

Council Member Diane Hofstede

Ward 3
City of Minneapolis
January 2012

3rd Ward Neighborhoods

Beltrami

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www.neighborhoodlink.com/ Minneapolis/Beltrami Meetings:

1st Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 pm Beltrami Park Building 1111 Summer Street NE Minneapolis, MN 55418

Bottineau

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bna@bottineauneighborhood.org

www.bottineauneighborhood.org

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 – 9:00 pm

Eastside N'hood Services 1700 2nd Street NE Minneapolis, MN 55418

Hawthorne

2944 Emerson Avenue N Mpls. MN 55411 612-529-6033

www.hawthornecommunitycouncil.org

Meetings:

1st Thursday, 7:00 – 8:30 am Farview Park 609 29th Avenue N Minneapolis, MN 55411

Happy New Year!

This year brings much to celebrate in our community! We are growing, with new housing developments in the pipeline, new business joining our vital business nodes. Our Third Ward continues to be a safe and welcoming place to live, work and play!

Thank you for your willingness to be engaged! Please read our newsletter and submit articles so that we may all celebrate in your successes and the news that you would like us to share with our neighbors.

I wish to thank you for living in the Third Ward and the City of Minneapolis, and best wishes for 2012!

Sincerely,

Diane Hofstede

Our City's 2012 Budget in Review

After hearing from many of you, I have stood firm on the position that we have to hold the line on property taxes. So many people have been drastically impacted by our current recession, especially low-income property owners, many of who are our senior population. I have always believed that government must play an integral part in helping lift others during difficult times and in this volatile period I think property tax relief is the only common sense approach. As a member of the City's Budget Committee, we supported a zero percent property tax increase, and as your city council member, I voted for the adopted 2012 City of Minneapolis budget and a zero percent tax increase!

Marcy-Holmes

415 4th Avenue SE #209 Mpls, MN 55414 612-623-7633

office@marcy-holmes.org
www.marcy-holmes.org

3rd Tuesday: Jan, March, June, Oct Meetings:

7:30 – 9:00 pm

Univ. Lutheran Church of Hope
601 13th Avenue SE

Minneapolis, MN 55414

McKinley

3333 4th Street N, Suite 1 Mpls, MN 55412 612-276-1541

mckinleycommunity@yahoo.com

www.neighborhoodlink.com/
Minneapolis McKinley
Meetings:

1st Monday, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Center For Families
3333 4th Street N

Nicollet Island/East Bank

Minneapolis, MN 55412

612-340-7934
www.neighborhoodlink.com/
minneapolis/ni-eb/
Meetings:
3rd Monday every other month
6:30 – 8:30 pm
Ginger Hop Restaurant Side Room
201 East Hennepin Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55414

St. Anthony East

909 Main Street NE (Lower Level)
Mpls, MN 55413
612-331-6514
saenarp1@aol.com
www.saena.org

Meetings:

4th Monday, 7:00 – 9:00 pm Logan Park Building 690 13th Avenue NE Minneapolis, MN 55413 This is good news for property owners!

In our adopted budget, we will continue to support our Community Safe Officers for the 2nd and 4th Police Precincts. The Safe Officers, along with our community, have been integral to the declining crime statistics and supporting the ongoing public safety, goals and needs of our neighborhoods. Our precincts and the public safety personnel have done an outstanding job during a period of declining resources while supporting our two new public safety initiatives, Northeast Strategic and North Strategic, while continuing our successful Southeast Strategic initiative with the University District Alliance Partners. We will be continuing our relationship with Nick Juarez and Carla Nielson in the 2nd Police Precinct, along with Kimberly Lund and Jennifer Waisanen in the 4th Police Precinct. I ask you to thank them and demonstrate your support of their efforts, not only for the work of the past, but also in order to maintain a safe community in the future.

In our city budget, funding for our newly formed Audit Department and commitment to make our city more effective and efficient was restored. The newly formed department has begun to carefully examine the critical risks in our city and make recommendations for improvements in order to reduce the financial risks in our city's over one billion-dollar enterprise.

The senior citizen ombudsmen position was transferred from the department of Public Health to the Department of Community Engagement. The change eliminated the position of senior ombudsman. A new focus called *Aging in Place* has begun in the Northeast Community as a means of addressing and spear heading a program to address the needs of our senior population. Our seniors are an important asset in our society and our plan is to provide been to withdraw needed support, and safety nets for our growing aging population, not only in our ward, but also throughout the city.

Our city's budget is lean, with many critical issues and priorities, which we all take very seriously. None of our decisions will be easy or non-impactful to our community.

Police and Fire Pension Changes

Critical to the severe budget issues that the city was facing and the uncertainty for our city pensioners was the resolution of the police and fire pension issues. The stock market decline of the last few years and the low interest rates for fixed rates affected the returns of the pensions. In addition, retirees' growing health care costs and the reduction of government aid from the State of Minnesota compounded the problems facing all involved.

On December 31, 2011 the pensions from the Minneapolis Police and Fire Departments were transferred to the State of Minnesota by an agreement between the pensions, the Minneapolis City Council and the Mayor. The merger with statewide funds will save

St. Anthony West

909 Main Street NE, Lower Level Mpls, MN 55413 612-378-8886

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Meetings:

2nd Thursday, 7:30 pm 909 Main Street NE, Lower Level Minneapolis, MN 55413

Sheridan

1226 2nd Street NE Mpls, MN 55413 612-379-0728

sno@sheridanneighborhood.orgwww.sheridanneighborhood.org

Meetings:

4th Monday, 7:00 – 9:00 pm Eastside Neighborhood Services 1700 2nd Street NE Minneapolis, MN 55413

City of Minneapolis Information

www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us

Call: 311

Precinct Meetings

2nd Precinct Advisory Council

(2-PAC)

3rd Monday, 6:00 pm 1911 Central Avenue NE Minneapolis, MN

Check Location at 612-673-2874

4th Precinct Advisory Council (4-PAC)

3rd Tuesday, 6:30 pm 4th Precinct Meeting Room 1925 Plymouth Avenue N Minneapolis, MN Minneapolis taxpayers more than \$20 million in 2012. The decision has given the pensioners certainty that their pensions will continue, and that we, as a city, will be able to meet our obligations.

2011 3rd Ward NeighborhoodFest

A great big THANK YOU to the residents, neighborhood organizations, businesses, our elected leaders, our NeighborhoodFest Committee, all of our partners, visitors and especially our Third Ward staff, interns, and office volunteers, who worked long hours and made countless contributions to our ward, and who made the **9**th **annual 3**rd **Ward NeighborhoodFest** a resounding success! The event, held October 12th, 2011 at Nicollet Island Pavilion, featured local





businesses, a variety of entertainers, delicious food samples from local restaurants and various government and neighborhood displays – all free of charge.

In addition to the Nicollet Island event, the NeighborhoodFest also featured a free **Sustainable Neighborhood Design Conference & Symposium** on Saturday, November 5th at the University of

Minnesota. Sponsored by the Center for Sustainable Building Research and the

Metropolitan Design Center, participants included an international group from the Hammarby Sjöstad Project, Stockholm, Sweden's biggest sustainable urban development project. Other featured developments included UMORE Park in Rosemount, the University District Alliance, The Ford Plant Site in St. Paul, and Eco-Village in north Minneapolis.



Click here to view more photos from the <u>2011</u> NeighborhoodFest.

JOIN US: 2012 CARE MEETING DATES SET

Mark your calendars with the 2012 Third Ward CARE meetings, held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. The CARE meetings are a community engagement forum to discuss and report on critical public safety, economic development and other issues of importance to our ward and the city. Meeting dates are:

Wednesday

- February 15
- March 21

Snow Emergency Parking Rules





Day 1: 9 PM-8 AM (overnight)

Park: on either side of <u>non-Snow</u> <u>Emergency route streets</u> (streets that do not have the red snow emergency signs)

Do Not Park: on either side of a street with the red sign: *Snow Emergency route*



Day 2: 8 AM to 8 PM

Park: on the <u>odd side</u> of <u>non-</u> <u>Snow Emergency route streets</u>

The streets that do not have the red: Snow Emergency Route signs

Do Not Park: On the even side of non-Snow Emergency route

Do Not Park: On either side of

Parkways

- April 18
- May 16
- June 20
- No July meeting due to the Aguatennial
- August 15
- September 19
- No October meeting due to NeighborhoodFest
- November 14 held one week early due to Thanksgiving holiday
- No December meeting

<u>January – August meetings are held at Eastside Neighborhood Services, in the</u> community room, 1700 2nd St NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418.

<u>September – November meetings are held at the Farview Park Community</u> Center, multi-purpose room, 621 29th Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55411.

<u>Minneapolis Riverfront Development Initiative</u> (MRDI) / RiverFIRST Update

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board has undertaken the RiverFIRST project, recently rebranded from the Minneapolis Riverfront Development Initiative. Officially entitled "RiverFIRST: A Park Design Proposal and Implementation Framework for the Minneapolis Upper Riverfront," the vision of this draft proposal is to provide connections to, and restoration of, the upper river.

The proposed upper riverfront parks have a lot to offer all people of Minneapolis and our region, but especially residents and businesses in North and Northeast Minneapolis. For more information about the RiverFIRST project and to read and post comments, visit http://minneapolisriverfrontdevelopmentinitiative.com/

Provided at the end of this newsletter is my RiverFIRST letter of support and recommendations for consideration.

The Above the Falls Project Update

The Minneapolis has launched a review of the Above the Falls Plan for the Riverfront in North and Northeast Minneapolis. CM Hofstede and other North and Northeast elected city officials are currently reviewing the staff preliminary recommendations. The Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled to review the Above the Plan at their scheduled Park Board meeting on, <u>Wednesday, January 25th</u>. The Plan review is expected to be presented to city council committees in February. Public meetings are planned for the review of the proposed staff recommendations. To review the current plan proposal check the City of Minneapolis Website (www. Minneapolismn.gov), under search put in Above the Falls Plan. This plan is and has been our vision of our future



Day 3: 8AM-8PM

Park: On the <u>even side of non-</u> Snow Emergency route streets

Do Not Park: On the odd side of non Snow Emergency route streets

Clearing Sidewalks

Per city ordinance, the owner, occupants or persons having the care, custody and control of any building that is a one- or two-family dwelling shall cause the snow and/or ice to be removed from the public sidewalk abutting or adjoining the lot upon with such building is situated, within the first 24 hours after the ceasing of any snow, and shall cause sand to be sprinkled on the sidewalk where there is snow or ice upon the sidewalk can not be removed.

The person having care, custody or control of any building or lot (except one-and two-family dwellings) adjoining, abutting or bordering on any street

riverfront. Please review and forward any comments to my office. Diane.Hofstede@minneapolismn.gov. Neighborhoods are encouraged to forward recommendations.

Phase 1 includes:

- Zoning recommendations for industrial, residential, commercial and office development, including proposed changes to the Above the Falls Plan.
- Recommendations for future roads and trails.
- Next steps for implementation.

The Carp are Coming!!!



Asian, and other carp species, are invasive species that are threatening the Mississippi River ecosystems, recreation, our Minnesota Rivers, lakes; including the Great Lakes, affecting our neighboring states, and our future development along our Riverfront!

Gov. Dayton's Asian Carp Task Force, which Councilmember Hofstede is a member, is recommending that Minnesota take "decisive strokes and not tread water" to eliminate and stop the unwanted species. The plan includes participation by state and federal agencies collaboration with the Minnesota Legislature, our congressional delegation, and surrounding States and Canadian partners to locate and procure necessary funding in order to stop and eliminate these and other invasive species.

One proposal being considered is the closure of the St. Anthony Falls lock and dam to all traffic and discontinues access downstream for <u>any type of transportation</u>, <u>or</u> recreation! This is a very serious decision.

The City Council passed a recommendation to the Asian Carp Task Force which includes immediate funding for the elimination, study, and barriers along our Southern Minnesota border and installation of barriers at the St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam in the Spring of 2012. The City has requested that further study as to the economic impact on our community with the closure of the St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam, and improvement of the river ecosystem, in addition, to other requests. Colonel Pierce, who manages the St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam presented at out Third Ward CARE meeting on Wednesday, January 18.

located within the city shall, within the **first 4 hours** of daylight after the ceasing to fall of any snow, cause the snow and/or ice to be removed from the sidewalk adjoining said building or lot.

Fire Hydrants

Please clear the snow from around fire hydrants when doing your sidewalks. Perhaps 'adopt' a hydrant with your neighbors to ensure that firefighters will not be delayed should they need access to the water. Thanks!

Webster School Reopening!

Webster School, at 425 5th Street NE, will reopen as an elementary school in fall 2012. The school has been used as Minneapolis School Board administrative offices for the past several years. The reopening is positive news for Northeast, as schools are one of the most important building blocks of a strong community.

Hawthorne Neighborhood Reform

A five-year, \$28 million federal grant has been given to the Northside Achievement Zone. The funding from the federal Promise Neighborhoods program (U.S. Dept. of Education) assists disadvantaged north Minneapolis children birth to college age, and includes their families. This provides for preschool education, housing,

Legislation and funding to prevent the spread of the carp into our waterways is scheduled for 2012 legislative session for barriers, and other methods to eliminate the carp.

The DNR and Asian Carp Task Force are collecting data on Asian carp populations and movements. The DNR is also testing the effectiveness of a bubble, sonic barriers, and other methods to stop and slow the spread of Asian, and other invasive carp species.

Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

With the sunset of the Joint Powers Agreement on Dec. 31, 2011, the contract that created and empowered the current NRP Policy Board will no longer have the authority to hire staff and contract for services. The NRP enters and important and active stage. One important change will be the reconfiguration of the statutorily mandated NRP Policy Board to continue responsible governance that meets the requirements of NRP law.

Minneapolis' Plan:

- Funding for the neighborhoods will continue.
- Consolidation of all neighborhood programming (NRP Phase I & II, and the Community Participation Program) into the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department in order to provide communication, coordination, and reduce administrative costs.
- Continuing to build a strong, inclusive community engagement environment.
- Creating a new NRP Policy Board made up of multijurisdictional partners (City, Hennepin County, Minneapolis School Board, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board, State House Representative, and State Senate Representative).

What will not change:

- The "bottom-up" approach developed in the NRP Program by supporting neighborhoods to establish their own priorities and plan activities and projects to increase neighborhood livability and address local issues will continue.
- The city will continue to operate NRP Phase I and II consistent with the NRP state statute, including review and approval of NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plans.
- Support for neighborhoods will continue through the city's Community Participation Program.
- Neighborhoods will identify and act on neighborhood priorities, influence city decisions and priorities.
- Inter-jurisdictional collaboration.

health care and career counseling. Bordered by 35th Avenue N, Penn Avenue, 3rd Street & West Broadway, the area covers a 255-block area in which more than 90 percent of children live in poverty.

Third Ward Business News

Some of the local business changes:

<u>Brasa</u> in South East Minneapolis, Marcy Holmes neighborhood has expanded their outdoor patio, be sure to enjoy the amazing food while enjoying the weather.

<u>Masu Sushi</u> in the Nicollet Island East neighborhood on East Hennepin opened its doors to fresh sushi in a cosmopolitan atmosphere.

Element Pizza in the St. Anthony West neighborhood, on West Broadway in Northeast; long-term residents of the Sheridan Neighborhood and a family who have owned restaurants over the last 20 years through out the Metropolitan area now are home to our new restaurant. They completely remodeled the interior and exterior of a former dentist's office and have added a striking new outdoor patio.

Welcome **<u>Ruff Love</u>**, a dog daycare at 1528 Marshall Street NE.

Northside Tornado Update

Cleanup and repairs continue in the aftermath of the tornado that tore through North Minneapolis on May 22.

- On September 22, the city's Department of Regulatory Services completed a detailed exterior inspection of all of the properties in the tornado's path. Of the approximately 3600 properties affected by the tornado, fewer than 500 continue to have unrepaired damage to the roof, chimney or electrical mast at the time of inspections. Of those, 232 properties had tarps on the roofs.
- Not all 500 properties that had damage at the time of inspection will require assistance from the city or its partners to make repairs.
- Many of the properties with unrepaired damage were vacant prior to the storm.
 Others have been abandoned since the storm. These properties need to be part of a future conversation about rebuilding and property acquisition.
- The City of Minneapolis has established several options for assisting with shortand long-term housing recovery, including program development for homeowners and assistance with short-term housing.
- For affected businesses, several finance tools are available, including a 2% loan program, an alternative financing program, a working capital guarantee program, and an energy efficiency business loan and grant program. For more information on these programs, visit: http://www.minneapolismn.gov/cped/index.htm

White House Honors Former STEP-UP Youth Intern

Somali immigrant Hashim Yonis, 23, traveled to Washington, DC, with Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak to tell President Barack Obama and a White House audience just how far he has come since his days growing up in refugee camps, and how many people made a concerted effort to help him broaden his horizons. Yonis was an honors student at Edison High School when he got involved with a program called <u>STEP-UP Achieve</u>, which in 2011 employed more than 2,000 youth in its city employment programs.



Hashim Yonis

Bikeways Expansion Update

Thank you to the Northeast Bike Task Force and to our Transportation Department, Minneapolis Bike Advisory Task Force, University of Minnesota, Shaun Murphy, and

<u>Go Moto</u>, a family owned and operated, motorcycle repair shop on Washington Avenue N in North Minneapolis, will offer service with a smile for all your motorcycle needs!

Ghorka Palace, a woman owned, and family operated restaurant, specializing in locally grown, organic foods celebrated a successful first year in September. The restaurant is a "green restaurant" recycling waste and is environmentally sound!

Pyscho Suzi's moved to the Third Ward. Their patio overlooks the THIRD GREATEST RIVER IN THE WORLD -- THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER! WELCOME!

RED STAG is the first LEED certified restaurant in the City of Minneapolis. This locally, woman owned business continues to be a leader in the Minneapolis area!

Key North Boutique celebrated their 5th year in business! Independent and locally owned by members in our Third Ward they believe in remaining independent, locally owned and operated! Everything you would ever want to wear is there!

North Minneapolis Bike/Walk Center

The Venture North Bike/Walk Center, at 1830 Glenwood Avenue, celebrated its Grand Opening on October 8th with food, entertainment and a bike

participating neighborhoods for supporting additional biking opportunities and infrastructure to our Ward. The Minneapolis Transportation Department worked hard to make all of the bike and safety improvements to our Ward and working with our partners as the advocate for our Ward!

A few highlights:

- 18th Avenue NE Bike Path is open. Congratulations to the Bottineau Neighborhood.
- New bike lanes have opened throughout the 3rd Ward on 5th Street SE, 5th Street NE, 8th Avenue NE and Marshall Street NE.
- Improvements in the BF Nelson and Boom Island Parks will add biking trails along the Mississippi Riverfront in NE to the Lowry Avenue Bridge, 26th Avenue North Bikeway signage is being installed.
- 15th Avenue has installed new Street Green Bike signage and new lights in order to improve biking and pedestrian safety.

Grainbelt Office Building Development

The City Council it is expected will approve Everwood as the developer for the Grain belt office building, located at, 1225 Marshall Street Northeast, adjacent to Northeast State Bank on Marshall Street and 13th Avenue. Five proposals were submitted last fall for the building and adjacent vacant land. Everwood is the recommended developer for both the Grain Belt Office building and the vacant corner to the North of the office building. The plans are to build an apartment

Superior Plating

The Superior Plating Company has closed its doors. Soil and pollution investigation and clean-up is being done under the oversight of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) through the state Superfund program.

Northern Metals Public Information Meeting

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) will conduct a public information meeting on the Draft Air Emission Permit No. 05300480-003 and the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) on the proposal by Northern Metals, LLC for a Major Amendment to that permit. The public information meeting will be held on **February 28, 2012, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the First Floor Meeting Room in the headquarters of the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board at 2117 West River Road.** The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with an informal open house, followed at 7:00 p.m. by a brief MPCA presentation. A question-and- answer session on the Draft Air Emission Permit and EAW will follow the presentation.

parade. The Center, operated by Redeemer Center for Life, will improve access to and affordability of physical activity and encourage bike riding for recreation and transportation. Services include bike lessons, repairs, repair training, bikes for sale and races. **Open 10-6 M-S. Call 612-377-3029**

Plymouth Bridge Repairs Funded

The City Council approved a capital investment project for Plymouth Avenue Bridge to be funded by the state in the Third Ward. This project is the highest priority project for the City Council, Mayor and Governor. The bridge is still open to pedestrian traffic and cyclists may walk their bikes across the bridge.

Soap Factory Receives Federal Grant

Minneapolis art gallery **The Soap Factory** has received \$70,000 from the National Trust for Historic Preservation to use towards the repair of its main building's roof.

Metal Recycler Applies for Permit Amendment

In December 2011 Northern Metal Recycling submitted an

Officer Elliot Wong

Minneapolis Police Department Officer Elliot Wong was featured in a wonderful media piece on January 18th. This is not surprising at all considering what an asset he is to the people and businesses in Northeast Minneapolis. He has become a fixture of the community which is the result of a joint effort between the MPD, Northeast Business Association and the community. Make sure to thank him if you see him walking the neighborhood on his patrols. Three cheers for Officer Wong!!!

Third Ward: 2011 Accomplishments

- In Minneapolis fourth precinct, Habitat for Humanity, Project Pride for Living and other partners began rebuilding the highest crime, drug, and mortgage foreclosed areas of the city.
- Habitat for Humanity brought former President and Rosalynn Carter to the Northside neighborhood in 2011 for the World Wide Habitat for Humanity building project, to build or remodel 12 homes in the area.
- Initiated the Minneapolis Riverfront Partnership's "RiverFIRST" project with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to stimulate the revitalization, and economic development opportunities to the City of Minneapolis through its greatest natural resource—the Mississippi River.
- Continued holding Third Ward CARE meetings to deal strategically with the
 problems in the ward, specifically focusing on housing, inspections, and business
 licensing.
- Crime has, and continues to decrease in both precincts of the third ward, problem properties have declined, new businesses have moved into the areas, home ownership has increased and with statistical successes demonstrated.
- Initiated three new public safety strategies, including the Southeast Strategic, a partnership with the University of Minnesota, the 2nd precinct, and the third ward council member; Northeast Strategic, a collaboration with the 2nd precinct, NE businesses, non-profits, Minneapolis Parks and Minneapolis Parks Police, and the NE Chamber of Commerce; and the North Side Strategic, a partnership with the 4th Precinct, Minneapolis Parks, Minneapolis Housing and Planning, 3rd ward office, non-profits and the faith community.
- Youth sports news: in fall 2011, Farview soccer teams won the Minneapolis
 Parks League citywide tournaments in the 13u and 15u divisions, capping
 undefeated seasons. Farview soccer players also won another big victory this



fall: after a three year campaign, they succeeded in getting a Hmong police officer assigned to work with Hmong residents. Soccer players organized 100 person meetings with council members Samuels, Hofstede, and Johnson, went downtown

application for a major permit amendment to change the 1998 air emission permit. The public meeting to review the permit will be held on mission standards and increasing emissions used to extend outside hours of M-F 7am–6pm and weekends and holidays from 9am-6pm. For more information see this document on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's website.

On A Final Note:

A three year old child was killed in December by a bullet piercing his family's home. While there are not words to express the pain and grief of Terrell's family we continue to search for the shooter(s).

We can not change the events of December. We will continue to focus on public safety, building our community, and helping our neighbors by being engaged in our community, and with each other.

"We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Neighborhood Accomplishments

Beltrami Neighborhood
Crime Solutions Committee
continues to succeed in alleviating

and made their case to Chief Dolan. They collected 1000 postcards in support for a Hmong officer which they delivered to Mayor Rybak. When police chief Dolan's budget eliminated the Hmong outreach officer after just one month on the job, the soccer players campaigned for him again, collecting petitions and hundreds more postcards, and presenting them to elected officials. Their efforts to save the Hmong outreach officer paid off, and officer Kou Vang visited the players during indoor soccer December 3.

Source: The Daily Planet

• The city's first community garden is located at 1213 Spring Street NE in the Beltrami Neighborhood (see picture), Beltrami continues to lead in our city, now sponsoring and fundraising for a new dog park in the neighborhood!

• The Lowry Avenue Bridge, a signature new bridge will be completed in 2012, thank you Hennepin County and Commissioner Stenglein!



- Free outdoor Wi-Fi hot spot locations have been established in the Third Ward.
 Location map is at: www.minneapolismn.gov/wireless/index.htm
- The new Bottineau Light Rail Corridor in North Minneapolis is in progress. Public hearings continue!
- Homegrown Minneapolis-Implementation Task Force continues to meet, grow through the expansion of healthy food options throughout the Ward and city through the help and support from the City of Minneapolis Health Department.
- **Regulatory Services** continues to collaborate with the Third Ward to deal effectively with **problem properties**. Thank you!
- Regulatory Services Rental Licensing inspections have begun the tiered inspections program in the ward and city.
- The 3rd Ward expanded the NiceRide Bike Share kiosk locations in Northeast, South East, & North Minneapolis!
- Approval of "Great Street" grants will benefit the 3rd Ward in the Lowry Avenue Corridor.
- National Night Out was held on August 2nd, another successful annual event!
- **Sheridan neighborhood** is the first neighborhood in Minneapolis approved for adding lighting to the neighborhood! The project is completed!
- Sheridan new Veterans Memorial Park to extend riverfront access is nearing completion-Opening 2012!
- Long-term problem property was demolished at 2220
 Marshall St NE, replaced by <u>new parkland</u> for our
 community, along our Mississippi Riverfront in NE in the
 Bottineau Neighborhood. Thank you for your collaboration



problem properties!

The Neighborhood and sponsors held a successful Fundraiser for the new Neighborhood Dog Park!

Bottineau Neighborhood

Lowry Ave Bridge Project is nearing completion;

They continue their efforts working with neighborhood businesses, the Third Ward Office and business licensing in order to reduce their impact on the neighborhood;

Problem property located on 2220 Marshall Street was demolished, now a new green space park amenity along the Riverfront.

Hawthorne Neighborhood

Hawthorne's Eco-Village continues to grow and welcome new residents to the community;

Development of the 26th Avenue Greenway/Bikeway Plan is underway, submitted a Federal Grant in collaboration with the City of Minneapolis, Third Ward City Council Office and other partners.

Marcy-Holmes Neighborhood

Named as the #4 "best neighborhood" in the city of Minneapolis by Metro Magazine, September 2011;

Engaged with major developers in a forthright and ethical manner, including 10 projects in the past year, spanning the spectrum from affordable to luxury residential; Collaborated with the University District Alliance, and other partners to approve by-laws, Board elections, and formation of a legal entity;

on this project!

- The Bottineau Neighborhood Small Area Plan is completed!
- Father Hennepin Bluffs Park improvements approved and scheduled for 2012!
- **The Neighborhood Stabilization Program** to increase home ownership expanded in the Ward.
- Northside food Market closed due to a partnership with the McKinley community and business licensing in order to make a positive change in the McKinley neighborhood.
- Florence Court Historic Renovations and the new residential apartments are completed. Amenities include full time security, underground parking and Wi-Fi Access and fitness area, outdoor terrace, and club area.
- 412 4th Street Apartments opened its doors in August in time for the opening of the
 University of Minnesota fall school season. The apartments feature underground
 parking, 24-hour security, and meeting room within walking distance to Dinkytown
 and the University of Minnesota Campus.
- Successful enforcement and license revocation for former problem bar, Johnny A's, Wafana's, and new business at the former Jug Liquors location, Pappy Fish & Chips, plus façade improvements to the 4th Street Station, along West Broadway in North Minneapolis, replaced the problem businesses.

Council Member Hofstede's RiverFIRST Letter

September 7, 2011

Dear President Erwin, members of the Park Board, Superintendent Miller, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Staff Partners, Mary deLaittre:

Congratulations to you for undertaking the RiverFIRST project and acknowledging the importance of the 5.5-mile stretch of one of the three greatest rivers in the world, the Mississippi River.

The selected 5.5 mile long stretch of the riverfront provides a unique opportunity in our city to focus our attention to the birthplace of Minneapolis. It is an opportunity to acknowledge the historic importance to our region. It is an opportunity to preserve and improve the rich ecological and environmental systems. It is an opportunity to connect our rich past and our future.

The 5.5-mile study has examined the bowels of the underutilized sites in order to revitalize challenged areas of our city such as the Fairview Park expansion to the river, and the upper harbor terminal. Careful analysis of such areas in order to add vitality, living wage job opportunities, and an expansion of our tax base for support of parks and city services needs to be pursued and evaluated as another means to revitalize and reshape this area of our city.

The Park Board's wise decision to purchase the former Scherer Bros. Lumber Company site adjacent to Boom Island and BF Nelson Parks, and the current improvements underway will allow greater connectivity to both parks, Graco Corporation's International Headquarters, and the newest park in the Minneapolis Park System, the Sheridan Memorial Park. As part of the planning however, complete connections to the Lowry Avenue Bridge and Northward toward the city's edge needs to be included.

Continued to engage, with nearby neighborhoods, to improve the development standards for the neighborhoods and vitality of the University District Alliance; Worked with developers on the Florence Court renovation, and new apartment & 412 Lofts renovation projects.

McKinley Neighborhood

Collaborated with the other neighborhoods on the Lowry Avenue Corridor Zoning changes and improvements; Collaborated with other North Minneapolis Neighborhoods to improve healthy food options in the community.

Nicollet Island/ East Bank

\$100,000 fundraising for improvements on Chute Square Park is underway!
New residential developments and new businesses continue to add vitality to the neighborhood.

Sheridan Neighborhood

Organized the 2nd year Nordeast Music Festival;
The 13th Avenue St Lighting project completed!
Sheridan Memorial Park scheduled to open in 2012 which is a Sheridan Neighborhood initiative with the City of Minneapolis CPED, Third Ward Office, and the Minneapolis Parks Board.

St. Anthony East Neighborhood

Habitat for Humanity Old Third Avenue townhomes housing project is in progress. The eight affordable townhomes include full basements, garages with The Plymouth Avenue Bridge, which connects the North West River Road in North Minneapolis across the river to Northeast Minneapolis between Boom Island and former Scherer Brothers site, is scheduled for repair and funded for completion in 2012. The repair work by the City of Minneapolis affords the Park Board and the city of Minneapolis Public Works department, and the Third Ward Council office the unique opportunity to include the extension and connections between North and Northeast biking and walking as a part of the bridge scheduled repair. The inclusion would connect North Minneapolis across the Plymouth Ave Bridge to BF Nelson and Boom Island Parks going North to the former Scherer Brothers site and along Graco headquarters to Sheridan Park going North to the city's edge.

In addition, the Plymouth Avenue Bridge connects to the Boom Island and BF Nelson Parks and bike trails being installed going South along the Riverfront to Hennepin and the river, 1st Ave NE to Downtown and to the Stone Arch Bridge, across to South Minneapolis and the Downtown business district. Going East the Boom Island and BF Nelson Park trails connect to 5th Avenue NE bikeway which connects to 5th Street NE and extends the bike trail South into Southeast Minneapolis, 1st and Hennepin, to Central Avenue and to the University of Minnesota, and the Stone Arch Bridge into South Minneapolis and the Downtown business district and the University of Minnesota West Bank district. These important connections, in collaboration with the Plymouth Avenue Bridge repair, would expand biking/walking experience to a broad range of users, and connect North, Northeast, Southeast, and South Minneapolis, thus completing critical connections to and around our city.

The unprecedented opportunity to collaborate in order to extend our biking options in this area, to expand our boulevards, trees and other green amenities, and to include Graco and others in the greening of this area for our city should not be missed. The Park Superintendent, the Public Works Director, President John Erwin and I have informally committed to such a plan, but the Plymouth Avenue bridge repair plans do not include a formal commitment to such a strategy. The potential of extending the trails planned for the Boom Island, BF Nelson Parks, and former Scherer Brothers site along an easement by the Graco Headquarters to the Sheridan Memorial Park and the Bridge needs to be included in the RiverFIRST plan as a top priority or this opportunity will be missed.

The former Scherer Brothers site is the most, "project ready," with the advance work of the Park Board to secure funding for clean up and trail connections. However the realistic, economic and practical needs of the community need to be coupled with the romantic glossy pictures of the ideal.

The former Scherer Brothers site, BF Nelson and Boom Island Parks are located in successful residential and commercial nodes that enjoy the respect of the gentle combination of ecological, residential, commercial, and recreational functions coexisting and thriving. The community would expect no less in the future. I cannot stress the importance to the economic commitment that has been made by the residents and businesses of this area. My commitment is to work with the Park Board, their staff, our businesses, and our residential community toward mutual success in the future of this area.

The financial needs of the Park Board and the residential and ecological needs must be examined carefully in order to find a balance that does not impact the city's and neighborhood's commitment to family housing and supports created by passive park usage.

We are all stewards of our great riverfront, a riverfront that birthed a great city. It is the heart and soul of how we define ourselves and is how the world finds us on the world

storage space, a new park area for the neighborhood, hardy construction, and sustainable focus. Additional plantings and special lighting throughout the area is included in the new St. Anthony East development.

St. Anthony West Neighborhood

Continued the Neighborhood walking club in order to outreach to the neighborhood;
Collaborated with the Minneapolis Park Board, and expanded, summer activities in Dickman Park;
The Neighborhood continued their successful Annual 5K runs, a fundraiser to support the neighborhood parks.

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If you want us to include a story in the next newsletter, email us! map. It is the flyer-over zone for thousands of migratory animals and it is our namesake. In all of this, we are defining our legacy. It is our string of pearls. It is not only the 5.5 defined miles in the RiverFIRST project, but it is the River, as we look North or South to our commitment beyond.

The St. Anthony Falls area is beyond the scope of the project, but due to the historic, natural and economic potential, I encourage it be considered in the context of the project planning area. To separate and or ignore the unique sites in the city and the world would be a mistake. The redevelopment of the St. Anthony Falls historic district is an economic, ecological, and historic opportunity. The most recent designation of the Pillsbury A Mill as one of the 11 most endangered historic buildings in the United States has added national significance to the development of the Mill District area. To put the Historic Pillsbury A Mill in context of its historic equivalent, Mount Vernon also retains the same historic designation. Several development proposals are actively examining this area. It is in the interest of the Minneapolis Parks system, the National Parks Service, the St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board, the University of Minnesota, the University of Minnesota District Alliance, our Neighborhoods, others, and the city of Minneapolis to collaborate in order to insure the full potential is accomplished along with the proposed 5.5 mile identified area in the RiverFIRST plan.

In recognition of our past, I encourage the Park Board to embrace the history of our indigenous people who for generations held our great assets close to their hearts. It was the roar of the St. Anthony Falls that stifled the cries of the women in the birthing area along our river, and it was the lost Islands where family members were honored and buried; it is our obligation to celebrate and thank those who were our intergenerational caretakers.

As this project unfolds, I ask that we all commit to the exceptional and not the expedient, never forgetting our legacy, significance, and potential of this unprecedented opportunity.

I thank each of you and pledge my support to work toward a Riverfront that wows with natural wonder, is a place to reflect in the quiet that only our natural environment can supply, that encourages us to look up to the sky that we share with world, and welcome the glory that is accomplished by thoughtful decisions.

Sincerely,

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