



The sky is not falling

By Crime Prevention Specialist Tim Hammett

It's tricky being a Crime Prevention Specialist. On the one hand, our mission is to help people find the tools they need to reduce their vulnerability to crime, and a big part of this is giving people an accurate picture of what's actually going on. You can't effectively reduce your vulnerability if you don't know what the risks are. On the other hand, part of our mission is to reduce the fear of crime. It's all too easy for misinformation about a particular crime pattern or trend to gain widespread circulation in the community and cause undue or unwarranted anxiety. Unfortunately, when we advise people about the risks, by issuing a crime alert for example, we also raise the public's anxiety level.

"Burglaries are up in Camden, be sure to lock your doors!" "There's been an increase in rob-

beries, stay alert." "Scam artists are going door to door, call 911." We've all heard these alerts and warnings from the police, time after time. After a while it can seem as though crime in our neighborhoods is rampant, unchecked, out of control. This year, there's been a particular concern about an increase in violent crime, both on the Northside and citywide as well. Homicides are way up in the city as compared to last year. We are also seeing modest increases in other violent crimes, such as aggravated assault and robbery, and all of these increases have garnered a lot of media attention, as they should.

But the real question that concerns most of us is this: "What's the bottom line for me, my family, and my community? What's my and my family's risk? Are my loved ones more or less safe now

than they have been in the past?" While the news media, the neighborhood grapevine, and anecdotal evidence all shape our answers to these questions, they can also be misleading. A look at some statistics for the Camden Community reveals some interesting insights.

The numbers below are for the seven residential neighborhoods and two industrial areas of the Camden Community. They represent January 1 to July 20, for each of the past five years, (2006-2010). These numbers are for the Part One crimes of Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Theft, Auto Theft and Arson. The numbers themselves are from the Minneapolis Police Department's CrimeMaster mapping program. They may vary slightly from the MPD's official CODE-FOR statistics by neighborhood.

Camden Community - January 1 to July 20

Year	Total	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assaults	Burglary	Theft	Auto Theft	Arson
2006	1333	6	30	113	135	437	331	253	28
2007	1087	6	19	88	136	315	339	163	21
2008	1059	3	23	80	124	402	246	172	9
2009	958	2	18	71	118	391	270	77	11
2010	902	7	19	77	119	324	268	81	7
Total	5339	24	109	429	632	1869	1454	746	76

Singing up a storm



The Steeles performed before a crowd of at least 600 happy listeners at the Live on the Drive concert on July 15. Originally scheduled for a June appearance on the Drive, the Steeles concert was postponed because of rain. But they made up for that on the 15th. On the bill were Jevetta and brother Fred. But, being a family act, J. D. and sister Jearlyn both joined the duo on stage for different numbers. Pictured are Jevetta and J.D. singing up a storm while Fred played keyboards. Seven Steps to Havana will play the next concert on Thursday, August 12 (see more info on page 7). Photo by Randy Klauk.

As the totals show, Part One crimes in Camden are actually down. They are at their lowest level in five years. Part One crimes are down 6% from last year, and maintained a steady downward trend every year since 2006. The overall reduction in Part One crimes from 2006 is 32%.

But what about violent crimes? Aren't they actually up from last

year? The short answer is yes, indeed they are. As the graph shows, there were 222 Violent Part One crimes reported in Camden as of July 20, while only 209 had been reported for the same period in 2009, for an increase of 6%. But pulling back and looking at previous years, we see that violent crime too is down significantly from where it was in 2006 when there were a

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Working towards a shared vision for Webber Library

By Sue Quist

A family has a dream. Two men have a vision. Sometimes what is true, doesn't easily lend itself to what is right. The Camden Community continues to sit on the brink of having something very good come our way. Patience may be our best tool.

Despite the fact that Minneapolis could no longer afford to provide library services at many community libraries, a solution was found by way of collegial cooperation in the consolidation of the Minneapolis and Hennepin County Library systems. The Minneapolis Public Library Board, the City of Minneapolis, the Hennepin County Library Board and Hennepin County, along with strong grassroots community support, resolved to do better. The State of Minnesota provided the legislation necessary to enable the consolidation. The libraries systems were merged in the beginning of 2008, and our library was reopened. It goes to show what can happen when the best of what people have to offer, resolves to do what is best for the common good.

The reopening of the Webber Park Library was a gala

event. At the time of the reopening, the library had been closed for one year! Its reopening was its own victory, but Hennepin County Commissioners Mike Opat and Mark Stenglein honored what had been in the works years prior: the discussions and groundwork for an enhanced Webber Park Library. Many ideas had been tossed around, but they came to a halt when state LGA cuts meant that the entire Minneapolis Library system was in jeopardy. That groundwork, along with \$2,095,000 from the City of Minneapolis 2000 Library referendum, and the opportunity provided by the consolidation, was enough to get the project going again. The 2008 Hennepin County budget was amended to include additional funds, up to \$15,000,000 for the new library.

The \$15 million new Webber Library budget prevailed in the County's 2009 capital budget. \$2,255,000 was designated for land acquisition, \$5,856,000 for construction, \$1,038,000, for consulting, \$1,001,000 for furnishing and equipment, and \$4,849,000 for other/contingency. However, the County's 2010 capital budget cut \$3,000,000

from the new Webber Library, an indication that time and delays are not the friend of this project. The majority of the cuts were to construction (less \$863,000) and other/contingency (less \$2,912,000). In regards to the cuts, Stenglein commented, "The county has made cuts to all capital projects." In addition Stenglein noted, "The county's commitment to the Northside is unparalleled. We have invested \$30M on Lowry Ave, \$6M on Victory Memorial, \$100M on a new Lowry Ave Bridge, and we will build a new Webber Library. The former Minneapolis Library Board clearly shirked their duty with regard to the Webber Library. We are doing our best to correct that situation and move forward to provide a state-of-the-art facility." The resulting land acquisitions at the old Kowalski's site and on 45th Avenue, and the architectural designs for the new Webber Library, are evidence that time and effort have been put into this project.

In times of economic recession, it is difficult to question cuts to capital improvements, especially in light of the

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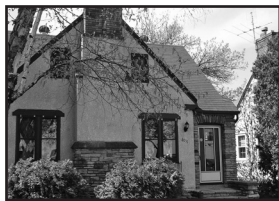
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The real estate market is slow. With the end of the government tax incentive for most buyers, sales ground to a crawl. The good news: the market is adjusting & will continue to improve. Our area was particularly affected. Now the 4th ring suburbs are being hammered. This makes the city more attractive, especially our neighborhoods with the quality-built homes, proximity to everything & a growing sense of community. Sellers need to approach the market carefully & with realistic expectations. Let us show you how our experience, extensive marketing plan and Coldwell Banker Burnet resources can assist you. Here are a couple of our properties for sale or recently sold:



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What's up with the 37th Avenue Greenway?

By Roberta Englund

No new information on the 37th Avenue Greenway resulted from a meeting in City Council President Barbara Johnson's office on July 12 except a promise that more definitive information would be available by the end of August.

Some of the answers depend on the results of funding requests that will provide the money necessary to complete the greenway portion of Flood Area 5, Phase One, 37th Avenue North between Penn to Knox Avenues.

Folwell Neighborhood Association voiced concern about the future of the 37th Avenue project, which would benefit both the Folwell and Cleveland neighborhoods, and most of the original questions remain unanswered; there is still no start date for completion of the 37th Avenue Greenway portion of the Flood Area 5 project, not all funding has been secured, a final scope of work has not been defined because of funding questions and we still don't know if the work will be done by city or private contractors.

At the July 12 meeting, Council President Johnson requested additional information and the Minneapolis Department of Public Works said they intend to respond with answers by late July or early August.

Get fresh veggies and fruit every Thursday



Now in its third season, the Camden Farmers Market is open every Thursday from 3-7 p.m. at The Warren parking lot (44th and Penn N).

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Think global, shop local and save gas and time — and support Camden area businesses! Find out more about local businesses at www.nwmpplsbusiness.com. There are two new great eateries on Lyndale!

We gave you the heads up on a new soul food restaurant that was gonna open on Lyndale — and it's here and open now for your enjoyment. **Tahtianna's**, at 4330 Lyndale, is the one and only soulfood restaurant in Camden. Owners Kevin and Francis Davis named the restaurant after their two-year-old daughter — ain't that sweet? Kevin is a real gourmet — he gets goose bumps just talking about cooking great food — a sign of a really good cook. His passion is cooking but he's also really dedicated to serving the community. They're planning a grand opening on Sunday, August 8 — but don't wait for that! Stop in now for Taht's Big Catfish sandwich, the Butt Naked chicken, smothered pork chops, jerk chicken, rib tips, and so much more. The big soul food buffet is coming soon too — with great food and family-friendly prices. Open Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; and Sunday 1-7 p.m. 612-208-0103.

And besides soul food, you can get Cuban/Mexican food now right here in Camden. If you've driven down Lyndale for a while you've seen the sign — **El Burrito Cubano**, at 4729 Lyndale — well it finally opened on July 28. It's not a sit down restaurant, unless you grab the picnic table in the front, but it

has a fantastic take-out menu with tons of fresh food: Get burritos, Cuban sandwiches, a variety of salads and quesadillas, and natural juices and smoothies. It's open every day; and the fun part is that you get to "make" your own sandwich — pick your bread and then select all the food/toppings you want on it. Right now they're offering a "Buy 1 Get 1/2 off with the purchase of regular priced burrito or sandwich" special, good thru August 31.

There's a new daycare center in Camden. **It Starts with Luv**, at 4201 Thomas, is now enrolling infants and toddlers in early care/preschool programs. It's open 6 a.m.-6 p.m. For info call 612-521-9303.

Neighborhood HealthSource (formerly Fremont Clinic) now offers mental health services with the addition of **Donald Dembosky** to the staff. The services are offered on a sliding fee scale for those who are uninsured and eligible. Dembosky is a masters level licensed psychologist with 25 years experience in working with children, adolescents and adults. Services provided include outpatient therapy, ADHD assessments, psychological assessments and bariatric surgery assessments. Executive Director Steve Knutson says, "The addition of mental health services to the offerings is another way Neighborhood HealthSource continues to address a variety of growing health needs in the community." Call 612-588-9411 for an appointment.

If you know of a new business in Camden send the info to camdenews.org.

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Letters to the Editor



A New Webber Library: The other side

The people of the Camden community deserve to hear the other side about a new library in North Minneapolis, not rumors and gossip. The Hennepin County Commissioners representing our community are committed to building a new, first class library. They have held open houses, presented the possibilities, made architects and staff available to the community, and listened to neighborhood input. In 2007, they created a new library project where none existed before. And we agree with them that this new public amenity should be built right, even if that means it is not built fast.

The vision our community discussed with Commissioners Mike Opat and Mark Stenglein is for a new walkable, bikable and accessible library from every direction, complete with sustainable architectural and construction practices. We believe this vision is shared by almost everyone in our community. While some have asked why we don't simply do what we can right now and dismiss this vision, we think it's worth the work and the wait to get it right. We know how valuable every tax dollar is in this economic climate. If the County is pushed to build the library on an ill-suited site, then we would have to acknowledge that we lost our nerve, wasted a precious public investment and abandoned our shared vision.

We must not pursue that reckless path. Rather, let us work toward completing the right site for a library and get it done right—at the corner of Humboldt and 45th. With banners, streamers and "For Sale" signs on the front lawn of 1423 45th Ave. just a few years ago, it should have been easy, not difficult, for the County to acquire this property. Yet, we are now told by County representatives that the owners of this rental property are looking for \$1 million for a property that was assessed at \$370,000 in January 2009. Who among us would expect in this depressed housing market to sell any home for nearly three times its value? Who among us would want our tax dollars to be spent on an overvalued parcel of land? And so the project is stalled and the entire community waits.

This much is known: The rental property at 1423 45th Ave. was clearly for sale until the County took an interest in buying it. The County has made offers to purchase it and relocate the glass-block business, which is prohibited by City ordinances to be at that location. We recognize that the property owners live in the neighborhood, so we hope that they too share the vision of so many who need a world-class

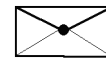
library facility that serves the entire community.

In the face of the owners' apparent change of heart, the path forward is clear amid several bad options. Hennepin County cannot offer \$1 million for the rental property, obviously. Nor can the county "build around" the property, which would gamble with a \$12 million community library that the site will remain vacant, or be rented, homesteaded, redeveloped or sold to an unknown or untrustworthy buyer. That means that we must wait, press the County to keep the lines of communication open, and hope that property owners abandon any hope of receiving a real estate windfall at the hands of the taxpayers. Hennepin County should be fair, but not bullied.

As long time Camden residents and former Minneapolis Library Board Trustees, we agree with those who say North Minneapolis has for far too long not been given the funding or attention it deserves with regards to libraries, specifically Webber Park Community Library. During our terms of office, we fought tirelessly to get our governmental colleagues to invest in our community. Now that we finally have County Commissioners willing to make that investment, some seem ready to settle for second best by calling for the library to be housed in an abandoned grocery store or overshadow a private home. Still others vehemently opine about the direction the building may face, whether it will have one entrance or two, and even what name should grace the structure. Having been involved in several capital improvement projects, we understand the value and necessity of community input, and there will be such an opportunity for such. However, let's not put the cart before the horse. We must first have an appropriate parcel of land upon which we can build a library; a library with plenty of study space for students, accessible space for seniors, and program space for our immigrant neighbors and new Americans. In other words, space enough to house the diversity of thought for a diverse population.

It is our responsibility to help bring about the shared vision for a vibrant public square on a block where now exist only bleak, empty buildings. Hennepin County must not shortchange future generations for the profits of the very few today. We know there is a way to complete this site and build a great library. Our community must not blink and sell ourselves short on this project. Let's get it right.

*Marilyn Borea, Victory
and Alan Hooker, Victory*



Bike lane a bad idea for Fremont

There has been a remarkable and joyful abundance of citizen participation and investment in Camden since my activist years, so this note causes me great discord as the otherwise quiet, unassuming Camdenizen I have been. It cannot be easy to represent voters and residents these days, with rapid communication and huge constituent resentment for the many foul decisions of the recent past, at all levels of government.

Now we are faced with yet another baffling notion: A bike lane on Fremont. First, which quisling came up with that one? Some goon will tell me, ignorant peasant that I must appear, to consider the neighborhood needs instead of just my own (we have lived on Fremont since '86, family since '24). There just has to be money involved. Now you know how much a life is worth, in City Council numbers! Because, whatever it costs to put up signs, paint stripes, tow resident vehicles, and respond to potential outrage, that's apparently a fair price to pay for the foolish mortal who rides or lives on Fremont. People are going to get killed.

It was only a couple years ago that I administered 'last rites' to a motorcyclist who 'got whacked' attempting to enter Fremont from 41st. He was so mangled, the police officer nearly puked instead of manning up on mouth-to-mouth. Then there were the drunk baboons with an SUV full of unbuckled kids who sped through the 42nd light, smashing into someone eastbound, who then smashed into me, going home westbound, in '05. Not a summer goes by that we don't see the show, after screeching brakes and shattered glass, when two cars disagree about their places, and trade paint over it. The freaking busses speed through Fremont 24-7. Sure, a bike lane. That'll work...

Fremont is, and has been, a street with "issues," not the least of which is conversion to rental property over the glory mortgage years just past. How much is the City anticipating, by habits to street park, so they can tow residents and short-termers and guests? Which genius is ready to account for the huge problems during snow season? Which "supervisor" is failing their oath of service, by simply ignoring the pending pedestrian injuries from those of us who will have to attempt crossing Fremont to our cars? Ever heard of arm-loads of groceries; children; seniors; the impaired; teenagers?

I've bicycled since the dark ages. Never, would I do so on Fremont Avenue, with or without a bike path. That's sheer suicide. If moving vehicles don't get you, somebody will open a car door right in front of you. Other hazards are potholes, but those are trivial compared to the drivers' habits.

Of course, given Camden's political history, writing this letter is considered a form of suicide as well. (Wait for it... Ah! City Inspectors! What a surprise!) But I choose to step out of line, yet again; bolstered by folks such as Buzzy Bohn and Nick Haig. Should our "officials" choose to give us the brush off, I predict it will be politically costly, maybe even suicidal. Sure, the calculus is there from the last election for Ward 4. There were some interesting points of view, but not much traffic from the voters. Are there bunches of other deals like this one, where the City makes a move, crushing and ignoring proper input because it's only from a small group?

The only logical explanation is: Money from the legislature, or the lottery or Fed Stimulus. Compared to a few blocks of angry Fremonters, nobody will be the worse, right? Where is the compromise so often suggested between those in conflict? Well, here's one that isn't making the rounds, apparently. Try St. Paul, along Summit Avenue. All those college kids ride bikes, right? They put the lane outside of the parked cars, which are there 24/7 for miles. Why am I not surprised that this idea wasn't even considered by the City? We could have our parking on both sides, and a bike lane. Are we learning, yet?

*Joseph Grimme,
Webber-Camden*



Too much trash from Juneteenth

I live in Brooklyn Center on 53rd Ave. Our entire neighborhood was turned into a huge parking lot for the Juneteenth celebration at North Regional Park in June. We had no warning that this celebration would be taking place blocks away at a location with inadequate parking for attendees. After the crowds cleared my husband filled a huge garbage bag with litter left in our yard by attendees including beer cans, food wrappers and (yuck) dirty diapers. Attendees should at least show common consideration for area residents by not littering in yards.

Juneteenth is a day worth commemorating but it is simply unfair to ask neighborhood residents to bear the burden of clean-up, especially when they are given no notice that this celebration would be taking place in their neighborhood. Our experience certainly doesn't reflect well on the event or event organizers.

*K. Palm
Brooklyn Center*

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demands on the county in other areas, perhaps most notably the budgetary demands of Hennepin County Medical Center. Stenglein indicated that “the HCMC operating budget every six days, equals the total capital budget of this [Webber Library] single project.” The overall spending for capital improvements to Hennepin County library projects was reduced by 60% for the 2010 year. However, most of the projects had their budgets extended overtime, with the money reinfused in 2011 and beyond. Only one other library, Walker Library, had its capital budget decreased by 20%. All other project budgets remained the same or increased. Most notable would be Southeast Library remodeling with a 275% increase and the new Excelsior Library, a 94% increase. The Northeast Library project should be complete this year and the project budget was increased 38% in the 2010 budget, from a total of \$3,785,000 to \$5,235,000. Despite the cuts to the Webber Library budget and the increases in other projects, only three others are receiving more capital dollars than Webber: New Maple Grove Library — \$29,232,000, the new Plymouth Library - 17,640,000, and the new Brooklyn park Library \$26,543,000.

Other than the recession, the main obstacle to building a new library continues to be about location. Commissioners Opat and Stenglein hold firm to the vision they have for its placement on the drive and if not there, they will seek out another location. Stenglein said they have closed in on another site, but it is not yet secured and therefore not public. Opat stated, “Once we secure the final property, the work will begin in earnest. But until that time, we will hold the project and seek to put the balance of the property into productive use.” At this time there is not a lease on the Kowalski property, but Stenglein said, “several viable proposals have been submitted.”

Dreams are more private matters than the politics of land acquisition and library building, but the politics of the new Webber Library have drawn in Kevin and Valerie Holler, in a way that is unavoidable. Hennepin County wants to purchase their property for the new library, but the Holler’s are not interested in selling their property on the parkway. Valerie Holler noted, “The irony is that the site coveted by these public officials is across from the Victory

Memorial Parkway, a memorial built to honor those who died believing they were preserving freedoms of people in the United States.” Their dream is “to move into the home on the parkway, with a view that is like living in the woods.” She said it is the perfect place to raise a child, work, garden, raise chickens and grow old. The location is close to parks, green space, biking and walking paths, and the Hollers are “fond of the neighbors.” It is not an unreasonable dream, but one that is embroiled in public controversy at this time. Valerie Holler said that the comment in a recent *StarTribune* article, which stated that “The house was for sale until we started looking at it,” was not true. She said their house was taken off of the market in the spring of 2007 and the library consolidation wasn’t complete until 2008. Kevin Holler is a licensed glass block worker, but is unable to get a “nonconforming use” allowance for the property. Valerie Holler said that at one time the County said they could build around them.

When asked about getting more hours at the current Webber Park Library, Stenglein said that “everyone is vying for library hours, but I will commit to trying.” Opat replied, “Please remember that the current library was closed when we took over the failing system. It is now open — maybe not enough at present, but when a new building is built, the hours will increase.” He continued, “We [Opat and Stenglein] are and will stay committed to a new Webber Library. I have lived my entire life in the area and know well that the area deserves a first class facility.”

100 years ago Mary Harris Webber and Charles Deere Webber had a dream. I can only painfully imagine what the dream for their family might have been. But their dream was cut short by the death of their son John, age 10, of meningitis. In their grief, their dream became a vision; a vision that has served our community well for 100 years in the resources provided in the pool, library and land that is now Webber Park. Some might scoff at my conclusions. After all I have never spoken with Mary and Charles Webber. But I have read the history of their contribution. As I read the history, I try to find the truth of what is hidden in the white spaces of the written text. Read it. Maybe, if we find the truth, we will know the right thing to do.

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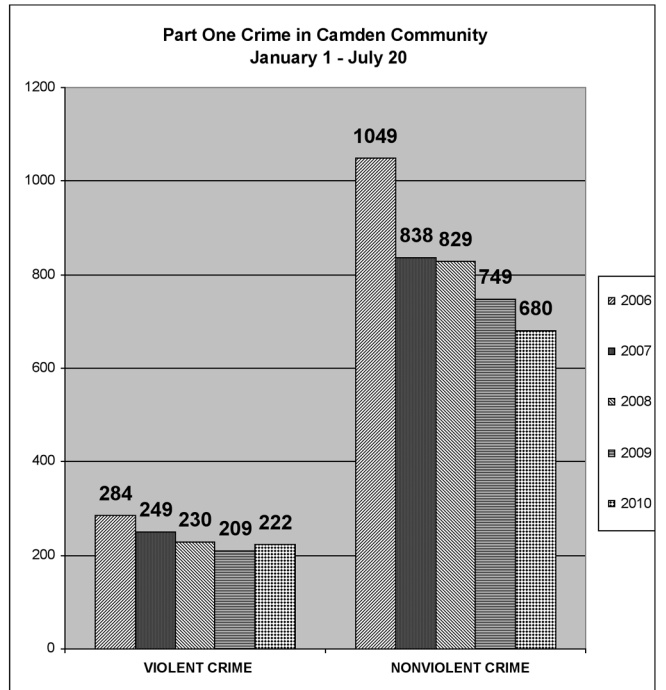
total of 284 violent crimes reported as of July 20 of that year, for a 22% reduction.

The reduction in Nonviolent Part One crimes is even more pronounced. Nonviolent crimes are down 9% from where they were last year and down by over a third from 2006 with a 35% reduction.

Is this to say that everything is great and we can all relax and take a breather? Of course not. No amount of crime is acceptable. One burglary is one burglary too many. All violent crimes are vile acts, and the fact that they are up compared to last year is, and should be, of great concern to us all.

None the less, the sky is not falling. Through the combined efforts of Camden’s residents, businesses, and the MPD, Part One Crimes are down, and they’re down significantly. Even violent crimes, with the exception of last year, are down significantly, and they have been trending down for at least the last five years. A 22% reduction in violent crime from five years ago shows remarkable progress. A 32% reduction in Part One crimes overall does give us reason to hope. The work that we’re doing as caring neighbors, as block club members, and as informed citizens is paying off.

No, the sky is not falling. Work remains to be done and as long as there is one crime victim in Camden, the need will continue. We should never discount the grief of a family who has lost a loved one to violence. As a community, we are all dimin-



ished. As long as there are mothers who have to think twice about allowing their kids to play outside, we need to act. Such a status quo is never acceptable. But for the most part, we continue to go to work, raise our children, enjoy our families and our homes. Life rolls on in Camden, and it will continue to as long as there are children, and brothers and sisters, and parents and grandparents, and friends and neighbors who call Camden “home.”

National Night Out is for neighbors

On Tuesday, August 3, an estimated 40 million Americans in more than 15,000 communities are expected to participate in National Night Out, a unique event designed to promote neighborhood spirit, police-community partnerships, and local anti-crime and anti-drug initiatives.

So join your neighbors for your own block party. It’s too late to close off your street for the event, but the City of Minneapolis asks that you register your event. There is info about National Night Out and easy registration at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno, 311, or 612-673-3000. To find out if your block is holding an event check out the entire city list at the above website or contact your neighborhood association (see pages 8 and 9).

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The next step in the Lowry Avenue plan

The City of Minneapolis will be considering proposed changes to the zoning of property along Lowry Avenue in order to support the development goals of the Lowry Avenue Strategic Plan. The zoning of property affects how it can be used, and what kind of new development can be built.

A public open house is planned for Thursday, August 5 between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m., at North Regional Library (Lowry and Emerson), to explain the proposal and give an opportunity for property owners, business owners and community residents to learn about the proposal and to ask questions. Further info is available at http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/lowry_strategic_plan.asp, or call City Planner Tom Leighton at 612-673-3853.

Gearing up for the Harvest Festival

Save the date: the Harvest Festival is set for Saturday, September 18, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the corner of Lowry and Penn Avenues. It's a great opportunity for Northsiders to celebrate together. The festival will feature art, music, classic cars, local food fare and more!

New this year is the Biggest Vegetable Contest: Bring your biggest home-grown vegetables for weigh-in at the Camden Music School Band Shell between 10 a.m. and noon; winners to be announced at 12:15 p.m. Sponsors of the veggie contest: Tootie's, biggest squash; Pair of Dice Pizza, biggest pepper; Papa's Restaurant & Deli, biggest tomato; and Banana Blossom (formerly Good Deal grocery and restaurant), biggest cucumber. Winners will receive a \$25 gift certificate from the appropriate sponsor, and will be recognized on stage with a 'biggest veggie' certificate.

If you haven't had a chance to grow your own veggies this summer, the festival brings back the farmers market. The festival also features food vendors Tootie's, Papa's Restaurant & Deli, Pair of Dice Pizza and Camden Lions. Camden Music School will feature great local Northside talent for your listening pleasure, and local artists will display their wares. The Car Show will be back this year — bring out your old cars and show them off — there will be trophies for the best cars. And also this year is the Apple Pie Bake-off — so bake one and bring it over — the Camden Lions will do the judging.



Fourth Ward Report

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Energy efficiency rebates, programs help rental property owners save money

City of Minneapolis, Xcel Energy, CenterPoint Energy and Minnesota Housing are teaming up to help rental property owners take advantage of programs and rebates to help make their properties more energy efficient. Rental license renewal notices are being mailed to every rental property owner in Minneapolis in the next few days, and property owners will receive special energy efficiency information with their renewal notice. The City of Minneapolis is committed to ensuring that all properties are safe, healthy environments for residents, and promoting energy efficiency is one way to improve the city's housing stock and help the environment. Working together, the partners are combining their resources to reach out to property owners to help them learn about cost-effective ways to improve energy efficiency. Government programs and rebates from Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy make it easier and more cost-effective than ever to upgrade the energy efficiency of a rental property. There are savings options for all kinds of rental buildings, big or small. There's also help available to pay for energy efficiency upgrades. An energy audit can help evaluate a property to find out the best way to make energy efficiency improvements. Options include simple ways to save energy and money on electric and natural gas, ranging from simply replacing light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs to making bigger renovations like replacing water heaters or tuning up boilers. Additionally, Minnesota Housing and Community Action of Minneapolis have grants and loans that qualifying property owners can use to make upgrades. For more information visit http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/inspections/docs/Rental_Property_Utility_Rebate_Info.pdf

Absentee balloting has begun for August 10 Primary

The 2010 Election season brings two schedule changes for voters that include a new earlier primary date, and a longer 46-day absentee balloting period for both the primary and for the general election. Voters unable to vote in person at the polls on Election Day may vote in person or by mail. Absentee ballot applications are available on our website and may be sent anytime throughout the year. Absentee voting for the primary opened Friday, June 25 at the Minneapolis Office of Elections, 350 Fifth St. S. - Room 1B (ground floor of City Hall). For more information on 2010 elections please visit <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/elections/index.asp>.

Victory Prairie Dog Park

The newest dog park in the Minneapolis park system is located in the Camden neighborhood in an area commonly referred to as Victory Prairie. It is one acre at 47th Ave. N between Osseo Road and Russell Ave. Access is on the east side. Parking is along Russell, 47th and other residential streets. In order to use the Off-Leash Recreation Areas, pet owners must first obtain:

An off-leash permit at <http://www.minneapolis.org/default.asp?PageID=623>

A Mpls. Pet License at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/animal-control/PetLicenses.asp>

Map of the dog park location - <http://www.minneapolis.org/default.asp?PageID=4&parkid=501>

4th Ward E-Newsletter

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New Northside principals named

By Buzzy Bohn

While most school principal assignments were announced in the spring, some of our North Minneapolis school principals weren't announced until this summer. These principals have been named for the rest of the Northside schools:

Latanya Daniels will be the new principal at Henry High. Daniels was the assistant principal at Edison last year. Two Northsiders are coming out of retirement to again be principals at North Minneapolis schools. Birch Jones is again taking the helm at North High. Jones was the principal at Franklin Junior High and then at North High in the 1990s and early 2000s. Also returning is Mardella Milton who will be the new principal at Cityview. Milton had been a school principal in North Minneapolis as well as a Principal On Special Assignment to the district's North Area Office before her retirement. Melissa Jackson, who was an assistant principal at Lucy Laney at Cleveland Park School last year, will become the new principal at Bethune School. May Yang has been hired to be the new principal at the Hmong International Academy replacing Chai Lee who will be an assistant principal at Henry High next year.

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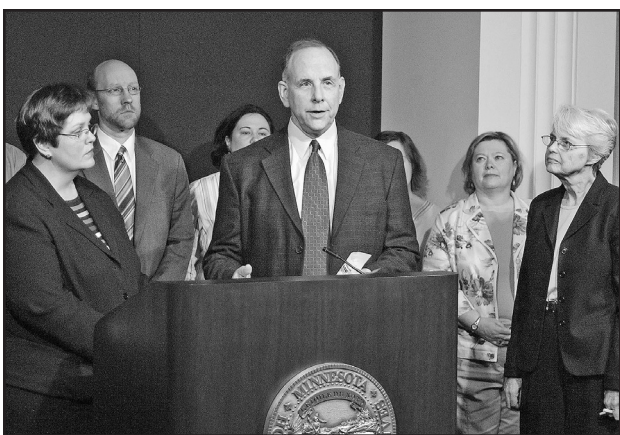
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Environment Victory wrap up

For the past year the Victory Neighborhood Association Environment Committee has been undertaking a special project called Environmental Victory to help residents in Victory and Camden to reduce their garbage and other waste. The project was funded by a grant from the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board, a consortium of Metro area county solid waste and recycling organizations.

The goal of Environmental Victory was to educate Camden residents about reducing their waste, properly disposing of toxic chemicals and using nontoxic alternatives for home cleaning. The project involved three strategies: a pilot worm composting (vermicomposting) project for Loring School families and Victory residents; hosting two Hennepin County waste reduction workshops; and an educational outreach campaign through this monthly column in the *Camden Community News* and information tables at events.

Environment Committee volunteers hosted demonstrations at several events, including Harvest Fest, Holiday on 44th, the Victory Ice Cream Social, Shingle Creek Cleanup, Camden Farmer's Market, and various concerts, events and meetings throughout the year. One popular demonstration showed how individually packaged products not only generate more packaging waste, they often cost twice as much per serving as regularly packaged products. Hundreds of children of all ages got creative in a hands-on activity at Holiday 44th — creating gift bags out of recycled handle bags decorated with recycled greeting cards, ribbon, wrapping paper, fabric scraps and other colorful decorations.

Two workshops on reducing household hazardous waste and making nontoxic cleaners were held. Weather limited attendance at one, but the second was combined with a low-impact gardening presentation and attracted over 50 people to Webber Park, where attendees learned how to minimize the use of herbicides and pesticides, and make their own nontoxic cleaners. Nearly

100 people signed pledges to improve their efforts to reduce trash specifically by reducing the amount of junk mail they receive, using recyclable bags, composting, making their own nontoxic household cleaners and garden pesticides, and buying items with less packaging.

The vermicomposting project was a big hit. Over 40 households in Victory and Camden obtained worm composting bins and worms, and several people have been trained to help others set up and operate bins. Loring School has an additional 12 worm composting bins for organic waste. "Worm wranglers" across the neighborhood are continually generating plenty of worms for new bins. Contact the Victory office at 612-529-9558 if you're interested in getting worms and having a worm wrangler teach you how to vermicompost.

This is the last Environmental Victory column for the *Camden News* for this project. We've covered topics such as how to reduce waste during the holidays; starting up a worm recycling bin; what to do with your construction debris; Twin Cities green resources; green gardening; and reducing unwanted junk mail.

Did all these programs and information help people live greener lives? To help evaluate that question, we randomly selected people attending the 2009 and 2010 Victory Ice Cream Social to take a short survey. We found out that our neighbors are already doing pretty well. Most of us recycle bottles, cans and newspapers, and many of us also recycle print cartridges and plastic bags. Just over half of us have compost bins, mostly for our garden waste and leaves but also for our food waste.

So how could we all do better? Mostly by increasing how often we think about packaging when we shop, and keeping reusable bags in the car or purse and remembering to use them. If everyone undertakes these small actions, we can use less energy and make less trash — certainly an Environmental Victory!

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



Everyone loves blueberries – grow your own!

By Debbie Nelson, Master Gardener

University of Minnesota Extension Service Hennepin County

It's blueberry time!

Blueberries are the second most popular berry in the U.S. after strawberries, and for good reasons. They are quite tasty, fresh or frozen, and very nutritious. They contain a wholping amount of powerful anti-oxidants that keep brains healthy, improve memory, fight certain cancers and lower cholesterol. Blueberries are high in soluble fiber which help our digestive systems, and contain Vitamin C which keeps our skin young and glowing, heals wounds and boosts our immune system.

Blueberries are grown on woody shrubs and are native to North America. Besides producing fruit the shrubs can be an attractive addition to the landscape. They are covered in hundreds of white blossoms in the spring, the leaves are a glossy dark green in the summer and the fall foliage is a vibrant red. They are, however, very slow growing and can take up to 10 years to reach their mature size, which can range from 12" to 48" depending on the cultivars. On the other hand they are very long lived; thriving for 30 to 50 years.

Two factors have contributed to making blueberries difficult to grow in Minnesota; winter hardiness and the plant's need for acidic, well-drained soil. University of Minnesota plant researchers began addressing the cold hardiness problem in 1967 and have developed several vari-

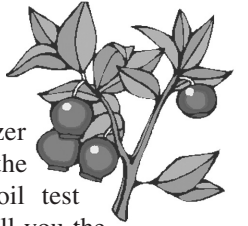
eties that are hardy in our Zones 3 and 4 climates. The first three varieties, Northblue, Northsky and Northcountry, were introduced in the 1980s, and in the 1990s Polaris, St. Cloud and Chippewa were introduced. The 2009 introduction was "Superior" which grows chest-high for easy picking and is highly productive. All of these varieties have their roots in the native wild blueberries.

The remaining challenge for blueberry growers in Minnesota is the need for well-drained acidic (low PH) soil. Bushes grow even more slowly and the leaves will yellow if the soil is not sufficiently acidic and eventually the plants will die. Most of the soil in Minnesota is quite alkaline (high PH) and therefore much attention is required to amend the soil to successfully grow blueberries. Of course if you are serious about growing blueberries a soil test is recommended to determine the PH level and if you indicate on your soil test application that you intend to grow blueberries your test results will provide you with recommendations as to how you can amend the soil to lower the PH. Very often the addition of acidic peat to the soil and annual fertilizing with an acid produc-

ing fertilizer will do the trick. A soil test will also tell you the type of soil you are working with and how well it can be expected to drain. If the blueberry's roots sit in saturated soil they will suffocate. Lastly remember that blueberry bushes require full sun.

Plant at least two different varieties of blueberries; cross-pollination will result in more and larger fruit. In addition to taking 8-10 years to reach mature size, the shrubs may take up to 5 years to produce fruit. In the first few years you should remove all flowers to encourage vegetation growth. After the first few years of flowering you should thin out the flowers. If all of the flowers are left to produce fruit the berries will be late and small. The berries ripen over a period of three weeks and are very attractive to birds. Birds can completely strip a bush of berries in an afternoon, so you need to cover the bushes with netting as soon as fruit begins to ripen. The only other real pests of blueberries are rabbits, which of course like to eat the tender young shoots.

You can get more info on growing blueberries from the University Extension Service at www.extension.umn.edu.



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Seven Steps to Havana: Live on the Drive!

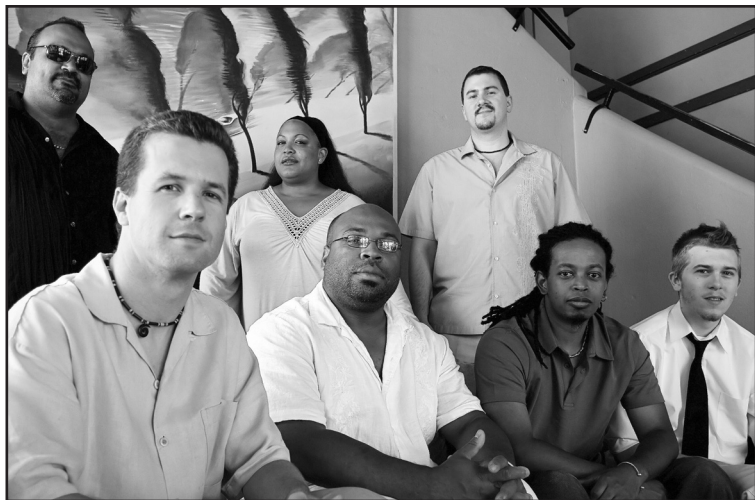
By Janet Zahn

This 2010 Live on the Drive summer concert series comes to a hot and groovin' conclusion with the arrival of Seven Steps to Havana. Seven Steps to Havana features musicians from Cuba, Puerto Rico, Brazil, Ethiopia and America in a septet that combines the rhythmic sizzle of salsa with the harmonic richness of jazz.

The concert is free and takes place on Thursday, August 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Victory Memorial Drive and 34th Ave. N., one of the most beautiful concert settings in the city.

Seven Steps to Havana's repertoire runs the spectrum of sound from lovely boleros to burning salsa beats, from dynamic drum features to haunting horn trios. The ensemble was formed in 2005 by saxophonist/flautist/composer Douglas Little. An elite jazz saxophonist with CDs and European tours to his credit, Little was awarded a major research grant in 2002 and studied in Cuba for nearly five months. While there, he gained a profound knowledge of Cuban rhythms, music, and culture under the mentorship of living legends including JJ Oliveros.

Joining Little in Seven Steps to Havana is piano and vocal star Viviana Pintado. Born and raised in Havana, Cuba, Pintado is a recipient of three Latin Grammy nominations for her work with salsa queen, Albita. Other members include drummer



Mariano Flores (drums), Eliezer Freitas-Santos (congas), Yohannes Tona (bass), Mark Miller (trombone) and Bill Simenson (trumpet). Their collective accomplishments include major fellowship awards, international tours, and dozens of CDs. The band's debut album was released in 2006. Check them out at www.sevenstepstohavana.com.

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, *NorthNews*, and by the COMPAS Community Art Program through a grant from the McKnight Foundation.

Info: 612-588-1155 or www.liveonthedrive.org.

Music in the Heart of Victory

By Janet Zahn

Camden Music School is proud to present the 5th Annual Music in the Heart of Victory summer concert series. Enjoy a wonderful mix of music by local musicians from 5-8 p.m. every Friday in August at 42nd and Thomas Ave. N. (outdoors in front of Papa's Restaurant & Deli). It's a great way to spend a summer evening with friends and neighbors – and it's free! Here's the stellar line-up:

Friday, August 6

Indigenous Folk: three-piece original rock featuring CMS students
Adrienne Nightingale: Acoustic folk/blues
Northern Latitudes Mandolin Quartet: Folk, jazz, classical, rock 'n roll

Friday, August 13

Chris Johnson: Jazz & blues
Dan Hylton: Alt-acoustic
Lingua Luna: Folk/pop trio

Friday, August 20

Sublime Curve: Jazz quartet; standards & originals
JohnAlJohn: Original pop/rock featuring CMS instructor, Jeffrey Willkomm
St. Anthony Main: An a capella vocal quartet; barbershop to doo-wop.
Friday, August 27 ('til 9 p.m.)
Bengelby: CMS Rock 'n Roll adult students
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Bring blankets or lawn chairs for seating, and enjoy! Thanks to Papa's Restaurant & Deli for their support of this event over the last five years (www.eatatpapas.com). Note that we'll be passing the hat for musicians each night. Info: 612-618-0219 or www.camdenmusic-school.com.

Music that builds community

By Mick LaBriola

The consummate professional and quintessential performing artist David Jordan Harris is most notably known as a vocalist. However, David's career encompasses many of his passions: singing, acting, dancing, writing plays, archival research and composing. Emanating a high degree of confidence and congeniality, David has inspiring motivational skills. He is currently the executive director of Rimon: The Minnesota Jewish Arts Council (rimon-mn.org).

David resides in Homewood, a stunning historical Northside area platted in 1908, that was a Jewish enclave from the 1920s through the 1960s. David also resided on the Northside near North High School from 1986-1988, later relocating to WEWA, a co-op housing collective in Minneapolis. David elaborates "The co-op housing community supports art as a living." And I will add, often other professions regard art as an inadequate or secondary occupation.

Originally from Canton, Ohio David began his musical tutelage at the wee age of five, studying violin and piano. His mother, Joan Harris, was an incredible inspiration. A Juilliard School of Music graduate, his mom was a concert violinist until contracting MS in her early 30s. By age 10 David began singing with a choir and doing soloist work. By high school David already sang with the Cleveland Orchestra Choir and had toured Europe with the Case Western Reserve University Glee Club.

Later in college, David earned a degree in what he calls "civilizational studies" from the University of Chicago. "This gave me a cultural awareness," David states. His studies combined anthropology and philosophy. And this in turn eventually led to his provocative journey into Sephardic (Spanish Jewish) music.

Arriving in the Twin Cities in 1976 David launched a life-long career due to the cities' affordability and thriving performing arts environment. Five days after his arrival David was already working with the Bach Society of Minnesota. This became his platform into the community. He studied with Oksana Bryn who took David by surprise



by insisting he had a natural cantorial voice reminiscent of the 1920s. David was also co-director for seven years for the all-original experimental vocal ensemble "Listen." Summers he flew back to Ohio to study at the Oberlin Conservatory and Baroque Performing Institute (BPI). His local performances continued with the notable Lyra Baroque Orchestra, the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra and the legendary Ethel Merman.

David's extensive background culminated in one of his most ambitious works, the 1986 creation of "Voices of Sepharad" a theatrical, dance and music ensemble expressing the culture of the Spanish Jews and Diaspora. This in turn, inspired by Rabbi Bernard Raskas, led David to his music director position at Shir Tikvah Reform Congregation for 21 years.

David's additional talents are impressive. David's playwright skills manifested with *Bridge of Stone* performed by the Illusion Theater; he acted with the Minnesota Shakespeare Theater; his dance endeavors covered work with Beth Corning, Judith Brin Ingber and Susana Di Palma; and he concurrently ran a successful catering business for 23 years.

David elaborates, "At this point in my life I am interested in bringing artists in the center of community life. Artists have so much to offer the community and how they express themselves. I believe in music building community."

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All the News from Victory Neighborhood



2nd annual Garden Tour—August 1

See the pride that Victory residents take in their landscaped spaces and enjoy their beauty on the second annual Victory Garden Tour. We will showcase a diverse range of gardening styles in many corners of the neighborhood on Sunday, August 1 between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. The tour will be self-guided and you can pick up tour guides beginning on Friday, July 30 at Steamworks Coffee and Tea, 44th and Penn, and Papa's Restaurant and Deli, 42nd and Thomas. Tour guides will also be available on the day of the tour at the Loring School Yard Garden, 2600 44th Ave. N. which will also be the site to "Ask a Master Gardener" and get answers to your gardening questions.

Also at Loring Classroom Garden:

- 1 p.m. — Tree Pruning, a Demonstration & Explanation
- 2 p.m. — Composting & Managing Yard Waste
- 3 p.m. — Garden Art

New residential energy program coming to Victory

Learn how to reduce your energy use and save money! The Center for Energy and the Environment is proud to introduce **Community Energy Services (CES)** to the

Victory Neighborhood. CES will offer its first free educational workshops to teach Victory homeowners how to lower their energy use and save money on October 2, 10 a.m. at Loring School, 2600 44th Ave. N. At the workshop homeowners can sign up for customized home energy visits from qualified professionals who will conduct a blower door test and install low-cost energy saving materials that will help participants save now; up to \$400 in services and materials for a co-pay of only \$30; **However, thanks to the Victory Neighborhood Association, the first 100 households that register will only pay \$20.**

If you want to participate in this energy and money saving program contact Kyle Boehm at the Center for Energy and Environment at 612-219-7334 or kboehm@mncee.org.

CES is a partnership with ViNA, City of Minneapolis, CenterPoint Energy and Xcel Energy with funding provided by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR).

Folwell Neighborhood – NRP in Action!

New Folwell residents let us know you're here! Call 612-521-2100; email: info@folwell.org; website: folwell.org. Office location: 1206 37th Ave. N., M-Th, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Al Saless-Chair, Folwell Neighborhood Association.



FNA Board of Directors Meeting: Monday, August 2, 6:30 p.m., office. This is a public meeting.

National Night Out is Tuesday, August 3:

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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

McKinley Calendar of Events

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

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

Lowry Avenue Community Meeting Thursday, August 5, 5:30 p.m., North Regional Library

McKinley Board of Directors Meeting Monday, August 16, 6:30 pm, Center for Families, 3333 N. 4th St.

Crime/Safety Trash Pick-up Monday, August 23, 6:30 pm, Meet at Corner of 34th and Cofax Aves.

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Vote in the August 10 Primary

The City of Minneapolis Elections Office encourages all eligible voters to participate in the Tuesday, August 10 Primary. Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Individuals are eligible to vote if they are at least 18 years old and a U.S. citizen who has resided in Minnesota for at least 20 days prior to the election. Any voters who have moved or changed their name since they last voted must re-register.

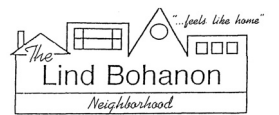
Minnesota is one of several states with Election Day registration. Individuals may register at the polls on Election Day by providing one of the forms of identification required by Minnesota law. Allow extra time at the polls to register. See the website (below) for identification allowed for Election Day registration.

The City of Minneapolis website features a Polling Place Finder to help voters find the polling place in their precinct. Voters may also view a sample ballot for their precinct.

There are no write-ins in a primary. Ranked Choice Voting will not be used in 2010. The 2010 election will be conducted using the traditional voting method in which a voter votes for one candidate for each office to be elected. Ranked Choice Voting is only used for Minneapolis municipal offices: Mayor, Council, Board of Estimate and Taxation, and Park Board. The Minneapolis School Board is not a municipal office.

For info about registering and voting, or to serve as an election judge, visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/elections or call Minneapolis 311.

The Lind Bohanon Neighborhood Association



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

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

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

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

Tuesday, Aug. 3, National Night Out Picnic in the Park 6-8 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 5, LBNA Board Meeting 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 21, Lind Community Garden, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

LBNA NRP Phase II Action Plan Comments Vote August 3!

The Lind-Bohanon Neighborhood Association has helped bring many assets to our community:

Improvements: Bohanon Park Tot-Lot and Pool, Lind Community Garden, GHAR Square.

Programs and Events: Home Improvement Loan Program, Camden Youth Engagement Project, NNO Picnic in the Park, Toys for Tots, Holiday Lights, Heritage Day, Leafing Lyndale, Camden Chili Cook-off.

Bricks and Mortar: Camden Physicians building, Shingle Creek and Kingsley Commons, Carl Kroening Interpretive Center, Humboldt Greenway and so many more! We invite you to attend our National Night Out Picnic in the Park on Tuesday, August 3 at Bohanon Park and vote on our Phase II Action Plan! This important plan that will put over \$500,000 funds into our community and help us continue the great work of LBNA! No candidates—only the LBNA Action Plan will be voted on at this event!

Saturday August 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Lind Community Garden Tour

Growing a community starts with a garden! Come tour the Lind Community Garden!

The Lind Community Garden, at 51st and Dupont Aves N, is participating in the Gardening Matters city-wide community garden tours. See what other Northside city-wide gardens are on the tour by checking out our website at www.lindbohanon.org.

Consider an LBNA Home Improvement Loan Program that Gives Back to the Community!

The Lind-Bohanon Neighborhood Association through the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) funding provides several different loans for residents to take advantage of to help improve their properties. Every repaid loan allows LBNA to consider doing more in our community like youth programs, host community events, produce and distribute monthly newsletters. This program offers residents attractive home loans at below market rates! For more information contact Jim Hasnik, Center for Energy and Environment, 612-335-5885.

For loan details and application go to www.lindbohanon.org.



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mckinleycommunity@yahoo.com
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National Night Out is August 3
— Come Out and Meet your Neighbors

Make Your Voice Heard on Zoning Issues for the Lowry Avenue Plan Update

Public meeting is August 5 at North Regional Library (1315 Lowry Avenue North) from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room.

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.

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

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

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

Call Chris at 612-276-1541 for more details. Other restrictions apply, so call today.

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



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

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

Live on the Drive – August 12 – Seven Steps to Havana

Hear the music of an international array of musicians from Cuba, Mexico, Brazil, Ethiopia and America that make up the Seven Steps to Havana at the August 12 Live on the Drive concert. Walk or roll on down to 34th and Victory Memorial Parkway and enjoy the rhythmic sizzle of salsa combined with the harmonic richness of jazz, beginning at 6 p.m.

Movies in the Parks

Join the Cleveland and Victory Neighborhoods in partnership with the Minneapolis Park Board for a showing of *The Princess and the Frog* at Victory Park (45th Avenue at Upton Avenue) on Friday, August 27. On Saturday, August 28 at Dowling and Victory Memorial Parkway the film is viewer's choice. Vote online at www.mplsmusicandmovies.com. Voting ends on August 14. The movies begin 15 minutes after sunset.

Garden Tour – August 29 – Call for Gardens

The 8th annual Cleveland Garden Tour will take place on Sunday, August 29 from 1-5 p.m. This will be a self-guided tour beginning at 3400 Vincent Ave. N, where you will pick up a tour guide showing the addresses and descriptions of the gardens. Each garden on the tour will be marked with a sign in the yard. If you are interested in showing your garden on the Garden Tour, please contact the CNA office for a registration form. You do not need to be home during the tour but are strongly encouraged to be there to welcome "tourists" and answer questions.

CNA Board of Directors

Cleveland Neighborhood Association will conduct its election for the Board of Directors at its annual meeting in October. The Board of Directors is made up of 7-11 individuals who support and further the mission of the organization which is to protect and promote the neighborhood interests of the residents and business owners. The board meets once a month, oversees the organization's financial health and guides its operations and programs. Residents, business and property owners are encouraged to run for the Board of Directors by contacting the CNA office.

New book celebrates stories of Mississippi courts, Camden and Minneapolis

By Mike Fahey

If you've biked amid the prairie restoration fields, walked the banks of the Mighty Mississippi or listened to the shimmering cottonwoods at the North Mississippi Regional Park, you may have heard distant echoes of the over 100 families that used to live at the "Mississippi Courts." The Courts were a small community of 25 quad homes and some of the first public housing in the state along the Mississippi River from 1949-1986.

After five years of collecting stories, photographs and interviews, the Mississippi Courts Historical Society is proud to announce the release of its first book *The Mississippi Courts and the Communities Surrounding Them 1949-2009*. This unique book is filled with over 300 pages of exciting first-hand stories, maps, lists of former residents and photographs that begin to unravel the history and mystery of the Mississippi Courts, how it came to exist, who and what it was like to live there, and how it came to an end when Interstate 94 came through.

The book also includes many stories that embody the spirit and rich heritage of the local Camden area including: The Workhouse, Hopewell Hospital, Camden Bank, Camden Bridge, Galeno's grocery store, the Canoe Derby, local churches, plat maps, lists of former residents and much more! This exceptional book captures for the first time what it was like living in the Camden Community of Minneapolis from 1949-2009.

No coffee table or home library will be complete without a copy of this important large-print anthology. Only 250 copies of this incredible limited first edition will be available; and it includes over 25 pages of the first walking tour of the Mississippi Courts by Dick Carlson!

Preserve our history! Go to www.mississippicourts.org and preorder your copy for \$24.95 (not including tax and S&H). For more info or to save S&H contact Mike Fahey at 612-788-1418.

Join Habitat

President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalynn have chosen the Twin Cities as one of their host sites for the 2010 Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project during the first week of October. President and Mrs. Carter, along with their volunteer crew will work to build, rehab and repair homes in neighborhoods affected by the foreclosure crisis, specifically North Minneapolis and the Eastside of St. Paul.

Now is your chance to be a part of the action by volunteering on one of the sites in North Minneapolis that the Carters will work on in October. Volunteer onsite alongside your neighbors on Saturday, September 18 and 25. Volunteers must commit to work from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. No construction experience required but participants must be at least 16. Contact MaryEllen Jaspers at maryellen.jaspers@tchabitat.org or 612-305-7117.

Notable Neighbors



The National Association of Special Education Teachers honored Lucy Laney School teacher **Sylvia Mansfield** on June 9. Mansfield received an award certificate and a congratulatory letter during the ceremony. The nomination was done by student Jazzmine Gullickson's family. Pictured above are Mansfield and Jazzmine.

Connie Beckers, the Goddess of Glass, completed her first public art commission in stained glass, *Awakening*, last summer. The quatrefoil window was installed last August in the Loring Park Community Arts Building. The project took nearly four years to bring to fruition and has been chosen as the recipient for the 2010 Minneapolis Arts Commission Award for Community Involvement in Public Art. This project was initiated by Park Board member Jon Olson, and was a gift from the Friends of Loring Park to the Mpls. Parks. The award will be presented at the Uptown Art Fair on Friday, August 6 at 7 p.m.

Congratulations to Camden area college graduates: **Reagan Sirisavath** graduated from MN State-Mankato with a B.S. in Family Consumer Science. From St. Cloud State University are **Daniel Rolyn Laskowski**, B.S. in Social Studies Education, Summa Cum Laude; and **Matthew Marcus Miskowiec**, B.S. Elementary/K-8 Education, Magna Cum Laude. From the Art Institutes International Minnesota graduates include **Riche Battle**, Honor's List, B.S. Fashion & Retail Management; and **Brittany Spears**, President's List, B.S. Fashion & Retail Management. University Wisconsin-Madison's graduates are **Dean Chamberlain**, B.S. Civil Engineering; and **Yussuf Jamaa**, B.S. Civil Engineering. **Nicole Hale**, daughter of **Terry and Jana Hale**, got her B.A. in Elementary Education from Bethel University. **John Boyer**, **David Court**, **Brandon Hall**, **Diann Huber**, **Brian Preiner** and **Kadence Schermerhorn** graduated from Normandale Community College.

Amy Mattson got her B.A. in English, Journalism and Mass Communication with Honors from the University of Iowa. Graduates from the U of M-Twin Cities campus include **David Court**, College of Educ/Human Development; **April Hynes**, College of Liberal Arts; **Dylan Johnson**, College of Liberal Arts; **Laura Kosowski**, College of Food, Agr. & Nat. Res. Sci; **Samantha McIntosh**, College of Biological Sciences; **Ka Vang**, College of Liberal Arts; and **Jacob Wehyee**, School of Nursing. And for making the grade: **Samantha Nicole Clos**, College of Letters and Science, made the Dean's list at UW-Madison. **Holly Grothberg** and **Alyssa Hale** made the Bemidji State University Dean's list. And **Gabrielle Acuna** got the UW-Stout, Wisconsin's Polytechnic University Chancellor's Award BFA Art.


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Email: scna@stribmail.com; Amy Luesebriink, staff, 763-561-1616

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

NOTICE: DUE TO ELECTIONS—

SCNA MEETING MOVED TO SECOND MONDAY THIS MONTH

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Tues., Aug. 3, National Night Out Block Parties

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August 3, National Night Out!

This city-wide and nation-wide event has been a popular way for residents to get to know one another! Contact your neighborhood Block Club leader for more details about any festivities planned for your block!

Don't have a National Night Out event planned or registered for your block or don't even have a blockclub leader? Invite a neighbor over, pour some lemonade, talk about your neighborhood and presto! You've had your first blockclub party!

August 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. City-wide Community Garden Tours

Common Ground Community Garden: 5151 and 5159 Newton Ave. N.

Since 1995, the volunteer gardeners have worked to maintain this community garden's native character, and make it a community treasure by installing benches and a picnic table, adding plantings and labels, and occasional programs. Check out the website www.scna-mpls.org for a full list of other gardens on this city-wide tour hosted by Gardening Matters. For more information or to volunteer, contact Linda at 763-566-6618.

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 (CEE) for more details! Or go to our website at www.scna-mpls.org to check out an application and more details!

Webber-Camden Neighborhood Organization

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New Webber-Camden residents let us know you're here!
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Community History

Behind the Victory Flagpole – advancing medicine and a special doctor

By Barbara Meyer Bistodeau

We can all be happy that medicine has advanced from pioneer days! In many instances doctors did not have degrees, but just obtained their medical education by going along with an older physician and assisting him in his practice. When he felt confident to strike out for himself, he many times picked a newly settled community to “get in on the ground floor.”

This was not always the case, as many doctors were graduates of medical schools and either way, the labors were the same. Their practice usually covered a large territory, they had to be ready to answer calls day and night, and their means of transportation were pretty rustic. This meant a trusty horse was the way to go.

There were no drugstores to fill prescriptions, so the pioneer doctor carried a large stock of medicines in a “pill bag” or so-called “black bag.” What was found in it was a goodly supply of English calomel, some aloes and Dover’s powder, opium in some form or another, sweet spirits of nitre, Spanish fly for “drawing blisters” and some Peruvian bark (sulphate of quinine.) Blood letting was considered of first importance so the doctor carried one or more lancets, to be ready for any emergency. Such was the equipment in the mid 1800s, and the wonder is not that he saved so many patients, but that he saved any at all!

From this point on, progress was “slow but sure.” Germ theory was developed by scientists such as Lister and Pasteur. Ether was first used as an anesthetic in 1846 and chloroform was used for the same purpose in 1847. Later came serums, antitoxins, antiseptics and the Roentgen ray (x-ray), which was discovered in 1895.

Fast forward now, to one of Camden’s most popular doctors in the 1900s—Dr. Richard R. Cranmer, M.D. He was born in Beardsly, Minnesota., February 14, 1887. His father was George C. Cranmer from New Jersey and his mother was Francis Kelsey of Anoka. In 1905 Richard

graduated from high school in Ortonville, Minnesota., spent two years at Hamline College, then entered Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He graduated in 1909, was an intern at St. Mary’s in Minneapolis and opened an office in the city. In 1913 he went abroad for further study. When WWI broke out he returned home, but in 1917 enlisted for service and was on a surgical staff at Camp Hospital #15 in Paris, France.

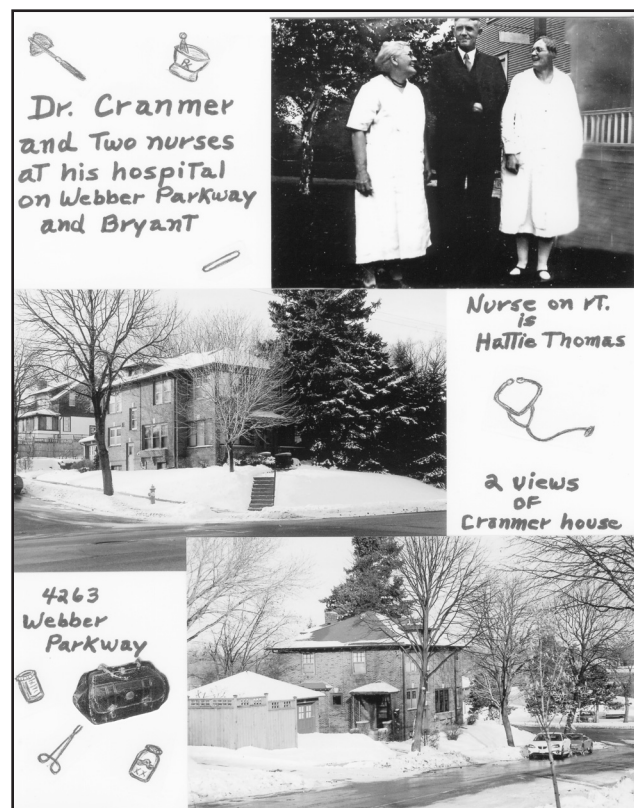
In 1919 Dr. Cranmer returned to Minneapolis, conducting his practice at the Camden Park Hospital, a private institution for the treatment of surgical cases. He was also the local surgeon for the Northern Pacific Railroad, on the surgical staff of Minneapolis General Hospital, Hopewell Tubercular Hospital in Camden, St. Barnabas and Asbury Hospitals.

On December 20, 1921 he married Miss Mildred Wheeler of Fargo, North Dakota and their home was at 4263 Webber Parkway in Camden, which was right across the street from his hospital on Bryant and Webber Parkway.

During his practice, Dr. Cranmer was fortunate to see many of the major advances in medicine. These included inoculations, vaccinations, sulfa drugs, penicillin and related antibiotics, x-ray, EKG, improved sterilization of equipment and improved anesthetics.

This doctor, through his identification with the Minnesota State Medical Societies and the A.M.A., kept up with the advancement of medicine in his day, and provided some of the very best care to be had. Although surgery was his specialty, he was also known as “Camden’s baby doctor,” delivering a good share of the babies in town.

To most of the people who were his patients, Dr. Cranmer was the one who removed their tonsils or appendix, delivered their babies and was the good “family doctor” who made house calls. They may have been surprised to find out that their good family doctor, while overseas during



WWI, had been commissioned a captain, was decorated by the French government with the Order of the Universal Palms and was named an Officer of the Academy. He was awarded a medal for his valiant service.

Dr. Cranmer passed away Sept. 18, 1977 at 90 years of age, a short time after Cat-scans and MRIs came in to being.

References: Minnesota and Its People-Vol. 2 and History of Mpls.—Gateway to the Northwest—S.J. Clarke Pub. Co.-1923, and research by Judith Thomas Halvorson, master genealogist. Photography by Jeanne Meyer Edberg.

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 9:30 a.m. worship
 Fall Schedule: 10:30 a.m. worship
 Communion: 1st & 3rd Sundays
 email: salemevle@visi.com
 Facebook: Salem Lutheran Church/North Minneapolis

NORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

44th & Fremont Ave.
A Hate-Free Shalom Zone
 Worship Time 9:30 a.m.
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Disability friendly and accessible.
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 Rev. Linda Koelman
 Ch. 522-4497

Christ English Lutheran Church

Oliver and Lowry
 521-3493
 Pre-school SS 9:30 a.m.
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 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.

General

Help children learn to read. Wanted: caring adults (50+ yrs) to tutor K-3 students in Mpls. schools 4-15 hrs/wk Sept-June. Training provided. Small stipend available for those who qualify. Call now for fall placement. 612-708-5651.

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



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Help 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, bookkeeping, editing, taxes, insur-

ance 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 send in a generous tax-deductible contribution; 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.

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