

# Ninth Ward E-News

From Minneapolis City Council Member Gary Schiff  
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## Cathy ten Broeke To Speak at Breakfast with Gary



Cathy ten Broeke

At the March 31<sup>st</sup> Breakfast with Gary, Cathy ten Broeke, the City/County Homelessness Coordinator, will speak on her work and the upcoming Commission to End Homelessness. "Ending homelessness in Minneapolis is a priority," said Council Member Gary Schiff. "Too many people spend nights on the street in

Minneapolis."

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.

## Schiff Co-Authors Sex Offender Distance Ordinance

Council Member Gary Schiff is co-authoring a proposed ordinance that would place distance requirements on registered sex offenders. Proposed by Council Member Paul Ostrow, the ordinance would ban registered sex offenders from living within a set distance from schools, day cares and playgrounds. "55407 is the zip code with 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. Neighbors, no matter their income level, have a right to feel safe in their communities."

## Support East Phillips Park – Contact state legislators

The Minnesota State Legislature is considering a bonding request for East Phillips Park that would radically improve the park. To support the bonding request, you can send letters to state legislators and senators asking for their support. For a list of the State



Phillips residents and leaders testify in front of the Minnesota State House Capital Investment Committee on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Senators on the Senate Capital Investment committee considering the request, [click here](#). For a list of the State Representatives on

the House Capital Investment committee considering the request, [click here](#). To find your State Senator or Representative, [click here](#). Please send letters or postcards only, do not call or email. Letters are the most effective and polite method of encouraging legislators to support the project.

### Powderhorn Lake ON MPCA “Impaired” List

Powderhorn Lake, a 12 acre lake acquired in 1890 by Major Plympton and named after its resemblance to a powder horn (a flask used by soldiers to carry gunpowder).



Powderhorn Lake in 1904

The lake is one of dozens on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency’s [list of "impaired" lakes](#) because of Mercury contamination and excess nutrients. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB), however, has been taking steps to improve the water quality of the lake. In 1999, the MPRB, partnering with The City of Minneapolis, Save our Lake (SOL), and the

Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association (PPNA), developed a major restorative plan. Included in the plan was the installation of 5 grit chambers to filter street drainage, an alum treatment to settle phosphorus, barley straw treatments to improve water quality, goose management, native planting to filter rainfall runoff and stabilize the shoreline, and a summer aerator to help with oxygenation. For more information on the plan, [click here](#). In addition, [click here](#) for the MPRB annual lake monitoring reports.

### Plaza Verde Honors Benito Juarez



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Center, Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre, Cooperativa Mercado Central, the Latino Economic Development Center and the Mexican Consulate presented a plaque dedicating Plaza Verde to former Mexican President Benito Juarez García. The plaque is to be installed in an effort to honor and celebrate the bicentennial anniversary of the birth of the venerated former Mexican president and political activist. Honorary Consul of México Nathan Wolf and Council Member Gary Schiff spoke at the event. Benito Pablo Juárez García (March 21, 1806 – July 18, 1872) was a Zapotec (Indigenous Indian) who served two terms (1861–1863 and 1867–1872) as President of Mexico. Juárez is often regarded as Mexico's greatest and most beloved leader.

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