



Hale-Page-Diamond Lake Community Association — August 2020 Newsletter

HPDL BOARD UPDATE

The COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically changed the way the HPDL Community Association can serve our neighborhood. We have had to cancel popular events like Earth Day, Picnic in the Park, and Brew N Stew. In their stead, we have tried to engage the community in other ways, like Picnic on the Porch. And in the aftermath of George Floyd's murder at the hands of the Minneapolis Police, we organized a community march to the memorial at 38th and Chicago. It has been a hard year in our city and we have a challenging road ahead to recovery.

The HPDL board wants to be part of a solution for building a better Minneapolis and building a better neighborhood. This starts with an expansion of our focus from our traditional neighborhood events. We'd like to foster intentional ongoing engagements with all neighbors, especially neighbors that haven't traditionally been represented on our board. We'd like to develop an understanding of how our largely white, affluent neighborhood can contribute to a more equitable city. And we'd like to demonstrate that all people are welcome in our neighborhood, especially those historically excluded. As a signal of this expanded focus, the board unanimously voted to revise our mission statement and adopt 3 board commitments to pursue over the next year. We hope neighbors agree to engage with these issues and help us figure out how to move forward.

REVISED MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of the Hale, Page, and Diamond Lake Community Association is to improve our quality of life through inclusive programs that serve the neighborhood's present and future needs. Further, our mission is to foster a sense of community and to promote the neighborhood as a vibrant place to live and work for people of all races, identities and backgrounds through communication, stewardship, and community involvement.

3 Board Commitments

- 1.) We commit to undertake outreach and recruitment efforts to fill our board and diversify its membership.
- 2.) We commit to using our financial and volunteer resources to contribute to racial and other equity efforts in HPDL and the City of Minneapolis.
- 3.) We commit to helping facilitate conversations and providing educational and engagement opportunities in HPDL on racial and other equity issues in our community.

Engagement

Like many organizations, we're trying to be creative about how we retool our efforts in these challenging times, but we need your help. Please send us your ideas for how HPDL can help build community during this "new normal." You can go to [hpdl.org](mailto:office@hpdl.org) or send your ideas to office@hpdl.org.

Equity Committee

If you would like to participate in discussions about how our neighborhood could better serve our area and pursue equity please contact us. We have a small group that has started meeting for these discussions.

Block Groups

If you have an established block group please let us know. We'd love to connect for feedback and make sure they receive all the information and regular updates from us. If you don't have a block group but would like to start one, please let us know and perhaps we can help you get one started. Thank you!



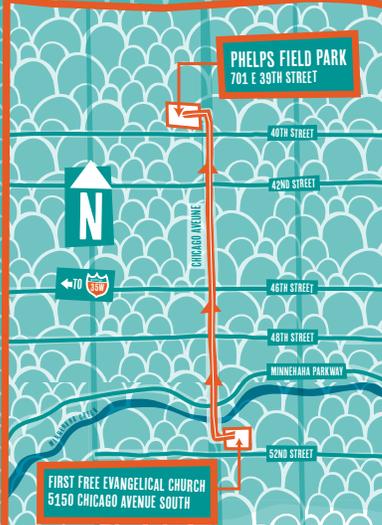
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 * 9 AM UNTIL NOON

**AN EVENT
TO ENCOURAGE CHILDREN
TO SPEAK UP FOR
RACIAL JUSTICE**

MEET AT FIRST FREE EVANGELICAL CHURCH
PARKING LOT AT 9AM AND WALK TO
PHELPS FIELD PARK FOR A RALLY WITH OPEN MIC.
MAKE A SIGN, WRITE A LETTER, DONATE AN
EMERGENCY ARTS BOX.

**WEAR A MASK,
MARCH TOGETHER**

**FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM
@THEMPLSCHILDRSMARCH
AND FIND US ON FACEBOOK**





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HPDL RESIDENTIAL SECURITY REBATE PROGRAM

Introduction

The purpose of this project is to provide an incentive for residents to make security enhancements, making the HPDL neighborhood more secure and less attractive to criminals. The HPDL Community Association (HPDL) will provide a rebate for the first \$100 in expenses for eligible improvements per address per calendar year.

Rebate criteria

All residential properties in the HPDL neighborhood, owner-occupied or rented, qualify to receive a rebate. Multiple applications may be submitted, but the total of rebates for any address is limited to \$100 per address per calendar year. Rebates will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis as funds are available. HPDL requires all participants to provide photo(s) to document all improvements made and reserves the right to verify through inspection that claimed work was done and purchases were installed.

Eligible improvements:

- Exterior security lighting fixtures (flood lights, motion detectors, dusk-to-dawn adapters) including any necessary wiring and electrical work
- Exterior security cameras and video doorbells including any necessary wiring and electrical work
- Deadbolt locks, including electronic “smart” locks, on exterior and garage access doors
- Window or sliding door security locks or restraints

NOT eligible:

- Tools
- Rental charges
- Personal installation time or “sweat equity”
- Monthly monitoring or service fees for security camera systems
- Batteries, light bulbs or other consumables

Rebate process

Residents submit a completed reimbursement form, photo of completed work, along with original receipts (online or by mail). Digital images of receipts are accepted. HPDL verifies compliance and issues a rebate check. HPDL retains all submitted forms and attachments. If a rebate is denied, a resident may bring an appeal before HPDL. To print a reimbursement form and for more information visit our website <https://www.hpdl.org/residential-security-rebate-program>

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50 YEARS OF INTEGRATION AT HALE AND FIELD SCHOOLS

Hale School and Field Community School are preparing to commemorate 50 years of their partnership. The schools were formally joined together in 1971 as part of the school district's efforts to desegregate schools. Prior to the partnership, Hale's student population was 98% white and Field's was 54% Black.

Like Hale and Field, the public schools throughout Minneapolis remained heavily segregated between white and minority students more than 15 years after the United State Supreme Court's ruling in *Brown v. Board of Education*. This segregation was partly a natural consequence of racial covenants and other discriminatory housing practices throughout Minneapolis--in 1971, Black residents lived in just 9 of the city's 127 census tracts--but the Minneapolis School Board also adopted a series of zoning, attendance, and school size policies to ensure that certain schools remained all or nearly-all white. In 1964, for example, the School Board voted to add seven classrooms to Field Community School so that its student population would remain predominantly Black while the adjacent elementary schools in Northrup and Hale would remain nearly 100% white and under-enrolled.

In 1971, the State Commissioner of Education cited Field as one of many Minnesota schools that exceeded new desegregation guidelines prohibiting any school from having a population with more than 30% minority students. Around the same time, local civil rights activists were preparing to bring *Booker v. Special School District 1*, a race discrimination lawsuit based on the district's history of segregated schools. In response to these developments, the School Board proposed pairing schools together to desegregate school populations.

The School Board conservatively chose Hale and Field to be the test case for its pairing proposal. The schools were only a mile apart, many Hale students already bused to school, and both buildings were approximately the same size and in the same condition. The Hale and Field student populations were combined with students sent to Hale from Kindergarten through 3rd grade, then Field from 4th grade to 6th grade. While some parents, teachers, and members of the broader community fought to support pairings and integrated schools, many more strongly opposed them. School board members who voted for the Hale/Field pairing lost their seats at the next election and some parents enrolled their children in private schools.

In 1972, the court issued its ruling in the *Booker* discrimination case and established ongoing monitoring of the district's integration efforts. This ruling helped preserve the Hale/Field partnership that survives to this day, with Hale now serving Kindergarten through 4th grade and Field serving 5th grade through 8th grade. Hale and Field currently have 24% and 27% students of color, respectively, but both schools and the district as a whole continue to grapple with significant racial disparities. The Hale/Field boundaries may change again soon as the district works to address those.



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FOOD RESOURCES IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Late summer is a great time for eating, with Minnesota's growing season in full swing and sweetcorn, tomatoes, and other great produce in abundance. Meanwhile, the economic impact of COVID-19 has made affording access to nutritious meals more challenging for many individuals and families. Here in the HPDL neighborhood, we have a wide variety of resources to fill your table, from grocery stores and restaurants to the programs highlighted below:

Minneapolis Public Schools Free Food Box Distribution



All summer long, the Minneapolis Public School district has been distributing free food boxes to any children under the age of 18 in the city. Children do not need to be enrolled in MPS to participate. These boxes are filled with enough food to provide seven breakfasts and seven lunches per child and are designed to meet the district's nutrition standards. In HPDL, food boxes are available at Hale Elementary School (5330 13th Ave. S.) from 10am – 2pm every Monday. Food box distribution will continue through August 21. (Information has not been released for fall yet.) For the most up-to-date information, visit: <https://nutritionservices.mpls.k12.mn.us/covid19>

New Creations Ministries

COGIC (5144 13th Ave. S.) provides a space for individuals and families to get food and/or donate food. Food is available to anyone in need, and documentation is not required. The food shelf is open every Monday, 6pm – 7pm. People looking to donate money, food, or time are also welcome, with up-to-date information on donating and volunteering available on the website: <http://newcreationsministries.com/food-shelf/>



Nokomis Farmer's Market

The Nokomis Farmer's Market is open every Wednesday from 4pm – 8pm through September 30. (The market closes at 7:30pm starting in September.) Despite COVID-19, the market is still full of fresh produce and other delicious treats. But, shoppers are encouraged to send just one person per household and to wear a mask. For other guidelines and up-to-date information visit: <http://neighborhoodrootsmn.org/about/nokomis/>





The future of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation System is here!
We heard you. See how community shaped the future of the MPRB
system.

**The draft MPRB comprehensive plan is
open for public comment**

September through October 2020 at

bit.ly/MPRBCompPlan

Parks for All, the 2021 MPRB Comprehensive Plan will set the priorities
for the next decade of Minneapolis parks and recreation.

We need your voice!

Following public comment period, the plans will be revised based
on public feedback and brought to the Board of Commissioners for
adoption.

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ADOPT A DRAIN

Did you know that your neighborhood storm drains flow directly into the Mississippi River, and the lakes and creeks in Minneapolis? Join the over 2,000 people who are doing their part in protecting our local waterways by adopting their storm drains in the City of Minneapolis! The Adopt-a-Drain program asks residents to adopt a storm drain in their neighborhood and keep it clear of leaves, trash, and other debris to reduce water pollution. Learn more and adopt your drain at adopt-a-drain.org.





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COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATE



Hello, Hale-Page-Diamond Lake neighbors!

This year continues to be a challenging one for our community, and I'm grateful for all the ways I see Ward 11 residents stepping up to support each other. The City continues its multidimensional work to support our community during this difficult time. To get regular, comprehensive updates from City Hall and our community, subscribe to my newsletter at <https://tinyurl.com/ward11bulletin>.

I have heard from many community members about crime this summer. As a City Council member, I do not have oversight of MPD and cannot direct the department's operations the way the mayor can. That said, I am in frequent touch with MPD leadership to make my expectations – and yours – clear. Our public safety system must keep everyone safe, no matter what. We also need a clear understanding of how one of our most-funded departments is putting your tax dollars to work. I will continue to ask for data and results, and to support changes that uplift our values of equity and violence prevention. I look forward to many more conversations with you as we imagine changes to improve community safety.

Meanwhile, as the COVID-19 crisis continues to upend our day-to-day lives, I want to share my deep appreciation for neighbors' efforts to support one another during this time. From supporting local businesses to following public health guidance like wearing a mask, keeping six feet between yourself and others, and frequent hand-washing – it makes a difference. Thousands of Ward 11 residents also pitched in this month by voting by mail in the Aug. 11 primary, and I hope even more voters do so in the Nov. 3 general election. All Minnesota voters can apply for a mail-in ballot at mnvotes.org. It's quick, easy, and safe – especially because it limits crowding at polling places. You even get an I Voted sticker! Finally, please contact me anytime with questions, ideas, or concerns. I'm here to represent you, and I welcome your input. You can always reach me at jeremy.schroeder@minneapolisismn.gov or 612-673-2211.

NEIGHBORHOODS 2020

There are changes coming to Minneapolis neighborhood organizations like HPDL. In 2018 the City began an effort to revise the guidelines of the neighborhood program called Neighborhood 2020. The new program guidelines are out for comment until September 30th. The goal is to have an equitable civic participation system that enfranchises everyone, recognizes the core and vital service neighborhood organizations provide to the City of Minneapolis and builds people's long-term capacity to organize to improve their lives and neighborhoods. There is a good chance HPDL will receive less funding under the new programs. The City budget deficit also adds uncertainty to the level of funding directed to neighborhoods. HPDL will likely have to make some changes to our programs and operations to meet the new guidelines and maximize our funding eligibility. We will do our best to adapt and pursue resources to build community and improve the quality of life in our area. Read about the new program and funding proposal here: <http://www2.minneapolisismn.gov/www/groups/public/@ncr/documents/webcontent/wcmsp-223035.pdf>

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Litter be GONE

Help clean up your street this fall during Litter Be Gone

Residents of Minneapolis are invited to take part in Litter Be Gone, an annual litter cleanup event happening October 1–10, 2020. Volunteers will pick up litter from their own neighborhood streets and sidewalks before it becomes covered by leaves and snow, and prevent it from ending up in storm drains and waterways.

Volunteers can join in this city-wide effort while staying safe and physically distanced. Litter Be Gone encourages individuals, families, and small groups of neighbors to clean up their own blocks during this 10-day event.

It's easy to participate. Volunteers need only a pair of gloves and some plastic bags for collecting littered trash and recyclables. Volunteers can use their own supplies or pick up free gloves and bags at one of the Litter Be Gone supply hubs on Saturday, October 3, 2020. The HPDL HUB will be open from 9 am to 1 pm at Pearl Park. A limited number of litter grabbers and free drink coupons from local sponsoring businesses will also be available at the supply hubs. Visit www.LitterBeGone.org/supply-hubs for locations and details.

Volunteers are asked to report their cleanup results on the Litter Be Gone website so the community can see its collective impact. Volunteers are also encouraged to post photos and videos of their cleaning activities on social media to inspire others. Use the tags [@LitterBeGoneMN](https://twitter.com/LitterBeGoneMN) [#cleanMpls](https://twitter.com/cleanMpls).

Sign up for reminders and pledge to clean up this fall at www.LitterBeGone.org/pledge. Litter Be Gone is supported by the Alliance for Sustainability as part of the City of Minneapolis' Clean City initiative.

