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Hale, Page, and Diamond Lake Community Association

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It's Time for HPDL Board Elections

It is that time of year when the Hale, Page and Diamond Lake (HPDL) Community Association holds its Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Elections. This special HPDL community meeting is set for Monday, September 20, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. at the Pearl Park Community Center. Please join us on this fun evening, when you can run for a position on the 11 member volunteer Board of Directors, vote for board members who will serve your neighborhood, learn more about our neighborhood organization, sign up for a chance to win free door prizes and enjoy some refreshments among old and new friends.

This meeting holds a mixture of excitement, gratitude, pride and sadness. The excitement in the air comes forward as a new chapter in the HPDL Community Association begins. New board members with fresh energy and ideas are always welcome in our organization. Gratitude and pride are part of being able to step back and look at the last ten years of the HPDL Community Association, recognizing that this little corner of Minneapolis really has made some incredible changes and improvements through the ideas, dedication and strength of our resident volunteers and our partnerships with other organizations. And yes, sadness enters as we say goodbye to board members we have enjoyed working with for the past one to five years.

The HPDL Board of Directors consists of 11 volunteer members. There are two representatives from each neighborhood, Hale, Page and Diamond Lake, and five at-large representatives. The Board sets policy for the association and oversees the HPDL committees, activities, events and expenditures. Each director is elected for a 2-year term and can be seated for a maximum of 4 years. Each year, the number of seats vacant varies due to staggering of terms. This year, there are six seats open.

Directors are asked to attend monthly board meetings and serve in an area of interest as an officer or member of a committee. Any

resident of the HPDL neighborhoods age 16 or older can run for a seat on the Board of Directors. At-large members can be non-resident property or business owners.

Founded in 1991, HPDL serves as a forum and clearinghouse for ideas; offers a meeting place to define concerns, air grievances 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.

NRP Policy Board Elections

Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board Electors will be selected at the HPDL Annual Meeting on Monday, September 20, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. at Pearl Park. Each year, residents select electors that will represent the Hale, Page and Diamond Lake neighborhoods at the NRP Policy Board elections in November.

The NRP Policy Board sets policies for the Neighborhood Revitalization Program and approves Neighborhood Action Plans. It is comprised of representatives from the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, the Park and Recreation Board, the Library Board and the School Board. Neighborhoods have four seats on the Policy Board. These neighborhood seats consist of one representative each from Protection, Revitalization and Redirection neighborhoods, and one at-large seat.

Electors receive background information on each of the NRP Policy Board candidates prior to the election in November. Consider being an elector or alternate to represent HPDL for this important vote!



Marie Foss

Watermelon and corn-on-the-cob, yum!

The Great HPDL Get Together

By Bill Hood

There was a large, happy, jumpy and vibrant celebration of community in Pearl Park on Thursday, July 29, 2004. The 13th annual HPDL Picnic in the Park was a huge success, thanks to many volunteers and contributors.

Estimated attendance was upwards of 3,000 friends, family and neighbors. The weather was warm and sunny all afternoon and evening for dozens of events, sensational sounds, and lots of food and festivities.

Begun in 1992 at Todd Park, the HPDL Picnic has become a welcome tradition of coming together as a community. We share resources and life experiences and we all hang together, as Ben Franklin advised.

This year, we had wonderful family activities, presentations, booths and events, and we were surrounded all evening with bright and exciting music from Jam Factory Live.

The Picnic was possible, in part, because of generous financial contributions from

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Marie Foss

English folk dancers entertained.

VOTE

HPDL Board of Directors
 Pearl Park
 7 p.m. Monday
 September 20th, 2004



Marie Foss

The picnic makes an impact.

Picnic from other side

Kowalski's Market, TCF Bank, the HPDL Business Association, Karen Johnson of Edina Realty and Fat Lorenzo's. Donations for the raffle were received from the Toro Company, the Minnesota Twins and the HPDL Quilting Group which includes Helen Merrill, Sue Merrill, Laurie Frevert, Arlyce Johnson and Sylvia Jones.

The community was grateful, again, for our partnership with Pearl Park and the Pearl Improvement and Recreation Council (PIRC). Special recognition goes to the noble and committed Picnic in the Park planning committee: Lisa Lohmann, Geneva Dorsey, Steve Foss and Liz Kraus. And, finally, a big thanks to all the neighborhood volunteers who made the good time possible, folks like you and me.

Just wait 'til next year.

HPDL Community Calendar

Monday, Sept. 20	Annual Meeting and Board Elections	7 p.m. Pearl Park 414 E. Diamond Lk. Rd.
Monday, Sept. 27	HPDL Board Meeting -- Election of Officers	7 p.m. HPDL Office 5144 13th Ave. S.
Monday, Oct. 25	HPDL Board Meeting	7 p.m. HPDL office
Monday, Nov. 15	Community Meeting	7 p.m. Pearl Park
Monday, Nov. 22	HPDL Board Meeting	7 p.m. HPDL office

Hunting for Wabbits

The HPDL Treasure Hunt has ended with some successful hunting for wabbits, as a famous Looney Toons character used to say. Hale resident Margaret Craig found the little wire rabbit on Tuesday, July 27, 2004, hidden in a pine tree by the Minnehaha Creek. Look for more about her treasure hunt story in our November issue.

Thank you to the HPDL Business Association for sponsoring this wonderful event and to Dave Wiencke for his dedication and creativity toward the treasure hunt every year.

Many thanks to the following businesses for their participation and generous contributions to the Treasure Hunt:

Artistic Ventures	aventures.dyndns.org 824-0498	\$100 gift certificate
Jim's Auto Service	5941 Portland Ave. 866-0074	\$25 gift certificate
Jim's Service on Chicago	5400 Chicago Ave. 823-9913	\$25 gift certificate
Kowalski's Market	5615 Chicago Ave. 824-2430	\$50 gift certificate
Mike's Corner Store	5601 Chicago Ave. 823-4358	\$50 gift certificate
Real Life Coaching	bemoffett@yahoo.com 823-3959	\$15 Coach Yourself to Success book
Southside Chiropractic	5536 Chicago Ave. 827-0657	30 min. massage, valued at \$35
William Wangenstein Attorney	825-8349, 952-473-0130	Simple wills for husband and wife or significant other, valued at \$300