



# 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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 8 pm  
Phelps Park, 3900 Chicago

#### Central

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Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 6:30 pm  
Sabathani Community Center  
310 East 38<sup>th</sup> Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor conf rm

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

#### Field-Regina-Northrop

[www.frnng.org](http://www.frnng.org)  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7 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, 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  
Calvarv Church, 39<sup>th</sup> and Chicago

## 38<sup>th</sup> and Chicago Planning: Your Input Needed

Come view the 38<sup>th</sup> Street and Chicago Avenue Small Area Plan! We are seeking your thoughts, concerns, and recommendations before the plan is forwarded to the City of Minneapolis. The plan area includes Chicago Avenue from 31<sup>st</sup> Street to 40<sup>th</sup> Street, and 38<sup>th</sup> Street from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to Bloomington. You can view the plan **NOW** at [www.38thandchicago.org](http://www.38thandchicago.org), and make comments online as well. Please plan to attend one of these two important neighborhood meetings, to give your input on the 38<sup>th</sup> Street and Chicago Avenue plan:

### PLAN SEND-OFF Meetings:

**\*JUNE 18: Baha'i Temple – 5:30pm to 7:30pm  
(BBQ Provided!)**

**\*JUNE 23: La Palmita Restaurant – 10:00am to 12:00 noon**

Just in time to coincide with 38<sup>th</sup> and Chicago planning efforts, the City of Minneapolis has targeted new resources for support of neighborhood business corners. The City's **Great Streets** program will offer resources such as property acquisition funds, façade improvement programs, and much more. Find a description of Minneapolis' **Great Streets** program at [www.38thandchicago.org](http://www.38thandchicago.org) or by calling the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Office at (612) 673-2208. For a description of business, housing, and non-profit financing tools, go to [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped).

## 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Community Office Hours

Join Elizabeth for her community office hours every Monday, from 9-11:00am, at Sabathani Community Center, 310 E. 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 129. You can always call the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Office with your questions at (612) 673-2208.

## Crosstown Commons: Construction Has Begun



MnDOT's reconstruction of the Crosstown Commons is now in full swing. The first major impact, demolition of the Diamond Lake Bridge, occurred June 1<sup>st</sup>. Major

events occurring this summer will include temporary widening on northbound I-35W and taking down the existing retaining walls and noise walls on the east and west sides of I-35W.

Call the **MnDOT Hotline at 1-866-743-6590** to ask questions and report concerns and complaints, including about excess traffic on local roads. You can also call Minneapolis 311. You can get MnDOT's weekly project updates and sign up for e-news at [www.dot.state.mn.us/projects/crosstown/](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/projects/crosstown/).

MnDOT has promised to respond to all complaints and conduct neighborhood meetings upon request to deal with local issues – just call MnDOT's hotline at 1-866-743-6590. Issues of concern may include traffic diverted onto local roads, construction vibrations, the schedule of construction, noise levels, and other environmental issues. Please do not hesitate to report your concerns, both to the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward office and to the MnDOT hotline, so that they can be addressed as soon as possible.

## Minneapolis Wi-Fi: Get Up-to-Speed on Citywide Wireless



What's up with Minneapolis WiFi? Right now the WiFi vendor, US Internet, is constructing the network, which should launch citywide by the end of 2007. Construction is phased, with 8<sup>th</sup> Ward

neighborhoods scheduled to "go live" by summer's end. For \$19.95 per month, residents can sign up for wireless accounts and access the internet citywide – from your home to the middle of Lake Calhoun to the bench in your favorite park.

One of the most exciting things about Minneapolis WiFi has been the City's community benefits

agreement with US Internet, first required to be part of the contract by Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden. As one benefit, a free "walled garden" level of wireless service will be available to people throughout the city for important neighborhood, government, and community services information. A second benefit is neighborhood and community portal pages. The City is hosting a number of informational meetings so that the public can learn more about progress on construction of the wireless network, and the process for developing regional portal pages. Participants will be encouraged to submit their ideas and feedback about content for the regional portal pages that will be established in each area of the City. Here are some upcoming meeting locations and times:

- **Thursday, June 14, Downtown Central Library, Nicollet Mall, Doty Board Room (Community Technology Celebration runs from 4 - 6:30 p.m., portal meeting from 5:30 – 7:30)**
- **Thursday, June 28, Midtown Global Market (Lake & Chicago), 5:30 – 7:30 pm**
- **Thursday, July 19, Lyndale Farmstead Park, 3900 Bryant Ave S, 5:30 – 7:30 pm**

You can learn more about a "wireless Minneapolis", including community benefits, at [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/wirelessminneapolis/](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/wirelessminneapolis/)

## 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Policy Aide Wins Community Leadership Award



Our own Andrea Jenkins, 8th Ward Policy Aide, has a long history of community service and action. She was recently honored for her efforts by Philanthrofund (P-Fund), a local gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender foundation. Andrea has been a board member and

volunteer for several leading community GLBT organizations including District 202 (a GLBT youth drop-in center), P-Fund, The Minnesota HIV Planning Council, and Out Front Minnesota.

In addition to her philanthropic work, Andrea is an accomplished poet, writer and spoken word artist who has performed throughout the Twin Cities. Her honors include selection as an instructor for the nationally recognized Loft Literary Center, and selection as co-curator of the SASE Carol Connolley GLBT Reading Series at Intermedia Arts.

For the past 18 months, Andrea has been a leadership coach for LAAMP, the Leadership and Advocacy Institute to Advance Minnesota's Parity, where she has worked to train leaders in communities of color to counter the efforts of big tobacco companies.

Please join us and P-Fund in congratulating Andrea for her leadership and community service. We are proud she is part of our 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Team!

### Help Guide Minneapolis' Future

Minneapolis residents are invited to share their thoughts and ideas about what Minneapolis should look like in the future by taking an online survey about sustainability, heritage preservation and urban design. You can access this survey at [www.minneapolisplan.info](http://www.minneapolisplan.info).

The survey, which is part of the City's process to update its comprehensive plan, will be available online through mid-June. The plan addresses housing, jobs, transportation, parks and open spaces, and water resource management. More information about the city's comprehensive planning efforts is available online at: [www.minneapolisplan.info](http://www.minneapolisplan.info). The City's current comprehensive plan is available on the Web at: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/citywork/planning/mplsplan.asp>

### YCB Launches You<sup>th</sup> Are Here Buses



As Vice Chair of the Youth Coordinating Board (YCB), Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden is proud to help launch the new "Youth are here" busses. Lack of safe and

reliable transportation is a major barrier preventing youth from participating in youth program opportunities. To help eliminate this barrier, the YCB has created two You<sup>th</sup> Are Here bus routes serving North and South Minneapolis. Eighth Ward bus stops include **Green Central Park, Hosmer Library, Phelps Park, and Powderhorn Park.**

The buses are free and will be available Monday through Friday, June 18th - August 24th for youth ages 9-18. They will travel a circular route every 50 minutes from noon to 8 pm. Downloadable Registration Forms and Route Information flyers can be found at [www.ycb.org](http://www.ycb.org).

### Early Mornings with Elizabeth!

Mark your calendar now – come enjoy breakfast with Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden at her monthly community roundtable, exploring topical issues with featured guest speakers. **Free coffee** courtesy of Turtle Bread!

**Every fourth Friday of the month  
7:30-9:00am  
Turtle Bread, 4762 Chicago Ave. S.  
In the Pizza Biga Room**

#### Future 2007 Dates:

**Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>  
August – No Meeting  
Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**