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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
Meets 2nd Thursday, 7 pm
4120 17th Avenue South

Bryant

Bryant Neighborhood Organization
www.welovebryant.org
Meets 1st Tuesday, 7 pm
Urban League South, 411 E. 38th Street

Central

CANDO
www.thecentralneighborhood.com
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

Thank You Retiring Senator Linda Berglin! Vote in the 2011 Special Election for a New State Senator for Senate District 61!

Senator Linda Berglin, who has served our State with 39 years in the Legislature, retired August 15, 2011, leaving an open Senate seat and the need for a special election. Senator Berglin has been an amazing and gifted legislator for the State of Minneapolis and is devoted to serving those with great needs in our community. Her knowledge of health care finance and policy is astounding, resulting in many positive reforms for Minnesota. Senator Berglin's long list of accomplishments includes creating MinnesotaCare in 1992, a ground breaking achievement.

Senator Berglin now is the new health policy program manager for Hennepin County. We thank Senator Berglin for her many years of service. Please look forward to a community event honoring her at Sabathani Community Center in late October!

Now, our attention shifts to electing a new Senator for SD61! The partisan primary in this election is September 13, and the Special Election is October 18.

Absentee voting is available for the special election: Call 311 or go to www.minneapolismn.gov/elections for more information.

Where do you vote? Call 311 or go to www.minneapolismn.gov/elections and use the polling place finder. Polls are open for the primary and special election from 7am-8pm.

The League of Women Voters Minneapolis (LWV) is sponsoring a pre-primary election Candidate Forum on Wed, Sept 7, 7-8:30 pm, Martin Luther King Park (4055 Nicollet). The LWV will sponsor a second candidate forum before the October 18 Special Election.

You Can Apply for Openings on Minneapolis Board and Commissions



Applications are now being accepted for more than 80 open positions on 16 boards and commissions in the City of Minneapolis. This is an opportunity for you to offer

valuable insight, help shape key policy decisions and provide community-based input into the services the City provides.

The City is seeking applicants with a diversity of backgrounds and experiences to strengthen the work of the City. **Applications will be reviewed beginning September 30, 2011**, and the City Council and mayor will make appointments this fall. All positions are open until filled.

For a full list of appointment opportunities and position descriptions as well as additional information visit

www.minneapolismn.gov/boards-and-commissions.

To receive future notices about current openings on City boards and commissions please sign up to receive email updates at

www.minneapolismn.gov/boards-and-commissions/open/index.asp.

New Ordinance Requires Minneapolis Businesses to Offer Recycling



Most Minneapolis businesses already recycle, but a new ordinance taking effect Sept. 1 requires all

businesses in Minneapolis to offer recycling, just as residential properties are required to do. For businesses and other commercial properties (like non-profits and faith centers) that don't already offer recycling, resources are available to help them set up a new system.

To help ensure that every property owner is able to offer recycling and comply with the new ordinance, Minneapolis is working with Hennepin County to provide information and technical assistance to those who need it.

Under the new ordinance, businesses are required to provide:

- Regular recycling collection (at least twice a month) for all materials generated onsite deemed recyclable in Minneapolis, including paper, cardboard, metal cans, plastic bottles, and glass bottles and jars
- Recycling containers, recycling collection and storage areas
- Written recycling information and instructions sent to tenants and/or employees annually or posted and a written recycling plan

Property owners can find a simple, step-by-step guide to setting up a new recycling system at www.RethinkRecycling.com/business. Hennepin County also provides technical assistance and education resources at www.hennepin.us/businesswaste. Property owners with questions about this new recycling requirement can call the City of Minneapolis at 311 or (612) 673-3000.

Volunteer to Help Get Students Back in School: We Want You Back



The Minneapolis Public Schools, Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board and City of Minneapolis have joined forces again for the We Want You Back campaign, which aims to get un-enrolled

students to come back to school, complete their credits and get their diplomas.

Saturday, Sept. 10, is the second annual Day of Action that enlists the community's help in reaching young people and raising public awareness about the dropout crisis in Minneapolis. Volunteers will distribute information and talk with young people

about re-enrolling in school. Last year, 100 youths signed up on the spot to talk with Minneapolis school staff about getting back to school and 14 students have since graduated.

We need you on September 10th! To volunteer, or if you know a young person who would like to re-enroll, contact Jo Haberman, Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board, at (612) 673-2720 or ycb@minneapolismn.gov.

The campaign's strategy includes outreach at parks, libraries, and community events to generate awareness, culminating in the citywide door-knocking event. For more information, visit www.wewantyoubackmpls.org.

Building Bridges Multicultural Book Club



Once a month beginning **Tuesday, Sept. 27, from 6:30- 8pm**, South Minneapolis book lovers are invited to a meet monthly at Hosmer Library, 347 E. 36th St., to discuss a book that

explores other cultures. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with neighbors who share your love of books and eagerness to explore the differences and similarities between cultures.

For the first meeting, please read "**The Grace of Silence**," a memoir by Minneapolis native and National Public Radio host **Michele Norris**. Also bring suggestions of books we could read and discuss together in the months ahead. The Book Club will meet in Hosmer's basement community room.

For more information on the Hosmer Book Club, contact Lynda McDonnell at 612-823-7793 or Doris Christopher at 612-823-6343.

Building Bridges is a project led by neighbors from South Minneapolis neighborhoods East and West of 35W, including Central, Bryant, Kingfield, Regina and Northrop. The mission of Building Bridges is to understand how race and racism impact our communities and to build the future of our

neighborhoods together. The goal of the Core Team is to reconnect our communities divided by race, time, and 35W. You can stay up to date on **Building Bridges** activities by "liking" the group on Facebook, at www.facebook.com/buildingbridgesmpls.

Third Precinct Property Crimes Court Watch



As a response to the significant increase in property crimes in both home and

garage burglaries, Property Crimes Court Watch was established and started in the Third Precinct in June 2011. Since the first meeting, more than 40 impact statements have been submitted regarding cases involving burglaries of dwelling

- **Next Property Crimes Court Watch:**
- **Monday, Sept 12, 6:30—7:30 pm. Holy Cross Lutheran Church. 1720 E Minnehaha Parkway**

Property Crimes Court Watch is a community-based approach to being involved in the criminal justice process after an offender has been arrested and faces charges. The Court Watch provides an opportunity to educate judges about the personal impacts of being a victim of a home or garage burglary and get timely information on upcoming court hearings and outcome.

Online Access: scroll down to the bottom of the page at www.minneapolismn.gov/police/about/3rd-precinct.asp and click on "Court Watch Residential Property Crimes (pdf)" to review current offenders.

For more information contact: Crime Prevention Specialist Carla Nielson, 612-673-2850 or Carla.nielson@minneapolismn.gov.

Minneapolis Testing Single Stream Recycling



One of the top questions Ward 8 receives from residents is why Minneapolis requires recycling to be sorted for pickup. Currently, Minneapolis uses a “seven-sort” method, which provides cleaner recycling products that can be resold for higher prices and better use. Using the seven-sort method may, however, be reducing Minneapolis’ rate of recycling because residents have too much burden for recycling.

Minneapolis has begun a year-long test of single stream recycling in the north Minneapolis neighborhood Willard Hay and in south Minneapolis neighborhood East Calhoun. Residents will be testing new recycling carts and city will collect data on recycling rates and the impact of higher contamination rates (i.e. when cardboard gets food drippings it can be ruined for recycling).

Look for more information in the future about the results of the single stream recycling tests by City of Minneapolis Solid Waste.

Ward 8 Community Office Hours



Elizabeth holds community office hours every Monday, from 9 - 11:00am at Sabathani Community Center, 310 E. 38th Street, Room 129. Please drop by or call our office for a time certain meeting. Also, you can always call the 8th

Ward Office with your questions at (612) 673-2208 or e-mail Elizabeth with your questions at elizabeth.glidden@minneapolismn.gov.

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