



Annual Meeting and Board Election

Hale, Page and Diamond Lake Community Association (HPDL) holds its annual meeting and elects its Board of Directors at a community meeting 7:00 p.m., Monday, Sept. 19, 2005 at Pearl Park Community Center. Please join us. You can run for a position on the 11-member volunteer Board of Directors, vote for the Board members who will serve your neighborhood, learn about our neighborhood organization and enjoy refreshments with others who live in this great community.

The meeting mixes excitement, gratitude, pride and sadness. The excitement grows as a new chapter in HPDL begins. New board members with fresh ideas, perspective and energy are a welcome addition to the HPDL organization. Gratitude and pride come forth as we take time to review the events, programs and activities of the year. And lastly, sadness as we say goodbye to the Board members whose terms are up.

The HPDL Board of Directors consists of two representatives from each neighborhood (i.e. Hale, Page and Diamond Lake) plus five at-large representatives. The Board sets policy for HPDL and oversees committees, activities, events and expenditures. Each director is elected for a two-year term and can be seated for a maximum of four years. Each year, the number of seats vacant varies due to the staggering of terms. This year eight seats are open.

Directors attend monthly Board meetings—on the fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m.—and serve in an area of interest as an officer or member of a committee. The following are some of the HPDL committees and their projects: Newsletter, Housing

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Weather graces 14th Picnic in the Park!

We said hello and goodbye to another splendid Picnic in the Park festival at Pearl Park on July 28. It seems as though each year the fun and festivities are turned up a notch by adding more people and activities to this event, and this year seems to have followed that trend! One of our latest additions to the Picnic was a group of artisans who displayed and sold their wonderful creations of clothing, beaded jewelry and apparel for men, women and children. There was a dunk tank there to keep the heat at bay, which was sponsored by Edgewater Baptist Church. Scott Siegel of Fat Lorenzo's joined us this year as well as he donated 65 of his scrumptious pizzas and his staff's time to raise money for the event! And, oh my, did you see that cotton candy sell faster than the Park could dish it out?

We estimate that roughly 3,000 adults and kids attended this year's Picnic. Resource organizations, churches, schools, business owners, artists, Minneapolis Police and Fire Departments and Hennepin County Medical Center's ambulance service were all sharing information and celebrating with crafts, games and prizes. The Jam Factory band, henna tattoos artists, face painters, free helium balloons and door prize drawings were all icing on the Picnic's cake of festivities.

The Picnic in the Park event is a partnership between Pearl Park and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, the Pearl Improvement and Recreation Council and the Hale, Page and Diamond Lake Community Association. Thank you to our sponsors of the 14th Annual Picnic: Kowalski's Market at 56th and Chicago, Fat Lorenzo's Restaurant at 56th and Cedar, the HPDL Business Association and TCF Bank at 55th and Nicollet. This event would not be possible without their support!

A special thank you to the Picnic in the Park planning committee members: Geneva Dorsey, Liz Kraus, Lisa Lohmann, Ashley Lohmann, Steve Voss and Rachel Walker. Thanks to all of you who gave your time to the Picnic and volunteered before, during and/or after the event!



Moon walkers danced at the Picnic.

Housing Committee Needs You!

*By Paul Dykes,
HPDL Housing Committee Co-Chair*

Now that HPDL's Phase II Plan has been given the "go-ahead", the Housing Committee needs volunteers! Because Phase II requires a significant portion of dollars be spent on housing issues, we need your help. The plan outlines a few ideas about how we would like to spend our housing dollars, but we need your help in working out the details so that you, the residents, can use that money! Interested in historical preservation? Think you will need a housing loan in the future? Have elderly neighbors who struggle to keep their homes in good shape? Have experience with various city, county and state housing organizations? Then we can use YOU! Our initial meeting—introductions, "pie-in-the-sky" idea brainstorming, fun, treats and learning a bit about our very own historic district in HPDL—will be held on Wednesday, October 5, at 7 p.m.

For more information, please contact Rosie at the HPDL office at 612-824-7707.

VOTE

HPDL Board of Directors
 Pearl Park
 7 p.m. Monday
 September 19, 2005

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(Southside Housing Fair), Gardening (community gardens), Transportation (35W/62 project), Business Association (annual business fair and treasure hunt), Environment (Diamond Lake water quality and Earth Day celebration) and Building Community (Picnic in the Park).

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

owners. Questions? Contact Rosie Doege at our office at 612-824-7707.

NRP Policy Board Elections

Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board Electors will also be selected at the HPDL Annual Meeting. Each year, residents select electors to represent HPDL at the NRP Policy Board elections in November.

The NRP Policy Board sets policies for NRP and approves Neighborhood Action Plans. Its members represent 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. Consider being an elector or alternate to represent HPDL for this important vote!

HPDL Community Calendar

Monday, Sept. 19	Annual Meeting and Board Elections	7 p.m. Pearl Park 414 E. Diamond Lk. Rd.
Monday, Sept. 26	HPDL Board Meeting -- Election of Officers	7 p.m. HPDL Office 5144 13th Ave. S.
Monday, Oct. 24	HPDL Board Meeting	7 p.m. HPDL office
Monday, Nov. 28	HPDL Board Meeting	7 p.m. HPDL office

HPDL Treasure

By Reid Olson

Four years ago, the HPDL Business Association created the neighborhood Treasure Hunt to help bring neighbors together and to encourage residents to patronize neighborhood businesses. For the hunt, a small rabbit is hidden somewhere in the neighborhood, and clues about its location are posted daily at participating businesses.

This year's winner is no stranger to the Treasure Hunt. HPDL resident, Tara FitzGerald, has now chalked up two years' worth of wins. The first was in 2003. Tara

has lived in the HPDL neighborhood since the age of three, and she bought her own home here in 1997.

"Oh, look! Someone left a little twist tie!" Later Tara explained, "I thought to myself that it was strange to see that, so I went to remove the red twist tie, and attached was the rabbit!!!" Tara yelled with excitement, "I found it! I found the rabbit!!!" It was very exciting!

She won over \$700 worth of prizes which included numerous gift certificates from HPDL businesses and \$50 cash. Go to <http://www.rabbithood.com/> to see a list of prizes.



Marie Foss

Tara holds the barely visible rabbit.