



# Eighth Ward E-News

From Minneapolis City Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden  
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## 1. VOTE IN THE PRIMARY SEPTEMBER 12TH

**Make your vote count on September 12<sup>th</sup>!** The 2006 election season includes all federal, state, and county offices, plus Minneapolis School Board. The polls are open from 7 am to 8 pm on September 12<sup>th</sup>, the Primary. The Minneapolis Elections Department provides a list of [2006 polling places](#). If you are not sure what voter precinct you

live in, use the [Voting Precinct Finder](#) to enter your address and find out where to vote, or call 311 to ask about voting locations. In Minnesota you can register to vote on election day – information about [Election Day Registration Requirements](#) may be obtained from the Elections Department by calling 311 or (612) 673-2070.

## 2. PLANNING FOR 38<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND CHICAGO CORRIDORS

On August 21<sup>st</sup>, more than 50 people attended the Small Area Plan Kick-Off at Calvary Lutheran Church and contributed their ideas and energy for this project. Neighborhood representatives, community activists, church and faith leaders, as well as several from Hennepin County Probation attended. After the meeting, one resident noted, "There are many wonderful people in our neighborhood who bring many talents to the table. I looked around last night and saw several lawyers, three MBA's, graphic designers, writers, educators, and artists that are willing to lend a hand. I think the job is big enough that it will require an all-hands-on-deck effort!"

Help shape development along the 38<sup>th</sup> Street and Chicago corridors by attending one or more upcoming planning meetings. The project area covers Chicago from 31<sup>st</sup> Street to 40<sup>th</sup> Street, and 38<sup>th</sup> Street from Bloomington Avenue to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South.

Monday, September 18:

Monday, October 16:

Monday, November 13:

What do we want to achieve through development?

Exploring Development Options: A Hands-on Learning Tool

Panel conversation with developers, Minneapolis Community

Planning and Economic Development staff, and neighborhood leaders



All meetings start at 7 pm at Calvary Lutheran Church, 39<sup>th</sup> & Chicago. For further information about the Small Area / Corridor Plan, visit: [www.38thandchicago](http://www.38thandchicago).

### 3. SPEAK PROJECT: Dedication Celebration September 9<sup>th</sup>

Central neighborhood resident Heather Doyle is someone who puts thought into action and doesn't take "no" for an answer! This spring, Heather conceived of a public art project that would help beautify 38<sup>th</sup> and Chicago and provided great experiences for young people in our neighborhoods. As a metal sculpture instructor at Minneapolis Community and Technical College (MCTC), and dedicated community activist, Heather was uniquely qualified to organize the project, obtain funding and support from neighborhood groups and local businesses, and then recruit and train youth to design and create the sculptures.

As Heather's literature describes, the SPEAK Project is a youth-produced metal sculpture installation representing an important dialogue between the community and our youth. Its introductory piece, SPEAK, serves as a plea to our youth, inviting their voices to be heard: "Speak. We are listening. What does 'unity in diversity' mean to you ... in your own words?" The SPEAK Project sculpture park is their answer. Please join Heather Doyle and local youth artists at a Dedication Celebration on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 4-6 pm, at 3644 Chicago Avenue South.

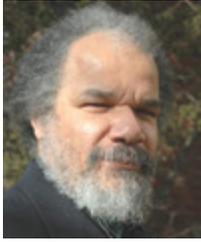
### 4. Minneapolis Selects US Internet as WI-FI Vendor

On Friday, September 1, 2006, the City Council selected US Internet, a local Twin Cities company, as the vendor to make wireless (WI-FI) services available to residents throughout the city limits. This is the first city contract that has included a [Community Benefits Agreement](#), the terms of which were developed by a diverse group of community residents and representatives from government, labor, and non-profit institutions. The City of Minneapolis is an "anchor tenant" on this network and the services it is purchasing will enhance the existing work of our police, inspections, public works, and more. Residents will be able to purchase services from US Internet or from competitors on the network.

The City will pay 2.2 million as a partial up-front payment for services, which will be credited against all future payments for the life of the 10-year contract. This includes credit for the time value of money (the potential for interest earned on this upfront payment) in the amount of \$978,000. The city's payments for service to US Internet will not exceed payments departments now make for existing services (such as cellphones and other data and voice services). Community benefits include payment of \$500,000 to establish a digital inclusion fund, managed by community members, and 90 community log-in sites with access to much public information, called "walled gardens".

### 5. Ending Homelessness in Minneapolis and Hennepin County

There are more than 8,600 homeless people in Minnesota, many of them in the metro area. In March of 2006, nearly 70 leaders, representing the federal, state, and local governments, business, non-profit, faith and philanthropic communities, along with homeless and formerly homeless citizens, came together to search for a solution to end homelessness in Minneapolis and Hennepin County. This is part of a national movement to expand what works and take bold new action to change the paradigm from managing homelessness to ending homelessness. In a span of 100 days, the members of the [Commission on](#)



[Homelessness](#) met and developed a draft report – [Heading Home Hennepin](#) (linked here)- to end homelessness in Minneapolis and Hennepin County by the year 2016. This plan is available for public comment through Sept. 22, 2006.

You can submit comments in writing to Cathy ten Broeke, Coordinator on Homelessness for Minneapolis and Hennepin County, A-1605 Government Center, 300 S 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Minneapolis, MN 55487-1605 or email [cathy.tenbroeke@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:cathy.tenbroeke@ci.minneapolis.mn.us). Public comments will be accepted through

Friday, Sept. 22, 2006.

## 6. Early Mornings with Elizabeth

Starting this September, we are pleased to announce *Early Mornings with Elizabeth*, a monthly community roundtable for residents that will take place the last Friday of every month, 7:30 – 9:00 am. The host site for Early Mornings is Turtle Bread, at 48<sup>th</sup> & Chicago. Our first meeting will be September 29<sup>th</sup> with guest speakers Dr. Bill Green, Minneapolis Superintendent of Schools, and Mayor RT Rybak. Thanks to the generosity of Turtle Bread, free coffee will be provided. Please call our office at (612) 673-2208 if you would like more information.

Dr. Bill Green

## 7. 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.

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