



# City of Minneapolis

## Ward 8 – Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden

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May 2007

### Neighborhood Meetings

#### Bancroft

Bancroft Neighborhood Assoc Council  
[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 Association  
Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 8 pm  
Phelps Park, 3900 Chicago

#### Central

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Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 6:30 pm  
Sabathani Community Center  
310 East 38<sup>th</sup> Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor conf rm

Central Weed & Seed  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 5:30 pm  
Green Central School

#### Field-Regina-Northrop

[www.frnng.org](http://www.frnng.org)  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7 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, 7 pm  
821 E 35<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Parkside West

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 6:30 pm  
Midtown Safety Center, 2949 Chicago

#### 38<sup>th</sup> & Chicago

38<sup>th</sup> & Chicago Task Force  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7 pm  
Calvary Church, 39<sup>th</sup> and Chicago

### Update: 38<sup>th</sup> Street and Chicago Avenue Small Area Plan

After years of planning, visioning, and community meetings, the 38<sup>th</sup> Street and Chicago Avenue Small Area Plan is ready for neighborhood review. You can view the plan **NOW** at [www.38thandchicago.org](http://www.38thandchicago.org).

Antonio Rosell, the consultant drafting the plan, will present it at the regular May 2007 meetings for the Central, Powderhorn Park, Bancroft, and Bryant neighborhood organization meetings. All neighborhood meeting times and locations are listed on the front page of the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Newsletter, and at [www.38thandchicago.org](http://www.38thandchicago.org).

In June there will be multiple opportunities for public review and additional input on the 38<sup>th</sup> Street and Chicago Avenue Plan. The plan will be available for review and steering committee members on Saturday, June 2, 2007 at a booth at the 38<sup>th</sup> and Chicago Cleanup and Celebration. Also, two neighborhood meetings are planned. Please plan to attend one or both of these important meetings and bring a neighbor with you!

#### PLAN SEND-OFF Meetings:

**\*JUNE 18: Baha'i Temple – 5:30pm to 7:30pm – includes BBQ event**

**\*JUNE 23: La Palmita Restaurant – 10:00am to 12:00 noon**

After the neighborhood meetings, the plan will be forwarded to the City of Minneapolis Planning Commission, which will advertise and hold a public hearing, and then be forwarded to the Zoning and Planning Committee of the City Council and ultimately to the City Council for adoption into the City's Comprehensive Plan. This is an important step in the revitalization of our community. We hope to see you at one or more of these events.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Community Office Hours

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

## How Great is Your Block?

Is your block one of the best in the country? If so, tell **Edy's Ice Cream** for a chance to win a block party hosted by Edy's Ice Cream. Log on if you are interested and be sure to invite us if you win. The website is:

<http://neighborhoodsalute.edys.com/neighborhoodsalute/>.

## Commuter Challenge! May 18<sup>th</sup>



On Friday, May 18, new and experienced commuters around the Twin Cities will be biking and walking to work. Group rides and walks are being organized to downtown Minneapolis. By joining a bike ride, you will get the opportunity to follow an experienced cyclist and meet other bike commuters. A celebration will be held from 6:30 am to 8:30 am on the Hennepin County Government Plaza, next to the light rail station. Participants will be greeted by a band, receive a free breakfast and gifts, and will be able to browse related goods and services at vendor booths. For more information on this event, as well as other events and available routes, visit [www.tbikewalktowork.org](http://www.tbikewalktowork.org).

**Bike rides.** Join a group bike ride May 18, leaving from these South Minneapolis neighborhoods:

- **King Field**, northwest corner of Martin Luther King Park, 4055 Nicollet Ave. S., 7:30 a.m.
- **Powderhorn Park**, May Day Café, 3440 Bloomington Ave. S., 7:15 a.m.
- **Hiawatha**, north side of Minnehaha Falls, 4801 Minnehaha Ave. S., 7 a.m.

**Walks.** Or, join a walk May 18, leaving from these South Minneapolis neighborhoods:

- **Midtown Phillips**, Midtown Exchange, Lake Street Entrance, 7 a.m.
- **CARAG**, northwest corner of Bryant Square Park, 3101 Bryant Avenue S., 6:45 a.m.

## Construction Update: Crosstown Commons Informational Meeting



Finally, the long anticipated Crosstown Commons project will get underway this summer. This will be the first of three years of construction work on the

Crosstown. MnDOT has organized an informational meeting about the reconstruction project, addressing the staging of the project (what work will happen first) and how to accommodate local issues and concerns. Staff from the City of Minneapolis will attend the meeting as well. The meeting will take place on **May 24, 2007, from 4:30 – 8:00 pm, at Richfield Lutheran Church, 8 West 60<sup>th</sup> Street, Minneapolis**. The meeting will have an "open house" format, so come *anytime* between 4:30 – 8:00 pm to ask questions and get information about the Crosstown Commons.

## Graffiti Removal Assistance for Our Neighborhoods: Thank You Community Corrections!

Every month, Central and Powderhorn Park Neighborhoods are two of the neighborhoods that are hardest hit by graffiti in the entire city. From March through September 2007, as resources allow, several neighborhood associations will partner with Hennepin County and the CCP/SAFE Unit to spearhead a localized graffiti removal project.

Youth under the supervision of the Department of Community Corrections and Sentencing to Service will be working in the Central, Powderhorn, Bryant and Bancroft neighborhoods. They will remove graffiti for free as their capacity allows. In all cases, the graffiti will simply be covered with primer or paint that will obscure the offensive markings. ***In NO instance will a paint match to the current color of the property be guaranteed.***

**Call your neighborhood association to get a permission letter, which you must sign and return to be part of the project!** For **Central**, call Sheryl Kabat of Central Weed & Weed at 612-824-0708 ext. 112. For **Powderhorn Park**, call (612) 722-4817. For **Bancroft**, call (612) 724-5313. And, for **Bryant**, call (612) 824-3453.

## What Will Minneapolis Be Like in the Year 2030? That Depends on How We Plan Today!

The City of Minneapolis has begun the process of updating its Comprehensive Plan. Join City leaders at a Community Forum to learn about the process and to discuss three themes that will shape the Minneapolis of the future: sustainability, heritage preservation and urban design.

The same material will be discussed at all forums. Following a general overview of the update process, we will divide into three groups, one to discuss each theme. Please hold the date for the Community Forum that is most convenient for you:

- **Tuesday, May 1**, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Midtown YWCA, 2121 East Lake St. (near Hiawatha)
- **Thursday, May 17**, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Capri Theater, 2210 Oliver Ave. North (at Broadway)

All locations are wheelchair accessible; if you need other disability related accommodations, such as a sign language interpreter or materials in alternative format, please contact Krista Bergert at 612-673-5015 (V) or 612-673-2626 (TTY). Updated information, including other opportunities to participate, will be available on the Web at the address listed below.

We hope you will participate! The broader the participation in this citywide planning process, the stronger our collective vision for Minneapolis will be.

*For more information about the Comprehensive Plan and update process, please review the attached "Frequently Asked Questions" summary or visit: [www.minneapolisplan.info](http://www.minneapolisplan.info) You can also call (612) 673-2098 or email comments and questions to [update@minneapolisplan.info](mailto:update@minneapolisplan.info)*

## Join a 38<sup>th</sup> Street Cleanup!



Did you know that combating litter fights crime? Areas that are clean don't invite loitering or petty crime. Clean streets look like places where neighbors are aware of what goes on and crime is reported. The

Bryant neighborhood is organizing a weekly litter pick-up along 38<sup>th</sup> Street from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to Chicago every Wednesday from 7:00-8:00 pm, starting June 6<sup>th</sup>. Summer goals include identifying 40 residents who will commit to 4 of 12 scheduled clean-ups. Come join the group, or extend these clean-up efforts east and west on 38<sup>th</sup> Street into your own neighborhood!

**Here are the details:**

### Please come to the Wednesday, June 6 Clean Up Kickoff!

- **Where:** 38<sup>th</sup> Street, begin at 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave and finish at Chicago
- **Time:** 7-8:00p.m, each Wednesday June 6-August 29 (omit July 4<sup>th</sup>)
- **What to Bring:** Your own gloves, garbage bag, and water
- **Contact: Gail Harris at [harris\\_gail@yahoo.com](mailto:harris_gail@yahoo.com)** to sign up for a shift **NOW!**

## Visit Your Police Precinct for National Police Week

Would you like to watch the police bomb squad in action? Or maybe you'd just like to talk experts about preventing crime in your neighborhood? Whatever your interest in law enforcement is, make sure National Police Week is on your calendar!

Police Week runs from May 13-19 and Minneapolis Police Department employees invite you to celebrate with them! All precincts will hold open houses where residents can meet officers and see demonstrations. Food and refreshments will also be on hand.

The open house schedule for Southside Minneapolis precincts is:

- **3rd Precinct** (3000 Minnehaha Ave)  
Tuesday, May 15, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- **5th Precinct** (3101 Nicollet Ave S)  
Thursday, May 17, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.