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Camden Bridge is open!



Who knew? Slated to open in September, Camdenites were surprised on Saturday, August 21, to find the Camden Bridge open for traffic. So surprised that there was hardly any traffic on the bridge an hour after it opened. The early opening will relieve a lot of congestion on the Broadway and Plymouth Avenue Bridges. Read more on page 2.



Workers made a last pass before declaring the bridge ready for traffic.



New lights, railings and walkways make the bridge pedestrian and bike friendly.



Even the road to the boat landing got a fresh coat of tar.

Photos by Donna Seline.

School has started – Let’s all help make it a great school year!

By Buzzy Bohn

The new school year has started and it’s a good time to think about two of our community’s most important assets - our children and our schools.

If you are a parent, see to it that your child attends school every day and arrives on time. Research shows that students who have 95 percent or better attendance do much better in school. Make sure your child gets a good night’s sleep each night and has breakfast every morning – either at home or at school.

Also, check your child’s backpack each day for homework, school notices, teacher notes, etc. Talk to your child about what he or she learned at school each day. Have your child read, or read to your child, depending on their age, at least 15 minutes every day. Make sure you have contact with your child’s teacher not only at conference times but whenever you have concerns about his or her schoolwork.

If you don’t have a child in school, you still are important to our children and our community schools. Consider volunteering at your neighborhood school. Many of our children need extra tutoring or a caring adult to mentor them. You’ll likely find that you will get as much out of your volunteering as the children do. School resources are tight so think about making a contribution to a school or

buying cookie dough, snacks, wrapping paper or whatever students are selling for school fundraisers. Also, many schools collect Campbell’s “Labels for Education,” Kemps “Nickels for Schools” milk caps and/or General Mills “Box Tops for Education.” The schools can turn these in to get items such as gym equipment, library books, etc. for the school. Attend concerts, plays, math competitions, science fairs and art fairs at your local schools to encourage the students. And don’t forget to attend the games of Henry and North high schools’ sport teams and cheer on our student athletes!

Let your public officials at all levels know how important our children and our neighborhood schools are to our community. When candidates are out door knocking or at events, ask them what they plan to do to help our community’s schools.

Last but definitely not least, all of us also need to be mindful of children walking to and from school and on bus stops. While children are told that they should look both ways before crossing streets, not play at the bus stops or run into the street, kids don’t always remember. Please slow down and keep an eye out for our children.

We can all help our community children be safe, become lifelong learners and be the best they can be!

Northside welcomes the “Little Dog Park on the Prairie”



There are paths at the newest Minneapolis Park Board dog park, but most dogs are not of the path loving kind. More than 20 owners and their dogs came out for the dedication of the new Victory Prairie Off-Leash Recreation Area on July 24. This is the first dog park in North Minneapolis and it’s a safe place for dogs to play, exercise and interact, and a great place for Northsiders to come together. It covers 2.7 acres at 47th Ave. N between Osseo Road and Russell Ave. Access is on the south side. Parking is along Russell, 47th and other residential streets. In order to use the Off-Leash Recreation Areas, pet owners must first obtain a permit from the City (www.minneapolisparke.org). Photo by Randy Klauk.

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42nd Avenue Station. When you step foot into this locally owned coffee shop and deli at 4171 Lyndale you will not be accosted into buying mass produced “corporate logo” coffee mugs or overpriced “frou-frou” espresso machines. Rather, you will be welcomed into this cozy neighborhood nook with the smell of fresh cinnamon “monkey bread,” a chunky soft couch to kick back on, and a selection of coffee drinks and food items that put the big guys to shame. One of the owners, Robert Rice, hand-harvests the wild rice that goes into these tasty one-of-a-kind recipes, like wile rice yogurt parfaits, wild rice soup and wild rice quiche. They also have an outdoor street patio to enjoy the warm weather as well as Wi-Fi capability.

The energy of 42nd Avenue Station is that of a positive envi-

ronment where you can meet a friend, have a conversation and a good meal. In addition, experience walls washed with paintings by local artists who may not otherwise have a venue to showcase their works. The owners, Robert Rice and Geno Gelhaye welcome artists to exhibit their pieces with a new rotation each month.

Geno Gelhaye’s love of music also sets this coffee house apart from the rest. 42nd Avenue Station hosts musicians each week. Some well known, like Joe Demko and Lonnie Knight, and others that are newly making their way into the scene. The owners offer these “mini concerts” at no cover charge which, in this economy, gives people the option of getting out into the community, enjoying a night out! Also featured, is a monthly poetry reading called “Shades of Grey” where host Allison Bergblom spotlights poets and authors who share their works. This is a unique opportunity to travel back in time and feel the “beatnik” vibe.

This small business is truly a

partnership, not only between the owners, but in our community as a whole. Fostering a spirit of the fine arts meets kindness coalition, whilst enjoying a Rueben and an iced coffee...this is a “come as you are” establishment. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to be a part of this local gem! Info: 612-886-3635 and also on Facebook with calendar of artists and concerts.

You’ve probably seen the “Print & Copy” sign on 49th and Osseo Road — it used to be Wilson-Olson printing — now it’s **Ditto Print & Copy Center**. Owner Joe Zawadski has been in the printing business for over 30 years. This is no simple envelope and invitation business; Joe says they can print or copy just about anything, the list of services is endless. So check it out; they’ll meet all your printing and copying needs. Hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday. Call 612-302-7740.

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Hurray! The Camden Bridge opened on August 21 after much anticipation, but little fanfare took place — it was a simple taking down of the road barriers about 2 p.m. on the hot Saturday afternoon. The opening was a bit ahead of schedule, but folks in the Camden area have been patiently awaiting this — they’ve been forced to divert their commutes to I-694 or to Broadway, causing many delays and frustration, and basic time away from home and family since last spring.

The refurbished bridge is looking good. The bridge deck has been completely replaced with new concrete, driving surface and protective overlay. Also included is a new concrete railing, vehicle crash walls, pedestrian railings, bridge roadway lights, new ornamental metal railing, bridge lighting, and roadway and sidewalk match work on both ends of the bridge. The bridge beams will be repainted next year and will require periodic closures to a single traffic lane, while keeping the bridge open.

Now that the bridge is open be sure to start going back to all the

local businesses along Lyndale and 42nd Avenues that have been hurt by the bridge closure!

Speaking of bridges, the new Lowry Bridge construction is moving along, slowly but surely. Hennepin County started the design process for bridge replacement in 2007. The bridge was closed in 2008 due to structural issues and demolished in June 2009.

Phase I of the replacement project is underway and is scheduled for completion in 2011. On August 10, on Pier No. 6, the eastern river piers and footing construction began. Concrete has been poured for the northern footing and rebar continues to be installed in the southern footing. On the west side of the river, piling continues to be driven for the falsework. On the east side of the river the East Abutment stem is now complete.

On April 27 Hennepin County authorized funding for Phase II of the replacement project. Phase II involves construction over the Canadian Pacific Railroad and its roadway approaches. The schedule for Phase II is still being determined.

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Letters to the Editor



Understanding what's OK between gardens and nuisance

The definition of acceptable yard maintenance has been changing in Minneapolis for decades. In 1971 the City Inspection Dept. cited one neighborhood pioneer in her alternative plant choices. She successfully prevailed and was allowed to keep her native grasses and flowers she preferred over a standard lawn. Since then the standard for what is acceptable has been expanded.

I don't consider myself to be a plant lover or horticulturist. Several years ago I lost an old elm tree in my back yard. Because the stump was unsightly and took up so much room I decided to dig it up. It took the whole summer season and help from a neighbor who owned a semi truck to get it out of the hole. My ex-wife was living with me at the



time and quickly filled in the space available with a butterfly and bird friendly garden.

The ex is not living with me any longer. The garden she created has been my responsibility for the last two years. Apart from narrowing it dimensionally it has received considerably less attention from me. Many native and earth-friendly plants are still residing in my back yard. I do enjoy quiet moments observing the variety of insects and bird life that it attracts.

I recently received a notice from the Inspection Dept. that stated I was in violation of section 227.90, 227.00 and 244.1580 for a nuisance violation. Five days were allowed to correct the violation.

After consulting with the inspector, neighbor, mailman, etc. I tried determining which plants were OK and which should go before I am re-inspected. The only clear criteria was to cut and remove all tall grasses and weeds on the property in excess of eight inches in height. This violation is not appealable. Also what I found strange was their assertion that eliminating the garden would render a reduced crime rate. I believe that native plants and crime have very little to do with each other. No rationalization on their position seems a better approach than using and finding one that's unrelated or one that is unsubstantiated by any research.

That said my dilemma still remains. On the one hand we are encouraged to create rain gardens, use less water and stop water run off into the streets, which leads into lakes and rivers. On the other side we risk fines and extra levies to get in step with environmental friendly actions. My inspector seems like a reasonable person. I am hoping for a reasonable solution. It is time to develop policies and standards that are understood and in line with what's really at issue. Matters regarding citizen rights, earth-friendly conditions, personal expression and ways to assist other creature's ability to live with us must be factored in. The government role should be to dictate and restrict benign human activities less and find real solutions for environmental concerns.

Dan Lynch,
Victory



Brookdale Library not family friendly

I am the busy mom of a toddler (is there any other kind?) I needed a book from the library. Even though the book was listed as shelved at the Brookdale Library, to save time I requested it online. I received an email from the library letting me know it was ready to be picked up. A couple of days later I brought my son to the library to pick up the book. I went to the reserved book area, found the spot where I had picked up books before, and, it was not there. By this time my son is squirming and ready to run around the library. I asked the librarian at the check out desk for help. He said the book had been returned to the shelf because I did not come to pick it up fast enough. After some prodding on my part, he gave me a number to find the book on the shelf where it had been returned. Surprise, it was not there either. My son was now crying because he wanted to run around. I carried him to the information desk, and again asked for help. The librarian said he would find the book for me so I could take care of my son. I brought my son to the children's area.

There they have a big, beautiful dragon, just the perfect size for toddlers to climb on. Unfortunately, though there is no sign posted, we were told that children are not allowed to climb on the dragon. What is the point of having a dragon in the children's area, if you can't climb on it? Just to tempt the children and not let them have fun? Unlike other libraries, there are no toys for toddlers in the children's area at the Brookdale Library. In the star-dome room where they have children's activities on certain mornings, they sometimes have open play time, and there are toys to play with. But at noon, the toys and the room are locked up. The star-dome room just sits there vacant, no one allowed to enter and play. After a few minutes I checked back at the information desk. I was informed by a supervisor that they could not find my book. Apparently in the vast distance between the reserved book shelves and the non-fiction shelves (about 20 feet) the book was lost. I suggested to the supervisor that certainly someone in the library could track down the book. He said "no" I would need to

request it again, and wait a few days for it to be found. So much for saving time. This is not the first time the library has lost a book in their own system, and I don't think I will be wasting my time there again any time soon.

Sheryl Senkiw,
Lind Bohanon



Religious freedom and tolerance

President Barack Obama has now stated clearly where he stands on the controversy over the proposed building of a mosque near ground zero in New York. He said to the Muslim community on August 13, "As a citizen, and as president, I believe that Muslims have the same right to practice their religion as everyone else in this country... That includes the right to build a place of worship and a community center on private property in lower Manhattan, in accordance with local laws and ordinances," he said. "This is America, and our commitment to religious freedom must be unshakable."

Over the years since September 11, 2001, I have received so much email from people who let you know they are Christians and yet who express anti-Muslim attitudes that amount to fear and hatred, attitudes that are out of line with the Sermon on the Mount, "Blessed are the peacemakers," just to mention one admonition of Jesus. The prevalent anti-Muslim mood tells me people are not making fair distinctions.

The most basic distinction President Obama is making is between the very, very few Muslim Americans who would commit a terrible crime as was done at the World Trade Center and, by contrast, the millions of Muslims who are law abiding, freedom loving citizens of the USA. All Muslims are not the same!

Sitting in Philadelphia in 1776, our nation's founding fathers were not trying to be primarily Christians. What they were trying to do was to keep bishops and the church from dominating the Revolutionary government. They had experienced the failure of that domination in their lands of origin. This country got its start with an anti-clerical attitude, but this didn't make them any less personally devoted to their own religious, moral or philosophical principles. There are countries today dominated by a religion and lacking in freedom for their people.

Some experts today point out that the "separation of church and state" is not a codified legal requirement in our constitution. Maybe so, but it is only horse sense to make good distinctions, and utterly impossible to think straight without them. I don't believe we should have a radical separation of religion and government, as though the two should be torn apart, but a dialogical separation, where all our citizens, without discrimination, can continue to be engaged freely at every level of government and community.

John Bispala,
Webber-Camden

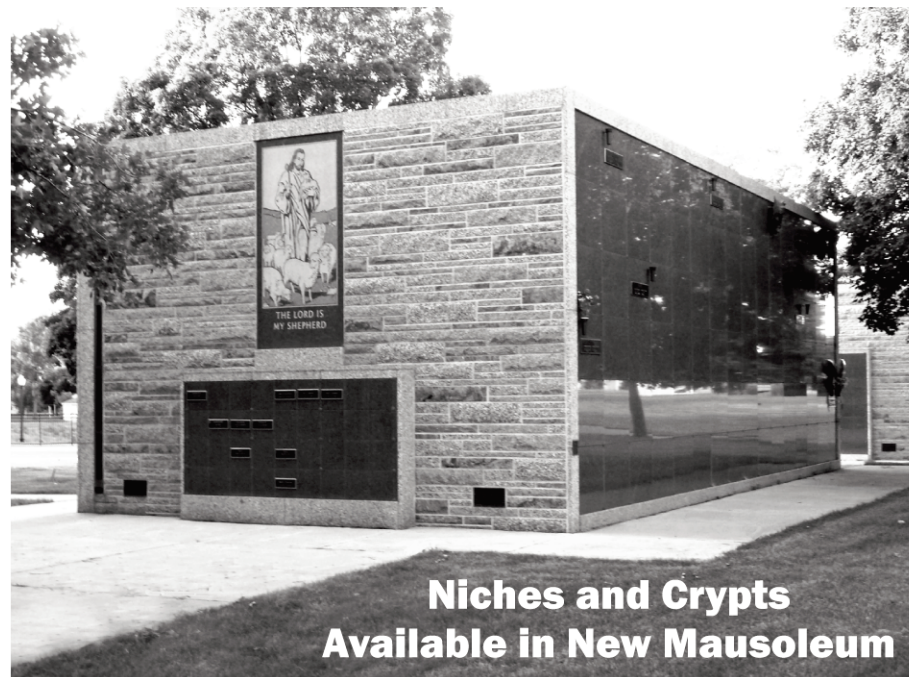


A new library on 44th

The hurtful letter written about us [the Holler family] in the August *Camden News* contains false information. We are not trying to sell our house and commercial building, and they are not vacant. The library merger did not occur until 2008. We never had our property for sale in 2008. It was for sale only very briefly in the early part of 2007.

It would be prudent to place the new library on 44th Avenue N. Hennepin County owns over 83,000 square feet of land on which to build the 10,000 sq. ft. library. The best place for the new Webber Library continues to be on land Hennepin County purchased for this project 19 months ago, 4414 Humboldt Avenue North.

Valerie Holler,
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Camden Youth and Schools

Henry's new principal

By MPS Superintendent Bernadeia Johnson

I am pleased to announce that Latanya Daniels will be serving as Patrick Henry High's new school principal. Daniels is a well-respected and admired administrator with proven results during her 12-year career with the Minneapolis Public Schools. She has served as assistant principal at Edison High School since July 2007 where her results-driven leadership contributed to measurable increases in academic results.



Latanya Daniels.

She has a distinguished career in the classroom and understands what it takes to be an effective teacher. She has twice been invited to address the topic of education reform before the U.S. Congress and was a guest panelist for the Milken Family Foundation's Education Conference in March 2008.

Daniels is a May 2009 graduate of the MPS Principals' Academy. Her licensure is from the University of Saint Thomas, where she holds an education specialist degree as well as a Master's of Teaching/Education. She received her Bachelor of Science in sociology from the University of Minnesota.

Daniels joins the extremely dedicated Patrick Henry staff in the pursuit of educational excellence. She brings to the position strong leadership skills and a commitment to creating a culture of mutual respect and high expectations for every student. I have the fullest confidence in her talents and abilities to continue Patrick Henry's long-held reputation as one of the top high schools in the nation.

Daniels said, "I am elated and humbled to be the new principal of Patrick Henry High School. It is my desire to build upon the legacy that's been established at Patrick Henry High School as a highly regarded school in our state and country. In doing so, I will work diligently to raise the bar for all students academically and socially to prepare them for college and life-readiness. I would also like to thank the Patrick Henry family and Superintendent Johnson for such an opportunity to positively impact the lives of each and every one of my students. I am excited and I look forward to personally connecting with each of you!"

Volunteers needed for Homework Hub

One hundred volunteers are needed to tutor elementary, middle and high school students at Hennepin County Library Homework Hubs during the fall semester. Students need tutoring in reading and writing skills and homework projects in math, history, science and the language arts. Training is provided. Libraries in/close to Camden are Brookdale, North Regional and Sumner.

It's a great opportunity for people to make a tremendous difference in the success of a child or teenager in our community by helping them stay in school and succeed. And by assisting at Homework Hub, volunteers also gain valuable work experience, strengthen their resumes and engage in lifelong learning.

To apply go to www.hclib.org and click on the Support Your Library tab. A college degree or some college is preferred, but high school juniors and seniors can apply if they have a teacher's or guidance counselor's recommendation.

Why it's awesome to work at Patrick Henry High School: A perspective not often taken

By Tom Murray

In addition to the number one reason (working with our wonderful students and watching them grow)...

- There is a library an eight second walk away from my office (I don't even leave my floor, let alone my building).
- My health club/weight room is about a thirty second walk (again, I don't even leave my floor).
- My post office is a fifteen second walk (one floor below, still not outside).
- My office (yes, my own personal office) is huge (for an office). It is at least five times as big as the average math professor's at the University of Minnesota... and it has windows to a lovely courtyard.
- My office has a state-of-the-art sound system and speakers. It's great to rock out at appropriate times.
- I have full printing and copying services at my disposal.
- A part of my salary includes leading my classroom each day for 20 minutes in reading material of my interest in our Sustained Silent Reading (SSR) Program.
- I get to teach (and play with) fun, new technologies.
- Community leaders, engaging politicians, local business people, and eager parents regularly visit

my office building.

- My office building has multiple gyms in which to play basketball, badminton, etc.
- My company's website regularly promotes our office community's successes and accomplishments.
- My office building has a nice auditorium where I occasionally get to see young and upcoming talent perform for free.
- I can attend amateur athletic competitions for free without having to leave my office building's campus.
- I have a nurse and a health clinic in my office building. I can get vaccinated without leaving work!
- Multiple hobby and special interest groups meet in my office building at the end of the day — there is always something interesting happening (Math Team, Game Club, Latin Dance Club, etc.).
- Many independent organizations regularly donate money to my company for fun and engaging academic opportunities.
- I get to go out into the community, to museums, plays, galleries, to different states and countries in development of my company's mission.
- There is a giant surplus of eccentric and welcoming professionals who love to work and play at my company.

Notable Neighbors

Parkway United Church of Christ, 3120 Washburn Ave. N., is pleased to announce the installation of a new minister, **Rev. Kathy Itzin**, on June 20. Itzin, who was called as the culmination of a 10-month search process, has an M.A. in Pastoral Ministry and Social Justice and a Master of Divinity. She has been involved in ministry since 1989 and has worked at St. Joan of Arc Church, where she served as the Director of Children's Faith Formation. Kathy and her partner, Carol Anderson, have five children.



Pillsbury United Communities President **Tony Wagner** announces his retirement effective in May 1, 2011. After leading Pillsbury United Communities for 34 years, Wagner leaves a long history of

success and the creation of a solid foundation for the agency's future. Wagner's retirement marks a bittersweet moment for the long-time Pillsbury United Communities President, his board of directors and staff. Few Twin Cities nonprofit organizations have the strength or longevity of leadership Pillsbury United Communities has counted on for 34 years. Wagner has stood at the helm of Pillsbury United Communities since 1976, overseeing four community centers, multiple affiliates and satellite locations, and nearly 200 employees in Minneapolis' inner-city neighborhoods. Under Wagner's leadership, Pillsbury United Communities serves nearly 35,000 individuals each year. Also during that time, many innovative programs and projects were created to better serve this city's youth and families.

Tony grew up in North Minneapolis and as a youth was a client of the agency he now leads. He is a graduate of the U of M where he received his B.A. and MSW degrees, and did post-graduate study in the U of M's Social Work doctoral program. His education was interrupted by military service with the U. S. Army, where he served in Viet Nam as a First Lieutenant. Prior to Pillsbury United Communities, Tony was a youth worker in North Minneapolis and an assistant

professor at Augsburg College. The announcement of Wagner's retirement marks the beginning of a strategic search for Pillsbury United Communities' new president. Those interested in learning about the position should contact Mike Frommel between October 1 and November 15: 612-375-8986 or mikef@keystone-search.com.

Ron Hick joined the West Broadway Business Coalition on August 23 as the new Executive Director. He has more than 20 years of executive leadership experience helping nonprofit organizations define their visions and creating and implementing pragmatic strategies to make them a reality. He has also worked with community-based organizations interested in bringing about positive change for their constituencies and the areas they represent. Ron will be responsible for overseeing administration and implementation of economic development activities by providing structure and support to the organization's three primary program areas (Safety and Security, Business Support and Planning, Zoning and Development) each of which is advised by a community advisory committee.

Congratulations to **Addie Atkins**, daughter/Richard Atkins and Rebecca Tovar, who made the Dean's list at Lawrence University. She is a 2009 graduate of Minnehaha Academy.

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Complaints to the BBB against debt settlement companies on the rise

The Better Business Bureau advises cash-strapped families to recognize the red flags of deceptive debt settlement services

The Better Business Bureau of Minnesota and North Dakota (BBB) is warning financially troubled families to beware of misleading debt settlement companies that claim they can easily reduce or eliminate credit card debt. Since the start of the recession, the BBB has received more than 3,500 complaints from individuals, including many who paid hundreds of dollars in upfront fees to debt settlement companies but only fell deeper into debt.

“The debt settlement industry is flourishing and many families are being lured into believing that debt settlement is an easy fix and that their credit card debt will just disappear,” said Dana Badgerow, president and CEO of the BBB. “The truth is that the process doesn’t work for many consumers, it has potentially serious negative consequences, and should primarily be used as a last ditch effort to stave off bankruptcy.”

Consumers from all 50 states have filed complaints with the BBB about debt settlement companies since the recession began in late 2007. In addition to the BBB, angry customers are also taking their complaints to their state Attorney General. Attorneys General from Florida, Maine, Texas, Idaho, Missouri, New York, Illinois, West Virginia, Vermont and Minnesota have taken action against companies such as Dallas-based Debt Settlement America, Debt Rx USA, Financial Freedom of America and Credit Solutions—which has received more than 1,600 complaints alone in the last 36 months—and Austin-based Clear Your Debt and Swift Rock Financial Solutions.

Some practices by debt settlement companies are also coming under fire on Capitol Hill. In late April, Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY) introduced the Debt Settlement Consumer Protection Act which seeks to “protect consumers from deceptive, abusive and financially injurious practices rampant in the debt settlement industry.”

Typically with debt settlement (also referred to as debt negotiation), the consumer pays an upfront fee to the debt settlement firm with the understanding that the company will try to negotiate a settlement with creditors for less than what is owed. The debt settlement business works with the consumer to establish a plan for the consumer to put money into an account administered by the debt settlement company or a third party, and that money is used to pay any negotiated settlements. It will usually take at least six months to a year before there is enough money to start settling accounts, and during that time the consumer will typically not be making payments to creditors. Not only does this put the consumer at risk of having creditors file garnishments or other legal

actions, his or her credit rating will likely suffer as a result of not making required monthly payments.

Complainants to the BBB allege that instead of having their debt settled as promised, they were driven deeper into debt and sometimes sued by their creditors—which led to mounting legal fees—and had their wages garnished. Some complainants decided after making several months worth of payments that they did not want to proceed with the debt settlement process, but the debt settlement company did not give them their money back which they had set aside—in one case as much as \$15,000.

The BBB warns families that are drowning in debt to look for the following red flags when considering getting help from a debt settlement or negotiation firm:

- High upfront fees – Beware of companies that require large upfront fees before any debts are settled. Often, these upfront fees may be better used to reduce a consumer’s overall debt.
- Promises that are too good to be true – Some companies might promise that they can reduce debt by more than half even before looking into the customer’s financial situation.
- Claims that it’s a fast, easy and painless process - Reducing debt through debt settlement takes time—often years—and can have a significant negative impact on the customer’s credit score. It can also expose consumers to lawsuits and garnishments.

Before enlisting the help of a debt settlement company, the BBB recommends that struggling consumers:

- Contact their lender first – Try to work out an agreement directly with your lenders before enlisting outside help.
- Seek help from a non-profit credit counseling center – Credit counseling centers can provide guidance for little or even no cost. You can find a credit counseling center near you at the National Foundation for Credit Counseling, www.nfcc.org.
- Consider debt settlement only as a last resort before filing for bankruptcy protection – The debt settlement process can take years and have a severely negative impact on your credit rating and can limit your access to future credit. In the meantime, your credit card company or other creditors can decide to take you to court and garnish your wages. It is best to avoid these potential consequences if you have other workable alternatives to dealing with your debt.
- Research the debt settlement firm with the BBB first. Find out how many complaints it has received, how the firm responded to complaints and whether or not there are any recent government actions or lawsuits against the company.



Fourth Ward Report

Camden Bridge

I am pleased to report the Camden Bridge reopened on August 21. The bridge work, made possible through \$10 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding, included improvements that drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians will all enjoy. Planning for these rehabilitations began in 2004, but had been on hold because funding was not available. By using Recovery funding to complete the bridge work now, the City was able to make these improvements before the bridge deteriorated further. Had the deterioration become more extensive, a new bridge would be needed at a cost well over \$100 million. One of the major components of the rehabilitation work involved replacing the bridge deck, giving it a new driving surface, new sidewalks and railings, and attractive new lighting. Public Works opted to completely close the Camden Bridge to traffic instead of a partial closure. A complete closure of the bridge allowed for a shorter construction period. As a result, this renovation work took less than five months, as opposed to the two years that would’ve been needed if the bridge were intermittently opened and closed during work. The rehabilitation work on Camden Bridge is not totally complete. Next year, it will undergo a full repainting. However, the bridge will remain open to traffic during that work.

Foreclosure Prevention Assistance

For homeowners struggling with monthly mortgage payments, there is a new federal program that can offer relief. It is called Making Home Affordable. You can find out more at www.MakingHomeAffordable.gov or call the Homeowner’s HOPE hotline (1-888-995-HOPE) to see if you might be eligible for assistance and to understand options you have to avoid foreclosure. This program will help homeowners who are at risk for foreclosure. Call

Council Member Barbara A. Johnson
 Phone: 673-2204 Fax: 673-3940
 Web page: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/ward4
 Contact Form: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/contact/email-form-johnson.asp>

now if you have questions about how the program works or if you qualify for help. Minneapolis residents can also call 311 (or, 612-673-3000) and ask for help from a foreclosure counselor. The Minnesota Home Ownership Center at www.hocmn.org or 651-659-9336 is another great resource.

We Want You Back

Minneapolis Public Schools and the Youth Coordinating Board have joined forces to raise public awareness about the dropout crisis and graduation gap in Minneapolis and enlist the entire community’s help to resolve it. “We Want You Back” invites un-enrolled young people to come back to school, complete their credits and get their diploma. The program’s ambitious goal is to attract back 200 youth and put them on a path where they can be successful. Minneapolis Public Schools is working with its Area Learning Centers, alternative schools and online classes to create attractive programming for un-enrolled young people. Connections are being made among the many existing community resources in a citywide effort to do whatever it takes to help youth graduate. If you know a young person who would like to re-enroll or to find out more about Minneapolis school programs and services, contact Mary Barrie, Minneapolis Public Schools at 612-668-0721 or mary.barrie@mpls.k12.mn.us

4th Ward E-Newsletter

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Emerald Ash Borer

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

Since 2002 the Emerald Ash Borer has destroyed tens of millions of ash trees in neighboring states. Since the initial discovery in Michigan it has spread to Ontario, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and now Minnesota. It was discovered in the St. Anthony Park neighborhood of St. Paul in 2009, in the Prospect Park neighborhood of Minneapolis in March of 2010, and most recently in Houston County of Minnesota.

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a non-native beetle that bores beneath the bark of ash trees and lays its eggs. It is the larval stage of the beetle that does the damage by feeding on the tissue layer beneath the bark and destroying the vascular system that transports water and nutrients throughout the tree. All true ash (*Fraxinus* species) are susceptible, including white, black, green and blue ash. Mountainash and pricklyash are not susceptible because they are not of the true ash species. Depending on the size of the tree EAB kills it over a period of one to four years. An ash tree can be infected for one to two years before any symptoms are seen but once a tree has been infected it will be killed — the mortality rate is 100 percent.

The Minnesota counties where the EAB has been discovered, Hennepin, Houston and Ramsey, have been placed under quarantine by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture in an effort to stem the spread of EAB. Given its own devices the EAB generally moves about 1/2 mile a year. Unfortunately, it moves further and faster with the help of human activity. The quarantine means that it is illegal to transport any hardwood firewood outside any of the infected counties. It is also illegal to transport ash tree branches, limbs, logs, wood chips, or any ash lumber with the bark attached outside of the quar-

antined counties. While it is OK to transport any of the above within Hennepin County, since the beetle has only been identified in the eastern most portion of the county, it is advisable **not** to transport ash wood to other parts of Hennepin County, as you could potentially be giving the EAB a ride to the border of the next county.

The City of Minneapolis has more than 200,000 ash trees on private and public property. If you have an ash tree on your property there are ways to protect your tree. First of all trim only between Labor Day and May 1 when the beetle is dormant. Secondly there are insecticide treatments that you can apply to your tree to make it more resistant to the EAB. However you may wish to consider the cost effectiveness of treating your tree, as this is a long-term commitment. EAB will be an ongoing threat and it is likely that treatment will be required every one to two years for the life of the tree. If your tree is small or struggling it may make more sense to remove and replace the tree. If you decide that your tree is worth saving contact a certified arborist or a City Forester to evaluate your treatment options. Although there are many homeowner options for small trees, many of the most effective products are best applied by a professional.

Of the 210,000 ash trees in Minneapolis, 38,000 of these trees (around 19 percent of the total tree canopy), are on boulevards, with additional ash trees found in our parks. The MPRB has 10 tree inspectors who regularly inspect the City's trees for damage and disease including that caused by the EAB. The Forestry division is working with St. Paul Forestry, the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, which is the lead agency in the



fight against the EAB. The MPRB has inventoried the ash trees on the boulevards and stopped planting ash trees in 2007. There are hundreds of boulevard ash trees in the Camden Community; some streets, such as Lyndale, 42nd, Bryant, Fremont, Sheridan and Russell in the Shingle Creek Neighborhood and Upton and Vincent are nearly exclusively planted with ash. Annual treatment of 38,000+ trees is cost prohibitive so eventually all of the boulevard ash trees will be removed and replaced by the Forestry division. It is estimated that the cost of this will be \$26 million.

In order to get ahead of the EAB, the MPRB is willing to remove and replace any boulevard ash tree **now** if residents request it. This way we will not have streets losing their entire tree canopy at one time, like we did with Dutch Elm Disease. If you would like your boulevard ash removed and replaced call Minneapolis Forestry at 612-313-7710. If you suspect you have found an Emerald Ash Borer or have seen a tree that may have been infested call the "Arrest the Pest" hotline, 651-201-6684.

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board website provides maps showing the location of ash trees in each of the neighborhoods at <http://www.minneapolisiparks.org/default.asp?PageID=1220>

6th Annual Heritage Day at the Mississippi River

By Amy Leuesebrink

The Lind-Bohanon Neighborhood and Three Rivers Park District and our community partners invite everyone to join us Saturday, September 18, 1-5 p.m., on the banks of the Mississippi River for the 6th Annual Heritage Day event at the Carl Kroening Interpretive Center (4900 Mississippi Cts. N.).

Bring the whole family down to take a meandering wagon ride through restored prairie of the North Mississippi Regional Park. Make popcorn over an open fire. Watch a bee keeper demonstration. Be a participant in our premiere Prairie Fun-Run at 2:30 p.m. Try your hand and tempt your taste buds with fresh apple cider from an original cidering press. There will be tons of pioneer games and activities for the kids including: building a mini log home, rope making, shingle making, cutting and stamping logs, and making your very own cornhusk doll.

The highlight of the afternoon will be at 4 p.m. when our very own local award-winning Workhouse Theatre Company will be performing at the Heritage Day Haybale Theater. Audiences young and old will enjoy the new interactive family play *What's a Streetcar* written by Debra Stone. This magical and interactive play takes the audience on a whimsical streetcar journey through time and Camden history. Our guests, the Camden Community Historical Society, Brooklyn Historical Society and Mississippi Courts Historical Society, will also be sharing stories and displays about the local area.

Cost is \$5 per person, 20 percent off for groups of four or more. (Picnic lunch included and served from 1-4 p.m.) There will be a free shuttle from Jenny Lind Parking lot, 51st and Dupont Ave. N. For more info contact LBNA at 612-588-7641 or lindbohanonna@aol.com.



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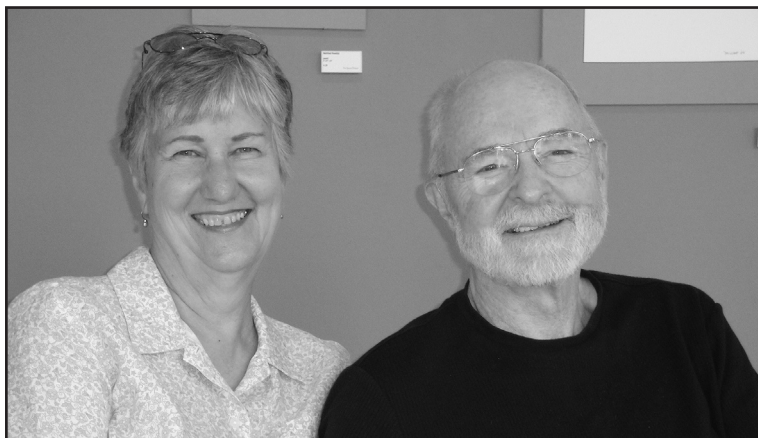
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Camden Arts

You do not have to leave the community to find great art – and great artists!

By Mick LaBriola

Hidden deep within the confines of the often-stigmatized Northside there exists a gem of an oasis where an artist and community can find refuge. This building that once housed a Pickle Factory now flourishes as the Homewood Studios (homewoodstudios.com), artist workspace rentals and gallery/meeting space. As I stepped into this building at 2400 Plymouth Ave. N. I was showered with a beautiful array of light emanating from the huge full panes of glass on the south wall. A feeling of clarity and well-being dominated my first impression of this colorful and vibrant arts facility. And the gracious and devoted retiree owners, George and Beverly Roberts (pictured), greeted me with a comforting welcome not always common in the world of art-curating and facilitating in the greater Twin Cities.



Use Permit, and work with the Northside Resident Redevelopment Council (NRRC). In addition the new owners lavished an intensive remodeling in 1998, with the grand opening in December 1999.

Homewood Studios is a stunning example of fortitude and perseverance and pure love of art and community! Homewood Studios is not just an artist facility, but is also a beacon of hope, creativity and empowerment in a part of town often viewed as downtrodden. And this experience has clearly set the standard for what is possible, and a current ongoing reality, in challenged and neglected neighborhoods. Northside artists are alive and well creating art and reshaping community; 65 percent of the artists at Homewood are Northside residents.

Current artists implementing the studios are George Roberts-Downstairs Press, Bill Jeter-visual artist and sculptor, Linda Maylish-painter and book artist, Mieko Yamazaki-oil painter, Kathleen Malecki, Jack Mader-photographer, Kristen Treuting, Milo Fine-musician, ect.

In the words of George and Bev, “You do not have to leave the community to find great art!” They have committed this space for art, not for profit. Their motto: “For break even! Our facility is not an art center but a place where art and artists, friends and neighbors, students and teachers, children and adults can find and nurture themselves, where they might fulfill themselves and their community.”

George, originally from Chicago, and Bev, from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, have created an amazing confluence of art energy coalescing in this historic corner building once abandoned in the ‘80s, and now beautifully renovated. George was stationed in Germany in the Army where he met Bev who was in Special Services (USO); together they found commitment in a lifelong relationship.

George studied music as a trumpeter in his youth, and later became a literature and writing instructor. He first implemented his skills at Sheridan Elementary in Northeast Minneapolis, then pursued a 30-year career at North High School. Beverly worked at the Illusion Theater, the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, was a counselor for Business and School Partnerships, and is a Master Gardener.

Together they set out to create a community project unlike any other in what might have been referred to as a remote or forbidden part of the Twin Cities. The building sat boarded and vacant for many years while criminal types dealt drugs and harassed passersby. It took courage, guts and tenacity to purchase the building, obtain a Conditional

Camden Music School – The second five years

By Janet Zahn

Camden Music School (CMS) has enjoyed a wonderful five-year journey with the neighborhoods we serve, from opening our doors to 15 students in January 2005, to welcoming nearly 200 students through the door this past spring, to our wonderful summer of lessons and camps including “Monkey Mind Pirates” and “Camp Komoniwannarock.”

As we turn the corner to “Camden Music School: The Second Five Years” we are making some exciting changes this fall. Our intention is to be the best music school we can be – for years to come.

We have invested in a new, web-based registration and administration system with benefits for all. This new system, developed by Active Network, Inc. in concert with several major music schools across the country, will streamline CMS’ billing process, give customers more payment options, help facilitate communication between teachers and students, and keep the business side of CMS running smoothly and efficiently.

CMS has added a part-time staff person in the office. David DeGennaro is the new office assistant (or co-conspirator, as we prefer to call him) and is the point person on the new registration system. Dave is CMS’ drum set teacher as well.

We also continue to develop new ways to get the word out about our school. You may have noticed the CMS yard signs in your neighborhood. (If you’d like a sign for your yard, call 612-618-0219.) If you’re a Facebook fan, you know that CMS has posted some cool videos of some great CMS musical performances, among other items of interest.

There’s more to come, but as we make changes, move and grow, our mission stays the same: “... to bring people of all ages together to hear and learn about music, to experience the inspiration and joy music brings to the mind and soul, and to strengthen the sense of community in the neighborhoods we serve.”

Thanks to the Camden community for your support these last five years.

Workhouse Theater begins new season



The Workhouse Theatre Company has been hard at work planning for the future of live theater on the Northside. Their seventh season brings exciting changes and new developments.

Workhouse Theatre Company founder, Jeff Redman, moves on from his role as artistic director. Jeff and Jenni Redman recently launched their newest theatrical venture, New Actor’s Playhouse, an educational theatre camp for elementary school students.

Workhouse’s new artistic director is director, actor, playwright, and Northside resident Christopher Tibbetts — no stranger to Workhouse audiences. He directed Redman in the sold-out *House* in the 2006-07 season, and is directing *No Exit*, and teaching the adult education series. “I am honored and excited to be leading the efforts of this extraordinary company,” Tibbetts said. Mark Webb remains Workhouse’s Managing Director and resident lighting designer. Tibbetts and Webb are eager to build upon the strong support from Workhouse fans, and hope to hear from you soon about how you want to

see the company move forward. They are currently working on recruiting new board members and recently unveiled Workhouse’s 2010-11 season.

Coming up is *Proof* by David Auburn on October 7-24. This haunting, Pulitzer Prize winner tells the story of Catherine, a troubled young girl walking the fine line between genius and madness in her quest to move from the shadow of her brilliant father and domineering sister, and into the possibility of love and identity on her own terms. For tickets visit www.WorkhouseTheatre.org.

Live on the Drive



The free summer concert series, Live on the Drive, made folks feel alive this hot summer. The final concert was held on the beautiful Victory Memorial Drive on August 12 and featured Seven Steps to Havana. Folks laid back and relaxed or got up and danced to the rhythmic sizzle of salsa and harmonic jazz. Hats and shade were the best way to stay cool on the 93 degree evening, but the heat didn’t stop Carmen Rubio and Antonio Machado from salsa dancing to the Latin sounds. Photo by Randy Klauk.

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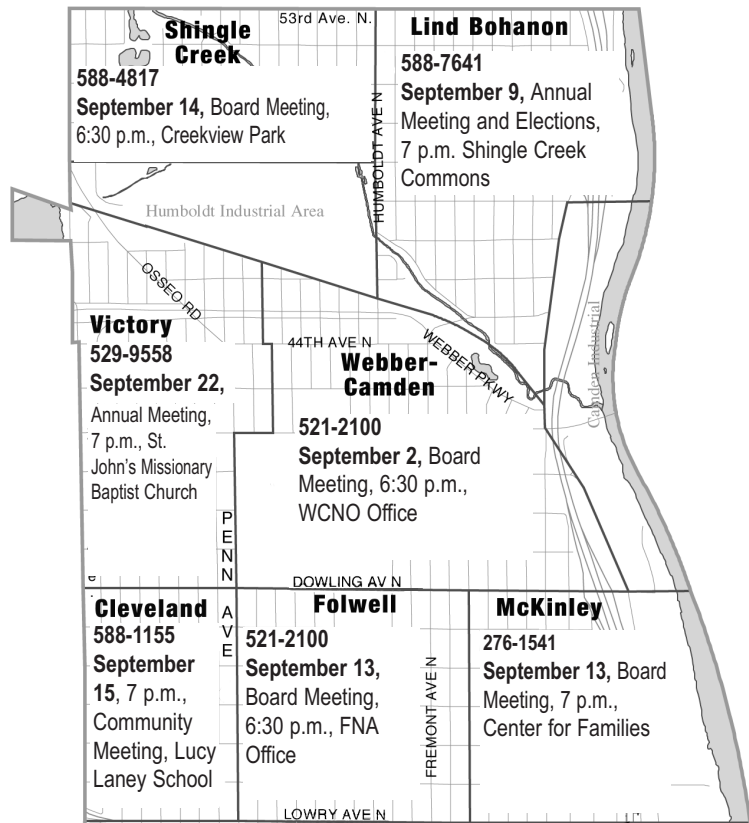
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All the News from Victory Neighborhood



Annual Meeting and Board Elections

The Victory Neighborhood Association (ViNA) will conduct its annual meeting on Wednesday, September 22 at 7 p.m. at St. John Missionary Baptist Church, 4301 Thomas Ave. N. The Annual Report of the many programs, projects and activities that ViNA has undertaken this year will be presented, followed by the election of members to the Board of Directors.

Four of the seven seats on the Board of Directors are open for election and the term of office is two years. Anyone who resides in, owns property in or facilitates a business or organization located in the Victory Neighborhood is eligible and encouraged to register and run for a seat on the Board. Directors spend about 20 hours per month attending two meetings, participating on one committee and furthering the mission of ViNA. For more info or if you are interested in running for a seat on the Board of Directors please contact the ViNA office.

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 workshop on October 2, 10 a.m. at Loring School, 2600 44th Ave. N. At the workshop Victory homeowners will learn how to lower their energy use and save money. They can then 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.

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, September 13, 6:30 p.m., FNA office. Christopher Tibbetts, the new Artistic Director of Workhouse Theatre Company, will talk about the changes at Workhouse, the upcoming season and ways residents can become involved.

Victory Labor Day Races and Picnic, September 6, (Labor Day) at Webber Park: The Victory race is sponsored by the Minnesota Distance Running Association (MDRA) and the community picnic is hosted by Folwell and Webber-Camden neighborhoods as a "Come Home to Camden" event. The 10K begins at 8 a.m., 5K at 9:30 a.m. and the Kids 1/2 Mile Victory Lap at 10:15 a.m. Join us following the race for a free picnic in the park. All this before noon! To volunteer for the picnic call 612-521-2100. Race info: 952-927-0983, hmiler@hotmail.com or www.runmdra.org.

Lowry Avenue Harvest Festival: Saturday, September 18, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Corners of Penn/Lowry Join us with your family, friends and neighbors at the 2nd Annual Lowry Avenue Harvest Festival. Listed are just some of the activities scheduled for this year's event: music - car show - arts - food - kids' zone - farmers' market and community infor-

mation tables. New this year is the "Biggest Vegetable Contest" with prizes (\$25.00 gift certificates) from area restaurants for the biggest vegetable in certain categories: Tooties: Squash; Pair a Dice: Pepper; Papa's Restaurant and Deli: Tomato and Banana Blossom (formerly Good Deal): Cucumber. So, check your veggie gardens and "weigh in" at the Harvest Festival. If folks have raved about your apple pie, enter your pie in this year's Apple Pie Bake-off (also new this year) which will be judged by the Camden Lions.

Dog Daze: Saturday, September 25, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Folwell Park, 1615 Dowling Ave. N. Dedicated to pets and their people, this event features canine related demonstrations, vendors of dog products and services including rescue and shelter organizations and much more. The Blessing of the Animals is at Noon with demonstrations throughout the event. Information or to volunteer: 612-521-2100.

We Watch-We Call signs are available. We Watch-We Call is a public safety initiative of Folwell Neighborhood's 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.

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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.

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

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McKinley Calendar of Events

McKinley Community Meeting
Monday, September 13, 7 pm, Center for Families,
3333 N. 4th Street

Lowry Avenue Harvest Festival
Saturday, September 18, 10 am to 2 pm,
corner of Lowry & Penn

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

Crime/Safety Meeting Monday, September 27,
6:30 pm, Center for Families, 3333 N. 4th Street

McKinley Community Meeting
Monday, October 5, 7 pm, Center for Families,
3333 N. 4th Street

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

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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.

Due to Labor Day weekend, the LBNA Annual Board Meeting and Elections will be September 9! Thursday, Sept. 9, LBNA Annual Meeting and Elections, 7 p.m. at Shingle Creek Commons.

Many Thanks for LBNA NNO Picnic in the Park 2010!

The Lind-Bohanon Neighborhood Association wishes to thank the following: Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP); Minneapolis Park and Recreation at Creekview Park (Jason, Cory, Jane, BJ, Evan, Jason!); Camden Dairy Queen, 42nd Ave Station, Winner Gas, Fremont Clinic, Boy Scout Troop #145. Thanks to our neighborhood volunteers who helped plan and the night of the event (Larry, Susan, David, Ann, Steve, Joel and Janell, Shirley, Lone, Wes, Ray, Jacki, Jen, Ellen, Sandra, the McCann family, Jody, and Steve.)

And thanks to the 250 residents who attended this year's NNO Picnic in the Park!

6th Annual Heritage Day at Carl Kroening Interpretive Center
September 18 1-5 p.m.

The Three River Parks District and Lind-Bohanon Neighborhood Association are excited to present the 6th Annual Heritage Day event at Carl Kroening Interpretive Center,

Saturday, September 18 from 1-5 p.m.

Our very own local Workhouse Theatre Company will perform a new and original family interactive play at the outdoor Haybale Theatre. Admission is \$5 per person (children under 3 free),

includes picnic lunch, two shows, games and activities for the whole family, local history provided by Mississippi Courts Historical Society, Camden Historical Society and the Brooklyn Historical Society. Shuttle bus at Jenny Lind Parking lot! FFI: www.lindbohanon.org!

Need home repairs?

LBNA Home Improvement Loan Program can help! 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.



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

Voice your Thoughts for the Phase II Action Plan Come to the September Community Meeting, Monday, September 13, 7 pm at the Center for Families and work with your fellow neighbors on the Phase II Action Plan and how we will spend \$580,000 in the neighborhood.

Fall Fun on Lowry Avenue

Saturday, September 18 is the Second Annual Lowry Avenue Harvest Festival. Events begin at 10 am on all corners of the Penn & Lowry Avenues intersection. Fun for all ages, music, games a farmers market and more!

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



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>

Annual Meeting – October 26

The annual meeting of the Cleveland Neighborhood Association will take place on October 26 at 7 p.m. in the Multipurpose room of Lucy Craft Laney School. The theme of this year's annual meeting will be "Future Transit Options for Cleveland Neighborhood." Come and learn more about the Bottineau Boulevard Light rail route, Nice Ride Bike share program, Hour Car auto sharing program and the bike boulevard proposed for North Minneapolis. The meeting will also include the CNA Annual Report and election to the Board of Directors.

The CNA Board of Directors needs YOU!

The election to the CNA Board of Directors will take place at the Annual Meeting on October 26. If you reside in, work in or own property or a business in the Cleveland neighborhood and support the mission of the CNA you are encouraged to run for a seat on the Board. The mission of the CNA is to protect and promote the interests of the residents and business owners of the neighborhood. Directors are asked to contribute five hours per month attend-

ing the monthly meeting, serving on a committee and otherwise conducting neighborhood business. For more info or to nominate yourself for election, please contact the CNA office.

Harvest Festival

Don't miss the 2nd annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 18, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The Festival takes place at Penn and Lowry, and includes a Kid's Zone, Farmers Market, Car Show, Food Vendors, Artists and music at the Camden Music School Band shell. New this year are the Biggest Vegetable contest and the pie baking contest. Prizes will be awarded for the biggest tomato, pepper, cucumber and squash. The apple pie baking contest will be judged by the Camden Lions.

School is in Session – Drive Carefully

Minneapolis school children are back to school and many of them are walking to and from. Remember to drive carefully and that drivers must stop to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a marked crosswalk or at an intersection with no marked crosswalk.

Community History

Behind the Victory Flagpole – it's the principal

By Barbara Meyer Bistodeau

Many years ago on February 28, 1880 a little boy was born in Montgomery County, Indiana. This child was called Billy, and little did his parents know he would grow up to be one of Henry High School's most beloved principals. He was a smart little kid and followed his dream of being a teacher in Crawford, Indiana when he was 20 years old.

Sometime in the next few years he was married to a woman named Velda, who would later become a public school teacher, too. They had a son, Wm. A. Jr. who was born in 1909. They moved several times, first to Des Moines, Iowa., then Indianapolis, Indiana, and finally to Minneapolis, where they lived at 3100 Lyndale Ave. S.

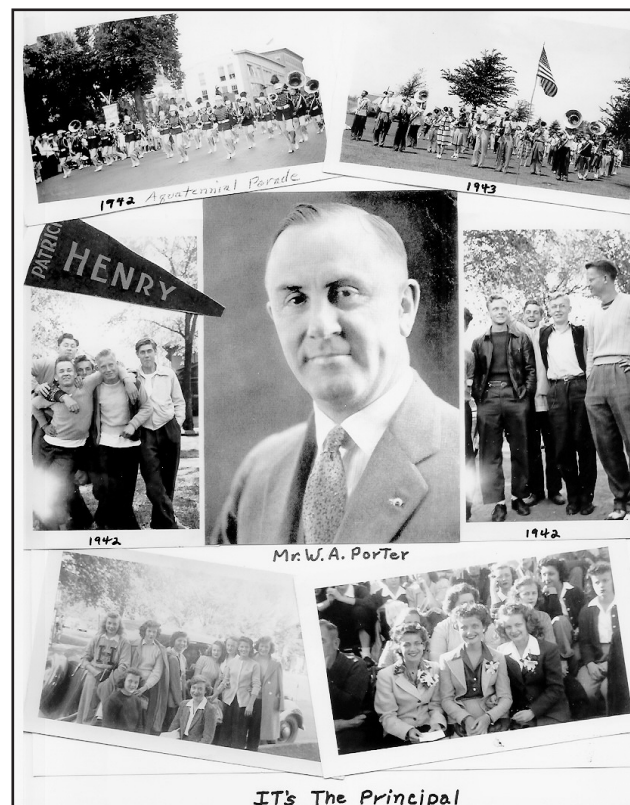
William Porter became the first principal of Patrick Henry, which was built in 1926 and served as a junior high school. There was an enrollment of 600 pupils with 18 classrooms. Additions were made in 1928, 1929, and 1939, but it was in 1937 that it became a junior/senior high school, with an enrollment of 1700 pupils, and the first freshmen class graduated in 1941. William Porter was principal from 1927 to 1948, and he was loved by all!

Oh, there was something very unique about him alright. He not only wanted his students to get a good education but he wanted them to have fun while doing it. He made sure there were always fun activities going on, like pep rallies before the games and movies in the auditorium at

lunch time, where you could eat your lunch while watching the movie. Every Friday there was an after school dance, where you could brush up on the Lindy Hop. And then there was the "special day," Sadie Hawkin's Day, where there were frivolities going on all day long, ending with a dance where the girls got to choose their partners.

On a more serious side, he wrote an article in the school's yearbook *The Orator* in 1941 entitled, "Youth and Our Democracy." Here is what he said: "The vigorous spirit of youth has established and maintained our democracy in the past and it is that same indomitable spirit that will defend and preserve our democracy for the future. Moreover, our young people are more awake to the difficulties to be overcome than many of the older folks realize. The obstacles that lie in their path are very real to them. Educators observe very keenly the tendency of thoughtful youngsters to brush aside many of the non-essentials in their endeavor to forge ahead. On the other hand, youth works very assiduously on any problem that seems to be helping them in their educational progress. This eternal search for the essentials practiced by our young people is most encouraging and bids well for the future of our democracy."

In honor of Wm. Porter, an athletic complex was named after him at the school at 4320 Newton Ave. N. He passed away Sept. 24, 1959 at the age of 79.



Northside benefits from Minnesota House Session

By State Representative Joe Mullery

There were a number of actions taken by the 2010 legislature that affect many of us on the Northside, directly or indirectly. These are a few of them.

Stopping homeowner foreclosures helps our neighborhoods, and for the fourth straight year, we passed a new law that is one of the leaders in the nation on foreclosure. If a homeowner has paid down one-third of their mortgage, they will have at least 14 months (most states allow only two months) from the time of default to pay the arrearages. The average person in the Twin Cities who loses their job is usually able to find another in five months, so most people in this situation can easily save their home under this new law.

We also passed a new law that regulates mortgage loan originators and counselors to make sure they have the necessary qualifications, are bonded, and haven't committed improper or fraudulent acts anywhere in the country.

Last year we were able to obtain half the local bridge construction money that the state allocates statewide, for the Lowry Bridge. This year, we were able to get 1/6 of all that money, for the Lowry Bridge. We were also able to obtain state money to match the county money to con-

tinue the improvements to Victory Parkway.

Finally, the Public Safety Department supported the statewide ignition interlock program for multiple DWI offenders. Instead of preventing DWI offenders from driving to work so they can support their families, or being able to drive to the store, etc., we will now just prevent them from driving drunk, which is the most important thing. Moreover, for people who have been without a DWI for 10 years, we finally got rid of the infamous "B Card", which even prevented people from having a non-alcoholic beer or communion wine, even though they had no intention of driving.

Because of the scandal last year regarding the misdeeds of the Metro Gang and Drug Strike Force, there were efforts to destroy many of the law enforcement tools against drugs and gangs. Fortunately, common sense prevailed and we were able to stop the destructive efforts, and at the same time we were able to pass new laws to protect the rights of people whose property is taken by the police. Law enforcement supported our law.

The Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund was in danger of going bankrupt. Minneapolis residents would

have had to pay more in property taxes to keep the Fund afloat. We convinced the state to contribute roughly half the cost of this deficiency in the future – a huge savings to Minneapolis taxpayers.

Another protection for homeowners is that they will have 72 hours to cancel a contract for home repairs if they find out their insurance company won't cover the cost of the repair.

A new provision helps owners of small- to medium-sized homes by allowing companies that provide electricity to charge lower rates per kilowatt hour for people who use less electricity.

There was an effort to get you to give up your constitutional right to elect judges. The proponents wanted to disguise what they were really doing by using extremely confusing language so voters would be duped. Fortunately, we stopped them.

Unfortunately, a lot of cuts were made to health care, but we were able to cover people with very low incomes. Despite all the drastic budget cuts, we were able to prevent any cuts to our funding of jobs for youth in Minneapolis.

Next year we face a \$6 billion deficit so there will be huge cuts to programs affecting the Northside.

Editors note: This article should have appeared with Senator Higgin's recap of the legislative session in the July Camden News – sorry for the delay.



Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association

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

Web Site: www.scna-mpls.org

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

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

SCNA Board Meeting is September 14 at 6:30 p.m.

A great Tour de Camden!

Many thanks to:

*MPRB for the T-shirts for this year's Tour de Camden!
*John Akre from MTN for his video of the Tour De Camden—Check it out at our website!

*Many thanks to Connie at Goddess of Glass and all of the riders for making this year another successful Tour de Camden!



Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association needs you!

The volunteer board of the Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association meets once a month, on the second Tuesday of the month at Creekview park, 6:30 p.m., to talk about what's going on in the neighborhood from crime and safety issues, home foreclosures, to planning events, or talking about topics at the city or county that affect homeowners. All meetings are free and open to the public. Any Shingle Creek resident can become a board member. We have several short and long-term goals of ways to better the neighborhood through events supporting youth and ongoing promotion of our neighborhood. Why not get involved today? Contact us at scna@stribmail.com to find out how to begin!

SCNA Home Improvement Loans are great for fall fix-ups!

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

Check out the latest Shingle Creek and Camden activities and videos at our updated website: www.scna-mpls.org

Webber-Camden Neighborhood Organization

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

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

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

website: www.webbercamden.org. M-Th, 0 a.m. – 5 p.m., Linda Koelman, President, WCNO

Truck Extravaganza! The Truck Extravaganza was fun! This event will grow bigger and better every year! Over 200 children and adults came to beautiful Webber Park to sit on and in lots of trucks, front-end loader, skid steer, big mower, an ambulance and fire truck to name a few. At the "sand dig" kids unearthed miniature cars and trucks to take home, and at the craft table they ran toy trucks through paint; made tracks on big sheets of paper. Lunch was free hot dogs, chips, lemonade and popsicles. Music and on the spot interviews of kids and families were a hit. A big "Thank You" to all who helped with this new event.

WCNO Board of Directors Meeting, Thursday, September 2, 6:30 p.m., WCNO office. Christopher Tibbets, the new Artistic Director of Workhouse Theatre Company, will talk about the changes at Workhouse Theatre, the upcoming season, and how residents can become involved.

Lowry Avenue Harvest Festival: Saturday, September 18, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Corners of Penn/Lowry

Listed are some of the many activities at this year's event: music, car show, arts, food, kids' zone, and farmers market along with community resource information. New this year is the "Biggest Vegetable Contest" with prizes (\$25 gift certificates) from area restaurants for the biggest vegetable in certain categories: Tooties: Squash; Pair a Dice: Pepper; Papa's Restaurant and Deli: Tomato; and Banana Blossom (formerly Good Deal): Cucumber. An Apple Pie Bake-off is new this year, too, to be judged by the Camden Lions.

Victory Races Community Picnic, September 6 (Labor Day) at Webber Park: What a great way to start your Labor Day! The Victory Races are sponsored by MDRA and the

picnic is hosted by Webber-Camden and Folwell neighborhoods as a "Come Home to Camden" event. 8 a.m.-10K, 5K, 9:30 a.m., and the Kids 1/2 Mile Victory Lap starts at 10:15 a.m. Join us following the races for a free picnic in the park. To volunteer for the picnic call Mary Ann at 612-521-2100. Race information: 952-927-0983, email: hmler@hotmail.com or www.runmdra.org.

Naming the Pond: Look for a new sign at the 42nd and Humboldt Storm Water Retention Pond announcing the pond's official name which is CAMDEN CENTRAL POND. WCNO's Board of Directors commissioned the sign and installation from the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to give an official identity to this destination walking amenity. The sign should be installed in September and plans for a dedication will be announced on the website, webbercamden.org.

Dog Daze: Saturday, September 25, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Folwell Park, 1615 Dowling Ave. N.

Dedicated to pets and their people, this event features canine related demonstrations, vendors of dog products and services including rescue and shelter organizations and much more. The Blessing of the Animals is at noon with demonstrations throughout the event. Information or to volunteer: 612-521-2100.

We Watch-We Call signs are available. 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.

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.



September

Arts

Ongoing

Register for **fall term at Camden Music School**. Classes run for 10 weeks, Sept. 13-Nov. 20. Offerings include vocal and instrumental lessons, Musikgarten early childhood music classes (newborn to age 8), ensembles (hand drums, strings and rock 'n roll for youth and adults, two choirs, string jammin'), music theory and more. Scholarships and family discounts available. Scholarship applications due by 5 p.m., Sept. 7. Classes at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 3751 Sheridan Ave. N. or Grace Center for Community Life, 1500 6th St. NE. 612-618-0219 or www.camdenmusicschool.com.

Church Events

Ongoing

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

Ongoing third Sundays

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

Ongoing Wednesday

Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 4656 Colfax, and Evangelist Temple sponsor a **hotdog cook-out** every Wednesday from 6-7:30 p.m. Anyone in the community can enjoy hot dogs, chips, fruit or veggies, dessert and beverage. When you leave you receive a bag of fresh produce. The church also serves lunch every weekday from noon-1 p.m. for all ages. There are activities following lunch for children.

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.

Community Events

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

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

Ongoing Need back-to-school vaccines for your children? Hennepin County offers low-cost immunizations for people of all ages who lack health insurance or whose health insurance does not cover vaccines. Clinic at Hennepin Health Services Building, 525 Portland Ave. S., 8:30 to 11 a.m. on Sept. 3. Info: 612-348-2884 or www.hennepin.us/vaccines. Donations requested but not required.

Ongoing North Minneapolis Ultimate Frisbee games are fun-spirited pick up games; anyone can play. All skill levels represented, feel free to play if you're an experienced player or just learning the game. It's the only year-round outdoor ultimate game in town, running more than 15 years! In summer play under the sun, in fall enjoy your last snowless games, in winter run off your blubber, and in spring lay out for a disc in the mud. Visit <http://home.comcast.net/~keelinkane/NMplsUltimate.html> for times and places.

Ongoing Thursdays Get fresh veggies and fruit every Thursday. The **Camden Farmers Market** is open every Thursday from 3-7 p.m. at The Warren parking lot (44th and Penn N). The market features locally grown produce; get the popular Best of the Market box, a selection of veggies, for only \$5. Look for special events, including live music.

Monday, 9/6

Victory Races Community Picnic at Webber Park. A great way to start your Labor Day. Sponsored by MDRA and picnic hosted by Webber-Camden and Folwell neighborhoods as a "Come Home to Camden" event. 8 a.m.-10K, 5K, 9:30 a.m., and Kids 1/2 Mile Victory Lap starts at 10:15 a.m. Free picnic in the park follows the races. To volunteer for the picnic call Mary Ann at 612-521-2100. Race info: 952-927-0983, email: hmler@hotmail.com or www.runmdra.org.

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.

Saturday, 9/18

2nd Annual Harvest Festival, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Penn and Lowry. Enjoy music, the car show, lots of art vendors, food, kids zone, farmers market, community information tables, best baked apple pie contest with prize and recipe published locally for the winner. Biggest home grown vegetable contest with prizes in four vegetable categories: squash, tomato, green pepper and cucumber. Food shelf donations also being gathered at the event. An Apple Pie Bake-off is new this year, to be judged by the Camden Lions.

Wednesday, 9/22

City Council Member Diane Hofstede's Trade Show Festival with Third Ward neighborhoods, businesses, organizations and guests. Featuring local businesses, organizations and projects. Goal is to inform residents and support local businesses and services in this difficult economy. Food and entertainment provided. 6-10 p.m. Nicollet Island Pavilion. 40 Power St. Info: diane.hofstede@ci.minneapolis.mn.us

Saturday, 9/25

Dog Daze: Saturday, September 25, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Folwell Park, 1615 Dowling Ave. N. Dog Daze is always a fun event; stop by and watch the demonstrations and have a hot dog while you're there. Dedicated to pets and their people, this event features canine related demonstrations, vendors of dog products and services including rescue and shelter organizations, and 'Dog of the Year' award and much more. The Blessing of the Animals is at noon with demonstrations throughout the event. Info: 612-521-2100.

Libraries

Webber Park Library September Programs, 4310 Webber Pkwy., 952-847-2750,

www.hclib.org

World Language Storytime: Hmong, Sat., Sept. 4-25, 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 menyuam muaj hnub nyug ob xyoo thiab lawm sauv.

Job Search Resources, Thurs., Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11; 1-3 p.m. Learn about resources available to assist you in finding a job: libraries, workforce centers, community programs, Internet sites and more.

Read With Baby! Sat., Sept. 18, 11 a.m. For parents and caregivers. Have fun and share ideas about reading books with your infant. How to get started? Are you doing this 'right'? Why is this important? Bring your baby and we'll explore these questions together.

Let's Read Together! Sat., Sept. 25, 11 a.m. For parents and caregivers. Have fun and share ideas about reading with your 2- to 5-year-olds. Where do you start? What books at what age? How to prepare for kindergarten? Bring your preschooler and we'll explore these questions together.

Science Fiction: More Than Rockets, Robots and Red Planets. Thur., Sept. 30, 6:30. Local aficionado Scott Lohman will give an overview of science fiction with a brief look at fantasy. Reading recommendations and local sci fi events will be discussed.

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

Toddler Storytime, Wed., Sept. 1-Nov. 24, 10:30 a.m. at North Regional Library. For children ages 2 and 3. Interact with your toddler to nurture a love of books. Learn letters, sounds, and new words. Be active with music and movement.

Discovery Days, Wed., Sept. 1-Nov. 24, 3-5 p.m. For kids in preschool-grade 5. Check out the Discovery Room where you'll have minds-on, hands-on fun, with new themed activities each week.

Discovery Days. Thurs, Sept. 2-Nov. 18, 3-5 p.m. For kids in preschool-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., Sept. 3-Nov. 26, 10:30-11 a.m. at North Regional Library. For children ages 4 to 6. Help your preschooler get ready to read. Enjoy stories together and build language skills.

Preschool Storytime Activities. Fri., Sept. 3-Nov. 26, 11-11:30 a.m. For kids in preschool. After

storytime (10:30-11 a.m.), do a craft, learn a new poem or enjoy other activities and get tips on how to encourage and support reading and literacy at home.

Game On! Gaming Fridays Fri., Sept. 3-Nov. 26, 3-5 p.m. For teens in 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., Sept. 4-Nov. 27, noon-2 p.m. For kids in 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., Sept. 7-Nov. 30 (except Nov. 2), 3-5 p.m. For kids in preschool-grade 5. Check out the Discovery Room where you'll have minds-on, hands-on fun, with new themed activities each week.

World of Work Orientation for Ex-Offenders. Tues., Sept. 14 & 28, Oct. 12 & 26, Nov. 9 & 23; 4 p.m.-6. 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."

Small Business Consultation with NEON (Northside Economic Opportunity Network) Weds, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17; 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.

Parks

Sunday & Monday, 9/5 & 6 Free Family Fundays: A Bee or Not a Bee? 1-3 p.m., Kroening Interpretive Center in North Mississippi Regional Park. Can you tell a wasp from a bee? How many kinds of bees live here? Find out this and many other things about our buzzy neighbors, with real examples to examine! Free. Ages: All.

Saturday, 9/11 Boats and Floats, 3 p.m., Kroening Interpretive Center. Using boats and floating logs, people have traveled on the Mississippi for hundreds of years. Discover how they did it and make your own wooden boat and try "sailing" it. \$5. Ages: All. Reservations required; call 763-559-670.

Sunday, 8/29 Free Family Fundays: Prairie, 1-3 p.m., Kroening Interpretive Center in North Mississippi Regional Park. Enjoy the beautiful flowers as you explore the

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Worship in Camden

St. Austin Catholic Church



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

Luther Memorial Lutheran

3751 Sheridan Ave. N.
 (corner of Sheridan and Dowling)
Phone: 522-3639
Choir Rehearsal 9 a.m.
Service of Communion 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hour/ Education 11:15 a.m.
Growing Tree for Elementary Age Children Saturdays, 1:30-4 p.m.
"From many cultures, together in one faith." All are welcome
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.stolaf Lutheran.org
 We welcome all, including gay and lesbian people.
 Coming together to serve with the *St. Olaf Residence*
North Minneapolis Meals on Wheels
New Directions Youth Ministry

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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.

Services

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.

Reupholstery. Save your grandma's chair! 35 years experience. 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.

Real Estate Sales or Service

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

For Rent or Sale

For Sale: 4046 Humboldt, one owner occupied home. Very well kept. Four bedrooms, two baths. Two car. Finished basement w/bar. \$150,000. Lynette, Luke Team. 612-747-7329.

Office Space Available at Christ Church 3210 Oliver Ave N. Shared space agreement: payment will be the cost of utilities and custodial. Off street parking. For more information please call 612-521-3493.

For Rent: Camden Twin Home. Totally Remodeled 5 Bedrooms. Call for Details, 763-647-4395.

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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.
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Dowling & Emerson Ave. N.
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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
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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

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

4150 Dupont Ave. N.
 Minneapolis, Minnesota 55412
612-521-3644
 Interim Pastor
 Judy Burgett-Winzig
 Summer Schedule
 9:30 a.m. worship
 Fall Schedule: 10:30 a.m. worship
 Communion: 1st & 3rd Sundays
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knolls and dips in the prairie. Peer into flowers, peek under leaves, search for silvery webs and find bees wiggling into flowers. Make a natural prairie picture. Free. Ages: All.

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.

October

Ongoing
St. Austin Rummage sale, 4050 Upton Ave. N. Oct. 7, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Oct. 8, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Oct. 9, 8 a.m. to noon-bag

day \$3 or two for \$5.
Saturday, Sunday, 10/16 & 17 Family Festival at St. Austin's; 41st and Thomas Ave. N. Sat. 5:30-9 p.m. -50's diner food; free 50's dance lessons from 6:30-8:30. Sun. 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. - ham and scalloped potato dinner, games and Camden Community Choir at 1:30. Events happening both days - bingo, silent auction, bake sale and pull tabs.

Saturday, 10/18
 Three River Parks and Lind-Bohanon Neighborhood Association's **6th Annual Heritage Day** event at Carl Kroening Interpretive Center, 1-5 p.m. Workhouse Theatre Company performs a new, original family interactive play at the outdoor Haybale Theatre. \$5 per person (children under 3 free) includes picnic lunch, two shows, games and activities for the whole family, and local history provided by Mississippi Courts Historical Society, Camden Historical Society and the Brooklyn Historical Society. Shuttle bus at Jenny Lind Parking lot. FFI: www.lindbohanon.org/

Choral singing: Alive and well at Parkway

By Bonnie McClain

Never say that the arts are not alive and well in North Minneapolis. Ranging from Camden Music School to the Northside Arts Collective to Parkway United Church of Christ, we've got you covered.

Parkway's chancel choir sings a wide variety of music including classical gems, music by contemporary composers, spirituals, folk-songs, beautiful hymn arrangements and major works. The choir presents three concerts a year: Christmas, Lent and a light springtime concert.

Parkway also has a bell choir, an art gallery and two concert series for the community: Matinee Musicale featuring local professional and student musicians, and Noel at Noon, an Advent lunch and concert series.

This is an exciting time at Parkway: we have an energetic new minister, an active youth program and an outstanding music program. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

If you are interested in singing in the choir or ringing in the bell choir, call Parkway UCC at 612-522-2982 and leave a message. If you're not tone deaf, want to work hard and have fun, and would like a sense of community, Parkway could be just the place for you.

A slow race on the parkway

By Randy Klauk

No, you didn't step into a time tunnel, those were 100-year-old cars driving through Camden on the hot afternoon of August 14. The 120+ mile Antique Car Run has been an annual event since 1987. The cars begin in New London, Minnesota and end at Long Lake Regional Park in New Brighton. The car run features pre-1908 vehicles or any one- or two-cylinder vehicles up to the year 1915. The cars can only go about 20 miles per hour so this becomes an all day event traveling through dozens of cities before crossing the finish line in New Brighton at their annual Stockyard Days celebration. It's not a race, more of a test of endurance. Many of the drivers wore period costumes to add to the feel of the era.

Camden residents found shade on Victory Memorial Parkway to watch as the antique cars turned east toward New Brighton; the cars followed the Broadway bridge detour since the Camden bridge was closed for repairs. Photo by Randy Klauk.



Improving health in the community by having some fun at the Family Fun Festival

The weather was wonderful and so was the turn-out, as several hundred people attended the Fremont Family Fun Festival at the Fremont Clinic on August 5. The event included prizes, games, face painting, dancing and ice cream, as 15 local organizations came together to help promote and improve the health of our communities. The Fun Festival also gave parents a chance to have their children immunized before the start of school. Fremont Clinic provides free immunizations to those who are without insurance and eligible. Photos by Buzzy Bohn.



Festival for Fathers and Families

The 20th annual Festival for Fathers and Families was held on August 14 at North Commons Park. This community celebration was planned collaboratively by over 25 Minnesota nonprofits, faith-based organizations, corporations and government agencies. Together they offered a fun-filled day of free activities for families to share time with one another. Photo by Randy Klauk.



Don't miss the Harvest Festival

Don't miss the 2nd Annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the corners of Penn and Lowry. It's a great opportunity for Northsiders to celebrate together at the end of summer.

This year enjoy music from Camden Music School, the classic car show, lots of art vendors, food, kids zone, farmers market, apple pie contest and the biggest vegetable contest. You can get all kinds of info on organizations in our area at community information tables. And food shelf donations will be gathered at the event — so bring along some canned or boxed foods.

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 starting 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 Classic Car Show is back this year — bring out your old cars and show them off — there will be trophies for the best cars. And also new this year is the Apple Pie Bake-off — so bake one and bring it over — the Camden Lions will do the judging.

Most of the festivities are available all day on each of the corners of Lowry and Penn Avenue. In between acts at the band shell festival organizers will announce contest winners. Hennepin County Commissioner Mark Stenglein is the MC for the event. The kids zone, with lots of fun activities, will be on the northeast corner of the intersection. The band shell stage will be by the Queen side of the open lot. The classic cars will be on the open lot on the northwest corner. And the neighborhood organizations and the farmers market will be in the North End Hardware parking lot.

So step out and celebrate the Northside at the Harvest Festival on September 18!

Help support 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 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 camdennews.org; click on the Paypal button (you don't need a Paypal account). And please send us your comments and suggestions.

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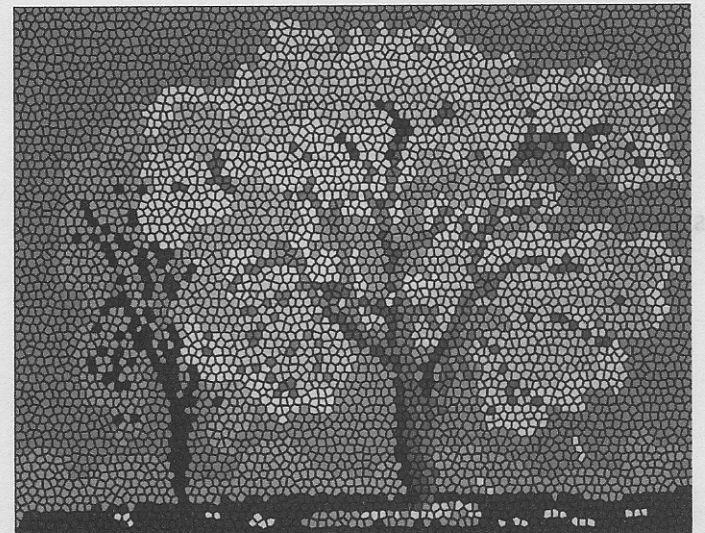
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Lowry Avenue Harvest Festival



Saturday, Sept. 18th 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
at the corners of Penn & Lowry

Music • Biggest Vegetable Contest • Car Show
Arts • Food • Kids Zone • Apple Pie Baking Contest
Farmers Market • Community Information Tables