Alley “Clean Sweep” Makes a Difference

By Mark Perrier, Field Representative

On a cool September Saturday morning, a small group of volunteers from our neighborhood met at Field Community School to take on a large task in a limited amount of time. In just three hours, six Minneapolis sanitation trucks and their drivers, along with the volunteers, drove through more than 100 blocks of alleys to help clean up our neighborhood. Everything from tires and televisions to freezers and even an old upright piano was picked up and hauled away by the crew.

A lunch of fresh pizza was waiting at Field for the drivers and volunteers after a morning of hard work. While we ate our lunch, we discussed what we saw. The neighborhood looks quite different when viewed from the alleys instead of the streets. Some alleys look great. The residents cut back the weeds from the sides of their garages and fences, and this really helps the city truck drivers. Some of the drivers told us of the many times they have to duck when a whipping branch from an overgrown tree would slap at the driver’s face while driving down the alley.

We also saw that there were a number of garages and fences in disrepair which led to a discussion about the funds that are available with help from the FRRNG Housing Committee. Low-interest loans are available to help replace garage doors and repair roofs and siding. Please contact

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D-Line Bus Rapid Transit Process Moves Along

By Chris Schommer, President

On Thursday, September 13, Metro Transit hosted a public meeting at St. Joan of Arc Church to share information about the proposed D-Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) station at 48th and Chicago. There was also a public comment period where community members were encouraged to speak. The proposed station at 48th Street was added to the list of stops along the D Line in early May. Additional stops in and around Field Regina Northrop are also planned for 42nd Street, 46th Street, and

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A Neighborly Partnership

By Sue Filbin, Communications Committee

In an inspiring variation on the theme of “a match made in heaven,” the Parkway Theater is the venue for “a match made in the neighborhood.”

On Sunday, November 4, from 6-8:30 p.m., Northrop neighbor, Jeannie Piekos, will release her self-published book Buoyancy: a memoir at the Parkway Theater. A companion film, Buoyancy, produced by filmmaker Will Hommeyer, will run at the same event during the world premier of the 55-minute documentary.

The completely renovated 1931 theater is under the new ownership of Ward Johnson, who lives in Field Neighborhood, and Eddie Landenberger, who lives nearby. In addition to showcasing movies and live events, the owners envision their theater becoming “a regional hub featuring world-class performing arts, comedy, and engaging speakers,” as described on the theater’s website. They also welcome community members to showcase creative work. Jeannie described scheduling the book release/movie premier with booking agent/marketing manager, Patrick Marschke, as a “pleasant, easy” process.

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Jeannie is a writer, poet, and art activist. When faced with a diagnosis of an aggressive and rare form of cancer, she found a way to navigate and share her cancer journey with essays and poetry. In *Buoyancy, the memoir*, Jeannie travels from the heart-breaking, life-threatening diagnosis through the treatment protocol and onward into a transformed, unrecognizable self that yearns to find self-acceptance and possibly!—recovery. *Buoyancy* provides a lens into a private space that allows the reader to be witness to the loneliness, bittersweet poignancy, and universality of disease.

Will, the filmmaker, is Jeannie’s longtime friend and work associate. When she told him of her diagnosis, his immediate instinct was to capture her experience. He followed Jeannie to appointments, treatment sessions, and situations in which even Jeannie’s husband was not allowed. The result is a candid, revealing story about one woman’s journey with cancer.

*Buoyancy: Living between dualities* is more than a film about cancer, courage, and chemotherapy. It’s an intimate portrait of a woman who becomes stricken with a rare diagnosis. While juggling life and death, she finds a path to authenticity as surgery, chemo, and radiation strip away the unessential.

The film draws on universal themes of fear, loss, and love through Jeannie’s experience and allows the audience to see themselves in her place; to walk beside her on her journey. The title of the film was inspired by a poem that Jeannie wrote while sick from chemotherapy. Her poem was inspired, in part, by a line from a poem by Rumi.

*Feel the motions of tenderness around you, the buoyancy.*

A diagnosis of cancer is life-altering to say the least. Jeannie’s uncommonly candid perspective on this pervasive disease gives the viewer much to consider.

Here is the tentative schedule for the event: Welcome/short introduction, book reading, movie, short panel discussion, book-signing/sales.

Sunday, November 4, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Parkway Theater, 4814 Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55417

Watch the movie trailer here: [https://vimeo.com/242316837](https://vimeo.com/242316837)
Follow on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/buoyancyfilm/](http://www.facebook.com/buoyancyfilm/)

More about the Parkway Theater: [www.theparkwaytheater.com/about/](http://www.theparkwaytheater.com/about/)

Editor’s note: Sue Filbin did the final edit of the book’s text and designed the book.
**President’s Letter**

Hello Neighbors,

I hope you are enjoying fall and feel ready for some snow. The Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group (FRNNG) board has been working on some fun projects that you will see throughout this newsletter. These projects all come from the ideas and hard work of volunteer board members and fellow volunteers.

If you have an idea you would like to see take shape in the neighborhood, working with FRNNG can be a good place to start. The neighborhood is granted funds from the City of Minneapolis for many of these hyper-local projects, but we need your help to take advantage of these resources. If you are interested in partnering with FRNNG on your good idea, contact the office at frnng@frnng.org or call (612) 721-5424 and we can connect you to the right committee or person.

The 35W project continues to impact our neighborhood heavily. With 46th Street being the only freeway access point until the 3rd Street exit downtown, our neighborhood has become the bottleneck for much of south Minneapolis vehicle traffic. The streets parallel to 35W have also become dangerous alternative routes. These streets are not freeways; however many people appear to be treating them as such.

I have attended several discussions about these problems, but as of right now little has changed on our side of 35W. There have been changes to the timing of traffic lights on 2nd Avenue, extra “speed wagons” (portable speed signs) are available for our area, and some lane markings have been repainted. If you encounter specific problems, I encourage you to call 311 and continue to report these issues to your council member. There is a working group that includes MnDOT, Hennepin County, and the City of Minneapolis to work on 35W issues. Your council member is your liaison to this group. For our part, FRNNG has formed a working group of board members to propose some specific changes that we will be advocating for directly.

Finally, I want to welcome all the new businesses that have opened recently. I’ve had a chance to sample Elbow Room and El Burrito Minneapolis, and I attended the open house for the beautifully renovated Parkway Theater. Each one is the result of a lot of hard work and make me optimistic about the future of our neighborhood.

I hope to see you around the neighborhood! —Chris Schommer, President, FRNNG

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**D-Line Bus Rapid Transit Process Moves Along, continued from page 1**

52nd Street. While the distance between the 46th and 48th street is shorter than the guidelines for BRT, the station was added due to the popularity of 48th Street as a destination and the large distance between 46th and 52nd.

The final station plan was approved in July; however the station at 48th was marked for further review due to concerns raised by several local stakeholders about the selection process. The September meeting and the extended written comment period that ended on September 21 will inform the Met Council and Metro Transit on the future of the proposed station. The council will vote to approve or modify the current proposed location in “late 2018.”

The D-Line will feature many changes along Chicago Avenue. The current Route 5 bus is the most heavily used bus in the state, with around 16,000 riders every weekday. The 5 will now only arrive every 30 minutes instead of an average of every 12 minutes. Those buses will still make stops and pickups at every corner along Chicago Avenue. The D-Line is designed to take over much of the ridership of the 5 and will arrive every 10 minutes at new stations that are spaced roughly ¼-mile apart. Riders of the D-Line will also pay for their ticket in advance via a kiosk, will be able to enter the bus through any door, and buses will be able to get traffic-signal priority to help keep them on time. Stations will be heated on demand and will have additional security cameras, and will display real-time bus arrival information. Metro Transit estimates that these features will speed up the route by 20%.

Planers still need to find $35 million to complete the $75 million project, with construction set to begin in 2020 or 2021.

For more information, visit Metro Transit’s project webpages:
- [www.metrotransit.org/d-line-project](http://www.metrotransit.org/d-line-project)
By Christian Fritzberg, Communications Committee

Meet your Northrop Neighborhood representatives, Kate Nyquist and Willie Bridges. As neighborhood reps, their role is to listen to your perspective and relay your ideas and concerns to the FRNNG board. Let your voice be heard and let your rep know what you’d like to see in our neighborhood that could make our community even better.

Kate Nyquist has been a Northrop Neighborhood resident for the past six years. A few years after moving to the neighborhood, she joined the FRNNG board and is now entering her second term of service as the North Northrop Neighborhood rep. (The North Northrop area is to the north of East 46th Street.)

Neighbors in North Northrop have likely met Kate or have seen her walking her dog and introducing herself. She enjoys learning about folks and letting them know about the upcoming events the board is offering, such as our upcoming Night on 48th on November 3. In her second term, she’d like to see the board offer more events on specific issues we’re facing, such as affordable housing, crime prevention, and transit.

Kate loves the outdoors. When she’s not volunteering for the FRNNG board or working at the Minnesota Department of Health, you can find her camping in the BWCA or recreating on the many trails, parks, and lakes in our area. One of Kate and her husband Aaron's favorite things to do is to canoe on Lake Nokomis and enjoy a pizza from Carbone’s together.

Willie Bridges is a very familiar face in our neighborhood. He has been actively involved on the FRNNG board and in the community during his nearly 30 years of residency in Northrop’s Shenandoah Terrace. He most recently served as board president for several years and now is continuing to serve our neighborhood as the South Northrop Neighborhood rep. (The South Northrop area is that south of 46th Street.)

During his term, Willie would like to have more neighborhood block events and focus on community building. He believes that each block having a trained block club leader is a successful model for neighbors to have a sense of community and safety. Willie would also like to host a forum for school leaders and parents to have a time to discuss the issues and solutions currently facing our youth.

By day, Willie works in the Hennepin County Attorney’s Office as a Senior Planning Analyst. In this role, he works in the youth diversion program which helps at-risk youth find a path toward success. He enjoys making a difference and seeks out work that allows him to do this.

In the past, Willie has served on the Governor’s Task Force on Bullying. He’s also been a lobbyist for crime and victim rights. Both Kate and Willie welcome conversation and community building. Together we can all make a difference!

Kate Nyquist is starting her second term on the neighborhood board of directors as the North Northrop rep.

Willie Bridges, former FRNNG President; now serves as the South Northrop Neighborhood rep.

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Photos: Christian Fritzberg
Tips for Helping Out in the Neighborhood

By Maggie Snetting, Chair, Communications Committee

Did you know there are lots of ways you can help out the neighborhood? The Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group is run by a board of neighbors, just like you! We have three tips for ways you might consider giving back to the neighborhood:

VOLUNTEER
We are always looking for more people who are passionate about the neighborhood to get involved. There are committees that are always looking for more voices and helping hands that coordinate programming in our neighborhood. For a full list of committees and volunteer opportunities, check our website: frnng.org/committees/

PROMOTE
Another way you can help out, in a low-commitment way, is to follow Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group on social media. We’re on Facebook and Twitter. Please “like” and share posts to help more people stay aware of what is going on in the neighborhood. Neighbors would love to hear from you, too! It’s easy to submit ideas for neighborhood news and ongoings to communications@FRNNG.org

CONTRIBUTE
Don’t have time to volunteer? Monetary donations to the neighborhood group are also welcome. You can call the office at 612-721-5424 for instructions on how to contribute. And, don’t forget to check with your employer. Oftentimes employers will match the gifts of employees to non-profits.

Resources for Older Adults in Our Community

By Becky Stibbe, volunteer board member with Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging

With a mission focused on helping people age well, Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging (MAAA) provides older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers in the seven-county metro area with information and support through a variety of programs and services.

Through its partnership with the Minnesota Board on Aging, MAAA offers the Senior LinkAge Line® (800-333-2433), a free telephone service that can be a first call for questions related to transportation, chore help, meals, housing options, legal services, caregiver support, and more. Trained information specialists answer calls and connect callers to services that address their questions or issues. Phones are answered from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and translation services are available. Online, MinnesotaHelp.info* offers access to similar information.

Medicare health insurance counseling, provided by MAAA’s Senior LinkAge Line experts, is available at 53 sites in the area. With Medicare open enrollment running from October 15 to December 7, now is the time to arrange an appointment to find answers to Medicare questions.

Beyond direct services and referrals, MAAA fosters healthy aging through its Juniper network (yourjuniper.org), which provides evidence-based classes to help people prevent falls and manage chronic conditions. In addition, MAAA works to create system change through its policy work, education, and consultation.

MAAA also provides free pension counseling through the Upper Midwest Pension Rights Project (UMPRP). Visit midwest-pensions.org or call 866-783-5021 to learn more. Turn to MAAA for all things aging. Learn more at metroaging.org

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the FRRNG office for more information about these funds.

I started this article telling you about the volunteers and how they went to work for the neighborhood. We saw a need to work together and get something done to help our neighbors clean up this great part of the city. I wish I could remember the names of my co-workers, but remembering names has never been my strong suit. What I do remember is their faces and the hard work they did on this cool morning to help us all. I’ll smile and nod when I see these neighbors, and next time I hope there are more of us out working together for our little sweet spot in the city.

Contact program director, Stearline Rucker, to learn more about housing-related funds.
(612) 721-5424; <frnng@frnng.org>

These neighbors donated their time to clean up our neighborhood.
Trees Planted for Head Start Kids

By Marty Koessel, Chair, Community and Safety Committee

On a beautiful, late September afternoon, in cooperation with the McKnight Early Childhood Family Development Center, the Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group planted a dozen trees that will be adopted by the Center’s more than 900 Head Start kids. With the guidance of their teachers, the children will prepare their trees for winter and make sure they’re watered and healthy through spring. As the years go by, former Head Start kids may pass by their old school on 3rd Avenue South and 42nd Street and watch their very own tree growing strong and tall. The project’s sponsors see this as a great way for our neighborhood children to learn about their urban environment and how they may contribute to making it better.

The Bachman’s Garden Center on Lyndale Avenue donated 10 of the 12 flowering cherry and pin oak trees gracing what was formerly a barren stretch of lawn along 42nd Street between 3rd and 4th Avenues in the Regina Neighborhood. The Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group’s Community and Safety and Greening committees provided funding and impetus for the Adopt-a-Tree Project and, with MaryAnnette Quinnell at McKnight, who oversaw and planned the site, contributed the muscle for digging holes and planting.

The Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group invites everyone in our neighborhoods to appreciate the added greenery now and, in coming years, to rest in the new shade on a hot day.
Greetings, Field Regina Northrop Residents!

Let me start off by expressing my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to represent this community at City Hall. I am proud of what we’ve accomplished together so far in 2018, and I’m excited to continue to work alongside you!

Closing the Sidewalk Gap

This fall, Public Works added a critical sidewalk connection on Chicago Avenue between 44th Street and 46th Street bordering St. Mary’s Cemetery. Before this project, we had no sidewalk at all on this stretch. We’ve now taken a significant step in improving access and safety for pedestrians in a high-traffic area where we need this infrastructure.

Our new sidewalk on Chicago Avenue serves as an excellent model for future upgrades citywide, so that pedestrians all over Minneapolis—especially seniors, children and those with mobility challenges—can get around, particularly in winter.

Minneapolis 2040

Informed by more than 10,000 comments, City planning staff this fall released a revised Minneapolis 2040 plan. This document will serve as a guideline for growth in coming decades. Find the full proposed plan at www.minneapolis2040.com. It covers a wide range of topics, from housing and job access to building design and sustainability.

There has been much discussion about added density, and it’s important to me to hold developers accountable as we grow. That’s why I’m helping lead efforts to require affordable units in new housing projects through an inclusionary zoning policy we expect to pass this year.

Minneapolis 2040 plan could be better. The full City Council will hold a public hearing on the Minneapolis 2040 plan the week of Nov. 12 in Council Chambers at City Hall (350 South Fifth Street). Keep an eye on the Minneapolis 2040 website for details.

Budget Process

We’re in the thick of budget season, and I invite you to help us decide how to spend your tax dollars. Since Mayor Frey unveiled his budget proposal during the summer, my colleagues and I have been working to develop and offer recommendations. This includes listening to residents about their priorities.

The City Council will continue to gather community feedback, including at public hearings at 6:05 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 8, and then at 6:05 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 5—the day we will vote on the budget. Both hearings will be held in Council Chambers on the third floor at City Hall. You can also review budget information and submit input at www.minneapolismn.gov/budget.

D Line

Dozens of community members weighed in on Metro Transit’s proposal to add a D-Line rapid bus stop at 48th Street and Chicago Avenue, a vibrant intersection in our community. Neighbors, local business owners and others offered feedback, to help inform final plans for the area. Metro Transit staff will continue to engage with the community through the design phase of the D-Line project, which will bring faster and more reliable transit service along the Route 5 corridor.

The D Line will become the main transit option along Chicago Avenue, with service every 10 minutes. Route 5 will continue to operate, but less frequently. As of this writing, Metro Transit was still reviewing feedback and crafting plans for the 48th Street-Chicago Avenue intersection. For up-to-date information, visit www.metrotransit.org/d-line-FAQs or call Metro Transit staff at 612-349-7390.

Ward 11 residents can email me thoughts at jeremy.schroeder@minneapolismn.gov.

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Greetings, Field Regina Northrop Neighbors!

2018’s four new planning projects for the Minnehaha Creek Corridor, Hiawatha Golf Course property within Nokomis-Hiawatha Regional Park, Shoreline Restoration at Lake Nokomis, and Park Improvements at Phelps Park (Chicago Avenue and 39th Street) are all underway.

Each individual project has a project page at [www.minneapolisparks.org/park_care_improvements/park_projects/current_projects/](http://www.minneapolisparks.org/park_care_improvements/park_projects/current_projects/) where you can subscribe to updates and catch up in detail on what’s happened since my last update to you.

Minnehaha Creek Corridor planning has two online engagement components in addition to the Community Advisory Committee. A community survey: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/minnehaha_parkway_community_input](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/minnehaha_parkway_community_input) and a neat interactive map that allows you to add comments for specific areas along the corridor: [hkgi.mysocialpinpoint.com/minnehaha-parkway#](http://hkgi.mysocialpinpoint.com/minnehaha-parkway#)

Hiawatha Golf Course property is being master planned around a reduced pumping scenario after a delay due to the CAC (Community Advisory Committee) requesting clarification of their charge from the board. Meetings resume in October.

Shoreline Restoration and Carp Removal efforts funded through State of Minnesota grants help improve water quality in Lake Nokomis. Carp removal took place after the ice was strong enough to support commercial fishermen and their nets last winter. Shoreline Restoration is being permitted and construction is anticipated to begin in 2019.

There are capital funds available for improvements at Phelps Park in 2018 and 2019. Plans are available on the project page.

My newsletter, the 5th District Dispatch, is a great resource for more frequent updates about the parks. I send out the newsletter once or twice a month to help keep my constituents informed. You can subscribe at [eepurl.com/QZ_-9](http://eepurl.com/QZ_-9) I’ll see you in the parks!

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35W Reconstruction

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) will continue its 35W reconstruction through winter. Work may be less intensive, but crews will tackle what they can in the cold to keep the project on track. Learn more about the project’s status and subscribe to email updates at [www.dot.state.mn.us/35w94/](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/35w94/)

My office meets regularly with Public Works staff to address local traffic issues related to the 35W overhaul. If you have concerns, it is helpful to share them directly with MnDOT at info@35w94.com or 612-284-6125.

Let’s Get Together

Share your questions, ideas and concerns with me at my next Community Conversation on Saturday, Nov. 10, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the meeting room at Nokomis Library (5100 34th Avenue South). You’re welcome to reach out anytime via email at jeremy.schroeder@minneapolismn.gov or call my office at 612-673-2211.

Keep in touch! Facebook [@CMJeremySchroeder](http://www.facebook.com/CMSchroeder) and via Twitter [@jeremyschroeder](http://www.twitter.com/jeremyschroeder)
Pet Safety During the Holiday Season

By Erin Dush, D.V.M.,
Minnehaha Animal Hospital

As the weather cools down and leaves begin to change, there is much to anticipate with the oncoming holiday season. It’s a time for celebrations, gatherings, food, friends and family; but let’s not forget about our furry family members amidst the hustle and bustle! Here are some tips for keeping your pets out of danger during this holiday season.

Keep the feast on the table, not under it

While this is the season of sharing, it is best to keep your dog or cat on their regular diet. Keep them away from fatty foods like turkey skin, ham, and gravy, which can cause digestive upset (vomiting, diarrhea) and pancreatitis. Beware of foods containing onions, raisins, or grapes as even small amounts can cause acute kidney failure. Sweets and baked goods should be kept out of reach as chocolate, candy, gum, and anything containing artificial sweeteners can be life threatening. Uncooked bread dough should be placed away from pets as it can cause discomfort and GI distress if ingested.

“Deck the Halls”—but be aware of tantalizing tinsel and other tempting toxins

Curious cats and dogs are often delighted at the sight of decorations transforming the house for the holidays, but these seemingly harmless adornments can turn deadly if ingested! Tinsel and ribbons can make a present or the Christmas tree shimmer in beauty, but can cause an obstructed digestive tract if eaten, leading to vomiting, dehydration, and even surgery. Open-flame candles can burn your pet or even damage your home if left unattended with pets. Snow globes capture the spirit of a snowy winter day, but often contain poisonous additives such as ethylene glycol, which may smell like a sweet treat to your pet but can be fatal if consumed.

“O’Christmas Tree” and “Boughs of Holly”

Plants like poinsettias, mistletoe, and holly may help bring the holiday spirit but keep these out of paw’s reach as they can cause irritation of the mouth as well as vomiting and diarrhea. Make sure Christmas trees are firmly secured to the base and even the ceiling/wall to ensure they will not drop on an adventurous pet who plays too roughly near it or attempts to climb it. Avoid low-hanging glass ornaments or loose strings of lights/cords to discourage play with these potentially shocking temptations. The base/well for live trees should be covered to stop pets from drinking this water as it can contain harmful fertilizer and bacteria.

Precautions for parties

We love having guests over for the holidays, but some of our companions may not like or do well with new people entering the home. Create a safe, quiet area away from the commotion to ensure your pet does not feel overwhelmed. Remind guests to be aware of dropped food, leaving drinks or medication unattended, and to keep doors shut to avoid fearful attempts to escape. Be proactive and make sure dogs and cats are wearing proper identification (tags, microchips), so that in the event that they do get loose they can be returned home. Make sure microchips are registered and updated with current information.

Pets as gifts—good intention; bad idea!

While it’s tempting to surprise someone with a fluffy new friend, complete with a bow around its neck, stay away from gifting a new companion to someone this holiday season. Animals depend on us to provide them with a safe, enriched life and they deserve more than the brief attention of being a gift-wrapped surprise during the hectic holiday season. Taking on a new pet is a big commitment—with time, emotions, energy, and money involved for years to come, and any new owner should be prepared for this and be able to participate in picking out their perfect match. If you still wish to give a pet as a gift, offer to take someone to a shelter after the holiday season to visit with those in need and help find the perfect furry friend for them to take home if the time is right!

Most of all, have a great holiday season with your friends, family, and furry companions! Remember to take time out of the busy festivities to go on walks, play, etc., to make this holiday memorable for all! Have a Pawsitively Happy Holiday!
El Mercado Minneapolis continues Mexican cuisine in renovated Pepitos space

A Legacy Continues

By Maggie Snetting, Chair, Communications Committee

A long-time staple of the neighborhood, Pepitos, at 4820 Chicago Avenue, closed last year. The space was recently renovated and reopened under new ownership as El Burrito Minneapolis. El Burrito Minneapolis is the newest location of a 40-plus-year, St. Paul Mexican Restaurant destination, El Burrito Mercado.

El Burrito Minneapolis www.elburritompls.com/ is continuing a legacy of Mexican cuisine in this space, carrying forward a rich tradition from across the river and making its own unique mark on the Field Regina Northrop neighborhood. The restaurant’s menu of craft cocktails and classic dishes has something for everyone!

The refreshed decor and patio space make the location great for a family outing, group gathering or date night out.

If you’re looking for space, the restaurant has “La Cantina” available for groups of 10-30 and will also take reservations for groups of eight or more in the main dining room. You can contact reservations@elburritompls.com to learn more about space availability.

Welcome to the neighborhood, El Burrito Minneapolis, and thank you for carrying on your legacy in our neighborhood.

Saturday
Nov 10th
4901 11th Ave S
10-5pm

El Burrito Minneapolis has two entrances to welcome guests—the bright red door leading to the restaurant and the door at the end of the arched awning for “La Cantina,” a semi-private space for groups of 10-30 people.

Sue Ellen
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