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North Mississippi to get makeover

By Michelle LeGault

Even before the City of Minneapolis began purchasing riverfront property, plans to revitalize land along the Mississippi River had sat on the drawing board for decades.

For about 10 years the city has slowly strung together a continuous 5.4-mile stretch of undeveloped property. Until recently, though, the vision for what to do with that land was not clear, said Minneapolis Park Board and Rec (MPRB) President John Erwin.

"This has been decades in the planning, but the issue now is use," Erwin said. "[In the past] we've focused on other parts of the city and now we're turning to the river and seeing what unique things we can do there."

Unique it shall be. The MPRB has teamed with the Minneapolis Parks Foundation to host the Riverfront Design Competition in order to produce modern plans for the accumulated riverfront that lead from the Stone Arch Bridge to the northern limits of Minneapolis. The vision for this land includes greenways leading directly from the river into bordering neighborhoods and recreational areas that will draw residents out of their homes and down to the waterfront, Erwin said.

The product resulting from the contest will meet these goals for a welcoming public space by way of a creative, 21st-Century approach to design.

"Minneapolis has a world-wide reputation for the best of the best of design," said Minneapolis Park Superintendent David Fisher, and a lead advisor for the contest. "Most designers believe that it is [the time] for the best of the best in landscape to rise to the challenge set by buildings."

Fisher compared the team's vision to well-known structures such as the Walker Art Center and Guthrie Theatre, both recognized for their breathtaking architecture. To bring that same flair for style into outdoor public space, the world's greatest designers have been sought.

In total, more than 60 designs were received from more

than 14 countries. Fisher said he is very impressed with the quality of the submissions he has reviewed so far. As a juror on a panel of 13, he will assist in narrowing the pool of designs below 20, and then to four and then to the winning design. Also on the jury are Erwin and Mayor Rybak.

To assist the jury in their quest for the best design, advisory committees of landscape designers and Minneapolis elected officials will offer input at each round of voting. Also partnering in the Riverside Competition are The U of M College of Design, Walker Art Center and the newly formed, nonprofit Minneapolis Riverfront Corporation (MRC).

Executive Director for the MRC, Cordelia Pierson, said that, as a riverfront resident herself, she has been inspired by the location's potential to transform and create an enduring legacy for the local communities. "Internationally, vibrant riverfronts have proven to be central features driving and attracting regional investments, and contributing to regional quality of life," Pierson said.

To learn more about the Riverfront Design Competition and the previously-approved Above the Falls Plan for the Upper River in Minneapolis, residents are encouraged to attend public forums that the MRC will host this fall and winter. For updated info on the MRC discussion forums, go to <http://www.mplsriverfrontcorp.org>.



Riverfront property stretching from northernmost Minneapolis to the Stone Arch Bridge will be transformed into a 21st Century public amenity. Photo by Michelle LeGault.

Riverfront design competition timeline

- Nov. 8 – Shortlist announced
 - Nov. 29 – Meet the designers event (to be confirmed)
 - Dec. 7 – Proposed community meeting
 - Jan. 27 – Public presentation of top four designs
 - Jan. 28 – Final jury vote
 - Feb. 10 – Winning project announced
- These dates may be subject to change.

Carters help with Northside housing



Unless you were outta town on October 6, you know that former President Jimmy Carter and wife Rosalynn were working on the Habitat for Humanity Hawthorne Ecovillage project with a bunch of Northside neighbors. The project was a "coming out" party for all the residents, and there was a great sense of Northside pride as the President met with all the workers. Photo by Pat Carney.

Superintendent recommends closing North High School

By Buzzy Bohn

On October 8 Minneapolis School Superintendent Bernadeia Johnson recommended that North Community High School be phased out. The reasons given were the low enrollment and low test scores. The superintendent has asked the school board to vote on her recommendation on November 9. However, at the board meeting on October 12 three board members, T. Williams, Jill Davis and Peggy Flanagan, said they wanted the vote to be postponed. Because the board and administration have just begun a discussion about long-range plans for all of the district's high schools, they

felt North High should be part of that discussion and not looked at separately.

How did we get to a point where we would consider closing a school that's been an institution in this community for over 120 years? A lot of things have happened over a number of years to contribute to the decline in enrollment at North High. Minnesota has "Open Enrollment" so a student can go to any school as long as the parent can get them there. In 1995, the NAACP brought a lawsuit against the state of Minnesota, and a few years later "The Choice is Yours" program was created to settle the lawsuit. It

allows poor (those who qualify for free or reduced lunch) Minneapolis students to go to suburban schools with free transportation. The school district also closed Lincoln, Franklin and Willard Schools that fed into North. Just like Loring, Jenny Lind and Olson schools pathway into Henry, those schools pathwayed into North. Over time the school district let both the Suma Tech magnet and the Performing Arts magnet programs dissolve.

Then last year, the school district decided to make North a small citywide specialty school and removed North's attendance area. This meant that no students

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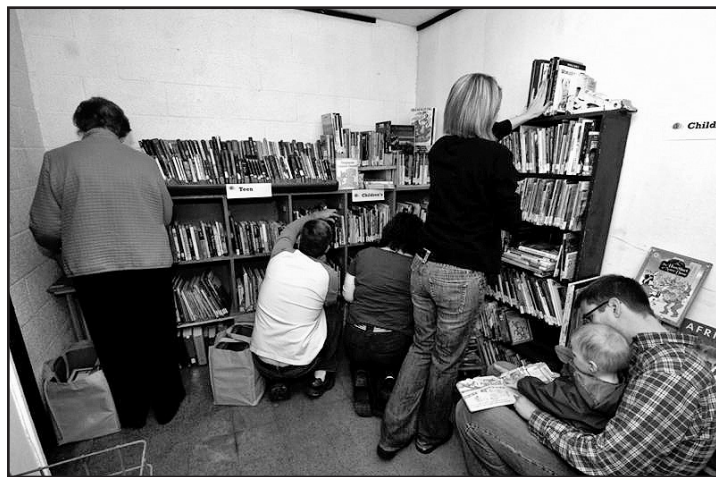
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The real estate market is showing some signs of improvement. Market adjustments are tough for everyone, but we will survive & be more stable. Perhaps now is the time for easy solutions to small issues that can improve all our lives. I strongly dislike the illegal practice of advertising on utility poles, trees & public land. You know, the plastic signs reading "Sell your satellite equipment," "Sell your home for cash today," "Work from home," "4 bedroom-contract for deed" etc. These signs drag down the beauty of our neighborhood. They look trashy. I think they contribute to the ghettoization of my neighborhood. The solution? Call the illegal snipe advertisers & hassle them. Tear down the signs (I carry a rope for the high ones!). Hand-written garage sale signs that are current are fine – but remove the others ASAP.

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Friends support Webber Library

The Friends of Webber Park Library held their first book sale to support the library on October 25 at Guided Salvage on 44th and Lyndale. Folks donated and bought books, CDs, DVDs, tapes and more. Close to 10,000 books were donated to the sale. At least 15 volunteers from the Friends of the Webber Park Library were there to help customers through the process of finding that special treasure. Books not sold will be passed on to other library sales. The funds raised by the book sale will benefit the collections and programming at Webber Library.



Webber Library is celebrating its 100 anniversary this year and the Friends group invites you to become a member to help support this great community asset. Visit www.supportthclib.org/webberpark for info. Photo by Randy Klauk.

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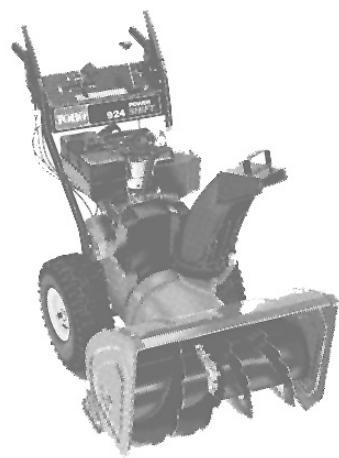
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Scoops

“Let’s Grow Together! Shop Locally!” was the theme for this year’s **NWMB 6th Annual Fall Social Event** at 42nd Avenue Station on October 19. Twenty-five business members heard CPED Principal Project Coordinator Erik Hansen share his role as a liaison with businesses and the city since “the city speaks it’s own language sometimes.” He also shared info about the City’s 2-percent loan program and how he and the city are working to “learn more about operating a business in the City” by meeting individually with business owners and touring their businesses to see what it’s really like to do business in Minneapolis. Congressman Keith Ellison’s Deputy District Director Darlynn Benjamin delivered a letter from the congressman conveying his praise of NWMB’s efforts to support the local businesses

years ago. She can fry up a fish like you would not believe. Here’s a teaser of the menu: Cassava leaf (very spicy but great meat), potato greens, togbogee, Fufu and soup (all with meat), and the Attieke or “Crazy” fish dishes — which are fantastic! They also have a great assortment of appetizers. You can call in orders at 612-353-6084. They also have a great space for private parties, meetings, gatherings, etc. Check www.cityafrique.com.

Doctor Rahshana Price-Isuk



has been named the new medical director at **Neighborhood HealthSource** (formerly Fremont Community Clinics). Price-Isuk is a North Minneapolis native with a passion to serve. Price-Isuk says “This wonderful opportunity will allow me to serve the community I grew up in, fulfilling a goal I have always had...giving back to those who gave to me.” While teaching residents she also began to build her own practice at the Broadway Clinic in the heart of North Minneapolis. After three years of serving as a full time teaching faculty, Price-Isuk accepted a position with NHS in order to broaden her service to the North Minneapolis communities and the underserved.



and community. Get ready for a new bite — **City Afrique**, at 4326 and Lyndale (just a couple doors south from the great soul food restaurant Tahtianna’s), has food that will melt your mouth. It’s a family owned and run business, and the head chef has been in the catering business since she graduated from the Cordon Blue five

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Letters to the Editor



Debt collectors searching cemeteries

It is said in court, "Dead men don't talk," but they may have to pay up their debts left behind! Read the articles in the local papers on new and aggressive companies that even go after the grieving relatives and survivors of a loved one who has recently died.

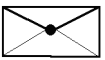
Usually relatives and survivors are not liable for uncollected debts of the deceased unless they are cosigners on loans or credit cards. However, every kind of sales trick, guilt trip and psychological gimmick is employed in repeated phone calls to the surviving spouse, or to whomever can be at least "milked" for information like is done in "phishing" over the Internet. They want to find out such things as who is the administrator of an estate. Some elderly who lived during the Great Depression or were born just after are of a mind to send the collector a check just to get them off their back, but that doesn't work. Above all, don't offer any information to the collector without legal advice from your attorney.

There are big companies raking in billions from people willing to pay. The collector stands to get sometimes as much as 50 percent of the collected funds. Often the old debt information is not even accurate, and the debts had been settled. Courts don't always do the necessary homework to verify the claim. You have to pay for your own defense.

I have one criticism of all of us at the grassroots neighborhood level. We are prone to exercise all our "leverage" more and more these days, borrowing and using up our credit lines, as though we won't have to pay anything back after we're gone. That's a form of stealing, isn't it? It's stealing not only from merchants who were willing to issue us credit but also from society. In the end, everybody has to pay for our style of life.

Write to your legislators, Minnesota Representative Joe Mullery and State Senator Linda Higgins about your concern and need for laws to protect us from unethical debt collectors.

John Bispala,
Webber-Camden



Frivolous Citations

It seems Minnesota Law enforcement agencies are out of control in their pursuit of revenue. Under the guise of public safety it seems law enforcement personal have become revenue agents for the city, county, or state that employs them. These agencies are using our tax dollars to fund their revenue raising activities. These citations no matter how frivolous are almost impossible to contest. What happened to the presumption of innocence? The traffic light was green, but officer says it was red. Officer says you where not wearing your seat belt. How do you prove you were? What does one do? Hire a \$300 dollar an hour attorney, take unpaid time off work to contest a seat belt citation. Officers and the courts know this. Who are the financial beneficiaries of this extortion scam? When law enforcement agencies have a political agenda, freedom and liberty will cease to exist.

While the number of moving violation citations have increased on Minnesota's roadways, how many murderers, rapists, thieves, drug dealers, pimps, etc., have been arrested? Who is the greater threat to society — a person not wearing their seat belt, an underage individual buying an adult beverage at the ball park — or the criminals committing murder and mayhem in our neighborhoods? Who is protecting the hardworking, tax-paying, law-abiding citizen from overzealous revenue agents disguised as law enforcement personal?

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Improvements to the historic Victory Memorial Drive on schedule

Victory Memorial Drive, the historic landmark commemorating the 568 soldiers and nurses from Hennepin County who died in World War I, is the only linear urban memorial of its kind and the largest WWI memorial in the U.S. The memorial was constructed in the 1920s, and it's been in need of some serious reconstruction work for some time.



Workers gently placing the granite slabs into their position on the Victory flag plaza. Photo by Randy Klauk.

Improvements to Victory Memorial Drive began this past summer. By the end of November a new flag plaza, refinements to the Lincoln/ GAR Circle and the placement of two gateway monuments at the Drive's entrances should be complete. Led by the Victory Memorial Drive Task Force, this work is part of the \$6 million collaboration between Hennepin County, the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board, the State of Minnesota and the City of Minneapolis (visit www.victorymemorialdrive.org).

The new flag plaza, which is being paved with granite from a quarry in Cold Spring, Minnesota, will include granite balustrade walls, a granite flag



The new Victory Memorial Flagpole is near completion and has an Art Deco feel to it. Photo by Randy Klauk.

base and benches, and new plantings and lighting. Project Engineer Dean Michalko said, "Everything is looking good." He said most of the work is on or ahead of schedule (street lighting, paving, irrigation, etc.), the trail lighting will be done this winter and the entire project will be completed by next June.

The project is going as planned, said Principal Planning Analyst Andrew Gillett, "The biggest change is that the rededication ceremony has been rescheduled from Veteran's Day to June 11, 2011. This date is 90 years to the day that the first dedication was held. We still plan to have construction substantially completed by the end of this November."

Street sweeping begins – don't get towed!

Minneapolis Public Works' street sweeping crews began the big task of curb-to-curb sweeping on streets throughout the city on October 26. During the four weeks of the comprehensive fall street sweep, crews will clean up about 1,100 miles of city streets. To make sure the sweepers can do the best job possible, temporary "No Parking" signs will be posted in advance to make sure streets are clear of cars when they're swept. Anyone who parks on the street will need to follow street sweep parking rules or their cars may be ticketed and towed.

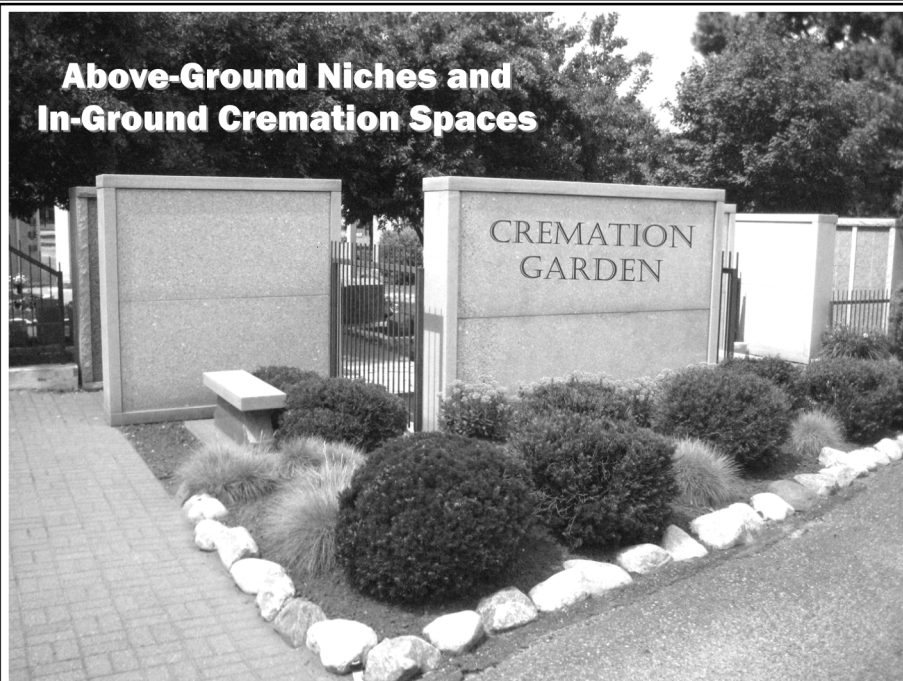
City crews will post "No Parking" signs at least 24 hours before sweeping any streets. Parking will be banned from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the day a street is swept. Vehicles not in compliance with "No Parking" signs will be ticketed and towed to the Minneapolis Impound Lot. The City will also use Facebook and Twitter to post periodic street sweeping updates and info; go to www.facebook.com/cityofminneapolis and www.twitter.com/CityMinneapolis. In addition the City will make 3,500 automated phone calls each evening to let residents know their street will be swept the next day. Folks can also find out when the sweepers are coming through their neighborhoods at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/streetsweep.

Minneapolis streets are swept completely curb to curb once in the spring and once in the fall. Residents should not push leaves, grass clippings or other debris into City streets – it's bad for our lakes and waterways, can cause safety hazards, and is against the law. Anything that goes down a storm drain flows directly into our lakes and river, and decomposing plant material in the water encourages the growth of harmful aquatic plants and algae. Street sweeping is one way to protect our environment because it keeps leaves and debris from clogging our storm drains and polluting our lakes and rivers. It also helps keep our neighborhoods clean and livable.

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Camden Youth and Schools

Pancakes help kids get to camp



The fifth graders at Loring School, along with parents and school staff, held a pancake breakfast on October 16 and raised money to help pay for their spring camping trip to Camp Audubon. They served pancakes, sausages from Hackenmullers, eggs to order, coffee and juice. Musicians Todd St. Hilaire, Jeremiah Bohn, Steve West and Dan Beck entertained folks while they ate. The musicians have become a fixture at Loring's fifth grade pancake breakfasts. Photo by Randy Klauk.

Northside kids mountain bike

By John Swain

This past summer a group of kids from the neighborhood surrounding Farview Park participated in a mountain bike program offered by City of Lakes Trips for Kids (TFK-COL), the Minneapolis chapter of the nonprofit organization Trips for Kids, which is dedicated to providing mountain biking experiences to youth. Trips for Kids provides mountain bikes, helmets, water bottles, coaches and Cliff bars. The kids are instructed in the basics of mountain biking including trail etiquette, and how to break safely, shift gears and ride over obstacles. The Minneapolis Park Board Staff at Farview Recreation Center works with Trips for Kids to recruit kids, provide transportation from Farview to Theodore Wirth, and help coach the young bikers. Starting last May, kids began biking twice a week.

The group rides on the single track trails maintained by the Minneapolis Off-Road Cycling Advocates (MOCA) which are built specifically for mountain biking. The trails are narrow paths — in some places only a little wider than the handlebars of a bicycle, built on the rolling hills of the park and include log and rock obstacles for riders to bike over.

With regular practice, many of the kids have become avid and skilled mountain bikers. Farview Park Youth Coach Louis Oatis said, "We started out with a group of kids who had never done off-road biking. The first time the kids had a ball and took to it right away. It's something that's not only a great sport but challenging for them and I fell in love with it as much as they did."

On August 8 a group of the Farview kids headed to the Bontrager Border Battle, in River Falls, Wisconsin and competed in a five-mile-long mountain bike race. The kids had the opportunity to meet and bike with Jack Hinkens, a young star from Eden Prairie who recently raced for the U. S. at the World Mountain Biking Championships in Mt. St. Anne, Quebec. Oatis said, "It was a big thing for the kids to be in an organized race and meet a professional so that they could see that there was prestige in biking."

The Farview kids also participated in two Loppet Adventure Camps; weeklong outdoor endurance sports day camps for kids ages 9-13 run by TFK-COL's parent organization, the City of Lakes Nordic Ski Foundation. At the camps, kids biked every day as well as roller skied, played ultimate Frisbee and capture the flag, ran and swam. This winter the Ski Foundation is planning to offer cross country skiing for Farview kids as a continuation of the bike program.

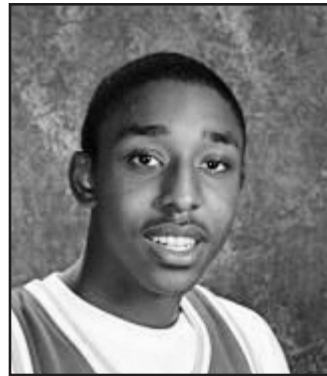
The news from Patrick Henry High School

By Tom Murray

Social studies class to go into banking business. In early November, Patrick Henry High School ninth grade geography students will tackle world poverty from their classroom computers through Kiva, an organization with a mission to "connect people, through lending, for the sake of alleviating poverty." While exploring micro-lending as an important strategy in the global fight against poverty, students will learn what daily life is like for people from environments and cultural backgrounds that are incredibly different from their own. They'll gain computer skills as they research these entrepreneurs' lives and navigate Kiva's website, which is rich with data and opportunities to digitally connect with lenders and entrepreneurs across the globe. In addition students will learn about basic business practices and economic principles first-hand as they build community within their classrooms, experience what it means to be a global citizen, and explore the ways in which individuals can make great strides to improve the lives of their families, communities, nations and the world, in spite of serious obstacles.

In order for these students to fully experience the impact of micro-lending, they need money to lend! Contact Kevin Keller (Kevin.Keller@mpls.k12.mn.us) to learn how to donate to the Patrick Henry Kiva group. Learn more at <http://www.kiva.org>.

Al Nolen Jr. named Gopher Basketball Co-Captain. Patrick Henry is recognized as the home of the best basketball point



Al Nolen Jr.

guards in the U.S. Our students and alumni, coaches, and even teachers are all notable leaders in controlling the flow and tempo of a basketball game. One of those alumni, Al Nolen Jr. ('07), was recently assigned the leadership role as the U of M Gopher Basketball Team Co-Captain. Coach Tubby Smith calls this year's squad the most talented that he has had at the university, and Al Nolen Jr. is a vital key to the success of the Men's Gopher Basketball Program.

Students begin each week with the Pledge of Allegiance. On Monday mornings students hear the late Ray Charles sing,

America the Beautiful over our intercom. During daily announcements we introduce a student who has been designated to receive Patrick Henry's highest honor, the Patriot of the Week. That student leads the school in our recitation of the *Pledge of Allegiance*. There are visible tributes to those Patriots who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country. The plaque at the base of the flag on the Porter Football Field and the plaque outside of Room 104 states the following: *In Memory of Patrick Henry Boys Who Fought and Died to Preserve our Flag: Roger Bomstad, Frank Bydlon, Gerald Claesgens, Wilbur Crawford, Harold Duoos, Lester Duoos, Glenn Fischer, Maurice Marr, Clarence Olson, Vernon Peterson, Russell Sehm and Douglas Stevens*. Also, across from Room 104 is a display that honors another veteran: *In memory of William E. Swanson, graduated in 1955. Killed in action in South Vietnam April 11, 1965.*

Patrick Henry encourages perfect attendance. Everyone who came to school on the first day had "perfect attendance." We want that record of perfect attendance to continue to the second day, third, and so on until the last day of school. Why be perfect? We know that good attendance = good grades, and perfect attendance = even better grades—Honor Roll type grades. Our perfect attenders have an average GPA of 3.28. Students who miss one or more days have a GPA of 2.52.



Kids help plant 60 trees

The Minneapolis Public Schools, Minneapolis Park and Recreation, Toro, the Cleveland Neighborhood Association and Lucy Craft Laney School students planted 60 trees on the school grounds and nearby Cleveland Park on September 24. Lucy Craft Laney School students were also assisted by a few of the Minnesota Vikings. Part of the project was to remove ash trees from the school grounds, in advance of any infestation from the emerald ash borer. The new trees will create a larger tree canopy on the school and park grounds. Photos by Randy Klauk.



Teamwork was the name of the game for these youngsters carrying water to a newly planted tree.



It was a group effort to for the young students to dig a hole for a waiting tree.



Two boys from Lucy Laney poured water onto a newly planted tree.

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Crime Prevention

Prevent bullying at school

By Crime Prevention Specialist Tim Hammett

With the new school year in full swing, it's a good time to think about bullying and the effect it has on our children. There have been several tragic high profile cases of bullying in the news recently. For the victims of school yard bullying, the experience can be a nightmare, with long lasting consequences for their self esteem, education and socialization. For the perpetrators, it can be a sign of serious social pathology. According to the Family and Work Institute, one-third of all kids are bullied at least once a month, while many more witness it on a regular basis.

The victims of bullying are often targeted due to some perceived difference between themselves and other classmates. The difference can be a matter of appearance, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, family income or a host of other factors. Exceptionally bright students are sometimes targeted.

Bullying also teaches the perpetrators that violence and aggression are effective methods of getting their way. If not

Bullying can take many forms, from outright threats and assaultive behavior to more subtle forms of social ostracism.

checked, bullying behavior can lead to more serious criminal behavior in adulthood. According to a study by the crime prevention group Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, 60 percent of bullies were convicted of at least one crime by the time they were 24, while 40 percent had three or more convictions.

Bullying can take many forms, from outright threats and assaultive behavior to more subtle forms of social ostracism. Common forms of bullying include fighting, threatening, name calling, teasing and rejection. It often involves an imbalance of power whether it's physical size or social status. Even though it may not seem to be as big a problem as bringing a gun or other weapon to school, or drug abuse, its effects can be severe and long lasting. According to the National Education Association, nearly 160,000 students a day miss school because of bullying.

Parents can play a central role to preventing bullying and stopping it when it happens. Here are a few suggestions for parents from the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC): Teach kids to solve problems without using violence and praise them when they do. Give children positive feedback when they behave well to help them build self-esteem. Help give them the self-confidence to stand up for what they believe in. Ask your children about their day and

listen to them talk about school, social events, their classmates, and any problems they have. Take bullying seriously. Many kids are embarrassed to say they have been bullied. You may only have one chance to step in and help. If you see any bullying, stop it right away, even if your child is the one doing the bullying. Encourage your child to help others who need it. Don't bully your children or bully others in front of them. Many times kids who are bullied at home react by bullying other kids. If your children see you hit, ridicule, or gossip about someone else, they are also more likely to do so themselves. Support bully prevention programs in your child's school. If your school doesn't have one, consider starting one with other parents, teachers, and concerned adults.

As hard as it can sometimes be for a parent to know if his child is being bullied, it can be even

harder for parents to recognize the signs that their child might be a bully. According to the NCPC indicators may include: A

lack of empathy or sympathy with others; over-valuation of aggression; needing to be in charge; being an arrogant winner and a sore loser; often fighting with brothers and sisters; or poor impulse control.

If you think your child may be a bully, the NCPC suggests the following: Take it seriously. Don't treat bullying as a passing phase. Even if you're not worried about long-lasting effects on your child, another child is being hurt. Talk to your child to find out why he or she is bullying. Often, children bully when they feel sad, angry, lonely or insecure, and many times major changes at home or school may bring on these feelings. Help build empathy for others and talk to your child about how it feels to be bullied. Ask a teacher or a school counselor if your child is facing any problems at school, such as if your child is struggling with a particular subject or has difficulty making friends. Ask them for advice on how you and your child can work through the problem. Ask yourself if someone at home is bullying your child. Often, kids who bully are bullied themselves by a parent, family member or another adult.

School yard bullying can be a serious problem. All parents should be alert to the signs of bullying and be prepared to intervene when their children show signs of being victims or perpetrators.



Fourth Ward Report

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North Minneapolis Bike Walk Center

As a result of ongoing conversations with North Minneapolis residents and outreach into the community, City of Minneapolis Bike Walk Ambassadors have identified numerous barriers to biking and walking throughout the city. In North Minneapolis, one of the most critical barriers is the lack of a place to purchase affordable biking and walking products and services. The Minneapolis Department of Health and Family Support (MDHFS) is responding to these concerns by funding the start-up of a Bike Walk Center that will open in North Minneapolis by Fall of 2011. MDHFS issued a request for proposals to identify an operator for the Bike Walk Center (available at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/dhfs/rfp.asp>). The goal with this project is to have a successful, sustainable business in place that will be an asset to the community for years to come. The North Minneapolis Bike Walk Center will be a retail business that will offer bicycle and walking products and services and encourage residents in their efforts to bike and walk for transportation and recreation. If you have any comments, ideas or suggestions about the Bike Walk Center, please contact Kristen Klingler, CPPW Coordinator, at 612-673-2910 or Kristen.klingler@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

Fall Street Sweeping

Minneapolis Public Works has begun the big task of curb-to-curb sweeping and leaf collection on streets throughout the city. During the four weeks of the comprehensive fall street sweep, crews will clean up about 1,100 miles of city streets. To make

sure the sweepers can do the best job possible, temporary "No Parking" signs will be posted at least 24 hours in advance to make sure streets are clear of cars when they're swept. The first signs were posted Monday, October 25, and sweeping began the next day. Anyone who parks on the street will need to follow street sweep parking rules or their cars may be ticketed and towed. Starting Sunday, October 24 you can use a feature on the City's website to find out when the sweepers are coming through their neighborhoods. The tool is available at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/streetsweep.

Fremont/Emerson Bike Lanes

After several public meetings and citizen input, it has been decided to not pursue a bike lane on Fremont Avenue North. We will be looking at Emerson Avenue as an alternative and will develop a resident group to assist us. There are many benefits to bike lanes, including slower traffic speeds. There will need to be one block of Fremont (Lowry to 33rd) which has to carry a bike lane due to the configuration of the street. For more information visit <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/bicycles/EmersonFremont.asp>

4th Ward E-Newsletter

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Add color and texture to your winter landscape

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

Winter is usually our longer season and most of the time we don't think about planting for it. Each fall we usually pull out all the annuals and cut down all the perennials, leaving a pretty boring landscape for four to five months of the year. But we can plant for the winter and add some winter interest to our otherwise barren environment.

Besides the usual evergreens, there are a variety of plants that can add color, texture, movement, shadows and even bird food to the winter landscape. Ornamental grasses contribute many of these attributes. There are over 85 kinds of ornamental grasses that are hardy in Zone 4, ranging from a dwarf blue fescue generally about 6 inches tall to some miscanthus which can grow as tall as 10 feet. Ornamental grasses are easy to grow and they seldom need extra water or fertilizer. They bloom from late summer to late fall with feathery plumes followed by large seed heads. Most ornamental grasses remain upright in the winter, with the grass' flowers and seed heads providing a variety of color, movement in the winter winds and food for birds. Ornamental grass with hoar frost can be an enchanting sight.

Dr. Mary Meyer is a horticulturist with the U of M, and an

expert in ornamental grasses. Meyer recommends "20 Great Grasses" for Minnesota, and among these is Feather redgrass, *Calamagrostis actiflora*, 'Karl Forester.' It is a bunch grass growing in dense clumps, wheat-like in appearance and is European in origin. It produces pink blooms in July that develop into beige seed heads by September. It grows to between 4 and 5 feet tall and tolerates dry conditions. Some grasses which are native to North America are: Palm sedge, *Carex muskingumensis*, which grows dark green in shade and yellow in the sun; Grey's sedge, *Carex gregi*, with wide foliage and mace-like flowers; prairie dropseed, *Sporobolus sibericus*, which produces fragrant flowers; little bluestem, *Schizachyrium scoparium*, which is variable in height and color; and Sioux Blue Indian grass, *Sorghastrum nutans* 'Sioux Blue' which grows to 7 feet and produces yellow flowers. Red switchgrass, *Panicum virgatum* 'Rehbraun,' another North American native, is especially attractive with its red flowers and leaves.

Miscanthus is native to East Asia, Japan, Taiwan and China, and in fact is symbolic of Japan. Trials at the U of M show it to be hardy to Zone 3. Over 40 culti-

vars of *Miscanthus* are grown and can be viewed at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chanhassen. *Miscanthus* grows to 5-7 feet tall and blooms between late August and October producing large feathery plumes that last all winter. Popular cultivars of *Miscanthus* are Red Flame *Miscanthus sinensis* 'Purpurascens,' Silver Feather *Miscanthus sinensis*, 'Silver Feather,' Variegated *Miscanthus sinensis*, 'Variegatus,' and Malpartus, *Miscanthus sinensis*, 'Malepartus.' Red Flame grows 4-5 feet tall, has red-orange foliage and produces white flowers in October. Malpartus grows 6 feet tall and blooms red in September. The 'Klein Fontane' cultivar of *Miscanthus sinensis* grows 5 feet tall and blooms pink to white in August through September.

I have planted several ornamental grasses, and along with coneflowers and other perennials, they do add texture and color to the surroundings – and a little bird food as well.

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Hennepin County has partnered with 80 reuse retailers to offer Choose to Reuse Today coupons that can be redeemed for discounts until November 30. Pick up a coupon book at participating retail locations, Hennepin County service centers, Hennepin County libraries and all Three Rivers Park District locations. Copies can also be downloaded at www.hennepin.us/choosetoreuse. Reuse retailers include businesses and organizations that rent, repair, resell, consign, trade and exchange used goods.

There has never been a better time to shop "reuse." Reuse is good for the environment. Renting, repairing or purchasing used items reduces the energy consumed to create new products. This prevents greenhouse gas emissions and reduces the impact of climate change. Shopping "reuse" stimulates the local economy and saves money. Reused items typically cost less than buying new, and reuse businesses contribute significantly to the economy. Shopping at reuse stores benefits the local economy because most reuse businesses are owned by community members. Visit www.hennepin.us/choosetoreuse or call 612-348-3777.

Grants available to remove lead hazards from your home

If you're worried that you might have lead hazards in your home – especially lead-based paint that might be flaking and threatening your children's health – Hennepin County's Lead Control Program can provide a free grant, if you're eligible, to replace windows and remove other sources of toxic lead.


Lead poisoning is the No. 1 environmental health threat to children and affects more than one million children every day. It's estimated that in 2010 there will be 800-1,200 children under age 6 with elevated blood lead levels in Hennepin – the majority of them in Minneapolis. Lead poisoning can cause significant neurological, cognitive and other physical and mental damage, particularly in young children, including reduced IQ, learning disabilities, developmental and growth delays, damaged hearing and behavioral problems that make it harder for children to concentrate or do well in school. At higher levels, lead can damage a child's kidneys and central nervous system and cause anemia, coma, convulsions and even death. Health problems caused by lead poisoning often have no obvious symptoms and can be irreversible.

Lead can come from a variety of sources – primarily in chipping or peeling paint manufactured before 1978. But lead also can be present in toys, jewelry, and lead dust in the air, yards and play areas. Children can even be exposed if a parent works in a place that contains high lead levels, such as an auto body shop. Lead poisoning is completely preventable if parents and other caregivers know how to protect their children from lead.

The Hennepin Housing, Community Works and Transit Department administers lead grants to protect children from exposure to lead-based paint hazards. The county arranges lead abatement testing and evaluation, and contracts with neighborhood partners to do home lead removal (replacing windows, stabilizing other surfaces, etc.).

Lead home inspections are free. But to qualify for a grant to remove lead hazards: Both owner-occupied and rental units are eligible if they are in Hennepin County, were built before 1978, have old windows, and are occupied by a household with income below 80 percent of median income. If owner-occupied, the property must have children under age 6 either living there or frequently visiting. For info call 612-348-2020 or 612-348-2114, or go to www.hennepin.us/leadcontrol.

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North High School history

By Buzzy Bohn

North High School has been a part of the community for over 120 years and has occupied four different buildings. For decades North High was the only high school not only for all of North Minneapolis but also for Brooklyn Center. (Patrick Henry, built as a junior high, didn't add freshmen until 1937 and graduated its first class of seniors in 1941, fifty years after the first graduating class at North in 1891.)

The first Northside High School opened in 1888 on 18th and Emerson. It was actually a school that went from 1st through 11th grades. It didn't take long before the school district realized that it was not big enough for all the students in the area. The district built a new North High School and renamed the first building Logan Elementary School. That second building was destroyed by fire in 1913. It was replaced by the building that most people are talking about when they refer to the "old North High." It was on 17th and Fremont with the athletic field directly north of the school. The current North High building was built in 1973 at 15th and James. This building has a TV production studio and the KBEM Jazz88 radio station. The athletic field is a few blocks away on 17th and Fremont where the last building had stood. Many well-known and famous people attended North High, including Governor Floyd B. Olson, the Andrew Sisters, actor Robert Vaughn, sportscaster and writer Sid Hartman, businessman and school board member W. Harry Davis, music producer Terry Lewis, businessman Irwin Jacobs, former school superintendent Richard Green, attorney Ron Mesbesh, author Harrison Salisbury, and "Clancy the Cop" John Gallos.



This is the third North High School building at 17th and Fremont and is the one most people think of as the "old" North.

North High *continued from page 1*

were automatically assigned to North as they are to all other high schools. They also said that poor students, living as far north as Dowling Ave., could opt to be bussed to Southwest High School. Although the school district brought in the International Baccalaureate (IB), IB Career Certificate and STEM/Digital Arts programs into North, there wasn't publicity to promote the new programs. Then in August the school board announced that they were going to sponsor two charter high schools, one of which would be in North Minneapolis. (This is in addition to the K-8 charter school they decided in March to sponsor on the Northside.) The combination of all of these things led to the decline in enrollment at North High. North had a number of different principals over these years as well.

There are people in the community working to not only keep North open but to also move it forward into the future. The "Committee for North," made up of parents, alumni, community members and staff, has been meeting weekly since May to work on improving the enrollment numbers and North's future. After the superintendent's announcement, hundreds of students, parents, alumni and community members have come out to support North. The school board meeting assembly room was so packed on October 12 that the overflow crowd was sent downstairs to the cafeteria to watch the meeting on monitors. On October 16 over 100 people met and broke into small groups to work on proposals on what the district could do to keep North open. Again, on October 18 a large crowd came to North's auditorium to tell the school board and the superintendent that it should keep North open. It was pointed out by Senator Linda Higgins, Representative Bobby Joe Champion and by a representative of Congressman Keith Ellison how important a high school is to a community and how it would hurt our Northside community if North were closed.

You can send with your thoughts or concerns to the superintendent at Bernadeia.Johnson@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-0640, and school board chair Tom Madden at 612-685-3910 or Tom.Madden@mpls.k12.mn.us. To learn more about North High go to the school's website at <http://north.mpls.k12.mn.us/>.

Don't forget to vote in the November 2 General Election!

The City of Minneapolis Elections Office reminds eligible voters to vote at the polls during the General Election on Tuesday, November 2. You are eligible to vote if you are at least 18 years old and a U.S. citizen who has resided in Minnesota for at least 20 days prior to the election. If you have moved or changed your name since you last voted you must re-register.

Minnesota is one of several states with Election Day registration. You may register at the polls on Election Day by providing one of the forms of identification required by Minnesota law. Visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/elections to find a list of identification allowed for Election Day registration.

Minneapolis 311 will extend its usual hours by one hour to serve voters while the polls are open. 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on November 2. Voters can call 311 for info on how to register and where to vote, as well as questions about other city services.

It's easy to learn what candidates are on the ballot. See your sample ballot so you know ahead of time who's running for each office — find your ballot at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/elections. This site gives you all kinds of other info, including where to go to vote. Offices on the November 2 General Election ballot include U.S. Representative, Governor and Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor, Attorney General, State Senators and Representatives, county and judicial offices. You will also vote on a City Charter question and members for the Minneapolis School Board.

The Minneapolis Office of Elections and Voter Registration is responsible for administering elections in the City of Minneapolis. For voting info visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/elections or call 311, 612-673-3000 or TTY/TTD 612-673-2157.

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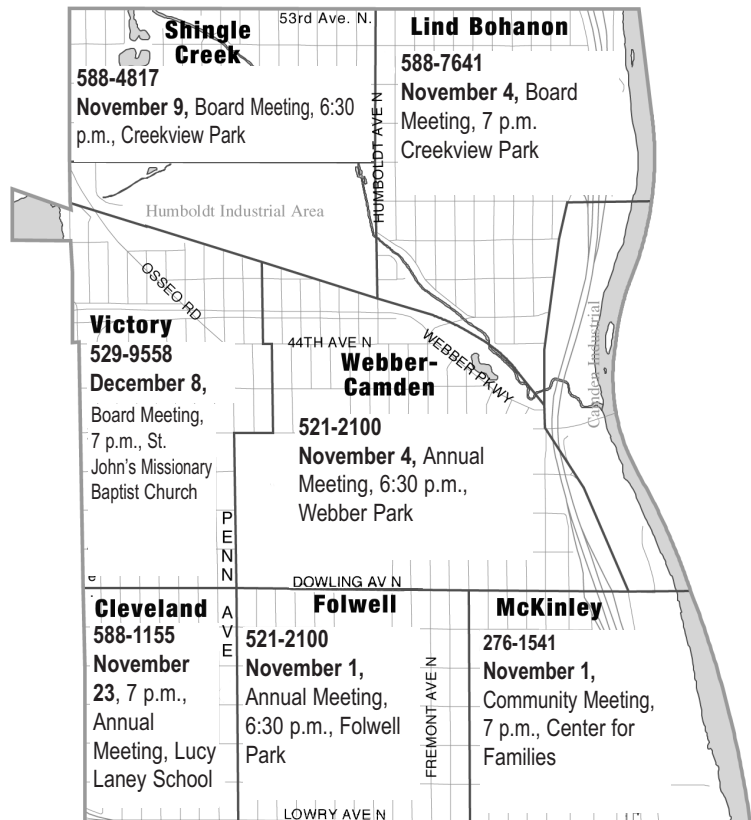
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All the News from Victory Neighborhood



Give to ViNA at GiveMN.org — November 16

November 16 is Give to the Max Day – “The Great Minnesota Give Together.” In 2009, Minnesotans gave \$14 million to over 3,400 Minnesota nonprofits in 24 hours, becoming the largest online giving event ever! And ViNA received over \$1000 from donors.

This year, on Give to the Max Day 2, residents have another opportunity to give to ViNA. It's simple! It's easy! Just log onto www.givemn.org and in the donate box in the upper right hand corner, type in the Victory Neighborhood Association. This will bring you to the ViNA page where you can charge the donation amount of your choice to your credit card. All credit card transaction fees are paid for by GiveMN's funding partners so ViNA receives the full benefit of your donation.

You can donate to ViNA through GiveMN anytime throughout the year but doing it on November 16 has the potential for additional benefits:

- Throughout the event, an individual donor will be randomly chosen every hour to have \$1,000 given to the

charity that received the donor's original donation.

- A \$20,000 and \$10,000 prize grant will be awarded to the top two nonprofits in the Twin Cities and the top two nonprofits in greater Minnesota that attract the largest number of individual donors on Give to the Max Day.

If you are a night owl you can donate at 2 a.m. and maybe you will be the one to win that extra \$1000 for ViNA. Ask all your family and friends to donate. Maybe ViNA will have the largest number of donors and win one of the top prizes. It doesn't matter how much you donate – just that you donate and contribute to the well being of your neighborhood.

November/December ViNA meeting

Because of the holiday season the Victory Neighborhood Association will combine their November and December meetings into one meeting in mid December.

The final meeting of 2010 will be on Wednesday, December 8, at 7 p.m. We meet at St. John Missionary Baptist Church, 4301 Thomas Ave N.

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, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Al Saless-Chair, Folwell Neighborhood Association.



FNA Annual Meeting – Board Elections, Monday, November 1, 6:30 p.m., Folwell Park

Board positions that expire this year: Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, At Large Positions (5) – 2 year terms. There are incumbents interested in filling some of these positions. Copies of the Association bylaws describing eligibility requirements are available, along with information about Board responsibilities and required commitment. Note: At the Annual Meeting, if you wish to vote on neighborhood decisions, you must be a Folwell resident, property or business owner, or the employee of a business located in Folwell. Info: 612-521-2100.

Senior Leaf Rake – Begins Saturday, November 6 and lasts until all the registered yards are raked.

Leaves will be raked for Folwell senior homeowners and homeowners with disabilities. Leaves are raked, bagged (bags provided), and put at the alley line for pick up. You don't need to be home while your leaves are being raked. Call 612-521-2100 to register. This is a free service.

Do not place yard or boulevard leaves in the street; it is a violation of City ordinance. For the 2010 season, 6 a.m. on your garbage day in the week of November 15 is the final collection for leaves. In Minneapolis, you may use regular leaf bags until January, 2013, at which time the compost bags must be used.

Election Day – Tuesday, November 2, 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Not sure where to vote? Call the League of Women Voters-Minneapolis: 612-348-5151, or visit the City of Minneapolis home page: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us for complete voter information. Democratic Farmer-Labor Party: 651-293-1200-www.dfl.org; Republican Party: 651-222-0022-www.mngop.com; Independence Party of Minnesota: 651-487-9700-www.mnip.org; Green Party: 651-288-2820-www.mngreens.org.

November Dates to Remember

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| Monday 1 | FNA Annual Meeting |
| Saturday 6 | Senior Leaf Rake Begins |
| Thursday 11 | Veterans Day – Office Closed |
| Thursday 25 | Thanksgiving – Office Closed |

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.

Tuesday, November 2 — Remember to Vote!
Thursday, November 4, LBNA Board Meeting
7 p.m.

Friday November 26, Toys for Tots deadline!
See LBNA newsletter and website for more details!

Greyhound Pets of America 5th Annual Art and Craft Sale

Opening Gala Saturday, November 6, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at The Warren, 4400 Osseo Road, 612-703-9609. Lots of fresh art for sale. This year the sale items will also be also be available November 6-30. Stop by The Warren: Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., or Sat. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. All proceeds go directly to GPAMN to help find forever, loving homes for retired racing Greyhounds.

Many thanks to the following for a successful Heritage Day Event!

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Turner, Production Team: Sarah Leigh, Cris Tibbetts, Duane Atter, Jeff Johnson, Valerie Borey, Dan Hylton, Special thanks to: Tannise Southers, Tracy Libbesmeier, Sharon Hylton, Abby Ball.

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Thanks to our neighborhood and LBNA volunteers: Susan, David, Shirley, Ione, Wes, Jen, Ardella, Linnea, Pam, Julie: ESP Local #59 **And the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program funds for making this event possible through LBNA!**

Watch our monthly newsletter or website www.lindbohanon.org for upcoming events!

LBNA Phase II Plan Approved = New LBNA Home Improvement Loan Dollars

LBNA through the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) funding provides several different loans for residents to take advantage of to help improve their properties. This program offers residents attractive home loans at below market rates! For more information contact Jim Hasnik, Center for Energy and Environment, 612-335-5885. For loan details and application go to www.lindbohanon.org.

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mckinleycommunity@yahoo.com
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Neighborhood Discussion for NRP Action Plan Phase II

Come to the November Community Meeting, Monday, November 1, 7 p.m. at the Center for Families and voice your comments for our NRP Neighborhood Action Plan Phase II where you can decide how \$580,000 will be spent. This will be the final discussion meeting.

Neighborhood Vote! We Need You! December 6, 7 p.m., Center for Families

Come to the December Community Meeting, Monday, December 6, 7 p.m. at the Center for Families and vote for our NRP Neighborhood Phase II Action Plan that will determine how \$580,000 will be spent. This is the neighborhood-wide vote and if approved the NRP Phase II Action Plan becomes a document that will map the spending for our remaining NRP funds. Food and refreshments will be provided.

Know a Senior Who Needs Help with Raking or other Chores?

Chore Program - low-cost home maintenance services such as routine housecleaning, seasonal jobs, lawn care, snow removal and minor repairs. aimed at helping seniors living in their homes (individuals 60 and over).

Call 612-374-3322.

Want to Buy a House To Live In? The McKinley Home Ownership Forgivable Loan Program is Available
Call Chris at 612-276-1541 for more details. Other restrictions apply, so call today.

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.

McKinley Calendar of Events

McKinley Community Meeting Monday, November 1, 7 p.m., Center for Families, 3333 N. 4th Street

McKinley Board of Directors Meeting Monday, November 15, 6:30 p.m., Center for Families, 3333 N. 4th Street

Crime/Safety Meeting Monday, November 22, 6:30 p.m., Center for Families, 3333 N. 4th Street

Important Neighborhood Meeting- Vote for the Phase II Action Plan

McKinley Community Meeting Monday, December 6, 7 p.m., Center for Families, 3333 N. 4th Street



CNA Cleveland Neighborhood Association

P.O. Box 11635 • Minneapolis, MN 55411

CNA Office is located at Lucy Craft Laney at Cleveland Park School

Phone: 612-588-1155 Fax: 612-588-1151

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

Lucy Craft Laney Community Ed ~ Digital Camera Basics

Beginning digital camera users can now learn basic camera information and operation in a Lucy Craft Laney Community Education class, *Digital Camera Basics*. The three session class will begin on Tuesday, November 16, 6:30- 8:30 p.m. Session two on Saturday, November 20, will be a field trip to practice shooting with the help of an instructor. Session Three on Tuesday, November 23 will provide a review of camera operations, downloading images to a computer, setting up a simple file system, emailing images and more. The cost of the class is \$39; bring your camera and instruction book to class. If you are interested in registering for this class, you can call Tony Walker at Lucy Craft Laney Community Ed at 612-668-2224 or you can register online at www.mplscommunityed.com.

Give to the Max on November 16

November 16 is Give to the Max Day – “The Great Minnesota Give Together.” In 2009, Minnesotans gave \$14 million to over 3,400 Minnesota nonprofits in 24 hours,

becoming the largest on-line giving event ever! *This year, on Give to the Max Day 2, Cleveland residents can join in and give to the Cleveland Neighborhood Association.*

It's simple! It's easy! Just log onto www.givemn.org and in the donate box in the upper right hand corner type in the Cleveland Neighborhood Association. This will bring you to the CNA page where you can charge your donation amount to your credit card. All credit card transaction fees are paid for by GiveMN's funding partners. Join other Minnesotans in “The Great Minnesota Give Together” on November 16 by donating to your neighborhood association. All donations are tax deductible.

Holiday on 44th – December 3

CNA is happy to be a “Community Supporter” of the 13th annual Holiday on 44th. This free family event offers horse-drawn hay rides, performing artists, a craft fair, activities for kids, a wood carver and two ice carvers, who are sponsored by CNA, and much more. All activities take place on 44th Ave N. between 6 and 9:30 p.m. on Friday, December 3. Don't miss this premier Camden event.

Community History

Behind the Victory Flagpole – a peach of a pair

By Barbara Meyer Bistodeau

Many years ago there was a couple living in Minneapolis who did much to not only improve the health of the area, but to also contribute to the education of many people. The husband's name was Harold Samuel Boquist, and he was a doctor. He was born in Red Wing, Minnesota on October 21, 1888 and attended school in several places in Minnesota where his father was a minister. He graduated from Wheaton High School in 1907. Later, he entered the University of Minnesota and graduated from the School of Education in 1914. Being well trained to teach, he became the Principal of Dover High School, where he made an excellent record during the next two years.

But that was not enough. Partially because of a physical handicap with one of his feet, he desired to become a physician. So, he returned to the U of M Medical School and graduated with the class of 1921. Also, since early childhood, Dr. Boquist had suffered from severe attacks of bronchial asthma. It was this, together with the existence of tuberculosis among several of his relatives, which gave him the desire to become expert in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of chest diseases.

Back in those days tuberculosis was running rampant, so immediately after graduation in medicine, Boquist spent six months as resident physician at Glen Lake Sanatorium, after which he took an internship at Minneapolis General Hospital. In 1922 he became a member of the Glen Lake Sanatorium staff and that same year was married to Marian Scovell of Minneapolis. He spent from July 17, 1922 to September 1, 1925 as a Senior Resident at the sanatorium. During that time he gave his

patients excellent care and was well loved by them and his fellow physicians. From that time on, he held many positions. He was a member of the staff of U of M Chest Clinic, was elected to membership on the medical staff of the Lymanhurst School for Tuberculosis Children and a member of the Out-Patient Chest Clinic of General Hospital. He also had a private practice which took him to most of the private hospitals in Minneapolis, aside from being on the medical staff of St. Andrews, Swedish, Asbury and Fairview hospitals.

Dr. Boquist's training in the School of Education, plus his teaching experience in public schools qualified him to teach in the School of Medicine. It was no surprise to those who had known him as a student to see him do so well in clinical practice, teaching and research. His own physical handicaps made him more sympathetic to his patients and students.

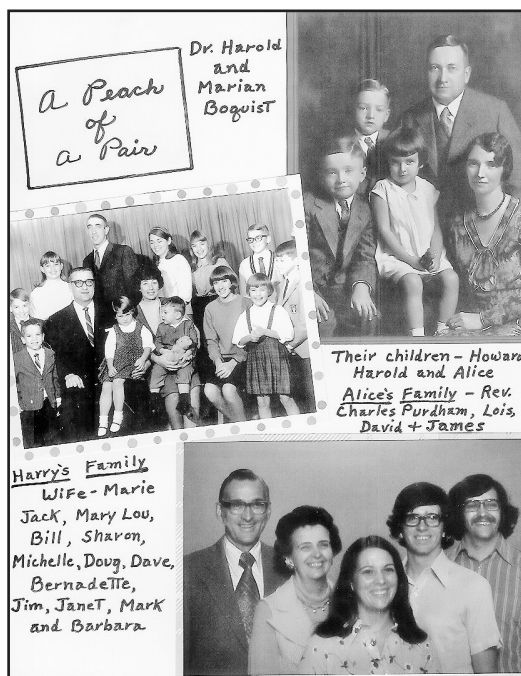
The story of Dr. Boquist's life does not have a happy ending. On Easter, 1934, he developed a sore throat. Even though uncomfortable, he took his wife and four children, Howard (11 years), Harry (9 years), Alice (7 years) and Lowell (2 years) to church, which was his custom. The following days he lost his sense of well-being and in June was found to have a blood stream strep infection. He died June 12, 1934.

It was time now for the other

half of this couple to take over. The doctor's wife, Marian Scovell Boquist, born in 1891, was left a widow at age 44 with four young children. They had been living in Northeast Minneapolis at the time of her husband's death. It was now a necessity for her to be the breadwinner.

Marian had her teaching credentials, as she had been educated at the U of M. She moved her family to North Minneapolis, at 2127 44th Ave. N., to be near a school that had just become a Jr./Sr. high school in 1937, Patrick Henry High School. This is where she had been accepted as a teacher for both Latin and English. She was beloved by students and staff alike, and taught until 1968 — with two of her children, Alice and Harry, sometimes being her pupils. She raised her children, along with having a very successful teaching career. She passed away in 1968.

This special couple who contributed so much for the good of all, giving their time and service to the community, was definitely a "peach of a pair."



Sample and Savor NOMI

By Joel Breeggemann

When was the last time you celebrated a night out in your own neighborhood? How about a cozy morning nestled in for some fresh baked goods or piping hot mug at your local coffee shop? Hopefully that will change in the near future as we bring to you the first annual Sample & Savor NOMI event.

In early November, we will be introducing special offers at many of NOMI's participating restaurants, coffee houses and specialty shops. Each week we will announce two establishments that are offering up a Sample & Savor NOMI special offer. You may be asking, "What do I have to do to Sample & Savor NOMI?" Simple, look for complete details on the Get To NOMI Facebook page, check out www.livemsp.com or simply email us at GetToNOMI@email.com for a complete list of participating establishments and special offers. Now get out there and Sample & Savor NOMI!

Changes to dangerous animal ordinance

The Minneapolis City Council recently approved changes to the City's dangerous and potentially dangerous animal ordinance. The amendments are designed to help improve regulation of dangerous animals in Minneapolis and ensure the safety of neighborhoods and residents from dangerous animals.

The changes to the ordinance clarify and strengthen Minneapolis Animal Care & Control's (MACC) ability to declare an animal "dangerous" or "potentially" dangerous. In the previous ordinance, MACC could not declare an animal potentially dangerous for aggressive behavior unless a bite occurred on the property of the dog's owner. The amendments will now allow MACC to declare an animal potentially dangerous if an individual who is legally allowed on the property (i.e. mail carriers) experiences aggressive behavior that requires a defensive action but is not bitten.

MACC can now declare an animal dangerous when, unprovoked, an animal inflicts substantial bodily harm to a domestic animal off the property of the owner or custodian of the animal. Under the old ordinance, MACC could only declare an animal potentially dangerous for inflicting injury with a bite on a domestic animal, or declare a dog dangerous for killing a domestic animal.

Under the new ordinance, ownership restrictions have also been changed. Those who operate a home day care are now prohibited from owning or housing a potentially dangerous or dangerous animal that has displayed aggression toward a person. Also, MACC now has the ability to restrict animal ownership if a person has had more than one dog declared potentially dangerous (on two separate occasions).

Two other ordinance changes reflect MACC's increased efforts to declare animals either potentially dangerous or dangerous at earlier stages in their aggression. By declaring animals after less serious bites, or for acts of aggression not resulting in a bite, owners have a greater ability to work with their dog to address the issues of aggression and have the declaration rescinded. Fees have also been reduced for responsible dog owners who have successfully completed an approved training program.

Domestic animals that have bitten or demonstrated aggression must be investigated to determine if that animal is a threat to the public's safety and should be declared dangerous. Minneapolis Animal Care & Control conducts these investigations and makes dangerous animal declarations. Declarations are determined based on the severity of the incident, including serious bites and unprovoked aggressive behavior.



Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association

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Web Site: www.scna-mpls.org

Email: scna@stribmail.com; Amy Luesebriink, 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.

Tuesday, November 9, 6:30 p.m. SCNA Shingle Creek Neighborhood

Association Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 17, 6:30-8 p.m. Camden Winterfest Planning Meeting

Camden Winterfest and Chili Cook-off needs volunteers!

We're inviting residents to an important meeting Wednesday, November 17, 6:30-8 p.m. at 42nd Avenue Station, 4171 Lyndale Ave N, to plan the 2011 Camden Winterfest and Chili-Cookoff event which is on Saturday, February 5, 2011 at Bohanon Park! We want to continue to grow the event but we need your help! Please on attend! FFI: SCNA staff 763-561-1616.

2011 Shingle Creek Pride Drive — Contribute \$11

Annually, SCNA hosts and supports projects like the: Shingle Creek Clean-up, Tour de Camden, Common Ground Community Garden; Provides community-wide event support for Holiday on 44th, Heritage Day, Toys for Tots, Camden Winterfest; Creekview Park program support for Halloween Haunted House, Ice Cream Social, Summer Stars Youth program, Movie Nights, Sliding Hill Extravaganza, and Camden Youth Engagement Project. Hundreds of residents enjoy them annually for free!

What would our community look like without them?

This fall we're starting a 2011 SCNA project support drive! We believe there are 2011 residents who value their community and want to support these important events and programs! Join us in making a donation of \$11 to help show your pride in our neighborhood. Make your donation online and receive a small appreciation gift from SCNA! All donations to our organization are tax-deductible.

Check with your tax advisors for full details. FFI: SCNA staff 763-561-1616 or www.scna-mpls.org

Winterize your home with a SCNA Home Improvement Loan!

Need a new furnace, windows, bathroom, roof? 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!

Webber-Camden Neighborhood Organization

612-521-2100 • 1206 37th Ave. N. • Minneapolis, MN 55412

Email: info@webbercamden.org or the website: www.webbercamden.org

New Webber-Camden residents let us know you're here!
website: www.webbercamden.org. M-Th, 0 a.m. – 5 p.m., Linda Koelman, President, WCNO

WCNO Annual Meeting on Thursday, November 4, 6:30 p.m., Webber Park

The WCNO Board will have five (5) At Large positions open, all for a term of two years. There are some incumbents interested in filling these positions. Copies of the Organization bylaws describing eligibility requirements are available, along with information about Board responsibilities and required commitments. Note: At the Annual Meeting, if you wish to vote on neighborhood decisions, you must be a Webber-Camden resident, property or business owner or an employee of a business located in Webber-Camden Neighborhood. Info: 612-521-2100.

It is a violation of City ordinance to place yard or boulevard leaves in the street.

For the 2010 season, 6 a.m. on your garbage day in the week of November 15 is the final collection for leaves. In Minneapolis, you may use regular leaf bags until January, 2013. After that date, compost bags must be used. If using compost bags now, be sure to put them out close to your garbage collection date because the bags begin to decompose after about three weeks and could break when the City picks them up.

Senior Leaf Rake – Begins Saturday, November 6.

Leaves will be raked for Webber-Camden senior homeowners and homeowners with disabilities. Leaves are raked, bagged (bags provided) and put at the alley line for pick up. You don't need to be home while your leaves are being raked. Call 612-521-2100 to register. This is a free service.

Vote! Election Day is Tuesday, November 2, 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

If you don't know where to vote, call the League of Women Voters-Minneapolis at 612-348-5151. You may also visit the City of Minneapolis home page: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us for complete voter information. Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party: 651-293-1200-www.dfl.org; Green Party: 651-288-2820-www.mngreens.org; Independence Party of Minnesota: 651-487-9700-www.mnip.org; Republican Party: 651-222-0022-www.mngop.com.

November Calendar

Thursday 4 WCNO Annual Meeting
Saturday 6 Senior Leaf Rake Begins
Thursday 11 Veterans Day – Office Closed
Thursday 25 Thanksgiving – Office Closed

Community Calendar

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@camdenews.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.



October

Saturday, 10/30

NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center town hall meeting on the report on research, theories and factors that has led to increased Northside violence. Panel discussion follows the report presentation. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Shiloh Temple, 1201 West Broadway. Light lunch served; RSVP call 612-543-2556.

Saturday, 10/30

In the spirit of service — and Halloween — Patrick Henry Admission Possible students and staff are “trick-or-canning” to collect food for the Emergency Foodshelf Network, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Event is part of Admission Possible's annual Make a Difference Day, which includes a rally celebrating service and a fundraising competition. Info: 651-917-3225.

November

Arts

Ongoing

Homewood Studios, 2400 Plymouth Ave., www.homewoodstudios.com. Antonio Guerrero, one of the “Cuban Five” arrested, accused and convicted of committing espionage by the U.S. in 2001. He began painting in prison, teaching himself, learning from other inmates. Show runs Nov. 4-30, opening reception Nov. 5, 6-9 p.m. Milo Fine, Viv Corringham, Charles Gillett, Elaine Evans and Kevin Cosgrove will all wow you on Nov. 8, 7 p.m., \$5 donation. Northside Writers Group, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m.; info stone.debra@comcast.net or george@homewoodstudios.com. Homewood Tai Chi, ongoing Sat., 8:30-10:30 a.m.; contact 612-588-3723 or beverly@homewoodstudios.com. Thru Nov: Sale of color photographs, oil paintings, ceramic work, reproductions, original prints, books; proceeds to scholarship local children to attend art classes at Homewood Studios; george@homewoodstudios.com or 612 587-0230.

Ongoing

Learn basic digital camera info and operation. Three sessions: Nov. 16, 6:30- 8:30 p.m.; Nov. 20 is a field trip to practice shooting; Nov. 23 is a review of camera operations, downloading images to a computer, setting up a simple file system, emailing images. Lucy Craft Laney School. Cost \$39; bring your camera and instruction book to class. Contact: 612-668-2224 or www.mplscommunityed.com.

Ongoing

Registration begins Nov. 15 for winter classes at **Camden Music School**. Winter term: Jan. 10-Mar. 19. Offerings include vocal and instrumental lessons, ensembles for youth and adults (choirs, rock 'n roll, fiddle, hand drums), music theory and Musikgarten early childhood classes. Scholarship application deadline: 5 p.m. Jan. 4. Family discounts available. Info: 612-618-0219 or www.camdenmusicschool.com.

Saturday, 11/6

Greyhound Pets of America 5th Annual Art and Craft Sale. Opening Gala, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Warren, 4400 Osseo Road, 612-703-9609. Lots of fresh art for sale. This year sale items available Nov. 6-30. Stop by the Warren: Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., or Sat. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. All proceeds go directly to GPA-MN to help find forever, loving homes for retired racing Greyhounds.

Thursday, 11/7

Northside youth and police promote better understanding in the new play **Getting Out**, at 7 p.m., at the **Capri Theater**, 2027 West Broadway. Script is an original play created jointly by the students of PYC Arts & Technology High School students and Mpls. Police 4th Precinct members as part of a civic engagement project to promote better understanding among North Minneapolis youth and the police. Discussion follows the presentation. Free. Info: Carl Griffin, 612-643-2048.

Tuesday, 11/9

Glass Fusing Workshop, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Glass Studio, 3243 Girard Ave N. 327-0283. Cost: \$55. Get some friends together to spend three hours in creative bliss making your own glass dishes and jewelry. Pre-registration required, www.goddessofglass.com.

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 open times, call the church at 612-522-4497.

Ongoing third Sundays

Breakfast and a Bag. The Joint Ministries of Evangelist Temple, Brooklyn Center Hispanic Seventh Day Adventist and Gethsemane Lutheran host a free community breakfast from 8-10 a.m. at Gethsemane Lutheran Church on 47th and Colfax. When you are finished with breakfast and coffee you are welcome to take a bag of groceries home with you.

Saturday, 11/6

Luther Memorial Church Women Holiday Bazaar. 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., 3751 Sheridan N. Beautiful hand-made gift items, variety of delicious home-baked treats, and Café Stuga with great food at great prices. New this year: Hmong Delight meal featuring fresh home-made eggrolls; at \$3 a plate they'll go fast! Granny's Attic has gently used household items and Men's Corner is filled with tools and more. Raffle items include a fabulous butterfly boutique handbag, gift certificates from local restaurants and more. Tickets \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. Start your holiday shopping here! Info: 529-2317

Saturday, 11/6

Hope Lutheran Church, 5200 Emerson, **Annual Bazaar**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sale items include hand made crafts, quilts, baked goods and more. Coffee and cookies available all day. Light lunch starts at 11 a.m. Quilt drawing at 1 p.m. Info: 763-561-4821.

Saturday, 11/6

St. Olaf Retirement Communities Auxiliary Bazaar, Bake Sale, Grandma's Attic and lunch. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. St. Olaf Residence Building, 2912 Fremont N.

Classes and Workshops

Saturday, 11/6

Are you approaching retirement or recently retired and concerned about how you'll make ends meet over the years or decades ahead? Learn (free) how to make informed investment decisions and develop objective investment strategies to reduce financial risks and ensure income during your retirement years at a “**How Can I Afford Retirement?**” program, 10 a.m.-noon, at Hennepin County Library - Brookdale, 6125 Shingle Creek Pkwy, Brooklyn Center. Protecting Your Investments - The Best Defense Is a Wise and Safe Investor. Info: 952-847-5600 or www.hclib.org.

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

Patchwork Quilt Kids' Club 3700 Bryant Ave N. Free after-school club for students in grades 1-6. M-F, 2-6 p.m. Reading-technology-leadership/culture, field trips and lots of time for fun, healthy, hearty after-school meal, nurturing. Contact Diane at 612-270-0923, Winnie at 612-723-4737, or visit www.patchworkquilt.org.

Community Events

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, fourth Wednesday at a local restaurant. Join in making this a better community for all! For info and social location call Jim Cain, 612-521-1903. Visit www.camdenlions.org.

Ongoing Tuesdays

4PAC Meetings keep you connected. 4th Precinct Advisory Council Meetings, 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday each month, 1925 Plymouth Ave. N. Topics vary. Meetings offer opportunities to meet officers and for Northside neighbors to share concerns. For an agenda email vivian@4pac.org. For general info visit www.4pac.org.

Ongoing

North Minneapolis Ultimate Frisbee games are fun-spirited pick up games; anyone can play. All skill levels represented, feel free to play if you're an experienced player or just learning the game. It's the only year-round outdoor ultimate game in town, running more than 15 years! In summer play under the sun, in fall enjoy your last snowless games, in winter run off your blubber, and in

spring lay out for a disc in the mud. Visit <http://home.comcast.net/~keelinkane/NMplsUltimate.html> for times and places.

Ongoing

Hennepin County offers **low-cost vaccination clinics** for people of all ages who lack health insurance or whose health insurance does not cover vaccines. Brooklyn Center Clinic: Hennepin County's Brookdale Service Center, 6125 Shingle Creek Parkway, 9 to 11 a.m. on Nov. 23. Downtown Minneapolis Clinic: Hennepin Health Services Building, 525 Portland Ave. S., 8:30 to 11 a.m. on Nov. 5. Info: 612-348-2884 or www.hennepin.us/vaccines. Donations requested but not required.

Tuesday, 11/2

Election Day. 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Not sure where to vote? Contact the League of Women Voters: 612-348-5151 or www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us. Democratic Farmer-Labor Party: 651-293-1200-www.dfl.org; Republican Party: 651-222-0022-www.mngop.com; Independence Party of Minnesota: 651-487-9700-www.mnip.org; Green Party: 651-288-2820-www.mngreens.org.

Wednesday, 11/10

Camden Lions Spaghetti Dinner, Sojourner Truth Academy, 3820 Emerson Ave. N., 6-8 p.m. Spaghetti dinner prepared by Papa's Restaurant and Deli. Meat and meatless sauces, with garden salad, garlic bread, desert, coffee and water. Presold tickets \$6, at the door \$7. Family of 5 for \$25. For tickets call Bill Moore at 612-522-0784 or Jim Cain at 612-521-1903.

Saturday, 11/13

Filson Family Benefit; to help a neighborhood family struggling with cancer, unemployment and potential foreclosure. Spaghetti dinner 4-8 p.m., silent auction, bake sale and free games for the kids. Suggested donation of \$10 per person. Hope Lutheran Church, 5200 Emerson.

Sunday, 11/14

First five segments of **By the People: The Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program** at the Ritz Theater at 6 p.m., 345 13th Ave. NE. A multi-episode look at the 20 years of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program, filmed at neighborhood events by Minneapolis Television Network staff.

Libraries

Ongoing events at Webber Park Library, 4310 Webber Pkwy. 952-847-275, www.hclib.org

Tweet Tweet, Birdie Birdie, Sat., Nov. 6, 2-4 p.m. For kids in grades 1-5. What are birds? How do they do what they do? Make a bird! Wear a beak, sing bird songs and do bird moves with local artist **Martha Zemor**. **Job Search Resources**, Thurs., Nov. 11, 1-3 p.m. Learn about the many resources available to assist you in finding a job: libraries, workforce centers, community programs, Internet sites and more.

Ongoing events at North Regional Library, 1315 Lowry Ave. N., 952-847-8450, www.hclib.org

There are a ton of activities for you and your kids: Toddler Storytime, Discovery Days, Preschool Storytime, activities, and Paws to Read, to get your child safely acquainted with animals. For teens: the popular Game On Fridays, chess club, job assistance, open Tech

Club and Teen Anime Club. And for adults there are a bunch of programs, including small business consultations with NEON, Microsoft Basics and World of Work for Ex-Offenders. Contact the library for dates and times.

Parks

Saturday, 10/30

CSI: Animals. 1-3 p.m., Kroening Interpretive Center North Mississippi Park. Become a CSI agent. Start your training in the “lab.” Then try to solve the problem of who died first. Document the crime scene and examine bones, animal bodies, and insects for clues. Solve the “crime” and earn your CSI badge. \$5. Ages: 6+.

Sunday, 10/31

Free Family Fundays: Snakes. 1-3 p.m., Kroening Interpretive Center, North Mississippi Regional Park. Meet a live corn snake. Discover how snakes move, find food and grow, and examine some snake myths. Free. Ages: All.

Sunday 11/7

Free Family Fundays: Turtles. 1-3 p.m., Kroening Interpretive Center, North Mississippi Regional Park. Meet the nature center turtles. Watch them move and greet each other. Throw some food in the water and watch them gobble it up. Check out turtle shells. Free. Ages: All.

Saturday, 11/13

Star Light Star Bright. 1-3 p.m., Kroening Interpretive Center. Step into a star bag and see a clear winter's night sky overhead. Discover constellations and create your own star chart to take home. \$5. Ages: 5+. Reservations required; call 763-559-6700.

Resources

Ongoing Tuesdays

Recovery, Inc. Facilitated, self-help groups offering a proven method to combat depression, fear, anxiety, anger, etc. Weekly meetings, 7 p.m., Elim Lutheran Church, 3978 W. Broadway, Robbinsdale. Free will offering. Info: 612-824-5773 or www.recovery-inc.org.

Ongoing

Drugs and drug addiction are problems our community struggles with. Get help at **Narcotics Anonymous**. No fees or dues. Meet Thursday, 5 p.m. 42nd Ave. Station, 4171 Lyndale Ave. N.; or Sundays at 7 p.m. at St. Bridget's Rectory (side door), 3811 Emerson. Info at naminnesota.org/ or call the helpline at 952-939-3939.

December

Friday, 12/3

Mark your calendars now for the **13th Annual Holiday on 44th**. This free family event offers horse-drawn hay rides, performing artists, craft fair, kids activities, wood carver and two ice carvers, and more. All activities take place on 44th Ave N. between 6-9:30 p.m. Don't miss this premier Camden event.

Thanks to Camden News donors!

Richard & Joy Berg
Michael Guest

Worship in Camden

St. Austin Catholic Church



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

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
 Nengyia Her, Senior Pastor
 Carol Stumme, Asst. Pastor
 Bee Vang, Pasotral Asst.

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

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Real Estate Sales or Service

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

For Rent or Sale

For Rent: Senior Rental Owner Occupied Building Studio Apartment. \$550. Background Check. 44th Ave. N. 612-521-7829.

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Churches share community concerns, vision for state

By John Kerr

Ten groups of parishioners from Northside churches gathered in homes during October to build relationships and discuss their vision for the future of Minnesota. The 90-minute conversations, including a DVD about racial disparities in Minnesota, were designed to get people thinking about their opportunities (or lack of such), ways of building a healthy community and messages to send to the new governor in December.

Prominent issues that emerged were education, jobs and transportation. Jeanne Fish of St. Bridget Catholic, who hosted two gatherings, said, "These topics, such as the horrible graduation rates for minority students, are always under the surface in conversation on the Northside. Most of us care about our youth, and when we see some not in school we worry what will happen in the future when they're unemployed. We hope that all contribute to our society and have an equal opportunity to do so."

St. Bridget and St. Philip Catholic hosted their own members along with others from St. Austin, Kwanzaa, Sacred Heart and Sanctuary Covenant. Similar conversations have been happening around the metro area and St. Cloud as part of the "10,000 Voices for One Minnesota" campaign of ISIAAH, a faith-based community organizing group of 100 churches. The campaign continues with a letter written by and signed by members of the churches involved to be presented to the new governor on December 5 at a large public meeting at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

"When we join with a group beyond our borders, I feel like we will have a bigger impact," Fish said. "With ISIAAH we have a chance to go beyond the squeak we make on the Northside and have a much larger impact. It takes everybody to make it happen."

Plymouth Avenue Bridge closes as a safety precaution

The City of Minneapolis closed the Plymouth Avenue Bridge over the Mississippi River to all traffic as of Friday, October 22. The bridge was closed as a precautionary measure following an inspection that revealed corroded cables within the internal bridge structure.

The bridge will remain closed as a safety precaution until further investigation can be completed and repairs can be made. The Plymouth Avenue Bridge is a post-tensioned box girder bridge, a type of bridge design that includes multiple redundancies in the structure, and which is not a fracture-critical design.

The City of Minneapolis inspects all of its bridges annually. During routine maintenance and repair work, workers found signs of corrosion in the bridge tendons, which are tensioned cables running through the concrete structure of the bridge. These cables are not visible from the exterior of the bridge. Additional investigation led engineers to conduct an examination of the interior of the bridge structure to determine the extent of the corrosion. Due to the level of corrosion, Public Works officials decided that as a safety measure, the bridge should be closed while further evaluation is being done.

The Plymouth Avenue Bridge connects north and northeast Minneapolis, and is located six blocks south of the Broadway Avenue Bridge, which is the recommended detour. Transportation officials do not believe the closure will significantly slow traffic because the detour route is relatively short.

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Camden Arts

Jumping out of the box

By Mick LaBriola

Combine the rich components of Jazz with the traditional cultural musical elements of the African Diaspora, intersperse a contemporary musicality and a rhythmic driving force that just will not quit; then you have discovered Kevin Washington. Kevin is a musician, percussionist/drummer, performer, theater accompanist and educator, and in Kevin's words "A jack of all trades." The highly energetic Kevin Washington has an intense passion and energy about his career that is overwhelmingly contagious and on fire. His vigorous musical exploits have charted him in the national music arena. Kevin has lived on the Northside for 10 years, has two daughters, Olivia and Nakaiya, and lives with his wife Lisa.

When I asked how his musical interest began, Kevin quickly showed me a cell phone picture of himself at age two with his first Toys 'R' Us drum set, given to him by his great-great-aunt that he never met. From that day on Kevin became very well acquainted with his destiny and his sense/strive for knowledge and development of his craft. His motivation is endless and awe-inspiring! Kevin was then performing by age five.

Both his parents, Donald and Faye Washington, are skilled musicians and educators. While in 6th grade in Detroit Kevin performed with his mom's middle school band, Band Direct, and his dad's ensemble Byrd Trane Sko Now, an after-school project where he met the great Jazz instrumentalist Roscoe Mitchell.

Kevin's parents relocated the family to Minneapolis from Detroit in 1987. Kevin confirms that 90 percent of his musicality comes from Detroit where he became familiar with Jazz legends James Carter, Anthony Braxton, Max Roach, Roy Brooks, Lester Bowie, Malachi Favors, Don Moyee and the AACM. His parents decided to settle here after contemplating a move to Seattle, Vancouver, Atlanta or Fairbanks. Donald first came to Minneapolis with his artist/poet friend Ibn Pori Pitt to perform at the first Juneteenth.

From 1993 Kevin found himself performing with the Northeast Junior High Concert Band, the South High School Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band,



Kevin Washington.

followed by the Fridley High School Drum Line and Jazz Band.

By 1996 Kevin had moved to New York and attended the New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music where he met Jazz greats Chico Freeman, Reggie Workman, Charlie Percip and Cecil Bridgewater. This led to performances with Fred Hopkins, Artie Lawrence and Chico Freeman. Kevin also found himself doing street performances with Bruce Edwards from Sun Ra in Times Square, Columbus Circle and Penn Station.

The Harlem School of the Arts was Kevin's first teaching experience. Kevin currently teaches at McNally Smith College of Music (www.mcnallysmith.edu/) and Walker West Music Academy (www.walkerwestmusicacademy.org/) in St. Paul. Kevin also has worked with theater music in local productions such as *Caroline, or Change* (Guthrie Theater), *Black Nativity* (Penumbra) and *Circle Around the Island* (Southern Theater). Kevin's current collaborations are with Nachito Herrea, Bruce Henry, Anthony Cox, Tim Ries, Rodney Jones, Brian Lynch, Des Damona and the Kevin Washington Quartet.

Kevin is deeply inspired by the music and the spirituality of the indigenous cultures of the world, "This is the true God, true Religion, get Holy Ghost." And he is also inspired by his never-ending learning process. He quoted the incredible jazz drummer/mentor Max Roach, "You stop learning then quit!" Kevin expresses, "Don't be scared to leave your box. There's a lot of other music out there that you don't know about. It's a big world out there. Jump out of the box!"

Workhouse Theatre season starts on high note with the sold-out production of *Proof*

Camden's only resident professional theatre, Workhouse Theatre Company (WTC), is off to a strong start with their new season. Their October production of the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Proof*, directed by Victory resident Diane Mountford, was a solid, sold-out hit with audiences and critics. *Star Tribune* critic Rohan Preston wrote that the production "compared favorably" with the 2003 Broadway production of *Proof*, which won Tony Awards for Best Play and Best Actress, and that "Sigrid Sutter is engrossing as Catherine."

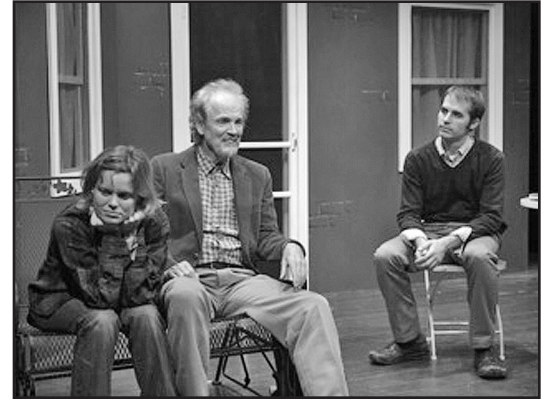
New and returning audience members shared Preston's sentiment. "This is the best thing I've seen here," one said on opening night. Another regular patron took the time to write, "I LOVED the production...Great acting, great directing, great staging, great costumes, great lighting, great everything...Of the three productions I've seen of *Proof*, yours was by far my favorite and the most affecting." A new patron left the theater saying, "You have something to be very proud of."

"We're thrilled with the production, and with the audience response," WTC Artistic Director Christopher Tibbetts said. "We're so blessed to have a loyal audience base, as well as to be operating in a city where people want to see good theatre. The positive response we've received from this show makes us all the more excited for the rest of our season."

Tibbetts, in his first season as Workhouse's Artistic Director, hopes that all the audience members who loved *Proof* will return to the Warren-An Artist Habitat (4400 Osseo Road) for the kick-off of the company's Shakespeare on Sunday reading series on Sunday, November 21 at 12:30 p.m.

Continuing its popular partnership with Minnesota Shakespeare Project, Workhouse will be offering three Shakespeare readings this year—on November 21, February 20 and April 10. The event begins at 12:30 each day with a potluck lunch. Patrons are encouraged to bring their favorite dish to share. At 2 p.m., some of the Twin Cities' finest

classical actors take to the stage for a reading of a beloved Shakespeare text, directed by Mountford. The intimate, unorthodox setting allows for patrons to mingle with the actors, share a meal, and feel more connected to, and involved in, the text they're hearing. Last season, Workhouse presented *Cymbeline*, *T+C* and *The Tempest*. Tibbetts says this



Sigrid Sutter, Robert Larsen, and Ryan Henderson in *Proof* at Workhouse Theatre Company. Photo by Duane Atter.

year's titles are still under consideration, but patrons can expect a mix of favorites and slightly less-known texts to challenge and entertain them.

The second and final mainstage show of the 2010-11 season will be A.R. Gurney, Jr.'s popular comedy, *Sylvia*, May 6-22, 2011.

Tibbetts says that he and WTC Managing Director Mark Webb are already hard at work on plans for next season. "We want to expand our offerings," Tibbetts said, "as well as thank our regular patrons and neighbors for all the support they've given us over the years. We want to be a vital part of this community, a neighbor who gives back as well as enjoys the benefits of such a wonderful community."

6th Annual Camden Music School fall recitals

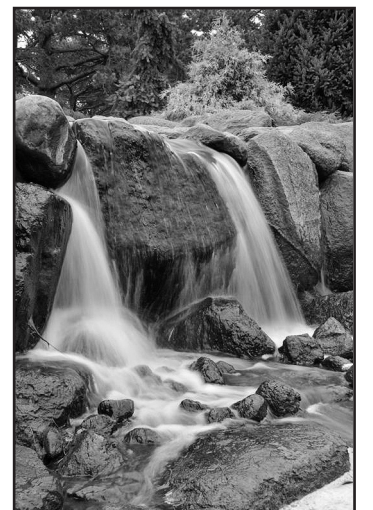
By Janet Zahn

Camden Music School is proud to announce its 6th annual fall recital series. Come see our students shine! Each recital features a wide variety of students, instruments and styles: from beginner piano to advanced guitar; from adult Afro-Cuban drumming to the kids' beginner rock 'n roll ensemble; from the youth fiddle group to solo snare drum.

There are four recitals and all are free and open to the public. Each recital is about one hour in length. The schedule is: Saturday, November 13, 1 p.m.; Saturday, November 13, 4 p.m.; and Saturday, November 20, 12:30 p.m. at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 3751 Sheridan Ave. N. And on Saturday, November 20, 4 p.m. is a recital at Grace Center for Community Life, 1500 6th St. NE.

There's a reception after each recital, and teachers will be available to talk and answer questions. Donations for the Camden Music School Scholarship Fund will also be accepted at each event. Come out to support these hard-working students and enjoy some music, a little food and a lot of fun! For info contact 612-618-0219 or Dave at dave@camdenmusicschool.com.

Exploring naturescapes



Camden photographer Randy Klauk will have a photography exhibit at Papa's Restaurant and Deli, 42nd and Thomas, beginning November 1 and running until December 15. The show will have photographs from his summer trip to Southwest Minnesota as well as from the metro area. The photographs are primarily naturescapes. An opening reception will be held; call Papa's at 521-7272 for date. The above image is a waterfall at the Arboretum, one of many photos to be exhibited.

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