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## Webber Park to have a “master plan”

By Sue Quist

At 2:00 P.M. on June 15, 1910, in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Webber and members of the Board, the swimming pool was opened to the public, and the whoops of joy and pleasure from the swarms of boys, as they shot through the opened doors into the pools like released cannonballs, not only brought tears to the eyes of Mrs. Webber, but similarly affected all those present.” *Minneapolis Park System 1883-1944*, page 188, author Theodore Wirth.

For the first time in 102 years the swimming pool at Webber Park did not open this summer. In the aftermath of the May 22 tornado and with temperatures as high as 103 degrees, its closing has been a bitter pill to swallow. According to the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board (MPRB) the current pool (which replaced the original pool in 1979) is in need of significant repairs, due to structural and mechanical concerns. Rather than put more money into its maintenance the MPRB decided to close the pool permanently, simultaneously approving \$4 million over two years for a Webber Park Master Plan initiative.

In June the MPRB selected Landform to lead the planning process in collaboration with Minneapolis Park staff. In a letter to the MPRB, Landform’s Bob Schunicht described Landform as an interdisciplinary site design firm with a client centered practice. “Our team is committed to delivering a well integrated plan and design, beginning with a public process that gathers meaningful and significant input — input that is crucial to creating the foundation for a great park.”

Landform employs a SensiblyGreen™ approach to planning and designing parks and has suggested creating a natural swimming pond, in lieu of a pool. Their proposal states: “The key element of the master plan and the focus of our proposal is the development of the optimal aquatic experience for the neighborhood.” Former park planner Andy Lesch had hoped to start the community input process as early as this past spring. However, due to radical restructuring of the Minneapolis Park staff, and the tornado, the

process has been delayed until September.

In the restructuring process, former Cleveland resident and landscape architect, Bruce Chamberlain, has been hired as the park’s Assistant Superintendent for Planning Services. Superintendent Jayne Miller introduced Chamberlain by saying, “Bruce understands the legacy of the organization and he has the skills and professional leadership to move us forward. He has a strong reputation in the community, has a strong record of public/private collaboration, and is known for his new ideas.” The new Director of Design and Project Management for the parks is Cliff Swenson and he will serve as the project manager for the Webber Park Master Plan.

Commissioner Jon Olson, said that while the staff restructuring set the project back by a couple of months, he is excited to work with Swenson on this project. Olson also expressed a desire to get the community on board with the initiative.

“Webber Park is a key gathering place for the neighborhood, and the master planning process will include significant opportunities for public input about what facilities the community desires. We’re really looking for public feedback to help us identify areas for improvement. The master planning process will provide an opportunity to look at a new aquatic facility, enhance opportunities for both active and passive recreation, improve trail connections and improve connection to Shingle Creek,” said Olson. “The plan will also address the long-term recovery from the recent tornado, including a tree replacement. The primary goal is an upgraded park with facilities that meet the needs of the community.” When asked if the selection of Landform meant that a pool was out of the question, Olson said that all ideas are on the table, but he likes the idea of a natural swimming pond, because of the aesthetics, the lower cost, and the potential for fewer or no chemicals.

## Rescued herons released



Baby herons rescued from Heron Island after the tornado in May were released on July 18 at the Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park. Seven of the nine herons were set free after spending two months at the Wildlife Refuge Center for rehab. Read more on page 3. Photo by Donna Seline.

Jennifer Ringold, Manager of Public Engagement and Citywide Planning for the parks, said that they will begin the preliminary analysis of the park site and identification of key community stakeholders in August. She said community members can have input by completing a survey which will be available on-line at the MPRB’s Webber Project Page and will also be available via hard copy at Webber Park.

In late September the master planning team will host a “design charrette.” This is a multi-day design event that invites community members to work together with the design team to develop concepts and ideas for the park design, with the aquatic facilities as a central theme. Bruce Chamberlain said that you “go into the charrette with no concepts at all and use the time to analyze issues that need to be addressed; issues that could include cost, history, program use, environmental impact, space availability and the ways in which

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## Penn Avenue closing July 25 until August 8 - Flood Area 5 - 37th Avenue Greenway

By Roberta Englund

In early May Folwell residents received notice that the planning for the 37th Avenue Greenway was over and that the work was about to begin. In early June a second notice announced that tree clearing had begun on Oliver and during the week of June 10th heavy equipment appeared on the block of 37th Avenue between Penn and Oliver Avenues North. In less than a week, the street was gone and a hole, a block long and 20 feet deep, took its place.

The multi-block greenway will provide underground storm water storage while providing pedestrian and bicycle pathways on the blocks between Penn and Knox Avenues North. 37th Avenue will be closed to vehicular traffic, while traffic on the north-south streets and alleys continue as usual. In response to community concerns about safety and speeding, stop signs will be installed at each intersection along the route.

On July 25, Penn Avenue from Dowling to 36th

was closed to through traffic and will remain so until August 8. Alternate routes will be Dowling and Lowry, east and west, and Lyndale or Fremont Avenues for north south access. 37th between Penn and Queen Avenues will be excavated to receive an underground storage box and when the installation is complete, the street will be paved for vehicular traffic. The non-vehicular greenway will only exist between Penn and Knox Avenues, east of Penn.

The Minneapolis Police Department, 4th Precinct and Traffic Control will have added patrols to ensure that traffic on the side streets and 36th Avenue North is appropriate. They will be watching for speeding and drivers who run stop signs on 36th and the streets both east and west of Penn Avenue.

At this time, the project is on schedule with this phase completed November 20. Landscaping, including the installation of eleven rain gardens and other amenities, will begin the spring of 2012.



Looking east from Penn Avenue, construction is underway for the 37th Avenue Greenway. Photo by Randy Klauk.

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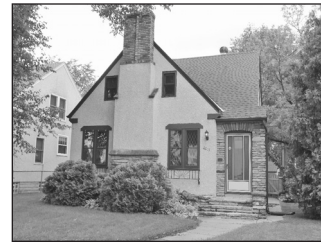
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Pet owners now have an alternative choice for pet care during vacation and business trips. Kim Rinde, former co-owner of The Parrot Nannies of Minnesota Inc. which closed in May, has opened **Kim's Critter Care** in northwest Minneapolis. "I will visit a client's home on a daily basis to feed, water and care for the pet(s). I will provide lots of tender loving care and personalized attention during each visit," says Rinde. She is also happy to bring in newspapers, mail, water house


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plants, and turn lights on and off to give your house a "lived-in" look. Rinde is bonded and insured through Professional Pet Sitters LLC and she has numerous references available. She is also certified in pet first aid and CPR by the American Red Cross. All new clients making reservations for pet sitting services during August, September and October will receive a 10 percent discount off the total sitting fee the first time. Info: 612-991-3758, <http://kimscriitter-care.net/> or [info@kimscriitter-care.net](mailto:info@kimscriitter-care.net).

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## Behind the Victory Flagpole – The Bohanon houses

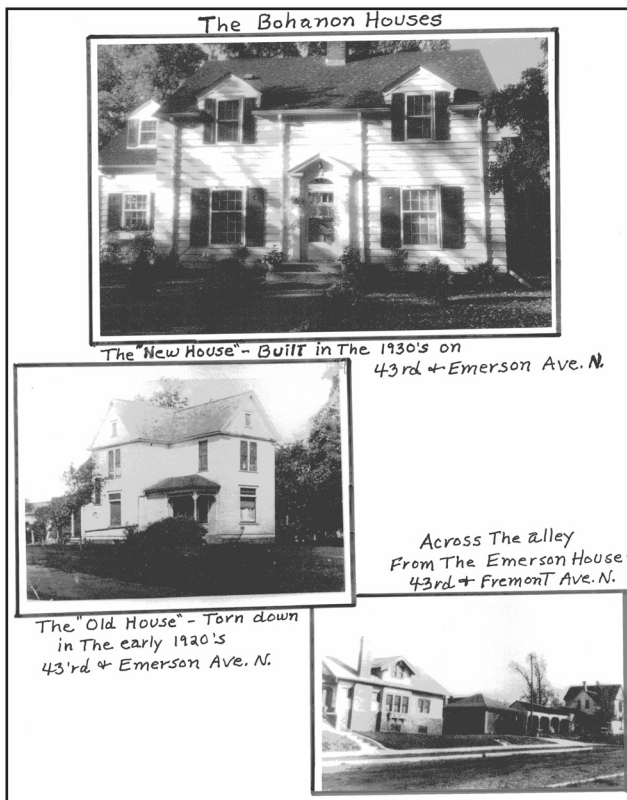
Barbara Meyer Bistodeau

By now you all know that Bohanon is a big name in the history of Camden. John C. was one of the early settlers I have written about many times. Now I have heard from a man, Nathan Thompson, who is living in a Bohanon house on 43rd and Emerson, which Lloyd and Isobel Bohanon had built in the 1930s. Nathan was curious about his home's history and what it looked like before he bought it.

Well, who better to talk to than a Bohanon relative, Mrs. Eila Spriesterbach Miller, who is a granddaughter of Horace Bohanon and a great-granddaughter of Willard Bohanon, who was the son of pioneer John C. Bohanon and wife, Lucretia. She knows better than anyone the history of the Bohanons in the Camden area.

So, Eila reports that the home on 43rd and Emerson was not there when she was a small child in the mid 1920s. There was only a vacant lot because the "Old House" had been torn down in the early 1920s. Her grandfather, Horace, had bought several lots from his grandfather, John C.—one on 43rd and Emerson and one on 43rd and Fremont. These lots were just across the alley from each other and all that remained of the lot on 43rd and Emerson was a pump on the corner between the street and the alley. The well was deep and provided refreshing water to the neighborhood. Eila remembered the junk men with their horses and wagons stopping there on a hot day for a cold drink.

Her grandfather and grandmother, Ella, chose to build on the Fremont site. They built a smaller but more modern two-story house, along with outbuildings on



this lot. Eila's mother was born there in 1894 and her uncle Lloyd in 1900. Her grandmother, Ella, roomed and boarded teachers from Hamilton School, which was just down the hill on 44th. A bonus for grandma's special cooking was lessons from those teachers in reading and writing. Grandma had very little schooling and was eager to learn, so she could have an income.

Ella's uncle, Lloyd Bohanon, had married Isobel Schied in 1925 and by 1937 they had two children, Louise — 5 yrs. and John Campbell — 1 yr. It was time for permanent housing, and what better location than the empty lot on 43rd and Emerson, right across the alley from parents and grandparents, Horace and Ella. Lloyd engaged his cousin, architect Carleton Farnham, son of Horace's sister, Edith, to build the house. Carleton was a well-known area designer. He personally supervised the construction of a beautiful, well appointed house on the 43rd and Emerson lot, and one more generation would grow up on Bohanon land!

Lloyd and Isobel's children,

Louise and John, both attended Hamilton School and graduated from Patrick Henry High School. Louise attended and graduated from Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colorado. After graduation she taught school in Minneapolis. A few years later she married Albert Strand. Right after marriage they moved to California, where she again taught school. Her brother, John C., graduated from the U. of M. and after graduation was employed by the Commerce Dept. in Washington D.C. After work he attended Georgetown University where he earned his law degree. He later moved back to Minnesota and joined the law firm of Hoagland, Dougherty, Carleen and Bohanon in Camden. They had a small office on Lyndale, across from the Camden Bank. When I-94 took that property, a new larger office was built across Lyndale, next door to the bank.

As to what happened to Lloyd and Isobel Bohanon, who built their house in 1937—Lloyd died in 1965 and wife, Isobel was alone in the house, so son John bought the house from his mother and lived with her until he had to move her to a nursing home, where she died in 1999. John then died at home on October 27, 2000.

After John's death the lovely home was sold on January 15, 2001. The land had been in the Bohanon name from 1852 to 2000—148 years! And now Nathan Thompson knows the history of his home.

*Note: All the information and two pictures for this article were supplied by Eila Spriesterbach Miller. One picture supplied by Nathan Thompson.*

## Renew, restore, recharge

By Carol McElroy, Interpretive Naturalist, Kroening Interpretive Center

Given time, nature heals.

On July 18, the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center released seven heron chicks, tornado victims rescued from the island rookery at North Mississippi Regional Park. The captive-raised chicks have grown into full-sized adults in two months, thanks to dedicated care by staff and volunteers. The herons were released at a small lake near the Coon Rapids Dam rookery, away from the rapid current of the Mississippi River.

The nearby rookery—still populated with adults and juvenile birds—will give the rescued birds a chance to successfully migrate to the Gulf region and return to the upper Mississippi River next spring. These chicks, a small fraction of the original population, give testament that life continues in the wake of natural tragedy.

Amy Luesebrink, Lind Bohanon Neighborhood Association staff, assisted in releasing one of the herons. Remembering the devastation after the tornado hit, she recalled looking up from the damage on the ground to see herons circling in panic. Two months later, as she watched the birds skim the surface of the lake and rise to the trees, she reflected, "This release celebrates the resilience of the community. It is a symbol of hope and recovery for North Minneapolis."

Fractured trees still lie on the ground in North Mississippi Regional Park. Sunlight now illuminates areas previously shaded by mature trees and nurtures newly emerging plants. Young trees take hold, unhindered by competition from their 50-year-old parents. Leafy vines encircle crumbled branches, covering the dry wood with renewed green. Small woodland flowers peek through wooded debris. New life springs from the devastation. The landscape has changed, providing new cover for animals.

A stroll through North Mississippi Regional Park offers quiet comfort. The now cleared paved trails wind through prairies filled with flowing grasses and brilliant yellow, orange, and lavender flowers. Views of the river are more numerous from the shoreline, and a glance south unveils the city skyline. Newly opened areas provide new habitat for birds and mammals. Nature does not pause; it moves forward and continues on. In nature, different is not necessarily worse. And just as the young herons look to the future, so may we. And we can turn to nature to be refreshed and inspired to continue on as well.

Restore yourself by sitting by the river or walking through the prairie. Visit the Kroening Interpretive Center and borrow a backpack filled with activities to share with your children as you explore the park. Check out a flower guide to identify prairie plants. Stop by on Sundays anytime between 1 and 3 p.m. for Free Family Fundays. Learn about Water on July 31, Nature's Textures on August 7, and Fish on August 14. For info about the park call 763-694-7693. You can also visit us on Facebook at Three Rivers Park District-Kroening Interpretive Center.

*The baby herons hesitated, then took flight at their release party on July 18. Photos by Donna Seline.*



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## Camden Youth & Schools

### North High is moving forward and upward

By Buzzy Bohn

When students walk into North High at the beginning of the 2011-12 school year they will be entering an improved school. A number of people have been spending the past several months working on North High so that rather they are returning students or incoming 9th graders, they will be getting a first class education.

In May some members of the North High Advisory Committee, which is made up of community members and district staff, traveled to New York to look at high schools there that had been turned around with the help of the Institute for Student Achievement (ISA). ISA is the non-profit organization that the district and community selected to help redesign North High. Ten members of the committee split into three groups and visited six different high schools. The committee members sat in on classes, talked to teachers, principals and students, and learned how things were turned around at these schools. One of the schools toured was Park East High School in East Harlem, which had been slated for closure, but after partnering with ISA now has an A on the New York City Progress Report. It also has a 95 percent satisfaction rating from its parents. The school has high and rigorous academic standards and also focuses on the connections between faculty and students to ensure that students succeed and are prepared to go on to college.

North High Principal Peter Christiansen, along with the assistant principal and teacher leaders, participated in the ISA Summer Institute in June. This allowed them to gain a better understanding of the ISA model and to connect with similar schools across the country. There are seven principles of the ISA model. The staff, along with help from ISA, will begin by focusing on three of them this coming school year: College Preparatory Instructional Program — “Beginning in the ninth grade, ISA schools encourage students to view themselves as future college students and, through their four years in high school, prepare

them for admission to, and success in, college.” ISA will also provide coaching for teachers in implementing this principal. Distributed Counseling™ — “Building a safety net of support services across the school ISA’s unique model of Distributed Counseling™ ensures that all members of the school have a role in making it a caring community. All the adults in the school are responsible for knowing students well and providing a caring, safe and supportive environment for them.” Extended School Day & School Year — “Extending personalized and challenging learning opportunities, recognizing that learning continues beyond the traditional school day and year, the extended day and extended school year enable staff to provide students with structured time, individual attention and other supports necessary for their success with the school’s challenging, college preparatory curriculum.” North will not be extending the 2011-12 school year but there will be after school opportunities for students who need academic help.

On July 11 and 12 ISA along with the National Center for Restructuring Education, Schools, & Teaching (NCREST) held focus groups with community members to get input on what they felt was important to see at North High as it moves forward. NCREST is at the Teachers College, Columbia University. The North High Advisory Committee feels strongly that community input is essential as this process moves forward. The advisory committee has been meeting all summer and will continue to do so throughout this coming school year.

Many people — community members, district staff, school staff and ISA — are working in partnership on behalf of our North High students. Whether you look at, or call this, the New North High, the North Redesign or bringing North High back to its glory days, this 123-year-old Northside institution is moving forward to be better than ever! For more info on ISA go to <http://www.studentachievement.org/>.

### Camp Noah helps kids and families recover from tornado disaster

Children, like adults, need special support to recover from losses following a natural disaster. They may have lost their home, their own personal treasures, a daily routine and friends who may have moved to another community.

To help children recover from the recent tornado, several churches along with Lutheran Social Service of MN, are offering a week-long day camp called Camp Noah filled with music, games and fun. Activities are designed to help children process their feelings and fears, develop resiliency and coping skills, make new friends and offer support. Camp Noah will serve kids from first through sixth grade. All children are welcome.

“Camp Noah provides children a safe and fun place to talk about the disaster,” explains Nancy Beers, director of Camp Noah and Disaster Services for Lutheran Social Service of MN. “Children need to express their worries and often have learned to keep them to themselves because they can sense their parents are already stressed and they don’t want to burden them further. We bring fresh new ears to listen. By providing this camp, we also want to offer a break to parents who may be tending to rebuilding efforts, insurance concerns, or their own emotional recovery.”

With a special curriculum developed specifically to help children recover from a disaster, Camp Noah invites children to share their stories and develop important resiliency skills such as self-esteem, problem-solving, stress management and preparedness for the future. Day camp activities include skits, music, outdoor recreation, puppets and crafts.

Camp Noah will be held August 8-12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at St. Olaf Lutheran, Salem Lutheran and Jordan New Life. Cost is \$10/child and registration assistance is available for those who need it. For info or to register your child, call any of the three camp hosts: St. Olaf Lutheran Church, 2901 Emerson Ave. N, contact Sue Quist at 612-529-7726; Salem Lutheran Church, 4150 Dupont Ave. N, contact Pat Fish at 612-521-3644; or Jordan New Life Community Church, 1922 25th Ave. N, contact Redeemer Lutheran Church Office at 612-374-4139.

### Selected passages from Patrick Henry 70th Annual Dedication and Graduation Days in June

#### Brionna Harder, International Baccalaureate Program Coordinator

...I’m going to offer two seemingly contradictory pieces of advice as you leave high school and step into the world, with your diploma in hand, taking on the next challenges in your education, in your work and in your life.

The first piece of advice – Get crackin’. The world – from as close as your neighborhood and as far away as the other side of the globe – needs you to step up. The challenges we face as a community, as a nation and as an increasingly interconnected world are staggering. And, the urgency is very, very real. Pick an issue or two or three, accept it as yours and start making the change you wish to see. Find within yourself that urgency to affect change, that drive to make a difference, that sense of responsibility to yourself, to each other and to the future that will inspire you to get active and get involved. We need “boots on the ground” to move the work.

My second piece of advice – Slow down. There’s the contradiction. With all of the urgency in the world, the high needs of our communities, the injustices that continue to exist, so often we lose the momentum to affect change in the speed of life in today’s world. We’ve all heard that “haste makes waste” and we all have experienced that to be true at least once. To effectively affect change, you need to both plan for the future and live in the moment....

Recognize those moments, relish them, find the beauty in them – the ah-ha’s you will have as you continue to learn, the connections you will make and deepen with families, friends and loved ones, the habits and attitudes that you will keep and those that you will shed as you move into your adult years, and all of those moments that make life worth living. . . Embrace the magic, the beauty and the wonder in those moments. You’ll miss them if you don’t slow down.

#### Pa Dao Yang, class of ‘07

...My advice to all of the graduating seniors today is to continue to learn through your life experiences and to take initiative of your own belonging. I encourage you to engage in dialogue with diverse backgrounds other than your own and learn how to work together. I would also like for you all to learn how to not just ask questions but ask the right questions. When someone tells you that something cannot be done, don’t ask “why,” but ask “how” to do it in other resourceful ways. When someone asks you to be a part of a project or team, don’t say “I’ll think about it” but ask, “How can I get more information or what can I bring to this project or team?” Everything you have done and everywhere that you have gone was through the help of someone else who believed in you.

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## Keep your garden blooming all season long

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

“Hot enough for ya?” A fellow Master Gardener from New Jersey said that she had never heard that phrase until she moved here. Along with “cold enough for ya?” these must be truly Minnesota phrases. I can’t say I have been doing a lot of gardening in the heat, but I have been admiring my garden; one of the things I enjoy about it is that there always seems to be something blooming, bringing shouts of color, from early spring through the fall. While this can be accomplished by planting annuals, some of which can bloom throughout the summer and into fall, thoughtful planning and planting of perennials can also produce the same results without buying and planting annuals every year.

In early spring the blooms of my efforts are a variety of tulips, crocuses, daffodils and snowdrops. My early spring garden is primarily purple and yellow, but all of these bulbs come in a wide variety of colors. Columbine (*Aquilegia*) in shades of yellow, pink and blue begin to bloom in May, along with blue Cranesbill (*Geranium*), False Indigo (*Baptista australis*), false forget-me-

not (*Macrophylla*), Bachelor Buttons, red Primrose (*Primula*) and lavender periwinkle (*Vinca minor*).

May also starts the irises blooming. Standard bearded irises bloom in a wide range of colors from white to near black, bronze to green, blue, red, orange and yellow and a combination of many of these. They bloom from early to late spring. Purple dwarf Japanese irises bloom in my garden in May, but also come in a variety of other colors. Siberian irises (*Iris Sibirica*) are not readily identified as irises because they do not have the same appearance as the bearded irises. Their grass-like leaves stand 2’-3’ tall and remain green throughout the summer. Their delicate beardless flowers appear in late spring, most commonly purple but also possibly white, maroon, pink or yellow.

In June my hardy shrub roses burst with blooms of pink, yellow, red, white and rose. Most of my roses, Champlain, Henry Hudson, Hansa, John Cabot and the prolific climber, William Baffin are part of the Canadian Explorer series which was developed to be



## Fourth Ward Report

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### Tornado Recovery Continues

Since the tornado struck the Northside on May 22, the City of Minneapolis and its numerous partners and volunteers have been working hard to help people in North Minneapolis get back on their feet following this disaster. From clearing streets and picking up more than a million pounds of debris, to making sure homes are safe to live in and connecting people with the resources they need, thousands are pitching in to help folks recover and rebuild. For more information about tornado recovery activities and links to housing, home repair and consumer resources, please visit <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/tornado/index.asp>.

### Violent Crime in Minneapolis Drops

Violent crime continues to decline in Minneapolis for the fifth year in a row. As of June 30, violent crime has dropped nearly 15 percent compared to the same point in 2010, after falling to a 27-year low for all of 2010. As an important component in the citywide drop in violent crime, the number of youth suspects in violent crime has declined 14 percent since the midpoint of 2010 and 66 percent since the midpoint of 2006, the recent high-water mark for violent crime and youth crime. The drop in violent crime is led by an ongoing decline in the number of gun incidents, with Minneapolis on track to record a 20 percent drop in gun incidents in 2011 compared to 2010. The City’s Youth Violence Prevention initiative, a comprehensive, community-driven approach that treats youth violence as a public-health epidemic; and Project Exile, a partnership be-

tween the Minneapolis Police Department, the Hennepin County Attorney and the United States Attorney to arrest and prosecute the most violent gun offenders and get illegal guns off the street, are credited with assisting with the drop in violent crime. Other initiatives included cooperation and partnership with neighbors, businesses and community organizations as contributing to the decline in violent crime. Comprehensive statistics about violent crime citywide and in North Minneapolis at the midpoint of 2011 are available at [http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/mayor/docs/2011\\_midyear\\_crime\\_statistics.pdf](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/mayor/docs/2011_midyear_crime_statistics.pdf).

### Bike Helmets for Kids

Thank you to the American Academy of Neurology for donating 1000 children’s bike helmets that were given away at six North Minneapolis bike festivals this summer. Their mission is to provide the best care possible for people with neurologic disorders, including the prevention of brain injuries. The American Academy of Neurology is relocating to Minneapolis and has started construction on their new headquarters, a five-story, 62,000 square foot building located near the Guthrie Theater.

### 4th Ward E-Newsletter

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hardy in zones 2-4, but there were dozens of hardy shrub roses ranging in color from white, pink, rose, yellow, purple red and deep purple. Blooming along with the roses is the spotted dead nettle (*Lamium maculatum*) and bluebells (*Campanula*). In July the daylilies begin to bloom, each blossom lasting only one day but each plant producing a couple of weeks of show. Also blooming in July are coneflowers (*Echinacea*), yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*), black-eyed susans (*Rudbeckia*), blazing star (*Liatris spicata*), butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*), coralbells (*Heuchera sanguinea*), balloon flower

(*Platycodon*) and Joe Pye weed (*Eupatorium maculatum*). Blue, pink, purple or white speedwell (*Veronica*), garden phlox (*Phlox paniculata*) and bee balm (*Monarda didyma*) bloom in August.

The fall is not without its share of blooming and colorful plants the most common being chrysanthemums and asters. The University of Minnesota has produced numerous varieties of cold hardy chrysanthemums over the last 50 years. They come in a variety of colors from white and cream to

dark burgundy. They also come in various growth habits from compact dwarf plants to the large shrub like Maxi-Mums™. Mums are easy to grow and last for years if planted in well drained soil, in a sunny location and are provided some winter protection. Asters, including the tall New England aster, bloom in September and October as does the tall sedum Autumn Joy.

Stop by and see what is blooming in my garden during the Victory Garden Tour on August 6.



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## Camden Arts

### Camden Music School Presents 6th Annual Music in the Heart of Victory summer concert series

By Janet Zahn

Camden Music School is proud to present the 6th Annual Music in the Heart of Victory summer concert series from 5-8 p.m. every Friday in August at 42nd St. and Thomas Ave. N., next to Papa's Restaurant & Deli. As always, we've got a fun, fabulous line-up of musicians (including many Camden neighbors) who are looking forward to performing for you. We hope you'll come out and hear them play!

#### Friday, August 5

5-5:45 p.m.: St. Anthony Main with Camden neighbor Bruce Stasch—A capella vocal quartet/doo-wop to barbershop

6-6:45 p.m.: Northern Latitudes—Mandolin quartet/Ethnic, classical, pop and jazz

7-7:45 p.m.: Dan Hylton (a Camden neighbor) with percussionist Krista Johnson/Alt Acoustic

#### Friday, August 12

5-5:45 p.m.: Indigenous Folk featuring CMS students—3 piece/Modern Rock

6-6:45 p.m.: Sublime Curve with Camden neighbor Jeff Moe—4 piece/Jazz Standards and Originals

7-7:45 p.m.: Adrienne Nightingale—Acoustic Folk and Blues

#### Friday, August 19

5-5:45 p.m.: Ellie Fregni (CMS Instructor), viola pomposa/Eclectic neo-classical

6-6:45 p.m.: Out of Reach—Eclectic Rock and Pop

7-7:45 p.m.: Jeffrey Willkomm (CMS instructor), guitar and vocals/Eclectic and Original Tunes

#### Friday, August 26

5-5:45 p.m.: Stealing Home—Acoustic strings, tight harmonies

6-6:45 p.m.: Steve Zimmerman & the Roving Educators – guitar, accordion, banjo, whistles and pipes and more. (Steve's a Camden neighbor, too.)

7-7:45 p.m.: Dan Chouinard—Sing-Along with Dan on accordion

Bring blankets or lawn chairs for seating, and enjoy great music on a lovely summer evening. Thanks to everyone at Papa's Restaurant & Deli for their support. Info: 612-618-0219, [www.camdenmusic-school.com](http://www.camdenmusic-school.com) or [www.eatatpapas.com](http://www.eatatpapas.com).

### Cafe Accordion Orchestra is Live on the Drive August II; and La Gran Charanga on August 25

By Janet Zahn



Come experience Live on the Drive twice in August! Our first, regularly scheduled concert on Thursday, August 11 features the Café Accordion Orchestra (CAO) playing an eclectic mix of music that's full of French flare, Latin heat and Bohemian attitude. They inject their music with good humor and expressive abandon, and their high level of musicianship and passion for performance makes them an entertaining concert act as well as a great dance band – so bring your dancin' shoes.

The CAO has appeared in New York at the Lincoln Center's Midsummer Night Swing series, the International Akkordeon Festival in Vienna, Austria, on *A Prairie Home Companion*, and at The Winnepeg Folk Festival,

the Minnesota State Fair and many other festivals, theaters and dance halls across the United States. The band is lead by Dan Newton on accordion and vocals, with Eric Mohring on mandolin, violin and vocals, Erik Lillestol on bass and vocals, Robert Bell on guitar and vocals and Joe Steinger on percussion. They've made eight recordings including their most recent release, *Berets and Bongos*.

Plus... The rained-out July 14 Live on the Drive concert featuring La Gran Charanga has been rescheduled for Thursday, August 25. Celebrate the last weeks of summer with your friends and neighbors, and dance to the music of this 10-piece Latin all-star band as they bring you their romantic boleros, hip-shaking meringues and salsa music.

Concert-goers say it best: "This is just a wonderful thing for our community. It really brings people together." So...pack a picnic, invite your friends and bring your neighbors! Both free concerts take place from 6-8 p.m. at 34th Ave. N and Victory Memorial Parkway. Concert-goers are encouraged to save gas and walk or roll to the events.

Live on the Drive is presented by founding partner, North Memorial, with the Cleveland Neighborhood Association, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, North End Hardware and the Lowry Café, Camden Music School, NorthNews, the COMPAS Community Arts Program with funds provided by the McKnight Foundation, The Capri Theater, Washburn McReavy, and the Victory, Webber Camden and Folwell Neighborhood Associations. For info call 612-588-1155 or visit [www.liveonthedrive.org](http://www.liveonthedrive.org).

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### Accordion master class

By John Bispala

I had the rare privilege on Sunday, July 17, to participate in a "master class" at the World of Accordions Museum in Superior, Wisconsin. The teacher was Professor Oleg Sharov from the conservatory in St. Petersburg, Russia.

For one whole hour the professor gave me individual instruction, showing me where to play my song softly (double pianissimo), how to climax the musical phrase with a sharp bellows snap (sforzando), how to play staccato and legato, etc. Sharov even stood behind my chair, placing one hand on the right side of my accordion and his other hand on the bass end the instrument, holding me steady through a smooth phrase but tugging harder and harder on the bellows when he wanted me to crescendo. He emphasized the bellows is our "bow," just as a violinist has a bow to express his or her music.

Professor Sharov likewise taught two other accordion friends of mine, Roger Schmitz and Paul Vargason. All of us take lessons from Dr. Helmi Harrington at the Accordion-Concertina Music studio.

Having toured in Canada, Sharov came to us after performing at the Northern Lights Music Festival in Aurora, Minnesota. In his own country he is Professor of Music and head of the accordion department at the St. Petersburg Conservatory. Sharov is considered a world master of the free bass, more often called "melody bass" in European languages. For example, in a section of the Strauss *Blue Danube*, Sharov played the entire melody lyric in the left hand bass of his Russian bayan while intricately playing embellishments with his right hand. The free bass of his special bayan allows him to play most or all the notes of a piano individually or in chord formation with his left hand, a remarkable feat of skill and musical expression.



John Bispala learned accordion tips from a world master.

### Pavia Winds Woodwind Quintet

Camden Music School has moved their Second Saturdays concert. Come for an hour of exhilarating classical music performed by Pavia Winds Woodwind Quintet, one of the Midwest's most exciting young chamber music ensembles, at 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 30 at 3751 Sheridan. The concert is free and open to the public. Pavia Winds features Camden resident Justin Windschitl on bassoon; Emily Sapa, flute; Sarah Carmack, oboe; Ryan Golden, clarinet; Gina Monge, horn and special guest Paul Schimming, on bass clarinet. Light refreshments follow the performance.



### Back to basics: Neighbors getting to know neighbors

The 27th Annual National Night out (NNO) is just a few days away — Tuesday, August 2. National Night Out is an annual nationwide event that encourages residents to get out in the community, holding block parties and getting to know their neighbors as a way to encourage crime prevention. It's a great way to promote community-police partnerships and enjoy a Minnesota summer evening surrounded by friends and family.

If you don't already have a block party planned you can still get together with your neighbors and have a picnic or cookout. For NNO info visit [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno) or call 311.



# Michael Mothershed does it for the love

By Mick LaBriola

The bold, daring, vibrant and auspicious demeanor of vocalist Michael Mothershed is one of obvious delight. Big as life itself, Michael exudes an excitement and enthusiasm about his art form that is unprecedented by any conventional standards. Michael asserts, "I am a vocalist out of the 70s genres: R&B, Jazz, Blues and Rock."



Michael has been a Northsider off and on since 1989, primarily working as an electrical engineer. Originally from Independence, Kansas, Michael also spent 10 years in Atlanta, Georgia. Michael has two daughters: Mya, 12, and Shaina, 24.

Early musical endeavors in the Twin Cities included the Flatfoot Rollers and Billyclub Snyder and the Snitch Boyz. Michael was also featured in several national events such as opening up in 1998 for Frankie Beverly and Maze in Los Angeles at the Great Western Forum where the Lakers used to play; The Red, White and Blue Blues Show in Chicago from 2000-2010; and in 2008 The Rat Pack Show of Atlanta.

Michael has had a serious attitude about music from an early age. In his hometown Michael became choir director and music leader at age 12 for a local Baptist church, a post he maintained until about age 22. He was considered a child prodigy and remembers, "How excited the people got hearing young people singing with such conviction and passion. It was so exciting. Later I then understood why people flipped out about James Brown and understood why people got so engulfed in music." Obviously, performers like James Brown exemplified the intense passion that was possible in vocalists of this era of music-making. Next Michael began studying the accomplishments of such artists as James Brown, Elton John, David Rivkin and Carlos Santana.

At age 22 Michael steadfastly served his country with four years in the U.S. Army and eight years in the Navy. He was stationed in Los Angeles and was very fortunate to do backup vocal work for Luther

Vandross. He states, "I was not a harmony singer. I took my knowledge to a whole other level."

In 1989 Michael relocated to Minneapolis and worked security for the Riverview Supper Club in North Minneapolis. There he met music legends Johnny Hodges, Bobby Blu Bland, Bobby Womack, Johnny Taylor and the Average White Band. "That was major for me," exclaims Michael. And this became a turning point of his musical perspective.

By 1999 Michael's work dried up in Minneapolis and he moved to Atlanta, home of a phenomenal historic blues scene! He started singing the Blues and opened for acts like Mel Waiters and Sir Charles Jones. Michael was suddenly noticed by local bands and became sought after to get down with the gritty blues 'thang' and work with them. This was exciting but not very lucrative. When Michael's electrical engineering work started to take off he acquired a job in Shakopee and found himself back in the Twin Cities.

Michael then created a new objective with his musical career, and decided to be a lead front man, determined to work with committed musicians and also book and manage the bands as well. This was a giant step. A few years later he posted ads on Craigslist and found his current projects.

Function Junction (<http://www.funktionjunctionmn.com/home>) an R&B, Funk and Motown seven piece group with three vocalists two years running. And The Undergroove ([http://www.theundergroove.com/fr\\_home.cfm](http://www.theundergroove.com/fr_home.cfm)) an original six piece R&B group also performing obscure covers for the last three years.

Michael recalls probably the most pivotal comment ever given to him was while working at the Riverview Supperclub. He was given the best advice imaginable! "Do it for the love, and not the money, and you'll have a career!"

# Folks affected by the May 22 tornado can still get help

In its seven days of operation, the Northside Disaster Loan Outreach Center helped more than 700 people affected by the May 22 tornado. That included helping folks apply for more than 150 recovery loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The center is now closed, but residents, business owners and landlords can still apply for Physical Disaster Loans by phone, mail and online.

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loans available.

Tornado recovery and property values. Appraisers from the City Assessor's Office are assessing the tornado damage to homes and buildings. If there's damage to a property, the assessor will be recalculating that property's value for 2012 using the property's "as is" value with damage. This will result in a lower property tax for the 2012 tax year. In cases where properties have damage of more than 50 percent, property owners are eligible for a reduction on their 2011 property taxes, plus a credit towards their 2012 property taxes. If the property is homesteaded, the application for the reductions will be handled by the city. If the property is not homesteaded, it's up to the property owners to apply for the reductions. The applications are available on the city's website. Property owners who qualify will receive reimbursement if they've already paid their 2011 property taxes. If they have not yet paid their 2011 taxes, the county will send them the revised property tax amounts later this year. Info: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/tornado/>.

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The *Camden Community News* wants to continue printing and delivering free to residents until the need no longer exists. But if we don't get donations from you and ad money from businesses we won't be able to publish and mail a hard copy newspaper.

Here are the facts: We have a very lean budget for a small non-profit organization. It costs about \$5000 a month to publish the *Camden News* —that includes printing, labeling, postage, business delivery, typesetting, bookkeeping, editing, taxes, insurance and all the other basic costs of running a small business. Our ad revenues have fallen dramatically and our monthly expenses currently exceed our revenues by about \$600 each month. We come to you twice a year to help supplement ad revenue losses, but we typically only get enough in donations for the total year to pay for one issue of the *Camden News*.

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### Trash Pick-ups are Back!

See the schedule below or our neighborhood website for upcoming dates and locations when McKinley residents help clean the streets.  
\*\*\* Because this is resident driven we need your help, so come out and volunteer.\*\*\*

### National Night Out is Coming...

#### Become and Block Club Leader or Key Communicator

Consider starting up or participating in a block club and make your block more connected. Training is available and free. If you are new to McKinley and would like to know if there is currently an organized block club in your area, please contact our community-policing specialist, Rowena Holmes at 612-673-2866. If you are interested in receiving electronic crime and safety notifications from the City of Minneapolis Police Department, please send an email to [SAFE4.2-on@ccpsafe.org](mailto:SAFE4.2-on@ccpsafe.org).

### 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 Trash Pick-up** Monday, August 1, 7 pm, Corner of Dupont and 35<sup>th</sup> Avenues

**National Night Out** Tuesday, August 2, times vary by block club event, all are welcome

**McKinley Board of Directors Meeting** Monday, August 15, 6:30 pm, Center for Families, 3333 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street

**Crime/Safety Meeting** Tuesday, August 16, 6:30 pm, Corner of Bryant and 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenues North  
\*\*\*This meeting is focused on Crime, Safety and Livability issues in the neighborhood, please come out and participate.\*\*\*

**McKinley Community Trash Pick-up** Monday, September 12, 7 pm, Corner of Aldrich and 35<sup>th</sup> Avenues

# Notable Neighbors

**Lynn (Horgen) Bye** received the U of M-Duluth College of Education and Human Service Professions Outstanding Research Award for 2011. Each year one faculty member at the college is elected by colleagues to receive this award in "recognition of outstanding professional achievement and enriching the world of knowledge through research." Dr. Bye is a 1968 graduate of Patrick Henry High.

**Anna Ostroushko** (19), daughter of Marge and Peter Ostroushko, is performing in Circus Juventas' new production *GRIMM — Happily Ever After!* It's a fanciful tale based on popular fairy tales of the Grimm brothers' *Cinderella, Hansel and Gretel, Snow White, Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel* and *The Frog Prince*. Ostroushko is the Evil Queen (Snow White's step-mother), and will perform aerial

acts on the flying silks, triangle trapeze and dance in the production. She has performed with Circus Juventas for nine years, coaches with the company and will be a sophomore at Hamline University. Anna's father Peter wrote the music for the *GRIMM* show. The performance runs July 28-August 14 at the Circus Juventas Big Top, 1270 Montreal Ave., St. Paul. Reserved seating \$13.50-\$27.50; [www.ticketworks.com](http://www.ticketworks.com) or 651-699-8229.

Congratulations to all the bright Camden College students!

**John David Kleingarn** got his Sociology BA. from the U of M-Duluth. **William Crum**, son of William Crum and Wilda Wahpepah, graduated cum laude with a major in Political Science from Amherst College in Amherst. St. Cloud State University graduates include **Derek Baird**, Cum Laude, B.A., Sociology; **Jenna Neighbors** continued on page 10



## Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association

P.O.Box 15656, Minneapolis, MN 55415;  
Web Site: [www.scna-mpls.org](http://www.scna-mpls.org)  
Email: [scna@gmail.com](mailto:scna@gmail.com); Amy Luesebrink, staff, 763-561-1616

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

**SCNA Neighborhood Board Meeting**  
August 9, 6:30 p.m. at Creekview Park

### August 2, National Night Out Events

This city-wide and nation-wide event has been a popular way for residents to get to know one another! Check out our website for a listing of neighborhood block clubs parties in Shingle Creek and for information on how you can start your own block club!

### August 6, 10-2 p.m. Attend a Community Garden Day Celebration on August 6!

Go visit a garden near you! The Shingle Creek Common Ground Community Garden at 51<sup>st</sup> and Newton Ave. N is on the tour again this year! This is an opportunity for you to get to know these vital community spaces, and to celebrate alongside your neighbors. **Check out the official Community Garden Day Map** to see which gardens will have their gates open for you to wander in! Note: the celebrations at each garden will vary greatly in time and activities. If you're still unsure of what's going on in a garden near you that you'd like to visit, contact Margaret at Gardening Matters at [margaret@gardeningmatters.org](mailto:margaret@gardeningmatters.org) or 612-821-2358.

### Tour de Camden another success! Many thanks!

To all the many visitors on this year's tour from St. Michael, Savage, St. Paul and beyond, we say thank you for biking with us and welcome! To our SCNA Community event lead Brock and Lori Hanson, and SCNA and other volunteers who made this year's ride a huge success! And for our food donor, Victory 44, Thank you!

### Large or Small Projects Welcome!

Need to put in a new sidewalk? New furnaces, windows, roofs 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](http://www.scna-mpls.org) to check out an application and more details!



## VICTORY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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[www.victoryneighborhood.org](http://www.victoryneighborhood.org)

All the News from Victory Neighborhood

### Garden Tour— August 7

The ViNA Environment Committee will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Garden Tour on Sunday, August 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. This year's tour will showcase a diverse range of gardens across the Victory Neighborhood, most of which have not previously been on our tour. The tour will start with a light picnic lunch from noon-1 p.m. at the Loring Schoolyard Gardens, at 44<sup>th</sup> and Thomas, where you can also pick up a tour guide for the self guided tour and a passport that can make you eligible for door prizes. You can take a tour of the Schoolyard Gardens led by a Master Gardener, and Master Gardeners will also be at many of the other gardens to help the owners answer your gardening questions. Children are welcome at the picnic and on the tour but must be accompanied by an adult, so make it a family event. Enjoy and be inspired at the Victory Garden Tour.

### Community Energy Services Workshop – August 9

If you are not one of the 107 Victory residents who have already participated in the Commu-

nity Energy Services program, there is still ample opportunity for you to attend a workshop and sign up for an in-home energy audit. There will be a workshop on **Tuesday, August 9 at 6:30 p.m. at Lucy Craft Laney School, 3333 Penn Ave. N.** You will learn many energy saving tips at the free workshop and you can sign up for a \$30 home consultation where you will receive up to \$400 of goods and services. To sign up for this or any other workshop, contact Kyle Boehm at the Center for Energy and the Environment at 612-219-7334 or [kboehm@mncee.org](mailto:kboehm@mncee.org).

### Movie Night at Victory Park – August 27

Join us on the field at dusk (8:15 p.m.) at Victory Park (4416 Upton) for an outdoor community viewing of *The Princess and the Frog*. Bring your own chair or blanket, and popcorn and lemonade will be provided. For children of all ages!

**Camden Farmers Market - Thursdays**  
3-7 p.m. - 4400 Osseo Road

## The Lind Bohanon Neighborhood Association



Message Line: 612-588-7641 • email: [LindBohanonNA@aol.com](mailto:LindBohanonNA@aol.com) • [www.lindbohanon.org](http://www.lindbohanon.org)

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

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

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

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

**Tuesday, August 2, LBNA NNO Picnic in the Park at Bohanon Park, 6-8 p.m.**

**Thursday, August 4 LBNA Board Meeting 7 p.m.**

**Saturday, August 6, Community Garden Day Celebration at the Lind Community Garden 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (51<sup>st</sup> and Dupont Aves. N)**

**Mark your Calendars! 7th Annual Riverfest and Heritage Day Event**

**Saturday, September 17, 1-5 p.m.**

Please join LBNA and Three Rivers Park District for an exciting day of celebrating the Mississippi River and our rich local history for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Riverfest and Heritage Day event Saturday, September 17 from 1-5 p.m. at Carl Kroening Interpretive Center, 4900 Mississippi Court N.

Along the banks of the Mississippi, residents will be able to meet Jacques, the Voyager, a French fur trader and river voyager whose adventurous tales and artifacts of his trading and river journeys will bewilder and enthrall adventurers of all ages!

This year we are honored to feature the rich history and resonating energy of Minnesota Community Sings\* to the Haybale Theater. We invite you to join us and recreate a piece of history by sharing in a unique historic community sing along event on the banks of the Mississippi River! We'll sing a wide va-

riety of songs together, led by songleaders Bret Hesla and Mary Preus of Minnesota Community Sings.

We have new games and art activities planned for the whole family to enjoy including making cornhusk dolls, rope and shingle making, hayrides and much more.

Admission is \$5 per person (children under 3 free); includes picnic lunch (hot dog, chips, beverage), local history provided by Mississippi Courts Historical Society, Camden Historical Society and the Brooklyn Historical Society. For more information go to [www.lindbohanon.org](http://www.lindbohanon.org).



\*Minnesota Community SINGS is a fiscal year 2011 recipient of a Folk and Traditional Arts grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board. This activity is funded, in part, by the arts and cultural heritage fund as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the Legacy Amendment vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.

## Folwell Neighborhood – NRP in Action!

New Folwell residents let us know you're here! Call 612-521-2100; email: [info@folwell.org](mailto:info@folwell.org); website: [folwell.org](http://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: No August Board Meeting is scheduled.

### National Night Out is Tuesday, August 2 – FNA will help you celebrate!

The Folwell Board of Directors has approved \$50 stipends for 20 block events; \$50 per event for NNO activities in Folwell neighborhood. It's on a first come, first-served basis. **The event does have to be registered with the City and you will need to provide FNA with your event registration number.** Call 612-521-2100 for more information.

**Live on the Drive: Thursday, August 11, 6-8 p.m., Victory Memorial Drive at 34<sup>th</sup> and Xerxes. (Cafe Accordion Orchestra).** What a great way to spend a warm, summer evening in August; a concert series featuring live music. Pack a picnic. Invite your friends. Bring your neighbors.

**Events Coming Up Worth Noting: WCNO's Truck Extravaganza, August 13, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** at Webber Park – lots of trucks to climb in and explore for kids (an adult will be at each vehicle for safety and information), miniature truck dig, activities, free food and more! **Victory Labor Day Races-Races begin and end at Webber Park.** Monday, September 5, 10K-8 a.m., 5K-9:30 a.m. and Victory Lap Kids 1/2 Mile Fun Run begins at 10:15 a.m. You may register online for any of the races at [www.vic-toryraces.com](http://www.vic-toryraces.com).

After the races, FNA and WCNO provide a community picnic as a "Come Home to Camden" event. **Harvest Fest, Saturday, September 17, 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.** on the corners of Penn/Lowry. There will be artists' booths, a farmers' market, food vendors, music, entertainment, a kids' zone (which includes JoJo the Balloon Guy, clowns, magic show, Raptor Center (Bald Eagle and three raptors), story tellers, arts activities and more).

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## Local vets travel to Cuba to help Cuban vets

By Kelly Benning, DVM

I have always wanted to visit Cuba. I don't know what the attraction for me has been but when an opportunity came forth, I grabbed it. Dr. Bill Maher (veterinarian who started Camden Pet Hospital) has been going to Cuba for nearly 20 years. He travels by the seat of his pants, planning a core itinerary that is not necessarily how things turn out. I knew right away this was going to be quite the adventure.



Camden vets with Pinar Del Rio Veterinary Association members in Cuba.

Our main goal of going to Cuba was to provide supplies and information to fellow veterinarians. Cubans live in a country that is isolated from the technology we Americans have taken for granted. Imagine not having your iPhone or even access to the Internet. The Cuban government controls who can use the Internet; mostly government officials get those privileges. As a profession, veterinary medicine has rapidly turned to the Internet for communication, training and education. One of our goals was to provide some educational materials and updated medical protocols to the Cuban veterinary community.

Starting with the Aduanas (customs) in the Havana airport, I quickly realized what differences exist in our countries. We complain about the TSA but it is no where near the grueling customs into Cuba. The boxes of suture material, sterile needles, blood collection tubes and medications were not really on their list of common imports. They systematically investigated our bags, but I think they got tired of us and finally let us through with the majority of our supplies.

The next day I awoke to a rooster crowing out my window of my Casa Particular (a bed and breakfast). We were in the provincial capital Piñar Del Rio, on the western side of Cuba. I heard a street celebration outside my window. Children were marching down the streets in their school uniforms carrying signs and singing. They were celebrating the birthday of José Martí, Cuba's most esteemed patriot. He is revered as the spiritual father of Cuba and almost every city has a statue of him.

We met with the Piñar Del Rio Veterinary Association, a group of veterinarians that work to regulate and improve the quality of veterinary medicine. We discussed various veterinary topics, along with a little Cuban rum. Dr. Maher and I presented the association with a laptop computer for their use. He provided them with their first computer several years ago.

After a few days in Piñar Del Rio, we headed to Havana. On our way we stopped at two beautiful areas: Viñales Valley, a picturesque tobacco farming area; and the Orchid Garden in Sorora, one of the

most beautiful places I have ever seen. Later we met with the Havana Veterinary Association and the Dean of the Havana School of Veterinary Medicine. We donated our surgery and blood collection supplies to the Veterinary School for the students.

Everywhere you turn in Cuba, you are reminded of "La Revolución." Cubans are proud of their country.

Before the 1950s, the Cuban government was run by dictator Fulgencio Batista. Rebels, led by Fidel Castro and Ché Guevara, took over the government in the late 1950s. Since then, Cubans' lives have been for the better, despite our misperceptions.

One perception I had was that all Cubans are Communists. The higher ranking government officials are Communists. The average person is not. On the local level, the people can vote for their local representatives who in turn vote for the higher-ups. Once you reach the echelons of the government, there is where you find the Communists. I was told that the average person does not usually vote.

Castro encourages entrepreneurship. You can see people selling foods, snacks and items door-to-door or on the streets. I feel lucky to have seen the "true" Cuban lifestyle and how the ordinary person lives. I saw from a distance the towering hotels and pristine beach-front resorts. People from around the world travel to Cuba for vacation. It has gorgeous beaches, spectacular SCUBA diving, and a vivacious culture. These ritzy hot spots are so far removed from the average Cubans' life. We certainly did not stay any where fancy — we had to ask for hot water for a shower ("aqua caliente por favor"). To see a toilet seat was very special. And don't get me started on the lack of toilet paper...

Transportation is the most difficult part for the people. The government regulates who can drive a car and how often you can use it. Official government vehicles are obligated to stop and pick up hitchhikers if they have room. They can be fined if they get caught not stopping. For those who don't have access to a car, waiting for a spot on a crowded bus can take hours.

We visited the traditional hot spots such as Ernest Hemmingway's home, La Bodeguita del Medio for a traditional mojito, La Floridita for a daquiri, and several amazing plazas and cathedrals. After a week in Cuba, I was ready to come home. I still think of the amazing architecture, the generosity of the people despite their own shortcomings and the dream of one day Cuba becoming a travel destination for Americans. Until then, I have my memories and new friendships with my Cuban colleagues.

## Tornado help *continued from page 7*

their property are responsible for their removal, but that work can often be expensive. So the City has a financing option available to help folks who can't afford to pay for the work up-front. With the homeowner's permission, the City can finance the removal of the tree, have the work done, and assess the costs to the homeowner's property taxes, spreading out payments over five years. To be eligible for this service: The tree must be on private property; the property owner must sign a consent form prior to the tree removal; and the tree must be removed by the City's hazardous tree contractor. Eligible homeowners should call 311.

Since the tornado struck the Northside, the City, numerous partners and volunteers have been helping Northsiders get back on their feet. From clearing streets and picking up more than a million pounds of debris, to making sure homes are safe to live in and connecting people with the resources they need, thousands have pitched in to help folks recover and rebuild. For info call 311 or visit [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us).

Note: Northside Meals on Wheels has had an increase in services since the tornado and volunteers are swamped. Help them help others in need — volunteer or donate to North Minneapolis Meals on Wheels, 2901 Emerson N, Mpls, MN 55411 or [www.nmmow.org](http://www.nmmow.org), or call 612-522-7335.

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**Victory Races, Community Picnic, September 5 (Labor Day) at Webber Park:** What a great way to start your Labor Day! The races begin at 8 a.m. with the 10K, 5K at 9:30 and end with the Victory Lap Kids 1/2 Mile

Fun Run at 10:15 a.m. To register for any of the races online, visit [www.victoryraces.com](http://www.victoryraces.com). The community picnic begins after the races. Come, watch the runners and then enjoy a free picnic at Webber Park; that's where the races begin and end.

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## CNA Cleveland Neighborhood Association

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**Movie in the Park – August 6**

Join us for a movie under the stars on Victory Memorial Drive on Saturday, August 6. Our movie will be the 1987 comedy film *The Princess Bride*. Rated PG, the movie tells the story of true love, giants and swordfights, and of course a kiss. The film will start at 8:45 p.m., so bring your blanket to Dowling (38<sup>th</sup>) and Victory Memorial Drive and join your neighbors for an inconceivably good time!

**Community Energy Services Workshop August 9 – Lucy Craft Laney Community School**

As the heat and humidity rise and thoughts of winter are packed deeply away, conserving energy may not be the number one priority for most of us. However, Community Energy Services (CES), a program to help homeowners conserve energy and save money is still going strong. Already 65 Cleveland residents have attended a free workshop, learned valuable money saving strategies, had a free home visit from two CEE energy professionals, and received goods and services with a value up to \$400. Thirty-five more Cleveland homeowners have the opportunity to receive all of this for free by attending the August 9 workshop at

6:30 p.m. at Lucy Craft Laney School, 3333 Penn Ave. N. Be one of the lucky 35 by registering for this workshop. Contact Kyle Boehm at 612-219-7334 or [kboehm@mnccc.org](mailto:kboehm@mnccc.org).

**Live on the Drive – August 11**

Walk or roll on down to 34<sup>th</sup> and the Parkway on August 11 at 6 p.m., and enjoy the sounds of the Cafe Accordion Orchestra (CAO). CAO plays a loungy, eclectic mix of music, full of French flare, Latin heat and Bohemian attitude. Bring your blanket or chair, a picnic supper and/or your neighbor and enjoy the last scheduled\* concert of the 2011 season.

\*We have rescheduled the canceled July 14 concert to August 25. Check our website [www.clevelandneighborhood.org](http://www.clevelandneighborhood.org) or call 612-588-1155.

**Community BBQ at Cleveland Park – August 12**

Celebrate the success of the summer youth activities at Cleveland Park at a Community BBQ at 12:30 p.m. on August 12. All community members are welcome whether you participated in the program or not. The BBQ is sponsored by PCYC and CNA.



# 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](mailto: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.

## August

### Arts

**Ongoing Mondays - The Northside Arts Collective** board of directors meets on the first Monday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. Email [info@nacarts.org](mailto: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](mailto:info@nacarts.org) or visit [www.nacarts.org](http://www.nacarts.org) for exact location.

**Ongoing - Camden Music School** - learn to play this fall. Registration begins August 15. Classes run 10 weeks, Sept. 12-Nov. 19, plus new bonus lesson days in December. Find the music that's in your heart! Offerings include vocal and instrumental lessons, Musikgarten early childhood music classes (newborn to age 8), ensembles (hand drums, strings and rock 'n roll for youth and adults, choir, string jammin'), music theory and more! Scholarships and family discounts available; applications due by 5 p.m., Sept. 6. Classes at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 3751 Sheridan Ave. N., and Grace Center for Community Life, 1500 6th St. NE. Info: 612-618-0219 or [www.camdenmusicschool.com](http://www.camdenmusicschool.com).

**Saturday, 7/30 - FLOW along West Broadway** for an exciting opportunity to see the Northside! Free, family event, a unique collaboration between the business and arts communities showcasing artists of all ages from the Northside. FLOW is a self-guided art tour featuring visual and performing artists at businesses, studios and organizations on West Broadway. Highlights include: KFAI stage behind the 1101 Building; Emerge Community Barbecue; Artisan Market hosted by The Goddess of Glass & Friends; Outdoor Community Zumba Dance Class; Latin Music Ensembles and Dance Activities at the Capri; Juxtaposition Arts Gallery, retail shop and pocket park. Poetry, storytelling, music and Free Arts Minnesota offer an art making activity. Visit [www.flownorthside.org](http://www.flownorthside.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.

**Fri./Sat. 8/19 and 20. A Family With Problems That Heals**, a dramatic play with comedy presented by Connected Singles Ministry about a family dealing with issues/circumstances that produce anger, hurt, disappointments, addictions and emotional traumas. Family discovers that there is a solution to everything. Capri Theatre, 2027 W. Broadway.

Tickets: \$20, group 10 \$150. Reserve tickets: 612-221-7930, 612-239-5439 or [truelovechurch\\_moa@hotmail.com](mailto:truelovechurch_moa@hotmail.com).

### 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)** 6 p.m., Webber Park.

**Tuesday, 8/9 - Community Energy Services** helps homeowners conserve energy and save money. Attended a free workshop, learn valuable money saving strategies, get a free home visit from energy professionals, and receive goods and services. Workshop, 6:30 p.m. at Lucy Craft Laney School, 3333 Penn Ave. N. Info: Contact Kyle Boehm at 612-219-7334 or [kboehm@mnccc.org](mailto:kboehm@mnccc.org).

### Community Events

**Ongoing Thursdays** - Enjoy an expansive selection of locally grown vegetables, fruits, herbs and flowers at the **Camden Farmers Market**; 3-7 p.m., The Warren parking lot, 4400 Osseo Rd.

**Ongoing - Dan Hyton** at Camden Farmer's Market (The Warren, 4400 Osseo Road), every other Thursday, throughout the entire season. He plays play from 5-7 p.m. and is joined by djembe player Scott Sanderson for the second hour.

**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](http://www.camdenlions.org).

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

**Ongoing - Need back-to-school vaccines?** Hennepin County Public Health offers low-cost immunizations to those without adequate health insurance. Walk-in clinics, no appointments needed. All school-required immunizations available. Bring each child's immunization record. Brooklyn Center Clinic: Hennepin County's Brookdale Service Center, 6125 - Aug. 23, 9 to 11 a.m.; Downtown Minneapolis Clinic: Hennepin Health Services Building, 525 Portland Ave. S. - Aug. 5, 8:30 to 11 a.m. and Sept. 2, 8:30 to 11 a.m. Info: 612-348-2884 or [www.hennepin.us/vaccines](http://www.hennepin.us/vaccines). Donations requested but not required.

**Saturday, 8/6 - Movie under the stars on Victory Memorial Drive**, the 1987 comedy film *The Princess Bride*. Rated PG, the movie tells the

story of true love, giants and sword-fights, and of course a kiss. Starts at dusk, 8:45 p.m. Bring your blanket to Dowling and Victory Memorial Drive.

**Saturday, Sunday 8/6-7 - Community Garden Day Celebration.** Victory's 3rd annual Garden Tour on Aug. 7 from 1-4 p.m. Showcases a diverse gardens. Tour starts with light picnic lunch, noon-1 p.m., Loring Schoolyard Gardens, 44th and Thomas. Tours led by a Master Gardener, and Master Gardeners are at gardens to answer questions. Shingle Creek Common Ground Community Garden at 51st and Newton is on the tour from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; an opportunity to get to know these vital community spaces and celebrate alongside your neighbors. Info: [margaret@gardeningmatters.org](mailto:margaret@gardeningmatters.org) or 612-821-2358.

**Tuesday, 8/16 - Fremont Family Fun Festival**, 3-6 p.m., 3300 Fremont, designed to reach families and children in the neighborhood to promote health and wellness and offer a fun, low-key event for the whole community. This year a "Back-to-School" vaccine clinic is featured.

**Saturday, 8/27 - Movie night at Victory Park**, 4416 Upton at dusk, outdoor viewing of *The Princess and the Frog*. Popcorn and lemonade provided - bring a chair or blanket.

### Libraries

**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/JobNow](http://www.hclib.org/JobNow).

### Parks

**Sunday, 8/7 - Free Family Fun Days, Nature Textures**, 1-3 p.m., Kroening Interpretive Center. Feel bones and fur, bark and leaves. Stick your hand in a bag and guess what's inside. Explore plant textures in the prairie. Free.

**Friday, 8/12** - Celebrate the success of summer youth activities at **Cleveland Park** at a community **BBQ**, 12:30 p.m. All community members welcome whether you participated in the program or not. The BBQ is sponsored by PCYC and CNA.

**Saturday, 8/13 - Truck Extravaganza**, 11 a.m. until 3 p.m., Webber Park. Fun, music and free food! Big trucks for kids to investigate-climb on, sit in, etc. An adult is at each vehicle for safety and info. Kids can dig for miniature toy trucks in a sand pool and keep the trucks they find. Many kid activities, info: 612-521-2100 or 612-370-4916.

### 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/](http://naminnesota.org/) or call 952-939-3939.

### September

**Monday, 9/5 - Victory Races**, community picnic at Webber Park. Great way to start your Labor Day! Races begin at 8 a.m. with the 10K, 5K at 9:30 and end with the Victory Lap Kids 1/2 Mile Fun Run at 10:15 a.m. Register at [www.victoryraces.com](http://www.victoryraces.com). Community picnic begins after the races. Watch the runners and enjoy a free picnic at Webber Park.

**Saturday, 9/17 - Harvest Fest**, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Penn/Lowry. Mark your calendar. Artists' booths, farmers market, food vendors, music, entertainment, kids' zone (includes JoJo the Balloon Guy), clowns, magic show, Raptor Center (Bald Eagle and three raptors), arts activities, story tellers and more.

**Saturday, 9/17 - 7th Annual Riverfest and Heritage Day**, 1-5 p.m. Kroening Interpretive Center, Mississippi Regional Park. Exciting day to celebrate the Mississippi River and our rich local history. Enjoy Voyager Jacques, the Haybale Theatre, sing songs led by Bret Hesla and Mary Preus of Minnesota Community Sings. Games, art activities, hayrides and more. Admission \$5 per person (children under 3 free), includes picnic lunch (hot dog, chips, beverage), local history provided by Mississippi Courts Historical Society, Camden Historical Society and the Brooklyn Historical Society. Info: [www.lindbohanon.org](http://www.lindbohanon.org).

### Neighborhood meetings

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

**Cleveland**, 588-1155, August 23, 7 p.m., Board Meeting, Lucy Laney School

**Folwell**, 521-2100, No August board meeting

**Lind Bohanon**, 588-7641, August 7, Board Meeting, 7 p.m. Shingle Creek Commons

**McKinley**, 276-1541, August 15, Board of Directors Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Center for Families

**Shingle Creek**, 588-4817, August 9, Neighborhood Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Creekview Park

**Victory**, 529-9558, August 24, Board Meeting, 7 p.m., St. John's Missionary Baptist Church

**Webber-Camden**, 521-2100, No August board meeting

## The "harvest" is coming

By Lynne Moriarty

It's almost time for the Northside Harvest Festival Celebration. The Harvest Festival will take place on Saturday, September 17 from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the corner of Lowry and Penn Avenues.

This year's event features activities for all ages. Start nurturing your vegetables for the biggest vegetable contest. Prizes will be awarded to the biggest tomato, green pepper, zucchini and pumpkin, as well as to the weirdest shaped vegetable. This year for the pie baking contest, the festival organizers are accepting entries of all dessert pies. Entries must include the recipe. The winner will have their pie featured at the Lowry Cafe where a percentage of sales will be donated to the winner's choice of charity.

Come hear some great music featuring some of our local musicians with a special act from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Kids will be able to hear story tellers, be entertained by clowns and balloon artists, learn about birds from the Raptor Center, make their own seed crop art and much more. There will be food vendors, artist works for purchase, a farmers market, a car show and donations accepted for the local food shelf. Mark your calendars and support this great Northside event. Start the fall out with Harvest Festival 2011. Watch for more info in the next *Camden News*.

## Neighbors

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**Hullerman**, Cum Laude, B.A., Anthropology; **Bradley Sutton**, B.A. Elective Studies, Communication Studies. **Thomas Berry** got his B.S. in Graphic Design at the Art Institutes International Minnesota. Graduates from the University of St. Thomas include **Paul Armstrong**, B.S., Economics-Mathematical, Summa Cum Laude; **Paul Armstrong**, B.A. Arts, History, Philosophy, Summa Cum Laude; **Deborah Hoch**, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, Medical Device Development; **Nicholas Lankford**, B.A., English-Writing Emphasis, Cum Laude; **James Mattson**, M.A., Human Rsrce & Change Ldrshp; **Duane Peterson**, Doctor of Psychology, Counseling Psychology; and **Rebeca Valdivieso**, MBA in Business Administration.

**Andrew Yost** received the chancellor's award from UW-Stout, Wisconsin's Polytechnic University. **Jamar Dickens**, **Sarah Huttner** and **Sura Vue** made the honors list at MN State University-Mankato. **Anthony Vella** made the dean's list at the University of St. Thomas. And **Na Lee** made the Bemidji State dean's list.

*Know of a noteworthy neighbor? Send the info to editor@camdenews.org.*



## What's up at Camden parks

By Emily Wolf

There's a lot happening at Camden parks! Fall sports registration began July 11. Fees are required at time of registration. Birthdate verification is required for all leagues except fundamental soccer and flag football. Creekview Park is offering: Fundamental soccer, flag football, 9U, 11U & 13U Football leagues. Folwell is offering: Fundamental soccer, flag football, 9U, 11U & 13U Football leagues. Webber is offering: Fundamental soccer, 11U, 13U & 15U open soccer leagues. For soccer info call Webber Rec Center at 612-370-4916; football info to Folwell 612-370-4917 and Creekview at 612-370-4965. For info regarding the teams visit <http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/default.asp?PageID=16>.

The Camden Community Parks Fall 2011 activity brochure will be out the second week of August. Stop by your neighborhood rec center to grab the latest issue or go to [www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org) then select Recreation Center, then choose Creekview, Folwell or Webber Rec Centers.

**August Activities highlights:** Art in the Park, Creekview Rec Center, ages 5 to 9, Thursdays, August 4 to 18, 1-2:30 p.m., free, pre-registration required. Trip to Grand Slam, Webber Rec Center, ages 6 to 12, Friday, August 12, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m., \$15, Register one week prior to trip. Senior BBQ, Creekview Rec Center, ages 55+, Thursday, August 18, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., \$12, register one week prior to trip. PeeWee Tennis, Webber Rec Center, ages 3 to 5, Tuesdays, August 16 to September 6, 6:15-7:15 p.m., \$12, register one week prior to start of class. Open Gym, Folwell Rec Center, ages 6 to 12, Monday through Friday, 3-5 p.m., free, ActiveNet Pass required.

Creekview and Folwell Rec Centers have made it easier for your child(ren) to obtain a free delicious and well-balanced lunch and dinner as well as snacks this summer — thanks to the Minneapolis Public Schools Food Service Program. All food must be consumed on-site during specified time frame. Contact the parks to see when meals are served.

Summer is nearly over. Minneapolis Schools start on August 29, and Kindergartners begin on August 31. Now is the perfect time to think about your before and after school childcare needs. A popular option on the Northside is the RecPlus+ Childcare program at Webber Park. RecPlus+ offers school age childcare that is safe, fun, friendly and affordable. Kids can make new friends, play games, learn sports, play outdoors, make crafts, go on field trips, get exercise, gain social skills and have fun. The program begins at 7 a.m. and staff will get your child on the bus to school and also meet your child at the bus stop in the afternoon. The program ends at 6 p.m. Download an application at [www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org), click on Youth Programs and select RecPlus+. Info: 612-370-4916 or [webber@minneapolisparcs.org](mailto:webber@minneapolisparcs.org).

There's so much more going on at the parks. Visit [Minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org) or stop by your local park!

## Webber Park *continued from page 1*

the current features are integrated into the design concepts.

An additional consideration for the master plan is the Webber Park Library. Webber Park is the only park in the Minneapolis park system that has a Hennepin County library on the premises. Olson has said that the MPRB is open to keeping the library in the park, either in the present location or a different location that fits into the master plan, including the possibility of using the current park maintenance site at Fremont and Webber Pkwy. He acknowledged it would limit the planning process if a decision isn't made regarding location, but he has also said that they would work around the current library if needed.

When asked about the library and the Webber Park Master Plan, Bruce Chamberlain replied, "Our hope is that Hennepin County can come to a decision about where to put a library by the time we get to our charrette, acknowledging that we need to be respectful of [Hennepin County's] process." In a request for information regarding the plans for the Webber Park Library project, Hennepin County Commissioner Mark Stenglein replied, "As of now we are still in a holding pattern with the library redevelopment plan. To the best of my knowledge the developer who purchased the Kowalski building from the county is working with the city to obtain the proper permits. We remain committed to the existing Webber Library operations."

The Webber Park design team will refine the master plan in October and November, and will provide additional opportunities for community involvement at community meetings. In December the master plan will be finalized based on information gathered at previous meetings, with consideration given to cost-estimates and feasibility analysis as developed through the process. If all goes well the Webber Park Master Plan will be presented to the Minneapolis Park Board for approval in January 2012 and construction will begin in the summer of 2012, with a grand opening in 2013.

In the heat of this summer, a 2013 grand opening seems like a long way off. In my cynical moments I worry that what has been promised will not come to fruition. However, something about the enthusiasm regarding this project that I heard in the voices of Jennifer, Jon, and Bruce gives me hope. This is the MPRB's largest neighborhood capital project in recent history. I am hopeful that we can work together to create a master plan that will serve our community for another 100 years, and if we do, it would be worth the wait. I'll be looking for glistering eyes at the 2013 Grand Opening of the Webber Park Master Plan.

For more info about the Webber Park planning process visit the project webpage at <http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/default.asp?PageID=1286> or call Jennifer Ringold, Manager of Public Engagement and Citywide Planning, at 612-230-6464.

## 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](http://www.stolaf.lutheran.org)

We welcome all, including gay and lesbian people.

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North Minneapolis Meals on Wheels  
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**House painting,** interior/exterior, wall paper removal, stain/varnish, and skim coating. Jim, 651-698-0840.

**JRose Bookkeeping.** Personalized bookkeeping for small businesses and busy professionals serving the Camden area. Thirteen years experience. Also, QuickBooks setup or training. [jrosebookkeeping.com](http://jrosebookkeeping.com). 612-221-2211.

### General

**Help children learn to read.** Wanted: caring adults (50+ yrs) to tutor K-3 students in Mpls. schools 4-15 hrs/wk Sept-June. Training provided. Small stipend available for those who qualify. Interviewing now for fall. See [www.experiencecorps.org](http://www.experiencecorps.org). 952-945-4167 or [mricke@voamn.org](mailto:mricke@voamn.org).

### Real Estate Sales or Service

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

### For Rent or Sale

**Senior rental,** owner occupied bldg. Victory neighborhood. 1 bedroom - \$600; also studio apt - \$540. Background check. 612-521-7829.

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

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

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

### St. Bridget's Catholic Church

Masses  
Mon-Fri. 8 a.m. • Sat. 8 a.m.  
Sat. Vigil 4:30 p.m.  
Sun. 9:30 a.m.  
Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament—Fridays  
from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
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Fr. Anthony M. Criscitelli T.O.R.  
Dowling & Emerson Ave. N.  
529-7779

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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](mailto:GethsemaneLutheranChurch@msn.com)  
[www.glc-mpls.org](http://www.glc-mpls.org)

### Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

4150 Dupont Ave. N.  
Minneapolis, MN 55412  
612-521-3644

Summer Schedule  
9:30 a.m. worship  
10:30 a.m. Lemonade & Fellowship  
Communion: 1st & 3rd Sundays  
Outdoor Worship Sunday, Aug. 14 @  
10:30 a.m.

Boy Scout BBQ after Worship  
*We are handicap accessible.*  
Interim Pastor Judy Burgett-Winzig  
email: [salemevlc@visi.com](mailto:salemevlc@visi.com)  
Facebook: [Salem Lutheran Church/North Minneapolis](https://www.facebook.com/SalemLutheranChurch/NorthMinneapolis)

### NORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

### Christ English Lutheran Church

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



## A guided view from the Big River

By Debbie Meister

On the hottest day of June under sunny skies, the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) hosted local decision makers, elected and appointed officials, state and federal agency staff, and community and business leaders in “A Guided View from the Big River: a Workshop about Land Use and Water Quality.”

Participants boarded the Minneapolis Queen paddleboat at Boom Island. Using a water quality game and a guided view of the river, the workshop was designed to help policy makers learn how land use decisions can affect water quality. The guided view of the river helped participants view the land from the water’s perspective. Moving upstream from Bassett Creek, Jenny Winkelman and Doug Snyder of the MWMO highlighted polluted runoff issues and best management practices used to reduce that runoff.

The land area along Bassett Creek was once a wetland. It was drained and filled for development with the runoff being piped into a system of stormwater pipes, flowing untreated to the Mississippi River. Redevelopment of Heritage Park—148 acres of land along the creek—afforded the opportunity to prevent and treat polluted runoff before it flows into the underground pipe system. Now, polluted runoff flows through a series of different treatments removing phosphorus—a chemical element that causes algae blooms, which turns lakes and streams green and smelly—sediment, and heavy metals before they go into the Mississippi River.

As the boat moved north, Snyder discussed two contrasting approaches to stabilizing eroding riverbanks. On the eastside of the river, riprap was used. Across the river the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board accomplished the stabilization mostly with a variety of plants, using a minimum amount of rock and only at the base of the slope. “The deep roots of the native plants and trees hold the bank in place and provide a bigger capacity for the bank to withstand the river’s ebb and flow,” stated Snyder. “In addition, the plants absorb and filter polluted runoff, provide habitat for wildlife and add beauty to the landscape.”

The industrial corridor along the route is covered by large stretches of hard, or impervious surfaces — such as parking lots, rooftops and streets—that do not allow water to be absorbed naturally into the

ground. Participants calculated that several stretches were 95-100 percent impervious, meaning nearly 100 percent of all polluted runoff flows untreated into the Mississippi. A calculation of the Heritage Park redevelopment indicated that 45-50 percent was impervious. The MWMO, through its Stewardship Fund Program, supports community initiatives that improve water quality through reducing the amount of impervious surfaces and treating water running off of asphalt and concrete.

“Redevelopment affords the best and most cost-effective way to improve water quality,” explained Snyder. With reconstruction of the Lowry Bridge, all the runoff from the bridge and eight to 10 adjacent city blocks will be captured and treated before flowing into the river. The MWMO is planning a new office campus just north of the Lowry Bridge. The energy and water-efficient design will allow the MWMO to “walk the talk.” Plans are to capture and treat all the runoff from the site, the street and adjacent areas. Impervious surfaces will be reduced by sharing parking with the neighbor.

Original plans were for the boat to reach Shingle Creek, just north of the Camden Bridge. Although the river was two feet higher than normal, excessive sediments from runoff reduced the river’s depth, making navigation to the bridge impossible. Shingle Creek exceeds state water quality standards because of high levels of road salt (chloride) running off streets and sidewalks. “Only one teaspoon of salt contaminates five gallons of water or a 50-pound bag of road salt contaminates 10,000 gallons of water,” stated Winkelman. Every winter the MWMO hosts workshops to teach contractors, property managers and municipal staff how to control snow and ice using less salt.

By the time the boat docked, participants had enjoyed the views of the river including a bald eagle soaring overhead, great blue herons, and lessons learned about how development affects our river. One official summed up the day by stating, “When areas are being developed or redeveloped, I will keep impervious coverage at the top of my mind.”

## Camden Lions partner with Habitat for Humanity in Northside rebuilding effort

The Camden Lions are helping fund Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity’s new Disaster Recovery Program. The program was created following the deadly tornado that struck the Northside on May 22. It is designed to help underinsured homeowners rebuild and put their lives back together.

The Camden Lions are currently funding three home repair projects with Twin Cities Habitat. They plan to fund additional work in the coming months. Immediately following the tornado the Camden Lions purchased \$14,000 in groceries and other items to help Northside residents affected by the storm.

Over the past 25 years, Twin Cities Habitat has built 161 homes in North Minneapolis and repaired for than 300 others. Twin Cities Habitat is continuing to seek new partnerships in order to expand the Disaster Recovery Program and assist more homeowners affected by the tornado. Businesses, religious institutions, foundations and community groups interested in partnering with Twin Cities Habitat on this work can call 612-331-4090.



Camden Lions (l-r) Mick Brogan, Cynthia Lettermann, Karen Taylor and Jim Cain at one of the homes being repaired. Photo by Randy Klauk.

## What do you want to see along the Mississippi River?

By Janette Law

People are talking about a new vision for parks along the North and Northeast sides of the Mississippi River. Called “RiverFIRST,” the vision includes reconnecting people to the Upper Riverfront, through green connectors from the neighborhoods and new riverfront trails that connect up and down and across river. Other park possibilities include an I-94 green park overpass, walking and biking trails, wading beaches, boat launches, restored wetlands, overlooks and scenic views, walking and biking bridges, and new floating island habitats.

Goals for Upper Riverfront parks are to bring to life places on the North and Northeast sides of the Upper Riverfront where: people connect with the river; neighborhoods and businesses thrive; community members from near and far enjoy recreation and culture in harmony with one of the three great rivers of the world. The Park Board has said that at least one project will be developed in the next three to five years.

In September, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board will hear recommendations from the Minneapolis Riverfront Development Initiative, the Park Board’s special project working with a landscape architecture and urban design team on bringing to life these new parks. The design team was selected from the Minneapolis Riverfront Design Competition (<http://MinneapolisRiverfrontDesignCompetition.com>), which ran September 2010 to February 2011.

The Park Board wants to know what you think about the goals for these parks and eight suggested sites, as well as how you relate to the river and what the river means to you and your community. Your input will become part of the criteria the team uses to recommend priority projects, along with funding availability, property ownership and zoning, regulatory issues and similar factors.

There are a few ways to get involved and share your thoughts:

- At MRIDI Public Meeting: Light refreshments will be served. Free parking. Thursday, August 4, 7-9 p.m., Farview Park, 621 29th Ave. N
- At neighborhood association meetings: Visit their online calendar for upcoming meetings (<http://minneapolisriverfrontdevelopmentinitiative.com/calendar>). Suggestions for additional neighborhood associations, or civic, non-profit or worship organizations are welcome.
- Take the Community Input Survey: (Continuing through August 9.) Find the link on MinneapolisRiverfrontDevelopmentInitiative.com, pick it up at any Minneapolis Parks recreation center, or get them from MRIDI Youth Ambassadors at community events this summer (their schedule is also online at <http://minneapolisriverfrontdevelopmentinitiative.com/calendar>).
- Join in the conversation about what the “River Is” and “Could Be.” A community-wide exercise to gather individuals’ thoughts about the river now and for the future, found at <http://minneapolisriverfrontdevelopmentinitiative.com/riveris> and [Flickr.com/Groups/MplsRiverDesign](http://Flickr.com/Groups/MplsRiverDesign). Twitter: @MplsRiverDesign.

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