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Eighth Ward News

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

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Bancroft

Bancroft Neighborhood Assoc Council

www.bancroftneighborhood.org

Meets 2nd Thursday, 7 pm

4120 17th Avenue South

Bryant

Bryant Neighborhood Association

Meets 1st Thursday, 7 pm

Phelps Park, 3900 Chicago

Central

CANDO

www.CANDOmpls.org

Meets 3rd Thursday, 6:15 pm

Sabathani Community Center

310 East 38th Street, Room 304

Field-Regina-Northrop

www.frnng.org

Meets 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 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, 6:30 pm

821 E 35th Street

38th & Chicago

38th & Chicago Implementation Committee

Meets 3rd Monday, 7 pm

Pillsbury House 3501 Chicago Ave S

Visit a Farmer's Market in Ward 8

Did you know ... we now have 4 farmer's markets in Ward 8 neighborhoods? Three are mini-markets – with a few stands selling fresh produce weekly. This new “mini-market” designation makes it easier to start a farmer's market without all of the regulatory burdens of a full farmer's market. Here are the market details – visit one this week!

- **New! Park Avenue Church, 34th & Oakland: Saturday mornings, 8am-12pm.** Park Avenue United Methodist Community farmer's market provides access to food grown in Minnesota that is clean, fresh and healthy, at farmer's market prices. The market will run until the end of September.
- **New! South of Lake Mini Farmer's Market (Calvary Lutheran Church Parking Lot 3901 Chicago Ave): Thursdays, 4:30 – 6:30pm.** A collaboration between Bancroft Neighborhood Association and Crossroad Community at Calvary Lutheran has made our very own farmer's market possible! Fresh veggies and flowers will be sold.
- **Sabathani Mini Farmer's Market, 310 E. 38th Street: Wednesdays, 5–6:30 p.m.** Bringing fresh fruits and vegetables to Minneapolis neighborhoods that lack healthy food options. The market will run until the end of September.
- **Kingfield Farmer's Market, 43rd & Nicollet: Sunday mornings, 8:30am-1pm.** This full-fledged farmer's market is lively and full of people every Sun morning. Come enjoy fresh local food, music, and your neighbors!

\$100,000 in Grants Available to Help Bridge the Digital Divide in Mpls



The Minneapolis Foundations' Digital Inclusion Fund, which was created as part of the Community Benefits Agreement between the City of Minneapolis and USI

Wireless, is seeking requests for proposals from eligible organizations that are working to promote technology access and literacy throughout the city. Approximately \$100,000 is available, and the maximum grant size is \$10,000.

Nonprofits and public institutions that provide access to technology to underserved populations in Minneapolis are eligible to apply. Past grantees of the Digital Inclusion Fund are not eligible to apply for a grant this cycle.

Requests for funding should demonstrate how the proposed activities will accomplish long-term change in affordable internet access; technology literacy; local, relevant and accessible content; or adequate, affordable hardware and software tools

More details are available at www.digitalinclusionfund.tmfportal.org. Proposals must be received by 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10.

Making Home Affordable – Get Help to Modify Your Mortgage Payment



For homeowners struggling with monthly mortgage payments, there is a new federal program that can offer relief. It is called, Making Home Affordable.

You can find out more at www.MakingHomeAffordable.gov or call the Homeowner's HOPE hotline (1-888-995-HOPE) to see if you might be eligible for assistance and to understand options you have to avoid foreclosure.

This program will help homeowners who are at risk for foreclosure. Call now if you have questions

about how the program works or if you qualify for help. Live in Minneapolis? Dial 311 (or, 612-673-3000) and ask for help from a foreclosure counselor. You can also call the Minnesota Home Ownership Center at www.hocmn.org or 651-659-9336.

Open House and Ice Cream Social for Hiawatha Maintenance Facility: "Green" Construction in Action!



Minneapolis has finished construction on its Hiawatha Public Works Facility, an innovative building that will save money through lower energy costs and also have a reduced impact on the environment. You are invited to a public open house to see this new building:

- **Hiawatha Maintenance Facility Open House**, Sunday, Aug. 15, 1 – 4 pm, 1901 E. 26th Street (two blocks north of the LRT Lake Street Station, and one-half block north of the Hiawatha Bike Trail)

Built a century ago as a place to treat the Fire Department's sick horses, the Hiawatha Maintenance Facility has just undergone an extensive renovation and is likely to receive LEED platinum certification – the highest standard for building energy efficiency which is held by only 5 buildings in the State of Minnesota. The Hiawatha building project's innovations include incredibly creative re-use of materials – for instance, the fence around the property is the deck of the old Loring Bridge.

Buildings are the single largest contributor to global warming, consuming almost ½ of all energy consumption and carbon dioxide emissions. The Hiawatha Maintenance Facility is a great example of what is possible by incorporating environmentally friendly design in all aspects of building projects.

For more information on the Hiawatha Maintenance Facility, go to www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/HiawathaFacility.

Grants Available for Water Quality Projects



Water pollution comes from many different sources, including our everyday activities like watering yards, washing cars and disposing of pet waste. Changing the choices we make can help improve the quality of water in the Mississippi River and all of our waterways.

The Mississippi Watershed Management Organization is offering more than \$200,000 in stewardship grants for organizations who want to work at ways in improving water quality or water and natural resource management. Projects seeking funding should also help build community understanding, knowledge, and initiative related to water and natural resource issues and solutions.

Nonprofit organizations, officially recognized neighborhood groups, schools, local units of government, and business and professional associations are eligible to apply. Individuals, home owners associations and condominium associations, and private businesses may partner with eligible applicants in order to apply.

Letters of Interest due Wed, Sept 22 by 3 pm. For information, including details on information sessions, visit www.mwmo.org/stewardshipfund.html.

Park Board Hosts Second Meeting on Proposed Dog Park in MLK Park



The Minneapolis Park Board held its first formal meeting on a proposed dog park at Martin Luther King Park on Thursday, July 22. **A second meeting is planned for Thursday, Sept 2, 6:30 pm at MLK Park, 40th & Nicollet.**

Area residents have proposed a dog park at Martin Luther King Park. A dog park is a fenced area where dog can go off-leash. The Park Board would help maintain the dog park in cooperation with

interested residents. The Park Board has committed to build a dog park in each of its six park districts – the 6th Park District, which includes Martin Luther King Park, is the only remaining district without a dog park.

The Park Board's has announced that it will present proposed recommendations, share results of public feedback gathered to date, and gather additional public comments at its meeting on September 2nd.

Please contact the Minneapolis Park Board and your Park Board Commissioners to ask questions and share your opinions. You can contact the Park Board at www.minneapolisparcs.org or (612) 230-6400.

ReGo Open House – August 19, 1pm



Please help us welcome a great new “green” business to Ward 8 – **ReGo**, which performs plug-in conversions for hybrid cars. The co-founder of the business, Shayna Berkowitz, is a Ward 8 resident who has converted her passion for environmental stewardship into a business with green jobs benefitting our economy.

On August 19, from 1-4 pm, please join Mayor Rybak for an open house event that celebrates **ReGo** – **ReGo** is open for business, stop on by! Find out more about this great new business at www.regoelectric.com.

ReGo is located in Mulroy's Body Shop, 3920 Nicollet Ave South. Another great environmental steward, Mulroy's just installed a 174-panel 40-kilowatt solar system for its business.

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Bicycle Boulevard Proposed for 17th Avenue: Attend Upcoming Meetings to Learn More!



The City of Minneapolis is proposing a bicycle boulevard on 17th Avenue between 24th Street E and the Minnehaha Parkway. This project is also

called the **Southern Bike Connection** and will link Minneapolis to Richfield.

A bicycle boulevard provides shared lanes (cars and bikes together) in the middle of the street. A bike boulevard also calms traffic and improves bike and pedestrian crossings at busy streets. **This project will NOT remove parking and will continue to allow two-way traffic on the street.**

The Southern Bike Connection travels North/South on 17th Avenue until 47th Street. It turns East on 47th Street to Bloomington, then continues south on Bloomington until 54th Street. Full details of the proposed route are available at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/bicycles/SouthernBikeConnection.asp.

There are many proposals for traffic calming along the Southern Bike Connection. These include traffic circles, medians, and other ways to slow or stop through car traffic. Neighbors are invited to attend the Southern Bike Connection meetings to give input on traffic calming options and prioritize the many options available.

Public meetings have been scheduled to collect feedback on draft plans.

- **Thursday, August 19, 6:30 pm: Stewart Rec Center** (2700 12th Ave S). North half of the corridor: 24th Street E and 17th Ave S (between 24th and 38th St)
- **Monday, August 30, 6:30 pm: Pearl Lake Rec Center** (41 E Diamond Lake Rd). South half of the corridor: south of 38th Street E.

Public Works will flyer the corridor 7-10 days prior to the public meetings. Questions? Contact Rose Ryan, rose.ryan@ci.minneapolis.mn.us or (612) 419-9090.

Help Minneapolis Drop-Outs Finish Credits and Get Diplomas!



We are inviting you to join a citywide effort to reach school dropouts and to send them a clear message: **We Want You Back!**

Minneapolis Public Schools and the Youth Coordinating Board have joined forces to raise public awareness about the dropout crisis in Minneapolis and enlist the entire community's help to resolve it. **We Want You Back** is a grass-roots effort to identify, connect with and ultimately invite un-enrolled young people to complete their credits and get their diploma. The program's ambitious first year goal is to attract back 200 youth.

Saturday, September 11 is our citywide door-knocking event. We Want You Back Wants You! Visit www.wewantyoubackmpls.org to learn more, sign up and help out.

Teams of community and school district volunteers will fan out across the city to connect young people with resources, support and information.

Minneapolis Public Schools staff will re-enroll students on the spot. Questions? Contact Ann DeGroot, Youth Coordinating Board, 673-2312 or yccb@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

Community Office Hours



Join Elizabeth for her community office hours every Monday, from 9-11:00am at Sabathani Community Center, 310 E. 38th Street, Room 129. You can always call the 8th Ward Office with your questions at (612) 673-2208.