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Neighborhood Garage Sale! Saturday, June 12, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Start spring-cleaning now for the largest neighborhood garage sale in Minneapolis! The 8th Annual Standish, Ericsson, and Corcoran Neighborhood Garage Sale will be on Sat., June 12. The garage sale is a community-wide event that extends from Lake St. to the Minnehaha Pkwy. and from Cedar Ave. to Hiawatha Ave. Last year's event involved over 175 households, brought approximately \$40,000 into the neighborhoods, and recycled thousands of items. The sale will be held rain or shine.

For those who would like to have a sale: Individual households will set up their own sales at their own homes. SENA and the Corcoran Neighborhood Association will take care of the publicity, including advertising in the *Star Tribune* and sending press releases to area newspapers and other media. SENA will create a "sales guide and map" of all homes having sales that day. *To be added to the list of sales and to the map, simply call the SENA office at 721-1601 by Fri., June 4.* You'll be asked for your address and the type of merchandise being sold at your sale.

For shoppers: A free map and guide to all of the sales will be available from 8:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. the day of the sale at these locations: Tillie's Bean (2803 E. 38th St.), Midtown Farmers' Market (E. Lake St. and 22nd Ave. S. until 1:00 p.m.), the Angry Catfish Bicycle and Coffee Bar (4208 28th Ave. S.), and Caribou Coffee (4745 Cedar Ave. S.).



Morris Park Players to Present Cinderella

This spring Morris Park Players will present Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*. The charming musical will play at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays, Apr. 16, 23, and 30, and Saturdays, Apr. 17 and 24 and May 1. Matinee performances are at 2:00 p.m. on Sat., Apr. 24, and Sun., Apr. 25.

All performances are at Folwell Middle School (3611 20th Ave. S.). Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students, seniors, and groups of 10 or more and may be purchased at the door.

Tickets for the "Princess/Prince" parties, which will be held before each matinee, must be purchased in advance. Call 724-8373 or go online (www.morrisparkplayers.org).

Cinderella will be the last performance by Morris Park Players at Folwell. The group is in the process of looking for another home.

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Here Comes the Community Garden!

by Tracy Phan

It's springtime, which means that the Southside Star Community Garden is ready to break ground and prepare for the upcoming planting season. Standish and Ericsson residents were invited to a meeting in February to share ideas and discuss the progress of the garden. Attendees also learned how they could help in planning and how to sign up for a plot. (That deadline has now passed.) About 40 residents attended the meeting and expressed how excited they were to have a productive and beautiful garden in the neighborhood. They also stressed the importance of having the garden be a place for residents to gather and socialize—and maybe even having it serve a philanthropic purpose, like being a source of donations to local food shelves.

With gardeners now signed up, the steering committee is shifting its efforts to fundraising. Since this is a startup, many tools and supplies are needed. On their wish list are things like rakes and pitchforks, wheelbarrows, hoses and sprayer heads, and rain barrels. They also need lumber to build raised beds. Monetary donations are welcomed, with the money being used to purchase tools and supplies. If residents would like to donate or have tools or skills the garden could use, they should contact Dana Tuss at 721-5058 or Sarah Claussen at 722-6377.

For those who signed up for a plot, a garden membership meeting will be held on Tues., Apr. 6, at 7:00 p.m. Call Laura Hansen (296-0225) for details and location.



In April, May, and June, the steering committee will hold work days to build raised beds, move compost and soil, and do anything else required to get the ground ready for planting. Any and all hands will be appreciated, so please think of the Southside Star Community Garden for your group's service project. Contact Sarah at the above number or at sarahc@landstewardshipproject.org for more information about the work days. Let's help make this garden grow!

Where Is It? (No. 21)

Where is this tree-lined intersection?
The answer is on page 7.



Neighbor to Neighbor

- Joyce B. would like to thank her neighbor on 36 1/2 St. for coming to her aid when her car got stuck in the alley after the snowstorm on Feb. 8. She is happy to have such helpful neighbors.
- Judy would like to thank the neighbors (led by Jessica) who picked up trash around the 38th St. light-rail station on Mar. 14. The "gateway" to our neighborhood looks much better!

If you would like to recognize the thoughtfulness of a neighbor, send an e-mail to office@standish-ericsson.org with "Thank You" in the subject line.

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Community Events Calendar

April

- 1 Census Day! Get counted! Fill out your questionnaire and return it immediately to the U.S. Census Bureau.
Congregate dining and blood pressure checks, Holy Cross Lutheran Church (1720 E. Minnehaha Pkwy.), 12:00 noon. (See p. 5.)
- 3 Bunny Brunch and Egg Hunt at Sibley Park (19th Ave. S. and E. 40th St.), 9:30 a.m. (See p. 6.)
- 6 Senior congregare dining, Sibley Park, 11:30 a.m. (See p. 6.)
- 8 Low Vision Support Group, Ebenezer Lutheran Church (1830 E. 41st St.), 10:00 a.m.
- 12 SENA Board meeting, 1830 E. 42nd St., 7:00 p.m., handicapped accessible
- 16 Roosevelt High School prom at the Landmark Center
- 16, 17 *Cinderella*, Morris Park Players, Folwell Middle School (3611 20th Ave. S.), 7:30 p.m. (See p. 1.)
- 17 Earth Day Watershed Cleanup, 9:30 a.m.–12:00 noon. (See p. 3.)
- 18 Roosevelt High School Pancake Breakfast (4029 28th Ave. S.). Contact 668-4810 for more information.
- 20 Senior congregare dining, Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 12:30 p.m., followed by a short program and blood pressure checks
- 23, 24 *Cinderella*, Morris Park Players, Folwell Middle School, 7:30 p.m. (See p. 1.)
- 24 Nokomis Healthy Seniors Spring Clean-A-Thon. Contact 729-5499 for more information.
- 24, 25 *Cinderella*, Morris Park Players, Folwell Middle School, 2:00 p.m. (See p. 1.)
- 27 Senior blood pressure checks, Standish Green (2210 E. 40th St.), 12:00 noon
Roosevelt High School Community Group meeting, 6:00 p.m. (See p. 4.)
- 28 Nokomis Healthy Seniors Health Program: "Power of Attorney and Health Care Directives," Faith Lutheran Church (3430 E. 51st St.), 1:30 p.m.
Spring sports for kids start at Lake Hiawatha Park (27th Ave. S. and E. 44th St.). (See p. 6.)
- 29 Caregiver Support Group, Bethel Lutheran Church (4120 17th Ave. S.), 1:00 p.m.
- 29, 30 Roosevelt High School presents *Fools* by Neil Simon. Contact 668-4810 for more information.
- 30 *Cinderella*, Morris Park Players, Folwell Middle School, 7:30 p.m. (See p. 1.)

May

- 1 Midtown Farmers' Market opens for the season (E. Lake St. and 22nd Ave. S.), 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. (See p. 4.)
Cinderella, Morris Park Players, Folwell Middle School (3611 20th Ave. S.), 7:30 p.m. (See p. 1.)
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Southside Star Community Garden membership meeting, 7:00 p.m. (See p. 1.)
- 7 Applications due for Metro Paint-A-Thon. (See p. 3.)
- 10 SENA Board meeting, 1830 E. 42nd St., 7:00 p.m., handicapped accessible
- 13 Low Vision Support Group, Ebenezer Lutheran Church (1830 E. 41st St.), 10:00 a.m.
- 18 Senior congregare dining, Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 12:30 p.m., followed by a short program and blood pressure checks
- 20 Closing ceremony, Folwell Middle School (3611 20th Ave. S.), 5:30–8:00 p.m. (See p. 3.)
- 21 Mosaic Festival, Roosevelt High School (4029 28th Ave. S.), 4:00–8:00 p.m. (See p. 7.)
- 25 Senior blood pressure checks, Standish Green (2210 E. 40th St.), 12:00 noon
- 26 Nokomis Healthy Seniors Health Program: "Reverse Mortgages," Faith Lutheran Church (3430 E. 51st St.), 1:30 p.m.
- 27 Caregiver Support Group, Bethel Lutheran Church (4120 17th Ave. S.), 1:00 p.m.
Roosevelt High School Spring Concert, Contact 668-4810 for more information.

Earth Day Watershed Cleanup, April 17

by Nykol Johnson

On Sat., Apr. 17, help make our part of the earth cleaner and more attractive. From 9:30 a.m. to noon, join hundreds of other volunteers in picking up debris along shorelines and parkways and in open green spaces in Minneapolis.

There are 35 locations where people can check in and get their required bags and gloves. Coordinators at these locations will give volunteers information about where to go and where to leave the trash they pick up. Convenient locations for Standish and Ericsson residents are Minnehaha Park (4801 Minnehaha Ave. S.), Nokomis Park (2401 E. Minnehaha Pkwy.), Powderhorn Park (3400 15th Ave. S.), and Sibley Park (1900 E. 40th St.).

There will be more than just picking up trash during the Earth Day Cleanup—there will also be interactive, educational programs. Past programs have included recycled art displays, birdhouse building, and presentations on stream erosion.

Grab some friends, family, and neighbors and head out to the location nearest you! Let's top last year's numbers of 3,000+ volunteers and 30,000+ pounds of trash collected.

The cleanup event is sponsored by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and Minneapolis Solid Waste and Recycling. For more information, go to www.minneapolisearthday.com.

Cedar Avenue United Has a Good Year

by Will Peterson, CAU Organizer

Cedar Ave United (CAU), a grassroots organization that wants to make Cedar Ave. safer and more liveable, has had a good first year. We've organized two panel discussions, one with our city council members and city and county transportation planners, the other with County Commissioner Peter McLaughlin. We have worked with Hennepin County to make the corridor safer by painting parking lanes for residents between 38th and 46th streets. Our concern and influence helped get a permanent speed monitoring sign on northbound Cedar Ave. just south of Edgewater Blvd.

We have set up a link to www.seeclifix.com, a Web-based reporting tool that allows individuals to report nonemergency public safety issues. Reports go automatically to the city and the county, and CAU continuously monitors issues that pop up about the Cedar Ave. corridor. The link can be reached from our Web site (www.cedaraveunited.org).

In addition to installing signs along the avenue urging drivers to slow down, the group has worked with community members in several venues. Last fall, resident volunteers worked with business owners, SENA, and the Great Streets program to clean up the corner of 42nd St. and Cedar Ave. This spring and summer, we hope to see continued participation by current and new members and by those interested in our mission. We are planning more community-based events, including a two-part boulevard gardening workshop. We also hope to continue to create effective signage to draw attention to the issues that Cedar Ave. residents face daily.

Our group continues to meet the first Wednesday of every month at the Sibley Park Community Center (19th Ave. S. and E. 40th St.). Meeting minutes, upcoming meeting dates, events, and our mission statement and focus can be viewed on the Web site. We can be contacted at cedartraffic@gmail.com.

Committee UPDATES

- The **Business, Development, and Transportation Committee** meets the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
- Meetings are held as needed for the **Communications Committee, Newsletter Subcommittee, Graffiti Task Force, Housing Committee, and Quality of Life Committee**. Call the office (721-1601) for more information.

Meetings are generally held at the SENA Office, 1830 E. 42nd St.

News from Folwell Middle School

Closing Ceremony May 20

Folwell Middle School (3611 20th Ave. S.) will hold a celebration of the school's 79 years on May 20 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All former students, staff, and parents, as well as interested community members, are invited. There will be food, entertainment, and a program that includes stories about the school over the years. If you have been connected with the school in any way, come and bring your memories.

A Very Special Volunteer

One person who has memories of Folwell over a long period of time is Phil Kromminga, a full-time volunteer at the school's information desk. He is the person who buzzes visitors into the school, greets them, and helps them find their way around. Mr. Kromminga taught social studies at Folwell from 1982 (when his teaching job at West High School ended with the school's closing) until he retired in 2003. After a couple of years of substitute teaching, he took on the volunteer position in 2005 because he likes being a part of the school. In the five years he has been there, he has hardly ever missed a day. He says that if the Folwell building continues to house a school, he would like to stay there as a volunteer.



Metro Paint-A-Thon Looking for Houses to Paint

Does the exterior of your house need painting? If so, you may qualify for a free house painting through Metro Paint-A-Thon, a program sponsored by the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches.

To qualify, you must be 60 years old or older or have a permanent physical disability; own and live in the house you wish to have painted; and meet monthly household income guidelines. In addition, the house must be located in the seven-county metro area, and it must be a single-family home, structurally sound, and free of major repairs.

Homeowner applications are due May 7 and may be obtained by calling 721-8687 or by going online at www.gmcc.org/paint-a-thon. The 2010 Metro Paint-A-Thon will take place Aug. 7-8.

Neighborhood Feature

Our Condo Neighbors

by Judy Peacock

Most of us think of block clubs as groups of neighbors who live on blocks with single-family houses. Block clubs can also be in an apartment building or a condominium. And—in the case of the 3800 Block Club—a block club can consist of house dwellers and condo and apartment dwellers.

Francy Scurato lives in Hiawatha Square Condominiums, the 16-unit building on the southeast corner of 28th Ave. and 38th St. She and her husband, Bob Weber, moved into the building when it opened five years ago.

Francy had often thought that the condo residents and the other residents on the block should get to know each other. Then last summer, with the encouragement of Crime Prevention Specialist Karen Notsch, Francy organized a National Night Out party and invited everyone on the block to attend (east side of 28th Ave. and the west side of 29th Ave.). Residents gathered in the alley and shared desserts and conversation.

From that event, an informal Neighborhood Watch sprang up. Members of the 3800 Block Club walk around the neighborhood together, on the lookout for any problems. In milder weather, they also bring chairs and sit on the sidewalk along 38th St.

The 3800 Block Club was nominated for Ninth Ward Block Club of the Year, an annual award sponsored by Council Member Gary Schiff. The group didn't win, but Francy and the others were gratified by the recognition and fired up to do even more to build relationships among neighbors and improve neighborhood safety and liveability.

For its next project, the block club would like to adopt the bus shelter on the northeast corner of 28th Ave. and 38th St., which,

Francy says, has become an eyesore. The group was surprised to find out that Metro Transit doesn't own this particular shelter. They are currently trying to track down the responsible party.

Francy and her husband were attracted to Hiawatha Square Condominiums because of its proximity to light rail and bus transportation. They enjoy being able to walk to nearby businesses like the Citizen Café. (Francy can even go to Tillie's Bean in her slippers.)

Francy believes that there are many talented people in her condo who are willing to get involved in the neighborhood. As more multi-unit buildings are constructed along the Hiawatha Corridor, we can look forward to even more community-building contributions from our condo neighbors.



Francy Scurato in front of her block club's Neighborhood Watch sign on E. 38th St.

Roosevelt High School Community Group

Roosevelt High School (4029 28th Ave. S.) held its second community group meeting of the year on Jan. 26. Several residents of the blocks near the school met to discuss any problems and to plan joint solutions. Principal Bruce Gilman explained safety drills, which are required several times a year, and what happens when a real incident occurs. He was excited about the school's new electronic sign, which has since been installed in front of the building (see photo on this page).

Most of the meeting consisted of a tour around the building. Principal Gilman showed off the computer labs and the electronic equipment in all classrooms. Rooms are now being wired for sound so that the teacher can speak in a normal voice through a button microphone and be heard easily by everyone. The auto shop, with its up-to-date equipment, and the career center, with its many resources, were particularly impressive.

The final meeting of the Roosevelt High School Community Group for this school year will be Tues., Apr. 27, at 6:00 p.m.

Spring and Midtown Farmers' Market Return!

The eighth season of the Midtown Farmers' Market begins on May 1. Walk, bike, bus, drive, or take the light rail to the original site at 22nd Ave. S. and E. Lake St. Vendors, musicians, and

neighborhood shoppers will continue to transform an empty parking lot into a vibrant, open air marketplace every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Enjoy local, seasonal produce, hot drinks and delicious crêpes, live market music, and art vendors' unique creations.

All are welcome at the Midtown Farmers' Market! The market accepts credit cards and EBT cards through its wooden token program. Tuesday afternoon markets, from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., will begin in June. Visit <http://www.midtownfarmersmarket.org/> for event updates. Join your neighbors for what promises to be another wonderful season.

Roosevelt High School Gets a New Sign

An electronic message board was installed in front of Roosevelt High School in February. The sign replaces the letter board that had communicated school events for many years. Funding for the new sign was provided by the Roosevelt Foundation and the school's alumni.



Business Feature

In The Kut: Great People Cuttin' and Stylin' Great Hair

by Nykol Johnson

In The Kut at 1828 E. 42nd St. is a lively barbershop with a welcoming décor and even more welcoming barbers and stylists. Owner Darrell Johnson, who grew up in the Standish Neighborhood, opened In The Kut a year and a half ago. This is the first business Darrell has owned, and he loves being his own boss.

Darrell and his staff do it all at In The Kut. From 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, you can stop in and have one of the five fantastic barbers or three super stylists make you look your best. They do cuts, color, perms, dreads, weaves, sew ins, and anything else you might want. They also do straight razor shaves (yes, the old-school way with a straight razor!) and eyebrow shaping. If you or someone else has done horrible, horrible things to your hair, don't worry. "We can fix a mess up," says Darrell.

Darrell isn't stopping at just cutting and styling hair. He has been working with a friend to create a line of hair care products, such as shampoos and styling products, that will be made for, and sold at, In The Kut.

All the barbers and stylists at In The Kut have 10 years or more of experience. Darrell himself has been cutting hair for 16 years, learning his trade at Minneapolis Technical College (now Minneapolis Community and Technical College).

When not working, Darrell coaches youth sports. Recently, the football team he coaches at Phelps Park traveled to Florida, where they won the national Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) championship. You might find the other barbers out in the community doing stand-up comedy, coaching basketball, or, in the case of DJMELMAN, spinning music at local clubs, parties, or weddings.

In The Kut takes walk-ins and appointments (382-0031). They love seeing families come in, so gather yours up and head over there. Everyone can play video games on one of the two flat-screen TVs while waiting for the rest of the family to get their hair done.



Barbers and stylists at In The Kut (and one young customer). Front row: Mel, Dinika, LaTonya, Brandon; Middle: Leonard; Back row: Jennifer, Trevor, Darrell, Josh, Elaine.

Update from Northrop Urban Environmental Learning Center

by Stacy Severson, Northrop Naturalist

Students and staff at Northrop Environmental School (4315 31st Ave. S.) have been busy this year! They are now composting in their lunchroom. The school's Green Team has been helping with this endeavor. Between tapping the school's maple trees and planning events for Earth Week and Arbor Day, they continue to make the neighborhood and world a greener place!

All three teams of Northrop's Future Problem Solvers (4th and 5th grade gifted and talented students) won ribbons at the regional Future Problem Solvers competition in Lino Lakes in February. They took first place, third place, and honorable mention. Northrop School was the only school in the district that participated, competing against many other schools from the suburbs.

Looking forward, Northrop will become a community school next year. It is committed to preserving its current environmental mission: to ensure that each Northrop student receives a balanced, individual, and rigorous education that embraces all academic disciplines with environmental education as its core. The *only* things that will change are the busing attendance area and the school hours (9:10 a.m.–3:40 p.m.).

Senior Activities

Activities for seniors that occur on specific dates are listed in the calendar on page 2. The following are recurring social activities. (1) Coffee, Cards, and Conversation at Lake Hiawatha Park (27th Ave. S. and E. 44th St.), Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (2) The Nurse Is In at Bethel Lutheran Church (4120 17th Ave. S., 724-3693) on Thursday mornings. Seniors can chat over coffee and cake, have a blood pressure check, or schedule a pedicure. (3) Congregate dining 12:00 noon Monday–Friday, Holy Cross Lutheran Church (1720 E. Minnehaha Pkwy.). Call 729-6668 two days ahead. \$3 donation requested. (4) Creativity and Conversation, an art group for women, at Bethel Lutheran Church every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Bring whatever project you would like to work on. There will be coffee and treats and, of course, good conversation. (5) Seniors Card Club at the Hiawatha YMCA (4100 28th Ave. S., 729-7397), every Monday (12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m.). Call Dori Brandon (821-2976) for more information. (6) Tuesday Senior Morning Social Group meets at Sibley Park (19th Ave. S. and E. 40th St., 370-4954) at 9:00 a.m. Come join the group to chat, have some laughs, and enjoy some great discussions over coffee and homemade treats. The group meets "downstairs" in the computer lab.



Events at the Parks

Lake Hiawatha Park (27th Ave. S. and E. 44th St., 370-4930)

Mondays Just for Me is a fun class for preschoolers. Join Ms. Jenny (a licensed preschool teacher with a degree in early child development) every Monday from Apr. 19 to May 24 (9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.) for a day filled with fun and learning. Children will do crafts, play with friends, and listen to stories. They will enjoy science experiments and math activities, play games, and run around. Children need to bring a lunch and drink from home and dress for the weather. They must be toilet trained and able to use the bathroom independently. The cost is \$80.

Spring sports for kids start Apr. 28 and will be held on Wednesdays. Fundamental T-ball (ages 3–4) is at 4:45–5:30 p.m., T-ball for grades K–1 at 5:45–6:45 p.m., four-pitch for grades 2–3 at 7–8 p.m., and four-pitch girls softball at 7–8 p.m. For baseball (11U and 13U), check with the park, as times and dates will vary.

Yoga for adults is held Saturdays (10:45–11:45 a.m.) for \$5 per class. Try a gentler, more mindful approach to yoga that honors where your body is right now. You will work toward a stronger, more flexible, and more youthful body over time, while strengthening your mind-body connection.

Sibley Park (19th Ave. S. and E. 40th St., 370-4954)

The annual Bunny Brunch and Egg Hunt will be Sat., Apr. 3. Breakfast (9:30–11:00 a.m.) is \$4 for adults and \$2 for kids 12 and under. Activities (10:00–11:15 a.m.) include entertainment by the Big Fun Show at 11:15 a.m. The egg hunt with prizes starts at 12:00 noon. The egg hunt, activities, and show are free.

An Earth Day cleanup will take place on Sat., Apr. 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Trash pickup begins at 9:00 a.m. at the park. Bags and gloves will be supplied. This is a family participation event with snacks and refreshments. Come down to Sibley Park to meet community members and neighbors in a united front to promote a healthy environment and a safe neighborhood.

The RecPlus Child Care program provides after-school care during the school year and all-day care during the summer. It offers affordable child care, supervised activities, self-directed time, specialized classes, indoor and outdoor sports, special events, and field trips. Nutritious snacks are served every day. Call Leama at Sibley for more details.

The Preschool Rainbow Kids Program is for children 3–4 years old on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Your preschooler will enjoy music, letter/number/shape recognition, storytelling, creative movement, art projects, playground time, and more. Call Diane for more details.

Register for spring park programs and sports (baseball and softball).

Senior luncheons will be held Apr. 6 and May 4 (11:30 a.m.), \$5. Call to register and get on the mailing list for other senior activities in our area.



Regulations for Recreational Fires

Now that warmer weather is here, more people will be relaxing around outdoor fires. Here are the rules for recreational fires (Minneapolis City Ordinance, Title 9, Chapter 178).

A recreational fire is a small, outdoor fire for pleasure, religious ceremonies, cooking, warmth, or similar purposes. The term *recreational fires* includes portable, freestanding fireplaces and chimineas but does not apply to barbecue grills, incinerators, barbecue pits, or any other appliances.

- (1) The total area of the fuel being burned cannot exceed 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height.
- (2) Recreational fires shall not be placed within 25 feet of a structure or any combustible material.
- (3) The fire must be surrounded by a non-combustible material that is at least 6 inches high.
- (4) Only approved materials may be burned in a recreational fire—unpainted wood that has not been treated in any manner with chemicals or preservatives, coal, or charcoal.
- (5) Recreational fires shall be constantly attended by at least one competent person 18 years of age or older and must be completely extinguished before leaving.
- (6) On-site fire-extinguishing equipment—such as garden hoses, sand and shovels, water buckets or barrels, or a portable fire extinguisher (with a minimum 4-A rating)—must be readily available.
- (7) Recreational fires can only be conducted between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- (8) If the prevailing wind conditions exceed 10 mph, the recreational fire cannot be held.

The fire chief, chief of police, or any authorized member of the fire department, fire prevention bureau, or officer of the police department may order the immediate extinguishment or may themselves immediately extinguish any recreational fire if the fire causes the following:

- (1) Creates a hazardous or unsafe condition.
- (2) Creates a nuisance or is reasonably objectionable to a nearby resident.
- (3) Violates any provision of this chapter of Minneapolis municipal ordinance.
- (4) Violates any provision of the Minnesota State Fire Code.

Each violation of any provision of the Minneapolis municipal ordinance on recreational fires will be considered a petty misdemeanor with a maximum fine.

Did You Know?

- Nominees for the 2009 Ninth Ward Awards, sponsored by Council Member Gary Schiff, included the SENA bike racks installation project (for Neighborhood Project of the Year).

Mosaic Festival, May 21

The Roosevelt High School Mosaic Festival is an arts and cultural fair that celebrates diversity. It will be held on Fri., May 21, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium (4029 28th Ave. S.). The event is free and open to the public. Families are welcome. Join students, teachers, and staff in a fun-filled afternoon of arts, culture, and entertainment! Student artwork and food will be for sale.

Roosevelt Library Events

by Lisa Stuart, Librarian



Wenonah first-grader Priyanka makes a label for use in the library.

Service Learning with Wenonah School First Graders

This year, Room 105 of the Lake Nokomis Lower Campus (Wenonah School) and their teacher Judy Lander have been doing a Community Education Service Learning Project with Roosevelt Library. The students have served as reading mentors for our younger—preschool and toddler—storytime kids. They decorated our bulletin board, made “Clifford Hats,” created a display of book suggestions for other readers, and decorated bookmarks for our chapter-reading customers. In exchange, the students from Wenonah learned more about the public library by doing a scavenger hunt here and interviewing Lisa, the librarian at Roosevelt.

Yoga in the Library, Sat., Apr. 17, 4:00 p.m.

Jinjer Stanton, yoga teacher and author of *Yoga for Every Room in Your House*, will share yoga you can use without moving furniture or rolling out a mat—yoga you can do in the library! Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Children’s Book Week: May 10–16

Join in the celebration of some of our favorite children’s books on Tues., May 11, at 4:00 p.m. Activities will include designing a bookmark and making your very own book!

Book Clubs

Kids Jr. Book Club (for kids in grades 3–4) will meet Sat., Apr. 3 and 24 and May 15, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Graphic Novel Book Club (for teens in grade 9 and up) will meet Thurs., Apr. 29 and May 27, from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Register online (www.hclib.org) or call the library (952-847-2700).

Roosevelt Library (4026 28th Ave. S.) is open 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Wednesdays and Saturdays.

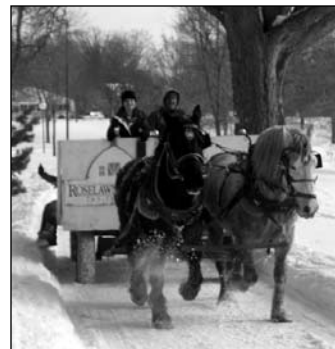


Wenonah first-graders Rahceana, Shamiya, and Shareena took part in their school’s service project to the library.

Did You Know?

- Providence Place (3720 23rd Ave. S.) will break ground this spring on its new building that will provide assisted living for seniors. It will be at the corner of 38th St. and 23rd Ave.

Hiawatha Heart Warmer a Huge Success



More than 650 people attended the second annual Lake Hiawatha Heart Warmer on Feb. 13. They enjoyed winter activities, free food, and meeting both neighbors and neighborhood businesses. Twenty-three businesses from the Nokomis, Standish-Ericsson, and Longfellow neighborhoods participated.

Lake Hiawatha Neighborhood Festival

This year, the Lake Hiawatha Neighborhood Festival will be on Wed., Aug. 4, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Lake Hiawatha Park (2701 E. 44th St.). If you would like to help with the planning, please e-mail Joyce Boettcher at lhfest@yahoo.com. Local businesses, both home-based and retail, can request a table by e-mailing the above address; put Business Table in the subject line. Food vendors that have an existing license and permit to sell food on Minneapolis Park Board property are needed. Look for information updates at www.lhrc.freeservers.com/festival.htm.

Answer to Where Is It? (No. 21)

This is the intersection of Cedar Ave. and Minnehaha Pkwy., looking east. Because the parkway is the southern boundary of the Ericsson Neighborhood, this intersection marks the southwestern corner of the area served by SENA.



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President's Corner

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When I visit in-laws and friends on the East Coast, or talk with colleagues from other parts of the country, the conversation invariably turns to Minnesota winters. It's one of the most common conversations we Minnesotans (transplants included) have when we travel. People are fascinated with the lore. And often I regale them with stories of the "heart of winter," when lakes become frozen lunar landscapes, people wear long underwear to work, and darkness encompasses 18 hours of the day. I'll be the first to admit it—I enjoy the hyperbole and the awe that these stories inspire.

But after this year's Hiawatha Heart Warmer—our neighborhood winter celebration—I've reconsidered what is really awe inspiring about winter in Minneapolis. On Sat., Feb. 13, hundreds of people—many of you—came together to enjoy Hiawatha Park at its finest and celebrate our community. The skating rink was busy; a horse and sleigh provided lakeside rides all afternoon; and food was served in the open air at the same location as last summer's ice-cream social. Children played on the swings and slides as if it were summer and their snowsuits were meant for added padding, not warmth.

The Hiawatha Heart Warmer is already a fantastic tradition despite its being only two years old. I can't imagine our neighborhoods without it now. It's a celebration of why many of us live here—we get opportunities to say hello to each other year-round, meet new neighbors, and get introduced to the people behind our local storefronts. Many people helped bring this event into

being, including the park staff and local businesses, but the bulk of the credit goes to SENA Board Member Jessica Hill, who both dreamed up and produced the event for the past two years. She solicited prizes from all of our local businesses and provided them a showcase to the people most likely to visit their stores. I really hope that we can find more volunteers to help us produce this event next year. If you're interested, please let us know.

Because that's how we work—one person with a good idea and the commitment to carry that idea forward can transform what would have been another winter day in Minneapolis into a community-defining event, an event that will, for me, illustrate what winter in Minneapolis can be when it's experienced at its best.

Did You Know?

- The West of the Rail Business Association (WRBA) is now holding monthly membership meetings. Meeting topics have included how city programs can help your business, business crime prevention and safety, using social media to market your business, and building bonds with community banks. If you would like more information on how to be a part of the WRBA, please contact Shirley Yeoman at the SENA office.