



Summer 2007

Eighth Ward News

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

From Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden

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Neighborhood Meetings

Bancroft

Bancroft Neighborhood Assoc Council
www.bancroftneighborhood.org
Meets 2nd Thursday, 8 pm
4120 17th Avenue South

Bryant

Bryant Neighborhood Association
Meets 1st Thursday, 8 pm
Phelps Park, 3900 Chicago

Central

CANDO
Meets 3rd Thursday, 6:30 pm
Sabathani Community Center
310 East 38th Street, 3rd Floor conf rm

Central Weed & Seed
Meets 2nd Wednesday, 5:30 pm
Green Central School

Field-Regina-Northrop

www.frnng.org
Meets 3rd Wednesday, 7 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, 7 pm
821 E 35th Street

38th & Chicago

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

A Note from Elizabeth: Join us in planning for 38th Street and Chicago Avenue

Since I began serving the 8th Ward in 2006, a top priority for our office has been to work hand-in-hand with residents and neighborhood organizations to return 38th and Chicago to its former state as a safe and successful business corner. These efforts include revitalizing the connecting corridors of 38th Street and Chicago Avenue. The corner itself is unique as the meeting place of four neighborhoods: Powderhorn, Bancroft, Bryant and Central. As well, this area has a rich history as a hub of African American owned businesses. This history has influenced neighborhood desires to ensure future development of 38th and Chicago includes and reflects the needs of our area residents, including African American and immigrant/New American communities.

I invite you to come view the 38th Street and Chicago Avenue Small Area Plan! We are seeking your thoughts, concerns, and recommendations before the plan is forwarded to the City of Minneapolis and Planning Commission. The plan area includes Chicago Avenue from 31st Street to 40th Street, and 38th Street from 2nd Avenue to Bloomington. You can view the plan **NOW** at www.38thandchicago.org, and make comments online as well. Please plan to attend one of these two important neighborhood meetings, to give your input on the 38th Street and Chicago Avenue plan:

- **Monday, June 18th: Baha'i Temple, 3644 Chicago, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm (BBQ provided!)**
- **Saturday, June 23rd: La Palmita Restaurant, SE corner of 38th and Chicago, 10:00 am to noon**

Just in time to coincide with 38th and Chicago planning efforts, the City of Minneapolis has targeted new resources for support of neighborhood business corners. The City's **Great Streets** program will offer resources such as property acquisition funds, façade improvement programs, and much more. Find a description of Minneapolis' **Great Streets** program at www.38thandchicago.org or by calling the 8th Ward Office at (612) 673-2208. For a description of business, housing, and non-profit financing tools, go to www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped. I look forward to seeing you at our June 38th and Chicago meetings!

Elizabeth Glidden

Crosstown Construction Underway



MnDOT's reconstruction of the Crosstown Commons is now in full swing. The first major impact, demolition of the Diamond Lake Bridge, occurred June 1st. Major events occurring this summer will include temporary widening on northbound I-35W and taking down the existing retaining walls and noise walls on the east and west sides of I-35W.

Call the **MnDOT Hotline at 1-866-743-6590** to ask questions and report concerns and complaints, including about excess traffic on local roads. You can also call Minneapolis 311. You can get MnDOT's weekly project updates and sign up for e-news at www.dot.state.mn.us/projects/crosstown/.

MnDOT has promised to respond to all complaints and conduct neighborhood meetings upon request to deal with local issues – just call **MnDOT's hotline at 1-866-743-6590**. Issues of concern may include traffic safety and traffic diverted on local roads, construction vibrations, construction schedule, noise levels, and environmental issues. Please do not hesitate to report your concerns, both to the 8th Ward office and the MnDOT hotline, so that they can be addressed as soon as possible.

Minneapolis Wi-Fi: Get Up to Speed on Citywide Wireless



What's up with Minneapolis WiFi? Right now the WiFi vendor, US Internet, is constructing the network, which will launch citywide by the end of 2007. Construction is phased, with 8th Ward neighborhoods scheduled to "go live" by summer's end. For \$19.95 per month, residents can sign up for wireless accounts and access the internet citywide – from your home to the middle of Lake Calhoun to the bench in your favorite park.

One of the most exciting things about Minneapolis WiFi is the City's community benefits agreement with US Internet – the first time community benefits have been part of a City contract! One benefit is a

free walled garden which people can access throughout the city for important neighborhood, government, and community services information. A second benefit is neighborhood and community **portal pages** – a "home page" that will pop up the first time visitors are in specific geographic areas of the city.

Want to learn what a **walled garden** is and how neighborhoods and community organizations can benefit from **portal pages**? Please attend one of these upcoming meetings to learn more and give your input. Participants will be encouraged to submit their ideas and feedback about content for the regional portal pages that will be established in each area of the City. Here are some upcoming meeting locations and times:

- **Thursday, June 28, Midtown Global Market (Lake & Chicago), 5:30 – 7:30 pm**
- **Thursday, July 19, Lyndale Farmstead Park, 3900 Bryant Ave S, 5:30 – 7:30 pm**

You can learn more about **Wireless Minneapolis**, including community benefits, at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/wirelessminneapolis/

Mpls-St Paul Airport Runway Closure



From mid-August to mid-October 2007, residents in Minneapolis and St Paul will experience a change in air traffic landing and take-off patterns. Due to construction on the south parallel runway (12R/30L) at the Minneapolis-St Paul International Airport, traffic will be diverted to the north end of the new north/south runway (17/35). The north/south runway has been previously unused, due to a 2005 agreement between the MAC and City of Minneapolis prohibiting its use. According to the Minneapolis City Attorney's office, we cannot prohibit the MAC from using the north/south runway during this construction period.

Residents farther north of the Airport will experience higher levels of air traffic noise, including those neighborhoods near Cedar Avenue going north of the Airport.

The MAC will host an open house to answer your questions, prior to the start of construction, on:

- **Monday, July 30, 6:30-8:30 pm, Nokomis Recreation Center, 2401 E Minnehaha Parkway**

More information is available on the MAC website at www.macnoise.com and the Noise Complaint and Information line at (612) 726-9411.

YCB Launches “Youth are Here” Buses



As Vice Chair of the Youth Coordinating Board (YCB), Elizabeth is proud to help launch the new “Youth are here” buses. Lack of safe and reliable transportation is a major barrier preventing youth from

participating in youth program opportunities. To help eliminate this barrier, the YCB has created two Youth Are Here bus routes serving North and South Minneapolis. **Eighth Ward bus stops include Green Central Park, Hosmer Library, Phelps Park, and Powderhorn Park.**

The buses are free and will be available Monday through Friday, June 18th - August 24th for youth ages 9-18. Each bus will travel a circular route every 50 minutes from noon to 8 pm. Downloadable Registration Forms and Route Information flyers can be found at www.ycb.org.

Want to learn about youth programs available in Minneapolis? Have information to share? In addition to 2,000 summer youth jobs provided through Minneapolis’ STEP-UP program, there are more than 750 activities and programs for youth in Minneapolis. These include sports activities, the Police Activities League, reading clubs, leadership programs, and music and art projects. Find out about many of these programs by calling the “What’s Up?” youth information line at (612) 399-9999 or searching the organization’s database at www.whatsup.org. The City of Minneapolis also has a new youth Web page at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/residents/youth.asp.

Keep it simple: Call Minneapolis 311



Prior to 2006, city residents had to dig through more than 200 City numbers to report concerns and ask questions. Today, all you have to do is call 311 for any non-emergency issue. If you call from outside Minneapolis, use (612) 673-3000 as your all purpose number. Minneapolis 311 helps the city and residents track service calls and information requests.

You can call 311 to report graffiti, potholes, and inspections issues, get library hours of operation, and much, much more. You can request to speak with specific city employees, including Elizabeth and the 8th Ward office, and you will be transferred right away. Minneapolis 311 operators are also trained to provide information on mortgage foreclosure issues to residents. **Don’t forget -- call Minneapolis 311!**

Safe Summer Information

We want you to have a safe summer! Here are two tips that may help you gain information and get to know your neighbors

- The Minneapolis Police Department website has been updated to include statistics and maps for neighborhood and city-wide crime. You can find information about Minneapolis’ new shotspotter system, as well as learn more about your police precinct. Go to www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police.
- Start planning now for **August 7th, National Night Out (NNO)**. About 50,000 residents are expected to participate in more than 1,000 NNO block parties. Block clubs must register their events with the MPD by **July 24th** to be eligible for door prizes. Register online at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us or by calling Minneapolis 311. NNO is designed to build stronger and safer communities. This event helps draw neighbors together to fight crime by building community and share food, music and conversation.

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Se Habla Español en la Octavo Ayuntamiento del Barrio

Si usted necesita ayuda, llama por favor la octava ayuntamiento del barrio y yo le puedo ayudar. Mi nombre es Jennifer y usted me puede llamar por teléfono en 612.673.2208.

Jennifer White, 8th Ward Council Associate, is **fluent in Spanish** and available for any Spanish-speaking constituents who may need assistance. As Jennifer says, "Minneapolis has a large Spanish-speaking population and it comes in handy when I can communicate with people who may need help, but do not speak English."



Meet your 8th Ward Team! (L to R) Jennifer White (Council Associate), Andrea Jenkins (Council Policy Aide), Elizabeth Glidden (Councilmember)

Stay in touch with Elizabeth! *On city and ward issues*

Join Elizabeth for her **community office hours** every Monday, 9-11:00 am, at Sabathani Community Center, 310 E 38th Street, Room 129. Call for an appointment or just stop by. You can always call the 8th Ward office with your questions at 612.673.2208.

Meet Elizabeth monthly at **Early Mornings with Elizabeth!** Come enjoy breakfast with Elizabeth at her monthly community roundtable, exploring topical issues with featured guest speakers. **Free coffee** courtesy of Turtle Bread! **Early Mornings is every fourth Friday of the month, 7:30-9:00am, at Turtle Bread, 4762 Chicago Ave. S.** Future dates: June 22, July 27, August – no meeting, September 28.