



NEWSLETTER

Hale, Page, and Diamond Lake Community Association

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2000 Celebrate at 9th Annual Picnic in the Park

Where did HPDL residents have an opportunity to chat with neighbors, listen to music, entertain their kids, win a door prizes, learn more about their neighborhood, munch on free cookie or frozen treats, drink, eat, and have loads of fun? At *The Big Backyard Get-Together*, the annual "Picnic in the Park," that's where! HPDL and Pearl Park work together to bring this community-building event to Todd Park every summer.

Neighborhood volunteers organize the event and then set up tents, games, information tables, and food booths. The Park Board brings the "Showmobile" for the music performances –this year by D,Crew (reggae & salsa). Neighborhood churches and community groups supply information and some surprises. Attractions at the picnic this year included: face painting, balloon sculptures, Dunk Tank, Moon Walk and Ball Crawl, carnival games, basketball shoot, NSP science experience, a crime and safety tent, and a fire truck. Attendees saw a presentation by the Morris Dancers (Traditional English folk dancers) and may have run into a Mermaid, McGruff, or even Elmo from *Sesame Street*.

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Election Meeting

Positions Open Your Chance to Impact the Neighborhood

The September 18, 2000, meeting of the HPDL Community Association is an important one. Up to six residents will be elected to the Board of Directors.

You might ask, "Why would I want to be an HPDL board member?" Aside from the chance to interact with some terrific people and help your neighbors, this next year is especially critical to the neighborhood. The Board will guide HPDL through planning efforts for Phase II of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP). This is a city-wide program where certain funds gained through downtown development come to city neighborhoods. Neighborhood residents determine how to use this money for improvements and initiatives. The goals of NRP are to create a sense of community, to increase cooperation in services provided by different governmental units and to build neighborhood capacity.

In Phase I of the NRP, HPDL created a "Neighborhood Action Plan." Many projects and neighborhood initiatives began due to information gathered from residents through surveys, meetings, focus groups, and workshops. You may remember that HPDL collaborated in the Hale School and Pearl Park improvements and developed its own Housing Loan Program, Community Gardens, Walk Patrol, and Bicycle Police Patrol due to Phase I.

The NRP program was funded for 10 years with the expectation of being renewed for 10 more years. This second round of funding is now authorized, and neighborhood planning must begin immediately. Due to a legislative mandate, much of the money in this round must be directed towards housing initiatives.

Members of the HPDL Board of Directors serve for a two year term (unless fill-

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Clean Sweep 2000

Did you see us driving past your house through the alleys on Saturday, August 5th? Yes indeed, those people riding on the backs of the garbage trucks were HPDL volunteers!

This year was the most successful CleanSweep event yet. Weather was in our favor, the truck drivers were a great help, and our volunteers were fantastic! If specific guidelines are followed, each Minneapolis neighborhood is able to participate in CleanSweep. The city of Minneapolis Solid Waste and Recycling department provides the city employees, drivers and trucks, and the neighborhoods must provide volunteers to follow the trucks and pick up trash.

The items we collect for CleanSweep are the same items that the city will normally collect at no cost. Did you know that . . .

Garbage Day Items/Large Items: You are allowed to place up to **two** large burnable items out every week. Just place the

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Picnic in the Park is a great time.

Howard Goldberg

Phone: **824-7707**

You make the call:

Bus Ride Info 373-3333
 Humane Society 522-7130
 Animal Control 348-4250
 CCP/SAFE 673-3015
 Mary Etzioni 673-3717
 Burned Out Street Lights . 673-2429
 Airport Noise 726-9411
 Graffiti Removal 673-5858
 Pearl Park 370-4906
 City Council Member
 Doré Mead ⁽¹¹⁾ 673-2211
 County Commissioner
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HPDL Community Calendar

Sept. 18	HPDL Community Meeting	Pearl Park, 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 25	HPDL Board Meeting	HPDL Office, 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 23	HPDL Board Meeting	HPDL Office, 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 20	HPDL Community Meeting	Pearl Park, 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 27	HPDL Board Meeting	HPDL Office, 7:00 p.m.

VOTE
HPDL Board of Directors
 Peal Park
 7 p.m. Monday
 September 18th, 2000



CleanSweep volunteers passed through your alley August 5th.

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