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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Northeast Farmers Market By Dan Brady

If you've been by University and 7th Avenues lately, you've probably noticed that Farmers Market season is over. St. Boniface Church still stands solemn; its parking bike, drive, or hoof it on up to the Eastside lot is windblown; its trees completely leafless and almost asking for the coming snow. All of the cool kids' stuff, Market tents, and cooking gadgetry is packed tidily into the shed at the southwest end of the lot.

Looking back on the summer that was, we Market folks have to say: It was a great season. We brought down more vendors than ever before. We had real excitement around our special events - Pancake Breakfast, Corn and Brat Feed, Taste of Northeast. We hit high gear in late July and kept it going, introducing weekly composting and debit card processing alongside our first class cooking demonstrations and kids' programming... And, thanks to a healthy combination of fresh produce, strong community, and enjoyable atmosphere, we hosted more folks from the community than any previous season! Seriously! It was record breaking.

Please keep in mind our new Winter Market and extended fall and spring seasons. Bus, Food Co-op on the second Saturday of every month. The Winter Market proudly hosts Tantalize Sweets and Savories, Bee Happy Honey, Punk Rawk Labs, We Be Jammin', and more artisan Market food producers, plus a rotating cast of artists every month! Miss local produce? The Eastside Co-op will be selling local potatoes, yams, onions, and squash until March!

It's as good as a Minnesota winter gets.

The Winter Market is a partnership between the Northeast Farmers Market and the Eastside Co-op. The Market takes place on the second Saturday of every month from 11 to 2 in the Co-op's Granite Studio. The Summer Farmers market will resume in June 2012 at good of University and 7th Avenues.

Neighborhood Alert!!

By Beth Greffin

Larry Pogemiller, our SD 59 State Senator for the past 30 years, was appointed as the new Director of the Office of Higher Education by Governor Mark Dayton on October 28. Senator Pogemiller resigned on November 7 and a Special primary election is scheduled for December 6 for the 5 DFLers who have filed for this office. The winner of this primary will face the Republican candidate in the general election on January 10, 2012.

The DFL candidates are:

- Kari Dziedzic, www.kariforsenate.com
- 2. Jacob Frey, www.jacobfreyforsenate.com
- 3. Mohamud Noor, www.moorforsenate.org
- 4. Paul Ostrow, www.ostrowforsenate.com
- 5. Peter Wagenius,

www.peterwagenius.com

Alicia Frosch filed as a DFL candidate but dropped out on November 14 (as stated on her Facebook page).

The Republican candidate is: Ben Schwanke, ben.schwanke@gmail.com

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Block Club Training and Information—612-673-3204



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Third Ward Updates from Council Member Diane Hofstede toric, natural and economic poten-

Letter Sent to the Park Board Regarding River-First

Mississippi Riverfront Revitalization Project

Dear President Erwin, members of the Park Board, Superintendent Miller, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Staff Partners, Bruce Chamberlain, and Mary DeLaittre:

Thank you for your leadership in the successful RiverFirst project and for acknowledging the importance of the 5.5-mile stretch of one of the three greatest rivers in the world, the Mississippi River.

The riverfront provides a unique opportunity in our city to focus our attention on the birthplace of Minneapolis, to acknowledge the historic importance of our region and to preserve and improve our rich ecological and environmental systems. It is an opportunity to connect our rich past with our future.

I support the report and the recoming the challenged and underutilized ture of this area. sites in our city such as the Fairview Park expansion to the river, and the Upper Harbor Terminal. Careful analysis of such areas in order to add vitality, living wage job opportunities. and an expansion of our tax base for support of parks and city services needs to be pursued and evaluated as another means to revitalize and reshape this area of our city.

I congratulate the Parks Board's decision to purchase the former Scherer Lumber Company site, recognizing the potential of that site in relationship to the Boom Island Park, BF Nelson Park, and the opportunity to connect our Northeast community to both

Graco Corporation's crease of the park's riverfront.

The former Scherer Brothers site is the most "project ready" with the advance work of the Park Board to secure funding for clean up and trail connections. However, the realistic, economic, and practical needs of the community the ideal.

As a gentle reminder, the former Scherer Brothers site, BF Nelson and Boom Island Parks are located in successful residential and commercial nodes that enjoy the respect of the combination of ecological, residential, commercial, and recreational functions coexisting and thriving. The community would expect no less in the future. I can not stress the importance to the economic commitment that has been I thank each of you and pledge my sup-

The Park Board has kept in balance the residential and ecological needs carefully in order to find a balance that does not affect the city and neighborhood's commitment to family housing supported by passive park usage.

As stewards of our great riverfront, a riverfront that birthed a great city. I thank you for helping us redefine ourselves through our riverfront. It is the flyer-over zone for thousands of migratory animals and it is our namesake. In all of our collective work, we are defining our legacy. It is our string of pearls, our connection to the rest of the world.

tial and is integral in the context of International the project planning area. To separate Headquarters and the Sheridan Memo- and or ignore the unique sites in the city rial Park (newest park in the Minnea- and the world would be a mistake. The polis Park System) will encourage addi- most recent designation of the Pillsbury tional bikers and walkers and an in- A-Mill as one of the 11 most endangered historic buildings in the United States has added national significance to the development of the Mill District area. It is the historic equivalent of Mount Vernon. Redevelopment proposals are actively engaging with our interested partners: the National Parks Service, the St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board, need to be coupled with the pictures of the University of Minnesota, the University of Minnesota District Alliance, our Neighborhoods, the City of Minneapolis, and the Minneapolis Park Board in order to insure the full potential of our great riverfront.

> As our future unfolds, I ask, again, that we all commit to the exceptional and not the expedient, never forgetting our legacy, significance, and potential of this unprecedented opportunity.

made by the residents and businesses port to work toward a Riverfront that of this area. I am committed to work wows with natural wonder, is a place to with the Park Board, their staff, our reflect in the quiet that only our natural mendations to the Park Board that businesses, and our residential commu- environment can supply, that encourrecognize the importance of revitaliz- nity toward mutual success in the fu- ages us to look up to the sky that we share with world and welcome the glory that is accomplished by thoughtful decisions.

2012 Budget

The Minneapolis City Council will vote to adopt the final 2012 budget on December 14, 2011.

Prior to the City council's approval, the public will have an opportunity to speak about the 2012 budget proposal. The meetings will be held in the City Council Chambers, Room 317, in City Hall, 350 S. 5th Street on Wednesday, November 30, 2011, at 6:05 p.m. and on Wednesday, December 14, 2011, at 6:05 p.m. I am committed to maintaining a zero property tax increase for the City of parks. Continuing the trails past The St. Anthony Falls area holds his- Minneapolis, the priorities of our ward,

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and maintaining our public safety efforts.

Third Ward NeighborhoodFest

Thank-you Letter:

Dear St. Anthony West Neighbors,

Over the past five years, the Third Ward new Americans to our community, has been fortunate to have many people and for believing in sharing our rewho have worked for, volunteered, and sources with each other. been critical to the Ward's success.

It is through and with many helping you. hands that the Third Ward is an area of laughed, sang, danced, ate, met new the City that has grown and prospered.

Thank you all, for caring, for sharing, and for making this community what it is Sincerely and Happy Holidays!! today. Thank you for daring to dream big, for taking risks, for welcoming our

The NeighborhoodFest is a tribute to Our Community enjoyed, friends, embraced old friends, and celebrated!

From our 3rd Ward Staff.

Winter Cycling Tips By Chris Linde

As winter approaches, don't let that joy of riding bike die. Year-round cycling has been growing in the Twin Cities and if you decide to give it a try, here are some tips to make the ride safer and more enjoyable.

Chuck Cowan, owner of Behind Bars (208 13th Ave NE) stated that his #1 tip for riding in winter is learning how to dress appropriate, "Too many people starting out will overdress." He stressed the importance of dressing in layers with the base layer made from a moisture-wicking material. The perfect outer shell is a quality cycling jacket. They are designed to block the wind and water, while allowing for core ventilation. A skull cap that fits under your helmet is a smart idea. I use an ear wrap and a neck gator, while full

head and neck covers, called balaclavas, are also popular. For the lower body. rain pants used as an exterior layer and wool socks in water-proof boots work best on slushy, snowy days. Finally, I've found that insulated leather mittens provide more warmth than pricey cyclingspecific gloves.

Sand, salt and snow will destroy a bicycle, so if you use for winter a bike you cherish, you'll have to keep it clean. Some get a cheaper bike just for winter. If you decide to; make sure it is in good working order. Either way, washing your carry a lot of traffic. Get to know the bike and lubing the chain every week ensures that it will run well throughout the season. It's also crucial to have good lights, both front and back, during the long nights of winter. Carry extra batteries and back-up lights for insurance. Studded tires work best for snow. There are some available with metal studs for extra security on ice. They work well.

but are pricey.

Riding in icy and snowy conditions can be difficult. If you don't lean into corners, slow down, pedal smooth and even with a relaxed upper body, you can conquer treacherous road conditions. That brings me to my final winter riding tip: choose your route carefully. Off road trails are best; they're plowed often and kept in very ride-able conditions year round. If you use surface roads, seek out parkways or wide streets that don't bike stores along your route and their hours, just in case you need some emergency gear or suffer a breakdown. Also check out the local bus routes, if the weather becomes too much, toss your bike on the front of the bus and enjoy a warm ride home.

Winter Night Lights and Landscape Competition!

By Sally Grans-Korsh

Honoring the St. Anthony West Neighbors that spruce up their houses or businesses!

St. Anthony West has some of the best gardens in the city and some pay the same attention to the winter landscapes! As the days grow darker, many turn garden landscapes into winter night lights. Are you one of those that decorate with lights? Or are you one of those that creates landscapes with spruces and other decorations?

If so, STAWNO would like to recognize you in the first annual Winter Landscape event!

Competition begins after December 1 and closes on January 7. Since this the FIRST ANNAUL we welcome your suggestions. Preliminary categories are Best Lighting, Most Creative Lighting. Most Energy Efficient Lighting, Best Winter Landscape and Most Humorous. This year judging will begin after January 3, the weekend and results reported at the STAWQNO meeting on Thursday. January 12.

Let us know your nominations, competition suggestions, or if you want to participate in the judging! Great to improve the community! Contact via email at neighbors@stawno.org or leave a message at 612-378-8886



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Second Precinct By Nick Juarez

St. Anthony West is going to finish the year with an increase in Part 1 crimes (Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson). We currently have +3 more Part 1 Crimes compared to this same time last year (+4%). The increases were in Robberies (+2) and Thefts (+5). There have been no changes in Homicides (0), Rape (1) and

Burglaries (14). There has been a decrease in Aggravated Assaults by 3.

As we move into 2012, it is important to continue to be a good neighbor, to help develop the neighborhood e-mail list, to observe and report suspicious activity by calling 911 and/or 311; to be aware of your surroundings; be aware of "hot spots" in your neighborhood and share that information with the appropriate City Department. If you are aware that one of your

neighbors has been the victim of a crime, check in on them and ask them if they are okay. Offer support and ask them what happened, identify the risks of the incident and share that information with others so we can work together to reduce or eliminate those risks to prevent or reduce the chance of that crime from happening again.

Happy Holidays from the 2nd Police Precinct

From The Parks

By Liz Wielinski

The 2011-2012 Winter/Spring Guide for the parks is now available. You can get it at your local recreation center or download it online at www.minneapolisparks.org. This year's edition includes the school of the left.

www.minneapolisparks.org. This year's edition includes the schedule for holiday break activities for kids (including field trips to the indoor waterparks around town) and valuable coupons for the tubing and snowboarding hills at Wirth Park. I give the tubing hill my personal thumbs up! All of the ice rink and warming house hours are listed and this year we have added snowshoeing options as well.

For those of you with young ladies and their male siblings who enjoy all things princess, we are once again hosting the Cinderella Ball at the Columbia Manor. This year it will be Saturday, January 28, from 6-7:30 pm. Dress in your royal finest and enjoy face painting, decorating a crown, snacks and a DJ playing all your favorite dancealong tunes. Visit with Cinderella, Prince Charming, Snow White and more as you take to the red carpet for this event. For more information, contact Heidi at Logan Park; hmiller@minneapolisparks.org

This year once again Cross Country Skiing will be available at both Columbia and Gross Golf courses. The Manor at Columbia will be open from 9 am to 5 pm on Saturdays and Sundays for ski

rental and passes. You can order your pass online at www.theodorewirth.org or call at 763-522-4584.

See the whole range of winter activities for the snow season from the Lake Harriet Kite Festival to the Family Ice Skating Party and Bonfire at Logan Park. Come out and enjoy the winter wonderland in our Minneapolis parks!

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Events

Outreach Committee Meeting—Erte, 323 13th Ave NE, Monday December 12th @ 6:00 PM, Monday, January 10th @ 6:00 PM

STAWNO Monthly Meeting—909 Main Street Lodge. Thursday, December 8th @ 6:30PM and January 13th @ 6:30 PM.

Third Ward C.A.R.E. Meeting—Center For Families, 3333 4th Street N., Thursday, December 15th @ 7:00PM, and Thursday, January 19th @ 7:00PM.

Land Use and Planning Committee -909 Main Street Lodge, Thursday, December 8th @ 6:00PM, and Thursday, January 13th @ 6:00 PM



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By Tony Hofstede

Meeting Families' Needs WWW.CATHOLICELDERCARE.ORG

Catholic Eldercare provides quality care, services and programs for families in need. Seniors enjoy comfortable, safe housing and a warm, inviting living experience with pastoral care, community connections, and diverse leisure activities.

Adult Day Program: This weekday program provides the support and services that enable seniors to be safe, comfortable, and able to live in their own home for as long as possible. The program serves the older adult who may require modest assistance during the weekdays when a spouse or other loved ones are unavailable to help with their care. Adult Day also offers a respite for family care-

CATHOLIC ELDERCARE givers who may feel overwhelmed by caring for an older adult. The Adult Day Program is affordable and flexible. In many cases, financial assistance is available and transportation can be arranged. For more informa-

tion call 612-379-1370 or visit

www.catholiceldercare.org.

Alzheimer's Support Group:

Catholic Eldercare is collaborating with the Minnesota Alzheimer's Association to provide an Alzheimer's Sup-

> port Group that meets the second Wednesday of each month from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. at St. Hedwig's Church, 129 29th Ave. NE. Minneapolis. For more information, please call 612-605-2500. The public is invited.

Public Lecture Series:

Catholic Eldercare collaborates with the University of St. Thomas' Selim Center for Learning in Later Years for an ongoing public series of interesting and informative lectures at River-Village East. For details on upcoming series presentations, including the December 1 holiday music program, visit www.catholiceldercare.org and click on News & Event then Cal-

endar.

East Side Neighborhood Services

By Jenna Anderson

A Community/Social Services Center providing programs and services for children, youth, adults, families and seniors of the Northeast Community.

Programs Empowering Youth

East Side Neighborhood Services provides school year enrichment programming for ages 7-14. Youth out-of-school and summer programming, focuses on relationship building, conflict resolution and teamwork. Camp Bovey is a residential summer camp for ages 8-14, which focuses on intentional, environmental and outdoor education. Menlo Park Academy is an alternative high school, grades 9-12, offering small classes with dedicated faculty and a diverse student population. The Youth Employment Program guides teens with job search skills

and placement as well as employment readiness.

Engaging Older Adults (55+)

Friendship Center Adult Day Program, located at 1717 2nd St. NE (across from ESNS), is provided for older adults who thrive in a more supportive environment. Senior Transportation provides door-to-door rides for medical/dental appointments, grocery shopping, Friendship Center visits, socializing and community engagement. Senior Employ-

ment Project helps seniors seek employment in their community. Senior Dining provides hot meals daily (M-F) for older adults at ESNS Senior Dining Center. The Senior Food Shelf, located at 1801 Central Ave. NE, open M-F, provides for seniors who are eligible for food assistance. For more information about East Side Neighborhood Services' programs and services, visit www.esns.org<http://www.esns.org> or call 612.781.6011.





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St. Anthony West Neighborhood Organization, through it's Outreach and Land Use Committees, are promoting Home Energy Audits (CenterPoint Energy), providing with a receipt, a \$15.00 or \$25.00 rebate to help offset the initial cost of the energy audit.

Home Energy Audit - A Home Energy Audit can help you create a plan that can both improve your home's energy efficiency and help you save money.

Basic Audit \$25 – (\$15 STAWNO Rebate) Provides a general overview and visual inspection, including the following steps:

- Examining windows, doors and insulation
- Checking heating and cooling equipment
- Providing energy-saving ideas up to \$25 of FREE basic weatherization material

Standard Energy Audit \$100 - (\$25 STAWNO Rebate) Provides a comprehensive, in-depth technical analysis of your home's energy use.

You'll receive all the services of the above audit plus:

- A Blower door test to measure and track air leaks
- An infrared inspection to pinpoint air leaks and moisture problems
- A combustion safety test and carbon monoxide (CO) safety check of your home heating system Detailed equipment operating costs, fact sheets and an informative CD. Request your Home Energy Audit today at CenterPointEnergy.com/ energyaudit or call 612-321-5011 or 1-800-234-5800. ext, 5011

C/O Catholic Eldercare Mainstreet Lodge St. Anthony West Neighborhood Organization 909 N.E. Main Street, Mpls, MN 55413

Home Energy Audit Rebate Coupon

payable with copy of receipt upon completion of a CenterPoint Energy Audit

Please submit by Mail to: Kristina Gronquist, Board Treasurer, at The STAWNO office.

Neighborhood Board Update

By Pete Gamades

Thank you to everyone who participated/volunteered/contributed to our 8th Annual Historic Riverfront 5K on Saturday, October 8! It was a huge success, raising close to \$10,000 for neighborhood programs, including the Dickman Summer Park Program and other worthwhile neighborhood ventures. A special thanks to Elsie's Restaurant, which donated 50% of their sales on the morning/afternoon of October 8!

We are always looking for new ideas or suggestions on how to make our neighborhood even better. Please email us at neighbors@stawno.org with your ideas.

with you. "Like" us on Facebook or sign up for email updates. If you are on our email distribution list, you will

receive crime updates, information on neighborhood events, and other information that is important to residents of St. Anthony West. If you are available on the second Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m., please consider coming to our Board meetings, 901 Main Street N.E. Residents are encouraged to come and Additionally, we want to keep in touch find out more about what we do. See you at an upcoming meeting!