

# 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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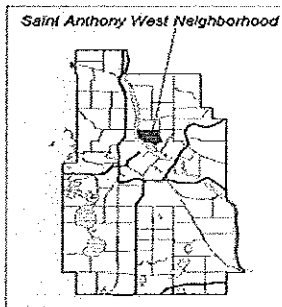
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## Recap from Your Neighborhood Board's May Meeting

By Pete Gamades

The key action from St. Anthony West Neighborhood Organization (STAWNO) Board of Directors May meeting was the approval of \$8,000 to fund the Dickman Summer Park Program. The Dickman Summer Park Program consists of FREE kids programs three days a week and three evening events that are great for the whole family. The funds came from the proceeds of the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Historic Riverfront 5K last fall.

Another upcoming neighborhood event is

scheduled for Thursday, June 14, at 6:00 PM at Catholic Eldercare. The evening will consist of an ice cream social followed by STAWNO's Board of Directors meeting at 6:30 in the lower level of the Main Street Lodge. Come join us for the ice cream social and stay for the Board Meeting!

As always, if you have any suggestions on what we could do better as a neighborhood, please contact us at [neighbors@stawno.org](mailto:neighbors@stawno.org) or 612.378.8886.

## Eastside Neighborhood Services

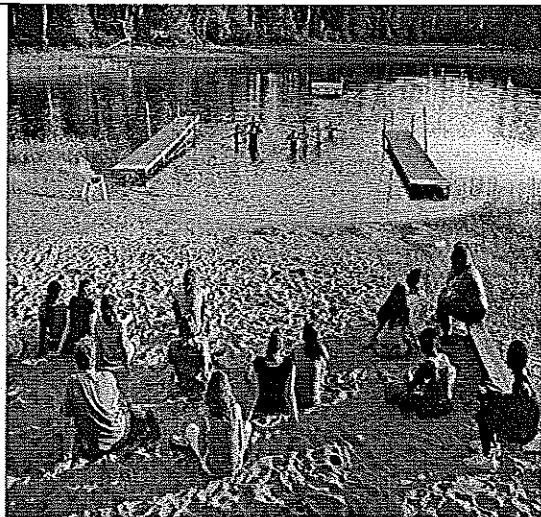
By Andrew Pooch

Camp Bovey provides a safe place for youth to have fun while participating in outdoor activities that help build respect for themselves, one another and the environment. For over 60 years, Camp Bovey has been giving boys and girls from NE Minneapolis a place to create fun memories and great friendships.

Located in the beautiful Northwoods of Wisconsin on Lake Metzger, Camp Bovey's 200 acres offer the perfect setting for girls and boys to experience the wonders of nature in a safe and exciting environment. Kids go to camp for weeklong sessions throughout the summer with opportunities to fish, swim, build fires, shoot with a bow n arrow, ride a horse and many other exciting outdoor activities.

We are an American Camp Association (ACA) accredited camp. This assures you that camp practices have been measured up against 300 national standards that go a step beyond our state's basic licensing requirements.

Want to learn more? You can visit [www.esns.org](http://www.esns.org) to see our activities and a typical day at camp, learn about our summer staff opportunities, and discover how you can register for our 2012 camp programs!



### Events

Outreach Committee Meeting—Erte, 323 13th Ave NE, Monday, June 11th @ 6:00 PM, Monday, July 9th @ 6:00 PM

STAWNO Monthly Meeting—909 Main Street Lodge, Thursday, June 14th @ 6:30PM and July 19th @ 6:30 PM

Third Ward C.A.R.E. Meeting—Eastside Neighborhood Services, 1700 2nd Street NE, Main Floor Community Room, Wednesday, June 20th @ 7:00PM. No July meeting.

Land Use and Planning Committee —909 Main Street Lodge, Thursday, June 14th @ 6:00PM, and Thursday, July 19th @ 6:00 PM



## Third Ward Updates from Council Member Diane Hofstede

### Third Ward University Avenue / 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Traffic Work Group Update:

Underway: the University Avenue Traffic Work Group is discussing the planned overlay of University Avenue and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and will be making recommendations on traffic speed, use of the roadways, traffic impact areas, repairs, lights, and general traffic calming strategies for University Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, and other streets in the Northeast and Southeast areas. The Traffic Work Group members include Minnesota Department of Transportation District Manager John Griffith; Jon Wertjes, Director of Traffic and Parking Services for the City of Minneapolis; and Second Minneapolis Police Precinct Inspector Bryan Schafer. The work group will report back at the June 20<sup>th</sup> Third Ward CARE meeting, at Eastside Neighborhood Services, 1700 2<sup>nd</sup> St NE, Community Room.

### Assistant Chief Harteau Nominated for Minneapolis Police Chief!

Police Chief Tim Dolan has announced that he will retire at the end of 2012. Assistant Police Chief Janee Harteau has been nominated for the Police Chief position. Janee Harteau brings with her 25 years of experience with the Chief's office, starting in 1987, becoming the Inspector of the 1<sup>st</sup> precinct in 2006, and being named as the Assistant Chief in 2011. Harteau would begin her term as Chief in January 2013.

### Plymouth Bridge Repair & Construction.

Repairs to the Plymouth Avenue Bridge, over the Mississippi River, will begin in July. The bridge is ex-

pected to reopen to vehicle traffic in mid-October. The project will be done in two phases, over 2012 and 2013. Once the bridge reopens, it will remain open throughout 2013, with some lane restrictions. The bridge will close to bikes and pedestrians during 2012 construction, but will be accessible during 2013 repair work. The Plymouth Avenue Bridge was closed after it was found to have significant deterioration in its post-tensioning tendons (cables that run inside the bridge). An analysis concluded that the bridge could reopen to pedestrian and bike traffic, but would need to continue to be closed to motor vehicle traffic. The City secured \$6 million in State funding to complete the repairs. This summer's construction work will focus on the bridge's center span. Crews will remove deteriorating concrete, replace it, and replace the corroded cables. When the span is repaired, the bridge can reopen to traffic this fall. The Plymouth Avenue Bridge opened in 1982, and carried more than 14,000 vehicles a day. The new Lowry Avenue Bridge is on track to open in June 2012!

### SAVE THE DATE!

### THIRD WARD NeighborhoodFEST

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10<sup>th</sup>

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

### NICOLLET ISLAND PAVILION

On Nicollet Island

40 Power St., Minneapolis, MN 55401

This fall's NeighborhoodFEST, scheduled for Wednesday, October 10 at Nicollet Island Pavilion, will have an "Our Riverfront, Our Future/Get it Locally" theme. This FREE event will be held from 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm, offering FREE FOOD, FREE ENTERTAINMENT, FREE community information, networking, and local business

owners. If you would like to be an exhibitor at this year's event, please email Council Member Hofstede at [diane.hofstede@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:diane.hofstede@minneapolismn.gov)

Please check out <http://www.facebook.com/thirdwardfest> & <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/ward3/index.htm> for more information and updates.

For a review of the 2011 Third Ward NeighborhoodFEST, go to <http://blip.tv/minneapolis-television-network/third-ward-neighborhoodfest-2011-5705074>.

Join us in the planning on May 22, 6:30 pm at Logan Park!

### 1720 Marshall St NE: Our New Parkland Addition!

The location is currently a 37,780-square-foot building, and a previous manufacturing facility. The Minneapolis Park Board, in March of 2012, passed a design plan and framework for the upper riverfront called RiverFirst. This property, according to the resolution for the purchase of the property, is a "critical acquisition" for the RiverFirst plan.

The trails along the east side of the river will be the first step in implementing the RiverFirst plan, which also includes developing a park at the Scherer Brothers site, connecting North Minneapolis to the river via a greenway, and adding bike bridges to existing bridges.

### New Third Ward Boundaries

Redistricting of all of the Minneapolis City Council, Minnesota Legislature, and Park Board boundaries has been adopted. The boundaries will go into effect November 2013 for the City Council and the Park Board. The Minnesota Legislative Districts are in place for this year's elections.



(Diane Hofstede, continued from page 2.)

To check out the City and Park Board boundaries go to <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/www/groups/public/@clerk/documents/webcontent/wcms1p-090097.pdf>

**Cycle Fitness On Marshall Street**  
Revolution Fitness, a cycle fitness studio, opened at 1928 Marshall Street NE in early May, and is owned by Dawn Doll. For the month of June 2012, men-

tion that you read about it in the Beacon to try out one class for free!

Event for Our Popular Beat Officer Elliot Wong on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at Vic's on the Riverfront, 201 Main St SE, Minneapolis, MN from 5:00-6:30 P.M. See you there!

**Third Ward CARE - Community Meetings**

Our Third Ward CARE monthly meetings are community engagement forums to discuss and report on critical public safety, economic development and other

issues of importance to our ward and the city.

**News to Share?**

If you have news that you would like to have in our newsletters and announced, please send it in to the Third Ward City Council Office, Thank you!

Sincerely, Diane Hofstede

**From The Parks**

By Liz Wielinski

Welcome to the busy season in the parks. The grass is growing, the trees are blossoming and the spring leagues have taken to the fields. Just in time the Park Board's new Summer Guide is available online. Just click on the link for either high or low resolution on the lower left corner of the MPRB webpage at <http://www.minneapolisparcs.org>. It lists festivals, events, and nature programming and summer recreation activities throughout the city park system for the summer. Lots of fun for everyone. Don't have the Internet? Printed copies are available at our recreation centers and your local library. Starting up on May 28th, it's Music and

Movies in the Parks (June 9th for the movies). This year East Minneapolis will have concerts on Mondays at the Nicollet Island Amphitheater and on Tuesdays at Father Hennepin Bluffs Park. For the full schedule see <http://www.mplsmusicandmovies.com/>!

Thank you, STAWNO, for sponsoring a movie at Dickman Park, Wed., August 1st, Kung Fu Panda 2.

It's back and ready to move forward... RiverFirst Phase III will kick off again at the end of June. Get ready to help bring back Hall's Island, bridge Interstate 94 and connect the trails to the northern city borders. Stay tuned for more details.

**Boom Island/ BF Nelson Park.** The work continues as the plaza and gardens along the waterfront are updated

and repaired. The replacement lights for Main Street are on order, and the kiosk BF Nelson is being assembled. Our Green Team will be planting for bird habitat this summer in BF Nelson Park and along the inner channel of Nicollet Island, thanks to a grant funded by the Audubon Society. And finally, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board has just signed the purchase agreement to acquire the building and land at 1720 Marshall St. NE. This property is better known as Psycho Suzie's valet parking lot. This purchase will continue the Park Board's efforts to complete the Riverfirst Plan for the east side of the Mississippi.

**Summer Health For Northeast!!**

By Sally Grans

There are many ways to be healthy this summer with walking and biking in our great city. Wearing sun screen, a helmet and keeping an eye out for crazy drivers are the main safety instructions. Strolls in the shade or biking in the breeze are all great ways to increase your metabolism, get some vitamin D and see the beauty all around us! As noted in this issue, the 311 walking group is a great way to get some exercise, pick up trash and visit with your neighbors.

However – there are some additional city-sponsored tours that can show you many different neighborhoods, as well

as touring our own Nord East. It is a great opportunity to see the city and learn more about the various communities. Look up the following websites; no reservations are needed. Questions call 612-333-3410 or

[Mackenzie.truner@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:Mackenzie.truner@minneapolismn.gov). this neighborhood as well as touring other parts of the city. See the links below for the various dates and locations; Bike Tour – family – Saturday June 16 at 10 am – starts at B F Nelson, Marshall Ave. NE and 5th St. NE, Bike 55+ Tour on June 27 – 10 am starts at Logan Park, 55+ Walking tour July 11, 10 am, to walk at B F Nelson, Boom Island and Nicollet Island. Link for the neighborhood bike tours - or the "Adult Bicycling Series", as the City calls it: <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/www/groups/public/@publicworks/documents/>

[images/wcms1p-089627.pdf](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/www/groups/public/@publicworks/documents/images/wcms1p-089627.pdf) Note that there's also a "55+ Walking Series" which includes a couple of bike tours—<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/www/groups/public/@publicworks/documents/images/wcms1p-089095.pdf> And a "Family Bicycling Series", which includes an Art-A-Whirl tour. I know it's way too late for any publication, but still good to know about—<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/www/groups/public/@publicworks/documents/images/wcms1p-089094.pdf> Preserve Minneapolis is offering a number of walking / biking tours throughout the city this summer:<http://www.preserveminneapolis.org/wpfile/tours/>



## Farmers Market Report

By Martin Brown

With Opening Day for the Northeast Farmers Market just days away, we figured it was about time to entice you with a preview...

As you may know, the Market hired a new Manager this year. Please join us in welcoming to the team Sarah Knoss, best known in these parts for coordinating the kitchen at the Ukrainian Center! Sarah has put together an incredible vendor line-up for 2012. Consider yourself invited, every Saturday, to partake in the good times!

We're thrilled to be welcoming new food trucks from the Anchor Fish and Chips and Stanley's grass-fed beef hot dogs from Waterdogs, locally-grown Italian treats from Gnocchi.Me, bike-powered smoothies from Smoothie Cycle, 10,000 Licks Popsicles, and Amos Artisan Ice Cream, alongside creative concepts such as Bali Baby Fashion, Pepperoni is Not a Vegetable, and Little Salem henna tattooing. The Market even teamed up with the Northeast

Brewers' Alliance, who will be hosting regular beer-brewing demonstrations!

We're also welcoming back favorites, including farmers like the Her family and the Yang family, Gerald Harris, large-scale gardeners Dave and Kathy Brewer, photographers Shirley K. Doyle and Kim Buell, massage therapist Jennifer Pyper-Muno, chiropractor Chris Hanson, alchemist LeJoy Rothe, and Terry Sias's Tantalize Sweets and Savories.

Our new pastured beef and pork vendor, Rolling Hills Traeger Ranch, will be bringing eggs, too...the folks at Garden Farmer and Faithful Grounds will be bringing organic back. It's a Farmers Market, no question about it – and with music, kids programming, cooking demonstrations, EBT/food stamp capability, bike repair workshops, and events nearly every week, it's also the most happening community event you could ask for on a Saturday morning!

Near and dear to many hearts is our Opening Day Pancake Breakfast. This year's Breakfast will feature Whole

Grain Milling Company pancakes, Hope butter donated by the Red Stag Supperclub, real maple syrup, sausages from Sentyrz and Market Title Sponsor the Modern Cafe, plus milk and orange juice from Organic Valley and bottomless Peace coffee (thickened by Cedar Summit cream!). We'll be hosting the Breakfast in the basement of St. Boniface Church again in 2012 – and charging 2007 prices to boot!

Join us for opening day on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Expect a full-fledged 40 vendor Farmers Market aboveground and an almost-all organic pancake breakfast in the basement of St. Boniface. It's still only \$6. We still supply the freshest food in Northeast Minneapolis. And you're still only a short walk away from all the excitement!

The Northeast Minneapolis Farmers Market takes place on Saturday mornings from 9 to 1 in the parking lot of St. Boniface Church (University and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenues NE) starting June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

For more information, visit online [nemarket.org](http://nemarket.org) or [facebook.com/NortheastFarmersMarket](https://www.facebook.com/NortheastFarmersMarket)

## Second Precinct

By Nick Juarez

**St. Anthony West Neighborhood.** In preparation for your neighborhood meeting, I am providing the crime maps for Part 1 Crimes for your neighborhood. The maps show year to date (YTD) for the period 1/1/ - 5/9, 2011 and 2012.

Overall, the neighborhood is showing an increase of (+5) in Part 1 Crimes compared to 2011.

**There were no changes in:** Homicide: 0 (0 incidents in both years), Rape: 0 (0 incidents in both years), Auto Theft: 2 (2 incidents in both years), Arson: 0 (0 incidents in both years).

**There has been a decrease in:** Burglary: (-1) (2 incidents in 2012).

**There have been increases in:** Robbery: (+2) (3 incidents in 2012), Aggra-

vated Assault: (+2) (3 incidents in 2012), Larceny: (+2) (14 incidents in 2012). This includes: theft (7 incidents in 2012), theft from motor vehicle (5 incidents in 2012), theft of bicycle (2 incidents in 2012), and theft of motor vehicle parts.

Comparing crime patterns from 2011 to 2012, the main "hot spot" for Part 1 Crimes continues to be the area between Main Street NE to Broadway Street NE to 4<sup>th</sup> Street NE to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE.

A new area that has had some incidents is the area between 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE to 4<sup>th</sup> Street NE to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE.

The rest of the neighborhood's patterns has remained the same as 2011.

As the weather continues to warm-up and the walking groups get into full swing, continue to:

- Talk to your neighbors.
- Encourage people to sign-up for the neighborhood email list and the Minneapolis Police Department email alert system.
- Try to identify a point of contact on every block.
- Remind your neighbors to take valuables out of their vehicles.
- Secure screen and patio doors.
- Secure main doors on your house and garage.

**Always be aware of your surroundings and report suspicious activity to 911 as it is happening.**



## 311 Walking Club and Dickman Park "Summer of Fun" programs begin

By Michael Rainville

The St. Anthony West Neighborhood is proud to announce the third 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 12<sup>th</sup> through August 16<sup>th</sup>. 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's, bowling at Elsie's, a ride on the Minneapolis Queen riverboat and a visit to the Mill City Museum, the Minneapolis Institute of Art, the Ritz theater and the Pierre Bottineau library.

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 Friday evening June 29 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](http://www.stawno.org)

The first Neighborhood Ice Cream Party will be a joint effort between St. Anthony West Neighborhood and Catholic Eldercare. On Thursday night June 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Anthony Church on the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Main Street from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> year, our weekly walk through community begins Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM. We meet on the Patio of the NE Yacht Club

on the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Marshall Street and walk through St. Anthony West greeting our neighbors, picking up trash, and gathering 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. This is our chance to learn more about each other, our neighborhood, as well as get in a little exercise. The "Guest" walker on June 5<sup>th</sup> will be Shawn Murphy, the City's bicycle czar; he will give us the details on the 5<sup>th</sup> street bike boulevard and answer all your bike infrastructure questions.

The 311 Walking Club will walk on Tuesdays in June and July. To get your Walking Club t-shirt prior to the walk or to answer any questions, please contact Michael Rainville at 378-0431.

## National Survey Rates Consumers Cooperatives

Washington, D.C. (May 2, 2012) – Nearly one-third of Americans (29 percent) say they belong to a consumer cooperative and 72 percent of Americans think cooperatives such as credit unions and rural electric co-ops are "helpful to consumers" with only 11 percent saying they are "unhelpful," according to a new national survey. The survey was developed by the National Cooperative Business Association (NCBA) and Consumer Federation of America (CFA), and was administered to a representative sample of 1,008 adult Americans by Opinion Research Corp International (ORC) on the weekend of April 19, 2012.

"This survey illustrates that the 29,000 cooperatives in this country offer a much-needed alternative that consumers appreciate," said Liz Bailey, interim president and chief executive officer of the NCBA. "At a time when the entire business community is focused on demonstrating shared value

and social responsibility, it's gratifying to know that Americans continue to place their trust in member-owned, democratically governed cooperative business enterprises."

Further, survey respondents rated consumer cooperatives more highly than for-profit businesses on measures of quality and service. Cooperatives out-ranked for-profits in several areas: Quality Co-op For-profit, run their business in trustworthy manner 76% - 61%, have the best interests of customer in mind 74% - 52%, are committed to providing the highest quality of service to their customers 77% - 64%, provide products that are of high value 75% - 70%, can be counted on to meet their customer's needs 79% - 67%, offer fair, competitive prices 77% - 70%.

"The Consumer Federation of America has long believed that cooperatives offer pro-consumer services and enhance pro-consumer competition in the marketplace," said Stephen Brobeck, executive director of CFA. "It is gratifying to

learn from this survey that consumers agree with us."

Consumer cooperatives are owned and democratically controlled by their members – the people who use the co-op's services – and include credit unions, childcare cooperatives, electric and telecommunications cooperatives, food co-ops, health care co-ops, housing cooperatives and more. Cooperatives return dividends to their members—not to outside investors, as in for-profit businesses

### Phone Numbers and Websites

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St. Anthony West Neighborhood Organization, 612-378-8886,

[www.stawno.org](http://www.stawno.org)

Block Club Training and Information—  
612-673-3204