



# Ward One Update

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## Message from Council Member Kevin Reich

Every ten years, following the census, the U.S. Constitution requires the redrawing of congressional and state legislative district boundaries to reflect population shifts. The City of Minneapolis Charter similarly requires the redrawing of wards and Park & Recreation districts every year ending in "2" using the most recent census data.

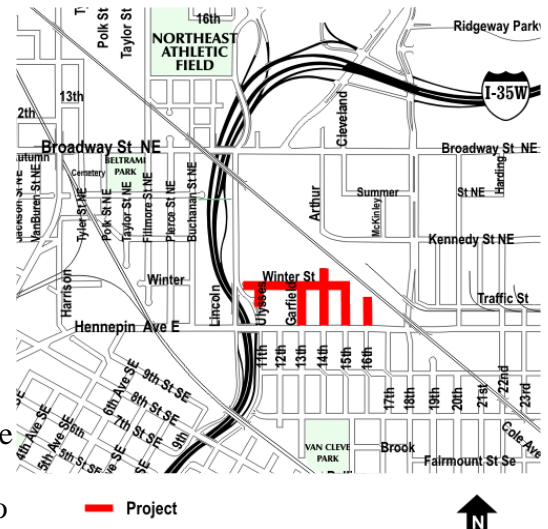
Minneapolis must complete its work within 60 days after the Minnesota Legislature finishes its task or by April 3, 2012. The Charter Commission has responsibility for redrawing the boundaries, with the assistance of a 9-member advisory group. The proposed new maps will be subject to input from the public over the course of at least four public hearings. Once the Charter Commission has approved a final plan, it goes before the Council, who will pass a resolution defining the new precinct boundaries and designated polling places.

The Charter requires the 13 Minneapolis City wards to have populations that are within five percent of the City population divided by 13, to keep them as close in population as possible. Based on the 2010 census, that range is 27,958 to 30,900. Another principle the Charter Commission has established to guide redistricting is an emphasis on keeping communities of interest (those that share common interests such as neighborhood identity, ethnic heritage or specific economic concerns) in one ward when possible.

Public hearings on the first draft maps will be held February 29 and March 1 (click [HERE](#) for locations and further information). You may email questions, ideas or documents to the Redistricting Group at [redistricting2012@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:redistricting2012@minneapolismn.gov) or mail them to Peggy Menshek, 304 City Hall, 350 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St, Minneapolis, MN 55415. Common Cause Minnesota is also offering an online tool that allows people to draw their city council wards: <http://localdistrictbuilder.drawminnesota.org/>.

## Winter Street Reconstruction

The City of Minneapolis is preparing to reconstruct several blocks of oiled dirt streets between East Hennepin and Winter Street in the SE Como neighborhood. The project, currently in the design phase, includes full removal of the existing surface and approximately 1.0 mile of new pavement, with curb and gutter, sidewalks, driveways, streetscape elements and utility work as needed. Construction is slated to begin in 2013. For questions and further information, please contact the Ward 1 Office at 612-673-2201 or [kevin.reich@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:kevin.reich@minneapolismn.gov).



### First Ward

#### Neighborhood Associations

[Audubon Park Neighborhood Association](#)

[Columbia Park Neighborhood Association](#)

[Holland Neighborhood Improvement Association \(HNIA\)](#)

[Logan Park Neighborhood Association](#)

[Concerned Citizens of Marshall Terrace](#)

[Northeast Park Neighborhood Association](#)

[Southeast Como Improvement Association](#)

[Waite Park Community Council](#)

[Windom Park Citizens in Action](#)

## 201 Lowry Avenue NE Redevelopment Plan

201 Lowry Avenue, the former Little Jack's restaurant, is a long vacant, tax-forfeited property in the Marshall Terrace neighborhood. A development team proposes to renovate the existing building for a restaurant and/or other commercial use and, in a later development phase, construct new high-density market-rate rental housing on the portion of the property previously used as a surface parking lot. It is proposed that the City of Minneapolis acquire the tax-forfeited property and convey it to the development entity. The City of Minneapolis invites you to review and comment on the proposed Redevelopment Plan, which is available on the City's website at <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/cped/public/index.htm>. For questions or further information, please contact the Ward 1 office at 612-673-2201 or [kevin.reich@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:kevin.reich@minneapolismn.gov).

## Fire Department News

City of Minneapolis Fire Chief Alex Jackson retired this past January. Chief Jackson joined the Fire Department 27 years ago and had served as Fire Chief since 2008. His retirement celebration was held at the Firefighters Hall & Museum in the Holland neighborhood.





Many of us are trying to cut back on paper bag use by taking our

own bags to the grocery store. If you find that that practice leaves you short of paper bags for separating your recycling, the City of Minneapolis has an alternative for you. You may use wastebaskets, pails or corrugated boxes for separated paper, plastic or cans. *These alternative containers should be 10 gallons or less and there must be a city recycling sticker on at least one side of the container.*

**The Ward One office has a supply of recycling stickers, so if you need some, just give us a call at 612-673-2201. We would be happy to mail or drop them off for you.**

## Meet with your Council Member

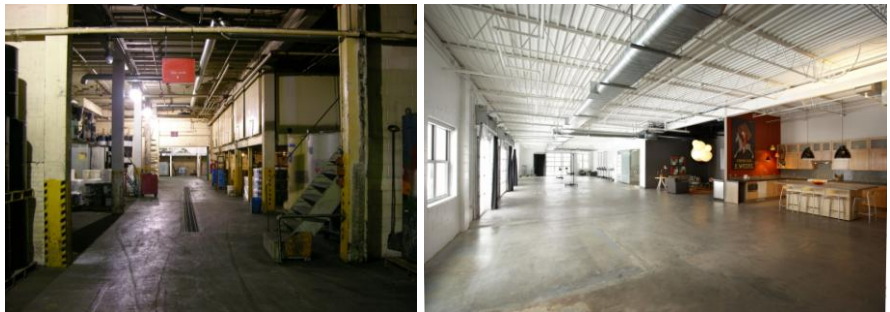
If you would like to discuss an issue or concern with Kevin, he'd be happy to meet with you at either City Hall or a convenient location in Ward One. Please call the Ward One office at 612-673-2201 or email [lisa.brock@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:lisa.brock@minneapolismn.gov) to schedule a date.

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## Frost Building Wins Award of Excellence

For nearly 100 years the Frost Building, in the Northeast Park neighborhood, was home to a paint and linseed oil manufacturing company. This heavy industrial use produced noxious odors and left an immense amount of pollution in the buildings and grounds, including over 100 abandoned tanks of paint, oil and other waste. Today, the Frost Building has been transformed by Hillcrest Development into two floors of warm, light-filled, and functional office space that houses such creative businesses as Modern Survey, Maren Kloppman Ceramics and Patrick Fox Photography. Hillcrest's accomplishment was recently acknowledged when the Frost Building received an NAIOP Minnesota Award of Excellence for 2011.

Frost Building before and after:



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## Community Garden & Green Space Grant Opportunity

The Scotts Miracle Gro Company is sponsoring the Gro1000 Grants Program, which awards grants ranging from \$500 to \$1500 to nonprofits and community groups working to create edible gardens, flower gardens and public green spaces in their neighborhoods. Applications are due February 24, so time is short. Click [HERE](#) for application and guidelines.

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## “We Love Our Presidents” Walk

What better way to commemorate Presidents Day than to join your neighbors in walking Northeast's many streets named for presidents. The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual “We Love Our Presidents” Walk kicks off at 10 a.m. at the Edison High School Gym, 700 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE. This year's route goes east on 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to Central and then north to the Eastside Food Co-op for a hot cocoa break. Walkers then continue north to 29<sup>th</sup> Ave and east to Northeast Middle School, 2955 Hayes St NE, for a chili lunch (\$5 donation), program and activities. For further information, contact David Warnest at 612-668-1515 or [david.warnest@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:david.warnest@mpls.k12.mn.us).

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## Metro Paint-A-Thon Accepting Applications

Metro Paint-A-Thon is a volunteer program sponsored by the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches that helps keep low-income seniors and people with disabilities living independently in their own homes. Applications are now being taken for this year's Paint-A-thon, which will occur the first weekend in August. Applicants must be over the age of 60 or have a permanent physical disability and must meet certain income guidelines. For an application and/or further information, call 612-276-1579 or go to <http://paintathon.gmcc.org/homeapp.php>. Application deadline is May 4.

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### Save The Date:

**NE Network – Thursday, Feb. 9, 7:30-8:45 a.m.,** Eastside Food Co-op's Granite Studio, 2551 Central Ave NE. This month's topic is "35W Update – Final Exit?" with Hennepin County Transportation Department's senior project manager Nicholas Peterson. RSVP to [board@eastsidefood.coop](mailto:board@eastsidefood.coop).

**Elementary School Night at Edison, Thursday, Feb. 9, 6:30 p.m.,** 700 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE. Elementary school students and their families are invited to a Tommies basketball game and a host of fun activities, including half-time prizes, musical performances, face painting and more. Free admission for elementary students.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct Advisory Council Meeting – Monday, Feb. 13, 6 p.m.,** 1900 Central Ave NE. Inspector Schafer will give a presentation on "The State of the Precinct", including 2011 crime statistics and a review of public safety goals for 2012.

**Senior Appreciation Valentine Dinner, Thursday, Feb. 16, 11:30 a.m.,** East Side Neighborhood Services, 1700 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NE. Tickets cost \$3 and can be purchased at ESNS or the Senior Food Shelf, 1801 Central Ave NE. For transportation, call 612-781-6011 by Feb. 11.

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