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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

City Council Finalizes 2012 Budget

After months of reviewing the Mayor's proposed budget, the City Council adopted the city budget for 2012 on December 14th with **NO** increase to the property tax levy increase.

The budget includes a major increase in street improvement funding - helping to better critical infrastructure around the City. The five year program puts \$150 million into making our streets better; a 60 percent increase in funding!

In its budget approval, the City Council amended the Mayor's budget to make these critical changes:

- Restored funding for Crime Prevention Specialists, incredibly valued employees by block clubs and neighborhoods
- Restored funding for domestic abuse prevention work, including funding for a dedicated prosecutor and supportive service
- Restored funding of \$150,000 to Minnesota Television Network, critical to continuing the services of our strong community media presence in Minneapolis

Even with a 0% property tax levy, many residents are experiencing property tax increases. One reason for this is the 2011 Legislature's decision to eliminate the market value homestead credit program. This program's elimination means that even with no increase in property taxes, some homes and commercial properties will see increased property taxes. A more detailed explanation of the factors that may impact your property taxes can be found at www.minneapolismn.gov/city-budget/truth-in-taxation.asp.

Thank you for your input throughout the year and during our budget process on issues important to you - including keeping property taxes down and prioritizing services such as street improvements and our incredible Crime Prevention Specialists. As always, call or e-mail me with questions or comments!

Minneapolis is #1 for National Night Out



The National Association of Town Watch has recognized the city of Minneapolis for Minneapolis' **National Night Out 2011- "Back To the Basics."** Minneapolis placed **1st in the Nation**

among cities with populations over 300,000. Minneapolis has been celebrating National Night Out (NNO) on the second Tuesday of each August for 28 years. On Minneapolis' 2011 National Night Out, we had 1173 confirmed events on 2470 blocks. Nearly 60,500 people participated. One hundred percent of the city's 83 neighborhoods celebrated NNO.

Congratulations neighbors on your efforts to make National Night Out a great event every year in Minneapolis!

Vote January 10 – Special General Election for House District 61B



With the election of former 61B Representative Jeff Hayden to the State Senate in a special election earlier this year, residents in House District 61B must vote in a special election to elect the new Representative for 61B.

Based on the results from the December 6 primary election, the candidates on the Special General Election ballot are:

- Susan Allen – DFL
www.susanallen61b.com
- Nathan Blumenshine – Respect/Independent
www.blumenshine.org

Get ready to vote January 10: Polls open 7 am to 8 pm! For voting information, including where to vote and absentee ballot information, call 311 or go to www.minneapolismn.gov/elections. Absentee ballot voting has been available starting December 9.

Nominate a Community Leader: Ward 8 Leadership Awards Ceremony February 24



On Friday, February 24, Elizabeth will present the **Sixth Annual Ward 8 Community Leader Awards** and the **Stephanie Ball-Bailey Youth Leader Award**. If you know of a neighbor, block club, organization, business, youth group, or faith-based program in the 8th Ward that deserves recognition, we would like your input! Please note that the Stephanie Ball-Bailey Youth Leader Award is intended to recognize youth and young adults for their leadership and community contributions.

Please send nominations (in 150 words or less) for either award to elizabeth.glidden@minneapolismn.gov or mail to Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden, 350 South Fifth Street, Room 307, Minneapolis, MN 55415 no later than Monday, February 13.

The awards will be presented at Early Mornings with Elizabeth on **February 24, 2010, from 7:30 – 9 am** at Turtle Bread, 4762 Chicago Ave. Be sure to mark your calendars for this fun filled event where great neighbors will be recognized! Free coffee courtesy of Turtle Bread!

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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.