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Eighth Ward News

"Bancroft, Bryant, Central, Field-Regina-Northrop, Kingfield, Powderhorn"

From Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden

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Bancroft

Bancroft Neighborhood Association
www.bancroftneighborhood.org
Meets 2nd Thursday, 7 pm
4120 17th Avenue South

Bryant

Bryant Neighborhood Organization
www.welovebryant.org
Meets 1st Tuesday, 7 pm
Urban League South, 411 E. 38th Street

Central

CANDO
www.thecentralneighborhood.com
Meets 3rd Thursday, 6:15 pm
Sabathani Community Center
310 East 38th Street, Room 304

Field-Regina-Northrop

www.frnng.org
Meets 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 pm
1620 E 46th Street

Kingfield

www.kingfield.org
Meets 2nd Wednesday, 7 pm
ML King Park, 40th & Nicollet

Powderhorn

www.pppna.org
Meets 2nd Thursday, 6:30 pm
821 E 35th Street

City Redistricting Update

Every decade, City redistricting occurs to change Ward boundaries, ensuring that Wards remain of fairly equal population. The City Redistricting Commission has responsibility for approving these changes and they are required under state law to approval final maps by April 3.

The proposed city Ward maps continue to change, with current maps available at www.minneapolismn.gov/redistricting2012. Under the newest maps, Ward 8 includes the neighborhoods of Bancroft, Bryant, Regina, Northrop (part of), Kingfield, Lyndale, East Harriet Farmstead, and a few blocks of CARAG. Current Ward 8 neighborhoods of Central and Powderhorn (the western half) would now be in Ward 9, along with a few blocks of Lyndale. Field neighborhood would be included in the new Ward 11.

The Redistricting Committee has scheduled two public hearings to discuss the newest maps.

- [Tuesday, March 20, 2012, 5-7 pm, Sabathani Community Center \(310 E 38th St\)](#)
- [Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 5-7 pm, UROC, 2001 Plymouth Ave N](#)

In addition to attending the public hearings, you can engage in the redistricting process this way:

- **Attend or follow Redistricting meetings.** See the meeting schedule at www.minneapolismn.gov/redistricting2012
- **Email questions, comments, or ideas** about maps or documents to the Redistricting Group at Redistricting2012@minneapolismn.gov. You must include your name and address, and attachment size is limited to 10 MB.
- **Mail questions, comments, or ideas to:** Clerk Peggy Menshek, 304 City Hall, 350 S. 5th St., Minneapolis, MN 55415, or by email to Redistricting2012@minneapolismn.gov.

Again, go to www.minneapolismn.gov/redistricting2012 for all information on redistricting.

Congratulations: Ward 8 Community Leader Award Winners



Congratulations to the Lee Family Commemorative Event planning committee, Doris Christopher (lifetime of community activism), Evette McDonald-McCarthy (small Ward 8 business owner, neighborhood and business association board member), Scott Bordon (for the vision and hard work that led to the Lyndale Community School Walking Bus).

Minneapolis Advantage – Forgivable Home Loans



Since 2008, the City of Minneapolis has helped nearly 350 home buyers purchase homes in neighborhoods stressed by foreclosure through its Minneapolis Advantage Program.

If you're in the market for a home, this forgivable loan program can help you with down payment and closing costs in eligible neighborhoods like Central and Bryant.

For more information, call the Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation, program administrator at 612-588-3033 or go to www.minneapolismn.gov/cped/housing and click on the link to "Minneapolis Advantage NSP Mortgage Assistance."

If you're interested in purchasing a renovated home that was once foreclosed, go to www.ownahomemn.org for a listing of homes that are on the market. Also, www.livemsp.org provides a directory of home buyer incentive programs and resources by neighborhood, and www.hocmn.org offers resources and education to home buyers.

Leaf Your Legacy – Plant a \$25 Tree in Your Yard



Get ready to order a tree to plant on your Minneapolis property this spring. Starting March 12, the City of Minneapolis is offering 1,500 eight-foot trees for only \$25 each.

Trees are available for Minneapolis residents, businesses and nonprofits.

- Choose from several varieties and sizes of trees, including a fruit tree.
- First-come, first-served – order early for best selection. Limit one tree per property owner.
- You'll pick up your tree May 12-14 at the Minneapolis Impound Lot.

In the past five years, the City Trees program has brought 6,000 trees into Minneapolis. Healthy trees look beautiful in your neighborhood, increase property values, help clean the air you breathe, absorb carbon dioxide, keep the city cooler in the summer, provide homes for wildlife and help manage stormwater. The City Trees program helps meet our eco-focused City goal recognizing trees as a solid green investment.

To order your tree, visit www.minneapolismn.gov/citytrees.

South Side Housing Fair: Saturday March 10

The annual South Side Housing Fair is Saturday, **March 10, 9 am-3 pm**, at South High, 3131 19th Avenue South. The fair features organizations

offering low interest home improvement loans, vendors with deals on housing related services and products, and workshops such as how to work with a contractor.

Find Out More About Growing Your Own Food at Fresh Choices Event



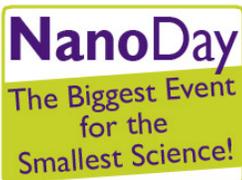
Locally grown food can provide fresh ingredients to your community that are better for you and your grocery budget. Find out what the City and other organizations have

done to help improve this market and learn ways to get involved at Fresh Choices: Growing the Local Food Economy.

- Fresh Choices: Growing the Local Food Economy, **5:30-9:30 pm, Thursday, March 22**, Plymouth Congregational Church, Nicollet and Franklin avenues

Many co-sponsoring organizations will present information tables, local co-ops will offer door prizes and a new, must-see documentary called "Dirty Work" by Red Eye Video will play. For information call 612-333-6319 or go to www.lwvmpls.org and click on "Healthy Legacy IV: Urban Agriculture."

NANO Day Celebration at Sabathani, March 31



Something new is coming to South Minneapolis and it's very small. It's NANO! On **Saturday, March 31, 2012, from 1:00 – 5:00 P.M.**, at Sabathani Community

Center, SELF International and Sabathani invite you to a special Nano Day event as part of a nationwide festival of educational programs about nanoscale science and engineering.

Our Nano Day celebration will bring the community together with university researchers and science

educators to create new and unique learning experiences for both children and adults to explore the miniscule world of atoms, molecules, and nanoscale forces.

Visitors will make some of their own nanomaterials using scotch-tape, investigate super thin materials used in solar cell technology, and change the color of a butterfly's wings! Other activities include an I Spy Nano game and real Nano gold. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information call Sabathani at 612-821-2329 or SELF International at 612-824-110.

Check Out Our Neighborhoods: Minneapolis81.com



Minneapolis81.com is a website through which residents of Minneapolis' 81 neighborhoods have an opportunity to create a tour showing off what's special about where they live. Now featuring the Bancroft Neighborhood Tour lead by BNA board member Neal Baxter, Kingfield is another Ward 8 neighborhood where residents use photos and stories to feature where they live. Check it out – hopefully with features to come on Central, Powderhorn, Bryant, and Field-Regina-Northrop!

Airport Noise Meeting: March 15, 7pm



Minneapolis neighborhoods east and west of the Cedar Avenue corridor have experienced a large increase in airport noise over the past many months. In response,

neighbors have organized at airport meetings and City Councilmembers and State Legislators have been engaged in bringing resident concerns to the FAA and the Metropolitan Airports Commission for response and redress.

A meeting hosted by City Council members representing affected airport noise areas is set to get neighbor input on noise reduction issues to bring to the Noise Oversight Committee to the Metropolitan Airport Commission (www.macnoise.com). If you are affected by increased airport noise, we hope you can attend.

- Airport Issues Meeting, **March 15, 7 pm**, Nokomis Community School, 5209 - 30th Ave. S, in the Gym

Special Events at the Parkway Theater



Minnecanos, an extended bilingual production by Pepitos and Parkway Theater owner Joe Minjares, will play for

two weeks at the Parkway Theater, 4814 Chicago, **March 12–23, 2012**. Using mementos collected over a lifetime and lively *corridos* (story songs), an old man awakens his great-grandchild's interest in their shared Chicano history. Show schedules and information at www.theparkwaytheater.com. *Radical Hospitality* first come, first served no-cost admissions are also available in the lobby two hours prior to show time.

Indigenous Film Festival, **FREE Admission, March 16-18, 2012** at the Parkway Theater. The Augsburg Native American Film Series in collaboration with Phillips Indian Educators and the Parkway Theater present: *Where Condor Meets Eagle: Indigenous Bolivian and Native American Film Festival*, a three-night celebration of Indigenous film, collaborations across national boundaries, and visual storytelling. Information including film schedules at www.augsburg.edu/filmseries.

Raingarden Workshops for Clean Water



Get ready for spring by planning a garden that beautifies your yard and helps keep our water clean. Register now for a two-part workshop series, taught by landscape design specialists from the nonprofit group Metro Blooms. The \$10 workshops will be offered

from early April to mid June: To register and view workshop schedule, visit www.metroblooms.org or call (651) 698-1390. Fee: \$10 per workshop.

Whether you are an experienced gardener or have never tried gardening before, these eco-friendly pesticides, capture rainwater on site with rain gardens, plan your garden, and much more.

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You can always call the Ward 8 office for information at (612) 673-2208.