



NRP Policy Board

Each year, neighborhoods select electors that, in turn, meet to elect the neighbor representatives of the NRP Policy Board. Each HPDL neighborhood, Hale, Page, and Diamond Lake, will select one elector and one alternate at HPDL's annual meeting on Monday, Sept. 16, 2002.

The NRP Policy Board sets policies governing NRP and approves neighborhood Action Plans. It is composed of representatives from five governing jurisdictions – The City, County, Park Board, Library Board and School Board – as well as representatives from the neighborhoods, foundations, labor, community groups and the State Legislature. Neighborhoods have four seats on the Policy Board, one for each type of neighborhood – Protection, Revitalization and Redirection – and one At-large.

Electors receive a packet of information on the candidates and attend a candidate forum. Then, electors vote November 21. Please, consider being an elector or alternate for your neighborhood. It won't take much time and is one way to find out more about the workings of NRP.



Thank You Clean Sweepers!

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HPDL Board Elections

The third Monday of September (the 16th) at 7 p.m. at Pearl Park (414E. Diamond Lake Road), HPDL will hold its annual election meeting. Please come, discuss our neighborhood's future, enjoy free Pizza donated by the Domino's on 46th and Bloomington. Register for door prizes, and then vote.

The HPDL Board consists of 11 directors, two each from the Hale, Page, and Diamond Lake and five at-large. The Board sets policy for the association and oversees the HPDL committees, activities and events. Each director is elected to serve a 2-year term on a "staggered" basis. Each year, some seats are vacant. This year six seats are open.

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

A Quick review

NRP (Neighborhood Revitalization Program) is a program that allows neighborhoods to determine their priorities in improving and stabilizing their neighborhoods. NRP was created in 1990 by the Legislature. HPDL secured "transition funding" for improvements to Todd Park and the Diamond Lake Nature Trail in 1991, before being selected by lottery to officially enter the program. Residents then participated in a lengthy planning process from January 1992 to July of 1994 to create a Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan, setting goals and priorities for the neighborhood. Since that time we have implemented many projects and plans to achieve these goals. We are currently beginning to plan a Phase II Action Plan.

Pearl Park Site of 11th Picnic in the Park

There was a party going on right here. The Picnic we have but once a year. We took our tents and our tables too. We moved the event to Pearl Park this year. Celebration!

We did celebrate this party so well. July 25th was an "iffy" day. It had rained the day before and it threatened rain that day. But – the Picnic in the Park volunteers started setting up for the 5:30 event at around noon. The clouds rolled in and the clouds rolled out, and in the end the sun shone.

Over 2000 HPDL neighbors and friends joined in the festivities of the 11th annual *Big Backyard Get-together*, Picnic in the Park. Children and adults alike enjoyed food and drink, carnival games, moon walk, ball crawl, a fire truck and ambulance, Minneapolis Police "bike cops" and Mounted Patrol, community and neighborhood church booths, local businesses, park naturalists, balloon sculptures, face painting, NSP science experiments, dancing by Uptown on Calhoun Morris Dancers and music by D'Crew Live. Some lucky people won door prizes and a mere \$1.00 per ticket bought a chance to win raffle items which included a hand made Quilt created by *HPDL residents* (Helen Merrill, Laurie Frevert, Vania Meyer, Arlyce Johnson, Susan Merrill, Sylvia Jones, Sue Claude, Shelia Radtke, Susan Marek, and Diana Poppitz), a Lawn Blower/Vac donated by *Toro*, One Free Drink Every Month donated by *Caribou Coffee*, 4 Free Admissions donated by the *Minnesota Children's Museum*, one in four chances to win a 4 Pack of Tickets donated by the *Minnesota Twins*, and a Gift Certificate from *Diamond Lake Hardware*.

The Hale, Page and Diamond Lake Community Association (HPDL), Pearl Park and PIRC (Pearl Improvement & Recreation Council) collaborate each year to produce this event. Donors, sponsors and many volunteers make the festivi-

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HPDL Board of Directors
 Pearl Park
 7 p.m. Monday
 September 16th, 2002

HPDL Community Calendar

Monday, Sept 16	Annual Meeting and Board Elections	7 p.m. Pearl Park 414 E. Diamond Lk. Rd.
Monday, Sept. 23	Board Meeting -- election of officers	7 p.m. HPDL Office 5144 13th Ave. S.
Monday, Oct. 28	Board Meeting	7 p.m. HPDL office
Tuesday, Nov. 5	City Elections	A voting booth near you!
Monday, Nov. 18	Community Meeting	7 p.m. Pearl Park
Monday, Nov. 25	Board Meeting	7 p.m. HPDL office

Picnic from other side

ties possible. Thanks go to the Picnic Committee: co-chairs Geneva Dorsey and Lisa Lohmann, Viola Carlson, Liz Kraus, Steve Voss, Karen Pritz, Judy Cooper Lyle, and Rosie Doege. A big thank you goes to our sponsors: *Kowalski's Market; TCF Bank, and Fat Lorenzo's Restaurant* for their donations. A special thanks to Edina Realty agent Karen Johnson for supplying the moon walk this year—her enthusiasm for the picnic is contagious!

The Picnic in the Park is a tradition of fun, frolic and festivity, a chance to celebrate our neighborhood and, most importantly, a chance to interact with neighbors. It may take a village to raise a child, but it only takes neighborhood residents to throw an event! The change to Pearl Park this year from Todd Park did not hamper our capacity for enjoyment. We look forward to the 12th picnic next year. Anyone interested in joining the Picnic in the Park Planning Committee, call HPDL at 824-7707.



Balloon Magic delighted more than just children at Picnic in the Park..