



Make Earth Day mean more – what environmental action means in Camden

By Brianna DeVore

April 22 is Earth Day. Brought to public consciousness in 1970 by the same fervent group of people that protested the Vietnam War throughout the 1960s, Earth Day represents an ethic that should be championed all year long. A need for strong commitment to environmental preservation and restoration is ever present, especially in Camden.

The Center for Earth, Energy and Democracy (CEED), a locally-based environmental justice organization, in partnership with the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs at the University of Minnesota (CURA), has created an interactive online Environmental Justice Atlas. This atlas portrays population demographics as well as environmental areas of concern within Minneapolis and St. Paul in order to illustrate correlations between social factors, such as economic status and race, and the environment. The tool, found through the CEED's website ceed.org, allows users to choose "layers." Layers displaying landfills, air pollution, potential hazards and contaminated sites can be chosen in tandem with layers showing population demographics, such as median household income and percentage of households of people of color.

Looking at the Camden area, in which 30 percent of residents live below the poverty line and over 60 percent are people of color, the Environmental Justice Atlas shows two tank leakage sites, two more tank sites that have the potential to be hazardous in the future, and a large amount of blighted housing throughout our community.

CEED has published many reports on the disproportional impact of environmental hazards on com-

munities of color and communities of low economic status. They are currently working with the City of Minneapolis to ensure that the concerns of communities of color, American Indians and low-income communities are addressed in the City's Climate Action Plan. One of their requests is to replant some of the more than 6,000 trees that were destroyed in the 2011 tornado.

Trees provide many measurable and immeasurable benefits. By providing shade, tree canopies reduce energy bills in the summer, trees clean our air when they intake CO2 for photosynthesis, and they reduce noise pollution and bring up property values. Trees can also be used for climbing, building forts and tying up tire swings, just ask any seven-year-old. So far, through both private and public funding, the City of Minneapolis has only replaced a little over half of the trees lost in the tornado.

Planting a tree is one way to positively impact Camden, but, as Kathleen Rogers, president of the Earth Day Network, states, "planting a tree...requires taking care of it for a really long time, not just sticking it in the ground." Earth Day is a start, but a very environmental solution, and every environmental problem, takes more than a day to come to fruition.

The recent find of highly toxic vapors in the Como neighborhood of Minneapolis is another reminder of the deadly impact environmental toxins left unacknowledged can have on our neighbors and family for years to come. Leftover from an old General Mills plant, these toxic vapors were ignored by many, including the EPA and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). Today, homeowners in the 20-

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Get out and benefit the Camden Community in April, National Volunteer Month

By Douglas Fehlen



A volunteer provides tutoring services to a student, only one of many ways for people to get involved during April, National Volunteer Month.

According to 2013 figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, nearly 63 million U.S. residents volunteered at least once last year. While that is roughly one-quarter of the nation's population, the number represents a decline of more than one percent in the volunteer rate – now at its lowest point in more than a decade.

There is perhaps no better time

to help counter this downward trend. April is National Volunteer Month, which is intended to emphasize the importance of serving the community. Events and opportunities on the Northside and throughout Minneapolis will coincide with state and national happenings occurring over the course of the month, making it an ideal occasion to pitch in.

Volunteering is an equal opportunity endeavor. There are oppor-

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Serious discussion on a new Webber Library

By Sue Quist

Plans to build a new Webber Park Library are moving ahead and it couldn't be too soon. There was a celebration for the opening of the temporary Webber Library on Lyndale and 42nd on March 11, and the old library is scheduled to be torn down in April. In a show of good faith to move this project forward Hennepin County Commissioner Linda Higgins and county staff from library and property services held a meeting at Folwell Park on Saturday March 8. It was the first of a series of meetings intended to collect information regarding our community's needs in a library.

Trudy Richter of Richardson, Richter and Associates, facilitated the meeting. Although the meeting was announced post-publishing of the North and Camden newspapers, there was a good showing of local bibliophiles, including mem-

bers of the Friends of Webber Park Library (FWPL), residents from Victory, Webber-Camden and Bottineau neighborhoods, and members of the former Webber Park Task Force, which worked hard to save the library from permanent closure in 2006. Also in attendance were members of the Hennepin County Library Board, Lois Langer Thompson Director of Hennepin County Library, State Representative Joe Mullery and City Council President Barb Johnson.

Hennepin County Property Services and Project Manager Valerie Carr gave an overview of the planning process. The intent is to take what is learned from community input and make a functional program, which considers the size, site and features of the building, as well as who will be served by the new library and what their needs will be. Carr said

there will be opportunities for community involvement throughout the entire process, with two meetings scheduled at Folwell Park: Tuesday April 15, from 6-7:30 p.m. and Saturday May 10, from 9:30-11 a.m. The final phase will be to present a budget to the county for approval, with ground breaking and construction to follow. This will most likely be a multi-year process.

Community members were invited to join the Community Advisory Committee. Lois Lenroot-Ernt, HN County Capital Projects, gave an overview of the committee stating that the committee would examine the unique needs of the community and will be made up of community residents, members of FWPL, representatives from city and state government, and staff from Hennepin County Library. Ques-

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Thanks to city crews

I am writing to share my appreciation for the excellent work done by the Minneapolis Park Department snow removal crews. I live near Shingle Creek and 45th Ave. N., and use the park paths several times a day when I use my disability scooter to walk my dog. The paths have been well cleared and sanded more days than not, even during this winter of never-ending snow and cold. If you have the opportunity, thank one of the park plow drivers!

Susan Long.

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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@camdennews.org.

Anonymous submissions cannot be printed. Opinions expressed are those of the writers, not necessarily the Camden News.

A great resource guide for senior citizens!

The Minneapolis Health Department has produced a Healthy Homes resource guide of agencies that serve Minneapolis senior residents. The guide includes resources for chore services, financial assistance, home modification, de-cluttering, indoor health hazard mitigation, pest control and programs for veterans.

The City supports healthy aging for residents who wish to remain — and thrive — in their own homes. The Healthy Homes Senior Citizens initiative was created in partnership with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Healthy Homes Thriving Communities grant. Increasing access to services and connecting area agencies that work with seniors were identified as priority first steps in improving the ability of seniors to thrive in their own homes and age gracefully.

Folks can download the guide or request one by calling the Minneapolis Health Department at 612-673-2301.

Community input considered for Northside bikeway

The City of Minneapolis is continuing to explore the possibility of converting low-traffic streets in North Minneapolis to a greenway with a safe, accessible route for bicyclists and pedestrians. Residents can take a new online survey now through June 15 to weigh in on the current greenway concept, including the proposed route and greenway types. Neighbors and neighborhood organization representatives will also knock on doors in the Near North, Jordan, Folwell and Webber-Camden neighborhoods to solicit input from a broad group of Northside residents including people who might not be likely to take an online survey. People who completed similar surveys in 2012 and 2013 provided valuable input into the current concept and are requested to complete the new 2014 survey as well: surveymonkey.com/s/nmplsgreenway.

Based on input from the 2012 and 2013 surveys and using what was learned from the community through a broader engagement process, a proposal has been developed for a greenway route that travels mostly on Irving and Humboldt Aves. The 2014 outreach program is a cooperative effort of the Center for Prevention at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, Minneapolis Health Department, Minneapolis Department of Public Works, and the Alliance for Metropolitan Stability (the Alliance). Details on the proposal and planned community events can be found at the project website, minneapolis.mn.gov/health/living/northminneapolisgreenway.

About the proposed greenway. A “greenway” is a park-like trail that people can use for biking and walking, for transportation and recreation. Studies show that the closer people live to parks, the more likely they are to get exercise; this is especially true for children and teens. It could also create space for additional amenities, such as community gardens or public art.

The greenway would be a north-south route starting at the Shingle Creek Trail in the north and ending south of Plymouth Ave. It would primarily follow Humboldt and Irving Aves. and connect the Crystal Lake Cemetery, three schools and four parks. Future planning efforts will explore possible additional connections to the south, such as the Cedar Lake and Bassett Creek trails. A map of the proposed route and proposed designs is available at the project website. If built, the bikeway would be the second of its kind in North Minneapolis. Examples for comparison include 37th Ave. between Queen and Knox Aves., Milwaukee Ave. in Seward neighborhood and the Midtown Greenway.

This project is a response to community interest in a greenway. Funding for this project is provided in part by the Center for Prevention at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, as part of Blue Cross’ long-term commitment to tackling the leading root causes of preventable disease: tobacco use, lack of physical activity and unhealthy eating.

Open Streets coming on May 31

Northside residents are busy planning the first Open Streets event of this year, which will take place on May 31. This will be the third Open Streets event in North Minneapolis. Previous events took place on Lowry during Harvest Fest in the autumns of 2012 and 2013. The Open Streets route for this spring event will begin at West Broadway and end at 42nd Ave. N. The event route will run up Girard from West Broadway to 25th Ave., and then run up Humboldt from 25th to 42nd Aves. Activity nodes along the route will be at the Minneapolis Public Schools headquarters, North Star School Building, Jordan Park, Folwell Park, and the intersection of 42nd and Humboldt Aves. N.

The Open Streets event route covers most of the corridor being considered for the North Minneapolis Greenway, which is a proposal to convert low-traffic streets into a park-like trail that will connect Northside destinations. Participants are encouraged to explore the entirety of the corridor as well as neighboring streets along the route.

The Open Streets event will be a rare opportunity to experience what streets feel like without cars. It will also be a chance for residents to give input on the proposed North Minneapolis Greenway project. A park trail running through the core of North Minneapolis is hard to imagine, the Open Streets greenway experience will demonstrate what it could feel like if this trail becomes a reality. Don’t miss this chance to experience it and chime in. Walk, bike, blade to the event and explore the neighborhood. Joining the planning process or volunteer for the event at OpenStreets@mplsbike.org.

Home improvement ideas and history at Home Tour

More than 50 homes in Minneapolis and Saint Paul will be open during the 27th annual Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour. The free, self-guided tour Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, April 27, 1-5 p.m., gives homeowners inspiration and ideas on how to improve their homes.

As the Tour marks 27th year showing “real homes, real people, real ideas,” residents open their doors to show creative and practical ideas for remodeling every room in the house, and finding or adding useful space. At many homes, contractors, architects and other trades people are also available to talk with guests. The exchange of cards drives commerce in a low-key, friendly setting. Visitors will also get inside views of changes in the cities’ landscape, from Green Homes North in Minneapolis, to the Schmidt Artists Lofts rejuvenating what was an historic brewery. Homeowners are restoring classic historic homes in both cities.

To plan a free, self-guided tour, visitors can go to MSPHomeTour.com or pick up a copy of the Home Tour Guides with maps and descriptions of all the homes at local Hennepin County libraries after the first week in April. The Minneapolis and Saint Paul Home Tour, a celebration of city living, is sponsored by the City of Saint Paul Planning and Economic Development department, Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development, and various corporate and non-profit sponsors. For info call Margo Ashmore at 612-867-4874.

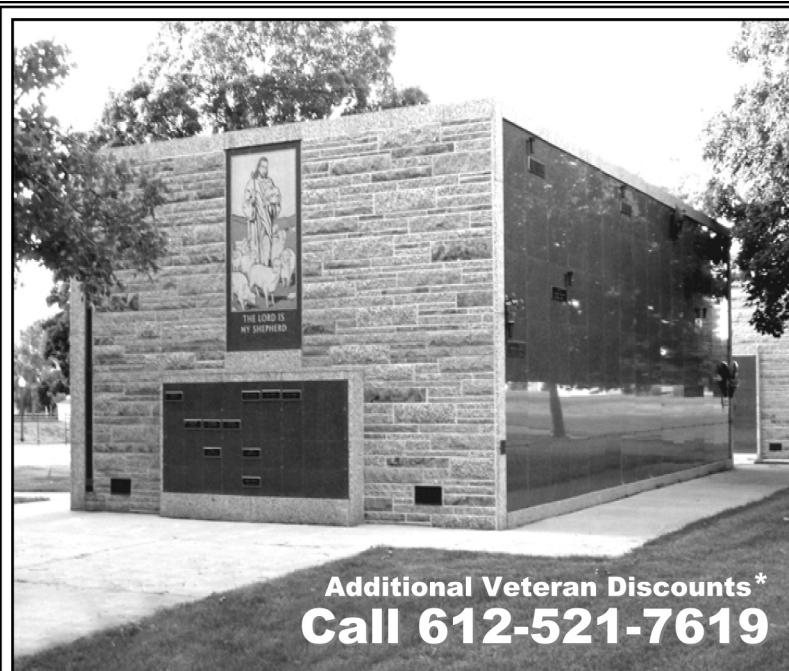
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By Janet Zahn

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But don't take our word for it. Come to the Camden Music School's (CMS) Singin' at the Screen sing-along at 7 p.m. Friday, April 4 at the Capri Theater, 2027 West Broadway.

The star of the show is you, the audience. You'll be singing hit songs from movies and TV shows like *Happy* (from *Despicable Me 2*), *Love is All Around* (from the *Mary Tyler Moore Show*), themes from *Gilligan's Island* and *The Beverly Hillbillies*, *Seasons of Love* (from *Rent*), *Moon River* (from *Breakfast at Tiffany's*), and many more, plus a few classic TV commercials.



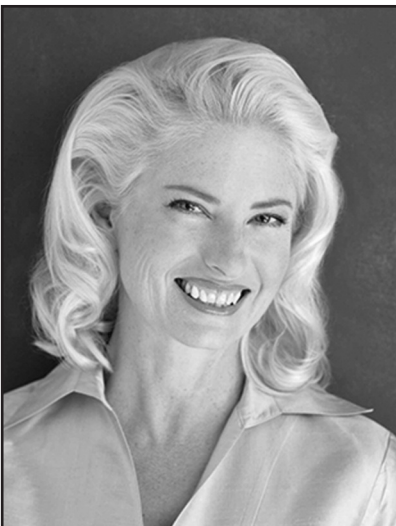
Dan Chouinard.

All of the song lyrics are projected on screen so it's easy to sing along. Singers of all abilities and "just listeners" are welcome.

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Camden Music School is closing in June, and they're "going out on a high note" with this grand finale sing-along celebration. Come and sing 'n smile the whole night long.

Tickets are going fast! \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Purchase tickets at camdenmusicschool.com or 612-529-2317. Event proceeds go to direct sing-along costs and CMS closing expenses. More info 612-618-0219 or camdenmusicschool.com.



Prudence Johnson.



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T. Michael Rambo.

Workhouse presents *Eastern Standard*

By Mark Webb

The Workhouse Theatre Company's (WTC) upcoming stage production is *Eastern Standard* by Richard Greenberg. This production features Lamar Jefferson, Danielle Krivinchuk, Kristen Mathisen, Gabriel Murphy, Paul Rutledge and Lauren Wills, and is directed by Richard Jackson, WTC's Co-Artistic Director. Richard is no stranger to Workhouse Theatre Company. He was last seen in *The Eight: Reindeer Monologs*, and he directed *But not for Love*, *Torch Song Trilogy* and the Ivey Award winning *'night, Mother*.

In *Eastern Standard* are four upper class New Yorkers, too clever and too privileged for their own good; a suicidal architect, a disaffected TV writer, an ostracized stockbroker and a romantically challenged painter. When they cross paths with a schizophrenic homeless woman and an opportunistic waitress/actress, their personal and professional entanglements spiral hilariously out of control in ways they could never have imagined.



The show runs Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from March 28 (opening night) to April 13 at The Warren, 4400 Osseo Road (Penn and 44th). Show times are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. There is a special pay-what-you-can performance on Monday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 at the door (\$13 online) and \$13 for students and senior citizens (\$11 online).

In conversations following our co-production of *But Not For Love*, Workhouse Theatre Company and the Flower Shop Project decided to merge our efforts under the Workhouse brand. Despite our different areas of focus, we found our artistic philosophies very much in tune. Our new association has provided us with the opportunity and the capability to restart Workhouse Theatre Company's educational programming, reboot the Greenhouse Project with readings since October 2013, and offer our first production in *Eastern Standard*. Info: workhousetheatre.org or 612-216-1583.

Music for all at Hopewell's 2nd Annual Founders Day fundraiser

The Hopewell Music Cooperative North presents their 2nd Annual Founders Day Funder at River of Life Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 5 at 6 p.m. The concert is in the sanctuary at 2200 Fremont and is open to all ages. There is a suggested \$10 donation at the door.

Come hear a variety of music ensembles including the Hopewell Community Choir, Jazz Ensemble, Orchestra and Flute Choir along with other student solo performances. Both the flute choir and orchestra have the exciting opportunity to do pieces by local composers: The flute choir will perform *Zephyr* by Ian Cook and the orchestra will premier *Olorun* and the *Orishas* by Dameun Strange, a cofounder of Hopewell.

After the concert enjoy a reception with music provided by Hopewell students, and bid on raffle items donated by local businesses including Goddess of Glass, Costco, Jungle Theatre and many more.

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Exact location depends upon where the senior citizen resides. Ongoing unpaid volunteer opportunities are available with lawn mowing and assisting with handyperson activities. One time opportunities are occasionally available. Contact Jeanne at svolunteer@neighborhoodinvolve.org, 612-746-8549 or neighborhoodinvolve.org.

The Seniors Program of Neighborhood Involvement Program (NIP) assists folks aged 65 and over in North Minneapolis (with the exception of north of N 44th Ave.). NIP provides a variety of services so that elders can remain safely in their home or apartment. Services are specialized for each resident. For info about NIP Senior Services contact Henreen at seniors@neighborhoodinvolve.org, 612-374-3322 or neighborhoodinvolve.org. Senior citizens who reside north of 44th Ave. should contact the Senior Linkage Line at 1-800-333-2433 or MinnesotaHelp.info for info about services in their neighborhood.

Paint-A-Thon paints homes

Each year, on the first weekend in August, Metro Paint-A-Thon rallies volunteer teams from corporations, congregations and civic groups to paint the homes of seniors and people with disabilities.

The program helps homeowners remain living independently in their own homes and improves neighborhoods throughout the Twin Cities seven-county metropolitan area. Since 1984, Metro Paint-A-Thon volunteers have painted more than 6,000 homes.

Paint-A-Thon welcomes referrals and accepts applications from all eligible homeowners. To be considered, completed applications must be received by mid-April. Selected homeowners are notified by mail in early July of each year.

To qualify, the applicant must meet the following criteria: Be over the age of 60 or have a permanent physical disability. Own and occupy a single-family home in Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott or Washington County that needs the exterior painted, but does not need major repairs. Meet monthly household income guidelines. For info or application call 612-276-1579 or visit paintathon.gmcc.org.

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Free tax preparation for seniors and lower income persons began in February at the Hennepin County North Regional Library and Oak Park Center. Trained and certified AARP Tax-Aide Volunteers may help with personal income tax, rent credit, property tax refunds and other tax issues. These are IRS authorized E-File locations. Bring a photo ID, Social Security Cards for yourself and your family, and tax documents from employers, pensions, banks, etc. If you are a renter, bring the 2013 CRP certificate from your landlord. If you are a homeowner bring your property tax statement payable in 2014. Bring last year's tax return and anything else you think may be important.

Oak Park Center, 1701 Oak Park Ave. N., tax preparation continues every Monday through April 14, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 612-377-7000 for an appointment. Appointments will get preferences but walk-ins are accepted if tax-aide counselors are available.

Free tax preparation at the Hennepin County North Regional Library, 1315 Lowry Ave. N., continues on Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. through April 9, and on Saturdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. through April 12. Customers are served on a first come, first served basis.

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2014 Paint-A-Thon applications available
 Each year, on the first weekend in August, Metro Paint-A-Thon rallies volunteer teams from corporations, congregations and civic groups to paint the homes of seniors and people with disabilities. The program helps homeowners remain living independently in their own homes and improves neighborhoods throughout the Twin Cities seven-county metropolitan area.

Paint-A-Thon welcomes referrals and accepts applications from all eligible homeowners. To be considered, completed applications must be received by mid-April. Selected homeowners are notified by mail in early July of each year. For more information or an application, call 612-276-1579 or visit paintathon.gmcc.org.

Summer youth activity opportunities
 Summer is just around the corner and youth activity opportunities are a great way to keep kids involved and busy during out of school time. There are several options available to residents and youth. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board is a great resource for families looking for youth sports and programs – visit minneapolisparcs.org to find out more info about activities happening at a park near you. Minneapolis Community Education also offers many programs and activities for youth (as well as adults). Watch for brochures in the mail or visit mplscmunityed.com and browse various classes. Lastly, the Police Activities League (PAL) has a variety of athletic and non-athletic activities available to youth.

Football, basketball, volleyball, Summer Fitness Program, Shop with a Cop, Homework Helper and Waterpark Wednesdays are just a few examples of the types of programming offered for kids. For more information on how your child can get involved with PAL call 612-673-3447 or minneapolispal.org.

Earth Day Clean-Up
 This year's annual Earth Day Clean-Up is Saturday, April 26 from 9:30 a.m.-noon. It's easy to get involved; no pre-registration is required. Arrive at any clean-up site and check in at the registration table. A site coordinator will give you gloves and bags, and instruct you where to go and where to leave trash. The annual event involves cleaning Minneapolis parks, neighborhoods, watersheds and water bodies including: the Chain of Lakes, Lake Nokomis, Lake Hiawatha, Powderhorn Lake, Diamond Lake, Shingle Creek, Minnehaha Creek, Bassett's Creek and the Mississippi River. For more information and to view site locations, visit minneapolisearthday.com. If you are interested in getting involved in Earth Day through site coordination, please contact Tom Godfrey, Event Coordinator, at 612-230-6484 or TGodfrey@minneapolisparcs.org.

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Volunteer *continued from page 1*

tunities for everybody to get involved in some cause, regardless of their areas of interest. Leading a busy life needn't be an impediment to making a difference. While some organizations have minimum time commitments, many others welcome any contribution – no matter how brief or sporadic – from community members.

People typically think of volunteering as benefiting the cause being served, whether that is a group of individuals, the environment, or some other recipient. As any volunteer can attest to, however, serving provides many personal benefits. Volunteering can allow individuals to build workforce skills while developing stronger leadership abilities and nurturing their own well-being.

Volunteering on the Northside represents a way to improve safety and increase opportunity for all Camden residents. Serving provides an opportunity for individuals to connect with the community in stronger ways. Families can grow closer while serving together, meanwhile benefiting neighbors and area institutions – such as schools, arts organizations, and community centers.

When people are invested in creating a better quality of life in the community, everyone benefits. Kick things off early in the month – and carry on the habit.

Following is just a small sampling of opportunities available to Camden residents:

◆ **Help in our parks.** In addition to organizing the annual Minneapolis Earth Day Clean Up (see article pag 1), the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board provides additional opportunities to volunteer. People are needed to coach youth sports, lead park classes, complete gardening projects and help at special events. Learn more about individual and group volunteer projects at volunteers@minneapolisparcs.org or 612-313-7779.

◆ **Assist in our libraries.** The Hennepin County Library features opportunities for people of all ages to volunteer. Adults can provide homework assistance to K-12 students or help nontraditional learners improve English skills, prepare for GED exams or ready for occupational assessments. Teen volunteers can work with books, create displays, assist with library programming, and serve in other roles. People interested can visit hclib.org or call 612-543-8633.

◆ **Get involved in a neighborhood association.** Each of Camden's seven neighborhoods has a group

of people who organize events and engage with residents on area issues. People can join in community-building efforts in a wide range of roles. From volunteering at a community forum to joining an association committee, there are many opportunities to improve the quality of life in a neighborhood while getting to know others who live there. Get neighborhood association contact information on pages 8 and 9.

◆ **Join a block club.** While warmer April temperatures lift the spirit after a cold winter, the crime rate also rises in spring and summer months. People who want to be part of the solution can join a block or apartment club. Crime prevention specialists from the Minneapolis Police Department train volunteers to work with neighbors to lower crime and improve the quality of life in a location. To learn more contact crime.prevention@minneapolismn.gov or 612-673-5704.

◆ **Volunteer in a school.** Many Camden Community parents already volunteer in schools attended by their children. People who aren't necessarily parents, however, can also join in the effort to improve learning and achievement among students in Minneapolis Public Schools. Volunteers, under the supervision of a classroom teacher or school staff person, tutor individuals or groups of students in diverse subject areas. For more info contact volunteermps@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-3880.

◆ **Help a senior.** Many initiatives benefit seniors in the community, including the Neighborhood Involvement Program. Some volunteers help those 60 and over complete chores such as cleaning, lawn mowing and minor home maintenance. Other participants make social visits or arrange recreational activities for people who live alone or in nursing homes. Individuals who are interested can contact seniors@neighborhoodinvolve.org or 612-374-3322.

If none of these volunteer options have appeal, pursuing opportunities through a house of worship, an employer, or a civic organization can result in the right placement. There are also many different websites that provide leads for making a difference in the community. HandsOn Twin Cities (handsontwincities.org), VolunteerMatch (volunteermatch.org), and the Corporation for National and Community Service (nationalservice.gov) are just a few.

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The need for trees

By Amy Chapman, U of M Extension Master Gardener

The view out our windows has been bleak for the last five months but this winter's landscape wasn't so bad if you looked into a yard filled with trees and shrubs. In our climate we can't ignore these important landscape elements for the 'off' season.

When properly placed, trees and shrubs create a backdrop for perennial and annual plantings. They screen trash cans, alleys and parking lots, your neighbor's junked car, and other undesirable views. They visually anchor your home in the landscape, and can provide food and shelter for wildlife, and provide us fruit. Trees even increase our property value. Each large front-yard tree adds about 1 percent to the resale value of a home (Anderson and Cordell, 1988).

While these are all good things, the trees that make up Minneapolis' urban forest also improve the quality of our soil, water and air. They conserve energy, have proven to reduce crime and stress, and reduce noise pollution (project idea — planting near railroad and against concrete walls adjacent to I-94).

The importance of urban greening is supported by research. The following facts are from a study, "Midwest community tree guide: benefits, costs and strategic planting." Davis, CA: Center for Urban Forest Research, USDA Forest Service.

- 100 large, mature trees intercept 538,700 gallons of rainfall per year. Trees improve water quality by slowing and filtering rain water, as well as protecting aquifers and watersheds.
- 100 large, mature trees remove 53.1 tons of CO2 from the atmosphere per year and 430 lbs. of pollutants per year.
- Shade from two large trees on the west side of a house and one on the east side save 56 percent of a typical residence's annual air-conditioning costs. Or for those without air conditioning trees can keep buildings up to 20 degrees cooler in the summer.
- Trees lower air temperature by evaporating water in their leaves.
- The amount of oxygen produced by an acre of trees per year equals the amount consumed by 18 people annually. Trees renew our air supply by absorbing carbon dioxide and producing oxygen.
- Shoppers shop more often and longer in well-landscaped business districts, and pay up to 12 percent more for goods and services.

While Minneapolis is considered one of the 10-best cities for urban forestry in the country, there's always room to improve. Citywide single and two-family residences have about 40 percent of land covered with tree canopy but the same properties have the po-

tential to cover 76 percent more area with trees.

The Victory Neighborhood has a 36 percent Urban Tree Canopy (UTC) and there is room to increase the UTC by 35 percent on areas with grass or impervious surface - areas where it is theoretically possible to plant trees. Other North Minneapolis neighborhoods have both higher and lower UTCs. That information can be found if you google "Minneapolis Tree Canopy."

Over the last two summers our neighborhoods have lost many trees to severe weather. It's also a reality that ash trees on boulevards are going to be removed. All ash trees will become infested with Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and eventually die. As part of the city's plan to reduce the impact of canopy loss due to EAB damage, they intend to reduce the impact by replacing a small percentage of ash trees at a time. This is in contrast to replacing all of the trees on a block at once. Replacement trees will be selected with the goal of growing a more diverse urban forest. Where space permits, they will plant "buddy" trees near existing ash trees in parks to start growing the next canopy. Consider "buddy" planting in your own yard where you have an ash tree.

If you believe in the power of trees and a healthy urban forest, consider doing your part by planting trees on your own property and encourage your neighbors to do the same. Contact the Victory Neighborhood office for information on local tree-planting and tree-care efforts or attend the upcoming workshop sponsored by the Victory Neighborhood Environmental Committee.

On Saturday, April 5 the committee will be presenting "Landscaping with Trees and Shrubs in an Urban Environment" at the Webber Park Community Center, 4400 Dupont Ave. N from 10 a.m.-noon; it's free and open to all. Landscape professionals will discuss the need to replace trees lost to city ash-tree removal and the storm damage of the last two summers; the economic and environmental benefits of trees and shrubs; how to choose, plant and care for trees; recommended species for Minneapolis yards and how to incorporate them into your landscape, and sources of inexpensive trees and shrubs.

"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now." – Proverb

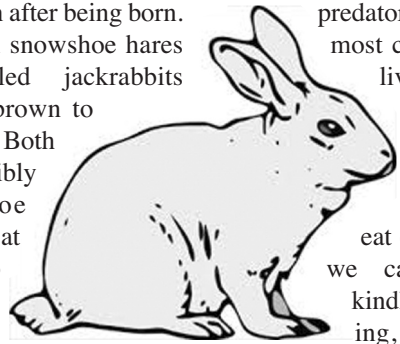


Hopping down the bunny trail

By Andrea Schwartz, Interpretive Naturalist, Kroening Interpretive Center

In this month of pink marshmallow bunnies, let's take a closer look at the three species of "bunnies" we have right here in Minnesota: the eastern cottontail, snowshoe hare and white-tailed jackrabbit. Not one of which is actually pink...

Rabbits and hares are not rodents, but are actually members of the Order Lagomorpha. The eastern cottontail is the most common lagomorph in Minnesota, and our only rabbit. The snowshoe hare lives in northern Minnesota. The white-tailed jackrabbit is found mostly in western Minnesota. Both of these species are hares, so unlike rabbits, their young are born with fur, eyes wide open, and are able to hop around soon after being born. The fur of both snowshoe hares and white-tailed jackrabbits changes from brown to white in winter. Both hares are incredibly fast — snowshoe hares can travel at 30 mph and leap 12 ft. in a single bound, while white-tailed jackrabbits are even faster at 40 mph and can leap 10 ft. at a time.



At North Mississippi Regional Park eastern cottontails spend days in hollow logs hiding from predators including red foxes, coyotes, hawks, owls, mink, raccoons and skunks. Active mostly at dawn, dusk and during the night, it is easy to spot where they have been: branches snapped at a clean 45 degree angle, tracks in a triangle pattern, and droppings shaped like coco puffs are all signs left behind by cottontails.

Cottontails molt twice a year. In the fall they grow a longer grey coat to help them stay warm. In winter they adapt to a diet of twigs, bark, buds and in addition produce special droppings that they can re-ingest to extract all of the nutrients from their food. Winter can be a challenge for cottontails, so staying dry and eating their own nutrient-rich droppings are two cottontail methods for survival.

In spring cottontails shed their long grey fur, grow a shorter reddish coat and start eating anything green they can find. With spring also comes the cottontail dance, as they seem to leap for joy that winter is over. Actually, it is a mating behavior called "cavorting." Female cottontails can have four litters a year, with an average

of five young per litter. Young cottontails are born naked, blind and helpless in a shallow nest of grass and fur. They stay with their mother for three weeks before they become independent.

The red foxes, hawks and owls we enjoy seeing in our parks and neighborhoods depend on cottontails as an important part of their prey base. Cottontails have excellent vision, hearing and sense of smell, all which help them avoid being eaten; if a predator is around, they remain motionless and blend into their surroundings using their fur coloration as camouflage. If detected, their next option is to bound away in a zig-zag pattern. Their last defense is to squeal or grunt to scare away the predator. With that said, most cottontails do not live past 3 years of age.

As we enjoy spring this year, and as the rabbits eat our tulips, I hope we can think more kindly of these amazing, cute, wild animals. After all, life's not always easy hopping down the bunny trail...

Join us for the following nature programs. Reservations are required. Call 763-559-6700. Minnesota's Geologic Past: Iron Ores and Silica Sand, Friday, April 11, 9:30-11:30 a.m., ages 16+, \$5. Heron Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 12, 10 a.m.-noon, all ages, \$5. Heron Homecoming & Shuttle, Wednesday, April 16, 10:30 a.m.-noon, ages 16+, \$5. Egg Drop, Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m.-noon, ages: 4+, \$5.

For young children and their adults: Sun, Wind & Rain, Tuesday, April 8, 10-11:30 a.m., ages 2-5, \$5 each-adult and child. Reptiles and Amphibians, Thursday, April 10, 10-11 a.m., ages birth-2. \$5 for adult/child pair. Puppet Escapades, Mystery Egg, Tuesday, April 22, 10-11 a.m., ages 2-6. \$4 each-adult and child.

For all ages: Come by on Sunday afternoons anytime between 1-3 p.m. for Free Family Fundays. Enjoy Fabulous Frogs on April 6; Storywalking: An Egg is Quiet on April 13; Feed the Animals on April 20; and Earth Event-Trash Survey on April 27. Reservations not required. Call us at 763-694-7693 for info or visit our website at Threeriversparks.org.

Word search answers – see puzzle on page 9

Word search grid with answers circled:

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When to help your wild animal neighbors, when not to

By Animal Humane Society, Golden Valley

Each year, approximately 2,500 wild animals are helped by Animal Humane Society. The AHS wildlife team partners with a local organization called Wildlife Rehabilitation & Release to take in and treat injured and orphaned wildlife at AHS's Golden Valley facility. AHS relies on a network of volunteers and licensed wildlife rehabilitators to help stabilize, care for and release the animals.

AHS and all animal welfare organizations are grateful for the people in our community who care about wildlife and want to help, but it's important to first learn how to tell if wild animals need assistance. This will allow you to determine if bringing the animal in is in its best interest.

Last spring, a fawn only a few days old was brought to AHS. The fawn was discovered an hour earlier quietly resting in a flower bed. Wildlife technicians assessed the fawn and found him to be very healthy and hydrated. In this case, the fawn was not in need of assistance and was brought back to where he was found. The fawn's mother appeared twice to check on him and at the end of the day returned and called for her baby which sprung to his feet and followed her.

Spotting a baby animal by itself doesn't necessarily mean it's an orphan. In this case, the doe was simply keeping her fawn in a safe place until she could return. Many wildlife parents leave their young alone during the day, sometimes for long periods of time. If the babies are still dependent, the mother is usually nearby, discreetly keeping an eye on them. Explore the AHS wildlife website to learn how to determine if a wild animal is truly orphaned before taking action.

There are other situations where wildlife need help in order to survive. Last year, a group of 13 infant Virginia opossums were brought to AHS. The babies were orphaned when their mother was struck and killed by a vehicle. A passerby saw the babies crawling on the deceased mother and was able to gather them and keep them safe and warm overnight before bringing them to AHS.

The siblings were uninjured but very dirty and dehydrated. They were cleaned, given fluids and placed on supportive heat. The nine sisters and four brothers then received care from a licensed wildlife rehabilitator until they were ready to be released back into the wild.

If you find an injured wild animal, the AHS Wildlife Department provides info on how to help each individual species. You can also call the AHS Wildlife Department at 763-489-2223. Wildlife can be dropped off in Golden Valley at Incoming Animals weekdays from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and weekends 10 a.m.-6 p.m. No appointment is needed to bring in wildlife.

Harvesting good will with community gardens on the Northside

By Vicki Young

Now, after a particularly brutal, record-breaking winter is behind us and spring has finally arrived, Camden residents can start thinking about their gardens. For those of you who have never tended a garden before, or if you live in an apartment but have a desire to grow your own tomatoes or carrots, then you might want to consider becoming a community gardener.

Experienced, and first time gardeners, can now become community gardeners through the Homegrown Minneapolis Community Garden Program that encourages residents to grow their own vegetables right in their own neighborhood. The City of Minneapolis has designated 29 vacant lots (from the aftermath of the Northside tornado) as community gardens and at least 10 of those lots are conveniently located in the Camden area. Minneapolis is making good use of the vacant land because seeing green leafed vegetables that are intermingled with an occasional golden marigold or a delicate moss rose is more lovely and pleasing to the eye than unattractive and unwieldy weeds that can blight any neighborhood.

Who are community gardeners? They are families, neighbors or church members who have an invested interest in their community and share a common interest of growing their own produce. Not to be confused with urban farmers who often sell or donate their harvest, community gardeners share a common goal with their neighbors to grow their own produce to feed their families. In a large city where residents are too busy working and/or involved with their children's activities to find time to even talk to their neighbors, a community garden can be a good place where neighbors can reconnect and build a sense of community. It is also an excellent opportunity for children to learn from first-hand experience how to grow their own vegetables. They learn about soil composition, the ratio of sun and water that is needed for the seedlings to flourish, and the importance of weeding. But most of all they learn the value of good nutrition by eating the fruits of their bounty.

The community garden is relatively new to Minneapolis despite having been a main staple in American cities for years, literally from New York to Seattle and from Boston to Frankfort, Kentucky; communities have been actively engaged in community gardening. The City of Minneapolis has only officially been in the community garden business since 2010. The concept fits right into Minneapolis' com-

mitment of promoting a healthy lifestyle that fosters interaction among residents in a positive shared endeavor while endorsing educational principles of sustainability that enhances the beauty of Minneapolis neighborhoods. Lots can be leased by residents as long as they are sponsored by a nonprofit organization and the gardeners themselves do not intend to sell their harvest. The nonprofit supplies the liability insurance while the gardeners give their time, energy and dedication. The lease fee is \$1 and the administrative cost is \$25. The lease for first-time group gardeners is for one year, while experienced group gardeners may be eligible for a three- to -five year lease. A \$250 damage deposit is also required. Visit minneapolismn.gov/sustainability/homegrown/dhfs_gardeners to find maps and lot locations. Applications are processed by Kaye Anderson at Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED), 612-673-5051. Applications are approved on a first come first basis.

Now that you know how to apply for a lease the next step is to plan and actually plant your garden. This might seem like a daunting task if you did not grow up on a farm or if you live in an apartment, but you are not alone because there are resources available that will support you every step of the way. For you novice gardeners you can find support and education at the Local Resource Hub through a nonprofit called Gardening Matters. The hubs are located throughout Minneapolis in homes, churches and community centers offering classes and tools to give fledgling gardeners the confidence to succeed. The classes are given by gardeners who have special expertise on vegetable gardening and are motivated to pass on their knowledge to fellow gardeners. Anyone can teach a class as long as they have the time and the desire to share their gardening experiences. To get everyone started Gardening Matters will be distributing vegetable plants and seeds on May 17 throughout Minneapolis including a Northside location. The locations have yet to be announced. For more info about this and about the Local Resource Hub contact Gardener Matters at 612-821-2358.

Washington Post writer and author Clare Ansberry said, "Gardens and flowers have a way of bringing people together, drawing them from their homes." Bringing people together is at the very heart of what community gardening is all about, so give it a try and see what grows.

Earth Day *continued from page 1*

block area affected have been forced to vacate their basements and will forever question the causes for cancers and other ailments that have impacted their community in the last 50 years.

In the 1980s, when this problem was being ignored by the EPA and MPCA, the practice of polluting our lakes, rivers and land was not an uncommon among large companies. This fact helps remind us that individual communities need to be an advocating force for the health of their own environments. Large environmental agencies benefit when the communities they are working within guide them towards the environmental preservation and restoration strategies that will best fit the needs of the people they are serving.

In a CEED introductory video found on their homepage, CEED Legal Analyst, Liza Guerro-O'Reilly states, "The importance of all this is that there is leadership going on locally and globally, and where there are failures in government, the people can lead where they left off and keep pushing. We're not only looking out for our own children, we are looking out for your children too." (Find more info on the CEED website about who represents your community's environmental issues within various governmental task forces, and what you can do to make your concerns heard.)

Earth Day is only one opportunity to do this. As in years past, the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board will be hosting Earth Day Clean-Up events on Saturday, April 26 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. There are

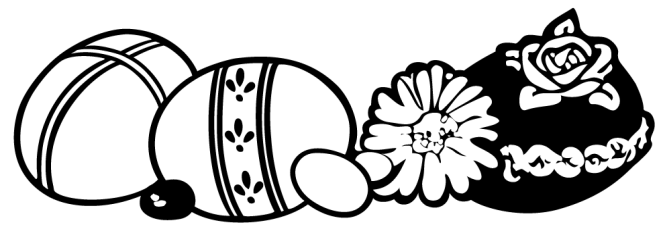
over 35 clean-up sites in the Minneapolis area, including Shingle Creek, Theodore Wirth Park and the banks of the Mississippi. No pre-registration or fees are required to participate. Visit minneapolisearthday.com for more info.

More importantly, Earth Day is a reminder of the environmental problems we've inherited, and the daily steps we can take for those that will inherit from us, in order to make their lives better and healthier than our own.

Note: In addition to the Environmental Justice Atlas, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's What's in My Neighborhood website also has an interactive map that includes detailed info about sites that are currently under investigation for environmentally hazardous activities or have been investigated for such activities in the past: cf.pca.state.mn.us/wimm.

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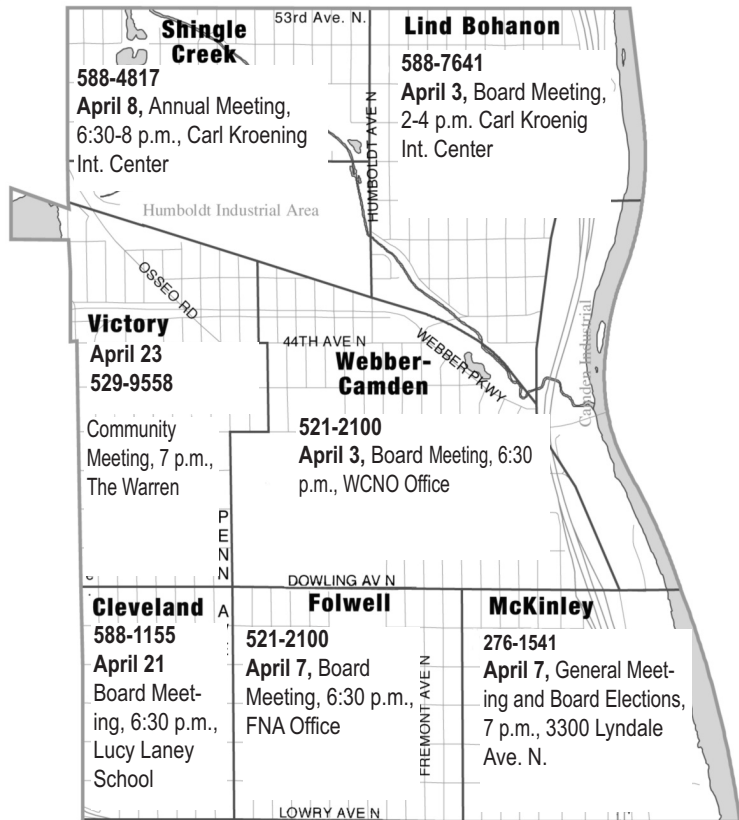
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SCNA Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at Creekview Park, 5001 Humboldt Ave. N., unless stated otherwise. *All meetings open to the public. *All residents are encouraged to attend. Any requests for special accommodations are welcome.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

The SCNA Annual Shingle Creek Clean-up coming Saturday, April 26, 9:30 a.m.-noon

Mark your calendars for this family fun-filled day! We spend a couple hours picking up trash from the banks of Shingle Creek. We'll have the Patrick Henry Robotics team and Animal Productions will bring in exotic animals for families to enjoy! Our annual Shingle Creek Clean-up is from 9:30-11 a.m. The celebration with food and refreshments is 11 a.m.-noon.

SCNA Annual Meeting, celebration, bylaws revisions vote and elections on April 8, 6:30 p.m.

We invite Shingle Creek neighbors to attend our SCNA Annual Meeting celebrating the work of all SCNA volunteers and partners, vote on bylaws revisions and elect new board members. This year's festivities will be held at Carl Kroening Interpretive Center, 4900 Mississippi Court N. from 6:30-8 p.m. SCNA is a 501c3 organization to be an advocate, educate residents and promote the local area. We host the Shingle Creek Clean-up, Tour De Camden, Common Ground Community Garden and so much more! Come celebrate with us! For a full copy of the revised bylaws go to our Facebook at Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association!

Shingle Creek Common Ground Garden seeks gardeners!

Applications are now being taken for gardeners interested in gardening at the Shingle Creek Common Ground Garden at 52nd and Newton Aves. N! It is a demonstration raingarden and natural wooded garden with 12 raised bed garden plots for flowers or vegetables! Plots are \$15 to help cover the cost of water and supplies. Contact Linda Eriksson today at 763-566-6618!

SCNA Home Improvement Loans!

Need a new furnace, windows, bathroom, roof? Consider using the SCNA Home Improvement Loan Program! SCNA homeowners are eligible for low or no interest rates for home improvement loans. Every repaid loan helps us to be able to do more to improve our community! The minimum loan is \$1,000! Contact the Center for Energy Environment Lending Center at 612 335-5884 for what projects qualify!

WEBBER CAMDEN 612-521-2100; email info@webbercamden.org; website: webbercamden.org; Webber-Camden Neighborhood on FaceBook. Office location: 1206 37th Ave. N., M-Th., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Rev. Linda Koelman, Chair

WCNO Board Meeting: Thursday, April 3, 6:30 p.m., WCNO office.

4th Precinct Community Court Watch: Tuesday, April 8, 6:30-8 p.m., North Regional Library. The purpose of 4th Precinct Court Watch: Promote sentencing accountability within the criminal justice system.

Senior Luncheon and Resource Fair (free): Tuesday, April 22, noon to 2:30 p.m., Folwell Park. Resource and support providers will be present. Senior screenings: blood pressure, height, weight, BMI, glucose and glaucoma. Reservations: 612-521-2100 or email

The WCNO/FNA Office: Free fax, copy and notary public services Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Fax pages limited to 10.

Camden Lions Taco Bar: Benefits Camden Lions' community support/Saturday, April 12, 4-6:30 p.m., Lowry Café.

2014 Metro Paint-A-Thon: Applications: paintathon-gmcc.org/homeapp.php and info: 612-276-1579. Applications must be received by April 14. Selected homeowners notified by mail in early July.

Lawn care/snow shoveling/small chores: Seniors and homeowners with disabilities, contact Neighborhood Involvement Program (NIP): 612-374-3322 or email seniors@neighborinvolve.org.

FNA is here to serve: Call 612-521-2100; email info@folwell.org; website folwell.org; Folwell Neighborhood on FaceBook. Office: 1206 37th Ave. N., M-Th., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. David Brown-Chair, FNA

FNA Board Meeting: Monday, April 7, 6:30 p.m., FNA office

Senior Luncheon/Resource Fair (free): Tuesday, April 22, noon to 2:30 p.m., Folwell Park. Senior resource and support providers are available. **Health screenings: blood pressure, height, weight, BMI, glucose and glaucoma. Reservations: 612-521-2100 or email maryann@folwell.org.**

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The Lind Bohanon Neighborhood Association

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

Tuesday, April 1, LBNA Crime and Safety meeting 7-8 p.m.
 Thursday, April 3, LBNA Board Meeting 2-4 p.m. Carl Kroening Int. Center
 Wednesday, April 16, LBNA Home and Art Fair Committee 6:30-8 p.m.
 Tuesday, April 22, LBNA Executive Committee meeting 3:30-5:30 p.m.
 Please see our website for any updates.

Mark your calendars for the 2nd LBNA Home and Art Fair

Mark your calendars for the 2nd Lind Bohanon Home and Art Fair on Saturday, June 28. We're planning another unique and exciting blend of home show and art fair to give a flavor of the best northern gateway, the Lind Bohanon neighborhood, and all that the seven neighborhoods of the Camden Community have to offer in Minneapolis! What would you like to see at this year's fair? Want to volunteer to help plan or for the day of the event? Our next planning meeting is April 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Shingle Creek Commons! Contact us! Go to lindbohanonhomeandartfair.com for more details!

Lind Community Garden applications

The Lind Community Garden has 60 garden plots available!

If you've been looking for a place to plant a garden locally and would be interested in using a community garden plot in the Lind-Bohanon area— we want to hear from you! Cost of a 6'x12' plot is \$20 and includes the background check that is required since the garden is on school property. For more info and an application for the garden check out our website at lindbohanon.org.

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

Take advantage of help to improve your property! Every repaid loan helps our community. This home improvement loan program offers residents attractive home loans at below market rates! For more info contact Brenda Yartz, Center for Energy and Environment, 612-335-5891. For loan details and application go to lindbohanon.org.

McKinley Community Office
 3300 Lyndale Ave. N. • Phone: 612-588-7550
 Email: mckinleycommunity@yahoo.com
 Website: www.mckinleycommunity.com

We need you! Run for the McKinley Community Board of Directors

We really do! If you live, work or own a business in the McKinley neighborhood you are eligible to be on the neighborhood Board of Directors. *No experience is necessary*, but passion for improving the neighborhood, long-term vision and a willingness to collaborate with the whole community is essential. Time commitments vary, but expect at least 6-8 hours per month for research, meetings, etc. Residents will vote for seven open seats on the Board of Directors during the April 7 McKinley Community Meeting at 7 p.m. in our neighborhood office, 3300 Lyndale Ave. North. Five seats are for a two-year term, two seats are for a one-year term. Call 612-588-7550 or email mckinleycommunity@yahoo.com if you would like an application or have questions about being a Board Member. All applicants must have their completed applications in by 5 p.m. Friday, April 4. All applicants will have up to two minutes each during the meeting to tell meeting attendees about themselves and to be followed by a brief Q&A period.

Support healthy food, local jobs and the McKinley Community by becoming a member of the McKinley Community CSA

We are now taking member share orders for the 2014 season of the McKinley Community CSA. Go to this link to find out more information: mckinleycsa.wufoo.com/forms/mckinley-community-csa-signup-2014/.

Public notice of planned NRP income redistribution

The McKinley Community Board of Directors has approved a general NRP fund redistribution and is notifying the public that there will be a formal discussion and request for community approval at the May 5 McKinley Community Meeting which will be held at 3300 Lyndale Ave. North at 7 p.m. All residents of the McKinley neighborhood are encouraged to attend, discuss and vote. The plan is to move approximately \$132,000 from old, unused NRP programs, and program income made from our Revolving Home Loan Program to support staff, administration and other needs of both the McKinley Community and the McKinley Community CSA. The final details of the program income move will not be known or detailed until the neighborhood discusses and votes on the topic at the May Community meeting.

Free fax service available at the McKinley Office

If you are a McKinley resident and have need to fax something you can come on down to the McKinley office at 3300 Lyndale Ave. North and use our fax machine at no charge. Open day hours are Monday thru Friday 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Open evening hours are Tuesday thru Thursday 5 to 8 p.m. And always open by appointment.

Want to buy a house to live in? The McKinley Home Ownership Forgivable Loan Program is available
 Call Jenny at the HousingResource Center 612-588-3033. 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 percent! 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 General Meeting and Board Elections Monday, April 7, 7 p.m., 3300 Lyndale Ave. North
 McKinley Board of Directors Meeting Monday, April 21, 6:30 p.m., 3300 Lyndale Ave. North

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tions that the committee will focus on include: How do we use our library now and how do we address future needs of our community?

Those present were invited to weigh-in on six questions: What one thing would you like us to know about the Camden Community? What services and building features would make you visit the library more often? What types of space are important to you? What services would attract people who don't use the library now? What do you do when you come to the library? What services would attract people who don't use the library now?

There were a myriad of responses to all of the questions. Some highlights include: People need good services and reasons to stay in this community. Maintain the name of the library – Webber – because it has special meaning to our community through the story of the original donors and the loss of their son John Deere Webber. Align the new library with the trails and easy walking access. Support e-book readers. Include spaces for students and children including group work areas, a story-time area, study carrels and tutoring areas. Include space for community meetings. For services people wanted a book club, coffee shop, free tax services, computers for job searches, homework helpers and more hours. Regarding design, many stated they want a building that fits in physically to the surrounding community and the use of green technology. It was also suggested that a room dedicated to telling the historical significance of the parkway be included in the design.

During the comments portion of the meeting a question was asked regarding the budget. Commissioner Higgins stated that

there is an initial budget of \$7 million to get the project started, but that the budget is fluid. A final budget for the project would be approved at the end of the study process. Val Holler, Patrick Henry teacher and Webber resident, expressed a concern regarding those not present and encouraged the county to reach out more broadly to constituents. Commissioner Higgins replied that this meeting was pulled together quickly because it had been three months since the last meeting, and she committed to a strong effort to reach out to the community at large for the future meetings. Victory resident Ann Kaari expressed concerns that there have been a lot of prior attempts to get this project off the ground and wanted assurance that this time it will be different. Commissioner Higgins replied, "You have a new commissioner now."

In regards to the location of the new library, the county is moving forward with acquiring land at Humboldt and 45th Avenues, through purchase or eminent domain. Michael Noonan, Hennepin County Manager of Real Estate, stated that at this time the "Kowalski's property has been taken off the market so that we have total flexibility."

The next Webber Library meeting hosted by Higgins and Hennepin County staff, will be held at the Folwell Park gym, 1615 Dowling Ave. N., on Tuesday, April 15, from 6 to 7:30 pm and Saturday, May 10, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. These meetings will continue the planning process for a new library as well as update the community on the progress of the capital plan. All are welcome to attend and participate. The temporary library on Lyndale and 42nd is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Camden business word search


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All the News from Victory Neighborhood

Gear up for spring:
Gardening Workshop, April 5
Webber Park Recreation Center - 4400
Dupont Ave. N, 10 a.m. to noon.

Urban forests provide a range of economic and environmental benefits, but North Minneapolis has a less dense tree canopy than other parts of the city. Join the Victory Environmental Committee and your neighbors on April 5 and be inspired to grow our urban forest one yard at a time. At the workshop, landscape professionals will present information on:

- Economic and Environmental Benefits of Trees & Shrubs
- How-to Incorporate Trees & Shrubs into Your Landscape
- Plant the Right Tree in the Right Place
- Recommended Trees & Shrubs for Minneapolis Yards
- How-to Plant & Care for Trees & Shrubs
- Sources for Inexpensive Trees & Shrubs

10 a.m.: Doors open, enjoy refreshments and preview garden-related displays
 10:30-11:30: Presentation
 11:30-noon: Drawing for prizes. Stick around for hands-on advice and view garden-related displays

displays and connect with neighbors
 As is our practice, this will be a waste free event so feel free to bring your own coffee mug or water bottle.

ViNA Meetings

The ViNA Board of Directors has changed the date of their board meetings from the first to the **second** Wednesday of each month. The next board meeting will be:

Wednesday, April 9, 7 p.m.
 ViNA Office: 2200 44th Ave. N

The ViNA Neighborhood Meetings will continue on the **fourth** Wednesday of each month as stipulated in the ViNA By-laws. The next neighborhood meeting will be:

Wednesday, April 23, 7 p.m.
 The Warren: 4400 Osseo Road

Residents are welcome and encouraged to attend all meetings.


20th Annual ViNA Garage Sale set for May 31

The Victory Neighborhood Garage Sale is held the Saturday after Memorial Day; May 31, this year. Watch for the spring newsletter with all register information coming to you in April.

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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@camdennews.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 Wednesdays - Northside Arts Collective board of directors meets on first Wednesday of each month at the McKinley Community building 3300 Lyndale Ave., info@nacarts.org.

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

Thursday, 4/17 - Northside Arts Collective hosts Color Artist Reception, 4-7:30 p.m., Heritage Park Senior Center, 1015 4th Ave. N. Meet Northside artists and enjoy refreshments. Fb or nacarts.org.

Church Events

Ongoing - Clothes Closet at North United Methodist Church, 44th and Fremont, from 9 a.m.-noon the first two Saturdays of each month and the first Monday each month from 6-8 p.m. with free bag lunch from Mobile Loaves and Fishes. Donations accepted when open or find something you may need. If unable to get to NUMC during open times, call the church at 612-522-4497.

Ongoing Sundays— Joint ministries of NuWay Missionary Baptist and Gethsemane Lutheran host a free community breakfast every Sunday from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 47th and Colfax. On the second and fourth Sundays of the month you are welcome to take a bag of groceries home with you. Info: 612-521-3575.

Ongoing Wednesdays - New Directions Youth Ministry free youth club with personal development activities, St. Olaf Lutheran Church, 2901 Emerson, 6:30-8:30 pm. For 7-12 grade students. Other activities include members choice activities, young neighbors service, fundraising and more. Transportation is available for North Minneapolis residents. Call 612-529-7726 or stop by to register.

Saturday 4/5 - St. Olaf Retirement Communities Auxiliary Bake Sale, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Bake sale has a variety of yummy items; also Grandma's attic and books for sale. Lunch served 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. St. Olaf Residence Bldg., 2912 Fremont, parking lot on Emerson. Funds raised by the St. Olaf Retirement Communities Auxiliary are used to purchase furnishings and equipment used by the residents.

Saturday, 5/3 - Annual Spring Luncheon, Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 3751 Sheridan, noon to 2 p.m. Tickets \$9 and may be purchased at the door. Along with the assortments of salads, be entertained by the Camp Dawgs from Amery, WI. These six performers provide country gospel and blue grass compositions for your enjoyment. Their string instruments include the guitar, banjo, mandolin and ukulele.

Classes and Workshops

Ongoing Wednesdays - TOPS

(Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 6 p.m., Webber Park Community Center.

Ongoing - Raingardens & Beyond workshops. Keep our rivers lakes and streams clean by making simple choices about your yard, such as starting a raingarden. Workshops in April, May and June — most only cost \$15 — the North Regional Library event on June 28 is free. Info: myraingarden.org or 651-699-2426.

Saturday, 4/5 - Spring Gardening Workshop, Landscaping with Trees & Shrubs in an Urban Environment, 10 a.m.-noon, Webber Park Community Center, 4400 Dupont. Landscape professionals discuss the need to replace trees lost to city ash-tree removal and the storm damage of the last few summers; the economic and environmental benefits of trees and shrubs; how to choose, plant and care for trees; recommended species for Minneapolis yards and how to incorporate them into your landscape; and sources of inexpensive trees and shrubs. Free and open to all.

Thursday, 4/17 - Career Workshop. Attention all employed single moms! Trapped in a job that doesn't pay enough? Career counselors help you find ways to increase your income, get a promotion or develop a new career path. Women Achieving New Directions offers individual counseling and on-going career development workshops. A workshop on Build Your Financial Security is scheduled to be held from 6-8 p.m. at 2143 Lowry. On-site child care and a light meal provided. Info: eac-mn.org/WomenProg/WAND. To RSVP for the workshop call Pat at 612-752-8554.

Community Events

Ongoing - Open skate. Victory Memorial Ice Arena 1900 42nd Ave. N. 612-668-2230. Wednesday and Thursdays 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. \$2/skater includes ice skates if needed.

Ongoing - Camden Lions meet the 2nd Wed. at Folwell Park at 6:30 p.m., and the 4th Wed. at different locations. Contact Lion Jim Cain, 612-521-1903 or Lion Bill Moore 612-522-0784.

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

Ongoing - Minneapolis Police Activities League (PAL) is dedicated to reducing juvenile crime and violence by giving kids a safe place to play, positive role models, and creative activities to engage in — all for free. Info: minneapolispal.org/index.htm or 612-673-3447.

Ongoing Mondays - For anyone who has the desire to stop drinking. **Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.)** Meeting. 12 Steps and 12 Traditions study group. Parkway United Church of Christ (Lowry and Washburn) 7 p.m.

Ongoing - AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free tax preparation to seniors, low and moderate income taxpayers: North Regional

Library, 1315 Lowry Ave. N. Sat., Feb. 1-April 12, and Wed., Feb. 5-April 9, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. First come first served. Oak Park Center, 1701 Oak Park Ave. N., Mon., Feb. 3-April 14, 10 a.m.-1p.m. Call 612-377-7000 for appointment. Walk-ins welcome but appointments get preference.

Saturday, 4/5 and 4/6 - Saint Paul Vocal Forum presents Chant Sacré: Sacred Song Concert. Saturday, April 5, 7:30 p.m. — St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 1660 W County Rd. B, Roseville; Sunday, April 6, 3 p.m. — Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 1 Lourdes Place, Minneapolis. Free admission, though contributions to SPVF will be gratefully accepted. Program: Quatre Motets by Maurice Duruflé; Four Lenten Motets by Francis Poulenc; Elégie by Darius Milhaud; O Sacrum Convivium! by Olivier Messiaen; and Cantique de Jean Racine of Gabriel Fauré. Donations of non-perishable food items collected at each concert to help stock local food shelves, where the need continues regardless of the season. Info: spvf.net or 612-618-0219.

Tuesday, 4/8 - 4th Precinct Community Court Watch, 6:30 to 8 p.m., North Regional Library. The purpose of 4th Precinct Court Watch is to promote sentencing accountability within the criminal justice system.

Wednesday, 4/9 - Creekview Recreation Center Camden Senior Luncheon. Door opens at 11 a.m. Lunch served at 11:30 a.m. Ages 55+. Doggie bags will not be sent home. Water, coffee, punch and tea served. Call Creekview, 612-370-4965, by Monday prior to the luncheon to reserve your spot. Fee is \$5 for luncheon and bingo (four games/prizes). Payment due at the door. If you are absent you are still responsible for the cost.

Saturday, 4/12 - Camden Lions Taco Bar. 4-6:30 p.m., Lowry Café, Lowry and Penn. Benefits Lions' funding to community.

Tuesday, 4/15 and Saturday, 5/10 - Join Hennepin County Commissioner Linda Higgins and Hennepin County staff for a series of community meetings regarding the new Webber Park Library. The next meetings are at the Folwell Recreation Center, 1615 Dowling, April 15 (6-7:30 p.m.) and May 10 (9:30-11 a.m.). Future meetings may be at different locations. Community meetings will offer more info about the planning process for a new library. We are eager to hear your ideas about what you would like to see in a new library. All ages are welcome. Project info will be updated at hclib.org/buildingprojects.

Saturday, 4/26 - The SCNA Annual Shingle Creek Clean-up, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Mark your calendars for this family fun-filled day! We spend a couple hours picking up trash from the banks of Shingle Creek. We have the Patrick Henry Robotics team and Animal Productions bring in exotic animals for families to enjoy! Our annual Shingle Creek Clean-up is 9:30-11 a.m. The celebration with food and re-

freshments is 11 a.m.-noon. Info mpls.scna@gmail.com.

Saturday, 4/26 - Earth Day Clean-Up Events, 9:30 to 12 p.m. There are over 35 clean-up sites in the Minneapolis area, including Shingle Creek, Theodore Wirth Park and the banks of the Mississippi. No pre-registration or fees are required to participate. Visit minneapolisearthday.com for more info.

Saturday, 5/10 - Sign up for a new road race! The Run Camden 5k supports Webber Camden Neighborhood Organization programming. All ages and abilities are invited to come run (or walk) the 5k route (3 miles) starting and ending at Patrick Henry High School. The cost is only \$20 (before 4/15) and there is a discounted entry fee option for families. There is a free Kid's Run on the Henry track at 10 a.m. Youth will complete two laps on the track - 1/2 mile. Info: active.com/minneapolis-mn/running/distance-running-races/run-camden-5k-2014.

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Libraries

Saturday, 4/5 - Annual Talent show at the Library: Register now! Second Annual Northside's Got Talent at North Regional Library, 2-4 p.m. Join us for the North Regional Library Talent Showcase featuring host Fancy Ray McCloney. Let your star power shine! Come to perform, or come to watch! Stay for pizza after the show. All ages are encouraged to participate. Register your act by March 27 at the info desk or call 612-543-8450.

Other events at North Regional Library:

Wednesdays, 4/16-5/28 - Family Storytime, 10:30 a.m. For children of all ages and their parent or caregiver. Talk, sing, read, write and play together in a format appropriate for young children. Share books, stories, rhymes, music and movement.

Saturday, 4/19 - Raising Awareness: Children's Mental Health, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Fidgety Fairy Tales — The Mental Health Musical is a fun, family-friendly show that reduces fear and misunderstanding around common mental health disorders. Talented youth actors use music and gentle humor in these re-imagined tales: The

Snow Queen (depression), The Little Match Girl (autism) and The Emperor's New Clothes (brain damage). Registration required; on-line or 612-543-8450.

Parks

Ongoing - Sign up now for youth softball, baseball, t-ball, track and field, and bocce ball at all the Camden Parks. Team playing for all ages. Info: Minneapolisparcs.org.

Ongoing Fridays - Kids Night Out - Ages 6-12. Parents need an evening to run errands or have some peace and quiet? Kids looking to get out for a safe and fun Friday evening? We have the plan for you! Stop by Creekview Park for dinner, a movie and a night filled with fun. Register by Thursday. Park must have at least five kids enrolled. 5:30-8:30 p.m. \$3/class, Creekview Recreation Center.

Wednesdays, 4/3-5/1 - Piano Lessons. Ages 6-12. Learn to play the piano close to home! Half hour lesson time based upon on instructor's schedule. Contact Folwell Park 612-370-4917. 2-5 p.m., \$30/month.

Wednesdays, 4/9-5/14 - Acro Balance class for ages 3-5. Give your child the chance to explore the skills and techniques of circus acrobats! We will blend ground acrobatics with playful exercises from dance, yoga, circus arts, and theater. We aim to engage the natural energy and enthusiasm of children through interactive movement based activities. We aim to inspire positive peer interactions and trust within peer groups. We aim to help kids to develop self-confidence. We aim to explore creative warm ups, individual and partner stretches, balancing poses, tumbling, and cooperative games. 5:30-6:15 p.m. \$20/ session. Creekview Recreation Center.

Friday, 4/18 - Flashlight Egg Hunt - Celebrate spring with Creekview Park. Come on down to Creekview for our fun egg hunt. Bring your flashlight and we'll start the egg hunt once it is dark out. We will divide the eggs up for the different age groups. Registration is not required for the event. For all ages.

Events at Kroening Interpretive Center, North Mississippi Regional Park.

Sunday, 3/30 - Free Family Fun Day: Knots, 1-3 p.m., Learn to tie many useful knots, including those useful for fishing and camping. Try your hand at lashing, braiding, and decorative knots. Free and open to all ages. **Sunday, 4/6 - Free Family Fun Day: Fabulous Frogs**, 1-3 p.m., Explore the homes and habitats of frogs and their wet-skinned kin. Meet a couple live fascinating frogs and play some froggy games. Free, open to all ages.

Mondays, 4/7-5/19 - Arts and Crafts for ages 6-17. Swing on by to create your own one-of-a-kind masterpiece. Arts and craft projects of all sorts available for you and friends to enjoy. 4:30-5:30 p.m., Creekview Recreation Center.

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Camden Youth & Schools

Patchwork Quilt – help for at-risk youth

Patchwork Quilt (PQ) is a Northside organization committed to providing outstanding out-of-school programming for children, as well as academic and career-oriented technology training for teens and adults in the community. The children's program is committed to increasing reading proficiency and computer skills in a nurturing environment that supports each individual's development as a leader and contributing member of the broader community. The technology lab supports the children's programming, and provides a calibrated curriculum and staff to support the work of other nonprofits in the community. In addition, the lab works to bridge the digital divide by extending training to parents of the children and teens served, as well as other adults who want to develop their academic or career-oriented computer skills.

Patchwork Quilt was begun by the late Father Greg Tolaas in 1997, soon after he became pastor of the Church of St. Philip at 26th and Bryant. Moved by the number of children in the community, and dismayed at the lack of resources for them, Father Greg recruited friends and parishioners to start a Kids'

Club after-school program, including a hot "home-cooked" meal. The focus was on providing a safe place apart from what was often the chaos of the street, nurturing relationships, some academic support and a good dinner. Over the years, teen programming was added.

After Father Greg died in 2003, the PQ Board of Directors focused on sustaining his vision. With the help of a small but determined staff and dedicated volunteers, programming has continued, grown and thrived. They have settled in their new space at Parkway United Church of Christ, at 3120 Washburn, and PQ is delighted to also host their own summer program and expand their after-school program.

On April 6 they have their 3rd annual Patchwork Quilt event celebrating PQ scholars at the historic Capri Theatre. The reception is at 2:30 with refreshments, prize drawings and children's art show; the program starts at 3:15 p.m. with performances by the great Dennis Spears, and Voice of Culture African Dance and Drum. Info: 612-270-0923, info@patchworkquilt.org or visit patchworkquilt.org.

Noble Academy's trimester two report

By Pahua Moua

With spring slowly approaching us, Noble Academy's trimester two is finally coming to an end. In the past couple of months, our students have made significant gains, continually pushing forward in Study Island, Renaissance Place (AR) and Reading Eggs. These educational programs are designed to assist our kindergarteners through second grade students with reading, writing, as well as increasing their fine motors skills.

For third through eighth grade students, these programs help to continually prepare for the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) in April. In February students also took their second round of the OPLA-Math testing (only third through eighth grade students), nearly doubling or tripling their test scores from their first OPLA-Math testing. And for that, we have our fine teachers and staff, and the support of our parents, to thank for their growing success.

Set by MCA/Stanford standards with the exception of AR, classrooms must meet specific goals by April. For AR, the goal standard is set by Noble Academy and must be met by May 30. The following goals below are established for Study Island, AR and Reading Eggs for all Noble Academy students: Reading Eggs Goal: 90 percent completed by 90 percent of students by April. Study Island Goal: 90 percent of completed by 90 percent of students by April. Renaissance Place (AR) Goal: 45,000 books read by May 30 (as of now total number of books completed are 35,540).

With hopes to reach the majority of our goals at the end of this school year, we expect that our students will walk away confident, in their own learning abilities. More so, for our students to continually grow and succeed in everything they do into the future. Look forward to our end of the year data report.

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Tuesday, 4/8 - My Preschooler & Me: Nature Explorers - Sun, Wind and Rain, 10-11:30 a.m., Introduce your little one to nature's wonders! Explore through hands-on play, stories, and games, then head outside to see what we can discover. Cost \$5, reservations required, call 763-559-6700. For ages 2-5.

Thursday, 4/10 - My Baby, Me and the Mississippi: Reptiles and Amphibians, 10-11 a.m., It's never too early to introduce your tiny tot to nature! Enjoy introducing your toddler to new topics and the company of other parents. Cost \$5, reservations required, call 763-559-6700. Open to ages birth-2.

Friday, 4/11 - Minnesota's Geological Past. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Why does Minnesota have an Iron Range? How could Minnesota's sand change the world's economy? Join Steve Paulsen to explore Minnesota's deep past, the present and the future. Enjoy refreshments. Cost \$5, reservations required, call 763-559-6700. For ages 16+. three-riversparks.org/events/M/minnesota-s-geologic-past-iron-ores-and-silica-sand.aspx.

Saturday, 4/12 - Heron Egg Hunt. Join us on, from 10 a.m.-noon, for a special hunt for the returning great blue herons' blue eggs. Hunts at 10:30 and 11:15 a.m. and are divided into age groups. Find a special golden egg and receive a basket full of goodies. Visit

with bunnies, chicks and goats at our petting zoo, have your face painted and learn about the herons that live in the park. Cost \$5 for those who pre-register and \$6 for registration the day of the event.

Call 763-559-6700. There is a 20 percent discount for groups of four or more. Open to all ages. three-riversparks.org/events/H/heron-egg-hunt.

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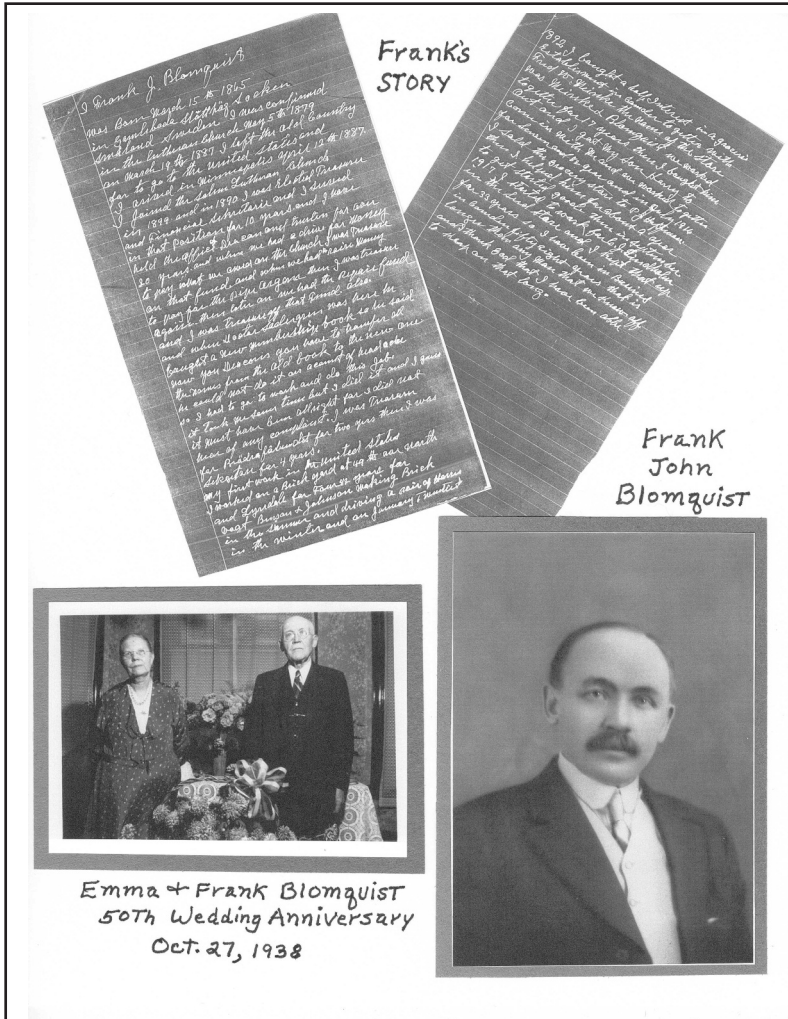
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Behind the Victory Flagpole – Frank’s story

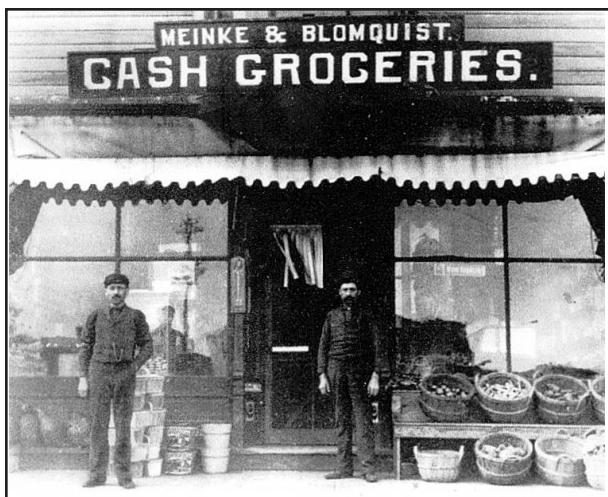
By Barbara Meyer Bistodeau

I Frank J. Blomquist was born March 15th 1865 in Gamliboda Slatthag Socken, Smland Sweden. I was confirmed in the Lutheran Church May 5th 1879. On March 19th 1887 I left the old country for to go to the United States and I arrived in Minneapolis April 12th 1887. I joined the Salem Lutheran Church in 1889 and in 1890 I was elected Treasurer and Financial Secretary and I served in that position for 10 years and I have held the office of Deacon and Trustee for over 20 years and when we had a drive for money to pay what we owed on the church I was Treasurer on that fund and when we had to raise money to pay for the pipe organ then I was Treasurer again. Then later on we had the Repair Fund and I was Treasurer of that Fund also and when Doctor Sodergren was here he bought a new membership book so he said now you Deacons you have to transfer all the names from the old book to the new one. He could not do it on account of headache so I had to go to work and do this job. It took me some time but I did it and I guess it must have been all right for I did not hear of any complaint. I was Treasurer for Brodraforbundet for two years, then I was Secretary for 4 years.



My first work in the United States I worked on a brickyard at 49th Ave North and Lyndale for four 1/2 years for company of Benson & Johnson making brick in the summer and driving a pair of horses in the winter and on January twentieth 1892 I bought a half interest in a grocery establishment in Camden together with Fred W. Meinke. The name of the store was Meinke & Blomquist.

We worked together for 17 years then I bought him out and I got my son Harry to come in with me and we worked together for seven and 1/2 years and in July 1916 I sold the grocery store to P. J. Hoffinan. Then I helped him for about a year to get started good. Then in September 1917 I started to work for C. J. Lindholm in the Seed Store and I kept that up for 33 years so I have been in business in Camden fifty eight years - that is longer than any man that we know of and I thank God that I have been able to keep on that long.
Note: This is an original story written by Frank J. Blomquist of his life after coming to America. The material was supplied by his granddaughter, Muriel Blomquist Lorentzen. As you know, Frank Blomquist was one of the first grocers in Camden.



Frank Blomquist (left) and Fred Meinke in front of their grocery store in 1895.

Safety info and food!

A crime prevention workshop, sponsored by the Victory Neighborhood Livability Committee, was held at the Warren on March 15. More than 20 people brought their questions, and appetites, to the event. They got safety info from Minneapolis 4th Precinct Crime Prevention Specialist Tim Hammett. Topics included landscaping to prevent crime and getting to knowing your neighbors. Folks got good safety info, and enjoyed chili and other refreshments. Photo by Randy Klauk.



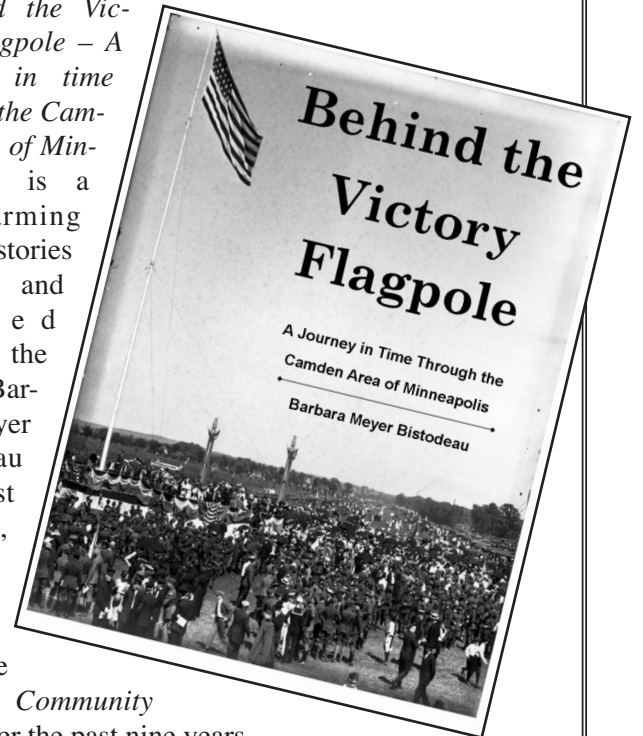
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