

Ward One Update

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Message from Council Member Kevin Reich

The Eastside has always been known for its diverse, thriving business community and the Northeast Chamber's recent *Business & Community Awards* night confirmed that this has indeed been a promising year for business in Ward One. Northeast businessman Walt Sentyrz was among the honorees, while AccessAbility Inc received the *Mid-Size Business of the Year Award*. iDream.tv shared the Small Business of the Year Award with Eastside landmark Kramarczuk Sausage Company.

We've welcomed a number of exciting new enterprises to our ward, including Corporate Art Force, Modern Survey, and Blu Dot, and also seen the expansion of established businesses like National Marrow Donor Program. City of Minneapolis financing models and business assistance have contributed to business development in our ward, ranging from the expansion of Sojourner Farms in the Logan Park neighborhood to the new OATI headquarters in Columbia Park.

Another area of growth has been in the restaurant industry. From the newly opened Stanley's on University Avenue to the soon-to-open Hazel's on Johnson Street, new restaurants have been springing up all over Ward One to join well-established eateries like Holy Land and Sen Yai Sen Lek.

Why all the activity? Support from our vibrant community is the single most significant factor in the success of our local businesses. So let's make the coming holiday season a reason to shop local. Check out great gift sources like Dabble, Rewind Vintage and Crafty Planet. Introduce holiday guests to delicious dining options like Amici, Chimborazo and many more. Visit a gallery, patronize a coffee shop, stop by a bakery or check out a local grocery store. Check out the Northeast Neighbors & Business Association website for their Shop Local Challenge: http://www.northeastnba.com/. Your support for neighborhood business is a great local stimulus plan.

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First Ward Neighborhood Associations

<u>Audubon Park Neighborhood</u> <u>Association</u>

<u>Columbia Park Neighborhood</u> <u>Association</u>

<u>Holland Neighborhood</u> <u>Improvement Association (HNIA)</u>

Logan Park Neighborhood Association

<u>Concerned Citizens of Marshall</u> <u>Terrace</u>

Northeast Park Neighborhood Association

Southeast Como Improvement Association

Waite Park Community Council

Windom Park Citizens in Action

Happy Birthday, Eastside Food Co-op!

The Eastside Food Co-op is celebrating its 7th anniversary on **Saturday**, **December 11**. Here are just a few of the many events going on that day:

- Winter Farmers Market 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Plastics Recycling 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Friends of the Northeast Library Book Sale 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Progressive Cake Walk as long as the cake lasts!
- Live music, door prizes and drawings

Take some time to stop by and help celebrate their success.

Edison High School News

Congratulations to Edison High School Service-Learning Coordinator **Whitney Hough**, who received the "Alice Musabende Outstanding Citizen Award" for her work with Edison students on a University of Minnesota documentary on genocide. The students interviewed five survivors of genocide from Asia, Africa and Europe. Their interviews were incorporated into a film called "Children of Genocide: Five Who Survived", which has been nominated for a regional Emmy award.

Thursday, December 2 marks the first home game of the Edison Varsity Girls' basketball season. Pre-game entertainment will feature the Edison Alumni Band, starting at 6:45, with game time at 7 p.m. CM Reich will be emceeing the event. This will be an exciting family-friendly event with food, dance competitions, prizes and much more. The Edison girls' basketball team were sub-sectional champions last year. This first home game will give you an opportunity to help launch them on another successful season.

There will also be a pre-game fundraiser on **December 2** at Sen Yai Sen Lek, 2422 Central Avenue, 4:45 – 6:15 p.m. Come and enjoy free appetizers and good company as you join Public Education Northeast (PEN) and Edison Community & Sports Foundation (ECSF) to raise funds for promoting the Edison girls' basketball games and Northeast Middle School's Winter Warm-Up.

Children's Safety Seminar

Saturday, December 4, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Waite Park Community Council is sponsoring a safety seminar for parents and K-5 children. The seminar will be conducted by the Jacob Wetterling Resource Center and will include a discussion of personal boundaries and age-appropriate information and activities for children. The event is hosted by Waite Park Wesleyan Church, 1510 33rd Avenue NE. Pre-register at childsafety@waiteparkchurch.org.



Need to report a broken street light? Is there a stray dog roaming your neighborhood? Do you just want a question about the City of Minneapolis answered? Minneapolis 311 is the most efficient option for taking care of these and many other issues.

Beginning April 12, Minneapolis 311 hours will be reduced. Operators will be available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mon.-Fri. However, you will find many 311 services and information sources online at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/311. Also, the Ward One office staff is 311-trained, so you may always call our office at 612-673-2201 for assistance.

Get Ready for Snow Emergencies

The winter weather is here, and the City's Public Works crews are equipped and ready to plow and treat more than 1,500 miles of Minneapolis streets, parkways and alleys. Snow Emergencies are declared whenever there's enough snowfall to warrant a complete plowing of our streets.

Here are some tips to ensure that the City can get the job done and you don't get ticketed and/or towed in the process:

- Call the hotline 612-348-SNOW to find out if a Snow Emergency has been declared. The hotline will include information on parking restrictions in English, Spanish, Somali, and Hmong.
- Sign up for an automated phone alert. Go to http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/snow/phone-alert.asp or just call 311.
- Sign up for an email or text message alert. Go to http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/snow/esubscribe.asp.

Snow Shoveling Guidelines

Minneapolis ordinance requires property owners to clear sidewalks after a snowfall within 24 hours for houses and duplexes and four daytime hours for apartment and commercial buildings. When you shovel snow and clear ice, shovel the sidewalks on all sides of your property, the full width of the sidewalk down to the bare pavement.

After shoveling and clearing your sidewalks, spreading sand or icemelting material is helpful. The City offers 24-hour sites where residents can pick up free sand for their residential sidewalks. Please bring your own pail and shovel. The most convenient free sand location for Ward One is 1809 Washington St. NE (18th and Jefferson).

Snowy, icy sidewalks can cause significant hazards for all of us. If you are aware of sidewalks that haven't been shoveled or cleared in 24 hours, please call 311 or go online to report them at http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/snow/snow.asp.

This season can also create enormous hardships for homeowners who are seniors and/or mobility-impaired and might have difficulty clearing their sidewalks. If you are aware of neighbors who could use a hand, and you aren't able to assist them yourself, please suggest to them that they give Ward One office a call at 612-673-2201 so that we can try to connect them with services.



Many of us are trying to cut back on paper bag use by taking our own

bags to the grocery store. If you find that that practice leaves you short of paper bags for separating your recycling, the City of Minneapolis has an alternative for you. You may use wastebaskets, pails or corrugated boxes for separated paper, plastic or cans. These alternative containers should be 10 gallons or less and there must be a city recycling sticker on at least one side of the container.

The Ward One office has a supply of recycling stickers, so if you need some, just give us a call at 612-673-2201. We would be happy to mail or drop them off for you.

Non-Profit Spotlight: AccessAbility, Inc.

Nestled between East Hennepin and Broadway Avenues, AccessAbility, Inc. (AAI) resides at 360 Hoover St. NE. This Minneapolis non-profit has served people with disabilities and other challenges to employment since 1948. Providing immediate work and community inclusion are their specialties. Whether it is working with a young adult transitioning from high school or a mature adult winding down for retirement, AAI's programs and services are immediate, long-term and life-changing.

Individuals coming to AAI are assessed to determine their aspirations, challenges and capabilities and are matched with local business opportunities. They often gain experience in one of AAI's Business Services operations. These included a contract manufacturing operation, AAI SecureDocssm (a document scanning service bureau and AAA certified shredding operation), and Imagine Design (a retail gift operation). Individuals gain job skills, whether it be working with power tools, performing data entry or fulfilling orders and start earning a paycheck immediately, which contributes to their confidence and self-esteem. Supervised teams or individuals also work onsite at local businesses and government agencies, while AAI manages process development, attendance, productivity, quality, benefits and insurance.

To set up a tour or learn more about their services and the work they are doing to in job placement, long-term job retention and self-sufficiency, call 612-331-5958 or go to http://www.accessability.org/

Homegrown Minneapolis Community Meeting

An upcoming Homegrown Minneapolis community meeting on **Thursday, December 9, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**, at the Urban Research and Outreach Center, 2001 Plymouth Avenue North features a presentation on the **Urban Agriculture Policy Plan** that's been under development and being released for a 45-day public comment period. Brief presentations will be followed by breakout sessions on the Plan and other current Homegrown Minneapolis topics. For more information, contact Homegrown Minneapolis coordinator June Mathiowetz at 612-673-2027.

Bicycle Advisory Committee Openings

The City of Minneapolis is taking applications for Bicycle Advisory Committee members with a term beginning January 1, 2011 and ending May 31, 2012. There will be 13 appointed members (one from each ward) and a staff member representing the Mayor's office. The application deadline is December 10, 2010. If you are interested in applying, click HERE or call Don Pflaum at 612-673-5793.

Meet with your Council Member

If you would like to discuss an issue or concern with Kevin, he'd be happy to meet with you at either City Hall or a convenient location in Ward One. Please call the Ward One office at 612-673-2201 or email lisa.brock@ci.minneapolis.mn.us

Links to City of Minneapolis Online Resources

Budget

to schedule a date.

- <u>Capital Improvement</u>
 <u>Projects</u>
- City Council Schedules
- Minneapolis Economic Recovery
- Results Minneapolis
- E-Subscribe
- Police
- City Goals

Save The Date:

NE Network

Thursday, December 9, 7:30-8:45 a.m. This month's topic will be Other Side of the Tracks: Future of Shoreham Yards. Featured speakers will include Shoreham Area Advisory Committee chair Gayle Bonneville and CPED Project Coordinator Kevin Carroll. Click HERE to RSVP for this event.

"Don't Drink the Water"

Thursday, December 9 & Friday, December 10, 7 p.m. Thomas Edison High School's student production of this classic comedy. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults.

Holiday Train

Saturday, December 11, 8:00-10:00 p.m. Join East Side Neighborhood Services, the Northeast Minneapolis Chamber and CP Railway representatives for activities, entertainment and food. Bring non-perishable food and money donations to benefit East Side Neighborhood's food shelves. The event takes place at the Canadian Pacific Railway Shoreham Yard, 2800 Central Avenue NE.

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