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## Things are happening in Camden

### Above the Falls – a second look

By Douglas Fehlen

More than a decade ago, the City of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) developed a vision for the development of the Upper Mississippi River. Entitled "Above the Falls: A Master Plan for the Upper River in Minneapolis," the resulting document was intended to provide guiding principles for land-use policy and parks development on the east and west banks of the river. Among the plan's recommendations were expanded trails and parkland, greater neighborhood access to the river, and a regional park that would extend from Plymouth Ave. to the Camden Bridge.

Guidelines from the Above the Falls (ATF) plan, approved in 2000, have been reflected in many park initiatives in the intervening years, including efforts to extend West River Road, add riverfront trail extensions and build a new MPRB headquarters alongside the river. Some of the plan's implementation strategies have also been followed. Among these has been the creation of the ATF Citizen Advisory Committee and the Minneapolis Riverfront Partnership, two groups that are now collaboratively involved in stewarding future developments along the river.

In 2010, efforts to redevelop the Upper Mississippi received a major boost with the establishment of the Minneapolis Riverfront Development Initiative, led by the MPRB. A design competition yielded RiverFirst, "a 20-year vision for Mississippi riverfront parks that builds on our community's rich river heritage and passion for parks, nature, and wildlife." Approved in March 2012, RiverFirst is intended to serve as a "basis for coordinating with the City of Minneapolis to update the Above the Falls Master Plan."

The RiverFirst initiative includes proposals for specific parks and recreational amenities, including hiking and biking trails, wetlands and

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### A very grand opening



Folks from all over the city gathered to celebrate the festive grand opening of the new Lowry Bridge on October 27. It was a historical day with many festivities. Pictured is the Henry High Band crossing the new bridge strutting their stuff. Photo by Randy Klauk. A special treat: The new Lowry Bridge was also lit up in red white and blue for Veterans' Day – and will light up in various colors for various holidays throughout the year – thanks to adjustable inexpensive LED lighting.

### Northside Greenway update

By Sarah Stewart

The City of Minneapolis will convert a low-traffic street in North Minneapolis to a greenway, which is a safe, accessible route for bicyclists and pedestrians. Now in the earliest planning stages, the greenway may become a bike boulevard (shared between bikes and cars but with traffic calming features), a full greenway with no motorized traffic, or a "half and half" with both a trail and car traffic. The greenway would be a north-south route starting at Victory Memorial Parkway on the north and passing the Crystal Lake Cemetery, Folwell Park, and North Commons Park.

In September the City began a process to inform people about the greenway project and collect input on what a greenway should look like and what route it should take. City staff collected community input with an online survey, at a community open house at Folwell Park on Oct. 16, over the phone and by email. City staff also attended several community events to gather input from residents. As part of the community input process, 452 people completed surveys either online or at the open house, including more than 240 people who live in North Minneapolis. Of the survey respondents who live in North Minneapolis, 121 live near or within four blocks of a proposed greenway route and 111 people live on a proposed greenway route.

#### Community preferences

Of the three design options, the respondents favored a full greenway – the linear park – with 71 percent of online survey respondents choosing this design option. The half-and-half design option was also popular, and the bike boulevard design was least favored. Participants said they liked the linear park greenway option because it would provide full separation from cars, increase green space, allow for extra amenities like BBQs and community gardens, draw people into the community, and be family-friendly. Although the full linear park design was favored, a small number of respondents strongly disliked this option. These respondents had concerns about cost, parking, access to homes, emergency vehicle access, safety, and maintenance.

Participants favored Route Option A over the other two route options. Route A is the most direct of the route options and would provide a fast way to commute and get to destinations, and would pass near or connect to several parks and green spaces, making it a good recreational route as well. Many online survey respondents living on Route Options A and B preferred that the route be on their streets. In fact, 100 percent of online survey respondents who live on Route Option A want the greenway to be on their streets.

#### What's next

Based on the recommendations of the project steering committee, the City will work with its contractor (SRF Consulting) to identify a preferred greenway route and develop concept plans for the greenway design. At the same time, the City will conduct outreach to households along the route to share the greenway concepts and continue to gather input to use in planning. The City will also conduct outreach to cultural communities that have not been well-represented in the community engagement process yet. Staff will hold a second community meeting in late January or early February to present the concept plans and any additional input that has been gathered.

This project is supported by the City of Minneapolis through the Statewide Health Improvement Program, funded by the Minnesota Department of Health.

For info visit <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/health/ship/northminneapolisgreenway> or contact Sarah Stewart ([sarah.stewart@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:sarah.stewart@minneapolismn.gov), 612-673-3987). People interested in being added to the project email list may also email Sarah with their contact info. Also check out the last *Camden News*.

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## Scoops

Think global and shop local! Keep your money in Camden when you do your holiday shopping. Do you own a business in Camden? Meet other business owners at the **Northwest Minneapolis Business Association (NWMBA)** on the third Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Shingle Creek Commons, 4600 Humboldt. NWMBA has been serving the community for 81 years! Get info at [nwmpplsbusiness.com](http://nwmpplsbusiness.com), [info@nwmpplsbusiness.com](mailto:info@nwmpplsbusiness.com) or [president@nwmpplsbusiness.com](mailto:president@nwmpplsbusiness.com). Let's grow Camden together!

**The Goddess of Glass & Friends** have a pop-up holiday shoppe bringing Northside arts to the downtown skyways at Gavidiae Commons II on Nicollet Mall between 5th and 6th Sts. Points North "Artistic Gifts from The Goddess of Glass & Friends in North Minneapolis" celebrated with a grand opening on November 23, and will be open seven

days a week through New Year's Eve. Connie Beckers has operated her gift shoppe, The Goddess of Glass & Friends at Lowry and Penn, since 2009 with custom picture framing, handcrafted gifts, fine art and crafts from more than 80 local artists. Points North is open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. A special hostess package offers incentives for bringing your co-workers for a shopping party! Shoppers will be treated to a wide array of items like books by Northside authors, glass, silk and felted apparel, pottery, handmade soaps, jewelry, crochet hats, stuffed animals, Diva Glass Slippers, African dolls, ornaments, candles and more. Info: [thegoddessofglass@gmail.com](mailto:thegoddessofglass@gmail.com), [goddessofglass.com](http://goddessofglass.com) or 612-327-0283.

**Camden Pet Hospital**, 1405 44th Ave., is offering a complimentary nail trim with a donation of food (both human and pet) and toys (both human and pet) in De-

ember. Your donations stay in the Camden Community! Info: 522-4374.

**Camden Tavern & Grill**, 4601 Lyndale, invites you to join the fun on Saturday, December 1, 3-5 p.m. as they begin a new event called celebrity bingo! The first guest caller will be pro wrestler Baron Von Raschke.

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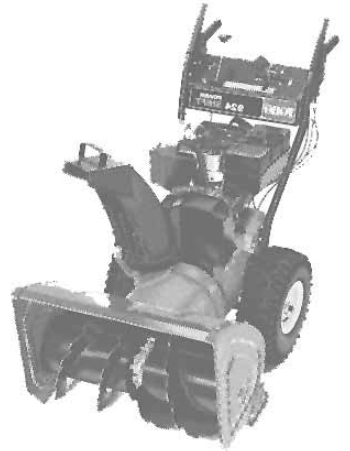
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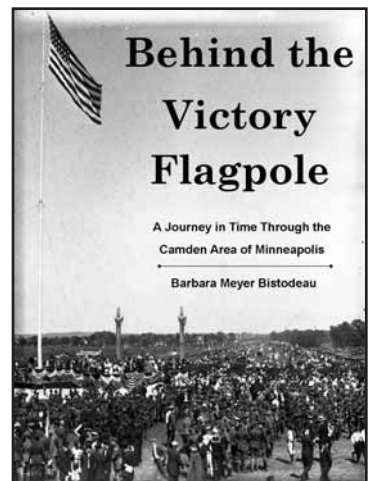
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With great photos and stories, this is a perfect gift for the holidays. This limited edition, one-of-a-kind book is the ideal gift for anyone who loves history or wants to know about the community we live in. It's only \$24.99 (plus tax, shipping and handling) and Bistodeau has granted that any proceeds go to the nonprofit *Camden News*. To save shipping and handling, pick up copies of *Behind the Victory Flagpole* at Holiday on 44<sup>th</sup> on Friday, December 7 at Patrick Henry info tables. Or order via Paypal at [camdenews.org](http://camdenews.org) after December 7.



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## Letters to the Editor



### Dealing with a tough situation

I want to let everyone in Camden know how proud I am of the staff at Camden Pet Hospital and how amazing they are when a tough situation presents itself. Last month we had such a situation where the staff and doctors had to come together to deal with a situation that never should have happened. The incident was when the police shot a dog and then dropped off two drunk guys and their dog to our clinic, and left them here (without coming in to talk to us). The drunk guys got belligerent and threatening, including telling staff they would be back to kill them.

We called 911 and it took them 20 minutes to get here. (I have since talked to the 4th Precinct, 911 supervisor, and liability investigator Roger Denowski about all of this.) During the whole ordeal the staff was amazing at maintaining composure and order under the circumstances.

Our clients came through and supported us, and the staff pulled together to handle the situation keeping the clients, themselves and our clinic safe. No one should have to go through what they did. I thank them for "being here," for being a part of the team I know. I couldn't be more proud or grateful to all of them.

*Dr. Cynthia Fetzer,  
Camden Pet Hospital*



### A note to drivers and pedestrians

My daughter prompted me to write this letter to *Camden News* after she posted the following on Facebook: "Dear Minnesota Drivers, When my dog and I are out in the street, I would appreciate it if you didn't come speeding up to the stop sign and quick get through before I go past. If I had already walked two more feet you would have ran over my dog."

As an avid dog walker, I was delighted when the pedestrian right of way was passed into law. And I have been very frustrated when drivers barely acknowledge my presence on the corner when I am out. However, as a driver, I also find it very hard to remember to watch out for pedestrians. There are a variety of reasons. The worst is just plain not seeing them at night; another is driving along with traffic during busy times or driving on a thoroughfare where I just don't expect there to be many pedestrians. But that does not excuse not yielding right of way.

When I was in high school, I visited Winnipeg, Canada. Their law included having the pedestrians hold an arm out in the direction they wanted to cross. Our hosts demonstrated this and "traffic stopped" until we were across the street. It was amazing! I wish our law included something like this. I am going to redouble my efforts to watch out for pedestrians and yield, and I sincerely apologize if my driving has meant you had to wait to cross the street. However, I am going to begin using a simple gesture to indicate that I want to cross the street when I am walking and I encourage other pedestrians to do the same. Minnesotans are notoriously impolite drivers, but if drivers and pedestrians can work this out together, maybe we can improve.

*Anne Peiffer,  
Victory*



### A good day at Harvest Fest

Thank you to *Camden News* for plugging the Harvest Fest on Penn and Lowry at the end of September. The celebration stretched from Memorial Drive along Lowry to 4th St. Quite a long walk for me, and with the warmer temperatures I decided to focus on the activities at Penn and Lowry. I enjoyed the live music all day, the school bands dancing to the beat of the drums – great choreography.

I thought the kiosks and art exhibits were interesting and I enjoyed visiting with those attending their wares. There was good food – including the Lions' Club food stand.

The September *Camden News* was very interesting and I enjoyed reading the many articles. Thanks!  
*Charity Brand,  
Webber-Camden*



### White sharks from the sanitary suburbs

Since joining the Lind-Bohanon Crime and Safety Committee, I have become acutely aware of several rental units that house drug dealers.

We call 911 for police patrols. They eventually come, flash their lights and leave. Three or four police calls to an address in an evening are recorded as only one call a night. All this leaves us with the perspective of abandonment, and we wonder about the rumor—containment.

We try to call the landlords, but we get their management companies who have little or no interest in the neighborhoods they serve. (One management company has 300 rentals to oversee. These are owned by one man from Shakopee.) Slipshod caretaking results.

Individuals from the suburbs and from as far away as Florida have taken advantage of depressed prices in order to buy multiple households. They screen single women with a number of children as renters. These women act as fronts for drug dealers who soon also move in. Some landlords even accept double rent money from drug dealers in return for rental permanency.

Burglaries and robberies are becoming rampant along with gun shots in a neighborhood that has formerly known only the clap of firecrackers.

We are not embittered with responsible landlords. They regu-

larly check their properties and will not allow illegal behavior.

However, we have to conclude from the remaining troubled properties that "white sharks" from the "sanitary suburbs" are ruining North Minneapolis.

Just an initial forewarning to the unconcerned, rapacious landlords: In spite of the difficulties that we experience in cleaning up our neighborhoods, in spite of the rumored "containment policy," our wrath and disquiet over these matters will not end in futility.

To you in trouble wracked areas: Get irate at your communities' takeover by the criminal element. Watch and record auto license numbers of suspicious cars that repeatedly come to an address for a five to ten minute stay. They are not there to play a game of dominoes.

Call 911 repeatedly for police drive-bys and for the record. Report the activity to CCP/SAFE officer Tim Hammett, 612-673-5704, also the narcotics division, 4th Precinct Police Station. You can remain anonymous. Last resort—Problem Properties Division, 4th Precinct. It works.

Three police complaints on a property and the landlords could lose their rental licenses.

Act with courage for the future of your place in your neighborhood! Let's work together for a drug-free Northside.

*Ione Woodford,  
Lind-Bohanon*

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### Benefit the Patriot Boosters with silent auction at Holiday on 44th

On Friday, December 7 from 6-8:30 p.m., the Patriot Booster Club is sponsoring its Fifth Annual Silent Auction. "Do Your Shopping on 44th" is the theme of the event, where 50 to 70 decorative containers and baskets will be available in the gym area at Patrick Henry High School (4320 Newton).

Everyone interested can bid; need not be present to claim items. All proceeds benefit the various student organizations and sports clubs of Patrick Henry High School. And check out the great entertainment at or near PHHS in conjunction with the Holiday on 44th celebration. (See the whole schedule on page 7.)

#### The Camden News is your forum

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### Get a live holiday tree this year

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

Another year has flown by, the holiday season is upon us, and with it comes my annual plea for getting a live Christmas tree.

When you add all the holiday hustle and bustle to the everyday frenzy of modern life it is probably easier to just pull out the artificial tree and set it up in whatever moments we can snatch from our busy lives. However besides all of the other good reasons for choosing a live tree, perhaps the ritual of tramping through the woods or tree farm and communing with nature can add a little bit of calm to the hectic season. In case you are wondering what those other reasons for choosing a live tree are here is a quick reminder.

#### It is good for the environment

– Today most Christmas trees are grown on tree farms and for each tree that is cut down two more are planted. A tree takes between 7-12 years to reach market size depending on the variety, and while growing they provide food and habitat for birds and other wildlife, and filter dust and pollen from the air. According to Rebecca Montgomery, Assistant Professor of the U of M Department of Forest Services, an acre of Christmas trees can remove about 8,000 pounds of carbon from the atmosphere and produces enough oxygen for 18 people for one year. This occurs at a faster rate in young trees. Christmas trees are harvested before this rate begins to slow. The trees are usually grown on land that is unsuitable for any type of food crop and the tree roots help to pre-

vent soil erosion. After Christmas the majority of trees are hauled away and chipped for mulch, but you can place whole branches on your garden beds to serve as insulation or stick your tree upright in the snow and sprinkle it with birdseed, and it will serve as a shelter and feeder for the birds for the rest of the winter. Lastly those artificial trees really aren't permanent after all. After 5-7 years they need to be replaced and they end up in the landfill for 100 years!

**It is good for the economy** – Nationwide most Christmas trees are grown on tree farms, an industry that employs more than 100,000 people. The Christmas tree industry is an important part of Minnesota's economy. Over half a million are cut annually in Minnesota and most are shipped all across the nation. Minnesota has provided the national Christmas tree on more than one occasion and Minnesota trees are even shipped to Hawaii where people pay dearly for them. If you go out and cut your own or buy a pre-cut at a lot, you are buying local and helping our local economy. Who even knows where those artificial trees are made – China?

**It is good for you!** – Because each tree is unique and special to you and your family. There is nothing like the smell of pine, spruce or fir mingling with the aromas of cinnamon and spice holiday baking to sooth the soul and inspire the holiday atmosphere.

Many people opt for an artificial tree because they want to

avoid the mess of needle loss, but if you care for your tree properly that should not be problem. When you bring your tree home, if you are not able to set it up right away **store it in a cool sheltered place** away from the wind and sun. Before you bring the tree into your home and place it in a stand, **recut the trunk** at least one inch from the bottom just before putting it in the stand. Do this even if you just cut it on tree farm, this re-opens the tree stem so it can drink water. After making the fresh cut, **place the tree in a large capacity stand with warm water**. Do not wait too long or the trunk will seal up again. The stand you use should hold at least one gallon of fresh water. Don't add anything to the water. Research has shown that **plain tap water is by far the best**. Some commercial additives and home concoctions can actually decrease a tree's moisture retention and increase needle loss. Be sure to place away from heat sources like heat registers, space heaters, fireplaces, wood stove, televisions, computer monitors, etc. which speed up evaporation and moisture loss of the tree. **Water daily**. Do not allow the water level to drop below the fresh cut or the stem will reseal and be unable to drink. Christmas trees are very thirsty! It is not unusual for a tree to drink two gallons of water the first day it is the stand.

With the proper care your tree can provide pleasure for the entire holiday season!

### Winter celebrations

By Carol McElroy, Interpretive Naturalist,  
Kroening Interpretive Center

Winter has arrived once again, not necessarily with blustering winds and blankets of snow, but with darkness. Regardless of variations in weather, darkness descends with consistency.

Astronomical convention governing the tilt of the earth and its position dictate the length of day. In Minnesota, we are closer to the North Pole, which causes much greater variation in day length than that experienced by people who live further south.

The sun has withdrawn much of its heat-dispersing rays, not of its own accord, but because the Northern hemisphere of Earth is tilted away from it and cannot capture the length of sunlight that summer yielded when the Earth's tilt leaned towards the sun.

Groundhogs, snakes, and salamanders lie in deep hibernation in underground burrows. Buzzing insects have quieted, killed by the freezing temperatures. Trees stand in stark silence, bare against the sky and void of leaves.

But humans are not equipped to hibernate or go dormant. So we have adapted—mentally and physically. Beyond donning warmer wear, we have created diversions that keep our brains stimulated. And the plethora of holidays that coincide with the dark and cold part of the year defy coincidence.

Cultures and religions often observe holidays, such as Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa, around December 21, the longest astronomical night of the year. Many traditional practices for these festivals originate from ancient civilizations, who also celebrated the Winter Solstice.

One such holiday is Saturnalia—the Roman festival celebrating the god Saturn, father of Jupiter. (Jupiter is the Roman name for the Greek god, Zeus.) Legend has it that Saturn swallowed his sons to keep his position as ruler, but Jupiter survived and returned to rescue his siblings and overthrow his father. The sons

divided the kingdom and imprisoned their father, but chose to release Saturn from prison for one day on the shortest day of the year.

Saturn symbolized the sun, and when he ruled, the Earth had no winter. The citizens of Rome celebrated his one-day release with food and festivities. Children were often given authority to make decisions for a day. Merriment included gift-giving, candles, and evergreens decorated with gold. Slaves, bearing pointed felt hats, were released from all duties for a day. The holiday became so popular that it eventually extended to seven days.

Sound familiar? It reminds us that we as humans are all connected throughout time. So we celebrate at the Winter Solstice, each in our own way. And the stars always seem brighter in the cold winter sky.

Join us at Kroening Interpretive Center in North Mississippi Regional Park on Fri., Dec. 21, 7-9 p.m., to celebrate the Winter Solstice and Saturnalia. Cost \$5. All ages welcome, but remember, children may rule!

Come to other holiday events at Kroening Interpretive Center. Make a Gingerbread House, Sat., Dec. 8, 10:30 a.m.-noon and 12:30-2 p.m. Cost is \$8 per house. Age 4+. Visit Santa in the Holiday Forest, Sat., Dec. 15, 1-3 p.m. Cost \$5. All ages. Bring preschoolers ages 2-6 to Puppet Escapades, Tues., Dec. 11, 10-11 a.m. Cost \$4 each-adult and child. Come to My Baby, Me and the Mississippi on Thurs., Dec. 13, ages birth-2. Cost \$5 for adult/child pair.

Join us for Free Family Fun Day on Sundays, anytime between noon-3 p.m. Fun Day topics are Nature Hike, Dec. 2, Candy Cane walk, Dec. 9, Caribou close-up, Dec. 16, Holiday Traditions, Dec. 23, and Turtles, Dec 30. Call 763-694-7693 for info on all programs.

### Ryan Lake redevelopment in the works

By Douglas Fehlen

Many residents do not realize it, but the Camden Community is home to the only lake in North Minneapolis. Tucked in the northwest corner of the Victory neighborhood, Ryan Lake covers 19 acres just west of the intersection at Xerxes and 47th Aves. N. Much of the shoreline features private residences, but a portion of the lakefront is public property where people can walk pets, picnic with friends, or fish for bass and bluegills off of the lake's pier.

While this piece of Ryan Lake's shoreline is a hidden recreational amenity for Camden-dwellers, those in the immediate area will attest to challenges associated with the site. At the Victory Neighborhood Association (ViNA) meeting on November 14, local resident Ryan Perela gave a presentation on how flooding affects the location. Run-off washed out the path to the pier on multiple occasions this year, and rain overwhelmed the city's drainage system so that pollutant-filled water poured directly into the lake. Phosphorous contaminants, oil and solid waste have hurt water quality, contributed to algae growth, and adversely affected wildlife. Perela emphasized that landscaping enhancements, including rain gardens, could help to reduce drainage problems.

Neighborhood residents who live near the city-owned parcel of the Ryan Lake shoreline cited additional drawbacks that can make the space less enjoyable and safe, including the growth of nonnative species and the presence of individuals with questionable (or criminal) motives for visiting the area. Residents say years of neglect on the part of the City of Minneapolis Public Works has diminished the value of this recreational amenity in North Minneapolis.

That era of alleged neglect may soon be over, however, as plans are in place to redevelop the public land on Ryan Lake's east shoreline. Propelled by an easement agreement that will see the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) leasing the property, refurbishments at Ryan Lake are planned to go forward after eight years of virtually stalled improvement efforts. Last month's ViNA meeting represented the beginning of public discussion about just what the redevelopment at Ryan Lake might look like.

The meeting began with Diane Spector, water resource scientist and ViNA chair, providing a history of the project and information on the neighborhood's partnership with the MPRB. Ryan Perela followed with his presentation on drainage concerns and potential landscaping improvements. A MNLA-certified professional landscape designer, Perela

shared four draft plans for refurbishing the area that he had developed with the ViNA Environmental Committee. Meeting attendees then provided feedback on what features should be included on the redeveloped shoreline. Among the amenities discussed were walking and biking paths, benches, picnic tables, rain gardens, native plants and a "green plaza."

District 2 Park Commissioner John Olson was on hand at the meeting to talk about the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board's role and how the MPRB might supplement the \$30,000 in ViNA-raised grants that have been earmarked for Ryan Lake improvements. Olson suggested that the Park Board would attempt to identify funding in its 2013 budget, and that MPRB planning discussions for redeveloping the area would be informed by community priorities.

Additional public meetings on Ryan Lake improvements are expected in early 2013. In the meantime, residents are encouraged to visit [victoryneighborhood.org](http://victoryneighborhood.org) to provide feedback on proposed plans that have been drafted to date. Comments about refurbishing the public shoreline of Ryan Lake can also be emailed directly to ViNA ([info@victoryneighborhood.org](mailto:info@victoryneighborhood.org)).



## On the road again

By Kelly Benning, DVM

Over the river and through the woods to grandmother's house we go! Traveling over the holidays by car has become more popular with the high airfares. Cookie and Barkley don't really care for the boarding place and you can't find a good home pet sitter. Plus, how could you live without a snuggly fur baby for the next week? Sure, we all know this dilemma. Vacations are a lot more fun when your pets can join you for the holidays! If you are planning on traveling with your furry best friends, here are some tips on how to do it and avoid some unforeseen problems.

First of all, safety is the word on the street. If your pet is confined in a crate, behind a barrier in the back seat or attached to a dog seat belt (Yes! There is such a thing!), all of you will be much safer on the road. A dog climbing on your lap or playing down by the pedals is a road hazard for everyone. Personally, I think it should be illegal for your pet to be on your lap when you are the driver in Minnesota like it is in some states. I have seen too many pets get injured this way and I am sure there are countless people getting injured as well this way. Never ever allow your dog to ride in the open truck bed! Just my two cents...

Next, consider having your pet microchipped. Also a collar tag with an emergency phone number (like a cell phone) contact for the just-in-case scenarios. If you are one of the few who do not have a cell phone, use your destination phone number for a temporary contact. Furthermore before you travel, find the local veterinary and emergency clinics along your route. If you need to make any overnight stops, make sure you are checked in to a pet-friendly hotel or campsite.

If you are driving across state or international borders, you will need a health certificate for your pets. Regulations vary upon your destination. You will need to have a recent exam with your veterinarian on file and proof of current vaccines with the health certificate.

You pack a suitcase for yourself and have an emergency kit in the car for people but remember to do so for your pets as well. Items to consider include a spill-proof water bowl, the regular food your pet eats, any medications he may need, toys/treats and a leash or exercise pen. Don't forget the litterbox, too! Bring along a warm blanket or bed for comfort.

Some pets get carsick. There are some over-the-counter solutions you can try; make sure you consult with your veterinarian about which would be best. In some cases, car rides are so stressful. You may need to consider sedatives. Again, with so many options available, reference your veterinarian for the best choice for your pet. Never give your own prescription medication to your pet!

Last but not least, never leave your dog in a cold or hot car! It can be life-threatening! We all know the dangers of a car getting over heated, but while you enjoy a hot cocoa with your pot pie in the restaurant, Fido and Fluffy are not so happy. Remember to allow time for potty breaks. You may be able to hold your bladder from here to Cedar Rapids but agree to take more frequent stops along the way for the four-legged kids.

Happy and safe travels everyone!



## Fourth Ward Report

Council Member Barbara A. Johnson  
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Web page: [www.minneapolismn.gov/council/ward4/index.htm](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/council/ward4/index.htm)  
Contact Form: <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ward4/contact-ward4>

### One-sort recycling carts

The first round of Minneapolis recycling customers will get new blue recycling carts starting in November. If one is delivered to your home, start using it immediately for all of your recycling. No sorting is needed; all of the recyclables simply go into the one cart. Recycling has never been easier. Just make sure not to include garbage or other non-recyclables, and rinse all your bottles, cans, jars and cartons. For anyone who does not recycle, this is the perfect time to begin. Minneapolis is rolling out one-sort recycling in two phases; if you do not get the new cart with this roll-out, you will begin when you get a cart next year in the second phase. A letter with instructions will come to your home about a week before you get the cart. One-sort recycling customers will stay on the same recycling schedules as before. While routes and schedules won't change, the time the truck comes may change. Make sure to have your recycling at your collection point by 6 a.m. on your recycling day. You may keep your old bin for other uses such as garage storage or for carrying your recyclables from your home to your new cart, or you can leave it at the curb or alley and our crews will recycle it. Since the routes run street by street (and alley by alley) rather than by neighborhood or quadrant, the routes chosen for the first phase are all over the city. This is the most efficient way to roll out the new carts and keep your service high during the transition. For more information and FAQs, visit <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/solid-waste/recycling/WCMSIP-099079>.

### Residential burglaries

There has been an uptick in residential burglaries in our community. If you see anyone suspicious, please call 911 immediately to

report. Please be as specific as possible. The Minneapolis Police Department's website has excellent crime prevention resources. Please visit <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimeprevention/index.htm> for a comprehensive list of helpful documents.

### Winter 2012-2013 Snow Emergency info

Knowing when a Snow Emergency is in effect is one of the best ways to avoid a ticket and tow in the winter. We recommend you sign up for two or more of the following Snow Emergency alerts to help you stay informed:

- Email and text alerts – When you sign up, a message will be sent to you once a Snow Emergency is declared.
- Phone call alerts – Sign up so your cell phone will get an automated call whenever a Snow Emergency is declared.
- Social media - We have Snow Emergency profiles on Facebook and Twitter. Just "like" or "follow" us and you will get Snow Emergency alerts right on your news feeds.

To sign up for these alerts, visit [http://www.minneapolismn.gov/snow/snow\\_stay-informed](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/snow/snow_stay-informed). For more information, call 311 during business hours.

### 4th Ward E-Newsletter

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

Happy Holidays from the Fourth Ward Council Office – Barb, Sara & Audrey.

## Camden voted



Camdenites stepped out in droves to vote at the general election on November 6 – there were long lines at every polling place in the community. Pictured are some voters from Loring School. Photo by Randy Klauk.



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# Camden Youth & Schools

## The news from Patrick Henry

By Tom Murray

The winter season brings us an increasing darkness which makes for an ideal time to slow down and reflect on prose and poetry. Two teachers from Patrick Henry, who are also practicing poets, invite you to savor their artistry during this time.

### Boiling Over

By Elise Toedt

“There are some things I’d like you to remember from me,” he says.

“One thing to remember is you’ve got to be vigilant.  
Like those pots of beans today that nearly foamed over—  
Now I know you wanted to multi-task,  
wanted to let the beans roll to a boil  
while you prepared others for freezing.  
But I know: as soon as you turn your back  
that water will boil over.  
It happened to me the other day,  
what with the new stove and all.  
I turned around for only one minute  
and the next thing I knew the water  
was streaming down the sides of the pot  
with the sound of air pushed through clenched teeth.  
So what I’m saying is you’ve got to watch.  
You’ve got to take your time  
and mind the steps of the process.”



### Ricochet

By Karen Lennan

Love has a lullaby rhythm, a Health all to its own  
No age at all, being both old and young  
A penny and a feather, found together  
A mirror to a mirror, reflective waves rebound  
From shore to shore, like the physics of sound  
A Love echo, reverberates  
And Hope is the Name of Every Child  
For every sword, there is a stronger shield  
For every death, there is a thousand newborn yield  
For every exile, there is a brand new home  
For every exit, there is an encore  
Bow down  
To hear  
For every book burned, there is a hidden diary  
Cut out the tongue, and the word spreads ever more  
Cut off the head to save a crown, and the royal name drowns  
To exalt a common martyr, for what is Death?  
but a worshipped humble tree, not a bejeweled empty throne  
Behold  
A poisoned apple saved a kingdom, sleeping in its Time  
Ban the song, and a battalion of batons arise  
For Love is a lullaby, rocking to and fro  
I sing to Every Daughter, from cradle to dawn  
From Father to Son, every battle is already won



## Getting to know trick or treat

By Jay Clark

On Halloween U of M students and volunteers took 40 Northside Hmong youth trick-or-treating. The tradition of taking Hmong kids out trick-or-treating started in 2005 when a group of Hmong refugees had just arrived in the U.S. from a Thai refugee camp. One day they reported hearing the strangest story that one day out of the year, they could walk up to someone’s house, mumble some noises, and the person would give them candy – it was indeed trick or treat!



## Dictionaries for kids

By Randall Bergman

John Sander from the Minneapolis Rotary Club presented Noble Academy’s third grade students dictionaries on November 8. For Noble Academy students—of which over 70 percent qualify as English Language Learners (ELL)—having English dictionaries that they can use and take home to learn from with their families is wonderful gift. Noble Academy developed its local comprehensive literacy plan in 2011 that addresses the Minnesota Department of Education’s Reading Well by Third Grade initiative and providing personal dictionaries for students certainly helps in achieving these goals. Noble Academy thanks the Rotary Club of Minneapolis for their generosity, support and partnership in public education.



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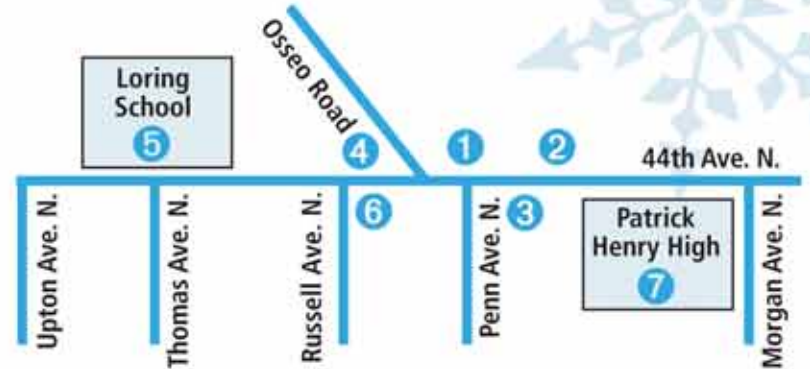
Drop off non-perishable food the night of the event at Loring Elementary. Donations will go to The Camden Promise Food Shelf.

**Friday, December 7  
6:00-9:00 p.m.**

(Craft Show open until 9:30 p.m.)

Most activities are FREE!!

44th Avenue N will be closed between Morgan and Upton Avenues from 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.



**44th Ave. N. and Penn**

On the street

- Fire Juggling
- Pony Rides

- 1 **Parsons Preferred Dental**  
Ice Carving / Raffle by Terry Reis  
Sponsored by Camden Community Mart  
Roasted Chestnuts in the parking lot
- 1 **Victory's Image-Boutique and Consignment and Another 9 Months**  
Special Offers  
Drawing for gift certificate and kid's backpack of school supplies
- 1 **Housing Resource Center**  
Build a Bird Feeder – FREE  
Free hot cider & cookies  
Home improvement/loan Info  
Sponsored by the Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation
- 2 **Emily's F & M Café**  
4:30-8:30 pm Delicious homemade spaghetti with lots of Bolognese sauce/garlic bread/tossed salad with homemade Italian dressing. \$10  
Get your pictures with Santa!  
Caroling by Camden-Wirth Oaks Girl Scouts
- 3 **Domino's Pizza**  
Pizza by the slice and pop
- 3 **RCCS**  
Stop in and meet our newest neighbor on the avenue
- 4 **The Doorway**  
Over \$500 in prizes, big discounts on gift certificates  
Free glow-in-the-dark necklaces for kids  
Free goodie bags for adults – chair massages

**44th Ave. N. and Thomas**

5 **Loring School**

**Multipurpose Room**

- Hot dogs, chips and Color Me Chili by Kim Cabrini  
Loring Community Council –  
A fundraiser for the 5th Grade Camp Audubon Trip
- 6:30 pm "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" performed by the Loring School Drama Club
- Camden Music School Singers-Caroling
- Gym**
- 6:00-9:00 pm Face Painters
- 6:15 pm The Great Brodini – Magic Show  
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- 7:00 pm Z Rosenschnoz Juggler
- 8:00 pm The Great Brodini – Magic Show  
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- Food Shelf Collection Site – Donate non-perishable food for The Camden Promise food shelf
- Outside, Near 44th and Thomas**
- Ice Carving / Raffle by Rob Graham  
Raffle tickets sold inside Loring School  
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- Marshmallow Roasting
- 44th Ave. N. and Russell**
- 6 **House at 2321 44th Ave No.**  
Cookie Decorating  
Sponsored by Faith Baptist Church

**44th Ave. N. and Morgan**

7 **Patrick Henry High School Gym**

- 6:00-9:30 pm Art & Craft Show
- 6:00-9:00 pm Patrick Henry High School Booster Club Silent Auction
- 6:30-7:30 pm MN Scottish Celtic Dance Association
- 7:45-8:45 pm Machinery Hill  
Popular music for all ages
- 6:00-9:00 pm Make & Take  
Gingerbread Houses – FREE
- 6:00-9:00 pm Face Painters  
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- Gym Lobby**
- 6:00-9:00 pm Community Tables  
Student Concession Stand Open  
Egg Roll Sale – PHHS Asian Club

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**Outside, Near Morgan Ave. Door**  
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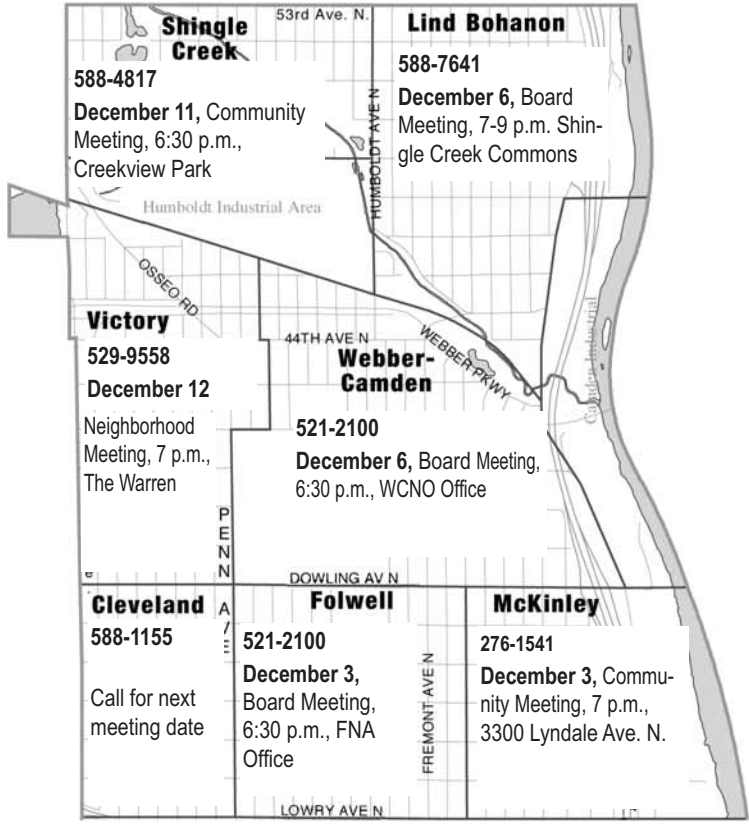
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# Camden Neighborhoods



## 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.



### Happy Holidays from Folwell Neighborhood Association!

**FNA December Board of Directors Meeting:** Monday, December 3, 6:30 p.m., FNA Office.

**FNA Annual Meeting and Board Election:** Congratulations to re-elected Board Members: Karen Taylor, Secretary; Marilyn Weber, Treasurer; At Large Members Don Hunker and Bill Moore. Thomas Will was elected to the position of Vice Chair. We wish to thank Tom Mitchell, retiring Vice Chair, and Lynn Austin, an At Large Member, for their years of service to FNA and the community. Thank you to all members of the FNA Board for their continuing commitment to FNA and the greater community. A big thank you goes to all the volunteers who have given their time and energy during 2012. Chair, David Brown, presented the Annual Report at the meeting. FNA volunteer hours for the past year totaled 149.80 for three events with 64.50 hours shared with WCNO at two events. From January 1 through October 25, 349 people used the free FNA/WCNO office services: fax, copying and notary public.

**Notice of Public Comment Period for a Bylaws Amendment:** Eliminate the elected position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair and add one At Large position to complete the full Board of Directors potential membership as permitted by the Bylaws. Public comment on this proposed change will occur until the vote on the proposed amendment on January 7, 2013. Please send any comments you may have regarding this change to the Folwell Office, to Maryann@folwell.org or call 612-521-2100.

**Senior Leaf Rake:** This year, Sentencing to Serve (STS) raked 25 yards for senior homeowners and homeowners with disabilities. Thanks for a job well done!

**Vacant Homes:** Folwell is working alongside Webber-Camden and McKinley neighborhoods to identify the vacant, boarded and storm damaged houses that remain in the neighborhoods. If you have a house on your block that requires intervention – either demolition or restoration and is currently vacant, please tell us the address and what you think should be done with the property. Call 612-521-2100 or email Bonnie@folwell.org.

**4<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Court Watch:** Court Watch is a collaborative, community based approach to criminal justice. Concerned citizens partner with police, prosecutors, probation officers and other resources to promote sentencing accountability within the court system. You can help bring the community voice into the courtroom by participating in the monthly meetings at North Regional Library on the second Tuesday of each month, which means the next meeting is Tuesday, December 11, from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Info: 612-521-2100.

**Snow Shoveling:** Seniors and homeowners with disabilities, if you need help with snow shoveling or small chores, contact Neighborhood Involvement Program (NIP) to register for snow shoveling and learn about NIP's chore service- 612-374-3322 or email seniors@neighborinvolve.org.

## WEBBER CAMDEN NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

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### Happy Holidays from Webber-Camden Neighborhood Organization!

**WCNO December Board of Directors Meeting:** Thursday, December 6, 6:30 p.m., WCNO office.

**Senior Leaf Rake:** STS (Sentencing to Serve) raked 25 yards for senior homeowners and homeowners with disabilities. Great job and much appreciated!

**WCNO Annual Meeting and Board Election:** Congratulations to re-elected Board Members: Pat Suhrbier-Vice Chair; Bruce Nolan-Treasurer and At Large Board Members: Frank Brown, Jon Marley, Jeff Valley, Kristin Valley and Jim Wentzell. Thank you to all the WCNO Board Members for the continuing commitment to WCNO and the greater community. The WCNO volunteer hours for three events totaled 118.25. Volunteer hours at two shared events with FNA totaled 64.50. From the beginning of January through October 25, 349 people came into the WCNO/FNA office to use the free office services of faxing, copying and notary public. Appreciation and thanks go to all the volunteers who helped at WCNO and community events during 2012.

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**The Clothing Closet:** North United Methodist Church, 4350 Fremont Avenue North. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, 9 a.m.-noon; 1<sup>st</sup> Monday each month, 6-8 p.m. and 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, Mobile Loaves and Fishes free meal at 6:30 p.m. Information: 612-522-4497 (church office), 612-529-3083 (Cyndy), 612-529-5056 (Sue); call Jane for special appointments at 612-272-8259. There is no charge and donations are accepted.

# DECLARE YOUR 15

The Cleveland Neighborhood Association's slogan is "Small Neighborhood, Big Heart." That big heart is only made possible by neighbors like you, taking the time to step outside of your four walls and helping your neighbor. This fall we are launching a campaign "Declare Your 15" asking you to commit to volunteering 15 hours over the next year with the Cleveland Neighborhood Association, telling 15 of your neighbors about the opportunity to get involved and even donating \$15 to the organization to support future programming. Join us and Declare Your 15 at <http://15for.ClevelandNeighborhood.org>.

## CNA Cleveland Neighborhood Association

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## 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, December 6, LBNA Board Meeting**  
7-9 p.m.

**Monday, December 10, LBNA Crime and Safety Meeting**  
7-8:30 p.m. Kingsley Commons

**Friday, December 7, Holiday on 44th**  
6-9 p.m. at Patrick Henry High School

### Haila Maze to present Revised Above the Falls Plan at LBNA December 6 Board Meeting

The City of Minneapolis has been engaged updating the Above the Falls Master Plan. This has been done in close coordination with the Park Board through their RiverFirst initiative, and includes a health impact assessment to evaluate the public health impacts of the plan. Come and get an update on the draft plan process and recommendations at our LBNA December 6 Board meeting.

### Sixth Annual LBNA hosted Toys for Tots distribution December 15

On Saturday, December 15, 9 a.m.-noon, is the 5th U.S. Marine's Toy's for Tots distribution at Jenny Lind School, sponsored by LBNA, SCNA, Jenny Lind Community Education, Camden McDonald's and Acorn Mini Storage! Registration for toys is

closed at this time but if you are interested in volunteering, contact us at lindbohanonna@aol.com or 612-588-7641. Volunteers will not receive toys.

### Consider adopting LBNA as your designated nonprofit

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### Large or small, the LBNA Home Improvement Loan Program can help!

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The McKinley Community has a great home improvement loan that is managed

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### McKinley Calendar of Events

**McKinley Community Meeting**  
Monday, December 3, 7 p.m.,  
3300 Lyndale Avenue North

**McKinley Board of Directors Meeting**  
Monday, December 17 6:30 p.m.,  
3300 Lyndale Avenue North

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# Community History

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## Behind the Victory Flagpole – We have it good

By Barbara Meyer Bistodeau

Have you ever wondered how our forefathers, the pioneers, got along without all the things we take for granted? They didn't have supermarkets, Walmart, phones and iPods, or even McDonald's and Taco Bell. How did they ever survive?

For instance, in 1849, everything consumed by people and animals had to be brought up the river from Illinois, Iowa and Missouri. Even grain for horses. Upon arriving in Minnesota, the early pioneers found they could no longer obtain provisions the way they did "back home." So the settlers were compelled to find other ways to feed themselves. The most important of which was to start a garden. Nearly every family had a garden large enough to raise potatoes, beans, onions, beets and cabbages. Rutabagas thrived almost everywhere and sweet yellow turnips were a favorite dish of rich and poor alike.

Breadstuff was not easily solved when Minnesota was first organized as a territory. In 1849 the old Government mill at St. Anthony Falls was leased to Robert Smith of Alton, Illinois and was used to grind flour (such as it was) for the settlers. Other grist mills were established, but they were few and far apart. Good flour, brought up the Mississippi on steamboats, often sold for \$15 to \$20 a barrel. Because of the high price, corn bread was used much more. Pioneer women found ways to make bread from whatever was available such as buckwheat, ground in a coffee mill and put through a horse-hair sieve. Another way they ground grain was by hollowing out a log and rolling a cannon ball in it. Today we could do the same thing with a bowling ball (if necessary).

Coffee, also, was made from unusual ingredients such as browned and crumbled chipped potatoes, beets, corn meal crusts, pounded corn, rye and barley. If the family had a cow, milk was readily available, but if it had to be hauled any distance by cart, it often turned to butter. The meal at some stage coach stops was clabbered milk with maple syrup, which sounds pretty good to me!

As for meat, wolves were so numerous that it was difficult to raise small domestic animals such as sheep and hogs. Even cattle were not safe, for wolves seemed to have a liking for young calves. It was almost impossible to raise poultry with a country so full of wolves that had not yet learned to fear the white man. Constant watch had to be kept to prevent the robbery of the hen roost at night and the chicken yard by day.

However, a good supply of meat could be procured in another way. Deer were so abundant that all it took was a good

marksman to keep the larder stocked with venison. Bear meat could also be obtained without much trouble. Small game—rabbits, squirrels, quail and prairie chickens—were plentiful and at certain seasons wild ducks and geese infested the lakes. These ducks and geese were valuable to the pioneers in more ways than one. The flesh was used for food and many a bed tick was filled with the feathers of these wild fowl.

Then there were the passenger pigeons. In the spring and fall they arrived by the thousands. A favorite way of catching them alive was to spread a net a few inches above the ground, supported by small forked sticks. Corn was scattered under the net and the birds, eating the corn under there, would rise up their heads and get caught in the net. Once entangled, they were easily captured. The pioneers sold them for 25 cents a dozen.

If one desired larger game and more excitement, he would head to the prairie where the buffalo roamed. The hump of the young male buffalo made an excellent substitute for roast beef, while the tender parts of the carcass were used for making pemmican.

Cooking stoves in the early days were rare and most meals were made at the fireplace. The principal cooking utensils were a large iron pot, a long handled skillet with a lid, a cast iron teakettle and a coffee pot. Today we have crock pots and other cookery but back then they used the iron pot to prepare a "boiled dinner" which consisted of meat and vegetables. Bread was baked in the skillet by setting it on a bed of coals, then placing more coals on the lid so it would bake evenly. For the way we live today, this sounds a little inconvenient!

So, whenever we start feeling like we have it bad, think back to what all our ancestors, the pioneers, had to endure, and just be glad that times have evolved so far that we don't have to go



"Can't you make Rufus speed it up a little - we have all this food to put in the freezer."

through what they did!

Note: Taken from the book *Personal Recollections of Minnesota and its People and Early History of Minneapolis* by John H. Stevens, 1890, and the booklet *Floyd B. Olson Jr. High and The History of Camden*.

Correction: In the November *Camden News* the Flagpole article was written by Barbara Meyer Bistodeau, not Gladys Vinje Wells. We apologize for any confusion.

## Happy Holidays!

### See you at Holiday on 44th on Friday, December 7



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Web Site: [www.scna-mpls.org](http://www.scna-mpls.org)

Email: [scna@gmail.com](mailto:scna@gmail.com); Amy Luesebrink, staff, 763-561-1616

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

Community Meeting, Tuesday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m. Creekview Park

#### Met Council to improve storm sewer system in Shingle Creek and Lind-Bohanon Neighborhoods

Metro area homes and industries are connected to the metro wastewater treatment plants through an extensive network of sewer pipes. Each community in the Twin Cities metropolitan area maintains the sanitary sewer pipes from homes or industries; these sewer pipes connect to regional interceptor sewers. MCES owns and maintains approximately 600 miles of interceptor sewers, 62 lift stations, 21 rain gauge stations, and 188 flow meters. The interceptor sewers range in size up to 14 feet in diameter. There are two major sections in the Shingle Creek and Lind-Bohanon neighborhoods that the Metropolitan Council will be working to improve in the coming year. For more info go to <http://www.metrocouncil.org/environment/CapitalProjects/cip-8076.htm>.

#### Have a passion for the environment?

SCNA seeking volunteer help for Shingle Creek clean-up 2012/13. The volunteer board of the Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association is seeking one or two volunteers who would be willing to work to coordinate Shingle Creek cleanup efforts. Contact us at [mpls.scna@gmail.com](mailto:mpls.scna@gmail.com) to find out how to get started!

#### Have you adopted a nonprofit yet this year?

We invite you to consider the Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association. A 501c3 since 2006, SCNA has been working every year to keep residents informed and educated about crime, housing and city matters, hosted events, and worked to improve our community. To help support your local nonprofit check out our website [www.scna-mpls.org](http://www.scna-mpls.org).

#### Snow is coming!

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

All the News from Victory Neighborhood

#### Meeting December 12 – Meet the principals

The final meeting of the Victory Neighborhood Association for 2012 will be on Wednesday, December 12 at 7 p.m., at The Warren, 4400 Osseo Road. The principals of the schools that serve the youth of the Victory neighborhood have been invited to provide us with insight into their respective school populations, programming, climate and progress in providing a successful educational experience for our youth. They have also been asked to inform us how they have been working together to ensure continuity in the education of the students as they progress from elementary school through middle school and high school, and how residents and ViNA can assist them in this endeavor. Those invited are Ryan Gibbs, Loring Community School; Neal Thao, Noble Academy; Karon Cunningham, Olson Middle School; and LaTanya Daniels, Patrick Henry High School. Parents of children who will be school age in the next couple of years are strongly encouraged to attend.

This meeting will also be our annual Dessert Potluck so you are welcome to bring your favorite holiday treat.

#### 44<sup>th</sup> – Penn – Osseo Road redesign

At an October 15 meeting Transit for Livable Communities (TLC) presented several options for a redesign of the 44<sup>th</sup>/Penn/Osseo Road intersection. The redesign is intended to calm automobile traffic, and improve safety for pedestrians and bikers. The nearly 50 people in attendance were able to get answers to their questions, provide their input and vote for the options that they most liked. Look for the link to TLC's PowerPoint presentation, under Useful Links on the Victory neighborhood website [www.victoryneighborhood.org](http://www.victoryneighborhood.org).

#### Ryan Lake improvements

Those at the November 14 meeting, including Commissioner Jon Olson and Associate Superintendent Bruce Chamberlain, were presented with several options for improvements at Ryan Lake. The improvements are intended to improve the water quality and aesthetics of the lake, improve access to the lake and realize its recreational potential. Residents were asked to choose the elements of each of the design concepts that they preferred. You can do the same on the Victory neighborhood website, [www.victoryneighborhood.org](http://www.victoryneighborhood.org).



# Community Calendar

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

## Arts

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

**Ongoing Mondays - Artist Roundtable** meets monthly on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. Email [info@nacarts.org](mailto:info@nacarts.org) or visit [www.nacarts.org](http://www.nacarts.org) for location.

**Ongoing - Camden Music School's Winter Term**, Jan. 7-Mar. 15. All ages, abilities and experience levels welcome. CMS offers vocal and instrumental lessons, Musikgarten early childhood music classes (newborn to age 8), ensembles, music theory, songwriting. Scholarships and family discounts available. 612-618-0219 or [www.camdenmusicschool.com](http://www.camdenmusicschool.com).

**Saturday 12/1 - Camden Music School 8th Annual Holiday Sing-Along, Craft and Bake Sale**. Free, 4 p.m. 3751 Sheridan. A delightful, neighborly way to celebrate the season. All ages, singing abilities and just-listeners welcome. The sing-along is followed by a craft and bake sale with all proceeds going to the CMS Scholarship Fund. Info: 612-618-0219 or [camdenmusicschool.com](http://camdenmusicschool.com).

## Church Events

**Ongoing Saturday and Sunday - St. Bridget's/St. Austin's Arts & Crafts Boutique**. Hand-crafted dish towels, scarfs, mittens, baby items, American Girl doll clothes and more. 41st and Thomas. Dec. 1, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Dec. 2, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Dec. 8, 3-7 p.m.; Dec. 9, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Ongoing - Clothes Closet at North United Methodist Church**, 44th and Fremont, from 9 a.m.-noon the first three Saturdays of each month and the first Monday each month from 6-8 p.m. with free bag lunch from Mobile Loaves and Fishes.

One Saturday per month dental checks, blood pressure readings, vision screening and medication checks available. 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.

**Saturday, 12/1 - Youth Farm and St. Olaf Community Campus Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 2901 Emerson. Youth Farm teaches youth to grow, market and cook their own healthy food. \$5; purchased by mail or in person at St. Olaf Lutheran Church, 2901 Emerson. Limited tickets available at the door.

**Sunday, 12/16 - Annual Salem Lutheran Church Christmas program, Behold Wonder**, 10:30 a.m., lunch follows. Looking for neighborhood children and youth to sing or act. First rehearsal Dec. 2, 10 a.m. Join us for 10:30 a.m. worship throughout Dec. and for caroling on Dec. 23. 4150 Dupont. [www.salem-elca.org](http://www.salem-elca.org) or 612-521-3644.

**Sunday, 12/16** - Put the real meaning of the season into your Christmas with a traditional **Christmas concert** in the restored historic **St. Olaf Lutheran Church** Sanctuary at 10:45 a.m., 2901 Emerson. Presented by the choirs of St. Olaf Lutheran Church and First Lutheran Church of Crystal and instrumentalists under the direction of Jerry Bursch. Bake sale after the concert to raises funds for repair of the historic Moeller organ.

## Classes and Workshops

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

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

## Community Events

**Ongoing Tuesdays - Camden Running Club** at 6 p.m. All running abilities welcome. Running distances determined by those runners in attendance. Contact Eric Nystrom at [camdenrunningclub@gmail.com](mailto:camdenrunningclub@gmail.com).

**Ongoing second Tuesdays - 4th Precinct Community Court Watch**. A collaborative, community based approach to criminal justice. Concerned citizens partner with police, prosecutors, probation offices and other resources to promote sentencing accountability within the court system. You can help bring the community voice into the court room by participating. North Regional Library, 6:30 p.m. Info: 612-521-2100.

**Tuesday, 12/4 - North Minneapolis Meals on Wheels Fundraiser**. Be a "Holiday Angel." A meal and a smile go a long way! Join in a celebration honoring our commitment to our neighbors who are sick and shut-in. Bring a canned good for holiday baskets for our clients. Minneapolis Women's Club, 410 Oak Grove St. 3-5 p.m. Info: 2901 Emerson, 612-522-7335, [www.nmmow.org](http://www.nmmow.org), [nmmowesc@hotmail.com](mailto:nmmowesc@hotmail.com).

**Ongoing - Watch City's 2012 Budget Hearings on TV and web**. Hear directly from City departments about how the budget proposal will impact operations. Starting Sat., Nov. 10, the City is rebroadcasting all budget hearings back-to-back on Minneapolis 79 every weekend

until the budget is approved on Dec. 12. Schedule at [minneapolismn.gov/tv/79schedule](http://minneapolismn.gov/tv/79schedule). Along with the budget hearings, the City Council has two public meetings before a final budget is approved. Public hearing on tax levy and 2012 City budget: Wed., Dec. 12, 6:05 p.m., City Hall, 350 S. 5th St., room 317. Mayor's recommended 2013 budget, including a schedule of upcoming budget hearings, at [minneapolismn.gov/finance/budget](http://minneapolismn.gov/finance/budget).

**Ongoing - Loppet Ski Club** - New and lifelong skiers - join this recreational skiing community. Experienced facilitators instruct both skate and classical techniques. Begins with fall dryland and moves to on-snow instruction in Dec. Meets Mon. 6:30-8:30, and Sat. for longer distance workouts at Theodore Wirth Park. Visit [loppet.org](http://loppet.org).

**Ongoing - Low cost hockey and figure skating** at North Commons Park and Northeast Arena for kids aged 6-14. Transportation from several North Minneapolis parks. Register any Wed. at North Commons Park, 6-8 p.m. or call 612-588-9177.

**Friday, 12/7 - Holiday on 44th**. Mark your calendars for the 15th Old fashioned Camden Holiday on 44th Celebration. 6-9 p.m. See page 7 for info.

## Libraries

**Ongoing** - Wanna know what's happening at **Webber and North Regional Libraries**? Check out [hclib.org](http://hclib.org).

**Tuesday, 12/4 - Paint It Green: Spirits of the Arctic Circle**. K-grade 6. The Yup'ik people of Western Alaska make masks that represent the spirits of mammals, fish, birds, insects, plants, ice and everyday objects. Create a modern version of this traditional mask representing your favorite animal of the Arctic. Materials provided. Webber Park Library, 4-5 p.m. Register

at 612-543-6750.

**Saturday, 12/8 - Act Out for Kids: Playmaking**. Grades 3-5. Let your imagination run wild! Using themes from children's literature, myths and legends, be led by an experienced Guthrie teaching artist to get a basic understanding of acting by creating bare-bones theater from scratch. North Regional Library, 2-3:30 p.m. Registration required, 612-543-8450.

**Tuesday, 12/11 - Act Out for Adults: Intro to Tap**. Have you always wanted to tap dance? An experienced Guthrie teaching artist introduces the basics, from a shuffle, to a brush, to a flap. No experience necessary, no tap shoes required for this fun, invigorating program! Brookdale Library, 1:30-3 p.m. Registration required, 612-543-5600.

**Wednesday, 12/26 - Kwanzaa Stories with Auntie Beverly**, Sumner Library, 2-3:30 p.m. Celebrate Kwanzaa with stories and crafts with storyteller Auntie Beverly. Bring your family! 612-543-6875.

**Saturday, 12/29 - Hip-Hop Workshop: Dance, From African to Hip-Hop**. Grades 7-12. Did you know hip-hop dance moves connect to African dance traditions? See how traditional music and moves from Zimbabwe, Guinea and Senegal are connected to "b-boying," salsa, popping and locking. Wear comfortable clothing and be ready to dance! Sumner Library, 2-4 p.m. Registration required, 612-543-6875.

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

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a beach. Additionally, there are recommendations for developing surrounding neighborhoods, including residential and mixed-use commercial construction. The objective is to provide easier park and river access to the public while fostering business growth that can produce jobs in the area. The Minneapolis Department of Health and Family Support has also conducted a health impact assessment, the results of which are informing how riverfront redevelopments should positively affect the health and wellbeing of residents.

While the RiverFirst initiative represented a more detailed framework for developing the riverfront, it does not mandate the go-ahead for any specific park or project. The process of making those determinations began formally in June, when the Minneapolis Riverfront Partnership and the ATF Citizen Advisory Committee hosted a kickoff opening public informational meeting. Officials presented the RiverFirst vision and spoke about how it differed from the original Above the Falls Master Plan, including changes that reflected a shifting land redevelopment market and evolving community priorities. Residents at the meeting were asked to provide feedback on the updated plan so that officials could incorporate public comments and concerns into planning revisions.

A second community meeting

was held in October, at which city and park officials presented a refined outlook on planned next steps for redeveloping the Upper Mississippi in Minneapolis. Representatives discussed realities on the ground that affected decision-making about priority projects set to proceed. Among the influencing factors mentioned were conflicts with commercial properties, volatility in the real estate market, and challenges associated with transitioning from industrial to non-industrial environments.

The community feedback portion of the October meeting was lively and extended well past scheduled time. Residents voiced their opinions about such topics as which areas should be developed first, whether modern or traditional structures should be built, and how areas should be zoned. The most overwhelming sentiment was that the riverfront should be developed for people who live and spend the most time in the community, not commercial companies employing people who leave the area after the workday. Multiple residents expressed frustration that more of the discussed area has yet to be specifically designated for housing. One community advocate noted that in the past decade North Minneapolis lost 7,700 residents, or 11 percent of its population. She suggested that the river's redevelopment should be seen as an integral component of increasing population density on the North-

side.

Officials are in the process of further revising plans to redevelop the Upper Mississippi in Minneapolis, and community members still have an opportunity to provide feedback. **A third and final community meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 10, at MPRB Headquarters** (2117 West River Road). This meeting begins a formal public review period of 45 days, after which the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board will work to approve a final plan. The MPRB-endorsed plan will then be sent to the Minneapolis City Council for review.

Advocates in Camden and other North Minneapolis communities have urged residents to attend the final meeting on revisions to the Above the Falls Master Plan. Community leaders note that the Mississippi River is a defining geographic feature of the area, and how it is developed will have important residential, recreational and economic impacts that will affect North Minneapolis for decades to come. Those who are unable to attend the meeting can still make their opinions known by completing a survey at the project website [minneapolisparcs.org/AboveTheFalls](http://minneapolisparcs.org/AboveTheFalls). Also available there are slideshows with detailed info on proposed enhancements and a link to a video of the October 16 meeting at the MPRB headquarters.

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# 'Tis the season of giving

## Support the Camden Community News – your community newspaper

Thanks to all of you who donated to the *Camden News* in the past - we appreciate your support. You know that newspapers around the country are failing due to decreased advertising revenue.

It's very likely that someday the *Camden News* will be an on-line only newspaper. But the Camden Community has a disproportionate amount of seniors and low income residents who still don't have a computer or Internet access. As long-time Camden resident Dorothy Hase says, "I enjoy the paper...I hope you never stop publishing. I and many of my friends do not have a computer, so where would we get our local news?"

The *Camden Community News* has been serving the community for 37 years, and wants to continue printing and delivering free to residents until the need no longer exists. But if we don't get donations from you and ad money from businesses we won't be able to publish and mail a hard copy newspaper.

We have a very lean budget for a small nonprofit organization. It costs more than \$5100 a month to publish the *Camden News* - that includes printing, labeling, postage, business delivery, typesetting, bookkeeping, editing, taxes, insurance and all the other basic costs of running a small business. Our ad revenues have fallen dramatically and our monthly expenses currently exceed our revenues by about \$600 each month. We come to you twice a year to help supplement ad revenue losses, but we typically only get enough in donations for the total year to pay for one issue of the *Camden News*. So help us break that goal.

The *Camden News* is a nonprofit, volunteer-run, volunteer-written newspaper delivered free to all Camden homes. Our mission has been the same since 1975: To build bridges, connect neighborhoods, encourage citizen participation, promote local events, people and businesses, and provide a forum for folks who care about the quality of life here in Camden. So please use the enclosed envelope and send in a generous tax-deductible contribution; or mail your donation to Camden News PO Box 11492, Minneapolis, MN 55411. You can save the footwork and stamp and donate online at [camdenews.org](http://camdenews.org); just click on the Paypal button (you don't need a Paypal account). And please send us your comments and suggestions.

Thanks for your support,  
The *Camden Community News* Board of Directors

## A better view at City View

By Jay Clark

Residents of North Minneapolis' City View apartments cheered on October 5 as they watched a steam shovel, a bulldozer and other construction equipment ripping into La Montaña.

La Montaña is a 30-foot-high pile of construction rubble that is nearly as tall as the three-story high City View apartments next door. The debris was left over and abandoned years ago when the Heritage Park housing was built. Much of the site is filled with weeds, crumbled concrete blocks and abandoned tires. Neighbors noted that hidden in the bushes is a hangout where men party, who leave behind broken booze bottles, bedding, toilet paper and used hypodermic needles. Residents of City View apartments have been working for several months with Councilmember Don Samuels to get La Montaña taken down.

The City View soccer players have been leaders in the drive to raze La Montaña, meeting with Samuels, giving him tours of the site, documenting problems and keeping him updated on developments. Recently Samuels joined with City View soccer players for

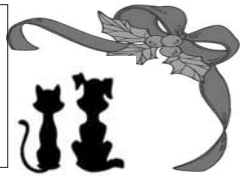


some well-deserved high fives.

Residents look forward to using the flat field to practice soccer and for family recreation.

The City View soccer team has had victories both on and off the field: This fall they played for Bethune Park in the Minneapolis Parks League, and two weeks ago they won the city-wide soccer tournament.

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6 p.m.  
Sat  
8 a.m.-Noon



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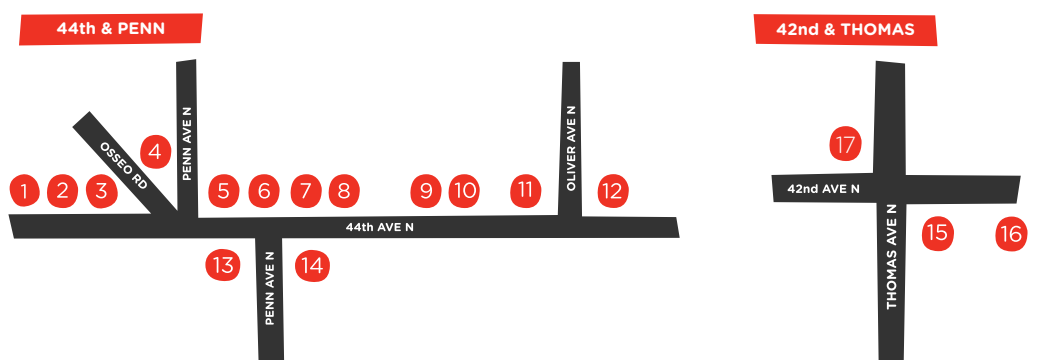
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## Discover Victory Shopping List

Remember to frequent neighborhood businesses this holiday season! Here are just a few ideas to do your shopping in the community:

### 44th and Penn

- 1 Custom t-shirts from R-World Records/Swagg Shop
- 2 Massage from The Doorway
- 3 Home security rebate at Victory Neighborhood Association
- 4 Local art from The Warren: An Artists Habitat
- 5 Home-improvement loan from NW Housing Resource Center
- 6 Alterations at Mighty Stitch Tailors
- 7 Haircut at Tom's Barber & Styling Shop
- 8 Parson's Preferred Dental serves the professional dental market, but keep them in mind when talking with your dentist friends.
- 9 New accessories from Victory's Image and Another Nine Months
- 10 A new look at Haja's Braiding
- 11 Breakfast at Emily's F&M Café
- 12 Alignment from Chiro Health Center Clinic
- 13 Lunch at Victory 44
- 14 Dinner from Domino's Pizza



### 42nd and Thomas

- 15 Oil change from Nghia's
- 16 Custom Christmas card designed by Skille Design
- 17 Don't forget It Starts with Luv Childcare offering care for infants to preschool

## Around the Neighborhood

### December 7

Holiday on 44th

Enjoy the best of winter in your neighborhood at this year's **Holiday on 44th**

- Wagon Rides
- Roasted Chestnuts
- Ice Carving . . . and so much more!

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