

Instant Runoff Voting

By Buzzy Bohn

Was the new Instant Runoff Voting (IRV), sometimes called Rank Choice Voting (RCV), a boom or a bust? It depends on your perspective or whom you ask. The world didn't come to an end. There didn't seem to be mass confusion and there weren't massive amounts of spoiled ballots.

In the 4th Ward there were 128 spoiled ballots out of 3299 ballots cast and in the 5th Ward there were 151 spoiled out of the 2170 cast. On the other hand, we didn't know all the winners by the time we went to bed on election night or, in some cases, even by the following week.

There was a very light voter turnout on Election Day. In Minneapolis only 19.5 percent of eligible voters actually voted.

Both the 4th and 5th Ward races went to a second round of hand counting because none of the candidates received 50%+1 of the votes in the first round of counting. The winner of 5th Ward, Don Samuels, wasn't announced until November 13 and the 4th Ward winner, Barb Johnson, wasn't announced until November 16. The counting had to be done by hand because none of the voting machines that are capable of counting ranked voting has been certified, and Minnesota requires all voting machines to be certified.

Two things we knew right

away were the winner of the mayor's race, which went to RT Rybak who received 73 percent of the 1st choice votes, and the outcome of the charter amendment that was on the ballot. The voters rejected getting rid of the Board of Estimate and Taxation by almost 65 percent.

There was a very light voter turnout on Election Day. In Minneapolis only 19.5 percent of eligible voters actually voted. Some folks blamed it on people staying away from the polls because of IRV, but many others blamed it on the weather and a mayoral election that seemed to many to be all sewn up from the get go. Still others feel it may be because the DFL Sample Ballots didn't arrive in many people's mailboxes until after the election. Some people felt IRV helped the incumbents more while others felt it helped the lesser-known candidates more. There were also folks in some wards who felt that the incumbents were campaigning harder to retain their seats this election because of IRV knowing that if they didn't reach that 50%+1 threshold on the first choice count they could very well lose the race. So was Instant Runoff Voting a good thing or a bad thing? You'll have to decide for yourself.

Note: The Minneapolis Office of Elections has announced their "unofficial" results, but the hand count won't be "official" until December 21. For info go to www.minneapolis.mn.us/elections.

Camden youth helping Camden youth

By Kelsey Vancleave and Rosa Nguyen

On November 13 the Camden Youth Engagement Project (CYEP) youth-leaders led a Family Fun Night at Folwell Park and had over 60 youth, family and friends attend to play board games, basketball, do an obstacle course, and watch a family fun movie. And we've got more fun stuff coming up.

From December 1-18 CYEP will be running a CYEP Clothing and Food drive on the Northside. Coats, hats and gloves for youth or any article of clothing in good condition will be appreciated. The CYEP food drive will be for non-perishable items such as cans of vegetables and box dinners. Through the efforts of CYEP and the Northside community, much needed food and clothing will be donated to youth in our community. Donations can be dropped off at Fowell Park (1615 Dowling Ave N), the YMCA on Broadway (1711 West Broadway), and Steamworks Coffee & Tea (44th and Penn Ave N).

We're also going to be at the Holiday on 44th festival on Friday, December 4 — we've got a spot in the Patrick Henry Gym. Then on Christmas Eve

from 2-7 p.m. we're going to help serve food to the homeless at Loaves and Fishes. In the meantime we're also planning our Youth Summit (focusing on youth leadership) set for March.

For more information about the CYEP Clothing and Food drive or about the Camden Youth Engagement Project contact CYEP Crewleader Jeanne McMahon at 612-432-8594 or to find out about our other upcoming CYEP events check out www.cyepmn.ning.com.



CYEP crew members Angela Moore and Ia Vang working on a clothing donation box.



CYEP Youth Advisory, Jaszmine Sims leading basketball activities for the CYEP Family Fun Night event.



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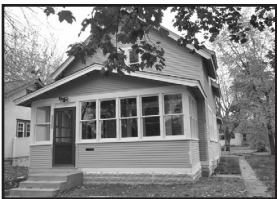



Dear Fellow Camden Resident:

I'm Tom Bain. My fellow Realtor/wife, Jean, and I live in the Camden community and sell homes in this area as well as throughout the Metro. The holiday season and the year's end are here again. We should all take time to be thankful for what we have and gather with family and friends. Remember to celebrate in the Camden community at Holiday on 44th on December 4th. It's a great event to enjoy with our neighbors!

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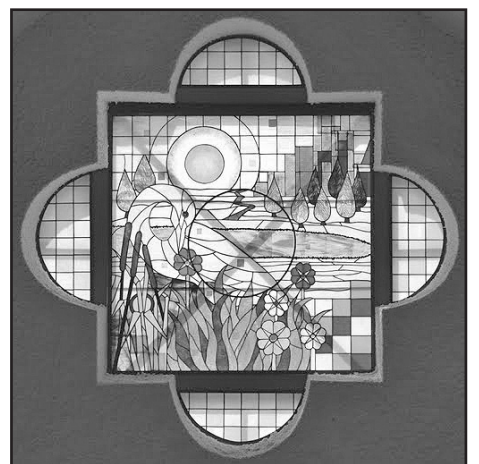
M o l l y Nicholson was named 2010 Mrs. Minneapolis International and will represent our community at the 2010 Mrs. Minnesota Pageant where she will compete for a grand prize and the opportunity to represent Minnesota at the 2010 Mrs.

International Pageant. She is a Farmers' Insurance agent, has been married for seven years, lives in the Victory neighborhood and has one daughter. The Mrs. International Pageant recognizes women for their commitment to family, profession and community stewardship. Throughout her tenure Nicholson will compete for the state crown and be available to speak on her platform, "The Unseen Enemy: Raising Awareness of Internet Predators." Molly is currently seeking sponsors. If you are interested in supporting her mission to save childrens' lives and educate parents on Internet safety contact mollynicholson3@gmail.com.

Dennis Curley has co-founded a new theater company with his friends, Jim Robinson and Rachael Brogan Flanery, called Table Salt Productions and they are underway with their 2009-2010 season. In addition to being a theatrical producer, Curley is also a working musician and composer (along with Drew Jansen, he composed the music and lyrics for *Church Basement Ladies 2*, which has been running at the Plymouth Playhouse since March 2008). Two of Table Salt's productions this year feature his original music. They just completed their first production of an original play *Burned*. For their upcoming production Curley directs *Spiked!* a holiday variety show in the style of Andy Williams, Sonny & Cher, Carol Burnett and the Dukes of Hazzard. The five-voice vocal ensemble will thrill you, their nine-member acting company will tickle your funny bone, and their all-star roster of prominent local guest artists will have you talking around the water cooler. The show runs

December 4-20; Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. at Lowry Lab Theater, 350 St. Peter St., St. Paul. For tickets and info visit tablesaltproductions.com.

The Goddess of Glass, **Connie Beckers**, got her beautiful stained glass window installed at the Loring Park Pavilion in late September. It took over four years to construct. The center window is 4x4 ft. and the half-rounds are 21x 8 inches. The window is constructed in the Tiffany method using traditional stained glass techniques with some glass created in the kiln. The texture on the buildings and the shading in the pond was created with stencils and glass powder in the kiln. Check it out at picasaweb.google.com/goddessofglass55/LoringParkWindow.



Congratulations to Camden students. Patrick Henry graduate **Nou Yang**, daughter of Chawa Yang and Mai Xiong, is majoring in English at St. Olaf College in Northfield. She is now spending the fall semester studying abroad in the St. Olaf Global Semester program "Switzerland, Egypt, India, Thailand, Hong Kong, China and South Korea." Graduating from the Art Institute International are: **Jacob Coder** with an Associate of Applied Science, Graphic Design degree, and **Kaleb White** with a B.S. degree in Web Design & Interactive Media. **Ronald Buck** received Honorable Mention at the Dakota Athletic Conference as a 2009 All-Conference Performer.

If you know of a noteworthy Camden resident send the info to info@camdennews.org.

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Camden Arts

Great Streets Concerts – live at the Historic Capri Theater

By Jeanne Fish



On Thursday, December 3 The Northside Art's Collective (NSAC) presents Big Surf with Al's Rockabilly Quartet for an evening of surf rock and rockabilly at the Historic Capri Theater.

Big Surf is the zany surf band fronted by Phil Belknap of NoMI, playing twangy instrumental tunes that merge the west coast beach sounds of the 1960s with lively world music influences. Big Surf is the regular host of "Surf Night" at the Hexagon Bar the first Friday of each month, and enjoys airplay worldwide. Opening the night is Al's Rockabilly Quartet, featuring the fabulous guitar work and tasteful humor of Al Subola - also the axeman for the Vibro Champs. ARQ plays a high octane array of original music with Western Swing, honky tonk and surf.

On December 12 is a special Saturday Great Streets Concert featuring Felonious Bosch with the Greg Herriges Trio for an evening of multi-cultural world music. Felonious Bosch is the cross-pollination of members of Boiled in Lead, Working Stiffs and The Bourbones, that includes NoMI multi-instrumentalist and composer Scott Nieman. Greg Herriges plays an eclectic mix of original and traditional world ("whirled") music on guitar, voice and bouzouki, putting new spins on everything from Turkish folk and Bollywood film music to Japanese

koto tunes and surf-rock. Greg is also the author of several Hal Leonard world music guitar books.

Doors open at 7 p.m. with showtime at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 available via PayPal at nacarts.org, and at the NAC office, 1011 West Broadway. \$8 with your NAC or NEEMA membership card and \$5 for college students with current ID at the door. The Historic Capri Theater is located at 2027 West Broadway; ample parking available.

The December concerts will be the sixth and seventh of the 12 part "Great Streets Concert Series" held at the Capri, sponsored through a Great Streets grant from the City of Minneapolis'



Department of Community Planning and Economic Development. Each show will be digitally recorded and released as part of the "Live at the Capri" CD series. These releases document the Northside music scene and will be available at subsequent shows, online at nacarts.org, and directly from the artists. Info at info@nacarts.org or 612-767-2141.

A wonderful holiday tradition! Concert, sing-along and bake sale

By Janet Zahn

Step out of the holiday madness and into a heartwarming hour of music at Camden Music School's (CMS) Fifth Annual Holiday Concert, Sing-Along and Bake Sale on Saturday, December 12 from 4-5 p.m. at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 3751 Sheridan.

The event features a fun holiday sing-along – the audience picks its favorites to sing – plus performances by concert pianist Jim Zieba and the Camden Community Choir, among others. The sing-along concludes with Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus* (bring a score if you've got one), with the added bonus of string accompanists this year!

After the concert you'll have "As much fun as you can have with your sweet tooth!" at our FUNdraising bake sale. You'll find a fabulous selection of homemade holiday goodies for sale including lefse and other yummy ethnic specialties. Local crafters are busy cookin' up some crafts for sale, too. All proceeds from the "sweet tooth" sale go to the CMS Scholarship Fund, a sponsored project of Our Neighborhood Works (www.ourneighborhoodworks.org). We ho-ho-hope to see you there! For info contact 612-618-0219, info@camdenmusicschool.com or visit www.camdenmusicschool.com.

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Celebrating the darkness – Winter Solstice

By Carol McElroy, Interpretive Naturalist,
Kroening Interpretive Center



Celebrate the Winter Solstice on December 10 at North Regional Park.

Dark days, darker nights. Makes us wonder why we live in Minnesota! Because of the earth's tilt, those of us in latitudes near the polar regions enjoy very long summer days, but painfully short winter days. Circle a world globe with your finger, and you will find we are not alone. Many countries near the top of the globe share the same winter darkness. And those who live further north may not even see daylight at all in the midst of winter.

People have been coping with extraordinary winter darkness throughout the centuries. And how might people typically handle such a dilemma? Have a party! It is no surprise that we find many examples throughout history of festivals around the longest night of the year—the Winter Solstice.

The solstice marks a calendar date—December 21—when days stop getting shorter and begin to lengthen. Historically, people celebrated the lengthening of days by having festivals with bonfires, candles and lights. Today we see traditions of several religious holidays converging around the solstice, making it a season of sharing among peoples of all cultures and nationalities.

Scandinavian heritage features a Norse goddess named Freya, who traveled in a stag-drawn chariot giving gifts for 12 days after solstice. The Catholic Church began singing holiday songs in the 4th Century. Celts burned a yule log for 12 days to celebrate the death of darkness. A Christmas wreath symbolizes the continuity of life. Hanukah—the Festival of Lights—represents the triumph of light over darkness.

Come and celebrate the Winter Solstice with us at Kroening Interpretive Center on December 19. Share your traditions and learn about those of others. Enjoy festive food and drink. Sing and dance to music by a local fiddler. Make yule logs and candle centerpieces.

We will be celebrating all month at North Mississippi Regional Park. Join us at Kroening Interpretive Center for some festive holiday programs: Gingerbread houses, December 5, 1-4 p.m., \$8; Holiday Forest with Santa, December 12, 1-3 p.m., \$5; Winter Solstice, December 19, 3-5 p.m., \$5. Call 763-694-7693 for info. Make program reservations at 763-559-6700.

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Camden Youth and Schools

Henry student learns for the love of it

By Matthew Aguilar, Patrick Henry High School



Rattana Sengsoulichanh. Photo by Kim Sengsoulichahn.

Sitting at his desk in the sun on the first day of school, Rattana Sengsoulichanh stared straight ahead. His materials were all lined up next to him; a pencil beside an open notebook. As the teacher explained his goals for the year, the 17-year-old at Patrick Henry High School in Minneapolis looked ready and excited for the challenges ahead.

In a district where only 52 percent of high school students graduate in four years with a regular diploma, Sengsoulichanh is a star.

A senior in the Henry’s demanding International Baccalaureate small learning community, Sengsoulichanh (pronounced seng-SUE-lee-chah-n) holds a 3.7 GPA. He is also a member of the school’s robotics team and active in the Admission Possible college preparation program. His favorite subject is mathematics, because he “loves doing calculations.” His employment has included work at a restaurant and now an internship at the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

With help from family, friends and teachers, he puts school at the center of his life. “I think school is important,” he said, “it allows for good experiences to help us later in life. There are obstacles, but I feel good about school because it helps to show what direction I want to go in life.”

Sengsoulichanh is, to say the least, a quiet kid. He was born and raised in a small home in North Minneapolis. His parents were raised in Laos and moved to America in 1989 in search of a better life. Neither knew much English when they arrived in Minnesota. Sengsoulichanh’s mother took ESL classes for about a year, but was then forced to stop when she needed to focus on work to support the family. Sengsoulichanh’s father was a graduate of Hennepin Technical College and was set to become a machinist until he fell ill and was no longer able to work.

From kindergarten to sixth grade, every day was the same for Sengsoulichanh. He was to come

home, eat and be given about an hour of leisure. Then it was two straight hours of homework. And if he finished his homework early, he was to read a book until the rest of the two hours was up. His parents worked to implant the idea of work into his mind and it has stuck with him for the most part.

For Sengsoulichanh, his goals are always in his mind when he goes to work, studies, or goes to school. At the first robotics team meeting, for example, he explained exactly the club’s goals and how it plans to attain them. His focus is clear in these moments.

But he acknowledges that he doesn’t do it all on his own. “My peers strive to work hard to get to college,” he said. “They really help to encourage me to do better.”

Most of his friends are in the International Baccalaureate program at Henry, and most are in Admission Possible and on the path to college. They are smart, diverse but not always buried in books. Many days one can find Sengsoulichanh and his friends at a nearby park, playing basketball, football, or table tennis.

“We’re a pretty diverse group. I like it,” Sengsoulichanh said. “We’re like the United Nations.”

One evening, it was 9 p.m. before he finally left school to walk to his car. He had been in the robotics room for five hours straight, getting work done and talking about plans for the program this year. Now he had to get home to finish up some homework.



Matthew Aguilar. Photo by Jerry Holt.

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“I encourage kids to see themselves in the future, think about your path,” he advised. “Everything is a process. Take it one step at a time and you’ll get somewhere.”

Submitted by Tom Murray. Reprinted from the University of St. Thomas Threesixty Journalism

Career training for students

The Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps Center has launched a fall campaign to recruit new students. Young adults ages 16 through 24 who meet specific income requirements can enroll in the program at no cost. Job Corps provides students with academic and career technical training, room, board, and basic medical and dental services.

Well-qualified Job Corps instructors and staff work with students to help them achieve their personal career goals. Students receive classroom guidance from Job Corps staff, as well as career counseling and assistance in securing and maintaining employment after graduation.

Job Corps offers students advanced career training options as well, making it possible to receive further training by enrolling in a vocational, technical or community college for no additional cost. For up to 18 months after graduation, a career counselor will help students obtain employment and assist with other transition activities.

The Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps Center has two residence halls with a capacity for 290 students. The center offers a wide range of career training options for students to choose from, including culinary arts, medical office support and nurse assistant. Students may also participate in athletics, community service projects and the Student Government Association. To learn more call 800-733-JOBS or visit www.jobcorps.gov.

Students may receive free personalized tutoring

Each year the Minnesota Department of Education designates eligible schools to receive free tutoring services based on the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment results. This year Henry High and Anwatin Middle School will receive free tutoring services. Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch and attend these schools may enroll for tutoring by calling 952-698-2015. Upon enrollment students will receive 30 hours of one-on-one tutoring from an approved and trained tutor who will support the subjects of reading and math. All services and materials are free. Services may be delivered at home or after school at a library or community location. Enrollment deadline is December 18. For info contact Mary Guth at 952-698-2015.

Loring pancake breakfast

On October 24, 5th grade students, their parents, school staff and family members at Loring Community School held a pancake breakfast fundraiser. They raised over \$700. The money raised will be used to help fund a three-day environmental education camping trip to Audubon Center of the North Woods which is near Sandstone. Pictured are Loring students who staffed the food line serving up pancakes and goodies. Photo by Randy Klauk.



Get out there – winter fun for everyone at the parks

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) will start opening outdoor ice rinks beginning December 12, weather permitting. So lace up your skates, winter fun is right around the corner. In Camden enjoy skating at Bohanon Park, 4927 Bryant, 612-370-3932 and Webber Park, 4400 Dupont, 612-37-4916. The rinks will be open from mid-December through mid-February, weather permitting. Some city parks have warming rooms, free loaner skates and separate areas for recreational skating, hockey, pond hockey and broomball. If you have unused skates or hockey sticks donate them to the parks! For ice conditions and rink openings and closings, call the park system’s rink hotline at 612-313-7708. The hotline is updated on a regular basis.

Rec Plus, the MPRB neighborhood child care program, is offering release day hours for the winter school break at Webber Park. Rec Plus provides safe, fun and affordable recreation emphasizing positive use of leisure time. Children have a “home away from home” where they learn, grow and socialize with other neighborhood children while their parents are at work. Activities include specialized park classes, informal games, outdoor sports, field trips, homework time and self-directed play.

Release Days are now also an option for parents who only need childcare on school release days. The school release days follow the Minneapolis Public School schedule. The program is designed for children in K-6th grade. School release days at Webber: 7 a.m.-6 p.m. on Dec. 21-23; and Dec. 28-30; and 7 a.m.-3 p.m. on Dec. 24 and 31. Fees are \$31 per day for Dec. 21-23, 28-30, and \$27 per day for Dec. 24 and 31, plus any applicable activity fees set by the individual sites. For registration/info visit www.minneapolis-parks.org, search Rec Plus, or contact 612-230-6498 or recplus@minneapolis-parks.org.

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Community History

Behind the Victory Flagpole – the progressive Christmas

By Barbara Meyer Bistodeau

“Over the river, and through the wood, to grandfather’s house we go; The horse knows the way, to carry the sleigh, through the white and drifted snow.”

Oh yes, happy holiday memories! It all started out the week before Christmas when kids were out of school. Our parents would take us downtown to see the yuletide scenes in the brightly decorated windows of Dayton’s, Donaldson’s, Power’s and all. Even in the ‘30s the figures were animated, of course not as sophisticated as they are today. Even so, they served the children of that time well. For all the imaginative icons were there

From there we caravanned to 3838 Aldrich which was the home of Rosa and Paul Crow, my aunt and uncle. This is where the main course would be served. My sister and I were having a good time comparing the relative’s Christmas trees and the different methods of decorating them and the quantity of gifts displayed under each tree. But when the aroma of turkey, stuffing and yams floated through the room, the insensitivity of tree and gift comparisons ceased, and we readied ourselves for a fine dinner.

Now, when all the cousins were little, we had to sit at a table in the kitchen. We had to wait until the food was passed around in the dining room, then the aunts brought us our meals. But now the older cousins had graduated to the basement and we had our own little set-up, consisting of two card tables pushed together, a lovely tablecloth, plates, silverware

and our own turkey. The oldest cousin present was designated as turkey carver. That was Bill Crow. After the cousins took their places at the table, Bill stood up and with great flare proceeded to carve the bird.

Now, he had no idea how slippery that bird was, and upon the first stab it slid right off the platter and onto the cement floor. The cousins gasped, but Bill calmly picked the bird up, walked over to the laundry tub and washed it off. He patted it dry with one of his mother’s bath towels. Putting it back on the platter, he then proceeded to carve the cooled-off turkey. We could hardly eat because of all the laughter, but put a pretty good dent in the bird and the rest of the fixin’s, anyway!

The desert course was held at another aunt and uncle’s home. This was Bill and Florence Meyer, who lived at 1707 Hillside Ave. There were a variety of pies, red and green-sprinkled Christmas cookies, dates rolled in powdered sugar and a myriad of other sweets, too caloric to mention. By then everyone was so full they could hardly get up to go home! But everyone thought that “Progressive Dinner” was probably the most fun of all the relative’s Christmases!



Fourth Ward Report

Minneapolis prepares for a flu outbreak

The influenza season is upon us. To ensure that the City of Minneapolis can continue providing basic municipal services to residents, businesses and visitors, even in the event of a widespread flu outbreak or a pandemic, Minneapolis health and emergency management professionals have made extensive emergency preparedness plans. If you’d like to learn more about the City’s emergency preparedness plans as well as community services available to residents, visit the City’s flu website at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/emergency/flu-home.asp>. The website also provides general information about the H1N1 and seasonal flu as well as links to State and Federal websites.

City receives nearly \$1 million grant to increase domestic violence prevention efforts

A grant of nearly \$1 million will help the City of Minneapolis find new and innovative ways to help keep women safe from domestic violence and make the perpetrators more accountable for their actions. Over the next two years, the \$939,594 Violence Against Women Act grant will be used to expand the existing partnerships between law enforcement, the City Attorney’s Office, Hennepin County probation and domestic violence advocates, and to continue to improve the City’s response to domestic violence incidents and prevention. With the additional funding, the City will be able to increase resources for police and prosecution and involve more community organizations to address violence against women among diverse and traditionally underserved populations. The plans include placing domestic abuse advocates in community based probation offices to serve as resources to victims. A list of repeat domestic violence offenders will be developed with individualized intervention plans to increase offender accountability and victim safety. The team

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will also be drafting a protocol for how to most effectively handle domestic violence cases, incorporating best practices developed during the grant period. In 2008, the City Attorney’s Office and Police Department implemented a new evidence gathering protocol so that officers responding to misdemeanor domestic assault calls would gather more evidence at their initial response to the call, such as taking video taped statements using squad videos and collecting evidence to document the victim’s injuries. This additional evidence allows the City Attorney’s Office to proceed with prosecution even if the victim does not participate in the prosecution. The initial results from the implementation of this protocol have shown a significant increase in conviction rates. Funding from the grant will allow this new protocol to be implemented throughout the entire City. The Minneapolis Police Department sought this funding, along with its partners, to develop a Coordinated Community Response Protocol Planning team. The team consists of the Minneapolis City Attorney’s Office, Hennepin County Community Corrections and Rehabilitation, the Domestic Abuse Project, Casa de Esperanza, and Asian Women United of Minnesota. The City will begin using the grant in January 2010.

Congratulations

Congratulations to State Rep. Joe Mullery who was honored as Legislator of the Year at the annual conference of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Minnesota.

4th Ward E-Newsletter

Sign up for the 4th Ward E-mail newsletter at: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/contact/email-form-johnson.asp>. In “questions/ comments” type “newsletter” and you will be added to the list.

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Save a step, save a dime, support the community

So you’ve made out your holiday gift list right? Gonna go to “the mall” to get that new video game or state-of-the-art cell phone for you’re sweetie for the holidays? That’s cool; go and fight the traffic, play bumper-car in the parking lots and waste your time in line for a piece of silicon. Ya, you’ll probably go to the mall anyway for specific items, but you can also do some shopping right here in Camden and save gas, money, time, lessen your global footprint, and support our community. Camden has a lot to offer — goods and services that are practical for everybody. You don’t have to go far (heck you can even walk) and with cheaper prices, gas, time and supporting our local community — it’s a win-win for everyone. Think local when doing your holiday shopping — use your imagination. Here are just a few ideas:

Food: who doesn’t love food? Pick up a gift certificate from a local restaurant like Papa’s — or put together a gift basket of good cheese and meat from Papa’s Deli. You can also put together a goodies basket from your local store.

Services: Think comfort — a gift certificate for total relaxation massage at Bodywise, or give yourself a break with a pet sitting service like Parrot Nannies. And make sure you’re looking great for the holidays by getting a great “do” at Hair Fair or Wilson’s Image. Give a gift certificate for an oil change at Northside Auto.

Nitty gritty: What guy doesn’t like a good tool for a present? Or put together a box of basics for newlyweds or new homeowners or for your significant other! Check out North End Hardware.

Give tickets to the Workhouse theatre or give a donation in someone’s name to a Camden nonprofit. Just about any Camden business will sell you a gift certificate — what better way to say you promote the community and the environment at the same time. Get practical!

BTW — **Fremont Clinic** has launched their new Family Planning Project, funded by the Minnesota Department of Health. In the coming months, they will introduce several new outreach, education and referral programs for those seeking family planning services. Program staff is available for educational sessions and out-

reach activities with local organizations, fairs and groups. Contact Terra Carey at careyt@fremonthealth.org or 612-287-2420.

The **Northwest Minneapolis Business Association** (NWMBA) received an \$8,000 CPED fund again this year to help connect business owners, keep them informed and support the local businesses through advertising and for community event support. Pick up a new NWMBA directory for holiday shopping ideas - get one at a local business or call 612-703-9609. NWMBA has been serving the community since 1931. NWMBA and its members are proud to support community-wide events like Holiday on 44th that promote a thriving economic community and vital businesses in our community. Thank you for shopping locally for your gifts this holiday season!

Teaser alert — **Camden Wells Fargo** has new staff/management willing and able to serve the community — more in an upcoming *Camden News*.

If you’ve got a scoop on a new business or one offering new services in Camden let us know: info@camdennews.org.

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Outdoors

The Lind Community Garden and the Lind-Bohanon Neighborhood Association, are proud to grow our community by sponsoring the Potting Shed and Outdoor articles in the *Camden News*. For more information go to: www.lindbohanon.org or visit the garden at the intersection of 51st and Dupont Ave N.



Enjoy the green in your holidays

By Debbie Nelson, Master Gardener
University of Minnesota Extension Service Hennepin County

Many holidays have plants specifically associated with them, and that is most true with Christmas. The most common plant is of course the Christmas tree. Not many of us are inclined to bringing a full-grown live tree into our homes at any other time of the year! I encourage using a live tree, for both our economy and our environment. Today most Christmas trees are grown on tree farms, an industry that employs more than 100,000 people. 73 million new trees were planted this year, and during the 7-10 years that it takes for them to reach maturity, they provide a habitat for birds and wildlife, remove dust and pollen from the air, and each acre of trees provides the daily oxygen requirement for 18 people. And after the holidays a live tree can be placed in your yard to provide a winter habitat for birds and then eventually be shredded for mulch. Artificial trees only last about six years and then spend the next 100 years in our landfills.

Poinsettias are another plant associated with Christmas. While you may not wish to keep your poinsettia beyond the holidays, a few good practices will keep it healthy and attractive for the entire season. First, when you purchase a poinsettia, transport it well wrapped, and in a warm vehicle. Do not let it sit in the car while you make one last stop; a moment of frost can kill it. Place the plant in a sunny spot where it will get 6 hours of sunlight daily. However do not place it close to a drafty window; a chill will cause the leaves to turn yellow and drop. Also do not place it near a heat register as hot air while cause the leaves to dry and wilt. Nighttime temperatures that are lower than daytime temperatures (but not less than 55°) will help your plant live longer, because less energy is used in cooler nighttime temperatures. Water thoroughly when the soil is dry to the touch. Do not wait for the leaves to droop before you water - they won't last as long. Make slits in the foil wrapping in the bottom of the pot so that excess water can run out. Allowing the roots to become

waterlogged can result in root rot. By following these simple practices you can enjoy your poinsettia beyond the holidays and through the doldrums of January.

"The holly and the ivy" are two more plants commonly used for holiday decoration. There are over 400 species of holly, but the American Holly is considered the traditional Christmas holly. It is a broadleaf evergreen, which grows up to 50 feet in height. It is unlikely that you will see an American Holly growing anywhere near here, as it is hardy in only Zones 5-9. Sprigs of American Holly brought into our homes for the holidays have spiny leaves and bright red berries, but beware of the berries around children and pets, as they are toxic. (The berries, not the children or pets). Like holly there are hundreds of species of ivy, but in this case there is not one species that is associated with the Christmas traditions. Boston Ivy (*Parthenocissus tricuspidata*) is hardy to Zone 4 and is typical of the type we might connect with the holidays. English ivy is another and is often grown as a houseplant in our climate.

Mistletoe is another plant associated with the season. Oddly enough in spite of its romantic connotations it is not a "nice" plant. It is a parasitic plant, meaning it needs a host plant on which to live. Because it grows on deciduous trees, it is most noticeable in winter after the leaves have fallen off the host. Ancient belief was that mistletoe sprang to life from bird droppings in the treetops. The Anglo Saxon word "mistle" means dung and "tan" means twig; thus mistletoe means "dung on a twig," not exactly the romantic connotation it now has. Kissing under the mistletoe is a relatively new Christmas tradition, but if you choose to practice this tradition do so carefully as the mistletoe berries, like holly, are toxic.

Whatever your holiday traditions, plants can play a big part in them. Enjoy the "green" in your holidays!



ENVIRONMENTAL VICTORY

Sponsored by the Victory Neighborhood Association through a Community POWER Grant.

Low waste holidays

On an average day a typical Minnesotan creates about seven pounds of waste. But from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day, household waste increases by 25 percent. Additional food waste, packaging, wrapping paper and decorations adds up to one million tons per week to the nation's garbage piles. By taking a few simple steps, you can reduce that extra waste and enjoy a greener holiday season.

How would you like to support your community, minimize time and energy spent driving from store to store to shop for gifts, and reduce the amount of waste you generate? Consider low impact gifts such as gift certificates to Camden restaurants, tickets to the Workhouse Theater, or music lessons from the Camden Music School. Tickets for a sporting event, a gift certificate to the Science Museum, or a day at the Minnesota Zoo are great gift ideas for families. Give a friend a yoga class, or better yet, give a friend a yoga class for the both of you. Give a gift of time - certificates for babysitting, lawn mowing, leaf raking, gardening or a night out.

When you do purchase gifts, avoid disposable or fad products, or products with excessive packaging. Make a shopping list and stick to it. Consider drawing names instead of buying gifts for everyone. Share the cost of a gift with a sibling or a friend for a better quality gift. Talk with those you exchange gifts with. Do you really want to exchange gifts or is friendship, a pleasant dinner and an evening of conversation and games gift enough?

We all enjoy creating and receiving beautiful gift packages. Instead of using wrapping paper and bows, decorate reusable gift bags with cloth ribbons, mini tree ornaments, scarves - be creative. Save and reuse boxes from previous holidays. Wrap small items in pretty cloth napkins and present them in a reusable wicker basket. Make gift tags out of last year's holiday cards. Young children will love creating their own wrapping paper from craft paper or paper bags, crayons, markers and paints.

A bit of creativity and planning for that holiday party or dinner can reduce the amount of waste you create. Plan meals and snacks according to the number of guests you expect to avoid food waste. Send leftovers home with your guests or donate the extra to a food bank or shelter. If you don't have enough tableware such as dishes, napkins, glasses, and silverware, borrow from friends or family. Don't forget to set out clearly marked recycling containers so your guests can recycle cans and bottles. When you are a guest at a party, ask the host or hostess where the recycling containers are located.

After your celebration, save reusable boxes, bows and wrapping paper for next year. If you can't return an unwanted gift, give it to a local charity. And on New Year's Day resolve to adopt greener practices for the new year. Pick a few you know you can achieve and stick to your resolution all year long.

Public invited to meeting on heritage preservation in northside industrial areas

Historic resource study along the Mississippi underway

The City of Minneapolis announces upcoming community meetings about heritage preservation in the industrial areas along the Mississippi River in North Minneapolis. A historic resource study is underway in the eastern most portions of the Lind-Bohanon, Camden Industrial Area, McKinley, Hawthorne, and Near North neighborhoods to assess the potential for historic properties. This historic resources survey covers the narrow swath of land east of Interstate 94, west of the Mississippi River, and north of Plymouth Avenue to the northern city limits. The upcoming meeting will be an opportunity to learn about the historic survey project in this area and preservation activities citywide.

The City was first surveyed for historic resources in the 1970s and many of today's designated landmarks and historic districts are a result of this original survey. Since 2001, the City's Department of Community Planning & Economic Development has conducted more detailed re-surveys of historic resources in specific areas across Minneapolis. The re-survey was directed by the City Council and was undertaken to consider the aging of properties, changing attitudes about which types of historic resources need to be identified,

and what level of preservation may be appropriate. This year's survey will help achieve the City's goal of documenting historic resources throughout Minneapolis over a 10 year period. Reports for other survey areas from past studies are available by calling 612-673-2615.

The meeting will be on Friday, December 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the North Memorial Library, 1315 Lowry Ave. N. (at the corner of Fremont Ave. No.). For info phone: (952) 847-8450.

For background information on preservation in Minneapolis, see the Heritage Preservation website for landmarks and historic districts: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/hpc/landmarks/>. If you have additional questions, contact Jack Byers at 612 673-2634, or by email, jack.byers@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.



Thank you so much for the support! It's going to be a great four years! Happy Holidays!

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Do reindeer really know how to fly?

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Saturday, December 12, 1 - 3 p.m.
763.559.6700 for Reservations
ThreeRiversParks.org

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4900 Mississippi Court

HOLIDAY ON FORTY FOURTH

Friday, December 4
6:00–9:00 p.m.

(Craft Show open until 9:30 p.m.)

Most activities are **FREE!!**

44th Avenue N will be **closed** between
Logan and Upton Avenues from 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Along the Avenue:

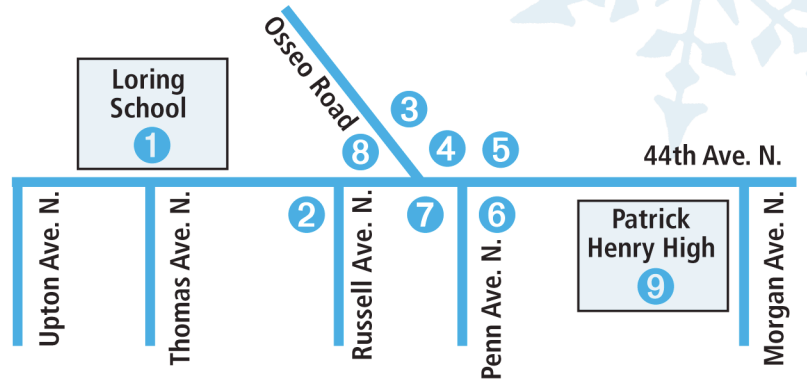
PHHS Marching Band

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**Clowns, Horse-Drawn Hay Wagon
and Covered Wagon**

In the businesses on 44th:

**Food Collection for NorthPoint Food Shelf and
Toy Collection for Toys for Tots distribution at
Jenny Lind School on December 12.**



44th Ave. N. and Penn

On the street

- **U of MN Juggling Club** – Sponsored by VitalLifeRx
- **Pony Rides** – Sponsored by Webber Park

③ The Warren: An Artist's Habitat

6:00 – 9:00 pm Open House
Free Hot Cider and Coffee – Fire Pit –
Toy and Food collection site

③ Workhouse Theater

"The Night Before Christmas"
Performed every 45 minutes at The Warren
Sponsored by Victory Neighborhood Association

④ Parsons Preferred Dental

Ice Carving / Raffle by Terry Reis
Sponsored by Otogawa-Anschel Design Build
Roasted Chestnuts in the parking lot

④ Mighty Stitch

Free Coffee and Cider – Coupons for Alterations
Toy and Food collection site

④ Housing Resource Center

Free Hot Cocoa & Cookies,
Home Improvement/Loan Info
Build a Birdhouse with the MPRB –
Sponsored by GMHC
Toy and Food collection site

⑤ Emily's F & M Café

4:00 – 8:00 pm Spaghetti with lots of homemade
meat sauce, tossed salad/Garlic bread \$9.95

⑥ Jackie Ann's

Caroling by Girl Scouts

⑥ Domino's

Holiday on 44th Special

⑦ Steamworks Coffee and Tea

Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6 pm
Limited Menu – Coffee, Cider with topping bar,
Hot Chocolate, Cookies – Father Christmas – Fire Pit
Caroling

⑦ Victory 44

Holiday on 44th Special

⑧ Doorway

Over \$500 in Prizes, 1/2 hour massage given away every
12 minutes, chair massages, aromatherapy gifts, Glow in the
Dark necklaces, gift certificates up to 50% off.

44th Ave. N. and Thomas

① Loring School

Multipurpose Room

Papa's Restaurant and Deli: Pizza by the Slice–\$2,
Coffee–\$1, Bottled Soda–\$1.50

Camden Music School Singers–Caroling
Sponsored by Cleveland Neighborhood Association

Gym

6:00 – 9:00 pm **Face Painters**

6:15 pm – **The Great Brodini – Magic Show**

Sponsored by Monica Colberg

7:00 pm – **Slither and Slime – Three Rivers Parks**

Sponsored by Victory Neighborhood
Association

8:00 pm – **The Great Brodini – Magic Show**

Sponsored by Monica Colberg

Outside, Near 44th and Thomas

- **Ice Carving / Raffle by Rob Graham**

Sponsored by Webber Camden
Neighborhood Association

- **Marshmallow Roasting**

44th Ave. N. and Russell

② House at 2321 44th Ave No.

- **Cookie Decorating** – Sponsored by Faith Baptist Church

44th Ave. N. and Morgan

⑨ Patrick Henry High School Gym

6:00–9:30 pm **Art & Craft Show**

6:00–9:00 pm **Patrick Henry Booster Club
Silent Auction**

6:30–7:30 pm **St. Mary's Balalaika Orchestra**

7:45–8:45 pm **Mooncoin Ceili Dancers**

6:00–9:00 pm **Make & Take**

Gingerbread Houses

Sponsored by Lind Bohanon
Neighborhood Association

6:30–8:30 pm **Girl Scouts Make & Take Crafts**

6:00–9:00 pm **Face Painters**

Gym Lobby

6:00 – 9:00 pm **Community Tables**

Student Concession Stand

Outside, Near Morgan Ave. Door

- **Wood Carving Demo / Raffle by Terry Faith**

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Outside, on corner of 44th & Morgan

- **Marshmallow Roasting**

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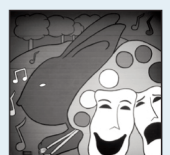
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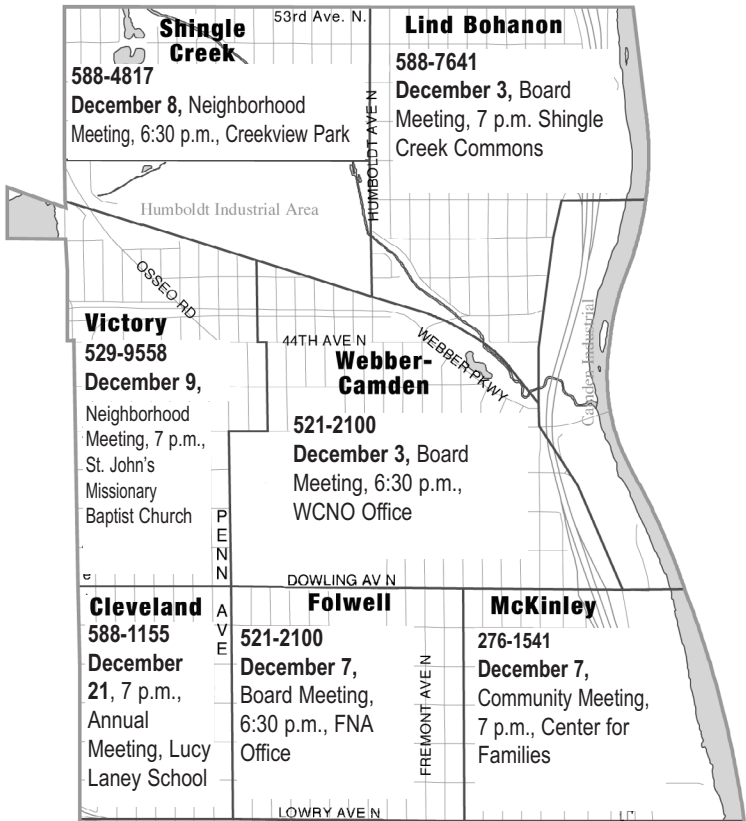


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All the News from Victory Neighborhood



ViNA is a Proud Sponsor of Holiday on 44th
The Victory Neighborhood Association (ViNA) is proud to be a Community Sponsor of the 12th annual Holiday on 44th on December 4. ViNA is sponsoring the Workhouse Theatre performances at The Warren, The Three Rivers Park presentation of *Slither and Slime* and a face painter at Loring School. Look for a complete schedule of all Holiday on 44th activities on page 7 in the *Camden News*.

Holiday Lights Contest

ViNA will conduct its 14th annual Holiday Lights contest during the month of December. You can participate in three ways; lighting your home or yard for the holiday season, nominating you or your neighbors' holiday lighting displays, or helping to judge this years contest. For more information, to nominate a lighting display or to offer to help with the judging please call or email the

ViNA office at 612-529-9558 or info@victoryneighborhood.org.

Holiday meeting – December 9

ViNA will have its holiday meeting on Wednesday, December 9, at 7 p.m. at St. John Missionary Church. Everyone is invited to bring a holiday treat to share as we learn more about NOMI and the results of a study about the occupied and vacant commercial properties in the neighborhood conducted by University of Minnesota students.

Happy Holidays from the Victory Neighborhood Association Board of Directors!

Chair Matt Massman, Vice Chair Gary Mortensen, Treasurer Ann Kaari, Secretary Diane Spector, Directors Alan Hooker, Paul Schulz and John Trombley

Folwell Neighborhood – NRP in Action!

New Folwell residents let us know you're here! Call 612-521-2100; email: info@folwell.org; website: folwell.org. Office location: 1206 37th Ave. N., M-Th, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Al Saless-Chair, Folwell Neighborhood Association.

Happy Holidays from the Board of Directors and Staff of Folwell Neighborhood Association.

FNA December Board of Directors Meeting, Monday, December 7, 6:30 p.m., 1206 37th Avenue North.

We Watch - We Call – free lawn signs support safe neighborhoods!

We Watch - We Call – for Safe Neighborhoods is a public safety initiative of the 4th Precinct CARE Task Force and the lawn signs are popping up all over and not just on the northside. We Watch - We Call lawn signs are free for residents to stake in their yards or hang in their windows to send the message that neighbors are working together to keep their blocks crime and problem free. Keep in mind that putting up a sign is not enough – the second part of the message of We Watch is – We Call! You and your neighbors have to make the call to 911 or 311 (non-criminal complaints). It is not enough to put a sign in your yard and expect that things will change, although a block of signs that signal the intent for a safe neighborhood might be a deterrent to bad behavior. We Watch We Call is about people taking action and it is one way to say that you are invested in your block, and in your neighborhood. If you and other residents on your block are interested in We Watch-We Call make arrangements to pick up signs by calling 612-521-2100. The We WatchWe Call website is officially launched! It's a simple web page where people can post their stories about using/having the sign. Visit: <http://wewatchwecall.com> or

<http://wewatchwecall.org>.

FNA Annual Meeting and Board Elections

Thank you and congratulations to returning Board Members: Al Saless-Chair, David Brown-1st Vice-Chair and Dawn Hunter-At Large. We welcome Jim Skoog, who was elected to the FNA Board as an At Large member. Thank you to *all* members of the FNA Board for your continuing commitment to Folwell neighborhood and the greater community.

Senior Leaf Rake

Between Folwell and Webber-Camden neighborhoods, Sentencing to Serve (STS) raked 30 yards for seniors and homeowners with disabilities. We thank STS for a job well done.

Snow Shoveling: Seniors and People with Disabilities
Contact Neighborhood Involvement Program (NIP) to learn about their chore service and to register for snow shoveling. (612-374-3325).

Folwell Home Loan and Home Ownership Incentive Programs

Home Ownership incentives for people who want to buy a home in Folwell Neighborhood are exhausted. Home ownership incentive programs and new loan programs will be considered in January 2010. If you have questions, please call 612.521.2100 (FNA) or 612.588.3033, the Housing Resource Center-Northwest for other loan options.



The Lind Bohanon Neighborhood Association



Message Line: 612-588-7641 • email: LindBohanonNA@aol.com • www.lindbohanon.org
LBNA Meetings: Free and open to the public. Residents are encouraged to attend.
Meetings held at Shingle Creek Commons Bldg, 4600 Humboldt Ave N. unless otherwise specified
Any requests for special accommodations are welcome. Contact LBNA staff seven days prior to date of meeting.
For more details on any of these items check the LBNA newsletter and website.

Thursday, December 3, LBNA Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday, December 4, Holiday on 44th, 6-9 p.m. Patrick Henry High School
Saturday, December 12, Toys for Tots distribution, 9 a.m.

Third Toys for Tots Distribution December 12
On December 12, 9 a.m.-noon, will be the third US Marine's "Toy's for Tots" distribution at Jenny Lind School, sponsored by LBNA, Dorcas Works Int'l, Jenny Lind Community Education, Camden McDonald's, Acorn Mini Storage and Holiday on 44th Committee!

Thank you for dropping off an unwrapped toy at any of these locations by December 7: Mighty Stitch by Vivienne LLC, Steamworks Coffee, The Warren-An Artist's Habitat, (Penn and 44th) or Camden McDonald's at 44th and Lyndale Ave N. Boxes will be out at these businesses during Holiday on 44th as well. For more information contact LBNA at 612-588-7641.

No reservations for toys will be accepted on the message line.

5th Annual Holiday Light Contest in Lind-Bohanon!

Ready! Set! Light! Attention Lind-Bohanon neighbors!
Judges will be driving throughout the neighborhood from **December 5-12** and will nominate 12 homes for the best holiday lights of this season. Those 12 homes will be sent a postcard to let them know their home has been nominated and to leave their lights on the week of **December 14-18 for the final judging.**

The displays will be judged on number of lights, creativity, display theme and overall aesthetics. Prizes will be awarded for the top three displays.
All 12 nominees and winners will be posted on our website. If you have an interest in being a nominating or final judge please contact LBNA at lindbohanonna@aol.com or 612-588-7641.



3333 North 4th Street, Suite 1
612-276-1541
mckinleycommunity@yahoo.com

The McKinley Community Meetings Move Back Indoors

After a successful four months of picking up trash throughout the neighborhood, the Community Meetings move back inside for the Fall, Winter and Spring months. Come on down the first Monday of every month (see schedule below) and hear about news, events and have your voice heard on the ever-changing scene of North Minneapolis. The meetings are held at the Center for Families, 3333 North 4th Street and begin at 7 p.m.
Upcoming topics will include:
Neighborhood planning for our NRP Action Plan Phase II: Our neighborhood will get around \$480,000 for the implementation of NRP Phase II, how should we use the money? HAVE YOUR SAY!
Park Improvements & Dog Park Discussions
Traffic Changes, Speed Bumps & More

Want to Buy a House To Live In? The McKinley Home Ownership Forgivable Loan Program is Available

Interested in buying a home in the McKinley neighborhood or do you know someone who is? Help is now available. The McKinley Community can provide a forgivable home loan for use with down payment and closing cost assistance to anyone who buys a home in the McKinley Community with the intent to live in that home. The loan amount is up to a **total of \$4000**. If you receive the McKinley loan and stay in the property for at least five years, you will owe nothing (see loan guidelines for repayment schedule). For help in finding a non-predatory mortgage loan and for more details about the forgivable loan program **call Chris at**

612-276-1541. Other restrictions apply, so call today.

The Pohlad Foundation Helps 1st Time Homebuyers in McKinley Too!

The Pohlad Family Foundation is helping 1st time home buyers in McKinley to buy a home with up to \$8000 in a forgivable loan that does not need to be paid back if the home buyer stays in the home for at least seven (7) years. **Call 612-276-1541 for more details.**

Does Your Home Need Work? Check Out a McKinley Home Improvement Loan

The McKinley Community has a great home improvement loan that is managed by Center for Energy and the Environment and carries an interest rate of only 3%! The application process is easy and loan amounts can be between \$2000 and \$15,000. If you would like more information about the loan or if you would like an application call Chris at 612.276.1541 or email at mckinleycommunity@yahoo.com.

Don't Lose Your Home! Foreclosure Help is Available and Free!

If you are falling behind on your mortgage payments the following programs can offer you assistance to prevent possible foreclosure proceedings. **You may also call 311 for assistance.**
S.H.O.P. (Sustainable Home Ownership Program) – 612.355.2780
Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity – 612.331.4090 ext. 3
MN Home Ownership Center – 651.659.9336
PRG (Powderhorn Resident Group)—612.804.7025 or 612.805.7756

It Is So Important We Will Say It Again and Again and Again Help to Make Your Neighborhood More Livable & Safe, Become a Block Club Leader!

Consider starting up or participating in a block club. Training is available and free. If you are new to McKinley and would like to know if there is currently an organized block club in your area, please contact our community policing specialist, Mary Etzioni at 612-673-3364. If you are interested in receiving electronic crime and safety notifications from the City of Minneapolis Police Department, please send an email to SAFE4.2-on@ccpsafe.org.

McKinley Calendar of Events

McKinley Community Meeting Monday, December 7, 7 p.m., Center for Families


McKinley Board of Directors Meeting Monday, December 21, 6:30 p.m., Center for Families

3rd Ward CARE/Problem Properties Meeting Wednesday, December 16, 7 p.m., Eastside Neighborhood Services

Crime/Safety and Housing Issue Group Monday, December 28, 6:30 p.m., Center for Families

McKinley Community Meeting Monday, January 3, 2010, 7 p.m., Center for Families

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CNA Cleveland Neighborhood Association

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cna@mtn.org • website: <http://www.clevelandneighborhood.org>

Cleveland Neighborhood is a Supporter of Holiday on 44th

The Cleveland Neighborhood Association (CNA) is sponsoring the Camden Music School Carolers at the 12th Annual Holiday on 44th on December 4. Look for a complete schedule of events elsewhere in this issue of the *Camden News*.

Winter and Holiday Safety

As daylight hours diminish and we go about our annual gift buying excursions here are a few tips to ensure your personal safety. When walking after sunset, plan and use the safest and most direct route on well-lit streets. Walk with a friend if possible, staying alert to your surroundings. If you feel uneasy, go directly to a place where there are other people. Keep your money in a secure place, close to your person, and carry your keys in your hand.

Drive with your car doors locked and windows closed. Park in a well-lit area of a lot or ramp. Take only the amount of cash or the credit cards you will need when shopping. Look around before you get out of your car, even in your own driveway.

Snow Shoveling

Winter snows may start to fall soon. When they do, remember snow and ice on sidewalks must be removed within 24 hours for homes and duplexes and four daytime hours for apartment and commercial buildings. If you are able, please shovel around fire hydrants and clear the corners so that your neighbors have a clear path to cross the street. It's against the law to shovel snow into streets or alleys and if you don't shovel around your garbage carts and recycling bins, the City will do it for you and charge a fee

Holiday Hours

The Cleveland Neighborhood Office will be closed for the Holidays during the week of December 21-25, the afternoon of December 29 and on December 31. The office will resume regular office hours on Tuesday, January 5, 2010.

Happy Holidays from the CNA Board of Directors

Chair John Helgeland, Vice Chair Lynne Moriarty, Treasurer Mike Theisen, Secretary Dan Field, Directors Kurt Lawrason, Jeanette LaVerne, Trevor Tungseth, Mary Vignola

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Email: info@webbercamden.org or the website: www.webbercamden.org
Webber-Camden is an NRP Neighborhood. New Webber-Camden residents let us know you're here!
website: www.webbercamden.org. M-Th, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Linda Koelman, President, WCNO

Happy Holidays from the Board of Directors and Staff of Webber-Camden Neighborhood Organization!

WCNO Annual Meeting-Election
Thank you and congratulations to returning Board Members: Linda Koelman-President, Pat Suhrbier-Vice President, Stephanie Gruver-Secretary and Eric Fager-Treasurer. Returning as At Large Board Members: Jon Marley, Cyndy Gohdes and Jim Wentzell. We welcome Amy Loegering, Kristin Kern and Jeff Valley, elected to the WCNO Board as At Large members. Thank you to *all* members of the WCNO Board for your continuing commitment to Webber-Camden and the greater community.

Senior Leaf Rake
STS (Sentencing to Serve) has raked leaves in 30 yards for seniors and homeowners with disabilities in the Webber-Camden and Folwell neighborhoods. We thank STS for a job well done.

Snow Shoveling Help for Seniors or Home Owners with Disabilities
Call Neighborhood Involvement Program (NIP) to learn about their chore service and to register for snow shoveling (612-374-3325).

We Watch - We Call
The 4th Precinct CARE Task Force is supporting a resident-based initiative called: **We Watch-We Call – for Safe Neighborhoods**

Lawn signs with **We Watch -We Call** are free for residents to put in their front yard to send the message that neighbors are working together to keep their blocks crime and problem free. Putting a sign in your yard is not enough – the second part of the message to We Watch is – **We Call**. Calls to 911 or 311 (non-criminal complaints) need to be made by one or all of the neighbors. It is not enough to post a sign and expect that things will change, although a block of signs signaling the intent for a safe neighborhood may be a deterrent to bad behavior. If you and other residents on your block are interested in **We Watch -We Call**, make arrangements to pick up signs by calling 612-521-2100. **We Watch – We Call website** is officially launched! It's a simple web page where people can post their stories about using/having the sign. Visit: <http://wewatachwecall.com> or <http://wewatchwecall.org>.

Winter Skating Events
With this wonderful, warm November weather, skating events don't readily come to mind, but actually they are only a couple of months away. These events are always fun for the entire family, plus, if you don't have skates, stop by the 'warming house' near the pond and pick up a pair to use. Mark these dates: January 7 (New Year Skate), January 21 (Frosty Fun) and February 11 (Sweetheart Skate). All of the events are from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Watch for more information about the skating events coming up. North United Methodist Church (across the street from the pond), holds a yummy, chili dinner during Frosty Fun, so you can skate and eat! What could be better?



Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association

P.O.Box 15656, Minneapolis, MN 55415;
Web Site:www.scna-mpls.org
Email: scna@stribmail.com; Amy Luesebink, staff, 763-561-1616

SCNA Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at Creekview Park, 5001 Humboldt Ave. N., unless stated otherwise. *All meetings open to the public. *All residents are encouraged to attend. Any requests for special accommodations are welcome. Contact SCNA staff seven days prior to meeting.

SCNA Board Meeting is December 8 at 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 8, 6:30 p.m. SCNA Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association Meeting

SCNA Board Meeting December 8, 6:30 p.m. at Creekview Park
Ever wonder how the community events get planned and organized?
Wishing you could get involved in your neighborhood somehow but just don't know how?
Try attending an upcoming Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association meeting.
They're free! They're fun! And we're making a difference in the neighborhood!!
Call our SCNA staff at 763-561-1616 to find out how you can get involved!

Contributing to SCNA
The Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association is a registered 501c 3. Part of SCNA's mission is to keep residents informed and connected! We strive to do that through our monthly advertising, newsletter, meetings, website and much more! All donations to our organization are tax-deductible. Check with your tax advisors for full details. Thank you for your donation to the Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association newsletter, events, youth activities or school supply drive.

SCNA Home Improvement Loans Keep Homes Warmer!
With the winter chill in the air, now is the time to consider upgrading furnaces, windows or make other energy efficient home improvements! Nearly 300 neighbors have improved their properties with new furnaces, windows, roofs and more using the SCNA Home Improvement Loan Program. SCNA homeowners are eligible for low or no interest rates for home improvement loans. Every home improvement loan improves your home and the neighborhood! The maximum loan amount is \$10,000; minimum is \$1,000. FFI: Call Jim Hasnik at 612-335-5885 Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) for more details! Or go to our website at www.scna-mpls.org to check out an application and more details!

SCNA and its neighbors are Proud to Support the Annual Holiday on 44th community- wide event!

Crime Prevention

Tips on a safe U.S. Census

By Crime Prevention Specialist Tim Hammett

Over the next few months U.S. Census workers will be fanning out through community, going door to door to ask us questions about ourselves and our households. The U.S. Census is a vital tool that helps to determine not only how many representatives each state has in Congress, but also how federal dollars are allocated to each state and region through a variety of programs and initiatives. Cooperation with census workers is important to our community, but residents should also be alert to potential fraud and abuse.

A national census is conducted every 10 years, and with each census there is no shortage of con artists trying to elicit personal information from unwary victims. The census provides identity thieves with a perfect opportunity to scam people out of their private information. Posing as census workers, identity thieves ask unwary victims for personal financial information which they then use to create fraudulent credit accounts in the victim's name.

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft. As the BBB states, "The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is under way as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race and other relevant data."

Given the importance of the census, simply refusing to cooperate with census workers is not the answer. It's important to be able to distinguish between a legitimate census worker and a con artist. So, how do you tell the difference?

According to the BBB, all U.S. Census workers will have an official U.S. Census badge, a handheld electronic data record-

ing device, a U.S. Census Bureau canvas bag and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering any questions.

While the Census Bureau might ask you for basic household financial information, such as an income range, they will not ask you for your Social Security Number, bank account or credit card numbers. If someone posing as a census worker asks you for that information, terminate the interview and call 911. Tell the operator what happened, and give him a description of the person or persons posing as census workers.

Census workers may ask you many questions about your household, including the age, ethnicity and occupations of your household members. Some census questionnaires can be quite long. While all of this information is useful, the most important information of all is simply the number of people who live at your address. Divulging anything beyond that is up to you. You shouldn't feel pressured into answering any questions you're not comfortable with.

Eventually, census workers may contact you by telephone, mail or in person at home. Be particularly cautious about telephone contacts since you really have no way of verifying who you're talking to. However, **the Census Bureau will not contact you by email**, so be on the lookout for email scams impersonating the Census Bureau. Never click on a link or open any attachments that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.

The U.S. Census provides vital information for the functioning of our democracy. Participation is important, and under-reporting in the census can lead to a lack of representation and federal dollars for our region. By observing these simple rules, you can safely participate in this year's census.

Let's save the Earth

By Dan Lynch

Protecting the earth has always been in vogue and vital. At the dawn of the Industrial Revolution the river Thames, which runs through London, was filthy. Today, it's a tourist attraction. People native to the America's considered the Earth their mother. Their culture factored in its protection at all levels of their consciousness. Our planet is our home, provider of our needs and so far the only habitable place we know of in the universe.

As a species humans are unique in that we could bring the Earth's ecosystem down. Preferably, through our actions, we want to affect our planet with sustainable and clean solutions. As our economy becomes more global, plants and animals are being mixed together at a rate formally unheard of. Emerald Ash Bore, Zebra Mussels and Asian Milfoil are recent examples of detrimental effects. The solution to limiting their negative impact squarely rests on the correct human response. We hope and encourage national leaders to craft policies that take on a global philosophy with far-sighted objectives.

As individuals what can we do? Recognize that the only reliable energy source the Earth has is the sun. Whether we burn gas, use electricity or pedal bikes, the energy source ultimately comes from the sun. Our minds should be open to changing behaviors that are detrimental to the Earth. For example, leaving fossil fuel vehicles in our past and returning to energy efficient alternatives. Conserve our resources thru recycling and changes in behavior that put conserving above conveniences. Love and respect our bodies so that we are healthy and positive and able to work with nature as stewards of the Earth. Respect all the other life forms in terms of their space and biological needs. For example, 1000-pound sharks are harvested for their fins while they are still alive. Upon being released in the water they are unable to swim, so they cannot breath and then die. Recognize with all of our environmental problems that the idea of wars should become obsolete. Wars are an epiphany of man's cruelty to man, and take no regard to the condition of the Earth. Lastly, open your eyes and see what a wonderful planet we share; with all of its essential components that require our stewardship. Smell the wondrous aromas of life on Earth and love it.



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Community Calendar

See what is happening in your neighborhood on pages 8 and 9

The *Camden Community News* accepts free calendar items with priority placement going to free events for families in the Camden Community. Keep your items short — send the event basics (who, what, when, where, why, etc.), highlight and contact info to editor@camdennews.org. Send your item in the style listed below: day, date, event, location, etc. We never guarantee your calendar item will be printed — if you want to guarantee your event gets in the *Camden News* you may place an inexpensive paid ad to support the non-profit *Camden News* — see info on pages 2 and 11. And businesses can help the *Camden News* promote local events by sponsoring the Community Calendar, and get your business name out there — it's only \$50 per month. Call 521-3060.

Arts

Ongoing Thursdays
Live music with Gary Anderson & the Snow Leopard Collaboration, 3rd Thursdays monthly, 7 p.m. at The Warren: an Artist Habitat, 4400 Osseo Rd. (44th and Penn). Free. 612-703-9609, www.thewarrenhabitat.com.

Ongoing
Camden Music School winter term registration on now. Jan.11-Mar. 20 (10 weeks). Scholarship applications due Jan. 4, 5 p.m. Family discounts available. All ages welcome. New offerings include adult rock ‘n roll classes and gospel singing with the United Deliverance Temple gospel choir. Other offerings: vocal, instrumental and Musikgarten early childhood music classes, music theory classes, community choir, fiddle, hand drum groups and more. CMS classes are held at Camden at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 3751 Sheridan N. and Northeast Community Lutheran Church, 697 13th Ave. NE. Info/register: www.camdenmusicschool.com or 612-618-0219.

Friday, 12/4
Workhouse Theatre presents multiple showings of *The Night Before Christmas* at Holiday on 44th. Stop by The Warren (4400 Osseo Road) to warm up, enjoy hot cider and other refreshments, and see Camdenites Jeff Johnson and Dan Hylton among the cast in a quintessential portrayal of family holiday festivities gone wrong, 6-9 p.m. Performed each half hour on the half hour. Free.

Church Events

Ongoing
Clothes Closet at North United Methodist Church, 44th and Fremont, from 9 a.m.-noon the first Saturday of each month and the first Monday each month from 6-8 p.m. Donations accepted when open or see if there is some clothing you may need. If unable to get to NUMC during the specified open times, call the church at 612-522-4497.

Ongoing Saturdays
Join the **Israel of God Bible Study Class** and search the scriptures, 1:30 p.m., 3456 Fremont. 522-0619.

Ongoing Wednesdays
Are you in grades 6-12? **Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church** invites you to their Wednesday night **youth group** to meet other youth in small discussion groups focused on interests and issues facing teens in an ever-changing world with a focus on spiritual growth. 3355 4th St. N.; light dinner 5:30-6:15; praise and worship 6:20-6:50 p.m.; breakout youth groups 7-8 p.m. Youth must have parent per-

mission to participate — contact 588-4709.

Ongoing
Salem Church Friendly Neighbors, 4140 Dupont, Lori Ronchak on the Hammered Dulcimer Dec. 2, 1 p.m. Fun and music for Seniors. Christmas specials: Dec. 2 Midweek Advent, 11:30 a.m. lunch. hymns, mediation and prayers. Bring your own sandwiches. Coffee and juice provided. Pot luck meal, 6 p.m. High school youth provide soup for a potluck supper; bring a salad, bread or dessert. 7 p.m. Hymns, mediation and Evening Prayer. Dec. 13, 10:30 a.m. Choir Concert. Come and hear the adult choir bring the message of Advent and Christmas in song. Dec. 20, 11:30 Sloppy Joe Dinner. Free will offering, dessert auction. Christmas Eve, 4 p.m. Candlelight and Holy Communion; A worship service of singing carols and a service for all the family. 11 p.m. Candlelight and Holy Communion. Christmas Day, 10:30 a.m. festival service of Holy Communion, Christmas carols and special music.

Ongoing Saturday and Sunday
St. Austin’s Church Unique Boutique and cookie sale, 41st and Thomas. Gift items, knitted and crocheted items, baby items, cutlery, decorations, team-themed items, cookies, fresh nuts, raffles, door prize and more. Dec. 5, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Dec. 6, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Dec. 12, 2-6 p.m.; Dec. 13, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Ongoing
Parkway United Church of Christ, Lowry and Washburn, invites you to **Noel at Noon Concerts** on Dec. 9 and 16. Parkway’s music director Bonnie McClain has two programs that regale you with Christmas music, both secular and sacred. The delicious holiday lunch (prepared by Chef Andy Goettsch) begins at noon followed by the concert at 12:30. On Dec. 9, Parkway’s talented music and youth staff share the magic of Christmas through the beauty of song. This is Parkway at its best! Suggested donation for lunch is \$6. On Dec. 16, The Target Spots share their fast, fun and friendly core values with the community at large. By the time you leave, you will be filled with the spirit of the season! Handicapped accessible. Info: 612-522-2982.

Ongoing
North United Methodist Church welcomes all people to a variety of worship opportunities. Dec. 13 children and youth present their Christmas program during the 10:30 worship. Also features special music by former organist, Joan Carey, with Jaette Carpenter joining her on the piano. On Christmas Eve, the 5 p.m. service is a very informal time aimed at families with

young children. There is no sermon - instead read a children’s book with a slightly different view of the familiar Christmas story. You don’t need to dress up and the service is short to accommodate wiggly kids who are anxious for Christmas. At 10:30 p.m. music director Earl Moore presents special music for the season, along with a variety of others sharing their talents. At 11 p.m. enjoy the traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service in the beautifully decorated sanctuary, closing with Silent Night. On Dec. 27 sing lots of songs in a Lessons and Carols service at 10:30 a.m. North UMC, 4350 Fremont Ave. N. Services are ASL interpreted. Info at 612-522-4497.

Sunday, 12/13
The combined choirs of **St. Olaf Lutheran Church** and **First Lutheran Church of Crystal** present a **Christmas Concert** at 10:30 a.m. at 2901 Emerson N. The concert, arranged by St. Olaf Music Director Jerry Bursc features the St. Olaf Senior Choir and Children’s Choir, the First Lutheran Church of Crystal Senior Choir, and St. Olaf instrumentalists. Instrumental preludes start at 10 a.m., with a bake sale following the concert.

Classes and Workshops

Third Tuesdays
Seniors with diabetes support group, 10-11:30 a.m., Webber Park Community Center, 4141 Webber Pkwy. Call Dot Hase, 521-1182, or American Diabetes Assn., 593-5333. Free.

Ongoing Wednesdays
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 7 p.m., Webber Park.

Ongoing Wednesdays
Yoga at The Warren, 4400 Osseo Rd. (44th and Penn), 6-7:30 p.m. \$10 per session. 612-703-9609, www.thewarrenhabitat.com.

Ongoing Thursdays
Jenny Lind After-School Good News Club. Great after-school activity with games, music, Bible lessons and fun, sixth year at Jenny Lind. Sponsored by Child Evangelism Fellowship, a non-denominational, nonprofit Christian organization. Parent pick up at 5:15 p.m. Contact Christi at 612-522-8772.

Community Events

Ongoing
Right now, someone in Camden needs your help. Our local **Memorial Blood Center** is in critical need of donors with Type 0 negative blood. Even if you don’t know your blood type, over 45 percent of you are probably Type O and could qualify to donate. To find out how call 888-448-3253 or go to www.MBC.org.

Ongoing
Camden Lions General Meeting, second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m., Webber Park Bldg, 4400 and Dupont Ave. N. Social meeting the fourth Wednesday at a local food establishment TBA. Join them in making this a better community for all! For info and social location call Jim Cain, 612-521-1903. Visit www.camdenlions.org.

Ongoing Wednesdays
Victory Memorial Ice Arena, 1900 42nd Ave. N., open skating, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. \$4 for adults and \$3/child/senior. Skate rental is available at \$3/pair. Questions? Call 612-668-2230.

Ongoing Tuesdays
4PAC Meetings keep you connected. 4th Precinct Advisory Council Meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at 1925 Plymouth Ave. N. Topics vary on crime updates, housing vouchers, dangerous animals and ex-offender re-entry programs. Meetings also offer an opportunity to meet officers and Northside neighbors as well as share concerns about problem properties or neighborhood issues. For an agenda email vivian@4pac.org. For general info visit www.4PAC.org.

Ongoing
Public hearings about the proposed Hennepin County 2010 budget. The hearings – conducted by the board’s Budget and Capital Investment Committee – are held in the County Board Room on the 24th floor of the Hennepin County Government Center, 300 S. Sixth St. Commissioner amendments are Dec. 1, 9 a.m.-noon. For updates go to www.hennepin.us/hcbudget and click on “2010 Proposed Budget.” Hennepin County’s Truth-in-Taxation hearing is Dec. 3, at 6 p.m. in the Government Center Board Room. The board is expected to approve the 2010 county budget and tax levy on Dec. 15.

Ongoing
Gentle Touch Animal Sanctuary, 4900 France Av. N., Brooklyn Center, **Holiday Gift Sale**, Dec. 5, 12 and 19, 1- 3 p.m. An assortment of hand-crafted gifts for people and pets available. All proceeds benefit the cats/kittens/puppies/dogs at Gentle Touch, a nonprofit feline/canine rescue and placement service.

Sunday, 12/6
Ard Godfrey House 1850s Holiday Party, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Free. Enjoy free refreshments, entertainment and guided tours of the oldest frame house in Minneapolis. Corner of University and Central Ave. NE.

Monday, 12/7
Public hearings on the City’s 2010 budget to give the public a chance to share their thoughts on the proposed budget. 6 p.m. City Hall, 350 South 5th Street, room 317. Minneapolis is facing a number of serious fiscal challenges that affect the City’s bottom line. This includes State cuts to Minneapolis of more than \$40 million during 2009-2010 and escalating health care and pension costs. Visit the City’s website for info.

Saturday, 12/12
U.S. Marine’s Toy’s for Tots distribution at Jenny Lind School, 9 a.m.-noon. Drop off an unwrapped toy at any of these locations by December 7: Mighty Stitch by Vivienne LLC, Steamworks Coffee, The Warren - An Artist’s Habitat, (Penn and 44th) or Camden McDonald’s at 44th and Lyndale N. Boxes will be out at these businesses during Holiday on 44th December 4 as well. Info: 612-588-7641.

Libraries

Ongoing events at Webber Library, 4310 Webber Pkwy., 952-847-2750, www.hclib.org

Free educational and entertaining programs are presented free each month: Adult and Teen Job Search Assistance, World Language Storytime and Preschool Storytime.

Saturday, 12/12
Winter Crafts at Webber Park Library, 1–3 p.m. For kids in grades 1-5. Stop by the library and create a snowflake mobile or a winter crown!

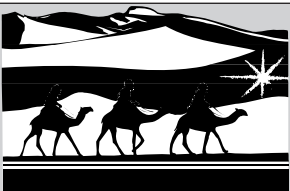
Ongoing Thursdays
Adult Job Assistance at Webber Library, second Thurs. of each month, 1-3 p.m. Dec, 10, Jan, 14 and Feb. 11. Are you seeking new employment or re-entering the workforce? Do you need help looking for a job, filling out applications, or writing a resume? Stop in for free one-to-one assistance with a counselor from Goodwill-Easter Seals. Drop in. No reservation needed.

Ongoing at North Regional Library, 1315 Lowry, 612-630-6600, www.hclib.org

Educational and entertaining programs in support of lifelong learning and literacy are presented free at North Library. For the complete program calendar visit www.hclib.org or www.hclib.org.

North Regional Library offers a ton of computer classes for all ages; and a bunch of opportunities for youth and kids including Hmong Youth Circle; Teen Zone, Game-On days, Tronix Team Electric Guitars, Toddler Storytime, Teen Job assistance and Chess club. Lots of stuff for adults including World of Work

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Worship in Camden



NORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

44th & Fremont Ave.
A Hate-Free Shalom Zone
Education classes 9 a.m.
Fellowship time 10 a.m.
Worship Time 10:30 a.m.
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Ch. 522-4497



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Pre-school SS 9:30 a.m.
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All are welcome!
Free produce for neighborhood
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9:30 a.m.
Free Community Dinner
4th Monday, 6:30 p.m.
Pastor Melissa Pohlman

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41st & Thomas Ave. N.
Masses
T, W, Th, F – 8 a.m.
Sat. – 4:30 p.m.
Sun. - 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Reconciliation
Sat. 3:30-4 p.m. in the
Reconciliation Room
or by appointment
Fr. George Kallumkalkudy

529-9561
<http://StAustinCC.org>



St. Bridget's Catholic Church

Masses
Mon-Fri. 8 a.m. • Sat. 8 a.m.
Sat. Vigil 4:30 p.m.
Sun. 9:30 a.m.
Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament—Fridays
from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
*You are Welcome to
Come and Join Us*

Fr. Anthony M. Criscitelli T.O.R.
Dowling & Emerson Ave. N.
529-7779

St. Olaf Lutheran Church

Emerson at 29th Ave. N.
612-529-7726

Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 9 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Thursday Youth Group 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Dale Hulme
www.stolaf Lutheran.org

We welcome all, including gay and
lesbian people.

Coming together to serve with the
St. Olaf Residence
North Minneapolis Meals on Wheels
New Directions Youth Ministry

Services

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Inn, 4902 France Ave. N.
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Real Estate Sales or Service

Properties wanted for pur-
chase: Camden area houses and
duplexes. 612-522-0453.

For Rent

Senior Rental Owner Occupied
Building Studio Apartment \$550
44th Ave. North. 612-521-7829.

General

Chihuahua puppies for sale.
One female \$250; three males
\$200 each. Leave message at
612-275-3177.

For sale: two plots at Crystal
Lake Cemetery. \$2900 for
both. Call Sandi, 612-521-
1826.

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44th Ave. N. & Russell Ave. N.
612-529-0686

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Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Kerry L. Bender
Senior Pastor
AWANA, 6:45 p.m.

Luther Memorial Lutheran

3751 Sheridan Ave. N.
(corner of Sheridan and Dowling)
Phone: 522-3639
Choir Rehearsal 9 a.m.
Service of Communion
9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hour/
Education 11:15 a.m.
Growing Tree for Elementary Age
Children Saturdays,
1:30-4 p.m.
*"From many cultures,
together in one faith."*
All are welcome
Rev. Carol Stumme, Pastor
Mr. Bee Vang, Pastoral Assistant

Gethsemane Lutheran Church

4656 Colfax Ave. N.
612-521-3575

Adult Education 9 a.m.
with Nursery
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Sunday School and
Youth/Teens, 11 a.m.
Van service available
Pastor Jeff Nehrbass
ELCA
GethsemaneLutheranChurch@msn.com
www.glc-mpls.org

Thank you Camden News donors!

Joseph Mullery

Ken & Mary Jaeb

Areba Bennett &
Sarah Hays

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for Ex-offenders, searching and
applying for jobs online, and
Spanish lessons.

Parks

Sunday, 11/29
**Free Family Fundays: Fall
Seeds for Spring Plants,** 1-3
p.m. ongoing, Kroening
Interpretive Center in North
Mississippi Regional Park. It
may be gloomy and cold outside,
but plants still harbor seeds for
the spring to come. Discover the
diversity of seeds from
pinecones to prairie flower seed
heads, and find out what other
strategies plants use to spread
come spring. Free, for all ages.

Ongoing
Webber Park - Holiday on 44th
(from Logan to Upton Ave.), 6-9
p.m. Winter fun for families,
sleigh rides, roasted chestnuts,
face painting, music, entertain-
ment, ice carvings; free. Dec. 4.
Skating Parties – Webber Ice
Skating Pond, Thurs. Jan. 7, 21
and Feb. 11, 6-8 p.m. Ice skating,
bonfire, music, refreshments;
free. Info: 612-370-4916, 4400
Dupont Ave. N.

Saturday, 12/5
Make a Gingerbread House, 1-
4 p.m., **Kroening Interpretive
Center** in North Mississippi
Regional Park. Start a family tra-
dition. Create a “gingerbread”
house and landscape its yard
using crackers, cookies, icing
and a large variety of colorful
candies. Even gather a bit of
nature to include in your design.
Makes a great centerpiece for
holiday decorating. Music and
refreshments. All materials pro-
vided. Cost is \$8, reservations
required. Call 763-559-6700.
Program is for ages 3+.

Sunday, 12/6
**Free Family Fundays: Know
your Sign.** 1-3 p.m., Kroening
Interpretive Center, North
Mississippi Regional Park. Look
for evidence of active animals
that will spend the winter here.
See examples of tracks, scat,
chews and rubs. Free, for all
ages.

Resources

Ongoing Thursdays
Join Toastmasters in North
Mpls. Toastmasters can help you
lose the fear of public speaking

and help you learn skills to be
more successful in whatever path
in life you’ve chosen. 8:30-9:30
a.m., Emerge Community
Development, 1101 West
Broadway. Contact Linda Bryant,
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Ongoing Wednesdays
Understanding Grief: 90 min.
seminar at North Memorial
Ridgeview Room, 2 p.m. to
help people understand what to
expect following the death of a
loved one. No registration
required.

Ongoing Mondays
Socrates Café, 7-8:45 p.m.,
Brooklyn Center Panera on
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January

Wednesday, 1/13
Want to know what the Camden
Lions are all about? Here’s your
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Thanks to all of you who've donated to the *Camden News* this past year — we appreciate your support, but we still need your help.

You know that newspapers around the country are failing due to decreased ad revenue. Even the *Star Tribune* is in threat of bankruptcy.

So what's the big deal? It's very likely that someday the *Camden News* will be an on-line only newspaper — we had the foresight to set up our website 12 years ago, before most U.S. businesses and residents even had Internet access. But the Camden Community has a disproportionate amount of seniors and low income residents who don't have a computer or Internet access. As long-time Camden resident Dorothy Hase wrote us, "I enjoy the paper...I hope you never stop publishing. I and many of my friends do not have a computer, so where would we get our news?"

The *Camden Community News* wants to continue printing and delivering free to residents until the need no longer exists. But if we don't get donations from you and ad money from businesses we won't be able to publish and mail a hard copy newspaper.

Here are the facts: We have a very lean budget for a small nonprofit organization. It costs about \$4800 a month to publish the *Camden News* — that includes printing, labeling, postage, business delivery, typesetting, bookkeeping, editing, taxes, insurance and all the other basic costs of running a small business. Our ad revenues have fallen dramatically and our monthly expenses currently exceed our revenues by about \$600. We come to you twice a year to help supplement ad revenue losses, but we typically only get enough in donations for the total year to pay for one issue of the *Camden News*.

The *Camden News* is a nonprofit, volunteer-run, volunteer-written newspaper delivered free to all Camden homes. Our mission has been the same since 1975: To build bridges, connect neighborhoods, encourage citizen participation, promote local events, people and businesses, and provide a forum for folks who care about the quality of life here in Camden. So please use the enclosed envelope and send in a generous tax-deductible contribution; or mail your donation to *Camden News*, PO Box 11492, Minneapolis, MN 55411. You can save the footwork and stamp and donate online at camdennews.org; click on the Paypal button (you don't need a Paypal account). And please send us your comments and suggestions.

Thanks for your support,
The *Camden Community News* Board of Directors.



Getting scary

Fifty Northside Hmong refugee children showed off their scary faces in front of the Hawthorne Neighborhood Council Offices on Halloween. University of Minnesota students face-painted the children, then took them out for Halloween trick-or-treating. Photo by Jay Clark.



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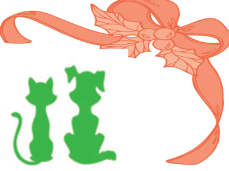
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