

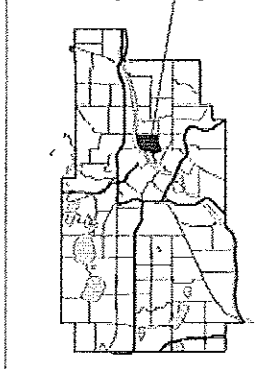
THE RIVER BEACON

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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Saint Anthony West Neighborhood



Northeast Farmers Market Update

By Chris Linde

It's been a long winter and cold spring and we at the Northeast Farmers Market are excited to see the approaching of summer with the opening of another season on **June 4th from 9am-1pm**. Of course it all begins with the 4th Annual Pancake Breakfast at the market in the basement of St. Boniface church. The Breakfast will feature whole grain pancakes with pure maple syrup, homemade

sausage, organic orange juice and milk.

Outside at the market check out some of our new offerings including coffee and goodies from Northeast's own SiP Coffeebar, succulent BBQ from Caribbean Kitchen, locally-cultivated mushrooms, eggs and meats from Paradise Produce... maybe even heirloom tomatoes by the first market from eQuality Farms! Follow us on Twitter @nefarmersmarket or fan us on Facebook for current market features and deals.

Coming soon . . . learn how to use your debit card at the market!

Notes from the February Neighborhood Board Meeting

By Pete Gamades

Notes from the St. Anthony West Neighborhood Organization's (STAWNO's) April Board of Directors Meeting

Our April Board meeting included three significant topics: a B.F. Nelson/Boom Island update, the 311 walking patrol/summer Dickman Park Program funding approval, and information about a possible marina project on 1720 Marshall Street. Parks Commissioner Liz Wielinski and a Park consultant walked through the latest visuals on B.F. Nelson/Boom Island renovations and discussed planned work there for this summer. Highlights include the completion of a sidewalk along Main St, finishing of trails in B.F. Nelson and landscape grading in Boom Island. STAWNO's 311 walking patrol starts June 1 (meet on the NE Yacht Club's patio). Kids programs will be at Dickman Park again this summer. STAWNO has received very generous grants from Graco and the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization to fund this wonderful program. In addition, STAWNO will contribute \$2,859 from its 5K fundraiser to fund this project. The summer program will include activities for kids during the day on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thurs-

day as well as evening events for adults and families. See you at the park this summer!

We also heard a presentation on a possible marina, pier, 75 slips in river, tavern, restaurant and retail concept for 1720 Marshall. Sheridan and Bottineau neighborhoods have approved this concept.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Board Meeting on June 9 starting at 6:30 at the Main Street Lodge, Lower Level (909 Main St NE). All are welcome to attend! See www.stawno.org or call 612.378.8886 for upcoming events and meeting schedules. Please email (neighbors@stawno.org) or call with questions/suggestions.

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Third Ward Updates from Council Member Diane Hofstede 24, 2011, in the Clare Housing Conference Room, 929 Central Ave NE.

Wednesday, September 28th - Annual Neighborhoodfest/Summit

Neighborhoodfest, our annual networking, food, fun, music, and celebration of the Third Ward will be held Wednesday, September 28th from 6-10:00 PM at the Historic Nicollet Island Pavilion on Historic Nicollet Island, in our Mississippi National Park. The event is free!

Neighborhoodfest will include a Symposium with the University of Minnesota Metropolitan Design Center, the Third Ward, along with other partners, and the experts from Hammarby Sjöstad, which is a transformation of an industrial area along the riverfront in Stockholm, Sweden.

One of the world's highest profile examples of a sustainable city development, Hammarby Sjöstad principles, along with the members of the U of M Metropolitan Design Center, will spend the evening with us, providing attendees with the opportunity to continue the conversation about this successful project. Check it out @ http://www.hammarbysjostad.se/frameset.asp?target=inenglish/inenglish_project.asp.

If you would like to participate in Neighborhoodfest - organize a booth, join the planning team, or have ideas and suggestions of folks you would like to meet, or have as entertainment - please send your information to Diane.Hofstede@ci.minneapolis.mn.us

Join us in our planning @ Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1 Lourdes Place, Lower Level on Tuesday, June 7th, Wednesday, July 13th and Wednesday, August 10th from 7:00-8:30 PM.

Our Riverfront! We Need Your Input!

The next public meeting for you to give input on the future of our riverfront parks and potential developments, as a part of the Minneapolis Riverfront Development Initiative,

initiated by the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board, will be held Wednesday, May 25th from 7:00-9:00 PM at Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, 2117 West River Road. The City of Minneapolis Planning Staff will be available to answer questions related to issues under the purview of the City of Minneapolis.

"These meetings, which began in April and will wind up in July, are the second of three wonderful opportunities for the public to have an in-person dialog with the designers as they work toward preparing their recommendation for Upper Riverfront Parks development," says deLaittre, who is working closely with TLS/KVA and multiple local constituencies to identify and define the functional parameters for the RiverFIRST proposal.

"You can expect to see new and more detailed images of the RiverFIRST proposed sites and systems, maps and analysis of current or forthcoming Upper Riverfront projects being overseen by many different agencies, and preliminary timelines and resource identification."

At three public and four committee meetings in April, TLS/KVA introduced the RiverFIRST proposal's four design principles, four design themes and eight areas of opportunity (sites from Downtown to the city's northern border). Committee and community members used those meetings as an opportunity to ask questions, emphasize issues and places of importance to them, offer insights and suggest further resources.

Build a Stronger Community with Habitat for Humanity. Old Third Avenue Town Homes In The Third Ward. St. Anthony East Neighborhood!!!

The construction of affordable owner occupied townhomes in the Third Ward has begun! Join with your neighbors to help with the construction. An open house will be held at 6:30 PM on May

Project plans can be viewed along with a question and answer session.

Join us in welcoming our new members to the community and help us build the townhomes this summer!

Opportunities to participate include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Become a neighborhood family partner by sharing your knowledge of local resources and homeownership with a new neighbor.

- A Brush With Kindness program is an opportunity to help with repairs on existing homes in the St. Anthony East Neighborhood and is included as part of the building of Old St. Anthony Townhomes.

To volunteer, contact the Third Ward Office at (612) 673-2203 or diane.hofstede@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

Plymouth Avenue Bridge Update

The City of Minneapolis' consultant has performed inspections on the Plymouth Avenue Bridge. The center of the road closure was opened to allow a trailer, equipment & satellite facilities to gain access to the bridge.

The sidewalk on the downstream side of the bridge is open to pedestrian traffic. For safety reasons, cyclists should walk their bikes across the bridge!

Third Ward Receives National Recognition as A Great Place to Visit!

The Third Ward receives national coverage! CNN.com posted an article which described Aster Café, 125 SE Main Street, as quickly becoming a favorite spot for summer. The author described Aster's riverside patio as one of the "nicest in town". Also recognized was The Anchor Fish & Chips, 302 13th Avenue Northeast, for its outstanding food and atmosphere. Minneapolis was also named No. 4 on National Geographic Traveler's list of the world's 10 best summer destinations.



Park Board

By: Liz Wielinski

As you may have already noticed, construction season in the parks has arrived with spring. The Boom Island, BF Nelson project has begun. Currently poor soils are being removed and grading is being done to improve the view to the river. Soon the boat launch will be dredged and repaired. The plaza and parking area near the Pioneer Monument will commence. The sidewalk will also be completed along the west side of Main ST and an on street bike lane will be added in cooperation with the City of Minneapolis' plan. For more detail the project page is on the Park Board website <http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/default.asp?PageID=1131>

While construction clutters up the neighborhood check out what is happening at parks around the city. The current three month calendar is available at <http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/default.asp?PageID=1131>

www.minneapolisparcs.org/default.asp?PageID=52&prid=1469.

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Boards Summer Guide is another great place to check out what's up in the parks

http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/documents/parks/2011_Summer_Guide.pdf

Noted up-coming events on the Eastside connected to Art-a Whirl are the pancake breakfast and live human chess at



Logan Park on Sat. May 21st from 10-2 and Jayni and Chevy Chase at Jackson Square Park to kick off the Green Community Schools effort at Edison High School. Their appearance is at noon followed by a BBQ. Stop on by as you are checking out the many open studios throughout the NE Arts District.

On behalf of the Park Board I would like to thank the St. Anthony West Neighborhood for again generously supporting programming for families at Dickman Park over the summer. We are grateful for your partnership in making these activities possible. Have a Great Spring and Enjoy the Parks.

Concerts are back this summer at the Nicollet Island Amphitheater! After a multi-year hiatus the park board is bring music back to the island. Check out the concert series and look for NIP for performance at the amphitheater on the southeaster tip of the island along the channel.

<http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/default.asp?PageID=52&prid=1516>

311 Walking Club and Dickman Park "Summer of Fun" Programs Begin

By Michael Rainville

The St. Anthony West neighborhood is proud to announce the second year of children's activities at Dickman Park. The "Summer of Fun" program will run on every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from noon to 6PM starting June 14th through August 18th. The program is run by staff of the Minneapolis Park Board and will offer children a variety of arts, crafts and educational activities. We have even arranged for field trips to the Twins, Minnesota Lynx, bowling at Elsie's, a ride on the Minneapolis Queen riverboat and a visit to the Mill City Museum.

There will also be evening activities at Dickman Park for all of us to enjoy. The first event will be Shakespeare in the Park on Saturday evening June 25 at 7:00PM. Keep your eyes on the flyers we will pass out to every home for details or go to the neighborhood web

site found at www.stawno.org

The first Neighborhood Ice Cream Party will be a joint effort between St. Anthony West Neighborhood and Catholic Elder-care. On Tuesday night June 14th at St. Anthony Church on the corner of 8th Ave and Main Street from 5:30 to 7:30, we will enjoy each other's company, eat ice cream and celebrate the Summer. We have invited representatives from the Police Department and Community Crime Prevention. Come and meet your neighbors and learn how we can all help keep St. Anthony West safe and inviting.

Did I mention the 311 Walking Club? Back in action for its 21st year, our weekly walk through the community begins June 1st at 6:30PM. We meet on the Patio of the NE Yacht Club on the corner of 8th Ave and Marshall Street and walk through St. Anthony West greeting our neighbors, picking up trash and gather-

ing emails for the community email list. In June we will also be passing out flyers for the "Summer of Fun" program at Dickman Park. St. Anthony West Neighborhood supplies 311 Walking Club t-shirts and this year as a bonus incentive the Mississippi Queen riverboat will provide a two-for-one ticket for every two walks you volunteer for. Yes, not only can you get some exercise and get to know your neighbors, but you can also earn a trip on the Minneapolis Queen riverboat!

The 311 Walking Club will walk on Wednesday June 1st, June 8th and June 22nd. July walks are on Weds., July 6th, 13th and 20th. To get your Walking Club t-shirt prior to the walk or to answer any questions, please contact Michael Rainville at 378-0431.



Second Precinct

By Nick Juarez

It is hard to believe that we are almost half way through the year. The first three months of 2011 were not so good for St. Anthony West. Overall, there were increases in Part 1 Crimes as compared to 2010: January +4, February +4 and March +1. However, that has now changed, April showed a de-

crease of -7 Part 1 Crimes (-88%) compared to 2010. Year to date the biggest drop came in Motor Vehicle Thefts -3 and the biggest increase came in Thefts +4. There was no change in Burglaries and Assaults; Robbery had an increase of +1.

As we begin the spring and summer months it is important to continue to build the neighborhood network to

effectively communicate with the City, the Police Department and your neighbors. Residents need to continue to report information to 311 and 911. As you visit with your neighbors at block events, at the farmers market and other community gatherings make sure they have signed up with the St. Anthony West Neighborhood email list and the email crime alert /GovDelivery system.

What is a Raingarden?

By Joyce Vincent

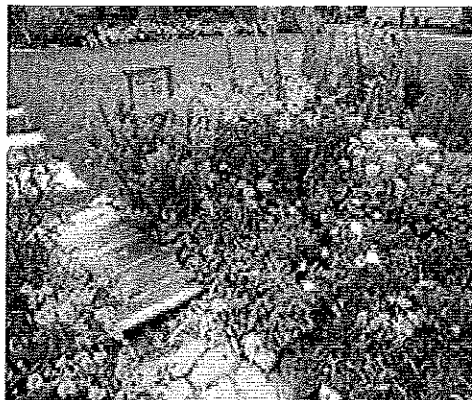
Raingardens are growing in popularity as an attractive, low-maintenance landscape alternative that helps protect and restore water quality. They are designed and planted to capture rain water so it can penetrate into the soil. This reduces the stormwater runoff that takes pollutants from the air, yards and streets and carries them into lakes, rivers and wetlands. A raingarden is a way for homeowners or business owners to reduce the effects of polluted stormwater runoff simply by planting a specialized garden designed to capture redirected runoff water and allow it to slowly drain into the ground and recharge our underground aquifers with filtered, cleaner water. Raingardens are also a way to beautify property with perennial plants that require little maintenance, thrive without fertilizer or pesticide, and enhance the value and attractiveness of your neighborhood and community.

Raingardens are an infiltration technique water is captured in a garden shaped like a basin that uses native plants. Native plants are beautiful, colorful, highly adapted plants that have grown in Minnesota for thousands of years, that adapted to our long winters and varying water flows by developing long and thick root systems and special leaf structures that are well-suited to drawing water deep into the underground. The native plant roots and the empty channels left by last

year's roots give the water the "pipes" to re-enter the ground rather than run off into the storm sewer. This ground-filtering process helps clean our precious resource our water.

What causes rainwater pollution?

There are two general categories of pollution: pollution that comes from a direct or a known source and pollution that comes from indirect contaminant sources. Direct sources like factories or waste treatment plants emit contami-



nated fluids directly into water supplies. In the United States and other countries, these practices are regulated, but this doesn't mean that pollutants can't be found in our waters.

Indirect sources (or non-point source pollution) enter our water supply from soils and groundwater that contain the residue of fertilizers or pesticides, and improperly disposed industrial wastes. Pollution in our rainwater comes from atmospheric contaminants from human practices like the gaseous carbon emissions from our cars and trucks, and

industrial air emissions from facilities like coal plants, for example. This air pollution is gathered in rainwater as it falls. It is this polluted water that flows off our roofs, lawns and sidewalks carrying residue of fertilizer, pesticide, pet waste, gas and oil into the city storm sewer, that ultimately pollutes our lakes, rivers, and streams. This is the problem raingardens help solve: raingardening is a cost-effective and beautiful way to reduce the effects of this "nonpoint source pollution" in our watersheds, and to beautify our city and neighborhoods.

Events

STAWNO Monthly Meeting—909 Main Street Lodge, Thursday, June 9th @ 6:30PM.

Third Ward C.A.R.E. Meeting—Center For Families, 3333 4th Street N., Wednesday, June 15th @ 7:00PM, Wednesday, July 20th @ 7:00PM.

Land Use and Planning Committee Meeting -909 Main Street Lodge, Thursday, June 9th @ 6:00PM, Thursday, July 14th @ 6:00 PM.

Outreach Committee Meeting—Erte, 323 13th Ave NE, Monday June 13th @ 6:00 PM, Monday, July 11th @ 6:00 PM

Minneapolis Zoomobile—Tropical Animals Of The Rainforests, June 25th, 2:00 PM @ The Northeast Library

NE Farmers Market—Pancake Breakfast Kickoff \$6, St Boniface Church parking lot, 629 2nd St NE, 9:00 AM—1:00 PM.