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Above the Falls Master Plan update - Public review and comment period

By Douglas Fehlen

Efforts to redevelop the riverfront on the Upper Mississippi in Minneapolis are set to move forward in the new year, and residents have been asked to offer their feedback. Officials are looking to finalize revisions to the Above the Falls Master Plan, a document meant to guide neighborhood development and parkland enhancements along the Mississippi in North and Northeast Minneapolis. Plan revisions are likely to affect development along the river for decades to come.

Now in a period of public review and comment, the revised plan outlines proposed community and park developments for the east and west banks of the Mississippi River from Plymouth Avenue to the Camden Bridge. Among the projects called for in the plan are expanded parklands, new residential and mixed-use construction, additional biking/walking trails, a swimming/wading beach, and a wetland reclamation project.

The plan also calls for the long-term development of Above the Falls Regional Park, a 226-acre green space extending 2.75 miles on both sides of the river. The park would connect North Mississippi Regional Park and Central Mississippi Riverfront Regional Park, in the Downtown area, creating continuous parkland on the Minneapolis Riverfront. The Above the Falls Regional Park would fill in now-missing links in the Grand Rounds trail system and provide additional connections between North and Northeast Minneapolis.

A fully realized Above the Falls Regional Park is set to potentially take up to 20 years or longer given that much of the riverfront property is now privately owned. Plans call for carefully acquiring additional lands and phasing in projects as is possible. The draft plan accounts for the long-term planning and development likely to be required over the next two decades, while also highlighting "park projects prioritized for implementation in the next several years."

Among these projects set to move ahead in North Minneapolis are redevelopment of the Upper Harbor Terminal and creation of a Northside Wetlands Park. Owned by the City of Minneapolis, the Upper Harbor Terminal is set to close in 2014. It has been proposed that a significant portion of the 48-acre site be converted into a riverfront park and parkway while the rest of the property is redeveloped for office and industrial purposes that is "park supportive."

The Northside Wetlands Park, planned for the southern half of the Upper Harbor Terminal site, is now slated to include large gathering places, public water access, and outdoor classrooms similar to those found at North

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Holiday on 44th

It was a beautiful snowy evening for the 15th Annual Holiday on 44th celebration on December 7. All along 44th Avenue folks from all over the metro area enjoyed free music, entertainment, food, beverages and all-around fun. Outside people enjoyed the fire jugglers, horse-drawn hay rides, pony rides, ice carvings and wood carvings, and got warmed up eating roasted chestnuts and roasting marshmallows. Indoors at Patrick Henry were an arts and craft show, silent auction, dancers, live music and make-and-take gingerbread fun. At Loring School kids loved the carolers and magic shows. And all the businesses along the avenue had entertainment and treats. For photo highlights by Douglas Fehlen and Brianna DeVore see page 7.



Children share their holiday wish lists with Santa Claus at Patrick Henry High School.

Ryan Lake - a bit of history

By City Council President Barbara Johnson

I am delighted that the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board will be considering a plan to enhance the Ryan Lake shoreline. This short stretch of shoreline is a fairly recent addition to our city, and I think a bit of history is helpful for folks to understand how the property's been managed in the past.

The Ryan Lake shoreline at 47th and Xerxes, which is the only lakeshore in the 4th Ward, was originally part of the city of Brooklyn Center. It was cut off from the rest of Brooklyn Center by the construction of the Brooklyn Boulevard bridge over the rail yards. After that point, Brooklyn Center continued to cut the grass, and it maintained the property for years - including putting out occasional grass fires.

In 1984, Brooklyn Center decided that it would be more efficient to annex this land to another city. Robbinsdale was interested in the property as the site for new townhomes. But fortunately for us, the land was eventually annexed by Minneapolis, which has allowed us to preserve our open shoreline with public access.

At that time, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board decided it did not want to own the newly annexed land, as it felt the new property was too small for a park. So instead, the City assumed responsibility for maintenance for many years. The Public Works Department cut the grass and contracted with the Park Board to trim trees when needed. Maintaining recreational properties is not in Public Works' core mission, but in this case, they did a fine job of taking care of the property.

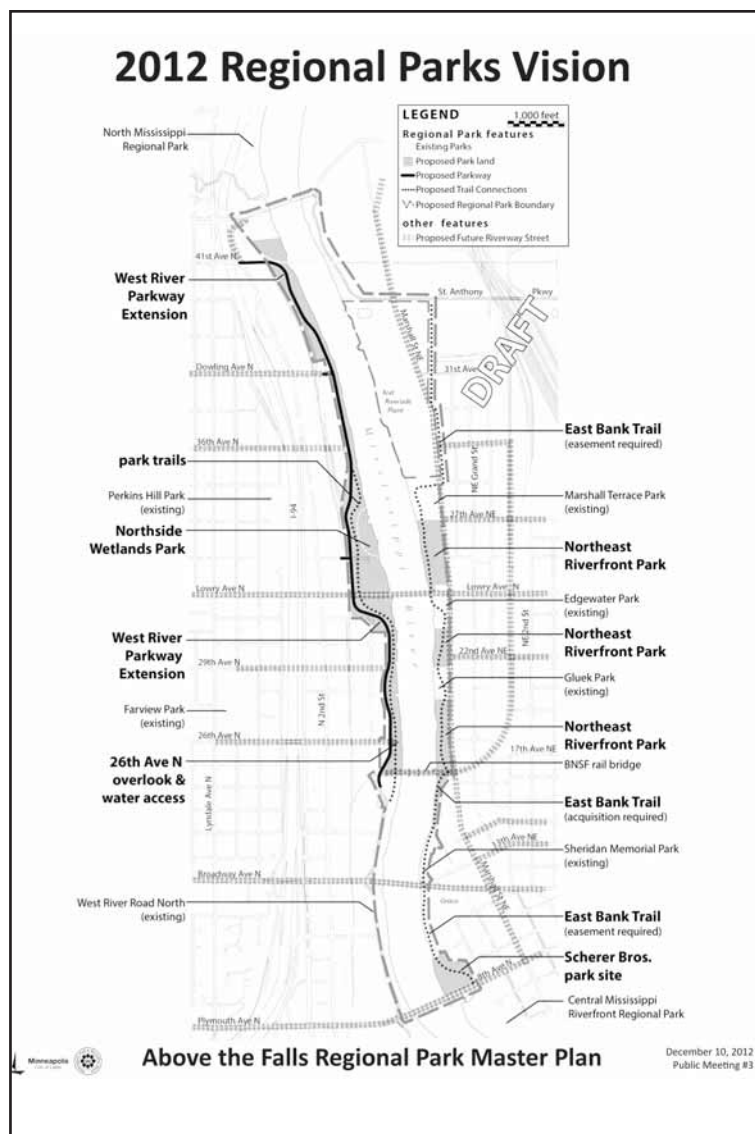
In 1999, the City and the Park Board reworked how we handled landscaping responsibilities at some properties, and since that time, the Park Board has maintained the shoreline, with occasional help from the City. Public Works has done maintenance on the bollards, conducted clean-up when needed, and done some extraordinary brush trimming at the request of neighbors, to open the view of the lake from across Xerxes.

Ryan Lake has been home to a number of projects and improvements, including an extensive

water quality study by the U of M, which included piping air into the middle of the lake from the shore to increase oxygen levels. At one point, neighbors and students from Patrick Henry High School planted native plants and grass at the shoreline. The Park Board also installed a fishing pier.

Ryan Lake is a precious resource for our neighborhoods. It contains wood duck houses, is a good place for pan fishing, and is a natural place for children to explore. My own children spent many happy hours there, so I know firsthand how important an amenity like this is to our community.

The Park Board is a great steward of the properties it manages, and I am happy that it is looking to enhance opportunities to enjoy the Ryan Lake shoreline. Although this particular piece of shoreline has had a complex history, I believe the Park Board's plans will make it a better place for the future and all the families who will continue to enjoy this great natural resource.



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Mark Brostrom presenting a Mndaca award to Impact Proven Solutions CEO Tim Johnson.

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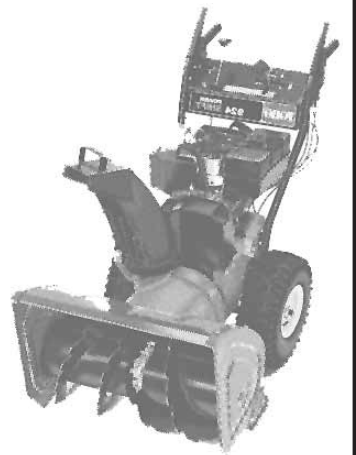
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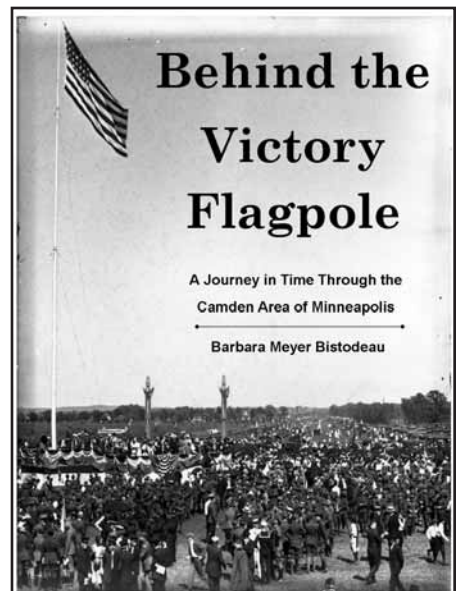
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Letters to the Editor



Making this a great community

What makes for a great community? It's the people, businesses, organizations and institutions. As a member of the Holiday on 44th Committee and a staff member at Loring Community School, I get to see this unfold each year as some of these different entities step up to the plate to make Holiday on 44th the wonderful community event it is.

We could not make Holiday on 44th happen if we didn't have individuals, neighborhood groups and businesses make financial donations. I'd especially like to mention businesses like the Camden Mart and North End Hardware who contribute even though they are not on or near 44th Ave. The businesses on 44th who are open and either have specials or give out cider or hot chocolate etc. add to the fun of the evening. We are lucky to have Loring and Patrick Henry schools to use as venues for this event as well as places like the Housing Resource Center and the Faith Baptist Church house. We have residents who are willing to let us to put up inflatable decorations in their yards to add to the festive feeling of the evening. This year Metro Transit even brought their Holidazzle bus. Volunteers are a huge part of making this event happen. The students from Henry put up and take down tables and chairs, put up lights, and volunteer at the various activities. Our Camden Lions are always there to help out, especially Bill Moore as "Santa." And of course, all the individual volunteers without whose help this event just wouldn't happen. Last but not least the folks who make up the Holiday on 44th Committee. I always feel humble that these wonderful folks let me play a small part in this event. So look at the list of contributors and volunteers in this issue of the *Camden News* and let them know if you appreciate their efforts. I know I do.

Buzzy Bohn,
Folwell



Marriage – a new word needed

Isn't it time now to look for a new word for the embattled "marriage?" Everybody wants it regardless of our religion, sexual orientation or lack thereof. It seems reasonable for each subgroup of culture, philosophy or faith to invent a new term more suitable to their liking and abandon the word "marriage" to the politicians and definers of state law. This past November 6 election and campaign buildup obviously demonstrates that the state has a vital interest in marriage. Why not let them just have it?

Inventing a new term for such a vital relationship as "marriage" is nothing new. For example, in the very first century of Christianity, politicians and the whole world were engrossed in a form of love signified in Greek dialects by "eros" or "phileo." The first of these is the root for modern words like "erotic." The latter is the root for "philander."

Early Christians found some-

thing more suitable for their new-found view of love, "agape" in another Greek dialect. Agape love was taken over by these Christians to describe how they experienced God's love toward them as individuals and as a whole, and how each of them should relate to others. Thus, the earliest Christians created something, though borrowed from some Greek community, and contributed the same to the rest of human discourse until this very day 21 centuries later!

If a new word or words for marriage were found or devised in the many subgroups, whether sacramental or secular, they could set up their own criteria and parameters for it, leaving the state to define marriage now, and redefine it as time goes on, in the best and fairest interest of its citizens as a whole.

John Bispala,
Webber-Camden

Winter and spring fun at Camden parks

Registration is underway for winter and spring activities and programs at Camden parks. Stop by one of Camden's rec centers to pick up the latest activity guide: Creekview (5001 Humboldt, 612-370-4965), Folwell (1615 Dowling, 612-370-4917) or Webber (4400 Dupont, 612-370-4916). Or view the guide and register for activities at minneapolisparcs.org/register.

Preschool Playtime. Preschoolers and their parents/guardians are welcome to romp and play in the Creekview multipurpose room on Tuesdays. The park provides the toys and equipment, you provide the energy. Free. Ages 6 and younger. Tuesdays, January 8-March 12, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Creekview Rec Center. Squirrt Basketball. Your children will come home with smiles on their faces! This program is designed especially for young children as a positive introductory experience to sports. Children learn basic skills and rules with low-key games that allow the children to have fun, be active, socialize and learn sportsmanship. Ages 5-6. Fee \$20. Mondays, January 14-February 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Loring Elementary School Gym.

Traveling Dinner and Cinema for Teens. Join your friends while dining and watching a movie. Whether it's a classic or a new film, you will enjoy it!

This activity will travel between Creekview, Folwell and Webber Rec Centers on Tuesday nights. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. with the film starting at 6:30 p.m. A schedule will be posted at each park. Movies will be picked out for the teen audience. Deadline to register is the Friday prior to each night. \$3 per night. Ages 12-17. February 19 – Folwell Rec Center, taco bar; March 19 – Creekview Rec Center, chili; April 16 – Webber Rec Center, spaghetti; and May 21 – Folwell Rec Center, breakfast foods.

Night Owlz. Hey, teens! Spice up your weekends with extended evening programming on Friday and Saturday nights at Folwell Recreation Center. The Night Owlz program runs from 8 to 11 p.m. Youth will be allowed to leave before the program ends, but will not be allowed to re-enter the program that night. All youth must have an ActivePass card which they can get at Folwell Park. Lots of fun stuff to do such as open basketball, cooking classes, movies, open computer labs, active video games, tutoring, boys and girls groups, and art classes. Ages 13-18. Free. Fridays and Saturdays, 8-11 p.m. at Folwell Rec Center. "Like" Camden Parks on Facebook to receive all the latest info about activities, events, specials, pictures and much more!

Feeding the Dream Food Drive

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's (MPRB) fourth annual Feeding the Dream Community Food Drive is now underway at park rec centers.

Now through January 21, the public is encouraged to drop off non-perishable food items at one of 47 Minneapolis rec centers. In Camden go to Creekview (5001 Humboldt, 612-370-4965), Folwell (1615 Dowling, 612-370-4917) or Webber (4400 Dupont, 612-370-4916). Over the past three years, the MPRB, with generous support from the community, has donated more than 5,000 pounds of non-perishable food items to local food banks. Groveland Food Shelf will benefit from the 2013 Food Drive. This year, during the food drive, the MPRB will also be collecting handmade knitted items in support of the Love Light Project. The Love Light project collects, makes and sells handmade knitted items, scarves, hats and infinity scarves and uses all profits to support local

teenage victims of commercial sexual exploitation.

The Food Drive concludes during the 2013 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration on January 21 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park. The public is invited to attend the hour-long program that honors and celebrates the life and achievements of Martin Luther King. There will be performances by local entertainers, as well as a keynote presentation from Cobe Williams, a Violence Interrupter from Chicago and subject of the 2011 award winning documentary *The Interrupters*. A presentation of the 2013 Living the Dream Award will also be given. The award is intended to recognize those whose work embodies Martin Luther King's message of justice for all and commitment to community. Attendees are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to the event. For info visit minneapolisparcs.org or call 612-230-6479.

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Add some color for the winter blues

By Debbie Nelson, Master Gardener,
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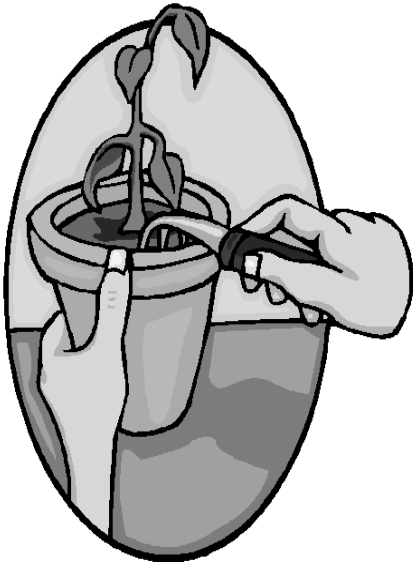
The tree is down, all the decorations are packed away for another year and the house seems pretty barren and boring. Seed catalogues have not started to arrive so what better way to get a gardening fix in the dead of winter than to turn our attention to houseplants and maybe liven up the interior landscape with a few new ones. And if you were the lucky recipient of tulip or hyacinth bulbs now is the time to start forcing them, for a little bit of color in February.

Growing houseplants in our climate can be as challenging as gardening outside. The most limiting factor is light. Between the summer solstice in June and the winter one in December we go from 16 hours of sunlight a day to 8 hours. In addition, the low angle of the sun reduces the intensity of the sunlight and the amount of energy in it in December is 1/3 of what it is in June! Cumulatively that means that the light energy available to our houseplants in the winter is only about 25 percent of what it is in the summer. On top of that houseplants have to deal with the shading and shadows of being indoors, so it is important that we create the right microclimates for houseplants so we aren't starving them. And if you are buying new houseplants be sure to choose ones that are suitable for the available light in your house.

The best windows in which to place your houseplants in winter are those that are south facing followed by west, east and then north facing ones. And it is also important that the windows and the leaves are clean! Dust and grime not only is unattractive but

it filters what limited sunlight is available. On the plant leaves it also encourages and harbors pests. To clean your plant leaves mix a few drops of a mild dishwashing liquid in lukewarm water and wipe the leaves of larger plants with a soft cloth dipped in the water. Smaller plants can be turned upside down a swished in the same solution. You do not need to use plant shine products and in fact they do more harm than good. They leave the surface of the leaf sticky which holds on to more dust and the shiny surface reflects some of the needed sunlight instead of letting it be absorbed by the plant.

Most houseplants are tropical plants that normally grow in rain



forest conditions, which are warm and humid. Our winter indoor climates in Minnesota tend to be rather dry, so it is important for your houseplants (and you) that you provide some extra humidity in the house. This can best be accomplished with a room humidifier, but if you do not have one

you can support your plants above a pan or dish of water with rocks or an inverted saucer. Do not let the plant pot sit in the water but rather let the plant benefit from the water evaporating in to the air. If you have a large pan you can support your plants together over the water and the plants will additionally benefit from the transpiration from each other. Do not mist your plants as that provides only momentary humidity and provides a good environment for the growth of fungal and bacterial diseases.

Your plants should be watered according to their needs rather than on a schedule. Generally the more sunlight they receive and the lower the humidity the more water they will need. A good rule of thumb is to water when the top 1/2 inch of soil is dry, but some plants like African violets and ferns need to be watered whenever the top of the soil is dry. Each plant will have its own water needs depending on sunlight and humidity, but be sure to water thoroughly when you do water and let the water run out of the bottom holes so that the roots don't remain saturated which can lead to root rot.

Most houseplants thrive in daytime temperatures between 65 and 75 degrees, and 10 degrees lower at night. Cooler temperatures are better for plants that are in low light. Also be sure that the plants that are sitting near windows are not touching the glass.

Avoid the mistake of fertilizing your plants during the winter to encourage growth. Plants make their own food and grow according to the light and water available. Fertilizer is only a supplement (like vitamins) and is best applied in spring and summer when plants have ample sunlight to grow. You can begin fertilizing your house plants in February when sunlight hours and intensity increase, but mix your fertilizer at half strength so as to avoid fertilizer burn.

Happy New Year and I hope these tips will help you enjoy your winter gardening!

Squirrels – Nature's acrobats

By Carol McElroy, Interpretive Naturalist,
Kroening Interpretive Center

Squirrels – ya gotta love them. Or do you? Humans and squirrels have engaged in a love-hate relationship since bird feeders popped up in back yards. People have squandered time and money trying to squirrel-proof any structure containing bird seed. After decades of baffles and books, what have we accomplished?

We have educated squirrels in how to outsmart humans! These guys, already the ultimate problem solvers, have honed their skills to dive, jump, hang upside down and climb obstacles to reach their reward. Motivated by insatiable hunger and instinctively aware that a long cold winter looms, these compulsive eaters and stashes haunt all places where seed is present. And they figure out how to get to their prize—food—no matter what challenges confront them.

The acrobat that rules our backyards is the gray tree squirrel. Other species of squirrels also live in Minnesota. Though rarely seen, the larger and more colorful fox squirrel, the small northern red squirrel and the nocturnal flying squirrel are all common in the Twin Cities. Gray squirrels often have color variations—red mixed with grey, white (albino), and black (melanistic).

Cooperation is unknown in the squirrel world. Domination rules, especially with males. Squirrels will challenge others by chasing aggressively. Occasionally they fight, and the result is not pretty. Yet, in winter, several females may share a nest in a tree.

Squirrels spend most of their days foraging for food. The search escalates in fall to amass fat and stash food for winter and in spring to replace lost body mass. As winter progresses, squirrels spend more time keeping warm and reinforcing their nests. If you notice some bark stripped from a tree, the culprit is often a squirrel seeking to insulate its leaf nest high in a tree.

Burying nuts has become the calling card for the gray squirrel. After retrieving an acorn, a squirrel instantly analyzes the nut to determine the amount of tannin it contains, when it will germinate, and how much usable energy it has. This determines whether the squirrel will eat the nut or bury it.

For example, an acorn made bitter by tannin will become a little sweeter if it is stored awhile. A tree that germinates later will have an acorn that will not break down as easily. If an acorn is infested with an insect larva, eating the nut rather than burying it will provide protein from the nut and the insect.

Active thought continues beyond discerning quality of food.

Squirrels can locate and retrieve over 90 percent of the nuts that they bury, using extraordinary spatial skills. They confirm their location with a superior sense of smell. Gray squirrels will bury their caches in many locations to ensure against having an entire food supply discovered and taken by another.

They will even “fake” hiding food to deter a possible spy.

Squirrels are the ultimate problem solvers. It is no surprise that they made it to the top 10 of several animal intelligence lists. They can figure things out and learn from experience. Balancing cautious and inquisitive behavior with perseverance, squirrels will repeatedly attempt a task until successful. The more we challenge, the more they overcome.

So either sit back and enjoy the antics or join in the game.

Visit the Kroening Interpretive Center in North Mississippi Regional Park. Join us on Saturday, Jan. 19, 10-noon, to celebrate Squirrel Appreciation Day, cost \$5.

Other activities include: New Year's Day snowshoe hike, Jan. 1, 1-3 p.m., age 8+; Showshoeing in the Park, Jan. 5, 1-3 p.m., ages 10+; and Art and Sport of Falconry, Jan. 5, 9-11 a.m., ages 16+. These programs require reservations and cost \$5.

Bring preschoolers ages 2-6 to Puppet Escapades, Tues., Jan. 15, 10-11 a.m. Cost \$4 each-adult and child. Come to My Baby, Me and the Mississippi on Thurs., Jan. 24, 10-11 a.m., ages 0-2. Cost \$5 for adult/child pair.

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What does your dog say about you?

By Kelly Benning, DVM

We have all heard the saying, “you are what you eat.” Do you also know your dog breed can tell a lot about you? Studies have shown that certain types of people are attracted to certain breeds of dogs. Studies have also shown differences between dog owners and non-dog owners. Dog owners tend to be more agreeable in communication and relationships. In one recent British study, Lance Workman et al. found that certain breeds are associated with certain types of people, even visually to others. In other words, the study would set up separate pictures of dogs and their owners and most of the time, people in the study paired up the owner with the correct dog just by picture alone.

In this study, the breeds were divided into seven Kennel Club categories (gun dogs, hounds, working, terriers, toy, herding and utility). The results showed true associations with the type of dog and an owner’s personality. Gun dog (retrievers, spaniels) and toy breed (Chihuahua, Shih Tsu) owners were most agreeable. Herding (German Shepard, Collies) and utility or non-sporting (bull-dogs, Chow Chows) owners were most extroverted. The emotionally stable tend to gravitate towards the hound dogs. Toy dog owners were also considered the most open and imaginative of the dog owners. Terrier owners tend to get along well with others.



Some other celebrities and their dogs make a little more sense. For example, Gwyneth Paltrow and Jennifer Aniston are seen as kind, good people for the most part. Their choice of Labradors and Golden Retrievers reflect that. Oprah has owned Cocker Spaniels and Labradors; Martha Stewart has owned Chow Chows. Greg Louganis has always been a Great Dane owner, one of the working dogs. The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge have a cocker spaniel suggesting intelligence, conscientiousness and agreeableness. Adam Sandler owns a bulldog. Jessica Biel owns a pitt bull. Pitt bulls are terriers and therefore owners of terriers tend to be more agreeable, sympathetic and get along well with others. Start searching for your favorite celebrities and their dogs. You may be surprised what you find!

So how do some famous people and their dogs compare? Simon Cowell has a Cairn Terrier which means he is congenial in nature. Paris Hilton and Geri Halliwell (of Spice Girls fame) both own toy breeds signifying intelligence. The Queen of England owns a Welsh Pembroke Corgi which implies she is an extrovert. These pairings don’t quite match up with my perceptions.

So what about mixed breeds? What does that say about an owner? Most mixed breed (mutt) dog owners are open minded and free spirited. Although the generalizations are interesting and fun to read about, remember that—they are generalizations! Just because you own an Australian Shepard does not mean you are a competitive person. But you may like the outdoorsy, adventurous side of this breed.

Whether you currently own a dog, many dogs or are thinking about getting one, some fun websites to check out are listed below. There, you can take little mini-quiz to find your best match. Even better, you can see what type of dog you are! <http://animal.discovery.com/breed-selector/dog-breeds.html> and <http://quizilla.teennick.com/quizzes/101910/what-common-breed-of-dog-are-you>.

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Fourth Ward Report

2013 Minneapolis City Budget
Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak and the City Council unanimously approved the City’s 2013 budget, which will mean major investments in infrastructure, public safety, economic growth and reform. Overall the City’s spending is down about 3 percent from 2012.

The \$1.085 billion budget provides:

- A boost in funding for streets and other infrastructure**, with infrastructure improvements in 2013 three times higher than previously planned.
- An investment in public safety**, adding \$2.5 million to the Police Department, with the aim of having 10 more officers on the force by next summer. Next year’s budget also adds \$1.1 million to hire firefighters so that the Fire Department can prepare for expected retirements. This level of investment comes on top of a federal SAFER grant of \$1.07 million received earlier this year.
- Economic growth in the city** through continued investments in the City’s community planning and development efforts that have produced strong results in job growth and training, business growth and development, and promoting transit-oriented development.
- Major reforms and efficiency savings** that better align the City’s construction and development review services with its planning and economic development work. These and other reforms of the Department of Regulatory Services are projected to save the City between \$300,000 and \$400,000 in the first year alone.
- Budget challenges**
The 2013 budget was made possible through more than a decade of solving tough financial challenges that faced the City. The challenges include:
 - Paying down debt.** The City has paid down or avoided \$241 million in debt since 2002 and restored its AAA credit rating.
 - Reforming pensions.** After years of effort, the City succeeded in merging into the State’s PERA retirement system several closed pension funds whose taxpayer-funded obligations were exploding. In 2012 alone, this reform saved taxpayers \$20 million. Minneapolis will also retire all its pension debt in 2012.
 - Holding the line on wages.** The City partnered with employees to hold the

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line on wages and health care costs at several points during the last decade, which has saved jobs and help hold down property-tax increases.

Target Center. From 1994 through 2012, Minneapolis property taxpayers were saddled with Target Center costs. As a result of the Vikings stadium deal that passed earlier this year, \$5 million in annual Target Center costs were lifted off the backs of Minneapolis property taxpayers. The overall increase in the 2013 property-tax levy is 1.77 percent, which is below the rate of inflation. In fact, 70 percent of taxpayers will not feel this increase, or will see a decrease in their property-tax bill. To view the City’s 2013 budget, go to www.minneapolismn.gov/finance/budget.

Snow shoveling rules
Minneapolis Ordinance requires that property owners clear sidewalks after the end of a snowfall within 24 hours for homes and duplexes. Four daytime hours for apartment and commercial buildings (daytime hours begin at 8 a.m.).

When you shovel snow and clear ice: Shovel the sidewalks on all sides of your property, the full width of the sidewalk down to the bare pavement; remove all ice from sidewalks, after the sidewalk is cleared, sprinkling a little sand can help prevent slipping on frosty sidewalks; pile snow into your yard and boulevard, it’s against the law to shovel snow into streets and alleys; and if you have corner property, clear curb cuts at corners and crosswalks to the street gutter.

Need help? For a fee, some community agencies shovel snow for senior citizens and people with disabilities. Call 612-673-3952 for a list of these groups or the Senior LinkAge line at 1-800-333-2433. The City offers free sidewalk sand for Minneapolis residents. Visit [minneapolismn.gov/snow/shovel/snow_freesidewalksand](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/snow/shovel/snow_freesidewalksand) for info. Please call 311 to report unshoveled sidewalks or visit [minneapolismn.gov/publicworks/sidewalks/sidewalks_snow](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/publicworks/sidewalks/sidewalks_snow) to report online. Please make sure you have the exact address.

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.

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Mississippi Regional Park. The long-term vision for the park will require some land acquisition, and so developments are likely to be staged over time. Current plans suggest that extension of West River Road North is to be among the first steps, which will provide public access to the river. Biking and walking paths are also planned for an early phase of the development.

Among the significant priority projects on the east side of the river is the establishment of a “river beach cove” at the site formerly owned by Scherer Brother Lumber Company, immediately north of the Plymouth Avenue Bridge. Plans call for the restoration of Hall’s Island and creation of an area where park users can swim and wade in the river. Trails are also set to be an important feature of Scherer Park, connecting users to Boom Island as wells as northward parklands.

Among these, immediately to the north, is Sheridan Memorial Park. Currently being developed on the former Grain Belt Brewery site, this area is set to fea-

ture a playground for children as well as a memorial to veterans. A continuous public park on the east bank of the river is ultimately envisioned, though acquisition of private land will be required to eventually connect existing recreational areas that include Gluek Park, Edgewater Park, and Marshall Terrace Park.

Community feedback has been influential in decisions on redeveloping the Upper Mississippi riverfront, and residents are encouraged to continue offering their thoughts as initiatives for the area are further shaped. An official 45-day public comment period began on December 10. Individuals can read and provide feedback on the Above the Falls Master Plan Update at the website of the city’s Department of Community Planning and Economic Development (http://www.minneapolismn.gov/cped/projects/cped_above_the_falls). Additional information on the proposed Above the Falls Regional Park can be found at the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board website (www.minneapolisparcs.org/AboveTheFalls).

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Camden Youth & Schools

Bike Cops for Kids

By Michael Kirchen

During the winter of 2008-2009 two Minneapolis Police Officers, Mark Klukow and me (Michael Kirchen), started to brainstorm about a way to connect Northside kids with Minneapolis Police Officers. We were both school resource officers (SROs) and wanted to continue the great work we were doing in the schools right into the summer months.

With private funding from two sources the first summer we came up with an idea to promote bike safety and reward kids for being safe on their bikes. Minneapolis attorney Michael Ciresi and business owner Dean Phillips funded the program for the inaugural summer. The officers partnered with North Memorial Hospital to purchase 360 helmets and Penn Cycle to purchase 30 new trek bikes. The focus of the project was to bike the streets and alleys of North Minneapolis and find kids who had nothing going on; find kids on their turf, in their yards and build a relationship.

Two years into the project we picked up another great partner/funder in Children's Hospital who stepped up to help fund the project after we added six more school cops to the Bike Cops for Kids initiative. To get a better understanding of the work we do with the kids visit our Facebook page "Bike Cops for Kids" and become a friend. We have hundreds of photos of the cops



Officers Dave O'Connor and Michael Kirchen making the connection with Bike Cops for Kids.

last summer riding with us in Minneapolis.

Over the past four summers we have given out thousands of bike helmets and 210 new trek bikes. Our goal is to build relationships between kids growing up in high crime areas and street level police officers. Two officers are assigned to bike patrol in the 4th Precinct, four in the Phillips Neighborhood in the 3rd Precinct and two in Northeast in the Central/Lowry area. All of the Bike Cops for Kids are school resource officers and all have a great passion for connecting with kids and wanting to see kids succeed.

So when you see two bike cops pulling a bike trailer through your alley next summer you'll know why. They're looking for kids to share some time with, give a helmet to, and show them that Minneapolis cops care about their safety and their future. With a little luck, that kid they find will later get "caught" wearing that helmet and win a brand new trek bike.

and kids, and really try to promote the work we do on this site. Facebook has allowed us to attract a large group of smaller donors, and other police departments from around the country have contacted us to get ideas on how their department can replicate the Bike Cops project in their city. The St. Paul Police Department will begin a Bike Cops for Kids in their city after spending a day

The news at Patrick Henry

By Tom Murray

Patrick Henry has several clubs that meet after school and on weekends. One of our most successful clubs is the Robotics Club, an organization that has advanced to the National Tournament four out of the last five years. We asked David Sylvestre, the Robotics Club Coordinator, to share some of what you can do to maintain the rigor of such a club and have fun. Here is his advice:

Recruit many mentors: One person can't do it all. Get non-engineering mentors and students who are interested in other aspects to join the team. Have sub teams to do outreach, award submissions, etc.

Community outreach is a must: Great places to start are through team members' contacts - e.g. elementary and middle schools they went to, Girl Scouts and other organizations they belong to, and community events, especially STEM related. Working with other FIRST teams is great, but not the only option. Take lots of pictures and use them to promote the team. A picture truly is worth 10,000 words.

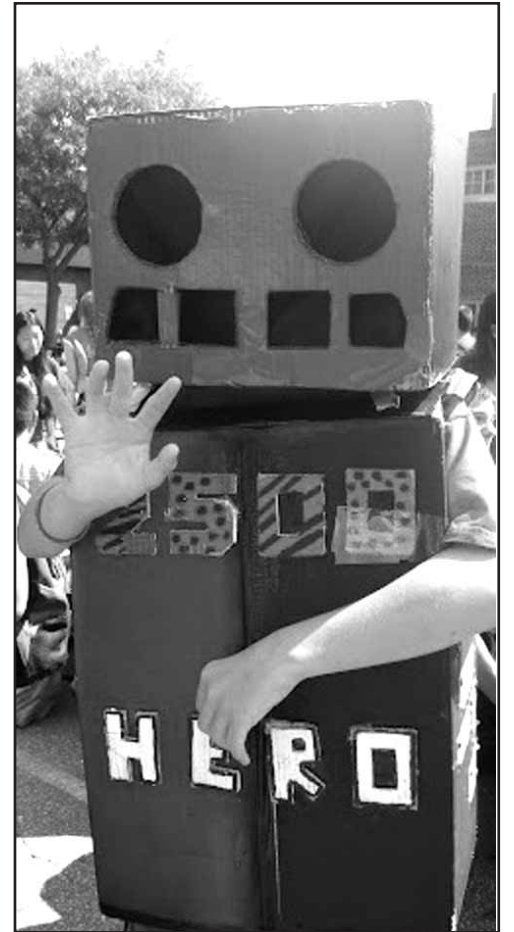
Promoting the team: Use a team website, brochures, a binder of letters of reference, a press clippings book, and start a scrapbook of the team history and accomplishments.

Team attitude: Teach "gracious professionalism" at all times. You never know who you are talking to, or who they know! At the tournament, the pit is especially important. Have ways to promote your team that have an impact. Practice with the students so they are experts at talking to the judges, making eye contact and speaking loud enough to be heard. They should be prepared to tell what FIRST has done to change their life. Kids with the FIRST sparkle should be in the pit area, standing with their back to the pit and talking to everyone who goes by. Make sure each team member is prepared with some knowledge, but it is OK to refer to someone else for technical knowledge. Have large team numbers and a cheering crowd in the stands. Reach out to other teams, especially first-year teams, with help and support. Remember to have fun, even if the robot doesn't work.

Presentation: Practice, practice, practice. Come up with a gimmick, e.g. we spelled out FIRST 2500 with large letters that the kids stood up with and used words to describe the team that started with the letter or number. Make your presentation memorable. The judges read entry after entry. Support your material with figures when possible. Try to make it interesting and different. Go to the FIRST website for insight on what to include. Don't be intimidated by the accomplishments of the national winners!

Each award has had a positive impact on the team. It helps in getting support for the team, both financially and with mentors, increases student membership, participation and energy. If you think the regional tournaments are a blast wait until you go to nationals. It is possible!

<http://heroboticsteam.moonfruit.com/#HeroboticsWebsite>. See us for more helpful links!



Hmong students to Governor Dayton: Save our school bus rides

By Jay Clark

North Minneapolis Hmong students going to Hopkins and Wayzata schools are asking governor Dayton to save the Choice Is Yours school bus transportation that they use to get to their schools.

The Hmong students are sending hundreds of postcards to the governor's mansion.

Hue Yang is one of the students who sent a postcard to governor Dayton. When he was 12 years old, his family moved from the Wat Tam Krabok refugee camp in Thailand to America and North Minneapolis. Hue spoke no English.

Hue was the first of the Northside Hmong refugee students to enter the Hopkins school system. At first it was very tough for Hue: He was smaller than almost every other student, nobody else in the school spoke his language, and because he was just beginning to learn English, he often had difficulty understanding what was being said in his classes.

But Hue studied very hard. His grades improved rapidly, and soon he was taking advanced placement courses. Thanks to a lot of help from his teachers and counselors, Hue graduated from Hopkins high and today he is a freshman at the University of Minnesota. Hue's journey from scrawny Hmong refugee who knew no English to a student at the University of Minnesota is a great American success story. Other Hmong refugee students are also graduating from Hopkins High and going on to college.

As the story of Hue's successes at Hopkins spread, dozens of other Hmong families decided to enroll their stu-

dents in Hopkins, while others signed their children up for Wayzata schools. Hmong parent's top reason for sending their children to Hopkins — they want their children to learn English as fast as possible.

Most of the Hopkins Hmong students were born in the Wat Tam Krabok refugee camp in Thailand, most came to the United States between 2004 and 2007, and almost none of the refugee Hmong students knew any English when they landed in America and came to North Minneapolis.

The Hmong students say they like going to Hopkins and Wayzata because they are surrounded by English speakers, take very challenging classes, and get lots of help from their teachers. They explain that their classes are smaller, they have more class offerings, and because the other students in their classes study hard to go to college, it also pushes the Hmong students to study harder.



Northside Hopkins Hmong students collecting postcards from University of Minnesota tutors.

They hope the postcards have helped tell governor Dayton about their lives starting as Hmong refugees and becoming successful American students getting a great education in Hopkins and Wayzata schools.

And they hope that governor Dayton will help continue their educational success by supporting their Choice Is Yours bus transportation to Hopkins and Wayzata schools.

Holiday on 44th highlights

Here's a glimpse of some of the fun at Holiday on 44th. Photos by Douglas Fehlen and Brianna DeVore.



Adults and children alike enjoyed horse and carriage rides.



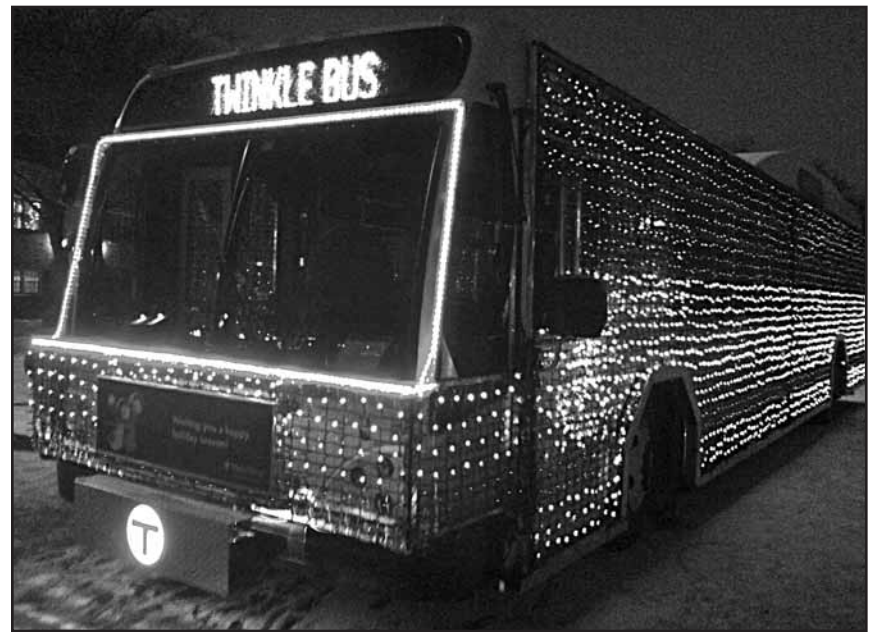
Ice sculptures celebrating the season were on display for revelers



Chestnuts roasting on an open fire were a welcome sight on a wintry evening.



The band Machinery Hill performs at Patrick Henry High School for an audience of all ages.



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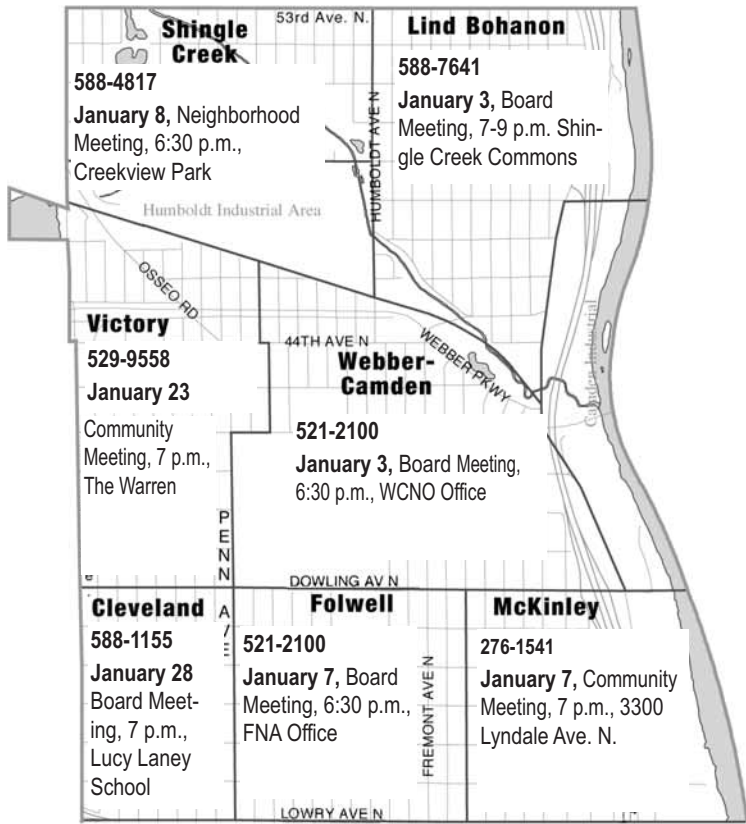
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Happy New Year from Folwell Neighborhood Association!

FNA January Board of Directors Meeting: Monday, January 7, 6:30 p.m., FNA Office.

Notice of Public Comment Period for a Bylaws Amendment: Eliminate the elected position of 1st 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.

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The Clothing Closet: North United Methodist Church, 4350 Fremont Avenue North. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Saturday of each month, 9 a.m.-noon; 1st Monday each month, 6-8 p.m. and 1st 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.

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DECLARE YOUR 15

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 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, January 3, LBNA Board Meeting
 7-9 p.m.

Monday, January 14, LBNA Crime and Safety Meeting,
 7-8:30 p.m. Kingsley Commons

Thursday, January 17, LBNA Housing Committee Meeting,
 Shingle Creek Commons 6-7:30 p.m.

Toys for Tots Thank You!
 The LBNA Toys for Tots distribution was another successful year! LBNA wishes to thank the following for all of their help to make over 311 children's holiday very merry!

*US Marines *Acorn Mini Storage for the moving truck to pick up over 600 toys.
 *Principal and Staff at Jenny Lind School & Community Ed! Principal Aura Wharton-Beck, Sharon P, Keef, Susan H, Susan O, Lisa, Sandy, Lisa, Maggie, Deb C.
 *Tammy Jones, this year's Toys for Tots committee chair and the elves that picked or distributed toys, Devante, Alia, Pam Owens, Ardella Cherry, Georgia Lynch, Jean Bailey, Lori Thayer, Wes Countryman, Jenifer Scherer, Susan Spiller.

Graham Cracker House Thank You!
 Many thanks to Heights Bakery, Columbia Heights for their generosity with the royal icing for our 300 gingerbread houses! To the volunteers who helped at this year's 15th Annual Holiday on 44th event! Ardella Cherry, Shirley Gish, Ione Woodford, Susan Spiller, Pam Owens, Julie, Pauline Betley, Marie Cromwell, Doris Halvercamp. Thanks for sharing your time, and talents, so others could enjoy a little "sweet" art and craft project!

5th Camden Winterfest and Chili Cook-off February 2!
 Dust off your crockpots, darn your aprons! The great Camden Winterfest and Chili cook-off for the prized golden ladle will be Saturday, February 2 from noon-3 p.m. at Bohanon Park Warming House! Deadline to enter the Chili Cook-off is January 25! The first 10 entries will receive a prize and prizes for the winner and runner up! Go to www.lindbohanon.org for chili entry form! Music, snowball launchers, bonfires, food and so much more family fun! Cost is just \$5 per person 16 and older!

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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, January 7, 7 p.m., 3300 Lyndale Avenue North

McKinley Board of Directors Meeting Monday, January 21, 6:30 p.m., 3300 Lyndale Ave. N.

No McKinley Crime & Safety Monday, January 28, 6:30 p.m., 3300 Lyndale Avenue North

McKinley Community Meeting Monday, February 4, 7 p.m., 3300 Lyndale Avenue North

Community History

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Behind the Victory Flagpole – A Northside jewel

By Barbara Meyer Bistodeau

A long time ago, there were not many hospitals in North Minneapolis. Oh, there was Dr. Cranmer's little hospital in Camden and there was Hopewell Hospital for tubercular patients, but if you needed the care of a large hospital, you had to go into town — close to the center of Minneapolis.

People really didn't like having to go downtown, but the doctors themselves preferred having the hospitals centrally located to keep travel time between them short. So, who would ever think of putting a hospital in an outlying district? It was in 1939, when I was a teenager, that I first heard that someone was planning to build a hospital up the "Drive" — close to where a Dairy Queen was located. It was viewed as a big risk to build a hospital out in the "boonies." But there was one doctor who had the foresight to realize that the area was likely to build up into a large residential and commercial area.

This risk taker was Dr. Samuel Samuelson, who built the hospital on the current site and named it Victory Hospital. Fifteen years later, in 1954, a group of community-minded local businessmen reorganized the hospital as a private, non-profit hospital and renamed it North Memorial Hospital.

Coming upon the scene now was a 30-year-old man named Vance De Mong. He was brought in to be the hospital's first administrator. The reason he was chosen was that he was a forward-thinking person, aggressive, and had a very hands-on knowledge about all the departments. He seemed to be 10 years ahead of himself at all times. His biggest passion, one that really put North Memorial on the map, was emergency service. He was fascinated by ambulances, trauma and emergency care. With its reputation for excellent emergency service, the hospital grew from 30 beds

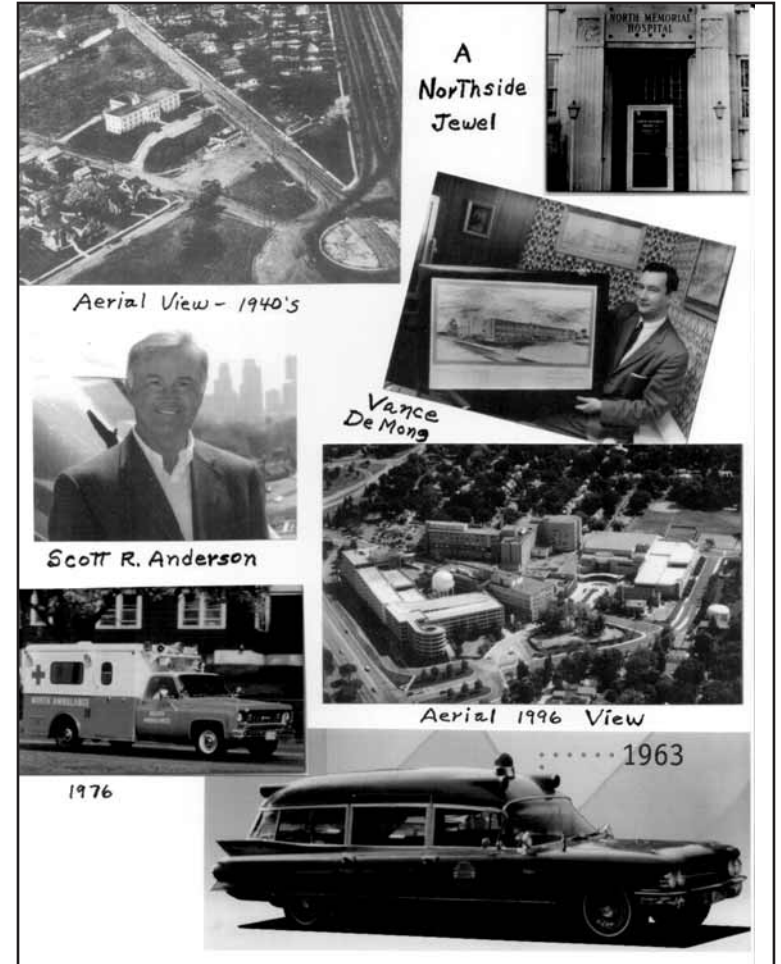
in 1954 to 60 beds in 1956, 302 beds in 1963, and 504 beds in 1970.

Along the way, the hospital became a full-service health care provider, serving the needs of more than a million people! And in addition to emergency care, North Memorial now boasts state-of-the art heart, cancer and birthing centers and six primary care clinics.

Scott Anderson joined the hospital in 1964 and became President and CEO of North Memorial in 1981. He told about some of the significant events in the hospital's history. He said that when he came there they had three ambulances and now they have 115. "The acquisition of the CT scanner in the '70s was another high point. We had the only one in town. The CT scanner helped assess brain injuries and revolutionized diagnosis for head trauma. As the X-ray and radiation field has evolved, we have always played a leadership role and continue to be a leading technological organization in terms of implementing new diagnosis techniques."

"Our independence has served us well over the years. Our approach is more like a "family business" rather than a corporation. Other places doctors go from place to place. But here, this is where they do their work, and our attending physicians get to know the people."

So, with the excellent staff of personnel, including doctors and nurses, all the building additions that have gone on over the years and all the services North Memorial provides, it is truly one of the "gems of the Northside!"



Note: Information taken from the Special 50th Anniversary edition of the North Memorial Monthly newsletter Images, which was written in May of 2004, and was supplied to me by Mark Vukelich.

Northside Greenway project report now online

The North Minneapolis Greenway project was reported on in the December Camden News. If you missed it, the North Minneapolis Greenway Planning Project Fall 2012 Community Input Report is now available on the City website. Visit minneapolismn.gov/health/ship/northminneapolisgreenway. (Scroll to the bottom under 'Accomplishments and Results' to download the report – it is available as a PDF and as a Word document.)

If you have any questions or comments about the project contact Sarah Stewart at sarah.stewart@minneapolismn.gov or 612-673-3987.

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Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association

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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 January 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Shingle Creek Sliding Hill Extravaganza!
Saturday January 19, noon-3 p.m.

Hey Community members! Who says Powderhorn has anything on us? Join us on the only sliding hill in Shingle Creek Neighborhood January 19 from noon-3 p.m. at 50th and Logan Ave N! Bonfires, smores, hot coco, and sledding on the best sliding hill in Camden! Bring sleds of all kinds for a community sliding hill event. For more information go to scna-mpls.org.

5th Camden Winterfest and Chili Cook-off February 2!

Dust off your crockpots, darn your aprons! The great Camden Winterfest and Chili cook-off for the prized golden ladle will be Saturday, February 2 from noon-3 p.m. at Bohanon Park Warming House! **Deadline to enter the Chili Cook-off is January 25!** The first 10 entries will receive a prize and prizes for the winner and runner up! Go to www.lindbohanon.org for chili entry form! Music, snowball launchers, bonfires, food and so much more family fun! Cost is just \$5 per person 16 and older!

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VICTORY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

2200 44th Avenue North • 612-529-9558

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www.victoryneighborhood.org

All the News from Victory Neighborhood

Youth Corps seeks participants and coordinator

The ViNA Youth Corps is one of the longest serving programs of the neighborhood organization. Begun in 2003, the purpose of the Youth Corps is to engage the youth of the neighborhood to assist the senior and disabled residents with outdoor chores and to promote inter-generational interaction and relationships. Youth are assigned to one or more residents for whom they mow lawns, rake leaves, and/or shovel snow. Over the years, the program has employed over 60 neighborhood youth to serve nearly 50 seniors and has had three adult volunteer coordinators.

There are always openings in the program for neighborhood youth between the ages of 12 and 17 and residents who are in need of assistance. Sometimes this assistance is what is needed to allow the seniors to remain in their home. The youth receive a small stipend from the neighborhood organization for their work. At this time we are also in need of an adult coordinator for the program, as our current coordinator is moving on to other responsibilities. If you are interested in any of these opportunities for youth, seniors, or as the Youth Corps coordinator, please contact the ViNA office at 612-529-9558 or info@victoryneighborhood.org.

ViNA Board proposes NRP Plan modification

There are still funds remaining to be spent on the Victory Neighborhood Phase II NRP Plan. Because the funds were capped it will not be possible to implement all strategies in the plan. In the fall of 2011 the ViNA membership determined that the remaining funds would be used for Youth Activities, Neighborhood Events and Business Node Improvements. In order to accomplish this the Board of Directors is proposing the following plan modification:

The ViNA NRP Phase II plan shall be modified so that \$24,999 from Strategy A.1.4.1 Rehab of Vacant Properties is reallocated: \$10,000 to Strategy C.2.1.1. Neighborhood Events and \$14,999 to Strategy E.2.1.1. Local Businesses and ViNA Partnerships.

The Board of Directors will vote to approve this plan modification at their February 6, Board Meeting.

Happy New Year from the ViNA Board!

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 - 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 - Sing/play/create at Camden Music School this winter! Register now for Camden Music School's winter term, Jan. 7-Mar. 16. CMS offers vocal and instrumental lessons, Musikgarten early childhood music classes (newborn to age 8), ensembles, music theory, songwriting. All ages, excellent instructors, joyful spirit. Scholarships and family discounts available. Scholarship application deadline 5 p.m. Dec. 28. Classes at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 3751 Sheridan and Grace Center for Community Life, 1500 6th St. NE. 612-618-0219 or camden-musicschool.com.

Church Events

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 first and 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 8-9:30 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 - Warm up! Mpls Community Education Adult Enrichment in North Mpls is celebrating the new year with 'feel-good' classes. See below. Register 612-668-0251 or at mplscommunityed.com.

Gentle Yoga for Beginners, 8 Wed., 1/23-3/13. Webber Park, 4400 Dupont, 10:30-11:30 Discover the healing and transforming power of gentle yoga. Focus on moving with breath in a restorative format and meditation to enhance peace of mind. Be prepared to breathe, move and discover new things about yourself. Bring a yoga mat, towel, water and wear loose-fitting clothing.

Slow Flow Vinyasa Yoga. 8 Wed., 1/23-3/13, noon-1 p.m. \$30. Webber Park, 4400 Dupont. Slow Flow Vinyasa is a style of yoga that emphasizes movement in coordination with breath. Learn proper alignment in asana (pose) and the use of breath (pranayama). Move through sun salutations and hold basic asana (poses) for a longer period of time. Poses are done standing or lying on a yoga mat. Must be able to get up and down from floor position easily.

What to do when you are Feeling Blue. Thurs., 1/24, 10-11 a.m. \$1 at door. Shingle Creek Commons, 4600 Humboldt. In winter it's common to feel a little down. Don't get stuck in these feelings! Join Patrick Somsen, Exercise Physiologist, to learn about some tips and activities you can do to beat the blues!

Shoulder Massage for Couples. 2 Tues., 1/29-2/ 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$30/couple North High, 1500 James. As you massage the shoulders of someone dear to you, you feel their tension melting away. Breathing deeply, you feel your confidence grow by the minute. Accepting guidance from the experienced workshop leader, you find a new connection with your partner.

Writing in Response to Art: Ekphrasis. 4 Mon., 2/4-3/4, 10-11:30 a.m. \$15 Webber Park, 4400 Dupont.

Health Care for Seniors Tues., Feb. 5, 6-7:30 p.m. North High, 1500 James. Are you or a loved one turning 65? Already there? How do the government programs work? What are parts A, B, C and D? What gets covered and what doesn't, when to sign up and what does it mean to you? Long term care, nursing homes, the government spend down and the Partnership Act also discussed. Discussion about how the new Affordable Health Care for America Act affects seniors. Free class, but must register.

Plan Your Grocery Store Trip. Thurs., Feb. 7, 7-8 p.m. \$15. Lucy Laney School, 3333 Penn. Learn how to navigate the grocery store with your health and budget in mind, what to buy organic, find out the top 10 most toxic ingredients to avoid. Get tips on how to better read food labels. Healthy eating does not have to be a budget buster - find out how you can do it.

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.

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.

Ongoing - Loppet Ski Club - New and lifelong skiers - join this recreational skiing community. Experienced facilitators instruct both skate and classical techniques. Meets Mon. 6:30-8:30, and Sat. for longer distance workouts at Theodore Wirth Park. Visit 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.

Monday, 1/7 - Fare for All Express, 4-6 p.m. Save up to 40 percent on frozen meats and fresh fruits and vegetables. Open to everyone. New location: Shiloh Temple International Ministries, 1201 West Broadway Ave. 763-450-3880 or fareforall.org.

Saturday, 1/19 - Shingle Creek Sliding Hill Extraganza! Who says Powderhorn has anything on us? Join the community on the only sliding hill in Shingle Creek Neighborhood, noon-3 p.m. at 50th and Logan. Bonfires, smores, hot cocoa and sledding on the best sliding hill in Camden! Bring sleds of all kinds for a community sliding hill event. scna-mpls.org.

Saturday, 1/26 - Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity Housing Empowerment Expo. Shiloh Temple Church, 1201 West Broadway, 1-5 p.m. Free. Families can get info on how to buy and own a Habitat home for less than renting. Learn how to make home repairs. No need to register; just show up. tchabitat.org or 612-331-4090.

Libraries

Ongoing - Wanna know what's happening at **Webber Park Library?** Check out hclib.org.

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.

Ongoing Wed. and Thurs. - Discovery Days, 3-5 p.m. For families. Check out the Discovery Room where you'll have minds-on, hands-on fun, with new themed activities each week. North Regional Library.

Monday, 1/7 - Friends of Webber Library Meeting. 6:30 p.m. 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.

Thursday, 1/17 - Senior Surf Day, 1-3 p.m. Webber Library. Learn computer basics, how to navigate and search the Internet and access websites of interest to seniors. Get hands-on computer experience. Register online or call 612-543-6750.

Saturday, 1/19 - Hip-Hop Workshop: Makin' Beats. 2-4 p.m. Register online or call 612-543-6750. Grades 7-12. Webber Library. It's not just about the beats. Learn about writing and producing an original hip-hop CD, beginning with storytelling, then sampling and multi-track recording from prominent local hip-hop music producers. Participants get to take away a CD of the completed song.

Ongoing - there's a ton of stuff going on at North Regional Library on Lowry for people of all ages - check out hclib.org.

Parks

Ongoing Mondays - Friends of Webber Library Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Webber Park Rec Center, 4400 Dupont.

Tuesday, 1/1 - New Year's Day Snowshoe Hike, 1-3 p.m., Kroening Interpretive Center, North Mississippi Regional Park. Snowshoe through the park and view the winter Mississippi. Warm up afterwards with cocoa, bird and squirrel watching. Snowshoes provided or bring your own. Cost \$5; reservations required, 763-559-6700.

Saturday, 1/5 - The Art and Sport of Falconry - the ancient sport of using birds of prey to hunt wild quarry. Learn about the traditions of the sport including birds, dogs, prey and equipment. 9-11 a.m. at Kroening Interpretive Center, North Mississippi Regional Park. Meet modern-day falconers along with the birds and dogs they use. Cost \$5; reservations required, 763-559-6700.

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 naminnnesota.org/ or call 952-939-3939.

Notable Neighbors

Three years ago Northsider **T. J. Richardson** started and completed his first film *Unkown TwinCities: The Story of the Documentary*. This film is a reflection of the good, the bad and ugly of the Twin Cities area — mainly in North Minneapolis. It touches on the community centers, Leo Johnson band, the 1967 Plymouth Avenue riot, the famous Tycl Nelson murder, and much more. There are images and things in

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Congratulations to Camden area college students: Troy Gonxales earned a Doctor of Education in Special Education from

the U of Northern Colorado. **Kazoua Vue**, got an Associate of Arts and Sciences from Green Bay. **Na Lee**, earned a BA in Psychology from Bemidji State U.

We have a lot to be people to proud of in Camden, good folks — folks who have done a lot for our community. But we don't know about them unless you tell us. Know of a noteworthy neighbor? Send the info to editor@camdenews.org.

Taking flight

By Bill Jackman

Oft' times I venture a bit from my normal path, seekin' new adventures. In September I took flight, with the geese, above the clouds to a warmer place, the Carolina Coast, to spend a week with family.

While there, took in lots of sun and scenic places, Southport on the coast, being one of the sights. Historic Southport. Live oak trees, short and spread out, like the hands of God, they shelter everything below them. While settin' beneath the oaks, bells from a nearby church rang out 12 times, t'was noon. This was followed by chimes from a pipe organ. Chimes for the song *Softly and Tenderly*:

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me, see on the portals, He's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me. Come home, come home, you who are weary come home. Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling, calling "oh sinner come home." Oh for the wonderful love He has promised, promised for you and for me, though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. Come home, come home, you who are weary, come home. Earnestly tenderly Jesus is calling, calling "oh sinner come home."

Yes the chimes came from a pipe organ recording from a church steeple, behind the live oak trees. I get a wee bit older

and a lil' more fragile, yet am thankful for the daily bread, and look forward to greener pastures.

In the meantime I continue to try making projects of happiness for others.



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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 send in a generous tax-deductible contribution; 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; 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,
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A little info on your new 4th Precinct Minneapolis Police Inspector

On December 17 the new Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau announced the appointment of the new Inspectors for each of the city's five police precincts. The new 4th Precinct Police Inspector is Michael Kjos.

Inspector Michael Kjos joined the Minneapolis Police Department in 1988. As a patrol officer, he worked in the 3rd Precinct on rotating shifts and served as a narcotics investigator and supervisor of the Crack Team. In 1993, he was promoted to Sergeant and transferred to 4th Precinct where he held a great number of positions. He served multiple tours as a patrol supervisor on day and night shifts, and managed beat officers at a time when 4th Precinct encompassed the downtown area. During his tenure as the beat supervisor, four new police substations were opened with two officers assigned out of each location. Inspector Kjos served several years as the Community Response Team supervisor and worked in the investigations unit as a detective.

In 2004, Inspector Kjos was promoted to Lieutenant and assigned to 1st Precinct. He was responsible for the Warehouse District, North Loop and Loring Park neighborhoods in addition to supervision of the night shifts and the Community Response Team. He served on the advisory board at the Salvation Army and oversaw the implementation of the SafeZone collaborative radio network, which pro-

vides a communication path between police officers and private security. Inspector Kjos was the direct supervisor of a multi-agency foot beat consisting of Minneapolis Police Officers, Hennepin County Deputies, Metro Transit Police and Minnesota State Troopers.

Inspector Kjos was transferred to the Training Unit in 2007, where he was in charge of in-service and pre-service and managed two recruit academies, backgrounds, recruitment and the community service officer program.

For the past four years, Inspector Kjos has served as the Commander of the Business Technology Unit, overseeing all police technology initiatives including the installation of digital video systems in patrol cars and interview rooms, along with public safety cameras. He has managed a budget in excess of \$6 million annually and serves on technology steering committees at the state, county and city level.

Inspector Kjos holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Saint Mary's University and an Associate degree from Alexandria Technical College. He is a graduate of the Senior Management Institute for Police and the School of Staff and Command from Northwestern University. He recently became a Williams Associate by attending the Colonel Henry F. Williams Homicide Seminar at the New York State Police Academy.


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