

# Ward One Update

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# Message from Council Member Kevin Reich

May is truly Northeast Minneapolis' time to shine. Art-A-Whirl, the largest open studio and gallery tour in the United States, will bring thousands of visitors to the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District May 20-22. These visitors will have the opportunity to view the work of 500 artists, as well as experience our neighborhood's restaurants, pubs, shops, historic buildings and parks. Kudos to the Northeast Minneapolis Arts Association (NEMAA) for presenting this annual celebration of our Arts District and for working tirelessly to make it bigger and better each year.

A number of other events will be going on in conjunction with the Art-A-Whirl weekend. **Thomas Edison High School** will be kicking off their GREEN Community Schools program with a community BBQ in Jackson Square Park and special guests Jayni and Chevy Chase. The historic **Hollywood Theater** will be hosting an open house, including a preview of this summer's **Theatre Pro Rata** production of "Waiting for Godot" and a display of artwork created by NE public school students. The **9**<sup>th</sup> **Annual Johnstock** festival, sponsored by the Johnson Street Merchants, will be taking place at 28<sup>th</sup> and Johnson Street NE, with live music, crafters, artists and an outdoor movie showing. It will also be the final weekend to catch **Nimbus Theater's "The Year of Magical Thinking".** This production is their second since they moved into their new home at 1517 Central Avenue NE and it offers a solo performance by local actor and Theatre de la Jeune Lune co-founder Barbra Berlovitz.

This special weekend in May is an opportunity to immerse yourself in the vibrancy of our Northeast neighborhoods and our arts community. So grab a map, jump on a trolley, explore, enthuse and enjoy the sheer energy!

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First Ward

Neighborhood Associations

Audubon Park Neighborhood Association

Columbia Park Neighborhood Association

<u>Holland Neighborhood</u> <u>Improvement Association (HNIA)</u>

Logan Park Neighborhood Association

Concerned Citizens of Marshall Terrace

Northeast Park Neighborhood Association

Southeast Como Improvement Association

Waite Park Community Council

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# Edison's Green Community School Kickoff

Thomas Edison High School will be kicking off their **Green Community School Initiative** at noon on **Saturday, May 21**, with an event in Jackson Square Park. Special guests Jayni Chase and her husband, actor Chevy Chase, will be featured speakers, along with Edison principal Carla



Steinbach, First Ward Council Member Kevin Reich and others. Jayni Chase, who founded the GREEN Community Schools initiative in partnership with the MGR Foundation, has been awarded a National Conservation Achievement award in recognition of her significant conservation accomplishments. The kickoff event will also feature a community BBQ, environmentally minded activities for children and families provided by ArtStart and the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization, and more. For further information, contact GREEN Resource Coordinator Ashley Mueller at ashley@mgrf.org or 651-338-7188

This event will be just one of many going on at Edison during Art-A-Whirl weekend. The school will be an official trolley stop once again and will feature a full weekend of gallery exhibits, live music and performances by Northeast Middle School Band, Thomas Edison Band, Thomas Edison Choir, and excerpts from Edison's student production of the musical "Footloose". For a complete schedule, go to Art-A-Whirl At Edison.

# **Upcoming Community Forums**

Council Member Reich is hosting two community forums on subjects of interest to Ward One. The first meeting will focus on **Transit Oriented Development on Tuesday, May 24**, 6:30-7:45 pm at the Northeast Library Meeting Room, 2200 Central Ave NE. The City of Minneapolis' new Transit Oriented Development Manager David Frank and Transportation Planner Anna Flintoft will be on hand to discuss the topic and the opportunities new transit options could offer NE Minneapolis.

The second meeting, on **Thursday, June 2**, 6:30-7:45 pm, at the Northeast Library, will introduce the new **District 8 Metropolitan Council member Adam Duininick**. Appointed to the Met Council by Gov. Mark Dayton, Duininick serves on the Management and Transportation committees and the Transportation Advisory Board. This meeting offers an opportunity to learn more about the work of the Metropolitan Council and how it impacts both our city and our region.

For further information about either meeting, please contact the First

Ward office at 612-673-2201 or kevin.reich@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

# 311 Minneapolis

Need to report a broken street light? Is there a stray dog roaming your neighborhood? Do you just want a question about the City of Minneapolis answered? Minneapolis 311 is the most efficient option for taking care of these and many other issues.

Beginning April 12, Minneapolis 311 hours will be reduced. Operators will be available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mon.-Fri. However, you will find many 311 services and information sources online at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/311. Also, the Ward One office staff is 311-trained, so you may always call our office at 612-673-2201 for assistance.

# Hollywood Theater Open House



The historic Hollywood Theater will once again be open to the public on **Saturday, May 21**, from noon to 5 p.m. This free open house is sponsored by the Audubon Neighborhood Association and the City of Minneapolis. Visitors will have access to the lobby, front corridor and main hall. In addition, the artwork of students at Pillsbury Elementary, Waite Park Elementary, Northeast Middle School and Edison High School will be on display in the lobby. The Hollywood will be home to a Theatre Pro Rata production of

"Waiting for Godot" this coming July and theater staff will be on hand to talk about that event and answer questions.

The Hollywood building is for sale for development, and the City, in consultation with the neighborhood, will consider viable proposals for a range of commercial uses. For further information, go to www.mplshollywood.info.

#### **Art-A-Whirl Details**

This Northeast Minneapolis Arts Association (NEMAA)-sponsored event is so large that you might need help in planning your Art-A-Whirl weekend. There will be two **Welcome Booth** locations, where visitors may pick up directories, maps and trolley schedules:

# 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Marshall Street NE Quincy St and NE Broadway Street

Two trolleys will be running during the weekend, making stops at the main buildings. Maps and trolley schedules are also available at www.nemaa.org.

# 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Johnstock

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Johnstock, sponsored by the Johnson Street Merchants, promises to be a fun-filled event for the entire family. It will kick off on **Friday, May 20**, at dusk with a family film in the lot next to the Hollywood Theater. Popcorn and hot chocolate will be provided. On **Saturday and Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**, over 40 artists and crafters will exhibit their wares in the merchants' lot on Johnson Street. Food and live music will also be on offer. A children's area will feature activities, a magic show and games, including a miniature golf course. For further information, to volunteer or to sign up for the Kids Talent Show, email rich@riftmagazine.com.



Many of us are trying to cut back on paper bag use by taking our own

bags to the grocery store. If you find that that practice leaves you short of paper bags for separating your recycling, the City of Minneapolis has an alternative for you. You may use wastebaskets, pails or corrugated boxes for separated paper, plastic or cans. These alternative containers should be 10 gallons or less and there must be a city recycling sticker on at least one side of the container.

The Ward One office has a supply of recycling stickers, so if you need some, just give us a call at 612-673-2201. We would be happy to mail or drop them off for you.

# Recreational Fire Update

Many Minneapolis residents enjoy a small outdoor fire during the summer and fall. However, these recreational fires can also cause safety hazards and impact your neighbors' enjoyment of the warm weather. If you'd like to have a fire in your yard, follow these City ordinances to keep our neighborhoods safe and livable:

- Outdoor fires are only permitted between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m.
- Keep fires small, less than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet high.
- Burn only untreated, unpainted, dry wood.
- Fire must be at least 25 feet away from a structure or combustible material and in a fire ring or pit with edges more than 6 inches high.
- Have a hose or fire extinguisher present.
- Postpone your fire when the wind exceeds 10 mph.

Here are some suggestions to help keep you and your neighbors in harmony:

- Postpone your fire when Minneapolis is under an air pollution advisory or alert. Sign up for air quality alerts at http://mn.enviroflash.info.
- Postpone a fire when smoke will blow at a neighbor's house.
- Try to limit the number of fires to once a week.

To report an illegal or unsafe fire, call 911. For more information on Minneapolis City ordinances pertaining to recreational fires, go to www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/governmentordinances.asp.

#### SECIA's MIMO Free Store Returns

MIMO (Move In / Move Out) is a waste reduction initiative sponsored by the Southeast Como Improvement Association (SECIA) to address massive amounts of curbside waste left after the regular University of Minnesota student Move In / Move Out cycles that impact that neighborhood. The MIMO Free Store offers an alternative to adding to the waste stream, since one person's unwanted trash becomes another's treasure. In 2010 MIMO served 1422 shoppers and reused 13,218 lbs of items.

This Spring's MIMO runs May 12 – June 4 and is open Thursdays 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the University of Minnesota's ReUse Warehouse, 883 29<sup>th</sup> Ave SE. The Free Store is limited to University students and Southeast residents. To volunteer, schedule a pick-up of donations or receive further information, contact SECIA at 612-676-1731 or go to http://www.comogreenvillage.org/

### Meet with your Council Member

If you would like to discuss an issue or concern with Kevin, he'd be happy to meet with you at either City Hall or a convenient location in Ward One. Please call the Ward One office at 612-673-2201 or email lisa.brock@ci.minneapolis.mn.us to schedule a date.

### Minneapolis 2010 Census Results

The City of Minneapolis has launched a new website to provide results and analysis from the 2010 Census. The site includes a variety of tables and reports from the decennial 2010 Census, as well as links to historical trend data from previous decennial Censuses. Tables and maps show results by ward, park commissioner district, neighborhood and Census blocks. Ward One's 2010 population is 28,681, which represents a net loss of 748 or 2.5%. The first round of data released pertains to race and ethnicity, number of housing units and vacancy numbers. Further information will be posted in coming weeks as it becomes available. To access the 2010 Census results, go to

http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/census/2010.asp

# Support Local Schools

Keep an eye out for an upcoming full-page, full-color Edison ad in the May 5<sup>th</sup> Northeaster. The ad, which is sponsored by Public Education Northeast (PEN), highlights past, present and future Edison students, as well as Edison's award-winning teachers and the new GREEN Resource program.

The cost of the ad will be paid out of proceeds from the sale of donated restaurant gift certificates, which can be purchased at Eastside Food Coop. This innovative approach to spreading the word about Eastside Minneapolis' great schools is made possible by the support of 18 Northeast businesses.

#### Northeast Parade News

**Tuesday, June 21** may seem like a long way off, but the NE Chamber of Commerce is currently seeking volunteers for this year's Northeast Parade. There's also still a little time to nominate individuals for the following honorary positions: Community Ambassador, Artist/Arts Patron, Senior and Volunteer. The deadline for nomination is May 13. For further information on volunteering, details and nomination forms, go to www.minneapolischamber.org/parade.

## Audubon "Neighborhood of Rain Gardens"

Audubon Neighborhood Association (ANA) is partnering with Metro Blooms and the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) to educate Audubon homeowners about the benefits and beauty of rain gardens. Up to 15 properties in the Audubon Park will be selected to receive free excavation for a rain garden this summer. Interested homeowners and property owners can call Metro Blooms at 651-699-2426 to register for an on-site consultation with a landscape design assistant. For further information, go to

www.audubonneighborhood.org.

#### Save The Date:

#### Community Garden Planting

**Saturday, May 7, & Saturday, May 21, 9-12 p.m.,** Lowry & Central Avenue. Students from Thomas Edison High School invite the community to participate in building new raised beds and preparing the garden for planting.

#### Weed It & Reap

Thursday, May 5 – Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Annual Northeast clean-up days sponsored by the NE Chamber. Vests, gloves and trash bags will be provided to spruce up our community. Event headquarters located at Tom's Style & Tanning, 938 Lowry Avenue NE. For further information, contact the NE Chamber at 612-378-0050 or www.northeastminneapolischamber.org/weedit

#### **ArtShare Fundraiser**

**Sunday, May 8, 2 – 6 p.m.,** Grumpy's Bar NE, 2200 4<sup>th</sup> Street NE. This fundraiser goes to support ArtShare's free Northeast Parade Project workshops and their newest Audio-Guided Walking Tour release. Enjoy great food, live music and a silent auction and raffle. Bring a T-Shirt and get it stenciled with "I AM NORTHEAST".

#### **NE Network**

**Thursday, May 12, 7:30-8:45 a.m.**, Granite Studio, Eastside Food Coop, 2551 Central Ave NE. Representatives from Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) will be on hand to discuss water quality issues. Click HERE to RSVP.

#### Waite Park School Carnival

**Friday, May 20, 5:30 – 8 p.m.** at Waite Park, 34<sup>th</sup> Ave and Ulysses St NE. This benefit for Waite Park School includes food, games, live music by Unknown Prophets, family fun and more. Raffle items will include an iPad and iPod Touch.

### **Transit-Oriented Development Forum**

**Tuesday, May 24, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.** at Northeast Library, 2200 Central Avenue NE. Introduction to the City of Minneapolis' new Transit-Oriented Development manager David Frank and discussion of transit-oriented development with Frank, CM Reich and Transportation Planner Anna Flintoft.

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