Meet Our New 5th Precinct Inspector Eddie Frizell

Eddie Frizell serves our community as the new Inspector of Precinct 5. I called on a recent Wednesday morning to introduce myself, expecting to go through the bureaucratic screening of who I was and what I wanted, but instead was transferred directly to his desk where he picked up the phone. I explained that I work for one of the neighborhoods in his precinct and was interested in introducing him to the community via our newsletter. As he cheerfully began to talk my ear off, I was a little stunned by his accessibility!

I asked the Inspector what I should call him, and he said his given name is Eddie. He said that being a farm boy from Iowa there was very little pretense, and even the name Edward was too formal for where he was from. I asked how he got appointed to the position of Inspector, and he gave me an overview of the structure of the police department, which, I have to admit, was a bit of a mystery to me.

Frizell explained that individuals need to complete a two-year law enforcement degree to be eligible to take the POST Test (Police Officers Standard and Training). They need to pass this test to be eligible to apply to any police department in the State. Once you are selected by a particular City for their department, you get sworn-in and your license becomes activated. Then you embark on a series of trainings, including a 15-week Police Academy, a 4-month field training "internship," and a 6-month probation period before becoming a full officer.

Street Officers, according to Inspector Frizell, can be promoted along two separate but equal pathways to Sergeant or Investigator. While Investigators cover specific types of crimes for the entire City (such as Fraud, Homicide, or Narcotics), a Sergeant still serves as a Street Officer with the added responsibility that they "police the people", i.e. in a position of trust, similar to Frizell, that not many officers choose to take. It is the path Frizell selected.

Lieutenants oversee the Sergeants and Street Officers. Achieved through promotion, following a test and after at least 3 years as an Investigator or Patrol Sergeant, the Lieutenant is a sworn supervisor (at the precinct or unit level) of the Minneapolis Police Department. This position also often partners with civilian safety experts as a "Sector Lieutenant," and together these two serve as the "face" to the public. Lieutenant Jack Kelly fills this role in the 5th Precinct currently.

Captains are in as high as you can rise in the police department by promotion. A Captain manages the operation of a division of the Minneapolis Police Department and does not operate at the precinct level. Currently Minneapolis has three Captains that handle criminal investigations, internal police administrative policy and procedures, and special operations including Canine and SWAT.

Then there is Eddie, as the Inspector Eddie Frizell was appointed by Police Chief Dolan as the Inspector of the MPD’s 5th Precinct, which encompasses the southwest region of the city (replacing Inspector Kristine Arneson who is now the Inspector for the First Precinct). Inspector Frizell began his career with the MPD in July 1993 and served as a Patrol Officer in the 3rd Precinct for years. His responsibilities with the Department until he was promoted to Lieutenant in 2007 were varied, but when I asked him what he had really done to be named Inspector, he itemized a few pretty big accomplishments.

Frizell was one of the first Minneapolis Community Response Team (CERT) Officers, a program which educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact our community. Additionally, he helped to establish the mounted patrol and served with that unit for 10 years, he still looks at those horses with pride and, it sounds from his voice, with a bit of nostalgia. Frizell’s most recent assignment was commanding the Minneapolis Police Academy. Frizell was also a Hostage Negotiator for the SWAT team. His education includes a BS from the University of Iowa and a Masters from Augsburg College, and he is also a graduate of the prestigious Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy.

I asked Eddie how his job was different as an Inspector, and he said he had actually been covering the duties of a Lieutenant in the Whittier neighborhood who had retired last week. He struck me as the kind of officer who not only thought this was fun, but really enjoyed connecting to his work at a base level. In thanking him for his time, I asked if he would proofread this article to make sure I understood the ranking and system of the Police Department. He laughed and said he would do so anytime, as he works 24/7. From how easy it was to reach him on the phone, and how much time he took to talk about his work and the Department with me, I believe he does put his whole self into his job. I again remarked that he is working for the 5th Precinct as I believe his accessibility and openness will serve us well as citizens.

– Sarah Linnes-Robinson

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RIVERLAKE GREENWAY NEARS COMPLETION

The RiverLake Greenway will extend across the breadth of Minneapolis by the end of this year, as the remaining portion of this 4.5-mile bike-pedestrian route is built to the neighborhood is heating up with it!

The Greenway project was conceived in Kingfield in 1996, and construction of the first 10-block stretch began in Kingfield in 2003. Its extension to East Harriet was constructed in 2009, and the last phase of the RiverLake Greenway project, as yet unscheduled, will install a new pedestrian bridge for the Greenway over 35W that meets current standards.

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It will give cyclists priority as through traffic, discourage cut-through motor vehicle use, incorporate traffic slowing measures, and add green space. Other areas of the new extension will resemble the Kingfield Latest extension of the Greenway that already stretches between Lake Harriet and Interstate 35W.

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Greenway's eastern end.

"Pedestrians and residents are going to see a lot of positive changes as a result of the bikeway," said Council Member Sandra Colvin Roy, whose 12th Ward encompasses the Greenway's eastern end.

The project’s design and construction, overseen by city transportation planner Donald Plaa, are funded by a $1 million federal grant, one of many in special federal aid for non-motorized transportation pilot programs, and $630,000 in city funds.

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KFNA Annual Election & Smorgasbord!

Monday, April 19 at MLK Park (41st and Nicollet)
6 PM Snacks and Social • 7 PM Meeting and Elections

Come meet Inspector Frizell in person, and help us say "Thank you" to our Neighborhood Safety Officer at the KFNA Annual Meeting, Mon., Apr. 19 at 7 PM • MLK Park

DOG PARK FEVER: the neighborhood is heating up with it!

Neighbors from Bryant, Tangletown, and Kingfield have bonded in their desire to create an off-leash dog park at MLK Park, 4055 Nicollet. A Core Team of folks is developing a proposal to present to the Park Board, to demonstrate the need and desire for this use in our local park. Catch the fever and stay in the loop! Contact KFNA at info@kingfield.org or 612.823.5980 and ask to be added to the Dog Park list; the Core Team will be in touch throughout the summer as they organize events and drum up support for the concept.

Victor’s 1959, Anodyne, and Butter! Fill your plate, catch up with neighbors not seen since Spring 2010, and enjoy a night out in the neighborhood as the new KFNA board introduces itself and showcases its many programs and accomplishments. Free childcare is available from 6-45 PM for kids ages 5-12 by Leonardo’s Basement. To guarantee that it’s available, however, please pre-register by contacting KFNA. We will need parent’s name & contact information, including phone number and e-mail, plus each child’s name and age.
Support a Kingfield Nonprofit and Your Local Restaurants: Dine Out for Life!

Looking for an excuse to hit your favorite local restaurant? On April 29, restaurants all over Minnesota will take part in Dining Out for Life, a benefit for The Aliveness Project, our local community center for people living with HIV/AIDS and their families. A number of Kingfield restaurants are participating, and The Aliveness Project is now a Kingfield organization as well.

As The Aliveness Project celebrates 25 years of service to HIV-positive Minnesotans this fall, it moves from the Central neighborhood, at 38th and Chicago, to a new location at 3808 Nicollet. “We’re excited to relocate,” commented Joe Larson, Executive Director of The Aliveness Project. “The Kingfield neighborhood property will provide an accessible site for our members, and we’ll have much more space to serve their needs. It’s now a matter of raising funds for the renovation.”

The Aliveness Project grew out of a group of friends who began meeting for potluck meals in the early years of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Today, the Aliveness Project is one of the nation’s only community centers for HIV-positive individuals. In 2009, it served nearly 1,600 Minnesotans with hot meals, a food shelf, integrative therapies, health seminars, holiday baskets, and case management. Thanks to a dedicated army of supporters and volunteers, all services are free.

You can support The Aliveness Project’s work by bringing your friends and family to a Dining Out for Life restaurant on April 29. Here’s a partial list of participating restaurants:
- Victor’s 1959 Café, 3756 Grand Ave. S., and Anodyne Coffeehouse, 4301 Nicollet Ave. S., will both donate a percentage of the entire day’s sales.
- The Craftsman (400 E. Lake St., not in Kingfield, but owned and chefed) will donate a portion of their dinner sales.

Recent discussions have introduced the idea of a families bicycling event or club. Or maybe soccer is your game—help plan a King Park summer soccer league! We also discuss issues important to families, including working with our newly assigned school, Lyndale Community School.

Get your whole family involved in the neighborhood. Youth and Schools events are for kids, parents and friends. Upcoming events include free family movie nights at MLK Park and Earth Day clean up at the park. (See “Calendar of Events” on page 4 for more information.)

Curious about Lyndale Community School? Watch the Video!

The Kingfield neighborhood now has a guaranteed community school, and neighbors are excited. Visit www.lyndalecommunityschool.org to see particulars, as well as the advantages of choices that each restaurant will donate. You’ll also find any new additions to the participating restaurant list.

Want to do more? Join the Dining Out for Life team as a volunteer ambassador. The Aliveness Project sends over 400 ambassadors out to participating restaurants on April 29 to thank diners and answer any questions about The Aliveness Project. Dining Out for Life can be an easy and fun service activity for families.

Dine Out. Do good in Kingfield this April 29 by volunteering and eating local! For more information about Dining Out for Life or The Aliveness Project, visit www.aliveness.org or www.diningoutforlife.com.

YOUTH & SCHOOL COMMITTEE NEWS

Interested in making Kingfield an even better neighborhood for youth and families? The KPNA Youth and Schools Committee, started in 2009, values your energy and ideas! Join us for a committee meeting each 3rd Monday of the month at 7 PM at the King Park Recreation Center. Share your passion and help plan youth and family events for Kingfield neighborhoods! Next meetings are scheduled for May 17 and June 21.

Gardening Classes for Kingfield Urban Gardeners

Part 1: Get the Dirt on Soil! Thursday April 8, 7-8:30 PM, MLK Park

Includes components of good soil, how to test soil, how to amend soil, what organic means, how to Mulch and compost.

All gardeners applying to participate in a community garden can register for classes by contacting KPNA at info@kingfield.org or calling 612-823-5980. After April 1, class registration is open to all Kingfield neighbors. Just contact us and we’ll let you know if there is still room!

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Home Energy Workshops & Assessments Returning to Kingfield

Kingfield homeowners rallied together last fall to make the Community Energy Services (CES) residential energy assessment program a huge success. More than 250 homeowners joined forces and attended workshops to learn techniques to save money and energy in their homes. With customized visits to each household underway, these homeowners are receiving a $400 package of materials and services for a co-pay of only $20, which the Kingfield Neighborhood Association reimburses after the home visit is completed!

Due to the intense interest from Kingfield homeowners in this program, a second round of workshops will be held at Pilgrim Lutheran Gymnasium (5901 1st Ave. S) on both Tuesday, March 23rd at 6:30 and Saturday March 20th, 10 AM - Noon. March workshop participants will receive the same package of materials and services, which includes a home visit (taking approximately 1 and ½ hours) from two energy professionals from the Center for Energy and Environment. The professionals will perform a blower door test to measure air leaks and install energy and money-saving materials, such as compact fluorescent light bulbs, set back thermostats, low-flow showerheads, gasket seals, safety caps, and pipe insulation. Additionally, a talented professional will present on the last 12 months of feedback and feedback for the next 12 months is provided, as well as information on financing, incentives, and rebates for those wishing to complete larger energy-saving projects.

Lola Schoenricht is a Kingfield homeowner who has already participated in the workshops and in pre-assessment. She said, “The home visit crew was terrific. They were incredibly knowledgeable and showed me a number of ways I can reduce my energy use and save money in my home.”

Homeowners need to attend only one of the March workshops to receive a home visit and materials. For more information or to RSVP, contact Ashley Robertson at (612)335-5869 or aroberston@ceemnc.org.

_The Kingfield Neighborhood Association has teamed up with the Center for Energy and Environment, Center for Energy and Environment_ , to host the workshops this year._

Name Your Flavor!

Remember the days of Nicollet Pothole? Dark chocolate ice cream and dark fudge, with a sea salt edge and a smattering of toffee gravel? The first ever ice cream, a Mermaid’s Tale, in honor of a Mermaid’s Tale, company Opera for the Young in a performance of The Little Mermaid. The student choir and student actors will join the opera company in presenting this show. The Pleasant Community Garden reserves 20% of Personal Plots for tenant applications received by the due date; the remaining Personal Plots are open to any Kingfield resident. Persons not in these Preferred Categories may apply for Personal Plots but will be placed in a second round lottery for each site, if one is necessary.

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If you missed it the last few years, now is your chance! In an effort to build connections between a wide assortment of community stakeholders, the Kingfield Neighborhood Association has teamed up with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to offer Adult Dodgeball League. Dodgeball was such a smashing success that the league has expanded to MLK Park to Tuesday and Friday nights and Sunday afternoons! The season runs from mid-February through late June.

By the time this newsletter comes out, team registration will already be in progress but KFNA will have spots reserved for newly formed teams, or you can simply join as a free agent. To sign up a new team, you can contact Sarah (KFNA 612.823.5980 or sarah@kingfield.org) and she will get you registered. To join as a free agent (if you want to play and don’t care who you play with), just contact Jack Barbash at the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (jbarbash@minneapolis-parks.org or 612.230.6492) or contact Sarah at KFNA if you want to be placed on a Kingfield-based team. Rules are posted at www.minneapolis-parks.org/default.asp?PageID=692 and questions about league play can be directed to Jack Barbash at the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board.

_Thank you all!!_
What's New for Youth?
Steppingstone Theatre will offer 3-week sessions in Beginning Acting for Ages 9-12 at CPFA. Session 1 will be Wednesdays, March 10-24, 4:30-6:00 PM, and session 2 will be Saturdays, March 6-20, 2:00-3:30 PM. Contact them directly at www.steppingstonetheatre.org or call 651-225-9365 to register. Steppingstone also plans to offer classes this summer in a range of topics in theatre-making.

Young Dance, a longtime resident of the CPFA, is expanding their course offerings, now offering classes for children ages 7-12 with mobility impairments. Find more about this and a variety of other spring classes for kids of all abilities and ages, toddlers through teenagers, by visiting the Young Dance website at www.youngdance.org. Forms include modern dance and ballet, and even creative movement classes especially for boys! Spring Session III classes begin April 5 and run through May 15.

What's New for Adults?
This spring, CPFA has expanded Yoga offerings and will provide new classes in Tai Chi Chuang and Karate. Belly dancing, salsa dancing, Rosen movement, and body/mind practices in gyrotonics, massage, and energy-based work continue to be available at the Center.

Check It Out
CPFA invites neighbors to Open Houses on March 28th and April 25th from 1-4 PM. Open Houses are a great opportunity to visit the Center and try a new class. Free sample classes and events are announced at www.centerforperformingarts.net, or call CPFA at 612-821-9302.

Looking For Space To Do Your Work (or Play!) In The Neighborhood?
Check out these space rental opportunities to expand your business or just offer hourly classes. For more information, please contact the appropriate organization directly. To see more on these listings and other opportunities visit http://kingfield.org/business-opportunities.

1. Nicollet Avenue storefront (4244 Nicollet) can be used for parties, weddings, yoga classes, meetings, trunk sales, boutique events... whatever you desire. 600 to 610 sq. ft. rentals available. Go to www.4244nicollet.com for more information.

2. Center for Performing Arts (3754 Pleasant) rents space to neighbors, artists, and creative practitioners on a short-term (hourly) basis. The two spaces available for hourly rental are the Sunroom (22x36, mirrors, hardwood sprung floor) and the Chapel (22x34, mirrors, barres, hardwood sprung floor). CPFA also rents private offices and studios on a longer-term basis ranging in size from 100 sf. to 600 sf. Availability and rates vary. For prices and details, call 612-821-9302 or e-mail info@centerforperformingarts.net.

3. Nicollet Square (3700 Nicollet) Retail Opportunity Available – 2,200 sf. of retail space at Nicollet Ave. and 37th Street, available late 2010. Special build-out and lease packages available for a business that will become a part of an employment program partnership with Nicollet Square residents. For more information, please see http://kingfield.org/business-opportunities. Come and learn about the spaces, lease packages, and the potential business opportunities on Tuesday, March 16, from 5:00-6:30 PM at 4244 Nicollet (the Rau-Barber space). RSVP for this event to MJacarri@plymouthfoundation.org or 612.871.0890.