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Eighth Ward News

"Bancroft, Bryant, Central, Field-Regina-Northrop, Kingfield, Powderhorn"

From Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden

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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 Tuesday, 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

Nominate a Community Leader: Ward 8 Leadership Awards Ceremony January 28

On Friday, January 28, Elizabeth will present the **Fifth Annual Ward 8 Community Leader Awards** and the **Stephanie Ball-Bailey Youth Leader Award**. If you know of a neighbor, block club, organization, business, youth group, or faith-based program in the 8th Ward that deserves recognition, we would like your input! Please note that the Stephanie Ball-Bailey Youth Leader Award is intended to recognize youth and young adults for their leadership and community contributions.

Please send nominations (in 150 words or less) for either award to elizabeth.glidden@ci.minneapolis.mn.us or mail to Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden, 350 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis, MN 55415 by **Wednesday, January 19th**.

The awards will be presented at Early Mornings with Elizabeth on **January 28, 2010, from 7:30 – 9 am** at Turtle Bread, 4762 Chicago Ave. Be sure to mark your calendars for this fun filled event where great neighbors will be recognized! Free coffee courtesy of Turtle Bread!

Fundraiser for Guadalupe Galeno-Hernandez

Central Neighborhood is organizing a fundraiser for Guadalupe Galeno-Hernandez, a 12-year-old resident of the Central neighborhood who was critically injured by gunfire this past November. Guadalupe faces a long recovery, and she and her family need our help! Details are below:

Saturday, January 15

4:00 – 6:00pm

All God's Children Church

3100 Park Ave

To help with the event contact CANDO at (612) 824-1333. To donate, come to the event, donate at an M & I Bank (e.g, 320 E. Lake St) or send in your donation via www.helpguadalupe.com. The event will feature food, live music, a dance troupe, silent auction and more!

Clearing sidewalks and Spreading the Word About Snow Emergencies



With the completion of the city's record-tying 6th Snow Emergency in a season, Winter Parking Restrictions in Minneapolis continue. During Winter Parking Restrictions, parking is banned on the EVEN side of non-Snow Emergency routes and drivers still need to follow all posted NO PARKING signs.

The City of Minneapolis has many ways to help you learn about Snow Emergencies (when declared) and Winter Parking Restrictions rules. In addition to informing the media, you can:

- **Call the hotline - (612) 348-SNOW**, to find out if a Snow Emergency has been declared and where to park during Winter Parking Restrictions.
- **Check out the City's website** - Go to www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/snow to find out whether a Snow Emergency has been declared and street specific information.
- **Snow Emergency Phone alerts** - to receive a call to your cell phone, go to www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/snow/phone-alert.asp to sign up.
- **E-mail alerts** - You can sign up to get Snow Emergency alerts automatically e-mailed to you. Go to www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/snow/esubscribe.asp for more details.
- Follow Minneapolis Snow Emergency on **Facebook** or **Twitter**.

Clearing your Sidewalks



Streets get a lot of attention in the news when it snows, but sidewalks are also a critical part of our city's transportation system. This winter in particular, sidewalks are especially hazardous, forcing many

pedestrians to walk in the street to try and find safe passage.

Minneapolis ordinance requires that home owners clear sidewalks within 24 hours after a snowfall. Apartment and commercial buildings must clear their sidewalks clear within four daylight hours after the snowfall. Here are some tips:

- **Spread sand or ice-melting materials on icy area.** The City offers several sites where residents can pick up free sand for their residential sidewalks. Locations are open 24 hours/day. The sites are:
 - 6036 Harriet Ave. S., *on West 60th Street between Lyndale and Harriet*
 - 1809 Washington St. NE, *at 18th and Jefferson*
 - E. 27th Street, *just east of Longfellow Avenue near the Public Works gate*
- **Keep on top of the snowfall** – Staying caught up early in the season will help you with each snowfall. Shovel the sidewalks on all sides of your property, the full width of the sidewalk down to the bare pavement. Corners can take special attention; make sure a wheelchair can get through on your block. When possible, remove all ice from sidewalks.
- **Remember garbage and recycling pickups** – Solid waste collection crews are out working, even after a heavy snowfall. Make sure to clear a path three feet wide from your garbage cart and recycling bin to the alley or street. Also make sure your cart and bin can be moved freely.
- **Help is available** – If you need help shoveling, you can contact City of Minneapolis senior services at (612) 673-3567 to find out what resources may be available in your neighborhood.
- **Help your neighbors** – Lend a hand to neighbors who may have a hard time shoveling, or help out if there is an empty home on your block.
- **Make a report** – You can file an online complaint or call 311 to report a sidewalk that is not shoveled. The City of Minneapolis will send a warning letter and give the

property owners a chance to clear their sidewalk. If city crews clear the sidewalk, after a citation has been issued, it is at the owner's expense.

Inclusion Fund, which was created in 2007 as part of a Community Benefits agreement with USIW, the company that owns and manages the citywide wireless network.

Information Fair Helps Parents Choose the Right Minneapolis School



Are you trying to find the right school for your son or daughter? If so, plan on attending an upcoming school information fair hosted by Minneapolis Public Schools.

The information fair is an important way to learn about Minneapolis schools and also meet principals, teachers and coordinators. Parents with children entering pre-kindergarten, kindergarten or moving on to middle school for the 2011-12 school year are strongly encouraged to attend.

- **Pre-K-8 School Information Fair,** Saturday, Jan 8, 9 am-2 pm, Hyatt Regency Hotel, 1300 Nicollet Mall

Child care will be available through Minneapolis Kids, the MPS school age childcare program. Parking is available at the Loring parking ramp (1330 Nicollet Avenue) and will be validated for up to two hours.

All school choices must be made using the district's School Choice request card. Those cards are due in on February 8, 2011.

For more information about the fair or school choice, please call Student Placement Services at (612) 668-1840 or visit www.mpls.k12.mn.us.

\$100,000 in Grants Seek to Bridge the Digital Divide in Minneapolis



The Digital Inclusion Fund has awarded 11 grants totaling \$100,000 to Minneapolis organizations for programs to promote technology access and technology literacy. These are the third set of grants awarded from the Digital

The Digital Inclusion Fund provides financial resources to organizations in Minneapolis that increase technology access and skills among low-income people, people of color, people with disabilities, immigrants and refugees, displaced workers, seniors and others in order to bridge the digital divide. The fund is managed by The Minneapolis Foundation.

For a list of the latest grant recipients, go to www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/wirelessminneapolis and click on "what's new."

To date, USI Wireless has provided more than \$500,000 to the Digital Inclusion Fund. In the years to come, a percentage of USI Wireless' revenue from wireless subscriptions will go into the fund.

Hey Teens: It's Time to Think About Summer Employment



Although it's winter, now is a great time to be thinking about summer jobs. Teenagers should start applying now for the Minneapolis STEP-UP Program so they'll be ready to earn money once school ends. Business owners and managers should also get motivated to so they can start hiring and training tomorrow's workforce.

Thousands of Minneapolis youth have landed summer jobs since 2004 through the City of Minneapolis STEP-UP Program. All Minneapolis youth, ages 14-21, are eligible to apply. The program trains and places youth in paid internships at local businesses. Youth selected for STEP-UP must attend work readiness training in April to be considered for a summer position. Earn \$7.25 to more than \$10.00 per hour and work part-time for up to nine weeks during the summer.

Applications will be accepted from now until February 4, 2011. Call 612-673-5041 for more information or see the website, www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/stepup.asp, for more information.

Want to join the 178 businesses that stepped up in 2010 to create opportunities for Minneapolis youth? Nonprofit agencies are eligible to employ an intern with wages paid by STEP-UP. For details, visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/stepup.asp.

Nicollet Square Supportive Housing Now Open



Everyone needs a fair start in life—the opportunity to get a first job to prove themselves, to have a safe and decent place to live. Most young people can count

on help from their families as they make the transition to adulthood. But about 1,300 young adults (aged 18–21) in Minnesota don't have that opportunity. They are homeless on any given night, with no one they count on for the help they'll need.

Nicollet Square, a new housing and retail development at 3700 Nicollet Avenue, will provide that fair start for young adults who are transitioning out of homelessness or foster care. Nicollet Square will feature reduced rents and a support service team to help tenants master the real life skills needed to increase their income and manage their lives productively. This mixed-use development has 42 studio apartments and offices for the support staff.

Supportive housing, such as this, has been demonstrated locally and nationally to be effective in breaking the cycle of homelessness and helping individuals become productive and engaged citizens.

Nicollet Square has received hundreds of applications and is narrowing the list down to the 42 who will become the first residents of Nicollet Square. Nicollet Square will be fully occupied by the end of February 2011. The building will have a full-time property manager on-site and 24/7 front desk staffing provided by CommonBond Communities.

Please feel free to contact Plymouth Church Neighborhood Foundation directly with questions or comments or to volunteer your support. Visit:

www.plymouthfoundation.org or call (612) 871-0890.

Comments on the City's Agriculture Plan Sought



The City of Minneapolis invites the public to comment on a draft of the Urban Agriculture Policy Plan aimed at creating land use and zoning guidelines to support local food-

related activities. The draft policy plan supports the City's Homegrown Minneapolis initiative that unites efforts to get more healthful, locally grown food processed, distributed and eaten in Minneapolis.

The plan will be available for public review and comment now until Jan. 31, 2011. The draft plan includes recommendations related to land use, zoning, and access to land for growing food. A southside meeting to discuss the plan will be held:

- **Tuesday, January 11, 6:30-8pm,**
Sabathani Community Center (3rd Floor),
310 E. 38th Street.

To view the plan, go to

www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/urban_ag_plan.asp.

Ward 8 Community Office Hours



Elizabeth holds community office hours every Monday, from 9 -11:00am at Sabathani Community Center, 310 E. 38th Street, Room 129. Please drop by or call our office for a time certain meeting. Also, you can always call the 8th Ward Office with your questions at (612) 673-2208 or e-mail Elizabeth with your questions at elizabeth.glidden@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.