

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic in the Park

by Gretchen Huetteman



Despite the horrific storms that wailed through the area, the Picnic in the Park Committee is glad to report that the picnic site, Todd Park, had little damage. The Hale, Page, Diamond Lake Community Association (HPDL), Pearl Improvement and Recreation Council (PIRC) and Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board coordinate this outdoor event each year to build community awareness and nurture neighborhood identity and spirit. Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> is the picnic date so mark your calendars for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual "Big Backyard Get Together." The Picnic is scheduled from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Todd Park, 56<sup>th</sup> and Chicago Avenue South, rain

or shine. Over 2,000 neighbors, friends, and family attended last year's event and this year's picnic will include added attractions for an even bigger turnout.

A favorite musical group, The Teddy Bear Band, will be with us again and is enjoyable for all ages. Adult musical entertainment will follow the Teddy Bear Band so be sure to bring a blanket or chair to sit on for maximum relaxation. Exciting events

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## Big Backyard Get Together

7<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic in the Park  
A Celebration of our Community

5:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>

Todd Park, 56<sup>th</sup> and Chicago

## The Storms of '98

Who can forget them, as we survey the hundreds of trees torn apart or felled, look aghast at neighborhood cars and homes, or those of our neighbors, damaged through successive storms, and add up the costs of food ruined due to the power outage? It was surprisingly emotional to see stately elms, that had survived the attack of the Dutch elm beetles, ripped out at the roots and laying dejectedly on their sides.

The lullaby of chain saws on the day following the May 30<sup>th</sup> storm, was practically the only sound to break the oddly quiet days void of those noises we take for granted. (Of course, the airplanes resumed their clamor.) Everything from fish bubblers to refrigerators was still, sounding a deafening commentary on our dependence on technology. Who among us did not walk into rooms flipping on the light switch, momentarily taken aback when nothing happened? How many of us got all twitchy because we could not cruise the Internet or finish that assignment? Kids played happily outside on the huge tree down in the

park. They looked a lot like kids in the summers before Nintendo, Sony, Panasonic, or Sega competed with plain old TV for attention. As fortunate as we were to lose only the food in the freezers, the powerless weekend saw us complaining about having to use hand saws to cut wood. We were absolutely tickled pink when a neighbor brought over a cordless drill for us to use! More board games were played, and families stayed closer to each other, clustered around camping lanterns and candles. The costs of cleaning and fixing up after the storms was enormous. Peoples' lives were seriously disrupted, and the toll on our psyches was large. Let's hold on to the ridiculous images, (e.g. asking your child to plug in the extension cord so you could . . . oh yeah, no power) the community building opportunities (neighbors talking around the downed limbs or those who ran cords across alleys or streets to their friends and neighbors, kids climbing the root ball of an elm. . .) and be grateful that some of our fellow Minneapolitans were willing to put in the extra hours, to the point of exhaus-

tion, to try to get things back to normal. May we stay in touch with what is really important in life, may we not take our energy use for granted, may the sun come out today and tomorrow, and the power stay on.

*Karen Pritz lives and gardens in the Page Neighborhood with her husband, two kids, and two cats.*



*Nature toppled trees and crushed cars.*

# Summer Activities of the Building Community Committee

The HPDL Building Community Committee has been quite busy this year planning several events to get our neighborhood residents out working and playing together.

## Clean Sweep

The annual Clean City Program sponsored by the Minneapolis Public Works Department Division of Solid Waste and Recycling in conjunction with various neighborhood associations will sweep through our neck of the woods on Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Building Community Committee is actively seeking volunteers to help with this day-long event. It is a great opportunity to get rid of hard to dispose of burnable materials from your home, yard and garage.

Following is a list of things you can do prior to August 22<sup>nd</sup> to clean up your home:

### 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 note that says "FOR SOLIDWASTE".

### 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

### 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.

On the actual day of Clean Sweep, Packer trucks will make their way up and down all the alleys in HPDL picking up large burn-

able items such as old toys, small furniture, wooden chairs and tables, household garbage, unusable clothing, carpeting, litter and other non-polluting burnable items. We need volunteers to walk behind the trucks and help load materials on to the trucks. The trucks will bring the waste down to the Hennepin Energy Resource Center in downtown Minneapolis. Residents must place all burnable items by their normal garbage pickup on the morning of Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> for collection. This is a great time to work together as a community and clean up our neighborhood one house at a time. Use this day as an excuse to get rid of all that excess stuff taking up much-needed space and work together with other neighbors to clean up our city!!

Items that will not be routinely collected include appliances, tires, brush yard trimmings and various other materials. **The packer trucks will absolutely NOT pick up any auto batteries, hazardous waste, motor oil, paint or any other toxic material. Call the City Solid Waste Department at 673-2917 for proper ways to dispose of these items.**

## Adopt-A-Highway

Another branch of Operation Clean City and the Building Community Committee are sponsoring an HPDL Adopt-A-Highway day. On Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> we will be gathering together to pick up trash and litter along Portland Avenue from the Creek to 60<sup>th</sup> Street. We will provide collection bags, neon vests and gloves to wear. Volunteers are needed to pick up litter from 9-11 a.m. We did this event already once this year and had a great turnout. Please call the HPDL office at 824-7707 if you are interested in being a part these events.

## Fun Run

We are planning a neighborhood 5K (3.1 miles) fun run along the creek and Lake Nokomis this fall. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> and get your running shoes warmed up! This event will be a fund raiser for the HPDL Neighborhood Association. Details are still in the works, but look for more on this first annual run in the next newsletter.

If you have any interest in being a part of the Building Community Committee, please feel free to join us on the last Wednesday of each month at the HPDL offices from 7-9 p.m., or call the office at 824-7707 for more information.



*Plant an HPDL Block Grant on your boulevard!*

## From the Chair

by Dick Saunders

Community spirit, tested during the severe windstorm on May 31<sup>st</sup>, gets a chance to blossom this summer and fall with many group events designed to enhance neighborhood life.

Think about joining us — either as a participant or a volunteer, as we begin shaping the future of our organization.

First, of course, is our annual summer festival, “The Big Backyard Get Together,” set for 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at Todd Park.

Next comes “Clean Sweep,” the annual basement and garage clean-out, Saturday, Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Closing out the season is a first-time fun run for adults and youngsters, Saturday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. Keep your eyes open for more details.

And, don’t forget our annual meeting of HPDL members at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> at Pearl Park. This is an excellent opportunity for you to run for an HPDL Community Association board seat and help plan our future. More details will be mailed in early September.

Remember, our success depends on you.

## More Businesses Plan Exterior Improvements

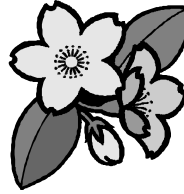
Ten HPDL businesses are considering exterior modernization projects as part of the HPDL Commercial Grant program. Among them are Fat Lorenzo’s and Mr. Tuneup at 56<sup>th</sup> and Cedar, Advanced Auto Repair at 60<sup>th</sup> and Portland, and the seven shops making up a proposed Todd Park Centre at 56<sup>th</sup> and Chicago.

Fat Lorenzo’s, a longtime favorite pizza cafe, received a wine and beer license from the city in May. It added sidewalk tables and increased off-street parking, and plans to purchase new signs.

Mr. Tuneup is exploring new signs, new garage doors, resurfaced masonry and a new parking surface. Advanced Auto proposes a resurfaced parking area. The 56<sup>th</sup> and Chicago shops are considering an “urban village” concept with storefronts linked by a unified design theme.

## Yes!

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



Here is my contribution:

\$10     \$15     \$25  
 \$50     \$100     Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form with your check payable to:

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

**Thank You!**



*Some of the members of the HPDL Business Association:  
Scott Siegel, Mike Mauch, Eric Grube, Dick Saunders, Craig Toquam, and Peter Bruce.*

Your ideas and expertise are welcomed by the Commercial Development committee. Call 824-7707 for the next meeting date.

## Business Assoc. Formed

by Eric Grube, owner of the Nokomis Cup Coffee Shop

The Hale, Page & Diamond Lake Business Association, newly incorporated on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 1998, invites neighborhood businesses to apply for membership. The Association was created to formally unite businesses in the HPDL neighborhood and “work together as a community of businesses in the neighborhood to build, promote, and strengthen membership communication, access to resources and economic development in the neighborhood of Hale, Page & Diamond Lake.”

Currently, the Association has applied to the Minneapolis Community Development Agency (MCDA) for funds to offset costs of cooperative advertising, Association mailing, and an Association booth at the Picnic in the Park. The Association has additional plans but needs the input of more businesses.

Meetings are held at 5 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the HPDL office. Any business is eligible to join, including home based firms.

Businesses should contact Sarah or Rosie at the HPDL office at 824-7707 to apply for membership. The boundaries of the HPDL neighborhood are Interstate 35W on the west, Highway 62 on the south, Cedar Avenue on the East and Minnehaha Parkway on the north.

# At City Hall

by S. Doré Mead, 11<sup>th</sup> Ward Council Member

'Tis the season of open windows and outdoor activities. But along with those long-awaited friends come the unwelcome intrusions of airport noise and speeding traffic.

In May, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) completed their eight-year study of anticipated environmental impacts of the "2010 Long-Term Comprehensive Plan" for Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. Most notably, that plan includes the addition of a "north-south" runway that would run roughly parallel to Cedar Avenue. The agencies state that the north end of that runway would be used for takeoffs and landings (over Minneapolis) for much less than 1% of all flights; use at the north end will presumably be restricted to emergencies and rare weather conditions.

The City Council and the Mayor sent comments on the Plan to the FAA and MAC, after the City Council's Transportation and Public Works Committee held a public hearing at Pearl Park. I am particularly pleased that the City's comments recognized – for the first time – that the negative impacts of the airport are felt City-wide; that ground noise and vibrations are serious consequences that must be addressed; and that the airport agencies should study the health effects of air quality impacts from airport operations.

Every year, as people move outside to enjoy their yards and neighborhoods, the calls to my office also increase seeking help to reduce the volumes and speed of traffic on both residential and commercial streets. This year, most of the calls from the HPDL area have concentrated on portions of Edgewater Boulevard, 54<sup>th</sup> Street and Cedar, 12<sup>th</sup> and Portland Avenues. I am working with neighbors and the Minneapolis Public Works Department to develop potential solutions to these traffic challenges.

Our best hope for reducing suburban "cut-through" traffic throughout our neighborhoods is the light rail transit line (LRT) that

would run adjacent to Hiawatha Avenue for much of its length. The Hiawatha line would connect major "traffic generators" such as downtown Minneapolis, the Veterans Administration Hospital, MSP Airport and the Mall of America, while also being accessible to residents of Minneapolis, Bloomington and Burnsville. Although Federal funding has yet to be arranged, the State dollars the 1998 Legislature designated for LRT construction were a giant step forward to making LRT a reality and makes Federal funding a real possibility. If the planned timing remains on schedule, the Hiawatha LRT line could actually be up and running by the year 2003.

On a less cheerful note, it was disheartening to experience the severe loss of trees and damage to homes that occurred during the storms that hit the region in May. HPDL was particularly hard hit. The epicenter of the May 30<sup>th</sup> storm included the blocks that "fan out" from the intersection of 56<sup>th</sup> Street and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. At long last, Northern States Power Company is considering burying its electrical lines to prevent such serious disruption of service in the future.

My heartfelt thanks to all of the HPDL neighbors who weathered the May 30<sup>th</sup> storm stoically, who helped protect their neighbors homes from further damage, and who otherwise pitched in to restore livability to their block, the neighborhood and the City. It is people like you who make Minneapolis such a great place to live.

My thanks also to all of you who call my office to bring concerns to my attention and to let me know where the City's efforts should be focused. Working together is the key to strengthening the City for ourselves and the generations who will inherit our legacy. Please keep those phone calls and letters coming!



## HPDL Community Calendar

July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Teens Loaves and Fishes Volunteer Activity	Meet at the HPDL Office at 5:00 p.m.
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	HPDL Board Meeting	HPDL Office, 7:00 p.m.
July 30 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic in the Park	Todd Park, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Aug. 4 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out	Community Wide
Aug. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Volunteers Build Hale School Playground	Hale School 8:00 a.m.
Aug. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Clean Sweep Community Wide	8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Aug. 24 <sup>th</sup>	HPDL Board Meeting	HPDL Office, 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 17 <sup>th</sup>	5-K Run	To be announced

## Runway Ban Set Until 2035

One of the primary long-term threats to the quality of life in HPDL has been diminished. The city of Minneapolis and the Metropolitan Airports Commission have agreed to prohibit construction of a third parallel runway until at least 2035, and possibly 2050. The agreement was part of a procedure directed by the 1996 Minnesota legislature as a condition for approval of the north-south runway at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

The third parallel runway, which would bring more air traffic over the HPDL, Nokomis East and Longfellow neighborhoods, was opposed by the HPDL Airports committee.

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added this year include comic and poetic mimes Michael Hennessy and Kathy Gates who involve the audience in their performance. Bring your Yo-Yo to the gathering as Ben Lee will perform throughout the evening. Other activities will include Carnival Games, Ball Crawl, Moon Walk, Dunk Tank, Bike Patrol, Pop Bottle Rocket Games hosted by Cub Scout Pack 56, and the McGruff Canine Crime Dog Corps. The mounted police will also be on site along with a fire truck, Community Crime Prevention (CCP)/Safe Tent, and other church and community organizations.

Attendees will register for free prizes to be drawn at the end of the picnic. Raffle tickets will also be sold for a chance to win great prizes. One of the grand prizes is a \$250 Microsoft software gift certificate donated by Twin Cities Sidewalk.

A variety of food will be available for sale including the popular meatball sandwiches,

soda pop and hot dogs. Several sponsors will provide free treats as long as they last so you might want to arrive early. Complimentary items include juice bars by GJ's SuperValu and Edy's ice cream and 1919 Root Beer by Nokomis Cup. While snacks are available at the park, many people bring their own picnics to enjoy.

Our sponsors make this event possible by offering financial, food, and prize contributions. Sponsors include GJ's SuperValu Foods, Northern States Power, Norwest Foundation, TCF Bank, Nokomis Cup, and HPDL Business Association. Co-Sponsors include the HPDL Community Association, Pearl Improvement and Recreation Council, and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board.

The Picnic in the Park planning committee is hard at work pulling together the final details for the event. Participants include committee chairs Heidi Humphrey and

Karen Pritz and committee members Viola Carlson, Barb Day, Gretchen Huetteman, Geneva Doresy, Steve Voss, Krista Hong, and HPDL staff members Sarah Lindeman and Rosie Doege. Thanks to all committee members for their enthusiasm and countless hours of planning and preparation.

Additional volunteers, ages 10 and up, are needed during the picnic to fill one hour shifts starting at 5:30 p.m. Volunteering is a terrific way to contribute to your neighborhood and to meet your neighbors. Call the HPDL office today at 824-7707 to sign up for a shift during the event.

Please make an effort to attend the "Picnic in the Park" on Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. It's a great way to meet and connect with your neighbors other than when there's a flood or wind storm. This event is a festive, celebratory gala that you won't want to miss!

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## It Takes A Village — *a letter to the editor*

I heard it said this week that truth is what allows us to live in harmony with nature. I think it is necessary to remember that we are part of nature and so are our communities; just like a herd of elephants or a flock of geese. Truth allows us to live in harmony with each other.

This evening I was driving south on Chicago Avenue heading to LeeAnn Chin's for some takeout when CRACK! a small rock hit my car. I had seen the gang massed together in a wide space between some parked cars. I realized I had even seen the arm as the rock was thrown. With the news of children shooting peers and adults in schools fresh in my mind, I quickly pulled over, parked my car and began walking back to confront the culprits. I let them know in no uncertain terms that it was dangerous for all those involved to be throwing rocks into the street. I thought, but didn't say, another person could be angry and stop and lose their temper with them. The rock could have gone through my window, and even worse I could have lost control of my car. . . . but it didn't and I didn't. Though I hadn't asked, they each in turn denied having been the one to throw the

rock. I wasn't interested in which particular arm had thrown the rock that happened to hit my car. Probably none of them would have done such a thing on their own, thus it was the gangness of the situation that was responsible, the courage that people take in being together testing what they can get away with.

I am angry and frustrated with shootings by and of children. How does even one child get the idea that it is the right thing to do? I walked back to my car intending to drive away, but in my rear view mirror, I saw the missing component. I had not talked with the parents. Adults came out to the sidewalk and one began pointing in my direction. I waited, expecting someone to approach me. I sat there watching and thinking alternately, "What if they lied to their parents? I should have talked to the parents." I got out of my old '88 station wagon again and walked back. This time they met me half way; the gang of five beautiful little girls in sundresses and jelly sandals and four parent figures. One of the gang was riding on the hip of her mother, head snuggled into the crook of her mom's neck. The girls had said they were throwing

rocks. I was relieved and said I just wanted to make sure they understood what had happened and mentioned that "It takes a village. . . ". One parent touched my arm and said thank you. Each child was then required to say her sorries and we parted in a brief moment of truth. I was encouraged by the response of these families to my scolding their children, but I knew it was also possible that I might be scolded for interfering with their parenting.

It occurs to me that as a neighborhood, if we could simply agree to a few rules that we could all count on, we might be able to raise a pretty decent crop of children. Although we all come from different backgrounds and have some different rules for our children, we do all live in the same neighborhood. As parents, we want to protect our children from strangers who might be harmful. As a community, we must also do that, but teach the children that responsible adults require that children respect the boundaries of safety and respect for all. I guess a few of us started with, "You may not throw rocks." Would you join us?

*Barb Moffett lives in Diamond Lake with her husband Ken. Their children, Ryan and Sarah, grew up in the neighborhood.*

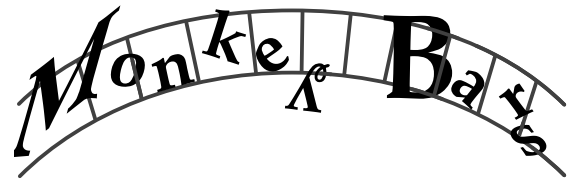
# The Hale School Playground

It truly took a village to fund this playground. Community participation was staggering. Adults and children alike pitched in to make this a reality. Hale School parents contributed their talents in a benefit show titled "Monkey Bars". The event took place Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and attracted 300 people.

Beth Russell, a Hale School parent who is also the assistant principal of Southview Middle School in Edina, spearheaded the organization of a courtyard dance at her school to benefit the playground fund. Thanks to her efforts, we are \$216 closer to our goal. Not only does Beth deserve our thanks, but so do the students at Southview.

Small change added up to \$100 thanks to the diligent efforts of Hale School's second graders. Collecting pennies has never been so profitable. Room 217 sold holiday cards and bags and contributed almost \$100 to the fund-raising drive. We hope these students will all enjoy the fruits of their labor.

The community plans to recognize the many generous donations that contributed to the new playground. Under consideration is a plaque listing the individuals and groups who generously gave their time, talents, and resources. Without the overwhelming sup-



port of Hale Schools extended community, this playground would never be. Thank you to everyone involved in its creation.

A special thanks to the outstanding performances of the tremendously talented entertainers. Be sure to catch "Monkey Bars" star performers doing what they do best:



Jeff Arundel & Billy McLaughlin, Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 7:30 p.m. at Weesner Family Amphitheater in the Minnesota Zoo (Ticketmaster 989-5151).



Scott Novotny, September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at the NEW Minnesota Comedy Club, in



Maplewood near the Best Western at 694 and White Bear Avenue.

## Summer Stars at Pearl Park



Rain or shine, come down to Pearl Park to participate in Summer Stars. This family program builds neighborhood relationships by providing fun activities for all ages. All events are free! No registration is necessary. Refreshments will be served at all events for a small fee.

Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 3 to 5 p.m.—Paper Capers— *make creative objects with paper.*

Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 6 to 8 p.m.—Games night— *fun games for all ages.*

Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 3 to 5 p.m.—Art in the Park— *create!*

Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3 to 5 p.m.—Root beer floats to 50's, 60's, and 70's music!

Summer Stars is co-sponsored by the Pearl Improvement Recreation Council, Pearl Park, and the Hale, Page & Diamond Lake Community Association. Special thanks to Michelle Glenn for all her hard work in organizing the Summer Stars program.

## Minneapolis Civilian Police Review

If you believe you have been or have witnessed misconduct by an officer of the Minneapolis Police Department, you can file a complaint with the Civilian Police Review Authority. **Call 370-3800.**

Police Misconduct Includes:

- Excessive Force
- Inappropriate Language
- Harassment
- Failure to provide adequate or timely police protection
- Discriminatory conduct based on race, color, religion, national origin, gender, affectional preference, disability or age

## It's OK to call 911

Lately there have been several late night garage break-ins and yard thefts in the HPDL neighborhood.

Please, if you see anyone or anything suspicious call 911. Our law enforcement professionals encourage such calls, and couldn't do their jobs without the support and active involvement of concerned neighbors.

Please be a watchful neighbor and report suspicious behavior to the police.

Thank you —The HPDL Crime and Safety Committee

# The Playground is coming!

Thanks to the efforts of numerous HPDL neighbors, Hale School will soon have a playground to serve not only its students, but the community at large. The original budget did not have adequate funds to provide for this new play space or its equipment. However, Hale School parents and HPDL community members recognized the critical need for an updated play facility and rallied together to raise the money themselves. Their hard work paid off, as construction begins in Mid-August!

The Hale School community playground will proceed in three phases. Phase I of the construction begins in August. Minnesota Wisconsin Playground will dig the holes for the equipment on Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. The following day, a group of Hale Community volunteers will assemble the equipment with the help of a paid supervisor starting at 8:00 a.m. Minnesota Wisconsin Playground will pour cement on Sunday, the 16<sup>th</sup> or Monday, the 17<sup>th</sup>. We need a group of volunteers on the evening of Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> to lay the Fibar ground surface. A Bobcat will make this job easier.

Phase II is planned for November 1998 with proceeds of the Gold C Sale funding this

portion of the playground. The goal of this fund-raiser is \$5,000. Phase II will include the "Mega Rock," the "Space Shuttle" and two colorful roofs. This equipment will be fairly easy to add to the Phase I playground. If we decide to keep fund-raising to add on to the playground, phase III will consist of a platform and spiral slide.

We are confident that this playground will fit the needs of both Hale School and the community. Thank you for your support.

If you would like to volunteer to help with this project please contact:

- Franklin Yates 627-2387
- Bridget Herrmann 866-5178
- Gaye Huber 824-4140

## History Quiz

The airport hasn't always been here. Before it was the airport it was:

- 1) wilderness
- 2) Sioux Indian Territory
- 3) Fort Snelling
- 4) a race track

ANSWER: each one is true.



## A Grand Opening

The Teen Center Grand Opening blasted off with an outstanding turn out of over 100 teens, parents, and neighbors on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Everyone enjoyed free pizza and a can of pop, compliments of Old Chicago and GJ's Super Valu, before rushing off to play games.

The celebration included many exciting activities including air hockey tourna-

ments, computer games, pool, and ping pong. We followed the beat of the African Drummers, Yonithan Reinhang, Karen and Jacob Anderson, as they entertained us. Every half hour a lucky participant won a door prize from Dairy Queen or Fat Lorenzo's.

The opening of The Teen Center was made possible through the help of Hale, Page & Diamond Lake Community Association, the HPDL Youth Committee, Edgewater Emmanuel United Methodist Church, parents, and neighbors. Your support is greatly appreciated. Congratulations to all the teens and adults who attended many meetings and worked many days to make this happen.

If you missed the Grand Opening gala do not worry, The Teen Center is open every Wednesday from 3 to 6 p.m. Additionally, teens can volunteer to assist us with Loaves and Fishes the fourth Monday of every other month. We are always looking for volunteers, young and old, to help out. Call 824-7707 for more information.

## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out!

**Block Parties Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**

Be a part of the nations biggest crime prevention

If you have an organized block club, start planning NOW!

If you don't, call CCP/SAFE at **673-3015**.

**CALL NOW! — Join the fun!**

## HPDL Committees

- Building Community—Last Wednesday
- HPDL Business Association—3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
- Commercial Development—2<sup>nd</sup> Monday
- Crime and Safety—1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday
- Environment—1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday
- Housing—Quarterly
- Youth—call the office

### HPDL Board:

- Scott Benson . . . . . 824-2085
- Flannery Delaney . . . . . 825-1561
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- Buck Humphrey (Treasurer) . . . . . 721-4592
- Kay Hughes . . . . . 823-4721
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- Ray McCabe . . . . . 869-8031
- Kate Price-Achhamer . . . . . 823-7504
- Greg Sanderson . . . . . 822-2462
- Dick Saunders (Chair) . . . . . 861-1061
- Gail Von Bargen . . . . . 729-4228

### HPDL Staff:

- Sarah Lindeman
- Rosie Doege
- Viola Carlson

HPDL publishes this newsletter quarterly and distributes it to the Hale, Page and Diamond Lake Neighborhoods. If you have questions or comments, would like to contribute, or join the Newsletter Committee, please call the HPDL office at 824-7707.

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HPDL was formed in 1991. It is bounded 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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 Humane Society . . . . . 522-7130  
 Animal Control . . . . . 348-4250  
 CCP/SAFE . . . . . 673-3015  
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 Burned Out Street Lights 673-2429  
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