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Webber master plan is on the table

By Sue Quist

Webber Park is getting a \$4 million dollar makeover and the timing couldn't be better. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) decided that it was too expensive to operate the current swimming facility, leaving the community "high and dry" for the 2011 summer. Add to that, the fact that the tornado destroyed 110 trees in Webber Park on May 22, that there are no lights on the soccer field, that the picnic tables are well used, but in bad shape, that the street side walkways are in disrepair, and it becomes evident that a renovation is needed and welcomed.

With the selection of Landform as the design team, the MPRB made a commitment to sensibility and to the natural environment of Webber Park. The Landform webpage states, "We strive to responsibly achieve harmony with the earth's land and resources in projects of all scales. Our SensiblyGreen® initiative is the result of a focus of energy and excitement centered in the values of resource management and environmentally sensitive design within the context of economic viability."

Landform used three "tools" to involve the community in the planning process. The first was a survey available online and in print on September 1, and was due by September 23. The second tool was the use of focus groups. Landform asked each group the same six questions which were aligned with the survey questions. The focus groups included neighborhood organizations, block clubs, partnering agencies, people who use the park for programming and Patrick Henry students. The third tool included three days of community meetings, which were structured to gather information, share and discuss ideas with community members, and begin the process of developing design concepts.

The focus groups were facilitated by Bob Schunicht and Kendra Lindahl of Landform. Schunicht, professional engineer and vice president of Landform, said they are im-

plementing a long-term visioning process that will end with a new master plan in December. As they develop the master plan they are considering the benefits of the plan for the next 20 years. He informed the participants that major changes to the topography of the park occurred when the pond and creek were realigned in 1950. Prior to that time the creek ran through the pond. Currently the pond is almost five feet above the creek. Another change occurred when the falls were put in, to accommodate Interstate 94. Schunicht said that approximately two-thirds of the funds will be needed for the aquatic portion of the plan. He presented a number of design possibilities, ranging from a sand bottom swimming pond to a traditional swimming pool. He also discussed different filtration systems, ranging from a chemically free method that utilizes natural filtration systems, to conventional chlorine methods.

Kendra Lindahl, Principal of Landform, facilitated the question portion of the focus groups. She asked people to tell about positive experiences they've had at Webber Park, what facilities or features they use the most, how they envision the park in 10 to 20 years, what kind of swimming facility they want in the park, what kinds of natural features they would like in the park, and in what ways Webber Park can best serve the community. Many aspects of the park were lifted up, including the swimming pool, the library, use of the trails for walking and biking, skating on the pond, and playing on the refurbished tennis courts, basketball court and playground. Nancy Fiske, a lifelong Camden resident, talked about the importance of the swimming pool in her life. She talked about her sister, a swimming instructor and documentary filmmaker in Australia, and noted the im-



portance of childhood experiences at Webber Pool in her sister's career choice. Joyce Lehman, parent liaison at Loring School, talked about Webber as a destination park, with enjoyable community events such as Frosty Fun and the summer movies in the park. She also mentioned the importance of the Rec Plus program for students with working parents. Bill Moore of the Camden Lions, mentioned the importance of the park building as a community gathering place and hoped we could continue to attract events to the park, such as the Northside Arts Collective's Spring Fling.

Lindahl acknowledged that the allotted \$4 million dollars will not provide for park improvements for the next 20 years, but she encouraged the focus groups to think in those terms so that the planners can consider future improvements in the design process. Many people said they would like Shingle Creek to be a more prominent feature again, with the possibility of it being developed for recreational use. Buzzy Bohn, librarian at Loring School, said she would like to see a fantastic destination library that would be open more hours and more days. Most people expressed a desire to have an aquatic facility that has an open swimming area with diving boards, laps lanes, etc., which is free or afford-

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Northside residents launch Property Crimes Court Watch

By Ashley Schweitzer

North Minneapolis residents are sending the message that property crimes are a serious problem. On Tuesday, October 11 they launched a Property Crimes Court Watch that will bring increased attention to these offenses.

Court Watches are a collaborative where community members work with law enforcement to bring the community's voice into the courtroom. This Court Watch focuses on burglaries of homes, garages and businesses with the goal of ensuring the offenders receive appropriate sentences from the courts. Using publically available information and input from community, police officers, prosecutors and probation, Court Watch pays attention to habitual burglars and people who sell stolen property, tracking their progress through the criminal system. Participants are prepared to submit impact statements that help inform and educate the court about the true costs of property crimes.

At the first meeting, Northside residents met with representatives from the Minneapolis Police Department, the Hennepin County Attorney, the Minneapolis City Attorney and neighborhood probation to learn more about how the criminal justice system handles property crimes and how civilians can make an impact.

Reporting Suspicious Activity — One of the key things

residents and businesses can do to help prevent crime is to report suspicious activity. The police can only respond to incidents when they know about them and the sooner a report comes in the better chance they have of catching the offender. This is particularly true for burglaries, since it's rare to catch a thief in the act. Apprehending an offender with stolen property may be the best chance for a positive outcome after a property crime.

Whenever you see suspicious activity, call 911. As Lieutenant Kim Lund stated, "If you see someone carrying a 47" flat screen down the alley, call 911. If you see a stranger loitering in your neighborhood, call 911. It's better to place the call and have the squads come and sort it out."

If you want to report a crime after the fact but do not need a police presence, you can call 311. This will still alert the MPD's Property Crimes unit, headed up by Lt. Lund in the 4th Precinct. Whether you call 311 or 911 you will receive a case tracking number and follow up from the MPD about the incident.

Community Impact Statements —When someone's house is broken into, it undermines the security of an entire neighborhood. Anyone who has been impacted by a crime, even indirectly, has a right to tell the court how it has affected their life. Community impact statements tell that

story, and judges review these statements.

By participating in a Court Watch, community members have opportunities to write impact statements. When offenders who are monitored by a Court Watch are charged with an offense, the police send out an electronic request for impact statements. Any submitted statements are then sent by a Crime Prevention Specialist to the prosecution, who submit them to the judge and the defense.

Tim Hammett, a Crime Prevention Specialist with the 4th Precinct, discussed the value of a community impact statement, "They illustrate the affect of the crime. Painting a picture of the true impact of a burglary can influence the judge and help us achieve appropriate outcomes during sentencing." Assistant County Attorney Gail Baez shared that prosecutors appreciate having these available in court, and may read them aloud in court to demonstrate the serious nature of these crimes. "Sometimes the community's words have more sway than anything a prosecutor could say."

Visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crimealert/signup.asp to sign up to receive crime alerts and requests for community impact statements. You can also contact Tim Hammett at 612-673-2866 or timothy.hammett@minneapolis.mn.us if you have questions.

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As the cooler weather approaches, real estate slows. The number of NEW foreclosures are dropping in Camden-which is good news. Overall there are fewer homes on market. Buyers are educated, so today's sellers must offer homes that are attractive & well priced. If you have any questions on real estate, we're your professionals! Contact us or visit www.BainHomes.com.



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The Northwest Minneapolis Business Association turns 80 years old this year and they're having a big birthday bash on Friday, November 11, 6:30 p.m. at the Riedel Farm Estate. Get together with other business owners and celebrate with light party fare, entertainment and other delights! Questions/RSVP info@nwmplsbusiness.com.

The Goddess of Glass, Lowry and Penn, is going to be on national TV on November 8. DIY's *I Hate My Kitchen* came to her studio this past spring to film her making glass tiles for a kitchen makeover. The producer found her through her website, goddessofglass.com, and invited her to make a glass tile backsplash for

a makeover for the Aherns in Edina. "I went to the site to check out the space and meet the crew for the first time. Then they came to my studio to film a segment of the episode." www.diynetwork.com/i-hate-my-kitchen/show/index.html.

Register to win a free turkey at **Chocolate City Hair Designs**, 2139 44th from November 3-19. Entries must be submitted no later than 4 p.m. November 19. The drawing is on November 21; winners will be announced by 3 p.m. Turkeys must be picked up by 2 p.m. November 22. Info: 612-521-9275. No purchase necessary. Must be at least 18 years of age; one entry per family. Chocolate City wishes everyone a happy Thanksgiving!

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After 10 years working in the banking industry Jim Thiewes decided it was time for a career change and got into the pest and lawn business. With his love of lawn maintenance and trapping moles, he figured he'd take things a step further, so he got licensed for (Commercial Pesticide Applicator) Turf and Ornamentals and Non Ag Fertilizer Applicator through the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and launched his business, **Feldjagers Pest and Lawn**, in September. Since he's a Camden resident, when hired to do lawn maintenance or pest control for other Camden residents, whether it's aerating, fertilizing, seeding, grub control or mowing a lawn, he's going to give you 110 percent service. Not like some of those big companies that charge astronomical prices and spend five minutes in your lawn. He's licensed and insured. Services include lawn maintenance, aerating, fertilizing, organic fer-

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Get some good chow and support the **Patrick Henry Boosters**. Every Monday in November is

Patrick Henry Day at **Papa's Pizza** on 42nd and Thomas (eatatpapas.com). They will donate \$1 to the Patrick Henry Boosters Club for every large pizza or tomato pie that you order. The Henry Boosters support student sports, clubs and activities at Patrick Henry.

Know of a new business or one that's offering new products or services? The Camden News loves to promote local businesses. Email the "scoop" to editor@camdenews.org.

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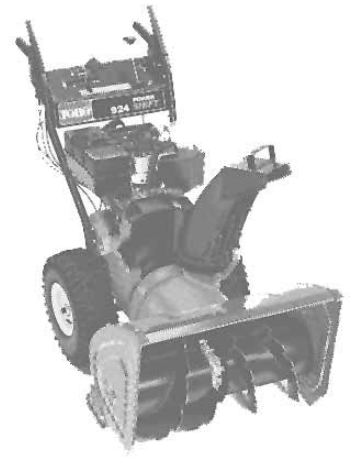
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Letters to the Editor

A big thank you

The Folwell Neighborhood Association (FNA) and Webber-Camden Neighborhood Organization (WCNO) wish to thank the Pohlad Family Foundation, volunteers from the Pohlad companies, and residents who helped on the "Beautification Project" of two blocks (3200 Newton and 4300 James) in the Folwell and Webber-Camden neighborhoods. The residents had concrete work, landscaping, painting and tree removal done by the Pohlad Family Foundation and volunteers. The residents were very excited and love the results on their blocks. Thank you.

FNA and WCNO neighborhoods

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Jumping through hoops

I recently wrote to our Councilmember Barb Johnson because I am very disheartened with the lack of support and disregard for my business, the Webber Camden Market, on 44th and James in the Webber-Camden neighborhood. I have been informed by customers and neighbors that when they contact her office and other city officials they feel they are being brushed off and not taken seriously. As citizens we are aware of the importance of small businesses and local job creation in these tough economic times. Johnson's lack of support for my small local business and the City's lack of support for something that will make the neighborhood a better place shows that neither she nor the city support a successful and viable North Minneapolis neighborhood.

I have been trying to operate a small local grocery store in a neighborhood which wishes to buy milk, bread and other necessities without having to bus or drive (a financial burden) to a large grocery chain miles away when they only need a few items. I began this mission almost four years ago and have run into road block after road block for something that should not be this hard, especially considering the City of Minneapolis Zoning Department approved the site for a convenient store. I have spent nearly \$500,000 and four years of my life jumping thru hoops trying to make this a successful venture for myself and the neighborhood.

I ran a successful business in the Lind-Bohanon Community for five years prior to purchasing my current location. I have always maintained a positive relationship with the communities in which I work and am very strict on the behavior and activities that surround my business. I do not allow questionable, disrespectful or suspicious behavior in my business or my neighbors'. I personally sweep the sidewalks surrounding my store multiple times a day. I gave ice to the football team when their ice machine broke during one of the hottest days of practice because I care about them and the neighborhood. Rather than helping the people in her own ward Johnson is hindering them with her lack of support. Neighborhood residents want this store to carry groceries and tobacco. Why are Johnson and other city officials holding us back from being successful?

I have personally contacted Johnson's office numerous times in the past two months with issues regarding my business and the problems I am having with city licensing. I have had the same experience as my neighbors—disregard and indifference. I would like to know what she is going to do to help me and the people she represents to get the grocery store we all want in the Webber-Camden neighborhood.

Kevin Aldwaik,

Camden Market owner, Webber-Camden

Dedication to a dedicated reader

By Sue Quist

Where were you on October 4, 1914? Chances are you were a twinkle in your parent's eyes, if indeed they were more than just a twinkle in their parent's eyes. October 4, 1914 is the day that Camden resident Phoebe Nosker was born. At about the time World War I came to an end, she made her first trip to Webber Park Library with her mother, and she has been a card carrying member of the library ever since. Phoebe is a lover of books, and when you meet her, you realize she is a lover of life as well. When the Friends of Webber Park Library (FWPL) was formed a couple of years ago, Phoebe became a member. She also meets monthly with her book club; a club that began in 1997 at Webber Park Library and moved to North Regional Library, when Webber Library closed for one year. The FWPL honored this near 100-year supporter, by dedicating the new "open" sign to her on October 15. With 20 people gathered to honor Phoebe, FWPL Treasurer Kate Petersen presented her with a framed likeness of the plaque that is on the back of the sign. When Kate told Phoebe that the sign was being dedicated to her, she responded in surprise, "Me?" Later she said, "I certainly was very surprised. I was waiting for a meeting to happen."



Phoebe Nosker.

Library Patron, Phoebe Nosker, the Friends of Webber Park Library respectfully dedicate this "open" sign." FWPL President Mary Martinson presented Phoebe with a book bag printed with the Henry David Thoreau quote, "Libraries will get you through times of no money, better than money will get you through times of no libraries." Considering these times, it's nice to see the new open sign turned on. Let's hope it will be turned on even more in the near future.

The FWPL have been busy this fall. In addition to the dedication, they held two events and will have a special guest at their November meeting. The Friends group hosted a book reading by local author, Faith Sullivan. Faith entertained a full house at the Warren on September 14. Kate Petersen, FWPL member and treasurer remarked, "It was really fun. Faith read humorous selections and was very entertaining." Thanks Faith!

On September 17 the Friends held their 2nd Annual Benefit Book Sale at Guilded Salvage Antiques on 44th and Lyndale Aves. During the week prior to the sale, under the direction of Mary Martinson, volunteers sorted books and set up ingenious displays throughout the Guilded Salvage Antiques. Hundreds of books were sold and patrons were able to enjoy music by Gary Anderson and Bob Meisch of the Snow Leopards. Gary's daughter, Leslie Anderson,



The Friends of the Webber Library with Phoebe in front of the Webber Library "open" sign. Photo by Randy Klauk.

demonstrated a creative way to craft works of art out of recycled books, a technique she calls Altered Books: Altered Art. Leslie is a 5th grade teacher at Fair School in Crystal. The book sale displays were creative and the book selection was endless. The proceeds from the sale will be used to provide programming at Webber Park Library.

The next FWPL meeting is on November 7, from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Webber Park community building. The Friends will host a meeting with special guest Lois Langer Thompson, the Director of Hennepin County Libraries. Thompson will talk about the Hennepin County Library system and will address questions regarding plans for the future development of the New Webber Park Library. New Friends and visitors are welcome. For info visit www.supportthclib.org/webberpark.

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able for families and children. Starla Krause hoped that picnic shelters, similar to those at the Mississippi Regional Park, would be included in the design. Dale Hulme expressed a desire for a destination skating and hockey rink, and Rep. Joe Mullery stated the importance of facilities and programs for youth.

Jennifer Ringold, manager of Community Engagement and City-wide Planning for the MPRB, facilitated a small group of Patrick Henry students, who represented the Leo's, National Honor Society, Asian Club and Drama Clubs. Students mentioned that the tennis courts, library, pool, winter skating and athletic fields were important features that they use. They talked about the possibility of creating learning laboratories in the new design, as well as improving the lighting and possibly creating some quiet garden spaces.

On September 29, Landform and the MPRB kicked off the three day design charrette in the Webber Park Multi-purpose room, with a full house of community participants. Bruce Chamberlain, MPRB Assistant Superintendent Planning Services, welcomed the participants and acknowledged that the Camden community had missed the pool this past summer. The history of the park and the results of the survey were presented by Bob Schunicht, including five themes that stood out in order of importance: The need and desire for a quality aquatic facility; the importance of the park as a community gathering place; Webber Park and its trails in connection to the Grand Rounds and Mississippi trails; the importance of safety in the park; and the importance of the natural resources, the pond and the creek. Those in attendance were then broken into six small groups and were given the task of preparing a vision and design for the future improvements at Webber Park. The groups were given maps to draw on and asked to imagine how they would like to see the park in 5, 10 or 20 years, in-

cluding features that they would like preserved and improvements that they would like to see. The groups also discussed aquatic options including a pool or swimming pond, the treatment options, and how they would prioritize the future improvements. Each group was given an opportunity to present their maps and highlight the most important features.

The Landscape and MPRB planners spent that Friday developing and designing the improvements that had been discussed the evening before. They developed multiple drawings that incorporated the community's ideas into possible plans for the improvements. The community was invited to come into the park building to watch the progress and visit with the designers.

On Saturday, the planners held an open house and presented six different design possibilities. People were given an opportunity to discuss the plans with the designers and vote for their favorite designs.

Presently the Master Plan concepts are being refined and will be presented to the community at meetings in early December. In December the plan will be finalized based on information gathered at the previous meetings and cost estimates developed through the process. The plan will be presented to the Park Commissioners for approval in January and the public will have an opportunity to address the plan at a public hearing. If the Master Plan is approved, the construction documents will be developed this winter, bids for construction will be taken and awarded in the spring, and construction will begin in the summer of 2012. The grand opening should be just in time for the 2013 swimming season.

For info/drawings about the Webber Park planning process visit <http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/default.asp?PageID=1286> or call Jennifer Ringold, Manager of Public Engagement and Citywide Planning, at 612-230-6464. You can also sign up for project updates at <http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/webber-planning>.



Help! My pet is itchy!

By Kelly Benning, DVM

Lately it seems as though almost every other pet I see is itchy. Not just itchy, but...itchy! One of the first questions asked of me is, "Why?" (What a great question!). Some pets are itchy in their ears. Some are itchy on their feet. Some from head to toes.

We had quite a warm and prolonged summer (I am not complaining!) which added to the extension of seasonal allergies for those affected. Some pets that have never exhibited pruritis (itchy skin) before came into the clinic for advice. Short of handing out antihistamines to everyone like Halloween candy, I performed skin tests, tried antibiotics, prescribed shampoos and even used steroids in some extreme cases. For the ear infection group, ear smear samples lined up in the lab waiting to identify bacteria, yeast or ear mites.

Pruritis is a skin condition that arises from chemical reactions in the skin, stimulating the nerves. This causes the brain to react by sending a signal to scratch or bite at the body. Itching stimulates inflammatory reactions in the skin, leading to a vicious cycle. The pruritis worsens as the pet scratches. Occasionally we see pets with such bad itching it has broken the skin and caused a secondary skin infection (pyoderma).

It is important to know there are several causes for pruritis. Food allergy is a common finding in dogs. Cats are less likely to have food allergies. The source of the sensitivity is usually the protein source. Ear infections are seen in about 80 percent of dogs, with food allergies with anal gland problems close behind. A food trial with a novel protein can be used to determine if a food allergy is present.

Other types of allergies (environmental, for example) are channeled into a category called atopy. It is a hypersensitivity reaction to specifics such as dust mites, trees or grass. Allergy testing is usually required to specify the cause. These patients can also have chronic anal gland problems or ear infections.

Other causes of pruritis can include endocrine diseases. Hypothyroidism, a disorder of the thyroid gland in which there is an abnormal production of thyroid hormones, causes changes in the skin and hair follicles. This in turn can lead to pruritis. There are many other signs of hypothyroidism. Although pruritis is common, it is not present in all cases. The diagnosis of hypothyroidism is made by a simple blood test.

We certainly cannot talk about pruritis without talking about parasites! Ear mites, fleas, mange and other mini-bugs make up a fair portion of the cases we see. Most of these can be solved easily with various products tailored to annihilate the nasty little buggers.

If your pet is having chronic itching symptoms, it may be prudent to see your veterinarian. A complete medical history, physical exam and possibly some diagnostic tests may be a simple solution to help your pet feel better.

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Surviving the Tornado – help is available

Damage from tornadoes isn't only about your homes and trees. Surviving a tornado can create feelings of stress, anxiety and fear as you deal with loss, clean-up and repair. Many people struggle to cope when there is a change in their life, particularly one that has such an impact on families, neighbors and the community as the tornado has had.

Survival and recovery from the tornado can be very challenging and the response or reaction can vary from individual to individual. "Post traumatic stress disorder – PTSD – is generally thought of as something that happens to people in war. But any event that is sudden and traumatic can cause people to become more anxious, angry or worried – which can be signs of PTSD," said Dr. Annice Golden, director of Behavioral Health at NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center. "The impact can be overwhelming."

Four months after a tornado ripped through North Minneapolis, tearing apart homes, unsettling dozens of families and taking two lives, Golden said she suspects the storm is still affecting the survivors. Early on, families are focused on survival and basic needs like food, shelter and clothing. The emotional impact of a disaster may not be experienced until months after the actual event. Experience of a disaster can be very traumatic for all ages including children and adolescents.

"This storm affected a community with high poverty rates, high unemployment, homelessness and violence. These issues can also lead to PTSD symptoms and negatively impact a person's overall health and well being," Golden said.

Golden and a coalition of groups, including the Northside Community Response Team, NorthPoint Health & Wellness, Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis are using a grant from the Minnesota Department of Human Services to help community members identify signs of PTSD and seek help.

If since the tornado you or someone you love is: Feeling more insecure, fearful, sad, angry or worried about the future; worried that another tornado or storm will occur; having problems being irritable, throwing temper tantrums or being agitated; clinging or being extremely anxious or immature; having increased physical symptoms such as stomachaches, headaches, loss of appetite, nightmares or sleep problems; or having problems at school, such as a drop in grades, it may be PTSD.

Golden said, "Everyone has periods of sleeplessness or worry, but when the emotions or feelings negatively impact daily functioning or cause you to avoid places or situations, then it's time to seek help."

NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center, Minneapolis Public Schools and many other community agencies have health care and supportive services that may be appropriate. Golden urges residents to at least begin talking to their close family members, friends or clergy. "Sometimes talking can provide great relief."

For assistance and referral call the Tornado Recovery Hotline at 612-787-3730 or contact your child's school. Families can call NorthPoint Behavioral Health at 612-543-2566 to get info about NorthPoint services.

Fourth Ward Report

Pension merger prevents \$20 Million in added City costs in 2012
 Minneapolis taxpayers will avoid more than \$20 million in costs in 2012, now that plans have been approved to merge the City's two remaining closed pension funds with the State's Public Employee Retirement Association (PERA) pension system. The merger is a result of years of work by City leaders, staff, and partners to reduce huge increases in pension obligations that have posed significant financial challenges for the City. This merger protects taxpayers and offers pensioners benefit increases and stability into the future. The approval of the merger helped Mayor R.T. Rybak to propose no increase in the property tax levy for 2012, when coupled with cuts to City departments. The City sought a merger at the Legislature of the Minneapolis Police Relief Association (MPRA) and the Minneapolis Fire Relief Association (MFRA) with the State's PERA system. After obtaining the legislature's approval this spring, the plan also had to be voted on by the MFRA and MPRA boards and memberships, as well as the Minneapolis City Council and the PERA Board of Trustees. With the PERA board's approval on October 13, all parties have now approved the plan. Without the merger, the City's obligations to these two funds would be \$23.1 million in 2012. With the merger, the City's pension levy obligation for these two funds is \$2.6 million, a significant decrease. We have now dealt with all of our closed pension funds including the Minneapolis Employee Relief Fund (MERF) and the Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association (MTRFA).

Venture North Bike Walk & Coffee opens in North Minneapolis
 Residents of North Minneapolis will have better access to biking and walking resources now that Venture North Bike Walk & Coffee opened on October 8. While Minneapolis has more than 20 bike shops, Venture North, at 1830 Glenwood Ave. N., is the first store of its kind in north Minneapolis.

Council Member Barbara A. Johnson
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Venture North is partially funded by the City of Minneapolis through its Communities Putting Prevention to Work grant, which is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and made possible by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The City selected Redeemer Center for Life, a nonprofit community development organization located in the Harrison neighborhood, to operate Venture North. The goal of the initiative is to improve access for affordable physical activity opportunities among north Minneapolis residents. Venture North sells high-quality bikes, helmets, locks, gear and walking-related products, as well as providing bike repair and maintenance services. Through a partnership with Minneapolis-based Dogwood Coffee Co., the store also features a comprehensive coffee and espresso bar, featuring a special Venture North blend, as well as baked goods. For more information stop in or visit <http://venturenorthbwc.org/>.

Breakfast with Barb

Please join me on: Tuesday, November 22
 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.
 Lowry Café, 2207 Lowry Ave. N.

My guest speaker will be Tom Deegan, Director, Minneapolis Housing Inspections. He will be discussing housing related issues in the 4th Ward. Come join the discussion and enjoy a great breakfast. Most breakfast items are under \$9.

4th Ward E-Newsletter

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

Tornado damaged your chimney? Make sure it's safe before winter

Northside residents whose homes have chimney damage from the May 22 tornado should take steps to make sure your chimney is safe before cold weather approaches. City inspectors have identified more than 200 properties that have chimney damage from the tornado, and the City is contacting each of those property owners to encourage them to schedule a carbon monoxide (CO) safety inspection before the winter heating season begins.

Chimney damage could put you and your family in danger of CO poisoning by preventing CO from escaping through the chimney, which means it could accumulate inside, endangering your family and pets. CO is a poisonous gas that is colorless, odorless, tasteless and non-irritating. It can, however, make you very sick or even kill you. CO exposure can make you feel as if you have the flu, with headaches, nausea, fatigue, confusion and dizziness that disappear when you breathe fresh air.

The City encourages anyone who thinks they may have chimney damage to get a CO safety inspection

before the weather gets colder. CenterPoint Energy provides CO safety inspections and responds to any customer who has a concern regarding potential CO issues. The company does not charge fees for this service. To report a suspected CO safety issue, call 1-877-477-1664 and 911 to report the incident.


To keep your family safe, homeowners should also purchase a CO detection device with an audible alarm and digital display. You should install one within 10 feet of each bedroom or other room used for sleeping. Also, remember to check your CO detector batteries and to pay attention to the expiration date on the detector. Replace the device if it's past its expiration date.

If you suspect CO exposure, take your family and pets and go outside. Then call 911. Fresh air is a good treatment for CO exposure, although severe exposure requires medical attention. Don't return to your home until the source of the problem is discovered and corrected.



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Outdoors

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Trees add to our quality of life

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

With the shorter days come the beautiful reds, yellows, oranges and golds of the trees of autumn. The trees' response to fewer hours of sunlight is to reduce the amount of water and minerals that reach the leaves and that reduces the amount of chlorophyll produced. The yellow and orange pigments, previously hidden by the green of chlorophyll, are now revealed. Unlike those pigments, the red and purple pigments are not present in the leaves during the growing season but are formed in the tree in the fall. These pigments are the function of sunlight and are the reason we see those colors first in the tops and southern parts of a tree's canopy. As the first leaves drop the remaining ones receive more sunlight and then begin to change color as well.

Trees add to our quality of life in many ways beyond the magnificent show they put on every fall. They provide shade and cool us in the summer, and reduce green house gasses by absorbing carbon dioxide. They provide fruit and nuts, and nesting places for birds. We use them for fuel and shelter (lumber). During the height of the British Empire when Britannia ruled the waves, it took 70-100 acres of oak to build one seafaring ship. Once the English had depleted the forests of their tiny island nation they looked to the woodlands of their colonies to supply their ship building industry. Another reason they were so reluctant to give up their colonies.

We are fortunate to live in a well forested urban environment. We tend to take our trees for granted until a something happens to devastate large numbers of them, like the tornado which took down nearly 3,000 trees on the Northside on May 22. The tornado was a harrowing event, but there are many reasons why trees

die in less dramatic fashion; some of which we have no control over but some are the result of human behavior.

Some trees can live for many years, such as the sequoia. The oldest known tree in America is Methuselah, a bristlecone pine which is 4,789 years old and lives in the ancient pine forest in the White Mountains of California. The oldest living tree in the world is a Norway spruce discovered in Dalarna Province, Sweden in 2004 at an altitude of 2,985 feet. Through the use of radiocarbon dating of the root system it was determined that it had been growing for 9,550 years. The large majority of trees do not live anywhere near that long, but if environmental factors don't get them, trees can and do die of old age. This occurs when the tree grows too big to bring water and nutrients to its upper growth.

But most trees die for a number of environmental reasons. Dutch Elm Disease, Oak Wilt or Verticillium can spread to epidemic proportions and kill many trees before we know it and can do anything to control them. Pests such as rabbits or deer can attack individual trees, chewing the bark, girdling the base and killing the plant. Insect pests kill many trees each year; the most notable recently is the Emerald Ash Borer which is attacking our ash trees. Gypsy moths can completely defoliate a tree, which if it is unhealthy or unduly stressed, can kill a tree. Japanese beetles, which were prolific this summer, can feed on linden, apple, birch, maple and walnut trees. Healthy trees can survive the defoliation but unhealthy ones may die. One thing that all of these insect pests have in common is that they are non-native insects which have no natural predators here. They were

transported here unintentionally and so to a certain extent the damage that they cause is a result of human activities.

Some trees die because they are non-native trees that cannot adapt to either the soil or the climate. Our climate can be very hard on trees and the winters can cause root injury. The majority of a tree's roots is in the top 12 inches of soil and extends beyond the drip line; temperatures of 0-10 degrees can kill tree roots. Fortunately the soil cools down slower than the air, and snow is a natural insulator which protects most trees in Minnesota. Also moist soil cools slower than dry soil, so we need to keep watering our trees throughout the fall; which brings us to another environmental factor which can cause trees to die—drought.

There are other factors which can harm or kill trees, some of which we can have some control over. Correct planting of a tree can affect its viability; planting too deep can result in stem girdling roots which can choke off the water and nutrients as the tree grows. A tree that is thriving and growing for a few years may suddenly die. Construction near a tree can destroy much of its root system, which, as noted, is in the top foot of soil and extends beyond the drip line. Losing a large part of its root system means the tree does not have the ability to transport enough food and water to support its entire canopy resulting in the decline of the tree. Also chemicals can have an adverse effect on trees, the most notable being de-icers. Direct contact of de-icers can cause bud death and twig die-back. Indirect contact through build-up in the soil damages roots so they are unable to take up water.

As we learned from recent events, we can no longer take our trees for granted. There are plenty of environmental factors that can stress or destroy our trees, but there is also much we can do to help our trees thrive!

Those that stay – winter animals

By Carol McElroy, Interpretive Naturalist,
Kroening Interpretive Center

It has been a bit quiet lately. The flurry of activity has died down. Squirrels stopped scurrying, birds stopped chirping, chipmunks stopped rustling. Many songbirds have reached their southern ranges by now. Groundhogs and turtles have snuggled into hibernation, and raccoons have fattened up and settled into an extended sleep.

Life in winter is tough. So why do these animals stay? Animals that remain active in Minnesota are able to find shelter and food during the winter months. Mice survive on seeds; deer and rabbits eat twigs, buds and berries. Predators that eat other animals also stay in Minnesota. The food chain is evident as foxes eat rabbits, owls eat mice, and (further north) wolves eat deer.

These animals have also developed adaptations for survival in austere conditions. Squirrels, highly territorial by nature, compete for holes in trees to take cover from winter's wind. Younger squirrels and those who cannot find tree holes build strong leaf nests, constructing them by weaving



Silver Girl Scout troop 11356 constructed this bird feeding station at Kroening Interpretive Center. Putting final touches on the feeders are Chloe Olsen, Randi Guimont and Claudia Peterson.

stems and leaves together to create a wind-resistant shelter. Chipmunks and beavers stash food in caches and feed from these stores throughout the winter. Deer grow a longer winter coat. Their fur has hollow hairs that trap warm air.

Birds that remain in northern climates must find food daily to support their high metabolism and to generate enough energy to keep warm. In order to conserve energy, birds will huddle together, using collective body heat to keep warm. Some birds even grow a more dense cover of feathers. Birds will also use tiny muscles to puff out their feathers, creating air space to trap warm air. In addition to efforts to keep warm, songbirds need to remain alert to dodge predators like a hungry Cooper's hawk, also a winter resident.

Most winter birds eat seeds, which stay on the ground all winter. Woodpeckers peck into trees to feast on insect larvae and hibernating insects. Although adapted to winter life, birds heartily respond to our efforts to help them out. Backyard bird feeding stations often encourage birds to stay in the area and attract others that may normally venture south. There have been reports of robins and bluebirds remaining in Minnesota because people provide food for them.

Stop by Kroening Interpretive Center to brighten up those drab November days. Sit by the window and watch winter birds at our new bird feeding station constructed by Girl Scouts out of household materials. Get ideas on how to discourage squirrels as you enjoy observing their acrobatic attempts at raiding feeders.

Come by on Sundays anytime between 1-3 p.m. for Free Family Fundays. A naturalist can answer your questions on winter animals while you do activities with your children. Learn about mammals on Nov. 6, mice and moles on Nov 13, turkeys on Nov. 26, and deer on Nov. 27. You can also learn to tie knots on Nov. 20.

Explore other topics by attending any of the following programs: Astronomy Under the Night Sky, Wed., Nov. 16, 6:30-9 p.m., age 16+; Scatology 101, Sat., Nov. 12, 1-3 p.m., age 4+; and The Ancient Art of Making String, Sat., Nov. 19, 1-3 p.m., age 8+. These programs cost \$5 and require reservations. For info call 763-694-7693. You can also visit us on Facebook at Three Rivers Park District-Kroening Interpretive Center.

Getting phished

By John Bispala

I received a telephone call the other day while doing some personal accounting on my computer. The caller announced that my computer was sending "many error messages to Microsoft..." Though I had seen Microsoft error messages before, I hadn't seen any lately or for quite a while. Microsoft always asks my permission to forward each error report to them, and I can click "yes" or "no." The caller gave his name, or some name, from "V2 Services," and said that he worked with Microsoft. "Both of your computers are sending many errors to Microsoft," he continued. "Can you get to your computer? I will guide you through some steps to correct the errors."

First of all, note that he called me on the telephone, a "land line." How could he know if I had a computer turned on at all? How could he know if I have any more than one computer? He could give me, and he did, many rationalizations and myths about detecting my operation of a computer remotely, though not on premise here with me, certainly not even within a hundred feet. For example, "All your computers are connected to the same router, and they don't all need to be turned on for the spyware to be damaging them. Your computer may soon crash!" Since I was too busy, he gave me a telephone number to call him back—another scheme for me to rack up a huge phone bill! These myths are based on the old "half-truth" fallacy and scare tactics that could frighten any ordinary person who uses a computer for applications like word processing but who is not technically knowledgeable.

If you "go into your computer" under such unsolicited guidance as he offers, you might be just taking him on a free "phishing" tour of your own computer. "Phishing" is the Internet form of "fishing." He wants personal information from your computer such as your credit card or social security numbers. Who knows, he might even plant one of his "V2's" into your computer (a virus) and it may go off after he hangs up his off-shore telephone and cause you more data loss and damage? Just say "no thanks." Better yet, just hang up.

Court Watch *continued from page 1*

Next Steps — The next Property Crimes Court Watch is Tuesday, November 8 at 6:30 p.m. at North Regional Library, 1315 Lowry Ave. N. At this meeting, attendees will be updated on current Court Watch offenders, including any new arrests, court dates or sentences.

Each meeting also includes education about the criminal justice process. At the November meeting prosecutors from the Hennepin County Attorney's Office will explain the legal process, focusing on property crimes and how Court Watch can help achieve appropriate outcomes. Future meetings may include information on Drug Court, the Mental Health Court, the Juvenile Justice Process and other requested topics.



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Community meetings are back inside

After a long, hot summer of crazy weather we are back to having our meetings inside. Come on down to the Community Meeting and discuss general neighborhood topics, or come to the Crime and Safety Meeting and work with fellow neighbors and the police to resolve criminal and livability issues that affect you. Meeting times and dates are below, we hope to see you there.

Know a senior who needs help with raking, shoveling or other chores?

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

Want to buy a house to live in? The McKinley Home Ownership Forgivable Loan Program is available

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

Does your home need work?

Check out a McKinley Home Improvement Loan
The McKinley Community has a great home improvement loan that is managed by Center for Energy and the Environment and carries an interest rate of only 3%! The application process is easy and loan amounts can be between \$2000 and \$15,000. Call 612-276-1541 for details.

McKinley Calendar of Events

McKinley Community Meeting

Monday, November 7, 7 pm, Center for Families, 3333 N. 4th St.

McKinley Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, November 21, 6:30 pm, Center for Families, 3333 N. 4th St.

Crime/Safety Meeting Monday, November 28, 6:30 pm, Center for Families, 3333 N. 4th St.

McKinley Community Meeting

Monday, December 5, 7 pm, corner of Aldrich and 35th Avenues

Celebrating a much needed asset



With a U of M Empowerment Grant (which focused on empowering citizens with disabilities), the Lind Bohanon Neighborhood Association (LBNA) recently held a bench ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the hard work and success of residents at Kingsley Commons. LBNA, in partnership with Kingsley Commons and Shingle Creek Commons, worked with MPRB Commissioner Jon Olson, Creekview Park's Jason Green, Common Bond's Tim Crumley, Kingsley Commons' Jenifer Scherer and Ella Magstad, to help residents with disabilities identify issues and concerns in the community and empower them to address them. One of the top issues identified by Kingsley Commons' residents was having a bench on the southside of Humboldt so residents waiting for the long trains could have a comfortable place to rest. Thanks go to the many folks who worked hard at getting this asset for the community.



Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association

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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 Neighborhood Board Meeting
November 8, 6:30 p.m. at Creekview Park
5001 Humboldt Ave. N.

6th Annual Art & Craft Sale Nov. 5-6 at The Warren

Greyhound Pets of America-MN will be having its 6th Annual Art & Craft Sale at The Warren – An Artist Habitat – at 4400 Osseo Road in North Minneapolis on November 5 and 6 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. All of the artwork has been donated by our members and friends, with all of the proceeds going to GPA-MN for the purpose of finding forever homes for the many retired racing greyhounds. For more information contact GPA-MN.org.

Have a passion for the environment?

SCNA's seeking volunteer help for Shingle Creek Clean-up 2011/12

The volunteer board of the Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association is seeking one or two volunteers who would be willing to work to coordinate Shingle Creek Cleanup efforts. Contact us at mpis.scna@gmail.com to find out how to begin!

Keep your home energy costs down this winter—winterize your home this fall!

Need to put in a new furnace or windows to help improve your property? Roofs, bathrooms and many more projects qualify using the SCNA Home Improvement Loan Program! Attractive rates! SCNA homeowners are eligible for low or no interest rates for home improvement loans. The minimum loan is \$1,000. FFI: Call Brenda Yaritz at 612-335-5891, 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!



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All the News from Victory Neighborhood

ViNA seats new board and elects officers

Victory Neighborhood Association held its Annual Meeting on Wednesday September 28 at The Warren. After the presentation of the annual report, board elections were held which resulted in the re-election of Kris Brogan and the election of four **new** board members: Duane Atter, David Dexheimer, Kristopher Ehlert and David Younk. At their October 5 board meeting the ViNA Board elected officers for the next year. Elected Chairperson was Diane Spector, Vice Chairperson David Dexheimer, Treasurer Ann Kaari and Secretary Kris Brogan.

We welcome Duane, David D., Kristopher and David Y. to the board and look forward to an exciting and dynamic year ahead. Many thanks to our departing board members, Gary Mortensen and Paul Schulz, who are leaving due to job and family obligations. We thank them for the ideas and energy they brought to the organization and are happy that they will continue to work for us on committees.

NRP Funds reallocated to neighborhood priorities

In the spring of this year the City Council re-

leased \$2.68M of the NRP funds that they had frozen last December back to the neighborhoods. As a result, approximately \$45K of Victory's Phase II allocation was made available to implement additional parts of their strategic plan. Because 34 percent of the plan remains unfunded, the Board of Directors engaged residents in discussion and surveys to find out what their priorities were for the \$45K.

The priorities that were identified, through this community engagement, were Community Events, Youth Activities and Business Node Improvements. At the annual meeting, the Board of Directors recommended and the membership approved the allocation of:

- \$10,000 for Events,
- \$10,000 for Youth Activities
- \$25,000 for Business Node Improvements

No ViNA meeting in November

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday there will be **no** ViNA neighborhood meeting in November. The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 14 at 7 p.m. at the Warren, 4400 Osseo Road. This will be our annual holiday treat potluck, so this is one meeting you won't want to miss!

The Lind Bohanon Neighborhood Association



Message Line: 612-588-7641 • email: LindBohanonNA@aol.com • www.lindbohanon.org
LBNA Meetings: Free and open to the public. Residents are encouraged to attend.

Meetings held at Shingle Creek Commons Bldg, 4600 Humboldt Ave N. unless otherwise specified
Any requests for special accommodations are welcome. Contact LBNA staff seven days prior to date of meeting.
For more details on any of these items check the LBNA newsletter and website.

Thurs., Nov. 3, LBNA Board Meeting 7 p.m.

6th Annual Art & Craft Sale Nov. 5-6 at The Warren

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Toys for Tots registration deadline Nov. 26 Be watching the Lind Bohanon newsletter and website for more details.

Consider adopting LBNA as your designated nonprofit

The Lind-Bohanon Neighborhood Association is a 501c3 nonprofit organization established in 1997. Our mission is to protect and promote neighborhood interests and the health, safety and general welfare of the residents within LBNA's geographic jurisdiction in a non-partisan, educational and cooperative manner. Our

programming and improvement work involves planning and implementing various programs, activities, and events to help improve our community. As this year draws to a close we hope you'll consider adopting LBNA this year as your designated nonprofit. The funds you donate will stay locally and will help continue the valuable work of LBNA to improve our community. Thank you! To donate today go to www.lindbohanon.org

Is your home ready for winter? 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 info contact Brenda Yaritz, Center for Energy and Environment, 612-335-5891. For loan details and application go to: www.lindbohanon.org.

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. David Brown-Chair, Folwell Neighborhood Association.



FNA Annual Meeting on Monday, November 7, 6:30 p.m., Folwell Park: Learn about what's been happening in Folwell neighborhood when the Annual Report is presented. After the Annual Report, the FNA Board Election is held. Board positions that expire this year that are 2-year terms: Chair, 1st Vice Chair and one At Large position. There is one At Large position for a 1-year term. There are incumbents interested in filling some of these positions. At the Annual Meeting, if you wish to vote on neighborhood decisions, you must be a Folwell resident, property or business owner or the employee of a business located in Folwell. Info: 612-521-2100.

Senior Leaf Rake: Begins Saturday, November 5, and lasts until all the registered yards are raked. Leaves will be raked for Folwell senior homeowners and homeowners with disabilities. Leaves are raked, bagged (bags provided) and put at the alley line for pick up. You don't need to be home while your leaves are being raked. Call 612-521-2100 to register for this free service.

4th Precinct Court Watch: The first Court Watch Community Meeting was held October 11. Attendees learned how the criminal justice system handles property crimes and how people can make an impact, for example: writing impact statements. The next meetings is Tuesday, November 8, 6:30 p.m. at North Regional Library. There will be updates on current

Court Watch offenders, court dates and sentences.

Venture North Bike Walk & Coffee opened in North Minneapolis: Residents of North Minneapolis will have better access to biking and walking resources. Venture North, 1830 Glenwood Avenue North, is the first store of its kind in North Minneapolis. Venture North sells high quality bike and walking related products, plus bike repair and maintenance services and coffee shop with baked goods. Community members may take classes on bike maintenance, safety and healthy living and may join biking clubs. Also provided is an employment and training program for North Minneapolis youth, including a leadership program for young adults.

Camden Lions Spaghetti Dinner: Wednesday, November 9, 3820 Emerson Avenue North (Sojourner Truth Academy), from 6-8 p.m. Spaghetti dinner is prepared by Papa's Restaurant and Deli. Spaghetti is served with meat or meatless sauces, garden salad and garlic bread, plus a dessert and beverage. Cost is \$7 and a family of five for \$25.

Is the tornado still causing you or someone you know stress or anxiety? There's help. For assistance and referral, call the Tornado Recovery Hotline, 612-787-3730. Families can call NorthPoint Behavioral Health at 612-543-2566 for information about NorthPoint services or appointment.

Community History

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Behind the Victory Flagpole – The Mississippi Courts

By Barbara Meyer Bistodeau

I received a wonderful new book, *The Mississippi Courts and the Communities Surrounding Them 1949-2009*, for my birthday. It was put out by the Mississippi Courts Historical Society and tells all about the history and mystery of the Mississippi Courts in Camden, how it came to exist and what it was like to live there. There are many tales told by former residents and the book is loaded with pictures. Not only that, but it really captures the spirit of the area before Interstate 94 wiped out the commercial section of Camden. Other stories are about buildings and businesses which were close to the Courts, maps, etc.

Truthfully, I had heard the name “Mississippi Courts” bandied around a bit, but had no idea of what they were. Someone told me it was housing down by the Mississippi River. That’s all I knew. The only housing I had known about was the gypsy settlement in the 1920s and ‘30s which were boxy looking trailers and shacks down by the river, a short way from the Camden Bridge. I was shown them by my mother on one of our excursions to Blomquist’s Market to get groceries. She asked my sister and me if we’d like to see the gypsy camp and we said “yes.”

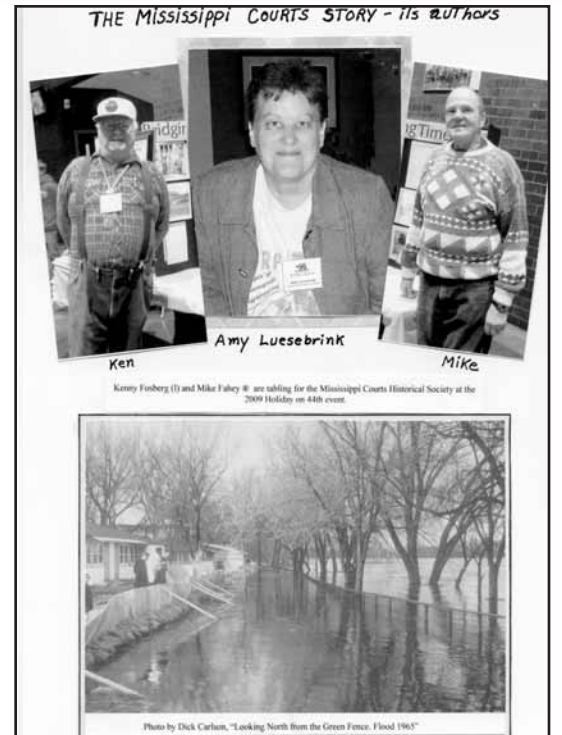
So down to the river we went, and there were all those makeshift homes and trailers. There were clotheslines all over with brightly colored clothes flapping in the breeze. There were barely dressed children bounding about. People stared at us as we stared at them. It was uncomfortable so we left without dilly-dallying around! That was the only time I saw that settlement.

Now I know the rest of the story: After WWII there were

thousands of veterans returning from Europe and had no place to live. Mayor Hubert H. Humphrey appealed to the people of Minneapolis to rent out their empty rooms and open up their homes to the war veterans. This did not bring in enough empty rooms, so in 1945 Mayor Humphrey set up a fund to bring in 200 house trailers from Hastings. The next step was in 1946, when the federal government deeded 350 temporary housing units to Minneapolis. Then in 1948 the Mississippi Courts ended up as a 100-unit housing project on the banks of the Mississippi River, between 49th and 52nd Avenues N. It consisted of 25 side-by-side fourplexes, each with a common basement. They continued to provide homes for thousands of people until being torn down in the mid 1980s.

That is how the “Courts” progressed, but you should get a copy of the book to find out all the particulars. The first part of the book contains all the interesting stories of the people who had lived there and then comes a section of plat maps of the area. Following that are pictures and information on Northside schools and churches, then Camden parks and Camden businesses. There are excellent pictures of how the town used to look in its hey-day. If you were ever curious about the old Hopewell Hospital, the workhouse or any of the Camden banks, you will find great pictures and information about them all.

Toward the end of the book is a walking tour of the old courts location conducted by Dick Carlson in 2004. He leads you step by step from the road leading in to the Mississippi Courts, past the landmarks known as the Swamp,



the Green Lake, the Woods, Devil’s Doorway, Baseball Field and Skating Rink, the Rec, Tree Stump, the Calvert, Giant Cottonwood Tree, the Big Island, Playground Area, the Green Fence, the River and locations of addresses of the Court’s housing.

This book is so thorough that it is hard to fathom that a second book on the same subject could ever be in the works!

Note: The three people who worked so diligently for five years to bring this book to life are Amy Luesebrink, Mike Fahey and Kenny Fosberg of the Mississippi Courts Historical Society. Assisting them was an “army” of people who had lived at or had knowledge of the Courts. The book is \$24.95; for a copy go to mississippicourts.org, or contact info@mississippicourts.org or 612-788-1418.

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Patrick Henry’s Leos In Action Poinsettia Sale Fundraiser

Leos In Actions is a club for students interested in volunteerism and community service at Patrick Henry High School and within the Camden Community.



They’re holding a fundraiser to raise money to help others in need and fund their community service projects.

The sale will be held until November 18.

The poinsettias will be available for pickup at Patrick Henry High School on Monday, December 5 at 3 p.m.

If you have any questions or want to order poinsettias contact Rosa Costain at 612-668-1970 or rosa.costain@mpls.k12.mn.us.

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Join us at the WCNO Annual Meeting (Elections and Annual Report) on Thursday, November 3, 6:30 p.m., at Webber Park: Board positions that expire this year: 2-year terms: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and one At Large position. Board positions that expire this year: 1-year term: Vice-Chair and three (3) At Large positions. There are incumbents interested in filling some of these positions. At the Annual Meeting, if you wish to vote on neighborhood decisions, you must be a Webber-Camden resident, property or business owner or the employee of a business located in Webber-Camden. Info: 612-521-2100.

Senior Leaf Rake – Begins Saturday, November 5 and lasts until all leaves are raked. Leaves will be raked for Webber-Camden senior homeowners and homeowners with disabilities. Leaves are raked, bagged (bags provided) and put at the alley line for pick up. You don’t need to be home while your leaves are being raked. Call 612-521-2100 to register. This is a free service.

Camden Lions Spaghetti Dinner: Wednesday, November 9, 3820 Emerson Avenue North (Sojourner Truth Academy), from 6-8 p.m. Spaghetti dinner is prepared by Papa’s Restaurant and Deli. Spaghetti served with meat or meatless sauces, garden salad and garlic bread, plus a dessert and beverage. Cost is \$7 and a family of five for \$25.

Venture North Bike Walk & Coffee Opened in

North Minneapolis: Residents of North Minneapolis will have better access to biking and walking resources. Venture North, 1830 Glenwood Avenue North, is the first store of its kind in North Minneapolis. Venture North sells high quality bike and walking related products, plus bike repair and maintenance services and coffee shop with baked goods. Community members may take classes on bike maintenance, safety and healthy living and may join biking clubs. Also provided is an employment and training program for North Minneapolis youth, including a leadership program for young adults.

4th Precinct Court Watch: The first Court Watch Community Meeting was held October 11. Attendees learned how the criminal justice system handles property crimes and how people can make an impact; for example: writing impact statements. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 8, 6:30 p.m. at North Regional Library. There will be updates on current Court Watch offenders, court dates and sentences.

Webber Park Master Plan: Community meetings and open houses were held seeking the community input to create vision for the park’s future. The next meeting will be held at Webber Park in November; the date is yet to be determined.

Frosty Family Fun: Friday, January 20, from 5-8 p.m. There will be lots of indoor and outdoor activities. Watch for more information soon.

CLEVELAND Neighborhood Association

CNA Cleveland Neighborhood Association

P.O. Box 11635 • Minneapolis, MN 55411
CNA Office is located at Lucy Craft Laney at Cleveland Park School
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cna@clevelandneighborhood.org • website: <http://www.clevelandneighborhood.org>

Volunteers – CNA needs you!

Volunteers are what make CNA happen. Its volunteers that serve on the board of directors, on committees and as block leaders, put on Live on the Drive, Harvest Festival and block parties, produce the CNA newsletter, work to improve the neighborhood housing, attract new businesses, and work with the City and Park Board to maintain the assets of the neighborhood. We thank the many volunteers who have stepped up over the years, for without you CNA would not be! New volunteers are always needed and welcomed if we are to continue to work for the improvement of the neighborhood. Contact CNA and offer a few hours to help with the improvement of your neighborhood.

Thank you Board Members

Thank you to two departing board members, John Helgeland and Trevor Tungseth, for their service on the CNA Board of Directors. Trevor is stepping down at the end of his term having served as the Board Vice Chair this last year. He will continue as an active member of the Com-

community Development committee as he has for the past two years. John has reached his term limits after serving eight years on the board, more than half of them as Chair. John will continue to serve as the chair of the Community Development Committee and interim chair of the Crime and Safety Committee, as well as the webmaster for the CNA website. Thank you Trevor and John for your past and continuing service to the Cleveland Neighborhood Association.

Give To the Max Day - Wednesday, November 16

Together we have the power to help raise millions of dollars for thousands of nonprofits. Choose to donate to the Cleveland Neighborhood Association and you can help us win additional dollars. Nonprofit organizations that receive the most dollars on Give to the Max Day will compete for prize grants of \$5000, \$10,000, and \$15,000. In addition, each hour one donor will be chosen at random to have an additional \$1000 added to their donation! On November 16, go online to www.givemn.org. And Give to the Max!

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.

November

Arts

Ongoing Mondays - The North-side Arts Collective board of directors meets on the first Monday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. Email info@nacarts.org for location.

Ongoing Mondays - Artist Roundtable meets monthly on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. Email info@nacarts.org or visit www.nacarts.org for location.

Ongoing - Camden Music School winter term registration begins Nov. 14. If you're a beginner or took lessons when you were younger, quit and wish you hadn't, or you're an accomplished musician, or someone who needs to sharpen up your chops, you are welcome at CMS. Winter term runs Jan. 9-Mar. 17. Scholarships and family discounts available. Scholarship applications due by 5 p.m., Jan. 3. CMS offers vocal and instrumental lessons, Musikgarten early childhood music classes (newborn to age 8), ensembles, music theory, songwriting and more! Classes at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 3751 Sheridan N. and Grace Center for Community Life, 1500 6th St. NE. Info: 612-618-0219 or www.camdenmusicschool.com.

Saturday, 11/5 - The Goddess of Glass Studio & Classroom Open House, 3243 Girard, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The Goddess is expanding the classes she offers and inviting other artists to teach classes. Check out the redesigned studio and classroom space, and sign up for classes! Info: 612-327-0283.

Thursday, 11/10 - Northside Arts Collective's Annual Meeting & Gala! Come see what all the excitement is about. Photography @ The Center 2400 N. 2nd St. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Program at 7 p.m. Guest Speaker: Gülgün Kayim, Director of Arts & Culture for the City of Minneapolis. Board Election. Light supper fare, beverages, live music, silent auction, facility tours. Bring promos for a sharing table. Free with NAC membership; \$10 for non-members. RSVP at connect@nacarts.org.

Church Events

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

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

Friday, Saturday, 11/4-5 - North United Methodist Church Annual Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale, 44th and Fremont. Opens with special preview on Fri. 6-8 p.m.; cost \$1, coffee and cookies included. Sloppy Joes available for purchase. Bazaar continues Sat. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Lunch available. Bake goods and lefse available both days. Raffle includes a full-size appliqued quilt, Christmas thimble quilt with runner and pillows, baby set with bag and crib quilt, and Viking/Gopher sport set. Tickets \$1 or 6/\$5. Church is handicapped accessible.

Saturday, 11/5 - Luther Memorial Church Annual Bazaar, 3751

Sheridan, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Hand-made crafts, raffle, granny's attic, men's station, bakery items and Coffee Stuga. Come one, come all.

Saturday, 11/5 - Hope Lutheran Church Annual Bazaar, 5200 Emerson, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Items for sale include hand-made crafts, quilts, baked goods, wooden plant stands and more. Coffee and cookies available. Light lunch starts at 11 a.m. Quilt drawing at 1 p.m. Info: 763-561-4821.

Saturday, 11/5 - St Olaf's Bazaar, bake sale, grandma's attic and lunch. St. Olaf Residence, 2912 Fremont, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch served 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Parking entrance on Emerson. The funds raised by the St. Olaf Retirement Communities Auxiliary are used to purchase equipment used by the residents.

Saturday, 11/12 - Saint Paul Vocal Forum presents *Sing Me to Heaven: Love Songs and a Requiem*. Inspired by the tenth anniversary of 9/11. How do we express the inexpressible? Through the power of music we can experience the pure joy of love, or the healing of a deep and sorrowful loss. Program has 10 sublime works that touch on love, grief, loss and hopefulness. Salem Lutheran Church, 7 p.m. Free admission, contributions accepted. Donations of non-perishable food items for local food shelves will be collected; for the benefit of Northsiders affected by the May tornado, food shelf contributions will be directed to Sanctuary Covenant Church. Info: 612-618-0219 or www.spvf.org.

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 - Proposed 2012 Mpls. public parks budget. The proposed budget is available at www.minneapolisparcs.org or 612-230-6400. The public may comment on the proposed budget: Nov. 9, Public Comment Session - Administration and Finance Committee meeting, MPRB Headquarters, 2117 West River Rd.. Committee meeting follows the Board's regular meeting at 5 p.m.; Nov. 22, Public Comment Session - Regular Board meeting, MPRB Headquarters, 2117 West River Road, at 5 p.m.; or Dec. 14, Public Hearing - City of Minneapolis public hearing on City levy and 2012 Budget, City Hall, Council Chambers Room 317, 350 South 5th St. at 6 p.m.

Ongoing - Theodore Wirth Regional Park Community Design Event: Nov. 2, 3, 5 and 8. Minneapolis Park and Rec multi-day event brings together the Theodore Wirth Park Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC), community and a professional design team to create potential concepts for the park. For times, locations call 612-230-6464.

Ongoing - Hennepin County Public Health low-cost immunizations for people who don't have health insurance or their insurance doesn't cover immunizations. Walk-in clinics, no appointments needed. Hennepin County's Brookdale Service Center, 6125 Shingle Creek Road, Nov. 22, 9-11 a.m. Hennepin Health Services Building, 525 Portland Ave. S., Nov. 4, 8:30-11 a.m. Info: 612-348-2884 or www.hennepin.us/vaccines. Donations requested but not required.

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

Ongoing Tuesdays - 4PAC Meetings keep you connected. 4th Precinct Advisory Council Meetings, 6:30 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 caroltagago@comcast.net. For general info visit www.4PAC.org.

Saturday, 11/5 - Help support Loring School 5th grade students earn money for their environmental camp experience by donating or attending their first **garage sale**. Loring is accepting donations of clothing, books, furniture, appliances and household items Nov. 1-4 from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Garage sale is Nov. 5, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in the Loring gym.

Saturday, Sunday, 11/5-6 - Greyhound Pets of America-MN 6th Annual Art and Craft Sale at The Warren, 4400 Osseo Road, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. All artwork donated by members and friends, with all the proceeds going to GPA-MN to find homes for retired racing greyhounds. Info: GPA-MN.org.

Wednesday, 11/9 - Camden Lions Spaghetti Dinner at Sojourner Truth Academy, 3820 Emerson, 6-8 p.m. Spaghetti dinner prepared by Papa's Restaurant & Deli. Spaghetti served with meat or meatless sauces, garden salad and garlic bread, plus dessert and beverage. Cost is \$7 and a family of five for \$25.

Saturday, 11/5 - Gentle Touch Animal Sanctuary's Soup/Salad Supper, Silent Auction & More. Brunswick United Methodist Church, 6122 42nd Av. N., Crystal, 5-7 p.m. \$10 for adults, \$4 for children 4-11, under 4 free. Variety of soups and salads, along with bread and dessert served. Proceeds help cover the costs for animal care, including food, litter, spay/neuter surgeries, medicine, vaccines and necessary medical treatments. Gentle Touch is a nonprofit, 4900 France Av. N., Brooklyn Center. Since 2001 over 5500 cats/kittens/puppies/dogs have been rescued and adopted into permanent homes. Info: 763-537-5599.

Libraries

Ongoing - Events at Webber Library, 4310 Webber Pkwy. Free programs for children, teens and adults. www.hclib.org 612-543-6750

World Language Storytime: Hmong, Sat., Nov. 5-19, 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 Assistance, Thurs., Nov. 10, 1-3 p.m. Are you seeking new employment or re-entering the workforce? Do you need help looking for a job, filling out applications or writing your résumé? Stop in for free one-to-one assistance with a job search representative.

Ongoing - Events at North regional Library, 1315 Lowry. Free programs for children, teens and adults. www.hclib.org 612-543-8450.

Discovery Days, Tues., Wed. and Thurs., 3-5 p.m. Preschool-grade 5. Check out the Discovery Room where you'll have minds-on, hands-on fun, with new themed activities each week.

International Teen Club, Tues., Nov. 1-29, 5-7 p.m. Grades 6-12. Explore your personality, improve lead-

ership skills and increase community involvement. Learn something new and build friendships. "Hmonglish" is spoken during meetings!

Toddler Storytime, Wed., Nov. 2-30 (except Nov. 23), 10:30 a.m. For children ages 2 and 3. Interact with your toddler to nurture a love of books. Learn letters, sounds, and new words. Be active with music and movement.

Game On! Gaming Thursdays, Nov. 3-17, 5-7 p.m. Grades 6-12. Play PS2 or Wii games at the library! Grab a friend, bring your favorite board or card game, or play ours!

Preschool Storytime, Fri., Nov. 4-18, 10:30 a.m. For children ages 4 to 6. Help your preschooler get ready to read. Enjoy stories together and build language skills. 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.

Chess Club, Sat., Nov. 5-26, noon-2 p.m. Grades 6-12. Chess it out! Have fun learning the basics of chess, improving your game, mastering strategies and meeting other chess fans. Walk-ins welcome.

World Language Storytime: Hmong, Sun., Nov. 6-20, 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.

World of Work Orientation for Ex-Offenders, Tues., Nov. 8 and 22, 4-6 p.m. Drop-in service 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 Northside Economic Opportunity Network, Wed., Nov. 16, 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.

Microsoft Excel: Basics, Fri., Nov. 18, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn the basics of working with an Excel spreadsheet: navigation, entering data and using formulas.

Parks

Ongoing, 10/28, 29 and 31 - 10th annual Camden Haunted House will scare you as you enter the house of horror, tricks and scares. Food available for purchase. Creekview Rec Center, 5001 Humboldt, 612-370-4965. Oct. 28 and 29, 7-9:30 p.m. and Oct. 31, 6-8:30 p.m. \$5 for ages 6 and up, \$3 for ages 5 and under.

Monday, 10/31 - Halloween at Folwell Park, Dowling and Humboldt, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Come for a spooktacular night of cookie decorating, treats, and a few tricks. All activities indoors; trick or treating and

games. Free. 612-370-4917.

Ongoing - RecPlus+ Childcare School Release Days at Webber Recreation Center. If you are in need of childcare, RecPlus+ childcare is the perfect option! You may sign up at Webber Recreation Center 30 days prior to the release day. To sign up for Release Days, stop in at Webber Recreation Center to fill out an enrollment packet. The annual registration fee is \$20. Daily fee is \$32 plus the costs for field trips.

Sunday, 10/30 - Free Family Fun Day: Trick or Treat Animals, 1-3 p.m., ongoing, Kroening Interpretive Center in North Mississippi Regional Park. Trick-or-Treat from station to station while learning about some masked animals that live in the park. Feel free to come in costume. Free. Ages: All.

Saturday, 11/5 - Nature's Chemistry: Poison and Pigments, 1-3 p.m., Kroening Interpretive Center. Explore chemistry in nature. Conduct experiments to discover why plants use poisons and pigments to survive and how animals cope to find their food. Make a bookmark using plant pigments. \$5. Ages: 6+. Reservations required by Nov. 2, call 763/559-6700.

Ongoing - Cross-Country Skiing. Don't run from the snow, embrace it! Join one of the Nordic Ski Foundation's cross-country adult ski clubs and get expert Nordic ski instruction all winter long. Recreational, free-style and classical groups are offered for beginning to advanced skiers. Groups meet weekly in Theodore Wirth Park starting Nov. 7, Nov. 29 and Dec. 1. Rental equipment available. Check out www.loppet.org or call Ingrid at 612-604-5334 to sign up.

Resources

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

December

Friday, 12/2 - Mark your calendar for the premiere Camden event - Holiday on 44th an old fashioned Camden celebration; 44th Ave. from Morgan to Upton, 6-9 p.m. Hay rides, marching band, choruses, blues band, the Great Bodini, jugglers, ice and wood carving, arts and crafts sale, make gingerbread and bird houses, and so much more!

Saturday, 12/10 - Camden Music School Holiday Sing-Along, Craft and Bake Sale. Luther Memorial, 3751 Sheridan, 4 p.m. Free. Proceeds from sale go to the CMS Scholarship Fund, a sponsored project of Our Neighborhood Works, www.ourneighborhoodworks.com. Info: 612-618-0219 or www.camdenmusicschool.com.

Neighborhood meetings

For more info on your neighborhood see pages 8 and 9.

Cleveland, 588-1155, November 22, 7 p.m., Board Meeting, Lucy Laney School

Folwell, 521-2100, November 7, Annual Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Folwell Park

Lind Bohanon, 588-7641, November 3, Board Meeting, 7 p.m. Shingle Creek Commons

McKinley, 276-1541, November 7, Community Meeting, 7 pm, Center for Families, 3333 N. 4th St.

Shingle Creek, 588-4817, November 8, Neighborhood Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Creekview Park

Victory, 529-9558, No November meeting, Next meeting, December 14, 7 p.m., Warren, 4400 Osseo Road

Webber-Camden, 521-2100, November 3, Annual Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Webber Park

Camden Youth & Schools

Minneapolis projects increased enrollment and is proposing changes

By Buzzy Bohn

The Minneapolis Public Schools are seeing an upswing in enrollment in some areas of the city. Because of this they have been looking at how they will accommodate this increase. Over the past few months, the school district has held a number of public meetings to get feedback from communities. The increases in enrollment are mainly located on the Southside and in Northeast and are also mostly concentrated at the elementary level. The district, after looking at the new census data and getting feedback from community members, has come up with some proposals. The five guidelines that they followed when developing these proposals were: Strengthen academic programs, Equity, Impact on families & community, Sustainability, and Financial impact. There are three main proposals that effect Northside families.

One is to change Jenny Lind School back to a K-5 program and Olson Middle School back to a 6-8 program. The rationale for this is to provide a comprehensive 6-8 middle school option for attendance areas 1A and 1B and a traditional K-5 program at Jenny

Lind. Both Jenny Lind and Loring School students would "pathway" to Olson for middle school. When asked about choices at a community meeting, the district said that students from Lind and Loring would still have the option to choose the International Baccalaureate program at NE Middle School.

Another proposal is to make the current K-8 Sheridan Arts Magnet a K-5 magnet program that pathways to NE Middle School. About half of the students at Sheridan come from the Northside. They would also add High5 and ECSE preschool programs to Sheridan. The rationale here is to open up 250 K-5 seats in the Northeast attendance area, which has projected enrollment increases, and to utilize available space at NE Middle School.

Finally, the district will pathway students from the K-8 programs at Lucy Craft Laney at Cleveland Park and Nellie Stone Johnson schools to the new redesigned program at North Community High School. The rationale is to provide pathways to North High since there currently aren't any.

Patrick Henry's Community Listening Campaign

By Tom Murray

Over the next three months Patrick Henry will be interviewing parents and community members at schools, businesses and other community facilities to get their opinions on the critical issues that affect Patrick Henry. The knowledge that we gain will help us implement new programs, and make program enhancements and changes to better serve our community. We strive to show our community the respect they deserve by asking for their thoughts, opinions and comments about improving our school.

Community Listening Campaign questions: What do you know about Patrick Henry? What are the strengths of our school? What do we value about Patrick Henry? What are Patrick Henry's weaknesses or disadvantages? Where are opportunities for us to improve? What are ways in which we should implement change? What would you like to see changed? What are examples from other schools/businesses that we can learn from? Would you recommend a student to Patrick Henry? Why or why not? What issues threaten our school and what we value? What could cause trouble for our school?

If you would like to be included in the Community Listening Campaign contact Tom Murray at 668-1932 or tom.murray@mpls.k12.mn.us. For several years we have surveyed parents about their experience at Patrick Henry. Google us at Patrick Henry today and click on the Families link to view that survey data.



Tom Murray

A tornado donation – and a fun fact

By Sarah DuBois

The crew of the national TV show *George to the Rescue* was in Camden during the summer following the transformation of the Sojourner Truth Academy at 3820 Emerson. The school was badly damaged in the May 22 tornado, and many students have struggled to get back on their feet both at home and at school.

The school's principal and teachers were thankful that the tornado hit on a Sunday when school was not in session. Many windows were shattered, and broken glass littered the classrooms. There was also extensive water damage throughout the building, in the classrooms and the gym. Thanks to community volunteers and staff, the classrooms were cleaned up and restored in time for the start of the school year. After the classrooms were deemed safe to be in, the gym came next. With so much time and effort put into the other spaces, the cafeteria was last on the list.

George came to the rescue with his team of contractors and designers. The crew installed badly needed air conditioning, murals and artwork created by the students, new floors, light fixtures and more. School director, Judy Guy said, "It means so much that someone from your show would come in to our building and make a space that is so much better and enjoyable for kids to be in."

To help with the transformation, local company Best Buy donated two 55" TVs and a computer to the Sojourner Truth Academy cafeteria, which was unveiled to students in September. (Check the web for some coverage of the renovation on the *Today Show* which was aired on October 16).

A little twist (or twister) to Best Buy's connection with the school: Best Buy was born out of a tornado. The original store, Sound of Music, was destroyed by a tornado, right here in Roseville, Minnesota. The store held a big tornado sale in the parking lot and referred to it as "Best Buys."

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 Kallumkalkudy

529-9561
http://StAustinCC.org

Luther Memorial Lutheran

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

St. Olaf Lutheran Church

Emerson at 29th Ave. N.
612-529-7726
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 9 a.m.
Worship 11 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

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH

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

4350 Russell Ave. N.
44th Ave. N. & Russell Ave. N.
612-529-0686
www.faithbaptistmpls.com
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

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

St. Bridget's Catholic Church

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

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

Gethsemane Lutheran Church



4656 Colfax Ave. N.
612-521-3575
Adult Education 9 a.m. with Nursery
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Sunday School and Youth/Teens, 11 a.m.
Van service available
Pastor Jeff Nehrbass
ELCA
GethsemaneLutheranChurch@msn.com
www.glc-mpls.org

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 8:30 a.m.
Free Community Dinner 4th Monday, 6:30 p.m.
Pastor Melissa Pohlman

NORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

44th & Fremont Ave.
A Hate-Free Shalom Zone
Education 9 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Check our Facebook page: North United Methodist (UMC) - Minneapolis!
Disability friendly and accessible.
Worship is ASL interpreted.
Rev. Linda Koelman
Ch. 522-4497

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

4150 Dupont Ave. N.
Minneapolis, MN 55412
612-521-3644
Sunday Schedule
Sunday School: Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.
Class at 9 a.m.; Adult Forum at 9 a.m.
Intergenerational Event
2nd Sunday of each month
10 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Worship
Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays
We are handicap accessible.
Interim Pastor Judy Burgett-Winzig
email: office@salem-elca.org; Facebook: Salem Lutheran Church/North Minneapolis
Website: salem-elca.org



Sojourner Truth Academy students and faculty gathered around George and Jenna Bush to thank them for their new cafeteria.

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

Carpet cleaning — two rooms starting at \$45. 20% off upholstery cleaning. Dave, 612-721-5105 or cell 612-636-3073.

Furniture Re-upholstery. Save grandma's chair and sofa. Chairs starting at \$149. 35 years experience. Dave, 612-721-5105 or cell 612-636-3073.

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

Real Estate Sales or Service

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

Camden Arts

7th Annual Camden Music School Fall Recitals

By Janet Zahn

Come see Camden Music School students shine at our 7th annual fall recitals. Each event is filled with delightful music and great accomplishments. Concert-goers will enjoy hearing a wide variety of musicians, instruments and musical styles, from beginner to advanced piano students to the Camden Community Choir; from the adult Afro-Cuban drum class to young rock 'n rollers; from violinists to drum set, trumpet and ukulele-players.

Here's the schedule: Saturday, November 12, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. and Saturday, November 19, 12:30 p.m. at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 3751 Sheridan Ave. N.; and Saturday, November 19, 4 p.m. at Grace Center for Community Life, 1500 6th St. NE.

The concerts are free and about one hour in length. Concert-goers can shake hands with the performers, enjoy good coffee, cookies and conversation, and register for winter classes at the receptions following each recital. Donations for the Camden Music School Scholarship Fund are accepted. Join us. It'll be time well-spent! For info contact 612-618-0219 or dave@camdenmusicschool.com.



Violinist Patrick Hardie is one of the featured musicians at Camden Music School's fall recitals. He is a long-time student of Ellie Fregni.

Korey Hicks makes people happy with music

By Mick LaBriola

Emanating a great deal of confidence, Korey Hicks is a hard-driving guitarist knocking out crisp tones, smooth licks and a powerful country twang on his vintage collection of Fender and Gibson guitars. Korey is a Twin-Cities-based guitarist and guitar instructor. Visit <http://www.koreyhicks.com> to hear his music and check out the performance schedule for his current band, Chris Brooks and the Silver City Boys, at <http://www.chrisbrooksband.com>.

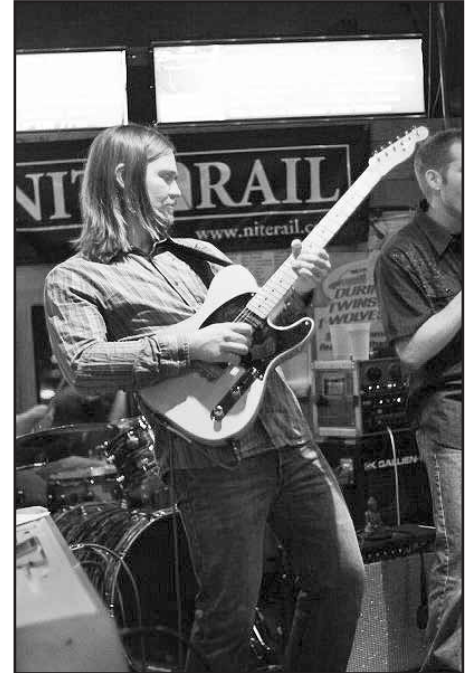
Korey is a full-time stay-at-home dad who resides with his wife, Andrea, and their 17-month-old daughter, Charlotte. They have lived on the Northside since 2006, in a house built in the 1950s by Andrea's grandparents, the Hodgsons.

Korey is originally from Rochester and moved to the Twin Cities in 2000. He shared one of his earliest musical experiences with me: "I remember going to the music store when I was six years old with my dad, Donald, and he bought a Les Paul guitar. My dad played Blues and Rock and performed with his local church worship service; he also had a vast record collection that influenced me a lot." This obviously made an impression on Korey, but he insists that he did not really have an interest in music then. Even though at nine years old his dad did want Korey to pursue music.

Finally, at age 13 or 14, Korey took the leap and immersed himself in what would become his future career. He quickly digested his sister Kim's record collection as well. Korey considers himself self-taught; he read through tons of instruction books and biographies of musicians, and practiced on a regular basis.

While attending Plainview High School Korey performed with his band, the White Hotel. The group's first performance was at the Jon Hassler Theater in Plainview, affiliated with the Rural America Arts Partnership. He was with the band until he was 18. Korey expressed to his amazement, "I learned Blues through Dad's record collection, studied Jazz in college, and now I make my living in a Country band!"

In 2001 and 2002 Korey took summer guitar sessions at Berklee School of Music in Boston. The sessions emphasized practical playing experience through a variety of classes, clinics and performance activities. In 2003 Korey moved to Boston to become a full-time student at Berklee. Two years later he returned to the Twin Cities and graduated Magna Cum Laude from McNally Smith College of Music, with a Bachelor's Degree in Guitar Performance. Over this period Korey performed with Shelby's Voyage, a



top-40 band; Iron Horse, a Country band; and the St. Croix United Methodist Praise Band in Lakeville.

Korey emphasized, "I had the maximized experience: for two years I would practice from 5 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., work till 5:30 p.m., teach from 6 to 10 p.m. and come home and practice again." Korey taught at Swift School of Music in St. Paul and the Riff Factory (Guitar Center affiliate) in Roseville. Since then, Korey has played over 800 shows regionally and has opened for artists such as Chris Duarte, Thompson Square, Willie 'Big Eyes' Smith (Muddy Waters) and Indigenous. Korey received special recognition performing for Whiskey Junction's Guitar Extravaganza in 2009 and winning the Guitar Center's "Guitar-mageddon" in 2007.

Korey finds his current project working with Chris Brooks (former lead singer of the Mason Dixons) very fulfilling. "In Country music I get to play a lot of guitar, and we have played for huge crowds," opening up for acts like Little Texas, Two Tons of Steel, Dale Watson and Troy Olsen.

With another child on the way, however, Korey was considering moving to Austin, Texas. He has done several auditions for national acts to perhaps broaden his income. (The current state of the music industry is very challenging for musicians these days.) Work is very competitive, and not as plentiful as it once was prior to the internet boom.

Korey said, "I learned for myself that some types of musicians play for themselves, which is important—like the reflections of David Liebman on his book *Self Portrait of a Jazz Artist*— and some play for other people. That's why I chose Country music. I want to make other people happy when I play music."

Have your say on the Mississippi Riverfront

As reported in the October Camden News, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Commissioners (MPRB) accepted the draft RiverFIRST: A Park Design Proposal and Implementation Framework for the Minneapolis Upper Riverfront for new parks along the Upper Mississippi Riverfront.

The proposal recommends that the MPRB partner with the City of Minneapolis and other government and non-profit partners to develop five new green and public spaces within five years:

Riverfront Trail System with Farview Park phase one greenways – which integrate with existing city and regional parks and trails to create a cohesive, user-friendly network of commuter and recreational connections, most notably across the Interstate 94 trench cutting off Northsiders and the West Metro from the Mississippi; BioHaven@ Islands – offering water quality rehabilitation while providing scenic views and habitat for native plants and animals, including migrating birds; Scherer Park – an existing Minneapolis Parks property along the Northeast side of the riverfront, and located in a burgeoning neighborhood and adjacent to compatible properties, including existing parks and bridges; Northside Wetlands Park – which transforms significant acreage from the existing Port of Minneapolis from asphalt to amenity, without adding industry, and becomes a destination point for Farview Park and other envisioned Northside greenways; and Downtown Gateway – the restoration of a historic park at the front door of downtown.

The MPRB has sought public input during each phase of plan development and is asking you to share your thoughts about the four proposed new parks during a formal public comment period which ends on November 6. View the proposal and/or the executive summary and submit comments at MPRB headquarters, any Minneapolis Parks recreation center or at Minneapolis Riverfront Development Initiative.com.

HOLIDAY ON FORTY FOURTH

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2011
6:00–9:00 P.M.

An Old-Fashioned Camden Celebration
44th Avenue North :: Morgan to Upton

Hay Wagon and a Covered Wagon stopping at
Loring Elementary School, 44th and Penn and Patrick Henry

Patrick Henry High School Marching Band Parade
Starts at 6:00 p.m.!

COME JOIN US:

at Loring School

The Great Brodini – 6:15 pm and 8:00 pm
Family Oriented Entertainment (TBA) – 7:00 pm

at Patrick Henry High School
The Twin Cities Girls' Chorus – 6:30 pm
Abbott Blues Band – 7:45 pm

Jugglers * Ice and Wood Carving Demonstrations
Gingerbread House Making * Birdhouse Building

Arts and Craft Fair featuring local artists and crafters
will be held in the Patrick Henry Gym 6–9:30 p.m.

FOOD DRIVE

Drop off non-perishable food the night of the event at Patrick Henry
and Loring Elementary. Donations will go to NorthPoint Food Shelf.