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On Saturday, March 10th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the South Minneapolis Housing Fair will take place at South High School, located at 3131 19th Avenue South. This year marks the thirteenth annual Housing Fair, which has become one of the most successful and well-attended neighborhood based events in Minneapolis.

The South Minneapolis Housing Fair is free and open to the public. It promotes home improvement, project financing, city living, and local neighborhood involvement. Those in attendance will have the opportunity to meet over 100 reputable contractors, real estate agents, lenders, and community organizations. Attendees will also be able to attend free seminars from local professionals on home improvement, home purchase, and financing.

A feature seminar entitled *A Beginners Guide to Remodeling Green* will be presented by award-winning local architect and contractor Michael Ansel of Otogawa-Ansel Design-Build. The seminar will be held in the auditorium from 11:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m., and will include a sneak peak at the new *Minnesota Green Remodeling Guidelines*.

Additional seminars will be offered by industry professionals from 12:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m. on topics such as *Plumbing Repair Basics for the Home*, *Updating Windows to Energy Efficient Standards*, *How to Care for a Hardwood Floor*, and *How to Select a*

... in the news

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The Home Tour

by Margo Ashmore, Coordinator

The Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour, in its 20th year, happens Saturday and Sunday, April 28 and 29, 2007, one weekend earlier than in recent years. The tour, a celebration of city living, features 50 homes in Minneapolis and Saint Paul that are remodeled, restored, expanded, energy-efficient or otherwise remarkable or attainable.

The tour is free and self-guided. It's a chance to talk with homeowners about their experiences and get ideas for your own remodeling projects. At many homes, the contractors or architects will be there as well. To find out about the real homes, real people, and real ideas on the tour, go to www.MSPHomeTour.com in April or call 612-673-5140.

In the Diamond Lake neighborhood, you can visit the home of Judy and Rob Grundstrom, 701 East 61st Street. It is a great place to start your tour and pick up the Guide. It's a 1950s rambler restored to its finest hour, with a totally new kitchen that opens up the remarkably open floor plan even more. The Van Dusen Mansion and Eastcliff, the University of Minnesota president's residence, will also be on the tour. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 28 and 1-5 p.m. on Sunday, April 29.

Remodeling Professional. A complete list of Housing Fair seminars for 2007 can be found at www.housingfair.org.

The Housing Fair is a family event, and a free childrens woodcraft project will be offered throughout the day. Other attractions will include hourly drawings for over \$2,500 in door prizes. Refreshments from neighborhood restaurants will also be available for purchase to make your visit more enjoyable.

The Housing Fair is presented by South High Community Education and eleven participating South Minneapolis neighborhood associations. For further information about the Fair, visit the website at www.housingfair.org.

35W/Crosstown Construction Begins in June

Delayed last year, once again MnDOT plans to start rebuilding the 35W/Crosstown interchange.

Important dates in MnDOTs plan:

Community Meetings: May 2007

Contract Award: Late May - June 2007

June 2007 - June 2008 Stage 1

Diamond Lake Road Bridge will be removed.

Noise walls will be replaced.

Foundations of homes near the Diamond Lake Road Bridge will be evaluated prior to pile driving for bridge abutments.

July 2008 - July 2009 Stage 2

Diamond Lake Road Bridge reopened, then 46th and 50th Street Bridges will be removed.

December 2010 Completion



Bridges at 46th, 50th, Minnehaha Creek, Diamond Lake Road, 60th, and Portland will be torn down and replaced during the 4 year project.

Frost Fest 2007

This year's Frost Fest was the liveliest and best attended of any over the past ten years. More than 450 kids, moms, dads, and volunteers attended the Frosty Festivities at Pearl Park on Friday, January 26. KidsDance DJ and performers lit a fire in kids who danced, did the limbo as low as they could go, moved with the hula hoop, and competed their hearts out for inflatable electric guitars. Temporary Tattoos adhered to nearly every child at the Fest, and pockets full of tiny treasures and candy overflowed parents' and kids' clothing. The bright blaze of the bonfire kept older kids warm in between skating and sledding outside. Bits of frosting stuck to kids' upper lips as a sure display of their trophy prize; a win at the cakewalk!

A special thank you goes to Fat Lorenzo's Restaurant, Kowalski's Market, Mike's Corner Store, and the Beadhive for event donations and to all of the volunteers who made this event spectacular.

Frost Fest was coordinated by The Hale, Page, and Diamond Lake Community Association, the Minneapolis Park Board and Pearl Park, and the Pearl Improvement and Recreation Council.



Dancing at Frost Fest.

Scott Traczyk

Late Summer Noise

by Doug Frevort

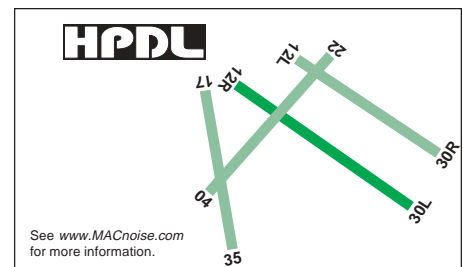
Like me, you may remember our local airport promising not to take-off or land off the north side of their new runway. We must have been dreaming. Late this summer, their promise will be ignored. For a few that will mean two months of quiet, for the rest of us, . . . not so much.

Here is how MAC (Metropolitan Airports Commission) describes it:

To allow the reconstruction of the center section of Runway 12R/30L in 2007, the runway is scheduled to be closed from August 13 to October 17, 2007. Fifty working days have been planned for completion of the project with construction activities in progress 6 days a week, 20 hours per day. To encourage on-time completion of the project, the contractor could incur penalties if the 50-day limit is exceeded. Construction activities will include trucks hauling aggregate material to the airport via Crosstown 62, Highway 5 and Post Road.

Due to the closure of Runway 12R/30L for reconstruction, airport runway operations will be temporarily adjusted to accommodate existing traffic volumes with the least amount of operational disruption.

In summary, the existing aircraft overflight areas in proximity to Runways 12L, 30R, 4, 22, 17, and 35 will be experiencing increased overflights during the construction period. Of specific note, the cities of Minneapolis, St. Paul, Mendota Heights and Bloomington will be the primarily impacted communities. Residents living north of Runway 17/35 in Minneapolis will observe a noticeable change from existing conditions due to arrival operations on Runway 17 and departure operations on Runway 35. Similarly, residents living in the cities of St. Paul and Bloomington will observe a noticeable change from existing conditions due to arrival and departure operations on Runway 4/22.



Yes!

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

Here is my tax deductible contribution:



HPDL, 5144 13th Avenue So., Minneapolis, MN 55417. **Thank You!**

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: __ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Please return this form with your check payable to:

From the Chair

What's in a name?

In the last newsletter, I mentioned some changes that will be taking place within the Hale, Page and Diamond Lake Community Association. One of those changes includes looking into the possibility of changing our name. It can be a mouthful. And when people use our abbreviated name, HPDL, they many times get the letters just a little off (HDPL????). A few names that have been tossed about include Nokomis West, Pearl Park and Almost to Richfield. However, none of those names seem to stand out. So what do you think? When you describe to your friends where you live, what do you tell them? Send me an email (bill@hpdl.org) or call the office (612-824-7707) with your thoughts on a new name for our Community Association. Just to be clear, I'm not talking about changing the names of our neighborhoods; Hale, Page and Diamond Lake, just the name of the Association. I hope to hear from you with your creative ideas. Thanks.



Paint-A-Thon

Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches

Could your house use a new coat of paint?

Paint-A-Thon volunteer teams will paint homes for low-income senior or disabled home-owners - free of charge - the week-end of August 4th and 5th, 2007.

If your house is in need of paint but not major repair, we'd like to work with you.

Do you meet the following guidelines?

- You must be the owner and occupant of a single-family home.
- You must be over the age of 60 or permanently physically disabled (if under 60).
- Your monthly income must not exceed \$1633 per month (for one person in the home) or \$2,200 (for two people in the home).

If you would like more information or to apply to the program, call 612-721-8687 x321. The application deadline is May 11, 2007.

Home and Garage Burglary Prevention Tips:

- Be aware of strangers loitering in the area when you leave your house. Make sure you know your neighbors!
- Make your home look occupied.
- Keep your doors and windows locked at all times. Be on the lookout. **The police want you to call 911** for any suspicious activity such as strangers walking in yards or between houses, the sound of glass breaking, loud banging and unfamiliar trucks or vans lingering in your alley.
- Install deadbolt locks (with a 1" throw) and an 8-inch high-security strike plate (with 3" screws) on home and garage doors. If you have glass within 42" of the door lock, consider: 1) a double-cylinder deadbolt lock, 2) tempered glass, or 3) a decorative grille over the glass. Do not leave the key in the lock; hang it nearby but not reachable from the window in the door. For safety's sake, make sure all the occupants knows how to operate the deadbolt, where to find the key, and practice getting it and operating the lock.
- Use window pins, track fillers, or additional locks to prevent windows from being opened more than 6".
- Lock your vehicle when it is in the garage. Don't leave valuables in the vehicles, even CDs. Invest in a rolling code system for your automatic garage opener or entry key pad rather than a fixed code.
- Leave outdoor lights on overnight, or install photosensitive lighting that operates from dusk to dawn, mounted high enough to be out of reach.
- Mark your property with Operation Identification. Call 612-673-2749 to get your personal number and marker.
- Call Crime Prevention Specialist Sue Roethele, 612-673-2839, to schedule a home security audit.
- Refer to the additional home and personal security suggestions available at: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police
- Subscribe to our free e-mail alert service by sending an e-mail to SAFE3.3-on@ccpsafe.org



Crime Prevention Meeting

Are Your Youth Safe?

On Monday, March 19 from 7 – 8:30 PM at Pearl Park, the HPDL Crime Prevention and Community Committee is sponsoring a meeting to educate parents and older kids about youth safety. With rapidly changing internet technologies and websites, it's hard to keep up with helpful information to keep our kids safe while surfing the net. It can also be difficult staying informed about safety concerns at schools and in the community. You can learn about these topics from three guest speakers at this community meeting:

John McCreary - IT Department of the Minneapolis Public Schools,

Dan Grout - Police Officer School Liaison for Minneapolis Public Schools, and

Mick Sandin - Hennepin County Probation Officer

At this meeting, the speakers will talk about the main issues they repeatedly face, and the rules they believe parents should adopt for the safety of their children. They will answer the questions they are most frequently asked and also take questions from the audience.

From City Hall

By Scott Benson
City Council Member, Ward 11

To my friends and neighbors with HPDL—Thank you for the opportunity to update you about the happenings at City Hall. I will try to keep my column short but informative. If you have any questions or want to learn about something more in depth, please feel free to e-mail me scott.benson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us or call my office at (612) 673-2211.



Marie Foss

Scott Benson

exchange, I promise to use your e-mail address *only* for the purpose of airport noise mitigation and to –

Send you periodic updates concerning the lawsuit’s progress

Notify you of upcoming meetings concerning MAC proceedings

Inform you of legislative initiatives or pending votes which might impact MAC’s plans.

In turn, I ask you to exert pressure in the court of public opinion. I need you to voice your concerns at public meetings, write letters to the editor, and contact your state and federal legislators prior to key votes. Public pressure is crucial to our effort to resolve this issue! Please help by enrolling in my e-mail notification campaign today.

Airport noise update

Recognizing the impact that airport noise has on your daily life, I want to update you on the progress the City is making in its attempt to obtain noise abatement insulation for homes in your area.

As you know, the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) promised in 1996 to expand its sound insulation program to Minneapolis homeowners experiencing noise levels above 60 DNL (day/night noise level). In exchange, the impacted cities did not take steps to block MAC’s runway expansion plan. In 2004, MAC reneged on its promise and announced it would not insulate homes and, instead, would pay only part of the cost of air conditioning homes. That prompted the City of Minneapolis—along with Richfield and Eagan—to file a lawsuit demanding that MAC comply with the Minnesota Environmental Rights Act and make good on its original commitment to provide a full noise mitigation package to homes within the airport’s 60 – 64 DNL area.

On January 25th, Judge Stephen Aldrich ruled in favor of the cities on some important points. His ruling is a significant victory, finding that the MAC committed to provide mitigation to the 60-64 DNL contours to the same level as the 65 DNL and greater contours and that the MAC’s commitment to provide sound insulation is enforceable as an environmental standard. He further states that, *“This court cannot allow the MAC to receive the benefits of a long fought over public bargain and then abandon its repeated commitments upon which so many people have relied.”* The full trial is scheduled to start February 12th.

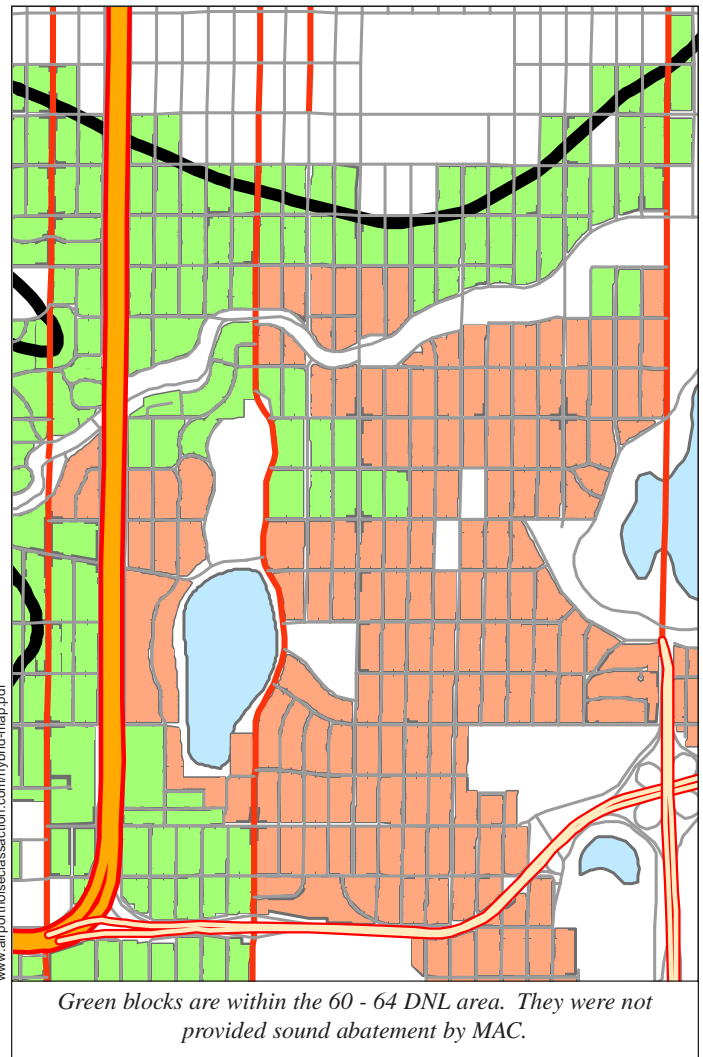
While this ruling is good news, we still face an uphill battle. MAC can drag out the lawsuit, making legal resolution a costly and lengthy process. In addition, MAC is proposing to give airlines \$290 million in rate and rent relief rather than use these funds for noise abatement. Finally, Northwest Airlines is vehemently opposed to MAC’s recent noise abatement motion and no agreement between these two entities has been signed.

Bottom line: lawyers can’t do it all. We need your help to keep this issue in the public eye!

For our grass-roots mobilization to be effective, we need to reach you and your neighbors quickly and without the cost of printing and postage. To make that possible, please take a few minutes to sign up for our airport noise e-mail initiative. To do this, simply send a message to Council Member Benson at scott.benson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us with the subject line, airport update. In

Electronic Newsletter

I also publish an electronic newsletter to keep you up to date on what is happening at City Hall. If you would like to receive this update, please e-mail me at scott.benson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us and put the words “E-mail Update” in the subject line.



www.airportnoiseaction.com/hybrid-map.pdf

Green blocks are within the 60 - 64 DNL area. They were not provided sound abatement by MAC.

A New Home for Nokomis Healthy Seniors

Nokomis Healthy Seniors is settling into their new home at 4200 Cedar Ave South. This is the former site of the Danish American Center (which has now moved to a location on the River Road in Minneapolis). Nokomis Healthy Seniors is thrilled with the new location and what it will mean for the program and all the potential new services that can now be offered. They moved from their previous home, where they had been for over a decade, on October 30, 2006.

In the new location, there are accessible bathrooms on the main floor, a full kitchen, an event hall and a lovely fireplace room with a big screen TV. They now have the space to offer exercise classes, cooking or baking, and maybe even afternoon movies. Nokomis Healthy Seniors is now a great place for community fellowship, games, coffee or simply a lovely chat.

Over the next year, the program will be trying and offering some new activities for the community's seniors. Please remember though that our community health clinic on Thursdays will remain at Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church and other support groups and health programs will remain where they have been. Nokomis Healthy Seniors wants to continue these wonderful community partnerships.

Nokomis Healthy Seniors would like to invite the community and community seniors to come by for a visit and see the new location!

Nokomis Healthy Seniors, located at 4200 Cedar Avenue South, sponsors a foot care clinic every week on Thursday mornings for from 9 a.m. until noon. The clinic is held at Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4120 17th Avenue South. 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. If you have questions please call the office at (612) 729-5499.

At Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 1830 East 41st, we sponsor two monthly support groups. The Low Vision 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 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.

Nokomis Healthy Seniors also sponsors two community blood pressure clinics. On the first Thursday of the month at noon seniors can go to congregate dining at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1720 East Minnehaha Parkway. In addition to having your blood pressure checked you can eat a meal there by calling Evelyn at (612) 729-6668 two days ahead. The cost of the meal is \$3.00. The other blood pressure clinic is held at Standish Green, 2210 East 40th Street, at noon on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Programs

Health Programs are monthly meetings designed to promote your health. Meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month at Faith Lutheran Church. Faith is located at 3430 East 51st Street. These programs are free and open to the public. If you need a ride to any of these activities please call Margo at (612) 729-5499.

March 28, 2007 1:30 P.M.
"Safety for Seniors"
Officer Sue Rothele
Community Crime Prevention/SAFE

April 25, 2007 1:30 P.M.
"Parkinson's—Building Awareness of the Disease"
Rose Wichmann
Struther's Parkinson's Center

In the spirit of reducing waste, please remember to bring your own mug to the programs.



Nokomis Healthy Seniors offices at Cedar and 42nd.

Sam Krainak



Sam Krainak

Local students of Field, the Nano Katz celebrated at the State FIRST Lego League competition.

GEMS at Field Middle School

by Doug Frevert

For the last five years, the GEMS (Girls in Engineering, Math, and Science) program at Field Middle School has given girls a chance to explore. The program changes year to year, but one of the hallmarks has been the FLL (FIRST Lego League) robotics competition.

This years FLL theme was nanotechnology. The Nano Katz chose to explore the use of nanotechnology in fabrics. While some nanotechnology is already in use, like stain preventors; most is still in the lab, like fabrics that change color on command or fabrics that are warm when it's cold and cool when it's hot. The Nano Katz presented their research at the competition.

Another part of the competition is building and programming a robot. The robots run across an obstacle course built out of Legos. Teams get points for completing various missions. In the afternoon, teams go head to head in a single elimination tournament.

Teams present their robot designs and programs to judges who score their creations.

This year, about 270 teams competed in regional tournaments in Minnesota. 70 teams went on to State. The level of competition is amazing. See www.hightechkids.org for the results.

Mike's Corner Store Gets a New Skipper

On New Years Day, Jason Wells, who lives just across Todd Park, took ownership of Mike's Corner Store, located at 56th and Chicago. Mike Mauch, the owner of Mike's for the past 15 years, has moved on to take a business in light fixtures.

Meet Your Gardener

By Laurie Frevert

A sub-zero cold snap prompts the need to dream of gardening.

When you are out and about in the neighborhood you will notice that there are several community garden sites. These gardens are in part funded by HPDL's membership to Minnesota Green, through the Minnesota Horticulture Society. Donated plant material comes from many places; nurseries, garden shows, and even home gardens.

Hale Elementary holds the annual spring plant sale which supports the PTA's at both Hale and Field schools. Last summer, HPDL sponsored an Eagle Scout project for a wild flower garden to be planted at Hale school. Also, the Hale landscape committee has been working with the city to replace the many trees that have been lost around the school block due to Dutch Elm Disease. The landscape committee has formed an extension group to do landscape renovation at Field school.

The community gardens at Pearl Park need to have a sponsor since the organizer of these gardens moved out of state. I sponsor the community garden on Minnehaha Parkway off of Bloomington Avenue. I put out a donation bucket on "National Night Out" at our block club party and receive some funding to purchase special plants for the garden. Many times when I am at the garden site I have people come up to me and say, "let people know that they can help tend to this garden."

Interested in helping? You don't have to make a major time investment, fifteen minutes of watering or an afternoon of planting would be appreciated. You can help by doing any of the types of things you do in your own yard. Lets keep these gardens a "welcome sign" of life in our beautiful community.

You can help!

Contacts:

Hale Elementary - Curt Gutoske, Hale Landscape chair - 612-721-3546 - curt.gutoske@comcast.net

Parkway - Laurie Frevert - 612-823-4504 - lefrevert@email.com

Pearl - Rosie at the HPDL office - 824-7707 - office@hpd.org



Doug Frevert

Plan today for your summer blooms.

Passport Night

Hale School, 54th and 12th
 Friday, March 23rd, 2007
 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Come and join us for one of Hale School's most exciting and well-attended events. Hale students and their families will explore different cultures and countries as they visit ethnic display booths and listen to multi-cultural entertainment. We will also have an array of ethnic treats and some special arts and crafts to keep everyone busy!



Fan dancers at Passport Night

roxanne kjarum



Kids stamp their passports.

roxanne kjarum



Kids get a chance to explore world culture.

roxanne kjarum



Picnic in the Park Planning Committee Volunteers Wanted:

The HPDL Community Association is seeking volunteers to help with planning for the annual Picnic in the Park celebration held at Pearl Park in July. Planning committee members meet once a month for 1 1/2 - 2 hours from April through July to discuss the event's entertainment and attractions, games, food, vendor participation, publicity and the like. Picnic in the Park is coordinated in partnership between the Hale, Page, and Diamond Lake Community Association and Pearl Park. If you would like more information or about volunteering with this committee, call the HPDL Office at 612-824-7707 or email hpd@bitstream.net.

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 at the HPDL office would love to hear from you. The number is (612) 824-7707.

HPDL Committee Meetings

- Building Community Call
- Business Association Call
- Commercial Development Call
- Crime and Safety Second Tuesday
- Housing Call
- Newsletter Call
- Environment Call
- Gardening Every Wednesday
(Spring - Fall)
- Phase II Planning Call
- Transportation Call

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HPDL was founded in 1991. It is bound 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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Planning a Home Repair or Remodeling Project?

The Hale, Page, Diamond Lake Community Association offers three home improvement programs for HPDL residents: Revolving 3% interest loan, Accessibility 0% interest loan, and an Emergency Deferred Loan. If you would like to find out more, contact Angie at the Housing Resource Center - 612-722-7141.

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March 10 Saturday	S. Minneapolis Housing Fair 10 AM – 3 PM	3131 19th Ave. S. housingfair.org
March 19 Monday	HPDL Crime Prevention Community Meeting Youth Safety 7 PM	Pearl Park 414 E. Diamond Lake Rd.
March 26 Monday	HPDL Board of Directors Meeting 7 PM	HPDL Office 5144 13th Ave. S.
April 21 Saturday	Annual Earth Day Clean Up 9:30 – 12:00	Pearl Park 414 E. Diamond Lake Road
April 23 Monday	HPDL Board of Directors Meeting 7 PM	HPDL Office 5144 13th Ave. S.
May 12 Saturday	Hale/ Field Plant Sale & HPDL Business Fair 8 AM – 3 PM	Hale School 1220 E. 54th St.

You make the call:

Bus Ride Info	373-3333
Humane Society . . . (763) 522-4325	
Animal Control	311
CCP/SAFE Spec. Sue Roethle . . .	673-2839
Burned Out Street Lights	311
Airport Noise	726-9411
Graffiti	311
Pearl Park	370-4906
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