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North High to stay open and become a "New North" next year

By Buzzy Bohn

The Minneapolis Board of Education recently voted to pass an amended recommendation from the superintendent regarding North Community High School, which would keep the school open and moving forward.

After recommending in October that North High be phased out starting with next year's 9th graders, Superintendent Bernadeia Johnson heard from hundreds of students, parents, alumni and community members about why North High should not be closed. While the district talked of low academic performance by some students, a number of current students and recent North graduates told of taking advanced placement courses at North and how well North High had prepared them for college. Superintendent Johnson called a press conference on November 4 to announce that while she still wanted to not

have a 9th grade class for the 2011-12 school year, that she would recommend to the school board that a "New North" open in the fall of 2012. She plans to bring in a national consultant, with experience in redesigning school programs, to work with a design team made up of stakeholders that would include alumni, teachers, elected officials, business people and students. The design team would also be liaisons between the Minneapolis Public Schools and the broader North Minneapolis community. The superintendent feels it will take several months, and possibly up to a year, to develop and design a new high quality program that meets the needs of students and the community.

The New North would be a 500-student specialty school and the superintendent said she thought the new program would most likely focus on science and technology.

The superintendent made her recommendation to the school board at their November 9 meeting. Again at this meeting, community members, alumni, students and parents told the school board and the superintendent how important North High was to the community, that the Northside had already suffered from all the school closings of the past few years and how those closings had caused the enrollment at North to go down. Another complaint from the community was the district sponsoring of charter schools on the Northside. Unlike the public schools, which have to take all students, the charter schools can choose which students they take and keep. They also said that while they were encouraged about the New North plan, they wanted the school to continue with 9th graders for the 2011-12

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A satisfied customer



About 200 folks came to feast at the Camden Lions annual Spaghetti Dinner on November 10 at the Sojourner Truth Academy, 3820 Emerson Ave. The spaghetti was provided by Papa's Restaurant & Deli, and volunteers baked up a bunch of brownies. Pictured is a happy, young spaghetti lover. Photo by Duane Atter.

Top riverfront designs offer innovation and inspiration

By Michelle LeGault

The final four design teams progressing in the largest design competition in Minneapolis history were announced on November 8. It will now be up to city residents to help a 13-member jury of city leaders decide which urban landscape design firm will win the chance to mold undeveloped riverfront property into a 21st Century park.

Each team in the Minneapolis Riverfront Design Competition (MRDC) is vying for the chance to design 5.4 miles of Mississippi riverfront that leads from the Stone Arch Bridge to the northern city limits. The top teams, three of which have ties to Minneapolis, include: Ken Smith Workshop of New York City, NY; Stoss Landscape Urbanism of Boston, Mass.; Tom Leader Studio of Berkeley, Calif.; and Turenscape of Beijing, China.

"I must say that the four selected teams really embody the aspirations of the next generation of parks," said MRDC Project Manager Mary deLaitre. More than just meeting the sponsors' three larger goals of establishing parks as an economic engine, knitting neighborhoods together and recreating the Mississippi River as a main identity, deLaitre said it was also clear that the jury sought ideas with innovation and inspiration.

The next round of voting, when the jury chooses the winning design, will take place on January 28. Before that vote, Minneapolis residents will have an opportunity to give feedback to the four teams via "Designer Ask," a survey that should be available at Minneapolis Park and Rec Centers and on the MRDC website in December: [http://minneapolisriverfrontdesign](http://minneapolisriverfrontdesigncompetition.com/)

competition.com/.

The Designer Ask questions were created based on a three-day visit the top four teams made to Minneapolis at the end of November. Responses gathered from the survey will be given to the design teams for their consideration before the jury makes its final selection.

At one last presentation on January 27, the teams will have an opportunity to respond to any concerns posed by Designer Ask. Community members are encouraged to attend the event, hosted at the Walker Art Center, which will be free and open to the public.

At the final presentation, estimated project costs will also be announced, said David Fisher, current superintendent of Minneapolis Park and Rec (MPRB).

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Cityview School to close

By Buzzy Bohn

Minneapolis Public Schools Superintendent Bernadeia Johnson has recommended to the school board that Cityview School be closed. The K-5 portion of the school would close at the end of this school year and the middle school (6-8) portion would be phased out one grade at a time over three years. Last spring, Cityview was identified by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) as one of 34 "persistently low achieving schools" in the state. Both MDE and No Child Left Behind (NCLB) require that the school district restructure the school. Current K-4 students can choose to go to another school in their attendance area. The 5-7 students would remain at Cityview as the middle school program is phased out. This recommendation will need to be voted on by the board of education before it becomes final.

The Minneapolis Public Schools will be opening a district authorized K-5 charter school, the Minnesota School of Science, in the Cityview building next fall. The district will also be opening the Pierre Bottineau School next fall. It will be a self-governed, French language immersion school and will be housed in the Jordan Park school building. It will start as a K-1 school and grow to a K-5 program over five years.

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It's a quiet time of year in real estate. There's been some positive movement in the economy, so we'll hope to gear up for a more active season beginning in January. As members of the Camden community, we can all make a difference in protecting the neighborhoods as the market stabilizes. Get involved! Watch the homes around your property. If there's a nearby home that's a rental, make sure there's a rental license & that the owner is paid up in taxes (apps.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/AddressApp/SearchByAddress.aspx?AppID=PIApp). If there's a home being lost to foreclosure make sure it's occupied. If not, work with neighbors to clear snow from the front to keep it safer & to keep the neighborhood looking good. If there are problems with a nearby house, call 311 to report security & safety issues. We can advocate for Camden by encouraging people to look at area homes & by pressing the city and owners to take responsibility. Knowledge is power, so look at this web site!

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At this point in time, there is no dollar amount on what it may cost to revitalize the riverfront because it is hard to assign monetary value to an idea, Fisher said. "We really don't know what the price tag of [the winning project] will be yet because we're still in the conceptual stage," he added.

In order to take those conceptual ideas and make them into the park of "our dreams," energy from community members will be vital, said MN Representative Diane Loeffler. "Community groups don't get acknowledged enough for how they start the dream," she said. Loeffler has lived in Minneapolis her whole life and she said decades of dreams for what to do with the Mississippi riverfront have come and gone, but now is the time to step up.

The sponsors of the MRDC are the MRPB, the Minneapolis Parks Foundation, and creative partners the University of Minnesota College of Design and the Walker Art Center.

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- Barbara Johnson
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- Diane Hofstede
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- Peter McLaughlin
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- Thomas Fisher
- William Rees Morrish

For biographies of the jury members go to <http://www.minneapolisriverfrontdesign-competition.com>.

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Good things are happening at **Vitalife Pharmacy Rx** on Fremont and 42nd. Vitalife is participating in the City of Minneapolis' Healthy Corner Store initiative. The program supports store owners in making fresh produce and healthy foods more visible, affordable and attractive to neighborhood residents. VitaLife is the first store in the program to complete this process, and they had a grand re-opening event on October 25. There was a live cooking demonstration and taste-testing of healthy foods. The corner store transformation process includes: connecting stores to a produce distributor, developing a financial system to help track and monitor sales of healthy food, remodeling the store to display fresh foods, and finally engaging the community with a grand re-opening event for each store. Pictured is Camden resident Bill Moore trying out some of the healthy, tasty food. Photo by Randy Klauk.



Got computer problems? You don't need to drive to the suburbs for help — **PC ViBE** just opened at 3860 Thomas! It's a computer repair shop, owned and operated by Andrew Thomas, that offers computer repair, sales and service. iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad repair is also available. PC Vibe provides CLEAR 4G internet, Comcast



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Letters to the Editor

✉ Fighting unethical debt collectors

When I read the November *Camden News*, I was shocked to see a letter to the editor suggesting that people should contact me about the need for laws to "protect us from unethical debt collectors." I thought everyone knew I was the leading legislator in Minnesota for protecting consumers on these issues. I've been on television and in the newspapers regarding my bills and was even invited to Washington, D.C. a couple months ago to speak at the conference of national debt collector associations. The person who organized the conference referred to me as the leading consumer protection legislator in the country on these issues.

There has been an explosion of new collection techniques in the last decade where fraud and misrepresentation has become commonplace. The most onerous, however, is the new phenomenon where companies buy debts from credit card companies or other creditors who have given up on collection and written off the debt. The biggest atrocities committed by these debt buyers are that they sue people who merely have a similar name to the debtor, they sue for vastly larger amounts than are actually owed, and/or they sue after federal and state statutes prohibit collection because the debt is so old. There are also many instances where the debtors never have a chance to defend themselves because they are not served with any papers notifying them of the

suit (often intentionally), and vast numbers of suits where the collector has no proof whatsoever of the amount owed, or even of the identification of the person being sued. Our court system in Minnesota doesn't even require the collector to provide proof in most cases where judgment is entered. Debt buyer companies pay a few cents on the dollar for uncollected accounts and some of them receive 300 percent profits. Moreover, generally there is so little information given to the debt buyers that they can't really establish any proof of the amount of the debt or who the debtor is if it's contested, so they rely on people just defaulting because of the cost of hiring an attorney to defend themselves.

The letter writer cited the fact that some collectors go after the relatives of deceased debtors. The only company in the nation specializing in that practice is a Minnesota company. I believe it's deplorable to go after grieving widows or children to pay a debt for which they have no legal obligation. On the other hand, there are some cases where a creditor would have the right to start an estate file for the deceased debtor and make a claim for some of the estate assets that are over the amounts that are exempt for family members. My proposed legislation will protect the family members but still allow for those circumstances where the creditor would have the legal right to use pro-

bate court to collect against some of the estate's non-exempt assets that are transferred from the decedent to the decedent's heirs and beneficiaries.

Creditors are also getting courts to put people in jail merely for not responding to legal papers they probably don't understand. Another part of my proposed legislation will try to curtail that practice and protect debtors, while at the same time not taking away all the necessary rights of the creditor to collect.

I have been the leader on this type of consumer protection legislation since the issue arose in Minnesota and I am working with Legal Aid, as well as debt collectors, to try to fashion legislation that will protect consumers while still allowing legitimate enforcement of debt collection by creditors. I'm also the only legislator asked to speak on this issue to attorneys for their continuing legal education courses. And I participated in a recent press conference with Senator Al Franken wherein he announced he was introducing a bill in Congress which was mostly modeled after my legislative proposals.

As always, I welcome letters, emails or phone calls regarding problems you encounter, ideas you might have for solutions, or just plain questions on how to deal with state bureaucracy.

Joe Mullery,
State Representative District 58A

✉ Victory Drive improvements

I read the November *Camden News* article about the major renovation of the Victory Memorial Parkway a day after having visited it in person on a walk during a nice autumn day. The improvements to the flagpole and other parts of the drive are progressing quickly and most of us community members are glad to see the re-building of the major community amenity in Northwest Minneapolis.

That being said, I feel that much of the improvements to the flagpole, plaza and area around the Lincoln statue seem minimal, at best. The flagpole and plaza have stood since the monuments were first constructed in the 1920s. The destruction of the existing flagpole and plaza earlier this year was troubling. Their replacement with a flagpole and plaza of essentially similar design and identical function seems misguided and wasteful. It also seems to reflect the idea that something newer must be better than something older — even though that monument has stood there since Theodore Wirth had the vision to bring about the original over nine decades ago.

Isn't there something unseemly about demolishing a historic monument and replacing it with a newer version of itself? Especially one with no structural problems or any functional reason to justify the multi-million dollar expenditure?

Other parts of the Victory project seem more justifiable and useful, particularly those adding new pedestrian and street lighting to the parkway. But the destruction and replacement of the flagpole and plaza seem more likely to dishonor those servicemen and women honored by the historic original monument. To me, the new flagpole represents a monument to wastefulness and a disregard for the history of the original Victory Memorial Parkway.

Eric Hofer,
Webber-Camden

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Looking for the perfect gift for those on your holiday list? Why not try stuffing a stocking with a treasure chest of stories about the local area. *The Mississippi Courts and the Communities Surrounding Them 1949-2009* is a collection of exciting first-hand stories, maps, lists of former residents, and photographs that begin to unravel the history and mystery of the Mississippi Courts and Camden area.

This incredible limited first edition is nearly sold out! During December, Mississippi Courts Historical Society (MCHS) will be selling two books for an incredible \$50 plus shipping and handling! Orders can be placed at www.mississippicourts.org or books will be available at the Holiday on 44th event December 3, 6-9 p.m. at the Mississippi Courts Historical Society's table.

The book includes many stories that embody the spirit and rich heritage of the local Camden area including: The Workhouse, Hopewell Hospital, Camden Bank, Camden Bridge, Galeno's grocery store, the Canoe Derby, local churches, plat maps, lists of former residents and much more! This limited and exceptional book is a must have this holiday season and captures for the first time what it was like living in the Mississippi Courts and Camden Community from 1949-2009. For info go to www.mississippicourts.org or contact Mike Fahey at 612-788-1418.

2011 Home Tour wants your home

The 2011 Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour is looking for homeowners and home improvement professionals who would like to be featured on the April tour. Nominations/applications are due January 15 and early submissions are encouraged. The tour, in its 24th year, will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 30 and May 1.

"People who attend the tour are looking for ideas on how to remodel or expand their homes," said Tour coordinator Margo Ashmore. "Homeowners on the tour enjoy fabulous feedback and find it's also a great promotion for their neighborhoods."

Contractors and other vendors may nominate homes they have worked on. Green, energy efficient, and historically-sensitive remodels and expansions get special notice among the 50 homes. It is not necessary to have remodeled the whole house. For info contact Margo at 612-867-4874 or link@nrp.org. Download an application at www.MSPHomeTour.com under "nominate."



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Musings on a sudden winter's day

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

As I was writing this column the first snow was coming down a "pile a minute," unexpectedly blanketing my unprepared garden. That was the day I was supposed to finish putting it to bed; pulling up annuals, cutting down some perennials, trimming back the shrub roses and cutting down the spent raspberry canes. I guess Old Man Winter has done it for me. On the bright side we do need the moisture and since the ground is not yet frozen most of it will seep into the ground. If temperatures rise most of the snow will melt, and if they don't, snow is an excellent insulator so my perennials will be protected. And if the snow sticks around and this is truly the beginning of winter I can look forward to lots of winter interest in my garden this year!

Now that I have come to terms with the sudden change in the season, my thoughts turn to the upcoming holidays and all the plants that we associate with them. I am going to get back up on my soapbox about choosing a live Christmas tree this year, if a tree is part of how you celebrate the holidays. Choosing a live tree over an artificial one is helping both the environment and the economy.

Today most Christmas trees are grown on tree farms, an industry that employs more than 100,000 people. Two to three seedlings are planted for each tree harvested, and during the 7-10 years that it will take for them to reach maturity they will provide a habitat for birds and wildlife, remove dust and pollen from the air, and each acre of trees will provide the daily oxygen requirement for 18 people. After the holidays you can prop your tree up in the yard where it can serve as haven for wildlife. After they are picked up by the City they will be chipped and used as wood mulch in our gardens and for newly planted trees. If it is the cost of a live tree that concerns you consider that an artificial tree will only last an average of six years and then spend the next 100 years in the landfill. If you are due for a new tree this year consider the environmentally friendly route, reduce your carbon footprint and support a large industry in Minnesota.

I find the story of mistletoe and how kissing under it became

part of the holiday tradition very fascinating. The Anglo Saxon word "mistle" meant dung and "tan" meant twig; thus mistletoe meant "dung on a twig," not exactly the romantic association it has today. Mistletoe is a parasitic plant, meaning it needs a host plant on which to live and that is usually a deciduous tree. It is also evergreen and because of this it is most noticeable in winter after the leaves have fallen off the host. This "lifestyle" maybe why mistletoe is associated with ancient beliefs and myths and how it came to be known as the "kissing plant."

Ancient belief was that mistletoe sprang to life from bird droppings in the treetop (thus the name "dung on a twig"). Legend has it that the ancient Druids of Old Europe considered mistletoe to be sacred, possibly because the evergreen plant seemed to magically appear in the trees in the winter after all the other traces of green had disappeared. The Druids were required to cut the plant from oak trees with a gold knife, the mistletoe had to fall on a white sheet and be carried away by virgins. Because of its reputation as an aphrodisiac and as an aid to fertility, mistletoe was used in wedding ceremonies, which may have led to the practice of kissing beneath it. Kissing under the mistletoe is a relatively new Christmas tradition however, as years ago this was practiced in England on New Year's. The practice of kissing under the mistletoe at Christmas may actually be of Scandinavian origin. According to this custom, any two people meeting under mistletoe are obligated to kiss. In his story *Christmas Eve* Washington Irving states, "The mistletoe is still hung up in farmhouses and kitchens at Christmas and the young men have the privilege of kissing the young girls beneath it, plucking each time a berry from the bush. When the berries are all plucked the privilege ceases."

Holly, ivy, poinsettias, all other plants associated with the winter holidays make us realize that the plants fill our homes and lives all year round; that there is plenty of green to sustain us until the garden emerges from under the snow next spring. Enjoy your green in the winter that just swept upon us.

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Thanks to all of you who've donated to the *Camden News* in the past — we appreciate your support. You know that newspapers around the country are failing due to decreased advertising revenue.

So what's the big deal? It's very likely that someday the *Camden News* will be an on-line only newspaper. We had the fore-

sight to set up our website 13 years ago, before most U.S. businesses and residents even had Internet access. But the Camden Community has a disproportionate amount of seniors and low income residents who don't have a computer or Internet access. As long-time Camden resident Dorothy Hase wrote us, "I enjoy the paper...I hope you never stop publishing. I and many of my friends do not have a computer, so where would we get our news?"

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

Here are the facts: We have a very lean budget for a small nonprofit organization. It costs about \$5000 a month to publish the *Camden News* — that includes printing, labeling,

postage, business delivery, typesetting, book-keeping, editing, taxes, insurance and all the other basic costs of running a small business. Our ad revenues have fallen dramatically and our monthly expenses currently exceed our revenues by about \$600 each month. We come to you twice a year to help supplement ad revenue losses, but we typically only get enough in donations for the total year to pay for one issue of the *Camden News*.

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

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Promoting a healthy community

By Crime Prevention Specialist Tim Hammett

I've been thinking a lot about block clubs lately and the role they play in keeping our communities healthy. I often say that one of the best defenses against crime is a strong, healthy community in which neighbors know and look out for each other. Time and again, we find that neighborhoods that have strong interpersonal connections between residents are less vulnerable to crime and other social ills.

There are many reasons for this. First, the better you know your neighbors, the easier it is to tell if a particular activity or situation is suspicious. "Is that person looking in my neighbor's window a relative or friend, or is it someone thinking about breaking in?" If you don't know your neighbors you're going to be less sure of the answer to that question, and less likely to call 911. Another example can be seen when a burglary or other crime does occur. In neighborhoods where people are in touch with each other, word gets out that something has happened. Sharing the knowledge that a burglary has happened allows people to reflect on their own security habits, and often serves as a reminder to lock up their homes and garages, thereby reducing the opportunity for future crimes.

Healthy, strong communities also do better at supervising the kids in the neighborhood. For those of us who grew up in such communities, we knew that if we did something stupid, that our parents would find out about it. The neighbor down the street would have no problem correcting us, or advising our parents if we were to do something foolish or harmful. This is much more difficult in neighborhoods without those bonds and connections between neighbors. How do you respectfully bring an errant child's behavior to the attention of a parent if you don't know that person? How do you even know who's kids are whose? As a Crime Prevention Specialist I often field complaints about kids acting out in the community, but when I ask the caller if they know who the children's parents are, or even where they live, all too often the answer is "no."

Healthy communities also promote respect and trust between neighbors. Having respect for one's neighbors and community has obvious implications for criminality in a neighborhood simply because crime is less likely to occur between individuals who respect each other. If one feels that he or she is a valued

member of a community, one is less likely to transgress within that community. It's also easier to victimize a stranger than someone you know. Anonymity is both a shield and a sword for the criminal. It not only protects his identity, but it makes it easier for him to dehumanize his target.

In today's society, the pressures for each of us to turn inward are enormous. It's all too easy for us to go to work, come home, put the kids to bed, watch a little TV and turn in ourselves without giving much thought to our neighbors and our community. The (often self-imposed) demands placed on families can leave little time or energy for pursuits outside the home. What passes for public discourse in the popular media doesn't help either. Rather than a genuine exchange of ideas, we are presented with carefully crafted talking points by pundits and opinion makers who talk, or all too often shout, past each other. It may be great for ratings, but it does little to inform public opinion, or encourage us to constructively engage one another in the public square.

So what do block clubs have to do with all this? Simply put, they provide a structure for intentionally building community in neighborhoods where community is lacking. Through a block club, we can get to better know our neighbors, collectively address issues of mutual concern, and build those bridges of trust and respect that connect us to one another and the community at large. If you don't know who your neighbors are, or if you don't know the kids that play or congregate on your block, then you can benefit from a block club. If you feel isolated from your community, or overwhelmed by neighborhood issues, then you can benefit from a block club. If there are new residents on your block that you haven't met yet, then you can benefit from a block club. And if you do know your neighbors, and are connected to one another as a community, a block club can help you too, by re-enforcing those bonds and facilitating community action.

If you want to start a block club, or want to know if there is one nearby, contact your neighborhood Crime Prevention Specialist. For Camden residents living north of Dowling call CPS Mary Etzioni at 673-3364. Camden residents south of Dowling should call CPS Jennifer Waisanen at 673-5873.



Fourth Ward Report

Council Member Barbara A. Johnson
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- Learn about snow emergency parking rules
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- View frequently asked questions
- Sidewalk snow shoveling rules

2011 Budget

The City of Minneapolis is holding a public hearing on the City's 2011 budget to give the public a chance to share their thoughts on the proposed budget and tax levy. The public hearings on tax levy and 2011 City budget

Monday, Dec. 13, 6:05 p.m.
City Hall, 350 South 5th Street, room 317

You can learn more about the proposed 2011 budget on the City's webpage and also view the complete proposed 2011 budget. Minneapolis is facing a number of serious fiscal challenges that affect the City's bottom line. This includes State cuts to Minneapolis of more than \$54 million since 2008, and escalating health care and pension costs. Mayor R.T. Rybak's proposed City budget for 2011 funds the basics of keeping people safe, improving streets and helping create jobs. The City Council is in the process of holding budget hearings prior to adopting a final budget in December.

Minneapolis Opens Emergency Operations Training Facility

The City of Minneapolis has opened its new Emergency Operations Training Facility (EOTF), which will help emergency responders and other City staff better prepare for and respond to emergencies. The multi-purpose building helps meet the training and response needs of the Minneapolis Fire Department, the Minneapolis Police Department, and the City's Emergency Management Division, along with other regional partners. The EOTF is a multi-purpose building that includes training classrooms for Minneapolis Firefighters and metro emergency managers, a strategic information center for the Minneapolis Police, the main training site for the State of Minnesota Structural Collapse Team, and an emergency operations center that will be used during significant emergencies or disasters. The new facility is built on a 12-acre site in Fridley that the City purchased in 1990, and since that time, the site has been built out as a training facility for Minneapolis Firefighters. The construction of the new EOTF on the site is a major step toward completing this training and response site. The EOTF is built to a LEED Silver Quality Standard for sustainability, and it includes facilities for a wide range of emergency responders from Minneapolis and the region.

4th Ward E-Newsletter

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

Happy Holidays from the Fourth Ward Council Office – Barb, Sara & Audrey.

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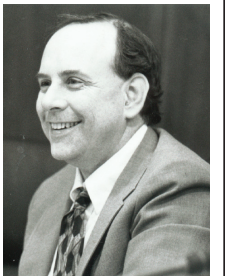
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Camden Arts

Chamber orchestra performs free concerts at Capri Theater

The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra (SPCO) and the Capri Theater will present three free chamber music concerts in North Minneapolis during the 2010-11 performance season at the Capri, 2027 West Broadway. The first concert at 8 p.m. on Saturday, December 4, features SPCO musicians performing *Beethoven's Serenade in D for Flute*, *Mozart's Stadler Quintet* and Elliott Carter's *Esprit rude/Esprit doux for Flute and Clarinet*. The other two concerts are set for 8 p.m. Saturday, March 26, and 8 p.m. Saturday, May 21.

While the tickets are free, they must be reserved in advance at www.thecapritheater.org or 612-643-2050. Reservations will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis, until the 250-seat venue reaches capacity. Reservations will be redeemed into assigned seating at the Capri Theater's ticket desk in the lobby starting 6 p.m. the night of the concert.

These concerts are made possible through a grant from the Minnesota State Art Board through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature from the Minnesota arts and cultural heritage fund.

"We're extremely excited to be partnering with the Capri Theater on these concerts," said Sarah Lutman, president and managing director of the SPCO. "Making our music as accessible as possible to the Twin Cities is something we continually strive for. We are not currently bringing our concerts to the North Minneapolis neighborhood, and we are pleased to be able to perform at the beautifully renovated Capri Theater through this partnership."

"These performances by musicians of the SPCO mark a very important milestone in the Plymouth Christian Youth Center's development of the Capri Theater along West Broadway in North Minneapolis," said the theater's director Karl Reichert. "Since we completed our first phase of renovations in 2009, we have been striving to make the Capri accessible for a diverse array of performing arts. The addition of classical chamber music concerts performed by some of the world's best musicians is a thrill for us ... and real boost to our efforts to serve the Northside of Minneapolis and demonstrate the versatility of the Capri as a venue."

Sculpture that you can wear

Since Camden metals artist Bennett Graham was laid off last fall, he has put it all on the line, online, that is. Graham has just released the first sculptural jewelry designs for winter 2010-11 at his debut website <http://bensartshop.com/>. Over the years, Bennett has sold his work at galleries like the Weisman Museum and Walker Art Center; with the website, he aims to reach a wider public view. The collection — titled *City Splash/Flash*—is created from hand-wrought aluminum wire embellished with crystals, glass and even rubber. Recently laid off from a job in his other career, graphic design for TV news, Graham returned to his first love of sculpture and metal work, adding his unique touch the field of jewelry design. The brushed aluminum of one of his creations dangles from Graham's left ear catching the morning sun. "When I first started making earrings, one of my best friends (a woman) told me to go out and get an ear pierced so I could feel how they were to wear. Great idea, since it also helps me to design them."

Cold connections. No, that does not refer to the fact that Bennett works in Minneapolis. "Cold connection" is a term that means there is no soldering used to hold the jewelry together; hammering and bending the metal keeps the elements in place. "I've always been a secret architect at heart," says Bennett. "But I hated the math. The shapes and connections I make in the jewelry are intuitive and the process satisfies my love of building things." And what of starting a business during the Great Recession? "I've been sending out resumes for a year now and I'm still sitting at home, so I figured I may as well work at home," he says. "It's great to hold something I've created with my own hands at the end of the day."

Bennett has sold his work at galleries and shops across the U.S. He says his creations also travel the globe. "I've sold to people from Brazil, Germany, Russia—you name it. It's very cool to know that my art is being worn all over the world. It's a great connection and expression as an artist." He is excited to be able to offer his new designs online at <http://bensartshop.com/>. New creations made in his North Minneapolis studio are added weekly.

Survival through diversification

By Mick LaBriola

Singer/songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Johnna Morrow and her husband Steve Sklar are purveyors of an array of world musics. Among their treasures are the deep, hypnotic, pulsating sounds of the Australian indigenous didgeridoo (often a natural wood, conical drone pipe about 10 feet long reminding me of the alpine horns I saw as a kid), and the mesmerizing Tuvan Throat Singing (Xoomii or Khoomei) of the Tuva Republic in the far south of Siberia.

Johnna and Steve together embody a musical journey that often takes them to multiple travels throughout Mongolia and festivals throughout the world touring, performing, hosting and savoring the beautiful music of remote areas of the globe.

Johnna is a stunning vocalist who plays guitar, doshpuluur, flutes, tsuur (Mongolian flute), futujana (Slovakian flute), piccolo, didgeridoo and percussion. Steve, also a tremendous vocalist and guitarist, additionally performs on igil (bowed double string), doshpuluur (three-stringed lute with goat skin) and didgeridoo. He is a master throat singer and a recording engineer as well.

Johnna and Steve have resided in their current Northside residence since 1985. As well as a musician, Johnna is a visual artist working in ink, watercolors and acrylics. Her other media include oil pastels, weaving/fiber and ceramics. Johnna is also a student and practitioner of Qigong and participates in dance, yoga and taiji.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, Johnna spent much of her youth in the Fox Valley area of Wisconsin in the small village of Sherwood. Both her parents were athletes and musicians; in fact her parents met at the famous Interlochen Music Camp in Michigan. Both her grandmothers were musical as well, one a vocalist, and the other a pianist. As a child Johnna studied dance, flute and choir by 5th grade and added guitar at 15. While in college in Stevens Point, Wisconsin she performed at coffee houses while training on classical flute.

In 1982 Johnna moved to the Twin Cities. Two months later, on the very day she broke her piccolo, she met Steve, who had been studying instrument repair in Red Wing. Together they have had many



music ensembles including Big Sky, the Overtone Orchestra and Little Green Men. In 2010 they were both awarded for best foreign musician performances at "Ustuu-Huree" Festival in Chadana, Republic of Tuva Siberia. This festival was a benefit for the renovation of a Buddhist Temple. Other notable performances at the festival included Sun Ra and the Tuvan Brass Orchestra.

Steve described their detainment through the border from Mongolia to Russia: they met some Kazaks (people from Kazakhstan) and soon someone was playing the Dombra (2-stringed lute); Steve started throat singing and Johnna played the didgeridoo and everyone was enchanted.

At the end of my interview with them, both Johnna and Steve picked up a didgeridoo, which look like giant horns whose bellowing bases sit on the floor, and played soothing deep low tones vibrating like an audio massage through my entire being and their home. It was thrilling!

Johnna and Steve will be performing at the 42d Avenue Station Coffee House, 4171 Lyndale N. on December 10 and January 15. Johnna illustrates that she and Steve bring back traditional world musics and mix it up with their own creative process. Visit their website in progress at <http://skysongpro.com/>.

Johnna quotes Mark Twain: "Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime." Johnna expresses: "Survival through diversification"; "Get it out there more."

Holiday Concert and Sing-Along Plus a FUN Craft and Bake Sale

By Janet Zahn

Come enjoy a delightful hour of good, old-fashioned holiday cheer at Camden Music School's Holiday Sing-Along, Craft and Bake Sale, 4-5 p.m., on Saturday, December 11 at Luther Memorial, 3751 Sheridan.

Audience members choose their favorite songs to sing — from *Jingle Bells* to *Jingle Bell Rock* — culminating with a grand mass chorus of Handel's *Messiah*. The singing is sprinkled with concert performances by local pianist extraordinaire Jim Zieba and others.

After the concert, everyone's invited to a cool craft and bake sale. You'll find lefse and other ethnic specialties, gluten free items and some primo oola-la gourmet baked goods. Local crafters create unique, music-themed items for the sale, too, and we'll have some special Musikgarten gifts for the little ones.

All proceeds from the bake and craft sale go to the CMS Scholarship Fund which provides tuition assistance to individuals and families. Donations are also accepted at any time at www.camdenmusic.com. The CMS Scholarship Fund is a sponsored project of Our Neighborhood Works, www.ourneighborhoodworks.com.

This is a free heartwarming holiday tradition for many — and we hope you'll make it yours! To get in the spirit, check out our singing sing-along video invitation on Facebook. Info: 612-618-0219 or info@camdenmusicschool.com.

Workhouse Theater continues with Shakespeare readings

Workhouse Theatre Company, the Camden Community's resident professional theatre company since 2003, is busy spreading holiday cheer and good will throughout the Twin Cities, and particularly the Northside.

"We're so grateful for the support and interest of all our Camden neighbors and friends," said artistic director Christopher Tibbetts. "Our fall production of *Proof* was a hit with audiences and critics, and set new box-office records for us. Thanks to everyone who made this such a gratifying, thrilling, successful show." Tibbetts also reported that the popular Shakespeare readings series, *Shakespeare on Sunday*, a partnership with Minnesota Shakespeare Project, began on a high-note.

On Sunday, November 21, Workhouse and Minnesota Shakespeare Project presented Shakespeare's obscure drama *Timon of Athens*, featuring Kurt Schweikardt, Keith Prusak and Laura Esping.

There are two more opportunities to catch *Shakespeare on Sundays*. On February 20, Shakespeare's controversial "comedy," *The Merchant of Venice* will be read, featuring Sigrid Sutter and Ryan Henderson from Workhouse's production of *Proof*, and Mark Rosenwinkel as the vengeful Shylock. On April 10, the series wraps up with the romantic comedy *All's Well That Ends Well*, with Northsider Elizabeth Gjertson (Claire in *Proof*). For info on readings and performances visit www.workhousetheatre.org or call 612-216-1583.

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HOLIDAY ON FORTY FOURTH

Friday, December 3
6:00–9:00 p.m.

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

Most activities are FREE!!

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

Along the Avenue:

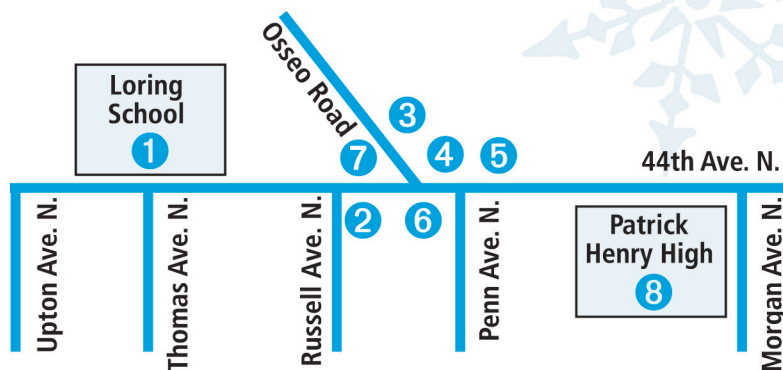
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In the Businesses on 44th:

Food Collection for NorthPoint Food Shelf and Toy Collection for Toys for Tots distribution at Jenny Lind School on December 11.



44th Ave. N. and Penn

On the street

- **U of MN Juggling Club** – Sponsored by Webber Camden Neighborhood Organization
- **Pony Rides** – Sponsored by Camden Community Parks

3 The Warren: An Artist's Habitat

6:00–9:00 pm Open House
Free hot cider – fire pit
Toy and Food collection site

3 Workhouse Theater
"The Night Before Christmas"

Performed every 45 minutes at The Warren
Sponsored by Victory Neighborhood Association (see posted schedule)

4 Parsons Preferred Dental

Ice Carving / Raffle by Terry Reis
Sponsored by Cleveland Neighborhood Association
Roasted Chestnuts in the parking lot
Sponsored by the Victory Neighborhood Association

4 Mighty Stitch

Free cider – coupons for alterations, crafts for sale

4 Housing Resource Center
Build a birdhouse – with the Camden Community Parks – FREE

Free hot cocoa & cookies, home improvment/loan Info
Toy and Food collection site

5 Emily's F & M Café

4:00–8:00 pm Spaghetti with lots of homemade meat sauce, tossed salad/garlic bread \$9.95
Caroling by Camden-Wirth Oaks Girl Scouts

6 Steamworks Coffee and Tea

Tree lighting ceremony at 6:00 pm
Limited coffee menu – cider with topping bar, hot chocolate, cookies – Father Christmas – fire pit

6 Victory 44

Fire pit – \$5 off purchase of \$15 or more

7 Doorway

Over \$500 in prizes, big discounts on gift certificates
Free glow-in-the-dark necklaces for kids
Free goodie bags for adults – chair massages
Free hot beverages

44th Ave. N. and Thomas

1 Loring School

Multipurpose Room

Papa's Restaurant and Deli:

Pizza by the slice–\$3/slice or 2 for \$5, coffee–\$1, bottled soda–\$1.50

Camden Music School Singers–Caroling

Sponsored by Victory Neighborhood Association

Gym

6:00–9:00 pm **Face Painters**

Sponsored by the Camden Community Parks

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

Sponsored by the Patrick Henry High School Foundation

7:00 pm **Cool Animals of the North – MN Zoomobile**

Sponsored by Monica Colberg

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

Sponsored by the Patrick Henry High School Foundation

Outside, Near 44th and Thomas

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

Sponsored by Gary Mortensen and Lara Bollweg

• **Marshmallow Roasting – Boy Scout Troop 129**

of Luther Memorial Church and Girl Scout Troops 11021 and 13440 of St Olaf's Church

44th Ave. N. and Russell

2 House at 2321 44th Ave No.

Cookie Decorating –

Sponsored by Faith Baptist Church

44th Ave. N. and Morgan

8 Patrick Henry High School Gym

6:00–9:30 pm **Art & Craft Show**

6:00–9:00 pm **Patrick Henry High School**

Booster Club Silent Auction

6:30–7:30 pm **Los Allegres Bailadores**

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7:45–8:45 pm **Steve West and the Northern Stars**

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6:00–9:00 pm **Make & Take**

Gingerbread Houses – FREE

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6:30–8:30 pm **Make & Take Crafts – FREE**

Camden-Wirth Oaks Girl Scouts

6:00–9:00 pm **Face Painters**

Sponsored by Senator Linda Higgins and Camden Community Parks

Gym Lobby

6:00–9:00 pm **Community Tables**
Student Concession Stand
Egg Roll Sale – PHHS Asian Club
Food and Toy collection site

Outside, Near Morgan Ave. Door

Wood Carving Demo / Raffle by Terry Faith

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Outside, on corner of 44th & Morgan

Marshmallow Roasting – Boy Scout Troop 129

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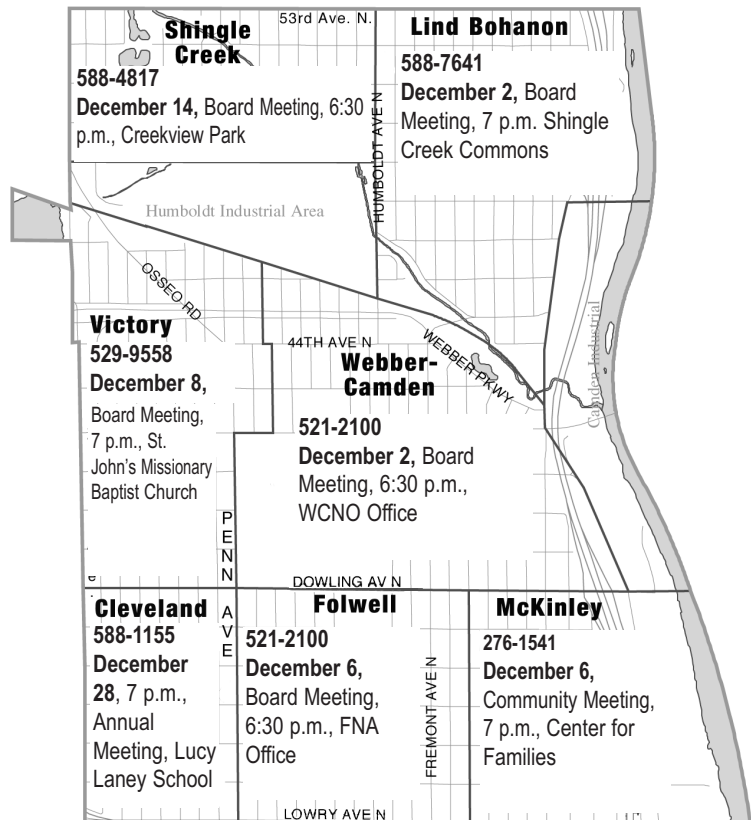


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All the News from Victory Neighborhood



ViNA Meeting –December 8 - 7 p.m. at The Warren
 Because of the holiday season the Victory Neighborhood Association will combine their November and December meetings into one meeting on Wednesday, December 8, at 7 p.m. We will continue the new meeting format begun at the October meeting including our **new meeting location**. Thanks to the hospitality of owner, Duane Atter, we will meet at The Warren, 4400 Osseo Road. After a short business meeting we will continue our roundtable discussion of community issues, priorities and participation. This is also our annual holiday treat potluck, so if you can, bring your favorite holiday treat to share.

hood. Watch our website or contact ViNA for more information.

Holiday on 44th: Join your neighbors and the rest of the Camden Community at Holiday on 44th, on Friday December 3, 6-9 p.m. ViNA is proud to be a sponsor of this highly acclaimed and much anticipated community event, now in its 13th year. Look for the complete schedule of activities on page 7 in this issue of the *Camden News*.

Tips for a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season

CCP/SAFE

- Shopping – Gifts left unattended and visible in your car can be tempting – lock them in your trunk.
- Walking after dark – With the long hours of darkness, be extra aware when you are on your way to work, shopping or home.
- Displaying gifts — Many households display gifts before and after the holidays. Remember that homes are vulnerable this time of the year because of the time spent away from home.

Happy Holidays from the Victory Neighborhood Association

Holiday activities

The temperatures are dropping, the days are shortening and winter arrived with a thud, all heralding the impending holiday activities.

Holiday Lights Contest: Prepare now for the annual Victory Holiday Lighting Contest. All residents of the Victory Neighborhood who put up a lighting display will be eligible to win gift certificates from our local businesses. The judging will be open to all residents of the neighbor-

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.

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

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

Lowry Corridor Plan Approved by the Minneapolis Planning Commission: The Planning Commission approved the Lowry Avenue Strategic Plan on Monday, November 15. Now, it moves on to the Zoning and Planning Committee of the City Council on December 2 and to the full City Council on December 10. Zoning changes related to the Plan will wait until the Metropolitan Council has finished their review. Implementation of the Lowry Avenue Strategic Plan should begin early in 2011.

FNA Annual Meeting and Board Elections: Thank you and congratulations to returning Board Members: Tom Mitchell-Vice Chair, Karen Taylor-Secretary, Marilyn Weber-Treasurer, Don Hunker and Lynn Austin-At Large members. We welcome three new At Large Board Members: Bill Moore, Deven Nelson and Thomas Will. Thank you to all members of the FNA Board for your continuing commitment to Folwell neighborhood and the greater community. We also wish to thank non-returning At Large members: Ian Alexander, Jim Skoog and Marty Will for their years of service to FNA.

At the FNA Annual Meeting, Crime Prevention Specialist (CPS) Jennifer Waisanen talked about the Minneapolis "Neighborhood Policing Plan." One of the points of her presentation was the need to reinvest in block clubs, especially with MPD-trained block leaders. Watch for information coming soon about the dates of block leader training provided by the Minneapolis Police Department.

Senior Leaf Rake: Between Folwell and Webber-Camden neighborhoods, Sentencing to Serve (STS) raked 24 yards for seniors and homeowners with disabilities. We thank STS for a job well done. (They were lucky – the yards were raked the week-end before the big snowstorm!)

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

Holiday on 44th – "An Old-fashioned Camden Celebration" – December 3, 6-9:30 p.m.: This is the 13th Annual Holiday on 44th. As long as it's winter, we might as well enjoy it! You'll have a great time at both the inside and outside attractions – from ice sculptures, horse-drawn hay rides, and other fun outside to food, entertainment, crafts and other inside activities at Patrick Henry High School and Loring Community School.



The Lind Bohanon Neighborhood Association



Message Line: 612-588-7641 • email: LindBohanonNA@aol.com • www.lindbohanon.org

LBNA Meetings: Free and open to the public. Residents are encouraged to attend.

Meetings held at Shingle Creek Commons Bldg, 4600 Humboldt Ave N. unless otherwise specified

Any requests for special accommodations are welcome. Contact LBNA staff seven days prior to date of meeting. For more details on any of these items check the LBNA newsletter and website.

Thursday, Dec. 2, LBNA Board Meeting 7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 3, Holiday on 44th, 6-9 p.m. at Patrick Henry High School

December 1-5. Twelve homes will be nominated for the best holiday lights of this season. **December 9 will be the final judging.**

Fourth Annual LBNA Hosted Toys for Tots Distribution December 11

On Saturday, December 11, 9 a.m.-noon, will be the fourth US Marine's "Toy's for Tots" distribution at Jenny Lind School, sponsored by LBNA, Jenny Lind Community Education, Camden McDonald's, Acorn Mini Storage and Holiday on 44th Committee!

The displays will be judged on number of lights, creativity, display theme, and overall aesthetics. Prizes will be awarded for the top three displays. All 12 nominees and the winners will be posted on our website.

For more information how to register for toys or to volunteer, contact LBNA at 612-588-7641. **No reservations for toys will be accepted on the message line**—you must register online or speak directly with LBNA staff to register for this year's event. For toy registering guidelines or drop-off locations go to our website at www.lindbohanon.org.

This year LBNA would like to thank all those that have volunteered, contributed time, money or their talents to help the Lind-Bohanon Neighborhood Association with its work improving the neighborhood! We invite you to attend our December 9 Volunteer Thank you Open House Party 6-8 p.m. at Shingle Creek Commons 4600 Humboldt Ave. N! We'll have warm refreshments, we'll place you in our honorary 2010 thank you wall, and then take volunteers on a van ride holiday lights tour in the neighborhood to be honorary judges of this year's 12 lights finalists! If you've helped -- we want to say "Thank you!" Please RSVP, so we can plan enough van space and time, at www.lindbohanon.org or call LBNA staff at 763-561-1616.

6th Annual Holiday Light Contest in Lind-Bohanon and LBNA Volunteer Thank You Open House Party, December 9

Its time to light up the neighborhood with your holiday lights! Judges will be driving the neighborhood from

McKinley Community Office
 Center for Families,
 3333 North 4th Street, room 1
 Phone: 612-276-1541
 Email: mckinleycommunity@yahoo.com
 Website: www.mckinleycommunity.com

Neighborhood Vote for NRP Action Plan Phase II

If you make one meeting all year this is the one to attend

Come to the December Community Meeting, Monday, December 6, 7 p.m. at the Center for Families and vote for our NRP Neighborhood Action Plan Phase II where you can decide how \$580,000 will be spent. All residents are greatly encouraged to attend. The NRP Phase II Action Plan can be seen on our neighborhood website at www.mckinleycommunity.com under the News and Events tab and can be viewed in it's paper format in the McKinley Community office at the address listed below and we can email it out in an electronic format also. Tell a neighbor to come on out too. This meeting will have food and beverages for your enjoyment.

Know a Senior Who Needs Help with Raking, Shoveling 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

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

McKinley Board of Directors Meeting
 Monday, December 20, 6:30 p.m., Center for Families, 3333 N. 4th Street

Crime/Safety Meeting
 Monday, December 27, 6:30 p.m., Center for Families, 3333 N. 4th Street

McKinley Community Meeting
 Monday, January 3, 2011, 7 p.m., Center for Families, 3333 North 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

Community Energy Services come to Cleveland

Community Energy Services is a comprehensive one-stop residential energy program being offered to select Minneapolis neighborhoods to help residents save money and stay comfortable. The Cleveland Neighborhood Association has partnered with the Center for Energy and the Environment (CEE) to bring this program to Cleveland. Through this program, Cleveland residents will have access to a free workshop on energy efficiency and conservation, a home visit by two qualified professionals including a blower door test and up to \$400 worth of materials and services, as well as information about rebates, innovative financing and incentives. The home visit, which usually costs \$30, will be free to the first 100 Cleveland residents who sign up for the workshop.

The workshop will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room of Lucy Craft Laney School. You can learn more about the program and sign up for the workshop at Holiday on 44th, on December 3. Talk to Kyle Boehm from CEE at the Community Energy Services table in the gym lobby of PHHS that evening, or contact Kyle at kboehm@mncee.org

Holiday decorating challenge

Cleveland residents are encouraged to do their exterior holiday decorating with natural and environmentally friendly materials. Make a wreath from dried materials or decorate your window box with branches and LED lights that use less energy than conventional lights. Or use solar lights or used or recycled items. Be creative! Then email a photo of your decorating along with your address to cna@clevelandneighborhood.org. Include a description of what you used in your decorating that makes your display "green." We will post the photos on the CNA website so residents can take a virtual tour highlighting the creativity of the people in Cleveland neighborhood. Also, remember... Shop Local – Shop Lowry – for your decorating needs.

CNA elects officers

At their first board meeting following the Annual Meeting, the CNA Board of Directors elected officers. Serving for the 2010-2011 year are: Chairman John Helgeland; Vice Chairman Trevor Tungseth; Treasurer Mike Theisen; and Secretary Brigid Shea.

Community History

Behind the Victory Flagpole – the way it was

By guest writer, Judy Thomas Halvorson

I went out to lunch with a shirt-tale relative of my mom's the other day and we were remembering how things used to be. We lived on 35th and Queen, and across the alley on the corner was Frank's Barber Shop, a drug store, and Sass' 5 & 10 cent Variety Store. Across the street from them was Depew's Grocery and Meat Market which was later sold to the Metzgers. My dad and brother used the barber shop—I even remember getting a hair cut there once. The drug store was great. It had a fountain where you could get the most popular kind of Coke for that time, which was cherry, and the malts and sodas were good too. When the drug store closed, it turned into a beauty salon.

The 5 & 10 had everything. Mom always had them wrap gifts for her. Can't remember how much they charged, but remember taking things in to have them wrapped. They had big rolls of gift wrapping paper. When the 5 & 10 closed, it then became Mrs. Fish Catering.

When we went to the grocery store, they would put our bill on the "tab," which was paid once a month. Pretty handy! Meat was gotten from the Paradise Market on Lowry and Penn by ordering over the phone. One of the clerks would deliver it on their way home from work that night. Did you have a door to door milkman? They didn't charge much more than you would pay at the store. We paid for everything with our own money—no cards to swipe or numbers to punch in, in those days.

We didn't have all the junk mail sent out by every store. No malls, you took the streetcar downtown to shop. As for automobiles — we didn't have all the foreign cars, so you knew the kind of cars, the make and model, which were on the road.

Whitewalls and fins were popular features. And the doctors — they actually made house calls. You didn't need insurance! Every home had one phone (most likely with a "party line") and no answering machines. It seems that someone was usually home and if not, they'd call back later.

Guess I loved growing up in the Camden area! We had movies at the Alhambra Theatre (Lowry and Penn) on Saturday afternoons. They had serials, so you had to go every week to keep up with the story line. Later in our lives, we had movies at the Star Lite Drive-In. Now you can't even find a drive-in theatre. We had real action — not sitting in front of a video game and using our fingers — ice skating every night in winter at Folwell Park, with their piped-in music. It didn't matter what the weather was like.

There were trips on our bikes to the Camden pool or to Twin Lake to swim in the summer. We often got together with the neighborhood kids for "Kick the Can" or "Hide and Seek" or a baseball game. Sometimes we put a blanket out in the back yard and all our girlfriends would meet there with their dolls and we would play most of the day. Oh, the freedom we had when we were young that the young people of today do not have! And the best thing was — your mom was at home — most moms didn't work out of the house. How things have changed — and not always for the better!

Christmas for us was nothing like what the children of today expect. We received only one big gift and one small gift from Santa Claus. I remember one



Christmas (I still must have believed in Santa) at my aunt and uncle's (all the family-grandparents, aunts and uncles and about 40 cousins crammed in.) There wasn't room to move. Santa came with small gifts for the kids. It was wonderful! In my older years my cousin said to me, "Didn't you know that Santa was your dad?" Wow, how did I miss that!

A little bit about our guest writer: Judy Thomas Halvorson was born in 1941 and lived at 35th and Queen until married in 1967 to Orv Halvorson. She attended Wm. Penn Elementary, Jordon Jr. High, and graduated from North High School. While at North High she worked part time at Dayton's, then before marriage, worked first for an attorney, then with the Pillsbury Co. After being a stay-at-home mom while the kids were growing up, she took jobs at various machine shops as an office worker and retired from Qualitek Engineering Co. after 15 years as office manager. Judy and Orv have two children, Paula and Eric. The family lived in Maple Grove most of their married life, then retired to Cambridge, Minnesota.

Barbara Meyer Bistodeau

Notable Neighbors

Molly Nicholson has been named 2011 Mrs. Minneapolis and will represent our community at the 2011 Mrs. Minnesota Pageant (March 12 and 13) where she will compete for a grand prize package and the opportunity to represent Minnesota at the 2011 Mrs. International Pageant. Her official banner was presented to her by Mayor Rybak in September at the mayor's office. Molly is the wife of Mike Nicholson and is the owner Pentagon Insurance Agency. She is also the mother of 8-year-old daughter Claire. The Mrs. International pageant system recognizes women for their commitment to family, their profession and community stewardship. She is available to speak

on her platform, "The Unseen Enemy- Educating Parents on Internet Safety." To schedule an appearance call 952-432-6758. Molly is currently seeking sponsorship support; visit www.mrsminneapolis.com.

The Police Activites League (PAL) 13U football team won the city football championship on November 3 at Roosevelt High School! PAL, is a non-profit organization sponsored by the Minneapolis Police Department to encourage the healthy and safe development of young people through after-school athletic, recreational and educational activities with Minneapolis Police officers serving as coaches, role models and mentors. Visit minneapolispal.org for info on how to get your child involved.

Congratulations to honor students of the Arts Institute International: **Michael Fangman** made the dean's list and **David Fust** made the president's list.

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



North High

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school year. After much discussion, the school board amended the superintendent's recommendation to include 9th graders next year if the school could recruit 125 students for the freshman class by March 31. If 125 students have not signed up by March 31, there will not be a 9th grade class at North High next year.

A group comprised of North Alumni, the Friends of North, students, parents and community members is already working on recruiting new students and also supporting the current North students. The group wants students and families to know about all that North High currently offers such as the International Baccalaureate Career Certificate program, STEM (science, technology, engineering, math), advanced placement classes, and the KBEM/Jazz88 radio station education.

As is often the case, it took the threat of closing North High for community members and alumni to realize that they needed to stand up for this community asset and rally around the school. North High School has been an important part of North Minneapolis for more than 120 years and is looking forward to the next 120 years.



Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association

P.O. Box 15656, Minneapolis, MN 55415;

Web Site: www.scna-mpls.org

Email: scna@stribmail.com; Amy Luesebrink, 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, December 14, 6:30 p.m. SCNA Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association Board meeting

Winterize your home with a SCNA Home Improvement Loan, Save Energy, Save Money and Help the Neighborhood at the Same Time!

Need a new insulation, furnace, windows, roof? Every home improvement loan improves your home and the neighborhood! The double bonus is that for every repaid loan, SCNA can do more to help the neighborhood. We've had over 300 people take advantage of our program so far which has leveraged over \$2 million of improvements to our neighborhood! SCNA homeowners are eligible for low or no interest rates for home improvement loans. The minimum loan amount is \$1,000; maximum is \$10,000. Call Jim Hasnik at 612-335-5885 Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) for more details about the SCNA Home Loan program!

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

SCNA needs Volunteers!

Ever want to make a difference right in your own backyard? Tons of volunteer opportunities are available in your neighborhood! Plan to attend the next Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association meeting to find out more or email us at scna@stribmail.com. FFI: SCNA staff 763-561-1616.

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

The Webber-Camden Neighborhood Organization Board of Directors and Staff wish everyone a happy holiday season!

WCNO Annual Meeting- Board Elections

Thank you and congratulations to returning "At Large" Board Members: Bruce Nolan, Amy Loegering, Kristin Kern, and Jeff Valley. And, thank you to all members of the WCNO Board for your continuing commitment to Webber-Camden and the greater community.

At the WCNO Annual Meeting, Lt. David Hayhoe and CPS (Crime Prevention Specialist) Mary Etzioni discussed the "Neighborhood Policing Plan." Lt. Hayhoe and CPS Mary Etzioni stated that block clubs were a good way to help keep the neighborhood safe and residents involved. MPD-sponsored block leader training is coming soon. Watch for the dates of the training sessions.

Holiday on 44th, December 3, 6-9:30 p.m.

Lots to see and do at the 13th Annual Holiday on 44th — both indoors and outdoors. Outside there are ice and wood carvers, horse-drawn hay rides and other activities. Some of the indoor activities include entertainment, food and crafts held at Patrick Henry High School and Loring Com-

munity School. Get your boots on and enjoy the fun!

Winter Skating event(s)

Frosty Fun will be back at Webber-Park in January. Planning is underway for this family event in partnership with the MPRB and North United Methodist Church. This event features horse drawn wagon rides through the park, a chili supper at North Church and skating on the pond. Skates are available at the warming house at no charge to use during the event. Watch for the date, time and more information in the next issue of the *Camden News* and on the WCNO website, webbercamden.org.

Senior Leaf Rake

STS (Sentencing to Serve) raked leaves in 24 yards for seniors and homeowners with disabilities in the Webber-Camden and Folwell neighborhoods. Thanks to everyone from STS, you did a great job!

Snow Shoveling Help for Seniors and Homeowners with Disabilities

Call Neighborhood Involvement Program (NIP) to register for snow shoveling and learn about their chore service (612-374-3325).

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.



December

Arts

Ongoing

Try something new at **Camden Music School** this winter: "Goin' "Glee" — a gleefully good fun class based on the hit TV series. Students learn songs from the show, vocal technique, choreography and staging, culminating with a rousing performance (for grades 2-6). "Recreational Music Making — Adult Group Piano." Have you always wanted to play the piano? Previous music experience and perceived talent not required. "Experience Music More Richly" with "Music Appreciation 101," and discover why music is so much a part of our lives, and "Inspiring the Songwriter in You," helps get you started writing songs. The "Richly" series also includes CMS' delightfully challenging Music Theory classes for those ready to take their musicianship to new heights. New special, family rates for parents and/or grandparents who take lessons together with children. Also vocal and instrumental lessons, Musikgarten. Scholarship application deadline 5 p.m. Jan. 4. Contact 612-618-0219 or info@camdenmusicschool.com. Classes at Camden at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 3751 Sheridan Ave. N., and Grace Center for Community Life, 1500 6th St. NE

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.

Ongoing

St. Austin Church Unique Boutique and Cookie Sale, 41st. and Thomas. Gifts, knitted and crocheted items, baby items, cutlery, decorations, team items,

"designer" doll clothes, cookies, fresh nuts, raffles, door prizes and more. Dec. 4, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Dec. 5, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Dec. 11, 2-6 p.m.; and Dec. 12, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Ongoing

InVocation's annual Christmas concert Be Like the Bird, celebrating the season through the eyes of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Music soars from Russia to the West Indies; from the Philippines across Europe and around the U.S.—accompanying poetry bears the insights of Mary Oliver, Luci Shaw and St. John of the Cross. Joined by harpist Tonya Anderson and flutist Diane Kirchmann Wood. InVocation's mission is to present inspiring music, while benefiting the hungry. Admission is free, but a free will offering benefits the House of Charity. Sun., Dec. 5, 4 p.m. Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church, 5011 31st Ave S. and Sat. Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m., Church of the Annunciation, 509 West 54th St.

Saturday, 12/18

Joint ministries of **Evangelist Temple and Gethsemane Lutheran** have a full day of holiday activities for Camden residents. Begin with a visit to the newly opened food shelf at Gethsemane, 47th and Colfax, from 12:30-3 p.m. (Food shelf open the third Sat. of each month for Camden residents). Children can shop in the Christmas store from 1-4 p.m. and choose the perfect gift for their moms and dads — all gifts are 25 cents! — and the presents will be gift wrapped to keep the secret safe! Then it's time for a holiday meal with all the trimmings from 4-6 p.m.

Sunday, 12/19

St. Olaf Lutheran Church and First Lutheran Church of Crystal **Choirs' Christmas Concert** benefit for youth ministry at 11 a.m. at 2901 Emerson N. The concert, arranged by St. Olaf Music Director Jerry Bursch, features St. Olaf Senior Choir and Children's Choir, First Lutheran Church of Crystal Senior Choir, and St. Olaf instrumentalists. Instrumental preludes start at 10:30 a.m.; a bake sale follows the concert.

Classes and Workshops

Third Tuesdays

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

Ongoing Wednesdays

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

Ongoing

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. Hennepin County's Brookdale Service Center, 6125 Shingle Creek Parkway, 9 to 11 a.m., on Dec. 28. Downtown Minneapolis Clinic: Hennepin Health Services Building, 525 Portland Ave. S., 8:30 to 11 a.m. on Dec. 3. Info: 612-348-2884 or www.hennepin.us/vaccines. Donations requested but not required.

Ongoing

Shop for holiday gifts and support the animals at **Gentle Touch Animal Sanctuary**, 4902 France Ave, Brooklyn Center. Gift sale on Sat., Dec. 4, 11 and 18, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Handcrafted items, soy candles, soap/lotion baskets, chocolate kitties, fleece blankets and assorted gifts. Proceeds help purchase food, lit-

ter, vaccines and other things needed by the animals. Gentle Touch is a no-kill, feline/canine rescue and placement nonprofit organization. Info: 763-537-5599.

Ongoing Thursdays

ZUMBA Fitness, Robbinsdale Community Gym, 3730 Toledo Ave N., 8-9 p.m. Fun Latin-inspired dance-fitness class with infectious music and easy to follow moves. Drop-ins \$10, www.ZumbaMN.com.

Tuesday, 11/30

Hennepin County public hearing on the proposed 2011 budget and property tax levy at 6 p.m., County Board Room, 24th floor of Hennepin County Government Center, 300 S. Sixth St., Hennepin is proposing a 2011 budget of \$1.6 billion, \$86 million less than the 2010 budget. The proposed budget keeps the property tax levy at the 2010 level of \$676.2 million.

Monday, 12/3

City of Minneapolis public hearing on the City's 2011 budget to give the public a chance to share thoughts on the proposed budget and tax levy, 6:05 p.m., City Hall, 350 South 5th St., room 317. Learn more at minneapolis.ci.mn.us.gov. The official hearing is the day of budget adoption on Mon., Dec. 13.

Libraries

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

Job Search Assistance, Thurs., Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10; 1-3 p.m. Are you seeking new employment or re-entering the workforce? Do you need help looking for a job, filling out applications or writing your résumé? Stop in for free one-to-one assistance with a job search representative.

Winter Crafts, Sat., Dec. 11, 1-3 p.m. Grades 1-5. Stop by the library and create a snowflake mobile or a winter crown!

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

There's a bunch of stuff to do in Dec. at North Regional: **Toddler Storytime**, Wed, Dec. 1-Feb. 23, 10:30 a.m. for children ages 2 and 3. Interact with your toddler to nurture a love of books. Learn letters, sounds, and new words. Be active with music and movement. **Discovery Days** on Tues., Wed. and Thurs., 3-5 p.m. Preschool-grade 5. Check out the Discovery Room where you'll have minds-on, hands-on fun, with new themed activities each week. And **Preschool Storytime**, Fri., Dec. 3-Feb. 25, 10:30-11 a.m. for children ages 4 to 6. Help your preschooler get ready to read. Enjoy stories together and build language

skills. For Teens: **Game On! Gaming Fridays**, Dec. 3-Feb. 25, 3-5 p.m. Grades 6 and up. Play PS2 or Wii games at the library! **Hmong Cultural Celebration**, Sat., Dec. 11, 1 p.m. Celebrate the rich Hmong culture, which dates back centuries and has many rich traditions, with music and dance. And the library has a ton of classes for computer basics and Microsoft programs, and drop-in programs for small business consultation; call the library for dates and times.

Parks

Sunday, 11/28

Free Family Fundays: Deer! 1-3 p.m., Kroening Interpretive Center in North Mississippi Regional Park. Explore deer secrets, follow the Deer Sign Trail, and handle real artifacts. Free, all ages.

Saturday, 12/4

Make a Gingerbread House, 1-4 p.m., at Kroening Interpretive Center in North Mississippi Regional Park. Start a family tradition. Create a gingerbread house and landscape its yard using crackers, cookies, icing and colorful candies. This makes a great centerpiece for holiday decorating. Refreshments and materials provided. Cost \$8, reservations required; call 763-559-6700. Program for ages 5+.

Sunday, 12/5

Free Family Funday: The Night Sky, 1-3 p.m., Kroening Interpretive Center in North Mississippi Regional Park. Explore winter constellations and their stories, make a moon quiz, and discover the differences between comets, asteroids and meteors. Free, all ages.

Sunday, 12/11

Do reindeer know how to fly? Learn the secrets of caribou from an elf, stroll in the Enchanted Indoor Forest of beautifully decorated trees, explore the outdoor Deer Trail, meet with Santa, and take home a special treat. Make unique adult and kids'-only crafts. Enjoy hot chocolate with cookies. Great photo opportunities! 1-3 p.m., at Kroening Interpretive Center. Cost \$5, reservations required, call 763-559-6700. Program is for ages 3 and older.

Resources

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 namnnesota.org/ or call the helpline at 952-939-3939.

Experience winter nature at the Mississippi

By Carol McElroy

Winter quietly envelopes the natural landscape. Trees stand in stark silence, bare against the sky and void of leaves. Turtles have nestled into the sandy bottoms of the Mississippi River. Groundhogs, snakes and salamanders lie in hibernation, burrowed deep in the ground. Buzzing insects have quieted, killed by freezing temperatures.

Birds have vacated the premises, migrating to warmer climates. Those that stayed—intent on the difficult task of finding food—have little time for vocalizing. Their brilliant breeding colors have dulled along with their musical calls. Chipmunks have scurried deep into their dens with their oversized stash of seeds and nuts. They will alternate weeks with extended sleep and dwindle their food store without surfacing above ground.

The sun has withdrawn much of its heat-dispersing rays, not of its own accord, but because the Earth's northern hemisphere is tilted away from it and cannot capture the length of sunlight that summer yielded when the Earth's tilt leaned towards the sun. The result is longer nights, shorter days and colder temperatures.

Some animals remain active in winter and must adapt to the changing daylight and temperatures. Fox and owls hunt at night, and snow and lack of leaves can diminish hiding places for their lunch of rabbits and mice. However, these predators need more food to provide energy to keep warm, making winter conditions particularly challenging.

Rabbits and deer change eating habits from tender leaves and shoots to toughened bark and twigs. The

nutritional value is so much lower that they have to consume large amounts. Cardinals, chickadees and juncos scrounge for seeds, often competing with aggressive squirrels at bird feeders.

People have developed coping mechanisms for colder and darker winters. Some of us will withdraw into the warmth of our homes—and wait. Three months and it will be over. Others will derive joy from bundling up and venturing outdoors to watch winter wildlife or play in the snow.

Many spend more time with family and friends. It is no accident that so many holidays are clustered around the longest nights of the year. And we create light, whether it be a fire in a fireplace, candles on a table, or miniature bulbs strung on homes and trees.

Winter can be hard but it can also be rewarding. There is a special kind of beauty in the darkness of winter if we look for it. Celebrate the longest night by joining us at the Winter Solstice. Share your traditions and learn about those of others. Enjoy festive food and drink. Warm by a bonfire. Sing and dance to music by a local fiddler. Make yule logs and candle centerpieces. Put on some snowshoes and venture out into the fields under the stars.

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Camden Youth and Schools

Celebrating culture



On November 12 Loring School held a Harvest Festival to honor Native American history and culture and to celebrate the harvest. Fifth graders at Loring have been learning about Native Americans and helped prepare the food, some of which was harvested from Loring's garden. Pictured is 5th grader, Beau Agard, dancing in a traditional outfit while his uncle drums.

Students make a difference



In the spirit of service – and Halloween – Admission Possible students were “trick-or-canning” on October 30 to collect food for the Emergency Foodshelf Network. The students spent the morning going door-to-door in the community collecting canned and non-perishable food items. This event was part of Admission Possible's annual Make a Difference Day, which also included a rally celebrating service and a fundraising competition. Pictured (l-r) are Patrick Henry students Tiffany Suen, Tanesha Williams, Lakresha Williams and Marco Ocampo. Photo by Tracy Mumford.

The news from Patrick Henry High School

a sample from the *Legacy News Journal*, the nation's first daily online journal of student writing

Yes, I'm still alive; just very lazy — the return of Arthur Quam and his silly writings...

Well then. Two months blew right on by, didn't they? I've got to admit, I was only vaguely looking forward to writing for the *Legacy* again. I mean, I really enjoy doing something I love for the benefit of the school and the readers (all one of them), but, for the last two months or so, I was just in all out lazy mode, with a side of raging boredom and anxiousness. My social life seemed to be a mixed blessing, feeling happy and deeply melancholic at the same time nearly every week, with my uncertainty about the future finally starting to weigh me down and take a small toll on my emotional health.

Okay, all out lazy mode was an exaggeration, and, seriously, I always feel happy and melancholic and uncertain all at the same time. I was actually channeling my efforts to a totally awesome new project I've been working on since August; a comic (strip and book) so amazing and grandiose that it is a colossal addition to the annals of world literature, a complete revolution to the way comics are written and how they are perceived by human culture. It is a true message of non-conformity spread through deep imagery of the Mojave and American southwest culture. It is a cautionary tale on the dangers of nuclear radiation and their effects on the population of New Mexico tumbleweeds. It is a story of the strangest romance to ever grace the literary form.

It stars a protagonist in a rocket-powered wheelchair and his red-headed, lingerie-clad girlfriend; written by a well-read but lazy writer and drawn by an obsessed Jhonen Vasquez fan with the most lovably oddball personality ever (who is also pretty lazy as well).

Enough about that, though; let's get the second half of this article, our review section. For you newcomers, it works like this: I find an album (usually old), and usually rant on it with either endless praise of sloppy

indictments for a while without providing much of a review for the content at all. Since I (vaguely) introduced my comic, I guess I can pull a really weird album out of the hat today. Without further ado:

Boognish Beats; the review

of Pure Guava by Ween. This is the album. I am the overly enthusiastic fan. I am the ridiculously overly enthusiastic fan. I honestly can't figure out why, at some times. The album has the production quality that you would expect from two seriously drugged out guys in their early 20s, who still have the comic sensibilities of a smart-ass high school attendee, and who seem to have spent their time between recording listening to Captain Beefheart and Frank Zappa albums while passing along the super-bong (see their cover for "The Pod"). Some would say that I shouldn't like this album at all, but they couldn't be more wrong – after all, I may be quiet, but I'm still kind of a smart-ass, and I love Zappa and Beefheart, much to the ire of my best friends. Last I checked, I'm enrolled in high school, so I guess this album was aimed at me in some ways. It also must be why I think it's so funny, too.

In fact, every time I listen to this album, I laugh like it was my first listen. It holds an aura of ridiculousness throughout the entire album – if you don't believe me, listen to a song like *I Play it Off Legit*. This is the



album's eighth track, and by this point, the album has already touched on psychedelic rock, folk, and goofy pop songs, each one turning their given genres into a celebration of things I would be better off for not mentioning in a high school publication. The song isn't so much a song as a conversation, held between two people who are completely high on themselves, totally "legit." It's pretty mindless, but it's one of the album's funniest tracks. This doesn't even scratch the surface of the odd structure of this album, whether it's an epic Queen-style song on a child-molester (*Don't Get 2 Close (2 My Fantasy)*), a song completely seemingly meant to have been created by the worst folk-rock duo ever (*Loving U Thru It All*), and one of the heaviest uses of guitar-feedback ever, all to create the soundscape to a really odd, nonsensical story (*Mourning Glory*). It all amounts to be a completely and utterly strange (and inconsistent) album; however it's a good thing that I've never been a huge fan of consistency. How would I sum up this review, then? Since it's about 10:47 at night, I'll keep it simple: get this album for a very strange listening experience. Just don't tell who you buy it from about the horrible title of this review, or that you read it at all. Reading these can be bad for your social status, I'm afraid.



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