

# District 1 News

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## District 1 Community Council's New Name – by Patty McDonald

A community brainstorming session was held on Saturday, September 22 from 10 -11:30 am at the DICC office to brainstorm ideas for our new name. Neighbors came and talked about possibilities and suggestions. One point of discussion was choosing a name that would reflect a permanent geographical feature that would stay stable over time. Another point was to have a name that would generate a positive image and feeling. For example – would it sound nicer and create a better feeling to live in *River Bluffs Neighborhood Organization* or *South East St. Paul Community Council*?

We are still accepting name submissions. Ideas must be submitted along with a paragraph detailing why

you choose that name and what is the significance to our neighborhood. You can submit your idea several ways – in person, by email, by mail or online. You can go to the website and download the paper form or pick it up in the office. You may also go to the website (District1Council.org > Projects > Re-Branding) and use the online form to submit your idea. You have through Thursday, October 4.

Our next meeting will be later in October – where we will look at the top suggestions and start talking about logo design. The logo design will also be a community input project. We will accept ideas and the chosen idea will then be fleshed out by a graphic designer – so don't worry if you aren't an artist!

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## Candidate Forum Scheduled for Tues, 10/23

District 1 Community Council has partnered with the St. Paul League of Women Voters to bring a candidate forum to the residents of Minnesota House Districts 67A and 67B.

The forum will be held at the East Side Learning Hub located at Harding High School, 1526 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. from 6:30pm to 8pm on Tuesday, October 23.

All are welcome to attend and the St. Paul Neighborhood Network (SPNN) will be on hand to record the forum for public access television.

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## Citywide Garbage Service Starts Oct 1

The new City of Saint Paul citywide garbage service begins on October 1, 2018. With this coordinated garbage collection system, each street/alley will have one designated residential garbage hauler, with consistent prices and services.

District 1 will see collection of garbage and recycling on Wednesdays. Learn more here:

<https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/public-works/garbage>

The poster features the League of Women Voters logo at the top left. Below it are seven stars in alternating colors. The title "Candidate Forum for MN House Districts 67 A&B" is in red. Three candidate photos are shown with their names: Tim Mahoney (67A), Fred Turk (67B), and Jay Xiong (67B). A dark blue box contains the text: "THE CANDIDATES FOR MN HOUSE WILL BE PRESENTING THEIR PLATFORM AND TALKING TO THE AUDIENCE IN A QUESTION & ANSWER FORMAT. ALL ARE WELCOME! Tuesday, October 23rd, 6:30PM The East Side Learning Hub @ Harding 1526 East 6th Street, St. Paul, MN 55106". Below this is a red "Thank you to our event partners!" message. At the bottom are logos for District 1 Community Council and SPNN (Building community through media).

## New Native Garden

Eagle Scout Nou Cheng Thao was looking for an Eagle Project and thought about gardens. He heard that some bee species were endangered so he thought “Hey, why not make a garden specifically for bees to recover their numbers?” And that is exactly what he did! He teamed up with D1CC Board Member Melissa Wenzel who had secured a grant from AARP for just such a project.

Together they finally found a site at Highwood Hills Elementary School and on Saturday, September 22 they spent a long day digging up sod, tilling the soil and planting a wonderful prairie garden. They did not do it alone though! Many volunteers came out to help, including Scout Troop 100, who stayed all day and put in

about 100 hours of labor all told! A special thanks to Nou and Scout Troop 100 (Dave Moore-Scout Master, Mac Hang, Danny Xiong, Rat Xiong, Iven Thao, Jeffery Vang, Cheng, and Sonny Thao) for making District 1 more beautiful and bee friendly!



You can see the garden from your car as you drive past Highwood Hills Elementary on Londin Lane – it is right along the road and looks great! Can’t wait to see it next spring!

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## Gardening with Raj Beekie

*What is your gardening experience?*  
I have been gardening for 50 years

*What do you plant?*

I have grown a wide variety of greens and vegetables. My favorites are large pumpkins, tomatoes, eggplant, potatoes, sweet potatoes, daikon radish, peppers, and greens.

*Where do you plant?*

I plant in the community garden and in my yard.

*What have you had the most success with?*

I’ve had great success with most things growing well in Minnesota without much work such as tomatoes, peppers, beans, soy beans, collards,

cucumbers, potatoes, eggplant, zucchini, sweet potatoes, kale, pack choy, mustard, and daikon radish.

I am unsure about melons. I just don’t know when they are ripe. Pick them too soon and there is little taste. If you wait too long they rot.

*Are there plants that might still be growing over the next month or so?*

This late in the season there are potatoes and other root vegetable to be dug. There is also lemon grass to be harvested. People say kales and greens taste the best now that the weather is cold.

*How can people prepare their gardens for winter?*

I’d recommend clearing out all of the debris and plant materials. You can take these to the compost drop off.

Removing of the plant materials removes the cover moths use to lay their eggs in the soil. Tilling helps destroy eggs and larvae. This almost eliminates the presence of cut worms in the spring.

If possible, till the soil before the snow falls.

If you planted tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, and other plants that are susceptible to mold and other disease it is best to throw these in the garbage or burn them.

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

- **Land Use Committee**  
Oct 1 & Nov 5, 6:30-8:30 pm
- **Exec/Finance Committee**  
October 10 & November 14, 5:30 – 7:00 pm
- **Communications/Outreach/Safety Comm**  
October 8 & November 12, 6:00 – 7:30 pm
- **District 1 Comm Council Board Meeting**  
Next mtng Oct 22, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Battle Ck Rec
- **Election Candidate Forum**  
Oct 23, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, East Side Learning Hub

[www.District1Council.org](http://www.District1Council.org)

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