



# City of Minneapolis

## Ward 8 – Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden

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### Neighborhood Meetings

#### Bancroft

Bancroft Neighborhood Assoc Council  
[www.bancroftneighborhood.org](http://www.bancroftneighborhood.org)  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 7 pm  
4120 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue South

#### Bryant

Bryant Neighborhood Association  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 7 pm  
Phelps Park, 3900 Chicago

#### Central

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Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 6:30 pm  
Park Methodist, 34<sup>th</sup> & Park Ave S

Central Weed & Seed  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 5:30 pm  
Green Central School

#### Field-Regina-Northrup

[www.frnng.org](http://www.frnng.org)  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7 pm  
1620 E 46<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Kingfield

[www.kfna.org](http://www.kfna.org)  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 7 pm  
ML King Park, 40<sup>th</sup> & Nicollet

#### Powderhorn

[www.ppna.org](http://www.ppna.org)  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 7 pm  
821 E 35<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Parkside West

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 6:30 pm  
Midtown Safety Center, 2949 Chicago

#### 38<sup>th</sup> & Chicago

38<sup>th</sup> & Chicago Task Force  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7 pm  
Calvary Church, 39<sup>th</sup> and Chicago

### 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.

### Congratulations to 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Neighborhoods - 38<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Awarded Planning Resources!

A group of residents have been working for some time with the neighborhood organizations for Powderhorn, Central, Bancroft, and Bryant to move forward with planning for 38<sup>th</sup> and Chicago and the broader 38<sup>th</sup> Street corridor, from the freeway to Bloomington. Their work has paid off -- the 38<sup>th</sup> Street corridor has been selected by the Corridor Housing Initiative as a project to receive that organization's resources and expertise. The Corridor Housing Initiative is a partnership among neighborhoods, city government, and a technical team of development consultants, design experts, and facilitators to connect market opportunities with neighborhood goals. You can learn more about the Corridor Housing Initiative at [www.center4neighborhoods.org](http://www.center4neighborhoods.org).

Planning along the 38<sup>th</sup> Street corridor is part of a broader community strategy to enhance the area by combining efforts around safety, transit, housing and economic development improvements. The planning process of the Corridor Housing Initiative can help the neighborhoods attract developers and businesses to the area, as well as implement a vision for streetscaping, landscaping, and other amenities. In preparation for 38<sup>th</sup> Street corridor planning, the four neighborhoods surrounding 38<sup>th</sup> and Chicago have supported a preliminary community plan for that area, which can be viewed at [www.38thandchicago.org](http://www.38thandchicago.org). Look for more information in the months to come about opportunities to participate in the Corridor Housing Initiative!

### 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Summer Safety Strategy Meetings

On June 20<sup>th</sup>, at MLK Park, over 50 neighbors from across the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward gathered to discuss community policing strategies at a meeting hosted by Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden.

After a brief introduction to community policing by **Deputy Chief Lucy Gerold**, the group identified a list of neighborhood issues to work on and discuss in small group settings facilitated by **Deputy Chief Gerold, Inspector Kris Arneson, Crime Prevention Specialist (CPS) Karen Skrivseth (3<sup>rd</sup> precinct), CPS Tom Thompson (5<sup>th</sup> Precinct), and Neighborhood Probation Officer Mick Sandin**. The groups chose to work on Prostitution/Drug Dealing, Nuisance Properties, Neighborhood Traffic, Graffiti, and Neighborhood Solutions, and identified several strategies for addressing each topic. The 8<sup>th</sup> Ward office will forward these strategies, and contact information for the small groups, to neighborhood organizations and large block clubs that work on safety issues and neighborhood problem solving. If you would like a full copy of the June 20<sup>th</sup> safety meeting summary, **call the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward office at 612.673.2208 or send an e-mail to [elizabeth.glidden@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:elizabeth.glidden@ci.minneapolis.mn.us).**



**Young Men Participate in a Drum Circle in the Rites of Passage at WE WIN**

Help support the WE WIN Institute's mission to help Minneapolis public school children succeed by joining WE WIN Family Day at the Metrodome. Tickets are \$50 and include great seats to watch the Twins beat Tampa Bay, t-shirts, music, food (including an ethnic dish called Samosas), and on-field events. All proceeds go to WE WIN Institute, a non-profit organization. To order tickets call 612.202.5832 or visit [www.we-win.org](http://www.we-win.org).



**Neighbors and Police Officers Work in Small Groups to Discuss Issues Facing the 8th Ward**

**Upcoming Safety Meeting:** Please join us on July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006, from 6 pm – 8 pm, for a **Prostitution Solution Summit**, at the Third Precinct community room, 3000 Minnehaha Avenue, to discuss neighborhood solutions targeting johns and prostitution issues.

## **WE WIN Family Day at the Metrodome**

July 18, 2006, is WE WIN Family Day at the Metrodome. Congressman Martin Olav Sabo is the Honorary Chair of this event which will feature live music and student performances. As Twins fans enter the Metrodome, they will receive a WE WIN booklet explaining the work of the organization. Pre-game activities begin at 5:00 pm.

## **Minneapolis Bond Rating Upgraded**

The Fitch Rating Service has upgraded the City of Minneapolis from AAA bond rating with a *negative* outlook to AAA with a stable outlook. This upgrade by Fitch confirms that the City is on firm financial footing, despite a lengthy period of significant financial challenges. It also indicates that the City's financial discipline has paid off and that it is essential to maintain this discipline.

AAA rating is important because it allows Minneapolis to borrow money at lower interest rates. The ratings are also used by investors who buy the City's bonds as a measure of how likely the City is to repay them on time.

In assigning the new rating, Fitch stated, "The long-term 'AAA' rating reflects a broad economy having limited volatility, strong and consistent budgetary performance, ample financial flexibility, and moderate tax-supported debt levels."

The removal of the "negative outlook" follows several positive changes. Minneapolis has held itself to its financial plan, making progress in reducing or eliminating deficits in its internal service funds. The City has also maintained its general fund reserves despite significant cuts in spending following Local Government Aid reductions from the state. Minneapolis has also issued fewer bonds to finance its pension obligations than previously expected.

## Keep Our Waters Clean and City Green- City Hosts Open Houses on Water Resources

Minneapolis Public Works is holding three open houses so that residents can learn more about the city's water resources—our river, lakes, and streams. City staff will be on hand to explain what the City does to protect our waters and how residents can do their part to ensure our waters are as clean as possible.

Each time it rains, you water your lawn or wash your car, the water runoff washes pollutants from the grass, sidewalk, or driveway into the City's storm drain system. Those drains flow directly into our river, lakes and streams! It is important to learn how home and business owners can reduce the amount of runoff coming from their properties. Creating rain gardens and using rain barrels are just two of the ways you can make a difference.

The southside open house is on Thursday, July 13, 6 pm – 8 pm, at Nokomis Recreation Center Gym, 2401 E Minnehaha Parkway. For more information about the City's storm and surface water management program, please go to <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/stormwater/>.

## Wireless Minneapolis Update: Pilot Project Beginning in June 2006

Construction is now complete on two pilot projects that will test the capabilities of the two finalist vendors seeking to partner with the City in making Minneapolis a Wi-Fi city. The two pilot projects are in the Cedar-Riverside and Near North neighborhoods and will allow residents and businesses to test the wireless service, in addition to stringent tests by City departments including police, fire, inspections, and others.

Two community organizations in the pilot areas are hosting pilot demonstrations and open houses to give residents the opportunity to learn about the wireless network, participate in hands-on demonstrations of the technology, and share their ideas on Community Benefits. The events will include "share fairs," where attendees can try out the wireless service and experience more about what the web may have to offer them. You can attend the open house on:

\*Friday, July 14, 2006, 4 – 8 pm, Brian Coyle  
Community Center, 420 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue South

To learn more about the city's proposal for a Wireless Minneapolis, go to <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/wirelessminneapolis/>.

## Southside Community Festival

**Saturday, July 22, 2006**

The Fifth Annual Southside Community Festival and Get Out the Vote celebration is a community celebration with the purpose of bringing neighbors together, increasing awareness of the city, state, and community resources available to Southside community residents, and encouraging partnerships between neighbors and organizations. The primary focus of the Southside Festival, sponsored by MADDADS and the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Office, is voter registration and education.

The event is July 22, 2006, at Green Central Park, 3400 4<sup>th</sup> Ave South, from 11 am – 5 pm. The festival will be a day full of live music and entertainment, including Soulistic Playhouse spoken word artist, Next Level Drill teams, Unity Drill Team a double-dutch exhibition and members of the Grammy award winning group the Sounds of Blackness. Food will include hamburgers, hot dogs, watermelon, and cold drinks. MTN will tape the festival and rebroadcast it on public access, with Councilmember Glidden interviewing attendees. Come and join your elected officials, candidates for office, community organizers, and neighbors for a great day of fun! We are still seeking event sponsors and have spots for local vendors -- contact the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward office at 612.673.2208 or [andrea.jenkins@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:andrea.jenkins@ci.minneapolis.mn.us) for more information.

