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Eighth Ward News

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

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Read the Book. Join the Conversation. One Minneapolis, One Read!

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

One Minneapolis, One Read is Minneapolis' first-ever community read where everyone is invited to read the same book. The book is "The Grace of Silence," a memoir that describes the experience of the Norrises as the first black family on their block in the Field neighborhood. "The Grace of Silence" sparks conversations about race, family and neighborhood history.

The idea for a community read was inspired by **Building Bridges**, a group of residents who wanted to find ways to talk about race and increase understanding after discussion about a dog park proposed in Martin Luther King Park highlighted a racial divide in our community. You can find out more about Building Bridges at www.BuildingBridgesMpls.org.

One Minneapolis, One Read will continue from October through February, with events each month. Author Michele Norris' appearances at many Minneapolis events during the week of October 3-7 will be rebroadcast and linked online at www.oneminneapolisone.com. Here is some great information about One Read:

- The YWCA of Minneapolis has generously offered to provide Racial Justice Facilitators for FREE to groups of 5 or more as part of their partnership with One Minneapolis, One Read. Already, they are receiving requests from neighborhoods, faith organizations, classrooms, and businesses. Fill out a request form at www.oneminneapolisone.com.
- Hennepin County Libraries has a great line up of One Minneapolis, One Read events, including workshops on oral history and a Family History Day. A list of their events can be found on www.oneminneapolisone.com and at your local library.
- Minneapolis Public Schools are a partner in One Minneapolis, One Read, and many classrooms are incorporating the book, or parts of the book, into their curriculum – involving young people will definitely spur family discussion about "The Grace of Silence!"
- You can download reading tools for many ages in the "participate" section at www.oneminneapolisone.com, including a book club guide and a curriculum guide

For more information about One Minneapolis, One Read, including a list of events, visit: www.OneMinneapolisOneRead.com. I hope you join our community conversation and participate in One Read!

Elizabeth

City Council Begins 2012 City Budget Consideration



The Minneapolis City Council has begun the process to consider Mayor R.T. Rybak's proposed 2012 budget. The City Council's Ways & Means/Budget Committee will hold budget hearings through

mid-November, with final approval of the 2012 budget scheduled for Dec. 14.

The Mayor's proposed budget calls for a 0% property tax increase in 2012. While this is an important benefit to already stressed property tax payers, it also means that there are many proposed cuts to services residents value.

For a schedule of all the department's budget hearings, go to www.minneapolis.gov/city-budget. All budget hearings will be broadcast live (and rebroadcast) on City cable channel 79. You can find the rebroadcast schedule and also view the hearings online at www.minneapolis.gov/webcasts.

You are invited to the public hearings on property taxes and the 2012 City budget:

- Wed, Nov 30, 6:05 pm, City Hall, 350 South 5th Street, room 317
- Wed, Dec 14, 6:05 p.m. City Hall, 350 South 5th Street, room 317

For more information on the Mayor's proposed 2012 budget, visit the Mayor's Office Web page at www.minneapolis.gov/mayor.

Public Input on Airport Noise



Over the past months, areas in South Minneapolis have been subjected to increased noise from airplanes, particularly for those living near the Cedar Avenue corridor. While daily complaints about noise can be

submitted at www.macnoise.com, the Noise Oversight Committee (NOC) for the Metropolitan Airport Commission will have a public input meeting this month to take public comment. The meeting details are:

- NOC Public Input Meeting, Oct 25, 7 pm, MAC General Offices- 6040 28th Ave S

The public input meeting is one more opportunity to let your views be known to the MAC about increased airport noise in your community.

Child Safety Meeting Thurs. Oct. 13



Because of the recent incidents in 3rd Precinct, we are conducting a community meeting for parents and other interested adults on **Thursday, Oct. 13, 7 p.m., at St. Joan of Arc Gym, 4537 3rd Av S.**

The key speaker will be Alison Feigh, Community Safety Specialist from the Jacob Wetterling Resource Center. She will focus on "how parents can talk with their children about safety without scaring them to death." She's a tremendous resource and we'll have plenty of good handouts available. Police, including investigators, will also be on hand and Q&A time is included.

Concert Benefitting Pioneers and Soldier's Cemetery On Sat. Oct. 8



On Saturday, October 8, Jeremy Messersmith and Lucy Michelle and the Velvet Lappelles will perform a benefit concert at Pioneers

and Soldier's Cemetery at 2925 Cedar Ave S. Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery, established in 1853, is the oldest cemetery in Minneapolis. It is also a Minneapolis landmark and the only cemetery in Minnesota that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Gates open at 1:00 p.m., with Lucy Michelle and the Velvet Lapelles performing at 2:00 p.m. and Messersmith taking the stage at 4:00 p.m. Proceeds from the performance will help support the restoration of the cemetery's steel and limestone pillar fence.

Food trucks (say **Chef Shack!!**) and bike parking, plus limited edition concert photos for sale are just some of the fun features of this concert benefitting historic preservation. Also, arrive early and participate in a Smartphone history hunt which will reveal highlights of the cemetery's rich legacy and its prominent place in local history.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the show, and are available at www.friendsofthecemetery.org.

Members Needed: Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council



Do you have experience growing, processing or distributing food? Would you like to help make our food system more healthy, sustainable and local? If so, there may be a spot for you on the recently created Homegrown Minneapolis Food

Council.

The council will develop policies and advise policy makers on ways to improve access to locally grown foods, including recommendations about distribution, promotion and, of course, consumption.

If you're interested in applying, go to www.minneapolismn.gov/boards-and-commissions, click on "current openings" between October 3 and October 21, then download and complete the application.

Celebrate Bike Lanes on 1st Ave and Blaisdell!

On Sunday, October 9, from noon to 3 pm, neighbors can celebrate the grand opening of the

1st Ave and Blaisdell bike lanes with fun events along the new route.



Check out fun events at MLK Park, Nicollet and 40th St, with bike decorating, free bike washing, DJ music and food from Chef Shack! Events also at Pilgrim Lutheran Church (1st Ave & 39th St), and 5th Precinct Police Station (1st Ave & 31st St).

The 1st Ave and Blaisdell bike lanes intersect two major east-west routes across south Minneapolis: the Midtown Greenway and the RiverLake Greenway. For more information on the many new bike routes added throughout Minneapolis, go to www.bikewalktwincities.org.

And, for more information on bicycling in Minneapolis, go to www.minneapolismn.gov/bicycles.

Upcoming Events at Calvary



Calvary Church invites the community to its presentation of **Nonsense**, in which five high-spirited nuns at Mount St. Helen's School in Hoboken, NJ sing and dance their way into your heart. The show runs **November 4-13, 2011** with six weekend performances.

And, Calvary's annual Rummage Sale is coming! **Drop off times** for sale items begins Oct 15, 9-5, and Oct 16, noon to 4pm. The sale is Fri, Oct 21 from 9-5 and Sat, Oct 22, from 9-4.

Calvary Lutheran Church is located at 3901 Chicago Avenue South. For more information on Nonsense and the Rummage Sale please go to www.clchurch.org or call 612-827-2504.

Update: Nicollet Ave Reconstruction

Nicollet Avenue is scheduled to be reconstructed in 2012 and 2013. The City, neighborhoods and business community have been working together closely to prepare for this major project.

The City Council, after intense community engagement, recent approved a roadway width design that will result in a Nicollet Avenue that looks better, is safer for vehicles and pedestrians, and is “streetcar ready.”

Roadway width will be reduced from the current 50-52 ft to 44 ft, which will provide one lane of traffic in each direction and parking on both sides of the street. Narrower streets encourage slower driving, discourage unsafe driving moves such as treating the parking lane as a second driving lane, and require drivers to pay more attention to the road

Boulevards of 5 ft will be added to the new Nicollet, a critical improvement for pedestrians, transit users, and all property owners. Boulevards will allow space for healthy tree growth and for storing trash cans, transit shelters and benches, and other streetscape out of the sidewalk area. Sidewalks remain at 6 ft, as per city policy, but with the addition of boulevards pedestrians will finally have comfortable space for strollers and wheelchairs. Even more critical, a boulevard will provide space for snow storage, improving winter sidewalk safety.

Two Community meetings are scheduled to discuss the next steps, particularly construction staging, lighting, and designing streetscape along Nicollet Avenue. Meeting details are:

- **Nicollet Avenue Community Meetings**
Two meetings on Wed, Oct 12th: at 9:30 am and 5:30 pm, Minneapolis Police 5th Precinct, 3101 Nicollet Ave

You can keep up to date on Nicollet Avenue construction at www.minneapolis.gov/public-works/cip/nicollet31-40/.

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@minneapolis.gov.

Bicycle Updates: What's New?

The **RiverLake Greenway** now has added an improvement for bicyclists on 2nd Avenue next to the 40th Street Pedestrian Bridge. A bumpout has been added to the east side of the street, allowing safe space for bicyclists to exit the pedestrian bridge, look for cars, and be more visible to oncoming traffic. The bumpout also should have the intended effect of slowing down traffic and forcing cars to obey the existing stop signs.

Final planning for the **Southern Bike Connection** is underway. The **Southern Bike Connection** is a bicycle boulevard traveling primarily along 17th Avenue through south Minneapolis and making a southern connection to Richfield. The project had been delayed from proposed 2011 constructions due to funding issues. The project is now set to move forward in 2012. You can view updated plans at www.minneapolis.gov/bicycles/SouthernBikeConnection.asp. Proposed improvements in Ward 8 neighborhoods include a median at 42nd Street and 17th Avenue and speed humps on a nearby block to discourage diverted traffic.

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Author Michele Norris on Oct 4 at Turtle Bread (thank you Amy Wurdock Photography!)

