

[News of the 8th Ward]

A publication for Ward 8 neighborhoods: Bancroft, Bryant, Central, Field-Regina-Northrop, Kingfield, Powderhorn Park

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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.ppna.org

Meets 2nd Thursday, 6:30 pm

821 E 35th Street

One Minneapolis One Read – An Evening with Garrison Keillor and Diane Wilson

Minneapolis City leaders are launching the second year of One Minneapolis One Read, a citywide “read” where the entire community is encouraged to read the same book and join in a community conversation. One Read week – the beginning of months of conversations – will culminate in an evening with Garrison Keillor and author Diane Wilson at 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 24 at the Minneapolis Convention Center Auditorium. Tickets are \$10; \$5 for seniors, students and limited income (for those tickets, select the \$10 option and choose “apply discount” before purchasing). Tickets are available at www.ticketworks.com or 612-343-3390.

The book is “Spirit Car: Journey to a Dakota Past,” a book of vignettes Wilson created to honor the lives of her Dakota family. “Spirit Car” is available in paperback at local independent and chain bookstores, online booksellers and www.mhspress.org. It’s also available through Hennepin County Library and as an e-book.

For more information and to get involved, visit www.OneMinneapolisOneRead.com, www.facebook.com/OneMinneapolisOneRead, www.twitter.com/minneapolisread or email oneread@minneapolismn.gov.

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Minneapolis Works to End Sex Trafficking and Juvenile Prostitution



Last Thursday, a Minneapolis called on Village Voice Media (which owns the locally produced City Pages publication) to cease publication of the adult section of its online classified section,

Backpage.com. Minneapolis Police report that all 20 child sex-trafficking cases investigated so far in 2012 involved juvenile victims being marketed and "sold" via Backpage.com. With this resolution, Minneapolis joins other major cities and state attorneys general across the nation in demanding Village Voice be a responsible partner to law enforcement by shutting down its adult entertainment section.

After hearing from Assistant Chief Janee Harteau and City Attorney Susan Segal, Minneapolis also took action supporting federal legislation to end sexual exploitation of youth. Harteau and Segal both stressed that addressing child prostitution is a city priority, with a victim-centered service model.

Community and government partners in Minnesota have worked in recent years to end sexual exploitation of youth by building a system that responds effectively to their needs. The Indian Women's Resource Center, Streetworks/YouthLink, The Family Partnership – P.R.I.D.E., and others are regular partners with the city on this work. Special thanks to the Minnesota Women's Foundation for bringing general attention to sex trafficking and child prostitution with its campaign, www.GirlsAreNotForSale.com.

Vote in the Primary, August 14



Remember to vote August 14 in the Primary! Primary races include judicial races for Hennepin County, school board, Hennepin County Commissioner, State Representative and State Senator races. 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/.

Minneapolis Analyzes Costs of Voter ID Constitution Amendment, Which Eliminates Same Day Voter Registration



Minneapolis has released a report that details the cost and other implications of a proposed amendment to the Minnesota constitution that will be on the ballot this

November and calls for, among other things, new voter identification requirements.

Under the proposed constitutional amendment, voters would be required to provide a photo I.D. to prove identity and also a government-issued I.D. to verify a correct home address. **This provision would make Minnesota the first state in the country to mandate this level of identification.** Other provisions include changes to in-person and absentee voting and same-day registration and vouching, along with changes to polling places and election judge responsibilities.

The State of Minnesota estimates the startup costs to State and local government agencies to be approximately \$50 million. The ongoing operational costs to local governments are estimated at more than \$10 million.

According to the proposed amendment, anyone who cannot provide sufficient identification at their polling place on Election Day could still cast a provisional ballot. These provisional ballots would only be counted if the voter provides approved identification and address verification in the days following the election. The extra staff time to administer the new provisional balloting, and provide voter education of the new system, contribute to the cost estimates.

To see the report and other supporting information, go to www.minneapolismn.gov/meetings/elections and click on the July 19 Elections Committee.

Hooray for Vintage!



As of last Friday, opening a store selling second hand goods just got easier. Council Member Glidden spearheaded this ordinance change, which eliminates an outdated rule requiring secondhand goods stores to be spaced ¼ mile apart.

Mike Stebnitz, property owner at 38th and Chicago, and Better Than Ever, a consignment store at 4222 Nicollet helped Glidden understand the need for change, after their negative experiences trying to locate second hand stores in Minneapolis.

Spacing rules for second hand goods stores don't fit today's market and need. Reuse and recycle, vintage, and collectible stores are popular concepts, especially in a city like Minneapolis that promotes "sustainable" living. As well, the rules for second hand goods were so complicated, with exceptions for many unique goods, that the tangle of red tape was difficult for even city staff to decipher!

With this change, entrepreneurs will have more opportunity to open creative "vintage" and resale stores. Vintage store clusters, popular concepts in other cities, can now become established and continue to help neighborhood vitality. Hooray for vintage!

Minneapolis Calls on Freddie and Fannie to Help Prevent Foreclosures



The Minneapolis City Council has updated its federal policy agenda to request the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) to establish a principal reduction program for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac

owned or insured rental mortgages.

Councilmember Glidden advocated for the recommendation. "Principal reduction would help

families stay in their homes, reduce neighborhood blight and save tens of thousands of dollars of expense that occurs when a foreclosure is final," Glidden said. "Principal reduction is a common sense solution to reducing foreclosures, which continues to devastate families and neighborhoods in Minneapolis."

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac own or insure approximately 60% of the nation's residential mortgages. As a result of the foreclosure crisis, the two agencies and private mortgage firms have been urged by housing advocates and the Obama Administration to develop policies to assist homeowners to remain in their homes. Among the policies have been mortgage modification programs that include lower monthly payments, forbearance, principal reduction, shared equity and a combination of the programs.

A recent court settlement involving mortgage lenders, the states and the federal government will provide refinancing and form of principal reduction to homeowners whose homes are "underwater" – mortgage value exceeds home value. The principal reduction program is available to loans serviced by banks but loans backed by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are not eligible for the program.

Minneapolis joins ISAIHA, Occupy Homes, and other coalition partners of Minnesotans for a Fair Economy in seeking to prevent foreclosures and advocating for principal reduction by Fannie and Freddie.

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