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Message from Council Member Kevin Reich

This year's primary election is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 14** and, due to redistricting, Ward One voters will see some key changes in voting precincts and polling locations for the first time in this election.

Overall the City of Minneapolis now has 14 fewer voting precincts and the First Ward's precincts were reduced from 10 to 9. Click [HERE](#) to view a map of the new precinct boundaries. Much of the former 1-8 has been absorbed into the new 1-1, with the remainder going into 1-9. The polling location for the new 1-1 is RiverVillage, 2919 Randolph St NE. The previous 1-10 has been split between the new 1-6 and 1-8. 1-8's polling place is the Holland Highrise, 1717 Washington St NE. As mentioned in a previous newsletter, 1-5 and 1-6 are now divided on a north-south boundary instead of an east-west one, to make the respective polling places convenient for residents in both precincts and the dividing boundary clear.

All pre-registered voters were sent a white postcard in early July telling them their new voting precinct and polling place. However, if you were not pre-registered or didn't receive the card, click [HERE](#) to access a tool to check your registration, look up your polling place and view your sample ballot.

Accessibility improvements have also been made at polling places, through *Help America Vote Act* federal funding. Eight Minneapolis Park and Recreation Centers have received the installation of electronic door openers, including Audubon and Van Cleve parks.

Minneapolis 311 will extend their usual hours to serve voters while the polls are open. From 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the August 14 Primary and the November 6 General Election, Minneapolis voters can call Minneapolis 311 for information on how to register and where to vote. You can also always call the First Ward office at 612-673-2201 for assistance with any voting location and process questions.

First Ward

Neighborhood Associations

[Audubon Park Neighborhood Association](#)

[Columbia Park Neighborhood Association](#)

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

[Logan Park Neighborhood Association](#)

[Mid-City Industrial](#)

[Concerned Citizens of Marshall Terrace](#)

[Northeast Park Neighborhood Association](#)

[Southeast Como Improvement Association](#)

[Waite Park Community Council](#)

[Windom Park Citizens in Act](#)

First Ward Community Forum - August 29

The City of Minneapolis has over 50 appointed boards, commissions and advisory committees that offer input, advice and policy recommendations to the Mayor, City Council and City departments. Their focus topics range from Animal Control to Zoning. Council Member Kevin Reich is hosting a community forum on **Wednesday, August 29, 6 – 8 p.m., at Columbia Manor, 3300 Central Avenue NE** to share information about the important work done by these entities and introduce and honor many of the First Ward representatives who serve on them. Please join us to listen to presentations from the representatives and participate in an open discussion. City Clerk Casey Carl will also be on hand to offer information about the appointment cycle and how people can apply for appointment to a board or commission. All are welcome and pizza and beverages will be provided. Please RSVP to 612-673-2201 or kevin.reich@minneapolismn.gov.

Meet the Ward One Intern

Edison High School senior Max Beyendorff recently completed an internship in the First Ward Council office. Max undertook a research project on the City's Capital Long-Range Improvements program and capital



improvements done in the First Ward. In addition to attending Transportation & Public Works Committee meetings, he attended meetings of the Capital Long-Range Improvement Committee (CLIC) and produced a report based on his research. He also assisted with community service projects, including the tree planting in Jackson Square Park as part of the Edison High School Green Council. Max demonstrated a keen interest in government affairs and intends to pursue further studies in International Relations. In advance of these pursuits he plans to spend the next year working and traveling in Europe.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event - August 16 - 18

Minneapolis residents can safely get rid of household hazardous materials at a collection event this summer. While “hazardous” in the sense that these products, when improperly disposed of, can harm humans and wildlife and pollute our air and water, these are in fact common consumer products that residents buy for home use. From paint, aerosol cans and pesticides to batteries and items containing mercury (for instance, thermostats and fluorescent bulbs), a lot of everyday products used at home cannot go in the trash. Proper disposal is particularly important for our East Side neighborhoods, given that we are part of the Mississippi Watershed. The collection event is Thurs through Sat, August 16 – 18, at Pillsbury School, 2231 Garfield St NE, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Click [HERE](#) for details and a list of materials accepted at the collection event.



Need to report a broken street light? Is there a stray dog roaming your neighborhood? Do you just want a question about the City of Minneapolis answered? Minneapolis 311 is the most efficient option for taking care of these and many other issues.

Operators will be available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mon.-Fri. However, you will find many 311 services and information sources online by clicking [HERE](#) . Also, the Ward One office staff is 311-trained, so you may always call our office at 612-673-2201 for assistance.

6th Annual Eastside Community Schools BBQ

The Eastside Community Schools BBQ will be held on Thursday, August 23, in conjunction with the open houses of our local schools – Edison High School, Northeast Middle School, Marcy Open, Pillsbury, Sheridan and Waite Park. Last year’s BBQ drew over 1800 students, families, teachers, staff and community members and this year’s event promises to be even bigger and better.

The BBQ is 3 – 8 p.m., Thursday, August 23 in the Edison High School parking lot, 700 22nd Avenue NE. New this year – **Recovery Bike Shop** will be onsite with their pedal-propelled **Mobile Command & Repair Module** (pictured at right), doing free bicycle repairs.



Bike Walk Move will also have a table at the event and will be talking with community members and students about bike routes, rules of the road, safety tips, etc., as well as offering fun activities, holding drawings for cool safety lights, and more.

Minneapolis 311 Mobile App

Reporting potholes, graffiti, and broken street lights to the City of Minneapolis just got easier with the launch of the new Minneapolis 311 mobile application. You can now report issues to the City through a free app on iPhone or Android devices without calling 311 or visiting the City’s website. Those who use Blackberry or Windows Phone devices can report service requests to Minneapolis 311 by visiting [SeeClickFix.com](#) on their mobile browser. The following service requests are now available:

- Abandoned vehicle
- Graffiti
- Parking Meters
- Parking violations
- Potholes
- Traffic signal timing
- Broken street light
- Traffic sign repair
- Traffic signal trouble



GPS will provide the location of the service request and people will also be able to submit a photo to add more detail to their request. Just like making a request by calling 311 or using the City’s website, the person making the service request will be able to follow their request from start to finish. Service requests with the app can be made at any time of day



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 to schedule a date.

whether or not 311 is open for business and the request will be reported to the appropriate City department immediately. The mobile app is available in the App Store or in the Android Market on your smart phone. Just search for "Minneapolis 311".

Save The Date Calendar:

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 7. If you haven't made your plans yet, click [HERE](#) for tips and information. You can also call the Ward 1 Office at 612-673-2201 for information about NNO parties on your block or in your neighborhood.

Community Garden Day

Saturday, August 11. Eastside Community Gardens participating include:

- Como Corner Community Gardens, 22nd Ave SE & Como Ave. Noon – 4 pm.
- NE United Methodist Church Gardens, Cleveland & Lowry Ave NE. 7-9 pm.
- Waite Park Community Garden, 3601 Lincoln St NE, 6:30-8:30 pm.

Waite Park Push Cart Derby

Saturday, September 8. Get started now on building a push cart for the Derby. Click [HERE](#) for basics on push cart building and information on entering the Derby.

Eastside Community Schools BBQ

Thursday, August 23, 3-8 pm. Edison High School parking lot, 700 22nd Ave NE. (See p. 3 for details)

Boards & Commissions Community Forum

Wednesday, August 29, 6-8 pm. Columbia Manor, 3300 Central Ave NE. (See p. 1 for details).

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