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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

Meets 2nd Thursday, 7 pm

4120 17th Avenue South

Bryant

Bryant Neighborhood Association

Meets 1st Thursday, 7 pm

Phelps Park, 3900 Chicago

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

Participate in the 2010 Census: It's Important to Be Counted

An accurate count of Minneapolis in the 2010 census is vitally important to the city's future. Census data determines how nearly \$300 billion is annually distributed for 170 federal programs and the need for additional social services, including community development block grants and other grant programs essential to many communities.

It is estimated that for every 100 people who are not counted, \$1 million is lost to the people of Minneapolis over the next decade. Getting an accurate count will also make the difference in whether Minnesota loses one of its Congressional seats.

Census Day is April 1, 2010, the official day of the population count. Please complete and mail back your responses to Census when this comes in the mail. If you don't return your form, census workers will visit your home to take a count in person.

Minneapolis has a new web site and email listserv to keep you updated on the 2010 Census. Go to www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/2010census. If you have any questions about the Census or would like to get involved as a volunteer, send an e-mail to censu2010-minneapolis@ci.minneapolis.mn.us or call Hannah Garcia at (612) 625-2497.

And don't forget that the Census is **hiring people now!** The positions are **good paying, temporary jobs** that range from \$11.50 to \$20 per hour plus mileage for the field positions of recruiting assistants, crew leaders, crew leader assistants and census takers. The pay for census clerks ranges from \$7.50 to \$12.75 per hour depending on location.

The Minneapolis Census office is looking to hire people in all neighborhoods throughout the city who have diverse backgrounds and/or the ability to speak multiple languages. **Anyone interested in applying for a job with the Census should call toll-free 1-866-861-2010 or go to www.2010censusjobs.gov.**

Congratulations to 8th Ward Community Leader Award Recipients



Back Row L to R: Earnest Moore, Montrell Moore, Pastor Jim Halbur, Greg Brucker
Front Row: V.J. Smith, Marcus Nolen, Clorasteen Wilson, David Nicholson, Elizabeth Glidden

Please join us in congratulating these outstanding neighbors, recognized with the 2010 Ward 8 Community Leader awards during **Early Mornings with Elizabeth** on January 29, 2010.

- **Ms. Clorasteen Wilson:** A seasoned community and political activist, Ms. Wilson helped elect the city's first African American Mayor, Sharon Sayles Belton, and created affordable housing opportunities through leadership on the board for Southside Neighborhood Housing Services, among her many accomplishments. Most recently, she organized neighbors in response to a tornado that ravaged homes in South Minneapolis and also helped educate seniors and her neighbors on Ranked Choice Voting.
- **V.J. Smith** is the founder of the Minneapolis Chapter of MAD DADS, an organization that works with young men who are trying to turn around from a life of drug use and crime. In 2009, Smith teamed up with Susan Taylor and the National Cares Mentoring Movement to start the Minneapolis Cares Mentoring Movement, which connects young people with mentors by connecting

with existing mentoring organizations such as Big Brothers Big Sisters.

- **The Kingfield Farmers Market:** The Kingfield Farmers Market, which began in 2001 as a program of the Kingfield Neighborhood Association, just completed its first successful year as an independent organization. The Kingfield Farmers Market provides activities, entertainment and healthy, locally grown fresh food to South Minneapolis neighbors. It has become a great community gathering spot on Sunday mornings at its 43rd and Nicollet location.
- **The Phelps Falcons Football Team (Stephanie Ball-Bailey Youth Leadership Award recipient):** The Phelps Falcons, led by the Phelps Activities Council and a team of great coaches, promote character, community and positive self-esteem for youth playing sports at Phelps Park. In their first year as a team, the Phelps Falcons (14 and under) won the city championship, the state championship, then traveled to Florida to win the national AAU championship! These young men have displayed great confidence in themselves and made a positive impact on the neighborhood as a whole. Congratulations!

License Your Pet Online – It's Easy (Finally)!



To help make licensing easier and more convenient than ever, Minneapolis Animal Care and Control has launched a new online pet licensing system. Residents with existing pet licenses got a reminder in the mail. Check out the new system at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/animal-control. In addition to renewing your license every year, there is an option to buy a lifetime license – saving you money and time in the future.

A pet that's licensed is three times more likely to be returned to its owner than a pet that isn't licensed. Plus, licensed animals that go missing and get

picked up by Animal Care and Control receive free rides home or impound.

To license your pet over the telephone or by mail, just call 311.

\$4 Million in Federal Stimulus Funding Awarded for Employment and Training



The Department of Labor has awarded \$4 million in a Pathways Out Of Poverty grant to the City of Minneapolis for the Renewable Energy Network Empowering Workers (RENEW) Project in

Minneapolis and St Paul.

The RENEW employment and training program builds upon the emerging green industry sectors including manufacturing, renewable energy, building systems management and construction/deconstruction. Participants will exit the program with degrees, diplomas and certifications that meet our employment partners' hiring needs.

Through its participant-focused collaborative program model, RENEW is truly a regional strategy to provide pathways out of poverty for 500 disadvantaged job seekers.

You can review the City's applications for and awards of stimulus funds at www.minneapolisrecover.us.

Property Value Statements Arriving in the Mail



This year, like last year, the City Assessor is mailing value notices to property owners early, to allow additional time to address taxpayer concerns and set up onsite inspections.

Because of the significant number of foreclosures, lender mediated short sales and distressed sales, our City Assessor anticipates that many residents will have questions or want their home value reviewed.

When you receive a 2010 value notice, there is information right on the form about how to appeal the value. The phone number listed on your value notice connects you directly to the appraiser who valued your property. Calling this number is the fastest and most efficient way to initiate the appeal process and work toward a resolution.

More information is available on the assessor's website at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/assessor.

February 10th: Meeting on Xcel High Voltage Power Line Proposal

Xcel Energy has proposed high voltage transmission lines and two new substations in the area of the Midtown Greenway between Hiawatha and I-35W. Multiple routes and substation locations have been proposed, including along the Midtown Greenway, 28th Street, and 31st Street.

In addition to determining a final route, there is a critical issue of whether the power lines will be over ground or buried underground. The City of Minneapolis' position is that the power lines must be buried.

The Minnesota Department of Commerce released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on January 8, 2010 regarding Xcel Energy's proposed high voltage transmission lines. To be part of the process, **attend the upcoming public meeting** where representatives from the OES and Xcel Energy will be available to answer questions about the permitting process and the proposed project, on **Wednesday, February 10, 6 pm, Plaza Verde, 1516 East Lake Street**

Early Mornings with Elizabeth!



Please join us for **Early Mornings with Elizabeth!**, a monthly breakfast program at **Turtle Bread, 4762 Chicago Ave South**, from **7:30 – 9:00 am** every **Fourth Friday** of

each month. *Free coffee provided by Turtle Bread!*

Community Office Hours



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

Sign-Up for 8th Ward E-News Updates

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elizabeth.glidden@ci.minneapolis.mn.us and ask to be signed up.