

THE RIVER BEACON

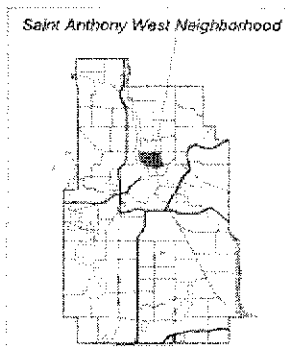
Welcome

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

This past June, the Farmers' Market hosted a pancake breakfast fundraiser, which was a total success. Whole-hearted thanks go out to all those who helped put it on and those who ate the pancakes and sausages. This August 14, the Market will host another spectacular event – the Corn & Brat Fest. The corn will be supplied by Eastside Food Co-op located on 26th and Central Ave. NE and the brats courtesy of Kramarczuk on East Hennepin Ave. in Northeast Minneapolis (same people who supply brats for the new Twins ballpark). The music will be provided by the Course Music Club. A Facebook listing describes their music “like hookers along Lake St., rough and loose. “The band was born off the premise that music, “is too fun to leave to those with talent,” and they also mentioned that” if they were kidnapped, tied up in a shed and prodded with pitchforks, their music would sound like hillbilly,

folk and punk.” This is a can't-miss fundraiser that will help Northeast Farmers' Market promote the great selection of vendors. Speaking of promotions, this coming August, Eastside Co-op will be sponsoring the visiting chef demonstrations and sampling event that will showcase recognized Northeast restaurant chefs. They will be preparing locally grown and Market available produce into dishes for everyone to sample. Go to www.nemplsfarmersmarket.com for updates. Lastly, the Northeast Farmers' Market is proud to announce that it will be accepting EBT cards at the end of July. The Market will host an EBT terminal at its information booth, providing tokens that eligible Market goers can use at produce, meat, sauce, bakery, and cheese vendors. Not only by accepting EBT cards but, with the City of Minneapolis support of matching funds, the Market will introduce “Market Bucks” for EBT users to qualify for benefits worth up to five dollars. The shoppers' experience only gets better at the Market. See you there.

NRP Revolving Home Loans

NRP Home Improvement Fix-Up Funds are still available to St. Anthony West residential properties through our NRP funds. Up to \$20,000 per building (note this new maximum loan amount) is available (first come, first served) at only 4 percent interest! Contact our loan administrator at (612) 378-7985 for details or an application packet. Updated STAWNO Activity;

- 2 Loan applications received
- 1 Housing application received
- 3 Loans in progress
- 14 Loans service
- \$214,600 Program Income
- \$66,789 for lending

Stayed tuned for our next issue

Chickens In the Neighborhood

Why Chickens? Why Not?

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



B.F. Nelson

By Sally Grans

Community involvement has been successful with the Mpls. Park and Recreation Board! On May 25 more than 70 people attended a discussion on the B.F. Nelson and Boom Island park indicating more than \$4.6 million dollars of development. Only two recorded comments were in favor of the proposed plans.

The following Wed., June 2, a strong contingent of more than 30 people showed up at the Planning Committee meeting and spoke on expanding the thinking to improve this gem of a park site on the mighty Mississippi. There was concern about the plan and the three separate toilet buildings, multiple volleyball courts, only large picnic shelters (seating over 500 people) and removal of all the smaller picnic shelters and the addition of a water feature (when Dickman Park is only three blocks from this site). Concerns were raised about maintenance costs and how the costs to maintain

these features would impact other parks.

The Park Board listened! Chair Annie Young noted the concerns and said that they would spend some of the funding to do necessary improvements. Northeast Commissioner Liz Wielinski also listened and advanced the concerns of the community to slow the process and have a bigger picture of development before millions are spent. It was agreed that with the wonderful addition of a portion of the former Scherer Bros. lumber company, that this entire ribbon of river bank from Hennepin to Broadway deserves the same special treatment that the south-side lake parks have gotten!

On July 7, the Board approved a slimmed-down version in concept. However, no design plan was available. At the July Board meeting of STAWNO it was requested that the design be posted on the website prior to advancing to working drawings (and bidding). The Board voted for capital improvements on B F Nelson that included: Moving the Pioneers Monument, adding entry drive and new paved parking, plaza around the Pioneer status, Main St. sidewalk and curb, lighting, trails

addition and miscellaneous earthwork and landscaping.

Capital improvements for Boom Island included a new parking and entry, trail upgrades that included either adding another bridge over the marina for bikes or removing and replacing with a larger bridge, river plaza restoration and canoe landing. A safety concern to dredge the marina and improve dock areas is proposed. New will be a replacement of the trailer building with a new, bigger, pavilion and concessions building and location of a "party barge". Additional soil will be brought in over the entire center part of the main grass area. Total Costs: \$2,750,000 plus engineering, of which about three fourths is coming from Regional Park Fund and a fourth is coming from Legacy funds (thanks to all that buy lottery tickets!). Since there is no drawing of this – it is suggested to keep reviewing the website the MPRB site at www.minneapolisparcs.org and on the left hand side there is a click to hit on "current projects" July 7 report is available at <http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/documents/agendas/2010-07-017/4-3PLN.pdf>

Your Help Is Needed

By Joyce Vincent

You may have noticed in the news recently that another 100 city maintenance workers have been laid off due to shortage of funds. This means that there will be less street sweeping and even less city help to keep our neighborhood looking good.

It will take a little extra effort from all of us to make up the difference. Here are some simple things you can do:

When you go for a walk, take a

plastic bag with you, and pick up trash and fallen branches on the boulevards or along the curb.

If you find a storm drain clogged with leaves and litter, clean it out so that such junk does not go down the drain to pollute our river. It causes unhealthy plant growth and algae in bodies of water.

If you see sucker branches growing from the bottom of boulevard trees, cut them off and put the branches in your compost or out with your trash.

Invest a few bucks in a spray can of graffiti remover, and clean graffiti from

signs and other surfaces.

Side dress tomato plants with a *little* extra fertilizer once they start blooming. Too much fertilizer only encourages more leafy growth. If your tomatoes are in containers, fertilize every week or two.

Stop picking rhubarb in July. It will allow energy to gather the rest of the summer to be stored for next year's growth.

Water gardens and lawns during the day when temperatures are at their lowest. Otherwise, much of the water will evaporate.

Every little bit that you do, added to what others can do, will make a huge difference in the cleanliness and attractive appearance of our neighborhood. You can feel good about that.





Dickman Park Events

Summer programs are back at Dickman Park! Check out naturalist programs, Art in the Park, Messy Art, Cool in the Pool, games and special events including fishing, a family BBQ,

and a Movie in the Park. Summer playground hours will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 15 - August 19, noon to 6 p.m. The St. Anthony West Neighborhood Organization is proud to partner with the park to bring these programs to our neighborhood.



Third Ward Neighborhoodfest/Summit!

“Making Connections” Diane Hofstede

Council Member Diane Hofstede, our Third Ward neighborhood and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board extend a personal invitation to area residents to participate in this year's 8th annual Neighborhoodfest/Summit, “MAKING CONNECTIONS!” on Wednesday, September 22, 5:00 to 10:00 PM, at the historic Nicollet Island Pavilion, 40 Power Street.

At the Neighborhoodfest, you will be “Making Connections” with our residents to discover just what the Third Ward has to offer! The evening will feature a variety of creative and interactive displays from local businesses, non-profits, neighborhood

groups, staff from all city departments, bands and entertainment in a neighborhood fair format. Our goal is to inform our residents and to support our local businesses and services in this difficult economy. The Third Ward is nine individual communities united by its arts, institutions, businesses, parks and unique riverfront setting. The Third Ward is not just a place to live, but a place to call home.

The evening will feature a Kick-Off to the Habitat for Humanity's Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project, an internationally-recognized week of building to bring attention to the need for simple, decent and affordable housing in partnership with families. The Carter Work Project is held at a different location each year and attracts volunteers from around the world. We are honored that the Carters chose to come to the Third Ward and Hawthorne Neighborhood's Eco-Village this October!

Events

Minnesota Primary Elections—Tuesday, August 10th.— Absentee Ballots Available through your city offices for more information call 612-348-5115 or visit the website at www.hennepin.uselections

Stawno Monthly Meeting—909 Main Street Lodge. Thursday, August 12th @ 6:30PM., Thursday, September 9th @ 6:30PM.

The Corn and Brat Fest— The farmers Market, 600 University Ave NE. Saturday, August 14th @ 8:00AM—1:00PM.

Third Ward Care Meeting—Eastside Neighborhood Services, 1700 2nd St. N.E., Wednesday, August 18th @ 7:00PM, Wednesday, September 16th @ 7:00PM.

Third Ward Neighborhoodfest/ Summit— Nicollet Island Pavillion, 40 Power St, Mpls, MN. Wednesday, September 22nd @ 4:30PM—10:00pm

Join with us, as we celebrate our communities' accomplishments, acknowledge future challenges, and work together to sustain, maintain and grow our Third Ward!

Please promote the Third Ward Neighborhoodfest/Summit by giving this information to others via email, social networking (Facebook, Twitter, Websites), word of mouth, in print, etc. You can also help support our local businesses by sending Diane Hofstedes office the names of specific businesses you would like invited.

For more information, or if you would like to have a creative and interactive display, please contact Council Member Diane Hofstede, Third Ward, 350 South 5th Street, Room 307, Minneapolis, MN 55415, 612-673-2203, or diane.hofstede@ci.minneapolis.mn.us



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 allocated 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 continues to show dramatic decreases in Part I Crimes. Year to date – overall St. Anthony West is down -29%, with reductions in robberies (-4%), burglaries (-6%) and the largest decrease coming in the area of theft (-44%) year to date. That is a 72% decrease in Part 1 Crimes year to date.

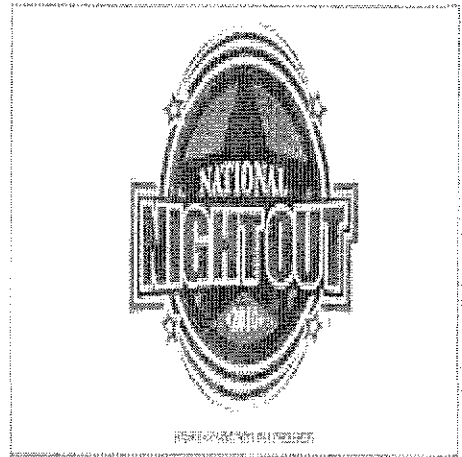
A big "thank you" for your support at the Ice Cream Social / Block Event on

Tuesday, June 22, 2010; we had approximately 40-50 people turn out for the event. MPD Chief Tim Dolan was at the event and he was very impressed with the Neighborhood Association for sponsoring the event as well as the turn out. The MPD Mounted Patrol also visited and the horses and officers were a huge hit with the crowd.

Let's continue with this energy with more block events and top it off with National Night Out on Tuesday, Au-

gust 3, 2010! The 2nd Precinct will also be hosting a Block Club Training on Thursday, August 26, at 6:00 p.m. – let's try and get 5 people to attend! Thank you for all your support and commitment to improving the neighborhood.

LEARN MORE ABOUT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



National Night Out is Tuesday, August 3!

National Night Out is an annual nationwide event that encourages residents to hold block parties and get to know their neighbors and it's a great way to promote community-police partnerships and enjoy a Minnesota summer evening surrounded by friends in your community. This year, National Night Out is Tuesday, Aug. 3. Register your event now at: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno/>

First Annual STAWNO Garage Sales a Success!

By Mimi Holmes

Twenty-two homes officially participated in the first annual STAWNO neighborhood-wide garage sales on Saturday, June 19 from 9 to 5 pm. Many of these locations were multi-family sales; a few neighbors who missed the deadline also joined in. We lucked out with a cloudy day with only a few sprinkles. Sales tended to do better where more sales were happening on the same street or area. Even if we didn't sell enough to fund our retirement completely, most of us appreciated the opportunity to declutter and organize our homes.

Buyers appeared before 9 am and were gone by 3 pm, so we will take that into account in planning the 2011 sale. Plans will get started early in the new year, and we will consider a different weekend so as not to conflict with the Stone Arch Bridge Festival as well as the feasibility of having the sale for more than one day. Please call or email Mimi Holmes if you'd like to participate in the planning of the 2011 STAWNO Sale. mimiholmes@mindspring.com 612-379-8318