



City of Minneapolis

Ward 8 – Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden

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Neighborhood Meetings

Bancroft

Bancroft Neighborhood Assoc Council
www.bancroftneighborhood.org
Meets 2nd Thursday, 7 pm
4120 17th Avenue South

Bryant

Bryant Neighborhood Association
Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7 pm
Phelps Park, 3900 Chicago

Central

CANDO
Meets 3rd Thursday, 6:30 pm
Park Methodist, 34th & Park Ave S

Central Weed & Seed
Meets 2nd Wednesday, 5:30 pm
Green Central School

Field-Regina-Northrop

www.frnng.org
Meets 3rd Wednesday, 7 pm
1620 E 46th Street

Kingfield

www.kfna.org
Meets 2nd Wednesday, 7 pm
ML King Park, 40th & Nicollet

Powderhorn

www.ppna.org
Meets 2nd Thursday, 7 pm
821 E 35th Street

Parkside West

Meets 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 pm
Midtown Safety Center, 2949 Chicago

38th & Chicago

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

How to Reach Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden

Join Elizabeth for her community office hours every Monday, 9-11:00 am at Sabathani Community Center, 310 E. 38th Street, Room 129, or call to make a time certain appointment. And, you can always call the 8th Ward office with your questions at 612.673.2208

Small Area Planning continues for 38th Street and Chicago Corridors

The third of four community meetings to gather input on small area planning for 38th Street and Chicago Avenue corridors will take place on **Monday, October 16, 2006**, 7 pm, at Calvary Lutheran Church, 3900 Chicago.

The theme of the October meeting is **Exploring Development Options: Hands-on Learning Tool**. In this meeting, residents will get to experience how to make their vision a reality, but discussing potential building sites or “for-sale” properties along the 38th Street Corridor. This hands-on learning experience will utilize a financial tool that helps residents see the true cost of building affordable housing, mixed-use retail, and other options. Come and make your voice heard in planning for your neighborhood! For more details on the small area plan, visit www.38thandchicago.org.

Take the Minneapolis Energy Challenge

The Minneapolis Energy Challenge is a great opportunity for residents to learn how to lower our energy bills and protect the environment by lessening our impact on climate change. Two energy fairs will feature demonstrations and displays about taking the Energy Challenges, home energy audits, energy efficient furnaces, and financing options for energy saving improvements and renewable energy. There will also be kids’ activities and the first 500 people at each fair will receive a free compact fluorescent light bulb. The fairs are:

- **Monday, October 16, 6-9 pm, Hale Elementary School, 1220 54th St E**
- **Tuesday, October 24, 6-9 pm, Jenny Lind Community School, 5025 Bryant Ave N**

For more information on the Minneapolis Energy Challenge, call 612-335-5881 or visit <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/energychallenge.asp>.

Cold Weather Rule Takes Effect October 15

The Minnesota Cold Weather Rule, which takes effect on October 15, protects residential customers from disconnection of their natural gas service during the heating season. CenterPoint Energy customers who are concerned about paying their heating bills should contact the company now to learn about their rights and responsibilities under the Rule.

Administered by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, the Rule requires utilities like CenterPoint Energy to establish payment arrangements during the heating season with customers who cannot pay their bills in full. Depending on household income, customers may be eligible for three types of payment plans: 1) Inability to pay; 2) 10 percent plan; or 3) a payment schedule. ***The Rule, which applies to both homeowners and renters, does not protect customers who fail to contact the company.***

Customers must contact CenterPoint Energy to receive protection under the Rule, even if they've already received energy assistance. **Please call now at (612) 372-4680 or (800) 729-6164, or send a message on the "Contact Us" page at www.CenterPointEnergy.com.** When customers call they will also learn about available financial assistance through the Minnesota Energy Assistance Program.

Fall Leaf Pickup

Minneapolis is experiencing the full colors of its fall leaf canopy, and we are starting to rake our leaves and prepare our yards for winter months. Many residents may be unaware that raking leaves into City streets can release pollutants into the environment – clogging storm drains and polluting our lakes and rivers. Decomposing leaves that end up in our lakes encourage the growth of harmful aquatic plants and algae. City crews will pick up bagged yard waste from mid-April through mid-November. As well, city ordinance prohibits sweeping leaves and other yard waste into the streets.

Minneapolis streets are swept completely curb to curb once in the spring and once in the fall to help keep our neighborhoods clean and livable. To

make sure the sweepers can do the best job possible, temporary "No Parking" signs will be posted at least 24 hours in advance to make sure streets are clear of cars when they're swept. Residents need to follow street sweep parking rules or they may have their cars ticketed and towed. The street sweep will take place in mid-October, with the weather helping to determine the exact dates.

Making it easy to follow parking rules!

"No Parking signs" -- City crews will post "No Parking" signs at least 24 hours before sweeping any streets. Parking will be banned from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the day a street is swept. The "No Parking" signs will be removed as soon as possible after a street has been completely swept to allow people to resume parking. Vehicles not in compliance with "No Parking" signs will be ticketed and towed to the Minneapolis Impound Lot. **Phone calls to residents** -- In addition to the "No Parking" signs that will be posted the day before sweepers come through, the City will make about 3,500 automated phone calls each evening to let residents know their street will be swept the next day.

Interactive Web tool -- Once the street sweeping schedule is finalized, residents will be able to use a tool on the City's Web site to find out when the sweepers are coming through their neighborhoods. The tool will be available at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/streetsweep> when the sweep schedule is finalized.

Council Reviews Budget for 2007

On August 15, 2006, Mayor RT Rybak presented his recommended budget for 2007 to the Minneapolis City Council. The Council is now receiving information from each department during budget presentations regarding the impact of financial resources on their operations. Public hearings on the budget, called "Truth in Taxation" hearings are scheduled for November 30, 2006, starting at 5:00 pm in Council chambers, Room 317 of City Hall. Final approval of the budget by the Council is scheduled for December 11, 2006. The full proposed budget and a schedule of the budget process may be found at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/city-budget/.