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Message from Council Member Kevin Reich

The maintenance of public infrastructure is one of a municipal government's most important responsibilities. It is also one of a municipal government's most challenging fiscal responsibilities, requiring the careful weighing of safety priorities, livability issues and responsible use of taxpayer funds. I am reminded of this on a regular basis, both in my role as Vice Chair of the Transportation and Public Works Committee and in the communications I receive from constituents.

Thus I am pleased to note that a portion of deficient public infrastructure that has been a source of aggravation to many of us in Ward One has recently been upgraded. Industrial Boulevard and Broadway Street in the Mid-City Industrial neighborhood served as detour routes after the collapse of the I-35W bridge and suffered considerable wear-and-tear in the process. This past June both Broadway Street from Industrial Blvd to the city limits and Industrial Blvd from East Hennepin to the city limits were resurfaced. These two projects represent a significant and much needed public infrastructure investment, complementing last year's resurfacing of Broadway Street from I-35W to Industrial Blvd which was done by Hennepin County. Mill and overlay on another detour route – 18th Ave SE - will begin the second week in July.

The upcoming 33rd Ave SE and Talmage Avenue project is another site of sizeable City investment into Ward One infrastructure. Frequently described as two of the worst pavements in Minneapolis, certain sections of 33rd and Talmage are oil-dirt streets that have never been built to current City standards. Beginning in 2011 and continuing into 2012, both streets will be completely reconstructed and will also receive curbs, gutters and sidewalks. The business stakeholders that border those streets worked directly with the City to best design for their operational needs.

While work remains to be done in our ward, these are welcome improvements. Though it can be easy to push projects out until a more convenient time, I am convinced that mapping out a steady and continuous infrastructure reinvestment program must start now.

First Ward

Neighborhood Associations

[Audubon Park Neighborhood Association](#)

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“Waiting for Godot” at the Hollywood

On July 8 the historic and long empty Hollywood Theater once again opened its doors to an audience. Theatre Pro Rata’s production of Samuel Beckett’s modern classic “Waiting for Godot” runs Friday and Saturday nights, 7:30 p.m., through July 23.

Theatre Pro Rata made the inspired choice of the Hollywood, according to director Ryan Ripley, because “When brainstorming ideas for a venue, [a] priority was... a venue that matched the heightened theatricality of the script. The Hollywood – a vacant movie theater – jumped



(Pictured: James Rodriguez and Dave Gangler. Credit: Charlie Gorrill)

to the top of my list even before we knew it was a viable candidate. Every minute I’ve gotten to spend inside the building since then has confirmed that it is the perfect choice. As soon as you step off Johnson Street and into the Hollywood, you step into the world of *Godot*”.

Theatre Pro Rata has worked closely with the City of Minneapolis, the Johnson Street Merchants and the Audubon community to organize this exciting production. “Waiting for Godot” offers a unique opportunity to see the Hollywood back in action and could become a model for how to re-envision a brighter future for this historic landmark. The press coverage and creative community exposure are intentional strategies for marketing the property while also offering the opportunity for this historical asset to be enjoyed in the “here and now”.

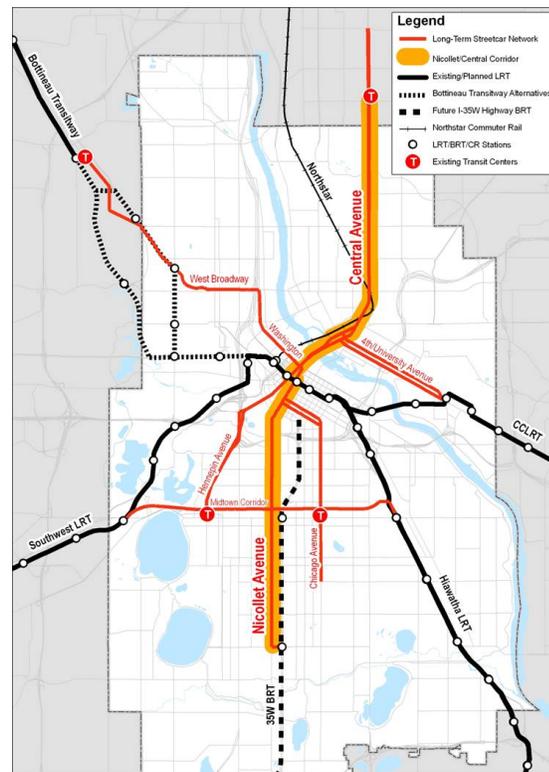
Admission is on a sliding scale of \$14-\$41. For tickets and further information, call 612-874-9321 or go to www.theatreprorata.org.



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.

Ward One Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Forum Update



Nearly two dozen interested community members gathered for the Transit-Oriented Development forum CM Reich hosted at the newly remodeled Northeast Library at the end of May. For those of you who missed it, here is a recap of the lively discussion:

City of Minneapolis Transportation Planner Anna Flintoft led off the evening with a PowerPoint presentation that summarized the position of streetcars in the Access Minneapolis vision and the steps that had been taken so far in terms of streetcar

feasibility studies and Council action in 2010. In 2010 the Nicollet-Central corridor was prioritized by the Council and awarded a \$900K federal grant to fund an Alternatives Analysis of this corridor. That analysis will determine the costs, benefits and impacts of implementing an urban circulator transit service and the feasibility of various transit modes, including streetcar and enhanced bus service. She explained that the roughly 18 month analysis phase was anticipated to kick off in January 2012. The analysis is a step the Federal Government requires before funding for implementation can be granted.

David Frank then offered the group some understanding of what his position as Minneapolis' first transit-oriented development manager entailed, explaining that he was responsible for recruiting and managing development around transit lines and hubs. He gave a brief description of his background, including his work as Director of Development with local firm Schafer Richardson and his six years with the City of Portland, where he acquired great familiarity with streetcars and their relationship to urban revitalization and real estate development. He pointed out that one of the most significant development goals would be to increase density around transit lines, a move that would both increase the local tax base and augment local business' customer base.

Attendee reaction ranged from concerns about streetcars interfering with

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.

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 to schedule a date.

automobile traffic and Federal funding priorities, to enthusiastic endorsement and hopes that a Central line would boost retail activity in Northeast Minneapolis. There was also discussion of the fact that streetcars tend to attract new riders who will opt for a streetcar rather than an automobile because of the perceived ease of the commuting experience.

Council Member Reich pointed out that although the streetcar discussion was still in a planning and analysis phase, he felt it was valuable to disseminate as much information as was available to date and to continue to explore the potentials it could offer for transit and development in the First Ward.

Ongoing Ward One Bikeway Developments

Work is moving forward on a number of bikeways in Ward One:

The **18th Avenue NE Trail** is a 1.3 mile long combination of on-street and off-street bikeway/walkway that runs from Marshall Street NE to Monroe Street NE. The scope of the work will include signage, lighting, a pedestrian crossing signal system at University and 18th Avenue, retaining wall, curb extensions and speed tables. The photo above shows a portion of the off-street trail.



The **22nd Avenue bicycle boulevard** extends from Marshall Street NE to Arthur Street NE, then continues on Arthur Street to 18th Avenue NE.



No parking changes will take place, but pavement markings and signs will designate the boulevard. Traffic calming speed bumps have been added at various points along 22nd Avenue. The photo to the left shows the work being done on a

bump-out at 22nd Avenue and 5th Street NE.

The **5th Street NE & SE bicycle boulevard** will include pavement markings, some parking changes, and some curb and pavement changes. The existing traffic diverter at 26th Avenue and 4th Street NE (pictured) is in the process of being altered to allow bicycles to pass through. New sidewalk will also be added at this intersection.



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- [Results Minneapolis](#)
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Spring MIMO Free Store Update

The Southeast Como neighborhood's 3rd MIMO (Move-In, Move-Out) Free Store this past spring was once again a major success. 6100 lbs of reusable household items were diverted from the waste stream and donated to the MIMO initiative. Over 800 shoppers visited the store and purchased \$4700 worth of merchandise. This innovative solution to the large amounts of waste generated during the University of Minnesota move-in move-out cycles is funded in part by the MN Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and the McKnight Foundation.

National Night Out

National Night Out is Tuesday, August 2, and if you're planning a neighborhood gathering, there are important deadlines for registering your event with the City and for blocking off your street. The theme for 2011 NNO is "Back to Basics: Neighbors Getting To Know Neighbors!" Here's a checklist to plan your National Night Out celebration:

- _____ Register your NNO event. There is a single online process to register your NNO event and apply to close your street. Street closure is free if you apply by Tuesday, July 19. From July 20 to July 28, there is a \$100 fee for closure. You need permission of 75% of your neighbors to be approved for closure – please have their names and addresses with you when you apply. (You don't need their signatures.) Get started at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno. If you don't have Internet access, you can register your event and apply for street closure by calling 311.
- _____ Want a police officer to visit your event? Because demand can be very high for visits, we can't promise that one will be available, but feel free to request a visit when you register by calling 311 to put your name on the list. Sorry, we can't take requests for mounted patrol.
- _____ Make rain plans. Decide if your event will go forward if it rains, or be rescheduled for another time. If you apply to close your street, you'll have a rain date of Wednesday, August 3 unless you decline it during the application. If you don't close your street, you can choose any rain date that works for your group. Plan ahead!

Each event organizer will receive Mystery Point Passes for Nickelodeon Universe at the Mall of America. Each Mystery Point pass is worth a single ride, or a day of rides or an entire season of rides. And if you request your NNO event by Tuesday, July 19, you will be entered into a drawing for other door prizes donated by Minneapolis businesses.

State Shutdown

Although the Minnesota State government shut down the majority of its operations July 1, the City of Minneapolis continues to provide services. In a June 29 report to the Committee of the Whole, City Council members were told that the City can continue to maintain its current operations for 30 days despite the State shutdown. A staff team continues to monitor the situation and is preparing contingency plans should the shutdown last longer than 30 days.

Save The Date:

4th Annual Minneapolis Sister Cities Day Celebration

Sunday, July 17, 1 – 5 p.m., Nicollet Island Pavilion. This event will celebrate Minneapolis' sister cities.

Upper River Forum: Creating Our Great River City Legacy

Thursday, July 26, 5-7 p.m., Minneapolis Park & Rec Headquarters, 2117 West River Road. Featured speaker will be Peter Hendee Brown, author of “America’s Waterfront Revival”.

Green Campus BBQ & Community Meeting

Thursday, August 4, 6:30 - 8 p.m. Jackson Square Park (NE Library Meeting Room in the event of inclement weather). Join representatives from City of Minneapolis, Minneapolis Public Schools, Minneapolis Parks & Rec and your neighbors to discuss ideas for greening the landscape and improving water quality in the green spaces of Jackson Square Park and its surroundings. For further information, please contact Amy Fields at amy@eastsidefood.coop or Lisa Brock at lisa.brock@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

5th Annual Edison Community BBQ

Thursday, August 25, 3 – 8 p.m.

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