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Eighth Ward News

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

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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 Organization
Meets 1st Tuesday, 7 pm
Phelps Park, 3900 Chicago

Central

CANDO
Meets 3rd Thursday, 6:15 pm
Sabathani Community Center
310 East 38th Street, Room 304

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

Field-Regina-Northrop

www.frnng.org
Meets 3rd Wednesday, 7 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

Youth Coordinating Board Funding Increases Helps Fund Youth Activities at Schools, Parks, and Libraries

On June 4th, the Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board (YCB), awarded \$200,000 to increase programming at schools, parks, and libraries for summer 2008. Programs funded will provide leadership training, service learning, sports and arts, and outreach for youth whose second language is English.

"This funding is going to help hundreds of children in Minneapolis have a safe, fun summer, but that's only one of the reasons to make this investment," said City Council Member Elizabeth Glidden, who is Chair of the YCB. "These programs do more than just keep kids busy, they also help them develop skills and interests that they'll use throughout their lives, whether it's leadership, reading, computers, music, or sports."

Programs funded will include extended hours with youth programming for Green Central and Powderhorn Park Recreation Centers, library activities at East Lake, as well as several programming opportunities in Phillips. Funding will also support the Minneapolis Youth Congress, which provides leadership and policy-making skills to young people, and the Youth Are Here Buses, which provide safe, free transportation to youth activities in north and south Minneapolis.

The **Youth Are Here buses** have been operating now for a full year. The summer route will launch on **June 23, 2008**, with Southside stops at Green Central gym (4th Avenue side), Circle of Discipline (1201 E Lake Street), Powderhorn Park (15th Ave entrance); Franklin Library (1314 E Franklin); Stewart Park/Anderson School (on 12th Ave side); Phillips Community Center (on 11th Ave and 24th St); East Lake Library (2727 E Lake); and Longfellow Park (3435-36th Ave).

The **Youth are Here** bus is free, but registration is required. The bus will drive a circular route and hit all stops every hour, from noon – 8 pm. Find out more about the YCB and the Youth are Here Buses at www.ycb.org.



Midtown Community Restorative Justice Celebrates 10 years!

Restorative Justice, an approach that focuses on the community and crime victim as well as the offender, gives offenders an opportunity to repair the damage caused by their actions and to assume a valued role in the community. Members of the community meet with offenders to hold them directly accountable for their actions. In the past 10 years, Midtown Community Restorative Justice (MCRJ) has served over 600 clients (offenders), and has facilitated over 1,500 meetings with offenders and community members. MCRJ clients have provided 12,000 volunteer hours of service in the surrounding neighborhoods, including Powderhorn, Central, Corcoran and Phillips.

On Thursday, June 19, 2008, from 6-8 pm, MCRJ will host a 10-year anniversary community celebration at 821 East 35th Street. Please call (612) 543-2232 for more information about this event. To find out more about MCRJ, including volunteer opportunities for community members, go to www.ppna.org. Congratulations MCRJ on your 10-year anniversary!

MnDOT Construction Update: Urban Partnership Agreement

Minnesota has been awarded \$133.3 million to help reduce congestion on I-35W by implementing Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) from Lakeville to Minneapolis, with the addition of a dedicated bus lane that will also be a HOT (high occupancy toll) lane.

As part of this project, Minneapolis has recently been informed that **sound walls will be constructed from 42nd to 32nd Streets**. While this information is still extremely new, MnDOT has stated that residents will be given similar options to those presented as part of the Crosstown Commons Project: namely, that residents will have some choice on the *type* of wall and choice on *whether to accept sound walls or not*. **Minneapolis is working now with MnDOT to schedule a neighborhood meeting, to take place in early July 2008, to discuss the noise walls and other project components**. Issues to be addressed will include the schedule of the project, landscaping plan, nighttime noise and work hours, and other particulars. Project construction may begin as early as September 2008, although it is unclear whether sound wall construction would start at that early date.

Detailed information about this project, including maps of the project area, can be found at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/funding/upa/>.

Central Neighborhood Residents offer Historic Walking Tour

There is lots of energy in Central neighborhood this summer, with a focus on featuring Central's beautiful historic homes. Central neighborhood residents Ryan Knoke and Montana Scheff have developed a tour that will be sponsored by the City of Minneapolis Planning Department this summer

The tour, titled "**From Queen Annes to Classical Revivals: Stories of Park Avenue & Its People**," will focus on areas south of Lake St. where ornate Queen Annes share blocks with stately Revivals & elegant Four-Squares. Find out how Park Avenue's premier status in the late 1800's and early 1900's helped make it one of the first streets in Minneapolis to be paved. Ascertain the differences between turn-of-the-century architectural styles and details, and learn about the architects and builders of these fine residences. Hear stories about the first owners and admire original photographs. Discover what is being done by current residents to preserve and restore these fine residences and gain helpful tips on how to get started researching the history of your own house.

Please join tour guides Ryan and Montana on **June 28, at 10 am, at Park Ave & 37th St (the flood pond)**. The tour will end by 12pm at Park Ave & 31st St. You can find out more about this tour and others at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/hpc/walking-tours.asp.

Hosmer Library Hours Increased

Beginning June 1, 2008, 13 additional Hennepin County Libraries will have Sunday hours from 1pm – 5 pm. Minneapolis libraries with increased hours include Hosmer (347 E 36th St), East Lake (2727 E Lake Street), North Regional (1315 Lowry Ave N), and Minneapolis Central (300 Nicollet Mall).

Find out more about our libraries and the many services they offer at www.mplib.org or www.hclib.org.