

# 9th Ward E-News

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## August 19 public hearing on future of the Internet

On August 19 at 6:00 p.m., at South High School Auditorium, the [Federal Communications Commission](#) will be taking public



On August 19 FCC Commissioners (left to right) [Mignon Clyburn](#) and [Michael Copps](#) will be in Minneapolis to take public input on the future of the internet.

input on the future of the Internet. South High School is located at [3131 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue South](#) in Minneapolis. US Senator Al Franken and Minnesota Secretary of State Mark Ritchie will participate in the hearing, which will also feature two FCC commissioners, [Mignon Clyburn](#) and [Michael Copps](#).

The [public hearing](#) will be an opportunity for members of the public to share ideas, experiences, and concerns with the FCC. Right now the FCC is in the process of making decisions that will shape the future of the Internet, including the role of corporations, and [net neutrality](#). This may include the FCC taking a role in regulating clear-cut powers to regulate internet service providers, such as AT & T, Comcast, and Verizon. The FCC currently does not have broad authority over the Internet and companies that provide Internet access. One proposal would place Internet service providers in the same category as telephone service. This reclassification would give the FCC clear authority to regulate these companies.

## Longfellow experiences local business boom



[Peace Coffee](#) is one of three businesses planning to open locations in Longfellow this year. [Harriet Brewing](#) and [Turtle Bread Company](#) are also moving into the neighborhood.

The Longfellow area is experiencing a business boom this year. The neighborhood can expect to see local businesses sprouting up in three locations. Just down the road from their roastery, [Peace](#)

[Coffee](#) is planning their [first retail location](#). The coffee shop space, currently in the process of being built out, will highlight creatively reused and repurposed materials. Peace Coffee is excited to be taking their stewardship of the bean one step further, all the way to the coffee drinker's lips. "We've honed our craft as roasters, now we can hone our craft as baristas," said Lee Wallace, Peace Coffee Director.

Micro-brewer [Jason Sowards](#) plans to open [Harriet Brewing](#) this fall on Minnehaha Avenue. Thanks to the [Brew Beer Here legislation](#), microbreweries can now open in Minneapolis. Sowards is one of a handful of brewers planning to open up shop in Minneapolis. And on 42nd Avenue South and 34th Street East, [Turtle Bread Company](#) plans to open its doors in November. According to owner Harvey McLain, the restaurant will offer pizzas, burgers, and beer in the evenings, in addition to breads and pastries.

"Three new businesses opening in one area is a good sign in a difficult economic climate," said Council Member Gary Schiff. "Longfellow is a community that knows that supporting locally-owned small businesses makes a difference."

## **Congressman Keith Ellison at *Breakfast with Gary***

Join Council Member Gary Schiff with guest speaker

[Congressman Keith Ellison](#) for this month's *Breakfast with Gary* on Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. Within the past year, Congressman Ellison has



[Congressman Keith Ellison](#) will be the featured speaker at Breakfast with Gary on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

championed a number of issues important to Minneapolis residents. This includes voting for the [Historic Universal Health Care legislation](#) as well as supporting the [Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act](#).

Congressman Ellison has worked on the foreclosure crisis and its negative impact on the affordable rental housing market. As a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, he has been involved in international issues as well. This includes travel to Darfur, weighing in on issues in Gaza, turning a critical eye on U.S. sanctions on Iran, and lending support to Haiti in the wake of the earthquake there. At the August 27<sup>th</sup> breakfast, Congressman Ellison will provide an update on federal legislation affecting Minneapolis residents.

*Breakfast with Gary* is a monthly meeting held from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. at the [Mercado Central](#), 1515 East Lake Street. \$5 buys breakfast.



[Community Energy Services](#) is a full-service, one-stop residential energy program designed to help Minneapolis homeowners save money and reduce energy waste.

## Save money on utility bills

Need help improving the energy efficiency of your home? The [Center for Energy and Environment](#) will offer home energy audits and up to \$400 worth of energy

efficiency materials to homeowners in many Minneapolis neighborhoods this fall. CEE will also help homeowners with utility rebates, contractors, and financing.

The group has already helped 1,500 Minneapolis residents save over \$200,000 on utility bills in the past year. The Community Energy Services program is available in certain Minneapolis neighborhoods right now and will be open to all Minneapolis residents in September. To find out which neighborhoods are eligible and to sign up for a workshop, visit the [CEE website](#).

## Permanent home sought for Midtown Farmers Market

The City of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Public Schools [are seeking development proposals](#) for the 6.48-acre site that is home to the Midtown Farmer's



The Brown Institute Building housed Anishinabe Academy until 2009 (MPR Photo/Tom Weber).

Market. The Minneapolis Public School District purchased the site in 1998 for use as a magnet school.

The City is seeking proposals for high-quality, high-density transit-oriented development. A key component of any proposal should be a permanent home for the Midtown Farmer's Market. The Midtown Farmers Market was founded in 2003 by volunteers from seven South Minneapolis neighborhoods. This open-air farmers market was the result of their vision to create a public marketplace at the hub created by the new Hiawatha light rail station.

For more information about the request for proposal [email Dollie Crowther](#) or call 612-673-5263.

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