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Eighth Ward News

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

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State Shutdown: Minneapolis Impact

Bancroft

Bancroft Neighborhood Assoc Council

www.bancroftneighborhood.org

Meets 2nd Thursday, 7 pm

4120 17th Avenue South

Bryant

Bryant Neighborhood Association

www.welovebryant.org

Meets 1st Tuesday, 7 pm

Urban League South, 411 E. 38th Street

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

As I write this, we are hours into a State shutdown, due to the lack of a budget agreement from Republican Legislative Leaders and the Governor. Certain core services may remain in place, including for example the courts, public safety services, medical payments. Significant for Minneapolis, the court determined that the appropriations that cities receive from the state – such as Local Government Aid – are also a core service. Local Government Aid is used to fund such local functions as police, fire, and road service.

A Minneapolis staff team has worked furiously to analyze impacts to our City from a State shutdown. There are, without doubt, financial impacts, with federal **and** state funding being suspended by the shutdown. This will impact road projects (like Camden Bridge construction and Chicago Ave repaving), and many grant funded programs, like violence against women.

In addition, City departments depend on the State for licensing and certification of staff (peace officers, assessors, attorneys) and also depend on the State for certain inspections and approvals of city activities. The State performs electrical inspections, public works project approvals, background checks, and more.

In response, the City today amended our ordinances to permit City officials to issue permits and coordinate electrical inspections during the State shutdown. Without this authority, Certificate of Occupancy for virtually all building and construction projects (including home remodels and new homes) would be withheld.

While these shutdown impacts are serious, the impacts from the proposed "all cuts" budget proposed by the Legislature would be worse for the City of Minneapolis. For instance, the Legislature proposed all Local Government Aid for Minneapolis, St Paul, and Duluth to be eliminated, even though these cities send much more in sales and property tax to the state than is received back in LGA.

What would the Governor's proposed budget mean for individuals compared to the Legislature's proposed budget? Here are Department of Revenue prepared projections

Legislature's proposed income and property tax increases for:

A single parent making \$27,000: \$677 per year

Couple making \$50,000: \$887 per year

Couple making \$335,000: \$716 per year

Couple making \$500,000: \$716 per year

Governor's proposed income and property tax increases for:

A single parent making \$27,000: \$0 per year

Couple making \$50,000: \$0 per year

Couple making \$335,000: \$775 per year (\$2 per day)

Couple making \$500,000: \$5,270 per year (\$14 per day)

We wish our Governor and Legislature fortitude in arriving at a fair and appropriate resolution for the future of the State of Minnesota.

National Night Out: Register Now



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Looking forward to the 27th Annual NNO? Save the date of Tuesday, August 2, 2011, for your National Night Out party.

National Night Out is an annual nationwide event that encourages residents to get out in the community, holding block parties and getting to know their neighbors as a way to encourage crime prevention. It's a great way to promote community-police partnerships and enjoy a Minnesota summer evening surrounded by friends and family. Minneapolis has been known nation-wide for years for having more parties and residents engaged than most other communities or cities!

Whether it's your first time planning an event or you're continuing a tradition of years on your block, you can register your through 311. **Remember! If you want to block your street, you can do so for free if you register by July 19.** Not all streets can be blocked, depending on traffic flow. From July 20 through July 28, there is a \$100 fee. After July 28, no applications for blocking off a street will be allowed.

Want more info or to register online? Go to www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno. See you August 2nd!

A Time to Remember: The Lee Family Commemorative Event

On the evening of July 16, 2011, the Field-Regina-Northrop Neighborhood Group (FRNNG), and area neighbors, organizations and business, will present an event to honor the Lee Family.

In July 1931, Arthur and Edith Lee and their daughter Mary moved into their new house at 4600 Columbus Ave. The Lees were the first African-American family to move into the Field neighborhood. Immediately, the family was pressured to sell the house and leave the neighborhood. After they stood their ground,

hundreds and then thousands of white people gathered around the home; the mob yelled, threw rocks and paint, and threatened the Lees. The Lees refused to sell. Throughout their ordeal, they were advised by the first black woman to be licensed to practice law in Minnesota, Lena Olive Smith. Ms. Smith was also the first female President of the Minneapolis Chapter of the NAACP.

Eighty years later, this neighborhood event will honor the Lee family, their friends, and their attorney Lena Olive Smith, whose courage inspires us. Come walk 46th Street on July 16th, hear the story, see the house, and pledge to unite in peace with all our neighbors.

The City Council honored the Lee family with a Resolution and short presentation at the City Council meeting July 1st. This is an important recognition by the City of the influence of the Lee family on our City's history, by standing against racism and supporting fair housing for all.



Join with your neighbors on **Saturday, July 16, at 6:45 pm, at Field School, 4645 4th Ave S, to attend the Lee Family Commemorative Event.**

City of Minneapolis Helps 2,000 Youth with Summer Employment



More than 2,000 youth, ages 14-21, are working at jobs through the City's STEP-UP youth employment program this summer. Youth will be employed by 220 businesses, non-profit organizations, and government offices that are committed to hiring and training Minneapolis teens for the summer. Since 2002, more than 16,000 youth have been placed in

summer jobs through City-funded programs.

The STEP-UP program significantly benefits low-income youth and youth of color. In 2010, 89% of youth placed in jobs were eligible for free or reduced school lunch, 8% were English Language Learners (ELL), and 90% were youth of color. Last year, each STEP-UP intern earned \$1,440 on average, for a total of \$1.9 million.

Youth in STEP-UP are also offered a variety of experiences to provide them a well-rounded training experience that extends beyond the job itself. STEP-UP internships not only include comprehensive work readiness training, but many youth also have opportunities to connect with a business mentor; attend camps, seminars, and college preparation workshops; and participate in classroom training that offered the chance to earn high school credit and keep academic skills sharp.

The City of Minneapolis operates the STEP-UP youth employment and training program in partnership with AchieveMpls, Minnesota Workforce Centers, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, and Project for Pride in Living.

City Invest \$19 Million in Street Repairs for 2011



As this year has been particularly concerning to residents looking at potholed streets, we wanted to share the investments the City of Minneapolis is

making in streets this season. More than \$19 million is being spent on road reconstruction, repaving, repair and seal coating in 2011. By fall, more than 47 miles of streets in town will have new, smooth surfaces for drivers and bicyclists.

An investment of more than \$10 million will be made in reconstructing and resurfacing Minneapolis streets. Also, more than \$9 million will go toward street maintenance, which includes pothole repair and seal coating.

This is the third year of the \$27.5 million Infrastructure Acceleration Program, which

supplements the City's existing infrastructure plan with more street repaving projects.

For more information about Minneapolis' 2011 Capital Improvement Projects and street repaving projects visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/public-works.

Nicollet Avenue Reconstruction Meeting: July 12

Nicollet Avenue will be reconstructed from Lake Street to 40th Street in 2012 and 2013. Project consultants have been meeting with area neighbors and businesses to discuss the proposed design of Nicollet, assessments and cost of the project,

The next community meeting for the Nicollet Avenue Reconstruction is July 12, 2011. Residents have a choice to attend either a morning or evening meeting:

- **July 12, 9:00 am, Minneapolis Police Dept 5th Precinct, 3101 Nicollet Ave**
- **July 12, 6:30 pm, Rev Dr Martin Luther King Park, 4055 Nicollet Ave**

These meetings will focus on streetscape elements and construction staging, as well as providing an update on the roadway design. The meeting will include a brief presentation and then question and answer time with the project team.

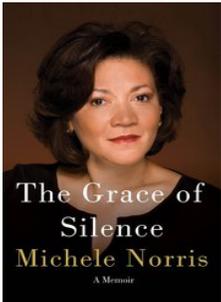
The Nicollet Avenue project is still in the early stages, with community and small group input sought on decisions such as roadway width, curb bumpouts, and on-street parking. Nicollet Avenue is currently approximately 50 feet wide along the length of the project corridor. A majority of the street is proposed to be narrowed to 42 feet (except where turn lanes or bumpouts are proposed). The proposed street width would accommodate two lanes of traffic, parking on both sides of the street, and provide room for additional boulevard that will allow tree planting and wider sidewalks in some areas. The proposed lane widths and roadway design are similar to the recently reconstructed

segment of Chicago Avenue between 8th Street E and 28th Street E.

A preliminary design for Nicollet Avenue that includes the location of curbs, parking, bumpouts, and turn lanes will be presented to the City Council for approval in late July 2011. Decisions on streetscape, lighting, and construction staging will need to be made by late summer. There will continue to be opportunities to meet with project staff and additional community meetings.

Questions? Project Team Contact, Jessica Laabs at Kimley-Horn and Associates, jessica.laabs@kimley-horn.com or 651-643-0437. Need more info, including past newsletters and related documents? Go to: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/public-works/cip/nicollet31-40.

One Minneapolis, One Read: *The Grace of Silence* by Michele Norris



For the first time in recent memory, the City of Minneapolis is sponsoring a city-wide community read of *The Grace of Silence* by Michele Norris. There will be an October 2011 kickoff, with Ms. Norris in Minneapolis during the first week of October for events and likely to return later in the month as well.

The Grace of Silence is a memoir of Ms. Norris, who grew up in the Field Neighborhood. In her book, Michele Norris details her discovery of race-based family secrets, including that her grandmother spent years as a traveling Aunt Jemima and her father, a WWII veteran, was shot and arrested as a young man in a row with a Birmingham, Alabama police officer. *The Grace of Silence* offers opportunities for conversation about race, family, and neighborhood history. You can read more about her book at www.michele-norris.com.

The idea for a community read of *The Grace of Silence* was introduced by residents in South Minneapolis, including the neighborhoods of Kingfield, Central, Bryant, Regina and Northrop, who came together to help build stronger relationships and understandings between neighbors of diverse race, culture, and age in the wake of a racially-polarized conversation. One of the core leaders in this effort, called **Building Bridges**, is Michele Norris' Aunt Doris Christopher.

Public partners for **One Minneapolis, One Read** will include the Minneapolis Public Schools, Hennepin County Library, and Minneapolis Park and Rec Board. Please look for more information to come about **One Minneapolis, One Read**.

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.

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