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# Eighth Ward News

*“Bancroft, Bryant, Central, Field-Regina-Northrop, Kingfield, Powderhorn”*

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### 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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7 pm

Phelps Park, 3900 Chicago

### Central

CANDO

[www.CANDOmpls.org](http://www.CANDOmpls.org)

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 6:15 pm

Sabathani Community Center

310 East 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 304

### Field-Regina-Northrop

[www.frnng.org](http://www.frnng.org)

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 6:30 pm

1620 E 46<sup>th</sup> Street

### Kingfield

[www.kingfield.org](http://www.kingfield.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, 6:30 pm

821 E 35<sup>th</sup> Street

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

38<sup>th</sup> & Chicago Implementation Committee

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7 pm

Pillsbury House 3501 Chicago Ave S

## GET READY TO VOTE: Tuesday, November 2!

Prepare now for voting this important election year. In addition to the Governor’s race, state constitutional offices – including for State Senators and Representatives, are all up for election.

In the City of Minneapolis, we are electing directors to the Minneapolis School Board, including two at-large school board directors and three who will represent districts that match Park board districts. There are several places where you can learn more about candidates, including the non-partisan voter guide produced by the League of Women at [www.lwvmn.org](http://www.lwvmn.org) (voter guide under the “voting” tab) – paper versions have also been produced.

Minneapolis voters also must vote on a ballot question regarding the composition of the redistricting commission, which is responsible for drawing the boundaries for City Council Wards, Park Board Districts, and now School Board Districts in Minneapolis.

Here is the Ballot Question:

### PROPOSAL TO MAKE THE CHARTER COMMISSION RESPONSIBLE FOR REDISTRICTING

Should the City of Minneapolis adopt a change in its charter by eliminating the Redistricting Commission and giving the responsibility for redistricting of city wards, park board districts and Minneapolis school board districts to the Charter Commission, with input from an advisory group appointed by the Charter Commission?

The existing redistricting commission is composed of political-type appointments. The current redistricting Commission includes two members appointed from each major political party (i.e. Republican, DFL, Independence), plus one appointed by the majority party of the City Council and one appointed by the remaining Council members.

### Absentee voting makes sure your vote counts when you’re away

Election Day is just a few weeks away. If you know you won’t be able to vote in person on Tuesday Nov. 2, you can arrange to vote by absentee ballot.

Absentee voting can be done in person or by mail. If you’re an eligible voter in Minneapolis, you can vote by absentee ballot for any of the following reasons:

- You’ll be away from your precinct on Election Day.
- You have an illness or disability.
- You’re observing a religious discipline or holiday.
- You’re serving as an election judge in another precinct.
- There’s been an emergency declared by governor or quarantine declared by federal or state government.

Absentee ballot applications are available on our website. To apply for an absentee ballot, go to [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/elections](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/elections) and click on “absentee voting.” You can also call 311 (612-673-3000) to request an absentee ballot from the Minneapolis Elections Office, or you can contact the Minnesota Secretary of State’s Office.

## Celebrate Efforts to Reduce Lead Poisoning



Thousands of Minneapolis homes built before 1978 could potentially contain lead-based paint, and peeling paint in homes like those are major sources of lead poisoning in children. In 2002, 516 Minneapolis children had elevated blood lead levels. However, thanks in part to our efforts to reduce lead exposure and get more children tested, that number plummeted to 170 last year.

October is Lead Poisoning Prevention awareness month. In 2009, more than 1,500 Minneapolis children were exposed to levels of lead that are linked to adverse health outcomes. Elevated exposure to lead, also known as lead poisoning, can slow a child's growth, damage hearing, cause behavior problems, and make it harder for children to concentrate or do well in school. Lead poisoning is completely preventable if parents and other caregivers know how to protect our children from lead exposure.

For more information, go to [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/lead-hazard-control/](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/lead-hazard-control/).

## Early Mornings with Elizabeth! Special Election Edition Featuring Secretary of State Mark Ritchie



Join us on **Friday, October 22 at 7:30am** at Turtle Bread, 4762 Chicago Ave for a special Early Mornings with Elizabeth event. **Secretary of State Mark Ritchie**

will be our featured guest speaker, who will talk about the upcoming election and why this is an important election year for Minneapolis and the State of Minnesota. Free coffee courtesy of Turtle Bread!

## Turn Off Engine When Picking Your Kids Up at School



Here is a tip that improves health: When picking up your child from school, get in the habit of shutting off the engine while you wait. Protecting your child's air quality is as easy as turning the key. It saves money on wasted fuel and it's the law. Minneapolis ordinance limits most idling to three minutes.

Children are especially vulnerable to vehicle air pollution because their lungs are still developing, and they inhale more pounds of pollution per pound of body weight than adults do. Chemicals in vehicle exhaust are linked to increased rates of cancer, heart and lung disease and asthma and are the major source of human-caused global warming. Exhaust from an idling car carries a higher load of pollutants than a moving car, so reducing unnecessary idling is one easy way we can all do something to improve air quality.

For more information about sustainability in Minneapolis and what you can do to protect your quality of life, visit [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/sustainability](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/sustainability).

## We Want You Back: Report to the Community



On Saturday, September 11, nearly 300 volunteers hit Minneapolis streets to let youth between the ages of 14-21 know, "We Want You Back!" The day of action kicked-off an influential campaign that highlights our dropout crisis and provides more visible opportunities for children and young adults to re-enroll. This is a partnership between the schools, city, county and others to deliver the ongoing support young people need to be successful.

Prior to the city-wide door-knocking event, the campaign connected 57 high school-age students, 162 middle school students, and 28 adult basic

education students back on the path to graduation. **We want you back** volunteers knocked on thousands of doors and connected almost 100 more young people with school options.

Minneapolis Public Schools expects that there are approximately 2,000 Minneapolis youth un-enrolled from our schools. "We are committed to helping students find a program that meets their needs," said Superintendent Johnson. "Our goal this year is to recruit 200 of our students back to school."

Volunteers are still needed to be part of an important follow-up effort connecting students to resources, support and information of all kinds to help them graduate. To sign up to volunteer, please visit [www.wewantyoubackmpls.org](http://www.wewantyoubackmpls.org). If you know a young person who would like to re-enroll or to find out more about Minneapolis school programs and services, **contact Mary Barrie, Minneapolis Public Schools at 612-668-0721 or [mary.barrie@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:mary.barrie@mpls.k12.mn.us)**.

## Grants Available to Community Groups for Environmental Education Projects



Hennepin County is looking to partner with neighborhood and community groups to use a recently developed toolkit to educate and actively engage their community in reducing

waste, recycling, disposing properly of hazardous items, conserving energy and protecting water resources. The toolkit includes background on environmental issues and activity ideas that are appropriate for adults, teens and youth.

Selected community groups will receive training, technical assistance and up to \$5,000 for implementing a sustainable, environmental education project. Applications are due Nov. 15. Learn more about the project and talk with project managers at a pre-proposal information meeting on Oct. 20 at Sumner Library from 5 - 6 p.m. The toolkit, proposal guidelines and information about the information meeting can be found at [www.hennepin.us/communityPOWER](http://www.hennepin.us/communityPOWER).

## Central Neighborhood Safe Schools and Communities Kickoff: Tuesday October 19



On Tuesday, October 19 Central neighborhood and Citizens for a Safer Minnesota will host a kickoff in honor of National Safe Schools Week (Oct 17-23). This event will feature free dinner, great giveaways for youth, and community workshops. Come learn more about building a safe community and take the pledge against gun violence: Here are the details:

- **Tues, October 19, 6-8:30 pm** at Green Central Park Multi-Purpose Room, 324 E 35<sup>th</sup> St. **FREE DINNER** and more! Youth and adults welcome.

For more information visit:

[www.endgunviolence.com](http://www.endgunviolence.com) or (651) 645-3271. Ongoing sessions include education on violence prevention and dealing with weapons hazards, a logo contest, a pledge against gun violence, and skills building in conflict resolution. Youth participants – Youth Peace Leaders -- will be given prizes and receive a certificate of completion at the end of the sessions.

## Minneapolis Helps Minnesota Cities Dealing with Emergencies



In late September, the State Emergency Operations Center requested assistance from City of Minneapolis Emergency Preparedness and Regulatory Services to respond to flooding in the southern Minnesota.

Minneapolis sent a member of its Emergency Preparedness team to assist Faribault with EOC and emergency management support. Also, five City of Minneapolis building inspectors assisted the City of Owatonna and Steele County Building

Officials in conducting initial and follow-up inspections to residential, commercial and other structures as water levels continued to recede.

As well, City of Minneapolis Emergency Preparedness staff loaded and delivered a trailer filled with metro area supplies stored at our warehouse that equipment included 15,000 masks and 16,000 gloves. The masks and gloves were part of the City of Minneapolis-managed cache of equipment stored for this exact purpose.

We are proud that our City staff is able to assist others with needed expertise during emergency situations -- Regulatory Services and Emergency Preparedness will be compensated for their assistance as part of a state-wide mutual aid agreement.

**Public Meeting for the Southern Bike Connection: Tues, Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at Bethel Church (4120 17<sup>th</sup> Ave)**



On Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, Public Works will host a public meeting to present a draft proposal for the Southern Bike Connection. The meeting will be held at

6:30 pm at Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church (4120 17<sup>th</sup> Ave S).

The Southern Bike Connection is a bicycle boulevard connecting Midtown Minneapolis with Richfield. In Ward 8 the route is likely to follow 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue S. This project is scheduled for construction in summer 2011.

A bicycle boulevard is a local, residential street that is improved for bicycling, including features such as traffic calming, safer crossings at busy streets, large bicycle pavement markings, and way finding signs. A bicycle boulevard does not use bike lanes, and it does not remove on-street parking. People bicycle on the street with other vehicles.

The goal is to increase bicycling along these streets. This project was funded through the Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program, a source

of federal funding with the aim to increase bicycling and walking and decrease driving.

**What are the possibilities in Ward 8 along 17th Avenue?**

- *At 38<sup>th</sup> Street:* Pedestrian median
- *At 40<sup>th</sup> Street:* Miniature traffic circle, maintain north-south stop signs
- *At 42<sup>nd</sup> Street:* Pedestrian median
- *At 44<sup>th</sup> or 43<sup>rd</sup> Street:* Miniature traffic circle, reverse stop signs from north-south to east-west

If you have questions or feedback, please contact: Shaun Murphy, Minneapolis Department of Public Works, 612.333.2450 or

[Shaun.Murphy@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:Shaun.Murphy@ci.minneapolis.mn.us).

More information, including a draft project layout, is available at:

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/bicycles/SouthernBikeConnection.asp>.

**Ward 8 Community Office Hours**



Elizabeth holds community office hours every Monday, from 9-11:00 am at Sabathani Community Center, 310 E. 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 129. Please drop by or call our office for a time certain meeting. Also,

you can always call the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Office with your questions at (612) 673-2208 or e-mail Elizabeth with your questions at

[elizabeth.glidden@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:elizabeth.glidden@ci.minneapolis.mn.us).