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“Your Two Cents” Open House



Residents of the Standish and Ericsson neighborhoods came to SENA’s “Your Two Cents” Open House on Feb. 19 at Sibley Park and put colored stickers on posters to show their priorities. They chose among many possible projects and policies that the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Phase II Steering Committee had collected from community input. Attendees made four choices in the area of housing and six choices in all other areas. They also had two super votes for the two most-important items overall. The Steering Committee will use this data as it creates a final plan to bring to the community.

3rd Annual Standish, Ericsson, and Corcoran Neighborhood Garage Sale!

Saturday, May 14, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Standish, Ericsson, and Corcoran Neighborhood Garage Sale on Sat., May 14, is a communitywide event that extends from Lake St. to Minnehaha Pkwy., and from Cedar Ave. to Hiawatha Ave. Last year’s event involved 129 households, brought approximately \$24,000 into the neighborhoods, and recycled thousands of items.

For those who would like to have a sale: Individual households will set up their own sales, and SENA will take care of the publicity, including advertising in the *StarTribune*, and press releases to area newspapers and other media. SENA will also create a “sales guide” and a map indicating all homes having sales that Saturday. To be included, simply call the SENA office at 721-1601. Be ready to indicate the type of merchandise being sold at your sale.

For shoppers: A map and guide to all of the sales will be available from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at these locations: Magpie Coffee - 4159 Cedar Ave. S.; Tillie’s Bean - 3801 28th Ave. S.; Coffee Eclectic - 3445 Cedar Ave. S.; and the Midtown Public Market – Lake St. and 22nd Ave. S. A \$1-per-map donation for the Midtown Public Market will be requested.

For everyone: The Hennepin County Department of Environmental Services will collect household hazardous waste that day. Bring empty paint cans, aerosols, pesticides, thermometers, fluorescent lamps, and other household products that are corrosive, flammable, reactive, or toxic to the trailer in the parking lot of Folwell Middle School (3611 20th Ave. S.) between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Waste experts will unload your items for you.

The sale will be held rain or shine. See you on May 14!

See the insert in this issue for information about SENA’s 2005 housing program.



Earth Day Watershed Cleanup, April 23

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board will lead the cleanup of river and lake shorelines on Sat., Apr. 23, to celebrate Earth Day. This is the Park Board’s largest volunteer event, drawing 1,500 people annually. The watershed cleanup started in 1995 to draw attention to water quality issues in Minneapolis and the effect individual actions have on the environment. It continues to be both an educational opportunity and a way to foster community involvement in the environment.

Schedule of Events:

9:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m. Cleanup at sites (nearest sites listed page 2)

11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Environmental fair at Nokomis Community Center (2401 E. Minnehaha Pkwy.). Information booths, master gardeners, activities for the kids, music, and refreshments.

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Park Cleanup Sites and Locations to Pick Up Bags and Gloves:

Lake Nokomis and Lake Hiawatha: Nokomis Community Center

Powderhorn Lake: Powderhorn Community Center (3400 15th Ave. S.)

Minnehaha Creek: Lynnhurst Community Center (1345 W. Minnehaha Pkwy.)

Mississippi River: W. River Road and 36th St., west side of river

Did You Know?

- ✓ Assuming that it weathers the funding crisis (see page 7), the Midtown Public Market (Lake St. and 22nd Ave.) will be open more days in 2005. Opening day is Sat., May 7, which is the earliest opening yet. The market will be open on Saturday mornings only until July 9. Then, starting July 10, it will also be open on Sundays, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Sept. 1, 4:30–7:30 p.m.).

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Community Events Calendar

April

- Roosevelt Community Library (4026 28th Ave. S., 630-6590): Mondays, 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m.; Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Children’s Bedtime Stories, Mondays, 7:30 p.m., Tales for Tots, Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
- 5 Senior congregate dining, Sibley Park (19th Ave. S. and E. 40th St.), 11:30 a.m.
 - 7 Congregate dining and blood pressure checks, Holy Cross Lutheran Church (1720 E. Minnehaha Pkwy.), 12:00 noon.
 - 9–10 Hennepin-Overland Railway Museum open house (2501 E. 38th St.), 1:30–4:30 p.m. (See p. 6.)
 - 11 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 Apr. 7.
 - 14 Low Vision Support Group, Ebenezer Lutheran Church (1830 E. 41st St.), 10:00 a.m.
 - 16–17 Hennepin-Overland Railway Museum open house, 1:30–4:30 p.m. (See p. 6.)
 - 17 RHS Foundation Pancake Breakfast, Roosevelt High School (4029 28th Ave. S.), 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. (See p. 4.)
 - 19 Roosevelt High School, community meeting, room 245, 7:00 p.m. (See p. 6.)
 - 22–23 *City of Angels*, Morris Park Players (Folwell Middle School, 3611 20th Ave. S.), 7:30 p.m. (See p. 7.)
 - 23 Earth Day watershed cleanup, 9:30–11:00 a.m.; environmental fair, Nokomis Community Center (2401 E. Minnehaha Pkwy.), 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. (See p. 1.)
 - 26 Senior blood pressure checks, Standish Green (2210 E. 40th St.), 12:00 noon.
 - 27 Senior health program, “Pursuing Justice: A Prosecutor’s Perspective,” Faith Lutheran Church (3430 E. 51st St.), 1:30 p.m. (See p. 7.)
 - 28 Caregiver Support Group, Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 1:00 p.m.
 - 29–30 *City of Angels*, Morris Park Players, 7:30 p.m. (See p. 7.)
 - 30 Sibley Park Earth Day celebration, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. (See p. 4.)

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- 1 *City of Angels*, Morris Park Players (Folwell Middle School, 3611 20th Ave. S.), 2:00 p.m. (See p. 7.)
 - 3 Senior congregate dining, Sibley Park (19th Ave. S. and E. 40th St.), 11:30 a.m.
 - 5 Congregate dining and blood pressure checks, Holy Cross Lutheran Church (1720 E. Minnehaha Pkwy.), 12:00 noon.
 - 6–7 *City of Angels*, Morris Park Players, 7:30 p.m. (See p. 7.)
 - 7 Midtown Public Market (Lake St. and 22nd Ave.) opens for the season. (See this page.)
 - 9 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 May 5.
 - 12 Low Vision Support Group, Ebenezer Lutheran Church (1830 E. 41st St.), 10:00 a.m.
 - 13 Deadline for Metro-Paint-A-Thon homeowner applications. (See p. 5.)
 - 14 3rd Annual Standish, Ericsson, and Corcoran Neighborhood Garage Sale, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. (See p. 1.)
Farewell celebration at Ericsson Community School (4315 31st Ave. S.), afternoon. Watch for details.
 - 20 Roosevelt Mosaic Intercultural Arts Festival, Roosevelt High School (4029 28th Ave. S.), 4:00–8:00 p.m. (See p. 4.)
 - 21 Spring Perennial Swap, Sibley Park, 11:45 a.m.–2:00 p.m. (See p. 3.)
 - 24 Senior blood pressure checks, Standish Green (2210 E. 40th St.), 12:00 noon.
 - 25 Senior health program, Topic: healthy eating, Faith Lutheran Church (3430 E. 51st St.), 1:30 p.m. (See p. 7.)
 - 26 Caregiver Support Group, Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 1:00 p.m.

Citizen Participation Funds

Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED) has announced that money will be available to neighborhood groups for Citizen Participation funding. SENA's allocation will be \$16,100, which will be used to help maintain the office and staff, support community events, and publish and distribute *SENA News*. Funding for Citizen Participation activities beyond 2005 is uncertain.

Spring Perennial Swap, May 21

The SENA Garden Club will hold its Spring Perennial Swap on Sat., May 21, from 11:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Sibley Park (E. 40th St. and 19th Ave. S.). This is a great time to thin out your flower beds and share plants you don't need with other neighborhood gardeners. In turn, you may find something new for your garden. If you don't have plants to swap, you can still participate by bringing a nonperishable food item for a local foodshelf.

The swap will be held outside the park building or, in case of rain, in the park building's all-purpose room. Refreshments will be provided. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, leave a message for Joyce at the SENA office.

Don't Toss Your Old Camera!



If you are someone who likes to have the latest technology and has recently invested in a new digital camera, SENA would be happy to put your old digital camera to good use. The SENA camera is several years old and never was very powerful. There are no funds for a new camera, so the tax-deductible donation of a camera would be much appreciated.

River-Lake Greenway Update

The River-Lake Greenway has now been approved by all the neighborhoods through which it will travel. While many issues still need to be addressed before the greenway can be constructed, the project is coming along well. The next stage will primarily involve pursuing financing options. The greenway is currently scheduled for construction in 2009, but look for signs of its coming whenever you are on 40th St. *SENA News* will also continue to update you.

Lake Hiawatha Neighborhood Festival Is 10 Years Old!

The Lake Hiawatha Neighborhood Festival will be held Wed., Aug. 3, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Lake Hiawatha Park (27th Ave. S. and E. 44th St.). This year marks the 10th anniversary for the local festival. The festival planning committee is looking for more volunteers to help plan this fun event. To make this year's festival the best ever and to keep ticket prices low, the committee is also looking for financial sponsors. If you are interested in volunteering, having a display, or financially sponsoring the festival, e-mail lhfest@yahoo.com. Watch *SENA News* or visit www.lhrc.freesevers.com/festival.htm for more festival details as planning develops.

Action Groups & Committee

UPDATES

SENA recently formed two new committees to meet current needs of the Standish and Ericsson neighborhoods. They are the Grant Writing Committee and the Development Review Committee. Anyone who lives, works, or owns a business in Standish or Ericsson is welcome to participate in either or both of these committees, as well as SENA's three ongoing action groups. Call the SENA office (721-1601) and indicate your interest.

Housing Action Group

- We have been working hard to create a new housing program for Standish and Ericsson residents. The insert in this issue explains the new program. For other, non-SENA programs, call the HousingResource Center-Southside at 722-7146.

Quality of Life Action Group

- Our group is recruiting volunteers to help run the Earth Day watershed cleanup and environmental fair on Sat., Apr. 23, at Nokomis Community Center (2401 E. Minnehaha Pkwy.). (See page 1.) If you'd like to help out, please call the SENA office. We have also been planning the three-neighborhood garage sale on May 14. (See page 1.)

Transportation Action Group

- Our action group supported the efforts to install new traffic-control signage on 43rd St. Thanks to neighborhood residents for spearheading this project and to City Council Member Sandy Colvin Roy for her assistance. We also monitored discussions regarding pedestrian overlay districts for the 38th St. and 46th St. light-rail station areas, and we continue to work on the River-Lake Greenway project. (See the article on the left.) Our group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Join us!

Development Review Committee

- The mission of our committee is to produce guidelines for development in the Standish and Ericsson neighborhoods. We hope to come up with guidelines that will reflect neighborhood wants and needs on issues such as architectural style, building size/scale, and streetscape design. We also want guidelines that will build on our neighborhoods' character. Please join us as we seek to merge SENA's current housing-design criteria, development guidelines from other neighborhoods, and our own, new ideas. Call the SENA office for meeting times and dates.

Grant Writing Committee

- Our newly formed committee has met twice. Our focus now is to learn more about available funding sources and to begin putting together the information we need to apply for grants. We will use the Minnesota Common Grant Application Form as a tool. We are grateful to Berry Farrington, a Minneapolis planner who works with Grants and Special Projects, who met with us and is available for continued assistance. The committee will generally meet the third Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. for coffee and discussion at Tillie's Bean (3801 28th Ave. S.).

Events at the Parks

Lake Hiawatha Park (27th Ave. S. and E. 44th St.)

Kids ages 6–12 can have a good time at the park during spring break (Apr. 1 and 4–8). Classes run from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and are \$5/day. Each day will focus on a different activity, including soap-making, making things that fly, masks, beads, making things out of spring flowers, and multicultural cooking. Call the park (370-4930) to see which days the activities are on and to register.

Sibley Park (1900 E. 40th St.)

Sibley Park's Earth Day celebration will be Sat., Apr. 30, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Everyone of all ages is invited to pick up trash in and around the park beginning at 8:30 a.m. and then come to the park building at 9:30 a.m. for workshops, crafts, and other activities. Come to Sibley to meet other community members and to help promote a healthy environment and a safe neighborhood.

Sibley's Recreation Plus! offers quality, affordable before- and after-school child care for youth, kindergarten through grade 6. The program will also operate this summer from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Contact Becky (370-4954) for more information.

Sibley sponsors a middle-school-girls tennis program at Fort Snelling Tennis and Learning Center, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Transportation fee only. Youth ages 11–17 can take democracy into their own hands with Public Achievement. The program meets Fridays at 5:00 p.m. Contact Annie at Sibley about these programs.

Events at Roosevelt High School

The Roosevelt High School Foundation's annual Pancake Breakfast will be held in the school cafeteria (4029 28th Ave. S.) on Sun., Apr. 17, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Alumni, friends, families, neighbors, and especially graduates of the classes ending in 5 are welcome. The event raises money for scholarships; tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under.

The Roosevelt Mosaic Intercultural Arts Festival takes place on Fri., May 20, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Students will have booths featuring the foods, crafts, art, and gifts from their cultures. Dancing and singing acts will be performed. Come for supper and learn about Roosevelt's ethnic diversity. Enter by door 13 on 40th St. Admission is free, and everyone is welcome.

Neighborhood Feature

Good Neighbors Make Safe Neighborhoods

by Kelly Hailstone, Standish Resident

Neighborhood safety starts with us. When we form community ties close to home, we help to deter crime and maintain the respectability of our physical surroundings. There are a number of ways, both formal and informal, to get involved in community building for safety.

Knowing our neighbors is the first step in making our blocks safer. Block parties are a popular, festive way to put neighbors in contact with each other. National Night Out (NNO), an annual, organized block party event, takes place the first Tuesday of every August and lands on Aug. 2 this year. The Minneapolis Police Department provides materials that make organizing an NNO event easy.

Other ways to make your block safer? Greet new neighbors; help those who need it, especially elderly residents; get to know children's names; leave your porch light on all night; be mindful of street traffic; report suspicious behavior; and keep streets picked up. Clean streets and yards send the message that crime is not wanted here.

Additionally, consider making your house a McGruff House. McGruff Houses offer a safe haven to children under 12 years old when they are locked out of their home, feel they're being followed by a stranger, or are just frightened. McGruff volunteers are thoroughly screened by the Minneapolis Police Department and trained by professional crime prevention staff. Seventeen houses in our neighborhoods are currently registered as McGruff Houses.

Block and apartment clubs serve as a more organized way to encourage community involvement. These grassroots groups can address issues such as boulevard planting, traffic, vandalism, and problem properties. Community Crime Prevention/SAFE (Safety for Everyone) specialists are available to train block leaders. The Minneapolis Police Department offers other resources such as mini-grants to fund block improvement projects.

As I make my way to and from work each day through the residential streets of our community, I am continually impressed by the ease with which people take their morning and evening strolls. Living in a safe community in which this is possible is not free. It must be sustained daily through community involvement. Even small actions like picking up a candy wrapper or saying "hi" to a new neighbor become significant when multiplied. It is in these gestures, big and small, that Standish and Ericsson will continue to be the place we happily call "home."

Resource Numbers

Police Crime Prevention Specialist:
Ericsson 673-2839, Standish 673-2856
www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/outreach
Animal Control 348-4250
Block Clubs 673-3447
Block Party Permits 673-2444
Center for Neighborhoods 339-3480
www.center4neighborhoods.org

Fire Station 21: 729-1421
Graffiti Hotline 673-2090
Housing complaints/lawns and illegal dumping
673-5858
McGruff House volunteers 673-3447
Police nonemergency 348-2345
Power outage (Xcel) 1-800-895-1999
Rental housing problems 673-3003

Report a pothole 673-5720
Sexual Violence Center 871-5111
Sidewalks: sand (free) 673-5720, unshoveled/
repairs 673-2420
Street light out: wood pole 1-800-960-6235, all
others 673-5750
Traffic signals out of order 673-5750
Tree maintenance 673-5858

Ericsson to Be Replaced by Northrop

The Minneapolis Board of Education decided this spring that the Northrop Urban Environmental Learning Center (a magnet program) would move into the building now housing Ericsson Community School and that the Ericsson program would cease to exist. SENA News received communications from both schools (below). SENA welcomes Northrop into the neighborhoods and looks forward to working with the staff and students in the future.

Northrop Moves to Ericsson

by Blanca Simmons, CONNECT Project coordinator/ESL teacher, Northrop Urban Environmental Learning Center

One of the decisions made by the Minneapolis Board of Education as it faced declining enrollment was to move Northrop Urban Environmental Learning Center (Northrop U.E.L.C.) intact to the Ericsson School building at 4315 31st Ave. S. in the Ericsson Neighborhood.

As an environmental magnet program since 1991, Northrop comes with a strong K-5 program. It has a Native Language Literacy Program for K-2 Hispanic students in which students receive 60 to 90 minutes a day of reading instruction in their "home" language. This instruction has made a smoother and much more significant transition into the English language for our Hispanic students, as is evident in our test scores. Spanish speakers receive English as a second language (ESL) support in grades 3-5.

All of our students benefit from many other resources, including Title I services and our Gifted and Talented Program, which has been recognized at the district and state level. The Northrop staff has had extensive training in environmental studies and in the Spanish cultures.

Over the years, various grants and business partnerships have allowed our students to benefit in learning about the arts, Spanish cultures, and preserving the environment. Our mission is to provide a nurturing environment where children will develop to their fullest potential. We teach students to become environmentally aware so that their own actions will help build a balanced environment.

We look forward to joining the Standish and Ericsson neighborhoods and working with everyone involved in the education

of our children. We take student success very seriously and welcome each of you to stop in to visit the school in the fall of 2005!

Changes at Ericsson Community School

by Kate Kampa, Family Liaison

As many of you may know, our neighborhood elementary school, Ericsson Community School, is scheduled to close at the end of this school year. The Northrop Urban Environmental program will move into the building, and current Ericsson students will attend the new program.

Ericsson School has been a part of this neighborhood for a long time. In 1912, two portable classrooms were erected on 45th St. between 31st and 32nd avenues. In 1916, the building at 4315 31st Ave. opened and was named for John Ericsson, inventor of the screw propeller (which was used on commercial and navigation vessels) and designer of the famous warship, the *Monitor*. In the 1920s, swamps were drained in the area and many houses were built. Overcrowding at the school led to an addition that opened in 1952 containing a gymnasium, a lunchroom, and several new classrooms. Through the years, Ericsson School has been a cherished part of this neighborhood. Ericsson Community School parents would like to invite our neighbors and especially all alumni of Ericsson to an afternoon farewell celebration on May 14. Look for more details in May!

The Northrop and Ericsson parent groups are working together to plan an ice cream social in the spring and organizing group "play dates" at local parks throughout the summer so that we can begin to meet our new friends!



Metro Paint-A-Thon, August 6-7

Each year, Metro Paint-A-Thon, a program of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (GMCC), rallies volunteer teams from corporations, congregations, and civic groups to paint the homes of low-income seniors and people with disabilities. This year's Paint-A-Thon will be Sat. and Sun., Aug. 6-7.

Homeowners must meet low-income guidelines, and homes are inspected and ranked in terms of need. Teams are assigned to a house, and Paint-A-Thon provides all the paint and many paint supplies.

To register to volunteer or to apply to have a home painted call (612) 721-8687. Applications are also available at www.gmcc.org/paint-a-thon. The deadline for homeowner application is May 13. Promotional items (T-shirts, caps, cups, etc.) are available for purchase at the online Paint-A-Thon Store.

Keep an Eye on the Kids

As spring comes, so do attendance problems at school. Studies show that truancy is one of the leading indicators that a child will not succeed. Neighbors can help by reporting truancy to the police. If you see kids walking the neighborhood or parks on a school day, call 911. Report that it is not an emergency but that you see school-age kids who are not in school.

It can be difficult to know when kids are supposed to be in school. The following days are release days for Minneapolis Public Schools: Apr. 1-8, May 12 (late start), May 16, and May 30. Area school hours are, for Ericsson Community School, 9:10 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.; for Folwell Middle School, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and for Roosevelt High School, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



New Program for Home Ownership

The City of Lakes Community Land Trust (CLCLT) has launched a new program to help low-to-moderate income households purchase homes in Minneapolis. The Homebuyer Initiated Program (HIP) offers families the opportunity to purchase houses currently on the market with the help of two grants. The first provides up to \$65,000 toward the purchase of a home. The second provides up to \$25,000 to rehab the house.

In exchange for the HIP grants, the participating homebuyers agree to the community land trust model of homeownership. All CLCLT homeowners agree that when, and if, they choose to sell their house, they will sell at an affordable price to another family of modest income. The land trust model of homeownership allows homeowners a reasonable return on their investment, but limits speculative appreciation.

Households earning less than 80% of the median income (\$58,000 for a family of four) are eligible for HIP; however, preference will be given to households earning less than 50% of median income (\$38,500 for a family of four). The CLCLT accepts applications for HIP quarterly. The deadline for consideration this spring is April 15. To learn more, visit www.clclt.org or call (612) 721-7556, ext. 18.

Uniforms: A Strong Possibility for Folwell Middle School

by Brooke Lundgren, Folwell Teacher

Students at Folwell Middle School (3611 20th Ave. S.) may switch to wearing uniforms next school year. The idea was first presented to Folwell's Leadership Team in a letter signed by about 100 parents. In response, Folwell's administration sent surveys home to all families and also asked teachers for their feedback.

Many people think that kids get too wrapped up in fashion and compete with one another to be stylish and therefore accepted. Kids whose families don't have money to buy the latest styles may get picked on at school. Uniforms take the focus off social status. They also help to curb clothing that is too revealing or shows inappropriate slogans or gang affiliations.

Currently, Folwell continues to gather input and research the cost of uniforms. The Leadership Team is also drafting a policy on school uniforms. The Folwell Parent-Teacher Organization is behind the idea 100%!

Roosevelt High School and Neighbors to Meet, April 19

The last meeting this school year of staff and neighbors of Roosevelt High School (4029 28th Ave. S.) will be held on April 19 at 7:00 p.m. Anyone who has a concern about Roosevelt, or who is just interested in what is happening at the school, is invited to come to Room 245 for the meeting. It will last about an hour, according to Bev Kennedy, community liaison. The school hosts these meetings several times a year.

Life-Cycle Housing: In for the Long Stay

by Bill Fietzer, Standish Resident

Kurt Kimber's article, "Our Neighborhood, Today and Tomorrow," in the Feb/March 2005 issue of *SENA News* pointed out issues driving Phase II planning of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) in the Standish and Ericsson neighborhoods. One issue he mentioned was "life-cycle housing options" as a means of attracting young folks into the neighborhood and encouraging older people to stay. What is life-cycle housing?

The Sierra Club defines life-cycle housing as "a housing supply designed to meet the needs of individuals and families as they go through different stages of life so they can, if they wish, remain in the same community throughout their lives."*

For young, working-class families, life-cycle housing means affordable monthly payments combined with all the comforts of a new home. For example, the Central Minnesota Housing Partnership has initiated a life-cycle housing program. Houses constructed in this five-city project (St. Cloud, Sauk Rapids, Sartell, Waite Park, and St. Joseph) include these minimum amenities: two bedrooms; one bathroom; a basic appliance package of refrigerator, stove/oven, and range hood; two-stall garage; and sodded front lawn. With a maximum purchase price of \$135,000, new homeowners can purchase their home at less than market value and resell it within the first 10 years, if they choose, for the original price plus inflation and the fair market value of any capital improvements. During years 11 to 20, the seller must contribute 50% of the appreciation beyond inflation to the program's affordable housing fund, which funds other gap loans and administration costs.

For older homeowners, life-cycle housing means a house built to fit the changing needs of its inhabitants. These houses contain accessibility features such as wider doors and halls, an open floor plan and clear traffic patterns, wall reinforcement for grab bars, and removable base cabinets for knee space. Universal design features enable the occupants to remain independent and comfortable.

Housing that appeals to the needs of people as they go through the stages of life can benefit local communities such as Standish and Ericsson. Life-cycle housing can create and maintain a neighborhood that is safe, stable, and diverse. It is one goal for Standish and Ericsson residents to consider in planning for the future of the community.

*From *Citizens' Guide to Local Land Use Planning*

Did You Know?

- ✓ Hennepin-Overland Railway Museum continues public operation of its H-O scale model display at 2501 E. 38th St. Operating dates for April are Apr. 9-10 and 16-17, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$2; with maximum family admission \$5. Children under age 5 are free. Call (612) 276-9034 for more information.
- ✓ Tillie's Bean, the new coffee shop on the corner of 28th Ave. S. and E. 38th St., is open Mon. to Thurs. 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Fri. 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Sat. 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and Sun. 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Senior Citizens' Corner

Events on specific days are listed in the calendar on page 2. Recurring social events include: (1) The "Nurse Is In" at NHS (4553 34th Ave. S.) on Thursday mornings. Seniors can chat over coffee and cake, have a blood pressure check, or schedule a pedicure. (2) Seniors Card Club at the Hiawatha YMCA (4100 28th Ave. S.), every Monday (12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m.). Call Dori Brandon (821-2976) for more information. (3) Crafty Ladies at Sibley Park (19th Ave. S. and E. 40th St.) on Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Knitting, crocheting, and all types of crafts items are worked on. Bring your craft ideas and join in. (4) Senior Card Players at Sibley Park, Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Come and enjoy the fun of 500 or other card games. Coffee and treats are served for a small donation.

Morris Park Players to Present City of Angels

The spring production of the Morris Park Players (MPP) will be the 1989 Tony-Award-winning musical *City of Angels*. Set in glamorous 1940s Hollywood, *City of Angels* is two shows in one. It interweaves two plots—one dealing with the writing of a screenplay and the other, the enactment of that screenplay. The movie scenes appear in black and white and the real-life scenes in color. Two musical scores treat audiences to vintage music and the music of a 1940s private-eye film. With tales of decadence and intrigue, *City of Angels* culminates into the ultimate Hollywood "happy ending" in both real life and "reel" life.

Performance dates and times are Fridays and Saturdays, April 22, 23, 29, 30, and May 6, 7, at 7:30 p.m., and a Sunday matinee at 2:00 p.m. on May 1. One audio-described performance will be held May 6. All performances are at Folwell Middle School (3611 20th Ave. S.). Ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors, students, and groups. Be sure to use the two-for-one coupon below to save on the price of an adult admission!

In an effort to support its host school, MPP asks all patrons to bring school supplies for Folwell students to performances. For more information about MPP, call 724-8373 or visit www.morrisparkplayers.org.

Coupon good for one adult admission with
one paid admission

Morris Park Players City of Angels

April 22, 23, 29, 30, May 6, 7 - 7:30 p.m.,
May 1 - 2:00 p.m.



Folwell Middle School
3611 20th Ave. S.

Health Programs for Seniors

Nokomis Healthy Seniors (NHS) sponsors monthly meetings to promote the health of seniors. Meetings (fourth Wednesday, at 1:30 p.m.) are held at Faith Lutheran Church (3430 E. 51st St.) and are free and open to the public. For a ride, call Margo at NHS (729-5499).

Hennepin County Attorney Amy Klobuchar will speak on Apr. 27. The title of her talk is "Pursuing Justice: A Prosecutor's Perspective." On May 25, Karen Palmer, dietitian at North Memorial Medical Center, will discuss healthy eating.

Become a Friend of the Midtown Public Market Today!



The Midtown Public Market (Lake St. and 22nd Ave.) is in critical need of funding. As reported in the last issue of *SENA News*, the market received up-front financing from the Minneapolis Farmers Market for its first two years but is now on its own. "Friends of the Market" is a yearly membership program that will directly support the market and ensure that South Minneapolis will benefit from the fresh produce, local art, and community space it provides for years to come. Friends of the Market donors will receive a quarterly newsletter that includes vendor profiles, recipes, and up-to-date market information as well as punch cards that reward members for shopping at the market.

Choose from a basketful of market-fresh membership levels: *Raspberry* - any donation, *Apple* - \$25, *Tomato* - \$50, *Eggplant* - \$100, *Pumpkin* - \$500, or *Heirloom* - over \$500. Complete the form below to become a member today! Mail the form with payment to 3451 Cedar Ave. S., Minneapolis 55407. You can also log onto www.midtownpublicmarket.org and join online with a credit card. Please indicate "SENA" on your membership form.

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President's Corner **Todd Fierst**

Notice! The headline was fairly alarming. Just coming home from a long day at work, I grabbed the flier off my door with a bit of dread. This looked like the typical crime alert fliers I'd seen before. What now, I thought? "Attention, your house is in danger of needing new siding" was the message. The flier was a cleverly disguised attempt to get an emotional reaction out of me and make me want to read further.



Feeling a bit betrayed, I got to thinking about crime. Some of my suburban and outstate friends believe the city is "dangerous." Yet, I looked out my door and saw kids and dogs and landscaping and a church just like in any other part of the state. Are the Standish and Ericsson neighborhoods really any worse when it comes to crime?

To get more information, I turned to the Minneapolis Police Department's Web site; more specifically, <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/outreach/>. I learned that each neighborhood has a crime prevention specialist. For Ericsson, it is Sue Roethele. For Standish, it is Karen Skrivseth, whom I called to translate the crime maps/statistics that I had seen.

First off, I asked about the more serious crimes listed. Rape, aggravated assault, burglary, and larceny are not as common as they seem to appear on the nightly news. I don't mean to detract from their seriousness, but I learned that these aren't always stranger-to-stranger crimes. Many times the parties know each other and someone is apprehended immediately. If a string of these incidents occurs without an arrest, then the public is notified through crime alerts that are delivered door to door.

Graffiti and auto theft are the most common crimes in the Standish Neighborhood. Auto theft, I learned, is a crime of opportunity and happens more often with older cars that don't have power locks and alarms. Older cars are also easier to hot-wire. The best defense against the theft of older vehicles is to install something to disable the vehicle if it is started without a key or to use the device best known as the "club." Lastly, don't leave any sign that you may have valuables in your car. Anything of value in sight gives criminals the idea that more may be hidden under the seat or in the glove compartment.

I was optimistic after talking with Karen. She said that a strong block club and neighbors who know each other go a long way in preventing crime. I encourage you to meet your neighbors when they move in and to have a block party on National Night Out in August. For more information about crime and the city, contact the numbers listed in Kelly Hailstone's article on page 4.