



City of Minneapolis

Ward 8 – Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden

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Neighborhood Meetings

Bancroft

Bancroft Neighborhood Assoc Council
www.bancroftneighborhood.org
Meets 2nd Thursday, 7 pm
4120 17th Avenue South

Bryant

Bryant Neighborhood Association
Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7 pm
Phelps Park, 3900 Chicago

Central

CANDO
Meets 3rd Thursday, 7 pm
Park Methodist, 34th & Park Ave S

Central Weed & Seed
Meets 2nd Wednesday, 5:30 pm
Green Central School

Field-Regina-Northrup

www.frnng.org
Meets 3rd Wednesday, 7 pm
1620 E 46th Street

Kingfield

www.kfna.org
Meets 2nd Wednesday, 7 pm
ML King Park, 40th & Nicollet

Powderhorn

www.ppna.org
Meets 2nd Thursday, 7 pm
821 E 35th Street

Parkside West

Meets 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 pm
Midtown Safety Center, 2949 Chicago

38th & Chicago

38th & Chicago Task Force
Meets 3rd Monday, 7 pm
Calvary Church, 39th and Chicago

How to Reach Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden

Join Elizabeth for her community office hours every Monday, 9-11:00 am, at Sabathani Community Center, 310 E 38th Street, Room 129, or call to make a time certain appointment. And, you can always call the 8th Ward office with your questions at 612.673.2208.

Highlights

River Lake Greenway Gets a Boost!

The River Lake Greenway is a proposal to make a connector for bicyclists from Lake Harriet to the Mississippi River. The majority of the proposed route is along 40th Street, turning this street into a more bike and pedestrian friendly route. Just this Spring, the City received a federal grant of one million dollars to be used for construction of the River Lake Greenway starting just east of I-35W, in Bryant Neighborhood, and moving east to reach the river. The federal grant can be used to leverage other money needed to construct this portion of the greenway and puts the project on solid footing. Neighborhood representatives on the River Lake Greenway task force contributed tremendously to this successful application. Congratulations to all involved!

Sabathani Community Center's 40th Anniversary Celebration: "Up and Rising"

This year the celebration is going to be the best yet! There will be pony rides, games, food, prizes, informational booths and a parade to kick off the event. The parade will begin at 9:00am and will proceed down 3rd Avenue. The Minneapolis Police Department will also be there for parents to create kiddie ID cards for their children. Come and join us for this fun filled event! **Saturday, June 3rd from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.**
Sabathani Community Center, 310 East 38th Street, Minneapolis.

Minneapolis Wi-Fi

On February 24, 2006, the Minneapolis City Council voted to pursue a public-private partnership plan for providing wireless service to our city. The City is in the process of selecting a vendor and two pilot projects are currently happening in Minneapolis as part of this review. There will be a community benefits agreement as part of the vendor's contract. Please attend the next community meeting about Wireless Minneapolis, on **May 9, 6-8 pm, at Martin Luther King Park, 4055 Nicollet**. This is an important opportunity to share your ideas and feedback about what community benefits should be negotiated to bridge the digital divide.

Safe City Initiative

On May 3, 2006, the Mayor and Interim Chief Dolan announced the Minneapolis Safe City Initiative. The plan focuses on providing increased police visibility and presence, through foot patrols and other tactics, throughout the city. For most neighborhoods, increased presence will be provided through overtime hours. The 3rd Precinct alone has been approved for \$260,000 to be used for buy-back beats and directed patrol shifts.

If you would like to review a copy of the Safe City Initiative plan, it is available on the "Citywide Issues" section of the 8th Ward Website at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/ward8/>.

8th Ward Safety Meetings

On April 25, 2006, 80 residents from across the 8th ward gathered at Powderhorn Park Rec Center to talk about community safety concerns and initiatives. The presenters and attendees included Interim Chief Dolan, 3rd and 5th Precinct officers and crime prevention specialists, VJ Smith of MADDADS, and community presenters from Powderhorn Park, Phillips Weed and Seed, and Field Regina Northrup Neighborhood. Topics

discussed included identifying problem areas, developing walking groups and block clubs, dealing with street crime such as drug dealing and prostitution, and other ideas for community engagement.



The next 8th Ward Summer Safety meeting will be held on **May 25, 2006, 7 pm, at Phelps Park**. Please come to meet neighbors and share your thoughts and ideas.

Crosstown Commons

Reconstruction for the Crosstown Commons (Interstate 35W/Highway 62) is still planned to begin this summer. The tentative schedule for the reconstruction is planned as follows, although these dates are still subject to change:

- June 16, 2006 – Project Letting (bids will be opened)
- Late June 2006 – Community meetings will be held to explain the project schedule and answer resident questions
- Late July – August 2006 – the contract will be awarded to the successful bidder and construction will start
- August 2006 – June 2007 – the Diamond Lake Road Bridge and 58th Street Pedestrian Bridge will be removed and construction will begin in the Commons area

Mn/DOT is working to provide updated information on its website about the Crosstown Commons Reconstruction. Its website address is <http://projects.dot.state.mn.us/crosstown/>.