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Camden benefits from 2010 legislative session

By Senator Linda Higgins

The Camden neighborhoods specifically benefited from the 2010 Minnesota legislative session.

I'm proud to announce that the new Lowry Avenue bridge project received \$7 million of the \$66 million bridge package in our bonding bill. The bonding bill also included \$2 million for Minneapolis veterans' memorials, and the Victory Memorial Parkway will receive most of that money. Also included was \$750,000 for the Minneapolis Emergency Operations Center, which will be located across the Camden Bridge in Northeast Minneapolis at the fire training facility.

Also of significance in the \$680 million bonding package was funding for diseased trees and fighting the emerald ash borer (\$3 million), Orchestra Hall/Peavey Plaza Redevelopment (\$16 million), Northstar extension from Big Lake to St. Cloud (\$1 million), Metropolitan Regional Parks (\$10.5 million), and the Hennepin County Medical Center Hyperbaric

Chamber Replacement (\$5 million). It's estimated that the bonding bill will create more than 16,000 much-needed jobs in Minnesota.

The legislature concluded the 2010 session by addressing our \$3 billion deficit without raising taxes. The plan approved by the legislature contained no cuts to schools, hospitals or nursing homes. We also set in place the opportunity to enroll our lowest-income Minnesotans in Medicaid in place of the GAMC program, when Governor Pawlenty finally leaves office.

Legislation that I authored to improve MN/DOT's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program passed this session. For projects receiving federal funds, the Department of Transportation is required to set goals on the use of women- and minority-owned contractors. For the past year, Mn/DOT has been convening a DBE Collaborative with stakeholders to attempt to improve the performance of the program. Our efforts on this

issue also resulted in \$200,000 for grants to nonprofits for job training related to highway construction and DBEs.

The third Saturday in June is now designated as Juneteenth, in recognition of the historic pronouncement of the abolition of slavery on June 19, 1865, when the Emancipation Proclamation was said to have been first publicly read in Texas by Union soldiers led by General Granger - two and a half years after President Lincoln freed the slaves. Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. The 2010 Juneteenth celebration was held on June 19 at North Mississippi Regional Park.

We continued our commitment to consumer protection and passed my bill that would take cadmium-laden children's jewelry and trinkets off store shelves by 2011. Our state continues to be a national leader in keeping hazardous materials out of children's toys, trinkets and jewelry.

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Of beaks and bullheads

By Jon Ekblad



A Great Blue Heron enjoys a bullhead at the pond. Photo by Duane Atter.

It may come as a surprise to some, but Camden now hosts a new Magnet School. No, not an educational establishment...it is a school of fish, bullheads, to be specific, located in the storm water runoff pond on 42nd Av N in the Webber-Camden neighborhood.

This school has recently become a magnet to Great Blue Herons and egrets, drawing them in for the easy feast. On the afternoon of June 7, no less than 11 of these large marsh-hunters prowled the perimeter of the pond. As I watched, one sharp-eyed bird waded out until it was floating in the water... and zap! Out flashed its sharp bill, and it snatched a five-inch bullhead that had carelessly floated within reach.

The Great Blue Heron returned to the shore, where it dipped its prey into the water a few times, released it from the grip of its beak, only to re-catch it an instant later, and seemingly toyed with his supper for a few minutes. That's because, lacking hands and fingers, the bird must do a lot of re-positioning of the fish until it is pointed directly down into its gullet. The fish must be swallowed whole, head first, with nothing to snag on the way down.

I had barely resumed my canine-assisted hike when I noticed another Heron in the process of juggling its meal-to-be. And then another! By the time the circuit was complete, no less than five of the 11 big birds was observed to have enjoyed success at the fishing hole. No wonder their numbers have swollen rapidly from the occasional heron or egret stopping through! Indeed, this school is proving to be quite a magnet.

After all, this is the pond nearest the Great Blue Heron rookery in the Mississippi River, just upstream from the 42nd Ave. Camden Bridge. What a better place for mom and dad heron to bring their brood, than a pond full of easy-pickin' bullheads.

Since the native grasses and vegetation have not been allowed to grow rank, hikers on the handicapped-accessible asphalt trail can watch the expert "fishermen" far more easily than in most marshes. You need not brave fierce clouds of ravenous mosquitoes, stirred by your stealth through tall sedges and cattails as you near the pond. You need not traverse the muck and ooze which characterize the approach to wetland marshes, in order to catch a glimpse of Great Blue Herons on the prowl. Here in Camden, the birds have become accustomed to human presence, so they often ignore your stares. And the sheer num-

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What's up with the 37th Avenue Greenway?

By Roberta Englund

Neighborhood residents attended a community meeting at Folwell Park on June 15 to discuss the status and progress of the Flood Area 5 project that will turn 37th Avenue North into a greenway, with no vehicular access from Penn to Knox Avenues. The multi-block greenway will provide underground storm water storage with pedestrian and bicycle pathways, while allowing traffic on the north/south streets and alleys to go through. This has been a long anticipated solution to the stormwater flooding that occurs in parts of the Folwell and Cleveland neighborhoods.

Presenters at the meeting were: Lois Eberhart, Water Resource Administrator from Minneapolis Public Works who discussed the final design concepts and timeline for the Flood Area 5 project; Nathan Campeau, a water resources engineer from Barr Engineering Co.; and Eric Holt, a landscape architect, also from Barr Engineering Co., who discussed the future landscaping/plantings of the area.

The first phase of this project occurred during the fall and winter with the installation of pipe in the Dowling corridor and in some of the streets and alleys between Oliver and Logan Avenues North. Originally, the anticipated cost for what Public Works is calling 'Flood Area 5 Phase 1' which is that part of the entire Flood Area 5 project that includes the Dowling pipe work and the 37th Avenue Greenway was estimated at \$4 million. The remainder of the Flood Area 5 project is estimated at \$14 million, some of which is in the Capital Improvement Program over the three years of 2013, '14 and '15.

At the meeting Eberhart announced that the pipe work in phase 1 exceeded the anticipated costs. She also said that the funds necessary for the balance of the project have not been secured and that there was no longer a start date for the completion of the project. It was originally planned that the greenway portion, which includes excavation of 37th Avenue, the installation of water storage vaults, pathways, lighting and landscaping would begin in July 2010.

So, as of the meeting on June 15, there is no start date for completion of the 37th Avenue greenway portion of phase I of the Flood Area 5 project, funding has not been secured, a scope of work has not been

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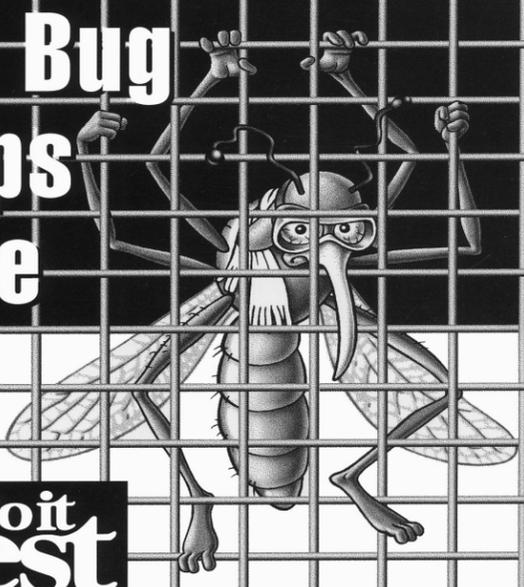
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Celebrating the Northside



Northside residents got free food while listening to Mayor Rybak, City Councilmember Don Samuels, and VJ Smith of Mad Dads at the Celebrate North Minneapolis gathering on June 15 at the West Broadway Cub store. The East Gateway Partnership put on the event together with the help from Cub Foods and the Minneapolis Foundation. Photo by Buzzy Bohn.

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ber of birds, and of fish which attract them, make for predictable action.

One question may remain for some readers: How did bullheads find their way into a pond fed exclusively by storm water runoff? Elementary, my dear Watson. Other waterfowl brought them, in egg form. Ducks are fond of fish eggs, but they don't digest well. Voila! Fish, meet our pond.



A painted turtle at the pond. Photo by Duane Atter.

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Letters to the Editor



Settling for less

I was at a public meeting about Webber Park Library some months ago. At that time, I learned that the people who owned the property on that corner did not wish to sell it. Yes, they had it on the market at another time, but they changed their minds. In my time, I have decided that a course I was taking was not what I really wanted and I was better off with what I had. I think that kind of choice is wise.

At that same meeting, Hennepin County Commissioner Mike Opat stated his opinion that having the library anywhere but right on the parkway was 'settling.' Well, we settled for having our library shuttered instead of losing it entirely, and we settle for having it open with fewer hours instead of not having it open at all. Now we have to settle for waiting until the commissioners get their way and possibly entirely losing our library in the process.

There is plenty of space to build a fine library on the land that Hennepin County has acquired. I do not understand why the Kowalski's site is so undesirable in the eyes of the county. I think the issue of the location of the library has more to do with the wishes of a few commissioners, not the best interests of Camden.

Anne Peiffer

Victory Neighborhood



Let's recycle buildings

We are all encouraged to reduce-reuse-recycle. In a throw away society, useful ideas and useful structures are too often thrown into the "landfill." Hennepin County encourages residents to reuse items and reduce the volume of waste produced, a virtuous endeavor. Recycling and reusing old buildings in new green roles is the ultimate in recycling. The adaptive reuse of old buildings results in significant energy savings. Energy that is spent manufacturing and transporting materials can be saved. Raw materials that would be drawn from the earth can be saved. And reuse of old buildings eliminates the need to toss the existing structure into a landfill.

Adaptive reuse is an environmentally and economically sound idea that should be fully explored for the site at 4414 Humboldt Avenue North. The expansive square footage of the site allows ample room for new mechanical systems such as geothermal wells, ground water heat pumps, solar panels and even mini wind turbines. With reinforcement, the roof could be transformed into a songbird habitat. The current parking lot could have a future as an elegantly designed rain garden/park/parking lot.

It is appropriate and desirable to have the 15,000-sq. ft. building on 44th and Humboldt reused, redeveloped and recast as a beautiful library. Could Hennepin County lead by example and repurpose this former grocery store into a public library for Camden?

Kevin Holler

Webber-Camden



No bike lanes on Fremont

People who live on Fremont Ave. from 33rd to Webber Parkway are in danger of losing half of their on-street parking if the City of Minneapolis has its way. The parking on the west side of Fremont would be eliminated to put in bike lanes. A meeting was held on May 27 at North Regional Library to "to discuss potential parking changes on Fremont Avenue N." I attended that meeting and it didn't really feel like we were discussing anything. It felt like the rep from the City was telling us why the City plans to do this and why we should go along with it. As best as I could tell, none of the people who spoke and actually live on Fremont want this to happen.

I don't see people commuting by bicycle up and down Fremont, if for no other reason than many people don't want to bike up that hill. Also, there are safety concerns when putting bikes on a major bus route. There are bike lanes on N. 2nd St., 42nd and 26th Avenues and bike trails on the parkway so I don't think we need them on Fremont. If you live on Fremont, share your thoughts with Shaun Murphy at 612-333-2450 shaun.murphy@ci.minneapolis.mn.us or with our City Councilmember Barb Johnson at 612-673-2204.

Buzzy Bohn

Folwell



No response on Webber Library

Seeing as neither Hennepin County Commissioners Opat nor Stenglein found the letters I wrote to them (see below) interesting enough to merit a response, I thought *Camden News* readers might be interested in a couple examples of ignored community support to move forward with the new Webber Park Library project. I would also like to comment on Commissioner Opat's statement from the June *Camden Community News* article, "A murky future for Webber Library," where it quotes him saying, "The people of North Minneapolis don't ask for much and they don't get it either." We do ask, at the very least, for a response to our letters, and at the most, for their content to be considered and acted upon by our elected leaders. At least he was half correct — we sure don't get much here in North Minneapolis.

Nick Haig

Webber-Camden

Following are the letters Nick Haig wrote to Commissioners Opat and Stenglein, the first letter was dated March 29, the second dated October 30, 2009:



Oil spill debacle in the Gulf

The opportunity for finger pointing will abound for years regarding the British Petroleum (BP) oil well blow-out on April 20. Oil company BP used a cheaper, quicker and potentially less dependable method to complete the drilling of the Deepwater Horizon well. The 13,293 foot-long length of permanent pipe that constitutes the well line was locked in place by a single injection of cement. The safer approach for drilling wells in the hazardous geology of the gulf is to install a "liner," then, locking both the liner and the length of the casing in place with one or often two cement jobs. Industry experts consider the liner method safer by a factor of 10. BP estimated itself to be 25 days behind schedule at that point. It would have taken a week longer to use the safer method. Personnel and equipment costs to BP for this operation were estimated to be \$1 million dollars per day.

The BP wellhead had been fitted with a blowout preventer. Remote-control or acoustically-activated triggers for use in case of an emergency requiring a platform to be evacuated were not included. Also missing was a dead-man's switch designed to automatically cut the pipe and seal the well if communication from the platform was lost. Norway and Brazil generally require acoustically-activated triggers on all offshore platforms.

Internal BP documents describe BP engineer's concerns (as early as 2009) that the metal casting BP wanted to use might collapse under high pressure. In March the rig had problems that included drilling mud (falling into the undersea oil formation), sudden gas releases, a pipe falling into the well and at least three occasions of the blowout preventer leaking. A report by the rig's mechanic stated that the well had been problematic for months. The drill repeatedly kicked due to the high pressure providing resistance. The levels of gas coming up from the well were twice as high as he'd previously observed in his career. An oil explosion occurred aboard the

Mr. Opat and Stenglein, [dated March 29]

I wrote the letter (below) five months ago and never received any response. I noticed that there was demolition activity near the potential library site last week. I have searched the Hennepin County Library web page and cannot find a project update. Could you please provide concerned and interested neighbors with an update on this project?

Thank you,

Nick Haig

Mr. Opat and Stenglein, [dated October 30 2009]

We are writing you this evening to express our disappointment after hearing about the impasse reached in the Webber Park Library project from the *Camden Community News*. This project has gone too far, with too many public resources invested in the planning and preparation for this important community asset to be squashed.

I would like to know what the deadline for spending County Library bonds scheduled for 2010 and 2011. In our opinion, an "impasse" is not the correct term, as a pause in progress now

will surely lead to a loss of these scheduled funds. The County's leadership has spoken and the community has responded positively to this project. You must actively seek a resolution to this issue by either actively negotiating a purchase, building the library around the private property, or proceeding with eminent domain.

Time is short. You are elected to stand up for the community's best interest, and it is clear what that is in this case — a new library and gateway to Camden. This is a community that has been decimated with foreclosures and desperately needs this public project. This neighborhood is vibrant.... This library will be an important asset to keep families here and may help improve the schools. In addition, jobs will be created from this \$15 million venture. Please take action to see this project through.

Please let us know if there is something we can do as concerned citizens to ensure this project's success.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick, Kael and Irie (age 3 months) Haig

Deepwater Horizon on April 20, leading to its sinking two days later and starting the oil spill.

The leak has been on going for many weeks. The only solution that has been mentioned with confidence to stop the oil flow is to drill a second well to relieve the pressure and hopefully plug the first well. Twelve days passed before the second drilling began because the government did not require BP to have a relief well plan in place ahead of time. Oil containment so far has been woefully inadequate. Proper containment requires a minimum of three boom barriers and a method to collect the trapped oil. The method used in the gulf is one boom with modest collection. Proper booming must be layered to catch and remove oil. Floating ping pong balls make a good indicator to demonstrate were the oil is going or to evaluate the boom's success. Materials for proper booming are not expensive. The lack of safety planning has put us in this untenable position of killing wild life and devastating the environment.

Dan Lynch

Victory

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Camden Youth and Schools

Patrick Henry High School Class of 2010

By Tom Murray

Scholastic Distinctions
Katherine Joyce Schmalz,
Valedictorian
Kia Her, Salutatorian
Susan Vang
Doua Kha
Paul Lamar Washington
Kia Vang
Luke Aren Bonde



International Baccalaureate Diploma Candidates and their Scholarships, Awards, and Honors

Matthew Roy Aguilar-Champeau
Hays Scholarship, Horatio Alger Scholarship, IB Medallion, Minneapolis Kiwanis Club Recognition

Paige Arlene Arvidson
IB Medallion

Luke Aren Bonde

2009 Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, Academic All City Athlete Award, DemandTec Retail Challenge Award, Google Top Math Scholars Award, IB Medallion, MPS Recognition for Academic Achievement, President's Award for Academic Excellence, St. Olaf College Presidential Scholarship

Jordan David Cayo
IB Medallion

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Discuss Award, IB Medallion, Minneapolis Rotary Club Recognition

Maximino Garcia Marin

Augsburg College Access Program Scholarship, Augsburg College Fine Arts in Visual Arts Scholarship, Destination 2010 Scholarship, IB Medallion, MPS Recognition for Visual & Performing Arts, Page Scholarship, President's Award for Academic Excellence

Sylvia Marie Hill

IB Medallion, National Achievement Scholarship Program Outstanding Participant, Regis

Foundation Scholarship, University of Minnesota U Promise Free Tuition Scholarship

Nguyen Xuan Huynh
IB Medallion

Blaishia Anita Lee
IB Medallion, Regional Engineering Inspiration Award, STAR of the Day Award

Jacob Matthew Piwko
IB Medallion

Taylor Danielle Ratliff
IB Medallion, Links, Inc. Scholarship, President's Award for Academic Excellence, Spokesman Recorder Scholarship, Wallin Scholarship

Lamar Donnell Roberts
IB Medallion, Carlson School of Management Travelers Edge Scholarship, MPS Recognition for School Group/Club Leadership, Regional Engineering Inspiration Award

Katherine Joyce Schmalz
2009 Yale Alumni Book Award, Bentson Family Scholarship, Camden Lions Scholarship, Citywide Student Government Excellence in Academic Achievement Award, IB Medallion, MPS Recognition for Academic Achievement, Patrick Henry Foundation Scholarship, President's Award for Academic Excellence, TCF Scholarship, Travelers Edge Scholarship

Megan Faye Sheridan
IB Medallion

Pa Tong Thao
IB Medallion, MPS Recognition for Visual & Performing Arts

Kelsey Anne VanCleave

2009 Harvard Prize Book Award, 3M Alumni Undergraduate Scholarship, Cornwell Scholarship, IB Medallion, Jackie Robinson Scholarship, LAP/Travelers Edge Scholarship, MN Gold Scholarship, National Achievement Scholarship, Program Outstanding Participant, President's Award for Academic Excellence, U of M Carlson School of Management Research Scholarship

Lee Vang

Academic All City Athlete Award, IB Medallion, MPS Recognition for Athletic Involvement, President's Award for Academic Excellence, Prudential Service Award, Regis Foundation Scholarship, St. Olaf TRiO Scholarship

Neng Vee Vang

Academic All City Athlete Award, Athena Award, Hays Scholarship, Horatio Alger Scholarship, IB Medallion, President's Award for Academic Excellence, St. Olaf TRiO Scholarship

Mao Xiong

Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship, Cargill/Destination 2010 Scholarship, IB Medallion

Additional Scholarships

Kia Vang

Frank N. Borea Scholarship

Maa Maiyer Pha

Vern Wobig Scholarship

Capturing the flag



Loring School was recently promoting community fitness on Wednesday nights. Loring's gym teacher Nancy Duwenhoegger coached 20 to 35 community kids who came each week to Victory Park to play Capture the Flag.

Noble Academy's Fifth Grade classes read over 1000 books

Noble Academy's fifth grade classes each set a goal for themselves to read 1000 books by the end of the 2009-2010 school year. On June 3, they reached that goal.

Stu Keroff's and Brian Robertson's homeroom classes have been hard at work trying to reach this goal since the beginning of the school year, with all of the 52 children responsible for reading books on their own to contribute to the fifth grade effort. At present count, the two classes together have read a total of 2019 books, with no end in sight.

"From *Twilight to the Magic Tree House*, from *Naruto* to *My Side of the Mountain*, the fifth graders at Noble Academy have covered more ground than any other group of children I have had the privilege of teaching," said Mr. Keroff. "This year, we have seen tangible growth in the reading skills of many of our students, growth that was accomplished by exercising those skills. Mr. Robertson and I could not be more proud of these children."

"The goal has been reached and surpassed," Keroff continued. "Just in case there are any skeptics out there who wonder if our kids can achieve anything they set their minds to, those doubts have been answered with a resounding, 'Yes, we can!'"

Noble Academy is a Hmong centric charter school at 4021 Thomas Ave. N. The mission is to provide quality, relevant and multicultural education for all students, and focuses on these four cornerstones: A rigorous educational program focusing on core content areas and standards mandated by the state of Minnesota in reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies; Hmong Heritage (native) language and culture; responsive classroom/social curriculum; and up to date technology. For info go to www.nobleacademy.us.

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Richard Allen Math and Science Academy's first graduates

By Bondo Nyembwe

Ten months ago Richard Allen Math & Science Academy (RAMSA) opened its doors with 67 students. We were ready to meet our new students, many of which were excited about the new Science Technology Engineering & Math (STEM) school. Parents were interested to see what Richard Allen Math & Science was going to deliver. Critics wondered if this was another school that was going to stand the test of time. On June 9, RAMSA graduated 22 8th grade students. I am proud to report that we have met and exceeded the expectations of our community, parents and stakeholders. Below are successes we have accomplished because of the support from staff, parents, community members and volunteers.

RAMSA received the school finance award from the Minnesota Department of Education. Fifty-five other charter schools received this award among 155 charter schools in Minnesota. This award signifies that RAMSA has a healthy budget and sound fiscal policies. We are looking forward to maintaining similar operations in the coming years. However, we need your help to support our growing program in this difficult economic period. RAMSA needs to collaborate with organizations in Minneapolis and surrounding suburbs in order to support our STEM program and provide a quality education with safety nets for all students.

RAMSA instituted a character education program to empower students and nurture students' attitudes in order to meet the mission of our school. During second quarter, we rewarded students for academic achievement and character development. The beginning was discouraging because we could only identify five students who were meeting or exceeding the standards. The last three months of school, we are able to identify 27 students who were being recognized for both categories. This is due in part to the work of our staff that embodied the principles of attacking, attempting and adopting. I am very proud and appreciative of the people who remained faithful and believed

that all children can learn.

The 2009-10 school year has come to an end and marks the beginning of what RAMSA will accomplish in the future. We are now enrolling families for the 2010-2011 academic school year. You do not want your child to miss out on a great educational experience that engages students in STEM. At RAMSA, students build bridges, they build and launch rockets, and they are exposed to the engineering design process. Our 6th grade students build submersibles during a science lesson when learning about density, mass and volume; this type of hands-on learning allows students to retain what they learn and make the classroom environment fun. We are accepting applications for students in grades 6, 7 and 8. Call 612-559-5200 for an application.

RAMSA is a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) middle-school serving students in grades 6, 7 and 8 from Minneapolis and its neighboring communities. RAMSA is the only middle school in North Minneapolis offering a rich STEM curriculum that exposes middle-school students to the real world of engineering by offering field trips twice a month, along with daily engineering classes which utilize the practical aspects of engineering such as building bridges out of Popsicle sticks, launching rockets and designing landing fields for helicopters.

We believe that introducing, exposing and engaging students in these key vocations of the future will instill a great love for learning and capture their interest in STEM. RAMSA's vision is to create future scientists and engineers through the exploration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. This kind of educational approach will nurture our students who will become your future employees, as well as reduce the need for the U.S. to import engineers.

Visit www.ramsaacademy.org, click on About RAMSA, then select About our STEM activities to view a short video. Contact us at 612-559-5200 or info@ramsacademy.org.



Fourth Ward Report

Council Member Barbara A. Johnson

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Free Wireless Hotspots

Minneapolis residents and visitors are now able to access the Internet for free from 117 "Wireless Minneapolis" hotspots throughout the city, including several in the 4th Ward. These hotspots are one of the many community benefits that resulted from the City of Minneapolis' contract with USI Wireless, the company that built the wireless network blanketing the entire city. To view a map of the free wireless locations visit <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/wirelessminneapolis/map.asp>

Pedestrian Advisory Committee

The City of Minneapolis is seeking a North Minneapolis resident to serve on the Pedestrian Advisory Committee. The committee has existed since 2006 and is shifting its original membership structure to include more community members. The committee exists to advise City leadership on policies, programs and actions improving pedestrian safety, mobility, accessibility and comfort; promote walking for transportation, recreation and health; and strengthen the connection between the pedestrian environment and public transportation. Term lengths are two years. Members who reside or own a business in the city and who have an interest in promoting walking and improving the pedestrian environment in Minneapolis are encouraged to apply. For more information or to apply to serve on this committee, visit <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/boards-and-commissions/open/Pedestrian%20Advisory%20Commission%20Vacancy.asp>

Curfew Hours

It is important for both parents and children to know the curfew

rules. Hennepin County Ordinance No. 16, Sub. A, B, or C, establishes the times youth are to be at home on weekdays and weekends. Curfews are set for youth ages 17 and under. The first ticket is \$25.00, the second is \$50.00, and a third ticket could result in a court date. Youth with a prior record are required to go to court when the first ticket is issued. For more information visit <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/Police/forms/languages/Curfew.pdf>

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15-17 years old

Sun. - Thurs. - Home by 11 p.m.
Fri. & Sat. - Home by 12 p.m.

National Night Out

National Night Out 2010 is coming up! Look forward to the 27th Annual NNO to occur on Tuesday, August 3, 2010. If you want to block off your street, you can do so for free before July 14. Visit the NNO web page at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno/>

4th Ward E-Newsletter

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

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Paying respect

A color guard stopped to pay respect at the Old Veteran's Section at Crystal Lake Cemetery on Memorial Day weekend, and the rain didn't prevent people from enjoying the tribute program. The program was sponsored by the North Minneapolis Veterans Memorial Association (VFW Post #159 and American Legion Post 230). Photo by Randy Klauk.



Join your neighbors and start planning now for National Night Out

National Night Out is coming up fast, and now is the time to start making preparations on your block for the night that brings neighbors together. This year National Night Out is Tuesday, Aug. 3. Minneapolis wants to make it easy for block clubs and neighbors to get started now on their plans.

The City of Minneapolis asks that you register your event, even if you are not closing off your street. It is easy to register and it helps the City to track the success of National Night Out. There is info available about National Night Out and easy registration at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno. If you want to close your street for your event, street closure is free if you apply by July 14. You need permission of 75 percent of your neighbors to be approved for street closure – you need their names and addresses when you apply (you do not need their signatures). You can also register your event and apply for street closure by calling 311 (or 612-673-3000).

NRP gets some funding

The Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) is receiving an additional \$3 million to support its activities—funding that is available as the result of a City credit rating upgrade. City staff recently discovered that these dollars, which were previously required to be set aside, are now available for the continued support of neighborhood organizations. Previously, the City was required to maintain a \$3 million balance, along with a "letter of credit" as credit enhancement, for the City Department of Community Planning and Economic Development's Common Bond Fund. Under the City's NRP ordinance, the \$3 million balance was considered a contractual obligation and was carved out each time the City calculated the annual NRP funding. An upgrade to that fund's credit rating meant that the letter of credit and the required balance is no longer necessary, freeing up those dollars to be included in NRP funding. The City's commitment to following good financial practices, which led to the credit upgrade, ensures that all funds committed to neighborhood programming are available. Once the new funding is transferred to NRP, the NRP policy board will determine how to use the additional dollars. Visit www.nrp.org.

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Beware of planting invasive species

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

Plants that have been moved by human activity to an area where they do not normally grow are referred to as “non-native” or “exotic” plants. Not all non-natives are bad but when they cause ecological or economic problems they are termed invasive or exotic species. Common buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*), burning bush (*Euonymus alatus*), Norway maple (*Acer platanoides*), amur maple (*Acer ginnala*), Japanese barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*), butterfly bush (*Buddleia davidii*) and common tansy (*Tanacetum vulgare*) are examples of plants released by the horticulture industry as ornamental plants that have escaped from controlled cultivation and now survive as invasive species. You might be surprised to find some of these on the list of invasive species, but one you should be very familiar with is buckthorn and that is because in 1999 it was declared a noxious weed by the state of Minnesota.

A noxious weed is defined as a non-native plant that is difficult to control and injurious to public health, the environment, roads, crops, livestock or property. Once a plant has been declared a noxious weed it is no longer legal to sell, transport or move the plants within the state of Minnesota and these weeds must be controlled on all public and

private land. Other noxious weeds that you may have heard of recently include purple loosestrife, Eurasian milfoil and garlic mustard.

Purple loosestrife was introduced to the east coast from Europe in the 1800s and can now be found in 40 of the 50 states and in the border provinces of Canada. Seeds of purple loosestrife most likely escaped from garden plants and now the plant has invaded lakeshores and marshes replacing native shoreline plants and cattails that provide natural cover, food and nesting areas for a variety of native wetland animals. Eurasian milfoil is native to Europe, Africa and Asia and was introduced into America waterways in the 1800s, quite possibly in ship ballast into Chesapeake Bay. It is an aggressive plant that forms thick dense canopies on the waters surface and is now choking Minnesota's waterways interfering with recreation and impeding water flow and navigation. Garlic mustard grows to 3 or 4 feet and is found in the forest, at the edge of wooded areas, along the roadside, near trails and where trees have been removed. It is an aggressively spreading plant that has just been identified as a threat to the wildflowers in the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden.

There are 11 primary plants

that have been identified as noxious weeds in Minnesota, but often we encounter other invasive plants in our gardens that don't fall into this category. When we talk about invasive plants in the garden we generally mean plants that are vigorous spreaders and are moving in and displacing other plants. Sometimes they spread because they produce a large number of seeds (like dandelions) other times because they have an extensive hard to kill root system (like snow on the mountain, or lily of the valley.) Sometimes, like with crown vetch, they spread because they survive in poor soil where other plants cannot. Whatever way they spread they tend to take over the garden and crowd out all of the other desirable plants. If you choose to plant some invasives, those that spread through their vigorous root systems can sometimes be contained if you cut the bottom out of a plastic container, bury it in the ground and plant within the container. Those that spread through the production of an abundance of seeds are nearly impossible to control except by chemical or mechanical means as we see by what happened when Harriet Godfrey introduced the dandelion to Minnesota! The best way to contain invasive plants is to not plant them at all!

Fresh veggies and fruit coming soon!

Now in its third season, the Camden Farmers Market opens on Thursday, July 8. Held at The Warren-An Artist Habitat's parking lot (44th and Penn N), this market features locally grown produce every Thursday. The popular “Best of the Market” boxes will return also this year — \$5 for a selection of veggies. Look for special events, starting with an opening celebration with cookies from the Cookie Cart and lemonade on opening day. Local businesses and organizations are welcome to promote themselves at the market (no order taking and sales are allowed at the market). Call 612-703-9609 for space availability. Photo by Duane Atter.



Save energy and save money!

Learn how to reduce your energy use and save money. The Center for Energy and the Environment is introducing Community Energy Services, a partnership with the City of Minneapolis, CenterPoint Energy and Xcel Energy to the Folwell, McKinley, Webber-Camden, Shingle Creek and Lind Bohanon neighborhoods.

Community Energy Services provides: Free educational workshops to teach homeowners how to lower their energy use and save money; low-cost materials which may include low flow showerheads, setback thermostats, compact fluorescent light bulbs, gasket seals, door sweeps, faucet aerators and pipe wrap; customized home energy visits from qualified professionals who identify additional ways for residents to save in their homes, including a blower door test; up to \$400 in services and materials for a co-pay of only \$30; and personalized energy use inventory for the last 12 months and feedback for the next 12 months; and information on financing, incentives and rebates.

Workshops will be held on June 30, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Creekview Park Recreation Center (5001 Humboldt Ave N.) and July 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Folwell Park Recreation Center (1615 Dowling Ave N.). Reserve your spot at the workshop by contacting Kyle Boehm at 612-219-7334 or kboehm@mncee.org. Info: www.mncee.org.

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Reduce unwanted mail

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A study found that 44 percent of bulk mail was thrown away before it was even opened. What a waste! Do your part and eliminate your junk mail. Unfortunately there is not a single do-not-mail list, but instead you must contact whoever is mailing you. The list below is a pretty good start getting to the bulk of the mail. For everything else, send a postcard including any customer identification, asking to be removed from their list.

Most of the services are good for five years. After that time you will need to renew.

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Don't stop with junk mail. Save paper by switching to electronic-only documents where possible. Bills and statements are commonly available in electronic formats. This not only reduces stress to the environment, but stress to you in saved time, space and organization. Maybe you can avoid buying that extra file cabinet. Instead create electronic folders on your computer. Remember to backup important documents. An external hard drive, stored apart from your computer, is a commonly used method. Some people chose to subscribe to an online data archive system. And for the paper you do get, remember to put it in the recycling bin.

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Camden Arts

Sweet Colleens are Live on the Drive!

By Janet Zahn

This Live on the Drive summer concert promises to be a real pick-me-up as The Sweet Colleens bring their crowd-pleasing mix of Celtic folk-rock and alt. country Americana to "The Drive." The concert is free and will be held on Thursday, July 8 from 6-8 p.m. at Victory Memorial Drive and 34th Ave. N; one of the most beautiful concert settings in the city.



The Sweet Colleens are Jeremy Greenhouse, Pete Sandvik, Dave Bade, Jeff Gram and Dave Bille. Accomplished multi-instrumentalists who together fuse their diverse musical backgrounds into high-energy, infectious original songs, warm vocal harmonies and fiery instrumental arrangements, the Sweet Colleens are winning a loyal local following and fans across the Midwest and beyond.

The Sweet Colleens offer a wide range of musical backgrounds that have formed their musical sensibilities. Jeremy Greenhouse (vocals, guitar, fiddle, mandolin, harmonica), has recorded and performed extensively with celtic, rock, cajun and country acts in Canada, the U.S., and Europe. Pete Sandvik (accordion, piano, guitar, vocals), brings cajun and rock influences and classically-trained dexterity to his accordion

playing with the Sweet Colleens. Dave Bade (bass, vocals) offers rock-solid bass during the Sweet Colleens live shows, and everything from bluegrass picking guitar solos to cello on their recordings. Jeff Gram (drums, steel drum, percussion) has recorded and performed in numerous rock, folk and classical ensembles. Dave Bille (acoustic and electric guitar) brings 15 years of experience playing diverse musical styles ranging from West African soukous to country blues and American roots rock. Check them out at www.sweetcolleens.com.

Pack a picnic, invite your neighbors, bring your friends and walk or roll to Live on the Drive! Note: Due to the risk of severe weather, the first Live on the Drive concert featuring Jevetta and Fred Steele was cancelled. See www.liveonthedrive.org or Live on the Drive on Facebook for updates on the re-schedule.

Live on the Drive is presented by founding partner, North Memorial in association with the Cleveland Neighborhood Association, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, North End Hardware and Rental, the Northwest Minneapolis Business Association and *NorthNews*. Info: 612-588-1155 or www.liveonthedrive.org.

Amy's ARTickler amusing your inner artist into action

By Amy Egenberger

"Sometimes small is big." My inner saboteur can sure take the fun out of being an artist! One of the tricks he plays on me (I say "he" because an image of the Tasmanian Devil character comes to mind; I actually dubbed him "TazAmya" because he zaps me cold) is to tell me that I need a big chunk of time to do my art. Really? Well, I find that doing something fun and small tickles my creative self into action. Here's one idea I've tried with success.

Make a small collage. Take five minutes to pull small inspiring images and words out of a few magazines. Really. Set the timer and you'll see that there is plenty of time. The quicker the better so that your logic-brain doesn't have a chance to slow you down with all that thinking! Then, trim them up, arrange them as you like, and glue them on a 5x7-inch card. Put it somewhere to remind you that art-fun doesn't have to take a long time.

What small piece of artwork could you do? I challenge you to tickle yourself into it... just for the fun of it.

Amy Egenberger is an artist, teacher and certified life coach. She helps ARTpreneurs and EduCREATORS to find and energize their creative path.

Music is a reflection of life

By Mick LaBriola

Emanating a gentle, sensitive and kind demeanor Jamie Carter has a dedicated career as both a guitarist and music educator (although his second love is baseball). Jamie also worked in the MBL league and played locally for many years as a second baseman. Jamie and his wife Bridgette (a percussionist) have owned a home in Camden for five years.

Originally from Martinsburg, West Virginia (one hour from D.C. and Baltimore) Jamie obtained his first guitar at age seven. He continued his music education throughout grammar school and high school. His ambitious efforts eventually led to a teaching position for his senior high school class. He also studied at Shenandoah Conservatory, currently known as Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia.

In 1990 Jamie pursued his advancement in music by studying in Minneapolis, attending Music Tech (known now as McNally Smith College of Music in St. Paul) for two years. He had contemplated Berklee School of Music in Boston and Musicians Institute in Los Angeles but decided Music Tech was more affordable. In 1994 he started teaching at Walker West Music Academy in St. Paul (walkerwestmusicacademy.org). Walker West became a confluence of opportunities for Jamie culminating in several performance ensembles emerging including Corporate Image with Lee Gatlin on bass, Box of Soul with Patrick Wilson on drums and Bob Manning on vocals, and the Beau Koo Jacks with Paul Lagos on drums and JD (John Sykes) on bass.

Similar to many guitarists, one of Jamie's favorite guitar mentors was Jimi Hendrix. But after experiencing an inspirational concert of the great jazz guitar legend Charlie Byrd, Jamie acquired a new appreciation and perspective for the guitar. Jamie was overwhelmed by Byrd's expertise and beautifully accomplished



musicality all performed with the subtle tones of a nylon-stringed guitar (classical).

As an educator Jamie has worked with a number of after-school programs for kids such as the MusicApolis Education series sponsored by the Schubert Club and hosted by the Sebahany Center in South Minneapolis. This was a two-year program. Jamie also put guitar ensembles together from Walker West to perform at the University of Minnesota. Jamie insists, "Teaching promotes involvement and keeps me busy."

Jamie currently performs solo guitar on the Northside every Thursday night 7-8 p.m. at the 42d Avenue Station Coffee House (www.42ndavenuestation.com), 4171 Lyndale Ave. N. Jamie's genres include jazz, classical, blues, Brazilian and Latin music.

Jamie loves music and teaching. Jamie expresses, "All answers are listening to music. Music is a reflection of life. Anything you can see, hear or say are reflected in music and even on a deep level."

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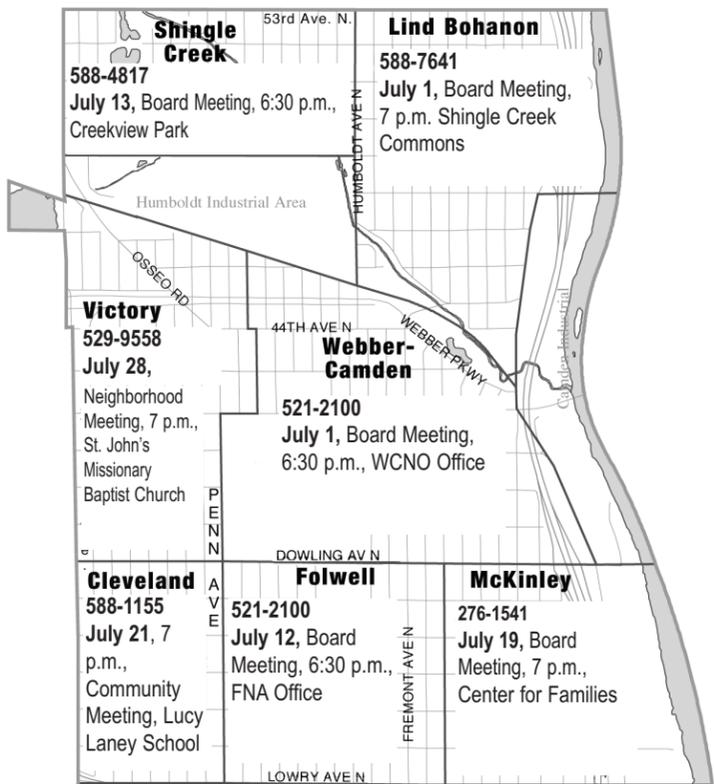
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All the News from Victory Neighborhood



Share Your Garden on the Victory Garden Tour
Many beautiful and unique gardens flourish in the Victory Neighborhood and it is apparent that our resident gardeners take great pride in their gardens and in their neighborhood. The second annual Victory Garden Tour on August 1 will offer an opportunity for them to share their gardens with the rest of the community. We hope to have a variety of gardens from all corners of the neighborhood on the tour. If you are willing to open your garden for viewing please call or email the ViNA office for an application. Don't worry if your garden is not "finished" or "ready" because we know that a garden is never done, it is always evolving, growing and changing. No matter what stage your garden is in, it can be a source of enjoyment and inspiration for others, so please fling open the garden gate on August 1.

Energy Services. Community Energy Services provides free workshops to learn how to lower your energy use and save money and customized home energy visits from professionals who will identify additional ways residents can lower their energy costs including a blower door test. They also provide low cost materials, which may include setback thermostats, compact fluorescent light bulbs, gasket seals, low flow showerheads and more. This is up to \$400 of services and materials provided for only a \$30 co-pay; however thanks to the Victory Neighborhood Association the first 100 Victory homeowners who register will pay only \$20! Workshop dates will be announced. For more information contact Kyle Boehm at CEE at 612-219-7334 or kboehm@mncee.org

New Residential Energy Program Coming to Victory
The Victory Neighborhood Association has teamed up with the Center for Energy and the Environment (CEE), the City of Minneapolis, CenterPoint Energy and Xcel Energy to offer Victory homeowners Community

Camden Farmer's Market Opens July 8!
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Folwell Neighborhood – NRP in Action!

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Note: Due to the 4th of July holiday being celebrated on Monday, July 5, the FNA Board Meeting is rescheduled to Monday, July 12, 6:30 p.m., FNA office, 1206 37th Avenue North – residents welcome!

The next 1000 signs have arrived so, We Watch-We Call signs are again available at the Folwell office. We Watch-We Call is a public safety initiative of the 4th Precinct CARE Task Force. We Watch-We Call signs are free and may be picked up at 1206 37th Avenue North, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. For information: 612-521-2100. Visit the website, wewatchwecall.org.

Foreclosure Information: We do not expect that the foreclosure of homes will end anytime soon. So, we are publishing this application for public use to encourage responsible homeowner and investor participation to help stabilize communities. Visit the site now at: <http://foreclosures.4thprecinctcare.org/>

FIREWORKS – Be a Good Neighbor! Neighbors shooting off fireworks can be extremely disruptive, especially when homes are close to each other, people are trying to sleep and pets are frightened. Fireworks can also be very dangerous. Be careful this summer and make sure you know what's legal and what's not in Minneapolis. Legal: Examples include sparklers, cones, tubes that spark, snakes, party poppers. You may use them in

your yard or on your sidewalk. Not legal: Fireworks that go "boom" or take off; firecrackers, bottle rockets, missiles, roman candles, mortars and shells. It is illegal to use any fireworks on public property, including roads, alleys, schools and parks.

Call 911 to report illegal fireworks: Please provide the exact address and a description of the person or people setting off the fireworks.

Don't miss the two remaining "Live on the Drive" free concerts in July and August: The concerts begin at 6 p.m. at 34th and Xerxes Ave. N. July 8 - "Sweet Colleens" – an all-male group that plays Celtic folk-rock and alternative country/Americana. August 12 is "Seven Steps to Havana." This group combines rhythmic salsa with the richness of jazz. The rain date policy: In the event of rain, a decision will be made by 2 p.m. to cancel the event. You may call 612-588-1155 to inquire if the weather is questionable.

North United Methodist Church hosts its annual Ice Cream Social on Thursday, July 22, 5-8 p.m. (church parking lot - 42nd and Fremont Ave. N.)

Dog Park at Victory Prairie: Both you and your dog will love the new dog park that opened at Victory Prairie located at 47th and Sheridan Avenue North. Come, join us for the grand opening celebration on Saturday, July 24, at 10 a.m.

The Lind Bohanon Neighborhood Association



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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, July 1, LBNA Board Meeting 7 p.m.

LBNA NRP Phase II Action Plan Comments Welcomed July 1!

What would you do for the neighborhood if you had \$500,000? The Lind-Bohanon Neighborhood Association has been working diligently over the past year to complete their Phase I Action Plan and draft a Phase II plan. The draft Phase II summary and plan are now available online and waiting for your comments! We would also invite you to attend our regular monthly meeting July 1 to share your comments. Check out our website at www.lindbohanon.org/

National Night Out 6th Annual LBNA "Picnic in the Park" August 3, 6 p.m. Volunteers needed!

We're looking for volunteers to help organize games, help with food, and activities for this event! Email lindbohanonna@aol.com or call 612-588-7641 if you're interested in helping plan or help the night of this important neighborhood event!

What's Happening at Webber Library Spotlight

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National Night Out is Coming on August 3, are you ready?!

The McKinley neighborhood has a proud tradition of strong block clubs and we want that tradition to continue, so start planning your National Night Out event now! If you are a CCP/SAFE sanctioned block club, register your event now by calling 311 and ask for Jennifer Waisanen or register online at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno. The McKinley Community will give each registered block club a \$100 Cub Foods gift certificate to help cover costs for the event. If you would like to become a block club leader let us know and we can help you with this simple process. Forming a block club and meeting your neighbors is the surest and most cost effective way to stop crime in our neighborhoods, and we need your help!

The New McKinley Website is Up and Running!

Visit www.mckinleycommunity.com and check out our new website for news, join us on Twitter and Facebook, make a donation, download Board Meeting minutes or by-laws, and much more. Let us know what you think and let us know if you think something should be added or changed, this site will not be static, we will be updating it often so stay connected!

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

Chore Program - low-cost home maintenance services such as routine housecleaning, seasonal jobs, lawn care, snow removal and minor repairs. aimed at helping seniors living in their homes (individuals 60 and over). Call 612-374-3322.

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

Interested in buying a home in the McKinley neighborhood or do you know someone who is? Help is now available. The McKinley Community can provide a forgivable home loan for use with down payment and closing cost assistance to anyone who buys a home in the McKinley Community with the intent to live in that home. The loan amount is up to \$2000 with another \$2000 matched by the Family Housing Fund for a total of \$4000. If you receive the McKinley loan and stay in the property for at least five years, you will owe nothing (see loan guidelines for repayment schedule). For help in finding a non-predatory mortgage loan and for more details about the forgivable loan program call **Chris at 612-276-1541**. Other restrictions apply, so call today.

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

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

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

If you are falling behind on your mortgage payments the following programs can offer you assistance to prevent possible foreclosure proceedings.

You may also call 311 for assistance.

Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity – 612.331.4090 ext. 3
MN Home Ownership Center – 651.659.9336
PRG (Powderhorn Resident Group)—612.804.7025 or 612.805.7756

Help to Make Your Neighborhood More Livable & Safe! Become a Block Club Leader!

Consider starting up or participating in a block club. Training is available and free. If you are new to McKinley and would like to know if there is currently an organized block club in your area, please contact our community-policing specialist, Jennifer Waisanen at 612-673-5873. If you are interested in receiving electronic crime and safety notifications from the City of Minneapolis Police Department, please send an email to SAFE4.2-on@ccpsafe.org.

McKinley Calendar of Events

McKinley Community Trash Pick-up Monday, July 5, 7 pm, Meet at the Corner of 35th & N. 6th Street

McKinley Board of Directors Meeting Monday, July 19, 6:30 pm, Center for Families, 3333 N. 4th Street

Crime/Safety Trash Pick-up Monday, July 26, 6:30 pm, Meet at Corner of 35th & Dupont Aves.

McKinley Community Trash Pick-Up Monday, August 2, 7 pm, Meet at Corner of 33rd & Aldrich Aves.

National Night Out Tuesday, August 3, various times and locations



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>

Live on the Drive - July 8 - Sweet Colleens

Walk or roll on down to 34th and Victory Memorial Parkway for the July 8 concert featuring the Sweet Colleens. Bring a picnic and enjoy the high-energy, crowd pleasing mix of Celtic folk-rock and alt. county/Americana, with Cajun and Caribbean seasonings. The concert begins at 6 p.m. in the most beautiful concert setting in the City!

Unfortunately, the first concert of 2010 had to be canceled because of the threat of severe weather which could have put both performers and the audience at risk. The concert featuring Fred and Jevetta Steele, will be rescheduled for a future date.

Saturday Nights at the Movies

Join the Cleveland Neighborhood and Victory Neighborhood in partnership with the Minneapolis Park Board as we play host to a series of movies along Victory Memorial Parkway. On Saturday, June 26 we will be showing *Princess Bride* and on Saturday, July 24 *Men in Black* at Dowling and Victory Memorial Parkway. On Friday, August 27 check out *The Princess and the Frog* at Victory Park (45th Avenue at Upton Avenue) and on Saturday, August 28 at Dowling and Victory Memorial

Parkway the film is a viewer's choice. Vote online at www.mplsmusicandmovies.com Choices are *Jurassic Park*, *Willow*, *Alice in Wonderland* (2009), *Back to the Future*, *College Road Trip* and *Remember the Titans*. Voting ends on August 14. We hope to see you there.

National Night Out

National Night Out is on Tuesday August 3 this year. This is a great opportunity to get together with your neighbors to visit and enhance neighborhood cohesion. Start planning and organizing your National Night Out today. If you want to close off your street you can do so for free before July 14. More information and a link to register your party and close off your street can be found at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno/> or you can call 311.

Landscape Grants Still Available

Landscape grants of \$100 for the purchase of native plants for a boulevard garden or a rain garden are still available. See the CNA website, www.clevelandneighborhood.org or contact the CNA office.

Restoring a veterans' memorial is delicate work

Ever since Washburn-McReavy purchased Crystal Lake Cemetery four years ago, it was recognized that the Veterans Memorial had been neglected for decades. The white government headstones were covered with lichen, mold and stains. The "cannon" wheels were rotting, and the concrete base of the flag pole was deteriorating. It became a priority for the new owners, the McReavy family, to continue to honor the veterans interred at Crystal Lake Cemetery by properly restoring and maintaining the markers and the monuments which are part of the veteran's memorial.

with lichen – a complex growth of fungi and algae that appears on rocks and trees.

John Pederson, owner of Grave Groomers, a personalized gravesite restoration and care service, saw the condition of the veteran's markers in Crystal Lake Cemetery and other cemeteries in the area. He started a nationwide program through his website and franchises to preserve and restore all Veterans sections in privately owned cemeteries across the U.S. To fund the program Christmas wreaths were sold through his website and at private cemeteries like Crystal Lake. All

the proceeds went towards veterans' marker restoration.

According to Pederson, marble is softer and more porous than the granite used for most cemetery markers and monuments. "It requires a special touch," said Pederson. "We use a cleaner that is 100 percent biodegradable and ecologically friendly. The cleaner kills the growth on the stone without killing the



The Veterans Memorial was erected in the early 1900s to commemorate those who served in the Spanish American War. The flagpole and artillery piece were donated at the time by a now unknown organization. There is a bronze plaque on the flagpole denoting the Spanish American War. A plaque on the side of the "cannon" identifies it as a 1932, 32-inch gun carriage, model of 1892, Rock Island Arsenal, 1894.

The wheels on the gun have the original oak spokes. Time and weather have taken their toll and the wood in contact with the ground had severely rotted. There was a concern this past Memorial Day that a person could be injured if it were to suddenly fall. Therefore, safety jacks were placed under the axel. "We wanted to wait until after Memorial Day to remove the gun," said Ray Gummer, manager at Crystal Lake Cemetery. "But family safety was more important."

According to Gummer, the cannon is a favorite place for families to go on Memorial Day. He said he has seen photos which families have taken more than 80 years ago. "It is important to keep the gun here not just to honor the veterans who served," explained Gummer, "but to maintain the legacy of this place in the cemetery which is honored to share it with the public."

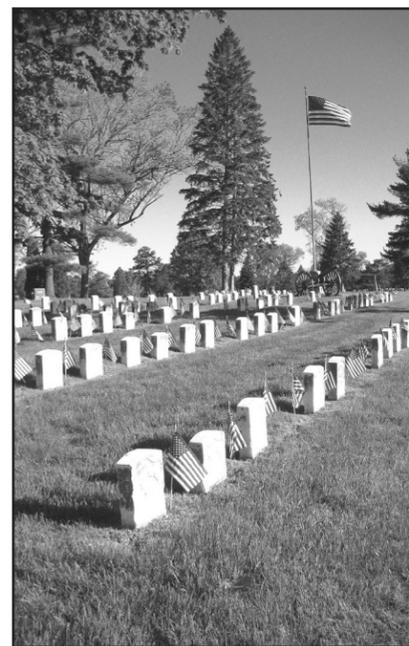
One member of the public, Scott Anderson, came to the cemetery in March and saw the condition of the gun. He had a relative in the Westphal American Legion, whom he approached concerning funding the restoration. The American Legion agreed to pay for new wheels, cleaning and repainting. They also had a number of contacts to assist in other areas of the restoration such as donation of labor and materials.

In addition to the refurbishing of the artillery piece, Washburn McReavy also had to deal with the cleaning and restoration of more than 350 government-issued, white grave markers which were stained

grass around it. The cleaner actually keeps working as rainwater wicks through the stone. The stones are actually getting whiter with the rain."

Training personnel from branch locations across the country came the weekend before Memorial Day to learn the proper way to clean and care for marble markers. "The work can be very detailed and time consuming," said Pederson. "People must learn that it cannot be cleaned by high-pressure power washing or harsh chemicals which would also damage the lettering. There is a definite learning curve to doing this right," he concluded.

The restoration of the artillery piece and the veteran's markers are but a part of the efforts to continually maintain and improve the grounds at Crystal Lake Cemetery. The



public is invited to pay their respects to the veterans interred at Crystal Lake Cemetery and see the work of those trying to honor them by caring for and maintaining their graves. The main gate is located near the corner of Penn and Dowling Avenues.

Webber-Camden Neighborhood Organization

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

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

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

WCNO July Board Meeting, Thursday, July 1, 6:30 p.m., WCNO office, 1206 37th Avenue North.

Dog Park at Victory Prairie: Your dog, and you, too, will love the new dog park at Victory Prairie that has recently opened at 47th and Sheridan Avenues North. Watch for more news coming about the 'grand opening' celebration on Saturday, July 24 at 10 a.m.

July and August "Live on the Drive" concerts. The concerts begin at 6 p.m. at 34th and Xerxes Ave. N. July 8- "Sweet Colleens" – an all-male group that plays Celtic folk-rock and alternative country/Americana. August 12 is "Seven Steps to Havana." This group combines rhythmic salsa with the richness of jazz. In the event of rain, a decision will be made by 2 p.m. to cancel the event.

FIREWORKS – Be a Good Neighbor!

Neighbors shooting off fireworks can be extremely disruptive, especially when homes are close to each other, people are trying to sleep and pets are frightened. Fireworks can also be very dangerous. Be careful this summer and make sure you know what's legal and what's not in Minneapolis.

Legal: Examples include sparklers, cones, tubes that spark, snakes, party poppers. You may use them in your yard or on your sidewalk.

Not legal: Fireworks that go "boom" or take off; fire-crackers, bottle rockets, missiles, roman candles, mortars and shells. It is illegal to use any fireworks on public property, including roads, alleys, schools and parks.

Call 911 to report illegal fireworks: Please provide the exact address and a description of the person or people setting off the fireworks.

North United Methodist Church hosts its annual Ice Cream Social (the best ice cream sandwiches around) on Thursday, July 22, 5-8 p.m. (church parking lot -42nd and Fremont Ave. N.).

The next 1000 signs have arrived so, We Watch-We Call signs are again available at the Webber-Camden office. We Watch-We Call is a public safety initiative of the 4th Precinct CARE Task Force. We Watch-We Call signs are free for residents and may be picked up at 1206 37th Avenue North, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. For information: 612-521-2100. Visit the website, www.watchwecall.org

Webber-Camden Home Loan and Home Ownership Incentive Programs: If you have questions or suggestions, please call 612-521-2100 (WCNO). Call 612-335-5891, CEE, for resources available now.

Foreclosure Information: We do not expect that the foreclosure of homes will end anytime soon. So, we are publishing this application for public use to encourage responsible homeowner and investor participation to help stabilize communities.

Visit the site now at: <http://foreclosures.4th.precinct-care.org/>

Watch for more news soon about a summer event coming to Webber Park on Saturday, August 14.



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.

Tues., July 13, SCNA Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Creekview Park

Tues., July 13, SCNA Volunteer Recognition and General Neighborhood Meeting and Potluck 7 p.m.

Sat., July 24, SCNA 4th Annual Tour De Camden, 9 a.m.

4th Annual Tour De Camden is coming on July 24, 9 a.m.

Inspired by the Tour de France, SCNA is pleased to announce the "4th Tour de Camden." Take a leisurely bike ride through the Camden community. The four route will have a short route and longer (approximately) 10-mile route. This ride is designed to have various points of interest and is another great opportunity for neighbors to get to know each other and their neighborhood.

Everyone welcome! Remember helmets are required. For more info contact scna@stribmail.com or 763-561-1616 or go to www.scna-mpls.org. (First 25 bikers receive a free t-shirt!)

SCNA Volunteer Recognition and General Neighborhood Meeting and NNO Potluck Planning meeting at Creekview Park July 13, 7 p.m.

We have much to celebrate at our July 13 meeting! We want to honor an outstanding volunteer board member, Virginia Bratton for her nearly 20 years of service to SCNA. (The meeting will also be a potluck planning meeting July 13 at 7 p.m. at Creekview Recreational Center, 5001 Humboldt Ave N, to help facilitate planning your NNO party.) Come and help us celebrate our community and outstanding volunteers!

SCNA Home Improvement Loans

Nearly 300 neighbors have improved their properties including new furnaces, windows, roofs and more using the SCNA Home Improvement Loan Program. SCNA homeowners are eligible for low or no interest rates for home improvement loans. Every home improvement loan improves your home and the neighborhood! The maximum loan amount is \$10,000; minimum is \$1,000. FFI: Call Jim Hasnik at 612-335-5885, Center for Energy and Environment for more details! Or go to www.scna-mpls.org to check out an application and more details!

Free graffiti removal

The West Broadway Business & Area Coalition is teaming with Hennepin County STS to remove graffiti from Northside businesses and residences. For info contact Erin at erin@westbroadway.org or 612-353-5178.

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.

July

Arts

Ongoing Wednesdays

Artist's Way Class. Class offers support, company, compassion and fun along your creative path. For beginning or seasoned artists who are looking to get their creative life flowing; read and discuss the book, *The Artist's Way: A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity* by Julia Cameron. Class meets 7-8:30 for 13 sessions, June 9-Sept 1 at Home-wood Studios. Facilitated by artist and life coach Amy Egenberger, 612-588-8704. Pre-registration required, details at www.spiritout.com.

Ongoing

Sign up now for summer classes and camps at Camden Music School. Summer term: July 12-August 20. Includes vocal and instrumental lessons, ensembles, Musikgarten and music theory classes. Summer camps: Monkey Mind Pirates, July 19-23, performances July 23 and 24. Ages 8-11. Camp Komoniwannarock, August 2-5 and 9-12, performance July 12. Grades 5-8 ('09-'10). Scholarship application deadline: 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 6. Family discounts available. Info: 612-618-0219 or www.camden-musicschool.com.

Thursday, 7/8

Live on the Drive. The concert begins at 6 p.m. at 34th and Xerxes Ave. N. with the Sweet Colleens — an all-male group that plays Celtic folk-rock and alternative country/Americana. In the event of rain, a decision will be made by 2 p.m. to cancel the event.

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 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.

Thursday, 7/22

North United Methodist Church hosts its annual **Ice Cream Social** (the best ice cream sandwiches around), 5-8 p.m. at the church parking lot, 42nd and Fremont Ave. N.

Classes and Workshops

Third Tuesdays

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

Ongoing Wednesdays

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

Ongoing Wednesdays

Yoga at The Warren, 4400 Osseo Rd. (44th and Penn), 6-7:30 p.m. \$10 per session. 612-703-9609, www.the-warrenhabitat.com. Questions? Contact instructor Deirdre at dehem@comcast.net.

Ongoing 4th Tuesdays

Lutheran Social Service monthly group for grandparents and relatives raising grandchildren, nieces, nephews or other related children. Center for Changing Lives, 2400

Park Ave S., noon-1 pm. Learn about resources, legal options, and give and receive emotional support and practical ideas for solving challenges. Questions: 612-879-5307.

Community Events

Ongoing

Our local **Memorial Blood Center** is in critical need of donors with Type O negative blood. To find out how to donate call 888-448-3253 or go to www.MBC.org.

Ongoing

Camden Lions General Meeting, second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m., Webber Park Bldg, 4400 and Dupont Ave. N. Social meeting, 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 Wednesdays

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

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 Thursdays

Camden Farmers Market opens July 8, 3-7 p.m. in the parking lot of The Warren, 4400 Osseo Road. Locally grown fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers - bring your reusable market bag!

Ongoing

Plymouth Christian Youth Center's Summer Food Service Program. Meals provided to all children without charge. Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, age or disability. Plymouth Christian Youth Center, 2210 Oliver; thru August 20 (no meals July 2). Breakfast 9-10 a.m., lunch noon-1 p.m.

Ongoing Tuesdays

Academy of North Minneapolis charter school is accepting enrollment. A public school serving 240 students in grades K-3. Mission is to prepare all students for competitive colleges and advanced careers. Each classroom has two teachers per 30 students. Lunch and snacks served. Students receive personal instruction in an academic environment with high expectations. An extended school day and year gives students more time to learn and keep them in a safe environment. Enrollment meetings at North Minneapolis YMCA on Broadway Ave. 6-8 p.m. thru August 3. Contact Karen at 763-355-7555 or theacademynorthminneapolis@gmail.com.

Saturday, 7/17

Enjoy award winning gardens in **Camden at the Bright Gardens for Fraser garden tour,** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Four beautiful Camden gardens are highlighted on the tour on Washburn Ave.: Bob and Kathy Hedstrom at 4211; Karen Kirby at 4227, and Kathy at 4235. It's a fundraiser for Fraser; \$20 admission/\$30 tour and lunch box. Visit www.fraser.org for info or call 612-798-8343.

Saturday, 7/24

New Dog Park grand opening — Victory Prairie. Your dog and you will love the new dog park at Victory Prairie at 47th and Sheridan. The

grand opening celebration is at 10 a.m.

Saturday, 7/24

4th Annual Tour De Camden, 9 a.m., start/finish at Creekview Park parking lot. Take a leisurely bike ride through the Camden community. Tour has a short route and longer 10-mile route. Designed for various points of interest; a great opportunity for neighbors to get to know each other and their neighborhood. (First 25 bikers receive a free t-shirt!) Helmets required. Info: 763-561-1616, scna@stribmail.com, or www.scna-mpls.org.

Tuesday, 8/3

Get ready -National Night Out 2010 is coming up! Look forward to the 27th Annual NNO. Get your block organized. If you want to block off your street, you can do so for free before July 14. Visit <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno/>

Libraries

July programs at Webber Library, 4310 Webber Pkwy., 952-847-2750

Free summer programs designed to motivate children and teens to visit Webber or North Regional Libraries during the summer to read, and to keep learning are scheduled through mid-August at Hennepin County libraries. Programs focus on literacy, art, science and technology, and offer an opportunity to explore new concepts through hands-on activities. Visit www.hclib.org.

Job Search Assistance, Thurs., July 8 & Aug. 12, 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.

Tuesday, 7/20

Motion Mayhem. Suspend a ball in mid-air, 6 p.m. Drop a nail in a bottle without touching the nail. Pull a tablecloth out from under a set of dishes. Explore the science of motion with the Science Museum of Minnesota. A larger-than-life demonstration illustrates curve balls, spinning skaters, flying objects and more. Hands on activities follow—experience the motion mayhem!

Kids Book Club, Thurs., July 8 and Aug. 12, 6-7 p.m. For kids entering grades 4-6. Join other kids to talk about a great book! Pick up a copy of the book at the Information Desk.

Brodini Comedy Magic Show, Sat., July 10, 1 p.m. For kids entering kindergarten and up. Magician Graylyn Morris will raise spirits and test kids' powers of concentration as he manipulates ropes, scarves, balls and other magician's props in a perplexing "now-you-see-it, now-you-don't" performance.

Hmong Storytime, Sat. 2-2:30 p.m. For kids 2 years of age and up. Enjoy stories together in Hmong and build language skills.

Kids Bookclub, Thus., July 8 at 6 p.m. For kids entering grades 4-6. Join other kids to talk about a great book! Ask about the next book at the library service desk.

World Language Storytime: Hmong, Sat., July 10-31, 2-2:30 p.m. For children age 2 and up. Share books, stories, rhymes and music in Hmong. Nyeem ntawv, hais dab neeg, hu nkauj, thiab qhia suab paj nruag rau koj cov menyuum muaj hnub nyug ob xyoo thiab lawm sau.

Wild Wings, Sat., July 24, 1-3 p.m. at Webber Park Library or call 952-847-2750. For kids entering grades 1-5. Are you really Amelia Earhart or Charles Lindbergh at heart? Then take flight with the life-sized wings you will create: bat

wings; faerie wings; or beautiful, colorful butterfly wings. Don't forget your beak, fangs or antennas!

Ongoing

Girls Only Book Club Online. Mon., July 12-Fri., July 16. For girls entering grades 4-6. Online book clubs are great for kids with many summer activities! Participate in the book discussion web page every day, any time of day, Mon.-Fri. You must have a current email address (may use family email) and a computer with Internet access.

Ongoing

Guys Read Book Club Online. Mon., July 26-Fri., July 30. For guys entering grades 4-6. Online book clubs are great for kids with many summer activities! Participate in the book discussion Web page every day, any time of day, Monday-Friday. You must have a current email address (may use family email) and a computer with Internet access.

July programs at North Regional Library, 1315 Lowry Ave. N., 952-847-8450

Discovery Days, Thurs., July 1-Aug. 26, 1:30-3:30 p.m. For kids in preschool-entering grade 5. Check out the Discovery Room where you'll have minds-on, hands-on fun, with new themed activities each week.

Preschool Storytime Fri., July 2-Aug. 27, 10:30 a.m. For children ages 4 to 6. Help your preschooler get ready to read. Enjoy stories together and build language skills.

Game On! Gaming Fridays, July 2-Aug. 27, 3-5 p.m. For teens entering grade 7 and up. Play PS2 or Wii games at the library. Grab a friend, bring your favorite board or card game, or play ours!

Chess Club Sat., July 3-Aug. 28, noon-2 p.m. For kids grade 5 and up. Chess it out! Have fun learning the basics of chess, improving your game, mastering strategies and meeting other chess fans. Walk-ins welcome.

Discovery Days, Tues., July 6-Aug. 31, 1:30-3:30 p.m. For kids in preschool-entering grade 5. Check out the Discovery Room where you'll have minds-on, hands-on fun, with new themed activities each week.

FIT Force, Tues., July 6-Aug. 17, 3-4 p.m. For teens entering grade 7 and up. Explore and discuss the media impact on your food choices and be more active this summer. Have fun with dance, outdoor activities like dodgeball and more. Prizes at every class. Call 952-847-8450.

Girls' Club, Tues., July 6-Aug. 3, 3-4:30 p.m. For girls entering grade 6 and up. Beat the heat and the summer doldrums! Join Girls' Club for lots of girls-only fun, crafts, games and activities. Bring your creative spirit to the library and energize your summer! Call 952-847-8450.

Hmong Youth Circle, Tues., July 6-Aug. 31, 4-6 p.m. For teens entering grade 7 and up. Read novels, watch movies, bead jewelry, plus a few surprises! All teens are welcome; most conversation will be in Hmong. For more information, call Cha at 952-847-8845. Nyeem ntawv, saib yeej yab duab, ua hlua hlaw, thiab ntxiv ob peb yam tsis tau ceebtoom! Zoo siab tos txais txhua tus tub ntshais hlus tuaj koom; feem ntau yuav tham ua lus Hmoob. Xav paub ntxiv, hu rau Cha ntawm 952-847-8845.

Discovery Days, Wed., July 7-Aug. 25, 1:30-3:30 p.m. For kids in preschool-entering grade 5. Check out the Discovery Room where you'll have minds-on, hands-on fun, with new themed activities each week.

Open Tech Lab, Sat., July 10 and 24, 2-4 p.m. For teens entering grade 7 and up. Learn how to create

video games or animation using a variety of software programs including Scratch, Audacity and ArtRage. Already know this stuff? Drop in and work independently. Taught by the library's Teen Tech Squad. .

World of Work Orientation for Ex-Offenders, Tues., July 13 and 27; 4-6 p.m. This drop-in service is for men and women with a criminal background who need assistance with job applications, résumés, interview skills and support in overcoming that barrier to land their "dream job."

Art Out of the Box: Dreams and Monsters, Thurs., July 15, 2 p.m. For kids entering grades 2-5. Dreams and nightmares can inspire brilliant art. Explore Francisco de Goya's *The Sleep of Reason Produces Monsters*, and see a contemporary interpretation by artist Yinka Shonibare. Create your own dreamscape using mixed-media.

Business Start-up Workshop Series, Thurs., July 15 and 22. The Neighborhood Development Center offers a variety of workshops related to starting your own business or supporting continued success for existing small businesses. Info: 952-847-8450.

Paws to Read, Sat., July 17, 12:30-2 p.m. For kids in preschool-entering grade 5. Certified volunteers help put young readers at ease so they can cuddle up with a dog or other animal and practice reading aloud. Call ahead to find out what types of animals will be visiting.

Small Business Consultation With Northside Economic Opportunity Network, Wed., July 21 and Aug. 18, 4-6 p.m. How do you turn your business ideas into business realities? Do you have questions about running your business? Stop in for a free consultation with Northside Residents Redevelopment Council and learn about resources, loans and training to help you be an effective business owner.

Wild Wings, Thurs., July 22, 2-4 p.m. For kids entering grades 1-5. Are you really Amelia Earhart or Charles Lindbergh at heart? Then take flight with the life-sized wings you will create: bat wings; faerie wings; or beautiful, colorful butterfly wings. Don't forget your beak, fangs or antennas!

World Language Storytime: Spanish Thurs., July 29 and Aug. 26, 6:30 p.m. For children age 2 and up. Share books, stories, rhymes and music in Spanish. Para niños de 2 años en adelante. Comparta y disfrute con sus niños libros, cuentos, rimas y música en español.

Microsoft Excel: Creating and Managing Lists, Fri., July 30, 10 a.m.-noon. Registration required; begins July 2; limit 6. Learn to create lists such as an inventory, contact list or collection, sort data and print using Microsoft Excel. Prerequisite: Microsoft Excel Basics or familiarity with spreadsheets is highly recommended.

OpenOffice: Writer and Calc, Sat., July 31, 10 a.m.-noon. Registration required; begins July 3; limit 6. Learn how to use these freely available word processor and spreadsheet programs, practice simple data entry and formatting skills, discuss how these programs differ from Microsoft Word and Excel.

Parks

Ongoing Saturdays Enjoy summer fun at **outdoor movies!** Bring blankets and chairs to Dowling and Victory Memorial Drive and see a variety of popular movies on the big screen. June 26 is *Calendar continued on page 11*

Worship in Camden



NORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

44th & Fremont Ave.
A Hate-Free Shalom Zone
Worship Time 9:30 a.m.
Check our Facebook page: North United Methodist (UMC) - Minneapolis!
Disability friendly and accessible. Signing for hearing impaired.
Rev. Linda Koelman
Ch. 522-4497



Christ English Lutheran Church

Oliver and Lowry
521-3493
Pre-school SS 9:30 a.m.
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays
All are welcome!
Free produce for neighborhood residents 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.
Free Community Dinner 4th Monday, 6:30 p.m.
Pastor Melissa Pohlman

Classified Advertisements

Camden News classified ads are an effective and inexpensive way to reach residents. Your ad is placed on our website at no extra charge. To place an ad, contact ads@camdennews.org, or leave a message at our voice mailbox at 521-3060. Classified ads are 70 cents per word, \$7 minimum. If you want to box your ad, it's an additional \$10. Ads must be paid prior to publication. Send check to Camden News, P.O. Box 11492, Mpls. 55411 or pay with credit card via PayPal at www.camdennews.org.

St. Austin Catholic Church



41st & Thomas Ave. N.
Masses
T, W, Th, F - 8 a.m.
Sat. - 4:30 p.m.
Sun. - 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Reconciliation
Sat. 3:30-4 p.m. in the Reconciliation Room or by appointment
Fr. George Kallumkalkudy
529-9561
<http://StAustinCC.org>

Luther Memorial Lutheran

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

St. Olaf Lutheran Church

Emerson at 29th Ave. N.
612-529-7726
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 9 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Thursday Youth Group 6:30 p.m.
Pastor Dale Hulme
www.stolafutheran.org
We welcome all, including gay and lesbian people.
Coming together to serve with the St. Olaf Residence
North Minneapolis Meals on Wheels
New Directions Youth Ministry

Real Estate Sales or Service

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

Services

Lawn Cutting. Call Chuck at 763-218-7286.

Nanette Crooker Gardens & Patios. Landscape installation and maintenance, seasonal plantings, yard clean-up, mulch, lawn mowing. 612-616-1398 or crookergardens@aim.com.

Yardworks Professional Lawn Service: Total yard and lawn care Licensed and Insured/On Angies List 20 plus years of serving the community. Free Estimates. Call 763-561-0711.

Handyman Services. Dependable quality work at a reasonable rate. Friendly service. Call Ray at 612-702-0999.

House painting, interior/exterior, wall paper removal, stain/varnish, and skim coating. Jim, 651-698-0840.

Carpet cleaning — two average sized rooms \$59.95. 20% off upholstery cleaning. Dave, 612-721-5105 or cell 612-636-3073.

Pet boarding available at Paws Inn, 4902 France Ave. N. Brooklyn Center. More info and rates: 763-746-8870, www.pawsinn.biz or pawsinn.llp@gmail.com.

Reupholstery. Save your grandma's chair! 35 years experience. Dave, 612-721-5105 or cell 612-636-3073.

Little Tree Day Care. Licensed home daycare; infants, toddlers, school-age. Open Mon.-Fri. References available. 5053 Penn Ave. N. Call Tina, 612-521-1830.

Resort Cabins For Rent

Small fishing resort near Hackensack MN has 1, 2 and 3 bedroom cabins and tent sites available. 2 night min. No pets. No credit cards. Checks ok. Nies Cabins, 218-675-6389, www.niescabins.com.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH

Building a community of faith through God's faithfulness in our worship, fellowship, discipleship, service and evangelism

4350 Russell Ave. N.
44th Ave. N. & Russell Ave. N.
612-529-0686

www.faithbaptistmpls.com

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

Kerry L. Bender
Senior Pastor
AWANA, 6:45 p.m.

St. Bridget's Catholic Church

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

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

Gethsemane Lutheran Church

4656 Colfax Ave. N.
612-521-3575

Adult Education 9 a.m. with Nursery
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Sunday School and Youth/Teens, 11 a.m.
Van service available
Pastor Jeff Nehrbass
ELCA

GethsemaneLutheranChurch@msn.com
www.glc-mpls.org

A view of the bridge

Due to recent budget cuts and the rising cost of electricity, gas and oil, plus the condition of the economy, the Light at the End of the Tunnel has been turned off. We apologize for the inconvenience! Photo of the Camden Bridge construction taken by Robert Rice on the roof of the 42nd Ave. Station on Lyndale.



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Princess Bride, followed on July 24 with *Men in Black*. August 28 is "your choice" — to be determined by online voting by the viewing public at the MPBR website www.minneapolisparcs.org.

Programs at Kroening Interpretive Center in North Mississippi Regional Park.

Sunday, 6/27
Free Family Fundays: Backyard Birds, 1-3 p.m., ongoing, Kroening Interpretive Center in North Mississippi Regional Park. From food to water to flowers, discover how to attract birds to your backyard. Free. Ages: All.

Sunday, 7/4
Free Family Fundays: Red, White and Bluebirds, 1-3 p.m., Kroening Interpretive Center in North Mississippi Regional Park. Learn about the beautiful bluebirds living in North Mississippi Regional Park. Get plans to build your own bluebird boxes and take a walk to visit the bluebird homes in the park. Free; all ages.

Saturday, 7/10
Raft the Mississippi River in 14' inflatable rafts from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; starts at Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park, Brooklyn Park. Program starts with orientation of the route, raft use and safety. Explore river geology, visit islands, hear the herons, watch for eagles and otters, and investigate water quality. The paddle ends at North Mississippi Regional Park. Bring lunch and beverage. Water, equipment and transportation back to cars provided. Cost \$45; reservations required. Call 763-559-6700. Program for ages 14 and older.

Resources

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

Ongoing
Drugs and drug addiction are problems our community struggles with. Get help at **Narcotics Anonymous**. No fees or dues. Meet Mondays at 1:15 p.m. at Camden Apartments, 4643 Lyndale; or Sundays at 7 p.m. at St. Bridget's Rectory (side door), 3811 Emerson. Info at naminnesota.org/ or call the helpline at 952-939-3939.

September

Saturday, 9/11
North High class of 1965 celebrating its 45th reunion. There were 585 seniors who graduated North High in 1965. They are seeking as many classmates as possible to attend this event. Info: Judy Dersheid-Adams at 763-315-2828 or JoAnn Campbell-Sudduth at jodejay@comcast.net.

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Cadmium is a dangerous metal that can be deadly when ingested by children.

The legislature passed an initiative that would allow local units of government to offer financing for homeowners who want to do energy efficiency and conservation upgrades. This program, known as PACE, allows homeowners to pay for these upgrades through their property taxes and then save money on their energy bills. Minneapolis and Hennepin County are trying to work out details of how this program could be administered. It would allow homeowners to pay for qualifying upgrades of their choice as a special assessment on property taxes.

Thanks to everyone who called, emailed or wrote letters about these issues — and many more — before the Senate this year. I appreciate your input and advice, even though we may sometimes disagree. I am humbled and grateful to represent you in the Minnesota Senate!

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defined and if the work will be done by city or private contractors, has not been determined.

The Folwell Neighborhood Association has voiced concern about the future of the 37th Avenue project, which would benefit both the Folwell and Cleveland neighborhoods, to City Council President Barbara Johnson and has asked for explanatory and clarifying information from the Minneapolis Department of Public Works including actual costs, project scope, project schedule, budget (to date and future) and funding, both approved and anticipated. If that information is not forthcoming, Folwell will file a formal Freedom of Information request. Folwell will share whatever information is provided as soon as it becomes available, in a public meeting and on the website, www.folwell.org.

Also, Dowling Avenue is scheduled for a mill and overlay resurfacing during August or a bit later. The process will take about three weeks and is being coordinated with the Minneapolis Sewer Department's work on Dowling.

Support your community by supporting the Camden Community News



Thanks to all of you who've donated to the *Camden News* this past year—we appreciate your support, but we still need your help.

You know that newspapers around the country are failing due to decreased 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 foresight 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.

Thanks for your support,

The *Camden Community News* Board of Directors.



Scoops

Think global, shop local, save gas and time and support Camden area businesses! Visit www.nwmpplsbusiness.com.

To all of the great business owners in the Camden area: Got a leaky flat roof or one that's just plain worn out? Protect your property and go to the professionals — **Commercial Roofing and Sheetmetal**. The owners have a combined experience of 75 years in commercial roofing — and they know their business. They can provide you with new construction, re-roofing, service and maintenance, and they also design and fabricate architectural sheet metal. Last year they completed the re-roofing at Olson

Middle School in Camden for the Minneapolis School District. They have also completed projects for Honeywell Inc., Wells Fargo, St. Jude Medical and Medtronics. Check out www.commercialrfg.com, and contact Mark at 651-483-5298 or mark@commercialrfg.com.

The new "scene" at **42nd Avenue Station** has developed into a dependable and sought-after music hot-spot in Camden over the past few months. Dan Hylton has been playing there recently, and the establishment has entertainment every few nights. They've been bringing in some touring acts — Lonnie Knight also played recently. The Station has a nice stage and sound system. Open into the

evening hours, and typically no cover charge. Check it out at <http://www.42ndavenuestation.com/>.

During the 12th Annual National Musikgarten Teacher Festival in Green Lake, Wisconsin, **Camden Music School (CMS)** and its Musikgarten teachers, **Annie Frohlich** and **Nancy Van Kampen**, were awarded the 2010 Musikgarten Exemplary Program Award. This award recognizes CMS as a school that offers a full complement of Musikgarten classes for children ages 0-8. CMS is one of only 82 programs in North America to receive this prestigious award for 2010. For info about CMS go to www.camdenmusicschool.com. Musikgarten

is widely recognized as essential in helping young children develop valuable social, emotional, musical and physical skills. Visit www.musikgarten.org. CMS has also just hired drum instructor **David DeGennaro** as an administrative assistant to director **Janet Zahn**. David will be working in various administrative capacities including communications, marketing, managing social media and the implementation of a new software program. In addition to his musical experience, David has worked for three nonprofits over the past 12 years in communications and marketing capacities.

Connie Beckers welcomed the public to the **Goddess of Glass and Friends** at 2205 Lowry Ave.

on June 5, showcasing artwork from 18 different artists, including Connie herself, at this colorful and stunning gift shop. Hours are Thurs. to Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Be sure to stop on a regular basis as the store inventory will change every two months, featuring new artists. Feature artist **Monica Kenton** (pictured) had a reception at the store on June 24.



Community History

Behind the Victory Flagpole – What time is it?

By Barbara Meyer Bistodeau

We all know what time it is--vacation time, for sure. So you may ditch our cozy Camden digs and head for the country, the lake, the cottage or wherever. Grab your swim suit and flip-flops—oh, maybe you'll just go visit friends and relatives. It's your chance to show them you know how their town was named. From A to Z then, here it is:

- Anoka—a Sioux word meaning "on both sides" refers to city's location on both sides of the Rum River, at the point where it enters the Mississippi.
- Albert Lea—taken from Lake Albert Lea, 1835, both named for Albert Miller Lea, commander and topographer of exploring expeditions.
- Alexandria—named for first settler, Alexander Kinkaid in 1858.
- Austin—for Gov. Horace Austin or Austin R. Nicols, first settlers.
- Bemidji—Chippewa called the lake at the city "where the current flows across the wide water," because the Mississippi flows through the lake.
- Brainerd—the maiden name of the wife of J. Gregory Smith, first president of Northern Pacific R.R.Co.
- Detroit Lakes—French for "straight lake," named by early French on account of the long bar in lake.
- Ely—named for Arthur Ely, financial promoter of Duluth & Iron Range R.R. and Samuel B. Ely, a miner from Michigan.
- Eveleth—named for a woodsman who had a lonely cabin in the heart of the Mesaba Range whose name was Eveleth.
- New Ulm—German colony in 1854.
- Faribault—named for Alexander Faribault who established a trading post on Cannon River in 1826.
- Fergus Falls—named for early frontiersman, James Fergus in 1856.

- Hastings—1851, General Sibley's middle name.
- Hopkins—first was known as west Minneapolis, then became a separate village and in 1928 was named for Harley H. Hopkins, homesteader and first postmaster.
- Hutchinson—a company known as the Hutchinson Family Singers traveled over the country giving concerts and founded the town in 1855.
- Little Falls—first called "painted rock" then changed because of rapids which lie within city limits.
- Mankato—named by surveyors of the Mankato Claim Co.
- Marshall—named in honor of Wm. R. Marshall, governor of MN in 1866-70.
- Montevideo—Spanish word meaning "Mount of Vision."
- Moorhead—named for W.G. Moorhead, director of Northern Pacific Railroad.
- Northfield—in 1850 John W. North began a law practice in St. Anthony.
- Owatonna—means straight—It was settled in 1853 around the Straight River Pipestone—after the red pipestone quarries.
- Red Wing—after a succession of Sioux chiefs.
- Rochester—founded by George Heard in 1854 who came from Rochester, New York.
- St. Cloud—in 1853 John Wilson, early settler, admired Napoleon's palace that he built for Empress Josephine, called "St. Cloud."
- Stillwater—1843—at the head of Lake St. Croix, the "still water."
- Thief River Falls—the early French called it "stealing river"—it originated when a band of Dakota Indians occupied a secret encampment along the river, hence stealing the land.



- Waseca—1857—Sioux word meaning "good ground."
- Willmar—1869—named for Leon Willmar, a Belgian agent for European investors in the St. Paul & Pacific R.R.
- Winona—named after Princess We-Noh-Nah, daughter of Chief Wapasha (Wabasha).

Now that you have memorized all that, it's time to depart. Happy vacation!

Editor's note: Doug Pearson's name was misspelled in one spot in the last Flagpole article. Hopefully only he noticed it!