



# WAITE PARK VOICE

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



As you well know, it's an election year, and with it can come high tensions, fiery debate, and an unfortunately negative tone –candidates and voters alike. Despite these campaign side effects, with the time that remains before Election Day, my hope is that Waite Park can be a neighborly example of deliberate and respectful discourse.

It's easy to put a yard sign in the ground; it's a form of showing your support. But have you ever tried having a conversation with one? Try talking with your neighbors, especially the ones you may not know entirely well. If they're open to it, ask them about their views on candidates and issues and why they may vote certain ways. Don't approach a conversation with an agenda, hoping to force an issue. My advice: seek first to understand, then to be understood. Keep it civil and try to learn something. You may end up walking away agreeing to disagree, but keep it classy. Remember we are still neighbors who live alongside each other and need to face common issues together, well after Nov. 6th passes.

What a great country this is that we can freely express our views, dissent and debate, and have a hand in choosing who leads us from local to national levels. Don't neglect this opportunity –seize it. Make your voice count. Vote.

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## A Pleasant Addition to the Grand Rounds

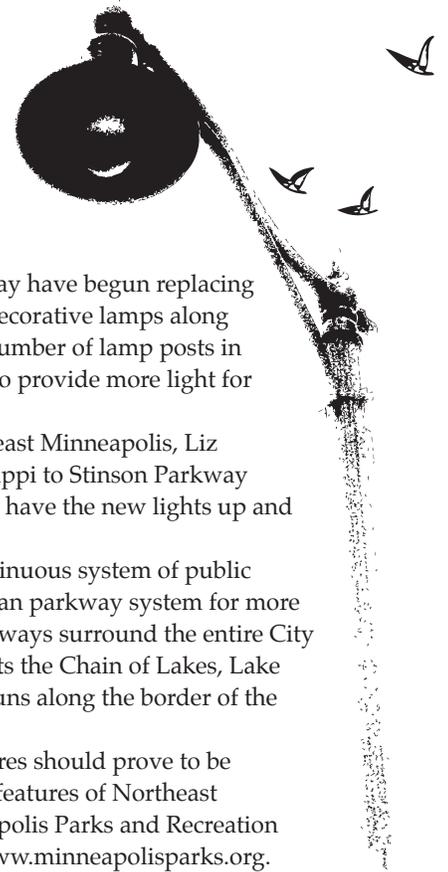
For those of you that run, walk dogs or just meander along St. Anthony Parkway and the Grand Rounds, you're trip should be getting a bit brighter in the next few months.

The Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board (MPRB), the custodians of the Grand Rounds Byway have begun replacing many older, shorter light posts with larger, more decorative lamps along pathways in Northeast Minneapolis. The overall number of lamp posts in areas such as Columbia Golf Course is increasing to provide more light for added security.

According to MPRB Commissioner from Northeast Minneapolis, Liz Wielinski, "St. Anthony Parkway from the Mississippi to Stinson Parkway and Stinson Parkway south to 18th Avenue should have the new lights up and functioning before winter."

The Grand Rounds is the country's longest continuous system of public urban parkways, this has been the preeminent urban parkway system for more than a century. Lovely parks, trails, lakes and parkways surround the entire City of Minneapolis. The Grand Rounds byway connects the Chain of Lakes, Lake Nokomis, Lake Hiawatha, Minnehaha Falls, and runs along the border of the Audubon and Waite Park Neighborhoods.

The addition of added decorative lighting features should prove to be a welcome amenity to one of the premier outdoor features of Northeast Minneapolis. For more information on the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board or the Grand Rounds Scenic Byway, visit [www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org).



## You Can't Keep a Good Corner Down for Long

A number of restaurants have been jockeying for position on the popular corner at 29th & Johnson Street in Northeast Minneapolis. Following the closure of Amici Pizza & Bistro, the popular Caribbean-themed restaurant, Caribe, a victim of Central Corridor light rail construction in St. Paul, attempted an aggressive Kickstarter campaign to raise \$50,000 to move into the space. Despite gaining nearly 150 backers for a total of \$20,000+, the campaign fell short.

Across the street, the popular Coffee Shop NE has been working to expand their seating into the space of their former neighbor EMI Music that moved to Robbinsdale in the spring. The Hollywood Theater, just south near 28th Avenue is also the target of potential redevelopment in the coming months.

Recently, the Amici space was snapped up by Nuff Sandwiches, a breakfast-lunch restaurant. There is no known timetable for their opening, so we'll all have to wait patiently.

# Are Changes Underway at Shoreham Yards?

GAYLE BONNEVILLE, SAAC CHAIR



The Shoreham Area Advisory Committee (SAAC) is now meeting quarterly on the second Monday of January, April, July and October. SAAC is a multi-neighborhood forum related to issues stemming from the 230-acre rail yard site running from Central Avenue to University Avenue, St. Anthony Parkway to 27th Avenue NE.

At our most recent meeting in July, property owner Canadian Pacific Railway suggested it wanted to donate the Historic Roundhouse area (near 28th and Central) to the city or sell it to the city for a minimal dollar amount of \$1 or so. After more than a decade of collateral blight and numerous studies and community meetings to discuss the

future of this city-designated historic site, the consensus at the meeting was that this was a welcome and exciting move in the right direction that warranted further exploration by the City of Minneapolis. City Council Member Kevin Reich and CP Rail, both in attendance at the meeting, were requested to move forward with discussions in the coming 30 days or so, just to keep momentum moving and see what could be worked out.

We continue to request of the City that these discussions take place in a meaningful manner. We will continue to monitor this offer from CP Rail. The Historic Roundhouse site and nearby 18 acres has been the subject of a Mayor’s Great City Design Team charrette process involving the community, as well being designated in the city’s Central Avenue Master Plan as a “transformative” site with the potential for hundreds of jobs, economic revitalization for our community, revitalization of Central Avenue and historic preservation. Community members, as well as the expert real estate, architecture and marketing advisors on the Great City Design Team, lean heavily towards historic preservation of this site as a viable option, along with bringing 21st-century jobs here in a redevelopment that is a community asset. The city conducted a Roundhouse Reuse Study as well, and a previous development proposal in approximately 2000 was approved and sent to the city council for action before more intensive pollution remediation took place.

As for the pollution remediation (part of which is seen via the white pipes stretching along the Central Avenue frontage), SAAC continues to receive regular updates on this complex process from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, CP Rail and Ashland Inc. The MPCA seems pleased with the progress being made, and some test/ remediation wells have been shut down. Approximately 200 pollution-remediation wells were on site, and about 150 are still in operation. Petroleum leak site remediation has been completed. Additional work continues on schedule, according to the MPCA.

A continuing topic of discussion from the last meeting is chemical spraying of vegetation near railroad right-of-way. Residents noted dead trees, etc., and questioned this process and lack of notification. CP Rail is looking into the matter, and SAAC continues to monitor to this. Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board representatives are in the loop now, since we have learned that the railroad has a 200-foot-wide right-of-way through the Columbia Park and golf course area where spraying is eligible to take place, according to CP Rail. Park Board staff was scheduled to attend the October SAAC meeting to discuss this further. The Waite Park Community Garden along the tracks is also keeping an eye on this discussion. Since the last meeting, we’ve learned that mulch/ wood chip storage in the southern portion of Shoreham Yards will be discontinued after many complaints from residents about smell, noise, visual blight and other issues.

All are welcome to attend SAAC meetings, which take place at 7 p.m. and are held at the Windom Park Recreation Center, 2251 Hayes St. NE.

We continue to offer the “Nine Lives” Historic Roundhouse posters featuring the Central Avenue sculpture icon by Northeast artist Foster Willey as a fundraiser. Through the end of the year’s holidays, we will offer these at the discounted rate of \$20 so that all can own a memorable piece of Northeast history. They make a great holiday gift! Contact Gayle at (612) 782-8241 for details. View the poster and its story at [www.shorehamyards.org](http://www.shorehamyards.org).

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Welcome Home.



## Audubon 8: Intergenerational Reading in Northeast

RITA DEYO



Audubon 8, a neighborhood writing group, has been meeting weekly and sharing new writing since 2006. These writings are based on weekly prompts selected by the writers. The style used to develop the prompts is decided by the individual writer.

The Coffee Shop Northeast, 2852A Johnson Street, invited Audubon 8 to present a public reading on September 16th to celebrate the impressive expansion of the coffee shop. The program was intergenerational to encourage young and older

writers to contribute to this public forum. This forum was also used to announce other neighborhood activities.

Prior to the reading Lynn Lurvey from Northeast Middle School introduced the Northeast Reads Program. It is a community website designed to inform community members about the many book clubs and writing clubs being offered by our neighborhood organizations. For its first book, it is joining the One Minneapolis, One Read program to Spirit Car: Journey to a Dakota Past by Diane Wilson. Also announced was the 7th Annual Northeast Harvest Gathering at 7 p.m. on Monday, November 19 in Northeast Middle School's cafeteria.

This reading was to honor longtime Northeast resident and advocate, Doug Davis, one of the original Audubon 8 writers who died earlier this year. Doug Davis was dedicated to teaching, public education, labor unions and public service. He was loyal to the Northeast Community, his family and his friends. Wednesday afternoon was the time Doug spent with the Audubon 8 writers encouraging them to think, write and share the fruits of their fertile minds. His writings were funny, informative, poetic, philosophical and often "down right" political. He was a mentor, a fair critic and a valued friend. The group misses his erudite additions to the meetings.

Liam Davis-Temple, Doug's grandson, introduced the program with an excerpt from one of Doug's Audubon 8 writings. After the scheduled reading, Doug's family shared other of Doug's writings with the audience.

The writers wish to thank the Coffee Shop NE for inviting them to share celebrating the addition to the coffee shop, to the audience and the volunteer readers who shared their writings as well. New members are welcome to join the group.

The Audubon 8 writers meet every Wednesday from 5:45 to 7 p.m. at Audubon Park, just a short jaunt down 29th toward Central Avenue at 1320 29th Ave. NE.

## 7th Annual Harvest Gathering

The community-sponsored Northeast Harvest Gathering has announced that Alan Page, an Associate Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, will be the keynote speaker at the 7th annual Gathering, to be held the evening of Monday, November 19th, at Northeast Middle School.

Justice Page is Minnesota's first African-American Supreme Court Justice, who was first elected in 1992. He, of course, is also well known as a Minnesota Vikings player in the 1970's, a one-time NFL Most Valuable Player, elected to the football's Hall of Fame in 1988.

Diane Davis Langer, chair of the Harvest Gathering's planning committee said, "We are absolutely thrilled that Justice Page has agreed to speak, and to share with us his firm belief in a strong community and equal education for all students."

Justice Page is the founder of the Page Education Foundation, which assists students of color with post-secondary education, including a number of students attending classes in Northeast Minneapolis.

The Northeast Harvest Gathering is a non-religious event dedicated to bringing the ever-changing Northeast community closer together, fostering neighbor-to-neighbor contact and understanding among all of its diverse population. Previous year's keynote speakers include retired WCCO-TV anchor Don Shelby and Senator Amy Klobuchar.

The event is traditionally held on the Monday evening before Thanksgiving, the year at 7:00 pm on Monday, November 19th. It is held in the cafeteria of the Northeast Middle School, and also features music, table discussions, and dessert.

## The State of Urban Agriculture in Eastside Minneapolis

In the spring of 2011 the City of Minneapolis adopted an Urban Agriculture Policy Plan to support and expand our community's ability to grow, process, distribute and eat more healthy, sustainable, locally grown foods. This forum will look at the current broad spectrum of urban agriculture and the local foods movement in Eastside Minneapolis, from community gardens to urban farms to the retailing of food and gardening items. The panel of guest speakers will include Homegrown Minneapolis coordinator Jane Shey, the people behind two local urban farms – Buchanan Street Farm and California Street Farm, Karen O'Connor and Paige Pelini from Ward One's newest garden center Mother Earth Gardens, representatives from local community gardens, local farmers markets and more. Join your neighbors for the panel presentation, open discussion and a light meal from a local establishment.

**When:** 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, October 17

**Where:** Eastside Co-op's Granite Studio, 2551 Central Avenue NE



# MINNEAPOLIS PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATE

## FROM WAITE PARK & THE UPPER NORTHEAST MINNEAPOLIS PARKS

Fall is a time of changing colors and cooler days. The cooler days draw many people back outdoors, to reconnect with family and friends. Fall is also a perfect time to discover new activities and programs at your local park.

Listed in this article is a glimpse of a variety of activities offered throughout the fall/winter in Upper Northeast Parks. Hope to see you at the Park soon!

### Special Events

#### Eastside Halloween Parties

##### Family Halloween Party – Logan Park

Logan Park will be hosting a safe family fun Halloween Party. All ages are invited to attend dressed in your favorite “non-threatening” costume. Please pre-register.  
 October 27th at 4-6pm Free  
 Logan Park  
 690-13th Ave NE  
 612-370-4927

##### Halloween Party – Van Cleve Park

Haunted hallway games, candy prizes and hot dogs.  
 October 27th at 5-7pm Free  
 Van Cleve Park  
 901 15th Ave NE  
 612-370-4926

##### Halloween Party – Bottineau Park

Calling all ghosts & goblins, vampires & monsters, villains & superheroes; make sure to trick and treat at Bottineau, where we’re having a spooktacular night of family fun.  
 October 31st at 6-7:30pm Free  
 Bottineau Park  
 2000 –2nd St NE  
 612-370-4958

##### Family Halloween Party – Windom Park

Come join Upper Northeast Parks, your neighbors and friends as we celebrate the scariest night of the year. Ghouls, goblins, whatever your costume may be, all are welcome.

Enjoy some food, games, and entertainment. Pre-Registration is not required.  
 October 31st at 6-8pm Free  
 Windom Park  
 2251 Hayes St NE  
 612-370-4905

##### Santa Brunch – Audubon Park

Celebrate the holidays with your friends at Audubon Park! Enjoy the spirit of the season with family, friends and neighbors! The entire family will enjoy this holiday get-together with its delicious brunch, festive craft project, and a very special visitor! Register by December 14th to guarantee your spot! Kids 1 year of age and under are free!  
 All Ages  
 December 15 at 10am-12pm Fee: \$4.00 (resident) \$6.00 (non-resident)  
 Audubon Park  
 1320 29th Ave NE  
 612-370-4910

### Upcoming Fall Programs

#### RecSports Programs

RecSports programs are introductory skills classes for kids to become more confident, improving their motor skills. Parent involvement is encouraged. This program is coordinated by nationally licensed Coach John Richardson and run by Revolutionary Sports staff. To learn more go to [www.revolutionarysports.org](http://www.revolutionarysports.org). These classes maximize the time that a player spends with their own ball.

Time is not spent on positions or strategy but rather focuses on the player becoming more comfortable with the necessary skills to be more successful.

MiniStars is a non-competitive fundamental skills program for players to become more confident through improving players inter-personal and motor skills. Unique curriculum was developed for individual skill development.

Sessions begin with the instruction of basic skills necessary for playing, followed by a fun modified versions of the sport, and always end with an age appropriate game. Join the FUN!

##### PreStars Flag Football: Grades 3-5

\$45.00/\$61.00 (non-resident)  
 10/26/12-12/27 5:00pm at Waite Park  
 \*No class 11/23

##### PreStars Soccer: Grades 3-5

\$45.00/\$61.00 (non-resident)  
 10/27/12-12/8 10:00am at Waite Park  
 \*No class 11/23

##### KinderStars Soccer: Grades 4-6

\$45.00/\$61.00 (non-resident)  
 10/27/12-12/8 10:45am at Waite Park  
 \*No class 11/23

##### MightyStars Football: Grades 6-8

\$45.00/\$61.00 (non-resident)  
 10/26/12-12/27 5:45pm at Waite Park

##### Soccer Fundamental: Grades 7-10

\$45.00/\$61.00 (non-resident)  
 10/27/12-12/8 11:30am at Waite Park

### New Dance Classes at Windom Park

#### Jazz Funk Dance

This class will focus on the techniques and foundations of modern jazz, with a little bit of funk. Children will learn dances to up-beat music, which will be featured in a mini-recital on the last session. Children should wear leotards with tights or comfortable clothing. Jazz shoes are recommended but not required.

Age: 3rd - 5th Grade  
 Location: Windom Rec. Center 2251 Hayes St. NE  
 Fee: \$36.00 (resident) / \$54.00 (non-resident)  
 Date: Tue, November 6 - Tue, December 11  
 Time: 5:00pm - 5:50pm

**Intro to Jazz Funk Dance**

This class will focus on the techniques and foundations of modern jazz, with a little bit of funk. Children will learn dances to up-beat music, which will be featured in a mini-recital on the last session. Children should wear leotards with tights or comfortable clothing. Jazz shoes are recommended but not required.

Age: K - 2nd Grade  
 Location: Windom Rec. Center  
 Fee: \$36.00 (resident) / \$54.00 (non-resident)  
 Date: Tue, November 6 - Tue, December 11  
 Time: 4:00pm - 4:50pm

**Hip Hop Dance**

Learn hip-hop dancing to up-beat fun music. This class mixes foundations of modern jazz, and African dance styles to create a positive, aerobic choreographed dance that will be featured in a mini-recital on the last session. Children should wear comfortable clothing. Jazz shoes are recommended but not required.

Age: 3rd - 5th Grade  
 Location: Windom Rec. Center 2251 Hayes St. NE  
 Fee: \$36.00 (resident) / \$54.00 (non-resident)  
 Date: Tue, November 6 - Tue, December 11  
 Time: 7:00pm - 7:50pm  
 Activity Number: 19685

**Winter Sports**

Winter Sports Registration will begin, November 5th at 6:00 p.m. stop by Waite, Audubon or Windom to register. Winter Sports offered: Basketball, Gymnastics, Hockey and Wrestling.

**Winter classes**

To view upcoming Winter programs go to [www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org) or stop by the park for a brochure. Winter program registration is scheduled to begin Monday, December 6, 2012 at 6 p.m.

Thanks for your continued support of Minneapolis Parks!



**Waite Park Book Club: The Confession**

RITA DEYO

This first meeting for the 2012-2013 season of the Waite Park Book Club was held on Monday, September 17th at the Waite Park Center. The book discussed was John Grisham's *The Confession*, a story of an innocent young man executed in Texas. The activities of the real killer were also a part of the story. This book illustrated social injustice, racism, police ineptness and police manipulation.

For Monday, October 15th the book is *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. It is a story about the black household employees in well-to-do homes in the southern United States.

The November 19th book selection is *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. This selection is nonfiction.

The December book has not been chosen but the first book for 2013, January 28th, is *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* by Jonathon Safran.

There are several months that do not have a book already selected but we do have plenty of time before they will be discussed. The one issue it is important to keep in mind is to check at the local libraries to be sure adequate copies are available.

The book club meets on the third Monday of each month September through June at 1 p.m. Because of the federal holidays in January and February the club meets on the fourth Monday in those months.

**Help Shape Our City: Apply for Positions on Minneapolis Boards and Commissions**



Applications are being accepted for open positions on boards and commissions that the City Council and Mayor will appoint this fall. Board and commission members in the City of Minneapolis provide valuable insights, help shape key policy decisions and provide community-based input into administration of services. The City is seeking applicants with a diversity of backgrounds and experiences to strengthen the work of the City.

There are more than 186 open positions on 24 boards and commissions that the City Council and Mayor will appoint this fall. The City is seeking applicants with a diversity of backgrounds and experiences to strengthen the work of the City.

First Ward Council Member Kevin Reich hosted a community forum on August 29 to encourage people to apply for positions and to honor first ward people who have been appointed to boards and commissions through the City's Open Appointments Process, including Waite Park residents Jeffrey Martin and Rita Deyo. Martin is one of five City Council appointments to the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) and Deyo was a first ward representative on the Senior Advisory Committee. Deyo did not seek reappointment and wrote a Voice article encouraging people to apply but the position is still open.

"Serving on a Minneapolis commission has offered me an opportunity to learn more about my community and understand the challenges in making our complex and diverse city function properly," says Martin.

Other governmental bodies, such as the school board, park board and county board have their own processes for appointing people to boards and commissions.

For a full list of appointment opportunities and position descriptions and to sign up to receive email visit the boards and commissions website at [www.minneapolismn.gov/boards](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/boards)

## Plan ahead if voting in the Nov. 6 election

The City of Minneapolis Elections Office reminds eligible voters that pre-registering is an easy way to save time at the polls during the General Election (Tues., Nov. 6, 2012). Individuals are eligible to vote if they are at least 18 years old and a U.S. citizen who has resided in Minnesota for at least 20 days prior to the election. Any voters who have moved or changed their name since they last voted must re-register. Minneapolis polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### Are you pre-registered?

All individuals whose registration applications are received by elections officials by 5 p.m. on Oct. 16 will be pre-registered for the Nov. 6 General Election. Voters who newly register or update their registration will receive a postcard notifying them where to vote.

Voters can pre-register by filling out a registration application at government offices or print an application from our website and mail it to Minneapolis Elections, 350 S. Fifth St. – Room 1B, Minneapolis, MN 55415-1396.

If you miss the deadline to pre-register, you may still be able to vote. In Minnesota individuals may register at the polls on Election Day by providing one of the forms of identification required by Minnesota law. Please allow extra time at the polls to register.

The Office of Secretary of State launched a new online tool to assist voters to become better acquainted with the candidates and questions they will see on their November 6 General Election ballot. The initiative named My Ballot allows users to view a list of what will be on their ballot, and provides links to other sites allowing voters to access information about the candidates and ballot questions.

The website features:

- A comprehensive list of all candidates and questions appearing on individuals' ballots for the November 6, 2012, General Election
- Links to candidate websites as provided by the candidates and to the language of ballot questions (constitutional amendments, local government questions

- A link to sample ballots
- Links to other online tools to assist voters including Voter Registration Lookup, Polling Place Finder and Absentee Ballot Lookup

The Voter Registration Lookup allows voters to enter their name, birthday, and address, and confirm if they are registered at that address. To find out where to vote, use the Minnesota Polling Place Finder. Note: Entering your Zip Code into the Polling Place Finder narrows the list of streets more than selecting your county.

- The Absentee Ballot Lookup is an easy and convenient way for voters to check on the status of their absentee ballot.
- Explanations of candidate order as listed on ballot

Information about the absentee voting procedures for military and overseas voters is at [minnesota.overseasvotefoundation.org](http://minnesota.overseasvotefoundation.org).

### Minneapolis School Board

The Minneapolis School Board has a total of nine members elected to staggered four-year terms. In 2012, one School Board Member At Large will be elected, and voters in Districts 2, 4 & 6 will each elect a School Board Member by District. In 2014, two School Board Members At Large will be elected and voters in Districts 1, 3 & 5 will each elect a School Board Member by District.

Candidate filings for Minneapolis School Board are posted on the web at [www.minneapolismn.gov/elections](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/elections) along with links to other candidate filings for federal, state and county offices. Ranked Choice Voting will not be used in 2012.

### Absentee voting opened Friday, September 21

Voters unable to vote in person at the polls on Election Day may vote in person or by mail. Absentee ballot applications are available on our website and may be sent anytime throughout the year. Absentee voting for the General Election opened Friday, Sept. 21 and runs 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Minneapolis Elections Office is located in Minneapolis City Hall at 350 South 5th Street in Room 1B on the ground floor. Enter on the 4th Street side on the ground floor of Minneapolis City Hall, or from the light rail, use the Government Plaza stop and enter the 5th Street entrance and go down one flight to the ground floor. Extended absentee voting hours the two weekends before the General

Election include: Saturday, October 27 - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Saturday, November 3 - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Monday, November 5 - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On Saturdays, please use the 4th Street entrance. City of Minneapolis seeks bilingual election judges

The City of Minneapolis is seeking bilingual election judges. Minneapolis seeks election judges who can provide language support specifically in American Sign Language, and Spanish, Somali, Hmong, Vietnamese, Oromo, Laotian and Russian languages. If you are eligible to vote and are fluent in English and a second language, please contact the Minneapolis Office of Elections at (612) 673-3870 or apply online to be an election judge. Selection and placement of judges is based on qualifications of applicants and party balance within the precinct. Preference will be given to those willing to serve a full day in a precinct with a vacancy.

### Voting is accessible

Each absentee voting location and polling place will have a ballot marking device that assists a voter with a temporary or permanent disability to vote privately and independently. Features of the device include headphones for an audio ballot, and enlarged or high contrast screen display. Voters may mark their ballot using the touch screen or key pad. Voters unable to enter a polling place may, with the assistance of two election judges of different political parties, register and vote "curbside" without leaving their vehicle.

### Accessibility improvements for polling places

The City of Minneapolis secured Help America Vote Act federal funding through the Minnesota Office of Secretary of State for the installation of electronic door openers at eight Minneapolis Park and Recreation Centers: Audubon, Longfellow, Bryant Square, Farview, Pearl, Whittier, Van Cleve, and Painter Park.

In the past, federal funding provided accessibility improvements for these locations: curb cut at the Elections Warehouse & Training Center, and electronic door openers for Martin Luther King, Powderhorn and Creekview Parks.

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## \$10 Off a Home Energy Visit!

ASHLEY ROBERTSON, CENTER FOR ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

From now until November 31st, 2012, you will have the chance to receive \$10 off your Community Energy Services home energy visit.

Saving money and energy with Community Energy Services is easy, here's how:

- 1) Complete a 15 minute online presentation – [www.mnces.org/mps](http://www.mnces.org/mps)
- 2) Enter coupon code **msp1204**
- 3) Schedule a Home Energy Visit. Based on your home's needs and your wants our team of experts will:

- Install materials: Door weather-stripping, a water heater blanket, high-efficiency showerheads and faucet aerators, a programmable thermostat and more
- Perform a blower door test to measure your home for air leaks
- Complete an insulation inspection
- Safety check your home's heating system and water heater
- Help you find qualified insulation contractors

Normally \$40, you will now receive all the materials and services for only \$30. So no more excuses! Join your over 5,000 Minneapolis neighbors who have already participated!

## Seniors on the Go

RITA DEYO

### Detour: Road Work Ahead

The glorious fall days are an ideal time to load the seniors into a bus and journey out to view the trees at the peak of their colors. That was the plan.

Let's go to Taylor Falls and board a sightseeing boat on the beautiful St. Croix River. We can find a nice restaurant for lunch and relax for an eighty minute ride on the paddle wheel river boat. That sounds like a great trip.

As the time neared for the scheduled choice of the day for the trip, Friday, October 12th, tid-bits of news filtered into the Park Center. Highway 8 is reduced to one lane for eight miles. The work will be finished sometime in 2013. Stillwater Bridge is closed so highway 94 to Hudson and up Wisconsin 35 won't work unless we go all the way to St. Croix Falls in Wisconsin and then cross into Taylor Falls. Then there is highway 36 to the outskirts of Stillwater and up on highway 95 to Taylor Falls. We could take 35W to highway 97 and down 97 to the boat rides at Taylor Falls. We might be on the bus a little longer but this is a senior outing; time is not of the essence.

The excursion boats end their trips for this season the day of our trip. It is our last chance to float along the scenic river until next year. But then it was announced that the river was too low due to the lack of rain in July, August and September, so the excursions will be reduced to only 45 minutes. The sand bars upstream would prevent the longer ride.

The seniors are very resilient. They can alter their plans if the coordinators can find substitute destinations. As this is being written plans are still in a state of flux. But we will be going someplace soon. Problems solved! The trip to Taylor Falls is on!

### St. Paul Gangster Trip in September

The gangster trip to St. Paul in St. Paul in September was interesting. The Volstead Act that started prohibition was penned in St. Paul. The tour guide, "Dapper Dan" Hogan, boarded our bus and pointed out places where Ma Barker and sons, John Dillinger, and others, protected by the bribed St. Paul police chief, hid out. He told us about the kidnapping of the Hamm Brewery heir who was ransomed for \$100,000 and the other antics of the gangsters who used St. Paul for protection and to lace their pockets with illegal gain.

We did not view the famous caves as that is another pay-for-view trip. We did see many ordinary houses and heard tales of intrigue, dirty cops, bank robbers, mob ladies and violent deaths.

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### How to mark a ballot

Every voter in Minnesota uses a paper ballot. There are three choices available for marking a ballot: Use a pen, use the ballot marking device or have another person assist you – the person of your choice or two election judges of different major political parties. Minneapolis 311 open during voting hours for November 6 General Election Minneapolis 311 will extend their usual hours by one hour to serve voters while the polls are open. From 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the November 6 General Election, Minneapolis voters can call Minneapolis 311 for information on how to register and where to vote. From outside the city limits dial 612-673-3000. TTY/TTD 612-673-2157.

Who represents me in the City of Minneapolis

Current city elected officials continue to represent the Ward or District from which they were elected through 2013. Here's what voters need to know:

- City Council Members elected in 2009 continue to represent the Wards from which they were elected through 2013
  - Park District Commissioners elected in 2009 continue to represent the Districts from which they were elected through 2013
  - City-wide officials elected to city-wide office continue to serve the entire city
- 2012 General Election Calendar

September 21: Absentee voting for General opened.

October 16: Voter pre-registration deadline for the General Election.

November 6: General Election, polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For further information, The Minneapolis Office of Elections and Voter Registration is responsible for administering elections in the City of Minneapolis.

For information about registering and voting in Minneapolis, or to serve as an election judge, residents can visit the Web site at [www.minneapolismn.gov/elections](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/elections) or call Minneapolis 311, which can also be reached at (612) 673-3000 or TTY/TTD 612-673-2157.



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**WAITE PARK COMMUNITY CALENDAR** All activities not otherwise specified meet at Waite Park Community Center, 1810 34th Ave. N.E. **October/November 2012**

- thru 10/26..... Waite Park PTA Coin Drive/Direct Donation Fundraising Campaign.
- thru 11/31..... Receive \$10 off your \$40 Community Energy Services home energy visit Info: Ashley Robertson 335-5869.
- Th/4-Su/7..... Edison 90th All Class Reunion 4 days! Visit [www.edisonsportsfoundation.org](http://www.edisonsportsfoundation.org) for info.
- F, 10/5.....2 PM..... Edison Homecoming Parade! It will leave Edison on Monroe & go north to 27th St. then east to Central, south to 22nd and back to the school.
- F, 10/5.....5 PM..... Edison Homecoming Football game vs. Wabasha Kellogg Tickets available at the gate: \$6/\$4 Edison H. S. 700 22nd Ave. NE.
- M, 10/8.....2-3 PM..... Cmty. Ed: Wellness at River Village: Joint Replacement Register: 605-2512 \$1 at door 2919 Randolph St.NE.
- M, 10/8..... Columbus Day City offices closed.
- M, 10/8.....6-8 PM..... 2PAC (2nd Pct. Advisory Council) & East Side Crime Watch Meeting Monroe Village,1900 Central Ave. NE.
- M, 10/8.....7 PM..... SAAC (Shoreham Area Advisory Committee) Windom Park Rec Center, 2251 Hayes St.
- Th, 10/11.....7:30-8:45 AM..... NE. Network Meeting Down By The River: City and Park Board Plans RSVP: 788-0950 or board@eastsidefood.coop Eastside Coop, 2551 Central.
- F, 10/12..... Waite Park Seniors on The Go: St. Croix River boat ride RSVP: Rita Deyo, 788-7587.
- Sa, 10/13.....1-4 PM..... 2nd Annual Nordeast Big River Brew Fest \$25 or \$30 at door Register: [www.esns.org/events](http://www.esns.org/events) Grain Belt Bottling House, 79 13th Ave NE.
- M, 10/15.....1 PM..... Waite Park Book Club: The Help by Kathryn Stockett \$2 donation at the door.
- M, 10/15.....6-7:30 PM..... Personal Safety Workshop Free RSVP: Sean at [Courtwatch2PAC@gmail.com](mailto:Courtwatch2PAC@gmail.com) or 781-2299. Budo Martial Arts, 1101 Stinson.
- T, 10/16.....6-7:30 PM..... Edison Parent Group Meeting (tentative due to conferences) Thomas Edison High School, 700 22nd Ave. NE.
- W, 10/17.....6-8 PM..... 1st Ward Cmty. Forum: "The State of Urban Agriculture in Eastside Mpls." RSVP: 673-2201 Eastside Coop, 2551 Central.
- W/17-F/19..... No School W: Parent Teacher Conferences Th: State Conference F: Conf. Conversion Day.
- M, 10/22.....2-3:30 PM..... Cmty. Ed: Arm Chair Travel: A Tour of Great Britain Register: 605-2512 \$2 at door River Village, 2919 Randolph St. NE.
- T, 10/23.....10 AM-2:30 PM..... Cmty. Ed: Defensive Driving 55+: 8-Hour Initial Course: the 2nd class is T, 10/30, 10 AM-2:30 PM \$18 Register: 668-1590.
- T, 10/23.....5-7 PM..... Nbrhd. & Cmty. Engagement Cmsn. (NCEC) Meeting Location TBD.
- T, 10/23..... Street sweeping begins See the schedule for your street: [www.minneapolismn.gov/streetsweep](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/streetsweep)
- Th, 10/25.....7 PM..... Waite Park Community Council (WPCC) Board Agenda Setting Meeting.
- F, 10/26..... Waite Park Community School PTA Coin Drive ends.
- Sa, 10/27.....10 AM-3 PM..... Extended hours for absentee voting Room 1B City Hall, 350 S. 5th St. Today, only the 4th St. entrance is open.
- Sa, 10/27.....10:30-1 PM..... Lowry Bridge Grand Opening Edison & Henry marching bands 11:45: River Rats 12:15: Parade across bridge.
- W, 10/31.....6-8 PM..... Upper NE. Parks Halloween Party Free Children ages 2-12 Food, games, entertainment Registration not required Windom Park, 2251 Hayes.
  
- Sa, 11/3.....9:30 AM-1:30 PM..... Cmty. Ed: Defensive Driving: 4-Hour Refresher Class \$16 Register: 668-1515 NE. Middle School, 2955 Hayes.
- Sa, 11/3.....10 AM-3 PM..... Extended hours for absentee voting Room 1B (ground floor), City Hall, 350 S. 5th St. Today, only the 4th St. entrance is open.
- Su, 11/4.....2 AM..... Daylight Saving Time ends Fall back one hour.
- M, 11/5.....8 AM-5 PM..... In-person absentee voting ends at 5 p.m. Room 1B City Hall, 350 S. 5th St.
- M, 11/5.....6 PM..... Park Board Winter Sports Registration begins: basketball, gymnastics, hockey, & wrestling.
- T, 11/6.....7 AM-8 PM..... **GENERAL ELECTION.**
- W, 11/7.....7-9 PM..... **Waite Park Community Council (WPCC) Board Meeting.**
- Th, 11/8.....7:30-8:45 PM..... NE. Network Meeting RSVP: 788-0950 or board@eastsidefood.coop Eastside Coop, 2551 Central.
- Su, 11/11..... Veterans' Day.
- M, 11/12.....2-3 PM..... Cmty. Ed: Wellness at River Village: The Mind-Body Connection Register: 605-2512 \$1 at door 2919 Randolph St. NE.
- M, 11/12.....6-8 PM..... 2PAC (2nd Pct. Advisory Council) & East Side Crime Watch Meeting Monroe Village, 1900 Central.
- M, 11/12..... City offices closed in observance of Veterans' Day.
- Th, 11/15.....10 AM-2:30 PM..... Cmty. Ed: Defensive Driving 55+: Refresher Class \$16 Register: 668-1590.
- Sa, 11/17.....10 AM-noon..... Waite Park Community Garden Fall Meeting Election of officers to two-year terms.
- M, 11/19.....1 PM..... Waite Park Book Club: Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot \$2 donation at the door.
- M, 11/19.....7 PM..... 7th Annual NE. Mpls. Harvest Gathering Speaker: Supreme Court Justice Alan Page Cafeteria, NE. Middle School, 2955 Hayes
- T, 11/20.....6-7:30 PM..... Edison Parent Group Meeting Thomas Edison High School, 700 22nd Ave. NE.
- Th, 11/22..... Thanksgiving Schools and government offices closed.
- F, 11/23..... Schools and City offices closed.
- T, 11/27.....2-3:30 PM..... Cmty. Ed: Arm Chair Travel: Journey to the Holy Land Register: 605-2512 \$2 at door River Village, 2919 Randolph St. NE.
- T, 11/27.....5-7 PM..... Nbrhd. & Cmty. Engagement Cmsn. (NCEC) Meeting Location TBD.
- Th, 11/29.....7 PM..... Waite Park Community Council (WPCC) Board Agenda Setting Meeting.
  
- W, 12/5.....7-9 PM..... **Waite Park Community Council (WPCC) Board Meeting.**
- F, 12/7..... Waite Park PTA Winter Extravaganza! Create imaginative crafts & celebrate winter with hot chocolate, a recreational fire & s' mores!

The Waite Park Community Council (WPCC) invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event organized by the WPCC. Should you require an accommodation in order to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at (612) 789-5104 at least five days before our event. You may contact us through Minnesota Relay Services at 1-800-627-3529.