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# Eighth Ward News

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

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## Bancroft

Bancroft Neighborhood Association  
[www.bancroftneighborhood.org](http://www.bancroftneighborhood.org)  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 7 pm  
4120 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue South

## Bryant

Bryant Neighborhood Organization  
[www.welovebryant.org](http://www.welovebryant.org)  
Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 7 pm  
Urban League South, 411 E. 38<sup>th</sup> Street

## Central

CANDO  
[www.thecentralneighborhood.com](http://www.thecentralneighborhood.com)  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 6:15 pm  
Sabathani Community Center  
310 East 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 304

## Field-Regina-Northrop

[www.frnng.org](http://www.frnng.org)  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 6:30 pm  
1620 E 46<sup>th</sup> Street

## Kingfield

[www.kingfield.org](http://www.kingfield.org)  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 7 pm  
ML King Park, 40<sup>th</sup> & Nicollet

## Powderhorn

[www.ppna.org](http://www.ppna.org)  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 6:30 pm  
821 E 35<sup>th</sup> Street

## Congratulations Senator Jeff Hayden! Special Election Called for House District 61B!

On October 18, former Representative Jeff Hayden 61B was elected as our new Senator for Senate District 61, replacing our long serving Senator Linda Berglin. Congratulations to Senator Hayden!

Residents and supporters gathered at Sabathani Community Center on October 25, to celebrate Senator Berglin's career and accomplishments, at an event emceed by former Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton. The packed room of friends was a testament to Senator Berglin's visionary work and positive impact on the lives of so many in our Senate District and State.

We now prepare for a special election for House District 61B, as voters will elect a State Representative to fill the seat held most recently by Jeff Hayden and prior to him Neva Walker.

**For voting information, including location, call 311 or go to [www.minneapolismn.gov/elections](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/elections).** Key dates for the Special Election for House District 61B are:

- November 4: Absentee voting begins for special primary
- **December 6: Special primary – polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**
- December 9: Absentee voting begins for special general election
- **January 10: Special general election – polls open 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.**

The candidate filing period for House District 61B has now closed! Here are our candidates for State Representative 61B:

- Susan Allen – DFL – [www.susanallen61b.com](http://www.susanallen61b.com)
- Josh Bassais – DFL – [www.joshfor61b.com](http://www.joshfor61b.com)
- Paul Dennis - DFL
- Nelson Inz – DFL – [www.nelsoninz.com](http://www.nelsoninz.com)
- Nathan Blumenshine – Respect – [www.blumenshine.org](http://www.blumenshine.org)
- Farheen Hakeem (pending verification of petition) - Green

Get ready, get set, and vote!

## 2012 City Budget: Your Chance to Weigh In



The Minneapolis City Council will be making some big decisions in the coming weeks as it considers Mayor R.T. Rybak's proposed 2012 budget. There are two public hearings before the City Council approves the final budget on Dec. 14, 2011:

- Wednesday, **Nov. 30**, 6:05 p.m. City Hall, 350 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 317
- Wednesday, **Dec. 14**, 6:05 p.m., City Hall, 350 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 317

The City Council will deliberate and make any changes to the Mayor's proposed 2012 budget beginning Dec. 6, with final approval of the 2012 budget scheduled for Dec. 14.

For 2012, the property tax levy has already been set for a 0% increase by the Board of Estimate and Taxation. Combined with reductions of \$23 million in the revenue sharing relationship with the State of Minnesota (local government aid), the 2012 budget cuts many programs and services in the City of Minneapolis, with almost all departments in the City impacted by layoffs or other service reductions.

Even with a 0% property tax levy, some homeowners may see property tax increases. One reason for this is the 2011 Legislature's decision to eliminate the market value homestead credit program. This program's elimination means that even with no increase in property taxes from local government, some homes and commercial properties will see increased property taxes.

The Mayor's recommended budget for 2012 is at [www.minneapolismn.gov/city-budget](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/city-budget).

## Yard Waste Collection Ends the Week of November 14



Mark your calendar for the week of Nov. 14 -- the last week that yard waste will be picked up as part of your

regular garbage collection service for 2011.

Branches and leaves must be tied or bagged. Leaf bags must be smaller than 33 gallons and weigh less than 40 pounds. Branches must be less than three inches in diameter and less than three feet long, and bundles must weigh less than 40 pounds.

Consider putting your leaves and grass clippings to use. Leaves make excellent mulch. They help prevent weeds, hold soil moisture, maintain lower soil temperatures in the summer, and protect against temperature fluctuations and low temperature injury in the winter.

Instead of bagging your leaves, use them at home by spreading them as mulch around trees and shrubs and in planting beds or adding them to your compost pile. You can find great information on landscaping practices for winter and other seasons at <http://hennepin.us/sustainablelandscaping>.

## InnerCity Tennis and Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center Celebrate 10 Yrs in Dr Martin Luther King Jr Park



InnerCity Tennis leases tennis courts in MLK Park and runs the Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center, located there. InnerCity Tennis has run the children's tennis programs in north and south Minneapolis parks each summer for over 50 years.

This fall, ICT and RSFTC celebrate being part of King Park and Kingfield neighborhood since 2001.

During the school year, ICT has weekly programming in charter and public schools and at community after-school programs in the city. ICT's free Kidspeed and junior tennis programs take place each Saturday from October through April. ICT is pleased to celebrate a decade in partnership with the community! To learn more about programs and activities go to [www.innercitytennis.org](http://www.innercitytennis.org) and [www.rsftc.com](http://www.rsftc.com).

## Get Ready for Snow!

Watch your mail over the next several days for information that could help you avoid tickets and tows this snow season. The City of Minneapolis is sending out

Snow Emergency brochures to each household in the city. By following the Snow Emergency parking rules and helping your neighbors to do the same, snow season is easier on you and everyone else in town.



Snow Emergencies are declared whenever there's enough snowfall to warrant a complete plowing of our streets. To get that done, people need to follow the parking rules and move their vehicles to designated one-side parking so crews can plow full width.

When the snow flies, City Public Works crews have enormous jobs to do, with more than 1,500 miles of streets, parkways and alleys that need to be cleared. Vehicles parked on the street in violation of Snow Emergency rules can be ticketed or towed.

You can stay informed about "snow rules" and snow emergencies many ways. Check out [www.minneapolismn.gov/snow](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/snow), call 311, call the snow hotline at (612) 348-SNOW, and stay connected on Facebook (MinneapolisSnowEmergency) or Twitter (minneapolisnow).

## Sidewalk Clearing Rules

Public Works and the City Council are updating enforcement practices for sidewalk clearing. Under City Ordinance, all residences (single family and duplexes) must clear the sidewalk in front of their home of snow and ice within 24 hours. If not done, you may get a notice from the City – if your sidewalk is still not clear on reinspection you could be charged for a city crew or contractor to clear your walk.

For a fee, community groups shovel snow for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Call (612) 673-3004 for more information. Also, the city offers free sand to residents for your sidewalks – call 311 for pick-up locations.

## Get Involved in November: One Minneapolis, One Read!

One Minneapolis One Read is a city-wide program where we ask residents to get involved by reading the book "The Grace of Silence" by Minneapolis native and NPR host Michele Norris. There are a variety of activities every month through the end of February 2012, so we hope you can join One Read!



- You can view Michele Norris and Keri Miller at the Guthrie Nov 3, Michele Norris

speaking to MCTC, and other Michele Norris appearances at [www.OneMinneapolisOneRead.com](http://www.OneMinneapolisOneRead.com)

- Check out a great line-up of November events in the Calendar at [www.OneMinneapolisOneRead.com](http://www.OneMinneapolisOneRead.com)
- Consider participating in the [www.NationalDayOfListening.org](http://www.NationalDayOfListening.org). For 2011, the National Day of Listening (Story Corp) is asking people to take a few minutes to say thanks to a favorite teacher on the day after Thanksgiving – a great idea that recognizes the significant impact of teachers on our lives.
- Finally, Michele Norris has set up a special page on her website, [www.michele-norris.com](http://www.michele-norris.com), for the Minneapolis Race Card Project. Check out what Minneapolis residents have said about race in a six-word statement.
- Remember – the YWCA will provide a Free Racial Justice Facilitator for your conversation about race and "The Grace of Silence." Sign up at [www.OneMinneapolisOneRead.com](http://www.OneMinneapolisOneRead.com).

Do you have great ideas for One Minneapolis, One Read or something you'd like to share? Contact us at [oneread@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:oneread@minneapolismn.gov).

## Organizing Around Increased Airport Noise



Residents living near the Cedar Avenue corridor have begun organizing around increased airport noise that we are experiencing in those

neighborhoods. The increase in numbers of flights over this area, and the attendant noise, is very substantial.

The Mayor and Council Members that represent this area, as well as State Legislators, are working to advocate on behalf of residents to the MAC and FAA. We will continue working on a joint strategy with organizers, knowing that airport noise issues are typically not resolved quickly (based on past experience).

Organizers turned out over 200 residents who voiced noise complaints at the most recent open house hosted by MAC in October. Here is how you can become involved:

- Join the “Angry about Airplanes” Facebook group
- Join the e-mail list for Minneapolis organizers at: <https://sites.google.com/site/mplsairportnoise/>
- File individual incident noise complaints at [www.macnoise.com/complaint](http://www.macnoise.com/complaint) or (612) 726-9411
- Attend a future MAC open house to voice complaints directly to MAC staff. Calendar information found at [www.macnoise.com](http://www.macnoise.com)

## Foreclosure Prevention Resources



If you're behind on your mortgage—or worried that you might not be able to make future payments—PRG, at 2017 E. 38<sup>th</sup> Street, can help.

PRG was started in 1976 by a group of Powderhorn Park neighbors as Powderhorn Residents Group. Today, their services are available to all Twin Cities residents, without income limits.

PRG's counselors will look at your household finances, help you figure out options, and then work with you toward a solution – FOR FREE. You can get help whether you're already in the foreclosure process or are worried about the future. The sooner you take action, the more options you have.

Unfortunately, there are companies out there looking to take advantage of homeowners facing foreclosure. Beware of organizations that charge money for counseling or offer a “quick fix” or a “buy back” deal.

To set up an appointment with a PRG counselor call (612) 721-7556 or go to [www.prginc.org](http://www.prginc.org).

## Minneapolis Increases Domestic Violence Convictions



Misdemeanor domestic violence convictions are up 50% in Minneapolis, thanks in part to some new changes in City investigations and prosecutions.

The Minneapolis City Attorney's office and Minneapolis Police, in collaboration with experienced community organizations, developed a new model for gathering more and better evidence on domestic violence. Also, with grant assistance, the City developed a domestic abuse repeat offender initiative and additional police enforcement of Domestic Abuse No Contact Orders.

After a pilot program for the new protocol began in January 2008 in the City's 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct, conviction rates increased from 54.4 percent to 77.1 percent and total convictions climbed to 76 percent. When the program expanded city-wide, similar results were seen in every precinct in the city. Now, beat officers are trained on the dynamics of domestic abuse and officers who arrive on the scene collect evidence and take statements, rather than waiting for Investigators to be able to respond hours or sometimes days later when key evidence may be gone.

Congratulations to the City Attorney's office and the Minneapolis Police for great work on this initiative to prioritize domestic abuse convictions.

## Congrats Park Ave History Buffs!



Two Central neighborhood residents who have restored their 1905 home on Park Avenue were recently featured in Old House Journal ([www.oldhouseonline.com/tips-for-finishing-old-house-woodwork/](http://www.oldhouseonline.com/tips-for-finishing-old-house-woodwork/)).

Ryan Knoke and Montana Scheff have not only spent time on their home restoration project, but have researched the history of homes on Park Avenue south of Lake Street and developed a walking tour. Their annual summer walking tour of Park Avenue has been featured by the City of Minneapolis and sponsored by Preserve Minneapolis. Now, you can read about Park Avenue history and Ryan and Montana's walking tour on-line, courtesy of Old House Journal, at [www.oldhouseonline.com/minneapolis-historic-park-avenue-neighborhood/](http://www.oldhouseonline.com/minneapolis-historic-park-avenue-neighborhood/). Congratulations, Ryan and Montana, on this recognition of your work!