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Message from Council Member Kevin Reich

In the heart of the Holland neighborhood Jackson Square Park, the Flood Mitigation Basin and Edison High School's campus and athletic fields combine to represent a large green space. This area has received significant investment in recent years, from the creation of the "Basin" as an aesthetically designed recreational area to the revitalization of Jackson Square Park's facilities and amenities.

The improvements don't end there. The City of Lakes chapter of the Rotary Club donated an award-winning installation of ingeniously designed musical instruments that have proven to be an irresistible draw for children and adults alike. The park and Basin are home to two complementary James Brenner sculptures – "In Flux" and "Double Flux" – as well as the soon-to-be completed Edison sign and the "Innovation" backstop, which will crown an improved softball field.

Given that the primary users of this area are our children and young people, it seems only appropriate that attention now be paid to the land management aspect of this "Green Campus". To that end, I have been working with Julia Earl of **Preventing Harm Minnesota** and stakeholders from **Public Works, Minneapolis Park & Rec** and **Minneapolis Public Schools** to discuss developing healthy and sustainable land management practices and projects that could be implemented here. As a first step, Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) has agreed to fund a study to examine projects to improve water quality and potential water collection and reuse in this area. The study will also be looking for ways three jurisdictions could develop cost-effective joint maintenance protocols as budgets get tighter

Community input and involvement is a crucial part of this conversation, so I invite you to join me for "**Putting the Green in Green Space**", a community discussion of this project, on **Wednesday, June 29, 6:30 to 8 pm** at Eastside Food Co-op's Granite Studio.

First Ward

Neighborhood Associations

[Audubon Park Neighborhood Association](#)

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

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Edison's GREEN Community School Kick-Off

The Edison High School gym was the location for a star-studded event on Saturday, May 21, as the community welcomed Jayni and Chevy Chase to celebrate the GREEN Community Schools kick-off. The Chases, Senator Amy Klobuchar and Council Member Reich were among the speakers, while Edison student Matthew Vue read a statement from Senator Al Franken, who was unable to attend. Mayor Rybak, Superintendent Bernadeia Johnson, and Mpls School Board members Jenny Arneson, Jill Davis and David Mammon were also in attendance.

GREEN Community Schools (GCS) is a joint initiative of the MGR Foundation and Jayni Chase, environmental educator and wife of actor Chevy Chase. GCS aims to bring a holistic model of environmental awareness to public high schools across the country, addressing everything from the energy efficiency of the school building to sustainable food procurement and an eco-friendly curriculum. **Earlier this year Edison was selected to be only the second GREEN Community School in the nation.** GCS funds GREEN Resource Coordinator Ashley Mueller to work with school staff integrating green subject matter into curriculum, as well as coordinate after-school activities and student internships. This unique program is an incredible opportunity for our students and will add to other school initiatives that bring innovation and excellence to Edison High School.



(Jayni Chase, Matthew Vue, Chevy Chase, Amy Klobuchar, Kevin Reich & RT Rybak)

The event included a community BBQ and performances by the Northeast Middle School band, the Edison High School student band and the Edison High School Alumni band. ArtStart and the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization conducted activities for students and families. Principal Carla Steinbach highlighted the many green and sustainable undertakings Edison is currently participating in, including an environmental service project to create “seed bombs”. Made of compressed soil, compost, seeds and clay, the “bombs” have all the nutrients necessary to sustain the seeds and can be used to beautify empty fields and lots. Mayor Rybak proudly displayed one of the “bombs” for the crowd.



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 at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/311. Also, the Ward One office staff is 311-trained, so you may always call our office at 612-673-2201 for assistance.

Welcome OATI to the Neighborhood

Open Access Technology International, Inc. (OATI) is relocating its world headquarters to the former Honeywell Research facility in the Columbia Park neighborhood in Northeast Minneapolis at the end of this month. OATI is a software service provider to nearly all energy companies in the North American power grid.



The company currently employs 280 people and plans to expand its current workforce to well over 300. Most of the employees are highly skilled engineers and computer software professionals. The City of Minneapolis provided revenue bond financing for the purchasing, renovating and equipping of this new facility. This is an effective City program for community development and represents a significant investment into Northeast Minneapolis.

Northside Tornado Recovery Assistance Resources

The May 22nd tornado that left two people dead and dozens injured caused extensive damage to homes and businesses throughout north Minneapolis. Funds have been set up to handle donations to help our residents recover from the tornado:

- Minnesota HELPS – Northside Recovery Fund. This is an unrestricted flexible fund for immediate and midterm relief.
- Northside Home Fund Tornado Relief. Funds earmarked for housing and directed by the Northside Home Fund.

Checks should be made payable to Minnesota HELPS or Northside Home Fund Tornado Relief. Information can be found at www.mplsfoundation.org. Donations can be mailed to the Minneapolis Foundation, 80 S. 8th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402.



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.

82nd Annual Celebrate Northeast Parade!



Mark your calendar for the **82nd Annual Northeast Parade**, which starts at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21. It's not too late to become a part of this great community tradition by volunteering. The Northeast Chamber has a number of volunteer opportunities and times available. For information on how you can help, go to www.minneapolischamber.org/parade or call Christine Levens at 612-378-0050.

ArtShare's Northeast Parade Project 2011

ArtShare, a community arts group, is hosting free workshops to give all Northeasters the opportunity to be a part of the Northeast Parade. Workshops will be held at the Grace Center for Community Life (former Holland School), 1500 6th Street NE, on **Saturdays & Sundays, June 11-12 & 18-19, 11:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.** Workshop participants can create “wearable” floats, masks, banners or dress up their bikes in preparation for marching with ArtShare in the Northeast Parade. For further information about ArtShare or the Parade Project, contact Jennifer Arave at artsharene@gmail.com or 612-432-1512.

Central Avenue Construction Update

Highway 65 (Central Avenue) is due to be resurfaced in 2012. This \$3.6 million project will encompass stretches of Central Avenue from Washington Avenue to 14th Ave NE, 18th Ave to 27th Ave, and 37th Ave to 53rd Ave. Work will include accessibility upgrades at 51 intersections, including curbs, ramps and truncated domes (raised bumps on the sidewalk surface to indicate an intersection) and traffic signal upgrades. Work is scheduled to start in Spring 2012. For further information on this road project, go to www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy65/

Industrial Blvd Resurfacing Begins

Industrial Blvd was one of the streets that served as a detour route following the collapse of the Interstate 35W Bridge over the Mississippi River. Because of the wear and tear it received from the additional traffic, this street will receive mill and overlay work from Hennepin Ave East to the City limits. Work begins on Sunday, June 5 and is expected to be completed by Monday, June 13. To reduce the impact to local businesses, a majority of the work will be done at night and on weekends.

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@ci.minneapolis.mn.us to schedule a date.

Spotlight: Recovery Bike Shop

Recovery Bike Shop may have escaped your notice when they opened back in snowy January, but June is a month made for biking. This new business, which is located at 2525 Central Avenue NE, next to Eastside Food Co-op, specializes in bicycles for urban commuters and customer service that's all about making friends and creating relationships.



(Co-owners Seth Statmiller and Brent Fuqua, with a vintage 1952 Schwinn Majestic)

Founder Brent Fuqua spent four years repairing and restoring bicycles in his garage before making the leap to a commercial space, while co-owner Seth Statmiller gained his previous experience at Re-Cycle in Uptown. Windom Park board member Mike Smieja was instrumental in their transition to the Co-op's 2000 foot retail space. Fuqua and Statmiller feel that their operation fills an important niche in the Northeast community and they have been very happy with the welcome they've received.



Their focus is on providing affordable transportation by recycling old bicycles into hybrids that Fuqua describes as a cross between a mountain bike and a road bike. The search for their raw materials – old bikes with potential – is a constant creative challenge that has led to extensive networking. They also

offer repair and restoration services. Their goal is to find ways to make bikes safe and usable, or as they put it “to save the world one bike at a time”. For further information, click [HERE](#).

Musical Instruments Win International Award

Last fall the Minneapolis City of Lakes Rotary Club generously donated seven outdoor musical instruments to be installed in Jackson Square Park. These large, freestanding, colorful pieces have become an instant hit with children and adults alike. They have also



provided an opportunity for Edison students to participate in a related University of Minnesota study monitoring and assessing the impact of the presence of these instruments in our community. Now, the Rotary Club reports that the installation has also won the Rotary International Significant Achievement Award, one of 143 projects worldwide.

Save The Date Calendar:

Northeast Farmers Market Opening

Saturday, June 4, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., St. Boniface Church, University and 7th Ave NE. Market runs Saturdays through the 3rd Saturday in October.

NE Network: NE 2020 Projections, People and Progress

Thursday, June 9, 7:30 – 8:45 a.m., Eastside Food Co-op Granite Studio, 2551 Central Ave NE. Jeff Schneider, Special Projects & Research Manager for the City of Minneapolis, will be on hand to discuss 2010 census data as it related to Northeast. Click [HERE](#) to RSVP.

Audubon Farmer's Market Opening

Thursday, June 23, 4 – 7 p.m., Johnson Street & 27th Ave NE. Runs Thursdays through September.

"Putting the Green in Green Space" Community Meeting

Wednesday, June 29, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Eastside Food Co-op's Granite Studio, 2551 Central Ave NE. A community meeting to discuss water quality and water reuse projects in the "Green Campus". For further information contact Lisa Brock at 612-671-2201 or lisa.brock@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

"Waiting for Godot" at the Hollywood Theater

Fridays & Saturdays, July 8 – 23, 7:30 p.m. To make reservations, call 612-874-9321 or email info@theatreprorata.org.

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