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SENA News Earns National Award

SENA News, the newsletter of the Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association, has received a Gold Level Award for Excellence in Neighborhood Newsletters from Neighborhoods USA (NUSA). The award was announced in May at the NUSA Conference in Anchorage, Alaska.

NUSA is a national nonprofit organization committed to building and strengthening neighborhood organizations. Newsletter awards were presented for the first time this year. Newsletter entries were evaluated individually and awarded points based on criteria that included layout, consistency, content, relevance, and overall appearance.

Of the 14 Gold Level Awards presented nationally, three went to Minneapolis neighborhoods: Standish-Ericsson, Corcoran, and Lyndale.

27th Annual National Night Out, August 2

National Night Out (NNO) is quickly approaching, and the city of Minneapolis asks, "Do you know your neighbors?" NNO offers a great opportunity for neighbors to gather and get to know each other better. Neighbors who know each other are far more likely to watch out for each other, which will help make our neighborhoods safer. You don't have to close off your street or plan anything big and elaborate to celebrate with your neighbors. You could do something as simple as gathering in someone's yard for ice cream and cookies. Still looking for ideas for your neighborhood NNO? Check out the city website at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno>.

SENA Announces 2011 Good Neighbor Award

Thanks, in part, to the *SENA News* "Neighbor to Neighbor" column, in which readers express their appreciation of other people, it's clear that the Standish and Ericsson neighborhoods are full of people who are really great neighbors. In an effort to recognize those neighbors, SENA announces the formation of an annual *SENA Good Neighbor Award*. The 2011 award will be presented at the SENA Annual Meeting on Mon., Oct. 3.

To nominate someone you know to be an exceptional "Good Neighbor," complete a simple nomination form and submit it to the SENA office by Sept. 15. You will be asked to tell in 300 words or less how your nominee exemplifies the neighborhood strengths identified in the SENA mission statement: "stability, diversity, and concern for others."

Nomination forms are available at the SENA office (call 721-1601 or e-mail office@standish-ericsson.org to request a form) or on the SENA website at www.standish-ericsson.org.

Neighborhood Garage Sale



A bright, sunny day welcomed people from all over the city to the 9th Annual Standish, Ericsson, and Corcoran Neighborhood Garage Sale on June 11. 140 homes were on the official map, and many others joined in with independent sales.

Lake Hiawatha Festival, August 3

The Lake Hiawatha Neighborhood Festival will be Wed., Aug. 3, from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. Festivities will take place in the area around the park building (27th Ave. S. and E. 44th St.). Kids can again look forward to having a pony ride from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Also returning this year will be canoe rides on Lake Hiawatha, the 5-in-1 sports moonwalk, water slide, and talent contest and family fitness challenge. Other fun activities include playing minigolf and having your picture drawn by the caricaturist or having your face painted and hair sprayed. Bring your pet for a pet wash during the festival. Food will be sold by vendors. If you would like to display information about your business, request a table by e-mailing lhfest@yahoo.com and putting Business Display in the subject line. Check www.lhrc.freesevers.com/festival.html for festival updates.

Save the Date: SENA Annual Meeting

The SENA Annual Meeting will be Mon., Oct. 3, at Lake Hiawatha Park Recreation Center (27th Ave. S. and E. 44th St.). Watch your mailbox for a postcard with meeting details.

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Where Is It? (No. 29)

Where is this lovely shoreline? (The answer is on p. 5.)



E-Democracy.org

Minneapolis Standish & Ericsson Neighbors Forum on E-Democracy.org is a forum to share announcements and discussions about community issues and life specific to our two neighborhoods online. While an independent forum, it serves as a friendly complement to our neighborhood association. You can sign up and find out more information at <http://forums.e-democracy.org/groups/mppls-staneric>.



Did You Know?
West of the Rail Business Association announces the launch of its new website www.westoftherail.org. The site will give you news about the WRBA as well as quick links to member business websites.

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Community Events Calendar

August

- 2 National Night Out. Get together with your neighbors. (See p. 1.)
- 3 Lake Hiawatha Neighborhood Festival, Lake Hiawatha Park (27th Ave. S. and E. 44th St.), 5:00–8:30 p.m. (See p. 1.)
- 4 Congregate dining and blood pressure checks, Holy Cross Lutheran Church (1720 E. Minnehaha Pkwy.), 12:00 noon. (See p. 7.)
- 8 SENA Board meeting, 1830 E. 42nd St., 7:00 p.m., handicapped accessible
- 10 Nokomis Healthy Seniors Health Program: "To Sleep or Not to Sleep." Speaker: Abigail Holley, M.D. Nokomis Square Cooperative (5015 35th Ave. S.), 1:00 p.m.
- 11 Low Vision Support Group, Nokomis Square Cooperative, 10:00 a.m.
- 23 Senior blood pressure checks, Standish Green (2210 E. 40th St.), 12:00 noon
- 25 Caregiver Support Group, Bethel Lutheran Church, 1:00 p.m.
- 27–28 LoLa Art Crawl, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (See p. 6.)
Nokomis Healthy Seniors Hot Dog Sale, Bergan's SuperValu (4715 Cedar Ave. S.), 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (See p. 7.)

September

- 1 Congregate dining and blood pressure checks, Holy Cross Lutheran Church (1720 E. Minnehaha Pkwy.), 12:00 noon. (See p. 7.)
- 6 Senior congregating dining, Sibley Park (19th Ave. S. and E. 40th St.), 11:30 a.m. (See p. 7.)
- 8 Low Vision Support Group, Nokomis Square Cooperative (5015 35th Ave. S.), 10:00 a.m.
- 12 SENA Board meeting, 1830 E. 42nd St., 7:00 p.m., handicapped accessible
- 16–18 Autumn Daze Festival, St. Helena Catholic Church (3204 E. 42nd St.). (See below.)
- 27 Senior blood pressure checks, Standish Green (2210 E. 40th St.), 12:00 noon
- 28 Nokomis Healthy Seniors Health Program: topic to be announced, Faith Lutheran Church (3430 E. 51st St.), 1:30 p.m.
- 29 Caregiver Support Group, Bethel Lutheran Church, 1:00 p.m.

Neighbor to Neighbor

- Dan and Dee Dee would like to say a big thank you to their neighbor Sandy for always watching their block on 27th Ave. She watches their home as well as other neighbors' homes and lets them know if something looks out of the ordinary. She's always there to say hi and ask how you're doing.
- John, from 26th Ave., says thank you to everyone in the neighborhood for helping to find his rescue group's lost dog, Zowie, a trained rescue dog, was missing for two months. Flyers were put up, and many people called with sightings, which John truly appreciated. Zowie is skittish around people and very difficult to get near. When someone reported that Zowie was under a porch, a bunch of volunteers surrounded the area and were able to safely capture her. John asks people to take down any flyers that may still be posted in the neighborhood.
- Marc has four great neighbors on 26th Ave. Duane knows everyone on the block by name, what they do, and who their kids are. Karen is available to help whenever she's needed. Andrew and Andrea have been giving the block parties every year, making the games and food possible through their generosity.



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.

28th Autumn Daze Festival, September 16–18

St. Helena Catholic Church (3204 E. 42nd St.) will hold its 28th Autumn Daze Festival from Friday evening, Sept. 16, through Sunday afternoon, Sept. 18. Neighborhood residents are invited to join the fun and enjoy the festival's many activities.

Besides good food in several locations, there will be rides, live and silent auctions, games of chance, games of skill, used items for sale, quilt bingo, music, and other family-friendly events. The festival starts at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, closing at 10:00 p.m. Saturday begins with the parade at 10:00 a.m., and the festivities continue until 10:00 p.m. On Sunday, the hours are 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SENA's 20 Years of Accomplishments

by Ann King

This is the Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association's 20th year. An article in the last issue told how SENa was formed and how it developed neighborhood plans so as to get money from the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. During most of those years, SENa had paid staff, but most of the work was done by volunteers working together and with other community groups on issues that residents had indicated (at meetings and through surveys) were important to them. This article looks at various activities that improved the neighborhoods and helped foster a feeling of community.

One area that residents and other stakeholders (e.g., people who work or own property in the neighborhoods) have really cared about is the environment. The neighborhoods contain Sibley Park, Lake Hiawatha and its park, and a section of Minnehaha Creek—people wanted to be sure that these resources were cared for. SENa contributed to and sent representatives to the Blue Water Commission, a group that developed policies for the watershed area of the creek all along its length. The Parks and Environment Action Group educated residents about water flows in the neighborhoods and how to keep from polluting them. The group also funded the planting of native plant species next to the lake for shoreline stabilization. SENa contributed to the updating of the Lake Hiawatha playground and the remodeling of its park building. (SENa donated funds for the windows facing the lake.) For several years, a Garden Club met regularly.

Another neighborhood concern was for safety. The first action group organized around this issue was called Crime and Livability, which meant that it worked to prevent crime not only directly but also indirectly by building a sense of community that would make crime less likely. One of its early subgroups was the SENa Walkers, groups of neighbors (wearing yellow hats) who met at various times during the week to walk in the parks and along the streets picking up litter and generally

keeping an eye on the neighborhoods. In 2000, the action group sponsored a program that offered small grants to homeowners to buy home and car security hardware. Over the years, when necessary, SENa has sponsored community meetings to discuss problems in the community. It also continues to have a Problem Properties group that meets with city officials about vacant or uncared for houses. To encourage neighbors to know one another and work together, SENa has helped to sponsor events such as the Lake Hiawatha Festival, the Hiawatha Heart Warmer, the Neighborhood Garage Sale, and activities at the parks. It has also joined with groups from the wider community to sponsor the Youth Opportunity Fair and the Southside Housing and Home Improvement Fair, fight airport noise, establish the Midtown Farmers Market, and, most recently, create the River-Lake Greenway for cyclists and pedestrians.

Housing is important to SENa stakeholders. An early project gave the Roosevelt Community Library money to buy books on home improvement. SENa has sponsored yearly housing grant programs, including matching grants, deferred loans, and first-time homeowner grants, depending on the money available. Some of these grants enabled homeowners to make repairs, and others were for larger improvements (roofs, windows, sidewalks, etc.). SENa has also supported its business nodes, for example, by financially encouraging the formation of node business associations, by offering business improvement grants (for awnings, signage, and painting, etc.), and by maintaining a business directory. The West of the Rail Business Association is also a SENa-supported project.

As the financial resources available to neighborhoods decrease, SENa will not be able to directly sponsor as many projects and programs as in the past. It will still be there, however, to listen to the community and support projects and activities that arise from individuals or groups who continue to work on making this a vibrant and welcoming area.

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.

SENa Receives Athwin Foundation Grant

SENa is pleased to announce a \$3,000 grant from the Athwin Foundation for general operating support. This is the fourth grant SENa has received from the foundation since 2006. The support of the Athwin Foundation contributes greatly to SENa's work for the Standish and Ericsson neighborhoods.

SENa Survey Results

The Planning Steering Committee is still analyzing the responses to SENa's Community Engagement Survey. The committee will present an update at the SENa Annual Meeting. In the meantime, here are a few interesting tidbits:

- As of June 22, 94 people had responded to the survey.
- Eighty-three people (89.2%) indicated that they read *SENa News*.
- In response to the question "How do you interact with neighbors?" the most popular answer was the old-fashioned way—"informal conversations on a regular basis" (88.2%).
- The number one issue "SENa should address in the next five years" was "business appearance, vitality, and success" (74.5%). The number two issue (at 41.5%) was "personal safety."
- Respondents ranged in age between 24 and 75+, with the largest number (38%) in the age 35-44 range.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the survey.

New Wading Pool and Tennis Courts Add to the Fun at Hiawatha Park

by Sam Ridenour

Although summer got off to a rather soggy start, neighborhood children turned out in tiny droves to celebrate the opening of the newly renovated wading pool at Hiawatha Park on June 17. Under an overcast sky only bluffing about rain, cascades of laughter mingled with the splashing of fountains—fountains in the shape of a trio of oversized cattails and the colorful head of a great blue heron. At the zero-depth end of the pool, geysers of cool water provided endless delight for the tiniest toddlers and their accompanying adults. Benches around the perimeter offered comfortable seating for those parents opting not to kick off their flip-flops, roll up their pant legs, and make a splash of their own. The only sad sounds to be heard were the protests of children who had to leave. “We’ll come back tomorrow,” one parent after another promised.

And it was love at first sight for the beautiful new tennis courts at the north end of the park. The project to replace the crumbling, 23-year-old former tennis complex was made possible through a partnership between the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and the Support the Courts Foundation. After reconstruction of the playing surfaces and surrounding fencing was completed, the courts opened for recreational use in mid-June. In addition to providing a place for friendly neighborhood games, the new tennis courts will allow competitive play for Roosevelt High School students as well as participants in the Minneapolis InnerCity Tennis program (visit www.innercitytennis.org for more information). The fun and health benefits of tennis are hard to beat, so dust off that old racket and head on over to Hiawatha Park.

A ribbon cutting and celebration of the new wading pool and tennis courts will be held at the Lake Hiawatha Festival at 5:00 p.m. on Aug. 3. (See p. 1.)



Young swimmers enjoy the water, especially the water coming from overhead, at the newly opened wading pool at Lake Hiawatha Park.

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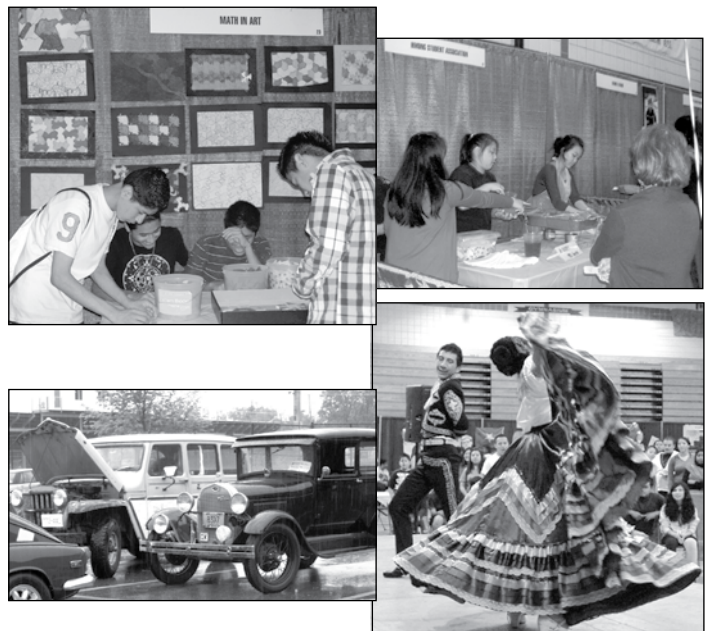
Seed Savers Exchange (SSE) is a nonprofit organization that saves and shares diverse, but endangered, flower and vegetable seeds for future generations and educates people about the value of genetic and cultural seed diversity. SSE was founded in 1975 by Diane Ott Whealy and Kent Whealy. Their collection began when Diane’s terminally ill grandfather gave them the seeds of two garden plants, Grandpa Ott’s morning glory and German pink tomato. Grandpa Ott’s parents had brought the seeds from Bavaria when they immigrated to St. Lucas, Iowa, in the 1870s.

Today, the Whealys maintain many thousands of heirloom garden varieties at their 890-acre Heritage Farm, near Decorah, Iowa. Most were brought to North America by SSE members’ ancestors who emigrated from Europe, the Middle East, Asia, and other parts of the world. SSE has distributed hundreds of thousands of heirloom and open-pollinated garden seeds, which are widely used by seed companies, small farmers supplying local and regional markets, chefs, and home gardeners and cooks.

SSE members receive a 10% discount on all purchases from the SSE seed catalog and from the Lillian Goldman Visitors Center at Heritage Farm. In addition, members receive magazines with gardening and seed-saving tips.

Visitors are welcome at Heritage Farm from April through October. Contact Seed Savers Exchange at (563) 382-5990 for more information or to arrange a tour. More information about seed saving can be found at <http://www.seedsavers.org/>.

Roosevelt High School Mosaic Festival



The Roosevelt High School Mosaic Festival, held in May, was, as usual, a noisy, happy place. Student groups (such as the Math in Art group, top left) showed off what they had accomplished; many ethnic foods were sold (for instance, by the Hmong Student Association, top right); and singers and dancers delighted the audience (Latin dancers, bottom right). This year, visitors could also see a display of vintage automobiles (bottom left).

Business Feature

Dr. Kori: Affordable Chiropractic Care for the Whole Neighborhood

by Nykol Johnson



Dr. Kori Mortenson believes in helping people function and perform better through convenient and affordable chiropractic adjustments. He helps people of all ages, from newborns to the elderly, live healthier, more productive lives.

After receiving his degree from Northwestern College of Chiropractic in 1998, Dr. Kori started his chiropractic services in Shakopee. After nearly 10 years in Shakopee, he moved his practice to South Minneapolis (4152 28th Ave. S.) because "I loved the neighborhood and thought

Dr. Kori Mortenson
it would be much better if I lived and worked in the same area. I'd love to be known as the neighborhood chiropractor."

As the neighborhood chiropractor, Dr. Kori offers walk-in adjustments in his office or, if you can't make it to him, he can come to your home or office. Adjustments start at an affordable \$20 per visit. In addition to walk-in and home/office visits, Dr. Kori offers unlimited membership programs for

individuals (\$50/month) and families (\$80/month). Customers pay one monthly fee instead of paying per visit, which helps to keep the cost lower and make chiropractic care more affordable to all.

During an adjustment, Dr. Kori will locate subluxations (when one or more vertebrae have moved out of position and irritate the spinal nerves) and correct the misalignment to help remove the nerve irritation.

For many of us who have not been to a chiropractor, there is the impression that once you start chiropractic care you have to keep going for the rest of your life. Dr. Kori explains, "Because chiropractic works with what is right in the body as opposed to what is wrong, it is a smart and important addition to your health routine no matter your age." So, no, you don't HAVE to keep going—how long you want to benefit from chiropractic care is always up to you.

You can find more information about Dr. Kori and chiropractic care at <http://drkori.com/>. Dr. Kori Chiropractic is open Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. to noon, and 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.; and Fridays, 10:00 a.m. to noon. Other times are by appointment (721-8926).

River-Lake Greenway Officially Opens



Sen. Amy Klobuchar joined Minneapolis City Council Members Sandy Colvin Roy and Elizabeth Glidden and other area officials at the grand opening ceremony of the River-Lake Greenway on June 11. Following the remarks, a ribbon was cut, and bicyclists of all ages started out for the first "official" bike ride on the trail.



Answer to Where Is It? (No. 29)

This is the southern shore of Lake Hiawatha. The photo, looking west, was taken from a spot down the hill from the Nokomis Community Center (2401 E. Minnehaha Pkwy.), near the bicycle path.

New Apartment Building under Construction



A new apartment building, by Klodt Developer, is beginning to take shape along the eastern edge of the Standish Neighborhood. The building, in the 2700 block of 29th Ave., will have 64 units.

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Neighborhood Feature



LoLa Wants You!

by Judy Peacock

The League of Longfellow Artists (LoLa) invites you to its third annual art crawl, Saturday and Sunday, August 27 and 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days. The crawl takes place throughout the Greater Longfellow area, including the Standish and Ericsson

neighborhoods, and features a broad range of creative arts such as painting, sculpture, photography, pottery, weaving, jewelry, textiles, video, and more.

In a summer filled with art fairs, the LoLa Art Crawl is unique. It is open to all levels of artists, from those who enjoy creating art as a pastime to those who earn a living from their art. The only requirement to be an exhibitor is to live and/or work in the geographical area (Mississippi River on the east, Cedar Avenue on the west, the Midtown Greenway on the north, and the Crosstown Highway on the south) and to pay a 25-dollar entrance fee.

The LoLa Art Crawl is artist-run. Local artists plan and promote the crawl. They open their homes (and sometimes their businesses) for the event, which gives the crawl a friendly, neighborly atmosphere. You'll be able to visit with the artists and ask questions about materials and techniques. There will also be demonstrations at some of the sites. Many neighborhood businesses participate either as exhibiting sites or as supportive businesses making LoLa maps available.

The LoLa Art Crawl has shown steady growth since its beginning in 2009. The first year there were 46 artists, the second year there were 84 artists, and this year there will be over 100 artists. LoLa has uncovered an amazing amount of creativity in South Minneapolis!

With so much art to see and enjoy, you'll want to plan your day carefully. Many of the artists exhibit in clusters, and this year there will be about 60 sites. You might decide to organize your stops by location or by type of art. You can find a map and a guide to exhibitors at www.lolaartcrawl.com or at supporting businesses after Aug. 10. Look for the yellow LoLa signs the weekend of the crawl.

There's no cost to go on the crawl. Of course, you may want to purchase something you see; and you might want to stop for refreshments in a restaurant or coffee shop along the way.

The 2011 LoLa Art Crawl is a must-see-and-do event. Who knows? It might inspire you to release your inner artist.

Meet Artist Bob Schmitt

One of the artists you'll have an opportunity to meet on the LoLa Art Crawl is Bob Schmitt. Bob is the owner of Laughing Waters Studio at 3718 E. Minnehaha Pkwy. He is a graphic designer, Chinese landscape painter, calligrapher, and teacher.

Laughing Waters Studio is also Bob's home. Step into Bob's living room and you'll also be in his work space, gallery, and classroom. He's converted his porch into a small shop, where he sells paintings, prints, and notecards of his work. His charming backyard garden is a work of art in itself.

Bob is one of the founders of the League of Longfellow Artists and an administrator of the LoLa Art Crawl. He says it has been "pure joy" for him to be part of this grassroots effort to raise the visibility of local artists and to build a sense of community among them.



Bob Schmitt, Laughing Waters Studio

Roosevelt High School Recognizes Academic Achievement

More than 60 members of the Roosevelt High School Class of 2011 were honored for their academic and leadership/service achievements during Senior Recognition Night on June 1. Among the top honorees were:

- Kaltun Abdalla, a Gates Millennium Scholar. She is one of 1,000 students nationally and one of 14 in Minnesota to receive the "good-through-graduation" scholarship.
- Victor Juarez, class salutatorian and recipient of a four-year Wallin Education Partners Scholarship.
- Ashley Pitheon, recipient of the AXA Achievement Community Scholarship. She is one of just 289 students nationally, one of 10 in the state, and the only student in Minneapolis to earn the award.
- Ashley Starr, class valedictorian and recipient of the top award from the Roosevelt High School Foundation—the Governor Jesse Ventura Scholarship. The foundation awarded a total of \$70,000 to graduating seniors this year.
- Lincoln Forsell, a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist.

Waters of Minnehaha Now Open



The Waters of Minnehaha assisted-living facility (3717 23rd Ave S.) was landscaped in June and made ready for occupants to move in on July 1. This is the main entrance on 23rd Ave.

Events at the Parks

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

For Preschoolers. Children ages 3–5 can enjoy camps Monday through Thursday (10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.), with a different theme each week. Swinging on a Star runs Aug. 1–4; Disney Junior Days is Aug. 8–11; and Kindergarten Boot runs Aug. 15–18.

Little Lakers. Preschool classes will be held from Sept. 4 to Nov. 26 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sign up for one day, two days, three days, or all four!

Summer Camps. Older children (6–12) can enjoy camps with cool themes on Mondays through Thursdays (11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.). They are Remote Control Vehicle Camp, Aug. 1–4; Space Camp, Aug. 8–11; Super Hero Training Camp, Aug. 15–18; and Photography Camp, Aug. 22–25.

Fundamental Soccer for ages 3–4 takes place on Wednesdays, 4:30–5:15 p.m., Aug. 31 to Oct. 5.

Sports for Older Children. Little Kickers, ages 5–6, meets on Wednesdays, 5:30–6:30 p.m. Soccer Skills, ages 7–8, is on Wednesdays, 6:45–7:45 p.m. Both are from Aug. 31 to Oct. 19.

Kids Night Out is on Fridays, 6:00–9:00 p.m. all year.

Yoga for Adults meets Saturdays, 10:45–11:45 a.m. all year. Call the park for information about fees and registration.

Erratum

The June/July issue indicated that the Hiawatha Park building was open on Saturdays. That is incorrect. Lake Hiawatha Park has no Saturday hours.

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

Senior luncheons. Join your friends on Tues., Sept. 6, at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$6. Call two days ahead.

Free Lunch/Snack Program! Lunch is served Monday through Friday from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. for those 18 years and under. Snacks are served from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. The program continues through Aug. 13.

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 12th grade. For tackle football (3rd grade through 8th grade), registration began in July. Practices begin in mid-August and games in September. Volunteer coaches are needed; apply at the park.

Fall Park Program Registration. Registration begins Mon., Aug. 8, at 6:00 p.m. Check out the park website (www.minneapolis-parks.org) for all the listings, details, and registration information.

RecPlus School-Age After-School Child Care Program. The program is for children in kindergarten through 6th grade. Call Sibley and speak to Leama or Brian for more details.

Roosevelt Library Renovation

Roosevelt Library (4028 28th Ave. S.) will soon undergo renovation. The project budget is \$3.2 million, with funding provided by the City of Minneapolis 2000 library referendum.

The renovation will include changes to comply with accessibility requirements, restrooms on the main floor, and exterior maintenance work such as masonry tuckpointing and roof replacement. The renovation will also provide the opportunity to reconfigure existing interior space to better accommodate library patrons. The budget allows for the addition of a meeting/activities room.

Staff from Hennepin County Library conducted two meetings at Sibley Park this summer to inform community members about the project and to hear what they would like to see in the renovated Roosevelt Library. A project description and community meeting summaries are available at <http://www.hclib.org/cac/?blogpostid=70>.

News from Nokomis Healthy Seniors

Nokomis Healthy Seniors (NHS) will sell brats, soda, chips, and hot dogs on Sat., Aug. 27, and Sun., Aug. 28, at Bergan's Super-Valu (4715 Cedar Ave. S.), from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., both days. All the money raised at the sale supports NHS services. (Stop by for a snack when you're on the LoLa Art Crawl. See p. 6.)

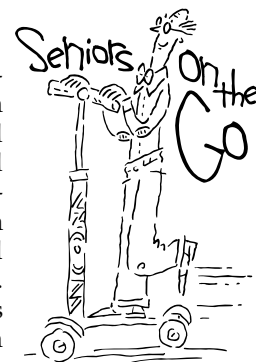
NHS is looking for book donations for its 4th Annual Fall Frolic book sale. Please bring books to the NHS office at 4120 17th Ave. S. All donors will receive a letter for tax purposes.

Did you know that by the age of 75 one in two women and one in three men no longer engage in any physical activity?

Exercise does not need to be strenuous to be beneficial. Come to the exercise class offered by NHS at Bethel Lutheran Church (4120 17th Ave. S.), Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. There's also walking on Mondays, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., and chair yoga on Wednesdays, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. These classes are free (although a \$1 donation is greatly appreciated) and transportation is available.

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) 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. (2) 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 August. (3) Congregate dining 12:00 noon Monday–Friday, Holy Cross Lutheran Church (1720 E. Minnehaha Pkwy.). Call 729-6668 three days ahead. \$3.50. (4) 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.





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President's Corner

Tom Evers



Six years ago, shortly after my wife and I moved into our new home, we read the president's letter in our first *SENA News* highlighting a city program that provides new boulevard trees free of charge. We immediately followed Todd Fierst's advice and arranged to have our own tree planted. A couple months later, we met Todd at National Night Out, where he encouraged me to become involved by joining the SENA Board. It was one of the best choices I've made as a homeowner.

Over the course of the past six years, I've learned more about our neighborhood and neighbors than I could've imagined. Through SENA, I've met neighbors and board members who are now friends, and I've been able to participate in exciting and rewarding projects that have improved our community. And I am still continually impressed by the incredible talent and compassion that reside here.

At my first SENA Annual Meeting in 2005, the community approved the final plan for Phase II of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program—and even though it would take me nearly a year to understand the inner workings of Minneapolis's unique neighborhood funding structure, I was immediately engaged in important local projects. SENA is a not just a vehicle for solving problems, but a catalyst for creative ideas that will continually redefine and improve the quality of life we all experience on our sidewalks, in our parks, and through local businesses.

In October my second term expires. After much deliberation, I've decided not to seek a third term on the SENA Board. Hav-

ing taken a new position as the executive director for Playworks Twin Cities, I need to commit my time to ensure that this new enterprise succeeds. With our daughter entering kindergarten at Northrop Urban Environmental Learning Center this fall, I look forward to being involved in supporting the school

and remaining active in our community. As a parent, I feel lucky to have such an incredible public school as our neighborhood option and see Northrop as a prime example of why neighborhoods matter and what makes them work.

Like past board presidents did for me, I want to make a strong appeal to those of you who are new to the community to get involved with SENA this year—it's never too soon. We have a great board full of incredibly smart and creative people and a staff that is unmatched in knowledge and commitment to our community. But SENA needs a few more creative people with time and enthusiasm to share. If you are even slightly curious and want to learn more, please contact me or join us at SENA's Annual Meeting at Hiawatha Park on Oct. 3, where we'll celebrate the past year's accomplishments and elect new board members. The community needs your participation. The sooner you begin, the more you'll be rewarded.

See you on the playground.