



Celebrate the Summer with Picnic in the Park

By Karen Pritz

It's our neighborhood's biggest summer celebration! Come "eat, drink and be merry" at this summer's Picnic in the Park, scheduled for Thursday, July 31, 2003, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Pearl Park, 414 E. Diamond Lake Road. This 12th annual event is brought to you by the HPDL Neighborhood Association, PIRC (Pearl Improvement and Recreation Council) and Pearl Park.

Sponsors of this year's picnic include: sponsors are: TCF Bank, Kowalski's Markets, HPDL Business Association, and Fat Lorenzo's Restaurant.

Bring a blanket or chair or grab park seating to enjoy the music of D'Crew Live, back again this year by popular demand. Demonstrations of English folk dancing, called Morris Dancing, will also entertain you. At 7:00 p.m., look for an exciting new feature of this year's picnic, the Best in Show Pet Competition. Your pet can be entered in one of three fun categories.

Many favorite activities for children are returning, including carnival games, face painting, balloon sculptures, and the moonwalk. New this year is a Jacob's Ladder, where you try to reach the top of a ladder before it twists and dumps you right off. The entire family can roam the grounds of Pearl Park to see the ambulance, fire truck and Minneapolis Police Department Horse Patrol and visit booths featuring information on various community organizations, HPDL businesses and churches. And if you get hungry,

... in the news

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Balloon animals at the 2002 Picnic.

there will be grilled corn on the cob, watermelon, pizza, pop, beef hotdogs and popcorn to purchase.

Don't forget to register to win door prizes and purchase a chance (or two or ten) for a raffle item. This year's raffle features a quilt handmade by HPDL residents, valued at \$300; a Toro Lawn Blower/Vac, valued at \$70; three 4-packs of tickets for the Minnesota Twins, valued at \$68 each; two vouchers for admission to the Science Museum of Minnesota and Omni Theater, valued at \$24 each; and a \$100 gift certificate to Fat Lorenzo's Restaurant.

Finally, the winner of the Treasure Hunt sponsored by the HPDL Business Association will be announced. (Log on to the HPDL website at www.rabbithood.com for details on the treasure hunt.)

Come to Pearl Park on July 31, 2003 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to join in the fun. See you there!



Dancers at Picnic in the Park

"Best in Show" Right Here in HPDL!

Join us for a wild and wacky pet show! This year's Picnic in the Park will feature a "Best in Show" Pet Contest for HPDL residents. This fun display of our neighborhood's furry (and maybe not so furry) friends will occur on the Main Stage at 7:00 p.m.

There will be three five-minute contests: best pet costume, best pet trick and a pet/owner look alike contest. One winner in each category will be selected by our panel of judges and each winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate from Aqualand Pet Store, located at 54th and Chicago. No registration is necessary to participate, simply bring your pet to the Main Stage at 7:00 p.m.

Picnic in the Park is scheduled for Thursday, July 31, 2003 at Pearl Park.

Please be aware that you must keep your pet contained or leashed during the Picnic in the Park event and pick up after your pet.

If you have any questions about Picnic in the Park, please call the HPDL office at (612) 824-7707.



\$500,000 Triathlon at Lake Nokomis

On Saturday, August 2, 2003 at 9:00 a.m., the Life Time Triathlon will start from, and later finish at, Lake Nokomis. The richest prize purse in the history of the sport, \$500,000, is attracting a lot of attention. NBC will broadcast the morning's activities at 1 p.m.

It's a chance to see world class athletes in our own backyard.

Hampshire Garden

By Justin White

Summertime. School is out, the days are long, the neighbor next door has his grill going and your backyard garden is in full bloom. The smell of freshly mowed lawns and mosquito repellent are in the air. You can hardly wait for Sunday afternoon, just you and your watering can. You are a force to be reckoned with – packs of annuals in one hand and a planting shovel in the other. That’s right – you’ve got a lawn that the Joneses can’t keep up with, and you’re proud of it!

We want you – and folks just like you – for the Hale, Page and Diamond Lake Gardening Committee. What’s that, you say? You’re wondering what the Gardening Committee is all about? Well, read on! HPDL’s Gardening Committee is the core group of people responsible for planning, creating and maintaining the community gardens in our neighborhood. Didn’t even know we had one? Actually, we have two! The first and largest is located at the intersection of Hampshire Drive and Diamond Lake

Road, near the entrance to Pearl Park. The second garden is tucked away near Minnehaha Parkway on Bloomington Avenue. You’ve probably driven by them many times and enjoyed the splash of color.

Now we need your help. If you’ve got a green thumb (or two) or even if you don’t know an azalea from an acorn, we’d love to have you join us. There’s no fixed schedule, no papers to sign, just a bunch of neighbors that love to get out in the sun and play in the dirt for an hour or two. Go ahead, bring your friends, we’ll make sure there’s mulch enough to go around. And the best part of all? The next time you ride by one of the gardens you can be proud to know you helped make your neighborhood beautiful.

For more information on HPDL’s Gardening Committee, or for other ways to get involved with your community, call our offices at (612) 824-7707 or email us at hpdl@bitstream.net.

HPDL’s Earth Day Celebration is a “Trashing Success!”

Our HPDL neighborhood, in only its second year as an Earth Day host site, had the largest turn out of volunteers city-wide! Over 130 volunteers turned out on April 19, 2003 to help pick up garbage from around Diamond Lake, Minnehaha Parkway and our neighborhood parks.

This year’s Earth Day Celebration was successful due to the efforts of the HPDL Environment Committee which helped to coordinate the event. Special thanks to committee members Scott Foss, Bob Lind, Louise Listig Fritchie, Dave Oltmans, Gail VonBargen and Justin White. In addition to HPDL resident volunteers, Cub Scout Pacts 56 and 187 and Boy Scout Troops 187 and 196 helped spread wood chips on the Diamond Lake

trail and stayed long after most volunteers packed up their bags to go home.

A warm thank you also goes out to Kowalski’s Market at 56th Avenue South and Chicago Avenue for their donation of over 200 rolls for breakfast and to Pepitos Restaurant on 48th and Chicago for their donation of burritos, chips and dessert for over 100 volunteers. Of course, thank you to all of the volunteers who turned out on Earth Day to help keep our beautiful natural resources clean!



Earth Day Organizers

Hale School Landscape Renovation

By Jane Shimek

Planning and fundraising are underway for an innovative landscape renovation at Hale School. A landscape committee comprised of parents, staff and Principal Bob Brancale has developed a design plan that offers creative solutions to a number of landscaping problems on the school grounds.

First, the design plan addresses some erosion issues. Currently, a playground area on the north side of the building becomes a “muddy hill” in wet weather. The renovation would replace the hill with a terraced seating area for outdoor classroom use. In addition, the existing hard court basketball area in the northwest corner of the playground would be moved to a new level location, that would be less likely to flood.

Secondly, the landscape plan calls to enhance the school entrance by creating a main entry plaza. Changes would include paving, an icon element and new lighting. A lunchroom patio with outdoor seating and a sculpture garden would also be added.

Finally, the committee would like to create an Edu-Path around the school, providing environmental learning areas for classroom education. Sixteen learning stations are planned, including an “Alphabet Walk,” a path with plants and flowers representing each letter of the alphabet; a “Butterfly Garden,” planted with flowers and shrubs specifically selected to attract butterflies; and a “Bird Garden,” filled with plants to attract songbirds and birdfeeders for year-round bird observation. Other learning station ideas include a “Recycled Garden,” with compost bins to show the stages of composting; a “Weather Station,” to collect information such as temperature, precipitation and wind speed and direction; a “Dry Stream Bed,” to show changes of terrain after rainfalls; and a “Tree Growth Forest,” where students could monitor the growth of newly

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From the Chair

By Margaret Sullivan

I just got my block party packet in the mail. Every year, I plan to organize a party for my neighbors. I envision our street barricaded from traffic for a few blissful hours. My neighbors and I share in a potluck, watch the kids ride bikes up and down the street, play volleyball, chat and generally enjoy a lovely summer evening. Every year, I have the greatest of intentions.

And every year, I have the greatest of excuses for getting out of planning the aforementioned evening. But given the grim financial doldrums our community is experiencing right now, this is the year we all should try to make that extra effort to keep our community strong. With the Neighborhood Revitalization Program dollars likely to be reduced severely, we will not have as much control over the direction of neighborhood improvements. Money is a powerful tool. So is an informed and coordinated citizenry.

The physical outcomes of NRP are readily apparent in our improved housing, parks, park buildings, environment and schools. But an even more significant result is the growing connection between neighbors and the sense of safety and pride we have in our neighborhood. The HPDL survey, comparing neighborhood life in 1992 and in 2001, found that a significant number of HPDL residents feel a greater sense of personal safety than we did 10 years ago. There was also an increase in those feeling that the quality of life and sense of community had improved.

And all this happened without my having yet hosted my own block party. Remarkable. Nevertheless, it is my turn to take the initiative and start a tradition on my own block. How's your block party preparation coming?

VOTE
HPDL Board of Directors
 Pearl Park
 7 p.m. Monday
 September 15th, 2003



Roger the Bulldog, winning HPDL photo contest entry submitted by Amy & Pat Senn.

Lake Nokomis Fencing

By Heidi Hamilton

When will the fencing be taken down from the ponds by Lake Nokomis? You are not the only one asking this question.

According to Eric Evenson, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) Administrator, the fences around Amelia Pond, located between Lake Nokomis Lagoon and Nokomis Parkway, and Gateway Pond, located at the corner of Cedar Avenue and Nokomis Parkway, are expected to stay in place until this fall. The fencing is necessary to ensure establishment of the new plantings.

The fences around Nokomis Knoll pond, located near Cedar Avenue at 17th Avenue South and Nokomis Parkway, were taken down earlier this year after an evaluation by the landscape contractor determined that the plants were suffi-

ciently established to allow the fencing to be removed without impacting plant survival. MCWD will have the plantings around Amelia and Gateway ponds inspected again this month and the fencing will be removed if the plants are sufficiently established.

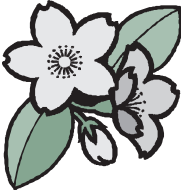
At Minnehaha Creek immediately west of Cedar Avenue, the silt fences will be removed as soon as vegetation is established. High water last fall caused the seeding to wash away, requiring reseed-ing and delaying turf establishment. The Minneapolis Park Board is monitoring plant growth and will remove the fences as soon as plants are adequately established to prevent erosion.



Fences will come down soon.

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!**

Meet Your Neighbor

by Laurie Frevert

Ammala

We have some HPDL residents who perform in “Ammala Middle Eastern Dance and Music.” Ammala grew out of a group of friends who got together to work up a short music and dance routine for a gig three years ago. As they worked together, the friends decided to continue on an ongoing basis and to pursue other performance opportunities. Over time, they started working under the name “Ammala.” The group performs for special events and parties and produces a stage show at the Minnesota Renaissance Festival. This year, they are producing a show for the Fringe Festival. The group has nine members and many of the performers work solo performances at Middle Eastern restaurants and community events.

Included in their show are dance and music and attire varies depending on the gig. For “modern” performances in the urban eastern dance style, the dancers may wear cabaret costumes (heavily sequined two piece outfits) or a sequined dress that emphasizes the hips. Sometimes the show calls for more traditional or folkloric performances. The music that goes with the dance includes classical, traditional or modern music from Egypt, Lebanon, Greece, Turkey, North Africa and other areas of the Middle East. While specifics vary across the region, overall the music involves intricate drum rhythms, sometimes in irregular time signatures.

Check out our neighbors in a performance!

Ammala presents a one hour show “On The Beaded Fringe: Explorations in Undulation” as part of the Minnesota Fringe Festival held at Intermedia Arts on Lyndale Avenue. Dates include August 2, 3, 6, 9, and 10 - call Uptown Tix at (612) 604-4466 for information. They will also be performing in the “Dancing Ammala Sisters” show at the Minnesota Renaissance Festival Gypsy Stage weekends and Labor Day, August 16 - September 28.



Tonia Miller Lake

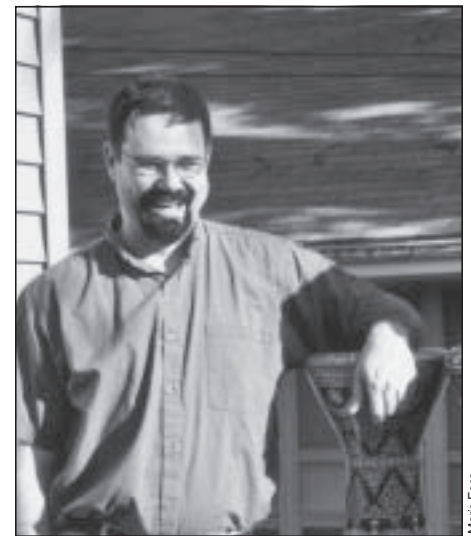
Marie Foss

Tonia Miller Lake

By day, Tonia works as a communications consultant in Marketing, PR, and Internal Communications. Her husband Dave (also an Ammala performer) and four cats make up their home. Tonia’s role in Ammala is co-director, choreographer, dancer and booking agent. Middle Eastern dance has become a second profession for her. In addition to work with the troupe, she is a regular solo dancer at two local restaurants (Beirut and Mediterranean Cruise). She performs for a range of private parties, special events and teaches belly dance lessons in Burnsville and Minneapolis.

Dave Lake

Dave says he convinced Tonia to marry him over a year ago. “We each came with two cats, so we’ve become, to our shock, crazy cat people.” He is a graduate student in the Biological Psychopathology Program at the University of Minnesota and should complete his Ph.D. in the spring. He will teach psychology at Normandale as he finishes his degree, then plans to apply for teaching jobs. In the group, Dave plays Egyptian style Doumbek, which is a goblet-shaped drum that you hold in your lap. “A surprising range of sounds can be coaxed from the drum.” Arabic drumming has replaced Ultimate Frisbee as a hobby. He used to play Ultimate with Subzero, the Twin Cities club team and a perennial presence at the Nationals. Shortly after he gave up the disc, he picked up the drum.



Dave Lake

Marie Foss



Eric Breece

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Eric works as an Enterprise Security Analyst for GMAC-RCF. His job includes investigating security incidents and defining security requirements for technologies like secure e-mail. He says he is a really a “computer geek that tries to prevent our information systems from being compromised.” His family includes his cats and dogs. He, along with Dave and Tonia, has been with the group from the start. Dave says his primary contribution to the group is through drumming, but there are plenty of opportunities for humorous dialogue during a show. He also likes woodworking, photography and performing at the Renaissance Festival as a Royal Privateer (a pirate!)

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planted trees and observe differences in growth rates by species.

Fundraising for the landscape renovation has begun. A kickoff event is planned for late August 2003 to implement the first phase of the project. In addition, the committee is looking for volunteers to assist with planting and for donations of plant materials and the use of landscape machinery.

To participate in the kickoff event or for more information, contact Hale School parent Leslie Berger by email at legomom2000@hotmail.com or by phone at (612) 822-7829. The committee will have the design plan on display at their booth at Picnic in the Park on Thursday July 31, 2003. Buy a treat to support the project!

It's OK to call 911

Nokomis Healthy Seniors

Nokomis Healthy Seniors, located at 4553-34th Avenue, is open every Thursday morning for "Nurse Is In" from 9 a.m. until Noon. You can schedule a pedicure or get your blood pressure checked. If nothing else you can stop in to chat over a cup of coffee and Scandia bakery coffee cake.

At Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 1820 East 41st Street, we sponsor two monthly support groups. The Macular Degeneration group meets at the church on the second Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Julie Rindelaub from Vision Loss Resources is the facilitator. On the last Thursday of the month, the Caregiver Support group meets at 1 p.m. The group is open to anyone serving as a caregiver for a loved one. If you have any questions about these groups please call the office at (612) 729-5499.

Washburn Library

Like all city agencies, Washburn Community Library, 5244 Lyndale Ave. S., faces severe budget cuts. Hours have been reduced, and you won't find as many copies of popular items.

Here are some alternatives to waiting for your book. First, use the library's online request system to get in line for your favorite author's newest book. Then, try some authors you may not have read before. A good choice is the new title "Growing Seasons: An American Boyhood Before the War," written by Samuel Hynes. The author evokes childhood memories from Depression era Minneapolis as crisply and clearly as if they happened yesterday.

And if you decide to purchase that bestseller rather than wait, consider donating your copy to the library. It will be read and enjoyed by many other library patrons.

GARBAGE	RECYCLE (every 2 weeks, per schedule)	LARGE ITEMS
Arm Chair	Batteries, household	Aluminum doors & windows (glass removed)
Ashes – cold (double bag, in cart)	Cardboard, corrugated only	Air conditioners
Clothing (usable rags)	Cans, aluminum or steel	Appliances
Couch (under 50% metal)	Dry food boxes	Bed springs
Carpet (2 rolls, tied 5'x12', under 40 lbs)	Glass food & beverage containers	
Clothes line poles (no concrete)		
Dresser	Hide-a-bed	Computers & monitors
End table	Magazines & catalogues	Items over 50% metal
Food Scraps	Mail, office paper	Lawn mowers
Furniture parts	Newspapers	Metal pieces (no concrete)
Household garbage	Phone Books	Snow blowers (drain fluids)
Litter	Plastic bottles (with necks)	Metal swing set poles (no concrete)
Mattress	<h3>No Clean Sweep This Summer</h3> <p>Due to budget constraints in both the city and the HPDL Neighborhood Association, there will be no Clean Sweep event in summer 2003. There is good news, though, because you as a City of Minneapolis resident can leave out the same garbage materials as were collected in the 2002 Clean Sweep event.</p> <p>At any time during the year, you can leave the large items listed. When leaving "recycle items," or "large items," call Minneapolis Solid Waste and Recycling at (612) 673-2917 and notify them in advance about the materials you intend to leave for collection.</p>	
Paint cans (empty, dry, lid removed)		
Pet droppings		
Saw dust (double bag, in cart)		
Venetian Blinds		
VCR's		
Wood storm windows (10 weekly, glass removed)		
Wood chairs		
Wood table		

Fun Activity Alert!

By Susan Ford

Have you seen the "Green Hat" Walk Patrol in your Neighborhood? As a part of the HPDL Crime Prevention and Community Safety Committee, we have an informal volunteer walk and bike patrol group. These folks, while casually walking or biking in our neighborhood, keep their eyes open for unusual or suspicious activities and call 911 if they have a cell phone. Members of the patrol have bright green hats for identification and "sometimes" wear them as they walk.

If you are one of our 70 registered patrol members, bring your special hat while traveling this summer. From St. Paul to St. Petersburg or "The Rabbit" to Timbuktu, any place you travel, take a picture with your hat. We'd love to see your travels!

If you're interested in joining the "Green Hat" Walk and Bike Patrol, call the HPDL Office at (612) 824-7707 or stop by our tent at Picnic in the Park on Thursday, July 31, 2003. Your efforts will help keep our neighborhood a safe and pleasant place to live and raise our families.

National Night Out

The 20th Annual event takes place on August 5, in 9500 cities throughout Minnesota and the U.S. In Minneapolis, more than 40,000 neighbors from at least 1700 blocks will party at more than 800 block parties, celebrating community and safety.

Reduce Junk Mail

A popular option at last year's Picnic in the Park event will be repeated this year. At the "Environment Stewardship" tent, the HPDL Environment Committee invites you to complete a post card mailing to reduce junk mail in your home for up to five years. It's free. All you need to do is fill out the post card with your mailing address information. We will provide the stamp and mail it for you! How easy can it get? So, reduce the amount of unnecessary paper in your mailbox by looking for the Environment tent at Picnic in the Park.

Girl Scout Drive

Senior Girl Scout and HPDL resident Gretchen Haselbauer will be conducting a food drive during Picnic in the Park. As a final phase in her work toward her Girl Scout Gold Award, Gretchen will be collecting non-perishable food donations. HPDL residents may also donate money to be used for food purchases from the local supermarket. Each contributor will be entered into a drawing to win Girl Scout Cookies. All food that is collected and purchased will be donated to area food shelves.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest honor given to girls in Girl Scouting.

Please come join the festivities at the picnic and help out your community by making a contribution.

HPDL Needs You!

If you can spend a few hours a month, have an interest in your community, and want to affect what happens in your own neighborhood, please give us a call. Rosie or Viola at the HPDL office would love to hear from you. The number is (612) 824-7707.

HPDL Committee Meetings

Airport	.....	Call
Building Community	. Last Wednesday	
Business Association	.....	Call
Commercial Development	.....	Call
Crime and Safety	.....	First Tuesday
Housing	.....	Call
Newsletter	Call
Environment	Call
Gardening	Every Wednesday
		(Spring - Fall)

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HPDL was founded in 1991. It is bounded by 35W, 62nd Street, Cedar Avenue, and Minnehaha Creek. HPDL serves as a forum/clearinghouse for ideas; provides a meeting place to air grievances, define concerns and develop solutions; provides opportunities to work with other organizations across the city; serves as a conduit between residents and government; and helps us to celebrate our neighborhoods and their own special uniqueness within our diverse city.

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Quilters



HPDL Quilters will raffle off this beautiful quilt at Picnic in the Park.

You make the call:

Bus Ride Info 373-3333
 Humane Society 522-7130
 Animal Control 348-4250
 CCP/SAFE 673-3015
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HPDL Community Calendar

July 28 Monday	HPDL Board Meeting 7 p.m.	HPDL Office 5144 13 th Ave. S.
July 31 Thursday	Picnic in the Park 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Pearl Park 414 Diamond Lk. Rd.
August 5 Tuesday	National Night Out Questions, call 673-3568	Your Block
August 25 Monday	HPDL Board Meeting 7 p.m.	HPDL Office 5144 13 th Ave. S.
Sept. 15 Monday	HPDL Community Meeting and Board Elections 7 p.m.	Pearl Park 414 Diamond Lk. Rd.
Sept. 22 Monday	HPDL Board Meeting 7 p.m.	HPDL Office 5144 13 th Ave. S.

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Iris Von Bergen

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