US Census:

1,865 households

244 owner-occupied housing units

1090 renter-occupied housing units

Average household size: 1.4 people

Community Input Meeting for Light Rail Station Planning Tuesday, October 12, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.

Station Area Planning for the West Lake Station and four other SW LRT stations began in July. Please join WCNC on **Tuesday, October 12 at 6:00 p.m. at The Bakken Museum.** Minneapolis City Planner Amanda Arnold and Adele Hall, Hennepin County Planning Analyst, will be present to give us an update on the station area planning process so far and to take your feedback.

WCNC has developed a list of key issues/concerns about the West Lake station:

- Station as a focal point for the community. Create a sense of place.
- Meeting place and neighborhood symbol.
- Enhances and improves the quality of life for residents and the greater community.
- Signage/lighting.
- Traffic (money for

traffic management)

- Gateway to urban lakes
- Park and Ride? Or parking ramps funded by private interests?
- Station name/identity/branding
- West Calhoun as a destination.

Please join us so your input can be included. If you have questions, contact us at info@westcalhoun.org or call 612-928-3511.

Update on 3100 Excelsior Blvd.

The WCNC Board has been in discussion with Nolan Properties Group as they are working on plans to redevelop the property at 3100 Excelsior Blvd. (the former Boulevard Gardens site).

Here is an update from Andy Babula, Project Manager:

“The redevelopment of 3100 Excelsior Boulevard is proceeding well. On August 2 the City of Minneapolis Planning Commission approved the land use application to rede-

velop the site. The approval allows for demolition of the existing wooden structure, expansion of the main building, and the construction of a new facade. The site is approved for an approximately 4,400 square foot main building with a terrace in front along Excelsior Blvd. The parking was further reduced from the initial plan to 30 spaces. Other improvements over the existing site include a significant increase in landscaping, rainwater collection, and bike parking to increase the site's connection with the community

and to provide a better pedestrian experience. Discussions with potential tenants are ongoing but have not been finalized.”

WCNC will continue our efforts with Nolan Properties Group as this project moves forward, including planned dates for construction, and updates on the potential tenants for the buildings. The proposed draft drawings for the site and structure are also available on the WCNC website at www.westcalhoun.org.

Neighborhood Business Spotlight

Salon Intrigue

3070 Excelsior Blvd. #203 952-922-0588

www.salon-intrigue.com

Expansion completed: June 2010

Mykal Scaletti, a nail technician at Salon Intrigue, recently sat down to fill us in on the details of their exciting new renovation and expansion into the former Inizio space. Salon Intrigue, originally opened in July 2000, and just celebrated its ten year anniversary.

Mykal gave us the scoop about their new expansion space: they added ten additional hair stations, ten of the city's most talented service providers, and approximately 1,300 square feet, bringing the salon to a total of twenty-three stations, thirty-seven team members, and 4,000 square feet. They're also excited to announce the addition of a massage room and an aesthetic room for facials and waxing. He said they wanted to be a full service salon, and they were fortunate to be a very busy rental salon and lucky to have the talented people to occupy it.

The look they've created, with its exposed ceilings, crystal chandeliers, a tropical fish tank, and an inviting fireplace, is an explosion of a warm, inviting, sexy, modern-yet-chic 21st century feel.

Mykal describes the atmosphere at Salon Intrigue as high energy, upbeat, and trendy. He said Aveda is huge, and they also carry Moroccan Oil, and an Italian line of hair care called Davines, a hot newer product which is flying off the shelves. In addition, they have a skin care line called Image as well as OPI products.

Mykal is very enthusiastic about their new expansion. "We are so excited about the look and feel of this space, so excited we can offer any service needed, and we can offer gift certificates and packages." Mykal said they love being in the West Calhoun neighborhood because "it's such a prime location, close to the lakes, Whole Foods Market, Uptown, the freeways. A perfect location for the massive walk-in business we have daily."

West Calhoun Neighborhood Council congratulates Salon Intrigue on their ten year anniversary and their dynamic new space. Stop by when you're in the neighborhood and check them out.

- Mari Taffe

Moss Envy

3056 Excelsior Blvd. 612-374-4581

www.mossenvy.com

Date opened: June 2010

Owners Ryan and Tina North told us that Moss Envy is the rebranding of their store Twin Cities Green, which was located at 24th and Hennepin since 2007. They are a family-owned local business that supports local artists. Moss Envy is all about "thoughtful consumption."

What's different in the new space? They have expanded their product line to include clothing, vintage home goods, make up, building supplies and upholstered furniture.

They are the only store in the state to sell multiple brands of natural mattresses ("eco-mattresses.") Also, their baby furniture is popular. They have had a great response to their women's clothing line. They have unique gift items for weddings, showers and birthday presents. They also offer a baby and wedding registry.

"We're always happy to answer a question," says Tina. "We're never preachy or judgmental."

If you don't have time to come in, shop online and you can come to the store to pick up your merchandise. Visit www.mossenvy.com.

The Bakken Update

The Bakken Museum was busy this summer with nine week-long Summer Science Camps. Inventions made by children in the camps and in The Bakken's Inventors Club were featured in a new exhibit, "Short Circuits," which opened in July. The first session of the Inventors Club, for children ages 9 & up, begins on Saturday, October 16.

For the third year in a row, "Ten Best Days of The Bakken" was offered during the

Aquatennial, featuring time-tested popular activities and programs such as the "War of the Currents," a play about the controversy between Thomas Edison and Nikola Tesla over DC vs. AC current. Over 4,500 people attended during this free summer series.

Coming up this winter will be a new exhibit on the history and architecture of the "Westwinds" mansion, built by William Goodfellow in 1929, which is the heart of The Bakken's facility.

For more information, visit www.thebakken.org or call 612-926-3878.

Meet the WCNC Board of Directors

Kathy Cobb

Calhoun Place - 31st & Excelsior Blvd.

Resident of Minneapolis for nearly 30 years, during which time she served on the city's Committee on Urban Environment for about 12 years; also involved with various sub-committees and task forces dealing with livability and urban aesthetic issues. She has also been active in the DFL since she moved to Minneapolis. She is an editor/writer by trade, now semi-retired from the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.



Seth Doorn, Treasurer

Calhoun Towers - List Place & Excelsior Blvd.

Seth moved to Minneapolis in 2006 to attend law school at the University of St. Thomas, and is working as a contract attorney while he builds his own law practice at Gruber & Doorn, PLLC. He has lived at Calhoun Towers in West Calhoun since 2008, and is excited to work with the other members of the neighborhood council to keep West Calhoun a vibrant community.



Meg Forney

W. 32nd & Zenith Ave.

Meg Forney, a community Realtor, moved in prior to West Calhoun's engagement in the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) and prior to the notion of the business area known today as Calhoun Commons. Along with many other civically interested neighbors, Meg helped in crafting and implementing a vision for our little "downtown" that endeavored to make our crisscross of major thorough-fares more pedestrian friendly. She is a WCNC representative to the LRT Station Area Strategic Planning Community Members' Working Group.



Gary Knutson

Rose Lane & W. Calhoun Parkway

Gary Knutson grew up in Houston, Minnesota, a town like Lake Wobegon, only not as cosmopolitan. He'd planned to become an artist or photographer, but at 18, had a Top Secret clearance working in Army Intelligence in Germany. After college, Knutson worked for a series of ad agencies as a copywriter. From 1985 on, he was a principal owner of HM&P Advertising in Raleigh, NC. He retired as Vice Chairman/Chief Creative Officer in 2001, and returned to Minneapolis to enjoy the winters.



Join the WCNC Board

Meet our dynamic Board of Directors. They are working hard to represent your interests in the SW LRT Station Area Planning Process and on a wide array of neighborhood issues. **Two seats still remain on the WCNC Board.** If you're interested in more information or would like to be appointed to the Board, please contact Rhea at 612-928-3511. Terms will expire in May 2011.

Check out our website at www.westcalhoun.org.

Jeff Peltola, Vice Chair

Calhoun Place - 31st & Excelsior Blvd.

Jeff joined the board in May 2010. Educated in civil/environmental engineering, and presently self-employed as an independent consultant, Jeff spent 2009 in Washington, DC, as a Congressional Fellow sponsored by the American Society of Civil Engineers. Jeff was also recently appointed to the Minneapolis Charter Commission. He has a long record of civic engagement, and is particularly passionate about public transit and pedestrian-oriented development. He is currently quite active in the station area planning process for the SW LRT.



David J. Rhees

W. 36th St. & W. Calhoun Parkway

Dr. David Rhees has been Executive Director of The Bakken Museum since 1992 and has led the process of expanding the facilities, staff, and programs. He holds a doctorate in the history of science from the University of Pennsylvania and is an adjunct professor in history of medicine at the University of Minnesota. He served on the board of the West Calhoun Neighborhood Council in the 1990s, and has served on numerous other nonprofit boards, serving as president of the Friends of the Minneapolis Public Library.



Michael Wagner, Chair

Lakes Citi Homes, Drew Ave. & Lake St.

Michael Wagner has served on the Midtown Greenway Coalition, and is a complete streets/transit integration advocate, craft beer enthusiast, daily bike commuter, and has a marketing/sales and brand management background. Michael has a Bachelor of Science in Marketing and Management from West Virginia University and he works for the Four Firkins in St. Louis Park.





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West Calhoun Neighborhood Council meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., at The Bakken Museum. All business and residential neighbors are welcome to attend. You can leave a message with comments, questions or concerns on the West Calhoun Neighborhood Council Voicemail Hotline at 612-928-3511 or at info@westcalhoun.org.

Your input on SW LRT is needed October 12



Who: West Calhoun residents, business & property owners

What: Community Meeting regarding West Lake Station

When: Tues., October 12, 2010, at 6:00 p..m.

Where: The Bakken Museum, W. 36th St. & W. Calhoun Parkway

Why: Make sure your input is included in the Station Area Planning process for the West Lake Station.

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