



From the Chair

Explanation and Thanks

By Bill Helgeson

Like many of you, I was disappointed that we had to cancel Picnic in the Park this year because of the weather. The storm that came through at approximately 3:00 that afternoon caused a lot of havoc and destroyed quite a few of the canopy tents that were being set up at the time. If that storm had come through three hours later when Picnic was going on, people would have been hurt. As it got closer to the time that Picnic was to start, we were watching another line of storms coming from the northwest that the weather people said (I know, they are usually wrong) had the potential of being severe. Safety always has to come first, so the decision was made to cancel. Please mark down on your calendars the 4th Thursday in July 2008 for next year's Picnic in the Park.

As my year as Chair of the Hale, Page & Diamond Lake Community Association comes to a close; I want to thank all of the other board members and committee members that have served with me this past year. All of you are needed and appreciated for all of the hard work that you put in. I especially want to thank Rosie Doege Dryden, HPDL's one and only staff person. Rosie makes sure everything goes smooth, from board meetings to events to everything in between. And as everyone who has ever met Rosie knows, she is one of the nicest people you will ever meet. We are very lucky to have her. Thanks.



Mother Nature's plans for the 16th Annual Picnic in the Park

By Rachel Walker

Everything was set. The tents were up. The food was arranged. The entertainers were on their way. The neighborhood was looking forward to a chance to celebrate summer and community at the 16th Annual Picnic in the Park. Mother Nature, however, had other plans.

The picnic was canceled after a severe wave of thunderstorms came through the area. In the interest of keeping picnic organizers and hundreds of families that would attend the picnic safe, the event was canceled.

A big thank you goes out to the groups and businesses that supported the 2007 picnic: the HPDL Community Association, PIRC (Pearl Improvement and Recreation Council), Pearl Park, and our sponsors—Comcast, Fat Lorenzo's, Kowalski's Market, Mike's Corner Store, and TCF Bank Nicollet Avenue.

Join us next year for the 2008 Picnic!

Annual Meeting

By Bill Helgeson

FREE FOOD AND PRIZES. OK, now that I have your attention, please join the Hale, Page and Diamond Lake Community Association for our annual meeting on Monday September 17th at 7:00 pm at Pearl Park. Our most important task for that evening will be to elect board members for the six seats that are up for election (we have an eleven person board). There will also be a brief presentation on where HPDL has been in the past, but more importantly, where we are going in the future. Pizza will be provided by Fat Lorenzo's (thank you Scott Siegel) and we will have lots of door prizes to be given away. So come meet your neighbors and learn a little more about your neighborhood and how you can become involved. See you on the 17th!

Brad Kliewer wins Treasure Hunt

A first time participant.

— By Margaret Craig & David Wiencke

The Hale Page Diamond Lake Business Association Treasure Hunt may not receive as much publicity as the Aquatennial, but with this year's prize package of \$3,300, the 2007 Treasure Hunt gave our residents one of the most popular neighborhood events in the city! The HPDL Treasure Hunt is sponsored by the neighborhood's local businesses to thank the residents for their continued patronage. Business owners also hope to attract new business from people in the area as they come to see the posted clues and visit with business owners. Participating businesses benefit from extensive promotion through distribution of postcards and fliers to all residents in the neighborhood. The Treasure Hunt is orchestrated by resident volunteers. A small rabbit is hidden somewhere on public property within the boundaries of the HPDL neighborhood. Clues are posted daily by 9 am at select businesses. The clues are not meant to be easy. They are written so that most clues are required in order to piece together the rabbit's location. For example, you may need the last clue to understand the clue you read two days before. The rabbit is usually made of material difficult to see. A keen eye and persistence is a must.

This year's HPDL Treasure Hunt winner, Brad Kliewer, won this year's treasure hunt as a first time participant. He has lived in the neighborhood for seventeen years. His wife, Sue, suggested it as a fun activity with their 5 year-old daughter, Rory. When the clues finally revealed that the rabbit would be hanging, Brad advised Rory, "You look low... just because it's hanging doesn't mean it's up high." On the last day of the hunt, Brad had already scheduled vacation time to prepare for an upcoming Half Ironman triathlon, but Rory was scheduled for daycare. So, Thursday was the only day Brad was looking without Rory's assistance. After misreading the final clue and

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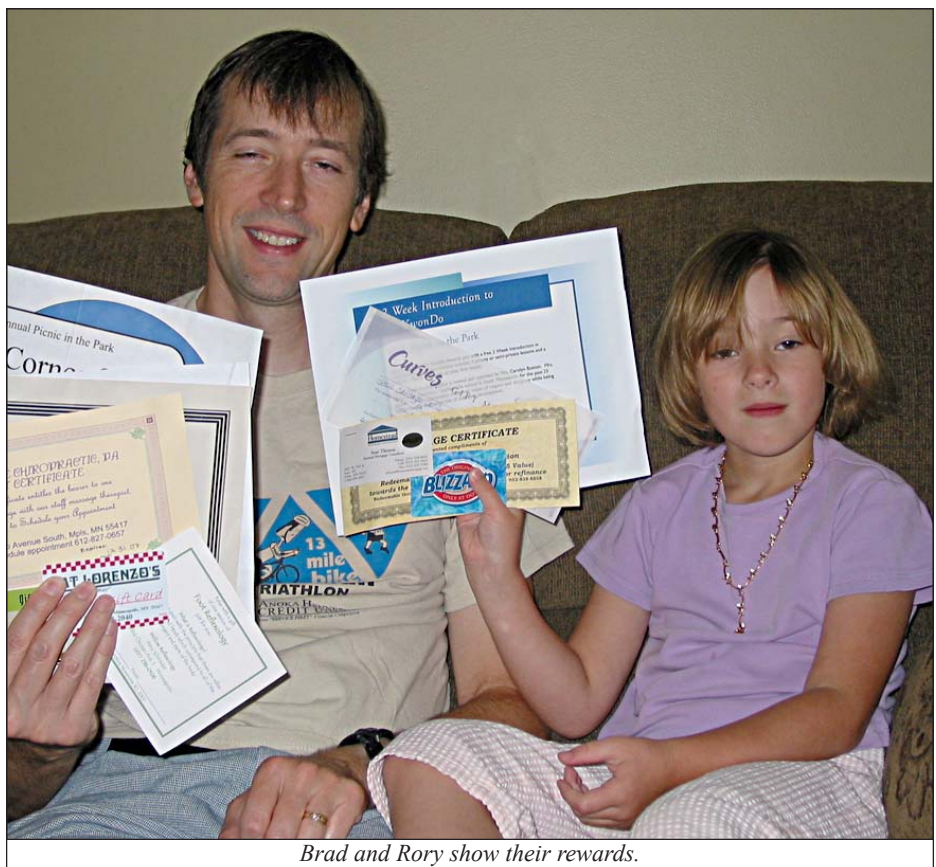
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 September 17, 2006

thinking that the rabbit would be 28 paces south of the stone circle (looking back from the bench), Brad explained, “I realized that sitting on bench overlooking the Nokomis lagoon, I only needed to ‘turn my head,’ not ‘turn my head backwards,’ to see the big, old tree stump. The stone circle was not actually visible from the bench.” He paced the distance from the stump several times and kept landing at the same tree, but careful searches kept coming up empty. Brad double-checked his pace distance against earlier clues to make sure his pace was accurate. Back at the same “large, green tree” again, did “around back” mean behind the tree as moving toward it, or behind the tree facing it from the path? The green tree had many low hanging branches. “I kept thinking, ‘I’m missing something,’ and repeated my advice to Rory back to myself... ‘look low,’” he recalled. “I stepped back a bit to see what might be near the tree and noticed the bushy part.”

Parting the branches to look deeper inside, he spotted a bit of wire that “didn’t look natural, but didn’t look like a rabbit.” But with a bit of a tug it came loose to reveal a small clothes-hanger wire segment twisted into the shape of a rabbit. Special thanks to all of the businesses who donated prizes!

HPDL Community Calendar

Monday September 17	Annual Meeting and Board Elections	7 p.m. Pearl Park 414 E. Diamond Lk. Rd.
Monday September 24	HPDL Board Meeting 7:00 PM	HPDL Office 5144 13th Ave. S.
Monday October 22	HPDL Board Meeting 7:00 PM	HPDL Office 5144 13th Ave. S.
Monday November 26	HPDL Board Meeting 7:00 PM	HPDL Office 5144 13th Ave. S.



Brad and Rory show their rewards.