



# Ward One Update

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## Message from Council Member Kevin Reich

Every spring thousands of visitors flock to the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District to celebrate **Art-A-Whirl**, the largest open studio and gallery tour in the United States. This year's Art-A-Whirl is May 18-20 and will feature the work of 400+ artists at over 50 locations. Visitors coming for the art will also be able to experience our community's restaurants, pubs, shops, historic buildings and parks. Kudos to the **Northeast Minneapolis Arts Association (NEMAA)** for presenting this annual celebration of our Arts District and for working tirelessly to make it bigger and better each year.

May also kicks off a number of opportunities to participate in "**Bike and Stroll Minneapolis**", a variety of classes, rides and walks led by the Bike Walk Ambassadors Program this summer. Our East Side neighborhoods have seen significant investment into bicycle infrastructure in the past couple of years, including approximately 10 new miles of bikeways and some innovative new technologies. Progress continues this year with additional work on the 18<sup>th</sup> Ave route and the North/South "Presidents" bike boulevard. I encourage you to get out and explore on a bike this spring. (See below for more details about events in May).

On another note, the **City of Minneapolis' redistricting process** wrapped up at the beginning of April with very little adjustment to the boundaries of Ward 1. One change, however, that occurred as part of this process was a reworking of the precinct boundaries. This offered us an opportunity to reconfigure Precincts 1-5 and 1-6. Because these two precincts were very long and narrow, it was pointed out to our office that this wasn't the best access for many voters. The new 1-5 and 1-6 are divided on a north-south line, with the logical boundary of Johnson Street, making them much more compact and allowing for polling places that are much closer to voters' homes. Click [HERE](#) for a look at these welcome changes.

## 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](#)

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## Art-A-Whirl Details

Art-A-Whirl runs May 18-20, with the following hours:

- Friday, May 18, 5-10 p.m.
- Saturday, May 19, Noon-8 p.m.
- Sunday, May 20, Noon-5 p.m.

Information Booths are located at:

- 13<sup>th</sup> & Marshall (parking lot next to Grain Belt Studio)
- Quincy St & Broadway NE (on Quincy, next to MPS District Headquarters Building)

Getting around:

There will be free trolleys making stops at various Art-A-Whirl locations throughout the NE Minneapolis Arts District. Pick up a directory and trolley map at an information booth or click [HERE](#) for more information and a 2012 map.

While you're making your rounds, stop by **NEMAA's Art-A-Whirl Silent Auction Fundraiser** at Northrup King Building's Third Floor Art Gallery. View and bid on pieces of art from NEMAA members, gift certificates, gift baskets and more. This is NEMAA's most important fundraiser of the year and is open the entire Art-A-Whirl weekend.

**Edison High School** is a trolley stop again this year, with a gallery displaying staff and student artwork, theatrical performances and music.

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## East Side Summer Bike & Walk Events

This spring and summer, the Minneapolis Bike Walk Ambassador Program is hosting rides, walks and classes to help you get back on the streets and trail. This is a great opportunity to get out and see what our East Side neighborhoods have to offer. Some of the upcoming events include:

- **Family Safety class**, Saturday, May 12 @ 9:30 a.m., Windom Rec Center, 2251 Hayes St NE.
- **Kidical Mass**, Saturday, May 19 @ 9 a.m., Logan Park Rec Center, 13<sup>th</sup> Ave & Monroe St. NE. Decorate bikes and parade down 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- **Basic Bike Maintenance**, Thursday, May 24 @ 7 p.m., Recovery Bike Shop, 2555 Central Avenue NE.
- **Bike Minneapolis 55+**, Wed, June 27 @ 10 a.m., Logan Park Rec Center, 13<sup>th</sup> Ave & Monroe St. NE. Leisurely ride that explores Northeast, Southeast and Downtown. Call 612-333-3410 to request a helmet and/or bike for this ride.

For more information on these and other Bike Walk events, call the Ward 1 office at 612-673-2201.



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.

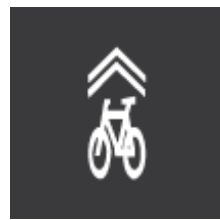
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## Bicycle Markings Demystified

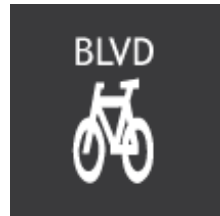
The many new bicycle markings that are showing up on City streets can be confusing for both drivers and riders. Here's a brief overview of some of the various markings. For a more in-depth look, click [HERE](#).



**Bike Lane:** A bike lane is a striped and signed lane for bicycle traffic. The purpose of a bike lane is to provide a dedicated space on the roadway for bicyclists. As a bike lane approaches an intersection or bus stop, the white lines are dotted to indicate shared space between bicyclists and turning motorists.



**Shared Lane:** Shared lane markings or “sharrows” are pavement markings used to mark a designated bike route. They don’t designate any part of the roadway as exclusive to motorists or bicyclists. Rather they highlight the fact that the travel lane is shared.



**Bike Blvd:** This designates a lower-volume, lower-speed street that has been optimized for bike traffic. Vehicles are allowed to drive on or over bike boulevard pavement markings, but should not overtake bicyclists unless there is a safe passing distance of at least 3 feet. Bike boulevards feature fewer stop signs and traffic-calming design elements such as speed humps, curb extensions, medians and traffic circles.

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## Bicycle Rules of the Road

Minnesota Bicycling law gives cyclists the same rights and responsibilities as motorists. This means that bicyclists must follow all traffic laws, including signaling turns, following traffic signals and signs, using headlights and rear reflectors, riding with the flow of traffic, following right-of-way rules, and yielding to pedestrians who have entered a marked or unmarked crosswalk.

In 2011, Minnesota adopted an [Affirmative Defense Law](#) for cyclists. This states that a bicyclist may cross an intersection against a red light if **all** of the following conditions are met:

- Bicycle has been brought to a full stop.
- The light continues to show red for an unreasonable amount of time or appears to be malfunctioning.
- There is no other traffic that creates an immediate hazard.

**Crossing against a red light under any other circumstances is not legal and could result in a ticket.**



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.**

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## East Side School News

### **Ward One was the topic of study for one group of students at Northeast Middle School (NEMS) this spring.**

Alex Espinosa, Ulises Juarez, Olga Oliver, Kevin Velez Encalada and Mayra Medina (pictured at right with teacher Livi Buvala) invited CM Reich to visit their class to be interviewed as part of their project. They were researching the past and current history of the Ward and examined a variety of aspects, including demographics and crime rates, with comparative charts and graphs. They also explored interesting sub-topics like food deserts. A food desert is an area whose residents live more than one mile from a supermarket or source of healthy, affordable food. The class didn't discover any food deserts in Ward One, but they did identify them in other parts of the city.



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## Recreational Fire Update

Many Minneapolis residents enjoy a small outdoor fire during the summer and fall. However, these recreational fires can also cause safety hazards and impact your neighbors' enjoyment of the warm weather. Please follow these City ordinances to keep our neighborhoods safe and livable:

- Outdoor fires are only permitted between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m.
- Keep fires small, less than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet high.
- Burn only untreated, unpainted, dry wood.
- Fire must be at least 25 feet away from a structure or combustible material and in a fire ring or pit with edges more than 6 inches high.
- Have a hose or fire extinguisher present.
- Postpone your fire when the wind exceeds 10 mph.

Here are some suggestions to help keep you and your neighbors in harmony:

- Postpone your fire when Minneapolis is under an air pollution advisory or alert. Sign up for air quality alerts at <http://mn.enviroflash.info>.
- Postpone a fire when smoke will blow at a neighbor's house.
- Try to limit the number of fires to once a week.

To report an illegal or unsafe fire, call 911. For more information on Minneapolis City ordinances pertaining to recreational fires, go to [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/governmentordinances.asp](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/governmentordinances.asp).

## 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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## Save The Date:

### *Marcy Open School Plant Sale*

**Friday, May 11 (noon-7 p.m.) & Saturday, May 12 (8 a.m.-3 p.m.),** 415 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE.

### 2PAC Youth Forum

**Monday, May 14, 6 p.m.,** Salvation Army, 2727 Central Ave NE. Panel discussion on youth issues in Northeast & Southeast Minneapolis. For further information, click [HERE](#).

### Charlotte's Web

**Wed, May 16 – Fri, May 18, 7:30 p.m.,** Edison High School Auditorium, 700 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct Open House

**Thursday, May 17, 4-7 p.m.,** 1911 Central Ave NE. Celebrate Police Week with refreshments, K-9, mounted patrol and officers.

### Art-A-Whirl

**Friday, May 18 – Sunday, May 20.**

### Waite Park School Carnival

**Friday, May 18, 5:30-8 p.m.,** 34<sup>th</sup> and Ulysses St NE. Carnival games, entertainment from Unknown Prophets and the Edison Step Team, raffles, food and more.

### Windom Park Carnival

**Friday, June 1, 5-8 p.m.**

### Johnstock

**Friday, June 1 & Saturday, June 2.** This annual event will happen on Johnson Street between 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Avenues NE. For more information, go to [www.johnsonstreetmerchants.com](http://www.johnsonstreetmerchants.com).

### Hollywood Theater Open House

**Saturday, June 2, 1-5 p.m.** Free open house sponsored by Audubon Neighborhood Association and the City of Minneapolis. Stop by while attending Johnstock.

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