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SENA's 20th Anniversary—Early History

by Ann King

The Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association is 20 years old! This newsletter will celebrate this milestone in several articles over the next few issues. We start with its founding and early growth.

In 1991, the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) was just beginning. It was a 20-year program, created by the Minneapolis City Council and the Minnesota Legislature, to put city money into Minneapolis neighborhoods and allow the residents to have some control over how the money was spent. Then-Council Member Steve Cramer sent letters to people in his ward inviting them to come to a meeting at Sibley Park and discuss forming a neighborhood association so they could participate in the program. That meeting led to a committee of six residents who met over several months to brainstorm, plan, and research what a neighborhood association should look like. They decided that the Standish and Ericsson neighborhoods would form an association together. The committee members surveyed residents and went to training sessions given by NRP.

In June 1992, SENA was officially born when, at its first annual meeting, officers were elected and bylaws adopted. Marcy Tollefson was elected president, Scott Wende vice-president, Doug Lone secretary, and Bonnie Nelson treasurer. In addition, SENA filed for and received nonprofit status. However, at this time, it wasn't housed anywhere; the officers and other volunteers worked from home.

Two important things happened in 1993. *SENA News* was begun, with Will Shetterly as editor. (For the first several years, the newsletter came out irregularly, as needed.) Also, in the autumn, SENA applied for NRP Transition Funds and was awarded \$133,450. The funds were for home improvement, business improvement, the startup of a commercial association, and administrative expenses. The largest amount, \$100,000, was for a housing

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"Community Engagement"—The New Buzzwords

by Shirley Yeoman, SENA Neighborhood Coordinator

If you've followed *SENA News* over the past several months, you know that public funding sources for neighborhood organizations have changed significantly. One change is the creation of the city's Community Participation Program (CPP). The CPP "provides funding to encourage and support citizen participation through Minneapolis neighborhood organizations . . . for neighborhood-determined community engagement activities in the following key areas: (1) identifying and acting on neighborhood priorities; (2) influencing City decisions and priorities; and (3) increasing involvement."

The SENA Board of Directors submitted a funding request to the CPP and was awarded \$58,291. These dollars will help the board to assess SENA's current community engagement practices, expand community engagement activities, and develop a three-year plan to secure future CPP funding.

A planning steering committee, under the direction of the board, is working on a preliminary plan to present to the community at SENA's annual meeting in October. One phase of the committee's activity is conducting a survey to collect neighborhood input. The survey is very brief (10 questions) and will take around 5 minutes to complete. The committee needs input from as many residents as possible. You can complete the survey

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9th Annual Standish, Ericsson, and Corcoran Neighborhood Garage Sale Saturday, June 11 9:00 a.m.–3:00 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 3, is the last day to submit your sale for inclusion in the "Garage Sale Map and Guide." Call 721-1601 to have your sale included. Each year hundreds of maps are handed out to eager shoppers. The Neighborhood 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 3:00 p.m., on Sat., June 11, the day of the sale, at these locations: 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.), Holiday Station Store (3550 Cedar Ave. S.), and Caribou Coffee (4745 Cedar Ave. S.).

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Greenway Alert!



Now that the streets that make up the River-Lake Greenway have been striped and labeled, bicyclists and cars are sharing the space. Please drive and ride with care. On 42nd St. near the light rail crossing, in particular, cars turning right or moving into the right-hand lane must move across the bicycle lane, and everyone needs to pay attention. Also, people getting out of cars parked next to the bicycle lane should open the doors slowly. The Greenway will be officially opened on Sat., June 11, the day of the Neighborhood Garage Sale.

Oops! We Goofed!

SENA News apologizes for omitting the name of Sandy Colvin Roy from the list of donors to the Hiawatha Heart Warmer in the last issue. Council Member Colvin Roy generously donated to the event.

We also apologize for getting the date of the Roosevelt High School Mosaic Festival incorrect. We hope everyone figured out the correct date was Fri., May 20.

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Community Events Calendar

June

- 2 Congregate dining and blood pressure checks, Holy Cross Lutheran Church (1720 E. Minnehaha Pkwy.), 12:00 noon. (See p. 5.)
- 7 Senior congregate dining, Sibley Park (19th Ave. S. and E. 40th St.), 11:30 a.m. Call 370-4954 one day ahead for a reservation. (See p. 7.)
- 9 Low Vision Support Group, Bethel Lutheran Church (4120 17th Ave. S.), 10:00 a.m.
- 11 9th Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. (See p. 1.)
- 13 SENA Board meeting, 1830 E. 42nd St., 7:00 p.m., handicapped accessible
- 14 Community meeting to learn about Roosevelt Library renovation, Sibley Park Recreation Center, 7:00–9:00 p.m.
- 16 Ice cream social, Sibley Park, 6:00–8:00 p.m. (See p. 7.)
- 28 Senior blood pressure checks, Standish Green (2210 E. 40th St.), 12:00 noon
- 29 Nokomis Healthy Seniors Health Program: "Simple Secrets and Tools for Looking and Feeling Great at Any Age." Speaker: Nancy Vest, Home Instead. Faith Lutheran Church (3430 E. 51st St.), 1:30 p.m.
- 30 Caregiver Support Group, Bethel Lutheran Church, 1:00 p.m.

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- 28 Caregiver Support Group, Bethel Lutheran Church, 1:00 p.m.
- 29 Cornfeed and outdoor movie, Sibley Park (19th Ave. S. and E. 40th St.), 6:30–10:45 p.m. (See p. 7.)

Roosevelt Library Events

Roosevelt Library (4026 28th Ave. S., www.hclib.org) is open 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturdays. Note that, with the reopening of the Nokomis Library, Roosevelt Library will no longer be open on Wednesdays. The library also has a new phone number: (612) 543-6700.

Special Events

Chemists in the Library. For children entering kindergarten through grade 5. Learn about the wonders and excitement of chemistry with easy-to-do activities. Sat., June 4, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Register at www.hclib.org or (612) 543-6700.

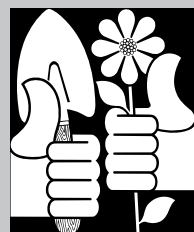
Art Out of the Box: Samurai Style. For children entering grades 2 through 5. See what noble warriors of Japan wore in this art workshop. Thurs., July 14, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Register at www.hclib.org or (612) 543-6700.



Ongoing Events

Family Storytime. For children age 2 and up. Share books, stories, rhymes, music, and movement with your children. Saturdays, 10:30 a.m., June 4, 11, 18, and 25 and July 9, 16, 23, and 30.

Child-Parent Jr. Book Club. For children entering grade 3 and their grown-up. Meets Saturdays, June 11 and July 9 and 30, 4:00 p.m. Join others to talk about a great book! Books are available at the information desk. Registration is required.



Neighbor to Neighbor

Karen thanks Doris for all she does and has been doing for years to make the neighborhood a friendly and inviting place. "It's neighbors like you that make it such a great place to live!" says Karen.

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.

SENA Board Members



SENA recently welcomed **Amy Lawler** to the board of directors. Amy grew up in the Longfellow Neighborhood and graduated from South High School in 1998. After attending Wellesley College and Harvard Law School, she returned to Minneapolis to be closer to her family. She is now an appellate attorney at a state agency. Amy and her partner, Lizz, a school librarian, bought their first house in the Ericsson Neighborhood last summer. Their block is

filled with friendly neighbors who have lived there for decades. Amy wants to help Standish and Ericsson continue to be neighborhoods that attract long-term and committed residents.

SENA would like to thank **Tim Ittner** and **Nathan Lewarne** for their service to the board. Tim and Nathan, both Ericsson residents, were elected to the board in October 2010 and served until May 2011.

Lake Hiawatha Festival, August 3

The Lake Hiawatha Festival will be Wed., Aug. 3, from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. Spend a relaxing and fun summer evening with family, friends, and neighbors. Activities will take place around the park building (27th Ave. S. and E. 44th St.). There will be pony rides and the 5-in-1 sports moon walk for kids, canoe rides on Lake Hiawatha for all ages, a talent contest, and a family fitness challenge. You can even bring your pet for a pet wash during the festival. Of course, there will be lots of yummy food for sale.

The Lake Hiawatha Festival, now in its 16th year, is sponsored by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and the Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association. Check www.lhrc.freeservers.com/festival.html for the latest information about festival activities. Businesses can request to have a table at the festival by e-mailing lhfest@yahoo.com and putting Business Display in the subject line.

National Night Out, August 2 Start Planning Now!

National Night Out (NNO) will be Tues., Aug. 2. It's not too early to start planning a neighborhood event. There's no "correct" way to do a NNO event; tailor it to your block. The event can be huge, with street closings, musicians, food, games, and more. Or it can be small and quiet—a group of neighbors sitting together in someone's front yard sharing ice cream sundaes and iced tea.

If you would like more information or assistance with your event, contact your CCP/SAFE neighborhood crime prevention specialist. Ericsson residents should contact Sue Roethle (673-2839 or sue.roethle@ci.minneapolis.mn.us), and Standish residents should contact Karen Notsch (673-2856 or karen.notsch@ci.minneapolis.mn.us). You can also find ideas and materials at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno.

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.

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.

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grants program, so an administrator (Bernie Waibel) was hired to run that program. It began the next year, using a lottery to dispense the funds. When Bernie left after about a year, the running of the program was turned over to an outside group.

In 1994, the next round of NRP funding began. To get money, neighborhoods had to write a First Step Plan, with neighborhood input. Community meetings were held, and a plan was written based on five areas that were found to be important to people. After the plan was approved in early 1995, five action groups were formed to carry out the plan. They were Housing; Commercial; Crime and Livability; Parks and Environment; and Youth, Family, and Seniors (later called People and Community). These action groups were active for about the next 10 years, after which they were reorganized and renamed.

In 1995, SENA was able to afford an office. It moved into a room in the basement of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 40th St. and 28th Ave. It also hired a program coordinator, Carron Perry, and, in 1996, an office coordinator, Shirley Yeoman. (As you know, Shirley still works at the SENA office, as neighborhood coordinator. The program coordinator position was held by several people and took several different forms over the years.)

SENA volunteers wrote two more NRP Neighborhood Action Plans, a Full Plan in 1998 and a Phase II Plan in 2005. Guided by staff and Joe Horan (SENA's liaison with the NRP offices), they became quite proficient at gathering community input through surveys and community meetings. The hallmark of a meeting to vote on a SENA plan was the use of stickers. In the summer of 1997, residents came to Lake Hiawatha Park and chose from a long list of possible actions by putting colored dots on the items they wanted to see in the plan. In 2005, a meeting gave people the chance to put in "Your Two Cents"—everyone had two dots to place by their top priorities.

In 2001, SENA celebrated its 10th anniversary by sponsoring a street dance and party outside its office. Lots of people came to eat, hear music, meet friends, and talk about what SENA had accomplished. Also in 2001, our other current neighborhood coordinator, Bob Kambeitz, joined the staff. In 2006, SENA moved to its current location at 42nd St. and Cedar Ave.

Next issue: Accomplishments.

Did You Know?

- Standish resident Jessica Hill received a "Remarkable Volunteer Service Award" from the Minneapolis Park Board for her work in organizing the Hiawatha Heart Warmer. Congratulations, Jessica!

2010 Census

	Total Population	Total housing units	Occupied housing units	Vacant housing units
Ericsson -2010	3,192	1,453	1,394	59
Ericsson-2000	3,149	1,450	1,420	30
Standish-2010	6,527	2,818	2,681	137
Standish-2000	6,632	2,800	2,745	55
Total -2010	9,719	4,271	4,075	196
Total - 2000	9,781	4,250	4,165	85

Data from the 2010 U.S. Census has been released. Basic information by neighborhood is now available at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/census/2010.asp>. This chart is a quick comparison of population and housing in 2000 and 2010 in Standish and Ericsson.

Community Meetings to Discuss Roosevelt Library Renovation

Plans are under way for renovating Roosevelt Library (4028 28th Ave. S.). A series of community meetings will be held so that residents can learn about the scope of the project and offer input on the design. The first meeting will be Tues., June 14, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at Sibley Park Recreation Center (1900 E. 40th St.). Hennepin County Commissioner Peter McLaughlin, Minneapolis City Council Member Sandy Colvin Roy, and Hennepin County staff and project designers will speak and answer questions. Community members of all ages are invited to participate. Residents who are not able to attend are encouraged to share comments via e-mail to Kelli Koob (kkoob@hclib.org).

Roosevelt's size (only 4,320 sq. ft.) and historic designation present special challenges for renovation. The design is expected to have "green" features, such as geothermal heating. For more information about the construction project go to http://www.hclib.org/pub/images/AgencyHPArt/Ro_FactSheet_winter2011.pdf or call Kelli Koob at (612) 543-8621.

Where Is It? (No. 28)



This is an all-too-familiar sight for drivers in the Standish and Ericsson neighborhoods, where three streets intersect with the Hiawatha light rail line. Can you tell which intersection is shown in this photo? (The answer is on p. 7.)



Parks & Environment

Memo

Organics Pilot Program

The City of Minneapolis began recycling glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles, and cans and aluminum foil in the mid-1980s. Electronics recycling followed in the 1990s. The next step in waste management may be citywide residential source separated organics (SSO).

SSO programs require residents to separate organic and non-organic trash. Organic materials include food scraps (both vegetable and animal), non-recyclable or limited-recyclable paper products (pizza boxes, paper towels, boxes such as frozen food containers, shredded office paper), and vacuum cleaner bags and their contents. The purpose of SSO programs is to reduce the amount of garbage going into landfills and incinerators, thus reducing water and air pollution.

Minneapolis began a pilot organics program in the Linden Hills Neighborhood in 2007, where it has been very popular. The city recently expanded the pilot program to other trash collection routes, including routes east of Hiawatha Ave.

Participation in the pilot program is voluntary, and there is no additional charge for the service. Participants are supplied with a green trash cart for organic waste, which they set alongside their black trash cart on garbage collection day. (Yard waste is still collected separately.) The organic waste is taken to a commercial composting facility, where it is turned into a compostable product.

In contrast to backyard composting, the city-sponsored SSO program offers several advantages. There are no piles to manage and turn, less space is needed, and the program accepts more food/meat and nonfood items than can be composted in a backyard bin.

If results from the pilot program continue to be positive, Minneapolis Solid Waste and Recycling will expand organics collection to more routes throughout the city.

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online at <http://svy.mK/KgzzGK> or contact the SENA office (721-1601 or office@standish-ericsson.org) for a paper copy.

Please consider how you might be involved in helping to shape the "community engagement" of the Standish and Ericsson neighborhoods. Contact the SENA office if you'd like to volunteer your time.

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Business Feature

Canton Foods: Seven Decades of Artisan Noodles and Sprouts

by Nykol Johnson



Tony, Juney, and Victor Wang and Huy Hang Ty (Victor's mother)

Each day the family at Canton Foods put their hearts into growing soy and mung bean sprouts and hand-crafting noodles. When the weather is nice, and Canton Foods is making crispy chow mein noodles, the surrounding neighborhood fills with a delicious smell, reminiscent of the Minnesota State Fair. They also make Taiwanese ramen, Japanese udon, Shanghai cu mian, and whole wheat spaghetti, and they are currently expanding their noodle production.

The Wangs exemplify an emerging trend in the management of family enterprises. Victor directs day-to-day operations, Juney oversees sales and marketing efforts, and Tony brings eight years of external work experience with MBA-level insight. His previous corporate leadership roles with Best Buy Company and SUPERVALU, Inc., help align strategic positions.

Canton Foods has been a part of Minneapolis since its start in 1940. It has been part of the Standish Neighborhood since

It seems like any time of the day that you drive by Canton Foods (Kwong Tung Foods, Inc.) on 38th St., you will see at least a couple cars in the parking lot. Victor and Juney Wang, their son, Tony, and all 10 of their employees work hard to make Canton Foods the best at what they do.

1982 when Victor and Juney moved the business from its previous location at Cedar and Riverside to its current location at 1840 E. 38th St. Victor is the third owner of Canton Foods. He purchased the business from Michael Murphy (who had purchased it from original owner Rose Wong) in 1975.

Until 1999, Canton Foods was both a wholesale and retail business. Since that time, the Wangs have focused their efforts on manufacturing and wholesaling their wonderful sprouts and noodles. Their products are distributed to restaurants, grocery wholesalers, and food service distributors in the Twin Cities and a five-state region (via distribution partners). Victor and Juney have even been kind enough to cook up some of their delightful noodles for the National Night Out party on the 3800 block of Longfellow Ave.



Juney and Victor Wang doing a cooking demonstration at Passage to China at Mall of America

The company showcases its noodle and sprout offerings online. For additional inquiries, please visit www.CantonFoods.com.

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) Tuesday Morning Ladies Social meets at Sibley Park (19th Ave. S. and E. 40th St., 370-4954) at 9:30 a.m. Free! Come join the group to chat, have some laughs, and enjoy great discussions over coffee and homemade treats. The group meets "downstairs" in the art room. No meeting in July or August. (2) Congregate dining 12:00 noon Monday–Friday, Holy Cross Lutheran Church (1720 E. Minnehaha Pkwy.). Call 729-6668 three days ahead. \$3.50. (3) Creativity and Conversation, an art group for women, at Bethel Lutheran Church (4120 17th Ave. S., 729-5499) 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) The Nurse Is In at Bethel Lutheran Church (4120 17th Ave. S., 729-5499) on Thursday mornings. Seniors can chat over coffee and cake, have a blood pressure check, or schedule a pedicure.

Did You Know?

- Applewood Pointe of Minneapolis, a senior cooperative being developed by United Properties on the former Northrop School site at 46th St. near Cedar Ave., is projected to begin construction later this year. The building will feature 65 units geared to active, independent adults, age 62 and above. More information is available at www.applewoodpointe.com.

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The Waters of Minnehaha to Open July 1

The Waters of Minnehaha, the 77-unit assisted living facility being constructed on the corner of E. 38th St. and 23rd Ave., is on schedule to open July 1. Landscaping, fencing, and a parking lot are being installed. The Waters will offer one- and two-bedroom apartments, memory care, and care suites. If you have questions regarding the facility or if you would like to schedule a tour, call Emily Rinaldi or Niki Dwyer at (612) 238-0010. The official open house for the community will be in September.

Staying “In the Know” in the Neighborhood

SENA News is mailed to your home six times a year on a bimonthly basis. Here are two more ways you can get neighborhood news:

- *SENA E-News*, an e-mail newsletter produced approximately twice a month. It includes information about SENAsponsored activities as well as other items of interest to the neighborhood. Go to the SENAs website (www.standish-ericsson.org) to sign up.
- *Minneapolis Standish Ericsson Neighbors Forum*, an online discussion sponsored by E-Democracy.org. It is a place to share information and opinions about community issues and life specific to our two neighborhoods. Join at <http://forums.e-democracy.org/groups/mpls-standish-ericsson>.

President's Corner

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work we’ve been able to accomplish as a community through SENAs—painting murals, establishing a local business association, guiding public safety discourse, and improving our housing stock through low-interest loans. There’s more we can do, but we need you to help us chart the course. Please get involved and let us know how you wish to participate.

The census was established to understand who the people are that make this great democracy work. It’s still up to us to make sure not only that we’re counted but also that we can be counted on.

Midtown Farmers Market



Amy Behrens, market manager, and Nathan Matter, assistant market manager

The Midtown Farmers Market, located at E. Lake St. and 22nd Ave. S., offers luscious locally grown fruits and vegetables. In addition, the market features live music, information on gardening and cooking, activities for children, and special events. It’s a total shopping experience.

Ride your bike to the market on Sat., June 25, and be eligible for a drawing for bike panniers. There will be free bike helmets and helmet-fitting demonstrations from Freewheel Bike and The Hub Bike Co-Op.

Keep up to date on other market events at www.midtownfarmersmarket.org. The market is open on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and on Tuesdays from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

News from Northrop, Your Community School

by Sam Ridenour

As the 2010–2011 school year prepares to downshift into summer, fifth graders at Northrop Urban Environmental Learning Center (4315 31st Ave. S.) prepare to embark on a camping trip to Jay Cooke State Park near Duluth. Heartfelt thanks goes out to the owner and staff of the Riverview Theater (3800 42nd Ave. S.) and to all of the fine folks who attended our special benefit movie event in March to help raise funds for this wilderness adventure.

Another local business that partnered with Northrop in a unique way this school year was Bergan’s SuperValu (4715 Cedar Ave. S.). Northrop students decorated grocery bags with vibrant designs and messages intended to raise awareness about environmental stewardship, and the store distributed the bags to customers on Earth Day, Apr. 22. The project was “a pretty cool way to get the word out there,” said a store manager, “and getting students involved in community—that’s a great idea.”

Northrop is also partnering with Audubon Minnesota to construct a chimney swift roosting tower on school grounds as a way to provide refuge for the birds and to build public awareness of declining chimney swift populations (over 50% in the last 40 years). To learn more, go to <http://mn.audubon.org/birds-science-education/audubon-at-home/chimney-swift-conservation-project>.

It is these types of partnerships, says Northrop Principal Ray Aponte, that have significantly strengthened the bonds between

Northrop and the surrounding community. To all of the parents, students, and neighborhood residents who have shown such tremendous support, Aponte says, simply, “Thank you for a wonderful year!”



Northrop’s maple tree tapping was a sweet success, with thanks to nearby neighbors who lent their tree. About three quarts of Northrop’s finest Grade A maple syrup was made and sampled by students, who declared it decidedly delicious.

Events at the Parks

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

June and July are busy times at Lake Hiawatha Park. Preschool classes for ages 3–5 run Mondays through Thursdays (10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.) and feature many cool topics: Magic Garden (June 13–16), Home Town Heroes (June 20–23), Colors of the Rainbow (June 27–30), Fractured Fairy Tales (July 11–14), Creative Construction (July 18–21), and Eric Carle’s “Very” Buggy World (July 25–28). The fee is usually \$80 per session.

Older children (6–12) can enjoy camps with cool themes on Mondays through Thursdays (11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.). They are Harry Potter Camp (June 13–16), CSI Camp (June 20–23), Safari Camp (June 27–30), Sport Camp (July 5–7), Camp Awesome (July 11–14), Build-a-Boat Camp (18–21), and Geo-caching, a high-tech scavenger hunt (July 25–28). The fee is usually \$85 per session.

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

Senior Luncheons. Join your friends on Tues., June 7, at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$6. Since the building doesn’t have air conditioning, the next luncheon at Sibley will be in September.

New Hours. Building hours are changing citywide. Summer hours (Memorial Day to Labor Day) are 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Friday, closed Saturday and Sunday. The rest of the year, hours are 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, closed Sunday.

Summer Programs. Programs are available for all ages. You can get information at Sibley Park or request information via e-mail (sibley@minneapolisparcs.org). Register online with ActiveNet, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board’s activity registration and reservation system.

Ice Cream Social. On Thurs., June 16 (6:00–8:00 p.m.), feast on fabulous flavors that tantalize your summer taste buds. This is a favorite family activity. There is a small fee for ice cream.

Annual Cornfeed and Outdoor Movie. Calling all ages to an evening of fun, food, and entertainment on Fri., July 29 (6:30–10:45 p.m.). Enjoy corn on the cob, face painting, concessions, live blues and rock ‘n’ roll music, moon walk, games, and more! Bring your chair or blanket and bug spray for an outdoor movie (*Harry and the Hendersons*) on a huge (20- by 25-ft. screen) at 8:45 p.m.

Fall Sports. Sibley offers fundamental soccer (K–1st grade division and 2nd–3rd grade division) and competitive soccer with girls’ and boys’ divisions for 4th grade through 10th grade. For tackle football (3rd grade through 8th grade), registration begins July 5 at Sibley. Practices begin in mid-August and games in September. Volunteer coaches are needed; apply at the park.

Roosevelt High School Neighborhood Meeting

Roosevelt High School hosted a community meeting on Apr. 12. The purpose was to inform residents—especially nearby neighbors—of happenings at the school and to listen to any concerns.

Principal Bruce Gilman told attendees that he is being transferred to Southwest High School at the end of the school year and that the community should prepare for a new administrative team. Gilman will be principal on special assignment at Southwest. He has been at Roosevelt for 13 years—five years as assistant principal and eight years as principal. Michael Bradley, currently principal of Wellstone International High School (housed in the same building), will become principal of both schools.

Principal Gilman announced that Roosevelt has been invited to participate on the advisory committee for the rehabbing of Roosevelt Library. Over the years, the school and the library have developed a close working relationship. Minneapolis City Council Member Sandy Colvin Roy, who also attended the meeting, urged neighbors to become involved in planning for the remodeled facility.

Parent Liaison Jim Hoskyn told the group about upcoming events—including the Pancake Breakfast and Mosaic Festival—to which the community is invited. The group discussed ways Roosevelt students could become more involved in the neighborhood, e.g. participating in block clubs. Gilman noted that community service is frequently part of the school’s curriculum.

Gilman concluded the meeting by saying that he hoped the maroon-and-gold irises that he planted around the school sign would bloom this spring.

Community Conversation on Parks, April 18



About 30 people gathered on Apr. 18 to meet new Minneapolis Park Superintendent Jayne Miller (inset) and ask questions of park personnel. The group discussed water quality, the comprehensive plan for park improvement, security arrangements, and other topics. Attendees learned that beach renewal on Minneapolis lakes is currently being studied and that beaches will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. this year. Another community conversation on a different topic will be held this summer.

Answer to Where Is It? (No. 28)

The arm is stopping traffic at the intersection of Hiawatha Ave. and E. 46th St. The photo looks east, toward the Walgreen’s parking lot.



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President's Corner

Tom Evers



One of my favorite aspects of American democracy occurs every 10 years—the U.S. Census. I find it to be an amazing demonstration of foresight, when, at the founding of America more than 200 years ago, our founders decided that it would be critical to the success of our nation to understand who we are and where we live.

As a result, we are given a gift of awareness each decade about who lives in our communities, allowing us to track the changes over time. What is most remarkable for me to learn about Standish and Ericsson this past decade is how incredibly stable our neighborhoods remain. In 10 years, our two neighborhoods have gone from 9,781 residents to 9,719 residents—a difference of 62 people or less than 1%! (See the chart on p. 4.)

Not captured in the census is how we choose to engage and communicate with each other. In this remarkably stable environment, we are given a chance to improve how we design our community in order to include everyone and to make sure that we offer opportunities for everyone to be involved, if they choose. Ten years ago, we did not have the ability to arrange spring plant swaps or inquire about good auto mechanics online. Today, tools like E-Democracy have become the town forum for many of us, where we share information and occasionally engage in thoughtful discussions about our community. Yet there are many of us who don't or can't subscribe to E-Democracy and other online tools. It is SENA's responsibility to be sure that we

try to communicate with everyone. Our focus this year has been to be thoughtful about how best to communicate with the whole community.

Let's get this right. Rather than assuming we understand what people look for in vibrant communities and how they want to be informed and involved, the SENA Board and staff want to be sure we've heard from everyone. In the coming months, we'll be asking all of you to provide us your thoughts about how you want to be involved in local choices that affect our community. Do you learn about local news through this newsletter, E-Democracy, neighbor-to-neighbor conversations, or other outlets? Do you shop locally? Is there a business you wish was located in our community? How do you learn about important community decisions, and how do you provide your input?

Over the summer, the SENA Board and staff will be reaching out to you, not only to learn more about who we are as a community but also to learn how to remain engaged with each other. This "census" will help SENA continue to improve our community so that it serves those of us who live here and those who might visit. We will also use this opportunity to revisit all the incredible

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