

THE RIVER BEACON

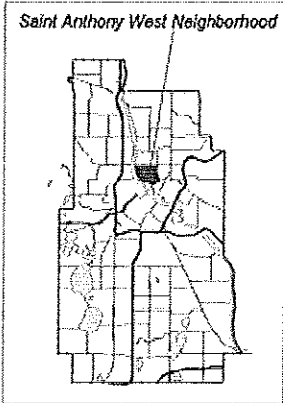
Our goal with the River Beacon is to communicate local news and activities, and invite you and your neighbors to participate in its publication.

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Northeast Farmers Market Update:

By Chris Linde

Harvest time is here and the market has been jam packed with produce and people. Thanks, Northeasters, for making this a successful market season! But it's not over yet -- there still is a bounty of Fall veggies for canning and soups. We at the market are getting ready for our Taste of Northeast -- October 8th -- it will be a food bonanza with many of your favorite Northeast businesses serving up their special-

ties. There will be Irish music and Friends of the Library will be there to add to the festivities. Come hungry, leave happy!

Also on October 8th, the Market is pleased to partner with the STAWNO Historic Riverfront 5K in supporting healthy eating and healthy living - show up after the race with your number and receive \$2 in Market Bucks. They are as good as cash at the market. See you there!

Your Neighborhood Fundraiser: 5K Run/Walk on October 8 - Volunteers Needed!

You can enjoy a beautiful Fall morning and help out a great cause! Join us for the 8th Annual Historic Riverfront 5K Run/Walk at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, Oct 8. This 5K (3.1 miles) goes through some of the most scenic areas of Minneapolis and starts/ends in Boom Island Park (700 Sibley St NE). 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).

more details or sign up to volunteer at www.stawno.org The link will take you to a website to register as a volunteer and it will ask you to enter your email address for access. This will open the website so you can

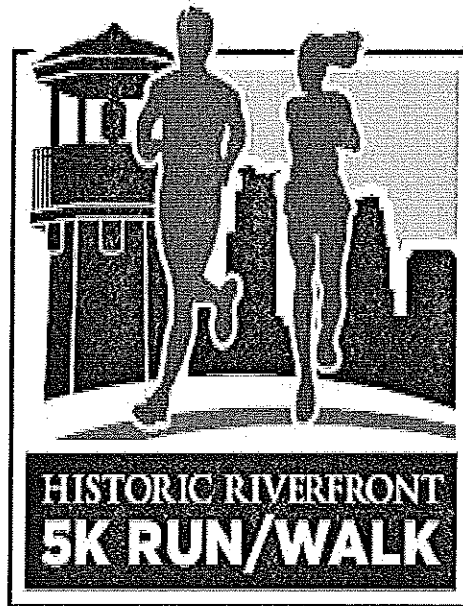
decide how you want to help. There are many spots available, starting at 6:30 a.m. We also need people to bring tables for us to use that morning.

All proceeds will go to the Dickman Park Summer Program, the B.F. Nelson Park project and other neighborhood initiatives. This is the one and only yearly fundraiser for your neighborhood. Over the last seven years, the St. Anthony West Neighborhood Organization has raised

over \$70,000. Please contact Pete Gamades at gama0006@umn.edu or 612.310.6151 for more information. We need to see YOU there!

Volunteers NEEDED!

If the thought of running 3.1 miles or even walking it does not excite you, **sign-up to volunteer.** Just an hour or two of your time will help tremendously. Please call 612.310.6151 for





Third Ward Updates from Council Member Diane Hofstede

You Are Invited to OUR THIRD WARD NEIGHBORHOODFEST, Wednesday, October 12 from 6-9:30 pm, Historic Nicollet Island Pavilion on Nicollet Island, (40 Power Street, Minneapolis, 55401).

Please join us for the 3rd Ward's NeighborhoodFest, a free festival of sight, sound, taste, and community! NeighborhoodFest feature's local businesses, non-profits, 3rd Ward city and Hennepin County projects and services, neighborhood organizations, food and entertainment! All FREE!

Interested in a chair massage? Have you heard of our Third Ward brewery, Dangerous Man Brewing? Have you tried the famous Kramarczuk kielbasa, served not only at Twin's Field but also in the ward for over 50 years! Are you looking for a dentist? Or maybe a chiropractor? Have you seen any of the proposed plans for the Grain Belt site, or Pillsbury a Mill and area? And really, when was the last time you saw a chicken on Nicollet Island?

Interested in learning about the Park Board's plans for the riverfront, or volunteering with Habitat for Humanity or Meals on Wheels? Or how about dancing the night away to great entertainment, or munching on samples from the local restaurants? All this and much more packed into our NeighborhoodFest, a FREE festival!

Entertainment for the evening includes musicians and dancers from the Cowles Center and MacPhail, Big Strong Men, Power, to name a few! NeighborhoodFest is sure to be a great evening; I look forward to seeing you there!

The 3rd Ward is one of the three areas in the city that is growing! We have developments and projects in early planning stages, such as the Grain Belt office building and new residen-

tial housing. Completed residential developments include the renovated historic Florence Court, and the new 412 Loft project in the heart of Dinkytown. Both developments include indoor parking and 24 hour security, as well as other amenities. Other developments are in the planning stages! I will keep you updated.

We have new businesses opening such as Eli's East at 815 East Hennepin Avenue, an offspring of the Eli's downtown Minneapolis. They will open after major renovations to the building.

Wilde Roast Coffee Shop moved to the riverfront at 65 Main St SE in the Old St Anthony Main complex. Their much larger facility can accommodate more party and large group functions and, of course, who can beat the location along our Mississippi River.

A couple of our neighbors in Sheridan have opened the new family owned and operated business called Elements Pizza on Broadway & Main Street NE, the owners renovated the building, grounds, and added an outdoor patio for all of us to enjoy!

This summer we had our streets repaired in all of the areas of the Ward, Northeast, Southeast in the Northside, potholes were filled, and the Plymouth Ave Bridge repair project was one of the few capital projects funded by the State of Minnesota. The completion date is spring 2012 due to the nature of the repairs and the need for warmer weather to complete the work.

Do you have your running shoes ready for St Anthony West's 5K on October 8th? This run takes you through historic Northeast Minneapolis, along the Mississippi River and over the Stone Arch Bridge. If interested in volunteering or participating in the run/walk, join us! For more information email neighbors@stawno.org.

Do you have public safety concerns or

would you like to touch base with our Second Precinct, University of Minnesota, Fourth Precinct, Regulatory Services partners, your neighbors, and me? Please join us at our next Third Ward CARE meeting on Wednesday, November 16th starting at

7:00 pm, Eastside Neighborhood Services, 1700 2nd Street NE. We will focus on traffic concerns in addition to our ongoing public safety initiatives with our partners.

The Minneapolis Riverfront Development Initiative, which I am a member of the steering committee, (Please contact me with any of your thoughts), will present the River FIRST report to the Minneapolis Park Board Commissioners on September 21. We anticipate that a 45-day comment period will follow. Your involvement and comments are welcomed, please email or call me. River FIRST is a multifaceted and multidimensional vision for a renewed and revitalized Upper Riverfront.

In closing, would you like to get involved with our NeighborhoodFest, any of the initiatives in our Ward, our city or are you willing to serve on a Ward Committee, or have questions or concerns? I would love to hear from you. Call me at 612-673-2203 or email me at diane.hofstede@ci.minneapolis.mn.us or come to our Neighborhoodfest or our CARE meeting! ALL are Welcome!

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Successful Dickman Park Summer Program Brings Neighbors Together

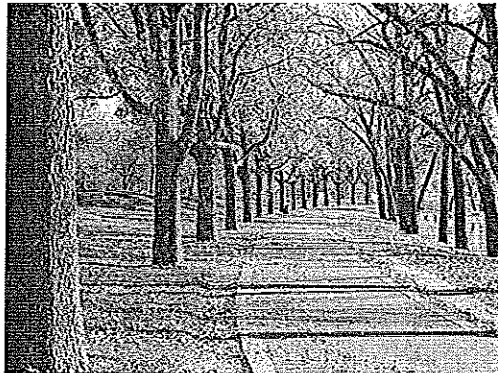
by Kristina Gronquist

You may have passed by Dickman Park at 7th Avenue and 2nd Street NE this summer and noticed it was abuzz with activity. You have STAWNO, the Minneapolis Park Board and many others to thank! This summer our neighborhood organization hosted a summer kids program and several major events for the entire neighborhood to enjoy. Thank YOU if you were someone who came out to participate! Key program organizers were STAWNO board members Brian Gorecki and Michael Rainville, whose involvement was vital. This was the second year of our partnership with the park board.

The 2011 Dickman Summer kids program went from June 14th to August 18th and focused on kids ages 6-12. The hours of the program were Tuesday - Thursday, noon to 6 pm. Two Minneapolis park board employees were on site at all times and they were wonderful. Best of all, it was totally free! STAWNO received a grant from the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization which helped fund the naturalist component of the program. The Northeast firm GRACO also provided a grant. Other activities of the kids program were games, bead work, art & crafts, fishing, bowling, field trips to the Twins, Lynx, Mill City Museum, Mississippi boat rides, and much more!

In addition to the successful Kids program, STAWNO hosted four other major events in the park. On June 25th we held the very enjoyable presentation "Shakespeare in the Park". On July 14th we hosted a Neighborhood Meet & Greet complete with BBQ, horseshoes and actual police horses clomping about in all their glory. This was a tremendously successful event which took place on the third Thursday of the month, the day that the STAWNO Board typically meets in the basement of Catholic Eldercare.

The Board decided it was time to come out of the basement and do something different. The Meet & Greet was well attended, food was donated by local restaurants and neighbors mingled and enjoyed the lovely summer evening. Third Ward City Councilwoman Diane Hofstede was there along with our State Representative Diane Loeffler. The board has decided to make this an annual event and if you did not make it this year, we sure hope to see you in 2012!



On August 11 the Ballet of the Dolls performed "Little Red Riding Hood" which was not at all scary, just loads of fun. The summer event series was capped off on August 18th with the "Stars Under the Stars" presentation of Disney-Pixar's movie, "UP", which took place at dusk and had more than 300 people in attendance. People brought blankets and popcorn and has a fabulous time.

Another important aspect of the summer program was the 311 Walking Group which walks the neighborhood on a regular basis to meet neighbors, distribute flyers and newsletters,

pick up litter, and check on shut-in's. The walking club also makes note of troubled property or problem areas and basically makes sure our neighborhood is sticking together and running properly like a well-oiled machine. Special thanks to Michael Rainville for his tireless efforts leading the walks. Look for the walking club next year, and trust me, their new fluorescent Tee-shirts will make them hard to miss. Join the club, get a free shirt, and be part of this very special team next summer!

In addition to the crucial efforts of Brian Gorecki and Michael Rainville, we want to thank all attendees and everyone who made the 2011 summer programs such a success. STAWNO wants to build on these efforts and continue the summer events year after year. To do so, we will need your help, in attendance and as volunteers. Spread the word! Help build community and foster relationships between people of all ages, and from all walks of life. The summer Dickman Park events in our beloved neighborhood are here to stay!

Events

Outreach Committee Meeting—Erte, 323 13th Ave NE, Monday October 10th @ 6:00 PM, Monday, November 14th @ 6:00 PM

Brickmania Toyhouse Open House—1618 Central Ave NE, (2nd Saturday of each month) October 8th, 2011 and November 12th from 11 AM til 4PM

STAWNO Monthly Meeting—909 Main Street Lodge, Thursday, October 13th @ 6:30PM and November 10th @ 6:30 PM.

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Thrd Ward C.A.R.E. Meeting—Center For Families, 3333 4th Street N., Thursday, October 20th @ 7:00PM, and Thursday, November 17th @ 7:00PM.

Land Use and Planning Committee - 909 Main Street Lodge, Thursday, October 13th @ 6:00PM, and Thursday, November 10th @ 6:00 PM.



Second Precinct

By Nick Juarez

As 2011 is coming to an end St. Anthony West neighborhood is still showing some improvement in the reduction of Part 1 Crimes; year to date the neighborhood has 55 Part 1 Crimes in the neighborhood; in 2010 there were 58 Part 1 crimes. However, with 3 months to go in the year the neighbor-

hood may not meet the goal of a reduction of 5%. Robbery is the only Part 1 Crime that has shown an increase over last year (+2); there has been no change in Aggravated assault, Homicide and Rape over last year; Burglary is down (-2); Theft is down (-1) and Motor vehicle theft is down (-2). Things to remember: lock you doors and windows – if you have to leave your windows open “pin” your windows so they cannot open more then 6

inches, and call 911 to report suspicious people, vehicles or activity at all times of the day. All but one burglary happened during daytime hours so we need to make sure people are communicating information and watching out for the neighborhood at all hours. Residents who receive the email crime alert need to make sure that the information is being passed to neighbors so everybody is aware of what is going on in the neighborhood.

New In The Park

By Liz Wielinski

During the last few weeks Tom Leader Studios (TLS) and KVA have been working with HRA finance consultants out of New York to finalize the plans for the Mississippi Riverfront Development Initiative (MRDI) and their choices for top priorities for implementing the plan are #1 the trail connections along the riverfront and #2 the Scherer Bros site in STAWNO (thank you for the letter of support). Work is already progressing on both of these fronts as we work on continued land acquisition along the riverfront and

the environmental clean up continues at Scherer Brothers. These plans are now bngoin before the Parkboard to be accepted and then recommendations will lead to the contract for a project to be awarded to TSA/KVA to bring one of these dreams to reality.

The work at Boom Island and BF Nelson will be wrapping up this fall. The new sidewalk along Main Street and the parking lot/ plaza for the Pioneer Monument should give the park a great new look, while the regrading at Boom should offer better views and better soil conditions for future greening. Then onto the connections upriver

as MRDI is implemented. I spent Labor Day at the boat launch and was thrilled to see so many people taking advantage of the great access to the river.

During the truth in taxation hearings held last year at City Hall we heard your call to keep taxes under control. The Park board has asked for a 0% increase in the levy over last year for tax purposes. We are currently doing the 2012 budget and the Superintendent's Budget will be announced at the Oct. 19th meeting of the Park board. We will be holding public hearings on the budget at our November meetings. Have a great autumn!

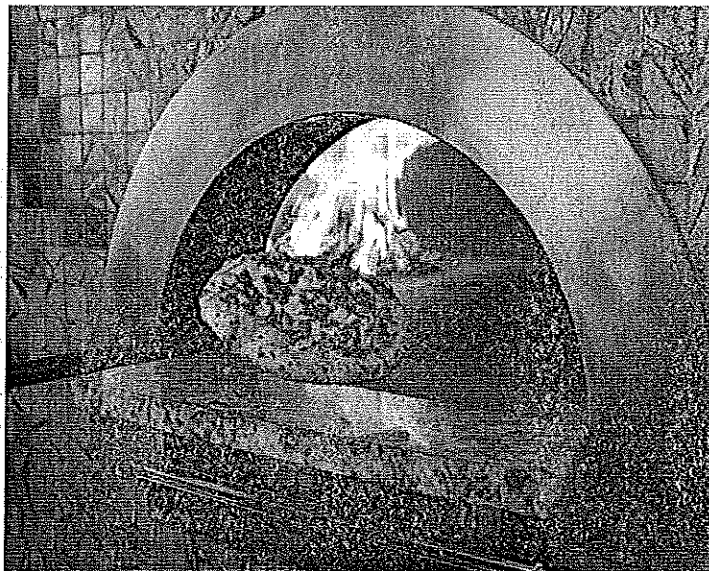
Welcome To The Neighborhood

By Dan Brady

After a long day at the grind and you forgot lunch and you don't want to play with the microwave for dinner, you dream of sinking your teeth into a spectacular pizza with sundried tomatoes, roasted eggplant, arugula, and basil, or better yet, a 4-cheese with gorgonzola, feta, mozzarella and parmesan, or just maybe, spicy sausage, roasted red pepper, goat cheese and basil. Then you wake up and realize that all those pizzas or create your own

can be had at the new Pizzeria in St Anthony West called Element (96 Broadway St NE). This new establishment is owned and operated by Ismail

and Sue Karageoz along with their daughter Nida. They previously owned Istanbul Bistro in Minnetonka, but decided they wanted to be close to home in



Northeast so they purchase the vacant dentist office off Main St. and decided to open a Pizzeria that offers fresh and hormone free ingredients, along with appetizers and salads. To enjoy these delightful pizzas, that were developed in Germany were Ismail met his wife, one can order beer or wine inside or out on the patio. So check out those hand-crafted pizza that are cooked in “Turkish” wood-oven stove at 1000 degrees for 90 seconds and at the same time say Hello to our new neighbors.