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# Eighth Ward News

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

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### South Minneapolis Home Tour Saturday May 14!

#### Bancroft

Bancroft Neighborhood Assoc Council

[www.bancroftneighborhood.org](http://www.bancroftneighborhood.org)

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 7 pm

4120 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue South

#### Bryant

Bryant Neighborhood Association

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 7 pm

Urban League South, 411 E. 38<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Central

CANDO

[www.CANDOmpls.org](http://www.CANDOmpls.org)

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 6:15 pm

Sabathani Community Center

310 East 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 304

#### Field-Regina-Northrop

[www.frnng.org](http://www.frnng.org)

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 6:30 pm

1620 E 46<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Kingfield

[www.kingfield.org](http://www.kingfield.org)

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 7 pm

ML King Park, 40<sup>th</sup> & Nicollet

#### Powderhorn

[www.ppna.org](http://www.ppna.org)

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 6:30 pm

821 E 35<sup>th</sup> Street

#### 38<sup>th</sup> & Chicago

38<sup>th</sup> & Chicago Implementation  
Committee

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7 pm

Pillsbury House 3501 Chicago Ave S

The **LiveMSP Buying Into the City Home Tour** will take place on **Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>, from 11- 3 in North and South Minneapolis neighborhoods**. The starting address for the South Minneapolis tour is 4048 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue S, in the Bryant Neighborhood. This is a GMHC rehabbed NSP home.

The **Buying Into the City Home Tour** has the purpose of selling Minneapolis homes in neighborhoods highly impacted by foreclosures, including homes rehabilitated with Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) dollars. There is a \$1,500 incentive towards closing costs of any home on the tour that closes within 90 days.

Please spread the word and attend the tour at a home in your neighborhood. For more information, including homeownership incentives and a map of the addresses on the tour go to: [www.LiveMSP.org](http://www.LiveMSP.org).

#### Home Repair Loans Available to Central and Bryant neighbors

Beginning April 25, homeowners and buyers in foreclosure-impacted neighborhoods of Minneapolis, including Central and Bryant, can apply to the City's Rehab Support Program, which provides \$750,000 in financing to complete improvements, potentially increasing their home's market value. The pilot program offers **loans of up to \$20,000 at zero-percent interest**. Funding the City received from the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency will be matched dollar for dollar by the homeowner from any other source they choose. Approximately 50 loans will be available through this program.

- Purchasers must have an income of less than 115 percent of the area median income (\$96,600) and the property must be the owner's or purchaser's primary place of residence.
- A maximum loan of \$20,000 at zero-percent interest.
- For every dollar put into the project by the homeowner or purchaser, the City will match with one dollar of funding.
- Improvements must be made to a single family dwelling or a duplex within an eligible neighborhood.

Complete information about the program and list of eligible rehab projects can be found online at

[www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/docs/2011\\_RSP\\_Guidelines.pdf](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/docs/2011_RSP_Guidelines.pdf) or by calling the Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation at (612) 588-3033.

## Food Resource Hubs Help Residents Grow Produce



Join a Local Food Resource Hub, a new initiative the City of Minneapolis, community partners and Gardening Matters. The hubs are designed to get Minneapolis

residents and community gardeners the tools and education they need to grow, preserve, cook and compost their own fresh produce, by offering supplies, classes and connections.

The **Southside Local Food Resource Hub** will make available free seeds and seedlings, discounted gardening classes, access to a tool lending library and more. Residents can join a Local Food Resource Hub and select one of three types of membership: \$10 for a household garden, \$30 for a community garden or nonprofit, or \$10 for an advocate. Contact Gardening Matters for more information at (612) 821-2358 or [info@gardeningmatters.org](mailto:info@gardeningmatters.org).

## Watch Out for Each Other: Play it Safe with Walkers, Bikers, and Cars



As the weather warms up, the Minneapolis Police Department is urging all drivers, pedestrians and cyclists to use caution and keep an eye out for each

other as more people begin to walk and ride bikes around town.

Drivers should watch out for bicyclists and pedestrians in crosswalks and bike lanes, and give bicyclists plenty of room when passing (state law requires three feet of clearance when passing a bike.) By sharing the road, folks can make sure everyone gets where they're going safely.

State law gives the right of way to pedestrians, but it's still important for folks to always be aware of your surroundings and exercise caution when crossing traffic. It's also a good idea to always wear a helmet when bicycling.

To prevent accidents, the Minneapolis Police Department has stepped up enforcement on drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians who don't follow the rules of the road.

## Vote for Sabathani Community Center EVERY DAY! Help it Win a \$50,000 Makeover



Want to give back to the Twin Cities community today? In just two minutes YOU can help Rebuilding Together win a \$50,000 makeover for Sabathani Community Center in Minneapolis. Rebuilding Together

partnered with Maxwell House to select ten community houses across the country. The five community houses that receive the most votes between now and June 17<sup>th</sup> will receive a \$50,000 makeover. Please vote for Sabathani Community Center once a day from now until June 17<sup>th</sup> at [www.maxwellhouse.com](http://www.maxwellhouse.com). And, please share this link with all of your friends. Thank you!

## Farmer's Market Time



May and June bring the start of many Farmer's Markets, as Minneapolis continues to increase its celebration of local food. Please look for the

Kingfield Farmer's Market, at Nicollet & 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, Sunday mornings, 8:30am-1pm, with starting May 22 ([www.kingfieldfarmersmarket.org](http://www.kingfieldfarmersmarket.org)).

Farmer's markets with June opening dates include South of Lake Farmer's market, at 3901 Chicago (Calvary Lutheran Church), Thursdays, 4-7, starting June 30, and Park Avenue Community Market (3400 Park Ave): Grand Opening Sat. June 4th from 8:30am-12:30pm. Fresh locally grown produce, artisan gifts, and live music EVERY Saturday until Labor Day! Park Avenue Community Market - as diverse as our community!

## Employers Can Tap Into STEP-UP to Find Job Seekers This Summer



Summer vacation is just a few weeks away, and that means thousands of teenagers will be out

of school and looking for ways to earn money and start building their careers. Business owners and nonprofit agencies can tap into this pool of young workers by contacting the Minneapolis STEP-UP program.

STEP-UP recruits, trains and places hundreds of motivated students into summer jobs with corporate offices, law firms, hospitals, media outlets and other local companies. Students range in age from 14 to 21, and work 15 to 40 hours a week from mid-June to mid-August. Last year, 178 businesses participated in STEP-UP. For details, visit [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/stepup.asp](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/stepup.asp).

## May 24 Deadline: Apply for Grant Funding for Waste Reduction and Recycling Projects!



Grant funding is available for community-based waste reduction, toxicity reduction, and recycling projects! Non-environmental groups are the focus of the program.

Community POWER (Partners on Waste Education and Reduction) is a project of the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board that supports innovative, community-based approaches to waste reduction. The Request for Application, which is **due May 24**, is available at [www.rethinkrecycling.com/grants](http://www.rethinkrecycling.com/grants).

Past recipients include neighborhood organizations, schools and youth organizations, faith communities, arts groups, senior organizations, and others. \$158,000 is available, supporting projects up to \$12,000 each. The Project Manager, Laurie Gustafson, is happy to discuss your ideas and answer any questions. Contact Laurie Gustafson at [CommunityPOWER@Rethink.Recycling.com](mailto:CommunityPOWER@Rethink.Recycling.com) or (651) 252-1487.

## New Greenprint Report Shows City Progress Toward Sustainability



The sixth annual Greenprint report plays an important part in Minneapolis' sustainability efforts by tracking the progress and

challenges in improving the City's environment, which supports the city's quality of life now and in the future. Minneapolis continues developing new, relevant sustainability indicators; data and policies that are helping systematically make Minneapolis a cleaner, healthier, more efficient city.

Among the key results in 2010 are:

600 kW of solar photovoltaic capacity added to the roof of the Minneapolis Convention Center – the largest solar electricity array in the Upper Midwest. The Nice Ride bike share program – the largest in the country when it launched in June – counting more than 100,000 rides by season's end. New codes, programs and policies to improve access to local, healthy food including leasing out five City-owned lots for community gardens and launching Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) at more farmers markets.

The City of Minneapolis' Hiawatha Public Works Facility was completed in 2010. This building has received the highest certification awarded by Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). The LEED Platinum certification means the building is officially one of the greenest in the nation; only 40 Platinum level buildings in the U.S. are owned by local governments.

Challenges include two combined sewer overflows in 2010 after three years without one. A threat also exists to our urban forest, which helps clean the air, increase property values, give our neighborhoods character and manage stormwater runoff. A tree pest called emerald ash borer – first detected in Minneapolis in 2010 – threatens all of the ash trees in Minneapolis, which make up 20 percent of the total tree canopy.

## Check Out Minneapolis 2010 Census Results



Did your neighborhood grow since 2000? How does the city's overall growth compare to the region, the state and other Midwest cities?

You can find answers to these questions and learn more about the demographics of Minneapolis from a new website that captures the results and

analysis of data from the 2010 Census. Information is now available at [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/census](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/census).

The website includes the first round of data released by the Census Bureau in March and tables and maps that show results by ward, park commissioner district, neighborhood and Census blocks for total population, race and ethnicity, and number of housing units and vacancy.

New maps and analysis will continue to be posted in the coming weeks. The site will be expanded as the remaining 2010 data pertaining to age, gender and households is released over the summer. The Minneapolis Charter Commission is now analyzing the data and beginning their work on redistricting, which will determine ward boundaries for future election cycles.

## Protect Your Home as You Enjoy the Warmer Weather



Please keep home safety in mind as temperatures climb and we spend more time outdoors and with windows open. The Minneapolis Police Department has some great

tips common sense tips to protect your home from crimes of opportunity, like garage and home burglaries that happen due to open doors and windows:

- Pin your windows so that they open only far enough to allow air in – six inches is recommended.
- Make sure you lock your front door when you are working in the backyard
- Don't leave garage doors open even for a few minutes
- Don't leave bicycles and lawn equipment in your yard unattended
- Be careful when of the influx of door-to-door salespeople and home repair contractors. Do your homework before hiring anyone to do work on your home and get a written estimate before work begins. And remember that all door-to-door salespeople must be licensed by the City, so ask to see a license.

Report suspicious activity in your neighborhood to 911 immediately. Waiting to call will most likely take away the opportunity for officers to reach the people behind the suspicious activity. A number of home burglars have been caught as a result of neighbors calling 911 right away. 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 crime prevention tips and to reach your crime prevention specialist, check out the MPD Crime Prevention Resources website at [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-prevention](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-prevention).

## Lee Family Memorial Event



In 1931, Edith and Arthur Lee, the first black family in the Field neighborhood, were forced to defend their home at 46<sup>th</sup> Street and Columbus against a riotous mob of thousands who threw objects and hurled racist taunts. The family stood their ground, supported by Lena Olive Smith, the first black female lawyer in Minnesota.

In recognition of the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this event, the **Lee Family Memorial and Recognition Event** will be held on **Saturday, July 16, 7 pm**, at Field School, with a candlelight procession to the Lee House after a short program.

Weekly organizing meetings are held at Pepitos every Monday at 7 pm, for all who are interested. Learn more about the Lee Family Memorial event at its Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Lee-Family-Memorial-A-South-Minneapolis-Tragedy-of-Hate/202826963084441?sk=photos#!/pages/The-Lee-Family-Memorial-A-South-Minneapolis-Tragedy-of-Hate/202826963084441>.