

# THE RIVER BEACON

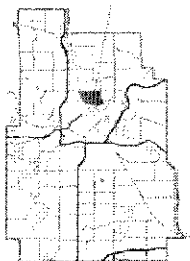
## Welcome

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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Saint Anthony West Neighborhood



## Put Your N.R.P. Monies Back To Work

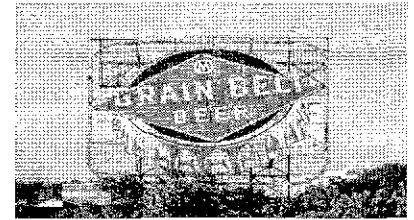
By Bob Margl

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (N.R.P.), funded by your property tax revenues, announces Phase I and II Home Improvement dollars administered by Greater Metropolitan Housing Corp. are waiting to go to work in our St. Anthony West Neighborhood. **With interest rates close to 35% below market, special programs focused on energy saving improvements and minimal processing and closing cost we invite our neighbors to take advantage by calling or visiting Denise at 612-378-7985, 909 Main St (lower level) for more information regarding home improvement opportunities.**

## Recap from the St. Anthony West Annual Meeting March 18, 2010

By Pete Gamades, Chair

Our Annual Membership meeting for 2010 started with our treasurer, Kristina Gronquist, presenting our financial report followed by my presentation neighborhood accomplishments and highlights from the past year. The topics discussed were the completion of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Phase II Plan, By-law Revisions, the successful summer 311 Walking Patrol, progress made at the B.F. Nelson Park Site, our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Fundraiser, and our Housing Loan Program. See [www.stawno.org](http://www.stawno.org) for the complete Annual Report or call our office for a copy to be mailed to you.



Following the year-in-review, Board elections began. Your Board Members for 2010 are Dan Brady, Jerry Evans, Peter Gamades, Brian Gorecki, Sally Grans-Korsh, Beth Grefin, Kristina Gronquist, Tony Hofstede, Bob Margl, Michael Rainville, Sr., and Joyce Vincent, with Alternates being: Pat Greffin, Anna Margl, Chris Linde, and Doug Padilla. Welcome to all new and returning members of the Board.

The Annual awards were given to worthy individuals who have helped to improve our neighborhood over the last year. The President's Awards was given to Bob Margl for his leadership on the NRP Phase II Plan and to Joyce Vincent for her continued commitment to the neighborhood and her drive to get our By-laws amended. The Lighthouse Award is given to a government staff person, and this year it was presented to Blaine Meyers from Hennepin County Corrections for his consistent support of our neighborhood. The Sgt. Dan Lawler award was given to Officer Jeff Binfelt. He jumped in the Mississippi River near the Falls to try to save a man who had jumped off the bridge. And finally, the Pioneer Award was given to Beth Greffin for her many volunteer hours with our Annual Fall Fundraiser and the Farmer's Market.

The conclusion of the meeting the By-law's amendment was presented, voted on and passed. We have new By-laws! See our website for them. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to improving this great neighborhood.

Our next Board meeting is on Thursday, April 8 at Main Street Lodge (part of Catholic Eldercare 6:30 PM in the lower-level community room at 909 Main St. NE) . All are welcome to attend.

As always, if you have any suggestions on what we could do better as a neighborhood, please contact us at [neighbors@stawno.org](mailto:neighbors@stawno.org) or 612.378.8886.



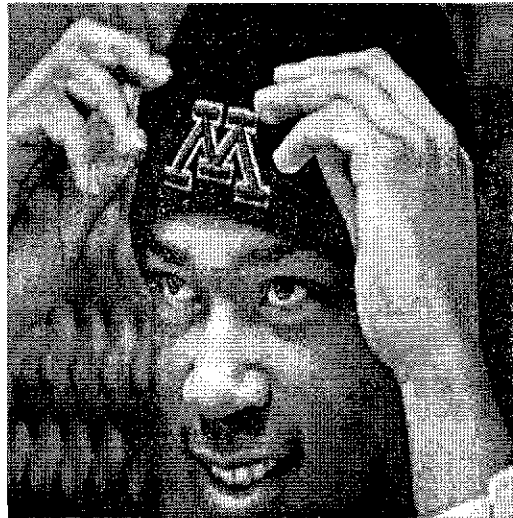
## Gophers Sign J.D. Pride, Jr!

by Diane Hofstede

Last fall J.D. Pride, Jr, a St. Anthony West resident and quarterback at Totino-Grace school, led his team to an undefeated season and a 4A championship.

Now J.D. Pride has just signed on to play football with the University of Minnesota and to continue a proud family legacy. His father, who shares the same name, and his uncle Marion Barber III also played for the Gophers.

We wish young J.D. all the best and look forward to cheering him and the Gophers on as they start a new season.



## Camden Bridge Closing in April

On April 12, the Camden Bridge will be closing for major repairs. Currently the bridge is structurally inadequate and the most cost-efficient way to fix the problem is to rehabilitate it.

**The City of Minneapolis received \$10 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding to rehabilitate the Camden Bridge.**

During the rehabilitation, the bridge will be closed to all traffic. Motorist traffic will be detoured to the Plymouth Avenue Bridge and all bike traffic will be detoured to the I-694 Mississippi River crossing area. **Please keep in mind that traffic on Broadway could become heavier during this time and may be used as an alternate detour route.**

Please contact the office of Council Member Diane Hofstede if you have any questions or concerns regarding this issue. (612) 673-2203 or [diane.hofstede@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:diane.hofstede@ci.minneapolis.mn.us) or Minneapolis 311

## Minnesota Twins Have a New Home

You know it is spring when baseball season has started! This year the Twin Cities and Minnesota has something new and exciting - A new home for the Minnesota Twins!

The new one-million-square-foot Target Field is located in the historic Warehouse District of downtown Minneapolis and offers seating for approximately 40,000 fans. Local food to be served at the new Target Field includes sausages from **Kramarczuk Sausage Company, located in our very own Third Ward.**

**The traffic situation before and after games may impact areas of the Third Ward. Please contact Council Member Hofstede at (612) 673-2203 or [diane.hofstede@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:diane.hofstede@ci.minneapolis.mn.us) or Minneapolis 311 if you have any concerns relating to this issue, especially as the baseball season starts.**

For more Target Field information and Twins ticket information, check out the Official Minnesota Twins Website: [http://minnesota.twins.mlb.com/index.jsp?c\\_id=min](http://minnesota.twins.mlb.com/index.jsp?c_id=min)

## Support the Community and Create a Vision for the Third Ward

Planning has begun for the 2010 Third Ward Summit/Neighborhood Fest! Your input is valuable! Make this year's event spectacular!

New Planning meeting dates and times!

Summit Planning Meetings will now be held on:

The first Tuesday of every month  
at 7:00 PM at

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

One Lourdes Place

Minneapolis, MN 55414

April 6<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>, July 6<sup>th</sup>,

August 3<sup>rd</sup>, & September 7<sup>th</sup>

### Phone Numbers and Websites

S.A.F.E.™ Crime Prevention Specialist  
2nd Precinct—Carol Oosterhuis, 612-673-2874

City of Minneapolis Information Number—311

Third Ward Council Member Diane Hofstede: 612-673-2203,  
[diane.hofstede@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:diane.hofstede@ci.minneapolis.mn.us)

St. Anthony West Neighborhood Organization, 612-378-8886, [www.stawno.org](http://www.stawno.org)

Block Club Training and Information—612-673-3204

### Events

April 5—STAWNO Outreach Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

April 8—STAWNO Land Use Committee Meeting 6:00 PM

April 8—STAWNO Meeting 909 Main St. Lodge, Lower Level, 6:30 PM

April 21—C.A.R.E. Meeting Center For Families, 3333 4th St. N., 7:00 PM

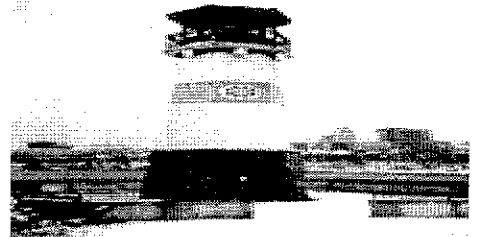


## Farmers' Market Report by Daniel Brady

This is the time of the year where one watches their yard turn green and their garden begin to bear fruit. It is also the time of the year when the Farmers' Market looks for sponsors to help with the underwriting of assets that provides the means to purchase local and fresh produce, educate our community in sustainability, and a forum to socialize with

neighbors. So starting the first week of April, volunteers will be soliciting funds from the community whether it is commercial, non-profit or just a citizen from the Northeast neighborhoods to help the market pay for advertisement, musicians/bands, capital improvements and coordinators. Sponsors will get in return a space on our website and the satisfaction of knowing that they are an important part of our community. On a lighter note, in

months the NE Farmers' Market will be opening (June 5<sup>th</sup>) with our Annual Pancake Fundraiser with music by the Eddies. A "can't miss" event.



## Northeast Network Meets Every Second Thursday and You're Invited!

*"Dialogue is a positive endeavor. It builds solidarity and creates unity. . . . [It] gives rise to trust, even among those who don't see eye to eye."*

You are invited to a new monthly conversation between Northeast's organizations, businesses, educators, elected officials, police, art collectives, and various groups in the faith community.

Throughout 2010, Northeast's movers and shakers will convene at the Eastside Food Co-op's meeting space (The Granite Studio) at 2551 Central Avenue NE on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 AM, to share breakfast, recent news and developments, and ideas about how to make Northeast a better place for everyone. The meeting ends at 8:45 AM so you can still be to work by 9:00! The NE Network meeting is modeled after the successful "Hawthorne Huddle" which

Meets monthly in North Minneapolis, also provides a free breakfast, and is moderated by General Mills.

Our first meeting in February featured a comprehensive preview of this year's state legislative session from Rep. Diane Loeffler, as well as introductions and "news blasts" from everyone in the room. March's meeting hosted three area public school principals from Edison High School, Northeast Middle School and Pillsbury Middle School. The lively discussion was moderated by School Board member Jill Davis. The topic was how we best prepare Northeast students for the economy of the future.

Future meetings will feature guest speakers and discussions on a variety of issues relevant to our community:

Central Avenue development, public safety, and more! Your ideas and input are needed. Please feel free to submit announcements from your business or organization in advance of the meeting so that we can distribute them to all of our attendees. Rise and shine and be part of this exciting new endeavor! (No one will ask you to take on tasks or head a committee; this is simply an exchange of ideas and information).

There are already so many good things in this neighborhood; let's come together to make it even better. Help us to build a civic partnership for a stronger Northeast Minneapolis!

For further information, email [board@eastsidefood.coop](mailto:board@eastsidefood.coop), call 612-843-5407, or go to [www.eastsidefood.coop](http://www.eastsidefood.coop)

## 2nd Precinct by Nick Juarez

The reduction in crime in St. Anthony West is off to a good start in 2010. Overall, there has been a 96% reduction in Part 1 crimes. There have been decreases in Robbery 2009 = 3/2010 = 0, Burglary 2009 = 5/2010 = 0 and Theft 2009 = 9/2010 = 2. The only increase has been in Motor Vehicle Theft 2009 = 0/2010 = 2.

As we approach summer, the MPD encourages the neighborhood to work on implementing their Neighborhood Policing Plan and to continue to build a strong communication network on

individual blocks and throughout the neighborhood.

Communication of crime alerts, crime prevention tips and neighborhood news is the key to reduce the opportunities for crime. In order to accomplish this, the Neighborhood email database needs to grow and Community Block Clubs need to be identified and organized. If you are not already receiving Crime alerts from our STAWNO office, please call Gayle Bonneville at 612-378-8886 to add your email address.

As spring approaches, the MPD reminds people to lock windows and doors when you are not home and to "pin" your windows and patio doors to prevent people from entering your property. Also secure window air conditioners and window fans; this is not only a safety issue but a crime prevention issue. We have had burglars who have simply pushed in an air conditioner and then they have access to your house. Be safe and enjoy the warmer weather.



## Install A Raingarden ---- Workshops Available

by Joyce Vincent

It's that time of year for you to think about putting a raingarden in your yard.

**Raingardens** are growing in popularity as an **attractive, low-maintenance** landscape alternative that helps **protect and restore water quality**. They are designed to capture rain water so it can penetrate into the soil, thereby reducing storm water runoff that carries pollutants into lakes and rivers. Raingardens also beautify your property with native perennial plants that require little maintenance and thrive without fertilizer or pesticide.

Raingardens are an infiltration technique -- **water is captured in a garden shaped like a basin that uses native plants**. Native plants are beautiful, colorful, highly adapted plants that have grown in Minnesota for thousands of years and have adapted to our long winters and varying water flows by developing long, thick root systems. The native

plant roots and the empty channels left by last year's roots give the water the "pipes" to re-enter the ground rather than run off into the storm sewer.

Metro Blooms, a nonprofit education organization that promotes environmentally sound gardening, will conduct a two-hour **Raingarden Workshop** on **Saturday, May 22, 12 noon at Audubon Park, 1320 29th Ave. N.E., Minneapolis, for only \$10**. The instructor Rusty Schmidt, a nationally known landscape ecologist, will present the basics of raingarden design, installation, and maintenance, including where to install a raingarden, how to size a raingarden, prepare the soil, redirect downspouts, and choose suitable native plants. You will receive a packet of supporting materials to guide you in planning your own raingarden

Following the Raingarden Workshop at Audubon Park on the same day at 2:30 PM, Metro Blooms will also pre-

sent a **Raingarden Design Studio** (\$10), which will provide more detailed assistance in smaller groups. Each group will work with a Landscape Design Assistant and a Master Gardener to address tasks like choosing plants for sun or shade, finding the best place to put a raingarden, and deciding how deep to dig.

Register online for the Raingarden Workshop and the Raingarden Design Studio at [www.metroblooms.org](http://www.metroblooms.org). Or call 651-699-2426 for more information.

Additional Metro Blooms consultation and raingarden design services **at your site** are also available. To find out more about them -- and about other dates for Twin Cities area Raingarden Workshops -- go online to [www.metroblooms.org](http://www.metroblooms.org).

Enjoy the beauty of your raingarden and also enjoy the satisfaction of knowing you are helping our environment in an important way.

## From a Local Farm Right to your NE Table: Community Supported Agriculture!

by Kristina Gronquist

Eastside Food Co-op's CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) Fair is a unique opportunity for consumers to connect directly with the farmers who grow the food we eat. The CSA Fair provides a venue where you can learn about local farms, the share options available, and subscribe to the farm that suits your needs best, should you choose to do so. The CSA Fair is **FREE** for all, and no purchase is required to participate in the Fair. Our farmers will be here in person to tell you all about their farms, share their CSA programs, and answer any questions you may have. The CSA Fair will be held on **Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup>** at 2551 Central Avenue NE from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm.

**What is Community-Supported Agriculture?** CSA provides individuals an opportunity to form partner-

ships with local producers. A consumer becomes a member of a CSA Farm by purchasing a share in a farm's harvest, which helps cover yearly operating costs. In return for that investment, he or she receives fresh product, delivered to the Co-op weekly throughout the growing season. In this way, consumers and producers share the risks and rewards of growing food together.

**How much produce is in a share?** A share provides a wide variety of produce weekly through Minnesota's growing season (June through October). Each share is usually enough for four adults to enjoy. Each producer offers a different membership package depending on the farm's location, length of season (approx. 18 weeks) produce selection, costs, labor requirement, and drop-off location.

**How much does a share cost?** A CSA share typically costs \$450 - \$650 for a full share. Most farms also offer half shares at a reduced price. Some farms further reduce the price if a shareholder participates by providing labor on the farm. All transactions take place directly between the farmer and the shareholder. Some farms will allow you to make payments, while others require payment in full. Farmers accept cash or checks as payment.

### **When is the CSA Fair?**

Eastside Co-op's Annual CSA Fair will be held **Saturday, April 10, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** on the Co-op's patio. In case of inclement weather, the fair will be held indoors in our community meeting room.

For further information call Jean Eilers at 612-843-5404.