



June 2011

Eighth Ward News

"Bancroft, Bryant, Central, Field-Regina-Northrop, Kingfield, Powderhorn"

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Bancroft

Bancroft Neighborhood Assoc Council

www.bancroftneighborhood.org

Meets 2nd Thursday, 7 pm

4120 17th Avenue South

Bryant

Bryant Neighborhood Association

Meets 1st Tuesday, 7 pm

Urban League South, 411 E. 38th Street

Central

CANDO

www.CANDOmpls.org

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

38th & Chicago

38th & Chicago Implementation Committee

Meets 3rd Monday, 7 pm

Pillsbury House 3501 Chicago Ave S

RiverLake Greenway Grand Opening: Saturday, June 11, 1-5pm

Help celebrate the Grand Opening of the RiverLake Greenway by riding your bicycle and participating in an afternoon of fun events! The RiverLake Greenway is a bicycle boulevard between West River Parkway and Lake Harriet, running along 40th and 42nd Streets. The idea for the greenway originated with residents in 1996 and has been implemented in phases. With the June 11th Grand Opening, the final phase of the RiverLake Greenway is now complete.

Family friendly events and activities are planned along the entire bicycle boulevard from the Mississippi River to Lake Harriet.

- 1:00 pm: Opening Program and ribbon cutting - 42nd Street East and West River Parkway. Special Guests: Sabathanites Drum Corps!

2 to 5 pm: RiverLake Bike Walk Destinations, hosting bicycle decorating, bike walk parades, and youth bike rodeos! (Stop by and enter for a chance to win great prizes!)

- 2 to 3 pm: Longfellow, Hiawatha School Park (E 42nd St & 43rd Ave S)
- 2:30 to 3:30 pm: Bancroft, Calvary Lutheran (E 39th St & Chicago Ave S)
- 3 to 4 pm: Kingfield, MLK Park (E 40th St & 1st Ave S)
- 2 to 4 pm: Sibley Park (E 40th St & 19th Ave S) * Refreshments & Bike Walk Fair

Need more information? Search Facebook for the "RiverLake Greenway Grand Opening" event page!

Bike Walk Week Events Highlight the Pleasure of Walking and Bicycling



Bike Walk Week is June 4 to 12. It's a time to leave your vehicles at home and bike or walk instead. There are many ways to participate, including smart traffic skills classes, bike rides and other celebratory events to

support and reward you and others for pedaling or walking. To register and to find out about all the Bike Walk Week events, go to www.bikewalkweek.org.

In addition to the RiverLake Greenway grand opening, please attend **Open Streets, Sunday, June 12, 10 am to 2 pm, on Lyndale Avenue between 22nd and 42nd streets.** Lyndale will be closed to motor vehicles, while bicyclists, walkers, skaters and wheelchair users will have the opportunity to enjoy the entire width of Lyndale Avenue! Please take the opportunity to patronize your local businesses along Lyndale June 12 as well – making this a great event for all who live and work on that corridor.

Help the North Side Recover from Tornado



The May 22 tornado that left two people dead and dozens injured caused extensive damage to homes and businesses throughout north Minneapolis. Many of you

are looking for ways to help – here are some options:

- The City of Minneapolis is sponsoring a North Side Volunteer Clean-Up Day this Saturday June 4. The city has already registered 2,000 volunteers, and is not accepting additional volunteers. You can, however, contact individual organizations about their need for help.
- North Minneapolis Post Tornado Watch, on Facebook, has become an informal “go to” place for up to date information on needs

within North Minneapolis.

<http://facebook.com/mplstornado>

- Fundraising is greatly needed: The Minneapolis Foundation has established the Minnesota Helps - North Minneapolis Recovery Fund to assist with both short-term and long-term housing and recovery-related needs on the North Side. To make a donation by credit card go to www.GiveMN.org or send a check to The Minneapolis Foundation, 80 S. 8th St., Suite 800, Minneapolis, MN, 55402. You can also donate to the Red Cross at www.redcross.org.

Sabathani Hosts North Minneapolis Benefit Concert Sunday, June 12, 4pm



Sabathani Community Center has organized a benefit concert titled **North Minneapolis Rising**, with proceeds to be donated to the Minnesota Helps – North Minneapolis Recovery Fund.

Performers will include local vocalists and musical groups, choirs and dancers of all ages and genres. Sabathani has secured financial commitments from a number of other local nonprofits who will help co-sponsors this benefit.

Sabathani has sent more than 6,000 lbs. of food and water as well as sheets, blankets and clothing to North Minneapolis families to date. Sabathani's Family Resource Services is assisting Northside residents displaced by the tornado.

Advance tickets for **North Minneapolis Rising, June 12, 4 pm, at Sabathani's Auditorium, 310 E 38th St,** are \$15 or \$20 at the door. For more information, call 612-821-2399.

Helpful Tips Regarding Sidewalk Replacement



Several neighborhoods in Ward 8 are up for sidewalk inspections this year. The City reviews sidewalks for replacement needs on a 10-

year cycle. City sidewalk inspectors recommend panels to be replaced and looks for:

- Damage that could cause pedestrians to fall
- Damage that could impede wheel-chair users and other disabled pedestrians
- Common defects like breaks, unevenness, and projecting or settled sections

If you don't agree with the sidewalk inspector's initial decision, call 311 (or 612-673-3000) to appeal and ask for a re-inspection. The sidewalk inspector will return to your property and re-assess the sidewalk squares that need replacing.

Depending on the assessment amount, the city will spread your assessment over several years. For bills over \$150, the city will spread payment over a 5-year period to make payments smaller and more manageable.

For qualifying seniors and individuals with disabilities, the city has a deferment program so that your payment of the assessment is deferred until the time your home is sold. You can call 311 (or 612-673-3000) to request this deferment program.

Care for Your Trees!



It's no-pruning season for ash trees: As trees are budding and flowers are blooming, a beetle that attacks and kills ash trees is also coming out of dormancy for the season. The emerald ash borer is present in Minneapolis and is active from May through Labor

Day. If you have an ash tree in your yard, it is important not to prune it this time of year or move any part of an ash tree (firewood, branches, etc.) while the pest is active.

For more information on emerald ash borer, go to www.minneapolisparcs.org and click on "about emerald ash borer" under the quick links section.

Water your trees: Due to a wet spring, watering trees is not top of mind right now. For those with new trees, however, you should think now about how you will care for you're your young trees throughout the summer and fall.

If you have a young boulevard tree, please consider ordering a FREE gator bag from the Park Board. A gator bag zips around the base of the tree. You stick your hose in and fill it up -- the bag then self-waters the tree with just the right amount of water. When the bag is empty you refill (about once per week). This is a new service offered by the Minneapolis Park Board to help keep boulevard trees healthy.

To order a FREE tree watering gator bag call the Minneapolis Park Board at 612-313-7710 or forestry@minneapolisparcs.org. According to the Park Board, these watering bags are excellent ways to ensure young (up to 5 years old) trees remain healthy. Please pass this information on to your neighbors! **The deadline for ordering gator bags is June 15, so call today!**

This Summer, Consider Sponsoring a "Green" or "Waste Free" Event



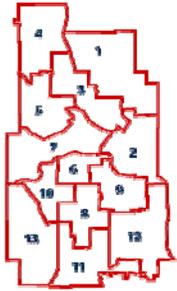
Master Recycler/Composter volunteers are available for community outreach and education projects. They are available to volunteer on projects that reduce waste generation and increase public awareness of opportunities to recycle and compost.

Volunteers can: Staff booths at events; give presentations; create educational resources and displays; and design and implement waste reduction and recycling plans for special events, schools and in the workplace.

As well, Hennepin County staff offers free, customized assistance to event planners and coordinators seeking to achieve waste free events. Staff can help event planners and coordinators develop waste reduction plans, educate vendors, train volunteers and provide collection options.

If you have a project or event that could use a Master Recycler/Composter volunteer or want to request "waste free" event planning assistance, please call 612-596-0993 or e-mail Carolyn.collopy@co.hennepin.mn.us.

Advisory Committee on Redistricting



The Minneapolis Charter Commission has announced appointments to the Advisory Committee on Redistricting. The Advisory Committee will work with the Charter Commission to make recommendations on Ward, Park District, and School District Boundaries as part of this decade's redistricting process. The Charter Commission will make the final decision on these boundaries.

The Charter Commission's goals in seeking representatives were to ensure diversity in race, ethnic group, age and background, ensure committee members are knowledgeable about the many communities within the City, are active citizens, and likely to help the process in a nonpartisan manner and represent all the citizens of Minneapolis.

The appointed representatives to the Advisory Committee include:

1. Jay Bad Heart Bull, Ward 12, Howe
2. Matthew Brown, Ward 1, Audubon Park
3. Terra Cole, Ward 3, Hawthorne
4. Jill Garcia, Ward 8, Field
5. Denny Heinle, Ward 4, Lind-Bohanon
6. Jeanne Massey, Ward 8, Kingfield
7. Sandra Richardson, Ward 8, Regina
8. Gary Thaden, Ward 10, Lowry Hill East
9. Adosh Unni, Ward 6, Whittier

MPD Third Precinct Starts Property Crimes Court Watch



The Third Precinct has seen a significant increase in property crimes, both homes and garages being broken into. Inspector Lucy Gerold and staff from City and County Attorney's Offices are spearheading action to emphasize property crimes, by starting a Property Crimes Court Watch.

Property Crimes Court Watch is a community-based approach to being involved in the criminal justice process after an offender has been arrested

and faces charges. The Property Crimes Court Watch Program will:

- Invite community members to participate in precinct-wide community meetings with updates on those arrested and the court process;
- Provide requests for community impact statements for the courts about repeat burglars;
- Help educate judges about the personal impacts of home or garage burglaries;
- Provide information on upcoming court hearings and court results

For more information, including meeting schedule and location, contact: Carla Nielson, Crime Prevention Specialist 612-673-2850 or Carla.nielson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

Community Forum on the Minneapolis Disparity Study, June 28, 6pm



In November of 2010, a Disparity Study to help the City of Minneapolis understand how women-owned and minority-owned businesses compete for contracts offered by the City and in the private sector was completed. The study made a number of recommendations to remedy the disparity, including the enhancement of current City efforts to fight discrimination and the addition of new initiatives. These initiatives involve both race- and gender-conscious remedies as well as some race- and gender-neutral initiatives.

A community forum will be held on **Tuesday, June 28 at 6pm** in the Pohlad Room at the Minneapolis Central Library (300 Nicollet Mall) to discuss the recommendations, how the City will move forward with implementing the recommendations, and what changes were made to the Small and Underutilized Business Program (SUBP). You can access the recommendations at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/civil-rights/docs/CR-CCU-Disparity-Study-Recommendations.pdf.

Please RSVP by Friday, June 21 to RSVPCivilRightsForum@ci.minneapolis.mn.us or by calling (612) 673-2258.