



# Camden Community News

Serving the neighborhoods of northwest Minneapolis since 1975.



May 2012

Next issue May 25, deadline May 15

www.camdenews.org

Vol. 33 No. 5

## One year later The tornado and its massive impact; the recovery continues

By Sue Quist

We are nearing the one year anniversary of the tornado. Simply said, we are not the same. Our community has been changed by a force of nature that one would not have expected to encounter in the heart of the city. But I believe we have heart, and the implications of the tornado and our recovery are not yet fully known. Here's some of what is known.

The May 22, 2011 tornado damaged 3,700 properties, and two people, David Whitfield and Rob McIntyre, lost their lives in the tornado and its aftermath. The tornado destroyed 2,400 boulevard trees and 3,425 park trees in Wirth, Folwell, Webber and North Mississippi Regional Parks; a span of 3.5 miles. In addition to the arbor losses, the Minneapolis Parks sustained property damages at Wirth Beach, Wirth Golf Course, Willard Park building, Webber Park Recreation Center and pool building, and a shelter at Folwell Park. In all, the cost of damages sustained by the Minneapolis Parks was over \$525,000 dollars. On the upside the Park Board, with the help of volunteers, planted 275 trees in Folwell Park last fall, and has started the planting of 3,100 more trees in parks and on boulevards in North Minneapolis. Additionally, in a collaboration between the City of Minneapolis, the Tree Trust, the Minneapolis Park Board and State Farm Insurance, another 400 free trees were available for individuals who lost trees. Many of these are ornamental flowering trees, provided by an anonymous \$50,000 gift to the Rob McIntyre Fund at Tree Trust.

The City of Minneapolis has issued 2,847 repair permits and approximately \$28 million dollars have been spent on property reparations. Of the 3700 damaged properties, 206 properties sustained major damage and 192 of those properties have been repaired, demolished, or the work is pend-

ing. The City of Minneapolis has issued property orders to 1,029 properties and of those, 823 have been resolved. Additionally, 160 households received more than \$750,000 in loans and free assistance, which helped repair 50 roofs. The City of Minneapolis' Business Recovery Loan Program has made \$117,000 in loans to 27 businesses. In all, about \$1.9 million in assistance has been provided to those affected by the tornado through loans, Minneapolis City assistance, state and federal dollars, and the assistance of non-profit organizations that have worked with the recovery efforts. Perhaps the most remarkable numbers are those attributed to the people and the hours of selfless service they have given to the recovery efforts. Those numbers are immeasurable. Yet 113 properties still have roof damage.

And that is the paradox of this storm event. A walk through the affected areas reveals homes beautifully rebuilt next to houses that look like the storm ravaged them yesterday. Fortunately the number of these houses and businesses are diminishing, but they are reminders of the work yet to be done. Talking to people still in the midst of their own storm recovery efforts, I am reminded that there is a continued need to be a supportive neighbor. I am amazed at the resilience of people whose homes and businesses were damaged by the storms. I spoke recently with a young woman named Kenzi. She and her family moved back into their home in the early fall, but had to move out again, because the repairs were inadequate. Fortunately they were home by Christmas. She has managed to keep a cheerful spirit through all of this and will be graduating from the



Many folks couldn't get out or into their homes after the tornado. Photo by Marky Wagner.

Patrick Henry IB program in one month. Another young woman named Alex, is looking forward to moving back home soon. She said it has been easier for her than others in her family, because she was a freshman at college this past year and lived in a dormitory. Her house had to be rebuilt from the ground up and they are looking forward to moving into their new home in June. The smile never left her face as she told me her story. One week shy of 11 months after the tornado, the Banana Blossom Restaurant reopened on Lowry Avenue. The owners endured many setbacks, but finally reopened, much to my delight! In the words of Darren Baumgartner, the food is still "beau-delicious."

Tornado continued on page 3

## Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board approved RiverFirst: A Park Design Proposal and Implementation Guide for the Minneapolis Upper Riverfront.

By Janette Law

With the adoption of RiverFirst on March 14, the Minneapolis Park Board sets in motion a five-year initiative to create several miles of new Mississippi riverfront walking and biking trails, three new multifunctional parks and multiple neighborhood and regional bike and trail connections to the Mississippi River.

"This is a tremendously exciting time for the Minneapolis Park Board, the city and residents of North and Northeast Minneapolis, in particular," said Minneapolis Park Board President John Erwin. "We are known as the 'City of Lakes,' but we also recognize that the Mississippi River is the birthplace of our city and has been neglected as a city-wide natural amenity."

RiverFirst is the outcome of the 2011 Minneapolis Riverfront Development Initiative (MRIDI), a nine-month community-based vetting of the winning landscape and urban design concept submitted by the RiverFirst design team TLS/KVA to the 2010-11 Minneapolis Riverfront Design Competition. More than 60 agency and community partners, along with a broad spectrum of community members, were directly involved in the MRIDI.

Among the RiverFirst priority projects going into a period of pre-construction design is the Riverfront Trail System with Farview Park phase one greenways – most notably

at North 26th Ave. across the Interstate 94 trench cutting off Northsiders and the West Metro from the Mississippi. A second greenway along 22nd Ave. NE is also undergoing schematic design, as is the Scherer Park District – an existing Minneapolis Parks property along the Northeast side of the riverfront located across the Plymouth Avenue Bridge from Boom Island.

"Under the RiverFirst initiative, the Park Board will work with our partners to bring to life a vision that will transform the Upper Riverfront for residents of Minneapolis, the region and the state," says President Erwin. The Park Board plans to partner with the City of Minneapolis, the Minneapolis Parks Foundation and other agencies on exploring additional five-year priority projects, including a Northside wetlands park where much of the Port of Minneapolis currently is, floating islands in the river, and what's being called the "Downtown Gateway" park.

"We recognize this project will not only add recreational amenities, but will also be an economic catalyst for the entire area, and dramatically increase bird and fish habitat



along an important natural flyway," says Erwin. "Taken together, this project is a win for everyone."

Community members are invited to view RiverFirst at MinneapolisRiverfrontDevelopmentInitiative.com, where they can also learn more about riverfront parks design and sign up for the e-newsletter. Info can also be found at MinneapolisParks.org (click on Current Projects under Design & Planning).

Camden Community News  
P.O. Box 11492, Mpls. MN 55411

NONPROFIT ORG  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
Permit No. 254  
Shakopee, MN

### Inside

- 4 Patrick Henry archives offer 84 years of history.
- 6 Twisted, a tornado memoir to be released on May 22.
- 9 Star athlete receives Athena Award.
- Scoops.....2
- Youth and Schools .....4
- Community History .....6
- Community Arts ..... 7
- Neighborhoods .....8-9
- Community Calendar .....10
- Outdoors.....11



**COLDWELL BANKER**  
**BURNET**  
e-PRO

**Thomas & Jean Bain**

Realtors®, G.R.I., e-Pro®  
BAINHOMES.COM  
Tom 612-701-5379  
tabain@cbburnet.com  
Jean 612-802-5905  
jmbain@cbburnet.com

We're Tom and Jean Bain. We live & work in the Camden community. We work hard to use our real estate experience & area knowledge to help buyers & sellers in Camden & throughout the metro!

Positive economic news continues to help fuel a stronger real estate market. With the overall market heating up, some buyers are looking to Camden for our great housing stock and affordable prices. Have real estate questions?

Contact us or visit us at [www.BainHomes.com](http://www.BainHomes.com).



4326 Sheridan N. SOLD PENDING!  
Classic 3 BR Tudor w/Quality Addition! Perfect!



4300 Emerson N. \$192,800  
Charming 3 BR English Cottage w/over 2000 sq ft.



**Scoops**

Think global and shop local! Do you own a business in Camden? Learn from other business owners at the **Northwest Minneapolis Business Association (NWMBBA)** Meetings on the third Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Shingle Creek Commons. NWMBBA has been serving the community for 80 years! Get info at [nwmpbsbusiness.com](http://nwmpbsbusiness.com), [info@nwmpbsbusiness.com](mailto:info@nwmpbsbusiness.com) or [president@nwmpbsbusiness.com](mailto:president@nwmpbsbusiness.com). Let's grow Camden together!

NWMBBA gets City of Minneapolis Business Association Assistance Program funds: Over the past few years NWMBBA has received a generous \$8,000 to help us promote local business owners, and support community events and the overall business community of Northwest Minneapolis. This year as funding pools are drying up and competition grows, NWMBBA was awarded \$4200. We are grateful for the City's continued support that allows us to promote you, our members and the business area.

During March the *Camden News* and **Papa's Restaurant and Deli** partnered to raise operating funds for our local community newspaper. Through the efforts of local businesses, neighborhood organizations and residents, word traveled that there is a need to support the paper through contributions. The community responded by purchasing nearly 150 gift certificates from Papa's Restaurant and Deli. Those efforts raised \$556 for the newspaper. In addition 12 people won a free pizza and one lucky winner will receive a free pizza every month for a year. Those winners will be notified by mail. Thanks to everyone for your support!

**Bright Water Montessori Schools**, a preschool and charter elementary option, is moving to 5410 Fremont Ave. N in July. In the meantime they're holding a fundraiser — Bright Futures for Bright Water-Spring Gala featuring a live performance by Ray Covington on May 4, 7-10 p.m., Columbia Manor 3300 Central Ave. NE. Tickets: [www.brightwatergala.eventbrite.com](http://www.brightwatergala.eventbrite.com) or 612-302-3410.

Are you or a friend thinking about starting up a new business? **Business assistance consultation** is available! Contact **Jane Taffe** at 612-673-5026 to get off to the right start. The City's Practical Guide to Starting a Business is helpful. The Business Plan Builder is a free tool from Hennepin County Library. Gain access online with the use of a library card. Several organizations have business start-up tools available to help you succeed including SCORE, St. Thomas University, MCCD, MNTAP and U of M Northside Partnership. The City's coordinated development review can help navigate the regulatory process which includes planning/zoning, building plan review, permitting and licensing, and other regulatory review agencies.

Mother's Day is coming up and what better gift than the gift of flowers. **Crystal Lake Floral Design - Orchids by Murphy Florist & Gift Shop** at 1420

*Scoops continued on page 6*

**2012 Camden Community News Deadlines**

Issue	Pub. Date	Deadline
June	May 25	May 15
July	June 29	June 19
August	July 27	July 17
September	Aug. 31	Aug. 21
October	Sept. 28	Sept. 18
November	Oct. 26	Oct. 16
December	Nov. 30	Nov. 20
January '13	Dec. 28	Dec. 18

[info@camdennews.org](mailto:info@camdennews.org)

**Camden Community News**

The *Camden Community News* is a non-profit, non-partisan newspaper serving the Camden Community — the northwest area of Minneapolis, Minnesota — since 1975. Distributed free to residences and businesses in the Camden area; circulation 12,700. Annual subscription is \$20. Printed at Vertis. Layout by Typesetting a la Macque. Published by the *Camden Community News* Board of Directors: John Bispala, Buzzy Bohn, Dan Lynch, Cheryl Anderson and Jean Sanoski.

Minneapolis, MN 55412. Billing address is P.O. Box 11492, Minneapolis, MN 55411. Voice mail, 521-3060.

**Contributors:** Deb Nelson, Tom Murray, Barbara Meyer Bistodeau, Kelly Benning, Sue Quist, Marie Porter, Jeanne Fish, Jay Clark, Zachary Kohl, Chris Kosowski, Amy Luesebrink, Carol McElroy, Mark Wagner and Donna Seline.

**Advertising:** Leave a message at our voice mailbox at 521-3060 or email [ads@camdennews.org](mailto:ads@camdennews.org)

**Editor:** Laurel Parrott, [editor@camdennews.org](mailto:editor@camdennews.org)  
**Webmaster:** Brock Hanson

*Advertising and opinions expressed are those of the contributors, not the Camden Community News or its Board of Directors.*

Published the last Friday of each month, deadline is 10 days prior to publication — send submissions to [editor@camdennews.org](mailto:editor@camdennews.org) or 3526-A Humboldt Ave. N.,

[www.camdennews.org](http://www.camdennews.org)  
[info@camdennews.org](mailto:info@camdennews.org)

**NORTH END HARDWARE**



Voted Best Hardware Store in Minneapolis by City Pages 2009

**How did your lawn mower run last year?**

Spring is here! Bring your mower in for a tune up today!



We carry the compostable garbage bags for recycling yard waste.

**25% off Best Look Paint and Color Solutions paint**



**NORTH END HARDWARE & RENTAL at Penn and Lowry**

Hours: M-F, 7 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Sat, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Darryl Weivoda, Owner**  
**612-529-9151 • [Northendhdwr@aol.com](mailto:Northendhdwr@aol.com)**

**Getting ticked off**

**Kelly Benning, DVM**

So here's the good news. We had a mild winter, not a lot of horrible morning commutes to work, minimal shoveling the sidewalk. The bad news? The parasites are going to take over this year!

Ticks, fleas, mosquitoes and internal parasites are in heaven. Mild winter plus early spring means they have more time to multiply and less of their kind were affected by a harsh winter. Already at my clinic we have seen an abundance of positive results including Lyme disease, Ehrlichiosis and Anaplasmosis. These three are currently the top bread winners for dogs who are positive for tick-borne diseases. Lyme and Anaplasmosis are transmitted primarily by the deer tick (or black legged tick); Ehrlichiosis is transmitted by the wood tick (or brown dog tick). All three diseases can affect any dog, anywhere. Inner city dogs that do not leave an urban yard have been positive on our in-hospital test. Anaplasmosis is quickly becoming the number one tick-borne disease, more than Lyme. My thoughts are that it is because the Anaplasmosis is transmitted faster from tick to pet than the Lyme. The rate of transmission in Ehrlichia is still not known.

So what are the clinical signs of tick borne diseases? Many dogs do not even show clinical signs but are positive. That is something first and foremost to remember. Most commonly, if they do show signs, it is usually lameness, fever, anorexia, lethargy, swollen lymph nodes and/or neurological signs.

Aside from the initial screening test that when positive shows "exposure with possible infection," there are further tests and/or treatment that may be offered to you for further evaluation. Aside from lameness/joint pain, tick-borne diseases can affect the internal organs (liver, kidney in particular) which are not always obvious during a general physical exam. If your dog does register positive, most likely your veterinarian will recommend further testing to assess internal organ function. Treatment, if appropriate, is fairly benign and effective. Remember, however, once your pet is positive for a tick-borne disease, he or she may never actually get rid of the disease. Some patients require life-long monitoring and/or therapy.

So what can we do to control tick populations? In general, drier conditions mean fewer ticks. Keep your lawn mowed, brush trimmed and leaf litter away from the home. Keep trails or paths in wooded areas on your property clear of vegetation. Use a spot-on tick prevention product monthly starting now through at least October (after several freezes). Take care when travelling up north or camping, using local dog parks or wooded areas, and check your pets for ticks daily. Have your pet tested annually for tick-borne diseases. Many clinics now incorporate tick tests with annual heartworm testing.

Lastly, keep yourself informed. Know what ticks look like, where your pet can come in contact with them and do your research. [www.dogsandticks.com](http://www.dogsandticks.com) has a good interactive website that will zoom into local regions anywhere around the country to show specifics for tick-borne diseases. The Center for Disease Control and prevention ([www.cdc.org](http://www.cdc.org)) and the Minnesota Department of Health ([www.health.state.mn.us](http://www.health.state.mn.us)) are excellent resources.

**Web Printing**

HEATSET AND NON-HEATSET  
TABLOIDS- PRE-PRINTS  
CATALOGS - CALENDERS  
FLYERS - TAB PUBLICATIONS

**Prepress Department**

- Desktop Publishing
- Computer to Plate
- Electronic Color Proofing
- Electronic Trapping
- 4-Color Process
- Layout & Design
- Scanning • Artwork

**Finishing Department**

- Bindery • Inkjet
- Labeling • Inserting

**952-445-5800**

5101 Valley Industrial Blvd. So., Box 359  
Shakopee, MN 55379

## Feeding a crowd with jambalaya

By Marie Porter

April showers may bring May flowers, but May brings... the anniversary of our tornado. It's hard to wrap my head around the fact that it's been a year since that day. So much work, stress and strife since that day, but on the other hand, I still remember it like it was yesterday...

Anyway. It seems appropriate to theme May's recipe around the event, so here is my jambalaya recipe. Yes, Jambalaya, as I will forever associate jambalaya with the tornado!

A few days after the tornado, we heard about a neighborhood cookout that was being hosted in the parking lot of the Washburn Funeral Chapel on Lowry. We were sore, exhausted and living out of a cheap hotel, but we decided to pick up \$200 in groceries and make a big pot of jambalaya for those affected by the tornado, and the volunteers – it just seemed like the right thing to do. With our own repairs and financial difficulties, there wasn't a lot that we could do for the community, but I could cook.

My idea was that jambalaya is cheap to make, hearty and comfort food – all stuff that would be needed. It could be made in a big pot, and it's also very healthy, which would be a nice change from all of the "non-perishable food" and junk that I know we – and most others – had been stuck living with.

It took two hours to cut up the veggies and meats, putting the prepped ingredients in a cooler to bring. We brought a 10 gallon stock pot (for home brewing), a 7.5 gallon turkey fryer, and a home brew mash paddle to use as a wooden spoon! To cook outdoors. In a disaster zone. I don't have any experience working in a restaurant or cooking for that many people... or in those kind of conditions... so there was a lot of finger crossing going on. It was surreal. Big 10 gallon pot going over a propane burner, stirring it with what looked like a canoe oar, with "Cotton Eyed Joe" playing in the background.

Well, the jambalaya turned out beyond good! It was my best batch ever, and went over so well! We got a ton of compliments on us providing "the real deal": a huge compliment to this Canadian - cooking traditional southern cuisine!

Well we ended up serving jambalaya to 270 people. The cookout organizers estimated that about 500 people were served that afternoon! People were smiling, everyone got a hearty meal, and there was a great feeling of community.

The experience was incredibly therapeutic for us. Not only was it time away from our own disaster, it was fun... and it went a long way to lifting the feeling of helplessness we were dealing with.

### Chicken, Shrimp, & Sausage Jambalaya

- 2 lbs large raw shrimp. (deveined, shell still on)
- 8 cups chicken stock
- 2 lbs Boneless skinless chicken breast, cubed
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 lbs Andouille sausage (substitute kielbassa if unavailable)
- 2 large onions, chopped
- 2 green bell peppers, chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- 1 jalapeno, chopped

- 4-6 ribs celery, chopped
- 1 small can tomato paste
- 2 28 oz cans diced tomatoes
- 6-8 cloves garlic, pressed
- 3 tsp cayenne
- 2 tsp black pepper
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1 tsp dried sage
- 1 tsp dried thyme
- 1 tsp crushed bay leaves
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 lb bag rice

Start out by flavoring your chicken stock. This is optional, but very much worth the effort!

Peel all 2 lbs of your shrimp, putting shells and tails in a medium or large pot (not the large pot you'll need to make the jambalaya though!). Cover raw shrimp and keep it in the fridge for later. Cover shrimp shells with the chicken stock. Add any celery you have left after reserving 4-6 ribs, some onion, or whatever else you'd like to flavor the stock with. I like just celery and onion in mine, leaving additional flavors for later! Heat stock on low for 30 minutes to an hour or so, until it smells and tastes amazing. Strain everything out, and reserve the stock.

In the meantime, brown chicken in vegetable oil, set aside.

In large, heavy pot: brown sausage. Add onions, peppers, and sausage. Cook vegetables until soft.

Add tomato paste to vegetables. Cook, stirring

frequently, until tomato paste starts to caramelize/brown a bit. This will add a lot of flavor to the finished jambalaya. Keep a close eye on it, do not allow it to burn!

Add diced tomatoes, cooked chicken breast, shrimp stock, and all of the herbs and spices – everything remaining, aside from the rice and raw shrimp. Turn heat down to low, and simmer for 10-20 minutes. Taste, and adjust seasonings if desired.

Add rice to pot. Cover and cook on low for 20 minutes or so, stirring fairly frequently – you don't want it to burn onto the bottom of the pot! Remove lid, allow to cook uncovered for another 5- 10 minutes or so, depending on your rice. When rice is almost cooked through, add shrimp to pot and stir well. Cook until rice is done, and shrimp is cooked through. Serve hot!

## Plymouth Avenue Bridge set for repairs this summer

Repairs to the Plymouth Avenue Bridge over the Mississippi River will begin this July, and the bridge is expected to reopen to vehicle traffic in mid-October. The City Council's Transportation and Public Works Committee today heard an update on the project, which will be done in two phases, the first this year, and the second in 2013. Once the bridge reopens this fall, it will remain open throughout next year's work, with some lane restrictions. The bridge will close to bikes and pedestrian during this year's construction, but will be accessible during next year's work.

The Plymouth Avenue Bridge was closed in October 2010 after the bridge was found to have significant deterioration in its post-tensioning tendons, which are cables that run inside the bridge. An analysis concluded that the bridge could re-open to pedestrian and bike traffic, but would need to continue to be closed to motor vehicle traffic. The City has secured \$6 million in state funding to complete the repairs.

This summer's construction work will focus on the bridge's center span. Crews will remove deteriorating concrete and replace it, and they will replace the corroded cables. Once that span is repaired, the bridge can reopen to traffic. The bridge's other spans will be repaired in 2013, however, the bridge will not need to be closed to traffic during those repairs.

The Plymouth Avenue Bridge opened in 1982, and before its closure, it carried more than 14,000 vehicles a day. That traffic has since moved to other river crossings, including the Broadway Avenue Bridge and the Hennepin Avenue Bridge.

The Lowry Avenue Bridge is expected to open by late summer.

## Tornado *continued from page 1*

May 22 is fast approaching and I'm guessing that most of us in North Minneapolis know exactly where we were at a little past 2 p.m. on that same date a year ago. Now is a good time to think about what you will be doing on that date this year. It might be a good day to get together with neighbors and share stories. Or patronize a business that has recently reopened. Or plant a tree. The recovery continues. Keep strong and keep heart.



A view of one alley after the tornado last May. Next to the car a garage was blown to bits. Photo by Marky Wagner.



Siding from someone's home still lies in North Mississippi Regional Park. Photo by Donna Seline.

### The Camden News is your forum

We welcome your opinions. Please keep your letters to the editor short, less than 500 words, and to the point. All letters will be edited for length and clarity. Send your letters with name, address and phone number to 3526-A Humboldt Ave. N., Mpls., MN 55412 or editor@camdenews.org. Anonymous submissions cannot be printed. Opinions expressed are those of the writers, not necessarily the Camden News.

## North Side Veterans . . . Your Benefits Have Been Expanded !

# FREE Grave Space for Veterans With the Purchase of Marker\*

\* - Double Bronze on Granite Marker for Veteran and Spouse.

Either Traditional Casket or Cremation Interments  
Discounted Space for Veteran's Spouse and Family  
Veteran Grave Spaces in Section 28  
Discounts in Other Sections for Veterans or Non-veterans  
Offer ends June 30, 2012. Call for Details.



## CRYSTAL LAKE CEMETERY

Penn & Dowling Avenues North, Minneapolis  
Open 8:30 am - 4:30 pm M - F. 9:00- 12:00 Noon Saturdays



Visit us during  
our Open House on  
Memorial Day Weekend

612-521-7619

# Camden Youth & Schools

## Mark Kociemba and the archives of Patrick Henry High School

By Zachary Kohl

From having a father serving as principal, to now working at Patrick Henry High School, it is no wonder that Mark Kociemba has an interest in the history of Henry. He now serves as an education assistant at Henry and is the sponsor for student government and the non-certified staff representative on the site council. However, his recent impassioned interest involves working with the Archives of Patrick Henry, which he has been doing for the last two years. Kociemba says that he has always liked history. His father is former Henry Principal Dr. Gary Kociemba and that is with whom Mark Kociemba's interest in the school's history was inspired. He says, "I wanted to know what makes Patrick Henry, Patrick Henry."

What's in the Collection? Admittedly, the term "archives" may be slightly overstated. The collection currently does not have a solid home and is divided between spare shelf space in the media center and some boxes in a corner of a classroom in the basement. Nevertheless, there are many very interesting items to see including: Old The Patriot newspapers dating back to 1928; athletic videos and film reels; prom photos; student ledgers (what would be the "student database" dating to the 1920s); and every Patrick Henry yearbook (except 1997) from the first in 1941.

Details contained in the archives include: Henry was originally a middle school, founded in January of 1928, and was converted to a high school in the 1937; the original mascot was the Minutemen; Henry High is a six-time State Basketball Champion and there is a film reel of the back-to-back '45 champions with two-time University of Minnesota All-American Jim McIntyre.

Why should you be involved with the archives? Kociemba would love to see student and community involvement and interest in the archives. There are opportunities to learn about archiving and research in working with

the collection. Insights abound while looking back on the changes that have happened at Patrick Henry in the last 84 years. Help is needed in organizing and cataloging the current collection and Kociemba is always looking for more items to add to the collection. Anything from papers, photos, letterman jackets or other Henry memorabilia or artifacts would be appreciated.

### What's Next?

Mr. Kociemba has many dreams and ideas for the collection. He says that he would love to see a "flash-back" article included in the student newspaper. This would give students an opportunity to research and delve into the history of the school while informing their peers and community about what they are a part of. Having the old film reels, including the aforementioned '42 basketball champions' film, converted to DVD and moved to the Minnesota Historical Society is another project that Mr. Kociemba would like to happen. Possibly, his most visible project that he is planning would be to have a display case in the School with a regular collection of artifacts featuring events and time periods in Henry's history.

There are many things to learn and explore in the Archives of Patrick Henry High School and anyone who is interested is encouraged to contact Mr. Kociemba. He strongly desires to see interest grow in the Archives and needs help organizing and collecting items. There is a rich history at Patrick Henry. It just needs to be further uncovered.



Greenwood, MacIntyre, Weber, Laursen, Coach Frank Cleve, Brimi, Hagen, Asp, Adamski, Cihoski, Bolstad, D. Kermeen, C. Kermeen, Weller, Jennrich, Gustafson.

## Northside youth lobby at capitol

By Jay Clark

On April 5, 25 North Minneapolis Hmong students stormed into the Minnesota state capitol. All these students go to school in the Hopkins and Wayzata school systems, and they went to the capitol to urge the



legislators to continue to support their school bus transportation.

The Hmong fought with the Americans in the Vietnam war, saving many downed pilots. After being forced to flee Laos in 1975, many Hmong families were trapped for decades in Thai refugee camps. In 2005 the last Hmong refugee camp closed, and hundreds of Hmong came from Thailand to North Minneapolis.

Beginning In the 2007-2008 school year, some of these newly arrived Hmong refugee students started entering the Hopkins and Wayzata school systems. They wanted to learn English as fast as possible and get a quality education enabling them to go to college. Bus transportation has been provided through the Choice Is Yours program.

On April 5 Hmong students talked with close to 20 legislators, including all but one of the Minneapolis senators. They also flyered every legislator. They told legislators that 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 explained that their classes are smaller, they have more class offerings, and because the other students in their classes study hard to go to college, and it pushes the Hmong students to study harder also.

For the past three school years, the U of M has been studying the progress of these Hmong refugee students in the Hopkins school system. In a soon-to-be published report, the researchers conclude that the Hmong refugee students are succeeding at Hopkins. The study cites: Supportive, competent teachers go out of their way to help students during and after school; students are pushed hard in mainstream classes, and specialized staff give additional help on the hardest courses such as history and science; their academic English continues to steadily improve; students are thriving in science classes and ELL classes; students value the abundance of academic activities, both during school and after school, that are helping their academic success; and achievement data shows they are making steady academic progress.

With the help of an excellent education, the first Hopkins Hmong refugee student entered the U of M in the fall. When KaoXue Vang first landed with her family at the Minneapolis airport in 2004, the only English word she knew was "love." She has succeeded through hard work and supportive and challenging teachers. On Sunday nights KaoXue now tutors other Hopkins and Wayzata Hmong refugee children, helping them achieve academic success.

On April 5 the Hmong students spent hours trudging up and down the capitol steps talking with legislators. But they consider the effort to be worth it if they can continue their studies at Hopkins and Wayzata.

**Mpls. Computer Repair**  
 Virus Removal, PC Tune-up, Data Recovery, Hardware/Software Up-grades. **Fast, Affordable Service.** Pick-up/Delivery Available. **A+ Certified**  
 Call: Michael, 612-719-7917 • email: mikemusic6@hotmail.com

**Support Camden News**  
 advertisers —  
 they support the  
**Camden News!**

**HOURS:**  
 Mon-Fri,  
 7am-6pm  
 Sat.  
 8am-noon



**GOT FLEAS?**  
 We can design a treatment program that is both effective and safe!  
 Drs. Cynthia Fetzer, Kelly Benning and Judy Lapham

**Camden Pet Hospital**  
 612-522-4374  
 1405 44th Ave. N.  
 www.camdenpet.com

# Bright Water

## MONTESSORI SCHOOLS

Offering quality Montessori Preschool for ages 16 months to 5 years and a Free Public Charter Montessori program for K-6<sup>th</sup> grade



Are moving to:  
**5140 Fremont Ave. N.**  
**in July 2012!**  
 Call for information  
**612-302-3410**  
 or go to our website at:

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

*Mission: Bright Water inspires passion for learning in an intentionally diverse Montessori community.*

**EPIC MASONRY LLC**  
 Tuckpointing - Caulking  
 Brick - Block - Stone  
 100% Green Chemical Cleaning  
 Concrete Restoration  
 Waterproofing  
**612-369-1579**  
 A LOCAL FAMILY OWNED BUSINESS

EST. 1924 *Full Service Barber Shop*  
**FREMONT BARBERS**  
 Haircuts • Shave • Beard Trim  
 Tues-Fri, 8-6  
 Sat. 8-4  
 Call ahead or Walk ins welcome!  
 4145 Fremont Ave N • Minneapolis • (612) 522-9723

## Help boost the Patriots

By Sue Quist

The Patrick Henry High School Patriot Booster Club is cooking up a new idea to raise funds for the youth at Patrick Henry and they are inviting former and current Patrick Henry students, parents, staff, volunteers, and alumni to get involved. If that includes you, please consider contributing your favorite recipe to the *Patriot Recipes* cookbook effort. When finished, the *Patriot Recipes*, will be a booklet of favorite recipes from the Patrick Henry Community and all proceeds from the sales of the cookbook will be used solely for the benefit of the students at Patrick Henry. This is done by financially supporting the various clubs, educational events and athletics at the school. In addition to collecting favorite recipes, they are inviting you to contribute photos, stories, memories, or sage advice. The cookbook will be sold at a reasonable price at Patrick Henry events where the Boosters are present, which includes many athletic events and open houses. All entries will be kept and not returned, so keep the original in a safe place. The Boosters are hoping to receive your recipes and anecdotes by the end of the school year.

If you would like to submit recipes, photos, stories, etc. send them to Sue Quist at [quist004@yahoo.com](mailto:quist004@yahoo.com) or call 612-529-1282. You may also send submissions to Attn. *Patriot Recipes*, Patriot Booster Club, 4320 Newton Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN 55412. Try to send your submissions by June 1 as the Boosters are hoping to have it available at the New Student Open House in August. If you have questions contact Dean DeGroot, Patriot Booster Club President at 612-789-9596 or [deand@visi.com](mailto:deand@visi.com). The Boosters want to make this a fun project that will instill pride in our high school and community!

Note: They may not be able to print all submissions, if there are space limitations or duplicates.

Patriot Booster Club Mission: To support Patrick Henry High School students in athletics and activities by involving parents, students and community members. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

## Gardeners welcome

By Chris Kosowski

The North End Community Garden again welcomes new gardeners for our third year. We are on Penn, near Lowry, just south of the North End Hardware store, across from the Aldi parking lot. Everyone is welcome to participate. Gardeners may have a rectangular plot of their own or opt to be part of the communal effort with many circular plots. The suggested fee for the year is \$20, and this is cheerfully reduced or waived for anyone for whom it may be a hardship! Gardeners may work in the garden at any time, and we also schedule weekly times when many gardeners choose to work together there. For info contact [northendcommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:northendcommunitygarden@gmail.com) or the Kosowski family at 612-529-8628.



## Fourth Ward Report

Council Member Barbara A. Johnson  
Phone: 673-2204 Fax: 673-3940

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>

### Compostable bags or reusable containers now required for yard waste pickup

Minneapolis Solid Waste & Recycling customers getting ready to take care of their yards this year need to know which bags to use for yard waste. Starting on garbage day in the week of April 9 – the beginning of this year’s yard waste collection season – bagged yard waste put out for collection must be in compostable bags – either paper bags or compostable plastic bags – or reusable containers. A four-week grace period will allow a transition for folks who have plastic leaf bags filled from last season. An educational/instruction tag will be left by collection crews during this four-week transition period. Through trash day the week of April 30, leaves in non-compostable plastic bags from last year will be collected. Due to the extra work and expense this requires, however, the City requests that if you still have empty non-compostable plastic bags, please do not fill them. After the week of April 30, yard waste in plastic bags will be left and tagged for resident re-packaging. Using paper and compostable plastic bags rather than conventional lawn and garden plastic bags will reduce the amount of plastic being sent to local composting facilities. Screening out less plastic from the finished compost means lower processing costs and better quality of the finished compost. The compostable bag requirement is a state law. Compostable plastic bags are distinct from conventional lawn and garden plastic bags because they are usually clear or a translucent shade of green, pink or white. Most home improvement, grocery and hardware stores now carry them. Anyone who prefers not to purchase these compostable bags may place unbagged yard waste in a reusable container with sturdy handles. Other options include dropping off yard waste at a compost facility and taking the bag back home, or composting yard waste at home and using

the nutrient-rich compost for gardens and lawns. Minneapolis solid waste customers can set bags of yard waste, bundles of brush and reusable yard waste containers next to their garbage cart by 6 a.m. on their garbage pickup day. Branches and leaves must be tied with string or twine, bagged in a compostable bag or placed loose in a reusable container. Compostable bags and reusable containers must be 33 gallons or less and weigh less than 40 pounds. Branches must be less than three inches each in diameter and less than three feet long. Bundles must weigh less than 40 pounds. For questions about leaf and brush pickup, call 612-673-2917 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or visit [www.minneapolismn.gov/solid-waste/recycling/index.htm](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/solid-waste/recycling/index.htm).

### Redistricting

Beginning in 2012, voters will use the new voting precincts that were set by the 2012 Redistricting Plan. Current elected officials continue to represent the Ward or District from which they were elected through 2013. Here’s what voters need to know: City Council Members elected in 2009 continue to represent the Wards from which they were elected through 2013. Park District Commissioners elected in 2009 continue to represent the Districts from which they were elected through 2013. City-wide officials elected to city-wide office continue to serve the entire city. For links to the new maps, please visit [http://www.minneapolismn.gov/elections/elections\\_election-maps](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/elections/elections_election-maps).

### 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.

## Thanks for supporting the Camden Community News – your community newspaper

Papa’s Restaurant and Deli  
Sandra Randall  
Donna Baker

John Christensen  
Thomas & Rose Lawson

Thanks to all of you who have donated to the nonprofit *Camden News*. You can donate anytime! Send your tax-deductible gift to *Camden News*, PO Box 11492, Mpls., MN 55411 or go to [camdenews.org](http://camdenews.org) and donate via Paypal. Thanks for supporting the *Camden Community News*!

**TOUR de CAMDEN**  
July 21 9 a.m. to noon

Register @ [www.tourdecamden.com](http://www.tourdecamden.com)

6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL **Tour de CAMDEN**  
SATURDAY, JULY 21, 9-NOON - CREEKVIEW PARK  
[WWW.SCNA-MPLS.ORG](http://WWW.SCNA-MPLS.ORG)

Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association Welcomes You

the BEST DAYS OF SUMMER AQUATENNIAL

Quality. Convenience. Service.

Acorn Mini Storage	Install This Sign and Awning Company	Parkway Home Inspections, LLC
Alternate Decision Makers, Inc.	Insty-Prints Columbia Heights	Ready To Show Homes, LLC
Tom & Jean Bain Realtors	Lind Bohanon Neighborhood Assn.	Republic Services/Allied Waste, Inc.
C.G.S. of Minneapolis, Inc.	Luesebrink Office Services	Scott’s Construction, LLC
Camden Community News	LukeWorks, LLC	Shingle Creek Commons
Camden Market	Majestic Tree Care, Inc.	Shingle Creek Neighborhood Assn.
Camden Music School	Mary Kay/Jody Lee	Strootman Law Office
Camden Pet Hospital	Mary Kay/Margarette Nevalainen	Rafa Therapeutics
Camden Tavern and Grill	McKinley Community	The Alexander Law Firm, LLC
Cleveland Neighborhood Assn.	Mighty Stitch by Vivienne, LLC	The Goddess of Glass & Friends
Crystal Lake Floral Design, Inc.	Mobile Optics Eyewear	The Warren-An Artist’s Habitat
Feldjagers Pest and Lawn	Natural Organizing	Treehugger Tree Care, Inc.
Fishson Graphics & Communications	Nilvia Brinkley of Wells Fargo Advisors	Victory Neighborhood Assn.
Framatix	North Side Electric	VitaLifeRx Pharmacy
Hirshfield’s Paint Manufacturing, Inc.	NorthNews	Weber Camden Market
Holler Glass Block	Northside Auto, Inc.	Younkin Trucking, Inc.
Homes & More Realty, Inc.	Northside Steakhouse	Your Way Flooring, Inc.
Impact - Proven Solutions	Papa’s Restaurant and Deli	

Discover business in Camden.  
North West Minneapolis Business Association  
[www.nwmpbsbusiness.com](http://www.nwmpbsbusiness.com)

## Community History

Commercial Roofing and Sheetmetal is proud to sponsor the Camden Community News. [www.commercialrfg.com](http://www.commercialrfg.com)



### Behind the Victory Flagpole – Focusing on Digatono

By Barbara Meyer Bistodeau

The name, Digatono, was well known around North Minneapolis from the 1920s to the '50s, partly because of Joe Digatono's Shoe Shop on 42nd and Thomas Ave. N. You couldn't miss it because it was at the end of the streetcar line and when you got off the streetcar, you could smell the scent of fine crafted leather wafting in the breeze. Everyone who lived around there went to get their shoes fixed, whether it was for a quick shine or to get their soles saved—(not the church kind!).

But the reason the name Digatono was so familiar to me is that Le Roy Digatono was a classmate of mine at Henry High. I don't know how he did scholastically, but socially he was tops. Always a smile on his face, always telling jokes, an excellent dancer and yes, he was a bit of a flirt—well, that's Italian for you!

Le Roy was one of four brothers, three of whom served in the U.S. Armed Services in WWII. This seemed fairly unusual that three brothers would be in the war at the same time. Le Roy served in the army as an aircraft mechanic with the 15th Air Force in Africa and Italy. His older brother, Joe Jr. graduated from North High in 1939. He was an artillery man in the 34th Division in Africa and Italy. He was on the front line for 550 days. When the war was over, he worked in the shoe shop and eventually took it over. He had a family of six children.

The third brother who was in the service was Marlon (Mar) who graduated from Patrick Henry in 1941. He, unlike the other two brothers, was in the navy. His position was that of an aircraft mechanic in the South Pacific. He had a family of four children.

In correspondence with Le Roy's oldest daughter, Patricia Digatono Eaton three years ago, she mentioned her dad preferred to be called "Dick." She related that he never worked in his dad's shoe shop, at least not that she knew of. If he did, it was just to help out now and then. As a teenager he worked at a gas station and one summer he hitchhiked to Wisconsin to work on a relative's farm. He had no money in his pocket. He did teach himself to yodel while on the farm and used to wake the kids up in the morning with a yodel.

His class at Patrick Henry was fall of '43. This was WWII days, and some of the kids in his class were getting married. Patricia related that her dad was 19 and mom, Pat, was 17 when they got married. She said when she was born her dad was

in the army in Italy and didn't come home for two years. I guess that was common in those days. Later, there were five more children born to Le Roy and Pat Murphy Digatono. The family home was in Brooklyn Center by Twin Lake, so they spent a lot of time at the beach. Le Roy's occupation was that of an insurance man and after that he sold real estate. He also managed the Knights of Columbus Hall in Crystal. Nowadays they live in Osseo. Talking about herself from a letter in 2009, Patricia said she retired from teaching in 1996, after 30 years, but still volunteers at her old school and does some tutoring. "The school I was at was called Pilgrim Lane, located in Plymouth, belonging to the Robbinsdale school system. Pilgrim Lane closed, but thanks to Facebook I am able to stay in touch with former students."

About her brothers and sisters she says, her brother Rick sells real estate, sister Marie went back to college to learn to be a landscape planner, Mick lives in the north woods and does carpentry and other jobs, Dan lives in South Dakota and is a therapist/counselor and Denise is a stay-at-home mom with two daughters. Patricia says, "Denise was born when I was 16, so she seems like my daughter rather than my sister. I adore her daughters! They live 1/2 mile from me and we are very close. Four of us siblings live close enough to my parents to be there in 5 to 10 minutes if necessary." So that's the story of Le Roy (Dick) Digatono's family.



### Scoops

continued from page 2

Dowling Ave. can handle all of your floral needs: Local as well as nationwide delivery, convenient store hours for pick-up, unique, always fresh bouquets, live plants, and more from the last commercial greenhouse in Camden! Greg and Phil Murphy are the sole founding members of the Minnesota Orchid Society, continuing to produce and provide orchids to the public; beautiful, easy to care for, living bouquets. Crystal Lake Floral is the longest running retail florist in the metro area, serving this community with the finest flowers since 1904! This is an honest-to-goodness family business working hard to provide you the best. Call 1-800-356-7258 or 612-522-3316, or take the photo tour of their shop at [mspflorist.com](http://mspflorist.com). A gift of flowers has the ability to lift the spirits, excite the heart and add romance to our lives. Catch the moment, call today.

The Camden News loves to promote local businesses. Know of a new business in Camden, or one that's offering new products or services? Send the "scoop" to [editor@camdennews.org](mailto:editor@camdennews.org).

**Rolling-On**  
4611 Lyndale Ave. N.

**Seller of Reconditioned  
Powerchairs & Scooters**

**Powerchairs  
& Scooters**  
as low as **\$199**

**Call John @  
612-385-1304**

### Twisted: A Minneapolis tornado memoir

*Twisted* chronicles one couple's experiences in the wake of the North Minneapolis tornado. Written by Marie Porter, it will be released on May 22. Below is an excerpt, reprinted with permission by Celebration Generation. Visit [www.celebrationgeneration.com](http://www.celebrationgeneration.com) to preorder.

As we walked towards the car, we saw a sight we just weren't prepared for. A vehicle pulled up into a tight intersection, and a bunch of people got out, carrying massive amounts of lawn signs under their arms. It was like... a clown car. These people proceeded to start putting up their remodeling business signs on any little bit of available land, just littering the place.

Let me try and explain the scene a bit better.

The roads were such that - for the streets you could actually get down at all - the pathways for vehicles were very narrow. There were trees and random debris everywhere. Even the main cross streets were like this, most of them impassable... and this company had just pulled up and parked, without any consideration for anyone that may be coming through with a more honorable, entitled, or urgent purpose. The size of even one car was significant, given the obstruction in the roads.

So then, rather than getting out en masse and offering to help people, these vultures were swarming the area with dollar signs in their eyes.

Rather than pick up debris, or even ask home owners if they'd like a sign in whatever tiny piece of their yard that may have been visible under all of that rubble, they just spread those signs like they were marking their territory. Such disregard for the devastation around them. We saw RED.

As we approached our car, my husband kicked a sign, and just sent it flying. Again, I just can't even begin to describe how pissed off we were, that these people were doing this just hours after the tornado. Who thinks like that? Who looks at this sort of disaster on TV, and gets all excited about the profits they can make? Who rounds up as many people as they can, on a Sunday afternoon, to just litter the neighborhood with advertising?

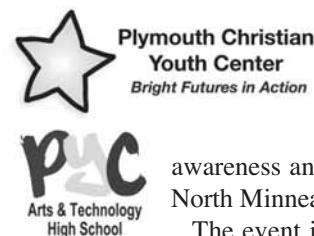
Similarly, I can't even express how shocked we were when one of the company reps ran up to my husband and told him off for kicking the sign. I just can't even imagine how bereft of basic humanity a person would have to be to not only engage in that profiteering behavior in the first place, but to also have the lack of integrity to go up to a victim of the disaster and tell them off like that?

I lost it.

As this pathetic creature wagged his finger at my husband, I screeched at him. I'm sure that the entire neighborhood heard me shriek "We just lost our HOUSE, you vultures!" at him - perhaps not my proudest moment, but... really.

Marie Porter is an award winning baker, and the author of two cookbooks. She has been residing in North Minneapolis since early 2011, along with her husband and four cats.

### PYC Arts and Tech High School students invite community Walk for Success



Students at PYC Arts and Tech High School are inviting community members to join them for the third annual Walk for Success on Friday, May 11 at 3:15p.m. The walk is intended to raise awareness and break down stereotypes about youth in North Minneapolis.

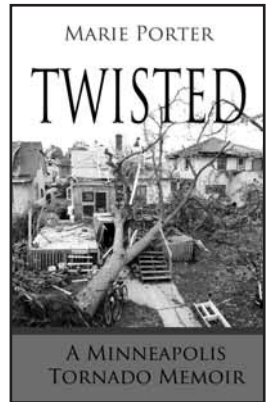
The event is spearheaded by the Discovery Crew, a student leadership group at PYC. "We are all too aware of the negative images of delinquent youth wearing baggy clothes," said Discovery crew leader Walter Anderson. "The high school students of this community want to end this stereotype and show pride in the community."

The six-mile walk begins at Plymouth Christian Youth Center, 2210 Oliver Ave. N., and ends at Peavey Plaza, at the Nicollet Mall and 11th Street in downtown Minneapolis. The public is encouraged to attend.

"We're not asking for money, just for time. The more people we can get walking with us, the higher the visibility towards busting the stereotypes," Anderson said.

The Discovery Crew program began over four years ago. Its purpose is to provide students with opportunities to participate in their community through service learning projects. Students participate in events like International Peace Jam and in staging the annual Black History Showcase at the Capri Theater each February.

PYC Arts and Technology High School is a program of the Plymouth Christian Youth Center (PCYC), a non-profit human services organization that serves North Minneapolis youth and families through education, community programs and community development. For info visit [www.pyc-mpls.org](http://www.pyc-mpls.org).



COUNCIL MEMBER  
**DIANE HOFSTEDTE**  
Rebuilding Our Community Together!

Prepared and paid for by Diane Hofstede for City Council, 610 Ramsey St. NE, Mpls. MN 55413

# Camden Arts

## Northside Arts Collective's Artist Roundtable is a monthly opportunity for creatives!

By Jeanne Fish

Artists and small business people, find out tips and tricks-of-the-trade for Selling on Ebay & Etsy. The May Roundtable has North-



side Art Collective members Robert Johnson and Meg Corcoran presenting on Monday, May 21, starting at 6:30 p.m. at Folwell Park Recreation Center (1618 Dowling Ave. N.). Learn the basics from the pros of how to set up and run your online store! Both Johnson and Corcoran are long time successful online sellers.

"The Northside Arts Collective is committed to bring to our membership and the community opportunities to learn from others and explore new areas for creative outlets. You don't need to be an artist or a member of the Northside Arts Collective to participate," Corcoran said. The Artist Roundtable series features a presentation with time for discussion. The Roundtables are regularly scheduled for the third Monday of each month, starting at 6:30 p.m. and planned to engage local artists and art-enthusiasts. "Small business owners may also find our sessions to be of value," Johnson added. "We need to have a

northside ARTS collective minimum of five participants or the session will be cancelled — so please RSVP info@nacarts.org! We do ask for \$5 (suggested donation) per session."

Slated for the June Artist Roundtable is the Goddess of Glass, Connie Beckers. Connie, the self-described "queen of shameless self-promotion," will present the topic Marketing via Social Media. In this session, she will cover using Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and online deals such as Groupons as promotional tools to get and retain customers. Please note: this session is limited to 15 attendees and will be held at the Funky Bungalow Studio which is not handicap accessible, and there are cats living on the premises.

View the entire calendar of Artist Roundtable sessions on our website, www.NACArts.org. Be in the know: Like us on Facebook and sign up for our monthly newsletter right on our website! You can also sign up by emailing Communications Coordinator Jeanne Fish at jeanne.fish@nacarts.org.

## It's the big five for Live on the Drive!

By Janet Zahn

Live on the Drive turns five this summer! Celebrate by packing a picnic, bringing your family and inviting your friends to our fabulous fifth anniversary summer concerts on June 14, July 12 and August 9. The free concerts are held from 6-8 p.m. on Victory Memorial Drive at 34<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., one of the most beautiful concert settings in the city.

The music:

June 14: Regina Marie Williams



A world-class vocalist and phenomenal actor, Regina Marie Williams gets Live on the Drive off to a "sweet, sassy, soulful and theatrical" start. Don't miss hearing this singer who consistently wows critics and leaves audiences enthralled at renowned Twin Cities venues like the Guthrie, Penumbra and Capri theaters and the Dakota Jazz Club where she released her latest CD, *When a Woman Loves a Man* this past March. Joining Regina on stage for this concert are Thom West on piano, Dave Karr, sax, Kevin Washington on drums and Jay Young on bass. This really cool concert will be the hottest ticket in town on June 14.

"Regina Marie Williams sings with a world of feeling..." Dwight Hobbes - *Twin Cities Daily Planet*

July 12: Tim Mahoney

A little over a year after his appearance on NBC's hit reality show, *The Voice*, Tim Mahoney will be bringing his voice to Live on the Drive. Mahoney's first formal training was on drums and by high school he had learned guitar and piano. Soon after he was playing in bands and performing in college bars, and the rest is Minnesota music history. Tim also has a long history of giving back to his community through his music, most recently with a new song, *Believe*, writ-

ten for injured high school hockey player Jack Jablonski. Mahoney is putting the finishing touches on a new EP slated for release in June, just in time for Live on the Drive.



August 9: Ipso Facto

Ipso Facto is a Minneapolis-based reggae/funk/jazz band that has played for audiences around the world. They are "still rockin' the body, still rockin' the mind, and playin' music about change." Band members for the Live on the Drive gig include Wain McFarlane on guitar and vocals, Greg McFarlane, drums and percussion, Julian McFarlane on bass and vocals, Bruce Jackson on keys and vocals, Tommy Harsevort, guitar and vocals, Beth Ann Dodds, vocals, and Jose James on saxophone, percussion and vocals. A nice, big seven piece band to help us celebrate five nice, big years of Live on the Drive!

Live on the Drive is presented by founding partner, North Memorial, with the Cleveland Neighborhood Association, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, the Northwest Minneapolis Business Association, Camden Music School and through a grant from the Metro Regional Arts Council. (Sponsors to date.)

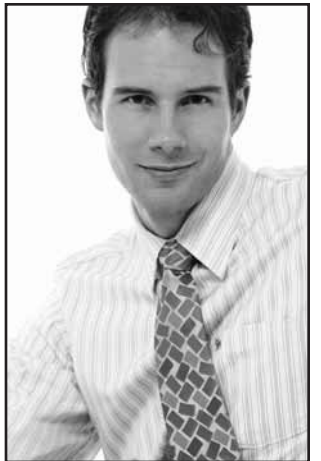
Concert-goers say it best: "This is just a wonderful thing for our community. It really brings people together."

Everyone is encouraged to save gas and walk or roll to the events. Mark your calendars and plan to attend all three free "Live on the Drive" concerts. Info: 612-588-1155 or www.clevelandneighborhood.org.

## Pavia Winds premieres Kinetic

By Janet Zahn

Pavia Winds, a Minneapolis-based woodwind quintet, will premiere *Kinetic*, a piece by local composer Timothy Takach (pictured) at Camden Music School on Saturday, May 26 at 4 pm. The premiere of *Kinetic* will be part of Pavia's spring concert at CMS.



"The piece I wrote for Pavia Winds is fun, fast-paced and playful," said Takach. "This was my first time writing for a woodwind quintet, and it was a joy to write for such nimble instruments. In the piece you hear flashes of color and gesture as the instruments chatter back and forth with each other, and the energy, always driving forward, is passed from player to player."

Pavia Winds is one of the Midwest's most exciting young chamber music ensembles. Formed in 2005 by musicians from area colleges and universities, the Twin Cities-based group is interested in exploring a variety of repertoire for wind soloists with an increasing focus on contemporary music.

The group presents concerts and workshops throughout Minnesota and especially enjoys working with students to encourage enthusiasm for chamber music of all kinds. Members of the ensemble include our very own Camden neighbor Justin Windschitl on bassoon; Erica XXX, flute; Sarah Carmack, oboe; Ryan Golden, clarinet and Gina Monge, horn.

The concert will take place on Saturday, May 26 at 4 p.m. at Camden Music School, 3751 Sheridan Ave. N. Coffee, good cookies and conversation will be served after the concert. Admission is free, though donations will be accepted for Camden Music School's scholarship fund. For info contact Janet Zahn at info@camdenmusicschool.com or 612-618-0219.

**Call Today \$89**

GENO'S

Sewer & Drain Cleaning

763-792-2999

LOWRY CAFE

Happy Birthday - One Year Anniversary!

Early Bird Special,  
Free Coffee from 6 am-8 am with breakfast.

- Handcrafted, Original Recipes
- Comfortable & Friendly Environment
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
- Great Value

Saturday, May 5  
FREE  
Birthday Cake  
*(until we run out)*

Watch our Facebook  
for other specials

612-677-CAFE (2233)  
2207 Lowry Ave N

Serving Breakfast and Lunch Sunday-Monday-Tuesday 6 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Open Weds.-Thurs.-Fri.-Sat. 6 a.m.-9 p.m. Breakfast-Lunch-Dinner

Find us on Facebook

Follow us on Facebook  
for Weekly Specials.

521-2466  
3858 Thomas N.

HAIR FAIR

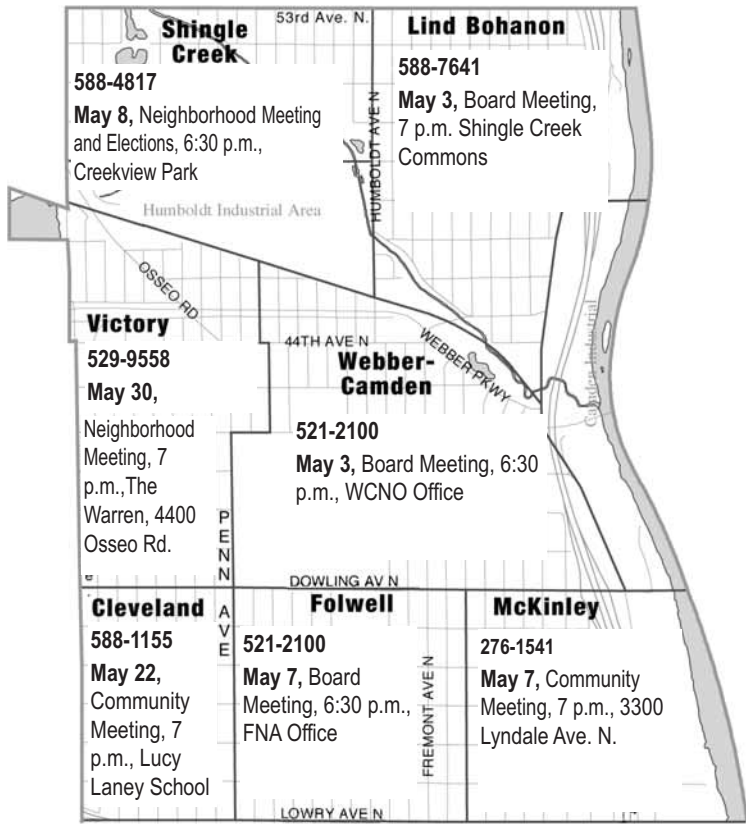
FAMILY HAIR STYLING

Flexible Hours:  
OPEN Mon.-Sat.

Happy Mother's Day!

Think global  
Shop local  
Shop  
Camden!

# Camden Neighborhoods



**WEBBER CAMDEN NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION**  
 612-521-2100 • 1206 37th Ave. N. • Minneapolis, MN 55412  
 Email: [info@webbercamden.org](mailto:info@webbercamden.org) or the website: [www.webbercamden.org](http://www.webbercamden.org)  
*New Webber-Camden residents let us know you're here! M-Th, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Linda Koelman, Chair, WCNO*

**WCNO Board Meeting: Thursday, May 3, 6:30 p.m.**  
 Planning is happening! There are two special events in Webber-Camden's future and you are invited to share in the planning and, of course, volunteering on the day of the event to make sure that it is as much fun as it can be for residents and the North Minneapolis community.

**Special Event: Police Week: Northside Street Race 5K and SOC Open House, Saturday, May 19:** The 5K kicks off at 4119 Dupont Ave. N. at 8 a.m. concurrent with the "y'all run" for peace officers only. The half-mile Swat Trot begins at 9 a.m. All participants in the Swat Trot (10 and under) receive a blue ribbon. The races are sponsored by WCNO. The SOC Open House begins immediately after the Swat Trot and ends at 1 p.m. This is an event with lots of activities for the entire family. Information or to volunteer, call 612-521-2100. Race registration on line: [www.active.com/event\\_detail.cfm?event\\_id=2020253](http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=2020253).

**Special Event: Truck Extravaganza;** this is a honking good time involving trucks – big and small – that happens in Webber Park in August. Planning has begun but will be picking up over the next two months to make this one of the most successful family friendly events in North Minneapolis. Bring your good ideas to the plan – call MaryAnn at 612-521-2100 for dates and times of planning gatherings.

**Important changes in the 2012 Yard Waste Season which began April 9:** All bagged yard waste must be in compostable bags or reusable containers. **A four-week grace period will allow a transition for folks who have plastic leaf bags filled from last season.** An educational/instruction tag will be left by collection crews during this four-week transition period. This change only affects yard waste collection. You may continue to use plastic bags for your garbage collection. Call 612-673-2917 or visit [www.minneapolismn.gov/solid-waste](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/solid-waste).

**4<sup>th</sup> Precinct Court Watch:** Tuesday, May 8, 6:30 p.m., North Regional Library. Discussion about property crimes, "Felons in Possession" with Lt. Bruce Folkens, Gang Enforcement Team, discussing various issues.

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

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

**SCNA Meeting May 8, 6:30 p.m. at Creekview Park**  
 SCNA Officer Elections at May meeting

**Not too late to sponsor or volunteer for this year's Tour de Camden**  
**The 6th Annual Tour De Camden Saturday, July 21, 9 a.m.-noon**  
**An official Aquatennial affiliated event**

It is a leisurely bike ride through the historic seven neighborhood Camden community of Minneapolis on the last day of the Aquatennial. The ride will take participants through a national park, past several landmarks, with various educational pit stops along the route. We are currently seeking sponsors and volunteers for event. Check out how you or your business can add your support and benefit by sponsoring or volunteering at fb: Tour de Camden or [www.tourdecamden.com](http://www.tourdecamden.com).  
**Sponsorship deadline closes May 11.**

**Attention Shingle Creek neighbors!**  
 Are you thinking about becoming a block club leader but just don't know how to get started? You want to but don't want to walk and doorknock your block alone? SCNA can help! Contact us or plan to attend the May SCNA monthly community meeting to learn more. Can't wait? Got questions? [mpls.scna@gmail.com](mailto:mpls.scna@gmail.com).

**Camden Community Garage Sale is coming! Saturday, June 2**  
 As part of the Camden Community Garage sales, Shingle Creek residents can register for \$10, be placed on the map and receive a garage sale promotional packet. Registration deadline is Wednesday, May 23. Be watching the SCNA newsletter and website for more details!

**SCNA Home Improvement Loans keep giving back**  
 Nearly 300 neighbors have improved their properties including new furnaces, windows, roofs and more using the SCNA Home Improvement Loan Program. SCNA homeowners are eligible for low or no interest rates for home improvement loans. The minimum loan is \$1,000. FFI: Call Brenda Yaritz at 612-335-5891, Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) for more details! Or go to our website at [www.scna-mpls.org](http://www.scna-mpls.org) to check out an application and more details!


**VICTORY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
 2200 44th Avenue North • 612-529-9558  
[info@victoryneighborhood.org](mailto:info@victoryneighborhood.org)  
[www.victoryneighborhood.org](http://www.victoryneighborhood.org)  
*All the News from Victory Neighborhood*

**Victory Garage Sale and Flea Market! – June 2**  
 June 2 will be a great day in the neighborhood as we host our 18th annual Victory Neighborhood Garage Sale. **New this year**, the garage sale will include a **Flea Market** at Loring School. The Flea Market will offer an opportunity for residents to reserve a six foot table in the school gym. Sellers will be responsible for their own sale transaction and residents of the other Camden neighborhoods are welcome to participate in the Flea Market as well.

The cost to participate in the Garage Sale or to reserve a table at the Flea Market will remain the same at \$7. You must register by **May 11** to be included on the garage sale map which will be available both in paper form as well as online at our website. **Tables for the Flea Market will be limited and available on a first-come-first-serve basis**, so if you want to reserve a table, be sure to register early. Registration forms are available in the spring newsletter, from the ViNA Office or on the website.

**Spring Cleaning Day—May 19**  
 Spring Cleaning Day is the day that we all pitch in to clean up the public spaces in our neighborhood. This year you can work with your block club to pick up litter on your block, adopt one of our major public streets or parks for litter pick up or join the ViNA Environmental Committee in stenciling the catch basins in the neighborhood. We will kick off with a Litter Pickin' breakfast at the ViNA office at 9 a.m. where you can also pick up gloves and bags for your litter picking efforts.

**Memorial Concert at the Flagpole – May 24**  
 The evening will begin at 6:45 p.m. with a gun salute performed by the Charles Knaeble VFW Ritual Squad, followed at 7 p.m. by a concert by the Robbinsdale City Band. Bring a chair or blanket to the Flagpole plaza near Victory Memorial Drive and Xerxes Avenue N.

**The Lind Bohanon Neighborhood Association**  



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

**Thursday, May 3, LBNA Board Meeting, 7 p.m. LBNA**  
**Camden Community Garage Sale is coming Saturday, June 2!**  
 LBNA will again be holding its fundraising garage sale during that weekend! If you have items you'd like to donate to the LBNA Fundraising garage sale contact us at 612-588-7641 or [lindbohanonna@aol.com](mailto:lindbohanonna@aol.com) by May 25. Funds raised will go toward the LBNA National Night Out Picnic In the Park. If you're interested in holding your own garage sale that weekend please watch for an application in the upcoming newsletter or go online to our website at [www.lindbohanon.org](http://www.lindbohanon.org).

**LBNA Home Improvement Loan Program helps**  
 The Lind-Bohanon Neighborhood Association through the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) funding provides several different loans for residents to take advantage of to help improve their properties. This program offers residents attractive home loans at below market rates! For info contact Brenda Yaritz, Center for Energy and Environment, 612-335-5891.

**LBNA hosts Food Preservation Class,**  
 Tuesday, June 5, 6-8 p.m. at Creekview Park, 5001 Humboldt Ave.  
 So you Google a recipe to can pumpkin and find one on a food preserver's blog. Your grandma gives you her favorite pickle recipe. Are these credible and safe canning recipes? Find out by joining U of M food safety extension educator, Suzanne Driessen, for a 2012 update on safe home food preservation methods and research based resources. Learn the safest and most current ways to preserve foods by canning, freezing and pickling. Whether you are new at preserving food or have been preserving for years, the Preserving Food Safely: Exploring the Options class is for you! Free! Info/register at [www.lindbohanon.org](http://www.lindbohanon.org) or 612-588-7641.

**Lind Community Garden plots still available!**  
 The Lind Community Garden at 51st and Dupont Ave N garden plots still available!

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


**FNA May Board Meeting: Monday, May 7, 6:30 p.m., FNA Office.**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Precinct Court Watch: Tuesday, May 8, 6:30 p.m., North Regional Library.** Discussion about property crimes, "Felons in Possession" with Lt. Bruce Folkens, Gang Enforcement Team, discussing various issues.

**Police Week: Northside Street Race 5K and SOC MPD (Special Operations Center) Open House, Saturday, May 19:** 8 a.m. is the kickoff of the 5K at 4119 Dupont Ave. N. concurrent with the "Y'all run" for peace officers only. The half-mile Swat Trot for kids under 10 begins at 9 a.m. All race participants and volunteers receive a free race t-shirt. The SOC Open House begins immediately after the Swat Trot and ends at 1 p.m. There are lots of family friendly activities. Join in, help out or watch – it's all fun! For information or to volunteer: 612-521-2100. Race registration: [www.active.com/event\\_detail.cfm?event\\_id=2020253](http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=2020253).

**Important changes in the 2012 Yard Waste Season which began April 9:** *All bagged Yard Waste must be in compostable bags or reusable containers. A four-week grace period will allow a transition for folks who have plastic leaf bags filled from last season.* This change only affects yard waste collection. You may continue to use plastic bags for your garbage collection. Call 612-673-2917 or visit [www.minneapolismn.gov/solid-waste](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/solid-waste).

**FNA's Ice Cream Social:** This year the ice cream social is on Thursday, June 21 at Folwell Park. Watch for more information soon.



## Athena award winner Rумыana Hulmequist

By Tom Murray



The Patrick Henry Class of 2012 has produced several outstanding female athletes who have made valuable contributions to the Patrick Henry athletic and academic program. Rумыana Hulmequist is one of those extraordinary young women and her efforts and accomplishments over her four years at Henry have earned her our school's highest award for female athletes: The Athena Award.

For four years Rумыana starred in soccer, hockey and softball, serving as a team captain for both soccer and softball. She has also received "All City" awards in soccer and softball. All of Rумыana's coaches nominated her for the Athena Award; even a fan wanted to make sure that judges did not overlook Rумыana's achievements.

Rумыana is a diploma candidate for the International Baccalaureate Program and a member of the National Honor Society. Brianna Harder, IB coordinator, credited Rумыana for "...excelling in all disciplines with an outside the box intellect that challenges all conventional thought."

Rумыana is an accomplished pianist and plans to study pre-medicine and music in the fall at St. Olaf College.

## Copenhagen comes to the Workhouse Theatre

The Ivey Award winning Workhouse Theatre Company will present *Copenhagen*, by Michael Frayn, from April 27 through May 3. *Copenhagen* is directed by Bryan Bevell and features Muriel Bonertz (previously seen in *night Mother*), Michael Jurenek (previously seen in *How I Learned To Drive* and directed *Apartment 3A*), and Bob Malos.

Synopsis: In 1941, German physicist Werner Heisenberg went to Copenhagen to visit his Danish mentor, Niels Bohr. Together they had revolutionized atomic physics, but now they were on opposite sides of a world war. *Copenhagen* is an explosive re-imagining of a private conversation between these two Nobel laureates in which they discuss the nature of existence, physics and the atomic bomb. This Tony Award-winning play is an exploration of why we do what we do, and the roles Bohr and Heisenberg inadvertently played in shaping our post-World War II world.



Bob Malos, Michael Jurenek and Muriel Bonertz perform in the Workhouse production of *Copenhagen*. Photo by Duane Atter.

Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. There is a special pay-what-you-can performance on Monday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 at the door (\$13 online) and \$13 for students and senior citizens (\$11 online). For reservations and tickets go to [www.workhousetheatre.org](http://www.workhousetheatre.org). You may also make walk-up reservations by calling 612-695-7044. All performances are at The Warren - An Artist Habitat, 4400 Osseo Road.

Workhouse Theatre Company has served the North Minneapolis community with full scale productions for six years now. They have cancelled their last show of this season, *Dog Sees God*, and will be replacing it with a co-production with Flower Shop Project, to be presented in the fall, followed by an indefinite hiatus. The show, Matthew Everett's *But Not For Love*, will be directed by Richard Jackson, who directed Workhouse's award winning *night Mother*, last year's *Torch Song Trilogy*, and was seen in this year's *The Eight: Reindeer Monologues*. For info on the show and for auditions go to [www.theflowershopproject.com](http://www.theflowershopproject.com), or email [megan@theflowershopproject.com](mailto:megan@theflowershopproject.com).

## Touring the potential LRT

By Jay Clark

On April 21, 30 Hmong students were taken on a tour of the possible routes of the proposed Bottineau Light Rail Train through North Minneapolis. Many of these students and their families live within three blocks of the proposed LRT routes on Penn and Oliver.

The Hmong comprise 12 percent of the population of near North Minneapolis. However, Hmong participation in North Minneapolis Bottineau LRT community meetings has been minimal. Engaging Hmong students in a tour provided the opportunity to get feedback from an important group of residents.

Two months before the Bottineau tour, one family voiced their concerns - they had 12 family members and a 15 passenger van. They did not know about any proposal to put LRT on their street until they were told by a neighbor. If the LRT goes up they would lose their street, their parking, and the train right-of-way could take out their sidewalk and some of their front yard. They expressed concerns for the safety of their family, the noise, where to park, the width of the trains and the construction zone, and the noise, mess and danger from construction.

In December 20 Hmong students went on a mass

transit trip to Mall of America, riding both a Metro bus and the Hiawatha LRT. Before the trip, the Hmong students were asked if they had ever ridden a metro bus or the Hiawatha LRT before. Only two hands went up. They said the biggest reasons why are safety and fear of getting lost.

The fact that the vast majority of Hmong families do not use mass transit may explain their votes. Because few Hmong families use mass transit, they see as minimal any benefits they will get from LRT in North Minneapolis. However, those living close to - or on - the proposed routes worry about the noise and disruption caused by the construction and operation of light rail transit, along with the possible loss of buildings and parking and streets.

By contrast, a group of North Minneapolis Latino students were also taken in December on an LRT trip to Mall of America. All the Latino students said that they had previously used mass transit. All the Latino students also live more than three blocks from the proposed LRT route. The Latino students said it would be good to have LRT in North Minneapolis. The Latino students also voted that the Wirth train tracks would be the best route for the Bottineau LRT.





**McKinley Community Office**  
3300 Lyndale Ave. N.  
Phone: 612-588-7550  
Email: [mckinleycommunity@yahoo.com](mailto:mckinleycommunity@yahoo.com)  
Website: [www.mckinleycommunity.com](http://www.mckinleycommunity.com)

**Know a senior who needs help with raking, shoveling or other chores?**  
**Chore Program** - low-cost home maintenance services such as routine housecleaning, seasonal jobs, lawn care, **snow removal** and minor repairs aimed at helping seniors living in their homes (individuals 60 and over). Call 612-374-3322.

**Want to buy a house to live in? The McKinley Home Ownership Forgivable Loan Program is available**  
Call Chris at 612-588-7550 for more details. Other restrictions apply, so call today.

**Does your home need work? Check out a McKinley Home Improvement Loan**  
The McKinley Community has a great


home improvement loan that is managed by Center for Energy and the Environment and carries an interest rate of only 3%! The application process is easy and loan amounts can be between \$2000 and \$15,000. Call 612-588-7550.

**McKinley Calendar of Events**

**McKinley Community Meeting**  
Monday, May 7, 7 p.m.,  
3300 Lyndale Avenue North  
\*\*New location\*\*

**McKinley Board of Directors Meeting** Monday, May 21, 6:30 p.m.,  
3300 Lyndale Avenue North


**McKinley Community Annual Meeting** Monday, June 4, 7 p.m.,  
3300 Lyndale Avenue North



**CNA Cleveland Neighborhood Association**

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

**New Coordinator wants to meet you!**  
Ariah Fine, the new Community Coordinator at the Cleveland Neighborhood is looking forward to meeting you this summer. He'll be knocking on your door, biking the neighborhood, out at the park and at any CNA meeting or event. Make it easy for him and say hello: 612-588-1155 or [ariah@clevelandneighborhood.org](mailto:ariah@clevelandneighborhood.org).



**Spring Cleaning on May 19**  
Meet us at 9 a.m. at the CNA office to clean up along Penn Ave. and then celebrate together at noon with a picnic

outside the CNA office. Hot dogs and lemonade provided, but please bring that delicious peach cobbler or other food to share.

I want



in my neighborhood.

Join your neighbors on **May 22, 7 p.m.** at Lucy Craft Laney School to share with CNA what neighborhood priorities you'd like to see in the coming year in Cleveland. Our visioning workshop will be a hands-on opportunity to dream together with your neighbors and share what you want in your neighborhood.

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

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

**Ongoing Thursdays - Northside Writers Group Meeting**, 7-9 p.m. New members always welcome. Any skill level acceptable. We are interested in your enthusiasm, in your story, in your willingness to write. Homewood Studios, 2400 Plymouth. Info: Debra Stone at [stone.debra@comcast.net](mailto:stone.debra@comcast.net) or George Roberts at [george@homewoodstudios.com](mailto:george@homewoodstudios.com).

**Ongoing - It's not too late to play at Camden Music School** this spring. Spring session runs through June 16. Register now, we'll charge you for the number of lessons you take. Vocal and instrumental lessons, Musikgarten early childhood classes, music theory and ensembles for youth and adults. Info [www.camdenmusic-school.com](http://www.camdenmusic-school.com) or 612-618-0219. Play with us this summer, June 25-July 19 and July 23-August 16. Choose one of two four-week sessions or play for all eight weeks. Camp Konomiwanarock is back! Rockin' good fun, great music and intense learning with Dave DeGennaro, Jeffrey Willkomm and Katy Hays. July 23-26, July 30-August 2 (8 half days, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.). Just completed grades 5-8, or by special arrangement at Marcy Open School, 415 4th Ave. SE. Info: 612-618-0219 or [www.camdenmusic-school.com](http://www.camdenmusic-school.com).

**Fridays, May 4-18, MacPhail Center for Music: Sing, Play, Learn!** 10:30-11:15 a.m. Call 612-543-8450. Preschool. Hands-on musical play activities led by early childhood music specialists will let your family experience music's impact on learning and reading readiness. Together you will sing, rhyme, read, move and create!

## 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 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, 4/28 - Gethsemane Lutheran Church Women's Spring Salad Luncheon**, 47th and Colfax, noon. All members, neighbors and friends invited for all kinds of delicious salads. Enjoy the floral designs

by Kay and her unique arrangements for any occasion. Tickets: adults \$10, \$5 for 10 years and under. Info: [glcmpls.org](mailto:glcmpls.org) or 612-521-3575.

**Saturday, 5/5 - Annual Spring Luncheon with Luther Memorial Lutheran Church Women**. Noon-2 p.m., 3751 Sheridan. Tickets \$8.50. Entertainment by the Luther Memorial Youth Group.

**Saturday, 5/19 - North United Methodist Church Salad Luncheon**, 44th and Fremont, noon-1 p.m. Program includes the boys' choir.

**Friday, Saturday, 5/4 and 5 - Christ English Lutheran Church Rummage Sale**, 3210 Oliver. Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m.-noon, bag day.

## 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 Saturdays - Homewood Tai Chi**, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Questions: Beverly Roberts at 612 588-3723 or [beverly@homewoodstudios.com](mailto:beverly@homewoodstudios.com).

**Ongoing Open Computer Lab**. Walk-in computer access for the community. Surf the web, check your email or get assistance creating documents. Call 612-668-1730 for details. Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m. Free. Info: 612-668-1922 or [www.mplscommunityed.com](http://www.mplscommunityed.com). Would you like to teach a class on the Northside? Are there classes you'd like to see offered? Contact Kevin at 612-668-1922 or [kevin.czowski@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:kevin.czowski@mpls.k12.mn.us).

**Saturday, 4/28 - Raingarden Workshops**. North Regional Library: [www.metroblooms.org](http://www.metroblooms.org) or 651-698-1390. Space limited. Free.

**Tuesday 5/5 - Food Preservation Class Tuesday**, 6-8 p.m., Creekview Park 5001 Humboldt. Find the best way to preserve food from U of M food safety extension educator, Suzanne Driessen. Safe home food preservation methods and research based resources. Learn the safest ways to preserve foods by canning, freezing and pickling. Free! [www.lindbohanon.org](http://www.lindbohanon.org) or 612-588-7641.

## Community Events

**Ongoing - Hennepin County Public Health low-cost immunizations** for people who don't have health insurance or their insurance does not cover immunizations. Walk-in clinics at Brookdale Service Center, 6125 Shingle Creek Road, May 22, 9 to 11 a.m. Hennepin Health Services, 525 Portland Ave. S., May 4, 8:30 to 11 a.m. 612-348-2884 or [www.hennepin.us/vaccines](http://www.hennepin.us/vaccines). Donations requested but not required.

**Ongoing Wednesdays** - Want to build your summer paddling, mountain biking and trail running skills? Join the **City of Lakes Tri-Club!** Using Minneapolis' chain of lakes and one-of-a-kind trail network in Theodore Wirth Park; learn from expert instructors the many ways to have fun during a Minneapolis summer. Stay active and expand your recreational horizons. Club meets 5/23-6/20, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. 612-604-5334.

**Ongoing Saturdays- Camden Garden club**. May 12 rototill at Sculpture Garden, apply Roundup and Preen; refreshments after. May 26 weed and woodchip at Triangle Garden, 42nd and Humboldt; refreshments after. Want to volunteer on an evening instead? Call Lisa at 612-588-0483 or Nancy at 612-522-7529.

**Ongoing Tuesday - Camden Running Club**. Beginning May 15, at 6 p.m. All running abilities welcome. Running distances determined by those runners in attendance. Contact Eric Nystrom at [camdenrunning](mailto:camdenrunning)

**Ongoing Mondays - Fare For All Express**. Once a month, 5-7 p.m. Save up to 40% on frozen meats and fresh fruits and vegetables. Open to everyone. North Community YMCA, 1711 West Broadway Ave. Next distribution is May 14. Info: 763-450-3880 or [www.fareforall.org](http://www.fareforall.org).

**Friday, 5/4 - Bright Futures for Bright Water-Spring Gala** featuring live performance by Ray Covington and band, 7-10 p.m. Columbia Manor 3300 Central Ave. NE. Tickets: 612-302-3410 or [www.brightwatergala.eventbrite.com](http://www.brightwatergala.eventbrite.com).

**Thursday, 5/10 - One in three U.S. women is a victim of domestic violence**, the second leading cause of death for women in their childbearing years. **ISIAH Domestic Violence Task Force** discusses how to break the silence. Parish Community of St. Joseph, 8701-36th Ave. N., 7 p.m. Free; info 763-546-5368.

**Tuesday, 5/18 - 4th Precinct Court Watch**, 6:30 p.m., North Regional Library. Discussion on property crimes, felons in possession, with Lt. Bruce Folkens, Gang Enforcement Team, and various issues.

**Saturday, 5/19 - Police Week: Northside Street Race 5K and SOC MPD (Special Operations Center). Open House**, May 19 8 a.m. kick-offs the 5K at 4119 Dupont Ave. N. concurrent with the "Y'all run" for peace officers only. Half-mile Swat Trot for kids under 10 begins at 9 a.m. All race participants/volunteers get a free race t-shirt. SOC Open House is immediately after the Swat Trot and ends at 1 p.m. Family friendly activities. Join in, help out or watch - it's all fun! Info: 612-521-2100. Race registration: [www.active.com/event\\_detail.cfm?event\\_id=2020253](http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=2020253).

**Thursday, 5/24 - Memorial Concert at the Victory Flagpole**; 6:45 p.m. with a gun salute performed by the Charles Knaeble VFW Ritual Squad, followed at 7 p.m. by a concert by the Robbinsdale City band. Bring a chair or blanket; Victory Memorial Drive and Xerxes Ave. N.

**Monday, 5/28, 11 a.m. Mound Cemetery of Brooklyn Center celebrates 150 years of service**: Annual Memorial Day Service cosponsored with Palmer Lake VFW Post 3915 and American Legion Post 630; honors all who have served the country through military service; Civil War reenactment, music provided by the Band of Praise. A monument will be dedicated to honor the early inhabitants of Brooklyn Township. Buried within the historic area rests the Township's earliest settlers and founders as well as a few early pioneers who lost their lives while passing through the area and were originally buried outside the cemetery's first gate.

## Libraries

**Ongoing Saturdays** - Original theater and ancient Japanese taiko drumming by **Mu Performing Arts Spice & Slice**. Free. May 5, 1:30 p.m. Spice & Slice of Asian America: Japanese Taiko, Minneapolis Central Library. May 12, 1 p.m. Spice & Slice of Asian America: Hmong Tiger Tales. North Regional Library Grades 1-6. Four fun, short plays based on Hmong folk stories about tigers and its symbolism in Hmong culture. May 19, 1 p.m. Spice & Slice of Asian America: Korean Adoptee Stories Brookdale Library.

**May events at Webber Park Library**, [www.hclib.org](http://www.hclib.org). 4310 Webber Pkwy., 612-543-6750

**Family Storytime**, Sat, May 5-26, 11-11:30 a.m. Webber Park Library. For children age 2 and up. Share books, stories, rhymes, music, and movement with your children.

**Friends Meeting**, Mon., May 7, 6:30 p.m. Webber Community Center, 4400 Dupont Ave. N. Join fellow library enthusiasts to hear what's happening at Hennepin County Library. Help support your local library by planning and volunteering at book sales, programs, and special events. The Friends look forward to meeting you.

**Job Search Assistance**, Thursday, May 10, 1 p.m. Webber Park Library. Are you seeking new employment or re-entering the workforce? Do you need help looking for a job, filling out applications or writing your résumé? Stop in for free one-to-one assistance with a job search representative.

**May events at North Regional, 1315 Lowry Ave. N., 612-543-8450**  
**Discovery Days**, Tues, Wed, and Thurs, May 1-29, 3-5 p.m. Preschool-grade 5. Check out the Discovery Room where you'll have minds-on, hands-on fun, with new themed activities.

**Game On! Gaming Thursdays**, May 3-31, 5-7 p.m. Grades 6-12. Play PS2 or Wii games at the library! Grab a friend, bring your favorite board or card game, or play ours!

**World of Work Orientation for Ex-Offenders**, Tuesdays, May 8 and 22, 4-6 p.m. Drop-in service for men and women with a criminal background who need assistance with job applications, résumés, interview skills and support in overcoming that barrier to land their "dream job."

**Small Business Consultation With NEON (Northside Economic Opportunity Network)**, May 16, 4-6 p.m. How do you turn your business ideas into business realities? Do you have questions about running your business? Stop in for a free consultation with Northside Residents Redevelopment Council and learn about resources, loans and training to help you be an effective business owner. Computer Skills Workshop. Fridays, May 18 & 25, 2-4 p.m. Work on projects and practice skills from using the mouse and keyboarding to using email and Microsoft Office with our software instructors and volunteer assistant.

## Parks

**Saturday, 4/28. Winnie the Pooh Walk**, 1-3 p.m., Kroening Interpretive Center, North Mississippi Regional Park. Everyone has a favorite animal character from a story. How is

your favorite animal related to the animals in the park? Bring your stuffed animal friend for a woodland walk, enjoy an animal treat, and create a creature craft. Children must be accompanied by a paying adult. Cost \$5, reservations required. Call 763-559-6700. For ages: 4+.

**Saturday, 5/5 - Fish Fun on the Mississippi**, 10 a.m.-noon, Kroening Interpretive Center, North Mississippi Regional Park. Paddlefish, longnose gar, and johnny darter? There is more to the Mississippi fish story than just carp! Learn about our river neighbors, try your hand at minnow races and design a fish print t-shirt. Bring a t-shirt to paint. Cost \$5. Call 763-559-6700. Ages 5+.  
[club@gmail.com](mailto:club@gmail.com).

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

## June

**Tuesday, 6/5 - Loring Peace Parade**. Come celebrate the end of another successful year of learning by the students of Loring School. Come cheer us on from 1:45-2:15 p.m. at Loring School, 2600 44th Ave. for our yearly peace parade. Questions: Joyce Lehman at 612-668-2060.

**Saturday, 6/7 - 18th annual Victory Neighborhood Garage Sale**. New this year; Flea Market at Loring School. Garage sale or table at the Flea Market is \$7. Register by May 11 to be included on the garage sale map, available in paper and online. Flea Market tables limited, first-come-first-serve, register early. Register at ViNA Office or at [victoryneighborhood.org](http://victoryneighborhood.org).

## Section 8 Vouchers Accepted

### Call About Our Move In Specials

- 1 and 2 bedrooms available
- New Carpets
- Large windows
- Heat paid, free off - street parking, on bus line, walking distance to Mpls Farmers Market, Downtown, schools, libraries, parks and the NEW STADIUM!
- Income restrictions apply.

M - Fri 8:30-4:30; Evenings/Sat by appt.

**Park Plaza Apartments**  
525 Humboldt Ave N  
Minneapolis MN 55405  
Equal Housing Opportunity  
612-377-3650



...UNLESS YOU ADVERTISE!

**For Camden News ad rates, call 612-521-3060 or email: [ads@camdenews.org](mailto:ads@camdenews.org)**

# Outdoors

The Lind Community Garden and the Lind-Bohanon Neighborhood Association, are proud to grow our community by sponsoring the Potting Shed and Outdoor articles in the *Camden News*. For more information go to: [www.lindbohanon.org](http://www.lindbohanon.org) or visit the garden at the intersection of 51st and Dupont Ave N.



## The dos and don'ts of spring

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

Our non-winter and early spring have made it extremely difficult to stay out of the garden, in spite of what we know about our Minnesota climate –that it is totally unpredictable. In spite of advising everyone not to trust the warm temperatures of March, I could no longer ignore the green foliage pushing up through the mulch. The plants wouldn't listen to me when I told them that it was too early to come up and so I pushed the layer of leaves aside. Of course, several nights in the last few weeks, I have been rushing around covering them all up again when the weather reports predicted freezing overnight temperatures. It is hard to follow your own advice when Mother Nature won't cooperate, but we would be wise to remember that we still live and garden in Zone 4b and that the last average date of frost in Minnesota is May 15. Keeping that in mind, there are some outdoor chores we can do in anticipation of the impending gardening season, so here is a list of dos and don'ts for the month of May.

**Do** remove winter mulch gradually - if you haven't already, but keep it close at hand for those nights when it will inevitably threaten to dip below freezing overnight. If no mulch is available you can cover emerging perennials with old sheets or towels, anything that will contain the thermal heat. Hardy perennials can survive below zero winter temperatures in a dormant state, but new, tender foliage can be destroyed by temperatures below freezing.

Normally I would say **don't rake** your lawn yet. But because of the dry fall and lack of snow this winter the lawns are pretty well dry and firm, so **do** rake the lawn lightly now. This will help the soil to warm up faster and the grass to begin to grow.

**Do** apply pre-emergent herbicide for crabgrass. In the Twin Cities area the best time to do this has historically been between May 5 and May 20. Pre-emergent herbicides work by preventing annual weed seeds from germinating, which crabgrass usually does as soon as the ground warms up. If you do apply a pre-emergent **do not** overseed your lawn, as the herbicide will also prevent the grass seed from germinating.

**Do** water trees and shrubs. We entered the winter in drought conditions and had little snow to alleviate them. We hope we continue to have good spring rains, but if we don't get out the hoses and sprinklers.

**Don't** trim oak, elm or ash trees after mid April. This reduces susceptibility to Oak Wilt and Dutch Elm that are transmitted by insects and infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer.

**Do** trim spring flowering shrubs, lilacs, azaleas and rhododendrons to name a few, soon after they are done flowering. They begin to set next year's buds shortly after they flower, so you risk eliminating next year's blooms if you wait too long to trim. My rhododendron flowered a month early! And it looks like the lilacs are already starting to bloom.

**Don't** plant warm weather plants or seeds until after Memorial Day. Even if we are lucky enough to avoid frost in May, being planted in ground that is **too cold** can stunt the plant's growth for the entire growing season.

**Do** sow cold tolerant seeds and plant cold tolerant annual seedlings. By cold tolerant we mean seeds that will germinate and grow in cold ground and seedlings that will survive spring frost. Seeds that can be sown directly into the garden in early spring include bachelor buttons (*Centaurea cyanus*), sweet peas (*Lathyrus odoratus*), sweet alyssum (*Lobularia maritime*), California poppy (*Eschscholzia California*), sunflower (*Helianthus annuus*) and black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*). Cold tolerant seedlings can be planted in the garden before the frost-free date of May 15 and include, snapdragon (*Antirrhinum majus*), ornamental kale (*Brassica oleracea*), dusty miller (*Centaurea cineraria*), pinks (*Dianthus chinensis*), phlox (*Phlox drummondii*), and pansy/violet/viola (*Viola* spp.) Most of these are hardy to the mid-20s F, actually preferring cooler conditions.

**Do** enjoy the coming gardening season!  
Spotted on the sign at Malmborg's Garden Center – We are so excited about spring we wet out plants!

## MN Horticultural Society awards Linda Eriksson and Shingle Creek Common Ground Community Garden of the Year 2011

By Amy Luesebrink

"It's all about community!" said Linda Eriksson, lead volunteer of the SC Common Ground Community Garden at 52nd and Newton Aves. N. The garden received a Community Garden Award for excellence in community gardening. It was one of only 11 gardens or gardeners to receive a prestigious award from the MN State Horticultural Society (MSHS) at their 2011 Awards and Recognition Ceremony in March.



Since 1995, the Shingle Creek Common Ground Garden, a long-time member of MSHS, has been a unique garden comprised of a corner lot and the adjoining lot abutting the north side of Shingle Creek. These two properties have never been built on, due partially to high water table. This uniquely designed garden by Douglas Owens Pike of Energyscapes, was instrumental in changing this unkempt neighborhood area into a landscaped demonstration garden for native plants. The garden's east side near the street is a seeded prairie, the south area a planted prairie. The west side has wetland prairie plantings, the north and center a shade garden. The southwest area also has raised vegetable beds.

The Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association congratulates Linda Eriksson, and the gardening volunteers: Larry Bontreger, Jan Zimdars, Jim and Mary Jane Halligan, Sheila Schwitters, Dell and Carl Eriksson, Mark and Pat Osborne, on their success. We know they have worked tirelessly through the annual garden challenges, promoted our garden with others and created a highly treasured asset for our community.

Check out [www.scna-mpls.org](http://www.scna-mpls.org) and download the self-guided garden walking tour or stop by on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. to get a free personal tour of this wonderful garden community asset. If you have questions about the garden or want to volunteer for upcoming projects at the garden, contact Linda Eriksson at 763-566-6618 or [mpls.scna@gmail.com](mailto:mpls.scna@gmail.com).

## Classified Advertisements

Camden News classified ads are an effective and inexpensive way to reach residents. Your ad is placed on our website at no extra charge. To place an ad, contact [ads@camdennews.org](mailto:ads@camdennews.org), or leave a message at our voice mailbox at 521-3060. Classified ads are 70 cents per word, \$7 minimum. If you want to box your ad, it's an additional \$10. Ads must be paid prior to publication. Send check to Camden News, P.O. Box 11492, Mpls. 55411 or pay with credit card via PayPal at [www.camdennews.org](http://www.camdennews.org).

### Services

**Carpet and upholstery cleaning.** Two rooms starting at \$59. Owner/operator, 45 years experience. Dave, 612-721-5105 or cell 612-636-3073.

**Handyman Services.** Dependable quality work at a reasonable rate. Friendly service. Call Ray at 612-702-0999.

**Furniture re-upholstery.** Save grandma's chair and sofa! Owner/operator, 45 years experience. Dave, 612-721-5105 or cell 612-636-3073.

**Carpet Cleaning,** \$20 a room. Any Size or Condition! 763-688-5707.

Looking for an **affordable reliable childcare** that is also a fun place for your children? This is the place! Openings in June. Call Angel at 612-819-8744.

**Painting,** wall paper removal, small wall repair. Three rooms \$250. Jim 612-698-0840.

**Yardworks Professional Lawn Service:** Total yard and lawn care Licensed and Insured/On Angies List 20 plus years of serving the community. Free Estimates. Call 763-561-0711.

**Professional lawn service.** Mowing, fertilization, weed control, mole trapping. 18 year Camden resident. Licensed and Insured. 612-267-4646. [services@fjpestandlawn.com](mailto:services@fjpestandlawn.com).

# Happy Mother's Day

## Worship in Camden



### Gethsemane Lutheran Church



4656 Colfax Ave. N.  
612-521-3575

Adult Education 9 a.m. with Nursery  
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.  
Sunday School and Youth/Teens, 11 a.m.  
Van service available  
Pastor Jeff Nehrbass  
ELCA

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

### Christ English Lutheran Church



Oliver and Lowry  
521-3493

Pre-school SS 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays  
All are welcome!  
Free produce for neighborhood residents 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 8:30 a.m.

Free Community Dinner  
4th Monday, 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Melissa Pohlman

### Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

#### Schedule

8:30 a.m. Sunday School Breakfast  
9 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Forum  
Intergenerational Event 2nd Sunday

10:30 Worship

Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays

We are handicap accessible.

Pastor Robyn Provis

email: [office@salem-elca.org](mailto:office@salem-elca.org);

Facebook: Salem Lutheran Church/ North Minneapolis

Website: [salem-elca.org](http://salem-elca.org)

### NORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



44th & Fremont Ave.  
A Hate-Free Shalom Zone  
Education 9 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.

Check our Facebook page: North United Methodist (UMC) - Minneapolis!

Disability friendly and accessible.  
Worship is ASL interpreted.

Rev. Linda Koelman  
Ch. 522-4497

### FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH

Building a community of faith through God's faithfulness in our worship, fellowship, discipleship, service and evangelism

4350 Russell Ave. N.  
44th Ave. N. & Russell Ave. N.  
612-529-0686

[www.faithbaptistmpls.com](http://www.faithbaptistmpls.com)  
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.

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

### Luther Memorial Lutheran

3751 Sheridan Ave. N.  
(corner of Sheridan and Dowling)  
Phone: 522-3639

Choir Rehearsal 9 a.m.  
Service of Communion 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hour/  
Education 11:15 a.m.

Growing Tree for Elementary Age  
Children Saturdays,  
1:30-4 p.m.

"From many cultures, together in one faith."

All are welcome  
Carol Stumme, Senior Pastor  
Bee Vang, Asst. Pastor

### St. Olaf Lutheran Church

Emerson at 29th Ave. N.  
612-529-7726

Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 9 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Thursday Youth Group 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Dale Hulme  
[www.stolaf.lutheran.org](http://www.stolaf.lutheran.org)

We welcome all, including gay and lesbian people.

Coming together to serve with the St. Olaf Residence  
North Minneapolis Meals on Wheels  
New Directions Youth Ministry

## Songs of spring

By Carol McElroy, Interpretive Naturalist, Kroening Interpretive Center

As I stepped outside this morning, a humid breeze blew across my face, fragrances from apple blossoms and lilacs filtered into my nose, and a mixed melody of bird calls gently interrupted the stillness of morning. My senses were on alert. It's spring. Yes, the calendar tells me so, but how wonderful to know that I can feel it!

We in Minnesota tend to appreciate spring a little more after a grueling winter. However, this winter has been so delightfully mild that we have already come to expect warm days. But I believe that the true celebration of spring comes not in the weather but in the bird calls. What better salute to spring can there be than the avian orchestra of bird song.

Yet, the morning bird chorus we cherish and enjoy is—to birds—simply functional. The piercing "what cheer" call of cardinal might translate as "This is my territory. If you are a male, do not enter or I will chase you out and fight you if need be." And that threat also applies to the young male cardinal that the parents nurtured through the winter.

Songbirds, fatigued from a treacherous migratory journey or weakened from a bleak winter, quickly fill their hungry bellies, then turn their attention to breeding and survival. Time is of the essence when it comes to finding a good nesting site and attracting a mate. Competition is fierce, and each bird wants his genetics represented in future populations.

Plumage and song are the mantra for male birds in spring. With some exceptions, only the males sing, and the songs are quite melodious. The loudest and strongest songs—generally sung by more mature birds—attract more females. Birds have excellent eyesight, and can see parts of the color spectrum that humans cannot see. To us, a grackle is a black bird. To a female grackle, he is a brilliant and iridescent assortment of purples and blues. The brighter, the better. Females typically look for the brightest and most beautiful male they can find.

Mating varies with bird species. Cardinals will stay paired over several years. Larger birds—like raptors, swans, and geese—tend to have permanent mates. If

a breeding proves successful, staying together saves time and energy. Males need only defend the nesting territory and can eliminate efforts to attract a female. Although mating rituals still exist to enhance bonding or improve a nest, the certainty of a mate allows a jump on nesting.

Birds who find a new mate every year use a variety of strategies. Male red-winged blackbirds get a migratory head start, preceding the females by a few weeks. Upon arrival, each bird seeks out the best territory available, complete with a good food source and protected area for a nest. He defends his territory against all others by perching and calling. Competition is fierce. Leaving the territory risks losing it to another male. The oldest and most experienced males usually win the best sites. As females arrive, they "shop" for the most attractive sites. Inexperienced birds with inferior sites may or may not get a mate. But they do learn and develop strategies over the years to ensure a better nesting territory in the future.

As spring morphs into summer, birds continue to sing, but their focus changes from attracting mates to defending territory and distracting predators. As young birds fledge, they learn and practice calls. Often, they don't get it right, much to the chagrin of birders who are learning to recognize bird calls in summer and fall.

Now is prime time to enjoy watching and hearing birds. Grab some binoculars and venture out. Learn to recognize some bird songs and take pleasure in the brilliant spring plumage. Hang some yarn or string on a tree to attract birds gathering nesting materials. If you are lucky enough to locate a nest, visit often to watch the progress and observe the baby birds as they grow.

Stop by Kroening Interpretive Center at North Mississippi Regional Park on Sundays anytime between 1-3 p.m. for Free Family Fundays. Things with Wings-May 6; River Insects-May 13; Mosquitoes, Ticks and Flies-May 20; Pond critters-May 27 and May 28. And check out our Saturday programs. Learn about river fish and make a t-shirt on May 5, 10-noon, ages 5+. Make a toad puppet on May 12, 1-3, age 4+. Explore flight and make a kite on May 19, 1-3, age 5+. Cost for Saturday programs is \$5. Call 763-559-6700 to reserve. For info call 763-694-7693.

## Join the fun - Camden Parks spring and summer activities

The Camden Parks Summer 2012 Activity Guide is now available online and at the front desks at Creekview, Folwell and Webber Rec Centers. Stop by and pick up the latest edition to start planning your summer. There are four convenient ways for you to register for upcoming activities: Online, walk-in, by mail and over the phone. Register for activities at least seven business days prior to the first meeting. Registration for summer activities began April 14.

**Spring sports:** Camden Rec Centers are currently accepting registration for Lil Sluggers, T-ball, Coach Pitch, Baseball and Softball. Practices will begin mid-to-late April. Fees range from \$20-35. Get signed up today!

**Youth Sports Coaches:** Camden Rec Centers are in need of volunteers to coach youth sports programs. The MPRB relies on the willingness of dedicated parents and individuals to volunteer their time to coach or assist a team. Background screening is required for all coaches. The purpose of the position is to provide instruction to children, with an emphasis on teamwork, sportsmanship, and fair play.

**Trucks Needed for August 11 event at Webber Park:** Help make the Truck Extravaganza a success! Come on out and join the horn blaring fun! Webber Recreation Center is seeking additions to this year's third annual Truck Extravaganza event on Saturday, August 11 at Webber Park. Business leaders are invited to showcase their services at an exciting family event that brings out families in the community. There's no charge and all you need to do is

fill out a form, and bring your vehicle, boat or train on the day of the event. Your company's employees, volunteers and friends can be on hand to explain your vehicle and answer any questions the public may have. Activities at the event include music, food, bounce house, art, prizes and more! Almost any vehicle fits the bill for this event including Fire Trucks, Garbage Trucks, Race Cars, Back Hoes, Police Cars, Dump Trucks, TV Trucks, Army Trucks, Tow Trucks, Freightliners, Cement Mixers, Moving Trucks, Front End Loaders, Cherry Pickers, Street Sweepers, Bob Cats, Ditch Witches, Limos, and many more! The event is free to the public, allowing kids and adults to sit inside, touch and learn all about vehicles they usually don't have the opportunity to be up close and personal with. Come join us for a day filled with adventures, new opportunities and memories that will last a life time. Info: webber@minneapolisparcs.org.

New Camden summer activities include: Preschool Mini Camps: Monday-Thursday, 9:30-11:30 a.m., \$18/mini camp, Creekview Park; Preschool Friday Fundays, Fridays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., \$8/funday, Victory Park; Soccer Skills Camp: Monday-Thursday, July 23-26, 9-11 a.m., \$30, Shingle Creek Soccer Field; Football Camp, Fridays, July 27-August 10, 8 a.m-1 p.m., \$30, Creekview Park; and new field trips to Comedy Show at Lake Harriet, Basecamp at Fort Snelling, Valleyfair, Mississippi River Cruise, Snail Lake, St. Anthony Main, Bridge & Dam, Lake Johanna and much more!



**Malmborg's**  
Garden Center & Greenhouse

Fundraising  
made Easy

5120 Lilac Drive North,  
Brooklyn Center, MN, 55430




**Lind  
Community  
Garden**

(51st & Dupont Ave N)  
[www.lindbohanon.org](http://www.lindbohanon.org)


**Are teaming up for a Spring Fundraiser!**  
**Sunday, May 13- Saturday, May 19**

The Lind Community Garden is teaming up with Malmborg's Garden Center, 5120 Lilac Drive North, to raise funds for the Lind Community Garden.


**Shoppers simply:**



Print off a fundraising form at either [www.lindbohanon.org](http://www.lindbohanon.org) or [www.malmborgsinc.com](http://www.malmborgsinc.com)




Shop at any Malmborg's during the week of May 13th-May 19th for your home garden supplies and present the form at the check out!



10% of whatever's purchased will be donated to the Lind Community Garden!


Thank you for helping us grow our community! Lind Community Garden!



**DO NOT LET YOUR DEBT LOAD KEEP YOU AWAKE AT NIGHT!**

YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO PREVENT YOUR CREDITORS FROM HARASSING YOU AT HOME AND AT WORK!

Avoid cashing in your retirement early or selling your family's assets to pay credit card bills.



**STOP PAYING INFLATED CREDIT CARD INTEREST RATES.**

**WE CAN HELP!**

Even under the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 2005, most individuals and families are able to qualify to file a chapter 7 bankruptcy and be allowed to save their assets and be freed from their indebtedness.

If you would like to receive more information regarding the process of obtaining a fresh start and securing a better future, please contact our office to set up a free, confidential & informative consultation with one of our knowledgeable attorneys.

Please Call:

**Milavetz, Gallop and Milavetz P.A. at 763-560-0000**

for an initial FREE same-day or immediate appointment. 45 years experience helping Minnesota families.

We give sound advice & assist people in filing for bankruptcy as a law firm and debt relief agency.

[www.milavetzlaw.com](http://www.milavetzlaw.com)

**1915 57th Ave. N. • Brooklyn Center, MN**

Other locations available