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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](http://www.bancroftneighborhood.org)  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 7 pm  
4120 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue South

## Bryant

Bryant Neighborhood Organization  
[www.welovebryant.org](http://www.welovebryant.org)  
Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 7 pm  
Urban League South, 411 E. 38<sup>th</sup> Street

## Central

CANDO  
[www.thecentralneighborhood.com](http://www.thecentralneighborhood.com)  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 6:15 pm  
Sabathani Community Center  
310 East 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 304

## Field-Regina-Northrop

[www.frnng.org](http://www.frnng.org)  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 6:30 pm  
1620 E 46<sup>th</sup> Street

## Kingfield

[www.kingfield.org](http://www.kingfield.org)  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 7 pm  
ML King Park, 40<sup>th</sup> & Nicollet

## Powderhorn

[www.ppna.org](http://www.ppna.org)  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 6:30 pm  
821 E 35<sup>th</sup> Street

## Earth Day Clean Up April 21



Join your neighbors at parks and waterways for **the 2012 Earth Day Clean Up** from 9:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 21. The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board and the City of Minneapolis launched the cleanup in 1995 to demonstrate both the need to improve the quality of Minneapolis lakes and the effects that individual actions have on urban water quality. This annual event involves cleaning parks and green areas, plus major watersheds and water bodies in the City of Minneapolis including Powderhorn Lake and the Minnehaha Creek.

In last year's cleanup, nearly 1,500 volunteers removed more than 10,000 pounds of litter from our neighborhoods and watersheds.

To take part in Earth Day activities, call the Earth Day hotline at 612-313-7722 or go to Earth Day Clean Up Page on the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation website, [www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org).

## Minneapolis Now Requires Compostable Bags or Reusable Containers for Yard Waste



Yard waste collection has begun in Minneapolis. But before you bag any leaves or grass clippings, make sure you're using the right bags.

Bagged yard waste put out for collection must now be in compostable bags – either paper bags or compostable plastic bags – or reusable containers.

Minneapolis has a short grace period for you to use up your non-compostable plastic bags, ending the week of April 30.

Using paper and compostable plastic bags is required by state law, and reduces plastic waste. Compostable plastic bags are usually clear or a translucent shade of green, pink or white. Instead of bagging yard waste, you can also place unbagged yard waste in a reusable container with sturdy handles that weigh less than 40 pounds.

For questions about leaf and brush pickup, call 612-673-2917 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or visit [www.minneapolismn.gov/solid-waste/yardwaste](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/solid-waste/yardwaste).

## Bicycle Season Has Arrived!



Minneapolis is one of the top bicycling cities in the country, and the outlook is even better for 2012.

Thanks to a busy construction season last year, there are more

bikeways in Minneapolis than ever before.

### Share these cool “Know the Road” videos

Two new videos will help road users understand how to safely “share the road” with bikes. You can see and share the videos at [www.minneapolismn.gov/bicycles](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/bicycles).

## Rides, walks and classes all over town

The Minneapolis Bike Walk Ambassador Program is hosting more than 40 rides, walks and classes this spring and summer. Sessions are designed to help people get back on their bikes, ride on our streets and trails, and consider walking and biking for some of their trips. Sessions include:

- **Family Bicycling**– This series encourages parents to take to the streets and trails with **children**.
- **Adult Bicycling**– This course will teach adults about finding a route, planning trips and riding safely and comfortably with traffic. Several adult maintenance classes are also being offered.
- **Stroll Minneapolis, 55 +** – Walking Wednesday strolls and the 55+ Bicycling Mini-Series are designed to offer an easy, pleasant, social experience.

Go to [www.minneapolismn.gov/bicycles](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/bicycles) to see a full list of classes and downloadable brochures!

## City-Wide Street Sweeping Begins



Weather permitting; an annual rite of spring in Minneapolis begins Tuesday, April 10. That's when Public Works crews are set to begin a comprehensive sweeping of

all city streets to clean up all the dirt and grime the melting ice and snow left behind on our streets. Drivers should watch for temporary “no parking” signs along these roadways to avoid a ticket and tow.

Temporary “No Parking” signs will be posted at least 24 hours in advance to make sure streets and parkways are clear of parked vehicles. Help remind your neighbors to move their cars when “no parking” signs go up!

You can go to [www.minneapolismn.gov](http://www.minneapolismn.gov) to use an **Interactive Web tool** to find out when the sweepers are coming through your neighborhood.

Residents should not push leaves, grass clippings, or other debris into City streets – it's bad for our lakes and waterways and it's against the law. Street

sweeping is one way we work to protect our environment because it keeps leaves and debris from clogging our storm drains and polluting our lakes and rivers.

## City Expands Plastic and Carton Recycling



**Plastics**  
NOW ACCEPTING  
All plastic bottles, containers  
and jugs numbered 1 through 7.  
**NEW!**  
INCLUDES:  
Yogurt cups, pudding and fruit cups,  
margarine, cottage cheese and other  
subs, microwavable food trays, produce  
and deli containers

City of Minneapolis recycling customers can now recycle nearly all of the frequently used containers that used to end up in the trash. Customers can recycle cartons – that includes milk cartons, juice boxes and soup, broth and wine cartons – and plastic containers including yogurt cups, cottage cheese containers and deli and takeout containers. Minneapolis recycling crews will pick up these additional items with the regular recycling. Cartons can go in the same bag with the paper.

Customers can now recycle the plastic caps and lids on plastic containers and should leave them on the container (after rinsing, of course) or they will literally slip through the cracks of the recycling machinery.

For more information, check out [www.minneapolismn.gov/solid-waste/recycling](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/solid-waste/recycling).

## Nicollet Avenue Reconstruction Open Houses



On Wednesday, April 18  
9:30am - 10:30 am and  
6:30pm - 7:30pm, Martin  
Luther King Jr. Park, 4055

Nicollet Ave, Public works will host two open houses to communicate with you about the construction of Nicollet Avenue.

Nicollet Avenue reconstruction starts in May 2012 with the section from Lake to 32<sup>nd</sup> Street. The purpose of these meetings is to communicate the construction staging and schedule and answer questions from business owners and residents. The meetings will be an open house format, so people can come and go anytime. The same information

will be available at both meetings. For more information and sign up for e-mail updates, go to the project website: [www.minneapolismn.gov](http://www.minneapolismn.gov) (then search “Nicollet Paving”).

## Dining Out for Life! April 26<sup>th</sup> – Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner!



Dine Out, Fight AIDS

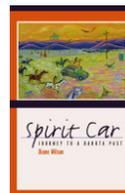
Every year, the Aliveness Project sponsors Dining Out for Life. The Aliveness Project is a local nonprofit organization that provides on-site meals, food shelf & other supportive services for individuals living with HIV/AIDS and their families. You can help by eating out at a participating restaurant or by volunteering to act as a Dining Out Ambassador. Go to [www.diningoutforlife.com/minneapolis](http://www.diningoutforlife.com/minneapolis) for a list of restaurants and volunteer opportunities!

## Public Hearing on Vikings Stadium Proposal: April 24

On Tuesday, April 24, 2012, beginning at 4 pm, the City Council will hold a public hearing at its Intergovernmental Relations Committee to receive testimony on the Mayor’s proposal for a Vikings Stadium in Minneapolis. Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden will chair this meeting, where speakers will have two minutes each to address the committee. The Intergovernmental Relations Committee will take testimony for up to two hours and then consider whether to amend the City’s 2012 legislative agenda to include a statement of support for a proposed Vikings Stadium.

The public hearing will be held at City Hall, 350 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 317 (City Council chambers). To date, the City has had no official position on the Vikings Stadium.

## City Approves “Spirit Car” as 2012-13 One Minneapolis, One Read



Minneapolis has selected the next One Minneapolis, One Read book: “Spirit Car: Journey to a Dakota Past” by local author Diane Wilson. In “Spirit Car,” a

Minnesota Book Award Winner, Diane Wilson explores her Dakota roots and her own family's history, detailing the trauma of the Dakota War of 1862 and its aftermath.

One Minneapolis, One Read will launch in fall of 2012, in collaboration with Minneapolis Public Schools and Hennepin County Library. The selection of "Spirit Car" in the same year we recognize the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dakota War provides an unparalleled opportunity for us all to learn more about this tragic part of our history. We welcome you to read the book and join the conversation! One Minneapolis, One Read updates appear on Facebook and at [www.oneminneapolisone.com](http://www.oneminneapolisone.com).

## I-35W Transit/Access Project Public Open House May 1



City and County officials and transportation staff would like to invite the public to an open house on the I-35W

Transit/Access Project on **Tuesday, May 1, 5-7pm** at the Whittier Community Center (425 W. 26<sup>th</sup> Street).

Residents can learn about progress on the project, see drawings of proposals for bus platforms at the freeway level, transit station design at Lake Street level, design of Lake Street, and proposed entrance/exit ramps. There will also be opportunity to ask questions and share comments and ideas. Visit [www.35lake.com](http://www.35lake.com) for more information.

## City Redistricting Complete: New Ward 8 Boundaries



By the April 3 state law deadline, Minneapolis' Charter Commission has approved the new Ward and Park

Commissioner boundaries for the City of Minneapolis. These new boundaries will be applied in 2013, the election year for the Mayor, City Councilmembers, and Park Board Commissioners.

For Ward 8, the neighborhoods of Bancroft, Bryant, Field and Regina remain in Ward 8. A small part of Northrop (north of 43<sup>rd</sup> Street) remains in Ward 8, with the remainder of Northrop in Ward 11. Central neighborhood is now divided between Ward 9 (north of 36<sup>th</sup> Street) and Ward 8 (south of 36<sup>th</sup> Street). While all of Powderhorn Park is now within Ward 9, Ward 8 now includes Lyndale and all of Kingfield neighborhood. You can view final redistricting maps at:

[www.minneapolismn.gov/redistricting2012](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/redistricting2012).

## Neighbors Organizing to Vote No!



This year, Minnesotans will be presented with two proposed constitutional amendments at the ballot box. One would require "photo ID" to exercise your right to vote; the second would put a definition of marriage as between a man and a woman in the Minnesota constitution. The City of Minneapolis has official positions **opposing** both amendments as contrary to the values of Minnesotans, harmful and to the rights of Minnesotans, and in the case of the so-called "marriage amendment" enshrining discrimination into the Minnesota constitution.

Neighbors are starting block by block and neighborhood by neighborhood efforts to organize opposition to these harmful proposed amendments and encourage residents to "vote no" to both. A grassroots group in Kingfield has a Facebook page, "Kingfield Votes No," and is encouraging participation. Other neighborhoods have started organizing campaigns as well. On behalf of the City of Minneapolis, I encourage you to "vote no" and participate in efforts to educate your neighbors. In the coming months, we will provide more information on the proposed amendments and the impacts of both.

## Sign-up to Receive 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Updates



Want to receive this newsletter and other important 8<sup>th</sup> Ward updates? Go to the Ward 8 website and sign up for e-news at: [www.minneapolismn.gov/Ward8](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/Ward8).

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