

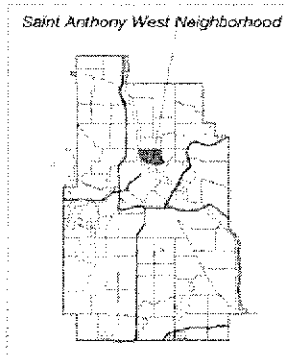
THE RIVER BEACON

Our goal with the River Beacon is to communicate local news and activities, and invite you and your neighbors to participate in its publication.

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Farmers' Market Report

By Daniel Brady

The Farmers' Market is wrapping up its most successful season. Our two fundraising events helped solidify our commitment to facilitate the gathering of local vendors with the Northeast community.

We increased the number of vendors, and our overall average of customers swelled to about 500 every Saturday with a high watermark of more than 800 at the Corn and Brat Fest. Speaking of this highlight, the Market would like to thank all of our sponsors for their help, especially Kramarczuk, Sentyrz, Eastside Co-op, Arctic Glacier Ice, Falk Paper, Wells Fargo, Grumpy's, Chow Girls, Phoenix

B F Nelson

By Sally Grans

The Pioneer Statue is in process of being moved – maybe even moved by the date this is published! Goal is to finish moving the statue this fall.

Mpls Park and Recreation Board is scheduled to finalize a contract with URS to execute drawings and bids for B F Nelson for the parking lot, lights and existing rock trail will be a 10' wide bituminous trail and a new sidewalk along Marshall Street. Goal is to bid and have construction this fall; but may slip to spring depending on weather.

Contract includes design work for the Boom Island site to connect the trail from B F Nelson, pedestrian bike trail bridge, dredge the channel for boat landing, earthwork to include soil correction, drainage and additional grading, update the toilets for handicap accessibility and update the three existing park shelters. Goal is to have this work done in spring/summer of 2011. Additional design work

Graphics, and St. Boniface Catholic Church. The Market would also like to thank our volunteers, Park and Rec Commissioner Liz Wielinski and her supporters, Ron Wacks, Lisa Hondros, Ruthann Swanson, and Shawne Fitzgerald, Dan Scroggins and his tables and chairs, Sally Grans-Korsh and her tent and tables, Sheila Biernat, the Grillmasters - Bob Margl, John Schott and his sidekick Armando DeLa Cruz, Olga Stanek (volunteer exceptionaire), and Diane Hofstede, who brought her positive vibe to our event. Even though the season will be coming to an end on October 16, the Market will be celebrating Fall Fest with pumpkins courtesy of Martin Brown and with the guest appearance of talented carver Rory Beggs on October 9. See you all there.

for this URS consultant is to do an analysis of major pavilion.

If interested, suggest reviewing the website the MPRB site at www.minneapolisparcs.org and on the left of the screen a click on "current projects".

Events

Stawno Monthly Meeting—909 Main Street Lodge. Thursday, October 14th @ 6:30PM, Thursday, November 11th @ 6:30PM.

Third Ward Care Meeting—Eastside Neighborhood Services, 1700 2nd St. N.E., Wednesday, October 20th @ 7:00PM, Wednesday, November 17th @ 7:00PM.

7th Annual Historic Riverfront 5K Run/Walk, October 9th, 9 a.m. at Boom Island Park. See details page 4.

November 2 - Statewide Election Day ... Please remember to vote!





Third Ward Updates from Council Member Diane Hofstede this site.

An international Event is coming to the Third Ward on October 4!

The Hawthorne Neighborhood will welcome former President Jimmy and First Lady Rosalynn Carter, to "EcoVillage" on October 4, 2010. Habitat for Humanity's "Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project" is an annual, international event focusing our attention for the need for simple, decent and affordable housing. The 27th Annual Carter Work Project will coincide with the United Nation's World Habitat Day.

Please help us build our community by volunteering! This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience! For more information and to volunteer, please go to <http://www.tchabitat.org/carter>, or call 612-305-7120.

Parkland Dedication Ordinance

The City Council approved the new ordinance that will set in place an agreement

between the City and the Minneapolis Park Board for the preservation and development of new parks, playgrounds, recreational facilities, wetlands, trails and open space areas within the city. The spaces are essential to maintaining a healthy and desirable environment for residents and persons employed in Minneapolis. The City Council and Park Board have agreed that parkland will increase the value and attractiveness of residential, commercial and industrial development to land owners, developers, purchasers, employers, and employees by the presence of park and open space amenities. Look for more park amenities in years to come because of this new agreement!

Grain Belt Office Building Receives \$125,000

The City Council accepted a \$125,000 Historical and Cultural Heritage Grant from the Minnesota Historical Society for the Grain Belt Office Building at 1215 Marshall Street NE. The grant will be used to mitigate water issues in this historic building, and to preserve

\$60,000 Grant From the University of Minnesota

The City Council accepted \$60,000 from the University of Minnesota to provide enhanced police enforcement. The grant will provide additional enforcement in the University of Minnesota Alliance neighborhoods, and Marcy Holmes in the ward will benefit from the grant.

Grant Accepted for \$ 228,500

The City Council accepted a grant for \$228,500 from Nice Ride Minnesota to expand the current bike share network into North Minneapolis.

Third Ward CARE Meeting

Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 20, 7:00 pm, at Eastside Neighborhood Services, 1700 2nd Street NE.

A special discussion item will be on judges and sources for information prior to the November election.

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the 2010 Neighborhoodfest/Summit!

Are you ready to vote? Now's a good time to pre-register

The City of Minneapolis Elections Office reminder to all eligible voters that pre-registering is an easy way to save time at the polls during the general election, Tuesday, November 2, 2010. Individuals are eligible to vote if they are at least 18 years old and a U.S. citizen who has resided in Minnesota for at least 20 days prior to the election. Any voters who have moved or changed their name since they last voted must re-register.

All individuals whose registration applications are received by elections officials by 5 p.m. on October 12, 2010 will be pre-registered for the November 2, 2010 General Election. Voters who newly register or update their registration will receive a post-card notifying them where to vote.

Voters can pre-register by printing and filling out a registration application from our website, <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/elections>, and mail to:

Minneapolis Elections
350 S. Fifth St. – Room 1B
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1396

To pre-register to vote in person, visit one of the following locations to fill out a voter registration application: Hennepin County Public Libraries, Minneapolis Park Buildings, Minneapolis Fire Stations, Minneapolis Police Stations, Hennepin County Service Centers, and Hennepin County Government Center.

If you miss the deadline to pre-register, you may still be able to vote. Minnesota is one of several states with Election Day registration. Individuals may register at the polls on Elec-

tion Day by providing one of the forms of identification required by Minnesota law. Please allow extra time at the polls to register. See the website for identification allowed for Election Day registration.

Phone Numbers and Websites

S.A.F.E.™ Crime Prevention Specialist
2nd Precinct—Nick Juarez, 612-673-2797

City of Minneapolis Information Number—311

Third Ward Council Member Diane Hofstede: 612-673-2203,
diane.hofstede@ci.minneapolis.mn.us

St. Anthony West Neighborhood Organization, 612-378-8886, www.stawno.org

Block Club Training and Information—612-673-3204



Chickens in the Neighborhood. Why Chickens? Why Not?

By Mimi Holmes

Four neighbors and I went in on 5 chickens last July. The yen to have chickens built slowly after attending a class at the 2008 Northland Bioneers Conference (www.nbconference.org/). Then I took more classes at the Wedge, the 2009 Green Expo, and from local chicken mavens Peat Willcutt and Rocky Gordon on Nicollet Island (www.urbanagrarian.com). And I read many books from the library. A note to neighbors found four who were interested and one who was willing to house the chickens.

Dan Brady and I collaborated on building the hen house and run. We built our coop to house the chickens through the winter: the hen house has 1.5" insulation and a heat lamp and a heated water bowl for the colder months. We also keep a light on a timer in the winter to keep the girls laying eggs. The hen house and run cost us close to \$250 to build.

I found our 5 hens on Craigslist at "point of lay:" ready to start giving us

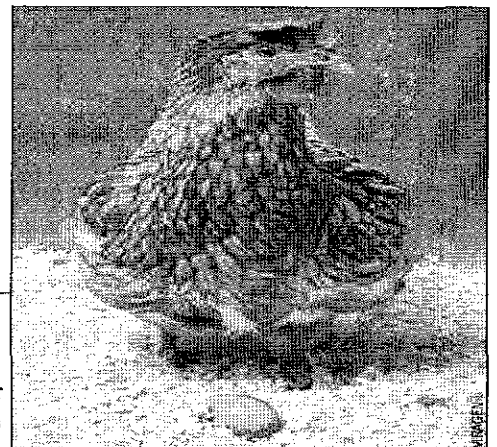
eggs! We have 4 different breeds: Leghorn, Phoenix, Buff Orpington and Polish. We each got to name one chicken and each get at least 4 eggs a week. We get our supplies from Fleet Farm. Three of us rotate the daily chicken maintenance of opening their hen house in the morning, filling feed and water dishes, collecting eggs, and closing them up in the hen house at night; usually this is less than 10 minutes.

I have truly found having these chickens in my life a great delight. They each have a different voice and personality and make a distinctive sound when they are ready to lay an egg. I let them out of the run for a half hour of scratching in the yard in the early evening, and this is often the highpoint of my day. They love insects and worms and eat slugs like candy! A great resource to participate in is the Twin Cities Chicken Listserv where new owners can ask questions of more experienced chicken owners (<http://groups.google.com/group/TwinCitiesChickens>).

So what does it take to have chickens in your yard? First off, educate yourself about what is involved in keeping chickens: read books, take a class, talk to chicken owners, go on the Twin Cit-

ies Chicken Coop Tour in early September (<http://sites.google.com/site/twincitiescooptour/>). This is a great way to look at different hen houses and runs and think about your own design. Having the hen house in the garage might be a great way to go! Check Craigslist for old and new structures if you have extra money and truck transportation. You'll need to call Animal Control ((612) 673-3000 and apply for a Chicken Permit. This requires getting 80% of your neighbors within a certain radius of the coop to sign off. You don't need a rooster, as hens will lay an egg every 24 to 26 hours with or without a rooster. They just aren't fertilized.

I have gotten to know my neighbors much better through this chicken venture. I strongly recommend chickens in your life! 60 years ago many people raised chickens for their eggs and meat and I think this is a way of life we are circling back to.



Notes from the Last Neighborhood Board Meeting.

By Pete Gamades

The St. Anthony West Neighborhood Organization's (STAWNO) Board of Directors held its July meeting on July 8. Members of the Neighborhood & Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) described what life will be like after the Neighborhood Revitalization Program is completed and this new funding stream will be available for neighborhood groups to use. Starting in 2011 a proposed \$3.0M will be allo-

cated to the 80 or so Minneapolis neighborhood groups. Neighborhood groups will be able to use the money for staff, to communicate with its members and various other outreach activities. The members of the NCEC wanted the Board's suggestions and opinions on how that \$3.0M should be allocated.

The Board also discussed the future of its fundraising events. Typically, STAWNO organizes a 5K run/walk in the fall and an evening event that includes a wine tasting, silent auction, live music and appetizers. With no new volunteers to organize these events, it was decided to put the evening event on hold this year and focus solely on

the 5K. To help mitigate the dollars lost from the evening event, the 5K will need to grow beyond the 420 participants we had last year. If you have any ideas on how to do this, please contact us. Also we are looking for sponsors to help make this Oct 9 event successful.

See www.stawno.org or call 612.378.8886 for upcoming events and meeting schedules. Please email neighbors@stawno.org or call with your ideas.



Second Precinct

By Nick Juarez

.St. Anthony West Neighborhood continues to show tremendous reductions in Part I crimes; overall the neighborhood is down by 49 Part I crimes. Theft is down 57%; Burglary is down 33%; Robbery is down 75%; and the only increase is in Motor Vehicle Theft which is up 20%, which is only 1 % up from last year. Last year there

were 5 motor vehicle thefts and right now we have 6.

The summer produced great success in community outreach. The 311 weekly walking groups were able to grow the neighborhood email database by well over 80 new names. Now, the important next step is to communicate with the new people as well as the rest of the neighborhood to try to and will identify people on each

block of will help distribute information to people who do not receive the email communications and to make sure that important neighborhood information is getting out to their block. A key part to crime prevention is communication. Share ideas, crime alerts, MPD information, behavior in the neighborhood, neighborhood events and just touch-base messages. Spend the fall getting to know your neighbors and your block

Northeast Neighborhood Fundraiser: 5K Run/Walk



Want to enjoy a beautiful fall morning and help out a great cause? Join us for the 7th Annual Historic Riverfront 5K Run/Walk at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 9. This 5K goes through some of the most scenic areas of Minneapolis and starts/ends in Boom Island Park. Don't worry if you can't finish a 5K in 18 minutes -- we attract a wide range of abilities. Go to www.active.com or www.stawno.org for more information or to register (see insert for registration form).

Does the thought of running 3.1 miles or even walking it make you feel miserable? **Sign up to volunteer.** Just an hour or 2 of your morning would help tremendously. Please call 612.310.6151 for more details.

All proceeds will go to the B.F. Nelson Park project and other neighborhood initiatives. Over the last six years, the St. Anthony West Neighborhood Organization has raised over \$60,000 for these activities. Please contact Pete Gamades at gama0006@umn.edu or 612.310.6151 for more information.

Have you wondered what "LEED" means?

By Joyce Vincent

LEED stands for "Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design". It represents standards developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) that require a building to be "designed and built using strategies aimed at improving performance in the measures that matter most: energy savings, water efficiency, CO₂ emissions reduction, improved indoor environmental quality, and stewardship of resources and sensitivity to their impacts." Based on the number of points earned in those categories, a structure can be classified as LEED-Certified, Silver, Gold, or Platinum.

The major complication with the spread of LEED-certified development is that total construction costs may increase between 0.5% and 2%. However, if standards are incorporated early

enough in the planning process, and recycled materials are used in construction, building green can actually **save money.**

It can be hard to spot a LEED-certified building. They often look like standard buildings inside and out. But on paper, the energy-savings of a LEED building can be substantial. One common characteristic of LEED-certified buildings is a dramatic drop in energy and water consumption compared to traditional buildings. A Minneapolis restaurant uses half the gas and electricity of most restaurants its size; one Minnesota school said it saves \$50,000 a year in energy costs.

In Minnesota, the number of projects seeking LEED certification

is on the rise. Minnesota membership in the USGBC is up almost 15-fold in the last five years alone. The new Hiawatha Maintenance Facility is the first Minneapolis City building to meet strict the LEED design standards. As the number of LEED-certified architects and construction agencies increases, it further drives down the cost of meeting the requirements for certification.

Important legislation in Minnesota sets standards to improve conservation for buildings. The "Next Generation Energy Act of 2007" set a state goal of certifying 100 commercial buildings using LEED standards by December 31, 2010. Minneapolis passed a resolution in 2006 requiring all city-financed municipal projects achieve LEED certification, with LEED Silver requirements for major projects over 5,000 square feet.

