



# SENA NEWS

The Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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## 8th Annual Standish, Ericsson, and Corcoran Neighborhood Garage Sale!

Saturday, June 12, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Standish, Ericsson, and Corcoran Neighborhood Garage Sale is the largest community-wide garage sale in the city of Minneapolis, with 175-plus sales last year.

Fri., June 4, is the last day to submit your sale for inclusion on the Garage Sale Map and Guide. Call 721-1601 to have your sale included. Each year more than 600 maps are handed out to eager shoppers. The garage sale will be held rain or shine.

The map and guide to all of the sales will be available from 8:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on Sat., June 12, the day of the sale, at these locations:

- Tillie's Bean - 2803 E. 38th St. (hosting a fun scavenger hunt again this year)
- Angry Catfish Bicycle and Coffee Bar - 4208 28th Ave. S.
- Midtown Farmers' Market - E. Lake St. and 22nd Ave. S. (until 1:00 p.m.)
- Caribou Coffee - 4745 Cedar Ave. S.

### Best of the Twin Cities Awards

Congratulations to these three neighborhood businesses named Best of the Twin Cities for 2010 by *City Pages*:

- Best Science-Fiction Bookstore - Dreamhaven Books and Comics (2301 E. 38th St.)
- Best New Hipster Hangout - Angry Catfish (4208 28th Ave. S.)
- Best Pancake - Colossal Cafe (1839 E. 42nd St.)

### Lake Hiawatha Neighborhood Festival, August 4

Planning continues for the Lake Hiawatha Neighborhood Festival. The festival will take place on Wed., Aug. 4, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Lake Hiawatha Park (2701 E. 44th St.). The 5-in-1 sports moon walk, talent contest, and family fitness challenge will be featured events once again. There will also be a job fair. Food vendors who have an existing license and permit to sell food on Minneapolis Park Board property are needed. To help with the planning or to recommend a food vendor, e-mail Joyce Boettcher at [lhfest@yahoo.com](mailto:lhfest@yahoo.com). Local businesses, both home-based and retail, can request a table by e-mailing Joyce; put Business Table in the subject line. Look for festival updates at [www.lhrc.freesevers.com/festival.htm](http://www.lhrc.freesevers.com/festival.htm).

### Assisted Living Facility Under Construction



The Waters of Minnehaha, an assisted living facility developed by The Waters Senior Living, will soon occupy what has long been a parking lot at 3717 23rd Ave. S. (see inset photo). Construction work began in late April on the 77-unit building, which is expected to be finished in about a year. Assisted living facilities provide various levels of services to their residents, from simple housecleaning to 24-hour supervision. The Waters Senior Living also owns Providence Place, across the street from the new development. More information is available at [http://thewatersseniorliving.com/locations/locations\\_in\\_development.php](http://thewatersseniorliving.com/locations/locations_in_development.php).

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## Where Is It? (No. 22)



It's a good season for outdoor sports. Where are these playing areas located? The answer is on page 7.

## NCEC Update

As you may know, the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) is being replaced by the Neighborhood Community Relations (NCR) Department. Over the next few months, the recently formed Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) will seek citizen recommendations on the operation of the new department and future funding distributions to 67 neighborhood organizations. The Standish and Ericsson neighborhoods are part of the NCEC's third district. Watch for opportunities to participate in the discussion ([www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/ncr](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/ncr)).

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## Community Events Calendar

### June

- 1 Senior congregate dining, Sibley Park (19th Ave. S. and E. 40th St.), 11:30 a.m. (See p. 7.)  
Midtown Farmers' Market (22nd Ave. S. and E. Lake St.) begins Tuesday market, 3:00–7:00 p.m.
- 3 Congregate dining and blood pressure checks, Holy Cross Lutheran Church (1720 E. Minnehaha Pkwy.), 12:00 noon. (See below.)
- 5 Roosevelt High School graduation, Northrop Auditorium, University of Minnesota, 1:30 p.m.
- 8 Last day of classes for Minneapolis Public School students
- 10 Low Vision Support Group, Ebenezer Lutheran Church (1830 E. 41st St.), 10:00 a.m.
- 12 8th Annual Standish, Ericsson, and Corcoran Garage Sale, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (See p. 1.)
- 14 SENA Board meeting, 1830 E. 42nd St., 7:00 p.m., handicapped accessible
- 17 Sibley Park Ice-Cream Social, 6:00–8:00 p.m. (See p. 7.)
- 22 Senior blood pressure checks, Standish Green (2210 E. 40th St.), 12:00 noon
- 24 Caregiver Support Group, Bethel Lutheran Church (4120 17th Ave. S.), 1:00 p.m.
- 29 2nd Annual Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Blood Drive, Nokomis Pet Clinic (2917 E. 42nd St.), 2:30–5:30 p.m. (See p. 5.)

### July

- 1 Congregate dining and blood pressure checks, Holy Cross Lutheran Church (1720 E. Minnehaha Pkwy.), 12:00 noon. (See below.)
- 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
- 27 Senior blood pressure checks, Standish Green (2210 E. 40th St.), 12:00 noon
- 29 Caregiver Support Group, Bethel Lutheran Church (4120 17th Ave. S.), 1:00 p.m.
- 30 Sibley Park Cornfeed (19th Ave. S. and E. 40th St.), 6:30–10:30 p.m. (See p. 7.)

## Senior Activities

Activities for seniors that occur on specific dates are listed in the calendar above. The following are recurring social activities. (1) 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. (2) Congregate dining 12:00 noon Monday–Friday, Holy Cross Lutheran Church (1720 E. Minnehaha Pkwy.). Call 729-6668 two days ahead. \$3 donation requested. (3) 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. (4) Tuesday Senior Morning Social Group meets at Sibley Park (19th Ave. S. and E. 40th St., 370-4954) on June 1 at 9:00 a.m. (No July or August gathering.) 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.



## Neighbor to Neighbor

Nykol and Sean thank their neighbor, Rob, for helping them block the place in their eaves where creatures were getting in. Without his tall ladder, various tools, and skills, they would still have a variety of animals making their homes up there.

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

## 27th Annual National Night Out, August 3 Time to Start Planning!

The 27th Annual National Night Out (NNO) will be on Tues., Aug. 3. NNO is a great opportunity to catch up with your neighbors. Get your block club or a small group of neighbors together and start planning: What kind of food will you have? Will you close off your street? Some ideas to get your planning started are having a potluck supper, an ice-cream social, or a hot dog stand. You might have a plant exchange or talk about trading skills for large or small home-improvement projects. Many more ideas can be found on the city's NNO Web site at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno>.

To learn more about how to prepare for NNO, contact your crime prevention specialist. Ericsson residents should contact Sue Roethele (673-2839 or [sue.roethele@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:sue.roethele@ci.minneapolis.mn.us)) and Standish residents should contact Karen Notsch (673-2856 or [karen.notsch@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:karen.notsch@ci.minneapolis.mn.us)).

A NNO party is a good time to organize or reenergize a block club. When neighbors know and watch out for each other, a block becomes a safer, more comfortable place to live. Besides, NNO parties are just plain fun!

## Southside Star Community Garden Breaks Ground



*Steve Nichols, Brian VanHout, and Spencer Anderson reconstructed a donated shed at Southside Star Community Garden (32nd Ave. S. and E. 41st St.).*



*Garden members work together to take up sod, dig up rocks, and till the soil. These photos, from May 1, are by Ginny Bach.*

## 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.

## Earth Day Cleanup



*On Apr. 17, willing volunteers like this family gathered at Nokomis Community Center and cleaned around Lakes Nokomis and Hiawatha, Minnehaha Creek, and the wetlands on Minnehaha Parkway.*



*Inside Nokomis Community Center, Diana Larsen, a garden coordinator with Nokomis Naturescape, a project of the Nokomis East Neighborhood Association, talked about the monarch butterflies that visit the neighborhood each year and how to make a butterfly garden.*

# Neighborhood Feature

## Folwell Middle School: 1931–2010

by Judy Peacock

At the end of the 2009–2010 school year, the Minneapolis Board of Education will close Folwell Middle School, primarily because of declining enrollment. Folwell students will transfer to Sanford Middle School in the fall.

Folwell was erected at 20th Ave. S. and E. 36th St. in 1931. At that time, Roosevelt High School housed grades 7 through 12. Folwell was built to be a “junior high school,” and Roosevelt became a “senior high school.” According to an article in the *Minneapolis Tribune* (Aug. 30, 1931), 721 seventh and eighth graders were enrolled during the first year at the new junior high school, and 14 of the 25 instructors were former Roosevelt teachers. Ninth graders were added in 1933.

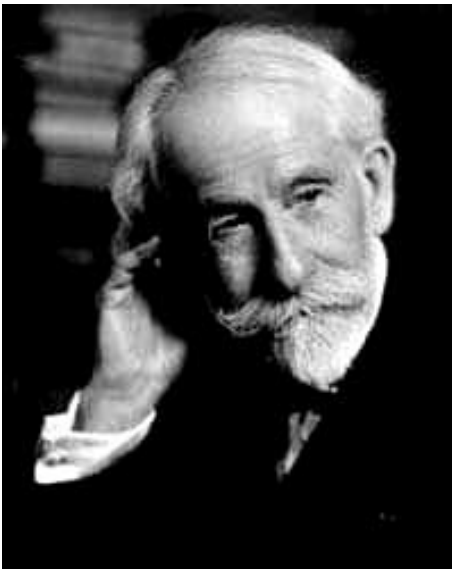
The school was named after William Watts Folwell (1833–1929), the first president of the University of Minnesota. Dr. Folwell was a renown educator and historian.

Described in school board records as a four-story stone and masonry building, Folwell Junior High had 15 general classrooms (seating 40 students each), 2 sewing rooms, 2 art rooms, a library, a science room, 5 boys’ industrial rooms, an auditorium, and 2 gymnasiums. A community room was also available for use by any “worthwhile organization in the district.”

A second wing was added to Folwell in 1937 at a cost of \$175,000. It had several unique features, including band and orchestra rooms with circular amphitheater seat platforms and a large joint workroom between two classrooms on each floor. A special room was constructed in the basement for parking bicycles. To make it easier for students to wheel their bicycles up and down the stairs, a groove was installed at the side of the steps.

In the beginning, eight elementary schools fed into Folwell, most of which no longer exist. Folwell absorbed students from the west half of Nokomis Junior High’s attendance area when that school closed in 1978. In 1983, ninth graders were moved back to the senior highs, and, in 1991, Folwell became a middle school for grades 6 through 8.

*Much of the information for this article was originally researched by Folwell students and published in The Folwell Falcon, 1931–1981.*



*William Watts Folwell, first president of the University of Minnesota (1869 to 1884)*



*An L-shaped building in 1931, Folwell became U-shaped with the addition of the east wing in 1937. This photo shows the south door, which was the original main entrance.*



*Classroom at Folwell Junior High School in the 1960s*

### “Nimble Fingers and Ready Wits”

An article in the May 7, 1933, edition of the *Minneapolis Journal* described the resourcefulness of Folwell students. The students wanted backdrops for musical and dramatic productions, but the school board lacked the funds for new equipment. Boys in the school’s industrial arts classes decided to make the scenery themselves. They scoured “dumps and junk piles around 36th St. and 20th Ave.” for the parts for a homemade paint spray gun: a motor from an old cream separator, an air pump from an ancient automobile, and a bed spring. They persuaded local merchants to donate boards, long cardboard tubing, and other materials. The girls got in the act, too. In their sewing classes, they sewed long pieces of muslin together. The muslin was tacked to wood frames and spray-painted. When the students were done, they had a “new lake and woodland scene to add atmosphere to all Folwell stage doings.”

# Business Feature

## Citizen Café: Food with Integrity, Not Attitude

by Tracy Phan

“Food with integrity, not attitude” is how chef Michael MacKay describes the food he prepares from scratch daily at the Citizen Café. Michael and his wife, Seaen, own and operate this neighborhood gem on the corner of E. 38th St. and 24th Ave. S. (formerly the location of Sweet Lorraine’s). They opened the restaurant in June 2008, and it has been flourishing ever since.

Michael handles the back of the restaurant while Seaen oversees the activity in the front. Michael was the chef when The Sample Room opened in Northeast Minneapolis. He worked at the Loring Café and was the executive chef for catering at Marshall Field’s Chicago for many years. He’s honed his skills with 25 years of experience, and it definitely shows in his cooking. Seaen has worked in restaurants since she was a teenager. Michael and Seaen’s combined experience forms a partnership that serves them, and their customers, well.

Michael and Seaen have created a menu based on honest cooking, which Seaen says is “the only way to cook.” They use locally sourced products and never incorporate MSG, preservatives, or any other unnatural food enhancers in their cooking. Their best-selling item is the “Citizen Joe,” their version of the sloppy joe—a combination of savory pork and beef with caramelized onions served in puff pastry. This is not your “average joe.”

The house-made sausages and bacon are also very popular. Every spring Michael and Seaen pay homage to bacon with “Bacon Fest,” a menu dedicated solely to bacon! Occasionally they host other special events such as wine-tasting dinners. (Wine and beer are always available on the dinner menu.)

Michael and Seaen are extremely supportive of our community, even though they live in Northeast Minneapolis. They regularly donate Citizen Café gift certificates to community and neighborhood events such as local block parties and

fundraisers. They also provide culinary internships to aspiring chefs, and are currently mentoring a student two days a week in their kitchen through REACH Food Service Training, a vocational program run by Minneapolis Public Schools. Their generosity is a great display of what good people and good food can do together to help a community thrive.

Next time you’re in the mood for a homemade meal you don’t have to cook yourself, stop by Citizen Café and order a Citizen Joe or something equally as delicious. Become a friend of Citizen Café. You won’t be disappointed.

**Location:** 2403 E. 38th St.; [www.thecitizencafe.com](http://www.thecitizencafe.com)

**Hours:** Mondays, closed. Tuesday through Thursday, 11:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Phone:** 729-1122



Citizen Café, 2403 E. 38th St.

## “Farewell to Folwell”

Morris Park Players (MPP) said a formal “Farewell to Folwell” between acts of *Cinderella* on Apr. 30. The Folwell Middle School stage has been the performance venue for MPP’s spring and fall musical productions for the past 25 years. Sue Fust, president of the MPP board of directors, noted the wonderful rapport that has developed between the theater group and Folwell staff over the years. While performers, backstage crew, artistic staff, and board members will miss their longtime theater home, they are excited about moving to their new venue, Edison High School in Northeast Minneapolis.

*Morris Park Players served cake and lemonade to theatergoers between acts of Cinderella on Apr. 30.*



## Neighborhood Blood Drive, June 29

The second annual Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Blood Drive is scheduled for Tues., June 29, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The bloodmobile will be parked outside Nokomis Pet Clinic (2917 E. 42nd St.). There are three ways to make an appointment for donating blood:

1. Go to <http://allstarclub.mbc.org/mbc/mobilesch/sc.php> (sponsor code is 3556).
2. Go to [www.mbc.org](http://www.mbc.org).
3. E-mail Amos Deinard, drive coordinator, at [amos@nokomispetclinic.com](mailto:amos@nokomispetclinic.com).

## Summer at Roosevelt Library

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.

### Book Clubs

Child-Parent Jr. Book Club (for kids entering grades 1–3 and their parent or other adult) will meet Sat., June 26 and July 17, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Kids Jr. Book Club (for kids entering grades 4–5) will meet from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration is required ([www.hclib.org](http://www.hclib.org) or 952-847-2700).

Don't forget about Family Story Time (for children ages 2 and up) on Saturday mornings at 10:30. Share books, stories, rhymes, music, and movement with your children.

### Special Events

*Okee Dokee Brothers*, Thurs., June 24, 6:00 p.m. For kids entering kindergarten and up. This two-member band makes twangy, toe-tapping folk music with funny lyrics.

*Your Summer Writing with Author Jane St. Anthony*, Sat., June 26, 4:30 p.m. For kids entering grade 4 and up. Ms. St. Anthony (*The Summer Sherman Loved Me* and *Grace Above All*) will share her insights on writing and how you can use your memory bank.

*Bakken Museum: Static!* Tues., June 29, 4:00 p.m. Learn how to use static electricity to make your hair stand up, confetti dance, and sparks fly!

*LEGO® Mania!* Sat., July 10, 11:00 a.m. Get together with your friends and build wild creations beyond your imagination! LEGOS and DUPLO® Bricks will be available all day long, so come early and stay late!

*Author Talk: Audrey McClellan*, Tues., July 13, 6:30 p.m. For adults. Take a trip to the Scottish Isles with the award-winning author of *O'Leary, Kat and Cary Grant: Adventures with a Paranormal Cat*.

*Latin American Folkloric Music*, Sat., July 17, 10:30 a.m. Join Leo and Kathy Lara as they present an energetic, hands-on program bringing to life the sounds of Latin America.

*Art Out of the Box: Dreams and Monsters*, Tues., July 20, 4:00 p.m. For kids entering grades 2–5. Dreams and nightmares can inspire brilliant art. Explore Francisco de Goya's "The Sleep of Reason Produces Monsters," and see a contemporary interpretation by artist Yinka Shonibare. Create your own dreamscape using mixed-media.

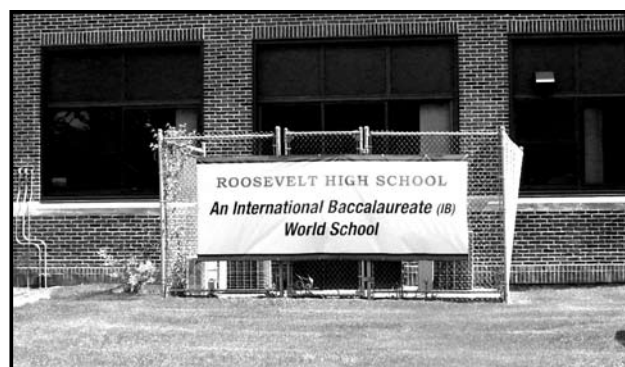
*Assemblage with Leonardo's Basement*, Tues., July 27, 4:00 p.m. For teens entering grade 7 and up. Sculptures take many shapes and use lots of different materials. You will get to dig through bins and boxes of cool, recycled materials (toy parts, wood scraps, and plastic bits) and make your own one-of-a-kind sculpture in this workshop.

## A Busy Spring at Northrop

Northrop Urban Environmental Learning Center (4315 31st Ave. S.) has had several projects going this spring. The school "adopted" the streets on either side of the campus (31st and 32nd avenues from 43rd St. to 46th St.). Students will pick up trash along the streets four times a year. The first cleaning was done by the Green Team at the beginning of Earth Week; look for the students again in October. The Garden Club, an after-school group, planted a vegetable garden for the first time. Another after-school group, the Service Learning Project, put together a small cookbook containing recipes using the vegetables grown in this garden. Proceeds from the sale of the books (\$3.00 each) will help the school buy biodegradable bags to use in its composting program next year. Composting of the food waste from the lunchroom has gone so well that paper from the bathrooms was added to the program this spring.

Neighbors are invited to participate in a project called It's in the Bag. Bring clean, dry plastic bags to the school to be recycled. They can be left in the bin in front of the office. This program creates a recycling opportunity for plastic bags, stretch wrap, and other plastic film material while providing employment opportunities for adults with disabilities, who collect and sort the plastic material in their respective communities. The material is then sold to Trex Company, which recycles it into composite lumber products in the United States.

## Roosevelt High School Awarded IB Accreditation



Roosevelt High School students will now be able to take part in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme, a balanced, academically challenging curriculum that gives students an opportunity to earn college credits recognized by universities worldwide. In addition to the IB Diploma Programme, Roosevelt is one of 12 schools in the world offering the International Baccalaureate Career-related Certificate (IBCC) Pilot Programme. As an IBCC pilot school, Roosevelt juniors in the health careers program take rigorous IB coursework while they work toward a health careers certificate.

## Did You Know?

- Flag Foods (2820 E. 42nd St.) has a new deli area, featuring hamburgers, hot dogs, gyros, and more.
- Is your favorite neighborhood business on Facebook? Many businesses are using Facebook to stay in touch with their customers and to market their latest specials or events. Here are some local businesses *SENA News* found: Angry Catfish Bicycle and Coffee Bar, Acanthus Floral Art, Chatterbox Pub, Chris & Rob's Chicago Taste Authority, Citizen Café, Twisted Groove, and Stabby's Café.
- Friendship Academy of Fine Arts (2600 E. 38th St.), a K–6 Minneapolis school, will have open registration for the 2010–2011 year all during the month of June, Monday through Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (879-6703).
- Green Earth Children's Academy, in the Standish Neighborhood, is a home-based, environmentally conscious child care that serves entirely organic foods and has only toys from natural materials. For more information, visit [www.greenearthchildrensacademy.com](http://www.greenearthchildrensacademy.com).

# Events at the Parks

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

The park is offering several camps for young people this summer. The preschool camps are for children ages 3–6 for two weeks, Mondays through Thursdays (10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., \$150). They will be led by the magical Ms. Jenny and the artistic Ms. Abby. Although the pool will be closed, there will be water play each day. Children must be potty-trained and able to use the bathroom independently. Baby, You're a Star! Camp will be July 5–15, with singing, dancing, costume-making, and a big show at the end. Land Before Time Camp (July 19–29) will have stories, games, crafts, and play about dinosaurs. Call for more details.

Older children (6–12) have three camps to choose from, each from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday for one week (\$75). Comic Camp (June 14–17) is for kids who love to learn and talk about comics and want to make a comic. At the Wild West Camp (June 21–24), kids will play games about the West and go on a field trip to a horse camp. Those who like to travel will enjoy World Travelers Camp, where they will make passports and then explore the foods, music, games, and stories of a different country each day.

Adults who wonder Why Can't I Get Rid of This Mess! can find out how to handle those piles and boxes that don't seem to go away. A class with this name will be held on Mondays, June 7–28 (6:30–7:30 p.m., \$45). It will be taught by a state-certified crisis intervention therapist who runs an organizational management company. Attendees will learn why the mess is so hard to deal with and what to do about it.

In the summer tai chi course, adults will learn a series of 16 postures known as "Temple Qi Gong." This series of movements, accompanied by deep oceanlike breath, will help them to feel rejuvenated and centered. Classes are Mondays, July 5 to Aug. 9 (6:00–7:00 p.m., \$45).

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

Rainbow Kids is for preschoolers (ages 3–4) on Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 15 to July 15 (9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., \$130). They will join Diane and Shelby for music, letters/numbers/shape recognition, storytelling, creative movement, art projects, playground time, and more.

RecPlus Full-Day Summer Child Care runs from June 14 to Aug. 20 (7:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for July 5). The program offers affordable child care, supervised activities, self-directed time, specialized classes, indoor/outdoor sports, special events, and field trips. Nutritious snacks are served every day. The \$144/week fee includes swimming lessons and the field trips. Fee waivers are available for qualified families. Call for more information. Registration is at the park only (one-time \$35 registration fee). Leama is the coordinator.

Field trips will take kids (6–12) to exciting places such as a Twins game, Valleyfair, and several swimming pools around the metro area. They are on Fridays, with times and costs varying. Sign up at the park.

Come see movies in the park. Two outdoor movies will be shown on a big screen. The first is on Wed., July 21 (title to be determined) and the second at the cornfeed (see below). Come at dusk with your chair, blanket, and bug spray. The movie is free; concessions will be sold.

The ice-cream social will be Thurs., June 17 (6:00–8:00 p.m.). Feast on fabulous flavors! A small fee will be charged for the ice cream. Then, join your neighbors at the cornfeed on Fri., July 30 (6:30–10:30 p.m.). Enjoy hot, delicious roasted corn on the cob, family-friendly entertainment, face painting, concessions sold by SIBAC (Sibley Athletic Council) to benefit youth sports, live blues and rock and roll music, moon walk, games, and more! Bring your chair or blanket for the outdoor movie.

The last senior luncheon until September will be on Tues., June 1 (11:30 a.m., \$5).

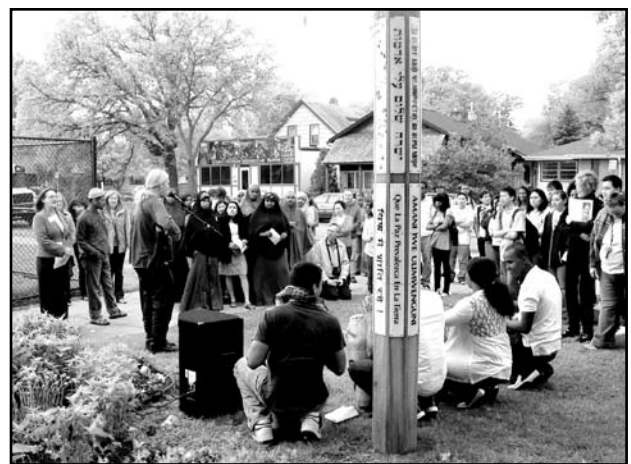
## 8th Annual Clean-A-Thon a Success!

Nokomis Healthy Seniors (NHS) held its 8th Annual Clean-A-Thon on April 24. Fourteen volunteer teams assisted 17 seniors in the community with their spring cleaning and raised over \$1,500 to support the NHS program. This event continues to be a great way to help seniors stay in the homes they love. Thank you to the volunteers for all their hard work.



Clean-A-Thon volunteer Julie Toth

## Wellstone Peace Pole Dedicated



The Wellstone International High School Peace Pole was dedicated on May 3. The pole says "May peace prevail on Earth" in 16 different languages. Wellstone International is housed in the Roosevelt High School building. The pole was moved here from the Minneapolis Public School's Lehmann Center on Lake St.

## Answer to Where Is It? (No. 22)

This basketball court and baseball diamonds are at Sibley Park. The photo was taken just down the hill from 20th Ave., looking west across the park toward Longfellow Ave.



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## President's Corner

**Tom Evers**



There is an ongoing mystery in South Minneapolis. Every so often, usually on summer nights, residents hear (and feel) a loud explosion reverberate throughout the neighborhood. Two years ago, a local television station ran a story about these explosions but couldn't provide an explanation. At the end of April, someone began a discussion thread on the neighborhood forum, E-Democracy, asking about this phenomena. Once the question was posed, theories arrived—the golf course uses explosions to scare away geese or Hiawatha train cars are coupling. But none was conclusive.

Then on May 2, another explosion startled several community members from their beds and led to more urgent posts describing the sound and attempting to identify its location. So far, there is no accepted explanation. The source remains elusive.

I mention this oddity not because SENA has been tasked with solving this riddle nor because SENA is secretly responsible for the explosions. I write about it to introduce one of the newest, most-important assets our neighborhood has—the Minneapolis Standish-Ericsson Neighbors Forum on E-Democracy, an incredible on-line forum that lets people share announcements and discussions on neighborhood issues and life specific to the Standish and Ericsson neighborhoods of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

This forum has changed how neighbors can communicate. It is an incredibly useful tool to find referrals, report a lost or found pet, and discuss local issues such as safer pedestrian crossings for 42nd Street. E-Democracy, an international on-line forum,

was founded by Steven Clift, one of our very own neighbors, more than 15 years ago. A little more than a year ago, he started a forum just for the Standish and Ericsson neighborhoods, which has become the virtual meeting place and conversation spot for our community.

As SENA changes to adapt to the city's future funding program, we will depend on creative forums like E-Democracy to provide new conversation platforms and introduce us to each other all over again.

To find out what I am talking about, and perhaps add your own input on the mystery explosions, visit the SENA Web page ([www.standish-ericsson.org](http://www.standish-ericsson.org)) and look for the link. In the future, we will rely on this tool to solicit feedback, engage volunteers, and share local news. I realize that not everyone reading this newsletter is able to access the Web at home easily or even wants to try. For those folks, this newsletter will indefinitely remain a primary news source about SENA issues and happenings. But I want everyone to be aware that there is a continuous and informative conversation occurring in the neighborhood that is connecting questions to answers, people to people, problems to solutions, and ideas to actions.

So the next time you're startled out of bed by an odd explosion, you're likely to find a group of neighbors musing about its whereabouts and comparing notes on-line at E-Democracy.