

Happy New Year!

2008 will be a busy year on the Northside, with lots of projects moving forward. The City will conduct a market study, which should help us recruit new businesses. Sherman Avenue will be resurfaced – watch for more information about that. We'll work with the results of the walking audit to make walking and biking safer on our streets. And we'll see some private development – Cherokee Park may continue their development; the property at 1801 Tennyson will see some activity; and we may even see something at 4000 Packers Avenue. In the bigger picture, the Northport/Warner Park Neighborhood Steering Committee will start working on an update of that neighborhood plan. I hope you'll all contribute to that process by sharing your vision of how the Northside should grow.

And of course, we may see a complete renovation of Warner Park Stadium. As many of you know, the Mallards have asked the City to partner with them to upgrade the Duck Pond. While the details are still being worked out, I'm hopeful that we can come up with a deal that allows the project to go forward while protecting the interests of the City, taxpayers, and our neighborhoods. Regardless of what happens with the stadium, I'll continue to work with you, the Parks Department and the Mallards to minimize any negative impacts from stadium events.

In 2008 I'll also continue working on keeping our drinking water clean, improving snow removal practices, and upgrading our transit system.

Amongst all this new activity, I hope we'll all take time to enjoy the things that the Northside offers – a stroll through snowy Warner Park, a visit to the winter Farmer's Market, a trip to Lakeside Library – or maybe just a chat with your neighbors over snow shovels.

Stay warm and be well –
Satya