



# City of Minneapolis

## Ward 8 – Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden

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### Neighborhood Meetings

#### Bancroft

Bancroft Neighborhood Assoc Council  
[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 Association  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 7 pm  
Phelps Park, 3900 Chicago

#### Central

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Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 6:30 pm  
Park Methodist, 34<sup>th</sup> & Park Ave S

#### Central Weed & Seed

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 5:30 pm  
Green Central School

#### Field-Regina-Northrup

[www.frnng.org](http://www.frnng.org)  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7 pm  
1620 E 46<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Kingfield

[www.kfna.org](http://www.kfna.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, 7 pm  
821 E 35<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Parkside West

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 6:30 pm  
Midtown Safety Center, 2949 Chicago

#### 38<sup>th</sup> & Chicago

38<sup>th</sup> & Chicago Task Force  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7 pm  
Calvary Church, 39<sup>th</sup> and Chicago

### How to Reach Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden

Join Elizabeth for her community office hours every Monday, 9-11:00 am, at Sabathani Community Center, 310 E 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 129, or call to make a time certain appointment. And, you can always call the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward office with your questions at 612.673.2208.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Safety Meetings

Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden has hosted two community safety meetings for the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward during the past two months, with great attendance from neighbors. The first, on April 25<sup>th</sup> at Powderhorn Park, was attended by over 80 residents. After listening to concerns identified at the meeting, Elizabeth and 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Policy Aide Andrea Jenkins joined VJ Smith and the Minneapolis Chapter of MAD DADS for neighborhood patrol, visiting four blocks identified at the Powderhorn Park meeting and through calls to the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Office. The group of eight MADDADS and three women walked through the Central and Powderhorn Neighborhoods, reaching out to neighbors and discussing neighborhood safety issues.

On May 25<sup>th</sup>, at Phelps Park, the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward council office's second safety meeting focused on juvenile crime issues and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct's strategy to address neighborhood crime. The Rev. Billy Russell, of Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church opened the meeting with a warm welcome. Judge Tanya Bransford, Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court, Inspector Scott Gerlicher, and other panelists were on hand to discuss safety issues with the group of over 60 attending residents.

**Please join us for the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward's third meeting of the series on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm, at Martin Luther King Park.** The featured speaker for this meeting is Deputy Chief Lucy Gerold, who will discuss "community policing" strategies that will be rolled out in the following months.



Figure 1 The Honorable Tanya Bransford Speaks at Summer Safety Meeting

## Legislative Update

The 2006 legislative session is over, the Governor has signed the bills before him, and the City is now analyzing the impact of what happened at the Capital in 2006.

Minneapolis projects funded include the Schubert Center for the Arts (11.0 M); the East Phillips Community Center (3.5 M); the 46<sup>th</sup> Street Bus Rapid Transit Station (3.3 M); the Cedar Lake Trail (1.8 M); the Lowry Ave Corridor (5.0 M) and the Lowry Ave Bridge (2.5).

Other highlights include **\$1.5 million in one-time money for the Minneapolis Police Department**, to focus on high-crime and high-density areas citywide for the rest of the year; **\$2.5 million for workforce development** including \$500,000 for Minneapolis Learn-to-Earn summer youth employment, which operates under the Minneapolis Dept. of Parks and Recreation to provide summer employment, academic enrichment and recreational opportunities to youth ages 14-18; **\$1.6 million for the Gang Strike Force and Narcotic Task Forces** to expand operations and activities to include investigations of gang or narcotics-related human trafficking and domestic or international drug trafficking case; and **\$150,000 for a crime victim support grant** to provide immediate and long-term emotional support and practical help for families and friends of individuals who have died by homicide, suicide, or accident.

## Neighborhood Farmer's Markets

Watch out – there's a farmer's market near you! Farmer's markets provide great opportunities to purchase healthy food from local vendors and mingle with your neighbors!

The Midtown Public Market is open Saturdays 8 am – 1 pm, until October 28. It will be open Thursdays, 3:30 – 7:30 pm from July 11 – October 24. The Midtown Public Market now accepts food stamps (EBT), and serves shoppers by offering \$1 and \$5 dollar tokens for purchase by check or cash which are accepted by all vendors. By the end of July, all

debit and credit cards can be used at the Midtown Market. [www.midtownpublicmarket.org](http://www.midtownpublicmarket.org).

The Kingfield Farmer's Market will be open starting June 11<sup>th</sup> through October, Sundays, 9:30 – 1 pm, at 43<sup>rd</sup> and Nicollet. Live music by the Rhubarbarians. Bring a perennial to trade with your neighbor. [www.kingfield.org](http://www.kingfield.org)

And, don't forget to visit the Midtown Global Market, which is now open daily from 7am to 8pm. Shops offer exotic fruits, organic and locally grown produce, fresh breads, specialty cheeses and much more. In addition to fresh foods, the Midtown Global Market also boasts ethnic groceries, restaurants for dine in or take-out, art, gifts, jewelry and fresh juices. The Global Market is the Twin Cities' first internationally themed public market. Congratulations to all who participated in making the Global Market a success! For more information, visit the Midtown Global Market website at [www.midtownglobalmarket.org](http://www.midtownglobalmarket.org) or the Midtown Exchange website at [www.midtownexchange.com](http://www.midtownexchange.com).

## Sabathani Receives National Grant

Housed in Room 129 of the Sabathani Community Center is the Hurricane Katrina office, which has provided services to the largest caseload of Katrina survivors in Minnesota since 2005. On May 16, 2006, Sabathani was selected as one of 16 sites nation-wide, and the only service location in Minnesota, to receive a grant of \$445,000 from the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). This is the second-largest grant awarded by UMCOR. With the support of UMCOR, Sabathani will continue its work to help survivors identify sources of support, develop personal recovery plans, acquire access to services, and take appropriate actions to bring them to self-sufficiency. Congratulations Sabathani for this recognition of your good work.

## Help Powderhorn Prepare for July 4th

July 4<sup>th</sup> at Powderhorn Park is a day-long celebration that includes activities for children and adults alike. Over 15,000 annually attend the

festivities at Powderhorn, including fireworks over Powderhorn Lake. This beloved neighborhood tradition, which has a fifty-two year history, attracts families and individuals from the entire metropolitan area and is truly a regional attraction that continues to build community support. Volunteers from the neighborhood and surrounding area patrol the event, sell glow necklaces, remove trash, and staff youth-related activities.

A little know fact is that Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association (PPNA), in addition to its many other activities, has spearheaded the fundraising and volunteer and event organizing needed to support this event for many years. PPNA needs your time and money to support our July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration at Powderhorn Park! **Please contact Shonda Allen at 612.722.4814 or [ppna@ppna.org](mailto:ppna@ppna.org) for more information; donations for July 4<sup>th</sup> may be sent to PPNA, 821 East 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Minneapolis, MN 55407.**

## Instant Runoff Voting

On May 26, 2006, the Minneapolis City Council voted 11-1 to give voters the chance to decide if they want to replace traditional voting with instant-runoff voting (IRV) by putting the issue on the ballot this November. The measure still must be reviewed by the Charter Commission of the city. IRV is a ranked ballot method of voting, where voters rank candidates in order of preference, and eliminates the need for a primary. A candidate wins only if she or he has at least 50% of the vote. For those troubled by increasingly low voter turnout for our city elections, particularly in primaries, IRV provides options for change. "IRV has a track record of increasing voter participation; in San Francisco, which has adopted IRV, voter participation has increased three-fold. This is a great opportunity to make elections fairer and improve civic participation," said Councilmember Glidden. For more information about IRV go to [www.betterballotcampaign.org](http://www.betterballotcampaign.org).

## Register for National Night Out

August 1<sup>st</sup>, or National Night Out, is fast approaching. For the past four years, Minneapolis has led the nation with the greatest number of National Night Out participating block clubs for participating large cities. Be part of this great night

of visiting with your neighbors and sign up now for NNO!

All NNO registration and applications to close streets are done online this year. You can access NNO registration and street closure information at the NNO web site ([www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno)). If you do not have internet access, call 311 to get registered and apply to close your street. If you have any questions about NNO, call 311!

Registration is free if you apply by **July 18<sup>th</sup>**. Applicants between July 19-27 must pay a \$100 fee and there are no applications accepted after July 27<sup>th</sup>. Street tape and street closure signs will be mailed to you this year – you do not have to pick up these items. Those who register by **July 11** are eligible for door prize drawings, including Target gift cards, NNO t-shirts, and other items.

**For a limited time, the Minneapolis Police Department will deliver gun locks to event organizers to distribute on NNO.** These locks can be used to secure handguns and rifles and come with a set of instructions and safety tips. If you have questions or would like gun locks delivered to you, please contact **Lt. Greg Reinhardt, 612.673.3587** or [Gregory.reinhardt@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:Gregory.reinhardt@ci.minneapolis.mn.us)

## Southside Community Festival – Spread the Word!

Southside Community Festival and Get Out the Vote celebration is a community event with the purpose of bringing neighbors together, increasing awareness of the city, state, and community resources available to Southside community residents, and encouraging partnerships between neighbors and organizations. The primary focus of the Southside Festival, sponsored by MADDADS and the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Office, is voter registration and education.

The event is **July 22, 2006, at Green Central Park, 3400 4<sup>th</sup> Ave South, from 11 am – 5 pm.** The festival will be a day full of live music and entertainment, including spoken word, drill teams, and a double-dutch contest. Food will include hamburgers, hot dogs, watermelon, and cold drinks. MTN will tape the festival and rebroadcast it on public access, with Councilmember Glidden interviewing attendees. Come and join your elected officials, candidates for office, community

organizers, and neighbors for a great day of fun! We are still seeking event sponsors and have spots for local vendors -- contact the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward office at 612.673.2208 or [andrea.jenkins@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:andrea.jenkins@ci.minneapolis.mn.us) for more information.

## City of Minneapolis Honors Jim Cook

On May 12, 2006, the Minneapolis City Council presented a Resolution to James Cook, Executive Director of Sabathani Community Center, honoring him for his twenty-seven years of service to the community. Mr. Cook, who is retiring as Director of Sabathani, is a highly valued member of the Eighth Ward and has provided immeasurable resources to youth, families and all members of our community. Congratulations to Jim Cook on his retirement - the City of Minneapolis thanks you for your commitment to service!



**Figure 2 Jim Cook Receives Resolution from Council Member Elizabeth Glidden**

## Yo! The Movement Empower U Tour

Yo! The Movement is sponsoring an Empower U Tour event on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am-4:00pm at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The event is a national youth leadership conference for young men and women ages 13-18. Featuring keynote speaker BET's Cousin Jeff Johnson, workshops and panel discussions on careers, leadership, and violence prevention as well as performances by The C.O.R.E., The Half Pints, DJ Snuggles, and much more! **The event is free and transportation will be provided.** For more information, or to register, call Yo! The Movement at **612.399.9055** or log on to [www.yothemovement.org](http://www.yothemovement.org)

