

Second Ward July 2016 E-newsletter

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National Night Out. National Night Out this year is Tuesday, August 2. This annual event offers all of us a good chance to celebrate community and get to know our neighbors better. I hope to stop by several events this year and I encourage you all to join with your neighbors and participate in this evening of community building. To learn more visit <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/nno/index.htm>, and for a complete list of registered events in your areas see http://www.minneapolismn.gov/nno/nno_events-list.

Mayor's Budget Address. The Mayor's 2016 Budget Address is scheduled for Wednesday, August 10th at 11:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers. This marks the kick-off of the formal budget season with the unveiling of the mayor's proposed budget for 2017 that will then be reviewed, analyzed, amended and ultimately voted on by the City Council in December.

CLIC Recommendations. A document that is fundamental to next year's budget discussions, known as the CLIC report, was released this month. It is the annual summary of the recommendations for capital improvements for 2017 – 2021 provided by the Capital Long-Range Improvement Committee. CLIC's recommendations are typically given serious consideration and I expect to see many of them in the Mayor's proposed budget. One, relatively small, recommendation that I was glad to see suggests that we, "consider adding some Participatory Budgeting aspects into the capital budget process to increase diversity, inclusion, and public participation. The City could at least on a trial basis, institute a process whereby officially recognized Minneapolis' neighborhood organizations, city committees, and commissions could recommend specific capital projects in a Participatory Budgeting process coordinated by Neighborhood and Community Relations..." You can find the full report here <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/finance/reports/WCMS1Q-068780>

New Public Works Director. The Council has unanimously approved Robin Hutcheson to be the next Public Works Director of Minneapolis. I have been very impressed with Robin, and look forward to working with her to, as she has said, "clear the path for good ideas."

Minimum Wage Charter Amendment. On July 20th the City Clerk announced that the petition to put the minimum wage Charter amendment proposal on the ballot this November has a sufficient number of valid signatures. The proposal would add a provision in the Charter that would give the City Council the authority to set a minimum wage and would phase in increases gradually over the next 6 years. For employers with 500 or more employees the minimum hourly wage would be \$10 starting August 1, 2017 and increase annually until it reaches \$15 in 2020. Starting August 1, 2021 and each August 1 thereafter, the hourly minimum wage would be adjusted to keep pace with the rising cost of living. For employers with fewer than 500 employees working within the City, the hourly minimum wage would be \$10 starting August 1, 2017 but increase more gradually, a dollar a year, so that it would be \$15 starting August 1, 2022. The Council directed the City Attorney to publish a legal opinion and draft ballot language by July 28th, to be reviewed at the August 3rd Committee meeting in time for final action by the full City Council August 5. Now that the petition is properly before us and once we confirm that it does not constitute a direct violation of state or federal law, I believe that the proper role of the City

Council is to approve ballot language and put this matter before the voters in November. You can find the, ballot language, City Attorney's opinion and latest information on this here

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/ncr/programs/cpp/index.htm> You can read more here

<http://m.startribune.com/15-an-hour-minimum-wage-first-minneapolis-then-statewide/384768251/>

Intentional Communities. If you missed the first two community meetings about the proposed Intentional Communities ordinance in May and June, an additional meeting about it is being convened by the University District Alliance. It will take place on September 12 from 4:45pm to 6:30pm at Van Cleve Park. Everyone is welcome to join us for a presentation explaining the proposal in detail and plenty of time for questions and comments. You can also contact my office for more information. I would be happy to send you the latest draft of the ordinance. It has been written about in the press here: <http://www.southwestjournal.com/news/2016/06/calls-for-more-cooperative-housing/>, here: <http://www.startribune.com/minneapolis-may-open-door-to-more-communal-living/381263841/> and here: <https://www.minnpost.com/cityscape/2016/05/changes-unrelated-adult-housing-rules-could-bring-intentional-communities-out-shad>.

Sidewalk Food Cart Vendor. The council has approved amendments to our sidewalk food carts ordinance to significantly increase the locations within which sidewalk food carts can operate. The new areas include commercial corridors citywide. Sidewalk food vending helps bring more food options and offers individuals interested in entering the food industry a more affordable way to learn the trade, build a brand, gain familiarity with licensing and health codes, and develop a customer base. We also decreased the annual \$904 sidewalk food cart license fee to equal the \$818 annual license fee for food trucks.

Police Body Camera Policy. After a final report and opportunity for comment in June, the Police Chief approved a final policy regarding the use of police body cameras in Minneapolis and in July all officers in the First Precinct began using the cameras. I was glad to see several modification made to the policy based on community feedback and the recommendations of the Police Conduct Oversight Commission. Officers of the First Precinct, which includes downtown and Cedar Riverside, will began using the cameras this month, with all officers expected to be equipped with them by the end of the year. You can view the final policy here http://static.lakana.com/media.fox9.com/document_dev/2016/06/30/mpd-bodycam-policy_1504680_ver1.0.pdf and see the MPD website on this issue here <http://insidempd.com/community/bodycams/>

Bird Safe Skyway Ordinance. The ordinance amendment I am co-authoring with Council Member Palmisano, that would more clearly regulate, and require bird safe materials and practices on skyways in Minneapolis is coming forward to the Planning Commission and Council in the months ahead. It was on the June 30 agenda of the City Planning Commission-Committee of the Whole meeting for an informal review and is scheduled to come back to the City Planning Commission on August 15 for a public hearing, the Zoning and Planning Committee on September 15 for review and recommendation and the full City Council, for final approval on September 23.

Gun Violence. The disturbing increase in gun violence, and deaths, this year has continued into July. There were 4 deadly hand gun shootings that occurred between June 29 and July 8, including the death a 2-year-old and injury of 15-month-old in a shooting July 8, 2016, bringing the total for the year, as of July 18, to 17 homicides in Minneapolis. Of those 16 victims were African American, 1 Native American and 1 was of "unknown race". The oldest victim was 58 years-old and the youngest was 2. Eleven of the homicide victims were in their late teens or early to mid-20's. While the number of homicides is down from last year at this time, when we had 26 homicides (and the 18 in 2014), the number of victims of

gunshot wounds is up to 175 this year compared to 140 last year and 131 in 2014, that is a 25% increase from last year and 33.59% increase from 2 years ago. Gun violence continues to be a leading cause of death among young people Minneapolis and the leading cause of death for black males in that age group. This is a complex, national as well as local, public health crisis. It is also preventable, but will take a persistent, multifaceted effort where we do more to invest broadly in the long term stability of our community as well as targeting efforts toward those who are most at risk for violence. I will continue to press for solutions and action every chance I can, and I welcome you to join me.

Community Forum with Council Members Cano and Glidden. I was honored to join with Council members Glidden and Cano and over 100 community members from the throughout the city on July 26 to discuss the shocking violence we have seen in our city, region and country in recent weeks. On the heels of the Orlando massacre and the death of Alton Sterling in Baton Rouge, and seeing our community come together to grieve the Philando Castile and the loss of the precious life of a two-year-old baby in Minneapolis and the tragic killing of five police officers in Texas and Louisiana it is clear the we must do more to end violence in our city and country. At the meeting people shared their thoughts and feelings about the recent events in our society and identified ways to help create a more loving and unified community and take action to reduce violence, improve community – police relations and make our city safer for everyone.

Pathways to Justice Careers. One hopeful initiative came on June 30, when the U.S. Department of Labor announced that Minneapolis has been awarded a \$500,000 Pathways to Justice Careers grant. The funds will be used to serve youth ages 16 to 21 who are at risk of dropping out of high school, becoming involved in the criminal justice system, or are already involved in it. Trained justice and emergency services personnel will mentor students to explore career paths as police officers, firefighters, lawyers, paramedics and other related professions. The grant will focus on youth who live in Phillips, Cedar Riverside, and North Minneapolis.

Police Insurance Charter Amendment. On July 11, the City Clerk reported that there were a sufficient number of valid signatures on the citizen petition proposing to amend the City Charter through a ballot question to require police officers to carry professional liability insurance. The City Attorney was subsequently directed to provide a legal opinion and draft ballot language to the public on or before July 28 so that the Council can vote on this at our first meeting in August. You can learn more about this effort at <http://www.insurethepolice.org/>. You can find the, ballot language, City Attorney's opinion and latest information on this here <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/ncr/programs/cpp/index.htm>.

Police Precinct Leadership Changes. In July Police Chief Harteau announced changes within the leadership of the city's five police precincts. Inspector Michael Sullivan will be leaving the 3rd precinct (that includes Longfellow, Cooper and Seward) and taking over at the 1st Precinct (that includes Cedar Riverside). Commander Catherine Johnson has been promoted to 3rd Precinct Inspector. She was previously the Commander in charge of the Special Crimes Investigations Division. Kathy Waite has moved from the 2nd precinct (Southeast Como and Prospect Park) to the 5th and Inspector Todd Loining, who was commanding at the 5th, will be taken over at the 2nd Precinct which includes the University, Prospect Park and Southeast Como neighborhoods. Chief Harteau has also created a new Quality Assurance Commander position to oversee the department's Use of Force policy and reviews, Body Worn Camera initiatives, and training audits, among other responsibilities. Commander Chris Granger, formerly in charge of the Violent Crimes Investigations Division and the Internal Affairs Unit, will be assigned to this new position. These changes took effect on July 24th.

NCEC Appointments. With the neighborhood elections earlier this summer and the Council and Mayoral appointments being approved in July, the members of the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) is set for the next year. I congratulate the newly elected Commissioners: David Boyd (District 1), Denis Houle (2), Jeanne Montrese (3), District 4 - Marcus Mills (4), Nicholas Cichowicz (5), 6 - Kenya Weathers(6), Antoine Martinneau(7), and District 8 - Marcea Mariani, who is representative for the District 8 that includes all the second ward neighborhoods. These commissioners will be joined by the new Council appointees, Shannon Bean, Jeffrey Strand and Patricia Vogel as well as the Mayoral Re-Appointee, David Zaffrann and the existing appointed members Maleta Kimmons (Park Board), Raya Esmaeili, Braulio Carrasco and Nasser Mussa.

Community Participation Program Guidelines. A Council Committee has recommended approval of the proposed new 2017-19 Community Participation Guidelines that outline expectations for the officially recognized neighborhood organizations who receive city funding. I support the changes made to the guidelines and believe that the changes made will help organizations be more inclusive, democratic and representative. You can find the guidelines at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/ncr/programs/cpp/index.htm>

Neighborhood Funding Allocations. The Council is set to approve the funding allocations for all neighborhood organizations on August 5th, along with approving the CPP guidelines. The 2017-19 allocation for the Second Ward neighborhoods are as follows: Como - \$189,110; Cooper - \$90, 910; Longfellow - 155,780 (both Cooper and Longfellow's allocations are incorporated into the Longfellow Community Council total allocation of \$529,730); Prospect Park - \$189,080; Seward - \$219,800 and the University neighborhood - \$ 129,170.

Future Funding for Neighborhood Groups. After the evaluation of the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Department came before the Health Environment and Community Engagement Committee in July, I moved and the Council approved two staff directions to help us pivot towards preparing better for the future of community engagement and neighborhoods organizations. The first directs staff to work with the Neighborhood Community Engagement Commission to consolidate the commission with the old Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board and the second directs staff to identify options for funding neighborhood organizations after the expiration of the Consolidated TIF district, which is legislatively mandated to end in 2020. They are directed to report back with options to the Committee by Jan. 31, 2017.

Grants to Increase Bee Habitat. Thanks to a grant of \$80,000 from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the City has resources to help plant pollinator habitat and trees on commercial and multifamily residential (four-plex or larger) property and community space throughout Minneapolis over the next two years. The city will offer hexagonal (honeycomb) raised beds (called polinator patches) built of sustainably harvested cedar and willow fence panels, each containing eight to 11 native, neonicotinoid-free plants. (Neonicotinoids are a class of pesticides known to kill pollinators.) Property owners or managers must help with the installation and commit to ongoing maintenance including watering and weeding, and not treating the surrounding area with pesticides or insecticides. The pollinator patches are an initiative of The Beez Kneez education and advocacy program, Healthy Bees, Healthy Lives, in partnership with the City of Minneapolis. To learn more visit www.minneapolismn.gov/environment/bees. If you are interested in hosting a pollinator patch or pollinator-friendly tree, please contact Tiana Cervantes at EnvServicesInfo@minneapolismn.gov or 612-673-3515.

The Rule of 3. Following a July 20 public hearing and the Council voted to amend the City Charter by replacing the requirement that only the first three applicants can be certified for the eligibility register

with a provision allowing the Council to establish modern procedures by ordinance. This removes the requirement that only the first three applicants (or the three applicants scoring highest on a hiring “test”) can be certified to be eligible to be hired. This provision was put in the charter decades ago before the city had a human resources department and has proven time and time again to be an obstacle to better diversifying our workforce by allowing hiring managers to choose from a broader list of qualified candidates. I was happy to support this charter change that I have been advocating for over the entire time I have been on the Council. I look forward to seeing the city develop even stronger and fairer hiring practices.

Workforce Planning and Goals. I was both concerned and gratified when the Council received a long awaited report on our workforce diversity and planning efforts to improve it. Since 2012, when we passed the resolution supporting equity in employment and committing ourselves to lead by example, we have been clear with ourselves that we need to do more to diversify our own workforce. As of 2015 the city workforce of 3,819 employees is 29.4% female and 25.8% people of color. The bad news is, that despite a variety of efforts we have made since 2009 to raise these percentages, we have made little progress. While we increased the percentage of people of color we hired by 3%, the representation of people of color in the workforces has only gone up 1.4 % since 2009 because the increase in hiring was offset by people leaving the city. The news was worse for woman: representation of females decreased by 2.1% because separations outweighed hiring. As bad as this news is, it is information that reveals a path for improvements and shows us that clear goals a more thoughtful plan is called for. The framework of that plan is already drafted. Next month I expect the Council to approve workforce goals for 2022 when people of color will make up 41% of our workforce and woman will make up 45% of city workforce. I look forward to approving these goals and helping implement the framework, practices and policies needed to get us there. I encourage you to go here for more information <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/www/groups/public/@clerk/documents/agenda/wcmosp-183417.pdf>.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Action Plan. On July 15 the Health, Community and Community Engagement Committee reviewed the city’s updated ADA Action Plan and released it for a 30-day public comment period. The plan will help insure that City practices and policies comply Title II of the ADA. This is a comprehensive, and long overdue, update to our 1993 plan that I am delighted to see come forward. The plan includes improvements for programs, services, and policies to meet current and future regulations and covers removal of physical as well as programmatic barriers. The plan identifies an ADA Title II Coordinator, grievance procedure, internal workgroup (Accessibility Liaison Network), and public commission (Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities). Among many expected improvements is a complete reworking of our website to insure it interacts with accessibility programs and to add, for the first time ever, live close captioning for all televised council meetings. I encourage you to review the plan (available here <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/meetings/legislation/WCMSP-183414>) and share your feedback prior to October when it is set to return to the City Council for formal adoption.

Fridley Water Treatment Rehabilitation. The Council has approved moving ahead with upgrades to our Fridley water treatment facility, where Mississippi river water is treated and filtered for distribution through the city. The work will go from 2017 to 2019 and cost \$44,500,000. Most of the work will be done through a contract with Rice Lake Construction Group in the amount of \$41,628,500. This ia a major Rehabilitation Project for the Public Works Water Treatment and Distribution Division. You can learn more here <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/meetings/legislation/WCMSP-182591>

Agreement with Firefighters Approved. After over a year of negotiations, the Council has approved a collective bargaining agreement between the City and the International Association of Fire Fighters,

Local 82 that covers a one-year bridge for 2015 and three-year agreement through 2018. The agreement, among other things, allows for the direct hiring of qualified candidates from the new EMS Academy. This offers us another Avenue through which to help better recruit and hire more diversity in the department. You can learn more about the Academy here <http://www.startribune.com/minneapolis-offers-paid-ems-training/372251061/>

Minimum Lot Size for Duplexes. The Council has unanimously approved zoning code changes to reduce the minimum lot area requirements for two-family dwellings in the R2 and R2B districts. This amendment reestablishes the lot area requirements that were in place from 1963 to 1995 and reduces the minimum lot area for two-family dwelling units to 6,000 square feet in the R2 District and 5,000 square feet in the R2B District. These are the same lot area requirements necessary to establish a single-family home within the two respective zoning districts.

One Minneapolis Fund. The Council has approved the funding allocations for the One Minneapolis Fund. The Fund was initiated in 2013 to provide grants to organizations serving cultural communities in Minneapolis for programs involving leadership development and broadening community engagement efforts. The total allocation of \$182,000 will be provided to the following organizations. African Chamber of Commerce, will be award \$25,000 for community engagement training for East African residents; Anyah, \$10,000 for leadership development for Minneapolis college students; Circle of Discipline, \$25,000 for civic Engagement and leadership development among underrepresented youth; From Death to Life, \$20,000 to conduct leadership development among mothers who have lost loved ones to gun violence; The Dial Group, \$15,000 for leadership development among artists from communities of color; Emerge Community Development, \$25,000 to fund Vista volunteers recruited from non-traditional groups to work on housing, employment, financial literacy, and education services; Givens Foundation/Black Market MN, \$17,000 to use the arts to promote equity in economic, artistic and civic leadership; the Lake Street Council, \$10,000 to train minority business owners in civic engagement; the LVY Foundation, \$19,000, for youth leadership development; and the We Win Institute, \$25,000 for leadership development and advocacy training for African American and African parents.

Tire Mulch on Playgrounds. The Council has approved a motion passed by the Health Environment and Community Engagement Committee following a presentation and discussion about the use waste tires as ground cover on children's play areas in our city. The motion requests that the Public Health Advisory Committee and the Community Environmental Advisory Commission study and make recommendations regarding the use of waste tires as ground cover in Minneapolis and report back to the Health, Environment and Community Engagement Committee in February of 2017. To see the presentation visit and some more background information <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/meetings/legislation/WCMSP-182683> You can learn more here <http://healthy-legacy.squarespace.com/waste-tire-mulch/> and http://www.ehhi.org/turf/rubber_mulch_facts08.shtml

Senior Skyway Center. The Council has accepted a donation on behalf of the popular Senior Skyway Center from Hennepin County Medical Center in the amount of \$10,000 to support operating expenses for the Skyway Senior Center for the end of the year. After that, it appears that funding options may be exhausted. The Council voted in July to request that the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Aging review the relationship of the Skyway Senior Center and the Minneapolis for a Lifetime strategic plan and make recommendations about the City's role in supporting the Skyway Senior Center and direct Health Department and Neighborhood and Community Relations Department staff to work with the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Aging, and other staff as needed, to explore options and make

recommendations concerning the future of the Skyway Senior Center and report back to the Health, Environment & Community Engagement Committee in September.

Happy Anniversary City Hall. July 11th marked the 125th anniversary of the City Hall and Courthouse building's cornerstone laying, the ceremonial start of the building's construction. The Hennepin History Museum and the Municipal Building Commission have an exhibit of artifacts from the City Hall and Courthouse building throughout the first, second and third floors of City Hall in place through the first week of August.

Two Bodies Recovered from River. There were two separate tragic fatalities associated with the Mississippi so far this summer. Two bodies have been recovered from the river recently. One male's body was recovered from the river on June 28 by Hennepin County authorities. His identity and cause of death has not been released. I was especially disturbed and saddened to learn about the death of Rinzin Dorjee who appears to have been a well-known and well liked employee at the University of Minnesota clinics. His body was recovered from the Mississippi river after local police conducted a boat sweep of the river, 37 hours after he was reported missing by a co-worker on Thursday, July 7. I appreciate the good work of the U of MN police and others, but understand that his family and friends were very upset that more was not done sooner to find him and I am looking into this to see how we might have done more to respond more quickly.

East Bank Sewer Work. The Metropolitan Council will be engaging in sewer, odor control, and construction work near the St. Paul border on East River Parkway starting this year and going until the fall of 2018. They will construct a new underground carbon treatment system south of the train bridge on Park Board property near East River Parkway and River Terrace Ct. A community meeting with nearby neighbors is being planned for September. Some preliminary work is already being done in the area but the construction for the projection will not formally get underway until late spring or early summer of 2017. A similar, companion project is already underway on the West side of the River in the gorge just north of Lake Street. That project should be completed this December. For more information visit <http://metro council.org/Wastewater-Water/Projects/Sewer-Planning-Construction-Updates/Projects/East-West.aspx>

City Assessor in Seward. This summer staff from the City Assessor's office will be door knocking in Seward. State law requires that the appraiser from the City physically review all properties once every 5 years to ensure we have accurate information. The appraisers will be carrying City identification. They will be viewing the exterior of properties and will knock on doors to verify property information if a resident is home. They may also ask permission to view the interior of the home. If you have any questions you can call the assessor's office at 612 673-2483.

New Owner of Old Rainbow Site. I have met with representatives of the new owners of the Rainbow site, Wellington, who have indicated that they hope to reuse some of the property and possibly build a new building. They indicated to me that they were interested in building a mixed use building on the street in a portion of the parking lot near Minnehaha and seeing the street at 27th reconstructed to look and feel more like a city street as it passed through the property. Wellington has done projects in the area and informed me they intend to engage with community members and neighborhood groups as plans move forward. <http://www.startribune.com/former-rainbow-site-in-south-minneapolis-to-be-redeveloped/388158232/>

Street Vacations Near U of M. In response to application by Regents of the University of Minnesota, the Council has voted to vacate (or transfer ownership of) portions of Union St, Walnut, and Pleasant St SE

to the U of M, but, with my full support, denied their request to vacate streets near and leading to the Stadium Village LRT Station including the a portion of 23rd Ave SE lying between University Ave SE and 4th St SE and a portion of 4th St SE, lying northwesterly of 25th Ave SE.

600 Washington Ave SE. The Council has approved a rezoning of 600 Washington Ave SE to the C3A Commercial Activity Center District, and added the Pedestrian Oriented Overlay District to the entire site, to allow for the construction of a new 26-story, mixed-use building including 438 dwelling units and 10,500 square feet of commercial space.

Prospect Park Agreement with Developers. I understand that a Prospect Park Association subcommittee has been working with Barnhart and Wall Companies on a Memorandum of Understanding about development of the parcel north of the University Transitway, between 29th Ave SE and Malcolm. If this memorandum is supported by the PPA, I will do what I can to implement the City policies and prioritization that will be required to aid this redevelopment.

Meeting of Historic Designation for Glendale Townhomes. City staff and I will be presenting at a community meeting convened by the Defend Glendale Campaign about what local historic designation means and how it is accomplished in Minneapolis. The meeting, with a special focus on what this could mean to the Glendale Townhomes area, will be held on Thursday, August 11, from 6:00-8:00pm at the Luxton Park Building, 112 Williams Ave SE. If I am to move forward with this nomination I will need to feel confident that the nomination is supported by a large majority of well-informed Glendale residents.

Southeast Seniors. I am happy to report that the Southeast Seniors proposal was selected for this round of funding at the full request of \$25,000 for the Aging in Place grant. They provide services for over 300 seniors to help them live well in the homes they love in Southeast Minneapolis.

Carol Greenwood. Longtime Seward neighbor, activist, and chair of the Seward Neighborhood Group's Environment Committee passed away on June 24th. I had the honor and pleasure of working with Carol on a number of projects over the past 25 years, including supporting the major role she played in drafting the environment section of Seward's Neighborhood Revitalization Plan and later as her Council Member working with her on air quality, clean energy, waste reduction and pesticide elimination efforts. She was a thoughtful, thorough, committed and hands on community leader who cared deeply about her community and was always willing and ready to do the work and push herself, her community and her city elected officials to do better and do more to make this a healthier environment for everyone. Let's keep her husband, Rick, and her family in our thoughts. To learn more about Carol visit <http://www.bradshawfuneral.com/obituary/Carol-Greenwood/Minneapolis-MN/1633637>

Mike Tegedar The much loved pastor at St. Francis Cabrini church in Prospect Park passed away on July 9. He served as pastor at Cabrini for 5 years and was a consistent and courageous voice for peace, social justice and accountability in his church. He was an especially powerful voice and ally during the campaign against the marriage amendment in Minnesota when he boldly and loudly stood up in opposition to church leadership to support marriage equality. You can learn more about this remarkable community leader here: <http://www.startribune.com/obituary-mike-tegeder-outspoken-priest-and-passionate-outdoors-enthusiast/386155531/>

Open Streets Franklin. Please join me on Sunday, August 21, 2016 - 11:00am to 5:00pm on Franklin Avenue between Portland and 28th to celebrate our wonderful community and support local businesses during this festival that brings together community groups and local businesses while the street is closed

to car traffic and open for people walking, biking, skating, and playing. For more information or to participate in the event, please visit http://www.openstreetsmpls.org/franklin_av

Open Office Hours in the Ward. I usually hold open “Office Hours” in the ward every Thursday morning from 9:30 to 11:00 am. Please feel free to call the office at 673-2202 to confirm that I am holding office hours on the day you want to stop by or reserve some time when I will be there.

First Thursdays at the Oren Gateway Center, Nabo Café, 2211 Riverside Avenue;

Second Thursdays at Black: Coffee and Waffles, 1500 Como Ave SE;

Third Thursdays at Espresso Expose, 600 Washington Ave SE;

Fourth Thursdays at Blue Moon Coffee Café, 3822 E Lake St.

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