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Message from Council Member Kevin Reich

As many are aware, the Eastside currently has two bridges out of commission: the Central Avenue Rail Bridge and the St. Anthony Parkway Bridge. This situation is definitely an inconvenience for travelers and a hardship for the businesses that rely on them. More than that, it serves as a reminder of how important bridges are to our daily lives and how essential it is to preserve their integrity and safety. But equally significant, in the long term, is the infrastructure investment these two projects represent.

One of government's primary responsibilities is to build, maintain and improve public infrastructure. The Central Avenue Rail Bridge is 90 years old, while the St. Anthony Parkway Bridge is 89. Both are more than due for reconstruction. In fact, the St. Anthony Bridge, which is fracture critical, has had to be closed to vehicular traffic due to safety concerns. Thus, despite the inconvenience of closures, it's time to get these done, so that we and several future generations will have the benefit of new, solid and safe infrastructure. All told, MN Dot's investment in the Rail Bridge will be \$14 million, while the combined Federal, State, City and BNSF investment in the St. Anthony Parkway Bridge will be over \$30 million. In addition to safe new bridges, we'll be receiving significant peripheral roadwork, public plaza and interpretive areas, and a number of aesthetic upgrades.

In an effort to mitigate the impact of the Central Avenue closure upon local businesses, I have worked with the City of Minneapolis' Business Development team to garner funds for running monthly ads highlighting that Central Avenue is open for business. My office will also be working with the Central Avenue Closure Committee to make informative postcards available for the directly impacted businesses to offer their customers.

It's sometimes hard to take the long view when in the midst of a detour, but the end results of these two projects will be good for our community for a long time to come.

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Second Precinct Leads in Reducing Crime

Once again the Second Precinct leads the City in crime reduction statistics. At the June 2PAC meeting Inspector Kathy Waite announced that the Second Precinct had seen a year-over-year reduction of 4.96% in violent crime and an overall reduction of 6.80% in total



Part I crime, which includes violent crime, burglary, larceny, auto theft and arson. By comparison, the City as a whole saw an increase of 3.92% in violent crime and a reduction of less than 1% in total Part I crime.

Inspector Waite emphasized the value of strong ties between the Police Department and the community at last year's First Ward "State of the Second Precinct" Forum, when she presented equally stellar reductions in crime from 2012 to 2013. This year another six officers have been added to patrols.

St Anthony Parkway Bridge Opens to Bikes/Peds

The St. Anthony Parkway Bridge, which closed to all traffic last week, has now reopened to bicycles and pedestrians. Crews have redirected bicycle and pedestrian traffic down the center of the bridge where motor vehicles once traveled.

Last week's closure came after vehicles exceeding a three-ton weight limit were spotted using the bridge. The closure still affects all motor vehicles. The 89-year-old truss bridge carried an average of approximately 4,200 vehicles a day over two dozen tracks of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe rail yard. The City is now in the process of replacing the bridge, with construction expected to begin in 2015 and reopen to traffic in late 2016.

1st Ward Community Forum - June 23

Join Council Member Kevin Reich and representatives of the Northeast Investment Cooperative (NEIC), Recovery Bike, and Fair State Brewing Cooperative to welcome Aki's Bread Haus to Central Avenue and to discuss the cooperative business model and how cooperatives can be a tool for community development.

NEIC was established in 2012 to allow its members to pool their resources to collectively buy, rehab and manage commercial and residential property in Northeast Minneapolis. Their first undertaking was the purchase of 2506 Central Avenue, in conjunction with the purchase of 2504 Central by project partner Recovery Bike Shop. The end result has been a newly rehabbed and expanded location for Recovery, as well as the addition of Aki's Bread Haus and Fair State Brewing Cooperative next door.

All are welcome. For questions or further information, please contact the First Ward office at 612-673-2201 or kevin.reich@minneapolispolice.gov.

First Ward

Neighborhood Associations

[Audubon Neighborhood Association \(ANA\)](#)

[Columbia Park Neighborhood Association \(CPNA\)](#)

[Holland Neighborhood Improvement Association \(HNIA\)](#)

[Logan Park Neighborhood Association \(LPNA\)](#)

[Concerned Citizens of Marshall Terrace \(CCMT\)](#)

[Mid-City Industrial Neighborhood Association](#)

[Northeast Park Neighborhood Association \(NEPNA\)](#)

[Southeast Como Improvement Association \(SECIA\)](#)

[Waite Park Community Council \(WPCC\)](#)

[Windom Park Citizens in Action \(WPCiA\)](#)

School News

Edison Girls Track Team Wins State

Congratulations to the Edison Girls Track Team who won this year's Class A Girls State Championship with a total score of 40 points. Crucial to this victory were Jia Lewis' 1st place in the 100m and 2nd place in the 300m, and her sister Jada's 3rd place in both the 100m and 200m.

Edison's Chue Lor Wins Gates Millennium Scholarship

Congratulations to Edison student Chue Lor for being one of the 1,000 Gates Millennium Scholarship winners, selected from 52,000 applications nationwide. Lor spent two years at Edison in the International Baccalaureate (IB) program, as well as participating in the Voyager program and the wrestling, debate and golf teams. During his time at Edison, he's also worked with ESL students, Meals on Wheels and Edison theater.

Lor is the first person in his family to go straight to a four year college after high school. He will be attending Carleton College this fall, with plans for a double major in Political Science and English. After completing college, he plans to join the Peace Corps, go to law school, get a PhD in education and become a congressman.



Minneapolis 311 Adds Weekend Hours

To provide even better service to residents and visitors in Minneapolis, the Minneapolis 311 contact center is adding weekend hours. Now, callers can dial 311 for City information and services from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.

Since April 2010, Minneapolis 311's contact center has answered calls from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, but not during the weekends. Those who called 311 after hours or on the weekends were able to leave a message, and a contact center agent helped them the following business day.

In the last few years, Minneapolis 311 vastly improved its [online service](#) options, and it and developed a 311 mobile application in 2012. These self-service options make it possible for more people to request service and access information on their own, without needing to reach a 311 agent. Through the mobile app, folks are able to report a number of issues to Minneapolis 311, including:

- Abandoned vehicle
- Bike lane Issue
- Graffiti
- Debris in the street
- Parking meters
- Parking violations

The City of Minneapolis invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event within our City. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or should you require this document in an alternative format, please let us know by contacting 612-673-2201.

- Potholes
- Traffic signal timing
- Broken street light
- Traffic sign repair
- Traffic signal trouble

The mobile app is free and available for download to iPhone, Android and Blackberry smartphones.

Just recently, Minneapolis 311 passed an important milestone: it answered its three-millionth call since it began service in January 2006.

Save the Date Calendar:

Windyfest

Saturday, June 21, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m., Windom Park, 2251 Hayes Street NE. Enjoy live music, kid-friendly activities, local food trucks and a bier garden.

1st Ward Community Forum

Monday, June 23, 7 p.m., Aki's Bread Haus, 2506 Central Ave NE.

Central Avenue Open Streets

Sunday, July 27, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., 18-1/2 Avenue to 26th Avenue NE. If you would like to volunteer for this event, call 612-810-0079 or email volunteer@mplsbike.org.

Architect Avenue Tour

Tuesday, August 18, 6:30 p.m. The 3/4 mile tour encompasses the six original homes designed by six different architects for this “mini development” in the first decade of the last century. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased at <http://tinyurl.com/mfy48v>.