

Volunteer Spotlight

by Valerie Powers

Helen and Ray Rozycki moved into the Hale neighborhood in 1963, and for 35 years they have been truly a dynamic duo, working tirelessly with commitment and activism! They not only serve on the Build-



Ray and Helen Rozycki

ing Community Committee and volunteer at all HPDL events, they are always getting acquainted with new residents, making sure they feel welcome in the neighborhood.

“We just can’t say ‘no’,” Helen confesses with a laugh. “Ray and I both feel strongly about volunteering and getting involved. Volunteers are the life’s blood of any organization.”

During the 1960s, Helen and Ray were part of a support group for parents of disabled children; eventually, this became the Minnesota Institute for Neurological Development (MIND). The Rozyckis co-founded the United Handicapped Federation and helped to launch an early transportation program in the Twin Cities for the disabled.

Helen and Ray are also active with Healthy Seniors, a program providing cost-effective, quality health care to seniors, allowing them to stay in their homes and not enter nursing homes. Helen serves as board chair; Ray is a companion-visitor. Helen reports that when Medicare studied the Healthy Seniors pilot project in four states for three years, it was demonstrated that Minnesota’s program was the most cost-effective, thanks to its heavy volunteer component.

“We found that working with Healthy Seniors dove-tails neatly with the Building Community Committee,” Ray adds. “Es-

tablishing a stable, age-diverse population in a community gives it both vitality and stability.”

Helen and Ray raised eight children and recently celebrated 55 years of marriage! They enjoy keeping active. Both claim that they are very busy right now, getting ready for Frost Fest.

According to Kate Price-Achhamer, “The Rozyckis have wonderful ideas to improve our community and work to fight crime, as well.”

So, let’s all salute the great work of Helen and Ray Rozycki. Long may they continue!



Teen Job & Opportunity Fair

- Saturday, March 20th
- Noon to 2:30 p.m.
- South High School (3131–19th Avenue South)
- Food & Drink!
- Free Admission!
- Free Workshops!
- Jobs For The Summer!
- Fun Volunteer Opportunities!

HPDL from Space

Guess the year—‘96, ‘91, ‘86, or ‘81?

How about the season?



Landsat captured this image in Spring, 1991. See www.terraserver.com for more details

From the Chair

By Scott Benson, HPDL Chair

It is time to plan for HPDL's future. We are at the end of our five-year plan and our first funding cycle from the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP). Funds have been appropriated to pay operating and committee expenses through the end of this fiscal year and, with some prudent planning by the finance committee, it is likely we will be able to reappropriate sufficient funds to operate through the end of the next fiscal year. The question remains, however, what will we do after May 2000?

In 1998, the HPDL Board of Directors began an evaluation of HPDL's efforts over the past five years. In November, you received the result of that process, the 1998 Annual Report, which set forth a number of HPDL's accomplishments since 1993. That report summarized for the community and potential grant writers the activities that have made HPDL a great asset to our community. The next step in determining where to go from here is to critically analyze what HPDL has accomplished in the past five years, compared with the goals articulated in the NRP Action Plan.

Skating Rink Moves

By Gail VonBargen

Last year, lifelong resident Tom Crowley was dismayed to see that the ice skating rink across the street from his house on Nokomis Parkway, on the west side of Lake Nokomis, had no hockey area for his young boys to practice. He recalled that in his youth, there had always been such an area, separated from the general skating area by a snow berm and equipped with goal nets by the Minneapolis Park Board. It was a popular spot for pick-up hockey games made up of neighborhood kids.

Tom figured he'd act early this year. He called the Park Board and asked that the Nokomis rink get hockey nets, like the other city lake rinks do. Instead, the Park Board told him there'd be no rink at all. It was moving to the main beach.

Tom called the Park Board repeatedly. Frustrated with the Park Board, Tom brought his story to the HPDL Board.

At its November board meeting, the HPDL Board of directors adopted three priorities for the coming year:

1. Evaluate the success of the current five-year plan and create another five-year plan (a "second action plan").
2. Prioritize the neighborhood's goals.
3. Make a definite finance plan for the current fiscal year.

These are ambitious goals, but we must accomplish them if we want to keep HPDL operating beyond May 2000. Alone, however, the Board cannot hope to accomplish these goals. We need your help.

I am writing today to ask for your help to set the agenda for our community association over the next five years. As you may have read in the paper, future funding for NRP is uncertain. Although we may not be able to count on another round of funding from NRP, we should not be deterred. HPDL can continue to exist even without NRP funds, if we are committed to redefining our purpose and, if necessary, finding alternative sources of funding.

This is an exciting time for HPDL. I look forward to working with you as we plan for the future. Now is the time to begin.

Yes!

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



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Thank You!

In his presentation, Tom pointed out that:

1. For young children, the rink is no longer within walking distance. Skaters must cross Cedar Avenue, which means, "drive a car".
2. A skating rink already exists at Lake Hiawatha to serve the neighborhoods east of the lake.
3. On the lagoon, the rink had high visibility from traffic crossing Lake Nokomis on Cedar Ave., while at the main beach, it is hidden from view.

On Tuesday, December 29, 1998, we called the Minneapolis Park office and talked to Mike Schmidt, superintendent of operations. Mr. Schmidt carefully detailed the reasons behind the Park staff's decision, with Board and Commissioner approval, to move the ice skating rink on Lake Nokomis from the western, lagoon side of the lake to the northern beach area.

Mr. Schmidt stated that this year the Park Board challenged its staff to rejuvenate outdoor sports and ice skating in Minneapolis Parks. The Park Board publicized

the problem in August and September in the Minneapolis Star & Tribune, and at Park buildings.

The recreational ice skating/hockey complex on Lake of the Isles draws 50% of the city's skaters. The Park Board wants to create another multi-use skating area at Lake Nokomis. They felt a move from the west side of the lake to the main beach area offers more parking, the beach house makes a bigger warming house, and outdoor skating music could be added, without disturbing nearby neighbors. Since 60-80% of ice skaters drive to a rink, walking is not as important.

Two broomball rinks will be moved from south Minneapolis parks to the Nokomis beach area. When no broomball games are scheduled, the rinks may be used for pickup hockey games or recreational skating. The staff presented their plan for the new Nokomis skating area to the Park Board members and the HPDL area Park commissioner, Ed Solomon. They approved the idea. They will try it for a few

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At City Hall

December, 1998

By S. Doré Mead

11th Ward Council Member

My greetings to all. Let's hope the rest of this winter is as wonderful as our record-setting December.

On December 10, the city council adopted the city's budget for 1999. The budget contained a 3.3% property tax increase that I did not support. While I supported most of the budget as proposed by the Mayor, I could not vote for a tax increase that will primarily go for the massive subsidies of the Target store proposed for Nicollet Mall. The public's contribution to this store is triple that of the owners and operators of the store. Over the period that the borrowed public dollars must be repaid, the city will spend \$115 million in principal and interest on this store.

I am encouraged by the recent formation of a new, energetic grassroots group dedicated to decreasing the impact of airport

It's a family business. Their grown children and grandchildren often help. It is a place where you can order a deli pizza or a wedding cake! Pizza specialist, Grandpa Mario, advises that if you want to order one of their pizzas, call ahead or don't be in a hurry. They have perfected their pizzas and use the best-quality ingredients. They serve a pizza that is almost deep dish, and it needs the proper time to cook just right! They also serve salads, pastas, cheesecakes, and cannoli. Their #1 seller is the Mario Hoagie. Of course, it's Italian.

When you walk into the restaurant, you see a display of postcards from all over the world. Customers get to feel like part of the family and remember to write to Florence and Ed when they travel.

Florence makes beautiful wedding cakes to order. She has photo albums filled with pictures of weddings, then the first baby photos, and so on. They have customers that still come back to visit years after they've moved from the neighborhood. As

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City of Mpls News Release

When Minneapolis' first heavy snowfall arrives, more than 1,000 cars land in the Municipal Impound Lot because their drivers disregard parking rules imposed with the announcement of a Minneapolis snow emergency. No one wants their car towed—and the City of Minneapolis would prefer that no cars require towing. So be "snow smart" and follow these simple rules for winter '98-'99.

- When the snow gets heavy, check local media for the announcement of a snow emergency. Or call **348-SNOW** for the latest snow emergency information.
- **On the first day** of a snow emergency, snow emergency routes are plowed. There is **no parking** on these routes, which have red snow emergency street signs and blue street name signs.
- **On the second day**, there is **no parking** on both sides of parkways and on the even side of residential streets; these are being plowed. You can park on snow emergency routes and on the odd side of residential streets. If your car is parked on the odd side of a residential street, move your car to the even side during the evening of the second day (8 p.m. – 8 a.m.).
- **On the third day**, the odd side of residential streets are plowed; remain parked on the even side of the street. At the end of the third day (8 p.m.), parking resumes on both sides of all streets unless the City announces otherwise. Again, call 348-SNOW to find out the latest snow emergency information.

Remarkably, we still await our first heavy snowfall a week before the New Year.

Art Adventure

By Laurie Frevert

During the month of January, Hale and Field Elementary Schools are participating in an art program offered by the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. In November, 48 parent volunteers from Hale and Field attended "Picture Person" training sessions on presenting thematic sets of images of art to students. At Hale, the series is called "Family, Friends and Foes." At Field, the series is "American Art Sampler." Volunteers go into the classroom once a week, show a piece of art, and convey some of the key ideas about the piece like the theme, the historical or cultural context, or the technique. They start a conversation. They encourage the children to discuss, participate, and ask questions. Each volunteer will customize their presentation. They may choose to bring props, maps, or timelines to enhance their presentation.

Commitment from the volunteers, the school staff, and the Minneapolis Institute of Arts make this a great experience for students.

It's OK to call 911

Skating Rink Moves *from page 3*

years before declaring success or failure. Since the 1998-99 ice-skating season is off to a slow start this warm winter, they will probably ignore this year.

Having heard from both sides of this issue, two points remain clear: losing a recreational skating rink so close to the neighborhood is a real loss, especially for the children who can no longer walk to the rink. On the other hand, the Park Board made the changes to promote skating and other winter ice sports.

Ultimately, the success and popularity of the new Nokomis ice skating area will be concluded from the comments and participation of all city residents and residents of the surrounding neighborhoods. To express your opinion, call District 5 Park Commissioner Ed Solomon at 651-649-4788; any of the Commissioners at Large, at 651-661-4800; or write to any of the Commissioners at the same ad-

School Information Fair—Feb. 6th

Press Release from Mpls. Public Schools

Staff from nearly 100 schools will be on hand to answer questions from students and families at the upcoming Minneapolis Public Schools Information Fair. All district elementary, K-8, middle school, and charter schools will be represented, including the two new schools opening next fall on the North Side: McKinley/Perkins Hill Community School and Jordan Park School of Extended Learning.

For the first time, the district is consolidating its annual kindergarten and elementary school information fairs into a single event, which will take place on Saturday, Feb. 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at International Market Square, 275 Market St. The participation of middle and charter schools this year is also new.

School request cards, a 78-page School Guide describing school choice options, and other registration materials will be available at the information fair. These materials will also be available at all Minneapolis public school in January. The request cards must be turned in by Feb. 28.

dress as the following officials at the Minneapolis Park and Recreation offices.

Write to either: Minneapolis Park Board President, or Superintendent of Minneapolis Parks 200 Grain Exchange Building 400 S. 4th Street Minneapolis, MN 55415-1400

The HPDL Board welcomes your calls to offer suggestions or information about this situation. Finally, the Board thanks Mr. Crowley for bringing the matter to our attention.



Nokomis Healthy Seniors News

Health Promotions

Every second Wednesday of the month.

Held at Minnehaha Methodist at 3701 E. 50th St., 1:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Osteoporosis

February 10—Speaker: Jan Christian from Minnesota Osteoporosis Foundation

A bone density test will be made available for a fee. A “bone healthy” lunch will be served.

Nutrition and Exercise

March 10—Speaker: Glori Hinck

Aging is Everybody's Future

April 14—Speaker: Miriam Reibold from Minnesota Senior Federation

Macular Degeneration Support Group, sponsored by Nokomis Health Seniors, meets the second Thursday of the month at Ebenezer Lutheran on 41st and Cedar, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Julie Rindelaub from Vision Loss Resource is the facilitator.

Call our Senior Helpline with any questions or problems you may have. Our staff will answer your questions and a volunteer will follow up on your question or request to make sure you got what you needed. Call 729-5499.

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Are you concerned about the safety of HPDL streets?

The HPDL Transportation Committee will hold its first meeting on Thursday, January 14th at 7 p.m. in the HPDL Office (5144 – 13th Ave. So.)

At our first meeting, we will discuss the flow of traffic and the speed limit on Cedar and Portland Avenues. We will review the flow of traffic at 56th & Chicago. Information will be shared about the habit of running stop signs and what we can do to ensure the safety of our children and residents.

If you have questions, concerns or ideas, call the HPDL staff at 824-7707. More important, bring your ideas to the Transportation meeting on January 14. Why not bring a neighbor? And remember . . . Drive Safely.

Editor: We apologize if your newsletter arrived too late for you to attend. If you're interested, please call the office.

C.A.T.

Control Auto Theft (CAT) is under way in Minneapolis. To obtain a window decal that allows police to stop your vehicle without cause between 1 and 5 a.m. (police assume it has been stolen), contact Mary Etzioni, Community Crime Prevention Specialist, at 673-3717.

Logo Designer Needed

The HPDL Business Association needs a logo! The Business Association consists of both store-front and home businesses. It strives to enhance the presence and visibility of our neighborhood businesses and what they represent to the HPDL-area lifestyle. Our logo should reflect that theme. Logos can be free-hand or computer drawn.

If you are interested, please contact Mike Mauch (Mike's Movies at 823-4358) or Craig Toquam (822-6145) by February 15.

HPDL Committees

- Building Community—Last Wednesday
- HPDL Business Association —3rd Wednesday
- Commercial Development—3rd Monday
- Crime and Safety—1st Tuesday
- Environment—1st Wednesday
- Teen Center—Thursdays

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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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TEEN CENTER HOURS!!

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THURSDAYS 4:30-7:30 P.M.

3rd floor of the HPDL Community Center
5144 13th Avenue South

- Hang out with friends and play pool, ping pong, pin ball, or with computers
- Sign up for field trips
- Find out about volunteer opportunities

You make the call:

Bus Ride Info 373-3333
Humane Society 522-7130
Animal Control 348-4250
CCP/SAFE 673-3015
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HPDL Community Calendar

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| Jan. 18 | HPDL Community Meeting Using the Internet to Build Community | Pearl Park, 7:00 p.m. |
| Jan. 25 | HPDL Board Meeting | HPDL Office, 7:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 7 | 2nd Annual Frost Fest | Pearl Park, 1 – 4 p.m. |
| Feb. 22 | HPDL Board Meeting | HPDL Office, 7:00 p.m. |
| March 13 | Housing Fair | South High School 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. |
| March 20 | Teen Job & Opportunity Fair | South High School 12 – 2:30 p.m. |
| March 15 | HPDL Community Meeting Crime & Safety | Pearl Park, 7:00 p.m. |
| March 22 | HPDL Board Meeting | HPDL Office, 7:00 p.m. |

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