

Get Organized

by Mary Etzioni

Don't be alarmed if a uniformed officer knocks at your door. In early June, Crime Prevention Specialist Mary Etzioni and Officer Erika Christensen from Community Crime Prevention SAFE (a unit of the Community Services Bureau of the Minneapolis Police Department) will be door-knocking blocks in your neighborhood not involved in crime prevention.

The first step in getting involved means starting a block club on your street. Residents become familiar with who belongs on the block and note suspicious behavior. Everyone learns better reporting techniques and good security habits for preventing crime before it occurs.

The basic tool of the block club is the neighborhood watch force. This is a commitment to watch out for neighbors on *continued on page 5*



Hale Community School Project Nearing Completion

by Flannery Delaney

The Hale Community School gymnasium and new classroom project is nearly complete. The school improvements include a fully equipped gymnasium, conversion of the old gymnasium into a new music room, additional meeting space and an expanded school office. The principal, Franklin Yates said, "The construction will add a gymnasium, art room and seminar/community conference room for use during the non-school hours, enhancing our community school efforts." The community space can be accessed through a door separate from the rest of the school. These changes to the school are a wonderful improvement for the community.

The new gymnasium was funded in part by the Hale, Page and Diamond Lake Neighborhood Association. HPDL contributed \$400,000 of Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) money to the project. Early on, HPDL viewed school improvements as one of the critical community issues and is excited to see the results of this collaborative effort. Community members spent countless hours in the many stages of this project, that started in 1987. The work of these dedicated volunteers has finally paid off. HPDL is looking for other ways to sup-

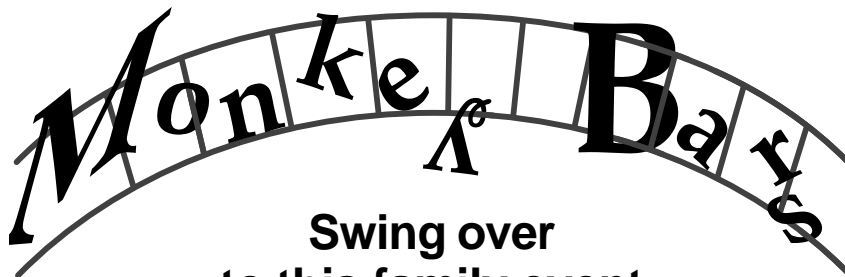
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Big Backyard Get Together

7th Annual Picnic in the Park
A Celebration of our Community

5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 30th

Todd Park, 56th and Chicago



Swing over to this family event to raise funds for Hale School's New Playground

What happens when you mix music, magic, mime and a little bit of mayhem?

You get **MONKEY BARS**, a benefit to raise funds for a new Hale Community School playground. The fun-filled evening of entertainment will be held **at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3** at Anthony Middle School, 58th and Irving Ave. So., Minneapolis.

This family event features the extraordinary talents of four local performers, all with national recognition: Singer-songwriter **Jeff Arundel**, magician **Jerry Frasier**, mime **Michael Hennessey** and stand-up comedian **Scott Novotny**. (Jeff, Michael and Scott have children who attend Hale.)

Tickets for **MONKEY BARS** are available for a suggested donation of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. **For ticket information, call Laurie Frevert at 823-4504** or send a check (payable to Hale School) to Hale Playground Benefit, 1220 E. 54th St., Minneapolis, MN 55417.

Diamond Lake Report Completed

Intern Charity Tallman completed "Diamond Lake: An Analysis of an Urban Wetland and Projections for the Future."

Good water quality stewardship in the neighborhood is recommended, and can extend beyond the watershed of Diamond Lake. Charity has recommended an education and information outline that can be used. We need to determine the best management practices for this wetland, and actively work with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB), to keep this HPDL asset in good condition.

Points for discussion and action are:

- Homeowner education of practices that directly affect watersheds, i.e. water flow, fertilizers and pesticides
- Water runs from your curb into storm sewers and directly-untreated- into the lakes, creeks, or wetlands

Environment Committee Projects

By Kay Hughes

The Environment Committee is working hard to improve our community. Recently, the committee completed several successful projects.

In March, the Environment Committee co-coordinated a plant sale with Hale School and Pearl Park, which raised \$574. The proceeds will go to Pearl Park youth programs, and Hale Elementary School for playground equipment.

Along with selling plants in March, a water quality brochure for the lower chain of lakes was created. Look for a copy in your mail this June. This educational brochure is a great way to learn how you can help keep our lakes clean and beautiful.

Maintaining our lakes is a high priority of HPDL. Since last December, the committee along with Standish Erickson Neighborhood Association and Nokomis East Neighborhood Association has been working on the Blue Water Commission Report. This report will make recommendations on how neighborhoods, the Park Board, and the City can improve Lake Nokomis and Lake Hiawatha. If you are

- City participation in curb sweeping in the spring and fall, and use of new Catch Basin stickers
- Leaf collection policies and dumping in the lake, and the results of phosphorus in water
- The impact of the expansion of 35W, Mud Lake (north of Crosstown and east of Portland) being used as filtering pond for the 35W expansion, and the possible connection between Diamond Lake and Mud Lake.
- Volunteers taking water samples from June to September.
- Attributes and possible uses of the lake and the shoreline path.

The Environment Committee meets the first Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at the Pearl Neighborhood Center. Bring your concerns, be prepared to help.

interested in reading the report, it will be available in mid-June at the HPDL Office, 5144 13th Avenue South (2nd floor of Edgewater Emmanuel Methodist Church).

Thank you to all the wonderful people, some who came at the drop of a pin and

Hale School *from page 1*

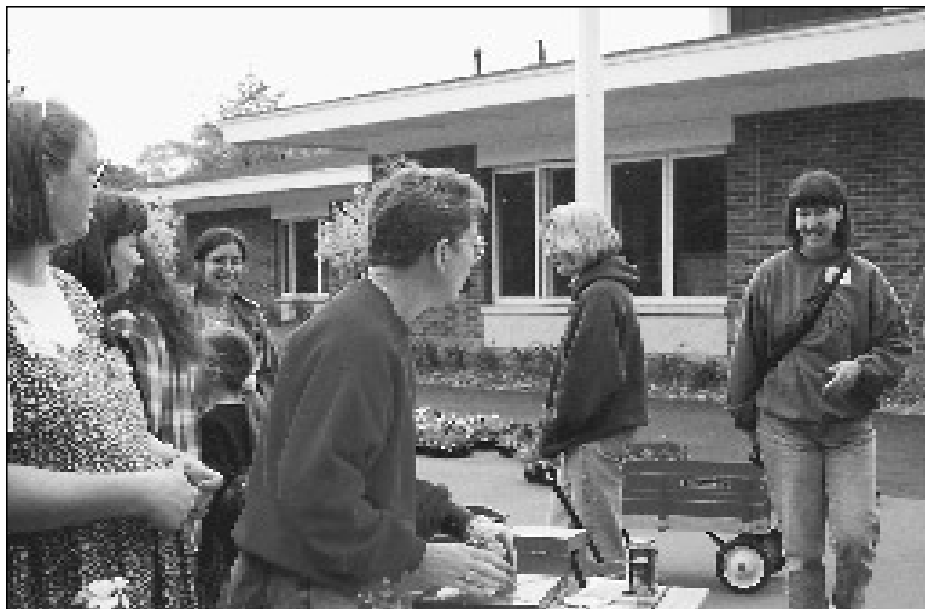
port the school because it's an important part of the neighborhood.

Due to the construction and expansion of the school, the Hale Community School playground must be rebuilt. The PTA plans to implement phase one of a new playground. It will require financial and volunteer support. The PTA and the school are asking for parents and community members to participate in building the new playground on Saturday, June 27th. If you can volunteer some time to this project, or make a financial contribution, please contact Bridget Herrmann at 866-5178.

If the project is fully financed, a second phase will be developed to make the playground a fun and interesting place for students to play. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$72,150. This price does not include labor. Therefore, the PTA is counting on volunteers to build the playground, making it a true community space!

others who endured committee meetings for months, to help with these projects!

The Committee is always looking for volunteers! Come discuss ideas for future activities at our meetings the first Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., at Pearl Park.



Neighbors gather to buy plants, trade stories, and raise money.

From the Chair

by Dick Saunders

Your new board of directors and staff is working enthusiastically to carry out the 1997-98 phase of the Hale, Page and Diamond Lake neighborhood action plan.

Among the most important accomplishments in the first six months of the year have been:

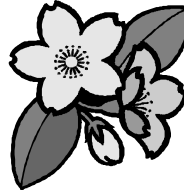
- The updating of the organization's mission statement to:

The mission of the Hale, Page and Diamond Lake Community Association is to maintain and improve our quality of life through programs that serve the neighborhood's present and future needs. Further, our mission is to foster a sense of community and to promote the neighborhood as a vibrant place to live and work through communication, stewardship, and community involvement.

- Our first annual "Frost Fest", a winter community-building event. Over 300 youth and adults participated.
- Our first community fund-raiser of the year, a plant sale to benefit the Hale School playground fund.
- The unofficial opening of our youth center on the third floor of the Edge-water Emmanuel Church building that also houses our offices.
- Two community forums for last fall's campaign candidates for City Council and the Park Board, cosponsored with two other neighborhood organizations — Nokomis East and Field-Regina-Northrop.
- Completion of Phase III of our housing grant program.
- The undertaking of a joint study of water quality in Minnehaha Creek, Lake Hiawatha and Lake Nokomis with Nokomis East and Standish-Ericsson neighborhoods.
- The completion of an historical survey of Diamond Lake.
- Community meetings featuring guest speakers on youth issues, the new CODEFOR police program, and the Diamond Lake wetland history.

Yes!

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



Please return this form with your check payable to:

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

Here is my contribution:

- \$10 \$15 \$25
 \$50 \$100 Other _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: __ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Thank You!

- Introduction of a regular newsletter for Block Club leaders.
- Reissuance of the neighborhood business directory.

Planning is underway for our major summer event, "Picnic in the Park," to be held July 30, for a fall "Clean Sweep," and for a fall "fun run." And commercial grants for several business storefronts are under review.

In addition, we are pleased to announce the promotion of Sarah Lindeman to senior community organizer, and to welcome Rosie Doege as a part-time community organizer. Both are doing outstanding jobs in their new capacities.

Serving with me as your board for this year are: Diane Lysen, vice chair; Buck Humphrey, treasurer; Doug Frevert, secretary; Scott Benson, Flannery Delaney, Kay Hughes, Ray McCabe, Catherine Price-Achhammer, Greg Sanderson and Gail Von Bargaen.

Please contact any of them or the office if you have ideas to improve community life or wish to volunteer for as little as an hour or a month on a project or program. We can always use your help.

Humphrey Elected

Buck Humphrey of HPDL was elected as an alternate representative of the protection neighborhoods to the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board for one year.

Healthy Seniors Expands

The Healthy Seniors Program is expanding services by developing a Living at Home/Block Nurse program for all seniors in the greater Nokomis area, including Hale, Page and Diamond Lake neighborhoods.

Services include staff who offer free assistance accessing and coordinating needed support services, and volunteers for companion visiting, grocery shopping, rides to doctors' offices, etc.

Nursing and home health aide services will be an integral part of the program. If you'd like to be either a participant or a volunteer, call 729-5499.

Hale Needs Seniors

Hale School invites seniors to participate in several areas of school life for a stipend. If you're 55 or older, consider helping in the classroom, the media center, computer lab, tutoring, reading, special projects, recruitment and other tasks. Call 627-2387 for details.

Quieter Summer Expected

Construction work on the south parallel runway at the airport is expected to funnel 100-150 flights a day over Richfield through late August. In addition to resurfacing the northern third of the runway, a 900 foot temporary extension will be built to accommodate nonstop flights to Hong Kong.

HPDL Teen Center Grand Opening

June 10th at 6:00 p.m., join us to celebrate the Grand Opening of The Teen Center, 3rd floor of the Edgewater Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 5144 13th Ave. So. It is a time to check out the center, sign up for summer activities, and win a door prize!

Everyone is welcome.

Pool, computer games and air hockey are a few of the many activities that teens can enjoy at The Teen Center.

For the past year, neighborhood teens painted, cleaned, and organized a space to provide teens with a fun place to hang out and stay safe.

Along with providing teens a space to hang out, The Teen Center is a great resource for teens to find out about local events and volunteer opportunities they can participate in. The staff at HPDL will connect teens with programs like Loaves and Fishes, help teens organize field trips, and provide leadership opportunities. Starting in May, The Teen Center is open every Wednesday from 3 to 6 p.m. and every 1st and 3rd Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m. in June, July and August. Teens can volunteer for HPDL and The Teen Center.

Adults are also welcome to participate by posting teen job opportunities up like lawn mowing, volunteering for a field trip, or helping out at The Teen Center on Wednesdays.

To learn more about The Teen Center, stop by on Wednesdays, or join us in the Grand Opening Celebration on June 10th from 6 to 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served.



Youth Panel says ‘Get with it.’

That was the theme of a panel of four adults and two youth who discussed the role of youth involvement in the community at the January HPDL community meeting.

Speakers included Mary Glainianey of Global Action Plan, Minneapolis; Kevin Wilson of YouthCARE, Minneapolis; Lois Hagel of Future Leaders of America /HERO, St. Paul, and Cy Carpenter of the MN Youth Service Commission, Bloomington.

The teen perspective was provided by two HPDL young people, Rachel Chrastil and Hanna Ulseth. Both are connected with Kids Involved in Community (KIC). Flannery Delaney, an HPDL board member, helped organize the panel.

The panelists urged neighbors to step up and lend their guidance and knowledge as role models and teachers of youth leadership skills. They cited the importance of involving teens in the planning as well as execution stages of neighborhood programs.

At City Hall

by S. Doré Mead, 11th Ward Council Member

Greetings to all during this fabulous Spring.

The year 1998 brought four new members to the City Council and new City Council assignments. I now chair the Transportation and Public Works Committee, which is gearing up for major debates on several significant matters. The Council is considering whether to install ornamental street lighting throughout our neighborhoods during the next two decades as street maintenance work is performed. The City also needs to improve its “asset management” of the \$6 billion worth of municipal infrastructure located in Minneapolis. Another major topic is called “work-force utilization,” which could significantly improve City services, and cost less, by replacing part-time and seasonal jobs with full-time, year-round services.

Crime and safety also continue at the top of my agenda. The Police Department’s new CODEFOR initiative (Computer-Optimized Deployment Focused on Results) provides more up to date information, better coordination and improved accountability for reducing crime. Other cities that have employed this strategy, with emphasis on livability and gateway crimes, have seen crime rates plummet and community morale soar. If you would like additional information about CODEFOR, please feel free to call Sgt. Rob Allen at 673-3082.

Our heavily-used parkway system was the subject of a study recently conducted by the Park Board. The Park Board’s Parkways Traffic Study Citizen Advisory Committee worked to identify the challenges and opportunities facing the city’s parkways. HPDL’s own Laurie Frevert represented the 11th Ward on this committee.

Everyone is invited to attend “First Mondays” meetings with Council Member Brian Herron and myself, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. each month at McRae Park, East 47th Street at Elliot Avenue South. These are an informal opportunity to drop in and discuss neighborhood issues, public policy, city services and your priorities. The first half of the meetings are reserved to bring you information on a specific topic each month. June’s “First Monday” topic (6/1/98) will be a legislative update with state legislators. I hope to see you there.

Kids Collect Food For Shelter

Kids Involved in the Community (KIC), recently created by young people in our area, collected 256 pounds of nonperishable food for the Minnehaha Food Pantry shelter, using grocery bags and a collection site furnished by Jubilee Foods.

Carrying out the task were Haley Alfonso, Rachel Chrastil, Nick Chrastil, Caila Hall, Joanna Hilger, Laura Klein, Megan Mader, Kate Shifsky, Lauren Traver, Hanna Ulseth, Berit Ulseth, Nora Ulseth, Mary Ulseth, Katie Wamsley and Molly Weina. Thanks, crew, for a great job.

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your block. Many blocks choose to have a block map for the purpose of better communication among neighbors and as a handy tool for quicker reporting. Block clubs often move on to other topics, such as block parties, obtaining neighborhood watch signs, and block garage sales.

Currently, about 35% of the blocks in your neighborhood are **not** organized into a block club/neighborhood watch. If you live on one of the following blocks, you need to get involved!

- 61st St. and 3rd Ave. So.
- 60th St. at 4th, 5th, 13th, 14th and 15th Ave. So.
- 59th St. and Oakland or Chicago Ave.
- 58th St. at 12th, 13th and 14th Ave. So.
- 51, 52, 53 and 55XX St. blocks of Chicago, Park, Portland or Columbus Ave.
- 51XX of 13th Ave. So.
- 52XX of 16th, 17th, 18th Ave. So.
- 53XX of 11th and 12th Ave. So.
- 54XX of 10th, 11th and 12th Ave. So.

Starting a block club/neighborhood watch force is relatively easy. Tuesday, June 23rd, CCP/SAFE will be holding a block leader training for residents wanting to organize their block. The meetings will be held at Matthews Park, 2318 19th Ave. So., from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The information on the training is useful, interesting, and will make starting your block club much easier. Bring a friend or neighbor to share the work and the fun! Mary and Erika will meet you at the training to help get your first meeting together. They will also attend the meeting, if you wish. Once you're organized, CCP/SAFE will provide you with ongoing support, information, and help with issues.

Take the challenge and call Mary Etzioni at 673-3717. Join the other block clubs in your neighborhood who are getting extra protection for themselves and having fun doing so!

Editor's Note: The CCP/SAFE Block Club program is not directly connected with HPDL's Block Contact program. The latter focuses on block activities not related to crime.

HPDL Community Calendar

June 3rd	Monkey Bars Family Event	Anthony Middle School, 7:00 p.m.
June 8th	HPDL Walk Patrol Group Walk	Meet at 54th & Bloomington Avenue bus stop at 6:30 p.m.
June 10th	Teen Center Open House	Teen Center, 6-8 p.m.
June 17th	Teen Rock Climbing Event	Call 824-7707 for details!
June 22nd	HPDL Board Meeting	HPDL Office, 7 p.m.
June 27th	Community is invited to help build Hale School Playground	Call 627-2387 before June 19th for details!
July 13th	HPDL Walk Patrol Group Walk	Meeting spot TBA.
July 27th	Teens Loaves and Fishes Volunteer Activity	Meet at the HPDL Office at 5:00 p.m.
July 27th	HPDL Board Meeting	HPDL Office, 7 p.m.
July 30th	7th Annual Picnic in the Park	Todd Park, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Garbage that's tough to get rid of!

Did You Know That . . .

LARGE ITEMS:

You can place up to TWO large items out every week. Place large items at the alley or curb by 6:00 a.m. on the appropriate collection day and attach a not that says "FOR SOLID WASTE"

SET OUT ONLY ON RECYCLING DAY:

These items will be documented on recycling day and then collected the next working day:

- Computer, computer monitor, and TV
- Hide-a-bed
- Large metal items and major appliances such as: air conditioners, aluminum doors (remove glass), clothes line pole (remove concrete and crossbar), Freezer (remove door), microwave oven, pipe (less than 8 feet, remove concrete), refrigerator (remove door), stove, swing set (take apart and remove concrete), washer

SET OUT ON ANY GARBAGE DAY:

- Carpet roll - less than 5 feet long, no heavier than 40 pounds, less than 12 inches wide and tied with string
- Mattress
- Wood or plastic furniture: chairs, couches, shelves, tables, etc.



Snowshoeing at Frost Fest

Rollicking Good Time Had by All At First Annual ‘Family Frost Fest’

by Catherine Price-Achhamer

Sunshine and comfortable temperatures greeted nearly 300 neighbors and families who turned out for the first annual Winter Frost Festival held at Pearl Park Sunday, Feb. 8.

The fun-filled event offered a panorama of outdoor activities, including ice skating, snowshoeing and a treasure hunt for kids. Indoors were crafts, a basketball free throw contest, face painting, a tot room, lots of yummy food and free door prizes. Musician Will Hale and clowns Slim and Shorty capped the afternoon antics.

Frost Fest was a joint effort between the HPDL Building Community committee, Pearl Park and Pearl Improvement and

Recreation Council (PIRC). Nearly 40 volunteers pooled their talents, gave the extra effort, and proved what a neighborhood can achieve. Barb Day and her great staff at Pearl Park, Mona Skovbrotten of PIRC, with her many years of event-related culinary experience, along with those who joined to get to know their neighbors a little better, definitely made the Frost Fest a neighborhood success.

If you missed it, be sure to mark your calendar for next year—Sunday, Feb. 7.

The Building Community Committee encourages any neighborhood resident who enjoys putting events together to contact the HPDL office at 824-7707.

Let’s Grow Community!

Weed & Water–Plant Swap

Are you someone with a green thumb? Are you looking for a chance to meet others in your community with the same love for gardening? Come to swap plants with others from your neighborhood on Thursday, May 28th, 7:00 p.m. at Hampshire and Diamond Lake. Bring some plants from home and go back with new and exciting varieties for your garden. After our swap, we will team up, weed the community garden, and trade gardening secrets.

We have three community gardens in HPDL. We will meet to help maintain their beauty throughout the summer. We’ll weed and water the Community Garden at Bloomington and 50th on Thursday, June 11th, 7:00 p.m. We cannot wait to share our love of gardening with you! For more information, contact Rosie Doege at the HPDL Community Office, 824-7707.

Garden Tour

Here are some last items to ponder. We think that it would be fun to have a garden tour. Do you have a particularly beautiful garden? Do you care to show it off? Does your block have a community garden? Don’t keep it to yourself, show it off! If you are an eager participant, have questions or comments, contact Rosie at 824-7707.

C.A.T.

Police Launch Auto Theft Program

Control Auto Theft (CAT), a free, voluntary way to help deter auto theft, is under way in Minneapolis. To obtain a window decal that allows police to stop your vehicle without cause between 1 and 5 a.m. (police assume it has been stolen), contact Mary Etzioni, Community Crime Prevention Specialist, at 673-3717, or Officer Gary Nelson at 673-2958.

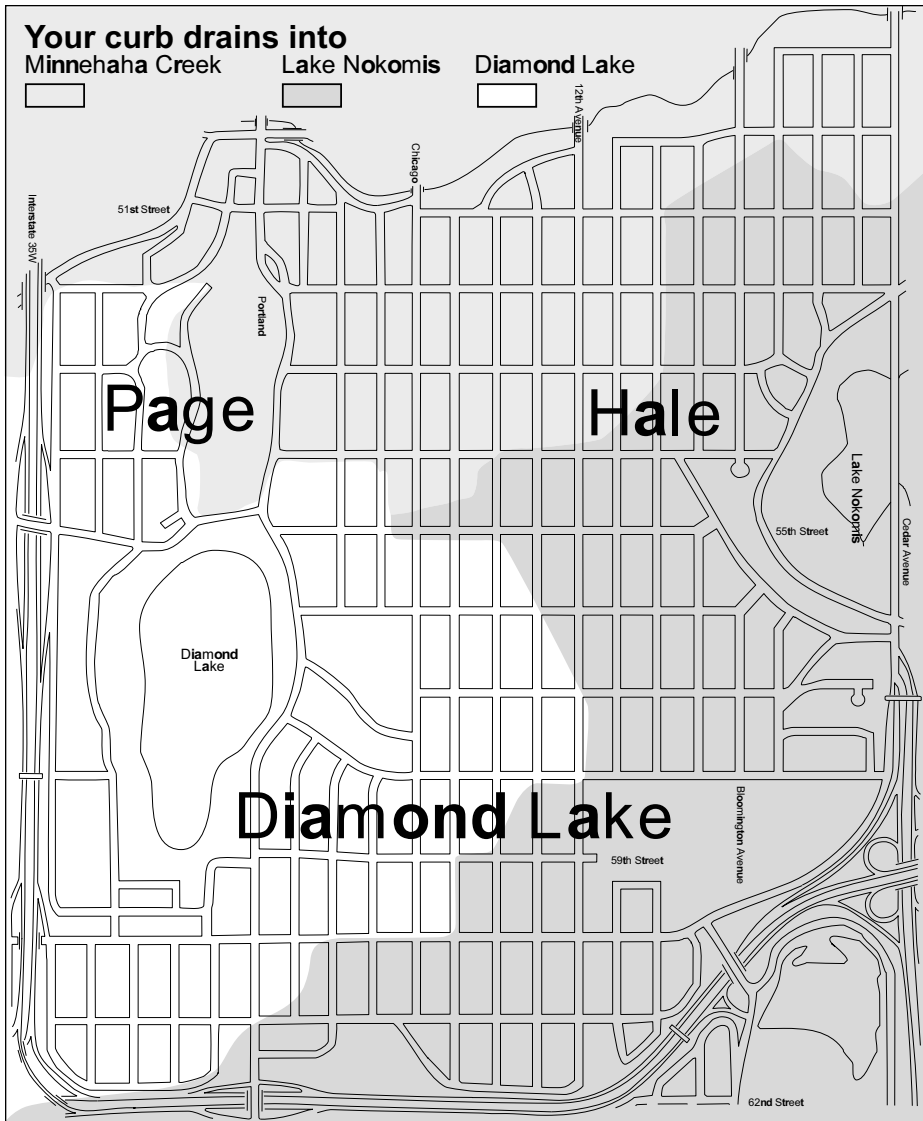


Take a Neighbor to Neighbor approach to crime prevention!

Call the HPDL Hot Spots Line at **824-7707** if you want the HPDL Bike Patrol and Walk Patrol to target your block.

Please note that not all areas of HPDL are organized. We cannot always guarantee a patrol.

This is **not** an emergency line! For an emergency, call **911**.



GJ's Supervalu

GJ's Supervalu has assumed ownership of the former Jubilee Foods supermarket at 56th and Chicago, effective March 15. The store held a grand opening May 1-15. It is looking forward to active participation in neighborhood programs, says manager Dan Niggeler.

Business Directory

Block club leaders distributed the 1998 issue of the HPDL Neighborhood Business Directory and Community Resources guide. If you haven't received a copy, call the office.

The guide lists 55 businesses, nine churches, two schools and Pearl Park phone numbers. Plus, inside you'll find nine coupons for reduced prices on merchandise.

HPDL Committees

Crime and Safety—1st Tuesday

Environment—1st Wednesday

Housing—Quarterly

Commercial Development—3rd Tuesday

Building Community—Last Wednesday

Youth—call the office



Where in HPDL can you find this?

Hale School will look better soon.

HPDL Board:

Scott Benson	824-2085
Flannery Delaney	825-1561
Doug Frevert (Secretary)	823-4504
Buck Humphrey (Treasurer)	721-4592
Kay Hughes	823-4721
Diane Lysen (Vice Chair)	866-5935
Ray McCabe	869-8031
Kate Price-Achamer	823-7504
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If you wish to comment on this or previous newsletters, or want to submit articles for future publication, contact us at the office.

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You make the call:

Bus Ride Info	373-3333
Humane Society	522-7130
Animal Control	348-4250
CCP/SAFE	673-3015
Mary Etzioni	673-3717
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Graffiti Removal	673-5858
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Mark Andrew	348-7883
Peter McLaughlin	348-7884
State Senator	
Carol Flynn	296-4274
Jane Ranum	297-8061
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Wes Skoglund	296-4330
Jean Wagenius	296-4200
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Triangle Beautified

Fifteen adults and half a dozen youngsters pulled weeds, cut grass and replanted flowers to transform the triangle at 16th Ave. So. and 57th St. Mary and Jeff Dyrhaug directed the project. They received a grant from the HPDL Building Blocks Program. Congratulations neighbors on your exemplary effort. Ask your block leader about plans for your block.

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