

THE RIVER BEACON

Our goal with the River Beacon is to communicate local news and activities, and invite you and your neighbors to participate in its publication.

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New Winter Public Market

By Tony Anastasia

The Northeast Minneapolis Farmers Market and Eastside Food Co-op (EFC) are excited to announce their partnership on a new monthly winter public market. The market will feature many of the vendors you know and love from the Saturday morning farmer's market at St. Boniface Church. The winter market will be held at the co-op building, 2551 Central Avenue NE, in the space that was previously a granite studio. Market hours are 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on the second Saturday of each month, from November through May.

Make sure to mark the following dates, several of which are in conjunction with special events, on your calendar:

Saturday, November 13, Sat., December 11 (EFC's 7th Anniversary Celebration), Saturday, January 8, Saturday, February 12, Saturday, March 12, Saturday, April 9 (EFC's Community Supported Agriculture Fair), Saturday, May 14 (EFC's Plant Sale).

We plan to have live music and plenty of sampling. You can get updates by signing up to receive emails from the market at www.nemplsfarmersmarket.com (at bottom of home page) and/or the co-op at www.eastsidefood.coop (on the membership tab). The market is also on Facebook.

The winter public market is yet another opportunity to support local growers and vendors along with two local organizations that are tremendous assets to our community.

See you at the market

Crime and Safety Report 2010

By Brian Gorecki

This year, the St. Anthony West neighborhood had one of the lowest reported crime statistics of all the neighborhoods in Minneapolis. We should all be proud of our community! Here are two activities that we think contributed to this success:

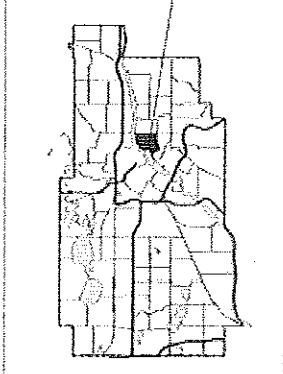
Walking Club

The primary objective in 2010 was to organize portions of the neighborhood where no Block Clubs currently exist. Every Tuesday, a dedicated team of walkers (the Walking Club) picked up garbage, talked to neighbors, visited businesses, and shared with them our efforts to build a stronger community. By the end of summer, we added 200+ names to our neighborhood E-mail list and organized two neighborhood "outings", which more than 100 people attended. If we missed your neighborhood, look for us next year. Feel free to join us and be a part of making our neighborhood the safest in the City.

Dickman Park Program

Did you notice something different at Dickman Park this summer? Through a partnership with the Minneapolis Park Board, we once again had activities staff at the park. We also held a movie night, where neighbors gathered with blankets and picnics to watch an evening viewing of "Journey to the Center of the Earth." Look for an expanded summer park program in 2011.

Saint Anthony West Neighborhood



Phone Numbers and Websites

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Block Club Training and Information—612-673-3204



Third Ward Updates from Council Member Diane Hofstede

Minneapolis Riverfront Design Competition – An Historic Event for Our Community!

The Minneapolis Riverfront Design Competition, sponsored by the Minneapolis Park Board and the Minneapolis Parks Foundation is the largest design competition in Minneapolis history! It will produce a 21st Century park design for 220 acres of parkland and adjacent neighborhoods and business districts along both sides of the 5.4-mile stretch of the Mississippi River, from the Stone Arch Bridge in the historic downtown Mill District to the city's northern limits!

Fifty-five landscape and urban design teams responded to the Request for Qualifications, including some of the leading design studios in the world!

The competition will encourage a comprehensive, integrated approach to evaluating the larger river/park system, creating a vision that:

Establishes parks as the engine for economic development along the river,

Knits both sides of the riverfront together with their surrounding communities, thereby transforming the river from a barrier to a connector,

Re-focuses the city toward one of the three great rivers of the world—"the Fourth Coast of the U.S."—an extraordinary environmental amenity that defines Minneapolis' civic identity – past, present and future!

The Design Competition Jury Members are:

Andrew Blauvelt, Curator of Architecture and Design, Walker Art Center; John Erwin, Board President, Minneapolis Park and Recreation

Board; David Fisher, Superintendent, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board; Thomas Fisher, Professor and Dean, CDES, University of Minnesota; Barbara Johnson, Council President, City of Minneapolis; Diane Loeffler, District 59A, Minnesota House of Representatives; Peter McLaughlin, Commissioner, Hennepin County; William Rees Morrish, Dean of the School of Constructed Environments and Associate Dean, Parsons, The New School of Design in New York City; R.T. Rybak, Mayor, City of Minneapolis; Bill Wenk, FASLA Founder and President, Wenk Associates; and Liz Wielinski, Commissioner of District 1, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, and Diane Hofstede, Third Ward Minneapolis City Council Member.

The four finalists from the design competition are: Ken Smith Workshop, New York City; Stoss Landscape Urbanism, Boston; Tom Leader Studio, Berkeley; and Turenscape, Beijing. The final submissions will be judged, and a grand prize, in the form of a commission, will be awarded to the winning team.

Opportunities to Get Involved in the Decision:

"Designer Ask" (December 2010)

Designer Ask is a set of questions compiled directly from the competing design teams after their three-day visit to Minneapolis, Nov. 29-Dec. 1. The questions will be available to all Minneapolis residents and visitors via an online survey and as a printed survey at Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Centers. Feedback from the community will be provided to the design teams.

Community Meeting (December 7, 2010) This meeting will invite the public to come together and learn more about the competition and share their experience and knowledge of the riverfront. The meeting will be structured around the "Designer Ask" questions.

Youth Engagement (November/December 2010)

Up to four groups of young people in Minneapolis will engage in a multi-session design process to create their vision for the riverfront, using an innovative curriculum called "SiteSeeing." Youth will have a chance to meet at least one designer in a working session, and finished designs will be shared with the competing design teams as part of the "Competition Brief."

Public Presentation (January 27, 2011)

The four competing design teams will be in Minneapolis at the end of January to make a public presentation of their proposed designs. The event will be free and open to the public. Location is to be determined.

Community engagement details and more information can be found online at <http://minneapolisriverfrontdesigncompetition.com/>. Information will also be available at all neighborhood parks. Please call the Third Ward Office at 612-673-2203 with any questions. Please get involved!

Plymouth Avenue Bridge Closing

The City of Minneapolis has closed the Plymouth Avenue Bridge over the Mississippi River to all traffic as a precautionary measure following an inspection that revealed corroded cables within the internal bridge structure. A thorough analysis of corrosion on cables within the bridge is now being conducted so engineers can better understand the extent of damage and the repair work needed. It is too early in the process to determine the extent of repairs and when they can be made. It is likely to take a number of months, and the bridge is expected to remain closed throughout the winter.

The Plymouth Avenue Bridge is a post-tensioned box-girder bridge, a type of



design that includes multiple redundancies in the structure, and which is not a fracture-critical design. During routine maintenance and repair work, crews found signs of corrosion in the bridge tendons, which are tensioned cables running through the concrete structure of the bridge. These cables are not visible from the exterior of the bridge. Additional investigation led engineers to conduct an examination of the interior of the bridge structure to determine the extent of the corrosion. After examining some of the cables closely, Public Works officials recommended that as a safety measure the bridge be closed until further evaluation can be completed. Most of the structure is in generally good shape, but continuing to allow traffic on the bridge with corroded cables could lead to deflection or settling in the structure that would make it much more difficult and expensive to repair, and would be a risk to bridge users.

We will send out notices as more information becomes available. If you would like to receive email notices, please contact the Third Ward office at 612-673-2203 or email Diane.Hofstede@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

Third Ward Opening on the Public Health Advisory Committee

There currently is one opening for a

Third Ward resident on the Minneapolis Public Health Advisory Committee. The Public Health Advisory Committee (PHAC) has responsibility to review the proposed priorities of the Department of Health and Family Support and make recommendations to the City Council. Some of the priorities include; youth violence, chemical use, and binge drinking; supporting and encouraging the growth of Homegrown Minneapolis, Social Host Ordinance; and the issue of tobacco use, and other health-related issues. If you are interested, please contact Council Member Hofstede at 612-673-2203 or email at diane.hofstede@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

Nice Ride: Coming Soon to Your Neighborhood? Nice Ride is planning a major expansion! Part of the expansion is already funded; at least six stations in North Minneapolis will be added next year. Nice Ride still has much bigger plans. Phase 2 planning kicked off with a metro-wide meeting. If you would like to submit your ideas, please send an e-mail to ideas@niceridemn.org, or to Council Member Hofstede at diane.hofstede@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

City of Minneapolis 2010 Budget in Brief: How can you participate in budget discussions?

There will be two public hearings for

the budget process. The initial hearing is scheduled for November 18, with the official public comment and City Council budget adoption occurring at 6:05 pm in City Council Chambers on December 13, 2010. Council Chambers are located in City Hall, Room 317. For more information about the budget process and calendar, please visit <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/city-budget/>, or call (612) 673-3000. Budget comments can be submitted to Council Member Hofstede's office at diane.hofstede@ci.minneapolis.mn.us or (612) 673-2203.

The Third Ward Welcomes Minneapolis Cable Network to the Neighborhood!

MCN6 just moved in at 1229 2 St. NE. Their new location spruces up a tired corner of the street and adds vitality to the existing business of Chow Girls Catering, Frank Stone Gallery, Movables, Two Plus Two Pottery and Behind Bars bike shop. MCN6 is the Twin Cities local, non-affiliated cable network. Studio and field production services are available. The MCN mission is to provide the community with broad-based programming of regional interest.

Happy Holidays, everyone, and thank you for making our community and our Third Ward a great place to live, work and play!

Notes from the October Neighborhood Board Meeting

By Pete Gamades

The St. Anthony West Neighborhood Organization (STAWNO) Board met on Oct 14. A large portion of the meeting was dedicated to learning about the proposed Household Hazardous Waste Collection Site on 340 27th Ave NE. There is some opposition to this site. City Staff will be attending our November meeting to discuss the reason they

want to use this location. The STAWNO Board already passed a motion in July to "follow the issue and support the project only if it meets certain criteria, including Holland neighborhood approval and buy-in".

The other main topic from the meeting was highlighting the success of the 7th Annual Historic Riverfront 5K. This run is put on by St. Anthony West and was very well attended this year. With mid-60's temperatures and sunny conditions on October 9, we had 592 participants, which was an increase of almost 50% from last year.

This event raised almost \$10,000 for your neighborhood! Thank you to all the great volunteers and generous sponsors! Mark October 8, 2011 on your calendars for the 8th Annual Historic Riverfront 5K.

Please email or call issues or concerns that you want your Board to work on. neighbors@stawno.org or 612.378.8886.





Second Precinct

By Nick Juarez

As 2010 comes to a close, St. Anthony West Neighborhood continues to see an overall decrease in Part 1 crimes of -44%. There have been decreases in Burglary, -33%; Theft, -50%; and Robbery, -75%. The only increases came in

Aggravated Assault and Motor Vehicle Theft, which increased by 1% in each category over last year. As we review the 2010 Neighborhood Policing Plan, we have completed one of the performance measures; two are on-going projects and will continue into 2011. There are two performance measures we did not meet (we did not train any new block leaders and we

only identified 2 new block groups). However, because the new block groups are in areas where we did not have any points of contact, that measure could be counted as a success. The Neighborhood could carry over some of the measures from 2010 into 2011. As we approach the holiday season, let's continue to keep our eyes and ears open, and report any suspicious activity.

Recipe for Health: Food Safety plus Local Farmers.

By Kristina Gronquist

The relatively new phenomena of nationwide pathogenic outbreaks, be they from salmonella or E. coli variants, are intimately tied to the fecal contamination of our food supply and the intermingling of millions of unhealthy animals. Thousands of dairy cows and tens of thousands of beef cattle are concentrated on feedlots; hundreds of thousands, or even millions, of chickens are confined in henhouses at one location for the production of eggs and meat.

Livestock producing manure is nothing new. But the epic scale of animal numbers at single locations and the incredible volumes of animal waste is a recipe for disaster. It eclipses anything that was happening on old McDonald's farm.

The current near-nationwide contami-

nation in the egg supply can be directly linked to industrial producers that confine millions of birds, a product of massive, centralized breeding, in manure-rich henhouses, and feeding the birds a ration spiked with antibiotics. These are chickens that the McDonald family would likely have slaughtered on the farm because they were "sickly."

Thirteen corporations each have more than 5 million laying hens, and 192 companies have flocks of more than 75,000 birds. According to the industry lobby group, United Egg Producers (UEP), this represents 95% of all the laying hens in the United States.

All of these problems are further amplified by the scope of the industrial-scale food system. Now, a single contamination problem at a single national processing facility, be it meat, eggs, spinach or peanut butter, can virtually infect the entire country through their national distribution model.

Here in Northeast Minneapolis, consumers are voting with their pocketbooks by purchasing food they can trust. They are encouraging a shift back towards a more decentralized, local and organic livestock production model. Witnessing the exponential growth of farmers markets, community-supported farms, direct marketing and supermarket organics, a percentage of our population is not waiting for government regulation to protect their families.

Farmers and ranchers milking 60 cows, raising a few hundred head of beef, or free-range laying hens (many times these animals have names not numbers) offer crucial competition to the mammoth-scale agribusinesses that dominate our food production system. Supporting farmers markets and local businesses that support local farmers is a win-win!

Note: Information and statistics for this article were compiled from The Cornucopia Institute, a farm policy research group based in Cornucopia, Wisconsin.

Holiday Safety Tips

By Joyce Vincent

This time of year brings high energy along with the cold weather. As the holidays near for many of us, a lot of us will be out getting gifts, visiting relatives, and having a lot on our minds as we try to balance many goals all at once. Since it's easy to get overwhelmed, the Minneapolis Police Department Fifth Precinct would like to give a short reminder about some tips to make your holiday times safe and enjoyable.

Please see the following link for holiday

safety tips:

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-prevention/docs/Hsholiday.pdf>

Stay safe, and Happy Holidays!

You can view or update your subscriptions, password or e-mail address at any time on your [User Profile Page](#). All you will need are your e-mail address and your password. You can always use the "Reset your Password" link on the Log-In page for help.

This service is provided to you by the City of Minneapolis.

Events

STAWNO Monthly Meeting—909 Main Street Lodge. Thursday, December 9th @ 6:30PM., Thursday, January 13th @ 6:30PM.

Third Ward Care Meeting—Eastside Neighborhood Services, 1700 2nd St. N.E., Wednesday, December 15th @ 7:00PM, Wednesday, January 19th @ 7:00PM.

Land Use and Planning Committee Meeting—Elsie's Restaurant, 729 Marshall St. NE., December 6th @ 6:00PM