



NEWSLETTER

Hale, Page, and Diamond Lake Community Association

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HPDL Board of Directors Election

7:00 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21
at Pearl Park,
414 E. Diamond Lake Road

The 1998 annual meeting of the HPDL Community Association will take place on September 21, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. At this meeting, residents of the Hale, Page, and Diamond Lake neighborhoods will elect up to six members of the HPDL Board of Directors. Three electors will also be selected to represent our neighborhoods at the annual city wide election of neighborhood representatives to the Policy Board, the governing body of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP).

HPDL Board Elections

The HPDL Board of Directors has 11 members, two each from the Hale, Page, and Diamond Lake neighborhoods and five at-large. Directors set policy for the association, oversee operation of HPDL committees, and monitor the fifth year of implementation of our Neighborhood Action Plan, developed with the support of the NRP. Directors serve a 2 year term on a "staggered" basis, so that each year part of the Board is up for election. Directors are asked to attend monthly Board Meetings (held on the fourth Monday evening of the month.) and serve in an area of interest as a Board Officer, or member of a Board Committee, standing HPDL committee, or task force. Full community meetings are held bi-monthly on the third Monday of the month. Any resident of the HPDL neighborhoods over 15 years old can run for a seat on the Board of Directors. At-large members can be non-resident property or business owners.

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John Heilberg

Karen Pritz, Buck and Heidi Humphrey pause during a busy day.

HPDL enjoys 7th Picnic in the Park

History does repeat itself. For several years our neighborhood's annual Picnic in the Park has been held on a glorious sunny day. This year's July 30th picnic was no different, as temperatures hovered around the 80 degrees mark. Our community gathered for its seventh year at Todd Park to celebrate summer, our neighbors and our unique neighborhood.

The Teddy Bear Band started out the evening and had most of the children and even a few adults dancing in the isles. The Teddy Bear mascot, Mr. Panda, encouraged audience participation and apparently lost weight this year as his "fur" kept falling off. *Rich and the Resistors* followed the children's band and was a treat for everyone who loved live outdoor music.

We streamlined the registration process to one stop for all registrations: free treats, door prizes and even tickets. Many volunteers began the day long before noon, and ended their day by helping register the nearly 2,000 attendees.

A wide variety of exhibitions included the Canine Dog Corps, an ambulance tour, and a roving division of the Minneapolis Police Horse Patrol. There were many activities held throughout the picnic such as the dunk tank, ball crawl, fire truck tour, carnival games, moon walk, mime Michael Hennessey, face painting by Jekeia Hines, civic organization booths, pop bottle rocket

games, bike and walk patrol, McGruff the Crime Dog, and yo-yo demonstrations by Ben Lee.

The climax of the evening was the raffle and door prize. Eileen Morre won the first prize raffle drawing, which was a \$250 gift certificate to Microsoft from Sidewalk.Com. Second prize, a \$60 Toro Cordless Trimmer from Toro went to Jason Wells. Third prize was a \$25 gift certificate from Hub Jewelers and an electric toothbrush. And, last but not least, was the \$25 gift certificate from Diamond Lake Hardware.

Most of all, we'd like to thank our sponsors who made this event possible. Many of the companies are repeat sponsors and offer financial, food, and prize contributions. Please join us in thanking our 1998 sponsors: **GJ's Super Valu Foods, HPDL Business Association, Nokomis Cup, Northern States Power, Norwest Foundation and TCF Bank.** Co-sponsors include HPDL Community Association, Pearl Improvement and Recreation Council and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board who coordinate this outdoor event each year to build community awareness.

While our numerous volunteers and the HPDL staff are eager for a year's rest, we welcome your comments and suggestions

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for next year's picnic. Better yet, please consider being a part of the Picnic in the Park planning committee. We start planning this event when the snow is still flying and it's a great way to jump start your spring!

By Gretchen Huetterman

Board Elections *from page 1*

The terms of six Board Members expire this September. Several are retiring at the end of their term for personal reasons or because they have been elected to two consecutive two-year terms, the limit according to HPDL by-law. This year we especially need to thank retiring Board Chair, Dick Saunders, for his service and dedication to HPDL. Saunders has volunteered since the beginning of HPDL and, as chair, has proven himself a steady hand at the helm during both stormy and smooth seas. Thanks also go to other directors whose terms expire: Diane Lysen, Buck Humphrey, Flannery Delaney, Scott Benson, and Gail Von Bargen. Those eligible to serve another term can run for re-election. We hope they will. Board members whose terms do not expire until 1999 are: Kay Hughes, Kate Price-Achhamer, Ray McCabe, Doug Frevert, and Greg Sanderson. Join this dynamic group to make a difference in your neighborhood. Call the HPDL office at 824-7707 if interested in running for election. Even if you don't intend to run for a Board seat, please come and vote. Let your voice be heard — we promise you won't be forced to run against your will!



Gretchen Huetterman

NRP Policy Board Elections

On September 21, we also have the opportunity to participate in the selection process for neighborhood representatives to the NRP Policy Board. We will select one neighborhood elector and one alternate elector from each of the Page, Hale and Diamond Lake neighborhoods. Electors study candidate information, attend candidate forums, and cast a ballot at the city-wide election on November 19, 1998. HPDL electors will vote for a Protection Neighborhood representative and alternate and an "at-large" representative and alternate to serve on the NRP Policy Board. The League of Women Voters hosts the election, distributing candidate information and moderating the forums.

The NRP Policy Board makes decisions affecting all Minneapolis neighborhoods. The board consists of four representatives from city neighborhoods, five from participating government jurisdictions - City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, and the School, Park and Library Boards, and others from various community groups such as business and labor foundations. This selection process gives our neighborhoods a voice in the NRP process and a say in what will happen to our city as the future of the NRP is debated. It is important. Funding from our NRP supported Action Plan has helped HPDL start the Teen Center, the Neighborhood Walk Patrol, Bike Patrol, Housing Loan Program, and many neighbor-to-neighbor activities and programs in our neighborhoods.

By Karen Pritz