



# Ward One Update

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## Message from Council Member Kevin Reich

This March the City of Minneapolis Public Works Department honored a number of high performing employees from the past year. It was an informative event for me as I had the opportunity to meet a number of the City's frontline Public Works employees and learn about the variety of ways they create value for our community. From the three construction maintenance laborers who saved the City thousand of dollars by completing an assignment 2 ½ weeks ahead of time to the two Water Works service workers who assisted a purse-snatching victim and offered information that led to the perpetrator's arrest, the stories told at this event made me proud of the caliber of public employees undertaking this work in our community.

Many of these employees' jobs require them to work in a variety of challenging conditions, including shrinking staff, increased workloads and difficult weather conditions. At the same time they bring ingenuity, leadership and a high level of customer service day in and day out to tasks ranging from street sweeping and pothole filling to program design and quality control. I was impressed at the number of employees who were recognized for going above and beyond their job duties – mentoring other employees, refining and improving systems, looking for added efficiencies and cost-savings, and taking personal responsibility for ensuring public safety and livability.

And finally, it was particularly gratifying that among these High Performing employees were some of our Ward One neighbors, including Connie Korman and Willy Dawydenko. They take pride in their work and their Northeast community.

## 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](#)

## Meet the City's New Transit Oriented Development Manager



The City of Minneapolis has hired David Frank as its first Transit Oriented Development Manager. In this position, Frank will lead the City's efforts to implement development activities around transit stops

and capture market opportunities along the city's transit corridors. He identifies one of the priorities of his job as being the opportunity to leverage transit investment to grow the tax base. Frank brings a wealth of experience to this position, previously working as the Director of Development at Schafer Richardson, a Minneapolis real estate company located in Northeast, and with the Redevelopment Agency in Portland, Oregon. He's enthused about the potential for streetcars as a transit option for Central Avenue, saying that in his experience streetcar lines tend to lead to development with a pedestrian-friendly focus.

## Meet Your Public Safety Team



(Heidi Johnston, Dan Scoggins & Tom Thompson at the March 2PAC meeting)

The Second Precinct has some new faces. **Heidi Johnston** is the new Community Attorney for the precinct. Prior to this assignment, Johnston worked on the Special Prosecutions Team in the Minneapolis City Attorney's office, prosecuting chronic offender and gun cases. She has also worked as a domestic violence prosecutor for the St. Paul City Attorney's office. Johnston is a resident of the Second Precinct and looks forward to working as a liaison between the police, the community and the City Attorney's office.

Many of you may have already met **Tom Thompson**, the new Crime



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.

Beginning April 12, Minneapolis 311 hours will be reduced. 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](http://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.

Prevention Specialist (CPS) who took over for Carol Oosterhuis upon her retirement last year. Thompson has 28 years of policing experience, including being a Police Chief in NW Wisconsin. He started as a CPS with the City of Minneapolis in 2000, working with the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Precincts, and he's really excited to work with the Eastside neighborhoods.

2PAC president **Dan Scoggins** has lived in the Holland neighborhood for nearly 20 years. He's security manager for a downtown building and is known for his effective volunteerism to improve Northeast. Scoggins articulates the mission of 2PAC as "to facilitate 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct and neighborhood efforts to reduce crime and enhance livability through education and communication." 2PAC is open to all and meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at Monroe Village, 1900 Central Ave NE.

Ward One Policy Aide **Shannon McDonough** is a former CPS for the Fourth Precinct, with 10 years experience with the City of Minneapolis Police Department. His Livability Committee coordinates public safety and regulatory issues with City staff.

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## School News

**Thomas Edison High School** has launched an exciting new partnership with the **MGR Foundation's GREEN Community Schools Initiative**. The mission of GREEN Community Schools is to create long-term holistic partnerships between the school, local community residents, stakeholders, resources and families to ensure that the community is environmentally aware and able to successfully practice and promote sustainability. Ashley Mueller, Edison's



GREEN Resource Coordinator, will be working with school staff on integrating green subject matter into the curriculum and will also be providing after school programming, internships and jobs to students to enhance learning. This is another opportunity and resource available to our high school. It continues Edison's current commitment to innovation and collaboration to enhance its new educational core activities. Stay tuned for more news about this sustainability initiative and their community kick-off in May!

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## Arts District/Business District Forum At Corporate Art Force



(Corporate Art Force's Leslie Palmer-Ross & president Bill Kieger with CM Reich)

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.**

Corporate Art Force joined CM Reich on March 31 to host the first of a series of forums on the NE Arts District's creative economy. Sculptor and NEMAA Board Member Nick Legeros, City Coordinator Steven Bosacker and Edison High School art teacher Liz Murphy were among the facilitators of this lively community discussion about the complex dynamics of the creative economy and the economic value created by cross-pollination among creative people and businesses. Many of the issues raised will be explored more fully in upcoming forums throughout the year.

The forum also offered an opportunity for artists and community members to learn more about Corporate Art Force on the anniversary of their first year in the NE Arts District. An arts procurement company that creates connections between artists and large corporate clients, Corporate Art Force moved to Minneapolis from Golden Valley and has found their new location to be a stimulating and productive place to do business. They are committed to expanding business and creating jobs in the Ward.

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## Meet the New Ward One Committee Members

The City of Minneapolis has over 50 volunteer-based boards, commissions and advisory committees whose advice and input constitutes a major component of the City's community engagement work. Three Ward One residents were recently appointed to committees:

**Hope Johnson** is one of the newest members of the **Bicycle Advisory**

**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](mailto:lisa.brock@ci.minneapolis.mn.us) to schedule a date.

**Committee.** Johnson, who works for the Office of Information Technology at the University of Minnesota, has been an avid cyclist and bike commuter for years. Her goal is to contribute to the committee's work to make biking safe and accessible for all.

**Sarah Larson** has been appointed to the **Capital Long Range Improvement Committee (CLIC)**. Larson has been employed in the affordable real estate development field for the past 13 years and also has experience in administering NRP loan programs for various neighborhood groups. She looks forward to working with fellow CLIC members to address the maintenance and enhancement of the City's infrastructure.

**Amanda Tempel**, who has been appointed to the **Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities**, has significant experience in the field of disability advocacy and outreach, including serving on the Executive Committee of the Disabled Student Cultural Center at the University of Minnesota and the U's Senate Disabilities Issues Committee. She anticipates helping foster an expanded dialogue on accessibility issues both in Ward One and in the city as a whole.

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## Artshare Kicks Off 2011 Season

Artshare, a collaborative group dedicated to creating shared art experiences for the Northeast community, will once again be conducting free public workshops so you can make your own personal float, mask or creative contraption to be part of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual NE Parade. They kicked off their 2011 season with a fundraiser at Sen Yai Sen Lek at the end of March and will be holding another fundraiser at Grumpy's NE on Sunday, May 23. Parade workshops will be held on June 11, 12, 18 & 19 at a yet to be determined site. For more information, go to <http://www.artsharene.blogspot.com/>

In addition to their Parade workshops, Artshare has created three Audio-Guided Walking Tours of NE neighborhoods in collaboration with HNIA. These tours guide participants through the history and future of Northeast businesses, churches, industry, topography and more. For more information and to get involved in this project, check out the new website at <http://newalkingtours.com>.

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## Public Participation in Minneapolis Riverfront Development Initiative

The Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Board is launching the Minneapolis Riverfront Development Initiative with several public and committee meetings over the next six months. The first three meetings will be held this month:

- Thursday, April 28, 7-9 pm.

- Friday, April 29, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm.
- Saturday, April 30, 10 am – 12 pm.

All three meetings will take place at MPRB Headquarters, 2117 West River Road. This is an invaluable opportunity to gain knowledge and offer input into this exciting initiative to establish our region as a leading river community for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

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## Get Ready for Street Sweeping

Spring street sweeping is scheduled to begin Tuesday, April 12 and will continue for approximately five weeks. City crews will post “No Parking” signs at least 24 hours before sweeping any streets and parking will be banned from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the day a street is swept. In addition, the City will make approximately 3500 automated phone calls each evening to let residents know their street will be swept the next day.

Want to plan ahead? Use the [Street Sweeping Schedule Lookup](#) to find out which week your street is scheduled to be swept. The schedule is updated frequently during the sweep to reflect the actual progress of street sweeping.

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## Save The Date:

### 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Sustainable Communities Conference

**Saturday, April 9, 8:30 a.m. – 4:40 p.m.**, at Central Lutheran Church, 333 12<sup>th</sup> Street S. This FREE event includes keynote speakers, workshops and skill-building sessions around a variety of sustainability topics. Council Member Reich will be one of the speakers at the “Community Building/Block Clubs/Neighborhoods/Safety” session. For further information go to [www.afors.org/2011conference](http://www.afors.org/2011conference) or call 612-331-1099.

### Creating Art in Your Community: A Minneapolis Neighborhood Workshop

**Saturday, April 9, 10 a.m. – Noon**, RSP Architects, Grain Belt Complex, 1200 Marshall Street NE. Hear about art crawls, murals, and performances at this Arts Commission-sponsored event. Share ideas, meet City and non-profit professionals and learn about resources for arts. Featured speakers will include Public Arts Administrator Mary Altman and NEMAA board member Jeff Lohaus. For further information, contact Jill Boldenow at [bolde001@umn.edu](mailto:bolde001@umn.edu) or 651-757-1862.

### Waite Park 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spring Gala & Silent Auction

**Saturday, April 9, 7-11 p.m.**, Eastside Neighborhood Services, 1700 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE. An exciting evening that includes a dinner buffet, silent auction, meat and wine raffles, chair massages and more. All proceeds benefit Waite Park Community School. For further information, go to <http://waitepark.mpls.k12.mn.us/PTA.html>.

## Northeast Network

**Thursday, April 14, 7:30-8:45 a.m.**, Granite Studio, Eastside Food Co-op, 2551 Central Ave NE. This month's timely topic is "Northeast Neighborhoods in the Next Phase: Engaging, Planning and Funding the Future". Please click [HERE](#) to RSVP by Wednesday, April 13.

## SECIA Open House

**Friday, April 15, 4:30-7 pm.**, 1170 15<sup>th</sup> Ave SE. This open house to show off SECIA's new office space also kicks off SECIA's Earth Month.

## Historic Resources Central Core Survey Meeting

**Thursday, April 21, 6:30-8 p.m.**, Van Cleve Recreation Center, 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE. This is the second round of historic resource survey meetings for the Central Core, which includes the SE Como neighborhood.

## Audubon Park Spring WingDing

**Saturday, April 30, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**, Audubon Park at 29<sup>th</sup> Ave NE & Buchanan. This neighborhood festival will include carnival games, a performance by the Northeast Middle School Band, birding tours, workshops and more. For further information, go to <http://springwingding.org>.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Hotdish Revolution

**Saturday, April 30, 5 p.m.**, Grace Center (formerly Holland School), 1500 6<sup>th</sup> Street NE. Come to compete or just come to eat! This annual Holland neighborhood fundraiser will feature celebrity judges, raffles, tasty beverages and lots and lots of hotdish. For further information, go to [www.hnia.org](http://www.hnia.org).

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