



Residents Can Help Buck Buckthorn

by Bob Lind

Buckthorn is a noxious weed. It's a serious problem for landowners and park systems. Buckthorn is readily spread by birds that eat the fruits and leave seeds in their droppings.

Buckthorn shrubs are easily seen in the fall. When most trees and shrubs have dropped their leaves for the winter, buckthorn retains its green leaves, often into late December.

We need your help to remove this plant from Minneapolis. If you have buckthorn on your property, please either dig it out or cut it down and prevent it from resprouting.

The HPDL Environmental Committee will be carrying out a buckthorn removal program around Diamond Lake this fall. We'll hold an HPDL Buckthorn Roundup on Saturday, October 20, made possible by a grant from the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District. If you want information on how to remove buckthorn and treat stumps, we can help by providing you with fact sheets on buckthorn control. Also, we need 40-50 volunteers to help with the cutting, hauling and stacking of buckthorn for pickup and chipping. If you would like to volunteer for the Diamond Lake Buckthorn Roundup on Saturday, October 20, please call the HPDL Community Association at 612-824-7707.

Picnic in the Park

by Ruth Tank

862, or maybe it was 863. There were a lot of cookies I handed out for the 10th Annual Picnic in the Park on July 26 at Todd Park. And from my perspective behind the chocolate chip cookie table, everyone looked to be enjoying themselves. The Moon Walk remained inflated, the Morris Dancers were on the beat, and D'Crew Live packed the infield with listeners as well as provided great reggae/ salsa music for the wandering crowds to enjoy.

At the height of summer, the event has proven to be a carnivalish, fairish, Garrison-Keilorish, Mayberryish, or simply an HPDL "neighborish" time to celebrate the antithesis of the 20-degree- below-zero months when shorts are worn only over thermal underwear and when licking a Popsicle would be a very stupid dare to take.

Yep, it's a worthy and necessary celebration and we look forward to the tradition of P-I-P continuing for many years to come.

This event would not be possible without the generous donations from: GJ's Super-Valu (56th & Chicago), TCF Bank, and Wells Fargo Bank

Raffle prizes were donated by the: HPDL Quilters, MN Children's Museum, First Course Restaurant, Toro Company, and Mike's Corner Store

Door Prizes were given by: Diamond Lake Hair Salon, Science Museum, Rainbow Foods, MN Lynx, Klier's Nursery, Chez Daniel, Dairy Queen, 5-8 Club, Kemp's Dairy, Fat Lorenzo's, and Walgreen's.

Thank you to Pearl Park, PIRC, the HPDL Picnic planning committee, and all of the volunteers who gave of their time and talents to make this year's event a success!

VOTE
HPDL Board of Directors
Pearl Park
7 p.m. Monday
September 17th, 2001

Clean Sweep is a Blessing



by Ruth Tank

Thank you to everyone who donated time to the Clean Sweep effort on Saturday, August 25. We had a great assortment of garbage to haul away, including chairs, rolls of carpet, shelving units and boards. To the man who just moved in and thought our crews were angels for hauling his garbage away – sorry, these angels only come once a year!

To anyone who found the metal items they had set out still there after the day was over, we didn't take metal because it requires a different truck. We have requested a metal truck for next year so keep your eyes open for next year's Clean Sweep.

A special thanks to the HPDL Environment Committee for taking on the charge of organizing this event, and to the volunteers who prepared food and to those that rode the trucks!



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HPDL Volunteers riding the trucks for Clean Sweep.

HPDL Community Calendar

Monday, Sept 17	Annual Meeting and Board Elections	7 p.m. Pearl Park 414 E. Diamond Lk. Rd.
Monday, Sept. 24	Board Meeting -- election of officers	7 p.m. HPDL Office 5144 13th Ave. S.
Saturday, Oct. 20 early a.m.	Buckthorn Removal Project	Around Diamond Lake (call the office)
Monday, Oct. 22	Board Meeting	7 p.m. HPDL office
Tuesday, Nov. 6	City Elections	A voting booth near you!
Monday, Nov. 19	Community Meeting	7 p.m. Pearl Park

HPDL Board Elections

The third Monday of September (the 17th) at 7 p.m. at Pearl Park, HPDL will hold its annual election meeting. Please come, discuss our neighborhood's future and then vote.

The HPDL Board of Directors consists of 11 members, two each from the Hale, Page, and Diamond Lake neighborhoods and five at-large. The Board sets policy for the association and oversees operation of HPDL committees, activities and events. Each director is elected to serve a 2-year term on a "staggered" basis, with only some of the Board seats vacant each year. Directors are asked to attend monthly Board Meetings and serve in an area of interest as a Board Officer or member of a committee—Board operational, community activities, or ad hoc. Any resident of the HPDL neighbor-

hoods over 15 can run for a seat on the Board of Directors. At-large members can be a non-resident property or business owner.

NRP Policy Board electors and alternate electors will also be selected at the meeting. Electors receive candidate information, attend candidate forums, and cast a ballot at the citywide election on November 29, 2001.

A Great Deal on Compost Bins!

Backyard composting is an easy way to turn much of the waste from your yard and kitchen into a rich material that you can use to improve your soil.

How to get your bin:

1. Fill out an order form online at: www.co.henn.epin.mn.us/environmental/household/bins.html or call the HPDL office at 824-7707 for an order form.
2. Hennepin County will reserve a bin for you and send you a confirmation card
3. Bring cash or a check for \$15 and your confirmation card on your chosen event day.

Bins must be paid for and picked up on the day of the event (located in NE Mpls on October 6, or South Mpls on October 20), sorry no exceptions.

For more information call 612-348-9266

NRP Phase II Funding in Limbo

by Doug Frevert, Chair HPDL

This summer, the major source of funding for HPDL dried up. In August, the HPDL Board and its various committees met to select a course of action. Since so much depends on the city elections this fall, HPDL decided to move some unspent funds out of a Commercial Development account to fund the HPDL office until after the election. It will allow HPDL to keep its skilled staff, in hopes that there is a Phase II.

In the meantime, our staff is working to complete HPDL's Phase II Participation Agreement and tally the Survey. HPDL awaits the City election with high hopes.