

District 1 News

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Eastview, Conway, Battle Creek & Highwood Neighborhood News

Strategic Planning for Youth Programs in District 1 – by Betsy Mowry Voss

As I slowly become adjusted to working with the District 1 Community Council, I'm grateful to the many individuals, organizations and businesses that provide valuable support and resources to our neighborhoods. It's been a wonderful learning experience. In my short time here, I've been approached by a few individuals and groups that have expressed a need for quality youth programming for their families. Youth engagement has been identified as a priority for our District, and I'm excited that we will be moving forward with an initiative that will help make sure *all* of our community voices are heard.

A few weeks ago, D1CC was fortunate to receive a small grant from the McNeely Foundation that will allow us to build stronger connections with the child and youth providers in our district. We have a number of valuable services located here, but the groups aren't communicating with each other, and often, citizens don't know what the various organizations really do. The grant will provide us with funds to hire a qualified consultant to do the research and field work needed for such a project. Their role will be to, ultimately, create a report that accurately captures youth voice and informs community youth engagement, while also addressing quality approaches to youth work. The plan will map out our existing youth resources, and help us identify areas of need, with suggestions on how we may move forward. With this information, we can be strategic about how we explore options for our neighborhoods with limited services (such as the Highwood Hills area), and we can determine the most equitable role that D1CC can play in supporting the many youth programs (and youth needs) in our community. Of course, nothing will be decided without thorough board review and input.

D1CC staff will support the work, and we will be convening a steering committee of youth, parents and service providers to support our efforts. We will keep you informed of the plan and process as it evolves.

We will also be building our relationship with the City of St. Paul's Sprockets network (www.sprocketssaintpaul.org), and we hope to begin participating in the East Side Network Café – the monthly meetings of youth organizations on the east side. I served on the committee that helped start Sprockets, and it has evolved to become a valuable resource for our City.

If you have questions, feel free to contact me at District1council@gmail.com. Thanks!

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755 Prior Ave N, Suite #009; 651-644-1881

website: mntoollibrary.org

Fri 5-8pm, Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 10am-1pm

Popsicle Pop Up Truck

Learn about the City and County's planning process regarding decision-making on land use. Answer a couple questions...get a FREE Popsicle! Bring the kids!

• **Thurs, Aug 16, 4 – 7:30 pm**

Shamrock Court Apts, 2236 Lower Afton

Metro Plant Wastewater Public Forum

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) will hold a public hearing to discuss and receive comments on its proposed Metro Plant Solids Management Improvements Facility Plan.

The Metro Plant needs additional solids processing capacity so it can preserve existing wastewater treatment plant infrastructure and serve regional population growth. MCES proposes to construct a fourth incinerator, followed by renewal of the three existing incinerators. MCES found that adding a fourth incinerator would be the most cost-effective and sustainable alternative to meet the region's wastewater needs. Construction of the fourth incinerator would occur from 2021 to 2024, and renewal of the existing incinerators would occur from 2025 to 2027. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$180 million.

A formal presentation will begin at 6:45 PM on Thursday, August 30 in room 212 of the Wellstone Center (179 Robie St. East, St. Paul) and last for approximately 30 minutes. During the public hearing, attendees will be able to provide comments, review informational materials, and visit with MCES project staff.

Contact District 1 to reserve and borrow free recycling and organics containers to reduce waste. The containers come with bags and your choice of signage to indicate what is being recycled. The metal trash containers collapse for transport.

Contact us at 651-578-7600 or district1council@gmail.com.

National Night Out, August 7

Get to know your neighbors! Visit us during the National Night Out event at the Conway Community Center, [2090 Conway Street](#) from 6-8:00 p.m. on August 7. District 1 will be joining other organizations and businesses in this fun community event. See you there!

Peace Celebration

Thanks to everyone who joined us for the 2018 Peace Celebration at Battle Creek Rec. Center on July 23. The event was a great success, with almost 200 neighbors in attendance. D1CC enjoyed speaking with community members about our re-branding campaign, and other planning work we have going on.

Upcoming Events (See Calendar on our web page for more info)

- **Land Use Committee**
August 6 & Sept 10, 6:30-8:30 pm
- **Exec/Finance Committee**
August 8 & Sept 12, 5:30 – 7:00 pm
- **Communications/Outreach/Safety Comm**
August 20 & Sept 17, 6:00 – 7:30 pm
- **District 1 Comm Council Board Meeting**
Next mtng Sept 24, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Battle Ck Rec
- **East Metro Rail Yards Project Open House**
August 22 – Contact D1 for info: 651-578-7600
- **East Side Pride Open Mic**
On Summer Break
- **Coffee with Jane Prince (our council person)**
Aug 21, 3 - 5:00 pm, Sun Ray Library
- **Community Mural Painting**
Aug 25 9a-12p, Aug 29 5-7p, Eastview Rec Ctr

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