



# Ninth Ward E-News

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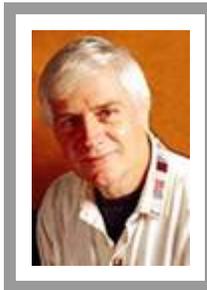
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## This Month at Breakfast with Gary: Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer



On Friday, May 26th join Council Member Gary Schiff for Breakfast with Gary. This month's guest is Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer, former Fifth District candidate for United States Congress. Jack is an Assistant Professor of Justice and Peace Studies at the University of St. Thomas and the author of numerous articles and books on faith, hunger, the arms race and U.S. foreign policy.

Breakfast with Gary is a monthly meeting for 9th Ward constituents held from 7:30 to 9:00am the final Friday of the month at the Café of the Americas (3019 Minnehaha Avenue South). \$5 buys breakfast.

## Midtown Exchange Grand Opening

The grand opening of the [Midtown Exchange](#) will be this Saturday, June 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Midtown Exchange features [88 for-sale historic lofts, 219 rental units and 52 for-sale condos](#); the headquarters of Allina Hospitals and Clinics; a Hennepin County service center; the Sheraton Midtown Minneapolis Hotel; and a new transit facility.

The development also includes the [Midtown Global Market](#), which will be the City's largest public market, with sixty small businesses offering a variety of fresh and prepared ethnic foods as well as crafts and household items that reflect Minneapolis' rich historic and current immigrant populations. Council Member Gary Schiff will speak at the opening ceremony, which begins at 10:30 a.m. It will be followed by music, shopping and other activities and featuring performances by [In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre](#).

## Council Member Schiff To Discuss Sex Offender Ordinance

On Tuesday, May 23rd, Council Member Gary Schiff will be speaking to the Phillips Partnership crime prevention group on the proposed distance requirements for sex offenders. Schiff is co-authoring a proposed ordinance to ban registered sex offenders from living within a set distance from schools, day cares and playgrounds. Last fall, the 8th District Court of Appeals upheld the right of communities to place distancing requirements on sex offenders.

"Zip code 55407 has the largest number of sex offenders in the state", Council Member Gary Schiff said. "There is no reason that any one neighborhood should have to bear the burden for the state." Council Member Schiff will speak to the group at 6:00pm on the 23rd at Abbott Northwestern Hospital.

## Lower Your Ecological Footprint

Ever wondered how much "nature" your lifestyle requires? The [Ecological Footprint Quiz](#) estimates how much productive land and water you need to support what you use and what you discard. It may shock you to learn how many planets would be needed if everyone lived the same way as you.



When you're done with the quiz, be sure to check out the Midtown Public Market, a Community-Supported Farmer's Market at the corner of E. Lake Street and 22nd Ave S in South Minneapolis. The market provides fresh, locally produced meat, poultry, eggs, cheese, bread, and a wide variety of local art for your garden or your home. You may even be able to decrease your ecological footprint! The market will be open on Saturdays from May 6- October 28, and on Tuesdays from July 11- October 24. Visit [www.midtownpublicmarket.org](http://www.midtownpublicmarket.org) for more information on the market.

## Arsenic Soil Testing: Four Follow-up Meetings

The [Environmental Protection Agency](#) (EPA) will be doing arsenic testing in yards over the next several months. [Click here](#) for more information. In addition, the

EPA will hold three general open house sessions during which EPA and local government officials will be available to answer questions about arsenic contamination. Please visit the open house near you with any questions:

Wednesday, May 24 - Matthews Rec Center (2318 28<sup>th</sup> Ave S) - 10:00am-1:30pm & 4:30pm-6:30pm  
Wednesday, May 31 - Midtown YWCA (2121 Lake St E.) - 10:00am-2:00pm & 4:00pm-6:00pm  
Wednesday, June 7 - Powderhorn Park (3400 15<sup>th</sup> Ave S) - 10:00am-2:00pm & 4:00pm-6:00pm

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