

Welcome Pastors

Christine Wenzel started as Associate Pastor at Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church in October of last year. She came from Kenosha, WI and is living in Richfield with her husband and two children. Originally from Minneapolis, she is very pleased to be back. She is proud and excited to be heading the tutoring program that is a part of Nokomis Heights Neighborhood Outreach Program. Christine and Senior Pastor Mark Nelson would love to welcome any new faces to their summer 9:30 a.m. service. Nokomis Heights is located at the corner of 10th Avenue and 53rd Street. They will also have a table at Picnic In The Park. Stop by and welcome Christine to our community.

We'd also like to welcome Max Richter to Edgewater Emmanuel at 5144 13th Avenue South. Max is fresh out of United Theological Seminary in New Brighton. This is his first church. He is very pleased to have been assigned a church in South Minneapolis. His passion within the community is Youth and Max is interested in bridging the paths between the community, HPDL and other local Youth Organizations. Welcome to the neighborhood Max, we wish you great delight in your new position.



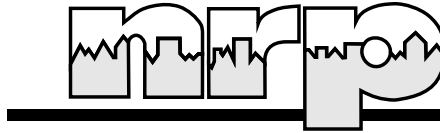
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For more information call the MCDA at 673-5286.



NRP Proceedings

By *Buck Humphrey*

The Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board moved one step closer to adopting a framework for the second phase of the NRP by approving a Planning Timeline and Communications Plan. The communications outreach project hopes to inform the public about the progress of various NRP Phase II program objectives, city-wide goals and general administrative policies. The Phase II Planning Timeline provides specific dates for the Policy Board to complete each of their stated objectives. According to the timeline, the Policy Board will deliberate on the final Phase II program operation guidelines at its March 2000 board meeting. The Policy Board also adopted a long, sought after, solution to the interim funding and interim neighborhood capacity issue.

As few as eight and possibly as many as 13 Minneapolis neighborhoods, including the Hale, Page, Diamond Lake association, will complete their initial NRP action plans prior to the implementation of Phase II or January 2001. In order to help these neighborhoods maintain their current capacity and continue the work they have started, the Policy Board took a bold step and granted them access to an interim funding source. The NRP will use unallocated Neighborhood Participation dollars to fund these neighborhood capacity needs and will debit the dollar amount used during the interim period against the neighborhood's Phase II allocation.

Minneapolis City Councilwoman, Jackie Cherryhomes and Hennepin County Commissioner, Peter McLaughlin are to be commended for their leadership on the interim funding issue and their long-term commitment to neighborhood capacity. Over the summer and into the fall the NRP Policy Board will hold forums, solicit input and consult city residents to mold the next phase of the NRP. Don't hesitate to contact your NRP Policy Board members about what is vital to your neighborhood.

From the Chair

by *Scott Benson*

Planning for HPDL's future has begun!

On May 17, 1999, at the May community meeting, approximately 40 HPDL residents met and engaged in a brainstorming process. Karen Pritz explained what HPDL had accomplished during its years of existence. Then, led by HPDL resident Sheldon Sorensen, the group considered the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats and needs that face HPDL. Based on these considerations, residents suggested actions for the next five years. Attendees recommended HPDL focus its efforts on: communication; housing; seniors; education; environment; airport noise; traffic; transportation; park and recreation; and youth. We ended the evening by completing "Skills and Talent" surveys to let HPDL know what particular skills and talents they bring to the community.



Website

By *David Wiencke, Webmaster*

The next time you log onto the Internet be sure to go to "Neighborhood Connections" at www.hpdlba.com. That's the new web site put up by the HPDL Business Association. Have something to sell or want to announce a garage sale? Post it in the free classifieds section. Want to find out about fun activities? Check out the Pearl Park Summer Program listings in the Park Happenings section. Looking for information on home remodeling or toilet repair? Look in the Homeowner Resources section. Other parts of the site include Neighborhood News (we hope you'll send us your news), a Discussion Board, a Chat Room, an Event Calendar and sections on Crime Prevention and Government Information.

We hope you find the site useful, and we also hope you'll let us know about information you'd like to see. Our email address is info@hpdlba.com. If you're a business owner in the HPDL neighborhood, either storefront or homebased, you can create your own web site (no technical skills necessary) within hpdlba.com. All you need to do is join the Business Association. Complete information is right on the site! Happy surfing!

The next step in the planning process occurred on June 21, 1999. Over 30 people met at the Diamond Lake Lutheran Church to review the progress to date and the ideas presented at the May 17 meeting, discuss new ideas, advocate on behalf of projects, and vote to prioritize the ideas presented. Kay Hughes presented an overview of the May 17 meeting. Then the focus group generated several new ideas for consideration. A number of attendees made persuasive presentations to the group encouraging those in attendance to vote in favor of certain ideas or programs. At the end of the meeting, the following ideas received the most votes: maintaining the HPDL office and infrastructure; recruiting more volunteers; protecting our natural resources; maintaining the HPDL newsletter; and decreasing airport noise. The group agreed that none of the ideas presented would be rejected for consideration by the community as a whole.

The next step in the future planning process, as suggested by the Ad Hoc Future Planning committee, is to survey neighborhood residents. The committee originally intended to include the survey with this Newsletter. Between the June 21 community meeting, at which so many new ideas were received, and the deadline for this newsletter, we ran out of time. So, the Committee decided to take more time to develop the survey and allow residents more time to complete the surveys. Look for the survey to be distributed in the near future. We intend to hold more focus groups and community meetings. Our goal is to complete a new five year plan for HPDL before the year 2000.

I want to thank all of those who have been so diligent in this planning process. Thanks to Shel Sorensen for leading the brainstorming at the May 17 meeting. Thanks to Diamond Lake Lutheran Church for al-

lowing us to use their facilities on June 21. Thanks to the planning committee members: Dana Bacon, Helen Merrill, Dick Saunders, Kay Hughes, Karen Pritz, Buck Humphrey, and Krista Hong.

Thanks

We are losing two wonderful, long time neighbors. Diana Peterson and her father Elmer are moving to Edina at the end of July. Diana and Elmer have been active in the HPDL neighborhood for many years. One of Diana's latest passions has been administering the Crime and Safety Committee's Bike Patrol. She worked closely with the Third Precinct to make the patrol run smoothly. I'm sure you've run into Diana and Elmer at one of the many HPDL events. We wish them the best of luck in their new home. Thanks for all your dedication Diana and Elmer!

Nokomis Healthy Seniors

Health Promotions

Wednesday, July 21, 1:30 p.m., Faith Lutheran, 3430 East 51st Street. Join us for a twin pack about housing for seniors. Heidi Schneider, Marketing Director at Nokomis Square will be talking about "Housing phases for the aging population" and Mary Kay Stillson, RN at Nokomis Healthy Seniors will share on the "Cost benefits of staying in your home and how to achieve that goal." Several healthy seniors' members will share some challenges they have encountered in trying to achieve the goal of staying in their homes.

Wednesday, August 25, 1:30 p.m., Faith Lutheran, 3430 East 51st Street. We will be hosting a "Dessert Extravaganza for our Elected Officials." We have invited our elected officials to this event and have planned an exciting program for all. Actress Nancy Gromley will be performing and we will have several testimonials from members on the impact Nokomis Healthy Seniors has made on their lives. RSVP's would be appreciated. Please call the office at 729-5499

Wednesday, September 22, 1:30 p.m., Faith Lutheran, 3430 East 51st Street. Melissa McCartan from Fairview Inpatient Hospice Unit will speak on "Coping with

Grief." Alice Danielson (NHS's member) will share about her experience with support groups.

Wednesday, October 27, "Medicare Update." Speaker to be determined. Come with questions.

The Macular Degeneration Support Group continues to meet the second Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Ebenezer Lutheran, 41st and Cedar.

George Town is always looking for new members in the Creative Writing Group. They meet the first and third Thursday of

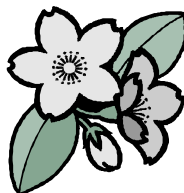
the month to encourage each other to put together memories and family history. A common interest of all the members is that they want to leave something of themselves for their children and families. They meet at Nokomis Community Center, 2401 East Minnehaha Parkway from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Call George at 727-3961 with any questions about the group.

Nokomis Healthy Seniors holds a blood pressure clinic at Pearl Park monthly. Meet our nurse there the first Tuesday of the month from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Please call LuAnn at Nokomis Healthy Seniors for more information or with any questions, 729-5499.

Yes!

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



Here is my tax deductible 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!

At City Hall

Council Member S. Doré Mead

Greetings during these long, warm days of summer.

The recent efforts to provide public funding for a new stadium for the Minnesota Twins seem to be headed nowhere fast. On June 25, on a 7 to 6 vote, the City Council passed a weak resolution of support. For lack of support, the Hennepin County Board has not yet considered the matter. At the Minnesota Legislature, the Chair of the House Tax Committee has declared the most recent proposal "dead on arrival"; and Governor Ventura opposes the proposal.

I do not support the expenditure of substantial public resources for this private purpose. Sports stadiums do not provide the economic benefits necessary to war-

rant such investment. Most importantly, Minneapolis citizens changed the City's Charter two years ago to require that no more than \$10 million in City funds be spent on professional sports without voter approval. We need to honor that requirement and not seek a "loop hole" around it.

Governor Ventura has appointed Charles Nichols as the new Chair of the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC). The Governor has also made five appointments to the MAC, including the reappointment of our own Joe Gasper, who has done an excellent job representing us on the MAC since 1989.

The 3rd Police Precinct is the largest in the city, serving the area bound by I-35W,

I-94, the Mississippi River and Crosstown/62. As the largest precinct, it also has the most reported crimes and the largest number of officers. However, it also has the smallest station house, which impedes the precinct's crime-fighting capabilities. At my request, the City Council and Mayor have directed the Police Department to begin a serious study of this precinct to determine what kinds of changes need to be made in the precinct boundaries and facilities to improve the Police Department's effectiveness in this area. That study is expected to be completed by mid-year 2000.

As always, please call me at 673-2211 with your news, views and questions.

Environment News

By Kay Hughes

Minnehaha Bike and Pedestrian Trails

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) formed a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to upgrade the bike and pedestrian trails along Minnehaha Parkway from Lake Harriet to Minnehaha Falls. The old trails need to be replaced and new safety standards implemented, including improved lighting, benches and information kiosks.

Citizens along the trail were advised of the meetings and invited to participate. The MPRB asked each community along the trail for a representative. Innumerable considerations, and interesting ideas from the CAC and citizens at large, and sparked many lively discussions. CAC groups biked the trail with citizens at large to study certain aspects of the trail. The final recommendation was submitted to the MPRB. With few changes to the pathway will be begin next year. The MPRB will be correcting erosion areas along the creek banks in a separate project.

Gateway Project

The Minneapolis Arts Commission (MAC) offers a 'Gateway Project' to communities each year. HPDL has the honor of receiv-

ing the grant in Ward 11 this year. The grant was applied for from this committee. A core group, headed by Gail VonBargen, met to determine the best site and concept of the project. Meeting with the MAC helped determine the site and description to be sent to artists. The MAC will invite artists to submit plans/designs. The core group and MAC will narrow the group to several artists' concepts and invite them to create models. The final design will then be decided. This will be constructed next year near the water pump at Portland and Minnehaha Creek. Watch for it, and many thanks to the core group for all their hard work.

Diamond Lake Water Quality Update:

Houses across from Cub Foods are being purchased and removed to create a filtering pond for water that flows into the south west of Diamond Lake.

Community Gardening

The community garden at Diamond Lake and Hampshire has been extended. Additional plant material was acquired from HPDL's association with Minnesota Green. The garden has tripled in size and many thanks to all of the helpers that joined the gardeners take on this big task. Many of the shrubs will be transplanted this fall to take advantage of the additional room. The theme is a sustainable garden. Gardeners

meet Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. during the growing season. Join us for the fun of sharing plants, ideas, and information.

Opportunity for CACism: Phase II – Blue Water Commission. The MPRB is establishing the next phase of the Lower Chain of Lakes, which will provide implementation of the recommendations made in Phase I. Bob Babin, Scott Foss and Kay Hughes represented HPDL during Phase I. The report is available at the office.

Reminder: Use lawn fertilizer with a low middle number. The phosphorus is not needed in large quantities. **Do not rake leaves into the street. Bag them. Put them into the compost.** Leaves release phosphorus. Phosphorus in the storm sewer system flows directly into lakes, wetlands, creek and lakes, and clogs everything up. Be a good steward.



Gardeners extend the Hampshire garden.

Meet Your Neighbors

By Laurie Frevert

With the recent focus on test scores, it's easy to think our public schools are failing. Here are three examples of success. Each attended Hale, Field and Anthony public schools before high school. Each graduated this year. Congratulations!

Anne Greenwood

Anne lives in Diamond Lake and graduated from Southwest High School with an IB diploma. Her family includes parents, Rhonda & Jeff, and brother, Peter. This fall she is going to attend college at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec. The plan is to major in International Relations and minor in Russian or Chinese – after that, law school.

This summer she is working as a nanny for three children who live close by. She likes the fact that they can go over to Pearl Park – a safe place. Anne enjoys the way that Pearl Park plays a role in pulling the community together.

Anne wouldn't trade growing up in HPDL for anything. She feels she received an excellent “book smart” education as well as the opportunity to meet people of other cultures. She values the differences in backgrounds and cultures represented by her peers.

She participated in H.S. plays and attends local theater productions. Playing the team sport of soccer also inspired her to coach at Pearl – 12 year olds. She plays clarinet and piano. She says her family values edu-



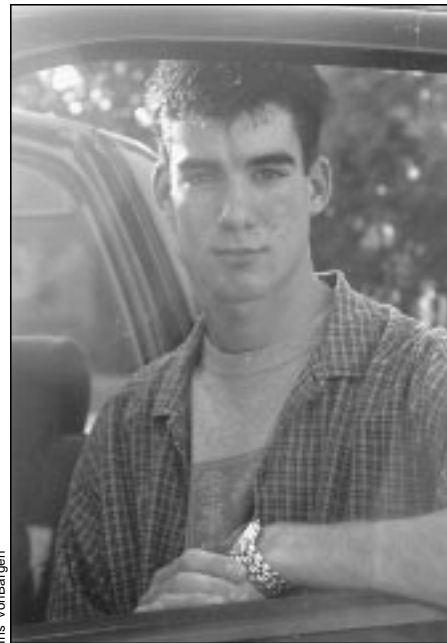
Anne Greenwood

cation and always encouraged her to study and pursue her dreams.

She is happy to have grown up here and feels a loyalty to Minneapolis. She loves the city life.

John McGrane

John lives in Page and graduated from Washburn High School. His family includes parents, Anne & Dan, and siblings, Jennifer & Carl, and pets, Tubbie (dog) & Ratchet & Squirrel (cats). Come fall, he'll be at the University of Wisconsin, Stout. He will be in the liberal arts program and his interests include environmental studies, science and medicine. He has worked at Diamond Lake Hardware for several years. He volunteers at Pearl Park.



John McGrane

He likes the variety of sports activities around here – rollerblading around Nokomis, walking by the Creek, or biking to a concert at Lake Harriet.

School was a positive time and John thinks his teachers were good. He feels that opportunities were available to anyone that applies themselves. He credits his family for their values of working hard, having responsibilities and volunteering.

He is sold on city living. He doesn't want to commute to a job far away. He likes diversity and feels prepared for life. He says

HPDL is a special place – you run into people you know. It has a “small town feel” in the big city.



Anna Sylvestre

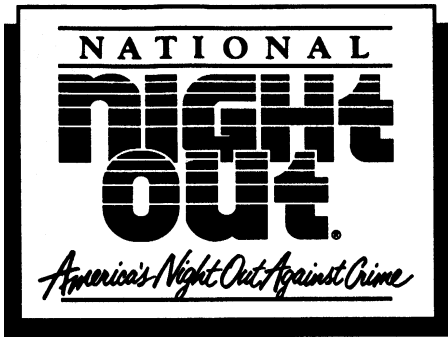
Anna Sylvestre

Anna lives in Hale and graduated from South High School. Her family includes parents, Alice & John, and brothers, Peter and Marc. Pets include dogs, Molly & Maddie, and cats, Maggie & Mercedes.

She'll soon start college at St. Thomas and will live on campus. Her plan is to become an elementary education teacher. She also wants to study veterinary science.

Her family has been a foster home for the Hennepin County Humane Society. Three of their pets came to them that way! She loves reading and cross-stitching. Their family takes an annual skiing vacation at Red Lodge, Wyoming.

Her school days were rigorous and challenging. Anna feels prepared for college and is glad to have had good teachers. Playing clarinet in the school band helped her meet many friends. She liked learning about other cultures and the diversity she experienced at school. She still volunteers at the Field Fun Fest. She feels thankful that her parents raised her in the city. The homes are unique, with mature trees. We are close to nature and she finds comfort in walking around, running into people she's known for years. This is a friendly area with deeply rooted people.



Plan For a Good Time and a Good-bye to Neighborhood Crime

On blocks and in neighborhoods all over Minneapolis and in communities throughout Minnesota, thousands of people are beginning to put their plans together for the 16th Annual National Night Out (NNO). This year's community celebration and crime fighting event takes place on Tuesday, August 3. Minneapolis is one of the few cities in the country where, for all 16 years, residents have been turning on their outdoor lights, and joining their neighbors for the NNO community get together.

Theme – Back to Basics

For the second year, "Back to Basic" is the theme for National Night Out. "What's more basic to stopping crime and increasing feelings of safety and community than strengthening, organizing or re-invigorating a block club." said Carol Brusegaard, Associate Director of CCP/SAFE and one of the founders of National Night Out in Minneapolis. "We hope this year's campaign will bring lots of new people and block clubs together to create a greater sense of security and well being for everyone."

CCP/SAFE finds that neighbors who are connected and work together are the most effective and crime prevention tools the city has. Our strategies and crime preven-

tion approaches grow out of the building block of strong block clubs. This year's NNO focus will be on the key activities that Block Clubs and neighbors can do to make the neighborhood a safer, more enjoyable, more livable place.

Deadlines for applications to close streets

Every year on National Night Out, many block clubs put up barricades to close off their streets to make them safe for their block parties. In 1998 more than 500 streets were closed off. Because there is a limited number of barricades, the City Clerks office has set up the following deadlines:

- July 6: Free barricades for application received or postmarked by July 6th.
- July 7 – 20: \$15 fee for barricades for applications postmarked between July 6th and July 20th
- July 21: Requests will be denied for applications postmarked after July 20th

Applications can be gotten through the City Clerk's office by calling 673-2114. Requests for barricades will be filled on a first come, first served basis, so start planning for your potluck or barbecue or street dance as soon as you can.

#1 in the Nation!

In 1998 the city-wide Minneapolis NNO effort was ranked #1 in the country for cities with populations over 250,000. The National Association of Town Watch who facilitated NNO efforts in more than 9,400 cities and towns bestowed the honor. The Minneapolis effort saw a record 38,000 neighbors celebrate safety and community at 827 separate block parties. Locally NNO and block clubs city-wide are coordinated by Community Crime prevention/SAFE (CCP/SAFE), a unit of the Minneapolis Police Department.

Graffiti Begets Graffiti

By Helen Merrill

Graffiti is vandalism and can lead to other problems like littering, loitering, harassment, drug dealing, more serious property crimes and even violence. Prevention is the first line of defense:

- Keep property well maintained and keep alleys clean and free of debris
- Keep garage doors closed and LOCKED!
- Install motion detector lights
- Look out for your neighbors

When you find graffiti:

- Notify police. Call 911 if you see someone about to commit the crime; if you have information about the crime; if you have information about individuals involved or if the damage is less than one hour old.
- Call Tele-serve: Call 348-9392 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. – 10 p.m. if the crime occurred more than one hour ago or if you have no witnesses and/or no suspect information. Leave your full name, address and telephone number. A Tele-serve operator will contact you and take the police report over the phone.
- Photograph the graffiti for police investigators and your insurance company.
- Remove (or cover) the graffiti as soon as possible – within 24 hours is best.

Other resources: 673-2090 Minneapolis Graffiti Hotline has helpful information. The Yellow Pages has a listing under Graffiti Removal. Our local fire station has some chemicals that may be used.

Quilters

The HPDL Quilters will meet this fall.

If you are interested in joining contact the office at 824-7707.

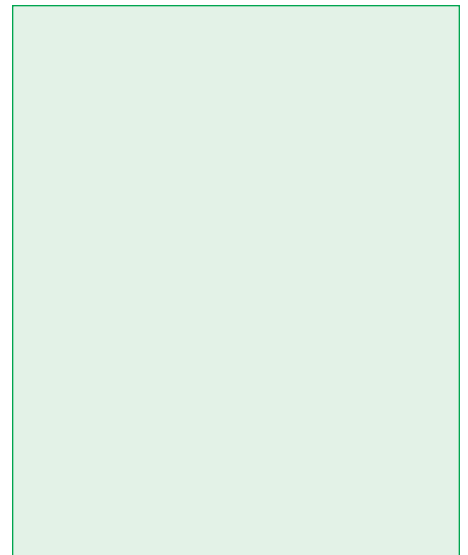
We will decide what we would like to do next. Perhaps another group effort or inspiring each other with individual projects, sharing ideas and techniques.

New Teen Center Summer Hours!!

(5144 13th Avenue South)
Every Wednesday 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Computers	Pin Ball
Pool	Ping Pong
Field Trips	

Join The Fun!



HPDL Committees

Building Community—Last Wednesday

HPDL Business Association

—3rd Wednesday

Commercial Development—3rd Monday

Crime and Safety—1st Tuesday

Environment—1st Wednesday

You make the call:

Bus Ride Info 373-3333
 Humane Society 522-7130
 Animal Control 348-4250
 CCP/SAFE 673-3015
 Mary Etzioni 673-3717
 Burned Out Street Lights 673-2429
 Airport Noise 726-9411
 Graffiti Removal 673-5858
 Pearl Park 370-4906
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HPDL Community Calendar

July 26	HPDL Board Meeting	HPDL Office, 7:00 p.m.
July 29	8th Annual Picnic in the Park	Todd Field, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Aug. 3	16th Annual National Night Out	Community Wide
Aug. 7	Portland Avenue Clean Up	HPDL Office, 9:00 a.m. (call to sign up)
Aug. 14	Clean Sweep	8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Community Wide
Aug. 19-20	Teens go camping and canoeing: Cannon River	HPDL Office, 10:00 a.m. (call to sign up)
Aug. 23	HPDL Board Meeting	HPDL Office, 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 29	Grant Writing Workshop	Pearl Park, 7:00 p.m.

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Grant Writing Workshop

When: Wednesday, Sept. 29, 7 p.m.

Where: Pearl Park

Learn About:

- Fundraising in Minnesota
- Grant guidelines for corporations and foundations
- How to write a successful grant
- Researching potential grant opportunities

Cost: FREE (limited space, please call 824-7707 to register)