

Crime rate steady in Minneapolis, situation worse on Northside

More policing and community engagement needed

By Douglas Fehlen

Last month, Police Chief Janée Harteau presented information on 2013 crime statistics at a press conference that took place in the Northeast Library. Newly sworn-in Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges was also there, lauding the effective work of the city’s police officers.

Among the highlights to emerge from the presentation concerned burglaries, a focus area of the MPD in 2013. There were 167 fewer burglaries in 2013 than in 2012, a drop of 3.5 percent. Another area of emphasis for the police was reducing the number of crimes committed by juveniles, an objective realized with a 4.6 percent reduction in incidents involving minors.

Overall, crime in the city inched up less than one percent in 2013, with significant reductions in many areas. January’s press conference was held in the 2nd Precinct by design: that is where the greatest reductions in crime were seen last year.

But just across the Mississippi River in the 4th Precinct, the crime outlook is not so rosy. Mayor Hodges and Chief Harteau conceded the need to do more to address crime throughout the city, but most significantly on the Northside. Perhaps most troubling of the statistics released was that concerning violent crime in North Minneapolis: Instances of homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault increased by 24 percent in 2013.

This surge of incidents on the Northside contributed to a citywide increase of four percent for violent crime. Officials have been quick to note that overall, the city is at its lowest levels of violent crimes in 30 years. Additionally, the last five years represent the period of lowest overall crime since the 1960s.

“Overall, we have had a very successful year,” stated Chief Harteau. “Minneapolis should be proud of its police department and our community partners who have worked diligently to keep crime at some of our lowest levels in decades. As a result, we have built true partnerships that are enhancing overall public safety and viability in our neighborhoods, while building public trust and confidence.”

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Webber Library is open



The books are on the shelves, the computers are in place and the open sign is on. The temporary location for the Webber Park Library is at Camden Center, 4203 Webber Parkway. Stop by! Library hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 8 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Photo by Duane Atter.

KIPP Stand Academy moving into Shingle Creek site

By Amy Luesebrink

It’s true, the long wait is finally over! After sitting vacant for seven years, the Shingle Creek Elementary School building has a new owner and a new purpose. KIPP Stand Academy announced it’s moving to their new campus at the 5034 Oliver Ave. N site this summer. This building, formerly Shingle Creek Elementary School, was closed by Minneapolis Public Schools in 2007. The District approved sale of the vacant property this past fall to the Minnetonka Funding Group (MFG) with the caveat that it lease the property to an approved school partner.

KIPP Stand Academy is a public charter middle school that prepares students from underserved communities to succeed at rigorous high schools and to earn a college degree. The school currently serves 200 students in grades 5-8, 98 percent of whom are students of color and 92 percent of whom qualify for free or reduced lunch aid. The Carlson Family Foundation led a broad coalition to launch KIPP Minnesota to address the racial and economic achievement gaps in the Twin Cities’ public schools.

KIPP Stand Academy staff, students and families are eager to move to a campus that offers: A safe school facility located in a neighborhood with access to a large park; room



to expand the middle school to full enrollment of 400 students and add an elementary school in Fall 2016; a location that serves the 79 percent of KIPP students who live in Minneapolis as well as the 15 percent of students who come from northern suburbs; and a cost-effective, five-year lease for this free, open-enrollment middle school.

KIPP Stand Academy’s Principal Alvin Abraham said, “We are so excited to move to a Northern Minneapolis campus that supports our growth plans. There is a lot of renovation needed by July. We look forward to working with the

new property owner, MFG, as well as with our new neighbors in Shingle Creek, to expedite this process.” Board Chair Beth Finch added, “After reviewing 98 properties in the past year, we are relieved to have found a new Minneapolis campus. The search was an arduous and time consuming task; the lack of suitable facilities is a common frustration for charter schools and state law currently prohibits charter schools from owning properties. We now look forward to returning our full attention to teaching, learning, and changing life trajectories for underserved students through an outstanding education.”

“SCNA [Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association] can’t believe it will be a year to the month since we had our community dialogue with School Board member Ms. Ellison, Mr. Bollinger, and CM Johnson to discuss potential future options regarding the Shingle Creek Elementary school building, and that KIPP Academy will be moving in and become a new neighbor!” stated SCNA Chair Pam Owens. “We are grateful to all those that were instrumental in getting this important decision and transaction approved. We look forward to meeting and working with our “new neighbors” and moving forward with this new chapter of the Shingle Creek Elementary school as a potential new asset in our community. Be watching for details about an upcoming community meeting to meet our new neighbors in the next newsletter.”

For more info about KIPP contact Director of Development Alison Ford Balan at ABalan@kippminnesota.org or 585-733-9893, or visit kippminnesota.org.



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A new restaurant opened at the

end of January on Lyndale! **Northside Deli & Grill** is at 4330 in the old Northside Steak House location. Owner Habib says they are open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and serve breakfast, lunch and dinner. The Chicago style menu includes everything from Philly cheesesteak sandwiches to gyros, to big rice dishes and chicken wings – a little bit of everything! They also cater and deliver. They are working on their website right now but stop by or get info at 612-529-2117.

The Goddess of Glass & Friends finally outgrew the shoppe on Lowry and Penn and has relocated to The Warren on 44th and Penn. They still have professional picture framing and artisan gifts from more than 100 local artists. New hours are Wednesday and Thursday 3 to 9 p.m., Friday noon to 9 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The space is bigger, brighter and there's parking right in front! Chaun Webster of the Cleveland Neighborhood plans to open a

bookstore in the old Goddess of Glass site on Lowry sometime this summer – watch for it!

Like many buildings over one century old, 1501 West Broadway has seen a lot of change over the years. The two-story building at Irving Ave N and West Broadway was once a livery stable, grocery store, dance hall, linoleum store and even a roller rink. Since 1979, it has been owner-occupied by **Randy Lane and Sons Plumbing and Heating**, one of the area's most trusted plumbing businesses. Owner Gayle Lane applied and was awarded a grant from the West Broadway Façade Improvement Program, administered by the West Broadway Business and Area Coalition. Lane hired Heather Doyle, a Minneapolis artist and owner of **INDUSTRYelle, LLC**. The building, which houses the plumbing business upstairs and a Laotian senior services nonprofit on the ground floor, was also completely repainted. "We're very happy with the project. Heather and her team did a wonderful job," said Gayle Lane.

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Scammers kept busy in 2013, plying their unsavory trade in the usual nasty ways. But, as always, they picked up a new trick or two with which to defraud people. Better Business Bureau of Minnesota and North Dakota (BBB) shines a light on the biggest schemes of last year in an effort to help others avoid falling victim.

"Fraudsters are dependable; when they discover something that works, they stick with it," said Dana Badgerow, president and CEO of BBB of Minnesota and North Dakota. "But they're also crafty. They find ways to put new spins on old scams and by doing so, keep people off-balance."

Though the list of scams reported to BBB and monitored by its staffers is long, these are the top 10 scams in terms of their overall reach.

Ransomware – When you click on bad links or attachments in emails, your computer files are encrypted and scammers demand

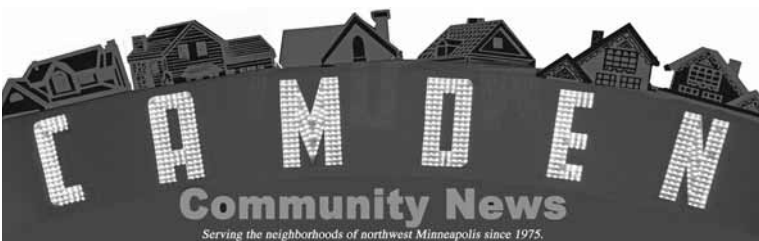
a ransom to get them unlocked. If this happens to you, contact a computer expert – but research them first at bbb.org. Always be wary of emails from senders you don't know and never open or download attachments unless you're sure you know what it is and that it's safe.

Utility schemes – Consumers receive calls saying their power will be shut off unless a payment is made immediately – usually via Green Dot MoneyPaks. If you have questions about your bill, always contact your utility company directly.

Housing rental scams – People find a rental at an unbelievable rate on sites such as craigslist, but discover – after wiring the security deposit or first month's rent away – that the ad they saw was a phony cribbed from a real listing.

Sweepstakes/lottery scams – A notice saying you've won a huge cash prize arrives through the mail, email or via a phone

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Letters to the Editor



New library for our community

The news of the recent library updates brings such a smile to our community. I have two words to repeat, and much gratitude for Commissioner Linda Higgins and the Hennepin County Board. Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Happy New Year to all.

Stephen Campagnola
Victory

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call. All you have to do is pay taxes, insurance or fees and the 'prize' will be yours. However, if you have to pay anything to claim your winnings, you haven't won anything.

Bogus collection calls – The phone rings and people are told they owe money and unless they make an immediate payment, they'll be arrested. Though this sounds scary, legitimate debt collectors cannot make threats like this. Don't be pressured. Always make sure you know who you're dealing with and that alleged debts are valid.

Pet scams – People find websites claiming to offer purebred puppies for free. However, they're told transfer fees have to be wired to release the puppy or payment has to be made to a third-party shipper. Be leery of situations like this and be aware that pet scams are common online, with many of them originating from overseas.

Mystery shopping offers – People receive mailed solicitations, accompanied by sizable checks, to become mystery shoppers. Though the checks look legitimate, they're bogus. Consumers should be aware that legitimate mystery shopping firms don't operate in this manner.

Phishing scams – Scammers attempt to obtain personal finan-

cial information from people through emails claiming to be from trusted senders, such as banks or major retailers. However, the emails contain attachments with viruses or links which can install malware on your computer.

Tech support scam – You receive a call out of the blue saying there's a problem with your computer. A 'helpful' expert offers to help you fix it and/or asks for your credit card information. Don't play along! Cooperating could give scammers access to your computer and/or sensitive financial information. When there's a problem with your computer, you call the expert – not the other way around.

Fake overstock sites – In the past year, Better Business Bureau has shut down more than one hundred fraudulent websites that illegally steal the famous BBB logo and imply they are legitimate sites. A noticeable trend recently is websites that include the word "overstock" in the domain name, hoping to fool consumers into thinking they are shopping with Overstock.com. Beware of web addresses that are longer than just "overstock.com" or use any additional words or letters. Any address other than "overstock.com" is not the correct website for the online retailer.

OneMinneapolis gives great grants to help local nonprofit organizations

By Brianna DeVore

Through their OneMinneapolis initiative, the Minneapolis Foundation has recently awarded more than \$3.4 million in grants to local organizations that "help our community better understand, track, and improve the well-being of all Minneapolis residents." For the past three years, OneMinneapolis has been focused, in particular, on "costly racial disparities in education, jobs, housing, political representation, and other critical areas." Indeed, countless studies have shown that Minneapolis suffers from some of the highest racial disparities in the nation between whites and people of color when it comes to employment and educational opportunities (See startribune.com/local/minneapolis/181298671.html; startribune.com/business/118476099.html).

OneMinneapolis ultimately selected 64 Twin Cities-based organizations as grant recipients. To be eligible, these organizations had to be tax-exempt non-profits, had to prove that their efforts primarily served the people of Minneapolis and had to demonstrate non-discriminatory hiring practices.

Three of these 64 awardees are in our very own community: Hope United Community Development Corporation, Minneapolis College Preparatory School and the Phyllis Wheatley Community Center. These organizations were recognized for their commitment to eliminate racial disparities in the areas of education, economic vitality and civic engagement. Here's more info on the work these organizations are doing in our community and the achievements they have made thus far.

Located on 37th Avenue near the Freemon/Dowling intersection, Hope United Community Development Corporation (hopeunitedcdc.org) is a faith-based organization connecting faith and other community leaders to fight economic and educational disparities on the Northside. They support students at the Lucy Craft Laney Community School through life skill training and an annual leadership development camp. Hope United also works with Summit Academy OIC, The Minneapolis League, and others on the Workforce Investment Network (WIN) program. WIN helps Northside residents under public assistance acquire job training and certification — see the Hope United website for WIN application information.

The Minneapolis Preparatory School on 12th Ave. between Oliver and Penn offers a college preparatory education to students in 9th and 10th grades (minneapoliscollegeprep.org). This tuition free school selects students based on a lottery system, but any student who successfully completes the 8th grade is eligible for entry into the lottery. Students are required to fulfill "enrichment credits," pass a physical fitness test, and accumulate a number of community service hours in order to graduate.

Since 1924, the Phyllis Wheatley Community Center has been providing education and community resources to African Americans in North Minneapolis (pwccenter.org). Today, their diverse programming includes the Mary T. Wellcome Child Development Center, which is a nationally recognized program helping children ages six months to six years prepare for kindergarten and beyond. This program is especially valuable given that the kindergarten readiness disparity between white children and children of color is particularly high in Minnesota, according to OneMinnesota. Through their Strong Families program, the Phyllis Wheatley Community Center also works to help adults with free walk-in legal services for low income residents, as well as support groups for female victims of domestic violence and male therapy groups for perpetrators of violence.

These three organizations, and many others like them, help remind us of the potential within our community and the responsibilities we have to one another. Not all of us have the time and resources to help our neighbors in need, but we can certainly give where we can. All of these organizations take online donations and many of them are looking for volunteers as well. If those commitments are difficult, there are many events hosted by these organizations and all you need to give for these is your physical presence.

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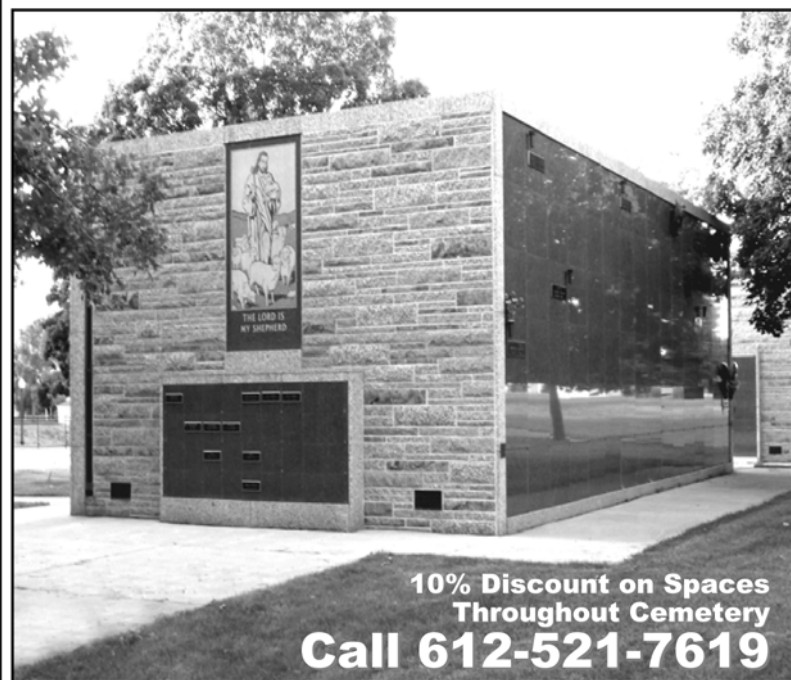
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Now's the time to prune your trees

By Debbie Nelson, Master Gardener, U of M Extension Service, Hennepin County

Sometime in the next couple of months arborists will be coming to trim the two trees in my yard. Pruning is important maintenance of your woody landscape and the best time to prune trees and shrubs is when they are dormant—and that is **now**. Pruning is important to the health of your trees and shrubs—you need to remove branches that are dead or dying as a result of disease, severe insect infestation, damage from animals or storms, or branches that are rubbing against each other. Pruning will also encourage flower and fruit production.

Another reason to prune is to improve the appearance of your woody plants. You may want to remove unwanted branches or suckers to control the plant's size and/or maintain its natural shape. When a tree or shrub is pruned properly you should not be able to tell that it has been pruned. "Topping" (severe cutting back of all the top and outer branches) is the wrong way to prune a tree. A topped tree usually has a flat or ball look about it. Very thick branches are lopped off in the middle and the resulting look is very unnatural. Besides looking very unattractive the tree is also severely damaged and often does not survive. Topping results in a dramatic reduction of the tree's leaves in proportion to its size. There are fewer leaves to produce food for the tree through photo-



synthesis, which results in the decline of the tree's health and its ability to resist disease and insects.

It may also be necessary to prune a tree to protect people or property—when dead or broken branches are in danger of falling or there is a narrow-angled crotch between two branches—especially when the branches overhang homes, parking spaces or sidewalks. Narrow crotches are weaker than wide-angled crotches. Branches that come out at wide angles from the trunk are able to withstand adverse weather and other environmental stresses. You may also wish to prune trees or shrubs that obscure the entry to your home, or be required to trim ones that obstruct the vision of drivers or pedestrians. Trees that interfere with street or traffic lights or utility wires should be pruned. Utility companies usually trim the trees that interfere with their wires, but unfortunately they

rarely do it correctly or in an aesthetically pleasing way.

The best practice of pruning is thinning. That is the selective removal of branches—completely removing them back to the stem or another branch. Thinning maintains the natural shape of your plant and if your plant is pruned properly you should not be able to tell that it has been pruned. The advantages of thinning are that you are not drastically reducing the number of leaves at one time, the cutting wounds are closer to the stem and will heal faster, and new growth is stimulated over the entire tree, not just at the ends of branches. Proper pruning should begin in the first or second year after planting and continue over the life of the tree.

Unless your tree is small and you know what you are doing, it is best to hire a certified arborist. Trees are an important investment in your landscape and you should protect this investment by hiring a knowledgeable and trained professional to care for your trees, just as you would hire a professional electrician, plumber or carpenter to maintain your home. No reputable tree trimmer should suggest "topping" your tree. For info on hiring a certified arborist try this site: extension.umn.edu/garden/yard-garden/trees-shrubs/how-to-hire-a-professional-arborist/.

Surviving the cold

By Allison Holzer, Interpretive Naturalist, Kroening Interpretive Center

This time of year, I like to watch the mallards congregate on Shingle Creek in North Mississippi Regional Park. Clustered together on some of the only open water around, they seem content to paddle back and forth, occasionally dunking under the water for a tasty morsel or a quick bath. All of this seems perfectly normal, until I realize that I am decked out in several layers of winter gear leaving nothing exposed but my eyes, while these ducks seem happy to have their bare legs dangling in frigid water. What gives!?

We all know that some Minnesota animals wimp out when it comes to winter; many birds, insects and mammals migrate away or hibernate deep underground. But there are just as many creatures that brave the frozen landscape and seem to do just fine, even without the benefits of microfleece and hot cocoa. How is it possible for ducks—or even more amazing, chickadees—to thrive, even as we are warned not to venture out of doors?

These birds' first secret weapon is their coat of feathers; most birds molt their feathers at the end of the summer, and for those that stay in the frozen north, this gives them the opportunity to produce thicker plumage. A chickadee's new plumage, for example, weighs about 25 percent more than the old. This extra insulation helps these golf-ball-sized birds maintain a body temperature of 108°, even in sub-zero weather. Mallards, too, have thick layers of down feathers, which they protect from getting wet by waterproofing their outer feathers. When I see them taking "baths," the water actually never gets to their skin.

So, a bird's body is insulated just fine, but what about their feet? Even in my warmest winter jacket, I would lose heat quickly if I were to strip off my boots and socks. Chickadees solve this problem by sitting on their feet or pulling them, one at a time, into their downy feathers. Ducks, however, need to have their feet in the water to swim. Many ducks and other water birds have a special heat-exchange mechanism in their feet: cool blood flowing from their feet to their bodies is warmed up by the warmer blood flowing down from their bodies to their feet. This means that a

duck's feet are kept cool, but not frozen, while its body heat is kept primarily in its warm, feathered regions.

Finally, any animal that stays here for the winter needs to have a sufficient food supply. As long as mallards can find open water,



they are able to find the snails, seeds and aquatic plants they need, although they will also forage in cornfields for some human-supplied food. Chickadees, too, use food provided by people in the winter, although they are able to find plenty of food if we forget to fill our feeders. A chickadee needs to eat the equivalent of 250 sunflower seeds every day; the bird stores this energy as fat, increasing its weight by about 5 percent every day, and losing the weight every night as the fat burns off to keep the bird warm.

When you see a mallard or chickadee next spring, just think what it takes for them to get through a Minnesota winter. As for me, I think I'll go get some cocoa.

Join us for the following nature programs. Reservations are required. Call 763-559-6700.

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For all ages: Come by on Sunday afternoons anytime between 1-3 p.m. for Free Family Fundays. Explore Sun, Shadows and Groundhogs on February 2; Nature Puppet Magic on February 9; Feathers on February 16; and Predator/Prey on February 23. Reservations are not required. Call us at 763-694-7693 for more info or visit our website at Three-riversparks.org.

Red Cross issues new pet first aid app

Pets are an important part of many families, and a new Red Cross Pet First Aid App puts lifesaving info right in the hands of dog and cat owners so they can provide emergency care until veterinary assistance is available.

The 99 cent Pet First Aid app gives iPhone and Android smart phone users instant access to expert info so they learn how to maintain their pet's health and what to do during emergencies.

Pet owners learn how to recognize health problems and when to contact their veterinarian. The Pet First Aid App provides step-by-step instructions, videos and images for more than 25 common first aid and emergency situations including how to treat wounds, control bleeding, and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies. Additional topics include burns, car accidents, falls and what to do for cold- and heat-related emergencies.

Other features in the app allow pet owners to: Create a pet profile including tag identification number, photos, list of medications and instructions; use the list of early warning signs to learn when to call their veterinarian; use "click-to-call" to contact their veterinarian; find emergency pet care facilities or alternate veterinarians with the animal hospital locator; locate pet-friendly hotels; and test their knowledge with interactive quizzes and earn badges that they can share on their social networks along with their favorite picture of their pet.

History shows that people have not evacuated during disasters because they did not want to leave their pets behind. The Red Cross app contains resources to help owners include pets in their emergency action plans. Pet owners may also take a Red Cross Pet First Aid course so they can practice the skills and receive feedback. People can go to redcross.org/takeaclass for information and to register.

The Red Cross has made great strides in making emergency info available whenever and wherever people need it. The Pet First Aid App and other Red Cross apps can be found in the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store for Android by searching for American Red Cross or by going to redcross.org/mobileapps.



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Tax preparation at Oak Park Center, 1701 Oak Park Ave. N., begins February 3 and continues every Monday through April 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (closed for Presidents Day, February 17). 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., begins February 5 and continues on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. through April 9, and on Saturdays, beginning February 1, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. through April 12. Customers are served on a first come, first served basis.

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Chief Harteau’s comments reflect what has been a focus of the MPD in 2013: increasing engagement with the community. The chief came to the job last year with an eye toward building relationships with city residents and business owners. Introducing beat patrols on the Northside was one step taken to build stronger neighborhood connections.

In 2013, 17 officers were assigned to foot, bike and squad patrols meant to patrol some of the 4th Precinct’s major corridors, including Lyndale, Penn and West Broadway Avenues. This approach was meant to help officers become more familiar with neighborhoods on a block-by-block basis and develop stronger community bonds. It’s an approach, officials say, that may be expanded in 2014.

Additional MPD initiatives planned for this year include assigning more staff to the robbery and assault division in order to try to reduce the number of smart phone and electronics thefts, and at least two new programs designed to reduce juvenile crimes. The Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) program will aim to help School Resource Officers connect with young people to build important life skills. Harteau will also start a Chief’s Youth Citizen Advisory Council.

“We see the great work of the police and the community reflected in these low crime numbers, but we know there is still much more work to do, and that some parts of our city have serious challenges still ahead,” said Mayor Hodges. “I’m encouraged by the steps the Police Department has been taking in the last year. Getting officers out of cars and onto the streets is just one way that they’re building stronger community connections than ever before.”

Mayor Hodges has pledged her support for hiring additional police officers. Minneapolis currently has roughly 812 active officers, a relatively low number, and retirements are expected to increase this year. The MPD could ultimately be left with the smallest number of officers employed decades, adding a sense of urgency to the task of bringing in more fully-trained recruits.

Even hiring more officers, though, may not turn the tide against criminal activity on the Northside. Crime dramatically increased in the 4th Precinct even as the area saw the greatest citywide increase in MPD enforcement. The police increased enforcement by 12 percent in 2013, a fact that makes it clear that more than just more police are needed to make things better in North Minneapolis.

“The solutions . . . have to do with policing, but it also has to do with community relationships,” says Mayor Hodges. “It also has to do with whether or not we are doing job creation [and] housing.”



Fourth Ward Report

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Web page: www.minneapolismn.gov/ward4/index.htm
Contact Form: www.minneapolismn.gov/ward4/contact-ward4

Mayor and Council begin new terms

New Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and Council Members were formally sworn in on Monday, January 6, and the new City Council has started its work for 2014. Following the inauguration ceremony, the council convened and voted to name Barbara Johnson as Council President and Elizabeth Glidden as Council Vice President. The City Council also approved a new slate of standing committees and committee leadership. “This is an exciting time for Minneapolis, and I’m looking forward to working with our new mayor and council members, as well as my returning colleagues,” Council President Johnson said. “We’ll begin the new term with renewed energy and some fresh perspectives on how to make Minneapolis an even better place to live, work, and visit.” More info about the new committee system and the 2014 meeting schedule at minneapolismn.gov/council.

City internships

STEP-UP. The City’s STEP-UP summer internship program prepares youth for future employment by offering summer work experience and training at Minneapolis businesses. STEP-UP trains and matches Minneapolis youth ages 14-21 in summer internships at local businesses. STEP-UP is focused on serving young people from low-income families or young people that have risk factors making it challenging to find employment on their own. The deadline to apply for an internship with STEP-UP is February 21. All applications must be completed online. Internships are paid, and generally 20-40 hours per week for 6-10 weeks from mid-June to August. For more info and to apply visit minneapolismn.gov/cped/metp/cped_stepup. For assistance with the application process contact Tammy Dickinson at 612-673-5041.

Urban Scholars. The City is now accepting applications for 2014 Urban Scholars. Urban Scholars will work in City of Minneapolis departments and participate in events focused on building networks, skills and opportunities. Interested college students should apply at

minneapolismn.gov/urbanscholars by Monday, March 3. The 12-week program is a full-time paid internship experience that runs from May 27-Aug. 15, for young people from diverse backgrounds that strive to work in the public service sector.

Northside development

New funding has been established for development in Ward 4. The city has approved \$1 million for purchase of the Hamilton School facility on 41st and Dupont which will be used for the MPD’s strategic operations center and Police Activities League (PAL). Funding has also been approved to install bike lanes on 26th Ave. N from Wirth Parkway to Broadway and Lyndale Ave. to the river.

Help bridge the digital divide by completing a survey

The City of Minneapolis is once again surveying residents for perspectives about how they use computers, mobile devices and the Internet to better their daily lives. About 12,400 households will receive the survey in the mail from National Research Center, Inc., an independent research firm that will conduct the survey. If you receive a survey in the mail, please take a few minutes to complete the survey and mail it back in the envelope provided. The City of Minneapolis will use the results to better understand technology use in the city and to help guide the City’s efforts in closing the digital divide. More information about the City’s efforts to close the digital divide, along with the reports from the 2012 and 2013 surveys are at minneapolismn.gov/it/inclusion.

4th Ward E-Newsletter

Sign up for the 4th Ward Email newsletter at public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MPLS/subscriber/new? Enter your email address; under “subscription topics” select “Ward 4-Barbara Johnson” under City Council then submit.

Northside residents interested in learning more about how they can get involved in crime prevention efforts can call the MPD’s Fourth Precinct (612-673-5704) or contact the Crime Prevention Specialist designated for their neighborhood.

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A pet license is your pet’s free ride home

Comcast cable subscribers may have seen a public service announcement that shows how a pet license reunited a lost dog with its owner. In the video, a Minneapolis dog owner shares how “Scoop” ran out of his yard when a gate was accidentally left open. Thanks to a pet license, Minneapolis Animal Care & Control was able to identify Scoop’s owner and give Scoop a free ride home, instead of to the shelter.

Why license your pet? Licensing your pet supports Minneapolis Animal Care and Control’s work to create safe and healthy communities for people and animals. Plus, there are many benefits to pet licensing including: It’s a free ride home. If your licensed pet is found in Minneapolis, it will get a ride home instead of to the animal shelter. Your pet is more likely to get back home. Licensed pets are three times more likely than unlicensed pets to go home again. If your pet is found injured, a pet license makes it more likely that its medical history can be located and it will get the proper medical care right away. It’s the law for dogs, cats, ferrets and rabbits. (Minneapolis Ordinance 64.10 and 65.10)

It helps other pets! Your pet’s license helps Minneapolis Animal Care & Control: Shelter and feed lost dogs and cats, and find them new homes; educate the public about responsible pet ownership; and reunite lost dogs and cats with their owners.

Licensing your pet is an easy process that can be done in person at Minneapolis Animal Care & Control, on the phone, by mail or online. For info and to license your pet online, visit the City of Minneapolis website.



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Camden Youth & Schools

Black History Month at Patrick Henry High School

By Tom Murray

As the largest school on the Northside, students and staff at Patrick Henry feel a special calling to be true to the spirit of Black History Month. Here are some of the activities we have planned for the month. We invite the community to join us in the work and the celebration of bringing liberty and justice to all.

Mr. Buzza and the Patrick Henry Choir have been invited to perform in *WITNESS: Stomp and Sing* on Sunday, February 9 at 4 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in downtown Minneapolis. They will be performing in collaboration with the chorale group VocalEssence under the direction of Artistic Director Phillip Brunelle.

Patrick Henry graduate Tom O’Keefe is a member of VocalEssence, the preeminent choral organization in the state, and says the performance promises to shake the foundation of Orchestra Hall with a sound to rival a quake of thunder as they showcase the history, culture and fight for freedom of the Gullah people.

The performance captures the rhythmic spirit of the Gullah people from the Sea Islands of Georgia and South Carolina. The Gullah lived in isolation, retaining much of their pure African traditions. Communal singing and dance were seen as vital to survival, and rhythm was deep in their souls. Through powerful spirituals performed in the Gullah tradition, stick pounding (Patrick Henry students developed their own decorative sticks), hand clapping and foot stomping, the performers will challenge all of us to connect with our neighbor and the music within us, because as vocal activist Melanie DeMore says, “a song can hold you up when there seems to be no ground beneath you.” Tickets/info: minnesotaorchestra.org/connect.

All are welcome to our annual African American Parent Involvement Day on Monday, February 10. Parents and members of the community may shadow their students throughout the day or participate in timely and informative presentations each hour of the school day beginning at 7:55 a.m. and proceeding to the last period starting at 2:10 p.m.

On this day we will: Promote parent involvement; address the serious achievement gap facing African American students; and promote and provide strate-



Hamud Abdiqadir starring in PHHS’s production of Hairspray.

gies for parents, students and the community to take advantage of all levels of the educational system

The presenters include:

- Benjamin McHie: Founder and Executive Director of the African American Registry, the most comprehensive online storehouse in the world of African American heritage.
- Senator Bobby Joe Champion District 59: Serving North Minneapolis.
- Eric Mahmoud: President/CEO/Founder at Seed Academy and Harvest Preparatory School. Author of *Best in Class How We closed the 5 Gaps of Academic Achievement*.
- Sondra Samuels: CEO of the Northside

Achievement Zone, a nationally recognized model for achievement.

- Susan Breedlove: Pillar of the North Minneapolis Community—she has lived, taught, raised a family, advocated for environmental, educational, and social justice, documented community history and been a keeper of culture on the North Side for all of her adult life.
- Trent Tucker: Retired NBA basketball player who played 11 seasons in the National Basketball Association winning the 1993 NBA Championship with the Chicago Bulls. Mr. Tucker currently co-hosts KFAN FM’s In the Zone and is Director of District Athletics for the Minneapolis Public Schools.
- Tomorrow’s Leaders Today: Emerging student leader representatives from Patrick Henry’s key student organizations: Black Student Union, Girls in Action, and Student Council discuss matters of priority to Patrick Henry’s students. Discussion hosted by Dijon McCain ’15, Moderator of KMOJ’s Teen Summit.

Students are also busy rehearsing for *Hairspray*, a comedic musical dealing with racial overtones in the racially segregated ‘60s. Humud Abdiqadir, who plays the role of a school principal says about the play, “This play lets you be free to be whoever you are regardless of rules in society.” Abdiqadir, a 2013 graduate of the prestigious Penumra Theatre Summer Institute encourages all to come see their innovative performance of *Hairspray* at the following dates and times: Thursday, March 13 7 p.m.; Friday, March 14 7 p.m.; and Saturday, March 15 2 p.m.

One School, One Book

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes is the second book that all Jenny Lind students will be reading during this school year beginning in February as part of One School, One Book—a national program designed to create a shared reading experience within a single school community.

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes, by Eleanor Coer (Puffing, 1977), is based on the true story of a young Japanese girl who contracts leukemia as a result of the atom bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima. The story follows Sadako as a healthy schoolgirl winning relay races, through her diagnosis with leukemia, to her long stay in the hospital. It is in the hospital that she first begins making origami cranes to pass the time. Her ultimate goal is to make 1000, but she dies with only 644 completed. Sadako’s classmates finish making the remaining cranes, and all 1000 are buried with her.

For info on the One School, One Book visit onemorepagebooks.com. For info on other books that Jenny Lind students will be reading this year go to jenny lind.mpls.k12.mn.us/uploads/one_book_one_school_2013-14_2.pdf or call Jenny Lind School at 612-668-2020 for more details.

Goals set at Noble Academy

By Pahua Moua

During the first trimester at Noble Academy, all students have been busy adjusting to the day-to-day activities in their grade level. They have been learning many new things such as learning traditions and holidays of countries, the outdoor season, telling time, writing stories, and new word sounds. Additionally, they have been busy working on completing lessons in Study Island, Renaissance Place (AR) and Reading Eggs. For kindergarten through second grade students, these educational programs help to improve reading, listening and fine motor skills.

For third through eighth grade students, the programs help to prepare for the Minnesota Compressive Assessment (MCA) in April. To determine their level of knowledge, students took their first OPLA-Math testing in November. With this knowledge, teachers are able to pin-point exactly what students may still be struggling or need improvement on, and look to assist using AR, Readings Eggs, and Study Island.

There are specific goals set for these programs by MCA/Stanford standards, with the exception of the AR goal, which is set by Noble Academy standards. The following goals are established for Study Island, AR and Reading Eggs for 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; and Renaissance Place (AR) Goal: 45,000 books read by May 30.

As students begin trimester two, their knowledge of these programs will continue to grow to great heights, with the expectation that they are successfully learning and comprehending what is being taught at Noble Academy. Look forward to our next update towards the end of trimester two.

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Behind the Victory Flagpole – School life redux

By Barbara Meyer Bistodeau

How many people do you know who attended our sister high school, North High? Plenty, probably—friends, relatives or parents. The story below is being told by student Claire Haight about some of the things the North High A Seniors did during their high school career to build up their social standing. Starting in chronological order from the beginning, meaning when they were juniors.

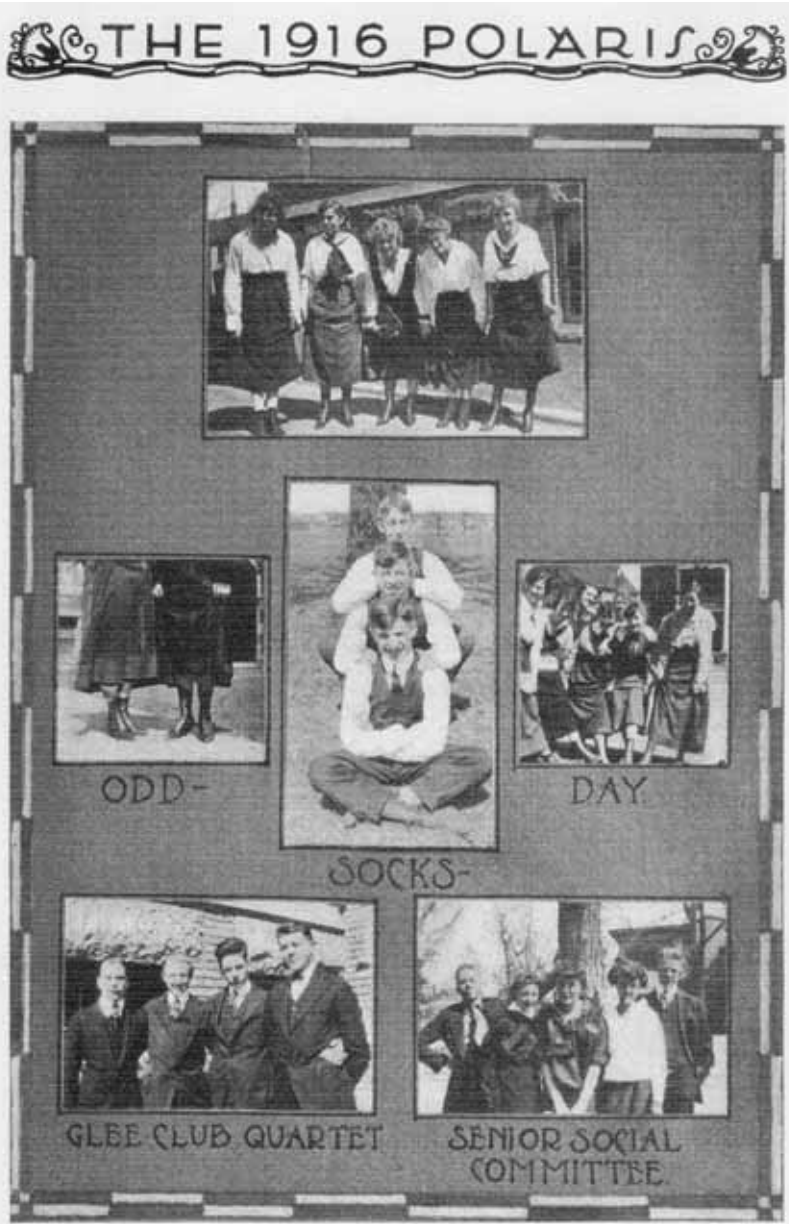
Our first social event in high school was a Hard Time Mixer on November 5, 1914 in the girl's gymnasium. Dancing took up most of the evening. The happy crowd departed at the final hour, 11 p.m., with the strains of *Home Sweet Home*. Although most of us were a little bashful, we started our social activities with plenty of "pep."

A skating party was our last B Junior event and was held on a cold dreary night, January 29, 1915. We skated at North Commons, with Miss Mc Almon as chaperone, until we were exhausted. Most of us were carried to the school, where hot lunch revived us.

There was one social event which Jack Bleecker will probably remember as long as he lives. That was the Box Lunch Party, which was held April 7, 1915 in the usual place, the girl's gym. The girls prepared box lunches and auctioned them off in the lunch room. Jack Bleecker was the "goat." When an innocent box, filled with wieners, dog biscuits and limburger cheese was held up for auction, Jack drew it, much to his sorrow. After watching Jack consume said lunch, we departed, mostly for home.

Next was the Class Picnic. It was held June 20, 1915 at Minnehaha Falls. Our chaperones were Mrs. Bleecker, Mr. and Mrs. Gisselquist, and Mrs. Mott. The main feature of the picnic was the "eats" to which everyone did justice. Baseball and races featured the afternoon program. A cloudburst along toward dark sent most of the class scampering for shelter, which, for most of us, was home.

A masquerade was our first Senior party and was probably the most successful social event ever given in the gym. It was held November 20, 1915 and about 90 members of the class turned out, all dressed in "nifty" costumes. Leon Bakst certainly did not have anything on us for color schemes, for there were clowns, milk maids, dancers and hobo's galore. The evening was spent in dancing and playing games, after which we adjourned to the lunch room.



You know what happened there. Then there was the Junior Ball. You've sure got to hand it to the Juniors when it comes to staging Junior balls. They gave the Seniors one of the finest receptions put on for some time at the girl's gymnasium. It was held January 7, 1916. The committee worked more than a month getting things ready. The colors, green and white, predominated in the decorations. The Grand March was led by Miss Wilson. Gladys Dahl distributed programs which called for 12 dances.

Music was furnished by remnants of the North High Orchestra.

The patrons and patronesses were Mr. Hobbs, Miss Wilson, Miss Henry, Mr. Craig, Mr. Robbins, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Amland, Mr. and Mrs. Dahl, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Weber and Mr. Stanchfield.

The arrangements for the reception were in the hands of the following B and A Juniors: Howard Stanchfield, Earl Rydell, Florence Weber, Howard Amland, Gladys Dahl and Winslow Kelly. The Seniors have since thanked those who were in charge of the Junior Ball for the time shown them on this January night.

And then finally, we have the Mid-Winter Picnic. This was held January 29, 1916. If you don't think there are any cold-blooded boys and girls in our class you should have been at that picnic, chaperoned by Miss Henry and Mr. Williams. With the temperatures hovering way below the zero mark, the boys and girls appeared in their summer costumes and had a great time in the gym. So now you know what kind of fun our older friends and relatives had back then. It is just natural to compare it in our minds to what kind of events we have in our schools today. Remember, this was 98 and 99 years ago!

Note: Taken from the 1916 *Polaris*

Get Behind the Victory Flagpole

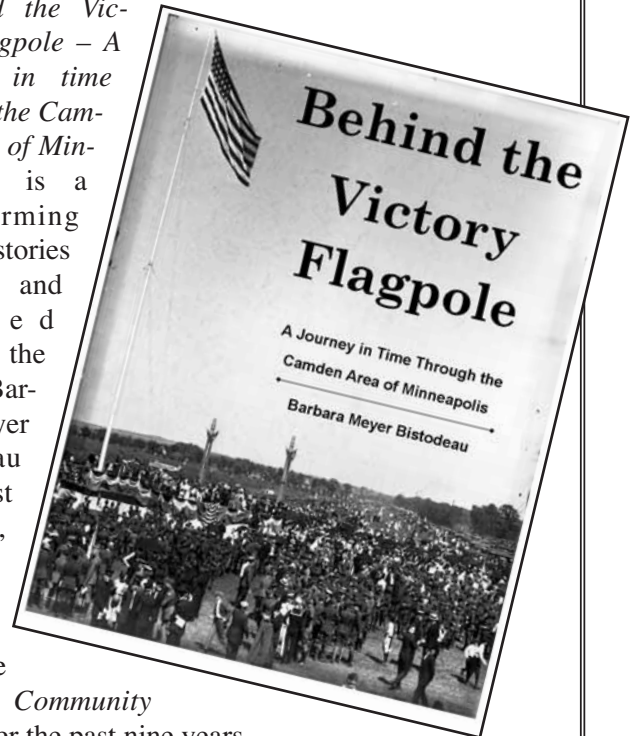
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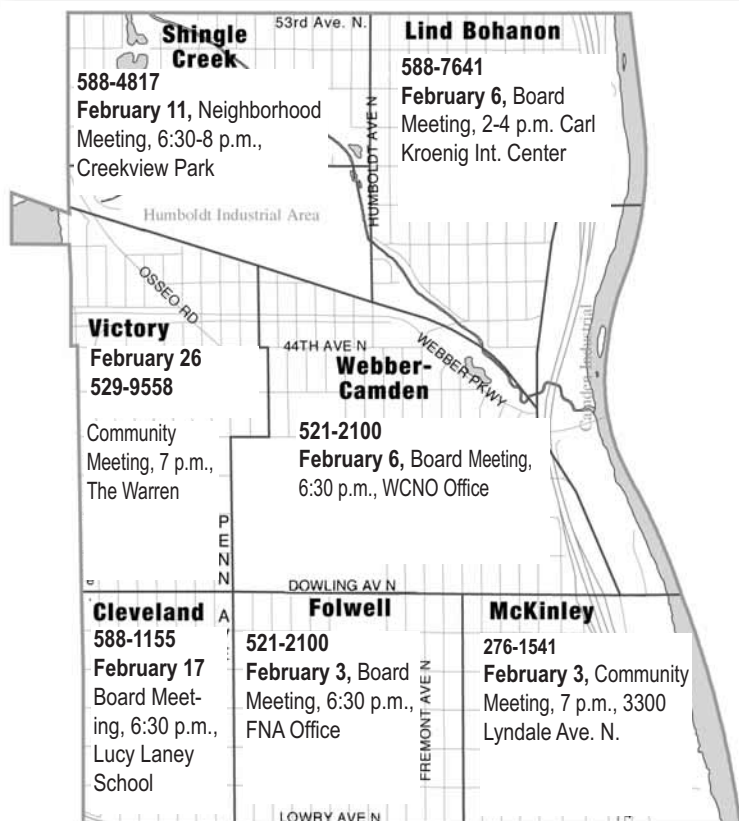


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Camden Neighborhoods



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Next SCNA Neighborhood Meeting is Tuesday, February 11 at Creekview Park, 5001 Humboldt Ave. N, 6:30-8 p.m.

Attention Shingle Creek residents!

We invite you to attend this month's SCNA Neighborhood/Board meeting on Tuesday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Creekview Park, 5001 Humboldt Ave. N. It's free and everyone is welcome to attend.

Penn Avenue improvements

SCNA is participating in the Hennepin County Community Works planning effort for the redevelopment of Penn Ave. N. Kelsey Dawson Walton, and Patricia Fitzgerald will be attending the meeting to discuss the progress to date.

Lao Assistance Center of Minnesota

Executive Director Sunny Chanthanouvong will be attending this month's SCNA meeting to talk about the Lao Leadership Institute project that they are developing. We invite you to join us!

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Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association is a nonprofit 501c 3 organization made up of volunteer residents that meet to discuss neighborhood issues and topics, plan and host community events, and work toward improving the neighborhood. Do you have something that you find annoying or that you want to brag about our neighborhood? We want to hear from you!



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, February 6, 6:30 p.m., WCNO office.

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

4th Precinct Community Court Watch: Tuesday, February 11, 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.

Snow shoveling: Seniors and homeowners with disabilities, if you need help with snow shoveling or small chores, contact the Neighborhood Involvement Program (NIP) at 612-374-3322 or seniors@neighborinvolve.org.

Do you feel the need for a pancake breakfast? Attend the Leos in Action Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, February 8, Folwell Park, 8 a.m. until 11 a.m.

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, February 3, 6:30 p.m., FNA office.

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Join a committee in 2014!

We offer residents of the Cleveland Neighborhood numerous ways to get involved in the decision making and priorities of the neighborhood. One way to get involved is to join a committee. We have four committees that meet monthly at 6:30 p.m.

Youth (1st Thursday) – Work with youth and plan events and promote things that benefit the youth and families in our community.

Crime & Safety (1st Monday) – Work together to address community concerns, consult with our Crime Prevention Specialist, and promote block clubs and neighborhood gatherings to promote safety and increase livability.

Community Development (2nd Monday) – Actively promote and give input on development, housing and other issues that the city and other developers are seeking input on. Be proactive in Connecting Neighbors through neighborhood initiatives.

Events (2nd Thursday) – Help plan our community events such as our annual meeting, Live on the Drive, winter events, and more.

What would you do with \$500 to better your neighborhood?

Dream big, bring your block together or your entire community; host an event, launch a project, start something totally new. We're looking for grand ideas and amazing energy to make them happen. CNA is here to support you in making your dreams for your community become a reality. Learn more about our soon to launch Innovation Lab by calling the office, 612-588-1155. This project is made possible through a grant from the Bush Foundation.

Cleveland Connectors: A Connector on every block

For a community to thrive it must be an open and welcome space for all people and knowing your neighbors is the first step on that journey. A Connector is someone who sees the value in CNA's mission of Connecting Neighbors, with each other, with opportunities and resources and ensuring neighbors have a voice in community decisions. Our goal in 2014 is grow the number of Connectors in Cleveland and provide them with the support they need to become leaders and launch innovative projects on their block and in their community. Learn more at ClevelandNeighborhood.org or call 612-588-1155.



The Lind Bohanon Neighborhood Association



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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.

Monday, February 4, LBNA Crime and Safety Meeting 7-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 6, LBNA Board Meeting 2-4 p.m. Carl Kroening Int. Center

Saturday, February 15, LBNA Open House 1-3 p.m. Carl Kroening Int. Center

Tuesday, February 20, LBNA Housing Committee Meeting 6:30-8 p.m.

Tuesday, February 25, LBNA Executive Committee Meeting 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Please see our website for any updates.

We invite you! to our first LBNA Open House event!

Saturday, February 15, 1-3 p.m.

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Come check out our successes like the Lind Community Garden, Humboldt Greenway improvements, Lyndale improvements, Bohanon Park improvements; let's show off our current projects like senior activities, transportation and community-wide events; and come help shape our future! There will be light refreshments, door prizes, and free activities for the kids too! Fill out our "Connecting Lyndale Ave. N and the River" survey available at lindbohanon.org, and enter to win one of several door prizes that day! If you have questions contact LBNA Chairperson Georgia Lynch or Business Committee Chairperson Pauline Betley at lindbohanonna@aol.com or 612-588-7641.

LBNA Crime and Safety Committee first Tuesday of the month 7-8:30 p.m.

New day and place

The LBNA Crime and Safety committee is a place for people to meet our Community Crime Prevention Specialist Tim Hammett to talk about issues on your block, crime prevention trends and tips, and hear more about what the Minneapolis Police Department is doing for our area. Meet at Shingle Creek Commons, 4600 Humboldt Ave. N.

Need energy improvements?

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February McKinley Community General Meeting

****Due to weather cancellation of the January meeting, the agenda is being carried over to the February Community Meeting.****

We are happy to announce that at the February McKinley Community General Meeting we will have our newly re-elected Councilmember Barbara Johnson as a guest speaker. The meeting is Monday, February 3 at 7 p.m. here at 3300 Lyndale Avenue North. Come on down to meet our representative to the City Council! CM Johnson will be talking about issues at the City level that affect our neighborhood and region, and will also be taking questions from you. All are encouraged to attend!

****As of this month's Community General Meeting we will also be wrapping the Crime and Safety Issue Group Meeting into the community meeting on a permanent basis.****

Know a senior who needs help with shoveling or other chores?

Chore Program - low-cost home maintenance services such as routine housecleaning, seasonal jobs, raking, lawn care, **snow removal** and minor repairs. This program is aimed at helping seniors living in their homes (individuals 60 and over). Call 612-374-3322.

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. N 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 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 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 Monday, February 3, 7 p.m., 3300 Lyndale Avenue North

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

McKinley Community General Meeting Monday, March 3, 7 p.m., 3300 Lyndale Avenue North

The ongoing snow shoveling season

With so many snowfalls under our belts this winter we tend to get lax at shoveling. But remember that sidewalks are a critical part of our city’s transportation system. That’s why Minneapolis ordinance requires that property owners clear sidewalks after a snowfall within 24 hours for houses and duplexes and four daytime hours for apartment and commercial buildings. For your own benefit and to help your neighbors who are walking, pushing strollers and using wheelchairs, do your part.

When you shovel snow and clear ice, shovel the sidewalks on all sides of your property, the full width of the sidewalk down to the bare pavement. When possible, remove all ice from sidewalks. Remember, you are as responsible for clearing ice on your sidewalk as clearing snow. Ice can be more of a barrier and more dangerous than snow. The sooner and more completely you shovel, the less likely ice will form.

If you use salt or other chemical de-icers, use as little as possible. When they dissolve, they release harmful chlorides that may find their way into the closest lake, river or stream. As the snow and ice melts you don’t see the chemicals anymore, but they can flow into the storm sewer, which brings them untreated directly into the closest water body. Once the chloride gets into the water, it stays there accumulating because it doesn’t ever break down. As little as one teaspoon of salt in five gallons of water is harmful to aquatic life and affects the taste of drinking water. Keep in mind:

- Shovel first. The more snow and ice you remove manually, the less salt you will have to use and the more effective it can be. Then, break up ice with an ice scraper and decide if a de-icer (to melt ice) or sand (for traction) is even necessary.
- 15 degrees is too cold for most de-icers to work. Most stop doing their job when the temperature is below 15 degrees.
- More de-icer does not mean more melting. Check the package directions for the safest and most effective use.
- Sweep up extra de-icer. If salt or sand is visible on dry pavement, it is no longer doing any work and will be washed away. The excess can be swept up and reused for the next snow or disposed of in the trash.
- Check your local hardware store for alternative products. Follow package directions for the most effective use and least harm to the environment.

- It may be impossible to remove bonded ice when the temperatures remain very low for extended periods. Shovel the best you can, and sprinkle a little sand to provide traction until you can remove the ice. Minneapolis provides free sand to residents in cases like this. See minneapolisismn.gov/snow/shovel/snow_freesidewalksand.
- For info on healthier sidewalk snow and ice removal, visit minnehahacreek.org/education/keep-our-water-clean-home/snow-removal-and-salt.

Don’t forget your garbage and recycling carts. Garbage and recycling collection crews are out working, even after a heavy snowfall. Make sure to clear a path three feet wide from your garbage and recycling containers to the alley or street. Also make sure the containers can be moved freely.

Help shovel! When it snows, some seniors in the city need help shoveling their walks. Want to lend them a hand this winter? The City is working with the Neighborhood Involvement Program to find individual volunteers or volunteer groups to commit to shoveling for at least one client for one month or for the entire winter. It’s a great way to spend some time in the snow with friends and make a difference



for a senior in your community. Visit the Neighborhood Involvement Program website for info and contact Jeanne Rasumssen at srvolunteer@neighborhoodinvolve.org or 612-746-8549 to sign up.

Report sidewalks that are not shoveled. To report a sidewalk that is not shoveled, you can file an online complaint, call 311 or use the 311 mobile app. If the City gets a report or discovers that a sidewalk is not properly cleared, Public Works will send a warning letter and give the property owners a chance to clear it. If the sidewalk does not get cleared, the property owner may be issued a citation with a fine and crews will remove the snow and ice from the sidewalk. The property owner will be billed for this work, and unpaid bills will be added to the owner’s property tax.

Snow shoveling videos: When it snows, make sure to clear your sidewalks of snow and ice to keep them safe and avoid a possible fine from the City. Learn more in this edition of the Minneapolis “Did you know...” video series. The City of Minneapolis has videos in English, Spanish, Hmong and Somali.

Camden Arts

John Biggers’ Northside Seed

The City of Minneapolis and partners Obsidian Arts, Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center, and the U of M’s Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC) hosted a community event on January 23 featuring the 17 master and emerging artists selected to participate in the John Biggers Seed (Seed) project.

Seed is inspired by Bigger’s *Celebration of Life* mural and the role the mural played in launching the careers of young artists and organizations, and planting artistic “seeds” on the Northside. The project is designed to teach the emerging artists about African American art and community history, while providing them with career development and transferable skills. For the next eight months, they will be working closely with four master artists to create a sense of place that speaks to the culture of North Minneapolis. The new artwork will be installed at Interstate 94 at Highway 55 in October.



The January 23 event officially kicked-off the Seed project and featured visiting master artists Willis Bing Davis of Ohio and Jon Onye Lockard of Michigan, and a short presentation about the *Celebration of Life* mural and the work of John Biggers.

Community members met Davis, Lockard and the other Seed artists: Tacumba Aiken, Seitu Jones, Mica Anders, Chrys Carroll, Roger Cummings, Patrick Cunningham, Angela Davis, Loretta Day, Christopher Aaron Deanes, Adrienne Doyle, Jeremiah Bey Ellison, Jordan Hamilton, Chris Harrison, Esther Osayande and Chris Scott.


The Bigger’s Seed project is funded by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Our Town program, the McKnight Foundation’s Region and Communities program, the City of Minneapolis’ Art in Public Places program and the Pohlad Foundation.

The community is invited to participate in a series of four art history workshops taking place on Saturdays in February and March. The events will be free, hosted at UROC, and open to the public. For info on dates and locations call 673-3006 or visit minneapolisismn.gov/dca/. For info on Seed, including biographies and photos of the project artists, visit the City’s website.




The selected artists include Mica Anders, Chrys Carroll, Roger Cummings, Patrick Cunningham, Angela Davis, Loretta Day, Christopher Aaron Deanes, Adrienne Doyle, Jeremiah Bey Ellison, Jordan Hamilton, Chris Harrison, Esther Osayande and Chris Scott.

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All the News from Victory Neighborhood



Victory Holiday Lights winners

After a several year hiatus the Victory Holiday Lights was resurrected thanks to the inspiration and dedication of Brad Sutton and his crew of volunteer judges. The team of five judges reported that they were amazed and inspired by the number of residences in the neighborhood that were lit for the holiday season. Using the criteria of Aesthetics, Neatness and Size each residence was awarded between 0 and 5 points in each category by each of the judges. A perfect score would have been 75. Most of the lighting displays scored in the 30s but our three winners clearly stood out with scores in the 50s and 60s. The winners for the 2013 Victory Holiday Lights contest are:

First Place	4024 Washburn Ave. N	65 Points
Second Place	4322 Xerxes Ave. N	60 Points
Third Place	4254 Thomas Ave. N	55 Points

Prizes and certificates were awarded at the January 22 ViNA meeting. Each winner received a certificate of merit and the first place winner received a \$100 gift certificate to Victory 44, the second place winner a \$50 gift certificate to the Goddess of Glass and the third place winner a \$25 gift certificate to Victory’s Image. Thanks to Brad Sutton for reviving and organizing the Holiday Lights contest and to all Victory residents who helped to light up the neighborhood this holiday season.

Welcome to the Goddess of Glass!

Connie Beckers has relocated her shoppe, The Goddess of Glass and Friends, to The Warren at 4400 Osseo Road. Connie is a renowned glass artist and her shoppe is filled with the work of over 100 local artists and offers custom picture framing. The shoppe opened at The Warren on January 15 and will have a grand re-opening in a couple of months. Shoppe hours are:

Wednesdays and Thursdays	3-9 p.m.
Fridays	noon-9 p.m.
Saturdays and Sundays	10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Monday and Tuesdays	closed

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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.

Ongoing - Music brings life to life! Register now for spring term at **Camden Music School**. February 3-June 7. All ages. Excellent instructors. Joyful spirit. Choose from instrumental and vocal lessons, ensembles, music theory and more. Flexible scheduling, family rates and discounts available. Classes at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 3751 Sheridan Ave. N., and Grace Center for Community Life, 1500 6th St NE. Info 612-618-0219 or camdenmusicschool.com.

Tuesday, 2/4 - Northside Arts Collective's event: Landscape Exhibit Artist Reception Come view the work of 30 local artists. Runs through end of February. Heritage Park Center. 1015 4th Ave. N. 4-7 p.m.

Sunday, 2/9 - WITNESS Stomp & Sing concert. Patrick Henry choir and Vocal-Essence at 4 p.m. at Orchestra Hall. Tickets/info: minnesotaorchestra.org/connect.

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.

Tuesday, 2/18 - St. Bridget Church. Aysha Wazwaz, a lecturer, speaker and founder of Gems of Light Academy joins the congregation for an evening discussion. 6:30 p.m. in the St. Francis Room 3811 Emerson Ave. A great opportunity to learn about our Muslim brothers and sisters. Info call 612-529-7779.

Classes and Workshops

Ongoing Wednesdays - TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 6 p.m., Webber Park Community Center.

Thursday, 2/20 - Career Workshop. Attention all employed single moms! Trapped in a job that doesn't pay enough? Career counselors can 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. Organize Your Life, 6-8 p.m. at 2143 Lowry Ave. N. On-site child care and a light meal provided. Info: eac-mn.org/Women-Prog/WAND.RSVP Pat at 612-752-8554.

Community Events

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 camden-runningclub@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. - Saturdays, Feb. 1-April 12, and Wednesdays, Feb. 5-April 9, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. First come first served. Oak Park Center, 1701 Oak Park Ave. N, Mondays, Feb. 3 through April 14, 10 a.m. - 1p.m. Call 612-377-7000 for appointment. Walk-ins welcome but appointments get preference.

Ongoing - Celebrate Asian New Year. Kick off the Year of the Horse with Hennepin County Library and Asian communities of the Twin Cities at free family Asian New Year events running through April at local libraries. Asian New Year events highlight the cultures of Vietnam, India, China and Thailand and includes dancing, music, arts, storytelling and more. Families are welcome to attend in traditional clothing. Check hclib.org for a list of all events.

Saturday, 2/1 - Come to Bohanon Park from noon to 4 p.m. for the 6th annual

Camden Winterfest and Chili Cook Off! Mark your calendars and dust off your recipes. Come and try the famed snowball launcher, play hockey, skate, sit around the bonfire and roast marshmallows. Enter your favorite chili recipe by January 24 or just come help judge the best chili in Camden. Hosted by the Lind Bohanon Neighborhood, Shingle Creek Neighborhood, Jenny Lind Community Ed, Herb Brooks Foundation and Creekview Park. Cost \$5 per persons 16 and older. Info: Facebook at Lind Bohanon or 612-588-7641.

Saturday, 2/8 - Pancake breakfast to benefit the Leos in Action at Patrick Henry High School. Folwell Park, 8 a.m.-11 a.m.

Tuesday, 2/11 - 4th Precinct Community Court Watch, 6:30-8 p.m., North Regional Library. The purpose of 4th Precinct Court Watch is to promote sentencing accountability within the criminal justice system.

Saturday, 3/22 - City of Minneapolis Neighborhood Community Relations Department 2nd Annual Community Connections Conference. Free to all participants; focus on building successful neighborhood and community organizations, effectively involving an increasingly diverse spectrum of residents in our work, and developing a deeper understanding of how to work with and influence our city government. Common Ground: A City that Works for All; from 8 a.m.-4:30p.m., Minneapolis Convention Center. Info: Jack Whitehurst, 612-673-5143 or Jack.Whitehurst@minneapolisismn.gov.

Libraries

Events and programs at North Regional Library. 1315 Lowry Ave. N., 612-543-8450, hclib.org

Family Storytime. Wednesdays, thru Feb. 26, 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.

K-12 Homework Help. Mon., Tues. and Thurs., 3:30-7 p.m. Free in-person tutoring for K-12 students. No advance sign-up needed.

Library Lab for Kids: Discovery Days. Monday, Feb. 3, 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, 3-5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, 3-5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, 3-5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, 3-5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, 3-5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24, 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, 3-5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, 3-5 p.m.

Family Storytime. Fridays, now thru Feb. 28, 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.

Learn Together: Storytime Activities. Now thru Feb. 28, 11 a.m. For families. After storytime (10:30-11 a.m.), do a craft, learn a new poem or enjoy other activities and get tips on how to encourage and support reading and literacy at home.

Computer Skills Workshop. Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2:30-4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, 2:30-4 p.m. Register online or call 612-543-8450. Work on projects and practice skills from using the mouse and keyboarding to using email and Microsoft Office with software instructors and volunteer assistants.

Computer Class for Complete Beginners. Saturday, Feb. 1, 2:30-4 p.m. Register online or 612-543-8450. Learn the difference between hardware and software, practice using a mouse and keyboard. Find out more about computer

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Make your voice heard – go to your precinct caucus

One way to make your voice heard in what happens in the world of politics is to start locally and attend your neighborhood precinct caucus. No matter what party you are affiliated with, get out and participate. The Democrat and Republican Party Caucuses are on Tuesday, February 4 at 7 p.m.; precinct locations are listed below. For Green, Independent and other political parties check their websites and visit caucusfinder.sos.state.mn.us.

DFL Precinct Caucuses, dfl.org/resources/district-lookup/

Ward 4, Precinct 1	Creekview Park, 5001 Humboldt Ave. N
Ward 4, Precinct 2	Shingle Creek Commons, 4600 Humboldt Ave. N
Ward 4, Precinct 3	Folwell Park, 1615 Dowling Ave. N
Ward 4 Precinct 4	Loring School, 2600 44th Ave. N
Ward 4 Precinct 5	Folwell Park, 1615 Dowling Ave. N
Ward 4 Precinct 6	North United Methodist Church, 4350 Fremont Ave. N
Ward 4 Precinct 7	Loring School, 2600 44th Ave. N
Ward 4 Precinct 8	Lucey Craft Laney, 3333 Penn Ave. N

Republican Precinct Caucuses, mngop.com

Ward 4, Precincts 1, 2 and 4	Hope Lutheran Church, 5200 Emerson Ave. N
Ward 4, Precinct 3	Farview Park, 621 29th Ave. N
Ward 4, Precincts 5 and 6	Webber Park, 4400 Dupont Ave. N
Ward 4, Precincts 7 and 8	Parkway United Church, 3120 Washburn Ave. N

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training resources at the library. For students with little or no experience using a computer.

Blues for Kids. Saturday, Feb. 8, 3–4 p.m. Register online or call 612-543-8450. Grades 3-6. Professional blues musicians gives a blues workshop. Each child receives a real Hohner harmonica and an introductory lesson.

Comics Club. Thursday, Feb. 20, 5–6 p.m. For teens. Can't get enough superheroes? Join up to learn everything you ever wanted to know about superheroes and comic books. Come monthly for movies, comic books, games and a discussion of comics major themes.

Microsoft PowerPoint:

Basics. Tuesday, Feb. 25, 4:30–6 p.m. Registration required online or 612-543-8450. Learn to create presentations and use the ribbon to create a basic slide show. Handout

Microsoft Excel: Simple Budgets. Thursday, Feb. 27, 4:30–6 p.m. Registration required online or 612-543-8450. Download and adapt a budget template from the Microsoft Office website. Learn to identify and alter the formulas to suit your own needs. Prerequisite: Microsoft Excel: Basics or familiarity with spreadsheets is highly recommended. Handout

Social Networking: Basics. Friday, Feb. 28, 2:30–4 p.m. Registration required online or call 612-543-

8450. Learn how to navigate the new generation of social media websites including Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook.

Parks

Ongoing - Low cost hockey and figure skating at North Commons Park, Bohannon Park and Northeast Arena this winter for boys and girls ages 6-14. Transportation available from several North and Northeast parks. Register Mondays at North Commons Park between 6-8 p.m. or call 612-588-9177 for info. This is a cooperative project of New Directions Youth Ministry, Minneapolis Parks, Hockey in the City and Minnesota Hockey.

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Minneapolis Hmong Outreach Officer Kou Vang meets with families

By Jay Clark

On January 9, 25 North Minneapolis Hmong family members met with Minneapolis Hmong Outreach Police Officer Kou Vang at University of Minnesota UROC on Plymouth Ave. N. The meeting focused on reducing crime and making their neighborhoods safer.

The Hmong families also got a surprise visit from newly elected City Councilmember Blong Yang.

Much of the conversation focused on two problems: Bike theft and staying out of fights at school.

The Hmong students said that at school they can be the targets of hitting, bullying and racist comments by other students. And they said the zero-tolerance policies of some school systems can end up punishing the victims of bullying.

The Hmong students asked how they can get help to avoid fights without the risking suspensions or expulsions.

In one example, a Hmong girl was jumped by four other girls after gym class. The other girls knocked her down, got on her back, and pulled her hair and punched and kicked her. No adults were around. When the Hmong girl attempted to defend herself, the school suspended her and told if she did it again she would be expelled.

In another example, some other boys walked up to some Hmong students, called them racial slurs, and started a pushing match. The Hmong boys were afraid there could be a full scale fight behind the buses the next day, and went to the vice principal to ask his help to prevent the fight. The vice principal responded by suspending the Hmong students for pushing.

Officer Vang suggested that the Hmong students talk with a trusted teacher about what was happening, in detail, and right at the beginning of problems before they get really serious. The teacher is not allowed to suspend the students, but can talk to the administrators to head off fights without using student's names and putting them at risk of suspension.

Many Northside Hmong youth also complained that they often get their bikes stolen, sometimes out



of their garages and porches, and sometimes by other kids pushing the Hmong kids off their bikes and riding off. Hmong students reported that sometimes they see other families with their bikes, and often when they go to the families and/or the police to get the bike back, the other families will simply repaint the bikes and claim it was always theirs.

Officer Vang told the Hmong kids that when they get bikes, they should always take pictures of the bikes and write down the serial numbers, so even if the bike is repainted the Hmong kids can prove the bike was originally theirs. The Hmong kids can also take the seat off, write their names on a piece of paper and stick it in the hollow of the steel tube, and put the seat back on.

Officer Vang also said that when the Hmong kids play and ride bikes outside they should go in groups; usually Hmong kids get knocked off their bikes when riding alone.

Officer Vang also said that the Minneapolis Police Department was regularly getting calls from Northside Hmong callers.

While the Hmong families were having their meeting with officer Vang, a celebration for outgoing City Councilmember Don Samuels was going on in the next room. The Hmong families went over to the celebration and thanked Don for working hard to get a Hmong outreach police officer.

During the meeting everybody enjoyed pizza and pop.



Bottineau Transitway Health Impact Assessment

The Bottineau Transitway Health Impact Assessment (HIA) is now available to the public. It analyzes how the proposed Bottineau Transitway and its station areas could impact the health of communities in northwestern Hennepin County.

"Our transportation system and the characteristics of our neighborhoods have an enormous impact on our health," said Health Impact Assessment Planner Crystal Myslajek.

"For a long time, health costs and benefits of projects were not considered. That is changing. Health impact assessments are an emerging practice to include health in project planning."

The Bottineau HIA found that the proposed light rail line could have health benefits for communities by improving physical activity levels, employment access, housing and transportation costs, traffic safety, education access and access to healthy food. These findings will be used to include health considerations in future planning processes for the Bottineau Transitway and its station areas.

Residents can read the summary or full report online at hennepin.us/bottineauhia. Physical copies of the final report and summary are available at Brookdale, Brooklyn Park, Golden Valley, Rockford Road and Sumner Libraries. A public comment report that summarizes and responds to comments collected during the public review period is also available on the project website.

Upcoming milestones in 2014 for the overall Bottineau Transitway project include the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for public review and comment, and starting the planning process for the areas surrounding the transit stations. Hennepin County will release more info about these processes closer to the date they begin.

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