

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: Corn and Brat Feed

By Martin Brown

Like every MN summer, the Farmers Market season of 2011 has been flying by. It seems like just yesterday that we were eating pancakes in the basement of St. Boniface... then, suddenly, the corn was knee high. Now, it and everything else is for sale at the Market stands.

Well, you know what that means! The Northeast Farmers Market will be hosting its annual Corn and Brat Feed fundraiser on August 13th.

We hope you will consider joining us for our big grill out! We got Kramarczuk's brats and farm fresh sweetcorn. We got lemonade and musical entertainment from Jack Klatt and the Catswingers. And, to top it off, we have an awesome Farmers Market happening at the same time! (Just like every Saturday.) Mark your calendar, sync your smartphone, and RSVP on Facebook. Or just wait until you wake up smelling sausages!

The NE Farmers Market is held on Saturday mornings from 9 am to 1 pm in the parking lot of St. Boniface Church (University and 7th Ave NE).

Let's Go Outside!

By Chris Linde

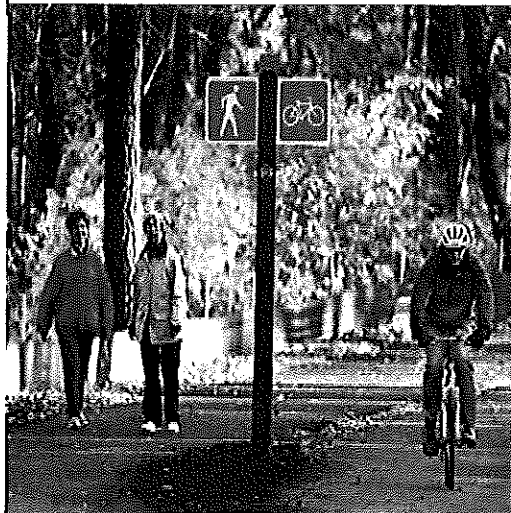
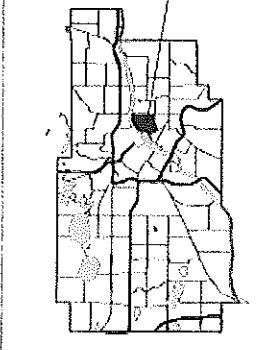
Ahh, the long days of summer are here and it's a great time to get out-of-doors. So often with our busy lives we get removed from the rhythms and beauty of the natural world, something as human beings we once relied on for our very existence. A great way to reconnect with nature and get healthy is to live an active lifestyle. St. Anthony West residents are fortunate to have an abundance of trail and park resources, so let's get started!

How about an early morning bike ride?

Waking up before noise of automobile traffic, pedaling through quiet streets, breathing cool oxygen-rich morning air is a modern day fountain of youth. And runners, sunrise on the Stone Arch Bridge is spectacular. Set the alarm clock earlier, run in the morning and avoid the heat of the afternoon. Take an evening walking tour of the many residential gardens of St. Anthony West. It's a great way to see the progression of summer though plantings and meet some nice neighbors maybe gain some knowledge about the Kingdom of Flora as well.

My point is to make time to get out-of-doors, do it often, and get to know this wondrous planet we all live on.

Saint Anthony West Neighborhood



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Third Ward Updates from Council Member Diane Hofstede

Neighborhoodfest - Wednesday, October 12 from 6-10 pm!!

The 9th annual Neighborhoodfest is Wednesday, October 12, from 6-10 pm at the Historic Nicollet Island Pavilion (40 Power Street, Minneapolis, 55401). Please join us! This year's theme is "A Festival of Neighborhoods: Connecting Neighborhoods, Connecting People."

This event is a free festival of sight, sound and community!

Neighborhoodfest will feature local businesses, nonprofits, city services, organizations, Third Ward projects, food and entertainment! Our goal is to celebrate the diversity of our Ward and the connections that unite us. Remember, it is a free event!

The University of Minnesota's Metropolitan Design Center and the world famous experts on sustainable development from Stockholm, Sweden, who developed the Hammarby Sjöstad Sustainable City Development, are joining us at Neighborhoodfest. They can answer questions and discuss their experience. We will also host a Symposium to further discuss topics of sustainability.

If you would like to participate in Neighborhoodfest by having a free booth, helping on the planning committee, or have a suggestion, please email us at diane.hofstede@ci.minneapolis.mn.us or call our office at 612-673-2203.

Please join us for our next organizational meeting, Wednesday August 10, from 7-8:30 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes, Lower Level Meeting Room (1 Lourdes Place, Minneapolis, 55414). Please join us and pass the word on to your friends and neighbors!

We Need Your Vision of the Future of the Mississippi Riverfront

in the Third Ward!

Design planning for the Upper Riverfront is moving into a new phase of community engagement after ten weeks of design review and initial relationship-building. The decisions will determine what the future of the Riverfront will look like and what kind of development occurs.

This is a great opportunity to meet with the designers from Tom Leader Studio and Kennedy & Violich, and express *your* view of what the Mississippi Riverfront should look like in 5, 10, or even 50 years in the future. While the riverFIRST proposal has many proposed design principles, themes, and possible projects, there is still time to have your voice heard!

If you are interested in materials from previous presentations at meetings or what was discussed, go to www.MinneapolisRiverfrontDevelopmentInitiative.com. On the website you can also take the Community Input Survey about your views for the River until August 9.

Please join us at the planning meetings!

Tuesday, July 19, from 7-9 pm, North Mississippi Regional Park, Kroening Interpretive Center, 4900 Mississippi Court, Minneapolis, MN 55430.

Thursday, July 28, from 7-9 pm, Bottineau Park Recreation Center, 2000 2nd St. NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418.

Thursday, August 4, from 7-9 pm, Fairview Park 621 29th Ave. N, Minneapolis, MN 55411

Plymouth Avenue Bridge

The City Council approved a capital investment project for the Plymouth Avenue Bridge to be funded by the state in the Third Ward. This project

is the highest priority project for the City Council, Mayor and Governor. The bridge is still open to pedestrian traffic and cyclists may walk their bikes across the bridge.

Wilde Roast Expansion

The local café favorite Wilde Roast (Riverview at 65 SE Main St) recently opened a new location across from Nicollet Island. They have lots more room, including a spacious patio. Make sure you try their new menu items, including homemade ice cream for the summer!

Grainbelt Building

The City of Minneapolis issued a Request for Proposals for development of the currently vacant historic building at the Grain Belt Marshall St. Site (1215-19 Marshall NE). In addition to repairs to the existing structure, new housing and development is anticipated at the vacant lot site adjacent to the building. The site could include housing and pedestrian scale mixed use commercial, retail, and office space. Proposals are being accepted separately for the building and the vacant lot. The decisions made on proposals will have a significant impact on the long-term future of the Mississippi Riverfront. Proposals are due August 1, so we will keep you updated on this project or check the city website at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

Pillsbury "A" Mill

The Pillsbury "A" Mill complex was added to the National Trust for Historic Preservation's list of America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places. A current development plan includes conversion of the historic structure into affordable loft apartments. Proposals will begin to go through the City Council Community Development Committee at the end of July. We will keep you updated on any proposals for this space!

35W Bridge Detour Routes Resurfacing Project

After the 35W Bridge collapse, traffic was detoured on 8th Avenue NE from



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which resulted in extra wear and tear to the streets. Federal funding has been approved to resurface the streets, so the bumps will be smoothed over soon!

Affordable Housing in St. Anthony East Old Third Townhomes

Construction has begun on the Third Avenue Townhomes in St. Anthony East (931 Central Ave NE). This **Habitat for Humanity** project will provide safe and affordable townhomes for eight families and includes a rain garden, playground, flowering trees

and shrubs, and decorative lighting. These additions truly represent a neighborhood improvement for future and current residents alike.

Third Ward C.A.R.E Meeting

Join us for the monthly C.A.R.E. (Community and Resource Exchange) community forum to discuss and report on critical public safety, economic development, and other issues of importance to our ward and the City. Our many partners who will be present include: The Second and Fourth Police Precinct Personnel; Community SAFE Officers; The Second and Fourth Precinct City Attorney's Office Fire Marshall Regulatory

Services Inspections Department; Hennepin County Probation Office; The U of M Police Department and others. Meetings are once a month on Wednesdays at 7 pm at Eastside Neighborhood Services (1700 2nd Street NE). July's meeting is canceled due to the Minneapolis Aquatennial Torch Light Parade. Enjoy the parade! Future meeting dates are: August 17, September 21, October 12 (Come to Neighborhoodfest, 6-10 pm at Nicollet Island Pavilion, 40 Power Street, Minneapolis, 55401), November 16, December (No meeting, enjoy the

News in the Parks...

By Liz Wielinski

The fish and Wildlife Service and the city of Minneapolis, in partnership with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB), City of St. Paul and, Audubon, Minnesota, today celebrate Minneapolis and St. Paul's implementation of the Service, Urban Conservation Treaty for Migratory Birds (Urban Bird Treaty). Under the Urban Bird Treaty program, the Park Board will conduct habitat restoration (focusing on native plants) and invasive species management, and will develop educational materials to support conservation of birds that spend a portion of their lifecycle in this metropolitan area.

Minneapolis and St. Paul sit at a geographic crossroads for a variety of migratory, resident and breeding birds that use the diversity of forest, marsh, grassland, and river habits provided by the Mississippi River, said Tom Melius, Regional Director of the Service.

Midwest Region. The Service will dedicate a \$70,000 Federal grant to the

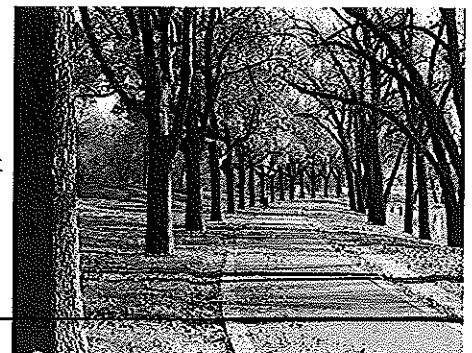
Urban Bird Treaty (UBT) partnership, which will be used for on-the-ground, bird-friendly efforts by the partners over the next two years. Of the \$70,000 UBT grant, the MPRB will receive \$25,000 to purchase native plant materials for North Mississippi and B.F. Nelson Parks, located along the Mississippi River. Funds will also be used for interpretive signs to educate citizens about birds and the importance of native plant species. The Mississippi River Green Team, youth employees ages 13 to 18 who are working at both parks to remove invasive plant species, will also plant the new native plants at each site. The Mississippi River Green Team is a partnership between the MPRB and the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization.

For more information on the construction at B.F. Nelson and Boom Island, here is the website <http://www.minneapolis.org/default.asp?PageID=1131>

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board launched a new e-mail subscription service to provide residents and park users with timely email updates on Park Board activities and services. The service allows subscribers to choose the topics they are notified about, including Board

meetings, news updates, parkway closures, planning projects, activities, programs, events, facilities and seasonal brochures. You can sign up for everything from seeing when Main street will be closed for a race or run, to golf deals at Gross, concerts on Nicollet Island and sports season registration. Sign up at <http://www.minneapolispark.org/default.asp?pageid-1086>

Don't forget to get to Dickman Park on August 11 for "Ballet of the Dolls", and "Little Red Riding Hood" at 6:30pm, The Park Board would again like to thank the St. Anthony West Neighborhood Organization for being a generous sponsor of these activities at Dickman.



Little Red Riding Hood performed by the Ballet of Dolls

Join your neighbors at Dickman Park (7th Ave. & Main St. NE) on **Thursday, August 11** at 6:30 pm for a special performance of Little Red Riding Hood. The Ballet of Dolls usually performs at the Ritz Theater, but this night they are bringing the action to us! FREE!



Second Precinct

By Nick Juarez

It is hard to believe that we are more than half way through 2011; summer is winding down, and fall is right around the corner. St. Anthony West overall is not doing too badly with Part 1 crimes when compared to last year. The neighborhood is down -1 (39/40) in Part

1 Crimes over the same time last year.

There has been no change in: Homicide (0), Auto Theft (4) and Arson (0) from 2010; Burglary (-3) and Theft (-2) saw reductions over 2010. However, the neighborhood has seen an increase in Rape (+1), Robbery (+2) and Aggravated Assault (+1). As we wind down the summer and prepare for fall, let's

remember to be aware of our surroundings. Call 911 to report suspicious people and activity. Call 911 when you witness illegal activity and provide details to the operator. Continue to support your neighbors and communicate with your neighbors and share information. Consider being your block's point of contact with the 2nd Precinct, and as always be safe and enjoy your community.

Traditions

By Dan Brady

Everybody has a tradition in their family. One even sings about it, like Topol from the musical "Fiddler on the Roof". But in Saint Anthony West, we have two unique traditions on 4th St NE. The couples that provide the material for this are the Sticha's and Holmes/Stern. They do this by celebrating their love for each other by having an event that has taken place the last few years with welcomed neighbors and guests. The dictionary states that tradition is "any time-honored practice" and both of these true Nordeasters have developed and nurtured a time-honored practice of having a party in the street with either a car rally or a folk dance during the month of June.

The early June happening that has grown from a quarter-barrel and some friends of John Sticha who gather to admire hotrods (i.e. John's '32 Roadsters and '40 Ford Coupe) have morphed into four whole barrels of beer, additional friends of John's wife Martine, BBQ spread, music (by the likes of the Batson Bros.), celebrities (only one that I recognize, Brian Setzer of the namesake orchestra and the Stray Cats), and a block of antique automobiles that required Martine and John to shell out \$30 for a permit to close off 4th St. between 7th and 8th Ave. NE. John has been in the neighborhood since 1992. Martine and John have been together on 4th St. since 2005 and were married last year. But the car rally has been on-going and they decided to merge their love of cars and their anniversary. Putting their

stamp on a unique event that would be called a tradition. Neighbors from all over Northeast, metro area, and outstate get to enjoy a wonderful day in the sun, eating, listening to live music, eyeing cool cars and offering well wishes to their host, the Sticha's.

At the other end of the block, between 6th and 7th Ave. NE, Mimi "Everything You Need To Know About Chickens" Holmes and Ed "Fleet Footed" Stern, who has lived in St. Anthony since 1976, with Mimi for over twenty years and married for over a decade, have their own way to celebrate a tradition using their anniversary as a basis point. Their lore begins with Ed's folk group the Morris Dancers of Minneapolis dueling in a Dance-Out with their rivals, the Ramsey Braggarts of St. Paul. These two groups use their feet and hands with musical accompaniment of a squeeze-box and clarinet in a wild, but structured dance combination that serenade the couple with all the neighbors and friends witnessing the hoopla. The dances trace their roots to the British Isles incorporating costumes that have color sashes (representing purity, life, sun-light, and fertility) and a mascot (human hobby-horse) that usually entertains the neighborhood kids. The culmination of all the eclectic mix of dancing occurs at Mayslak where more than a beer is consumed and a few toasts are lifted to the happy couple.

Both of these burgeoning traditions have more than a single thread that joins them. It is not just sheer exuberance of communicating their love to each other, but that the community

becomes an active participant in these traditions.

Events

STAWNO Monthly Meeting—909 Main Street Lodge. Thursday, September 8 @ 6:30PM.

Third Ward C.A.R.E. Meeting—Center For Families, 3333 4th Street N., Wednesday, August 17th @ 7:00PM, and Wednesday, September 21 @ 7:00PM.

Land Use and Planning Committee - 909 Main Street Lodge, Thursday, August 11th @ 6:00PM, and Thursday, September 8th @ 6:00 PM.

Outreach Committee Meeting—Erte, 323 13th Ave NE, Monday August 8th @ 6:00 PM, Monday, September 12th @ 6:00 PM

Movie in the Park, Dickman Park, 7th Ave and Main St. NE, will be showing Pixar's movie "Up" August 18th @ dusk. Bring a blanket and bug spray.

8th Annual Historical Riverfront 5K Walk/Run. To support a good cause. Help the St. Anthony West Neighborhood Organization with its annual fundraiser: the 8th Annual Historic Riverfront 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, October 8. There are multiple ways to participate: Sign up for the 5K at active.com, volunteer at the 5K (email gama0006@umn.edu) or become a sponsor (email gama0006@umn.edu). Money raised goes towards the Dickman Park Summer Program, B. F. Nelson Park and other activities