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Eighth Ward News

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

From Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden

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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

Home Building Projects in Ward 8!



Bryant Neighborhood: Habitat Build

In Bryant neighborhood, **Habitat for Humanity** is building a house at 3807 5th Ave S. Work started in May and will continue through July. Stop by to take a look at the ongoing progress! Interested in volunteering as an individual or group? Call Mark Turbak, Volunteer Coordinator for Habitat, at (612) 305-7120.

Central Neighborhood: Rehab Addict Arrives!

In Central neighborhood, home repair television program **Rehab Addict**, with its star **Nicole Curtis**, has purchased 3049 3rd Ave S and will complete renovations in approximately 180 days. The home at 3049 3rd Ave S, on the corner of 3rd Ave and 31st Street, had been vacant and condemned by the city for several years. Because the home was built on an old small lot, and does not have room for a garage or yard space, if it was demolished the lot would be vacant potentially forever (city zoning does not consider that space a "buildable lot.").

Central neighbors, and its neighborhood staff, worked with the city, the non-profit owner, and the county to finalize the sale. Rehabbing this property will be extremely expensive due to its deteriorated condition. Congratulations to Rehab Addict and Central neighborhood on kicking off a great neighborhood rehab project!

Elizabeth

Protect Your Home as You Enjoy the Warmer Weather



Temperatures are climbing, with neighbors doing yard work and opening their windows and front doors to let in the fresh air. While everyone should enjoy the weather, the Minneapolis

Police Department wants you to take some simple steps to avoid becoming a victim of springtime crimes of opportunity.

Each year the MPD sees a springtime rise in burglaries and thefts because of open windows and doors, as well as thefts from yards and garages.

Some common sense tips to help prevent becoming a victim include:

- Pin windows so that they do not open far enough to allow a burglar to enter. Six inches is recommended.
- When working in the backyard, shut and lock your front door! Some burglars are brave and fast enough to enter your home and make off with valuables before you know they have even been there.
- Don't leave garage doors open even for a few minutes. The visible items stored there make a very tempting target.
- Don't leave valuable items such as bicycles and lawn equipment in your yard, especially overnight.
- Beware of door-to-door salespeople and home repair contractors. Get a written estimate on any work from a contractor. And remember that all door-to-door salespeople must be licensed by the City, so ask to see a license.
- Never allow someone you don't know into your home! Common ruses used to gain entry are requests to use a phone or to get a drink of water.

For more information on burglary prevention, go to: www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimeprevention.

Fifth Precinct Community Forum



On Thurs, May 10, 6-7 pm, 3101 Nicollet Ave, visit the 5th Precinct for a Community Forum. If you want to find out about crime in the Fifth Precinct, have questions about where to find crime statistics and maps, or want to

meet other people concerned about similar issues, then join your 5th Precinct team: Inspector Matt Clark, City Attorney Chris Dixon and Crime Prevention Specialists Chelsea Adams and Amy Lavender. Come with the questions, stay for the answers.

Energy Assistance

Community Action of Minneapolis will present an Energy Clinic for Minneapolis Senior Citizens! Dates: May 22, 2012 and May 23, 2012, 10:00 am until 4:00 pm on both days. 2104 Park Ave S.

Income eligible seniors may be able to get help paying portions of their light and gas bills. Senior citizens in Minneapolis can fill out an Energy Assistance Application.

Centerpoint and XCEL will have representatives on hand to discuss energy concerns, Get free energy resources and enjoy free refreshments.

Author Event: Building Bridges Book Club



The Building Bridges Book Club presents Kao Kalia Yang, Author of 'The Late Homecomer', for conversation and questions on Sunday May 20, 1 pm, at Living

Spirit Church, 4501 Bloomington Ave S.

In her memoir "The Late Homecomer", Kao Kalia Yang explores the journey of Hmong families from the war-torn jungles of Laos to the overcrowded refugee camps of Thailand and on to the United States. This is an eloquent firsthand account of a people who have worked hard to make their voices heard. This is a pay what you can event, with potluck beforehand at 12:15. Questions can be directed to Living Spirit Church at 612-721-5025.

Immigration Laws Information Session



Six Southside Neighborhoods have teamed up to present a free information session on immigration laws presented by Monica Nevin, Powderhorn resident and immigration attorney at Zimmer Law Group, LLC. She will explain the basics of immigration law, including how family members and employers can petition for immigrants to receive immigration benefits, and the changes to the law that have been proposed. The presentation will be made in English with Spanish interpreting.

Immigration Laws Information Session
Monday, May 21, 2012, 6:00 pm
Corcoran Rec Center, 3332 20th Ave. S

Proudly sponsored by area neighborhoods including Bancroft, Bryant, and Powderhorn.

Sabathani Community Center Meeting



Sabathani is working with Hennepin County to bring county services to the neighborhood. Sabathani and Hennepin County will provide an update on Hennepin County's proposed South Minneapolis Regional

Service Hub at Sabathani, and the timeline for implementation.

Please join us on **Thursday, May 17, 6 pm-8 pm, Sabathani Community Center, 3rd Floor.**

Welcome by Commissioner Peter McLaughlin, update provided on the county regional services plan, and time for questions and answers.

Need Help Resolving Issues? Try Mediation with the Conflict Resolution Center



The Conflict Resolution Center has been a community resource since 1983. They work with families,

businesses, neighbors, schools, and more to resolve conflicts by giving all parties a chance to work together to develop a mutually agreeable resolution without the stress, time, and expense of going to court. Mediation is a conflict resolution process in which people meet together with the assistance of a neutral mediator to resolve their differences. To learn more about how mediation can help you get from problem to solution; or to help by learning more about the Conflict Resolution Center call: 612-822-9883.

Free Tree Watering Bags



Want a tree watering bag? You can get one for the boulevard trees growing adjacent to your residence or property from the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board—at no direct cost to you!

Contact the Park Board Forestry Division at 612-313-7710 or forestry@minneapolisparcs.org to get a request form. Form must be returned by **June 15**.

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