

[News of the 8th Ward]

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Happy National Night Out!

Get to know your Ward 8 Councilmember: Connect with Elizabeth by phone or e-mail, at neighborhood events, or her weekly community office hours – and, sign up for the Ward 8 e-news! Go to www.minneapolisismn.gov/ward8 or call (612) 673-2208.

Participate in the Electoral Process: In 2012, the Primary is August 14 and the General Election is November 6. Polling places and precinct boundaries have changed in some locations due to State Redistricting. Please confirm your polling place by calling 311 or at www.pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/.

Engage with the Minneapolis Police Department. For safety tips, connecting with Crime Prevention Specialists that serve your neighborhood, and signing up for Crime Alert e-mails, go to www.minneapolisismn.gov/police.

Use 311 to report neighborhood issues. You can call 311 (or, 612-673-3000 outside Minneapolis borders) or file online reports at www.minneapolisismn.gov/311. For i-Phone and DROID users, there is even a 311 app at the App Store!

Connect with your neighborhood association. Your neighborhood is the place to go for community participation and projects, block organizing, and support for a healthy, vital, and engaged neighborhood. Some neighborhoods have home loan products, too. Each neighborhood is unique! For information on grass roots initiatives city wide, check out the City's Neighborhood and Community Relations Department at www.minneapolisismn.gov/ncr. Information on Ward 8 neighborhoods can be found at www.minneapolisismn.gov/ward8/neighborhoods.

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VOTE NO! Proposed Amendments to the Minnesota Constitution

This year, Minnesota residents will vote on two proposed amendments to the Minnesota constitution. The City of Minneapolis has formal positions opposing both amendments and urges residents to vote “no.”

Vote No: Amendment to restrict marriage to opposite sex couples.

Minneapolis’ support of equal rights for all goes back decades –it was the first city in Minnesota to approve a domestic partner registry. The marriage restriction amendment, which would enshrine discrimination in our State constitution, is contrary to these values of equal rights and equal opportunity and support for all residents of Minneapolis.

Vote No: Requirement for photo and address ID, elimination of same day voter registration. This change would make Minnesota the most restrictive state in the nation, with new requirements for address and photo ID to vote. The “voter ID” amendment would eliminate Minnesota’s successful model of same day voter registration, and eliminate the opportunity to vote for many seniors, students, people of color, and anyone without state approved photo ID and proof of address on election day. The new “photo ID” system will result new and substantial costs for elections at the city and county level, costs which must be borne by the taxpayer.

One Minneapolis One Read: An Evening with Garrison Keillor and author Diane Wilson

Please join Garrison Keillor and author Dian Wilson for a discussion of “Spirit Car: Journey to a Dakota Past” at the Minneapolis Convention Center on Monday, Sept 24, 7 pm. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$5 seniors/students/limited income. Tickets are available at www.OneMinneapolisOneRead.com.

“Spirit Car” is a book of vignettes in which author Diane Wilson honors the lives of her Dakota Indian family. The book begins with a vivid account of the 1862 Dakota War, for some the most painful episode in Minnesota history. The selection of “Spirit Car” in the same year we recognize the 150th Anniversary of the Dakota War provides an unparalleled opportunity to learn about this part of our history. Read the book and join the conversation!