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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
Helps Park, 3900 Chicago

Central

CANDO
www.CANDOmpls.org
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, 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

City Budget Update: 2009 Budget Redo

On Monday, Feb. 23rd, Mayor Rybak presented his proposal for a revised 2009 City budget, set to be approved by the Council March 12th. Like other Minnesota cities, Minneapolis faces significant financial challenges in large part due to State finances and Governor Pawlenty's choice to reduce state aid to cities.

To date, Governor Pawlenty has cut \$13.1 million from a December 2008 LGA payment; he has also proposed reducing funding to the City by \$17 million in 2009 and \$35 million in 2010. Minneapolis already receives \$36 million less in State aid than it did five years ago – reductions that have forced Minneapolis and many other cities to raise property taxes to fund public safety and other services. If the Governor's cuts are made permanent, there is no question that public service to the residents of Minneapolis will be severely negatively impacted.

I have been working with my colleagues to ensure that these difficult cuts are fair and equitable across the board and that we make best use of available federal stimulus dollars. We are also calling on our state leaders to give Minneapolis the flexibility to manage our own budget, which includes keeping a fair share of the revenue our City produces. Did you know that Minneapolis sends \$74 million in property taxes and \$390 million in sales taxes *to* the state, but only receives \$71 million in LGA *from* the state? Please call your state legislators and help advocate for reform that is fair to property tax payers in the City of Minneapolis.

I look forward to your questions and comments about the City budget and any other issues – please call me at (612) 673-2208. If you would like to receive the 8th Ward Monthly E-news, please send me an email at: elizabeth.glidden@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

ReDefine, ReCreate, RelInvent: Kingfield Community Art Show



Kingfield's Fourth Annual Community Art Show, **aRt: ReCreate, ReDefine, RelInvent!** will be held on **Sat. March 21, 7-10 pm, at Rau + Barber, 4244 Nicollet**

Ave S. Materials for the creative soul are all around us, and local artists and community members are invited to create 2-dimensional or 3D art, reusing or rediscovering items and images in unexpected ways. Kinfield neighborhood association believes that art is the key to community. "aRt" will help our community live and thrive by bringing artists and neighbors together in the creation and appreciation of art.

You are invited to be inspired and dress the theme! Find out more at www.kingfield.org/art.

A Night on 48th: Support the Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group



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- Do you like classic movies on the big screen in a historical theater?
- Do you like Paul Newman or Robert Redford?
- Do you like delicious desserts prepared by a top shelf caterer?
- Do you like to sip on beer/wine when watching a movie?

If you answered yes to any of the above, please join us for **A Night on 48th!** Thursday, March 19 at 7pm, at the Parkway Theater, with movie at 9pm.

For just \$12 you get an array of desserts, a chance to bid at the silent auction and watch **Butch**

Cassidy and the Sundance Kid at the Parkway Theater (which has a cash bar). Plus the event benefits the programs of the Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood. Don't procrastinate, get your tickets today! www.frnng.org.

Minneapolis Advantage Program



As a way to encourage homeownership of foreclosed homes in our neighborhoods, Minneapolis has created the Minneapolis Advantage Program. This program helps potential buyers purchase a home in areas challenged by foreclosure and bring people back on the blocks. **This program offers 200 loans at \$10,000 each that can be used to pay for closing costs, down payment, or even small repairs to the home.**

This new program follows on the heels of a demonstration program offered in Minneapolis in 2008, which provided \$10,000 deferred loans to buyers of houses in neighborhoods heavily impacted by foreclosures. Of the 50 loans, which can be forgiven over a five-year period, six went to homes in 8th Ward neighborhoods (four in Central, two in Powderhorn Park). Buyers in the demonstration program had income of 80% MMI or less (76%) and were predominantly first time home buyers (78%).

When can you apply for the Minneapolis Advantage Program? Applications will be accepted beginning April 1, 2009. A signed purchase agreement is one of the requirements needed in order to begin securing the funds.

Eighth Ward eligible neighborhoods for this program include Central, Powderhorn Park, Bryant, and Regina.

Funding is limited and income eligibility requirements apply. Loans will be given on a first come, first serve basis.

Find out more at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/minneapolisadvantage_home.asp.