



Eighth Ward E-News

From Minneapolis City Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden
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1. Vote on November 7th!

On November 7th, your vote will make a difference! The polls will be open from 7 am to 8 pm. To find out where you vote, call 311 or go to the City of Minneapolis' on-line [Voting Precinct Finder](#) to view a map and picture of your polling place. [What's on the ballot this year?](#) Minneapolis School Board, Hennepin County offices, every seat in the State Senate and House, Governor and other state-wide offices, 5th Congressional District, and a seat in the U.S. Senate.

You also will vote on [two ballot questions](#): First, a proposal to dedicate the existing motor vehicle tax to transportation and transit, and second a proposal to change the system of voting in Minneapolis elections to Instant Runoff Voting. You can view the text of these ballot questions on the [City of Minneapolis Elections website](#).

Finally, Kids Voting still needs volunteers for poll locations in the 8th Ward! Kids Voting Minneapolis is a non-partisan organization that educates students about civic engagement and voting. Please contact Mary Hunstiger at (612) 227-9440 or mhunstiger@kidsvotingminneapolis.org for more information.

2. New Police Chief, Safe City Resolution, and CRA

As of October 20th, the City of Minneapolis has a new Chief of Police – Tim Dolan. Chief Dolan was approved by the City Council on a 12-1 vote, including my vote of support. On the same date, this Council and Mayor demonstrated their commitment to police accountability by voting 13-0 to pass a [Safe City Resolution](#).

What is new with the resolution? It clearly states that the Police Chief's performance will be measured by his progress on the resolution items. It includes goals such as a commitment to end racial profiling, improving early warning systems to identify officers who may be having problems on the job, and implementing a plan for community policing. For the Chief, this resolution clearly establishes the expectations for his success.

Significantly, on the same day we approved Chief Dolan the Council approved a set of reforms to the [Civilian Review Authority \(CRA\)](#), which investigates resident complaints. The reforms give increased weight to the sustained findings of the CRA and require the Chief to make decisions within a 30-day time frame with some exceptions. Councilmember Glidden was a member of a task force that worked on CRA reforms.

The Chief of Police is the most important job in our city -- and one that involves non-stop pressure from media, community members, police officers, and elected officials. We will do our part in the 8th Ward office to work closely with Chief Dolan and ensure that he is aware of the concerns of community members in the 8th Ward and throughout the city.

3. Last Community Meeting – Small Area Planning for 38th Street Corridor

Since August, the 38th & Chicago task force has been hosting community meetings for a [Small Area Plan](#) for our area. The boundaries of the small area plan will be the 38th Street Corridor from 2nd Avenue (E) to Bloomington (W), and Chicago Avenue from 31st Street to 40th Street.

Please join us at the final community meeting, scheduled for **November 13, 2006, 7 pm**, at Calvary Lutheran Church, 3901 Chicago Ave South. The topic for the evening is Revitalizing 38th and Chicago: A panel conversation with developers, government representatives, and neighborhood leaders.

The 38th and Chicago community meetings have convened the work of three projects: 1) Creating a small area plan; 2) Using the resources of the [Corridor Housing Initiative](#) to identify specific sites that may be appropriate for development; 3) Conducting a health impact analysis (by the [Minneapolis Health Department](#)) to look at public health implications of design, land use, and transportation choices in the area.

You can view more information about this Small Area Planning process, the Corridor Housing Initiative, and the Health Impact Analysis at www.38thandChicago.org. The four neighborhoods that surround 38th & Chicago, Bryant – Bancroft – Central – and Powderhorn Park, have worked cooperatively to move these projects forward. Their work is now starting to pay off!

4. Snow Emergency Information



It's that time of year again and the snow will soon be falling. Please take the time to ensure that you understand the snow emergency rules so you don't find yourself with a big tow bill this winter.

There are several ways you can get information about snow emergencies in Minneapolis. One of the best resources we have is our [Minneapolis Snow Season Parking Information Website](#). The website includes information about snow emergency parking, you can sign up for alerts when snow emergencies are declared, and there are maps of streets and snow emergency routes, as well as information for non-English speakers. Residents may also call the 24 hour snow emergency information hotline, (612) 348-SNOW (7669) or 311.

Help out your neighbors and volunteer to be the [Plow Pal for your Block Club](#). When it snows, call the snow emergency hotline and then let everyone else in your club know when a Snow Emergency has been declared.

5. Take the Eighth Ward (Active8) Public Spaces Survey!

What's the value of a public space? Do we have the kinds of public spaces we need and want in the 8th Ward? What should we do to improve our public space? The 8th Ward seeks your input on these questions! A group of 8th Ward residents, **Active8**, are working with the 8th Ward Council office on a [survey evaluation of our public spaces](#).

Active8 has developed a "[Public Places survey](#)" that can be completed online. What are public spaces? Any space where people gather. This can include parks, schools, coffee shops, churches, and anything else you identify as a public space. The survey only takes 10 minutes to complete and can be accessed by clicking [here](#) -- or, contact our office at (612) 673-2208 for a paper copy. Surveys should be completed by November 18th, 2006. Thank you for your participation!

6. Help Minneapolis Provide Youth Jobs: Calling 8th Ward Organizations

The [Minneapolis Employment and Training Program](#) has two youth employment programs that provide summer jobs to young people. This past summer, Minneapolis provided almost 1,500 youth jobs through its various programs, including

Younger Youth STEP-UP (providing employment opportunities to 14-15 year-olds) and Older Youth STEP-UP (for youth ages 16 and up). Employers participate by providing jobs – the City, however, pays all wages and benefits.

In 2006, State Senator Linda Higgins (DFL-58) wrote a bill that provided 1.9 million over two years for summer youth jobs administered by the City. According to City sources, approximately \$640,000 was used for year one (summer 2006) leaving more funds for 2007 programs.

The time for businesses and organizations to apply as youth employers for next summer is now! What kinds of employers are eligible? Private business, non-profits, business associations, and neighborhood organizations can qualify. If you represent an agency interested in providing employment opportunities for youth, please contact Xuong Tran at (612) 673-6231. He'll make sure you are sent a Request for Proposal (RFP) that allows you to apply to be a summer worksite. RFP's are mailed in late November.

7. The Parkway Theater is Changing (Again)



Joe Senkyr Minjares, owner of Pepito's at 48th and Chicago, has recently purchased the struggling [Parkway Theater](#) which is directly next door. The theater, which has been an integral fixture of the Field Neighborhood since 1931, has undergone many changes in its 75 year history. Bill Irvine, who owned and managed the Parkway for the past 29 years, cites blockbuster movies, mega-theatres and rising property taxes as factors contributing to his decision to sell.

The Parkway's new owner, who has acted in live theater and had a Hollywood career appearing on TV and in movies, is excited to revitalize the theater as an artistic venue. Mr. Minjares describes, "I want to focus on all forms of art; it could be an event center, gallery space, as well as continuing to feature great movies. I'm thinking about inviting theatre companies like Mixed Blood, but whatever theatre company that occupies the space would have to be willing to provide low cost acting lessons to neighborhood youth." You can learn more about the renovation plans for the Parkway at www.TheParkwayTheater.com.

The senior class of the University of Minnesota Architectural and Concept Design department has worked with [The Parkway](#) owner to come up with a renovation plan that will restore the single screen theater to its original luster. According to Joe Minjares, "There will actually be (8) presentations given by the U of M seniors. This is a very exciting event because it will give the general public the opportunity to offer their feedback and be a part of the process." The class will present a design fair on November 21st, 2006 in the lobby of the Parkway Theatre, located 4816 Chicago. The event begins at 9:00am with coffee and treats provided. Please join your neighbors in creating next phase of the Parkway Theatre.

8. 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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