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Teen Job and Opportunity Fair, March 15

This year's Teen Job and Opportunity Fair will take place on Sat., Mar. 15, at South High School (3131 19th Ave. S.), from 12:00 noon to 2:30 p.m. The information offered is appropriate for youth ages 14-18.

The Teen Job and Opportunity Fair began a decade ago as a response to neighborhood kids who complained that there was nothing for them to do during the summer. A resident of the Corcoran Neighborhood decided to work on an event that would offer positive and constructive activities for kids to do while helping them earn money and build résumés. The first teen fair was held at Corcoran Park in 1993, and 60 kids came to check out 10 information tables. By 2001, the fair had grown significantly, with over 1,000 teens in attendance, investigating 30 booths offering hundreds of jobs and volunteer opportunities. This is a great opportunity for kids in the neighborhood to make plans for the summer while enjoying great food and entertainment. See you there!

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Building for the Future

Community Meeting, February 8

The Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association will host a community meeting on Sat., Feb. 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (4000 28th Ave. S.) in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of this meeting is twofold: first, to complete the review of Phase I of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) and, second, to kick off planning for Phase II of the NRP. All residents and business owners in the Standish and Ericsson neighborhoods are urged to attend. It is important to get as much input as possible on how NRP funds can best be used in Standish and Ericsson.

The NRP Review Committee wishes to thank everyone who completed surveys, filled out SENA's "report card," or participated in focus groups in regard to Phase I. This information has been extremely valuable in analyzing and reporting on the success of Phase I projects.

South Minneapolis Housing and Home Improvement Fair, March 29

The South Minneapolis Housing and Home Improvement Fair is celebrating its ninth year as one of the most successful and well-attended community events in the South Minneapolis area. This year's fair is scheduled for Sat., Mar. 29, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at South High School (3131 19th Ave. S.).

The fair, free and open to the public, promotes city living, home improvement and maintenance, and community involvement. It features educational workshops on home improvement and home purchasing and refinancing. Typical workshop topics include how to work with contractors, landscaping and lawn care, plumbing, preparing your home for sale, how to get a mortgage loan, and refinancing.

Over 90 reputable contractors, real estate agents, lenders, and community organizations exhibit at the fair. Attendees have access to area contractors and handypersons, bank lenders, and representatives from neighborhood associations.

The fair is a family event, and special parent/child woodcraft workshops will be offered. Other attractions include hourly door prize drawings, and a variety of refreshments.

The fair is presented by the following neighborhood associations, along with the Minneapolis Community Development Agency and South High Community Education: Bancroft, Corcoran, Field Regina-Northrop, Hale Page Diamond Lake, Longfellow, Lyndale, Nokomis East, Powderhorn Park, Seward, Southeast Como, Standish-Ericsson, and Ventura Village.

For more information about the fair and a list of workshops, contact Ann Phi-Wendt, fair organizer, after Mar. 1: (612) 210-8256 or aphi@caravanmg.com.



38th St. Reconstruction Project Update

The Minneapolis Public Works Department will begin the complete reconstruction of 38th St. between 23rd Ave. and Hiawatha Ave. this spring. SENA organized three task force meetings in December and January at which Beth Stiffler, an engineer with the department, obtained resident feedback on potential streetscape improvements. Possible improvements include planting boulevard trees, improving pedestrian crossings, installing pedestrian-level lighting, and replacing or moving power lines. Final recommendations will be presented at a public meeting in late February or early March. If you are interested in attending, please contact the SENA office (721-1601) for the meeting time and location.

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Community Events Calendar

February

Roosevelt Community Library (4026 28th Ave. S., 630-6590): Monday and Thursday, 1:00–9:00 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.; Children’s Bedtime Stories, Mondays, 7:00 p.m., and Tales for Tots, Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

- 1 Ski trip for elementary-school students, from Lake Hiawatha Neighborhood Center (27th Ave. S. and E. 44th St.), 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. (See p. 7.)
- 3 Roosevelt High School Parents Association, at the school (4029 28th Ave. S.), social: 6:00 p.m.; meeting: 6:30–8:00 p.m.
- 4 Ericsson Community School (4315 31st Ave. S.) book fair, 6:00–8:00 p.m.
- 5 Ericsson Community School book fair, 9:00–11:20 a.m.
- 6 Snow-Daze talent show, Roosevelt High School, 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Community meeting on Neighborhood Revitalization Program, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (4000 28th Ave. S.), 9:00–11:30 a.m. (See p. 1.)
- 10 SENA Board meeting, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (4000 28th Ave. S.; use 27th Ave. entrance), 7:00 p.m., handicapped accessible. Child care provided if requested by Feb. 6.
- 13 Nokomis Healthy Seniors Macular Degeneration Support Group, Ebenezer Lutheran Church (1830 E. 41st St.), 10:00 a.m. (See p. 6.)
- 14 Senior luncheon, Lake Hiawatha Neighborhood Center, 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. (See p. 7.)
Valentine’s Day party for ages 5–13, Lake Hiawatha Neighborhood Center, 5:00–9:00 p.m. (See p. 7.)
- 18 Ericsson Community School PTO meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Midtown Public Market open house, Midtown YWCA (2121 E. Lake St.), 7:00–8:30 p.m. (See p. 4.)
- 25 Coffee House at Patrick’s Cabaret (3010 Minnehaha Ave. S.), music, art, and poetry by Roosevelt High School students, 7:00 p.m.
- 26 Nokomis Healthy Seniors Health Program, “Fire and Fire Prevention,” Faith Lutheran Church (3430 E. 51st St.), 1:30 p.m. (See p. 6.)
- 27 Senior trip to Lavender Inn from Lake Hiawatha Neighborhood Center. (See p. 7.)
Nokomis Healthy Seniors Caregiver Support Group, Ebenezer Lutheran Church (1830 E. 41st St.), 1:00 p.m. (See p. 6.)
LRT Parking Management Forum at Ericsson School Gym (4315 31st Ave. S.), 6:30–8:00 p.m.

March

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- 6 Park-sponsored release-day field trip to Skateland. (See p. 7.)
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American Sign Language concert (students doing performance sign to music), Roosevelt High School, 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Beginning of spring break for Minneapolis Public School students
- 29 South Minneapolis Housing and Home Improvement Fair, South High School (3131 19th Ave. S.), 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (See p. 1.)
- 31 Park-sponsored release-day field trip to Riverview Theater. (See p. 7.)

The newsletter staff asked members of the SENA staff and action groups which projects in Phase I of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) were most memorable for them (that is, the ones they enjoyed the most or thought were most creative or useful). Their responses are given after the updates. The newsletter staff hopes these comments will remind readers of ways in which the Standish and Ericsson neighborhoods benefited from Phase I and stimulate thinking for Phase II projects.

Commercial Action Group

Update. The Commercial Action Group has been wrapping up SENA's Node Improvement Grant Program and working with the businesses at 42nd St. and Cedar Ave. to complete their project. We also conducted interviews of matching grant recipients to get feedback on our NRP Phase I programs. Thanks to all who participated!

Memorable Projects in Phase I. Action group co-chair *Josephine Vaughn* puts the business node improvement at 23rd Ave. and 38th St. (new lighting and awnings) at the top of her list. Node improvements such as this help to create a strong and visible local business area. • Next on her list comes the \$20,000 awarded to improve the Parkway Shopping Plaza, which has since become part of the Longfellow Neighborhood. • Josephine also cites this action group's influence in getting businesses, such as Sweet Lorraine's, to locate in our neighborhoods.

Crime Prevention and Safety Action Group

Update. At our December meeting, we discussed the problem of "taggings" and other graffiti in Standish and Ericsson with our CCP/SAFE officer, Karen Skrivseth. She said that anyone witnessing graffiti in progress should call 911 immediately. Graffiti discovered after the fact should be reported to the Graffiti Hotline (673-2090). The police department will send someone out to photograph the damage. Documenting graffiti in this way is part of police efforts to apprehend the perpetrators and hold them responsible for all the damage they cause. To prevent graffiti, Skrivseth said, consider planting clinging vegetation such as ivy to protect walls, installing motion detector lights, and painting walls in darker colors, as dark walls are less attractive to graffiti vandals.



Memorable Projects in Phase I. *Carol Austermann* (former member) said the most memorable project was giving matching grants to improve the safety of people's homes with glass block windows, security doors, etc. Lots of people took notice and participated. • Action group chair *Penny Gardner* agrees that both the matching and nonmatching grants were satisfying because they improved people's property and sense of security. Without this program, these improvements probably wouldn't have happened. • Staff member *Bob Kambeitz* notes that the crime prevention grant program has been replicated in other neighborhoods. It was particularly helpful because it leveraged other money, since most

of the money awarded was for matching grants. • Both Carol and Bob also liked the Welcome Packets. Carol said they made people realize they were part of the Standish and Ericsson neighborhoods, introduced them to SENA, and showed them that they could shop in the neighborhood at the businesses that contributed to the packets. Bob notes that the packets gave long-time residents a chance to meet new neighbors.

Housing Action Group

Update. We spent time in January conducting telephone interviews with SENA's home improvement grant recipients. The information from the telephone surveys will be a foundation to build upon as we begin the planning process for Phase II of NRP. If housing issues are important to you, please join us as we decide how to allocate funds designated for housing programs in our neighborhoods. The Housing Action Group meets at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of every month.

Memorable Projects in Phase I. Staff member *Chris Heineman* said that the matching grant/deferred loan program was by far the most popular and most successful program SENA offered. A total of \$632,400 was allocated to this program, and grant recipients often invested far more than the required match in their home improvement project. In each round of funding, more than three times as many residents applied than could be awarded grants.



• *Judy Peacock* (former member) remembers the fun the group had in researching books and videos to add to the home improvement section at Roosevelt Community Library. She also recalls the time group members spent in walking up and down the streets of Standish and Ericsson noting the condition of the housing stock. Helping to maintain attractive, well-kept homes is an important function of this action group.

Parks and Environment Action Group

Update. We have been working with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to figure out how best to deal with the invasive plant species that have started to take over Minnehaha Creek. These plants include reed canary grass and cattails, both of which choke off the ability of other species to survive. Please do not introduce any new plants into the creek without first contacting the Park Board.

Memorable Projects in Phase I. *Jodi Sarles* (action group chair) said that the playground—and its transformation of Lake Hiawatha Park—was really important. She likes the brand-new equipment and fun activities for kids. • Group member *Goldie Frenkel* agrees that it's important for people to bring their kids to the park and find nice, safe equipment. • Staff member *Bob Kambeitz* thinks that, although the playground equipment was the most visible project, the wetland on 46th St. between 31st and 32nd avenues, constructed in 1996-1997, was this action group's most memorable project. It was good for building a sense of community because "lots of people had a hand in it" and it won an award from the city. • *Dick Starr*, a member of the group, helped with the origi-



Action Groups & Committee

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nal planting and has enjoyed watching the wetland develop. He visits it daily during the growing season to see the ducks and wild plants and to pull out intruding plants such as ragweed. • *Linda Grieme*, an action group member, joined the group to work on improving the playground, but she thinks the wetland was interesting because it expanded her mental horizons—it was a useful, but not an obvious, thing to do with park land.

People and Community Action Group

Update. We would like to thank everyone who helped out with our skating and games party in January at Lake Hiawatha Park. A lot of effort went into preparing for this event, which brought together many adults and children for a fun afternoon. To participate in planning these types of activities for our neighborhoods, please join us on the first Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at the SENA office.



Memorable Projects in Phase I. Action group member *Ann King* thinks the arts grants were most creative. Although they were for small amounts of money, they helped pay for many interesting things, including youth from the parks going to plays, students making mosaic stepping-stones, a traveling art show, and a mural at 28th Ave. and 42nd St. • Group chair *Kathy Goddard* chose the contribution to the Roosevelt Mosaic as

the most positive project. The money that was donated to Roosevelt High School for its intercultural fair last spring helped support an enjoyable event that reached a lot of community members. • *Kathy* also thinks that the tutoring of So-

mal students by students from local colleges (a project funded by this action group and run by staff of the Hiawatha YMCA) is a creative way to match the needs of two groups of students: high school students who need help because of language difficulties and college students who need to do community service as part of their curriculum.

Transportation Action Group

Update. The feedback from our survey has shown that residents continue to have strong feelings and opinions about several transportation issues affecting our neighborhoods. These issues include the 38th St. reconstruction project (scheduled for spring 2003) and the upcoming light-rail-transit (LRT) station area plan for 38th St. SENA's Transportation Action Group will be actively involved in these projects, and we encourage all interested residents to join us.

Memorable Projects in Phase I. Former action group co-chair *Marty Adams* remembers that the meetings informing residents about LRT issues were the most fun, and they were well-organized, interesting meetings, too. Other notable projects were the signage marking bike paths on 28th Ave., on Nokomis Ave., and on the Parkway by Nokomis Community Center and the speed bumps on Longfellow Ave. by the golf course and on 29th Ave. behind Roosevelt High School. • Staff member *Chris Heineman* noted that several of this action group's projects, such as the River-Lake Greenway, are still under way. According to *Chris*, the most successful project completed by the group during Phase I was the installation of traffic-calming devices throughout our neighborhoods. • Member *Kurt Kimber* is proud to have been part of the effort to install a pedestrian semaphore on the Parkway by the Nokomis Community Center.

To find out about volunteer opportunities with any of these groups, call the SENA office, 721-1601.

Midtown Public Market Open House, February 18

The Midtown Public Market Project will host a public open house to share development plans for the Midtown Public Market. The open house will be held at the Midtown YWCA, 2121 E. Lake St., on Tues., Feb. 18, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The Midtown Public Market is scheduled to open July 2003 in the parking lot of the Edison/PPL School building, located at Lake St. and Hiawatha Ave. in the Corcoran Neighborhood. The market will feature fresh produce from the Central Minnesota Vegetable Growers Association and locally produced goods from area businesses and artists. It will be open for business on Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings during the summer and fall.

The idea for the public market grew out of the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization's Land Use and Transportation Committee. According to Gerry Tyrrell, co-chair of the market's Advisory Committee, "Our vision for the market is linked to the Hiawatha light rail transit (LRT) line. Since the market is

located at the LRT Lake Street/Midtown Station, we hope LRT riders will become regular market customers." Other market partners include the Midtown YWCA, the Minneapolis Public Schools, and the Central Minnesota Vegetable Growers Association—the organization that runs the downtown and Nicollet Mall markets.

More than 20 volunteers from surrounding neighborhoods—including Standish and Ericsson, East Phillips, Longfellow, Corcoran, Powderhorn, Seward, and Bancroft—have already logged more than 200 hours in making the market a reality. Their work will be highlighted during the open house.

The Midtown Public Market Advisory Committee meets the second Wednesday of the month at the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization office (3451 Cedar Ave. S.) at 6:30 p.m. These meetings are open to the public. For more information about the February open house and the Midtown Public Market, call Amy Brock at 724-7457.

Business Feature

TL Graphics



Working closely with businesses, community groups, and residents is important to Tim Lowe, owner of TL Graphics, located at 3800 28th Ave. S. This small print shop provides off-set printing, graphic design, and copying services. In addition, the shop does printing for promotional items, such as pens, buttons, and T-shirts. Customers include General Mills, Innovative Chemical, First Community Bank of Savage, and the Field Regina-Northrop, Hale Page Diamond Lake, and Corcoran neighborhood associations.

Lowe, who has 19 years of experience in the print industry, moved his print shop from 48th St. and 4th Ave. to the Standish Neighborhood one year ago. One of the main reasons for the move was the opportunity to do work for the many businesses located in Standish and Ericsson. Lowe also enjoys helping residents with their printing needs, including consulting on layout and paper selection for résumés. This spring he hopes to establish a self-service area in his shop, where residents can do their own copying and faxing (of course, with his help if needed!).

Lowe seeks to build a good working relationship with his customers by providing the best service, at the best prices around. He is a certified supplier of print services to small businesses, local government units, and schools.

TL Graphics is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The telephone number is 825-4537.



House of Peace Shelter Update

By Kathy Mouacheupao,
Community Outreach and Educator,
Asian Women United of Minnesota

It has been nearly two years since the House of Peace Shelter opened its doors to the first woman and her nine children in February 2001. The family quickly warmed the House of Peace and we made a memorable exchange of first experiences in the shelter. Since then, 586 women and 751 children have sought safety and services from House of Peace.

Asian Women United of Minnesota and the House of Peace Shelter staff have put a tremendous amount of effort into program development, gathering resources, and creating a comfortable living environment to ensure that families are benefiting from their experience in the shelter. Achieving our mission to end violence against Asian women and children, to empower Asian women and girls, and to build safer and stronger communities is at the core of our program design; however, all battered women and children are equally welcomed into our house for healing and growth.

House of Peace Shelter programs and services include:

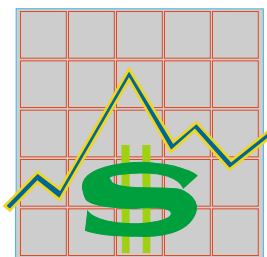
- Legal advocacy: assistance with filing Orders for Protection and support in courts
- Individual support and goal building
- Women's support groups
- Children's support groups
- Classes on strategies for positive parenting
- Housing and job-seeking assistance
- After-school homework help
- Safety planning
- 24-hour multilingual crisis line: (612) 724-8823
- Referrals

(Editor's note: House of Peace Shelter is located in the Standish Neighborhood. The Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association helped in the location and development of the shelter.)

Interest Rate Drops for CityLiving Mortgages

CityLiving home mortgage loans from the Minneapolis Community Development Agency (MCDA) are now available at 5.8% with zero points for 30 years. This rate is available to eligible homebuyers for straight purchase loans and for combination loans to purchase and improve a home. Existing homeowners who want to refinance and carry out extensive improvements may also be eligible.

The property can be a one- to four-unit dwelling as long as the borrower occupies one of the units and the property is located within Minneapolis city limits. With this new interest rate a family with a household income of \$38,100 could qualify for a loan of \$125,000. The maximum property acquisition price is \$299,000 and the maximum household income is \$134,225.



"CityLiving serves a wide range of income levels, opening the door to home ownership for those who might otherwise be unable to afford it," says Minneapolis Mayor R. T. Rybak. "With new below-market-rate financing, qualifying should be easier than ever for those who want to buy or fix up a home."

For information on how to apply for the 5.8% interest rate mortgage loans and other CityLiving home programs, call 673-5288.

Activities at the Hiawatha YMCA

The Hiawatha Y (4100 28th Ave. S.) has many ongoing programs for young people and families. For instance, the Black Achievers/Y Achievers are teens who work with caring adult mentors to explore a variety of higher educational opportunities, internships, and specific fields of interest. They learn about occupations and professions through internships or by job shadowing. To find out more, call Condra at 728-7624. Teens can also be part of the Leaders Club (Tuesdays, 4:30–6:00 p.m.), which provides them with social activities, mentors, and community service projects. There is also the Model United Nations (for grades 8–12, Thursdays, 4:30–6:00 p.m.), in which teens learn about the history, culture, national interests, and international policies of nations around the world and serve as diplomatic representatives for a nation. Call Lou at 728-7623 to find out more.

The YMCA has an extensive youth sports program. The January-February basketball sessions are going on now. Call Scott or Todd at 728-7632 to find out what sports start in March.

Adoptive Parenting is an educational group for parents who have adopted or are in the process of adopting children under the age of 5. It meets Tuesday evenings at Sullivan Communication Center (3100 E. 28th St.) in collaboration with Early Childhood and Family Education. Call 668-4630 for information.

At Parenting Solo, participants share the joys and concerns of being a single parent. They gain support, network, and share feelings and thoughts in a safe environment. (There is a children's group with a facilitator for children 6–11 and child care for children under 5. Each costs \$35 for a 10-week session, with scholarships available.) Preregister by calling 729-7397, or contact Kim (728-7631) with questions about family programs.



For 31 years, the Hiawatha YMCA and Roosevelt High School have helped supply holiday dinner baskets to over 300 families in South Minneapolis. The young people collected loads of food for families, and they worked together to get all of the donations out. Thank you, YMCA and Roosevelt students, for helping your neighbors!

Lake Hiawatha Neighborhood Festival

The Eighth Annual Lake Hiawatha Neighborhood Festival is scheduled for Wed., Aug. 6, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Young and old alike can again look forward to many fun activities. As planning for the festival develops, updated information will be posted at the festival Web site: www.lhrc.freesevers.com/festival.htm. If you would enjoy being involved in the planning process, call the SENA office (721-1601) and leave a message for Joyce or e-mail Joyce at lhrc@mail.com.

Nokomis Healthy Seniors

The Nurse Is In program is every Thursday morning from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Nokomis Healthy Seniors (NHS) office (4553 34th Ave. S.). Seniors can schedule a pedicure or get a blood pressure check. For more information on this or other programs, call 729-5499.

Health Programs are held the last Wednesday of the month at Faith Lutheran Church (3430 E. 51st St.). On Feb. 26, the topic will be "Fire and Fire Prevention," given by John Dick, a fire and life safety educator from the City of Minneapolis. Mar. 26 will be the start of a two-part program on health care directives. This session will be a presentation about directives, with participants filling out a form in the second session. Programs are at 1:30 p.m. People are asked to bring their own mugs to the health programs, to save using paper or styrofoam cups.

The Macular Degeneration Support Group meets on the second Thursday of the month at Ebenezer Lutheran Church (1830 E. 41st St.) from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Caregiver Support Group meets at the same place at 1:00 p.m. on the last Thursday of the month.

A blood pressure clinic is held on the first Thursday of the month at 12:00 noon in conjunction with congregating dining at Holy Cross Lutheran Church (1720 E. Minnehaha Pkwy.). Call two days ahead of time (to Evelyn, 729-6668) to reserve a meal (\$2.50). Another blood pressure clinic is held at Standish Green (2210 E. 40th St.) at 12:00 noon on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Thank You...

SENA thanks these businesses for contributions to the skating and games party that was held in January: Midtown YWCA, Carbone's Pizzeria, Domino's Pizza, Bill Saint Mane Sporting Goods Co., Hiawatha YMCA, Best Maid Cookie Co., Twisted Groove, the Minnesota Twins, and the Minnesota Wild.

Did You Know...?

- SENA would be most grateful if someone who is upgrading would donate their old Photoshop software.
- If you are interested in maintaining a particular part of the SENA Web site (www.standish-ericsson.org), the office would love to hear from you.
- You can help Ericsson Community School by saving Campbell's Soup labels, Kemps Give 'Em Five labels, or General Mills Boxtops for Education. Take them to the school or to SENA.

Events at the Parks

Lake Hiawatha Neighborhood Center

Who wants to learn to ski? Young people in grades K–6 can go to Buck Hill on Feb. 1 (8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.) for a lesson and practice time on the slopes. The cost is \$25 (ski rental included).

For those school-release days, there are field trips: Mar. 6 to Skateland, Mar. 7 to a swimming pool, and Mar. 31 to the Riverview Theater. Call (370-4930) for times and cost.

A Valentine's Day party will be held for youth ages 5–13, including dinner, crafts, and fun. It lasts from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and costs \$7.

Valentine's Day is also when one of the senior luncheons will be held (cost: \$3). Senior luncheons are on the second Friday of the month (Feb. 14 and Mar. 14) from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Senior trips will go to the Lavender Inn on Feb. 27 and Disney on Ice on Mar. 6. Call for details.

Sibley Recreation Center

Snow Daze is a two-day event for families. See a free movie on Fri., Jan. 31, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Concessions will be sold. On Sat., Feb. 1 (12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.), come for a hayride, skating, sliding, ice games, and video buttons.

The school-release day activities are the same as for Lake Hiawatha Park (see above). Call (370-4954) for more information.

Senior luncheons (cost: \$2) are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 11:30 a.m.

Minnesota FoodShare

March is Minnesota FoodShare month. It's time to remember that foodshelf donations are needed throughout the year and not just at the holidays. You can donate through churches and other service groups or you can donate directly to the foodshelf in the Standish and Ericsson neighborhoods—The Salvation Army Minnehaha Area Pantry, located in the lower level of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (4000 28th Ave. S.).

The Minnehaha Area Pantry provides clients with more than groceries. Other services include help obtaining clothing, furniture, or transportation to a job. The pantry also participates in the Salvation Army's seasonal programs such as helping children shop for back-to-school clothes and supplies.

Anyone living in the pantry's service area is eligible for services. No income guidelines apply. The service area extends from 38th St. on the north to Crosstown 62 on the south and Cedar Ave. on the west to the Mississippi River on the east.

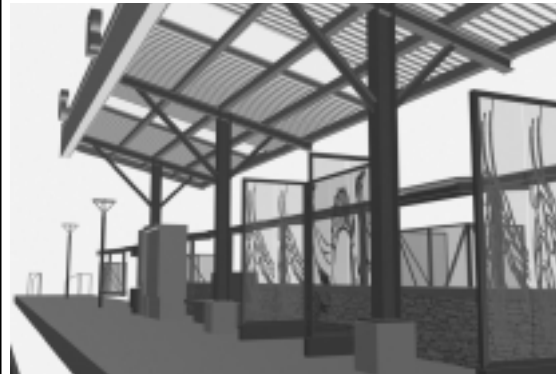
For more information on making a donation, on services available, or to volunteer, call 721-4252.

LRT Stations

Work on LRT stations is under way. The first two figures below are architectural renderings created by Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle. (More information on the stations can be found at www.metrocouncil.org/transportation/lrt/stations.htm.) Figures three and four are photos by Jeff Benson of actual work in progress.



38th St. Station



46th St. Station



Cedar-Riverside Station



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Executive Committee's Corner

Doris Overby, president

As our newsletter goes to print (in early January), I have some good news. Our new board members, Kathy and Gary, are taking an active role in the organization. Also, Kevin, my neighbor, has volunteered to be on the Marketing and Communications Committee. Josephine, who lives a block away and has been a member of the Commercial Action Group (CAG) for some time, has volunteered to be a member of the board. She is spearheading the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) review for CAG. Noel, a business owner on 38th St., has also volunteered to become a member of the board. I know that each and every person will be a welcomed addition. The not-so-good news is that the NRP Review Committee reported to the board in December that the process of gathering all required information for the review of our NRP Phase I is going more slowly than expected. I am optimistic, however, given our dedicated and determined volunteers and SENA staff (Shirley, Chris, and Bob) and the ideas that will come from the neighborhood at the community meeting on Feb. 8, that we will be able to report a good start to Phase II in the next edition of our newsletter. I wish all our SENA neighbors, city officials, and all those that help make our community a wonderful place to live a very happy, healthy, and wonderful year in 2003.

Darrell Waidelich, treasurer

The Executive Committee has been busy with preparation of the 2003 budget. As a nonprofit entity, SENA depends upon outside sources for most of its funding, so we must ensure that our expenses are under control. The NRP provides the bulk of the funding for program and administrative expenses. The Citizen Participation Program (a Minneapolis program to help neighborhoods) provides additional funds. We also rely upon the generosity of individual contributors.

The 2003 budget is contingent upon Phase II NRP funding. It is imperative that SENA plan and develop its NRP Phase II plan early in 2003 since we have funding to pay staff through May 2003 only. We need volunteers to develop Phase II and assist in the Phase I evaluation process. The Finance Committee is interested in individuals who can lend their expertise in this time of limited financial resources. Contact the SENA staff or board members if you are interested in serving your neighborhood in this or other ways.