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Message from Council Member Kevin Reich

In April 2012 the Council passed a series of Zoning Code Text Amendments that significantly expanded the potential for growing food in Minneapolis. These changes made market gardens and urban farms possible, and permitted arbors, trellises, raised planting beds, cold frames and hoop houses. In the first year of these amendments, the city saw the arrival of five urban farms, including Northeast Minneapolis' California Street Farm.

Constituent involvement continues to help advance this initiative. At the time that these amendments were passed, it was clear to me that further fine-tuning of the Zoning Code would be needed after both policy makers and farmers assessed changing needs and developments. This perception was reinforced at the community forum on Urban Agriculture in Eastside Minneapolis that I hosted last October, as community members, gardeners and farmers discussed the ramifications of the amendments and further practical modifications that needed to be considered.

As we develop a body of experience with urban farming and tangible evidence of what works and what doesn't, changes to our policies have already begun. This past April, the City Council voted on measures to make it easier to keep bees in Minneapolis. Rooftop beehives installed at the second story or higher are allowed without requiring fences or signatures from nearby neighbors. This change made possible the recent installation of two hives on City Hall's green roof. I expect to see an increase in beehives across the City, which will be a boon for our gardens and farms. Another welcome change has been the crafting of a pathway to allow urban farms water access. Farmers may now apply for hydrant permits to purchase city water, using the same pathway that has been available to community gardens for some time.

As another growing season gets underway and we have the opportunity to see the fruits of urban agriculture at our local farmers markets, farmstands, market gardens, CSAs and urban farms, I'm confident that we'll discover more ways to enhance our access to good local food.

First Ward

Neighborhood Associations

[Audubon Neighborhood Association \(ANA\)](#)

[Columbia Park Neighborhood Association \(CPNA\)](#)

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

[Logan Park Neighborhood Association \(LPNA\)](#)

[Concerned Citizens of Marshall Terrace \(CCMT\)](#)

[Mid-City Industrial Neighborhood Association](#)

[Northeast Park Neighborhood Association \(NEPNA\)](#)

[Southeast Como Improvement Association \(SECIA\)](#)

[Waite Park Community Council \(WPCC\)](#)

[Windom Park Citizens in Action \(WPCIA\)](#)

NUSA 2013 Highlights the Eastside

Over 600 people from 33 states, Canada, Japan and South Africa met in Minneapolis May 22 – 25 for Neighborhoods, USA's 38th Annual NUSA Conference. Attendees had the opportunity to attend seminars, talks and events aimed at deepening their community engagement skills.

Neighborhood Pride tours were one of the key activities offered and Eastside Minneapolis was the prime destination for two of those tours:



Arts Buildings of the NE Arts District

The power of creativity and community rejuvenation was on display as NUSA attendees from five states had the opportunity viewed many of the Arts District's signature buildings, including the Ritz Theater (pictured at left) and Casket Arts. They also enjoyed presentations by Alejandra Pelinka, the Executive Director

of NEMAA and Leslie Palmer-Ross, Director of Art Services for Corporate Art Force. The tour wrapped up at Brickmania in the Thorp Building, where the attendees enjoyed dinner and a viewing of the Lego trains.

Minneapolis/St. Paul Cooperative Movement

No city has a stronger history of involvement in the community co-op movement than Minneapolis and NE is currently at its cutting edge. Thus it was fitting that Eastside Food Co-op, along with Seward Co-op, conducted a tour that focused on the vitality of the cooperative movement in the Twin Cities. Stops included Hub Bike Shop, a worker-owned bike repair and sales co-op, Minnesota Climbing Co-op in the Thorp Building and the Central Avenue property recently purchased by Northeast Investment Co-op (NEIC). This tour, which included guests from across the U.S., as well as Japan, also concluded at Brickmania for dinner.



30th Annual National Night Out

This year's National Night Out is on Tuesday, August 6 and now is a great time to start planning your event, while you have the summer to brainstorm with your neighbors. NNO is an annual nationwide event that encourages residents to get out in the community, holding block parties and getting to know their neighbors as a way to encourage crime prevention. It's a great way to promote community-police partnerships and enjoy a Minnesota summer evening surrounded by friends and family. For information about hosting a National Night Out party, contacting your block club leader or becoming one, closing your street, registering your event and more, visit <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/nno/>. The 1st Ward office will also have Public Safety brochures with information and resources available for you to distribute at your block party. Contact us at 612-673-2201 or kevin.reich@minneapolismn.gov if you want to receive some to distribute.



Many 311 services are now available online or through mobile apps. Click [HERE](#) to find out how to report:

- Graffiti
- Pothole
- Abandoned car
- Broken streetlight
- Environmental violation
- Water service issue
- Sidewalk issue
- Housing code violation
- Traffic Signal issues



You Can Recycle More than You Think!

- Food & beverage cartons (milk, juice, soup, broth, wine)
- Refrigerated & frozen food containers
- Pop & beer cartons

Race to the Eastside

Foodie 4 Mile

Northeast Farmers Market held a fun run on June 1 to celebrate their 14th year of operation. The **Foodie 4 Mile** started at B.F Nelson Park and wended its way through lower Northeast, Boom Island and the Stone Arch Bridge. This race benefited The Northeast Farmers Market and the Emergency Foodshelf Network. The Northeast Farmers Market, which was established in 1999, is open rain or shine 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday from June 1 to October 19 in the parking lot of St. Boniface Church, University Ave NE & 7th Ave NE, featuring locally grown food, unique gifts and unusual services. For further information, visit their website at <http://www.northeastmarket.org/>.

4th Annual Red, White & Boom!



Twin Cities in Motion's 4th annual **Red, White & Boom! Half Marathon** will once again return to Northeast Minneapolis on **Thursday, July 4**. Over 2,500 runners will take to the streets of Northeast, beginning at St Antony Main, proceeding along the Mississippi to St. Anthony Parkway, then east through Deming Hill park and back down to the Stone Arch Bridge and Father Hennepin Park. The event is part of MPRB's two-day Red, White & Boom! Festival. Go to www.tcmevents.org for further information.

Parade with a Purpose: NE Food Drive

The Northeast Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce and Mission Northeast are working together to collect nonperishable food items and financial contributions as part of "Parade with a Purpose: A Food Drive for Northeast Minneapolis Food Shelves." All proceeds benefit Little Kitchen Food Shelf, East Side Neighborhood Services Senior Food Shelf, and Salvation Army/NEED.

The following businesses are offering collection bins at their locations June 10 – June 21:

- Eastside Food Co-op, 2551 Central Ave NE
- Tom's Style and Tanning, 938 Lowry Ave NE
- Central Avenue Liquor, 2538 Central Ave NE
- Liberty Tax, 2406 Central Ave NE
- Sen Yai Sen Lek, 2422 Central Ave NE

Members of Mission Northeast Churches will also be collecting items along the parade route during the Celebrate Northeast Parade on June 18. Groups wishing to participate by conducting their own neighborhood, church or business food drive by contacting Sheila Skelley at 612-370-9117 or sskelley@minneapolischamber.org.

The City of Minneapolis invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event within our City. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or should you require this document in an alternative format, please let us know by contacting 612-673-2201.

Eastside School News

Peace Maker Award Nomination

Edison High School student Nailah Heard has been nominated for the Peace Maker award for her leadership role in preventing youth violence and promoting peace.

Mississippi Stewardship Project

Edison's International Baccalaureate Biology students recently capped the completion of their Mississippi Stewardship project by teaming up with Marcy Open's 1st & 2nd grade classes for a field trip to Kroening Nature Center. T

NEMS at State National History Day Competition

Northeast Middle School 8th graders Nivea Vang and Nadija Hunt took 1st place at the regional History Day competition for their performance "The Great Leaders of the Women's Suffrage Movement" and advanced to represent NEMS at the state level.

Save the Date:

Bike Walk Week

June 9 – 15. Visit www.bikewalkweek.org for information on specific events and activities for Bike Walk Week.

NE Network

Thurs, June 13, 7:30 – 8:45 a.m., Eastside Food Co-op Community Room, 2551 Central Ave NE. This month's topic is "Bridging the Digital Divide". RSVP to nenetwork@eastsidefood.coop.

83rd Annual Celebrate NE Parade

Tuesday, June 18, 6:30 – 9 p.m.

2nd Annual NE Ride

Saturday, June 22. Visit www.northeastride.org for further information.

NE Mpls Food Truck Jam

Sunday, June 23, noon – 4 p.m., 612 Brew parking lot, 945 Broadway St. NE. This fundraiser for the East Mpls Exchange Club features 5 local food trucks and 4 local bands.

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