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Lowry Avenue Bridge Phase II construction begins

Phase II of the Lowry Avenue Bridge reconstruction began the week of April 18. Contractors began by removing the retaining wall beginning near the west shore of the Mississippi River and proceeding to the west.

Phase II consists of reconstructing the roadway and

At some point during Phase II, traffic may be reduced to one lane in each direction at the intersection of Lowry Ave. and Second St. More details will be announced closer to the start of that portion of the project.

The Hennepin County Transportation Department started Phase I – construction of the bridge over the Mississippi River – in 2010. The entire project is scheduled for completion in summer of 2012. Later this summer, the bridge deck will cross the river, and the bridge arch is scheduled for installation this fall.

The Lowry Avenue Bridge, a Minneapolis landmark since 1905, was imploded in June 2009. Hennepin County engineers, in consultation with Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, determined it was necessary to close the bridge for safety reasons in April 2008, due to continued structural issues with one of the bridge piers. In 2004, bridge engineers discovered a pier had rotated out of vertical alignment; further rotation introduced an unacceptable risk.

Look for info at www.lowryavenuebridge.com. (Photo is of construction on April 22; photo by Randy Klauk.)



the Lowry Avenue Bridge (County State Aid Highway 153) over the western shore and Canadian Pacific Railroad tracks between Second St. and the Mississippi River.

Hérons in the April snow



The Great Blue Herons are back at the rookery on the island in the Mississippi just north of the Camden Bridge, but they probably didn't believe that it would snow on their nest building activities in late April. Photo by Donna Seline.

Happy Mother's Day

Workhouse trains *Sylvia*, and announces expanded 2011-12 season

Workhouse Theatre Company (WTC) continues its 2010-11 season with the beloved comedy *Sylvia* by A. R. Gurney, Jr, opening May 6, and performing through May 22.

Sylvia tells the story of Greg and Kate, a middle-aged couple adjusting to their "empty nest," and what happens when Greg brings home a stray dog. The urbane comedy

brings Twin Cities favorites David Deninger, Erin Duffy, Julie Ann Nevill and Jonathan Peterson to the Workhouse stage for the first time. The show is directed by WTC Artistic Director Christopher Tibbetts. The stage manager for the show is Alissa Blaeser. The design team includes Lisa Diesslin (costumes), Todd Edwards (sound), Dietr Poppen (set), and Mark Webb (lights).



Photo by Duane Atter.

The *New York Daily News* called *Sylvia* "one of the most involving, beautiful, funny, touching, and profound plays I have ever seen." The *New York Times* described it as "delicious and dizzy."

Sylvia plays May 6, 7, 9, 13, 14, 20, and 21 at 7:30 p.m., and May 8, 15, and 22 at 2 p.m. All performances are at The Warren-An Artist Habitat, 4400 Osseo Road. At each performance, all Camden residents can get two tickets for \$15. For info call 612-216-1583 or visit www.workhousetheatre.org.

WTC is also pleased to announce its 2011-12 season of shows. According to Tibbetts, WTC is expanding its programming to include more shows, including a holiday show and a family-friendly musical.

The 2011-12 season kicks off with the Pulitzer Prize winning drama, *Rabbit Hole*, about a suburban couple whose seemingly perfect life is torn apart by tragedy. Directed by Victory resident Diane Mountford (who has directed WTC's productions of *100* and *Proof*), the show runs October 7-23.

According to Tibbetts, "this show is so beautifully written...I'm so grateful to Diane Mountford for bringing it to my attention, and so happy she'll be directing for us once again."

WTC will welcome the holidays with the darkly humorous *The Eight: Reindeer Monologues* by Jeff Goode, directed and designed by WTC Managing Director Mark Webb. In this decidedly adult holiday tale, Santa's faithful helpers finally get their turn to speak out about the true story of life at the North Pole! *The Eight: Reindeer Monologues* runs December 3-18.

Bring the whole family out to see WTC's first-ever main-stage musical, *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown* February 24-March 11, 2012. Directed by Mark Hauck, this perennial favorite features a day in the life of the Peanuts

gang. "We hope not only to reach a broader audience," says Tibbetts, "but also to thank our loyal supporters by giving them a show to which they can bring the whole family."

Tibbetts will return to the director's chair to stage Michael Frayn's international hit *Copenhagen* April 27-May 13, 2012. With this production, WTC is pleased to welcome back Michael Jurenek, who played Uncle Peck in *How I Learned to Drive* and directed *Apartment 3A*, to play German physicist Werner Heisenberg in a searing, provocative drama about why we do the things we do, and the ultimate consequences of our actions.

WTC's second annual Pride production will be the Twin Cities premiere of the dark comedy *Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenaged Blockhead* June 22-July 8, 2012. In this acclaimed off-Broadway hit, the beloved Peanuts gang has now grown into their teens, and is struggling with issues of sexual identity, bullying, teen suicide, school violence and rebellion. The show will be directed by Scott Rubsam.

Additionally, WTC will commemorate Patriot Day with a reading of *The Guys* on September 11, 2011, and celebrate Valentine's Day 2012 in style with a production of *Love Letters*. The popular Shakespeare on Sunday reading series, a collaboration with Minnesota Shakespeare Project, will return with three dates to be announced shortly. And, as always, look for WTC at the popular Heritage Day and Holiday on 44 celebrations. Season tickets are available by calling 612-216-1583 or at www.workhousetheatre.org.

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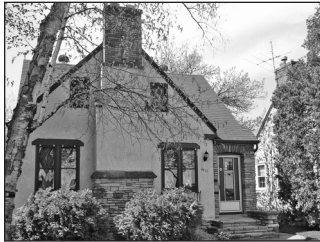
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Camden Bridge update

Construction work on the Camden Bridge began on April 4. The majority of the work will involve painting the steel bridge structure. There will be lane closures on the bridge to accommodate the personnel and equipment completing the work.

These closures will be in place until the work is completed late this summer (August). During all the work, one lane of traffic will remain open in both the eastbound and westbound directions and a sidewalk will main open for non-motorized use.

County plans Northside resurfacing projects

This summer, the Hennepin County Transportation Department will resurface West Broadway and Washington Ave. N in North Minneapolis. One lane of traffic will be maintained throughout the projects, but residents should prepare for delays while workers mill and overlay the roads.

Hennepin County staff is preparing the summer 2011 resurfacing schedule; additional info will be released when the schedule is finalized: West Broadway will be resurfaced from Girard to West River Road. Resurfacing from Washington to Girard Ave. is tentatively scheduled to start mid-June; from Washington to West River Road is tentatively scheduled to start the end of June. Washington will be resurfaced from 22nd Ave. to 15th Aves. Pedestrian ramps in the intersections will also be replaced to make them ADA compliant. Ramp construction will take place before the resurfacing, which is tentatively scheduled to begin late in the summer. Find more info at www.hennepin.us.

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Fremont Barbers is staying open! Former owners Jim Rust and Scott Stroud are happy to welcome new owner Mike Stoffel to carry on the 90-year tradition of providing high quality barbering service to the men of the Northside. This year is Fremont Barbers 90th year in operation — there have only been four owners, three of whom are still working at the shop. Fremont Barbers is located at 4145 Fremont Ave. There is ample parking on Fremont, or in back of the shop. The hours of service are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., Fridays 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Haircuts are only

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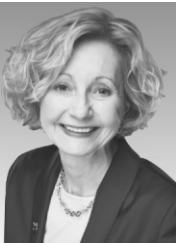
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Letters to the Editor

An issue worth talking about

That is, the disrespect from so many around here who think our neighborhood streets are one huge trash can. I am so disgusted about kids and adults who just throw garbage everywhere. I go for walks and every single block is heavily littered.

I once watched a man come out of Fremont Market, unwrap a package and just throw the wrapping onto the street (there was a trash can right on the corner he just stepped off of). He then went to his car and all trash in it was thrown out the window to the curb.

I was at a bus stop at Lyndale and 36th and a 17-year-old was eating some chips. When he was finished he threw the bag on to the sidewalk (there was a trash can right there). I did say something to him about it, but he just sassed back.

I often go around my block picking up trash. One time at the south end of my block, no sooner than I picked up garbage, the group who lived in that area was back out trashing the place.

I was once in my alley when a young boy was taking trash out to the garbage can. He dropped a bunch of it onto the alley and left it there. I called to him and told him he needed to pick it up. He would not. So I went to him and told him it is not the right thing to do just to drop trash and leave it. I told him I would show him how it needs to be taken care of. So I helped him pick it up and place it in the garbage can and then gave him a pat on the back. In the meantime his parents stood at their door watching. I hope the next time this youngster will be more responsible.

The other day, I went up and down my block picking up the trash. Later a young girl was walking down the street drinking some beverage in a plastic bottle. When she was finished, she just dropped it on the sidewalk. I immediately confronted her. I told her how disrespectful it is to do that, that I do not go into her house and throw trash around, that this is my neighborhood too, and to have respect for others. I asked her to pick it up and she did.

There are some very nice neighborhoods here with very nice homes, but they look like hell because of the disrespect by those who don't care and litter. A lot of people seem to think it is perfectly ok to litter. How can they look around and not care about their neighborhood?

How do we reach/teach these people who have no respect? If youth are learning to litter from their parents, is it up to the schools and churches to teach them not to?

Kim Valerio,
McKinley

How about a store with fresh fruits and vegetables?

Regarding the "Things are changing on 44th, new retail is coming in" article in the April *Camden News*, I did some research on Dollar General and learned they have two types of stores. One is called the Dollar General Market, a food-type store, and the other is called the Dollar General, a big-lots-type store.

According to the Dollar General recent ad, I can buy a name brand bag of chips and get the other one free. I can buy a liter of Coca-Cola for \$1, or nine rolls of bath tissue for \$6, but I cannot buy fresh meat, fruit or vegetables...in other words, I cannot buy the basics I need to maintain my good health. I will however be able to purchase cans of vegetables high in sodium or any pre-packaged high-fat foods that come in a can, a bag or a bottle...probably plastic.

Since the article said "retail" store, and not food market, I'm guessing we're getting the big-lots store instead. As a resident of Camden, if I have to give up the hope for a new library then I want the store that Dollar General describes on their website to be like this:

"At Dollar General Market, we want to simplify your life by providing true one-stop shopping. We offer farm-fresh produce and a variety of meat, and all our produce and meat comes with a freshness guarantee."

Now, that's what I'm talkin' about Camden...gimme a store like that!

Anita Davis,
Webber-Camden

Let's talk economics and work for the common interest

You have the Wisconsinites thinking, their hard fought benefits are being pulled out from underneath them. The concept of 100 percent and up currency inflation gets tossed around regarding third world economies. How do people who are poor manage to survive and still function? Well, 100 percent of nothing is zero. If they're not tax paying members of society, life goes on. When all the Wall Street experts lumped a bunch of who-knows-what and sold them as junk bonds, wasn't that a red flag that they were not worth much? All the people who ran to their banks to refinance their houses for more money, and then after the crash owed more than they were worth, were knowingly profiting from the rest of us. The governments that happily collected extra property taxes on over inflated housing prices were partners in the frauds the banks were perpetrating.

Our history of a people "united" is usually marked by some tragedy — which is then followed by elegant speeches and thoughts. The question arises, will this particular tragedy be able to unify us and help us work together? Sadly, the answer is "not for long." A recent example was when congresswomen Gabrielle Gifford and others were shot in Arizona. We were united, as reported by the national press, for a week or two.

What I want is what both sides talk about. I want the economy to be strong and something you can trust. Saying we "need to do something" should become a reality. The practice of politics is counterproductive and its own worst enemy. Adversarial relations exist forever and politicians are boring for a reason. No one wants to pass a mess on to our children and grandchildren. Our \$14 trillion dept is equal to the net worth of our annual economy.

Working together implies we all work in our common interest. With budget cuts on the horizon, a practical example is what happens with energy assistance. Many people on a fixed income depend on heating assistance during the winter months. I am happy to be of assistance. Others receive the benefits and go to their window rather than their thermostat to cool down the house.

What humans should do before we use up the planet is recognize our real biological existence. Commit to being the best global consumer. Work together to protect what we have locally and globally. No disasters please.

Dan Lynch,
Victory



Interested in learning how to prepare healthy meals?

Come to the live cooking events being held at corner stores in your neighborhood!

Lowry Market 628 Lowry Ave Friday, May 6 5 - 6 pm	Vitalife Pharmacy, Rx 4151 Fremont Ave N. Monday, May 16 5 - 6 pm
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Spring is a time of new life. But it is also a time to remember the heritage and legacy of our families, friends and heroes. We encourage you to visit Crystal Lake Cemetery to remember those who have gone before us — especially during Mothers Day weekend and Memorial Day weekend.

Cemetery office hours are extended over Memorial Day Weekend and refreshments will be served. We will to assist you in finding grave locations or answering inquiries. Please come to the office or information tent.

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Camden Youth & Schools

What's up at Patrick Henry

By Tom Murray

The Patrick Henry National Honor Society is renowned across Minnesota and the Midwest for its commitment to the four pillars of the National Honor Society: character, scholarship, leadership and service. This year in the area of service our National Honor Society gave their time and energy to: fundraising efforts to raise money, toys and clothing for families in need; UNICEF Trick or Treat Campaign; gardening and landscaping at Patrick Henry; blood drives; and Feed My Starving Children. At the National Honor Society Meeting on April 6 our Executive Council addressed each of the four pillars; the following are some excerpts.

National Society President Ia Vang on Leadership: Albert Einstein said, "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle..." We know in order to make miracles happen that it takes courage, patience and hard work. But



most of all, it takes leadership. You might question yourself, "Me? A leader?" but do not doubt yourself...Many leaders are not aware they are leaders... To us, a typical leader is probably someone who holds authority, who unites people and who cares about his or her people. However if you have helped your younger siblings, translated for your parents, spoken out about issues, helped volunteer in your community and school, you are a leader. Why? Because you are the first to contribute to something in order to make this world into a better place. You take your time to do the things you know will not only benefit you but benefit those who surround you. Being a leader is someone who takes the risks to make decisions...to stand for what they believe in. They listen attentively to everybody. A leader is someone that others can rely on and knows how to share the duty among her of his peers... And at the end of the day, it is not about being satisfied with the things you have done, but on what those things have done to benefit others. The road of being a leader may not be the perfect one, however always continue to

move forward. There are always going to be hands reaching and holding onto yours and footsteps following yours...

Vice President Lathe Morseth on Character: Knowing the right thing to do and acting on it even though it might be difficult demands strong character....The choices that you make and the quality of your actions define your character...Life is all about making choices and, eventually, whether you choose good or bad, your character changes from it.... Trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring are but some of the many qualities connected to the term character...Character is stepping in, intervening, putting yourself out there even though it may be difficult or make you feel uncomfortable. Character is doing something kind for someone else when you don't have to, but you do it anyway...

Treasurer Tanesha Williams on Scholarship: Scholarship means having a dedication and appreciation for education and having the potential to use that education to better others. Possessing scholarship is important in life, because it benefits both the individual and the community...education is necessary to succeed in life and will give countless opportunities in life to the individual. But it is scholarship that is the force behind benefiting both the individual and the community...Knowing when to ask for help is an essential quality for a scholar to have...Scholars see their successes and failures and work diligently to work through their difficulties...Having scholarship also means that one must use one's academic success and enforce its influence upon the community...

Secretary Shoua Yang on Service: Service means to give a hand where it is needed, aid that is able to shine a smile on a person's face or take a load off of their shoulder...When we donate blood or package food at Feed My Starving Children we are literally saving a life. When we care about others without getting anything in return, we become, as Ghandi said, "the change in the world we want to see" and we take the opportunity to communicate and connect to others....It is not only right that I give, but that I should enjoy it...After you've volunteered you've achieved and received even more than you can ever imagine, because not only did you help the community to become better but also because you've improved yourself...

Few principal changes for next school year

There will be only a few changes in the administration at Northside schools for the 2011-2012 school year. The school district says it is committed to stability in school administrations so they are making only minimal changes for next year. Jane Thompson, the principal at Loring School, is retiring at the end of this school year. Ryan Gibbs, who used to live in Camden and is currently an assistant principal at Ramsey School, will become the principal at Loring. Camden resident, Yusuf Abdullah, has been promoted to be an assistant principal at Nellie Stone Johnson School. He is currently a dean at Patrick Henry High School. Carly Jarva has been named an assistant principal at North High but a new principal for North has not been named yet. One of the assistant principal positions at Lucy Laney has also not been filled yet.

Advisory committee selected to work on the New North Redesign

By Buzzy Bohn

An advisory committee has been selected to work with the Institute for Student Achievement (ISA); the consultant hired to work on designing the "New North High." Four committee members were chosen from the 23 community members and parents who submitted applications. Another five committee members and four alternates were elected at a community meeting held at North Commons Park on April 14. In addition, there will be four committee members from the school district administration. The community members on the committee are Marcus Owens, Kale Severson, Susan Young, Aariah Fine, Kim Ellison, Brett Buckner, DeAnna Williamson, Dr. Rose Brewer and Kerry Felder. The alternates are T. Williams, Erica dos Santos, Leola Seales and Buzzy Bohn. School district administrators on the committee are Mark Bonine, Scott Redd, Maggie Sullivan and Eric Molho with Superintendent Bernadeia Johnson serving as an ex-officio member of the advisory committee.

ISA met with the community at a meeting April 19 at North. This was the beginning of a process that will take the next year to design a new program for North High School for the fall of 2012. ISA asked the community members who attended to each name two things that they absolutely had to see in any program. Academic rigor and college preparedness, a wide range of extra curricular activities, and supports for students who need it topped the list. There was also a commitment by the community and ISA that the current students at North would continue to get a high quality education and have a full high school experience while the redesign process takes place.

Plan summer fun for your kids

By Sue Quist

I can look out my window and see a fresh layer of snow on the ground, but summer is bound to come to Minneapolis and it is time for parents to make summer plans for the kids. The schools and parks are offering a number of low-cost opportunities and with the Webber Pool closed this summer it will be good to have options.

Summer Splash Classes at Lucy Craft Laney

Minneapolis Community Education is offering classes for students entering 1st through 6th grades. The program begins on Tuesday, June 21, and runs through Thursday, July 28. Students meet daily, Monday-Friday, from 12:15-3:45, taking part in 45-55 minute classes. Along with the daily classes, they will enjoy special events, special classes and field trips. Here's a look at some of the options:

Gym Games and Outdoor Sport Classes- Great for the active child. This class will focus on team games and sports with an emphasis on fair play, and sportsmanship.

Science & Art Explorers -Art and science collide as students get artsy-smartsy when they experiment with common household materials to make things fizz, pop, and fly!

Media Technology- Students will utilize technology to create cartoons, make music and do educational research.

Cooking and Cultural Connections- Students will use food, games, technology and music to explore our world and make connections with other cultures.

Friday Fun Day- Fridays will be a mix of themed weeks, fun games, movies, swimming, craft projects and much more.

Swim Lessons- Students will have the opportunity to participate in free swim lessons at North Commons Water Park.

Fee: \$10 for Minneapolis residents (for all 6 weeks) and \$50 for non-residents. Call 612-668-2224 for a registration form or email anthony.walker@mpls.k12.mn.us for more info. You can also register in person at Lucy Laney School. Registration is due by Friday, June 17.

Minneapolis Parks and Recreation

The Minneapolis Parks are offering a host of classes and programs for all ages. Contact the following rec centers for more information or stop in and pick up a summer brochure.

Creekview Rec Center

5001 Humboldt Ave. N, 612-370-4965; Monday - Thursday, 3-9 p.m., Friday 3-6 p.m.

Folwell Rec Center

1615 Dowling Ave. N, 612-370-4917; Monday-Thursday noon-9 p.m., Friday noon-6 p.m., Saturday 11-6 p.m., Sunday noon-4 p.m.

Webber Rec Center

4400 Dupont Ave. N, 612-370-4916; Monday-Thursday 1-7 p.m., Friday 1-6 p.m.

Email webber@minneapolisparks.org to sign up for the email service. You will receive updates about upcoming events, programs, seasonal brochures and more!

Minneapolis Public Schools

The Minneapolis Public Schools will have summer school opportunities beginning June 20 for 9th through 12th grades, and June 27 for pre-kindergarten through 8th grades. The last day of summer school is August 4 for all grades. Contact your child's school or call 668-0000 for more info.

Students launch community recycling campaign

Five students from Patrick Henry High School are surveying the Camden community and its local businesses, hoping to convince business owners without recycling bins to install them and encourage their customers to use them.

"We have a passion to make the earth healthier and to bring more awareness to the community about recycling," said Pakou Vang, one of the student leaders who organized this project. "Recycling is one of the easiest ways to conserve trees and to help the world. Embracing this fact, we are making sure we do everything we can to keep the next generations living in a healthy world."

Seniors Shoua Yang and Michael Jones and juniors Bao Khang, Joscelyn Chavez and Pakou Vang are part of a new student organization at Henry called Students In Action. These five founding members traveled to Washington, D.C. in February to participate in the "Students Building Healthy Communities" program, organized by Jefferson Awards for Public Service, the Close Up Foundation, and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota. In Washington, the students learned about civic participation and government and developed this community action plan aimed at building a more healthy community.

The students are currently doing their research – calling businesses and recycling companies to see who is recycling and who is not. Their next step is to get those businesses to make positive changes to increase their recycling. For info about their project or to get involved, contact Johanna Grefsrud at Johanna.Grefsrud@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-2002.

Herobotics is a unique team!

Herobotics is a group of students within an urban robotics team made up of underrepresented youth at Patrick Henry High School. Despite their personal challenges, they reach out to other young people in the community to educate about math, science and engineering. For the

ond language. For the last four years the team has worked year-round doing community service. With the help of the Bakken Museum, the team worked closely with engineering mentors to build the robot and earned the respect of their staff and mentors. The team partners with the Girl Scout



first time ever the team has won The Regional Chairman's Award — the highest award in FIRST Robotics — at the 10,000 Lakes Regional Tournament. This award is for community service and is more highly regarded than the winning robots.

Chairman's Award Winners "best represent a model for other teams to emulate and best embodies the purpose and goals of FIRST. The award helps keep the central focus of the FIRST Robotics Competition on the goal of inspiring greater levels of respect and honor for science and technology." This qualifies the team to compete at the World FIRST Robotics Tournament in St. Louis on April 28-30. What makes this even more exciting is that the team has many new members and a new advisor this year. The alumni stepped up, supported the team and brought the Herobotics spirit to a new level. Over its four-year history, the team's accomplishments have earned a tremendous amount of respect from staff and students at Henry and among the FIRST community.

The team is also unique in other ways. It is one of the most culturally diverse teams and has one of the strongest outreach programs of any team involved in FIRST Robotics. Eighty percent of the team receives free or reduced lunch. Forty-five percent of the team speaks English as their sec-

Council of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valley taking robots out to council events to help interest more girls in STEM. The team has reached out at over 55 events at area schools and organizations throughout the region and across several states.

The team also seeded 5th place out of 41 teams at the Lake Superior Regional in Duluth this year. In addition the team was awarded the Johnson and Johnson Gracious Professionalism Award, as voted by other teams in attendance. In 2009 and 2010 the team received the prestigious Engineering Inspiration Award at the Minneapolis 10,000 Lakes Tournament. Also in 2008 (rookie season), they were awarded the Chrysler Team Spirit Award.

To team members themselves, Herobotics has been a family and support system. The team has become a tight knit group supporting each other. They have taken to heart the themes within FIRST of Outreach, Gracious Professionalism and Sportsmanship, while proudly representing their school and the FIRST community. They have been inspired to help others and so have become an inspiration to others. The team is always looking to broaden its impact and so is seeking new sponsors, mentors, and community outreach opportunities. For info contact David.sylvestre@mpls.k12.mn.us.



Fourth Ward Report

Protect Your Home Against Springtime Crimes

As the much anticipated warmer weather approaches and folks begin the process of airing out their homes and working in their yards, the Minneapolis Police Department reminds all residents to harden their home against springtime crimes of opportunity. Each year the MPD sees a rise in burglaries and thefts because of open windows and doors, as well as thefts from yards and garages. Some common sense tips to help prevent becoming a victim include:

- Pinning windows so that they open only far enough to allow air in but not far enough to allow a burglar to use them to gain entry to your home. Six inches is recommended.
- When working in the backyard remember to secure the front door. Some burglars are brave and fast enough to enter your home and make off with valuables before you know they have even been there.
- Don't leave garage doors open even for a few minutes. The visible items stored there make a very tempting target to someone passing by.
- Don't leave valuable items such as bicycles and lawn equipment in your yard, especially overnight.
- Beware of the influx of door to door salesman and home repair contractors. Do your homework before hiring anyone to do work on your home and get a written estimate before work begins. And remember that all door-to-door salesmen must be licensed by the City.
- Report suspicious activity in your neighborhood to 911 immediately. Waiting will most likely take away the opportunity for of-

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ficers to contact the person you are calling about. A number of home burglars have been caught as a result of neighbors immediately calling 911.

- Never allow someone you don't know into your home. Common ruses used to gain entry are requests to use a phone or to get a drink of water.

For more information about crime prevention contact your Crime Prevention Specialist by calling 311. For more information about Crime Prevention Tips see the MPD website at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-prevention/>.

Xcel Energy Tree Trimming

Xcel Energy will be trimming vegetation that has grown up close to their electric power lines. The work will be done either by Xcel Energy crews or by Asplundh Tree Service. Xcel Energy does its best to inform neighborhoods of trimming activity in advance, through automated phone calls to residents. The phone message includes the name and cell phone number of the person who will be in charge of the work, so residents can get answers directly from the person supervising the trimming. For more information about Xcel Energy tree pruning visit <http://www.xcelenergy.com/SiteCollectionDocuments/docs/TreePruningxcelud.pdf>.

4th Ward E-Newsletter

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

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Join the Friends

By Sue Quist

The Friends of Webber Park Library will hold their first annual meeting on Monday, May 2, 6:30 p.m. at the Webber Park building. Officers will be elected at this meeting by the voting membership of the Friends group; those who hold membership and have attended at least one meeting during the past year. The Friends would like to invite all current members to this important meeting and encourages others in the community to join the Friends of Webber Park.

During their first year the Friends have raised money to support a number of special programs in the library. They held their first benefit book sale in October at the Guilded Salvage. In January they held a birthday party for the library, celebrating 100 years of service to our community.

The group hopes to enroll 100 members during the 100th anniversary year. The current officers, Mary Martinson, Kate Petersen and Marilyn Borea, would like to thank all who have volunteered their time to support the events of the Webber Park Friends and the Webber Park Library. Join us at our annual meeting on May 2.

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Summertime is your time for Live on the Drive

By Janet Zahn

Make plans now to pack a picnic, bring your family and invite friends to “Live on the Drive,” three sizzlin’ summer concerts on June 9, July 14 and August 11. The free concerts are held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Victory Memorial Drive at 34th Ave. N, one of the most beautiful concert settings in the city.

June 9: Greta Oglesby

“...She lit up the Capri stage like a one-woman Holidazzle parade.” Jon Bream, *Star Tribune*, in a review of Oglesby’s recent performance at the Capri Theater.

Get ready for Greta Oglesby and friends to light up our Live on the Drive stage for the first concert of the season – and her first jazz concert ever in the Twin Cities. Oglesby is an astounding singer and actor who has dazzled local audiences since moving here in 2000. Most notably, she played the lead in *Caroline, or Change* at the Guthrie in 2009, described as “the best performance on a Twin Cities stage this year.” Oglesby also brings her talents to the Northside by teaching theater to students at the Plymouth Christian Youth Center. We eagerly anticipate her Live on the Drive jazz debut!

July 14: La Gran Charanga

Our second concert of the season takes off in grand fashion with the 10-piece all-star group, La Gran Charanga. This exciting ensemble brings together musicians from top Twin Cities salsa bands such as Sen-cación Latina, Charanga Tropical and Salsabrosa, including three-time Latin Grammy nominee Viviana Pintado on piano and vocals and Doug

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Math Masters



Sixteen Loring School students participated at the Fifth Grade Math Masters competition on April 16 at North High School. Pictured are Quiana Walton, Paige Gayle, Cleophus McIntosh and Nathan Bernhardt. Photo by Buzzy Bohn.

Victory Memorial Drive rededication is scheduled for June 11

The Hennepin County Board authorized a public rededication event June 11 for Victory Memorial Drive, which is located along the border of Minneapolis and Robbinsdale.

This year is the 90th anniversary of the World War I memorial. A \$6-million restoration and renovation, begun in 2007, is completed now with amenities including: Construction of a grand flagpole plaza at the center of the memorial; refinements to the Lincoln-Grand Army of the Republic Circle; placement of two gateway monuments at the entrances to the drive; and parkway improvements, including new street and pedestrian lights.

Look for more details about the rededication event in the next *Camden News* or visit www.hennepin.us.

Rehab Loan Program

Applications are available for the City’s Rehab Support Program, which provides \$750,000 in financing to homeowners and buyers to complete improvements, potentially increasing their home’s market value. The pilot program offers loans of up to \$20,000 at zero-percent interest. Funding the City received from the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency will be matched dollar for dollar by the homeowner from any other source they choose; around 50 loans are available.

The program is available to qualified homeowners and buyers in neighborhoods where 10 percent of the housing stock is in foreclosure. Eligible neighborhoods are: Shingle Creek, Lind-Bohanon, Webber-Camden, Cleveland, Folwell, McKinley, Jordan, Hawthorne, Willard-Hay, Harrison and Near North. For eligibility and loan guidelines visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/docs/2011_RSP_Guidelines.pdf or call 612-588-3033.

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Behind the Victory Flagpole – the man behind the flapole

By Barbara Meyer Bistodeau

Who was this man that hardly anyone knew? Oh, the farmers who were his neighbors knew him. They were the Jenkins, Buckleys and Edlings who lived on Lake Drive, Robbinsdale. And the traders at Farmer’s Market downtown knew him, because he went to market every day in the summer with a truckload of fresh vegetables. And the fellows who made up the Park Board back in the ‘20s surely must have known him, because it was from him that they bought the property on which to build the Victory Flagpole. The name of this man was Albert Hanson Nordby, and so you will know him better, I am going to tell you a little about his background.

First of all, his parents: His father, Johaness Hanson Nordby, born October 14, 1834, and his mother, Martha Binnengstroepe, were born in Kongsvinger, Norway. In 1867 they emigrated to America on a sailing ship and settled in Decorah, Winnishiek County, Iowa, where Albert was born on November 20, 1869.

In 1870 they moved to Sacred Heart Township, Renville County, Minnesota. There were eight children altogether, the first one, Carrie, born in Norway, Berger was born aboard the ship coming over, Albert born in Iowa, and the other five, Inger, Hans, Edward, Minnie and Carl were born in Sacred Heart.

Johaness was both a farmer and a carpenter. He broke up the prairie to farm and began to establish a home. He built a sod house which had windows, a gable roof and a chimney. It was later replaced with a modern frame home, which became known as a “Centennial Home.”

One could appreciate these early pioneers because they were people of many talents. Not only could they construct homes and barns and work the fields, but the women could spin, knit and tailor their own garments. Martha died in 1900 and Johaness remarried.

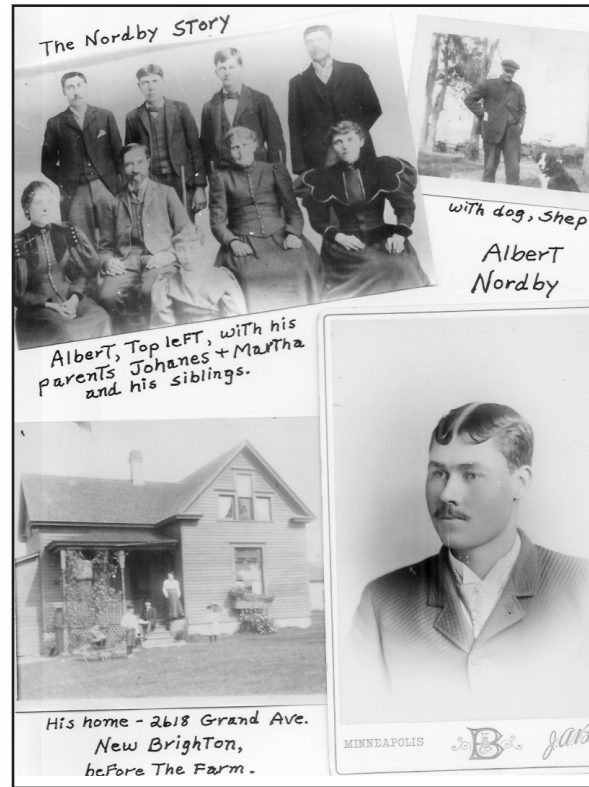
His second wife was Christine

Oberg of Sacred Heart Township, who passed away in 1904. Johaness continued to live on the homestead until his death in 1920, and the farm was passed on to son, Edward Nordby, who later passed it on to his son, John Nordby. In 1976 John received the “Centennial Award” for the farm being under one family’s ownership for 100 years.

Now as all children do, they eventually move away from home and get married. Most of Johaness’ children stayed in the Renville area, but Albert moved to Minneapolis in 1890 and became a carpenter and a coachman. In 1894, he married Margaret Freed of Wilmington, Delaware and they made their home at 2618 Grand Ave. in New Brighton. Here he worked at the New Brighton pole yard and they raised three children, Warren, Lulu and Herman.

Somehow, these new occupations were not as satisfying as working on the farm in Renville, so Albert decided he wanted to get back to his “roots.” He purchased an 80-acre tract of land at 3210 Lake Drive in Robbinsdale, which extended to Ryan Lake on the north, Xerxes on the east, to the end of Lake Drive on the south and to Jensen’s farm on the west. Here, he raised crops of all sorts; tomatoes, melons, potatoes, squash, turnips, com, etc. His house is still there.

In 1911 the Minneapolis Park Board approached him to sell a



portion of his land on which to build a WWI Memorial. He went along with the plan and sold a corner of the south-east side of his property to them. You all know the rest of the story. A stately flagpole was built, the roads were put in and we had something beautiful that has gone down over the ages for all to enjoy. Though it has been changed several times and is ready to change again, the main idea is there.

Albert would have liked to see all those changes, but he died of a stroke at age 61 in September 1931 and Margaret died in May 1950 after breaking a hip at age 77. Like I said before—not many people knew Albert Nordby—but just the fact that he provided the grounds for the Victory Flagpole—he should be known for that!

Note: Aside from his work on the farm, Albert Nordby was the one who raised and lowered the flag every day until his death, when his son, Herman took over.

Another note: Would you like to be a guest writer? Contact me at wharrisonS@cox.net.

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We are also looking for residents to help pick this stuff up. Has it been your dream to ride on the back of a garbage truck? Well, here is your chance. Meet at Cityview School, 3350 North 4th Street around 8:45am on Saturday, May 21, bring some gloves and hop on a truck with fellow residents to clean up the neighborhood. We will need around 12 volunteers for this clean-up event.

Then starting around noon we will have a gathering in the McKinley Community CSA (community garden) area where will be cooking up some food for residents who volunteered and anyone else who wants to come down to eat, talk and meet their fellow neighbors. All are welcome!

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McKinley Calendar of Events

McKinley Community Meeting Monday, May 2, 7 pm,
Center for Families, 3333 N. 4th Street
This meeting is an open forum for residents to discuss any and all general topics, please come down and participate.

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

Crime/Safety Meeting Monday, May 23, 6:30 pm,
Center for Families, 3333 N. 4th Street
This meeting is focused on Crime, Safety and Livability issues in the neighborhood, please come out and participate.

McKinley Community Trash Pick-up Monday, June 6, 7 pm,
meet at corner of Aldrich and 36th Avenues



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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
May 10, 6:30 p.m. at Creekview Park

Camden Community Garage Sale is coming! Saturday, June 4
Registration deadline is May 16. Be watching the SCNA newsletter and website for more details about registration! FFI: www.scna-mpls.org.

40 gather to help at 17th Annual Shingle Creek Clean-up!

Not even snow and chilly weather could deter hearty Minnesota volunteers and neighbors. Many thanks to those that made our event wonderful again this year! Judy Muran and the University of MN Raptor Center, MN Science Museum, Owens Corning, 42nd Avenue Station, MPRB, Jason and Creekview Staff, Debbie Nelson and Julie Gordon from the Hennepin County Master Gardeners, Diane Spector and Ed from the Shingle Creek Watershed Management Organization, Wenk Associates, Inc., Paul Chellsen, Mpls Public Works Volunteer, SCNA Clean-up Site Coordinator, Jeff Johnson, SCNA event volunteers Pam O, Lori T, Lori H, Brock, Brian and Bonnie H, and the 40 friends of the Shingle Creek that came and helped clean-up the creek!

Shingle Creek Common Ground Garden seeks gardeners!

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All the News from Victory Neighborhood

PHHS Asian Cultural Club and ViNA present the “May Show”

All Victory residents are invited to attend the **May Show** on May 20 at 6 p.m. at Patrick Henry High School. The May Show is an evening of traditional and modern dance, song and costume reflective of a variety of Asian peoples, followed by a traditional Hmong meal and an “Expo” of hand crafted arts, interactive displays and demonstrations. It is all free and no reservations are needed.

The May show is the start of a partnership between the Asian Cultural Club at Patrick Henry and the Victory Neighborhood Association. Between 4.4 percent and 5.9 percent of our neighbors are Asian but very few of them are engaged in the life of the community for a variety of reasons. The most prominent of these are lack of English mastery, mistrust due to immigration under harsh circumstances, and/or lack of awareness of the function and purpose of neighborhood organizations. The purpose of the partnership is to help VINA reach out and engage our Asian neighbors in order that Hmong families will have the opportunity to

have their opinions heard and valued, feel or be treated less like “outsiders,” and come to understand they do not need to be isolated in their own neighborhood.

The students in the PHHS Asian Cultural Club stressed the importance of learning about the Asian culture and meeting with our neighbors in a venue where they would be comfortable in order to begin building a relationship of trust. So, mark you calendars **now** and come, meet your neighbors and learn about their ethnic heritage!

Register your Garage Sale by May 13

The 18th annual Victory Neighborhood Garage Sale will take place on Saturday, June 4 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; thanks to a resident, Angela Scaletta, who has stepped forward to serve as the coordinator. If you want to have your sale included in the Garage Sale map we must receive your registration by **May 13**. If you need a registration form contact the Victory Neighborhood Association at 612-529-9558 or info@victoryneighborhood.org.

The Lind Bohanon Neighborhood Association

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

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

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

Any requests for special accommodations are welcome. Contact LBNA staff seven days prior to date of meeting.

For more details on any of these items check the LBNA newsletter and website.

Thursday, May 5 — LBNA Board Meeting
guests: CM Johnson Talks Budget and Kristin Cici from the U of M Social Media for Neighborhoods Presentation

Feel free to attend to hear more!

4th Ward Council Member and President Barb Johnson will be attending the monthly LBNA meeting to overview the City budget and answer questions.

U of M Research Kristen Cici, Doctoral Student in Evaluation Studies and a Research Assistant for the Evaluation Group at the Institute for Community Integration, has been working on a research project for LBNA on social media and neighborhoods.

May 9 — “Observations and Ideas for North Lyndale”

What do you get when you unleash a University Urban Studies Classroom on Lyndale Ave N? “Observations and Ideas for North Lyndale”! Plan to attend this open house presentation Monday, May 9 from 7-8:30 p.m. This important presentation is free and open to the public.

May 7 — Lind Community Gardening Kick-off 9-11 a.m.

The Lind Community Garden and local gardeners

will be kicking-off the growing season at the Lind Community Garden 51st and Dupont Aves. N! If you're interested in learning more about gardening at the Lind Community Garden or at other community gardens plan to attend this important event!

Your garden can help us grow! Sunday, May 22- Saturday, May 28

The Lind Community Garden is teaming up with Malmberg's Garden Center, 5120 Lilac Drive N., the week of Sunday, May 22- Saturday, May 28 to raise funds for the Lind Community Garden. Shoppers simply bring in a form which can be printed off from our website, present it, and 10 percent of whatever's purchased will be donated to the garden.

Camden Community Garage Sale is coming! Saturday, June 4!

LBNA will be holding its fund-raising garage sale at the Bohanon Park Warming House! Donations for the LBNA Fundraising garage sale will be accepted until May 20. Funds raised will go toward the LBNA National Night Out Picnic In the Park.

Any questions contact LBNA staff at 612-588-7641 or email us at lindbohanonna@aol.com.



Folwell Neighborhood – NRP in Action!

New Folwell residents let us know you're here! Call 612-521-2100; email: info@folwell.org;

website: folwell.org. Office location: 1206 37th Ave. N.,

M-Th, 9 a.m.– 5 p.m. Al Saless-Chair, Folwell Neighborhood Association.

FNA Board Meeting: Monday, May 2, 6:30 p.m., FNA office -1206 37th Ave. N.

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Camden Arts

Phil Belknap, “Ya gotta do the music ‘cus ya love it!”

By Mick LaBriola

Walking into the Northside studio of Phil Belknap is a maniacal excursion into guitar mania and amazing unusual sound inventions made from toys — including the Gadgetor Guitar (displayed in Phil’s pic at right). With an intense passion for sci-fi and comic books, the very delightful and light-hearted Phil Belknap is most currently know as a guitarist, lap-steel-guitar player, Farfisa organist, composer, and inventor of various sound/audio devices mostly made from toys: a composite of switches, wiring and toys producing very high-tech frequencies and ambiances.

For the last 10 years Phil has been the principal songwriter of the Big Surf Band (<http://bigsurfband.com/>), his most notable current project. Earlier in his adventuresome folly, with a background in gymnastics, Phil became a dazzling rope-walking, acrobatic, juggling, lariat-spinning, mandolin-playing street performer. As a solo artist he became “Flip Phillip” working with theatrical ensembles, Renaissance Fairs and other events nationally and internationally. Phil has been supplementing his income working at the Wedge Co-op for the last 20 years.

Phil and his wife Liz Knaeble have resided for 11 years in their Northside home. Liz’s roots on the Northside astonishingly date back four generations to the year 1860. Liz is a child-care provider with Minneapolis Public Schools for high-school teens working to complete their education.

Born in West Covina near Los Angeles, California from Iowa farm-folk parents, Phil was brought to Austin, Minnesota at age three. The family later moved to White Bear Lake in 1962. Phil’s older brother Craig had a fun record collection and started taking lessons on guitar which sparked Phil’s musical interests. Phil soon studied guitar with his neighbor Louis Hauser. By age 13 Phil had initiated his career with his first band “Beggars Opera” with his childhood friends from Sunrise Junior High in White Bear Lake.

In the mid-’70s Phil relocated to Greeley, Colorado attending college, managing a food co-op, learning rope-walking with tips from Evan Ravitz (Evan from Heaven), doing some music and eventually working for White Wave Tofu (who spearheaded tofu in the U.S.) after moving to Boulder. He then worked the Renaissance Fair in Castle Rock, Colorado where he developed his one-man act of rope-walking while juggling or playing mandolin.

One year while wintering in Austin, Texas he joined the zany antics of Troupe De Jour featuring Magical Mystical Michael and Franko the Flying Sorcerer. By 1985 Phil migrated back to the Twin Cities working with the music groups The Talka-



bouts, Flesh Fantasy (Billy Idol covers), Frayed Knot, Beat Curio and the Electric Arab Orchestra.

Phil is an aficionado of Surf Music; he expresses “that twangy reverb guitar with bass and drums” climaxing from ‘62-’64 in Southern California. “It’s instrumental music with no singing, featuring the melodies knocked out on guitar, what a great idea!” Phil said. *Pipeline*, *Walk Don’t Run* and *Wipe Out* were the first tunes of Phil’s repertoire influenced by Arab/American Dick Dale (King of the Surf Guitar) and the Del-Tones, and Lynk Wray and his Ray Men (of Rawhide and Batman themes fame).

Phil also journeyed into Arabic music listening to another twangy guitar style, that of Omar Khorshid who performed with Arabic music legends Oum Kalthoum and Mohammed Abdel Wahab. While continuing his “Venture” (no pun intended) into the Surf and Middle Eastern genres, Phil began to compose and write music implementing his 1960s Farfisa electric organ along with his many stunning guitars, including the Fender Jazzmaster.

Big Surf is working on their fourth CD and often performs at Gasthof zur Gemutlichkeit and Marios Keller Bar in Northeast Minneapolis in between the regular polka bands. For five and a half years Big Surf had a once-a-month gig at the Hexagon Bar in the Seward neighborhood that folks really looked forward to. Phil hopes to find the band another venue for their committed fans. Any ideas?

Phil insists that “Ya gotta do the music ‘cus you love it, there isn’t always a crowd or money available. I’ve played some of the big gigs and wow we’re having fun! Then sometimes there’s just a few people in the house and this really tests your commitment to your art or music!”

Live on Drive

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Little on flute and saxophone. The band’s rich instrumentation (horns, violins, singers, and a full Latin rhythm section) and their repertoire of romantic boleros, hip-shaking meringues and salsa, salsa, salsa will make it a grand evening on the Drive.

August 11: The Café Accordion Orchestra

Led by Dan Newton on accordion and vocals, the Café Accordion Orchestra (CAO) plays a loungey, eclectic mix of music, full of French flare, Latin heat and Bohemian attitude. They inject their performances with good humor and expressive abandon, and their high level of musicianship and passion for performance makes then an entertaining concert act and a great dance band. The CAO has appeared in New York at the Lincoln Center’s Midsummer Night Swing series, the International Akko-deon Festival in Vienna, Austria, on *A Prairie Home Companion*, and at the Winnipeg Folk Festival, the Minnesota State Fair and many other



La Gran Charanga.



Café Accordion Orchestra.

festivals, theaters and dance halls across the United States. Victory Memorial Drive is a beautiful, tree-lined parkway that is one of the nation’s largest World War I memorials. Hennepin County and its project partners, along with veterans and community groups, have recently invested more than \$6 million in the restoration of this historical place. Concert-goers can visit with members of the Camden Community Historical Society to learn more about the history of the Drive and surrounding neighborhoods.

Live on the Drive is presented by founding partner, North Memorial, with the Cleveland Neighborhood Association, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, Washburn McReavy, the Victory, Webber Camden and Folwell Neighborhood Associations, North End Hardware, the Lowry Café, NorthNews and the COMPAS Community Arts Program with funds provided by the McKnight Foundation. (Sponsors to date.)

Concertgoers say it best: “Live on the Drive is good fun...people enjoying great music and each other.” said Sue Lundquist, marketing manager for North Memorial. “We’re honored to continue this partnership with the community and look forward to enjoying another great summer of music with our Northside neighbors.”

Concertgoers are encouraged to save gas and walk or roll to the events. Mark your calendars and plan to attend all three Live on the Drive concerts. Info: 612-588-1155 or www.liveonthedrive.org.

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Linda Koelman, President, WCNO

Note: The date of the May WCNO Board of Directors meeting has been moved to the second Thursday of the month which is May 12. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m., at the WCNO office.

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CNA Cleveland Neighborhood Association

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Public Safety Community Meeting - Monday, May 2

CCP/SAFE and the Cleveland

Neighborhood invite you to a community meeting on Monday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of Lucy Craft Laney Community School. Learn the importance of involving youth in your block clubs, how to form a block club, and also learn some personal and household safety tips.

Use this time to meet with Block Club Leaders and neighbors from throughout the neighborhood to discuss ways to improve safety and reduce crime in the Cleveland Neighborhood. All attendees are eligible to win a ride-along with Lt. Heimerl from the Minneapolis Police Department. We look forward to seeing you on Monday, May 2.

Spring Cleaning and Greening Day - Saturday, May 21

Join your neighbors on Spring Cleaning and Greening Day as they come together to do a neighborhood clean-up. Adopt your street or alley or help with a cleanup of Penn Avenue or

Cleveland Park. Call the office to get your bags and help spruce up the neighborhood.

Once we are clean, it is time to green. Join us for the Plant Swap at 3400 Queen Avenue North at 1 p.m. Bring some plants from your garden and share it with others and take something new home. At the same time and place, the Cleveland Neighborhood Block Clubs are hosting a potluck BBQ to thank all the volunteers who spent the morning picking up trash. Join us for lunch and bring a side-dish or dessert to share. CNA will supply the meat and condiments.

CNA Flea Market

Plan now and reserve your spot at the first CNA Flea Market to be held on June 4 in conjunction with the annual Victory Neighborhood Garage Sale. The Flea Market is planned for the back parking lot of Lucy Craft Laney School, 3333 Penn and will be indicated on the Garage Sale map. There is no charge to reserve a spot to sell your wares but participants must bring their own tables. To reserve your 10’ x 6’ space contact CNA at Fleamarket@clevelandneighborhood.org.

Community Calendar

The *Camden Community News* accepts free calendar items with priority placement going to free events for families in the Camden Community. Keep your items short — send the event basics (who, what, when, where, why, etc.), highlight and contact info to editor@camdenews.org. Send your item in the style listed below: day, date, event, location, etc. We never guarantee your calendar item will be printed — if you want to guarantee your event gets in the *Camden News* you may place an inexpensive paid ad to support the non-profit *Camden News* — see info on pages 2 and 11. And businesses can help the *Camden News* promote local events by sponsoring the Community Calendar, and get your business name out there — it's only \$50 per month. Call 521-3060.

Saturday 4/30 and Sunday 5/1: 24th annual 2011 Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour. Free, self-guided tour April 30, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and May 1, 1-5 p.m. - many on the Northside. Visit www.MSPHome-Tour.com for the guide/map.

May

Arts

Ongoing Mondays: Northside Arts Collective meets at 6:30 p.m. at 42nd Street Station, 4171 Lyndale Ave. N. Info at www.nac.ARTS.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.

Sunday, 5/1: Community Soul Food Dinner, 11:30 a.m. **Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church**, 4150 Dupont. Enjoy a free meal and meet and greet your neighbors, catered by Tahtianna's Soul Food Restaurant, with live entertainment from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Worship at 10:30-11:30 a.m. Info: Sandra Densmore, 612-521-3644.

Saturday, 5/7: Memorial Lutheran Church, 3751 Sheridan, annual **Spring Salad Luncheon** at noon. Welcome spring with an afternoon fun including delicious salads, tasty desserts and show tunes performed by Mary Hall. Tickets \$9 adults. Door prizes. Info: 612-529-2317.

Ongoing 5/5, 6 and 7: St. Austin Spring Rummage Sale, 4150 Thomas. May 5, 9-7, May 6, 9-5, May 7 (bag day), 8-noon, \$3 per bag or two for \$5.

Friday, Saturday, 5/6 and 7: Christ English Lutheran Church Spring Rummage Sale, 3210 Oliver,

612-521-3493. Open May 6, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., May 7 (bag day) 9 a.m.-noon.

Saturday, 5/14: St. Olaf Lutheran Church Trinkets & Treasures. Collectibles, knickknacks, jewelry, crafts and more. 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. St. Olaf Church Fellowship Hall, 2901 Emerson.

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.

Thursday, 5/5: What happens during foreclosure? What do homeowners need to know? What rights do homeowners and renters have? What assistance is available? Find out at a free workshop at Washburn Library, 6:30-8 p.m., 5244 Lyndale Ave. S. 612-543-8378.

Thursday, 5/5: What and where are "green" jobs? Women Achieving New Directions, 2143 Lowry, free workshop. Find opportunities for higher pay and stability. Network with successful women in their green careers. Get job leads. Enjoy a healthy dinner. Childcare provided (children will make an art project out of recycled materials). Attain a higher degree of achievement and gain benefits, prosperity and security. Info: 612-752-8554 or 651-604-3516.

Community Events

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

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

Ongoing, third Saturdays: Camden Garden Club meets 3rd Sat. at

North Miss. Reg. Park Interpretive Center, 9:30 am. Join us to build and maintain beautiful gardens in Camden. Learn about plants and community action. Free. Contact us at schnappl@q.com.

Ongoing at Loring School: Loring 5th graders' car wash on **Sat. April 30**, 10-1 to raise money to go to Camp Audubon in May; picnic lunch also for sale. **Loring School Carnival, Fri. May 6**, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Loring School students' **Science Fair Tues., May 24**, 6:30-8 p.m.

Ongoing: Hennepin low-cost vaccination clinics; includes measles. 6125 Shingle Creek Parkway, 9 to 11 a.m., on May 24; and Hennepin Health Services Building, 525 Portland Ave. S., 8:30 to 11 a.m. on May 6. Info: call 612-348-2884 or go to www.hennepin.us/vaccines.

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Libraries

Ongoing Mondays: The Friends of Webber Park Library invite you to join them at upcoming meetings - April 4, May 2 and June 6 at 6:30 p.m. Info: 952-847-8109 or webber-park@supportclub.org.

Ongoing: There's always lots to do at North Regional and Webber Libraries. For a complete program/class calendar list visit <http://www.hclib.org/pub/events/>.

Ongoing: Hennepin County Library's free JobNow, a real-time online resume and job interview coaching service. Connect with a carefully-screened job coach who offers resume feedback, interview coaching, resources for your job search and other career tips. Available 1-11 p.m. seven days a week: www.hclib.org/Jobs.

Saturday, 5/14: Secret Lives of Honey Bees at Webber Library, 2 p.m. Grades K and up. Meet the Bell Museum's beloved honeybees! See a live hive (safely-sealed), learn about pollination and the critical role bees play in our ecosystem, and extract a jar of honey to take home!

Thursday, 5/12: Adult Job Assistance, Webber Library, 1-3 p.m. Do you need help looking for a job, with applications or writing a resume? Stop in for free one-to-one assistance with a job counselor.

Tuesday, 5/17: Senior Surf Day, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Webber Library. Learn computer basics, how to navigate and search the Internet and how to access websites of interest to seniors.

Parks

Ongoing: Spring Kitchen. Discover how much fun cooking can be! At the park you'll learn basic cooking skills and prepare fun and healthy snacks and meals. Now you will be able to prepare that same weeks meal at home for your family and show off your new cooking skills! We will meet every week and chef it up in the kitchen! Free! Ages 11-18. Mondays, through May 23, 5-6:30 p.m. Folwell Recreation Center; Tuesdays, through May 24, 5-6:30 p.m., Creekview Recreation Center.

Ongoing Wednesdays: Field Trip - Tour Our City Join us as we take a trip and "tour our city." We will venture to places around our city that you normally might not go, like...the Science Museum, a Wild Hockey game, local parks and ice arenas, a U of M Gopher hockey game, and much

more! Trips will be every other week. Most trips will be free, but sometimes there may be a small fee. Ages 11- 18. through May 25, 4-8 p.m. Folwell Rec Center.

Ongoing: Date Night. Drop off your child(ren) at Webber Park Rec Center and then hit the town with your loved ones for a quiet dinner alone, a movie, or a trip to the grocery store. Park and recreation staff will be on site with games and crafts to keep the kids busy while you enjoy an evening alone! Ages 6-12. Pre-registration required. May 6 and 20, 6-8:30 p.m.; \$5/day.

Saturday, 5/7: Nature Recycles: Rot, Slime & Rolly Polly Bugs! 1-3 p.m., Kroening Interpretive Center. How does nature recycle and what's under a rotting log? Get answers and explore the spring woods as you look under, around and beneath! Build a mini "zoo" and race slugs! Participants receive a hand lens, Rotten Guide Sheet and directions for a Rolly Polly bug "zoo"! \$5. Ages: 4+.

Sunday, 5/8: Free Family Fun Days: River Bugs Tell a Story. 1-3 p.m., Kroening Interpretive Center in North Mississippi Regional Park. Catch live river insects and discover what they tell us about the Mississippi River. Free. Ages: All.

Resources

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

Upcoming

Upcoming: Mark your calendars — Camden Movies in the Park: June 18 at Bohanon Park; June 24 at Folwell; July 15 at Bohanon Park; August 27 at Victory Park. All movies begin at dusk. There will one more movie along Victory Memorial Drive but the date is yet to be determined.

Upcoming: Get ready! The big **Camden area Garage Sale is June 4**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. To get your own garage sale on the list check with your neighborhood association - see pages 8-9. The Cleveland Neighborhood will also hold a flea market at Lucy Laney School.



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Get comfort food, with a twist

By Connie Beckers

Folks have been asking for over a year now, “When is that restaurant on Lowry going to open?” I met with Darryl Weivoda, owner of The Lowry Café and North End Hardware, and Executive Chef and General Manager of The Lowry Café, Steve Swinney recently. And while they’re guarded about committing to a firm opening date, due to pending inspections, they are hoping for the first week of May. Watch for updates on The Lowry Café Facebook page.

The idea for the restaurant started brewing in late 2008 with the acquisition of the building at 2207 Lowry Ave. N. Weivoda’s objective is to help create a strong and diverse business node at Lowry and Penn. He grew up on the Northside and counted more than 45 businesses on this corner in the late 1980s, but today there are just 13, counting The Lowry Café. With future revitalization planned for the northside of Lowry and Penn, we are not far from the reality of a vibrant business district

once again.

Located on the south side of Lowry between Metro Check Cashing and The Goddess of Glass & Friends, The Lowry Café will feature comfort food with a twist. Classics like meat-loaf, pork chops and design your own omelets will be made from scratch with fresh ingredients including the dressings and sauces, fresh coffee by B&W, and breads from the Franklin Street Bakery. Swinney’s “make it nice or make it twice” motto ensures you’ll get a delicious meal every time.

Customers will enjoy an art show by Northside artists while dining as well. The first show features watercolors by Bryn Mawr resident Pat Waddick. Pat is also the architectural designer of The Lowry Café. The shows will change regularly and are managed by Connie Beckers, next door at The Goddess of Glass & Friends. Again, watch the Facebook page for reception announcements.

Chef Steve has hired the majority of his 20

staff from North Minneapolis and is excited to be a part of the community. The Lowry Café will be sign-language and child-friendly, and free wi-fi will help you stay in touch with the virtual world. The walls will feature local artists with a reception evening. And there will be family nights, Twins games on the television and special date nights.

The Lowry Café, will be open seven days a week with Sunday thru Tuesday hours of 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. for breakfast, lunch and Sunday brunch, and Wednesday thru Saturday for dinner until 9 p.m. Have a glass of wine or beer with your meal and enjoy!

Both Darryl and Steve, along with neighboring businesses, share the excitement expressed by the community for a new Northside dining venue. Darryl would like to thank all the city and neighborhood people who helped in the process, “You know who you are.”

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Teens from North Regional and Brookdale Libraries, who participate in Hennepin County Library’s International Teen Club led by Hmong Outreach liaison Chaleng Lee, went on a field trip to Mille Lacs Indian Museum in Onamia on March 26 to learn about Native American culture. They learned how the Ojibwe built and dismantled their homes, and collected and hunted for food to survive in all four season.

The teens also had an opportunity to enjoy traditional Ojibwe food. One teen noticed similarities between the Ojibwe and Hmong cultures. The teens previously learned about 19th Century life in Minnesota by touring Murphy’s Landing in Shakopee and Fort Snelling in St. Paul. For info on Hennepin County Library’s International Teen Club visit www.hclib.org.



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Outdoors

Getting tips on productive gardening

The Victory Neighborhood Association Environmental Committee held a free gardening workshop on April 9 at The Warren, with the focus on “Gardening for Food.” Before and after workshops on planning and growing your own vegetables, seed starting and rain garden maintenance, attendees were able to look over booths staffed with knowledgeable people on many topics, including container gardening. Photo by Randy Klauk.



Have your say on the Crystal Lake Trail plan

The Three Rivers Park District Board of Commissioners has approved the draft master plan for the Crystal Lake Regional Trail, and the public has an opportunity to review the plan and make comments about it.

The master plan has been developed for the 11-mile length of the paved multi-use trail, which will travel from the Minneapolis Grand Rounds at Victory Memorial Parkway through Robbinsdale, Crystal, Brooklyn Park, Osseo and Maple Grove to Elm Creek Park Reserve. The trail will generally run parallel to the Bottineau Boulevard (County Road 81) corridor.

Copies of the master plan are available at www.ThreeRiversParks.org. You can provide comments until May 11; send to CrystalLakeTrail@threeriversparkdistrict.org or Three Rivers Park District, Crystal Lake Regional Trail, 3000 Xenium Lane N., Plymouth, MN 55441.

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Bring butterflies to your back yard

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

As I write this, somewhere under the last blanket of snow are our gardens. For now we will have to imagine instead a blanket of flowers undulating in a gentle breeze, the nodding heads a riot of color, and a bevy of butterflies flitting from blossom to blossom. Right now it might be all in our heads but it can be in our gardens if we plan and plant for it.

To create a garden of butterflies you must provide the butterflies’ three basic needs — food, shelter and water. Most species of northern butterflies feed on flower nectar as their primary source. This sugar rich food is provides the energy for flight. They prefer single large daisy-like flowers with accessible open centers. (Double layered blossoms are mostly for show and have very little nectar.) They are especially attracted to purples and yellows, and flowers of similar colors grouped together please both the butterflies and the gardener. It is important to provide a wide variety of flowers throughout the season. Coneflow-

ers, zinnias, marigolds impatiens, phlox and sunflowers are excellent during the summer months when butterflies are most active. Lilacs and azaleas can supply food in the early spring, and asters, chrysanthemums and late sedums are good sources of food in the fall.

Butterflies also need plants on which to lay their eggs and for the larvae to feed. Adult butterflies feed on a variety of flowers; their larvae are a little more particular. Most larvae feed on the leaves but some prefer the reproductive parts and seeds. The monarch caterpillar (larva) feeds primarily on milkweed, and black swallowtails on parsley. Violets provide food for Great Spangled larva; thistles for Painted Ladies. Some butterfly larvae prefer trees such as willow and ash; Tiger Swallowtail larva feed on birch and cherry leaves. If you truly want to provide for the complete life cycle of butterflies, you may have to put up with some less than perfect looking plants, some larva have

very voracious appetites. And it is important that all the plants that provide food for both butterfly and larva remain pesticide free.

Butterflies are delicate creatures and need protection from the wind to eat, mate and lay eggs. They need shade on hot days and this shelter can be provided by tall flowers, shrubs, evergreens or even fences and walls.

Butterflies also need water but bird baths and ponds are too deep. Butterflies will be found on the wet edges of mud puddles or wet sandy areas. The butterflies need the salts and minerals that leach into the water from the soil in order to mate. This behavior is referred to as ‘puddling.’ You can provide a ‘watering hole’ for your butterflies with a shallow dish of wet sand or simply keeping a wet muddy spot in the garden.

It is not difficult to create the butterfly garden of our imaginations; it is just a matter of knowing what the life cycle needs of the butterfly are and providing what they need.

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