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Eighth Ward News

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

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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

Disparities Study Confirms Continuing Disparities in Contract Awards: Public Comment Sought on Recommendations for Change

A study to help the City of Minneapolis understand how women-owned and minority-owned businesses compete for contracts offered by the City and in the private sector is now complete. Completion of the study is necessary for the City to continue its program supporting Small and Underutilized Businesses – specifically women and minority owned businesses.

The study found that that discrimination was a factor impacting contract access in Minneapolis. The study has recommendations aiming to reverse this situation, including enhancing current City efforts to fight discrimination and adding new initiatives. These initiatives involve race- and gender-conscious remedies and race- and gender-neutral initiatives.

The City Council has opened a public comment period until Dec 3, 2010, on the Disparity Study, inviting written comments to the Civil Rights Department by e-mail to cynthia.govan@ci.minneapolis.mn.us or by mail to: Minneapolis Civil Rights Department, Attn: Cynthia Govan, 250 S. 4th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415. The City Council will act on the report's recommendations on December 9, 2010.

You can review the Disparities Study and Recommendations at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/news/20101104DisparityStudy.asp. A paper copy of the Disparities Study and Recommendations is also available for review at the **Hosmer Library, 347 E 36th Street.**

Supporting and prioritizing the recommendations of the Disparities Study is critical to how Minneapolis continues to support an environment where all people and companies working with the City can compete for our business fairly, and how the City promotes diverse participation on projects or purchases financed in whole or part by City funds.

Fall Street Sweeping is in Full Swing!



Fall street sweeping began **Tuesday, October 26**. Street sweeping crews will clean around 1,100 miles of Minneapolis streets, curb to curb. Help them do their job by following the street sweep parking rules. Anyone who parks on the street will need to follow these rules or their cars may be ticketed and towed.

- **“No Parking” signs** – City crews will post “No Parking” signs at least 24 hours before sweeping any streets, banning parking from 7am – 4:30pm on the day a street is swept. Vehicles parked in violation of the “No Parking” signs will be ticketed and towed to the Minneapolis Impound Lot.
- **Interactive web feature** – You can use the City’s website to find out when the sweepers are coming through your neighborhoods. Type in your address at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/streetsweep for complete details.

Clean Streets Mean a Healthier Environment



Minneapolis is known for its sparkling lakes and waterways, and we want to keep it that way. Street sweeping is one way we work to protect our environment because it keeps

leaves and debris from clogging our storm drains and polluting our lakes and rivers. Please don’t push leaves into the streets – it’s bad for our lakes and waterways, can cause safety hazards, and is against the law.

To highlight this issue, in mid-October Metro Blooms and volunteers picked up 50 bags of leaves out of the street near 31st and Elliot. If all of those leaves washed into storm drains, that would be enough to bloom 10,000 pounds of algae in Powderhorn Lake next summer. One pound of leaves washed into the lake contains enough phosphorous to bloom ten pounds of algae. You can learn more about community leaf cleanup events at www.freshwater.org.

Yard Waste Collection Ends the Week of Nov. 15



Your garbage collection day in the week of Nov 15 is this year’s last collection for leaves, brush and other yard trimmings at no additional charge. Set bags of leaves and bundles of brush next to your garbage cart by 6am.

Branches and leaves must be tied or bagged. Leaf bags must be smaller than 33 gallons and weigh less than 40 pounds. Branches must be less than three inches in diameter and less than three feet long, and bundles must weigh less than 40 pounds.

Questions? Call (612) 673-2917 from 8am - 4:30pm.

Crosstown Commons Construction is Complete!



At long last, the Crosstown Commons construction is complete. For neighbors who have lived through months and years of construction, this is truly a time to celebrate!

You are invited to a ribbon cutting celebration this **Saturday, Nov 13, 10:30am-1pm, Pearl Park, 414 E Diamond Lake Rd.** Program begins at 11 am.

Festivities will include food, fun and family-friendly activities including a “construction petting zoo.” Questions? crosstown@rranow.com or 1-866-743-6590.

Hosmer Library Concert Series



Did you know that Hosmer Library, at 347 E 36th Street, sponsors a **free** monthly concert series? Concerts start at 2pm Saturday afternoons and last about one hour.

Upcoming concerts include:

- Nov. 13 -- Swedish Traditional Folk Music

- Nov. 20 -- Paul Boenke: Bach Society's artistic director plays harpsichord and clavichord
- Dec. 11 – Treveld: Gypsy, swing, old-time music
- Jan. 8 -- Hurdy Gurdy: Featuring Daniel Echland

between 10th Ave. and Chicago Avenue. For more info and other meeting dates: www.niceridemn.org. If you are unable to attend a workshop, you can send your ideas to ideas@niceridemn.org.

38th and Chicago Rezoning – Public Hearing Nov 15

In 2008, after a vote of approval from the four neighborhoods surrounding 38th and Chicago, the City Council approved the 38th Street and Chicago Avenue Corridor Framework Small Area Plan.

One of the required steps for the City after approval of a Small Area Plan is to review existing zoning as part of a rezoning study. At 38th and Chicago, the City has proposed zoning changes to help implement the vision for revitalization from the 38th and Chicago Small Area Plan. You can review the City's proposed zoning changes and the full Small Area Plan at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/chicago-38.asp.

Proposed zoning changes have been discussed in meetings with neighborhood associations, business and property owners at 38th and Chicago, and a community meeting held in September.

The **38th and Chicago Rezoning Study Public Hearing** is Monday Nov 15th, 4:30pm, at City Hall, 350 South Fifth Street, Room 317. Anyone is welcome to speak at the public hearing, or you can send comments or questions to City Planner Paul Mogush at paul.mogush@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

Budget Comment Period: Nov 18, 6:05pm



On Thursday, Nov 18, starting at 6:05pm, the City Council will take comment on the Mayor's proposed 2011 budget and property tax levy. Any resident can appear and

speak. The meeting is held at City Hall, 350 South Fifth Street, Room 317. A full copy of the Mayor's Recommended 2011 Budget can be found at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/finance. A special edition Ward 8 newsletter will be forthcoming with more details on the proposed budget.

Grand Opening for 46th Street/I-35W BRT Station on Sunday Dec 5th



Join Metro Transit and neighborhood representatives for a ribbon cutting at the 46th Street BRT

station on Sunday, Dec 5, at 2pm! The new station at 46th Street over I-35W is the first in-lane station in the Twin Cities for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). Transit riders can use stairs or an elevator in the station to travel from the bridge to an enclosed area on the freeway below to catch the bus. Bicycle riders can use bike racks at 46th Street or bring them in the station and onto the BRT Bus. Features will include real-time signage announcing arrival times of BRT Busses.

Changes for neighbors include improved local service to the BRT station, with service on E 46th Street and E 42nd Street every 15 minutes during rush hour. Some of the biggest benefits to riders will include much faster service to southern suburban destinations. For more detail on service improvements and changes, go to www.metrotransit.org/i-35w-46th-street-transit-plan.aspx or call (612) 373-3333.

Give Input to Nice Ride on Expansion of Bike Sharing Program



Nice Ride Minnesota launched the largest public bike sharing system in America on June 10 of this year. It is holding workshops to discuss plans for

expansion and get your ideas on where Nice Ride bike stations should be located in our neighborhoods. The South Minneapolis meeting is **Thursday, November 11, 6:30 - 8pm**, at Freewheel Midtown Bike Center, 2834 10th Av. S., Minneapolis, Minnesota. Enter on Greenway

Solar Works!



Make Mine Solar H2O is a community initiative organized by the MN Renewable Energy Society, a local nonprofit, to enable individuals and

businesses to affordably install solar thermal systems and take advantage of bulk purchase discounts, state rebates and federal incentives. Solar thermal systems use solar panels to gather solar radiation for heating air or water for domestic and commercial use.

You are invited to a FREE information session on **SolarWorks** on Tuesday, Nov 16, 7pm, at PPNA, 821 E 35th Street. Treats provided by Mayday Café. Come and see how you can BE THE CHANGE.

Things Are Looking Bright at the Minneapolis Convention Center



The Upper Midwest's largest solar photovoltaic system is now under construction at the Minneapolis Convention Center, with 1,250 of its 2,613 solar panels installed.

The solar array will connect directly to the convention center's internal electrical system and produce 750,000 kWh of renewable energy per year. That's the equivalent of powering 85 homes annually. When completed, the array will reduce coal consumption by approximately 367 metric tons every year. This installation uses local partners and local labor, which is good for our economy and boosts our local talent for future projects.

The 600 kW system will be made up of 2,613 panels installed at an angle on the flat portions of the roof; it will not be visible from the street. The installation was made possible by a \$2 million grant from Xcel Energy's Renewable Development Fund. Solar energy is clean and renewable; the facility is staying just as productive, just as comfortable and just as bright using less energy, and that's good government.

RiverLake Greenway Construction Underway



RiverLake Greenway construction is almost complete! This includes final construction of bumpouts, medians, one diverter, and placing traffic and wayfinding signs along the route. Two-way traffic and parking remain on 40th Street. You can review detailed layout plans at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cip/riverlake.

Some elements of the RiverLake Greenway will be implemented in Spring of 2011. For instance, striping/pavement "share the road" markings will be painted after the winter season, in order to get the longest life from them.

The City and neighborhoods of Bryant and Bancroft are soliciting interest in planting and ongoing maintenance of the many new green spaces created along the RiverLake Greenway, including opportunities at Portland, Park, Bloomington, and 11th Avenue all along 40th Street. Individuals, block clubs, or organizations can adopt a green space. To prevent erosion over the winter, sod will be laid in available green spaces this fall. Neighbors will be able to plant the green spaces in the Spring, with project funding help.

If you have any questions, please contact Don Pflaum, the project manager, at donald.pflaum@ci.minneapolis.mn.us or (612) 673-2129 or Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden at elizabeth.glidden@ci.minneapolis.mn.us or (612) 673-2208. And, look forward to a formal celebration of the RiverLake Greenway in Spring of 2011!

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.