



# Eighth Ward E-News

From Minneapolis City Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden  
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1. **Reminder: Small Area Planning for 38<sup>th</sup> Street and Chicago Avenue**

When: August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006, 6:30 pm  
Where: Calvary Lutheran Church, 3901 Chicago Ave S

Plans to create a small area plan are now formally underway, with the boundaries for the plan being 31<sup>st</sup> Street to 40<sup>th</sup> Street (North to South) and Bloomington to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (East to West). This initial public workshop will include an overview of existing conditions in the area, examples of policy and development alternatives, and an exercise to help prioritize policy ideas. Please come and share your ideas! Information about the plan and background documents can be found at [www.38thandchicago.org](http://www.38thandchicago.org)

2. **Public Comment for Civilian Review Authority Taskforce**

**New Police Review Changes - Tell Us What You Think!**  
**Wednesday, August 30, 2006, 7 p.m.**  
**Brian Coyle Center, 420 15<sup>th</sup> Ave S**

The Coyle Center is near Cedar-Riverside. (Coyle Center – 338-5282). The location is within walking distance of Metro Transit Bus Routes 2, 3, 7, 16, 19, and 50 and the Hiawatha Light Rail line. (Metro Transit – 373-3333). There is bike and vehicle parking on site.

**WHAT THIS IS ABOUT**

The Civilian Police Review Authority (CRA) investigates complaints about any Minneapolis Police Officer and decides if the Police Chief should discipline the officer. People that feel they have been mistreated by a Minneapolis Police Officer can file a complaint with the CRA.

A CRA Workgroup of Councilmembers, including Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden, and City Staff, which have been working to improve the way the CRA handles complaints. The Group has recommended:

- changes to improve communication between the CRA and the Police Department
- research on how complaints are handled by the CRA and the Police Department's Internal Affairs Unit
- identifying problematic behavior by Police Officers early
- training on police accountability issues.

We are considering ordinance changes having to do with complaint dismissal, CRA scope of authority, disciplinary decisions, and subpoena power. A detailed report from the group will be available soon on the City's website. It is important that you participate so that your voice is heard on this important issue!

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Reports to Council

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/2006-meetings/20060512/HEE20060501agenda.asp> Item #6

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/2006-meetings/20060630/HEE20060619agenda.asp> Item #9

[A Study of the Policy and Process of the Minneapolis Civilian Police Review Authority](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cra/docs/CRARreport_2006.pdf)

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### 3. **Prostitution Solution Summit Update**

On July 27, 2006, a Prostitution Solution Forum, co-sponsored by Central Weed & Seed, the neighborhoods of Powderhorn, Central, and Corcoran, and the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward office, was held at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct community room. In attendance were 60 plus community members, Judge Richard Hopper and Judge Alan Oleisky of Hennepin County District Court, and a panel representing police, crime prevention, city attorney, service organizations, restorative justice, and community members. The notes from that meeting are now available and attached with this e-mail. Please contact [Andrea Jenkins](#) at 612.673.2208 if you want further information about the meeting or future events.

### 4. **Celebrate Your Health With the Step-to-it Challenge**

[Southside Community Health Services](#) (SCHS) sponsors a Step-to-it Challenge, which is designed to get people physically active and also give them the chance to add a nutritional component to their regime.

The Challenge is 6 weeks long, and each week has a suggested activity, like visit Minnehaha Falls, to mix it up a little and keep the exercise fresh. SCHS also partners with the U of MN Extension Department to offer nutritional classes for participants. The classes are free and will be held at various times and places throughout the week, so everyone has the chance to participate.

SCHS has been conducting trainings throughout the community to recruit captains for teams to compete in the Challenge. Participants are encouraged to get their neighbors, co-workers, grandkids, faith-community, and others involved. There is no max or minimum age for participants and people with limited mobility are encouraged to participate.

It works like this: a captain forms a team and then for each of six weeks starting Sept. 10th the team members report their steps to their captain. Any type of activity can be converted into steps, including gardening, cleaning, tai chi, and the like. The idea is to get people thinking about the various forms of physical activity and get them moving. Each week, teams can see their progress and how other teams are doing.

Once a participant is registered, they get a pedometer and a wrist band. Each time a participant walks to recommended 10,000 steps a day for a week, they can earn incentives ranging from bandana to shirts to arm radios. (So for every 70,000 steps, they earn a new incentive).

For more information or to sign up, go to [www.steptoit.org](http://www.steptoit.org) or call Sara Khalfa, SCHS Outreach Administrator, at 612.238.2391.

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