

# THE RIVER BEACON

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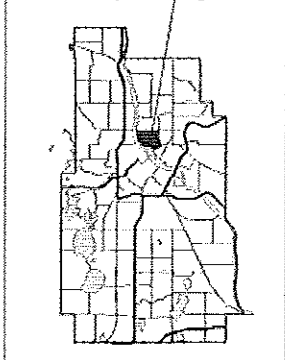
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Saint Anthony West Neighborhood



**New Winter Public Market**

By Dan Brady

The New Year has been with us for a few weeks and the opening of the Northeast Formers' Market is only six months away. I can't wait and the new board members can't wait either. These new board members, Joy Anderson, Nancy Hovanes, Caroline Johnson, Joan Kaprios, Chris Linde, and Rod Stevens along with our holdovers Tony Anastasia, Sarah Beggs, Thea Neal, and Teresa Schweitzer are already gearing up for the upcoming season. But they need help. The board is asking for volunteers to either help by sitting on committees or just help out any Saturday/special events. The Farmers market is also looking for sponsors for the entire season or share billing for events, tents and music stage. If anyone is

interested in volunteering please contact Joy Anderson (612-782-0151 or [jmaorganic@gmail.com](mailto:jmaorganic@gmail.com)) and any entity interested in giving the market a financial hand or in kind help, please contact Teresa Schweitzer (612-331-0165 or [terestags@hotmail.com](mailto:terestags@hotmail.com)). 2010 was a great year for the market. It was able to enhance the board with new creative talent, developed children programming, allowed non-profits a venue, diversified vendors, initiated EBT program and brought about the winter market for those who needed to continue a relationship with our fine vendors. 2011 on the other hand, will be a year to continue the growth of the market with additional vendors with unique products, more dynamic programming, stabilize finances, and to increase our connection with the community of Northeast. See everyone this June.

**Notes from the Last Neighborhood Board Meeting**

By Pete Gamades

The December Board Meeting of the St. Anthony West Neighborhood Organization was primarily focused on the City Council's (at the time) proposed cut of 50% of our Neighborhood Revitalization Program Phase 2. This action would strip over \$100,000 from this neighborhood's success housing and public safety programs. Since our Board meeting the City Council did decide to cut our funding. The Board was dismayed that the City Council was using this "quick fix" to help temporarily ease the City's budget concerns instead of addressing the long term budget issues facing the City. The Board felt that it has been good stewards of its NRP Phase 1 monies and therefore haven't had to tap into its NRP Phase 2 money. given that, it is not equitable that some neighborhoods are less affected by the City Council's action because they have already spent over

50% of their NRP Phase 2 allotment. Council Member Hofstede was at our meeting and talked about her vote to cut neighborhood funding. She did request that if anyone has suggestions on how the City can save money to contact her office at [diane.hofstede@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:diane.hofstede@ci.minneapolis.mn.us) or 612-673-2203. Let's take Council Member Hofstede up on her request and send her creative budget saving measures.

Please join us February 10 at 6:30 for our next Board meeting and then don't forget about our ANNUAL MEETING on Thursday, March 3rd at 7:00, 909 Main St Lodge. This meeting will include a recap of the last year followed by the all important election of the Board. Please contact the office if you are interested in being on the STAWNO Board. We are always looking for new people! Please email or call with issues or concerns that you want your Board to work on: [neighbors@stawno.org](mailto:neighbors@stawno.org) or 612.378.8886



## Third Ward Updates from Council Member Diane Hofstede

My staff and I would like to wish you a safe and enjoyable 2011!

Thank you for helping us in maintaining such a strong and vibrant community. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward has been able to celebrate significant achievements and I would like to thank everyone who helped make these changes possible. We look forward to 2011 and the prospect of making the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward an even better place to live, work, and play!

### 2011 Budget Update

On December 14, the City Council approved the 2011 City Budget. The financial challenges in the City are due to ongoing cuts to Local Government Aid and Market Value Homestead Credit, including \$50 million in cuts to the City of Minneapolis in the last three years. The City has been actively engaged in lobbying to increase local government aid, while reducing our City's expenditures and increasing other non-tax revenue options. One important aspect of the budget is that the City of Minneapolis contributes more to the state than any other city in the state and has received less funding each year, along with the ongoing impact of pre-pension obligations.

Decreasing the burden on tax-payers is critical. As an advocate of active neighborhoods, I have been a long-time supporter of both the concept and outcomes of local engagement. I will continue to work to ensure that neighborhoods will have the ability to continue their critical work in our community.

### 18th Avenue Trail Update

Minneapolis continues to be a leader in ensuring safe and efficient bike access across the city. Construction began September 2010 on the 18th Avenue NE Trail, a City of Minnea-

polis initiative that fills a gap in the existing bikeway system within NE Minneapolis.

The approximately 1.3 mile long bikeway/walkway is located along 18th Avenue NE in Northeast Minneapolis from Marshall Street NE to Monroe Street NE. This arterial trail connects to numerous planned and funded bikeway/walkways throughout the corridor. This project consists of on-street and off-street bikeways, and the scope of work includes lighting, pedestrian crossing signal system, retaining wall, curb extension and speed table.

The 18th Ave NE Trail will be open to pedestrians and bikers in Spring 2011!

### Plymouth, Marshall and Broadway Traffic Issues Update

I have been working with Public Works and business's in the area to reduce traffic congestion. The City has added a turn signal at the intersection of Marshall and Broadway. We have also been working with the large employers in the area to reduce the strain their employees have on traffic. Finally, we are in the process of evaluating additional options and will be rolling out new strategies.

### Plymouth Avenue Bridge Update

The Plymouth Avenue Bridge has reopened for foot traffic and bikes. The Department of Public Works has asked bikers to walk their bikes across because it is too narrow for combined bike-foot traffic.

The City Council has made the bridge repair funding, expected to be approximately eight million dollars, the top priority for the City's Legislative Agenda for 2011. The repairs and opening of the bridge will be dependent on receiving funding from the State legislature.

The bridge is expected to remain closed to motor vehicles until a final analysis

of the extent of the damage, the costs for repair, and funding is determined.

### Welcome Psycho Suzi's to the Third Ward!

I join with the community in welcoming Psycho Suzi's to the Ward! Psycho Susie's is the first and only restaurant and event center on the Riverfront in Minneapolis! It provides an opportunity to sit at the River's edge to enjoy the great Mississippi Riverfront in addition to relaxing with friends and family. Suzi's is now home to an indoor waterfall, diverse tiki themed settings and a house band.

### Carter Worldwide Work Project for Habitat for Humanity

The week of October 4-8 brought some celebrity to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward's Hawthorne neighborhood. On hand to participate in the building and rehabilitation of houses were former Vice President Walter Mondale, Senator Al Franken, Senator Amy Klobuchar and, of course, former President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalynn.

The honored guests were here as a part of the annual Carter Work Project for Habitat for Humanity, a weeklong rehabbing and building tour, hosted by the Twin Cities this year for the first time.

With a flock of journalists documenting the event, a spotlight was shown on the Hawthorne neighborhood with the goal of bringing attention to the need for affordable housing.

President Carter has traveled the world for previous Work Project events, but he called the Hawthorne neighborhood "the nicest neighborhood I ever worked in."

We were grateful for the President Carter's visit and are excited to continue working towards his goal of affordable housing for all.



## Minneapolis Riverfront Design Competition

By Sally Grans

On January 27 the four finalists proposed their solutions at the Walker Art Center for the 5.5 mile section of the Mississippi River Corridor from St Anthony Falls to the northern city limits. It was a sold-out crowd, and more than 185 people listened on-line. I listened on line, but many of us commented that the sound was not very clear. However, the photos and concepts are all amazing, and you are urged to look at it on-line at the web address below. The best part is that the riverfront may use many of the concepts presented by these international designers, and there is commitment to build some of the items.

The presentation by the Ken Smith

group from New York, titled "City of the River," had a series of bold, design elements and dredged Boom Island Park, making it back into an island. Turenscape from Beijing titled "The Resilient River" had a new framework of ecological issues that included many sandy beaches along the riverfront. Stross Landscape Urbanism from Boston was called "Streamlines" and had a series of districts created that were enhanced by working areas to reclaim the environment. "RiverFirst" was the title of TLS/KVA from Berkeley and had a series of community outreach strategies.

The final jury met on January 28, and the results will be published on February 10 – so stay tuned! Our STAWNO neighborhood was very well represented as our local park commissioner, city council member, state legislator, and county commissioner were all on

the jury! To see the results or the preliminary info on this national competition, go to the website at Minneapolis Riverfront Design Competition > <http://minneapolisriverfrontdesigncompetition.com>

Many thanks should go to the local folks supporting this world competition. The financial sponsorship was from the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and the Minneapolis Parks Foundation, with creative partners: the University of Minnesota College of Design and Walker Art Center. However, peruse the teams and you will see that there are many talented local environmentalists, architects, planners and landscape architects who have soundly contributed to these great results!!

Stay tuned for the exciting final results!

## WITH 250 COMBINED YEARS OF HISTORY AND SERVICE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, TWO CHURCHES MAKE PLANS TO "CLUSTER"

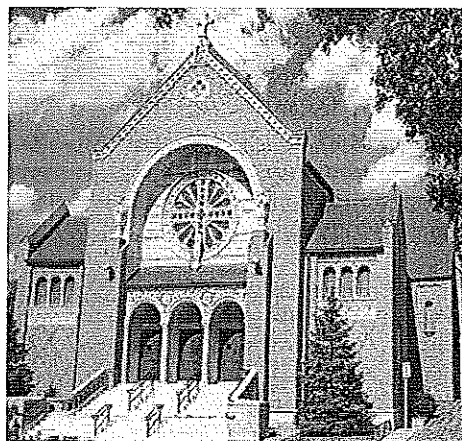
By Joe Biernat

"That's a lot of history working together" was the reaction of a St. Anthony West neighbor at a recent gathering. And she is correct. History that pre-dates the American Civil War and even the statehood of Minnesota.

It is official: Two churches in our St. Anthony West Neighborhood with historic credentials will "cluster" beginning next year, a plan whereby the parishes remain independent, but commit to the leadership of one pastor. All Saints Church and St. Boniface Catholic Churches, both deeply rich in history, survived the recently announced Archdiocese Strategic Plan that closed some catholic schools and merged 33 parishes.

The fact that both structures are historic and meticulously maintained undoubtedly played a key role in their strategic plan survival along with the

fact that St. Boniface is one of the only archdiocese churches reporting membership growth and recently began operating its new church elevator bringing people from its large parking lot into the cathedral-like structure boasting some of the most stunning stained-glass artwork in Minnesota and adorned by the splendor of new flooring installed last month made to replicate the original tile.



This June the Archdiocese will officially name the shared pastor who many believe will be Rev. John Brandes, the current St. Boniface pastoral administrator. The bilingual leader has enthusiastically opened the church doors to St. Anthony West neighbors during his five years here including church co-sponsorship of our neighborhood's increasingly popular farmer's market held Saturday mornings in the church parking lot, holding outdoor masses at Dickman Park, and hosting the popular Sunday evening service every week at 7:45 p.m. And on each and every Tuesday afternoon, John Brandes and friends can be found trooping on the corner of University Avenue and Seventh Avenue promoting peace and justice.

Remarkable times ahead for All Saints Church, St. Boniface Church, and St. Anthony West.

\*Joe Biernat is President of the St. Boniface Church Council



## Second Precinct

By Nick Juarez

St. Anthony West ended 2010 with a mixed bag of increases and decreases in Part 1 Crimes. There was an overall decrease of -28% (-28) in Part 1 Crimes compared to 2009. Arson, Homicide and Rape had no change compared to 2009. The decreases were in: Robbery -50% (-4); Burglary -22% (-4); and Theft -39% (-

26). The increases were in Motor Vehicle Theft +80% (+4) and Aggravated Assault +200% (+2).

As we move into 2011, we can continue to build on these reductions with stronger communication and effective organization. It is important that we continue to share information and report information to 911 and/or 311 to ensure that this information is documented. That documentation will help in the

analysis process to determine how to deploy resources and how to communicate with the neighborhood.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct has welcomed a new Crime Prevention Specialist, Tom Thompson. He will be working the area north of Broadway to Columbia Heights. I will continue to be your CPS working the area south of Broadway to the river. [Nicholas.juarez@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:Nicholas.juarez@ci.minneapolis.mn.us)

## SENIORS: LET'S DO LUNCH

By Joe Biernat

For many seniors living alone, the thought of making a well-balanced meal at lunchtime is often not a high priority. Yet studies indicate that as we age, nutritious meals are vitally important. And how about the overall benefit of eating with someone else? Socialization is critical at every age.

East Side Neighborhood Services (ESNS) has been promoting healthy seniors for nearly a century. Located in the Bottineau Neighborhood a few blocks from here at 17th and Second Street, ESNS opens its doors every weekday for congregate dining in co-sponsorship with Volunteers of America and Hennepin County.

Congregate Dining focuses on providing wholesome meals in a setting that also promotes socializing with others. This is an opportunity to enjoy a delicious lunch while dialoging on important issues of the day including current events, healthcare and social security updates, and community happenings. Some seniors stay after lunch and play bingo or listen to music. All seniors are welcomed.

If you are interested in attending a lunch, please let us know and we will be glad to provide free round-trip transportation. Suggested lunch donation is \$3. We'd love to have lunch with you! For more information, please call Joe at 612.787.4023.

## FRIENDSHIP CENTER: A SPECIAL PLACE FOR SENIORS.

ESNS also is home to "Friendship Center" – a place where seniors can spend the day with licensed providers bringing a special sense of meaning and joy to seniors in need while providing respite for family members and caregivers. Nourishing meals, outings, special programs, and loving care make Friendship Center a very special place. Transportation provided. For information, please call Donna at 612.781.2052.

**SENIOR APPRECIATION DINNER FEB. 17.** Each year ESNS hosts a special community event recognizing our senior citizens. The event features a terrific catered meal served amid festive Valentine colors, live music and prizes. Tickets are just \$3 and available at ESNS. Call 612-787-

4000.

**NEVER TOO OLD TO VOLUNTEER.** Two years ago I wrote in this newsletter about a St. Anthony West neighbor who turned 100 years old and was still volunteering at ESNS. Sadie Anton has helped in our congregate dining program for three decades. Update: This month Sadie turns 102, and three days a week she is the first one to work and the last one to leave. Could it be the wonderful senior lunches contributing to Sadie's continued vibrancy? Come and discover for yourself. All seniors welcomed.

\*Joe Biernat is a Senior Coordinator at ESNS and can be contacted at 612.787.4023.

## Phone Numbers and Websites

"SAFE" 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

STAWNO Monthly Meeting—909 Main Street Lodge. Thursday, February 10th @ 6:30PM., and Thursday, March 10th @ 6:30PM.

Third Ward Care Meeting—Eastside Neighborhood Services, 1700 2nd St. N.E., Wednesday, February 16th @ 7:00PM, and Wednesday, March 16th @ 7:00PM.

Land Use and Planning Committee Meeting—Elsie's Restaurant, 729 Marshall St. NE, February 7th @ 6:00 PM



## Minnesota FoodShare's March Campaign 2011

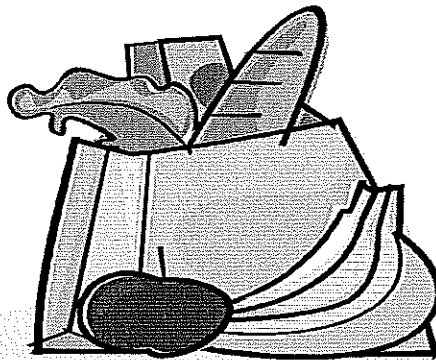
By Kristina Gronquist

Co-ops and their members, shoppers and suppliers have always been willing to lend a hand—and pass the plate—to benefit those less fortunate. During March, the eleven Twin Cities food co-ops are banding together to raise donations of money and food for Minnesota FoodShare's March Campaign. And we need your help! The March Campaign raises cash and food donations for more than 250 food shelves throughout the state. It is a unique event that unites Minnesota businesses, faith communities, schools and civic groups for one month to focus on the issues of hunger in our community, including poverty, joblessness, and lack of educational opportunities. According to the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, which has coordinated the program since 1982, the March Campaign is vital, due to the rising demand at food shelves statewide. "The recession and related job losses have created a 'perfect storm' at Minnesota food shelves," said Sue Kainz, March Campaign coordinator. "The need is growing as many who used to donate are now in need of help."

While this program is important every year, it is especially pertinent in light of the Twin Cities Hunger Initiative, spearheaded by the Greater Twin Cities United Way and dozens of community hunger organizations, with a stated goal of ending hunger in the metro area by 2013. The plan was put in place prior to the current economic recession. The Hunger Initiative aims to end hunger by increasing the amount of healthy food available for distribution in the emergency food system, enhancing capabilities of emergency food programs, and increasing use of government assistance programs in Minnesota. The taskforce hopes to enable food shelves to connect people with social services and programs to target the causes of hunger, mainly poverty. More than 200,000 people in

the Twin Cities area need to visit food shelves just to get by (half of these people are children).

Eastside Food Co-op, located at 2551 Central Ave. NE, has a goal to raise 6000 dollars/pounds and they will need your help to make that happen. The donations collected there will be going to our local food shelf, the Little Kitchen, located at Northeast Community Lutheran Church at Grace Center



for Community Life, 1500-6th St. NE, Mpls, MN 55413. With your dollar donations, the Little Kitchen is able to purchase up to \$9 worth of food for each \$1 donated. Using the same set-up as in 2010, you can make donations of any amount (.05 cents to \$50 dollars) at the register along with your regular grocery transactions – you will be asked if you want to "round up" your sale to contribute. Food donations can be placed in the designated "food shelf bin" at the front of the store.

**1% for Food!** On Sunday, March 13, the Co-op will donate 1% of the day's sales to the March campaign. With these funds Eastside Food Co-op will work with their local producers to offer access to wholesale organic and natural products for the food shelf recipients, and a portion of the cash donations received at Eastside Food Co-op will be used to purchase fresh, local, organic, and hormone- and antibiotic-free perishables.

The Little Kitchen Food Shelf serves a representative cross-section of North-east Minneapolis and adjacent communities. All ethnicities and socioeconomic paths are apparent among their clientele. At the Little Kitchen, there has been a 30-40% increase in demand for services in the past two years. Another opportunity to help end hunger is to volunteer at the Little Kitchen. Right now, the Little Kitchen has some evening and weekend hours, and hours during the week. To volunteer at the food kitchen, call 612-788-2444 and ask for Jennifer, or e-mail [Jennifer@necommunity.net](mailto:Jennifer@necommunity.net).

### Shopping List

When it comes to donating food, most food shelves have a "wish list" of regularly used, high-demand items. Food shelves and food banks appreciate any food and money that you give. There are some items, though, that are more in demand than others. Just purchase any of these items and leave them in our bin at the front of the store to help feed families in our community.

- Protein foods (tuna, peanut butter, nuts, beans)
- Cereals (cold and hot)
- Vegetables (unrefrigerated)
- Fruits (unrefrigerated)
- Juices (canned & aseptic pack)
- Milk (aseptic pack)
- Pasta (both packaged and bulk – can be repacked into smaller packages)
- Beverages (fruit drinks, water, tea)
- Bread and baked goods
- Baking needs & mixes (flour, spices, chips, sugar)
- Oils and dressings
- Ethnic foods
- Health and beauty aids (shampoo and hair care, deodorant, toothpaste, soap, feminine hygiene products)
- Cleaning products (dish soap, laundry soap, cleansers)
- Household products (toilet tissue, napkins, paper towels, paper plates)

For more info visit

<http://mnfoodshare.gmcc.org>