



Picnic in the Park

by Rachel Walker

The 15th annual Picnic in the Park was a great success! A very special thank you to all of our sponsors—TCF, Kowalski’s Market, Fat Lorenzos. Despite the heat and humidity, there was a big crowd at Pearl Park that night. Kids enjoyed different carnival games and everyone enjoyed all the wonderful food. Jam Factory Live kept the place hopping with tunes from the stage and there were lots of door prize winners throughout the evening. Be sure to join us next year for the 16th Picnic in the Park!

A thank you also goes out to the MN Teen Challenge, Boy Scout Venture Crew at Mayflower, Urban Refuge, and Jacob’s Well for providing volunteers for set up, event shifts and clean up of the event. Thanks to Bill Hood of Coldwell Banker Burnet for donating a Castle Jumper for kids, and door prize donations from Fat Lorenzo’s, the Science Museum, MN Twins, MN Timberwolves, Carbone’s Pizza, Bobby and Steve’s Auto World, Old Country Buffet, Adrian’s Pub, Bachman’s, Teacher Federal Credit Union, and Desk Tech Computer Services. Last of all thank you to all of you who volunteered during the event, and to the Picnic planning committee members: Steve Voss, Liz Kraus, Lisa Lohmann, Geneva Dorsey, Molly Gravholt and Rachel Walker.



Face painting at the picnic.

Reid Olson

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Treasure Found

by Margaret Craig

It may not have the publicity of the St. Paul’s search for the Winter Carnival medallion, but our HPDL Treasure Hunt this year certainly made it worthwhile for winners Bill and Maryann Fellman. They won prizes valued at over \$2000.

The HPDL Business Association started the Treasure Hunt to lure HPDL residents into neighborhood surroundings and acquaint them with their local businesses. Businesses offer to post the clue and/or donate a prize to advertise their service or product.

The event is orchestrated by HPDL volunteers. A small “rabbit” is hidden within the boundaries of Minnehaha Parkway, Hwy 62, 35W and Cedar Avenue. Clues are written to lead resident to its location. To find the rabbit, the participant must be familiar with the neighborhood and its landmarks. The clues are not meant to be easy. We hope to keep residents searching into the second week. So do not be discouraged if you miss the first few days of clues. Business owners look forward to posting the clue and introducing themselves to residents as they come in to read the clue.

This year the rabbit was found ten days into the hunt, close to 9 a.m. on Wednesday, July 26th . The area at the north end of Pearl Park was scattered with many residents searching for the rabbit. The winner was verified and the real-time clock was update on the website. For a list of clues and their explanations, please visit our website at www.rabbithood.com.

Thank you to all who were involved this year. Special thanks to these businesses who donated prizes:

- * 5-8 Club 823-5858 gift certificate \$25.00
- * Classic Health Care 916-0744 1/2 hour Chinese Medical Massage or Acupuncture \$50.00
- * Curves for Women 822-3930 one year membership \$600.00
- * David Porter Law Office 722-1001 1/2 pound gourmet coffee \$10.00

Annual Meeting & Board Elections

by Bill Helgeson, HPDL Board Chair

The Hale, Page and Diamond Lake Community Association (HPDL) will hold its Annual Meeting on Monday September 18th at the Pearl Park Recreation Center. Please join us as we reflect on all the positive events and successes we have had this past year in the HPDL neighborhood.

Another part of this annual meeting will be the election of members to serve on the board of directors of HPDL. What does it take to serve on the board of HPDL?

- * Do you live or work in the HPDL neighborhood?
- * Do you want to help make your neighborhood a better place?
- * Do you have a few hours of time to give on a monthly basis?

If so, please plan on attending the Annual Meeting. Elections will be held that evening for the seven open seats on our eleven person board. If you have questions or need further information, contact us at 612-824-7707 or office@hpd.org.

- * Fat Lorenzo’s 822-2040 gift certificate \$30.00
- * Firefly Coffee Shop 721-3473 gift certificate \$25.00
- * Healing Motion Therapy 386-7982 free postural session and exercise program to take home \$100.00
- * Sean Thomas, Homestead Mortgage 952-838-8858 Free Appraisal w/ First Mortgage Closing - Transferable \$325.00
- * Jim’s Chicago Service 823-9913 gift certificate \$30.00
- * Mike’s Advanced Auto 866-7372 gift certificate \$30.00
- * Mike’s Corner Store 823-4358 Gift certificate \$25.00
- * Seaport Travel 216-1819 Photo Album \$25.00

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VOTE

HPDL Board of Directors
 Pearl Park
 7 p.m. Monday
 September 18, 2006

HPDL Community Calendar

Monday, Sept. 18	Annual Meeting and Board Elections	7 p.m. Pearl Park 414 E. Diamond Lk. Rd.
Monday, Sept. 25	HPDL Board Meeting -- Election of Officers	7 p.m. HPDL Office 5144 13th Ave. S.
Monday, Oct. 23	HPDL Board Meeting	7 p.m. HPDL office
Monday, Nov. 27	HPDL Board Meeting	7 p.m. HPDL office

Portland Bridge

by Robert Andersen

Among the many road construction projects scheduled for this year is the removal and reconstruction of the bridge for Portland Avenue over Minnehaha Creek. Minneapolis awarded the contract for the work to The Robert Schroeder Heavy Construction Company of Glenwood, MN.

Early in April, they closed Portland Ave. to thru traffic, put barricades in place, and established detours. They brought in a crane with a 120 ft. boom and other demolition equipment and removed the old bridge and roadway. High water in the creek forced some delays, but work went on pretty much on schedule. Workmen continued diligently and in late July they poured the footings at the south end of the bridge.

To ensure the strongest possible structure, steel rebar reinforces the cement. Iron workers from a subcontractor spent many hours carefully placing the steel rods in a special order, a crucial step for this type of concrete project.



Iron workers installing steel rebar on the north side of Minnehaha Creek.

Robert Andersen

They added a limestone veneer to enhance the bridge's appearance and soon bridge beams will span the creek bed.

Plans call for the bridge's completion this Fall.

Treasure Found *from other side*

- * Southside Chiropractic 827-0657 support pillow and 1/2 hour massage \$78.00
- * Waterston Truth In Housing 827-1113 Truth In Housing evaluation including pre-inspection \$250.00
- * William Wangenstein, Attorney 952-473-0130 Simple Wills for Husband and Wife (or Significant Other) \$350.00
- * Willow Reflexology 651-238-0108 45 minute Foot Reflexology \$45.00