



Earth Day 2002

Our annual Earth Day Clean-up was probably the biggest success the event has ever seen. Last year we had 15 brave volunteers show up on a rainy Saturday morning. This year, the number jumped to a gigantic 109 who came out to help clean up the shoreline of Diamond Lake, along Minnehaha Creek, and around Todd Park.



Some volunteers cleaned the forest.

On behalf of HPDL and the Environmental Committee, thank you to all of you who participated and made the event what it was. A special thank you to Bob Lind, who was our representative on the Minneapolis Steering Committee and responsible for much of the logistical organization of the day. Also, thank you to the following businesses for donating food, gift certificates, or their time. We appreciate your partnership in our community efforts and hope that we can continue to work together in the years to come!

- Pepitos Restaurant grilled lunch for all the volunteers
- Super America donated 10 dozen donuts for registration
- Mike's Movies donated 3 gift certificates
- Sister Sludge donated 2 gift certificates

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Kids making party hats.

Picnic in the Park

Led by Geneva Dorsey and Lisa Lohmann, volunteers from HPDL, Pearl Park, and PIRC have been busy planning this year's gala—the 11th annual “Picnic in the Park.”

This year the festivities are moving to **Pearl Park**, located at Diamond Lake Road between Portland and Hampshire Avenues. There will be carnival games, moon walk, ball crawl, characters, bingo, batting cages, and “Ring the Bell;” local church and community group booths to visit; neighborhood CCP/SAFE team, bicycle officers, ambulance, fire truck and McGruff to chat with; music with a salsa and reggae beat by D’Crew Live (back for the third year by popular demand); food and beverage including pop, hot dogs, pizza, popcorn, fresh roasted sweet corn and watermelon; a **Raffle** featuring a quilt handmade by HPDL residents, a lawn blower/vac, four MN Twins Tickets, free monthly Caribou Coffee beverage, MN Children’s Museum admissions and \$50.00 Diamond Lake Hardware Gift Certificate; door prizes; and, best of all, your neighbors and friends.

It’s our chance to come together and celebrate our neighborhood and each other. See you there! Remember it is **July 25, 2001 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.** at Pearl Park.



Michelle and Dana Bacon sell tickets.



Mighty Band of Walkers Parade Our Neighborhood

by Susan and Graham Ford

On the sunny evening of May 21st, a small, but mighty band of walkers met at the HPDL Office. They put on their famous **green hats**, introduced themselves, and had a short review of the purpose of the Walk Patrol.

They broke into a couple of groups and together they toured nearby areas. New friendships were made and as they walked through the neighborhood, our cards were handed out to those they saw, inviting participation in the Walk Patrol. A lovely English garden captured their attention (one of the hidden pleasures of walking), and a few green cards, reminding neighbors to close garage doors, were stuck in garage cracks along the way.

The Walk Patrol are folks who are a loosely organized subgroup of the Crime Prevention and Community Safety Committee, who normally walk around their neighborhood for exercise, to walk the dog, or just for a breath of fresh air, who also keep their eyes open for minor problems and call 911 when necessary. Except for two or three times each summer when we walk as a group, the rest of the time everyone just walks when and where they wish. (Some folks prefer to walk down alleys.) Some of the things about which we as neighbors should have a concern, are open garage doors, unlocked running cars, valuable personal property left temptingly around, graffiti,

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Susan Ford shows off her Walk Patrol hat in England.

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etc. Our neighborhood generally has a very low crime rate and we help ourselves by keep our eyes open as we walk around.

If you are a registered walker and were not able to join us that night and haven't gotten your hat yet, stop by the office and Rosie will have one for you. Also, if after reading this exciting article, you are interested in officially joining the Patrol, call the HPDL Office and they will be happy to sign you up.

Remember—Walk anytime and anyplace, but wear a Green Hat (our “colors”) as a reminder to others that “we are watching”. We all share the common goal of a safer community through crime prevention.

If you see someone in a bright green hat, give them a friendly wave and remember: **Always keep your garage door closed.**

Questions? Call Susan and Graham Ford 824-6768.

(If you are planning a trip, take your green hat along, take a picture, and send it to HPDL. It will be fun to see the hats traveling.)

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Other volunteers cleaned the shores.

Future environmental projects include:

- Buckthorn Removal Project: Part II (Fall 2002)
- Waste Reduction and Environmental Awareness booth set up at Picnic in the Park (July 2002)

If you have a desire to get involved with environmental issues in the neighborhood, please contact the HPDL office.

Reduce Junk Mail

Drop in a Card at the Big Mailbox at Picnic in the Park!

by Gail Von Bargen

During the cold winter months, some HPDL activists were inspired to write for a grant to fund a project geared toward environmental waste reduction. It was decided that a quick and easy project would be junk mail reduction, and that with a well-attended event like Picnic in the Park (PIP), we could garner enough participation to cut the mass of unwanted mail to 1,000 HPDL households! The Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board agreed and awarded us one of their Community POWER Grants, for which we are very grateful! The grant will enable us to buy a canopy, identifying banners, graphics and entertainment to feature at an environmental awareness tent at this year's PIP.

The premise is this: If 1,000 fair goers were enticed to stop by our tent and fill out a card addressed to the Direct Mail Merchandising Association in New York and HPDL collected the cards right there to mail in for those folks, 1,000 households would receive a cumulative few tons' less paper each year for five years! Registering with the Direct Mail Merchandising Association works this way because merchant members of the DMMA abide by individuals' requests to be excluded from their mailings for five years. The grant money HPDL has been promised will cover the cost of individually mailing all the cards we collect.

At the environmental booth, we will provide information intended to promote environmental stewardship, including information on composting, re-using resources and a take-home piece on how to receive fewer credit card solicitations by mail. We've asked Carol Johnson, of the Women's Cancer Resource Center, to share our space at the booth, since the WCRC's premise is that environmental toxins, some present in household products and some created in consumer waste processing, are the cause of many cancers. Carol offers information on environmental toxins and home cleaning product alternatives. She has been featured in the Mpls. StarTribune.

We hope you will stop by our booth at Picnic and the Park to chat with us and that you will drop a card in the giant mailbox to reduce the flow of unwanted “junk” mail!

The HPDL Gardening Committee has created two beautiful gardens, and are looking for extra hands.....

The gardens are located at Bloomington and the Minnehaha Parkway, and Hampshire and Diamond Lake Road.

If you are interested in working on the Bloomington garden, please call the office at 612-824-7707.

If you are interested in working on the Hampshire garden, volunteers meet the first and last Mondays of each month.

Thank you!
HPDL Gardening Committee

Neighbors — This Picnic's for You!!

by Karen Pritz

{To the tune of A Bicycle Built for Two}

Neighbor, neighbor, give us your answer do.

We're half crazy, planning a picnic for you.

It won't be a fancy dress ball; we can't afford a town hall.

But we'll tap our feet, with lots to eat,

With friends at the picnic for you.

Neighbor, neighbor, whether you're 90 or 2,

You'll find lots of fun stuff to see and do.

Community groups and Raffle; we'll map it so you won't baffle.

July twenty five, we give you no jive,

Five thirty to eight thirty two.

Neighbor, neighbor, there will be music too.

Lots of games and activities we can do.

Local merchants and ventures, have donated prizes and victuals.

So we'll have fun while we talk in the sun

At the picnic at Pearl — yahoo!

From the Chair

by Dana Bacon, HPDL Chair

While summer is always a great time to relax, see old friends and meet new people at Picnic in the Park (July 25th at Pearl Park), this summer I encourage you to become familiar with the McKinsey Report. This report will help determine how neighborhoods and City Hall interact for years to come. Just how different things become is up to people like you.

The McKinsey Report offers a plan for Minneapolis to reform its several community development departments. This report relies on hundreds of community surveys and interviews as well as scholarly documents to help develop its main points. Depending upon which ideas are adopted by the City Council, multiple city departments will be reorganized, development priorities will be reevaluated, and NRP (the program that helps support our neighborhood group) will be different by summer's end.

The need for the McKinsey Report comes from several corners. Between statewide tax system changes and an economic slowdown, the city's budget faces considerable fiscal strain. A related change in state tax laws has also undermined the city's main funding source for the NRP. At the same time, city leaders want to know how Minneapolis can do a more efficient job of meeting its housing and community development needs while continuing to support the good work of neighborhood groups such as HPDL.

In the next several weeks, we will have the opportunity to review the McKinsey Report, meet with our local city leaders, and share our thoughts as to what should or should not be done to meet the challenges listed above. I admit there are more relaxing ways to enjoy one's summer, but there's a lot at stake in this reorganizing decision. Paying attention and speaking up will help ensure we get an outcome we can all support.

Thank you for your continued interest in making HPDL a better place to live and work. Enjoy your summer!

*Sincerely yours,
Dana Bacon*

Note: To see the report for yourself, visit:

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/news/communitydevelopment/>

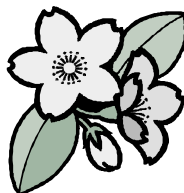
If you cannot obtain the report online, call City Hall's main phone line at 673-2200 for more information.

Looking For Business Association Committee Members

The Hale, Page, Diamond Lake Community Association, comprised of both storefront and home-based business owners, is looking for "new blood" and fresh ideas! Each year, the Association has applied for and received a grant to be used to enhance the HPDL Businesses and build relations in the HPDL Community. We will be at the Picnic in the Park event on July 25th, at Pearl Park if you would like more information, or call our office at 612-824-7707.

Yes!

I want to help HPDL keep my neighborhood a great place to live.



Here is my tax deductible contribution:

\$10 \$15 \$25

\$50 \$100 Other _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: __ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Please return this form with your check payable to:

HPDL, 5144 13th Avenue So., Minneapolis, MN 55417.

Thank You!

From City Hall

Scott Benson

City Council Member, Ward 11

To my friends and neighbors with HPDL—Thank you for the opportunity to update you about the happenings at City Hall. I will try to keep my column short but informative. If you have any questions or want to learn about something more in depth, please feel free to e-mail me scott.benson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us or call my office at (612) 673-2211.

New Noise Contours

At a Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) hearing Monday, May 20, 2002, MAC voted to withdraw the noise contour lines that were submitted for approval to the FAA and to redraw the lines based on a perception of a change in the amount of air traffic and change in the carriers fleet mix. This action was taken in spite of the fact that Northwest Airlines (NWA) admits they will be up to 95% of their pre 9/11 traffic by later this summer and NWA's statements in business publications and to the StarTribune that they will continue to rely on the older and noisier DC-9's rather than purchasing newer, quieter airplanes.

Jeff Hamiel of the MAC promised a lengthy citizen and public process to redraw the lines, but as was pointed out by someone who participated in the last process, after the citizen input process was completed, the lines changed with no citizen input. In addition, MAC will base its model on the year 2002 and the flights taking place this year. In January and February of this year, night time operations were at approximately 25% of the what they had been during the same period last year. Currently, those levels have rebounded to over 50% of their prior level. They continue to climb. If NWA and other airlines do return to 95% of pre 9/11 traffic, it is safe to assume that the night flights will resume to prior levels as well, but obviously this will not be reflected in the traffic patterns from the early part of this year.

McKinsey Report

On June 14, 2002, McKinsey & Company, a management consulting firm who donated their services to the City of

Mpls., released the results of a six-month study. They were looking into better ways to manage the development operations of the city. The full report, an executive summary and list of frequently asked questions are available on the city website, or from my website www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/ward11/. Look under ward issues.

The study identified several major issues to improve development in the city. McKinsey believes that the city lacks strategic leadership, clear goals and priorities when it comes to development, that projects are too narrowly focused on real estate development, and that when projects are brought forward, there is little coordination between various city departments, little accountability for overall development management and poor customer service.

To correct these problems, McKinsey recommends three broad changes: 1) Agree on development priorities and establish goals for top priority issues; 2) Adopt new processes to ensure better strategic planning and development management; 3) Change the development organization to increase accountability, improve coordination, and align the organization with stated city priorities.

McKinsey also recommends that these changes be adopted and implemented within the next 18 months. Public discussion has started and will continue. If you have comments or questions, please feel free to contact me at scott.benson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us or 673-2211.

New CCP/SAFE Website

The Minneapolis Police Department CCP/SAFE (Community Crime Prevention/ Safety For Everyone) Unit has created a link to the Minneapolis web page. This link allows residents to find out more about what SAFE does, upcoming events, trainings, and information about crime alerts, direct your internet browser to www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/mpd click on "Crime Prevention".

Low Interest Mortgages

The City of Minneapolis announced a new low interest rate of 5.99% with one point through CityLiving, a joint home mortgage program for Minneapolis and Saint Paul residents.

The latest phase of the Minneapolis/Saint Paul joint housing program is financed by \$25 million in tax exempt bonds purchased by Fannie Mae (FNM/NYSE), the nation's largest source of financing for home mortgages. This rate is available for first time home buyers for straight purchase loans and combination loans used to purchase and improve a home. Existing homeowners who want to refinance and undertake extensive improvements are also eligible. With new below-market rate financing, qualifying should be easier than ever for those who want to buy or fix up a home this spring.

With the new CityLiving program, people can have incomes up to \$84,370 (depending on family size) and purchase an existing home or a newly constructed home for up to \$175,591. A CityLiving loan can also be used to refinance an existing home if the owner plans to do extensive improvements. Special assistance loans that provide closing costs, affordability assistance, and rehab assistance are available from some lenders. These loans are due upon sale of the house and may contain accrued interest.

For information on how to apply for the 5.99 percent with one point interest rate mortgage loans and other CityLiving home programs contact the Mpls. Community Development Agency (MCDA) — 673.5288 or visit City Living on the Web at www.cityliving.org. Applications will be accepted beginning June 3, 2002.

Graffiti Update

Sgt. Richard L. Duncan Graffiti Coordinator recently gave an interesting update regarding graffiti in Ward 11 and the City of Minneapolis as a whole.

The city of Minneapolis was hit hard with graffiti the first two months of the year and this is mostly due to the mild winter that we experienced. For this first quarter of the year, the City of Minneapolis was down 43 incidents (4.3% decrease in graffiti). The call load from the graffiti hotline had increased by 1,017 calls for the same period.

Arrest of graffiti vandals has increased by one. Arrests have been of the more active graffiti vandals in the city. On the average, each arrest generates 10 cases against the vandal arrested.

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Meet Your Neighbor

by Laurie Frevert

Sue Claude

Currently I'm an account manager for GE Plastics. Throughout my career I've worked in various roles within the plastics industry. After I graduated from the University of Minnesota I moved to Los Angeles and worked for McDonnell Douglas. I was able to move back to Minnesota with Honeywell.

The summer is usually taken up with gardening and various home projects. Winter activities include quilting.

During college I would dream about having a grand, old house with a red tile roof. I grew up in the suburbs, Apple Valley, and I was charmed by the unique character of Minneapolis' old attractive, established neighborhoods with tree lined streets.

The pride HDPL residents have in their homes and the neighborhood is evident. One of the strengths of the area is the diversity – generational, ethnic and cultural. It is great to see people that have lived in the area for 75 years mix with young families that have recently immigrated to the United States. I think that one of the unique characteristics of Minneapolis is that there are neighborhoods like HDPL that are attractive, livable, basically safe and affordable. We need to work today to ensure that we maintain this for future generations.

Even though I've lived in the HDPL neighborhood for 6 years, and Minneapolis for 15, I'm always discovering new gems. For example, I went over to Min-



Sue Claude

Iris Von Bergen

nehaha Falls a couple of weeks ago and was amazed with the beauty of the park.

Recently I've been working with the HDPL Quilters to make a quilt to raffle off at the Picnic in the Park in July. It's been a great way to meet people in the neighborhood and hear stories of how the area has changed over the years. This intergenerational group includes women that have lived in the neighborhood for over 50 years along with women that are raising young families. We talk about public schools, sound proofing program, highway construction, local and city politics, local business and restaurants - it's a great way to feel connected to the neighborhood. I've been active in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the Twin Cities Marathon.

I'm single and don't have any kids - but have a dog, and I happen to live on a very dog friendly block, just about every house on the block has a big dog. When sirens go off on the emergency vehicles on I-35W - the neighborhood basset hound starts to howl - and before long, all the dogs are howling - a regular symphony of barking and howling. I find it pretty funny and it always makes me smile.

Libby Pomroy

I work as a freelance editor. My specialty is recipe editing. Some current clients include "Cooking Pleasures" magazine and the Betty Crocker Kitchens.

I have a B.S. in Technical Communication from the U of MN. The Technical Communication program is much like a journalism degree with a science minor – in my case, horticulture with an emphasis in native plant materials. This field was ideal for me, I could combine my science interests with a writing career. My husband, Joel Howard, works in the same field and has an M.S. in Technical Communication.

With jobs in the native plant materials area in short supply, I took a "temporary" job (along with HPDL neighbor Su Skog) writing computer system manuals for Hennepin County Information Services. After nine years, I took a position with Cray Research. Nine years later, I moved to General Mills, working as an editor. It combined my communication skills with



Laurie Frevert

Libby Pomroy

my passion for cooking (I had a side catering business for years). I started freelance editing about eighteen months ago, still maintaining some Betty Crocker work while I added other clients.

I volunteer at my daughters' schools (Mary is at Field; Maddie just finished up at Hale), as well as at Children's Home Society of Minnesota, the agency we used to adopt our girls from Korea.

Joel and I have lived in the HPDL neighborhood for 17 years. We can't imagine living anywhere else. Why would we, when we have the best neighbors in the world?

Reid Strand

I love living in the neighborhood because of the parks and lakes, the well kept lawns and houses, low crime rates, and the property values that just keep going up!

In my spare time I enjoy woodworking, gardening, and cooking.

My home includes a mean can named Marvin who doesn't like me but won't move out. :)

I really like the fact that my friends are so impressed by the neighborhood that several have bought homes nearby.



Reid Strand (Eiffel Tower)



Viola Carlson turns 90

Viola Carlson, staff person at HPDL turned 90 YEARS OLD on Tuesday, May 28 this year. Viola lives with her daughter Carla in the Hale Neighborhood (you might have seen her on her daily bike ride around Lake Nokomis). She has worked for the HPDL neighborhood association for six years, and has been an invaluable asset to our community. In honor of her 90 years, Mayor Rybak de-

Saying Good-bye to long-time HPDL Volunteers

Dick Saunders, of the Page neighborhood is leaving our community with his wife Marie to be closer to their family. Both have been greatly involved in this community with airport noise issues, commercial grant programs, business association, chair of the HPDL board, and volunteers for our annual events. Both will be greatly missed.....Good Luck to You!



HPDL Committees

Airport — Call

Building Community — Last Wednesday

Business Association — Call

Commercial Development — 3rd Monday

4:30 p.m., Nokomis Cup

Crime and Safety — 1st Tuesday

Housing — Call

Newsletter — Call

You make the call:

Bus Ride Info 373-3333
 Humane Society 522-7130
 Animal Control 348-4250
 CCP/SAFE 673-3015
 Robin Liljeberg 673-2502
 Burned Out Street Lights . 673-2429
 Airport Noise 726-9411
 Graffiti 673-2090
 Pearl Park 370-4906
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 Peter McLaughlin ⁽⁴⁾ 348-7884
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HPDL Community Calendar

July 22 Monday	HPDL Board Meeting 7 p.m.	HPDL Office 5144 13 th Ave. S.
July 25 Thursday	Picnic in the Park 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Pearl Park 414 Diamond Lk. Rd.
August 6 Tuesday	National Night Out	Your Block
August 24 Saturday	Clean Sweep 8 a.m.	HPDL
August 26 Monday	HPDL Board Meeting 7 p.m.	HPDL Office 5144 13 th Ave. S.
Sept. 16 Monday	HPDL Community Meeting and Board Elections 7 p.m.	Pearl Park 414 Diamond Lk. Rd.
Sept. 23 Monday	HPDL Board Meeting 7 p.m.	HPDL Office 5144 13 th Ave. S.

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In the 11th Ward, during the first quarter of the year, there were 19 reported cases of graffiti, all of it is thought to be done by taggers, rather than gang members.

Inspections, Solid Waste, and the Police Department are expediting the removal process by making communication between the departments more efficient. It is the responsibility of the property owner to remove the graffiti within 20 days, as stated in the graffiti ordinance. If graffiti is not removed within that time period, Inspections will be citing problem addresses. Residents should report all the graffiti they see to the graffiti hotline at 673-2090 or www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/contact/email-form-graffiti.asp

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Electronic Newsletter

I plan to start an electronic newsletter to keep you up to date on what is happening at City Hall. If you would like to receive this update, please e-mail me at scott.benson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us and put "E-mail Update" in the subject line.