



Last segment of Lowry Avenue Bridge arches installed



Two gray, gleaming bridge arches reaching 120 feet above the water now span the Mississippi River from North to Northeast Minneapolis.

On February 15 the contractor lifted the last segment of the Lowry Avenue Bridge arches into place with a crane. The keystone segment (of the northern arch) installed that morning is 40 feet long, weighs 73,000 pounds and has a cross-sectional area of 4 feet by 5 feet. The arch pieces are joined together by 16 bolts and welded around each interface.

“This is an impressive milestone in the effort to reopen, and keep open, a vital intra-city connector for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians. Patient neighbors and commuters are now truly able to see the finished product take shape – it’s a bold and stunning complement to the Minneapolis riverfront,” said Commissioner Mark Stenglein.

Construction on the bridge arches began in early December. The bridge arches are comprised of 22 pieces total – nine pieces per arch and four transverse pieces: The four base pieces weigh approximately 130,000 pounds each; the

segments reaching out over the Mississippi River, weigh approximately 70-80,000 pounds each. The two keystone pieces weigh approximately 73,000 pounds each.

The arches reach a height of 90 feet above the yet-to-be-completed bridge deck and 120 feet above the water. This spring, the contractor will begin installing the stay cables and LED lighting system. The Lowry Avenue Bridge is scheduled to be completed by late summer. (Photos by by Randy Klauk.)

Riverfirst moving forward

By Janette Law

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board’s big vision for a renewed Upper Riverfront is getting a fresh start. What was once called the Minneapolis Riverfront Development Initiative — or MR|DI for short — will soon be known as RiverFIRST, as the process for bringing to life the ambitious plan moves forward.

On February 15, the Park Board Planning Services staff recommended to the Board’s Planning Committee that the RiverFIRST plan be formally adopted. The recommendation was made as part of a proposed resolution that will move RiverFIRST into a 2012 planning and design phase for projects to be built beginning in 2013.

Riverfirst plans transforming the city’s industry-heavy Upper Riverfront from inhospitable to inviting, thanks to destination parks and trails that reconnect residents and visitors with one of the three great rivers of the world and “America’s fourth coast, a plan for 5.5 miles of riverfront with the potential to create the largest expanse of new public and green space since the Minneapolis Parks system was first created over 100 years ago.

The RiverFIRST plan is the outcome of the MR|DI. The MR|DI design team of Tom Leader Studio and Kennedy & Violic Architecture (TLS/KVA) and finance consultants HR&A Advisors originally presented the draft RiverFIRST Proposal to Park Board Commissioners on September 21, 2011.

Planning Services’ two additional recommendations are formally adopting RiverFIRST as the project name and identity and authorizing a series of “next steps,” including seeking a regional park boundary adjustment for the Scherer site; using RiverFIRST as a basis for coordinating with the City of Minneapolis to update the Above the Falls Master Plan; seeking a scope of work and fee proposal from TLS/KVA for the next stage of design; and working with the Minneapolis Parks Foundation to establish a collaboration agreement with RiverFIRST implementation partners.

“With the adoption of these recommendations, the Minneapolis Park Board will take a significant first step toward making the compelling RiverFIRST vision a reality for Minneapolis residents and visitors,” says Bruce Chamberlain, Assistant Superintendent for Planning. “Throughout the city’s history, a lack of interconnected natural public and green space has impeded residents’ enjoyment of our magnificent river amenity. With the realization of RiverFIRST, the Minneapolis Park Board and our partners can literally and figuratively change the Upper Riverfront landscape in as little as three to five years.”

The RiverFIRST resolution and supporting documents are available at MinneapolisParks.org and MinneapolisRiverfrontDevelopmentInitiative.com.

Beginning in June 2011, MR|DI carried out a summer-long community engagement process that in-

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Webber Park master plan finally gets the nod

By Sue Quist

On February 1, the MPRB Planning Committee gave a unanimous nod of approval for the Webber Park Master Plan and on February 15 the full MPRB did the same. The approved resolution 2012-125 reads, “Resolution Approving the Webber Park Master Plan and Authorizing Pursuit of a Natural Water Treatment Pilot Project for the Aquatic Facility.” The votes were seamless, and the process was thorough, beginning with the approval of a MPRB budget that would invest \$4 million in aquatic improvements at Webber Park over two years. Public participation into the plan included surveys, focus groups, a three-day charette, two follow-up meetings and a public hearing prior to the vote.

Cliff Swenson, Director of Design and Project Management, presented the Master Plan to the Park Board Planning Committee, highlighting the aquatic design,

which will be a pond/pool hybrid. He described it as a natural swimming feature with a zero entry depth and lap lanes with cement walls in the deeper end of the pool. There will be a beach surrounding the pool and a new changing building. In the short term, the old pool area will be converted into more picnic space. The project planners will work with the State of Minnesota to get a variance to state rules to allow the natural treatment. Later phases of the Master Plan include, changes to Shingle Creek, which would make it a more prominent feature in the park and parkway improvements, including a possible roundabout at the Fremont intersection.

Ten Camden area neighbors spoke at the public hearing. Two spoke against the proposed plan, stating that they would prefer a more traditional pool, with standard filtration. Tom Schmidt expressed concern about the water

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Camden has a new grocery store! **The Camden Mart**, at 42nd and Fremont, opened its doors to the community on February 14. Partners Eddie Elias and Kevin Aldwaik have completely renovated the former Camden Pharmacy, installing new large windows, floors, refrigeration, lighting and much more. The Camden Mart will be a full service grocery store, which means dairy, produce and meat products along with dry staples, snack food and basic needs. Bakery products and a deli are still on the wish list.

fresh produce and will be expanding soon to incorporate a small deli as well. The store is open M-F, 7 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sat-Sun 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Info: 612-302-8000. Pictured (lower left) is local employee Dill Thompson with some fresh produce.

Looking for a new place to eat? Lyndale Avenue N, the river and city gateway, is attracting not one but two new restaurants to add to the current offerings of **El Cubano Burrito, Camden Dairy Queen, Camden McDonald's**. The two are a soon to be named restaurant and bar, and the new **Northside Steakhouse**. The Northside Steakhouse, at 4330 Lyndale Ave. N, has a long list of American food fare from steaks to gyros to burgers, steaks, chicken,

Camden Mart prides itself in hiring neighborhood residents, having its signage done locally by **Install This Sign**, and getting many other supplies and equipment locally. The Camden Mart currently has



catfish, and fish dinner combos, hushpuppies, red beans and rice, fried okra, and potato salad. Prices range from \$3.99 for their Chicago Polish Sausage (beef) to their Steak Burger at \$5.99. Dinners are moderately priced from \$5.99 to \$9.29. Owner Bushar Mohamed (pictured) has several other business ventures and is excited to be open on Lyndale. The Northside Steakhouse is open Sun-Thurs 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri-Sun 11 a.m.-11 p.m. and offers delivery, take-out and catering. For info call 612-529-4546.

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In the January issue of the *Camden News* there was an article describing the history, the importance, and the future of the *Camden News*. The article also spoke of the financial need to keep the *Camden News* on track to be the voice for and of the Camden Community in the future. The need is great. The paper is running at a shortfall of \$600 per month. The *Camden Community News* needs financial support from the Camden Community.

Papa's Restaurant and Deli believes in the Camden Community and in the *Camden News*. Papa's has made a strong commitment to the Camden Community and continues to look for opportunities to build

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*Kris Brogan,
Victory*



Flagpole article

The Behind the Victory Flagpole column always has an interesting piece of local history, but the February issue really caught my attention. Louise Bohanon Strand talks about growing up on 43rd and Emerson and going to the grocery store on 42nd and Fremont Ave. I have a picture on my wall of my grandmother and great-grandmother standing in front of a store at 1223 42nd Ave (just off Fremont). The handwriting on the photo states that the store was built by my great-grandfather, James Kennedy, in 1910. My grandmother was born in 1906 and appears to be maybe 4-6 years old, which would date the picture at around 1910. At the time they owned and ran the store, they lived around the corner at 4148

Fremont Ave. According to a Minneapolis property search, the building at 1223 42nd was built in 1901 but the other information is accurate. A 1920 U.S. Census confirms where they lived.

Louise Bohanon's recollections of the area are from the 1930s and 1940s and there may well have been another grocery store by then. At the time of my photo, my great-grandfather's store appears to be the only building on that block of 42nd Ave. The building is now surrounded by other businesses. Still, I had to add another piece of Camden history.

P.S. My great grandfather remained a North Minneapolis resident the rest of his life. After selling the store sometime in the late 1920s, he moved to 53rd and Bryant, and later to 22nd and Fremont Ave. N.

*Nancy Wasik
Lind Bohanon*



A winter for the records

I was doing some errands on February 9 and saw a street sweeper coming down my street. It was like seeing your first robin. A sign of spring, but two months earlier than expected. I recently overheard a woman complain that if this continues we will all be on anti-depressants. I guess not everyone likes this abnormally warm winter season. Last winter brought floods; this winter has denied us ground moisture and a promise of a poor crop season. The glass is either half full or half empty. After last winter...just keep throwing this warm stuff my way.

Manufacturing firms have suffered this winter (snowblowers, snowmobiles, etc.). My friend owns an auto body repair shop. His business is suffering. Some of the pluses are my home heating bill just got readjusted and cut in half, fewer traffic accidents and deaths, and more people are taking advantage of this season by getting out to shop, see movies or go to restaurants. Nobody enjoys going out when they're buried under five feet of snow and it's very cold. Not all business establishments suffer as a result of this winter. Some do and some don't.

I'm enjoying every precious minute while it's here. But keep in mind...we're not out of the woods yet. We still have the balance of February. March and April can be two of the most unpredictable months for snowfall. I try to remain optimistic and hopeful that we'll make it to April without any surprises that winter can throw our way.

*Jerry Johnson,
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Camden Cooking - Colcannon

By Marie Porter

As an Irish-Canadian walking stereotype, I've gotta say – St. Patrick's Day is my favorite holiday. For my March recipe, what could be more appropriate than an Irish recipe?

Well, Irish Canadian, anyway. Colcannon is a very traditional Irish dish — and if you search for it online, the recipes you'll find are pretty much all in the Irish style. Traditional Irish colcannon is essentially mashed potatoes with kale or cabbage mixed in, sometimes with leeks. You add butter and cream, season it a bit, and it's generally a pretty good thing. It's very much an autumn thing, and is particularly associated with Halloween.

This recipe is not Irish style. This is one of the many ways that they make colcannon on the heavily-Irish east coast of Canada. Where the Irish style is fairly simple, with only a couple of ingredients. Newfoundland style incorporates many more kinds of vegetables, sometimes some meat, etc. The friend I learned this from used heavy cream in hers, I prefer to use sour cream.

For me, colcannon is one of those non-recipe recipes. I cut up veggies, eyeballing it as I go. When I mash them and add the remaining ingredients, everything is instinctual — you should feel free to view this recipe with some flexibility. If you don't like rutabagas, leave them out. Big fan of parsnips? Add more. Feel free to tinker with amounts or proportions of the ingredients, as you see fit. It's a very free form recipe! When all is said and done, this recipe is essentially a very rich, very flavorful version of mashed potatoes — and it makes a large pot worth!

East-Coast Canadian/Newfoundland Style Colcannon

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| 1 green cabbage | 1 cup butter |
| 1 large rutabaga | 1 and 1/2 cups sour cream |
| 1-2 lbs parsnips | 2 tsp salt |
| 2 lbs carrots | 1 tsp pepper |
| 5 lbs potatoes (Yukon gold or red) | |

Remove outer leaves from cabbage. Chop into small pieces, discarding center "core." Peel rutabaga, parsnips, carrots, and potatoes, chop into smallish chunks.

Place all prepared vegetables into a large stock pot, cover with water, and boil on medium heat for about 2 hours, or until each type of vegetable will mash easily.

Working in batches, run vegetables through a food processor, beat in a stand mixer, or mash by hand until mixture is smooth.

Chop butter into smaller cubes, add to still-hot mash of vegetables along with the sour cream. Stir until butter is melted, and cream fully incorporated into the mash. Stir in salt and pepper, check taste. Add more salt and/or pepper if desired.

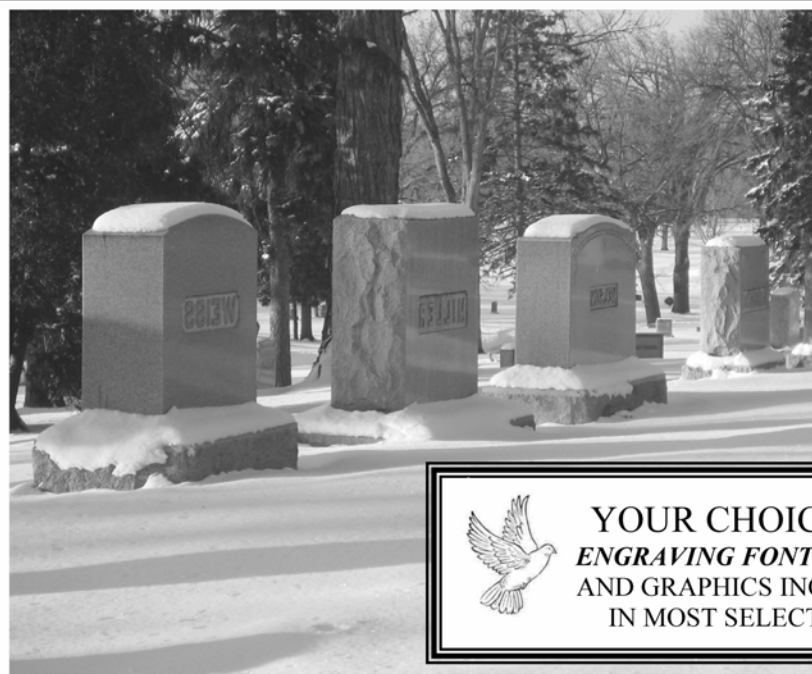
Serve as-is, or pour into baking pans, cover with foil, and bake for 30 minutes at 350. We usually don't get this far - the aroma of the colcannon boiling for 2 hours usually has us pretty rabid (and low on patience!) by the time we get to the mashing step - forget the additional wait of putting it in the oven!


This recipe freezes well. Just pack into containers, cover tightly with plastic wrap, and cover with tight lid.

Marie Porter is an award winning baker, and the author of two cookbooks. She has been residing in North Minneapolis since early 2011, along with her husband and four cats. Check out additional recipes on her food/lifestyle blog at www.celebrationgeneration.com.



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It's official – it's getting warmer for plants

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

It's what we have all been waiting for and anticipating – The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) has released the new Hardiness Zone Map (HZM)! In some ways the new map validates what many of us have been saying for a while – that our average temperatures are rising, our climate is warming. On the other hand we need to be cautious about what the new zone map really means, about what plants we can now grow in our gardens.

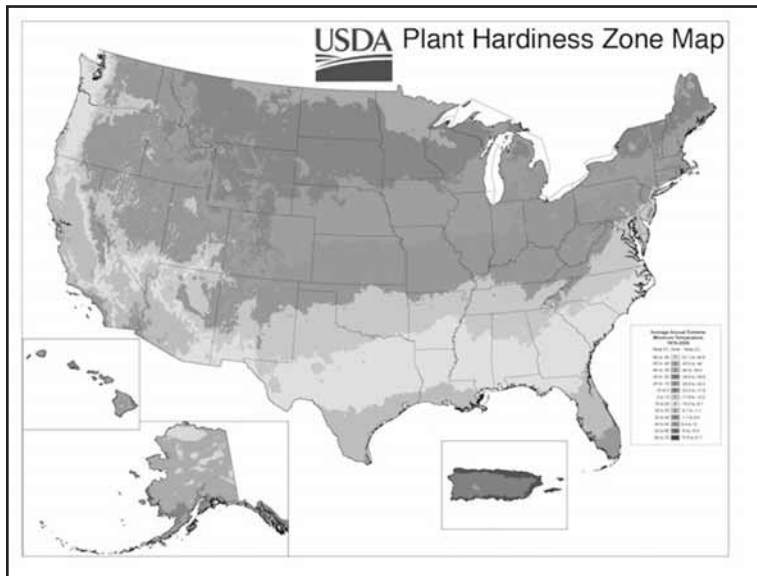
The HZM is a visual guide that helps farmers, growers and gardeners determine which herbaceous and woody plants will survive the cold in their growing zone. The HZM reflects the **average** minimum temperatures across the USA and that is why we need to be cautious. The average minimum temperature means that on some days the temperatures fall below the average- but just how far below we have no way of knowing. Zone 1 is the coldest zone with an average minimum temperature of -50° to -60°. Each zone after that has an average minimum temperature (AMT) range that is 10° warmer so that Zone 4 has an AMT of -20° to -30°. Each zone is further subdivided by 5° increments with 'a' being the colder and 'b' being the warmer area of each zone. The AMT range for 4a is -25° to -30° and for 4b is -20° to -25°.

The previous HZM map was published in 1990 and the data was collected over the period from 1976 to 1990. The data for the new HZM map is much more complete and accurately analyzed. It was collected at more than 8000 data collection points over a 30-year period from 1976-2005. It is GIS based so it is much more accurate, higher resolution and has finer delineations, so

much so that you can identify the zone for a given zip code. The 1990 map was static, but the new map is web based and interactive. It allows users to zoom into a local area and see the heat islands caused by blacktop or concrete, cool spots in small hills or valleys and the buffering effects of large bodies of water.

So what does the new map show for Minnesota? Pretty much what we have been experiencing over the last few years; we have made a half zone shift to warmer minimum temperatures. Zone 5a has crept up into a small portion of south central Minnesota and the southeastern corner. The southern half of the state, which was formerly 4a and 4b, is now all

So what does this all really mean? It means that some plants that previously may not have survived our winters perhaps now could. It doesn't mean that we should completely change the way we garden or that we should rush out and buy and plant all kinds of new plants in our gardens. Remember the HZM is based on the **average** minimum temperature and that plants can be particularly sensitive to below average temperatures during acclimation (hardening off) in the fall and deacclimation (awakening) in the spring. We should also remember that temperatures and hardiness are only one measure of plant performance. So the advice from here is to carry on as usual,



4b. The four small pockets of zone 2b that used to be in Northern Minnesota have disappeared, the areas of the state that used to be 3a have shrunk and 3b has grown. There is one area of the state that has not gotten warmer however; pockets along the North Shore of Lake Superior which were formerly 4a and 4b are now 3b and 4a.

but should you be tempted buy one of the Zone 4b or 5a plants that will undoubtedly be showing up in the garden centers this spring go ahead and give it a try. And if you should like to find out the zone info for your zip code you can do so at <http://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov/PHZMWeb/>.

Patriots skiing strong, by the power of two

By Ingrid Remak

Amidst the swarms of orange and purple making up the South, Southwest and Washburn High School ski teams, a few blazing red suits can be spotted in the crowd. Patrick Henry High School has been making a name for itself on the rolling hills of Wirth Park--by the power of two. While some high schools boast Nordic Ski team rosters toppling one hundred, Joe Clifton and Mike Xiong make up one of the smallest programs in the state. "They've got a lot of determination to ski when they don't have the overwhelming support of teammates or student body. But the fact that these two are sticking with it is a testament to their spirit and drive. From that energy the program is bound to grow," said Nordic Ski Foundation director John Munger.



Both Joe and Mike are accomplished athletes. Joe is a marathoner at heart, but decided to ski as a freshman at the suggestion of his father. This year as a sophomore, he won the Twin Cities Conference Distance Challenge at Wirth. Mike, a Henry freshman, learned to ski on the Anwatin Middle School Team. This has been his first experience racing against older and more experienced competition.

In the early weeks of the ski season, Mike and Joe ran and trained on their own. However, the advent of snow brought the Patriots to Wirth where they teamed up with Washburn for coaching. Washburn Coach Eric Adams welcomed the Patriots to join his squad and said the coaching collaboration has been a great union. "Mike and Joe are exceptional athletes and real team players. They come to our pasta parties and practice with our team—but they fully represent Henry on the trails."



While Mike and Joe enjoy the camaraderie they experience with the Washburn team, they are hopeful the Henry Program will begin to reestablish itself. Joe, who skied solo last year, has enjoyed having another teammate he can see in the halls. "It is nice to have classmates that ski and to have that connection in school." Mike is confident that five of his former teammates on the Anwatin Ski Team, and his brother, will ski for Henry next year. Henry's Athletic Director, Guillaume Paek, used to teach at Anwatin and knows the strength of the ski program there. Paek concurred that he is enthusiastic to see the program grow. Joe chimed in that if his friends can get over their dislike for cold, Henry is equipped with rental skis to run a solid program.

Hopefully there will be more skiers joining the Patriot ranks in the future. With the Nordic Ski Foundation running six elementary school programs and two middle school teams in North Minneapolis, a new wave of enthusiastic and skilled skiers will be streaming into the Northside high schools. "Once upon a time Henry had one of the best Nordic Ski programs in the city," said Bob O'Hara, Meet Manager for High School Sports. "The Anwatin and Nellie Stone Johnson Ski Team Programs will really help rebuild the Nordic ski program for this part of the city."

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There's an app for that

By Kelly Benning, DVM

Nowadays, it seems there is an app for everything. I can honestly admit my iPhone is filled with useless gimmicky apps that I rarely use. If you own a smartphone and a pet, chances are you need some good ideas and tools to fill up all those remaining gigabytes. After some careful research, I have found some great sites for pet enthusiasts to consider downloading.

Dog Park Finder Plus (\$1.99)—This is an app to help you locate local dog parks. Travelling with your dog? Get directions to a local dog park, email your friends the spot to meet with Spot and read the reviews. Upcoming features include dog friendly businesses, hotels and the like.

Dog First Aid (\$0.99)—Created by the folks at PetMD.com, this online resource focuses on wellness and health management. Check out the emergency section for a quick reference guide.

Dog Training (\$2.99)—Easy step-by-step videos and demonstrations for teaching your old (or new) dog tricks. Check out the quizzes at the end of each session built in to ensure you were paying attention!

Petfinder.com (free)—Now your favorite site to search online for a new pet is available as an app. Complete with photos, information and the ability to mark certain pets as “favorites” makes it easy to choose from all those adorable ones that need a home.

My Pets Info (free)—For the truly organized, a place to keep all your pets’ medical information, day-to-day activities (doggie playdates!) and contact numbers. Can’t remember your pet’s birthday or microchip registration number? Here is the place to keep track of all those important facts.

Tagg the Pet Tracker (free)—An advanced GPS system to help you find your dog after she (again) jumped the fence. Also will provide local groomers, veterinary clinics and pet stores. Required hardware for your pet’s collar is available for purchase at www.tagg.com for an additional cost.

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Fourth Ward Report

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Minneapolis' Mortgage Assistance Program

Since 2008, the City of Minneapolis has helped nearly 350 home buyers purchase homes in neighborhoods stressed by foreclosure through its Minneapolis Advantage Program. The forgivable loan program assists with down payment and closing costs, and helps rebuild neighborhoods, stabilize communities and promote sustainable home ownership.

Funding Available in 2012

Approximately \$400,000, or around 25 loans, is available to help potential buyers purchase a foreclosed home in eligible neighborhoods. Based on income eligibility requirements, buyers within 80% of the area median income (approximately \$64,000 for a four-member household) can receive up to \$20,000 and buyers within 120% of the area median income (approximately \$100,700 for a four-member household) can receive up to \$10,000. These funds can be used to pay for closing costs and down payment assistance. For more information call the Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation, program administrator, at 612-588-3033 or see Minneapolis Advantage Program—Mortgage Assistance.

Minneapolis Advantage Program performance

- All homes had to be foreclosed, vacant, or in a high foreclosure-impacted neighborhood
 - Loan recipients purchased homes in 30 Minneapolis neighborhoods
 - Nearly 350 homes have been purchased
 - Nearly 60% of the home buyers moved to Minneapolis from elsewhere
 - 89% of the recipients are first time home buyers
 - 48% of the home buyers are between the ages of 31-50
 - Average household size is two
 - 49% of the homes' purchase prices are less than \$100,000; 39% of purchase prices are between \$100,000-\$150,000
- Interested in purchasing a foreclosed home? Check out www.ownahomemn.org for a listing of foreclosed homes that have been renovated and are on the market; www.livemsp.org provides a directory of home buyer incentive programs and resources by neighborhood; www.hocmn.org offers resources and education to home buyers.

Fixed Rates in Utility Billing Help Pay for Water and Sewer Service

From filtering, softening and purifying our water to maintaining around a thousand miles of water mains, 8,000 fire hydrants and 100,000 water meters, the City of Minneapolis does a lot to make sure water is clean, safe, great tasting and available when you need it. The City also maintains 830 miles of sewer lines, ensuring that wastewater can flow to the treatment facility in a safe and reliable manner. The utility bill you pay used to charge for these services with a volume-only approach, even though the cost of maintaining these systems does not fluctuate with water use. Costs have risen, though, mainly due to aging infrastructure and the City's investments for the future. In the past, annual increases were covered by raising the cost of the water itself. This year, however, the City has decided instead to add fixed charges for the water and sewer services. The price of this solution was an equal trade-off for service payers. These fixed charges help distribute the cost more evenly so customers who use the least amount of water will pay their fair share to maintain the systems that make sure they have water and sewer service whenever they need it. The charges are similar to those used in Saint Paul and many other cities across the country. The fixed charges are based on the size of the water pipes serving the customer. For most residents, the fees will be around \$5 (\$2 for running water and \$3 for sewers). Large customers, such as downtown office buildings, will have higher fees. Again, there is no increase in the volume rate (the cost that's based on how much you use). The fixed rates were approved unanimously by the City Council on Dec. 14, 2011, as part of the 2012 City's budget. The approval followed two public hearings where residents could comment on the proposal. Find your 2012 utility rates at www.minneapolismn.gov/utility-billing or call 311.

4th Ward E-Newsletter

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cluded: a community input survey taken by more than 600 people; Promotion and participation in more than 30 community events throughout Minneapolis; three additional public meetings held in association with the City of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Riverfront Partnership; more than 40 presentations and meetings with neighborhood associations, community-based non-profit organizations, agencies and other stakeholder groups; and the debut of “River Is,” a figurative gathering of people’s thoughts about the Mississippi today and for the future. Info: MinneapolisRiverfrontDevelopmentInitiative.com.

The Park Board Planning Committee accepted the resolution with several comments and questions, as well as an amendment stating that the Park Board will explore a land bridge over I94 to connect the Northside to the riverfront. Community members can view the re-broadcast of the meeting at <http://www.minneapolisparkevents.org/default.asp?PageID=37&calid=868>.

The next step for RiverFIRST is the official vote on adoption, expected to take place at the 5 p.m. Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 14, at Park Board headquarters, 2117 West River Road.

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quality safety with the natural filtration system and commented that a traditional pool provides a better experience for children, including the accommodation of swimming lessons. Eight people spoke in favor of the plan. Mary Martinson expressed appreciation to the planners for the process. She said, the process “gave voice to people who feel left out by government” and “is happy to see positive changes in the park.” Bill Moore, of the Camden Lions, commended the planning department. He remarked that his family has been season pass holders to the old pool and said “hats off to you guys” for listening to the community and including desired features into the plan. James Cain, also a Camden Lion, said that he has been in every pool the park has had and that “this is going to put us on the map.” He mentioned that the natural filtration system has been used in Europe for 20-25 years without problems.

On February 2, I was walking in Webber Park and spoke with a civil engineer who was working in the park. He was staking out the perimeter of the new aquatic building and the new parking lot. With the approval of the full Board, this plan is moving forward. The grand opening is expected to be in the summer of 2013.



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Camden Arts

Pwajdeur Swanstrom – Guitarist, singer-songwriter and bandleader

By Mick LaBriola

An electric-luminescent glow of enthusiasm emanates from the highly energetic and passionately motivated musician Pwajdeur (pronounced water) Swanstrom. He is a guitarist, singer-songwriter and bandleader for his current musical endeavor, HypNoXIOUS. Pwajdeur identifies HypNoXIOUS as an original alternative-progressive-indie rock band. You can hear the group at vimeo.com/18960396 or myspace.com/hypnoxious. Pwajdeur has two children; his daughter Serendipity, 12, and son Cavishaw, 9.

Music has been a life-long passion for Pwajdeur. And in addition to his musical exploits, he is CEO for a popcorn seasoning company called "Pwajdeur-corn" (distributed at Whole Foods) that he started three or four years ago; he sells electronics at Sam's Club part-time; and is a full-time student at Minneapolis Community and Technical College majoring in Sound Arts.

He and his wife, Gera Exire La Tour, have lived in North Minneapolis for two years and are very proud 2011 Tornado survivors. Gera (gera_latour@hotmail.com) is the President Emeritus • Member at Large for the Minnesota Brewers Association (mn-brewers.com). It's member's interests run the gamut from those who brew using extract kits, to all-grain mashers, to those who simply appreciate and enjoy good beer. Gera also teaches the BJCP Exam Prep Class Organizer at Beer Judging Certification Program (www.bjcp.org).

Pwajdeur and Gera's home was hit by last May's tornado that pounded North Minneapolis. Pwajdeur recounted the shocking event: "Gera was sitting at the computer and heard something. The power in the house went off and on! You could feel a pressure mounting in and around the house; Gera heard a rumble and something like thunder and ran in the basement!" Fortunately, Gera was not hurt. But the house sustained heavy damage, needing replacement of the roof, ceilings and walls. Pwajdeur and Gera had to relocate to a hotel and an apartment for four months.

Pwajdeur grew up in South Minneapolis and attended Washburn High School. He lived with his step-brothers Steve and Matt. He also has two more siblings living in Texas, Amy and Mark. Pwajdeur remembers his first music experiences listening to his brother Mark's record collection of rock, heavy metal and '80s music at about age three or four. He recalls the Beatles, the Bee Gees and Styx. He recounts later hearing his mom's collection of music, ranging from Linda Ronstadt to Jim Croce to Paul Simon.

Pwajdeur enthusiastically recalls, "Then I met my instruments. While visiting Texas, usually about twice a year, I picked up my first guitar at age 12. My brother Mark played bass and his friend Tom played guitar and provided an opportunity that remained with me throughout my life." Pwajdeur immediately took the guitar seriously, "I started taking lessons and loved making sounds on the guitar. I remember listening to Adrian Belew from King Crimson."

"I played guitar forever. My first guitar was a rental of a Les Paul copy, not even an Epiphone. Then I obtained an Ibanez RG 430 with EMG 61 active pick-



ups. I had my rock and my Carvin double-stack amplifier. I played from junior high all throughout high school and was always in a band. But the most memorable band was Raging Saints. Then I had a very long hiatus."

"In 1991 I had a motorcycle accident and landed on my head. I was in a coma for two weeks; enough time to be gone forever. I had incurred a traumatic brain injury, inflicting damage to my frontal lobe area. This required occupational and physical therapy and was very extensive. All of this took about 10 years of my life. I had to learn how to walk and talk again but I got it back."

Before the inception of HypNoXIOUS Pwajdeur performed with many music projects: Arcasm, Illusion, Azone, Oyster Salad and the Way Cools among others.

I was curious about Swanstrom's first name, Pwajdeur. His birth name is Timothy Swanstrom, however he had a dream that revealed an alternative name that he legally adopted. Pwajdeur says, "I had a dream about this name, it came out of the ocean; a name that was inscribed in the sand. It was so clear and vivid. And there was a shimmering rain falling, very metallic looking. And there was my name, Pwajdeur, written in the sand coming out of the water."

On Tuesday, March 13 Pwajdeur will perform with HypNoXIOUS at the Fine Line Music Cafe, 318 North 1st Ave., 612-338-8100. HypNoXIOUS music explores "Jane's Addiction mixed with U2, mixed with Yello, mixed with PortisHead, mixed with Soul Coughing, mixed with Led Zeplike Alice in Chains on a mystical retreat with Prince in a cold sweat on Mars with Bowie singing Sinatra with Cobains rasp and Jeff Buckley's butterflies and the soul of Freddie Mercury."

Pwajdeur says, "HypNoXIOUS was a culmination of my music writing for a long time and the rebirth of many ideas over the years. Dedication, many efforts, taking the music seriously and having a good time!" He describes it as, "Making music, writing songs, performing outlandish songs that tap the very essence of oomph."

Talley's Folly – a love story

By Alissa Blaeser

Workhouse Theatre Company continues its run of Lanford Wilson's Pulitzer Prize winning love story, *Talley's Folly*. The show opened on February 24 and continues through March 11. The story revolves around Matt, a Jewish refugee, and Sally, black sheep of the prosperous Talley family, on Independence Day, 1944. Directed by Mark Hauck, *Talley's Folly* stars Bruce Abas and Jaime Kleiman. Matt has come to rural Missouri to woo Sally, but has been run off the place by her anti-Semitic brothers, and has taken refuge in the family's dilapidated boathouse down by the river. Sally sneaks away to tell Matt to leave her alone, but she may have another agenda. Smart and feisty, Sally doesn't fit into society much better than Matt does. Over the course of a magical evening, the two of them begin to wonder if perhaps they'll fit together.

Talley's Folly runs February 24 through March 11 at The Warren - An Artist Habitat, 4400 Osseo Rd. The performances are Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m., March 2-11. There is a special pay-what-you-can performance on Monday, February 27 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 at the door (\$13 online); \$13 for students and senior citizens (\$11 online). To reserve call 612-216-1583 or purchase at www.workhousetheatre.org.

The Brill Building Sing-Along

1960s hits from New York's legendary Pop Song Factory

By Janet Zahn

Thrill to the music of the Brill at Camden Music School's spring scholarship FUNdraiser, The Brill Building Sing-Along, at 7 p.m. Friday, April 20 at the Capri Theater, 2027 West Broadway.

The audience is the star of this show – singing a hit parade of Brill Building songs by Bacharach and David, Leiber and Stoller, Carole King, Neil Diamond, Gene Pitney, the Coasters, the Platters, the Drifters, the Shirelles and more.

"The Brill Building was the great pop music melting pot of the late '50s and early '60s, where so many brilliant songwriters shared cubicles, heard and stole each other's stuff and pulled together white, black and Latino sounds to create the biggest hits of the pre-Beatles era," said show producer, host and sing-along aficionado, Dan Chouinard.



Dan Chouinard.

Chouinard has enlisted top Twin Cities musicians as song-leaders for the evening including Prudence Johnson, Cynthia Johnson, T. Mychael Rambo, Katy Hays, Gary Rue and CMS instructors Jeffrey Willkomm on bass and David DeGennaro on drums.

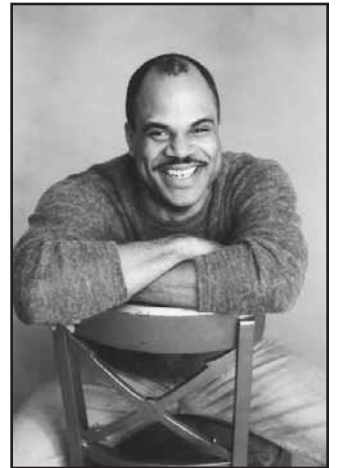
Whether you're familiar with the Brill or not, you'll marvel at the depth and breadth of music that came out of this building – much of which continues to be performed by today's recording artists. For a list of Brill Building songs and to vote for your top five favorites to be included in the sing-along go the Brill Top 60 in "events" on the CMS website www.camdenmusicschool.com.

All song lyrics will be projected on screen. All singing styles and abilities and "just listeners" are welcome. In addition, there will be a fast-paced live auction mid-show led by auctioneer extraordinaire T. Mychael Rambo. (Auction items will be posted on the CMS website (www.camdenmusicschool.com).

Tickets are on sale now at www.camdenmusicschool.com or by calling 612-529-2317. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door with special discounts for groups of 4, 6, 8 and 10.

The Camden Music School Scholarship Fund is a sponsored project Our Neighborhood Works (www.ourneighborhoodworks.org), a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. As such, all donations to the fund are tax deductible.

It'll be a fabulous night *On Broadway*. * Join us!
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Camden Youth & Schools

Check It Out

By Buzzy Bohn

On February 11, 150 Minneapolis students in grades K through 12, including a number from Camden, participated in the Check It Out chess tournament, which was held at North High School. The school district has sponsored chess activities for the past 14 years. Learning to play chess challenges students and encourages them to use high-level thinking skills.



Loring's K-3 chess team won 1st place at the Check It Out tournament.

Here are the winners (teams and students from Camden are in **Bold Type**):

K-3 Individual — 1st Place, Emory Russel, Seward; **2nd Place, Oliver Fluegel-Murray, Loring;** and **3rd Place, Mason Brown, Loring.** **K-3 Teams** — **1st Place, Loring;** 2nd Place, Seward; 3rd Place Marcy; Honorable Mention, Whittier.

4-6 Individual — 1st Place, Gavin Ross, Pillsbury; **2nd Place, Josiah Oakley, Loring;** 3rd Place, Noah Hunsicker, Lake Harriet. **4-6 Teams** — 1st Place, Pillsbury; **2nd Place, Loring;** 3rd Place, Burroughs

7-8 Individual — 1st Place: Utuarsh Kumar, Northeast; 2nd Place, Tracy Shaffer, Northeast; 3rd Place, Marquel Emery, Marcy; Katty Condor, Northeast (tie). **7-8 Team** — 1st Place, Northeast; 2nd Place, Marcy; 3rd Place, Ramsey.

9-12 Individual — **1st Place, Tristen Reep, Henry;** 2nd Place, Donald Hooker, South; 3rd Place, Brendan Bert, Southwest. **9-12 Team** — **1st Place, Henry;** 2nd Place, South; 3rd Place, Southwest.

Top girls — **K-3: Kaya Caprini, Loring.**

What's up at Henry – PSEO

By Pakou Vang

Post Secondary Education Option, PSEO. Four simple letters put together, and you get an experience that will not only save you money for college, but knowledge that you will take with you after high school. Approximately 500 to 600 high school students from all over the Twin Cities participate in this program that gives students an opportunity to begin classes earlier than usual at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus each school year. My experience as a PSEO student so far has been amazing. It all started with a very difficult decision, probably one of my biggest decisions as a high school student.

There are many Patrick Henry High students who are doing PSEO, and like many of them I struggled to make the decision of taking the route of PSEO or go for the International Bachelorette (IB) Diploma. I started pondering about this topic during my sophomore year. I had long discussions with my counselor and feedback from numerous teachers, advisors, friends, IB students, and students who participated first-hand in PSEO. At the end of my sophomore year, I finally decided that I was going to take a mixture of IB and College in School courses (CIS) my junior year, then become a PSEO student my senior year.

As high school students, we hear some great things about college all the time: "You get to pick your own classes," "You get to wake up late," "You're able to fix your schedule around your personal life," and "You are able to do whatever you want once you're out of your parents' house." However, sitting down in a lecture room for 300 students for the first time at the U of M before my first class, I was just thinking about one or two things. I was thankful I did not take the College of Liberal Arts Introduction to Psychology class in Willey Hall's auditorium that can fit over 500 students, maybe even up to 1,000 students! I also



Pakou Vang.

thought, "Should I introduce myself to the person sitting next to me? Should I tell others that I'm only a high school student? Will I make any friends in this class?"

Thankfully, I recognized one of my PSEO friends who I met at our potluck a week before school started and did not have to think to myself throughout the whole lecture. As the professor lectured, I wondered, "Does my professor see or even recognize me in this jam-packed room of college students?"

To have the social life of a college student as a PSEO student in a college campus is difficult to fulfill because I am constantly on the bus commuting from home, to the East Bank, then to the St. Paul campus, back to East Bank, and then to West Bank, and back home. Commuting and homework is time consuming. Daily homework is a given in any class; there is not a day that there is no homework or studying for midterms and finals. During the fall semester, I had an incredibly busy schedule. I was still participating in my high school extracurricular activities and I had a full load of classes that I had to stay on top of.

My experience at the U of M so far has been astonishing, safe and an eye opener for when I really start college as a freshman this fall. I have not once been uncomfortable with another student or in my classes. I have kept myself on track with my classes and made sure that I was able to pass my classes with a B minus or higher.

For those of you who have the desire to become a PSEO student, I encourage you whole-heartedly to do it. However, you must be aware of your strengths and weakness academically and mentally before you decide to become a PSEO student. I personally love this program and I am happy and thankful to be at the U of M as a full-time student.

NOMI Community Supported Art

By Connie Beckers, the Goddess of Glass

What is NOMI CSArt? Over the last 20 years, community supported agriculture (CSA) has become a popular way for consumers to buy seasonal food directly from local farms. Locally, McKinley Community CSA is in its third year and looking for ways to further that same buy-local spirit by offering additional "shares" to their shareholders in 2012. New offerings include fresh cut flowers, honey and local art.

This is the first year of NOMI CSArt which is closely modeled after the community supported arts program developed by MNartists.org. We are limiting the program this year to 10 artists and 10 shareholders and will implement lessons learned as the program grows forward.

We are seeking North Minneapolis artists, of all disciplines, to help perpetuate the NOMI CSArt program and build a stronger community which recognizes its artists as assets and valued contributors to the overall well-being of its residents.

How NOMI CSArt works: Ten artists will be selected to receive a stipend to create 10 "shares" for the program by June 15. Shareholders purchase shares and will receive a box containing three to four works of art on three different pick-up dates throughout the spring/summer season. The pick-ups will be at The Goddess of Glass & Friends and will be an event in itself with an opportunity for shareholders and artists to meet. Artist selection will be made by a jury comprised of well-respected NOMI food, arts and community leaders. Benefits to artists include support for the creation of new work, the ability to establish relationships with local collectors and patrons, and participation in a new and exciting model for art support and distribution! Buyers and collectors benefit by receiving multiple works from local artists at a fabulous value, developing relationships with local artists, the discovery of new artists and variety of disciplines, and a chance to support local artist's careers and a vibrant community.

Shareholders are invited to download an information form Shareholder_Info and purchase your share(s) safely and securely with The Goddess of Glass at goddessofglass.com/nomi-csart/. For info on McKinley Community CSA or to purchase shares in their urban farming program visit www.mckinleycommunity.com.



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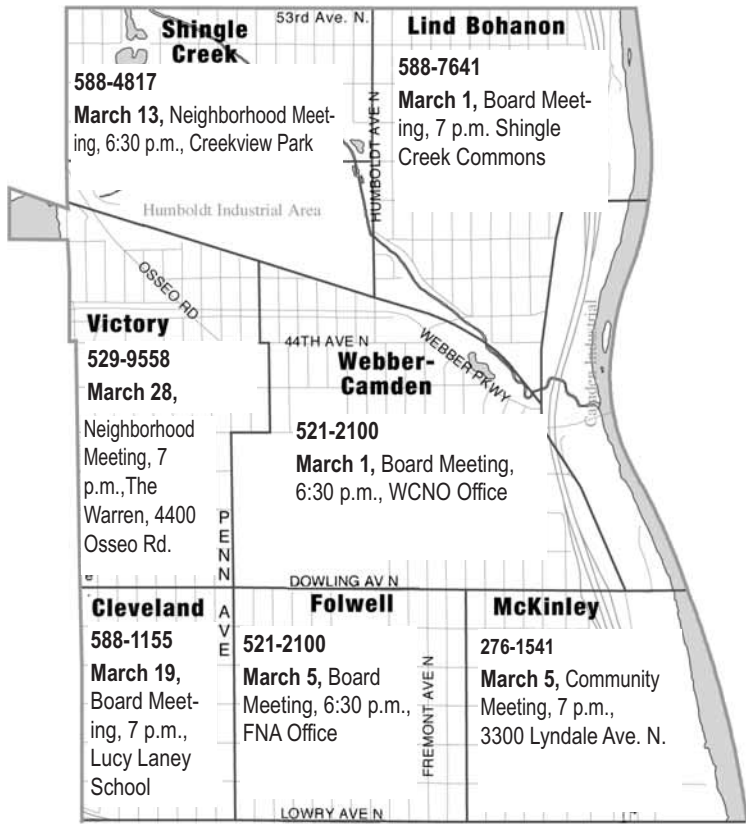
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WCNO March Board Meeting, Thursday, March 1, 6:30 p.m., WCNO office.

Camden Lions Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, March 17, 8 a.m. until 11 a.m., Folwell Park, 1615 Dowling Avenue North. Start your day out right - bring the family to the Camden Lions pancake breakfast that includes sausages, juice and coffee. The cost is \$6 per person. Proceeds will help support post tornado Northside tree planting and Folwell Park programming.

The New Camden Community Store: We are so happy there is a new Camden Community Store. It's at 42nd and Fremont Avenues North and opened for business on February 14 - Happy Valentine's Day! The store is not quite finished yet, but on March 1 it will be a full service grocery store which means dairy, produce and meat products along with dry staples, snack food and basic needs. Bakery products and a deli are still on the wish list. Stop in and say hi to the owner, Eddie Elias, and the store manager, Kevin Aldwaik. They both promise that resident satisfaction is their number one concern.

Clothing Closet: North United Methodist Church, 4350 Fremont Ave. N. 9 a.m. to noon on the first, second and third Saturday of each month and first Monday of each month, 6-8 p.m. Mobile Loaves and Fishes Free Meal on first Monday, 6:30 p.m. Information: 612-522-4497.

Metro Paint-A-Thon: Metro Paint-A-Thon helps low-income seniors and people with permanent physical disabilities continue to live in their homes. A volunteer team will scrape, prime and paint the exterior of each eligible home/garage. **There is no cost to the homeowner.** Applications are available in our office. The application may be downloaded at paintathon.gmcc.org or call 612-276-1579. May 4 is the application deadline.

Webber Park Master Plan: The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) is initiating a master planning process for Webber Park that will provide an opportunity to create a new aquatic facility, boost opportunities for recreation, improve trail connections, enhance natural resources, and address long-term tornado recovery. Information: www.minneapolis-parks.org or call Jennifer Ringold, Manager of Public Engagement and Citywide Planning, 612-230-6464.

We Watch We Call signs are back: Information: 612-521-2100.

Watch for information about the upcoming events listed:
 Saturday, March 24 Neighborhood, community-wide event at the Capri Theater: art, culture, housing, economics.
 Friday, April 20 Sing-Along-60s music; 7 p.m., Capri Theater. Fundraiser for Camden Music School scholarships
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Free tax preparation for seniors and low income persons: North Regional Library. Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Saturdays 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Appointments get preference but walk-ins are accepted if AARP volunteers are available. 612-377-7000.

Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association
 P.O.Box 15656, Minneapolis, MN 55415;
 Web Site: www.scna-mpls.org
 Email: 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 Meeting is March 13 at 6:30 p.m.

The SCNA 17th Annual Shingle Creek Clean-up Coming Saturday, April 21! 9:30-noon

Mark your calendars for this family fun-filled day! We'll spend a couple hours in the morning picking up trash from the banks of Shingle Creek, eating some food, and this year we'll have the University of MN Raptor Center again swooping in to lend a hand! Our annual Shingle Creek Clean-up is from 9:30-11 a.m. The celebration party with food and refreshments and educational activities are from 11-noon. For more information go to: www.scna-mpls.org.

Check out what's happening in Creekview Park!
Snowy Nature Stories Ages 4-6 Dates: Mondays in March

Slide into winter with this fun-filled class for preschoolers! We will explore the snowy world outside through winter stories, outdoor play, silly songs, animal games and more. If the weather is right we will head out for some sledding, snow-shoeing or a winter hike. This is an indoor/outdoor class where kids will go outside for a short time each day. Warm clothing is required. Time: 10-11 a.m. Fee: \$12 Location: Creekview Recreation Center

Family Open Swim Bring the whole family down to the park for a night of swimming. No one under 16 allowed without a parent/guardian. Swim test must be passed to access the deep end of the pool. Thursdays, March 8, 7- 8:30 p.m. \$2/person

Think SCNA Home Improvement Loans!
 Consider using the SCNA Home Improvement Loan Program!
 SCNA homeowners are eligible for low or no interest rates for home improvement loans. Every repaid loan helps us to be able to do more to improve our community! The minimum loan is \$1,000! Contact Brenda Yartz at 612-335-5891 Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) for more details on what projects qualify! Or go to our website at www.scna-mpls.org to check out an application and more details!

VICTORY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
 2200 44th Avenue North • 612-529-9558
info@victoryneighborhood.org
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All the News from Victory Neighborhood

Water - A global crisis? Dinner and a Movie 2012

Over a billion people lack access to safe drinking water. Every year millions of children die from unsafe drinking water and the numbers are increasing. These facts drive a debate in the opening scenes of *THIRST* at the 2003 Third World Water Forum in Kyoto, Japan. Politicians, international bankers and corporate executives gather to decide who will control global fresh water supplies. Please join us on Saturday, March 17 for the third and last documentary of our 2012 movie series on the theme of water at The Warren, 4400 Osseo Road.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. with dinner from El Burrito Cubano. The movie will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by a facilitated discussion. You are welcome to attend the movie only but if you wish to attend the dinner we ask that you reserve a seat by Tuesday, March 13. You can make a reservation by email at info@victoryneighborhood.org or by phone at 612-529-9558. Leave a message with contact information for confirmation. The Dinner and Movie Series is brought to you by the ViNA Environmental Committee.

ViNA Events Committee Meeting

The ViNA Events Committee will have its first meeting to plan 2012 events on Saturday, March 3 at 9:30 p.m. in the ViNA office, 2200 44th Avenue N. Each year the committee plans and carries out the Memorial Concert at the Flagpole, Garage Sale, Ice Cream Social and Movie in the Park. But this year, inspired by neighborhood support for more opportunities to bring the community together, the committee is looking for fresh ideas to 'tweak' these annual events as well as develop some new events for the neighborhood.

Residents who are interested in bringing their community-building ideas to life are invited to attend the events committee meeting on March 3. We are looking for fresh ideas, new energy and enthusiasm in keeping the Victory Neighborhood a great place to live, work, learn and play.

Save the Date
April 14 - Gardening for Pollinators

The Lind Bohanon Neighborhood Association

Message Line: 612-588-7641 • email: LindBohanonNA@aol.com • www.lindbohanon.org
 LBNA Meetings: Free and open to the public. Residents are encouraged to attend.
 Meetings held at Shingle Creek Commons Bldg, 4600 Humboldt Ave N. unless otherwise specified
 Any requests for special accommodations are welcome. Contact LBNA staff seven days prior to date of meeting.
 For more details on any of these items check the LBNA newsletter and website.

Thursday, March 1, LBNA Board Meeting 7 p.m.

Congratulations to this year's Chili Cook-off winner: Alyce Olson
 from the Lind Bohanon neighborhood with her Fire Fox Chili recipe at www.lindbohanon.org
 Many thanks to the following: MPRB: Sara, Jane, Corey, Environmental Team, Birdfeeder Maker Amy, Three Rivers Park District/Carl Kroening Interpretive Center: Kim Nowicki, Noushee Herb Brooks Foundation, Behind Bars LBNA Social Entrepreneur: Kimberly Caprini: Color Me Chili
 Camden Winterfest Planning and Event Volunteers: Ardella Cherry, Susan Spiller, Michaeleen Kelzenberg, Shirley Gish, Wes Countryman, Valerie Cuff, Jeff Johnson, Stephanie Sakes, Kimberly Caprini, Pam Owens, Janet Marvin

Help name the old Rachael's restaurant and bar by March 10!
 The Lind-Bohanon Neighborhood Association and North West Minneapolis Business Association welcome new business partners Elaine and Curtis Pestello and Neil Rodrigue to our community! The former Rachael's Club 46 on Lyndale Ave. N. is undergoing a major renovation! New kitchen! New windows, bar, interior décor, and menu! Manager Rodrigue describes the new restaurant and bar as place you want to go with the whole family! Grab a pop or microbrew, and delicious burger for under \$10. Prime rib, and Sunday Brunch specials. Everyone dreams of owning their own restaurant someday! Here's a chance to name our riverfront community's newest family restaurant and bar at 4601 Lyndale Ave N. Please go to www.lindbohanon.org or www.nwmpplsbusiness.com to submit your suggested restaurant name by 5 p.m. March 10! The winner will be selected by the three business partners and announced no later than March 17. The winner will receive a \$100 gift card to this newest family eatery and bar in the neighborhood!

Saturday, March 17 - 10th Anniversary Celebration of Kroening Interpretive Center
 The Kroening Interpretive Center has been here for 10 years. We invite the community to join in the celebration! Free activities 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Live animals. Art. Cake and puppet shows. Everything is free! FFI: 763-694-7693

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

FNA March Board Meeting: Monday, March 5, 6:30 p.m., FNA Office.

The New Camden Community Store: Camden residents have waited a long time for a full service grocery store to open in our neighborhood! Again! Where is it you ask? 42nd and Fremont Avenues North and it opened for business on February 14 (how's that for a valentine!). The store is not quite finished yet, but on March 1 it will be a full service grocery store which means dairy, produce and meat products along with dry staples, snack food and basic needs. Bakery products and a deli are still on the wish list. Stop in and say hi to the owner, Eddie Elias, and the store manager, Kevin Aldwaik. Their number one concern is that the residents are satisfied.

Camden Lions Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, March 17, 8 a.m. until 11 a.m., Folwell Park, 1615 Dowling Avenue North. Start your St. Patrick's Day with a fabulous pancake breakfast (includes sausages, juice and coffee), cooked and served by the Camden Lions. The cost is \$6 per person. Proceeds will help support Folwell Park programming and post tornado Northside tree planting.

Metro Paint-A-Thon: Metro Paint-A-Thon is a program that helps low-income seniors and people with permanent physical disabilities continue to live independently in their homes. A volunteer team will scrape, prime and paint the exterior of each eligible home/garage. **Free to the homeowner.** The application deadline is May 4. Applications are available in our office; you may download the application from the Metro Paint-A-Thon website at paintathon.gmcc.org or call 612-276-1579.

Free tax preparation for seniors and low income persons: North Regional Library, 1315 Lowry Ave N. Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. until April 11 and Saturdays 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. through April 14. Call 612-377-7000 for appointment. Appointments get preference but walk-ins accepted if AARP volunteers are available.

Watch for more information about the upcoming events listed below:
 Saturday, March 24 Community-wide event, Capri Theater; The conference is for neighborhood residents. It's about arts and culture, housing, economics.
 Friday, April 20 Sing-Along, 60s music. Capri Theater, 7 p.m., Fundraiser for Camden Music School scholarships
 Saturday, April 21 Earth Day Cleanup, 9:30 until noon, Folwell and Webber parks
 Tuesday, April 24 Senior Luncheon & Resource Fair, noon-2:30 p.m., Folwell Park - Free
 Saturday, May 19 Northside Street Race 5K and SOC Open House-41st and Dupont N.

Clothing Closet: North United Methodist Church, 4350 Fremont Ave N. 1, 2, 3 Saturday of each month, 9 a.m. to noon. First Monday of each month, 6-8 p.m. Information: 612-522-4497.

We Watch We Call signs available: Information: 612-521-2100.

McKinley Neighborhood makes good use of empty building

By Candace Lund

If you drove by 3300 Lyndale on January 28 you would have seen a dozen volunteers priming the walls of the former Jerry's Flower Shop. The McKinley Community Neighborhood Association purchased the property at the corner of Lyndale Avenue and 33rd to house its operations.



McKinley resident William Bolton waves to the camera while priming the walls of the new McKinley Neighborhood building. McKinley Executive Director Chris Morris is on the ladder.

Since finalizing the purchase of the building, McKinley is one of only few Minneapolis neighborhood organizations to own a building. The Sherer family operated Jerry's Flowers out of the space for over 40 years until closing the business in May 2004 after Randy Sherer was fatally shot during an attempted robbery.

Jerry's Flowers was a prominent business in the McKinley neighborhood. The shop supplied flowers to many area churches, and often donated to organizations dedicated to helping the needy.

The Sherer's had reopened the business periodically to sell flowers at holidays but mostly the building stood empty. The Sherer family kept the property well maintained in the seven years since the tragedy but the empty building had been a sad reminder of the loss to their family and the loss to the neighborhood of a successful and community-minded business.

Last summer, the McKinley Community opened talks with Jerry Sherer to purchase the building. "We really wanted a location where we could increase visibility and access to our programming" said McKinley Executive Director Chris Morris. "Jerry's was perfect. It even had the cooler space we needed for our CSA!" (McKinley Community CSA is an urban farm operated by the McKinley Neighborhood.)

"Jerry has been incredibly generous in supporting our community," said McKinley Community CSA Director of Operations Jenny Skorupa. "Both in accommodating us while we were purchasing the building and through all the years that Jerry's was open here. We feel really lucky to be moving into this space."

"It's fantastic to come together with so many of our neighbors and create the positive changes we want to see. That's what neighborhood organizations are all about," said Morris. "We have also been very fortunate in the support we have received from the philanthropic community. The McKnight and Pohlad Foundations have both invested in McKinley and NorthMarq provided an immense amount of guidance to us in purchasing the building, while the law firm of Vindquist and Venum provided legal services pro-bono that were priceless."

McKinley Community programming includes: the McKinley Community CSA, dedicated to improving the economic, environmental and nutritional reality of North Minneapolis and to creating beauty through urban agriculture; the McKinley Community Forgivable Down Payment Assistance, to help homebuyers purchase a home in McKinley; and the McKinley Home Improvement Loan, helping McKinley residents maintain and make improvements to their homes at low fixed interest rates. McKinley Community is also the proud fiscal agent for the Crime Prevention Internship Program (CPI) that does youth work all over the City. Find out more at www.mckinleycommunity.com.

Northside Hmong celebrate new 4th Precinct outreach police officer

By Jay Clark

On February 11, 90 North Minneapolis Hmong packed Farview Park to welcome the new Hmong outreach police officer Kou Vang. They also thanked Mayor Rybak and Councilmember Samuels for their help in making the Hmong outreach officer possible.



North Minneapolis Hmong families campaigned for three years for a day Hmong officer in the 4th Precinct. They organized several large meetings with Councilmembers Samuels, Hofstedt and Johnson, made their case to Chief Dolan, and collected 1000 postcards for a Hmong officer and dropped them in Mayor Rybak's lap.


The campaign started when an apartment building occupied by recently arrived Hmong refugee families was being taken over by a local gang. The families spoke very little English, and had trouble communicating the problems at their building to English speaking police. These families and other Northside Hmong decided that having a Hmong speaking officer would help get important information to the police, build communication between the police and Hmong families, and help protect the refugee families.

Mayor Rybak was treated to Hmong eggrolls and purple sticky rice provided by the Henry High Asian Club. As the eggrolls were being served, Officer Vang went table to table meeting the Hmong families. After the meeting, Councilmember Samuels played pool with the Hmong youth.

Officer Vang is reaching out to the Hmong community in North Minneapolis, visiting schools, parks, businesses and families. Officer Vang will help build connections between the Hmong community and the Minneapolis Police, and get important information on safety out to the Hmong community. Listening to and engaging the Hmong community will help make North Minneapolis safer for all residents.



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McKINLEY COMMUNITY

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Community discussion regarding 3559 Lyndale Avenue North
Come to the Community Meeting on March 5 at 7 p.m. at the McKinley Office, 3300 Lyndale Avenue North, and join fellow residents in hearing from CM Hofstede and City staff about the proposed business license for the new "store" going in at 3559 Lyndale Avenue North. At this meeting we will discuss security options for the corner, parking and traffic concerns and questions as well as comment on what conditions should be set on the store from the neighborhoods perspective. Come out and bring your comments and ideas.

We need you! Run for the McKinley Community Board of Directors
We really do! If you live, work or own a business in the McKinley neighborhood you are eligible to be on the neighborhood Board of Directors. *No experience is necessary*, but passion for improving the neighborhood, long-term vision and a willingness to collaborate with the whole community is essential. Residents will vote for five open seats on the Board of Directors at the April 2 Community Meeting 7 p.m. at our neighborhood office, 3300 Lyndale Avenue North. Call 612-588-7550 or email mckinleycommunity@yahoo.com if you would like an application or have questions about being a board member.

A new home
We closed on our purchase of Jerry's Flower Shop, 3300 Lyndale Avenue North on December 16. We are excited to take over the building for our neighborhood office, future meeting space and the hub for our urban farm project, the McKinley Community CSA. We will begin moving in as we got things cleaned up in the store and packed up in the old office space, so stay tuned for our new phone number. Email and web content will remain the same. We would like to thank the Center for Families for their great partnership over the last several years as we have called that building home. We still may have the occasional meeting

there if we need a larger space to use. We would also like to thank the McKnight Foundation and the Pohlad Family Foundation for their generosity in helping us with the purchase of the building. We secured \$75,000 combined from these great organizations. Thank You! Lastly, a huge thanks goes out to Jim Walston of Lindquist & Venum law firm and Paul Donovan from NorthMarq for the countless hours of pro-bono work they have done on our behalf in securing this purchase.


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 612-588-7550 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 612-588-7550.

McKinley Calendar of Events

McKinley Community Meeting - Monday, March 5, 7 p.m., 3300 Lyndale Avenue North ****New location****
McKinley Board of Directors Meeting - Monday, March 19, 6:30 p.m., 3300 Lyndale Avenue North
Crime/Safety Meeting - Monday, March 26, 6:30 p.m., 3300 Lyndale Avenue North
McKinley Community Annual Meeting - Monday, April 2, 7 p.m., 3300 Lyndale Avenue North



CLEVELAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

CNA Cleveland Neighborhood Association

P.O. Box 11635 • Minneapolis, MN 55411
CNA Office is located at Lucy Craft Laney at Cleveland Park School
Phone: 612-588-1155 Fax: 612-588-1151
cna@clevelandneighborhood.org • website: <http://www.clevelandneighborhood.org>

Cleveland Spring Fling - March 27, 7 p.m. - Enter the drawing to win a \$25 gift certificate for the Lowry Cafe.
*3333 Penn Ave. N. - Enter through the front doors.
Petition opposing a convenience store on Lowry Avenue
There is proposal to reopen a gas station/convenience store at 2618 Lowry Avenue, the former Super America site. When operating as a Super America, the activities that were occurring on the property had an adverse impact on the safety and livability of the neighborhood. Because the CNA also feels that there are sufficient gas stations and convenience stores nearby to serve the needs of the Cleveland and adjacent neighborhoods, they are circulating a petition opposing a convenience store opening at 2618 Lowry Avenue N. Tooties on Lowry, who experienced all of the negative activities occurring at the Super America, is deeply concerned about a convenience store opening next to them and has petitions available for residents to sign. The petition is also available from the CNA office. Call 612-588-1155 or email cna@clevelandneighborhood.org.

Join your neighbors for the Community Meeting on Tuesday, March 27 at 7 p.m. in the Lucy Craft Laney Gymnasium*. Bring your creative ideas and artistic talents as we discuss how to capitalize on the energy of the spring season to give our neighborhood a face-lift. Learn about all the things that are happening in our neighborhood and how you can be a part of it. Get information on:

- Spring Cleaning Day and Adopt a Block - May 19
- Litter containers in Cleveland - Design art work for them
- Annual Garage Sales/Flea Market - June 2
- NorthEnd Community Garden
- Rain Gardens /Metro Blooms
- Community Supported Agriculture
- Talk with a Master Gardener
- Cleveland Landscape Grants
- City Inspections Information
- Northside Fresh
- Health and Wellness Information

Community Calendar

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

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 for location.

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

Ongoing - Camden Music School Spring term registration begins Mar. 12. CMS teaches people of all ages and abilities with a joyful spirit. Spring term runs 10 weeks, Apr. 9-June 16. Choose from: Vocal and instrumental lessons, Musikgarten early childhood classes for newborns to age 8, Music theory and song-writing classes, Ensembles-rock 'n roll, hand drums, choir and more, for youth and adults. Family discounts and scholarships available. Scholarship application deadline Apr. 3, noon. Apply at www.camdenmusicschool.com or 612-218-0219. Classes at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 3751 Sheridan Ave. N., or Grace Center for Community Life, 1500 6th St. NE. Springtime is a perfect time to dig into music at CMS. Info: 612-618-0219 or www.camdenmusicschool.com.

Ongoing at Homewood Studios, 2400 Plymouth Ave. N., 612-588-3723, www.homewoodstudios.com. **Mary Bowman-Cline: A Face in the Crowd**, runs thru March 3. *A Face in a Crowd* is about the diversity of the human face. Color, shape, lines, expressions and emotions all mold the way our faces look and are seen by others in the world. Also on display, small figures and Brick People - ceramic heads and hands attached to bricks turning them into little abstract figures. Ongoing Thursdays - Northside Writers Group Meeting, 7-9 p.m. New members always welcome. Any skill level acceptable. We are interested in your enthusiasm, in your story, in your willingness to write. Homewood Studios, 2400 Plymouth. Info: Debra Stone at stone.debra@comcast.net or George Roberts at george@homewoodstudios.com.

Saturday, 3/24 - Neighborhood, community-wide event at the Capri Theater: Art, culture, housing, economics. 612-588-7550.

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.

Classes and Workshops

Third Tuesdays - Seniors with diabetes support group, 10-11:30 a.m., Webber Park Community Center, 4141 Webber Pkwy. Call Dot Hase, 521-1182, or American Diabetes Assn., 593-5333. Free.

Ongoing Wednesdays - TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 7 p.m., Webber Park.

Ongoing Mondays-Have you turned down a chance to go out with family or friends because you were concerned about falling? **A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls** is for you. Fear of falling is just as dangerous as falling itself. People limit their activities, which can result in severe physical weakness, making the risk of falling even greater. Older adults also experience increased isolation and depression when they limit their interactions with family and friends. Class is designed to reduce the fear of falling, increase activity levels, and improve the quality of life. Learn to set realistic goals to increase activity, change environment to reduce fall risk factors, and learn simple exercises to increase strength and balance. East Side Neighborhood Services, 1700 2nd St. NE, Mar. 5-Apr. 23, 10 a.m.-noon. Cost \$15; workbook and refreshments provided. Info/register: Laura at 612-781-6011.

Ongoing Saturdays - Homewood Tai Chi, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Questions: Beverly Roberts at 612-588-3723 or beverly@homewoodstudios.com.

Community Events

Ongoing - Hennepin County low-cost immunizations. Brookdale Service Center, 6125 Shingle Creek Road, and Hennepin Health Services Building, 525 Portland Ave. S. Info: 612-348-2884 or www.hennepin.us/vaccines. Donations requested but not required.

Ongoing - Free tax preparation for seniors and lower income persons at North Regional Library and Oak Park Center. Trained and certified AARP Tax-Aide volunteers help with personal income tax, rent credit, property tax refunds and other tax issues. These are IRS authorized E-File locations. Bring a photo ID, Social Security Cards for yourself and your family, and tax documents from employers, pensions, banks, etc. If you are a renter, bring the 2011 CRP certificate from your landlord. If you are a homeowner bring your prop-

erty tax statement payable in 2012. Bring last year's tax return and anything else you think may be important.

Ongoing Mondays - Fare For All Express. Once a month, 5-7 p.m. Save up to 40 percent on frozen meats and fresh fruits and vegetables. Open to everyone. North Community YMCA, 1711 West Broadway Ave. Next distribution March 12. Info: 763-450-3880 or www.fareforall.org.

Wednesday, 2/29 - AchieveMpls presents Our City, Our Schools: Teacher Seniority. Should school districts use a teacher's seniority as the main consideration in deciding whether or not to fire them? This debate is at the forefront of national and local conversations on public education with a proposal in the Minnesota Legislature to reduce the importance of teacher seniority in making lay-off decisions. Hear both sides of the issue and share your thoughts at AchieveMpls's Our City, Our Schools community forum. Free public event 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Hope Community Center, 611 East Franklin Ave. Features an interactive format with opportunities for in-depth discussion with the speakers. Info: Rebecca Noecker at 612-455-1571 or rnoecker@achievempls.org.

Saturday, 3/3 - Givens Black Books: Community Reading Campaign. 1 p.m., North Regional Library, call 612-543-8450. Storyteller Nothando Zulu discusses Walter Mosley's blues novel *RL's Dream*. Free copies of the book available for pick up at the library one month prior while supplies last. Visit www.givens.org for info.

Thursday, 3/8 - Do you qualify for free health insurance? Medical Assistance program has expanded to include adults without children. If you are between the ages of 21-64, have no kids at home and earn a monthly gross income equal to or less than \$681 for a single or \$920 for a married couple, you might be eligible. Medical Assistance offers coverage for most basic care including doctor visits, prescriptions and hospital stays. Stop by Webber Park Library, 4310 Webber Parkway, noon-3p.m. to apply. Contact Jenny Case 612-873-2767.

Saturday, 3/10 - Contractors, artisans, seminars at Housing Fair. Michael Anshel of Otogawa-Anshel Design+Build presents seminars on green, child-friendly bath and kitchen makeovers at the South Minneapolis Housing Fair, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., South High School, 3131 19th Ave. S. Bath seminar at 11:30 a.m., kitchen seminar at 1:15 p.m.; both geared to beginner to intermediate do-it-yourselfers. At the annual fair 80 home improvement professionals, real estate/finance people and ar-

tisan trades gather. Seminars help attendees figure out when it's time to hire professionals, or if they can DIY. Info: www.housing-fair.org or Facebook.

Saturday, 3/17 - Camden Lions Pancake Breakfast, 8-11 a.m., Folwell Park, 1615 Dowling Ave. Start your day out right—bring the family to the Camden Lions pancake breakfast that includes sausages, juice and coffee. \$6 per person. Proceeds help support post tornado Northside tree planting and Folwell Park programming.

Thursday, 3/22 - Fresh Choices: Growing the Local Food Economy. League of Women Voters of Minneapolis public forum on growing our food locally, with an overview of the local food system revolution. Plymouth Congregational Church, 1900 Nicollet 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. An opportunity to view exhibits, meet participating sponsors, and register for door prizes. Tasty food samples available; see the Red Eye video *Dirty Work*. Free and open to the public.

Saturday, 3/24 - Loring School 5th Grade Pancake Breakfast, 8 a.m.-noon; to raise money for students to go to Camp Audubon. Camp Audubon provides students with educational lessons and experiences about nature and the environment. It's a very rewarding experience for our inner-city students.

Saturday, 3/31 - St. Olaf Retirement Communities Auxiliary Bazaar. Crafts, Bars, Books, Grandma's Attic and lunch, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch served 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. In St. Olaf Residence Building, 2912 Fremont - parking lot entrance on Emerson Ave. Funds raised by the St. Olaf Retirement Communities Auxiliary are used to purchase equipment used by the residents.

Libraries

Ongoing at Webber Library, 4310 Webber Pkwy, 612-543-6750, www.hclib.org.

Friends Meeting, Tuesday, Mar. 6, 6:30 p.m. at Webber Community Center, 4400 Dupont Ave. N. Join fellow library enthusiasts to hear what's happening at Webber Library. Help support your local library by planning and volunteering at book sales, programs, and special events. The Friends look forward to meeting you.

Ongoing Thursdays - Job Search Assistance. Mar. 8, Apr. 12, May 10, 1 p.m. Are you seeking new employment or re-entering the workforce? Do you need help looking for a job, filling out applications or writing your resume? Stop in for free one-to-one assistance with a job search representative.

Ongoing programs at North Regional Library, 1315 Lowry Ave. N., 612-543-8450,

www.hclib.org

Game On! Gaming Thursdays, Mar. 1-May 31, 5-7 p.m. Grades 6-12. Play PS2 or Wii games at the library! Grab a friend, bring your favorite board or card game, or play ours!

Preschool Storytime, Fridays, Mar. 2, Mar. 9, Mar. 16, Mar. 23, Mar. 30, Apr. 6, Apr. 13, May 25, 10 a.m. For children ages 4 to 6. Help your preschooler get ready to read. Enjoy stories together and build language skills.

Chess Club, Saturdays, Mar. 3-May 26, noon-2 p.m. Grades 6-12. Chess it out! Have fun learning the basics of chess, improving your game, mastering strategies and meeting other chess fans. Walk-ins welcome.

Discovery Days, Tuesdays, Mar. 6-May 29, 3-5 p.m. Preschool-grade 5. Check out the Discovery Room where you'll have minds-on, hands-on fun, with new themed activities each week.

International Teen Club, Tuesdays, Mar. 6-May 29, 5-7 p.m. Grades 6-12. Explore your personality, improve leadership skills and increase community involvement. Learn something new and build friendships. "Hmonglish" is spoken during meetings!

Discovery Days, Wednesdays, Mar. 7-May 30, 3-5 p.m. Preschool-grade 5. Check out the Discovery Room where you'll have minds-on, hands-on fun, with new themed activities each week.

Toddler Storytime. Wednesdays, Mar. 7, Mar. 14, Mar. 21, Mar. 28, Apr. 4, Apr. 11, May 23, May 30, 10 a.m. For children ages 2 and 3. Interact with your toddler to nurture a love of books. Learn letters, sounds, and new words. Be active with music and movement.

Discovery Days Thursdays, Mar. 8-May 31, 3-5 p.m. Preschool-grade 5. Check out the Discovery Room where you'll have minds-on, hands-on fun, with new themed activities each week.

World of Work Orientation for Ex-Offenders. Tuesdays, Mar. 13, Mar. 27, Apr. 10, Apr. 24, May 8, May 22, 4-6 p.m. This drop-in service is for men and women with a criminal background who need assistance with job applications, resumes, interview skills and support in overcoming that barrier to land their "dream job."

Small Business Consultation with NEON (Northside Economic Opportunity Network). Wednesdays, Mar. 21, Apr. 18, May 16, 4-6 p.m. How do you turn your business ideas into business realities? Do you have questions about running your business? Stop in for a free consultation with Northside Residents Redevelopment Council

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and learn about resources, loans and training to help you be an effective business owner.

Microsoft Excel: Charts and Graphs. Friday, Mar. 30, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Registration required; begins March 2; limit 6. Learn to create and integrate graphs and charts into your Excel spreadsheets.

Email: Intermediate. Saturday, Mar. 31, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Registration required; begins March 3; limit 6. Learn how to use folders, view and attach files to an email and set up an email address book using Yahoo!

Parks

Ongoing at Kroening/Mississippi Regional Park: Free Family Fundays, anytime between 1-3 p.m.: Mar 4 – Bats; Mar. 11 – March madness: World Games; Mar. 18 – Maple Tapping; Mar. 25 – Lunch with the animals; Apr. 1 – April Fool’s Camouflage Challenge. The following programs cost \$5 and require reservations. Call 763-559-6700 to reserve: Mar. 13, 10 a.m.-noon Crow Calls to Spring. Discover the ties between crows and maple syruping. Tap a tree, hike along the river, explore crow behavior. Refreshments, for adults, age 16 and up. \$5. Mar. 24, 1-3 p.m. The Art and Magic of Mandalas. Learn about the mandala, an art form

spanning cultures and centuries. Create your own mandala. Age 8 and up. \$5. Mar. 31, noon-3 p.m. Heron Egg Hunt. Grab a basket and gather hidden heron eggs for a prize of treats. Visit rabbits and chicks at a petting zoo. All ages. \$5. Call 763-694-7693 for info.

Sunday, 2/26 - Free Family Funday: Leap Year Lopper, 1-3 p.m. Bunny, rabbit, hare or cottontail! More than half of the world’s rabbit population lives in North America, so celebrate the rabbit and leap year by hopping over and spending your day meeting, acting like, and getting to know this furry Minnesota neighbor. Free, open to all ages.

Thursday, 3/8 - My Baby, Me and the Mississippi: Bound into Spring, 10-11 a.m., Kroening Interpretive Center, North Mississippi Regional Park. Bound into the season by playing in water and meeting aquatic animals. Discover the power of the sun and make a personalized sun print to take home. Cost \$5 per one parent/child pair, reservations required. Call 763-559-6700.

Saturday, 3/10 - Outdoor Cooking for Women. Do you have the skill to become an outdoor chef? Join us for an afternoon of cooking outside over the fire, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at Kroening Interpretive Center, North Mississippi Regional Park, and learn a few fire starting and cooking tips.

Make Bannock, a traditional bread eaten by the first explorers and residents along the Mississippi River. Bring your own vegetables if you care to dare and cook a vegetarian lunch over the fire. Enjoy your fire-cooked treat while discovering other campfire recipes. Cost \$5, reservations required, call 763-559-6700.

Saturday, 3/17- 10th Anniversary Celebration of Kroening Interpretive Center. The Kroening Interpretive Center has been in Camden for 10 years and invites the neighborhood to join in the celebration. There’s a variety of free activities from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Meet live animals, visit a costumed character, and make a celebration kite. Help create our river of wishes and design a piece of art to add to our interpretive center. Enjoy cake and puppet shows throughout the day. Everything is free so drop in anytime and help us celebrate!

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. or Sundays at 7 p.m. at Salem Lutheran Church. Info at naminnesota.org/ or call 952-939-3939.

A warm Winterfest

By Amy Luesebrink

The Camden Winterfest and Chili Cook-off was another smashing success despite the lack of snow this unseasonably warm winter! Around 200 residents crowded around the snowball launcher (okay, tennis ball launcher this year), the crackling bonfire to roast hot dogs and make smores, and gabbed about the community. Everyone was eager to sample and cast their ballots to crown this year’s Camden Winterfest and Chili Cook-off winner! Congratulations to Lind Bohanon’s very own Alyce Olson (pictured) for her winning Fire Fox Chili recipe! For other chili recipes and photos of this great community event visit www.lindbohanon.org.



Camden Winterfest Chili Cook-off winner Alyce Olson’s Fire Fox Chili

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| 1 lb ground beef | 1 1/2 T chili powder |
| 2 onions | 1 12 T brown sugar |
| 1/2 green pepper | Black pepper to taste |
| 1 stalk celery | 2 cans of kidney beans or |
| 1 16 oz can tomato sauce | 2 cans of chili beans |
| 2 cups water | 1 T Worchester sauce |
| 2-4 cloves of garlic | |

Chop the following vegetables: Onions, green pepper, celery. Saute in oil. Set aside. Brown hamburger with minced garlic. Drain hamburger. Add tomato sauce, water, chili powder, salt, pepper, Worchester sauce and brown sugar. Bring to boil and then simmer for 1 hour over low heat. Cover pan. Drain and rinse kidney beans. Add kidney beans to sauce and simmer for 1/2 hour.

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Behind the Victory Flagpole – A logger tells all

By Barbara Meyer Bistodeau

Greetings! My name is Ike Anderson, really Isaac, but no one calls me that. I was born at Forest Lake, Minnesota in 1891 and came to Camden Place as a child of two. My dad was a millwright, and when I was 15, Lumber Larson, a foreman for C.A. Smith Sawmill, hired me to carry water to the loggers. A yoke over my shoulders held two jugs as I walked over the floating logs to give the men a drink. I also carried little 5-cent waxed packets of snuff to sell them. When one of the loggers wanted me to try some, I declined because I saw the cat trying to bury some. That kind of destroyed my confidence in the product!

Later, I was promoted to "catch-marker." That is a person who marks the logs with a mill's mark. Each mill has its own individual mark to identify which logs are theirs. You take this sharp knife-like instrument and as the logs pass your station, you make four quick chops on the log, and it is done. It's sort of like branding cattle.

In the winter the loggers went north with their "turkey sacks," which were bags for their gear, to cut trees, mark them, slide or haul them to streams, and float them in great numbers down river to the sawmills. The loggers lived in large covered raft-like boats called Wannigans. These houseboats would follow the logs down the river to keep them moving to the "Boom House."

This was on about 57th Ave. at the river. There the logs piled up until sorted into each mill's boom, leading to the sawmill, before being cut into lumber. Booms were long poles chained together and anchored to make a channel (called a sorting gap) for each of the mills. C.A. Smith on 44th was the largest in the world at one time. Others were Bovey De Laitre at 40th, Backus-Brooks (Northland Pine) at 32nd, Akeley at 28th and across the river was Carpenter-Lamb. The Boom House was a large barracks-type building with the best cook and a place for the men to sleep upstairs. That was all good work and quite challenging, but you had to



be steady and careful not to end up in the drink, which of course, never happened!

Now, to go on, I am going to relate some of my early memories of the past of happenings around Minneapolis. I remember Paul Johnson, Camden's "meat man" coming out as a little kid, selling meat to the men in the Wannigans. He was employed by the Lidman Dairy and had dropped out of school around the 5th grade. I remember the workhouse farm and brickyards, the stagecoach to Champlin and the cranberries and thorn apples that grew by the creek from Humboldt to Washington. The first bike path, about 1900, was rolled cinders from 44th and Lyndale to Plymouth Ave., along Washington and 2nd St. The license was \$1 a year and people were fined when they were caught without one.

I learned about sewing leather from Clause Lohse when I was about 12. Then I worked for John Amaldy on Broadway making harnesses and also for the English Government making saddles, like for the U.S. Army. Through the

years I made some harnesses for the Minneapolis Fire Dept., Chicago Bakery, Mpls. Brewery, Glenwood-Inglewood, Ewald, Clover Leaf Dairy, Witts, logging camps, sawmills and others. The horse I rode all over Camden when I was young was "Pete." At 42nd and Fremont was the stable for harness racing horses that I used to race with a sully at the State Fair. Oh yes, it's a lot of fun to think back on all those good things!

Note: Taken from the booklet *Floyd B. Olson Jr. High School and the history of Camden.*

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