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AN UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

by David Pascoe, STAWNO Board Chair

Ladies and Gentlemen of Saint Anthony West, welcome to spring! We have another exciting series of events planned this season of sun, and I hope you take advantage of the many opportunities to meet your neighbors. We board members work hard to represent the neighborhood, and we can't succeed without your input.

In March I was honored to be elected chair of the STAWNO Board of Directors. Pete Gamades decided to not seek re-election after several years of distinguished service, but we are lucky that he continues to serve on the board as vice chair. A big thank you to Pete and all of the 2014-2015 board members and alternates!

I moved into the neighborhood almost four years ago and quickly realized how lucky I was. The neighborhood is blessed with so much history, but our residents



have a keen eye to future development and opportunity. I'm excited to bring my perspective as a renter to the position of chair, and I would love to have more renters involved in the shaping of our community. Working together with homeowners, renters, businesses, and non-profits, we can achieve a true blend of interests in our diverse and dynamic neighborhood.

Please read this newsletter for more info on events and be on the lookout for our postcards. Thanks to the work of Phil Cross and the Outreach Committee, we recently approved street signs with our logo, and those will be installed soon. The effort to save our urban

canopy continues; we encourage you to be pro-active in managing the ash trees on your street. One of the most important initiatives that STAWNO has taken on in recent years is the drafting of a Small Area Plan for the neighborhood. We recently executed a contract with Biko Associates Inc., and you'll read more about this effort later. Please attend those sessions and let your voice be heard, as the document will shape the Saint Anthony West neighborhood for decades to come!



If you ever have any questions or concerns, I am happy to help. My personal cell phone is 757-773-3331, and you can access an online form to reach me at the URL listed above. I look forward to serving over the next year!

'WALK AND LEARN' DATES SET FOR 2015

by Michael Rainville

With the warm weather upon us, the Saint Anthony West Neighborhood Organization has organized four excellent opportunities to learn more about your neighborhood and the issues the Board of Directors is working on.

Dates and topics for this summer's "Walk and Learn" events are:

- Tuesday, June 2 - Scherer Bros. Park. Construction is scheduled to begin in September. Here is your chance to ask questions of the park board.



- Tuesday, June 16 - Main Street Median. All ash trees will be removed from this median by the park board. How do we successfully re-plant the median, and what is important to us? What types of trees and bushes are desired? Low maintenance? Art? Historical markers? We welcome your input and questions.
- Tuesday, July 7 – B.F. Nelson and Boom Island Parks. Listen to a National Park Service ranger explain the rich history of this part of our neighborhood. Last year we learned that Boom Island was a port for a steam ship line that ran to St. Cloud in the 1800s.
- Tuesday, July 28 - University Avenue and the Superior Plating Housing Development. No other street impacts our neighborhood more than University Avenue. Walk with us and learn about options to improve the corner of Broadway and University and the traffic that is way too loud and fast as it travels through our community. Lennar Homes plans to break ground this fall for a 600-unit development on the Superior Plating site; here is your chance to learn more and ask questions.

All walks start at 6:30 p.m. from the patio of the Northeast Yacht Club (corner of 8th Avenue NE and Marshall Street). The walks are free and open to everyone. Questions? Contact Michael Rainville at 612-378-0431.

A REMINDER TO LEASH YOUR PETS

Northeast Minneapolis community member Sarah Lovern advocates dog leashing through the adjacent poster as a response to a citation she received at Boom



Island Park after off leashing her dog last November.

City of Minneapolis police have started to enforce dog leashing in the area. The poster reminds us not to get too ex-“cited” as the weather gets nicer and furry friends eagerly want to go out to play.

So, what’s the fine print? The City of Minneapolis requires that dogs be leashed and under your control at all times; licenses are required for dogs, cats, ferrets, and rabbits as well as rabies vaccinations; and pet waste must be picked up in your yard and on walks.



WEBSTER ELEMENTARY UPDATE

by Ginger Davis Kranz, Principal, Webster Elementary

As some of you may have seen from driving by or visiting Facebook, Webster’s construction is in full swing. It is



amazing to see how quickly it changes inside from week to week. Interest in Webster is always growing as well. I continue to regularly get calls and emails from people interested in sending their children to Webster, people interested in working at Webster, and community members who want to connect. Kindergarten is filling fast, and first and second grades



are growing in numbers. If you know of anyone considering a switch for their rising kindergartner or first grader, please have them get in touch with me. It is such a joy to share in the enthusiasm of

building a new school community!

I just want to quickly share some items of possible interest:

- Webster has “bell times”! We will start our day at 8:05 a.m. and conclude our regularly scheduled day at 2:35 p.m.
- Minneapolis Kids will offer care before school and after school (6:30-8:05 a.m. and 2:35-6 p.m.). There is a minimum number of students needed in the program for it to go, so please go to their website <http://mplskids.mpls.k12.mn.us/home> to get any questions answered and sign up early if you need care.



- Webster Elementary will not have a High Five preschool program this coming school year. The program was not able to be expanded at this time; however, we will continue to explore options for preschool offerings for the following school year. All families that had filed a placement card for Webster for High Five have been called and will have the opportunity to clarify their first-choice school before placements are done (or their second choice simply becomes their first choice) for High Five.

- May 21, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Davis Service Center, we will work to get students enrolled at Webster who have been placed/chosen Webster. (This involves a variety of forms and other paperwork to get students’ files activated.) More will come down the road on that.



I am thrilled to have the opportunity in the next few weeks to review applications and interview educators who want to work at Webster Elementary. My hope is

that we will be able to have a casual meet-and-greet with the new staff and Webster community sometime in June.

A FEW MORE ITEMS OF INTEREST

by David Pasoe

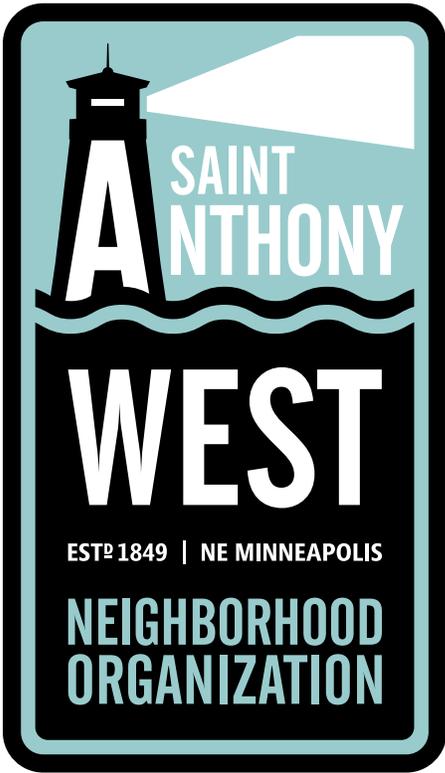
Emerald Ash Borer

The Emerald Ash Borer has been weakened, but it is still here! The invasive species will eventually kill any untreated ash trees in the neighborhood, which will have a devastating effect on our urban canopy. STAWNO has committed to saving 1/5th of the trees (about 100) in our neighborhood, and we encourage you to be pro-active in protecting or replacing the ash trees near you. For more information on the resources available, contact the Minneapolis park board at 612-313-7710 or forestry@minneapolisiparks.org.

An Ounce of Prevention...

With increasing development in and around our neighborhood, we will see more people and more parked cars. This could encourage a rise of petty theft and other crime, but we can fight back! Please be vigilant when walking after dark and always remember to lock your car. Public safety starts with you, the individual!





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ABOUT STAWNO

The Saint Anthony West Neighborhood Organization (STAWNO) is located in northeast Minneapolis, the birthplace of our city. Our historic neighborhood was established in 1849 on the banks of the Mississippi River as the Village of St. Anthony Falls. Later, we were merged with the new city of Minneapolis in the late 1850s. Today, we are proud to be one of the city's oldest neighborhoods and pleased to be a part of the transformation taking place along the river in northeast Minneapolis. STAWNO is the designated citizen participation organization for this community. Our meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month and are open to the public. We welcome your comments, questions, and participation.

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Kayla Cross

RESOURCES

Use the following phone numbers and email addresses to find more information on the services you're looking for.

If you have a question or need assistance with contact information, please contact us.

- **Community Crime Prevention Specialist, 2nd Precinct** – Nick Juarez: 612-673-2797
- **City of Minneapolis Information Number:** 311
- **Third Ward Council Member Jacob Frey:** 612-673-2203 email: jacob.frey@minneapolismn.gov
- **Saint Anthony West Neighborhood Organization (STAWNO):** 612-378-8886 email: neighbors@stawno.org
- **Pierre Bottineau Library:** 612-543-6850
- **Northeast Senior Services:** 612-781-5096
- **Literacy Council:** 612-789-9024
- **Block Club Training Information:** 612-673-2797

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