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Ward 3

City of Minneapolis

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3rd Ward Neighborhoods

Beltrami

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Mpls. MN. 55418

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arlene.zamora@leonard.com

1st Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

1111 Summer St NE

Bottineau

2205 California St. N.E. #107

Mpls. MN 55418

612-782-2145

bnabottineaneighborhood.org

www.bottineaneighborhood.org

4th Thursday, 7 – 9 p.m.

Eastside N'hood Services

1700 2nd St NE

Hawthorne

2944 Emerson Ave. No.

Mpls. MN 55411

612-529-6033

bworra@hawthornecommunity.org

www.hawthornecommunity.org

2nd Thursday, 7 – 9 pm

Farview Park, 609 29th Ave N

Marcy-Holmes

415 4th Ave. S.E. #209

Mpls. MN 55414

612-623-7633

mhna@pro-ns.net

www.marcy-holmes.org

3rd Tuesday, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Univ. Luth. Church of Hope

601 13th Ave SE

McKinley

P.O. Box 11066

Mpls. MN 55411

612-668-2286

Mckinleycommunity@yahoo.com

www.neighborhoodlink.com/minneapolis/mckinley

1st Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

City View School

3350 N 4th St

Nicollet Island/East Bank

27 Maple Place

Mpls. MN 55401

612-340-7934

www.nieba.org

3rd Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

(meets odd months only) Times Cafe

201 East Hennepin Ave

WARM HOLIDAY GREETINGS

- Many traditions flourish in the Third Ward

I and my staff hope that this Season of Festivities way into your homes and hearts no matter what tra- you follow in your corner of the Third Ward. The of fellowship and community runs deeply through all the Holiday celebrations and this is our wish to create that same essence in the Third Ward as we usher in a new year. Thank you to all in the Third Ward that support this goal in both private and public ways. We are a stronger cloth because of the many threads woven together that create the tapestry known as the Third Ward.



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CARE Committee Changes with the Times

- New name reflects priority work of Care Committee

As the new year begins we are updating the *CARE* committee name to the *Problem Properties/Care committee* which more accurately reflects its purpose. We will be incorporating more focus on foreclosure property issues, both prevention and remediation while working on the spin-off effects in our neighborhoods. Problem Properties/CARE committee has supported existing Minneapolis Community Crime Prevention Block Clubs while pushing for their expansion as one of the best tools neighborhoods can use against crime and livability issues right on their block. Pressure on crimes such as gang activity, copper theft, problem convenience stores and graffiti have been addressed and often reduced through the committee's approach. Technological advances such as Shotspotter and video/audio police car equipment were aggressively promoted, implemented and have shown positive results. Problem businesses, rental properties and home issues have been resolved on a property by property basis. Better data exchange between departments and test projects in County programs were initiated, while helpful information on varied topics such as graffiti prevention and clean up emerged.

Problem Properties/CARE committee is interactive. eyes in the neighborhoods that know what properties or addressing. For the committee to work we need you to par- meetings are open and we hope you will attend. Call the Office at 612-673-2203, come to a meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. or go to www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/ward3/ and choose *City and Neighborhood Resources* to get to the 3rd Ward CARE Problem Property Form.



YOU are the
problems need
ticipate. All
Third Ward

The next Problem Properties/CARE committee meeting will be held January 16th, 2008 at 7 p.m. at the Center for Families (3333 N 4th St). Focused attention brings results.

St. Anthony East

909 Main St. N.E.
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www.saena.org

2nd Tuesday, 7-9 p.m.
Webster School Bldg
807 Broadway St NE

St. Anthony West

909 Main St. N.E.
Mpls. MN 55413

612-378-8886

www.stawno.org

2nd Thursday, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Catholic Eldercare Atrium
817 Main St NE

Sheridan

1226 2nd St. N.E.
Mpls. MN 55413

612-379-0728

sno@sheridanneighborhood.org
www.sheridanneighborhood.org
4th Monday, 7 – 9 p.m.

Please check with your neighborhood before attending meetings for last minute changes in location or times.

Eastside N'hood Services
1700 2nd St NE

***City of Minneapolis Information**

www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us
Call 311

Snow Emergency Reminder

To find out if a snow emergency has been declared call 348-7669 or go to the city website. If your car has been towed or for information on the impound lot call 311.

Third Ward Events

2nd Precinct Advisory Council (2-PAC)
2nd Monday, 6 pm
1911 Central Ave NE
Check location at 612-673-2874

4th Precinct Advisory Council (4-PAC)
3rd Tuesday, 7 pm
1925 Plymouth Ave N

Apply for the 2008 Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour

The tour will be held on April 26 this year. Now is the time to think about being part of this wonderful event that showcases our neighborhoods as thousands of people come through looking at homes. The application can be downloaded from www.MSPHomeTour.com under nominate. Applications are due January 23rd. For more information please call Margo Ashmore at 612-673-5103.



Third Ward full of Many Jewels

• Talented individuals enhance the fabric of our neighborhoods

One such person is Oksana Bryn. At present a voice and performance teacher at MacPhail School of Music, Oksana has enjoyed a lengthy career as both a teacher and performer. Coming to the United States in the 40's and making the Third Ward her home in 1952, her performing career brought her before internationally recognized conductors Stanislaw Skrowaczewski, Robert Shaw and Philip Brunelle. Oksana is especially noted for her interpretation of Slavic music. As a teacher and coach she has touched countless lives; local singers, the Children's Theater Company, the Guthrie and Actors and Illusion Theaters among others. In 1985 Governor Rudy Perpich declared March 24th as "Oksana Bryn Day" in recognition of her cultural and educational contributions to the state. On a recent afternoon she shared her thoughts on living in the Third Ward.

"You fall dead serving art" best expressed how Oksana has lived her life. To her, singing was an inborn instinct, a gift that must be expressed constantly. "A singer never stops training because the instrument is your entire body and it needs daily reminders." Her life has been divided between family, teaching and being an artist. We talked of the Third Ward and what attracted her to it. One of her first sights "were trees overlapping and forming a colorful canopy over the streets."

It was "versatile, like a field of various flowers, so pleasant to look at and be part of" with a local population that reflected numerous welcoming Slavic traditions and similar customs. Oksana used words such as "solid families, hard working, church goes, respectful and welcoming" to describe her neighbors. Doors went unlocked and unique cultural traditions and languages were kept alive in the home.

We moved on to her thoughts about the present generation. "With each generation, changes happened. Some of them were very positive, contributive and progressive. Some, under the influence of upcoming rebellious generations shook up neighborhoods and the entire country. Gentle parents let go of strict family traditions and permissiveness led to a culture of immediate self gratification. While older generations believed hard work was part of the reward of owning a home or building a useful business, youngsters took the word freedom personally. Their parents came to the USA to be free from political oppression and financial hardships but the new generation never experienced those hardships. It was only a story. The life that was created here by their parents was easy for the youth. Change in values was the result, and the next generation seldom realize the values their elders offered them."

We discussed what is needed now, today. "Education tailored to new ways of thinking is badly needed." Oksana expressed the need for youth to know their own history, the struggle of those who came before and learn from them. She suggested that art, music, books and plays could connect youth to this past. "Musical culture must be an integral part of a general education because music of all kinds whether played, sung or listened to adds to the nobility of the heart which helps to build a gentler society, more tolerant of people who are 'different than me' be it by nationality, race or level on the social ladder." Finally, "giving something back" from yourself, your gifts, your life is crucial. Oksana called it "an army of volunteers" whose efforts will then be copied by others. "In the Third Ward we still have good neighbors who wish all well." Her final words beautifully summed up the days discussion. "The word freedom must be taught anew as to its true meaning. Self respect happens when people are well educated. Art and music contribute to the noblest qualities in every individual. Educators must find ways to reach the new generation in order to open their minds and eyes to the reality of the present day and for years to come."

Interview by Sue Bembenek
Intern to CM Hofstede

View Oksana's complete story at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/ward/. If you have a jewel in your neighborhood that we could feature please call the office at 612-673-2203 and leave your name and number.

Five-Point Plan is Good Medicine for Ailing Market

- Northside Housing Market gets transfusion of aggressive strategies

The Department of Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED) in partnership with Northside community organizations, housing developers, funders, lenders and government partners – is implementing an aggressive five-point strategy to restore a healthy housing market in North Minneapolis. **CM D Hofstede** is one of three council members who sit on the Northforce Taskforce.

- **Prevent Foreclosures** - Offer counseling and appropriate mortgage products to first-time homebuyers and homeowners seeking to refinance their homes.
- **Prevent Properties from Becoming Boarded & Vacant** - When foreclosure cannot be prevented, keep foreclosed or abandoned properties from becoming vacant, blighted, hazardous, or targets for crime.
- **Rehabilitate or Remove Boarded & Vacant Buildings** - For properties that have become boarded & vacant, conduct rapid rehabilitation or removal,
- to minimize blight and facilitate positive redevelopment.
- **Promote Reinvestment & Environmental Sustainability** - Quality is contagious. The City believes that if it sets a high-quality example on its projects, this will in turn attract high-quality private investment.
- **Attract & Retain a Healthy Mix of Stable Residents** - Ultimately it is the mix of Northside residents, not the properties themselves that will create and sustain a healthy Northside community.



A few highlighted strategies include the following.

- An innovative Early Warning System which provides more accurate information on potential foreclosures and problem properties.
- A Strategic Acquisition Fund of \$11 million dollars will allow GMHC to quickly acquire and rehabilitate foreclosed or boarded and vacant properties and get them back into the hands of stable owners.
- The use of alternative boarding practices, including the installation of painted black boards on the interior of boarded structures.
- Six high impact housing clusters including over 300 homes and businesses that will be redeveloped in partnership with neighborhood organizations and developers.

See the complete list at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/foreclosure/. Holistic therapy for the Northside is the prescription of this Northforce Team.

Get Fit Twin Cities

- 100 Days to Fitness: January 16 - April 24!

Form teams of 2-10 people. A team captain registers the team and shares Get Fit information with members. Team members report their minutes of physical activity online. Walking, dancing, shoveling snow; all count! Perks include weekly tips for healthy living, chance to win prizes, free and reduced rates to fitness centers and invites to Get Fit events. Register starting January 1, 2008 at www.getfittwincities.org. For more information call 612-673-3485.



Third Ward Extra

From the Desk of Council Member Diane Hofstede: What's Up? Who's New? Go Where? In the Third Ward

Third Ward businesses, residents, & entrepreneurs featured in print this month

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Neighborhood regulars help keep upscale French eatery Fugaise (308 E Hennepin Ave) in the Third Ward, a place where owner Chef Don Saunders says he wants to be. The cuisine is bold and imaginative. For a more casual time come for lunch, but don't expend ho-hum fare because it is not on the menu.• Cereal World and the Minnesota Popcorn Connection (423 14th Ave SE) offers 25 kinds of cereal, 19 kinds of popcorn, waffles, organic oatmeal and yogurt parfaits to feed you morning, noon and night. Come in and munch.• Northeast retailer, Key North (515 1st Ave NE) is moving one block to 1st Ave NE. Joining some other new names on the Northeast scene, Key North is in good company. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next door neighbor Left of Center Style (303 E Hennepin Ave) will open shortly.• The Red Stag Supper Club (509 1st Ave NE), two doors down is now open.• Soon joining them will be neighbor Denny Kemp Salon and Spa (322 E Hennepin Ave) completing the little clutch of higher-end, environmentally conscious businesses.• Congratulations to Third Ward resident Arlene Zamora, secretary for the <i>Beltrami</i> Neighborhood Council. She received special recognition for her outstanding volunteer efforts through the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board 2007 Adult Volunteer Recognition Award. |
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University Stadium Area in the News

Moving Forward Together: U of M Minneapolis Area Neighborhood Impact Report was selected by the Minnesota Chapter of the American Planning Association to receive a merit award as an Outstanding Planning Project. The report shows the impacts of the university and the relationship among the neighborhoods, the university and the city.



All roads have been paved and sidewalks are open around the construction site for the Gopher's TCF Bank Stadium. Street light installation is nearing completion, and final traffic signals are being installed. Landscaping is nearing completion.

The Stadium Good Neighbor Fund Committee has been formed. The committee plans to issue its first request for proposals in January. The University allocated \$1.5 million to the Gopher Football Stadium Mitigation Fund which is expected to allow \$75,000 to be used each year to address neighborhood concerns and improvements relating to construction and operation of the stadium and its impact on the surrounding neighborhoods and businesses.

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