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Tornado recovery, six months later

By Sue Quist

This past August, returning to Minneapolis from a family reunion, I had the opportunity to view our beautiful city from the sky. I was struck by the lushness of our forested city and then I saw it. First I noticed Lake Calhoun and the connecting Chain of Lakes. My mind quickly turned the ground to orient it to the north, and I saw the path. It was as if a giant lawnmower had gone astray on a direct northeast path through North Minneapolis; corner to corner. It was a stark reminder of what was below.

It's been six months since the tornado ripped through our community and things are getting better. But "better" is relative to the person experiencing it and unlike the tornado's zealous speed of destruction, "better" has a slower pace. I make a point of driving to parts of the "diagonal" (my term for the tornado's path) frequently to stay connected to the whole transformation in our community.

This is bigger than my personal tornado experience, or my neighbor's hole in their roof, or the five trees that came down in Kate's yard, or even the 110 trees lost in Webber Park. This is about the family that is still living in a hotel, with their baby and three children, hoping to be home by Christmas. And another family who went home after five months in a hotel,

hoping to get back to their "normal" life, yet they are still eating out each day as they wait for their insurance company to pay for repairs or replacements of damaged kitchen appliances. It's about the now-homeless renter, who lost everything, because she didn't have renters insurance. It is about the child who still wakes up at night when the wind blows hard and calls out for his mother, and the woman who clung to her chimney as the tornado tore through her house and says matter-of-factly, "I am still wounded." This is about businesses across the diagonal that are still not open, some that do not even appear to be getting repaired, and the people who are left wondering which ones will reopen and which ones will not. This is about the future health and well being of our community.

I recently met with Chad Schwitter, one of the Core Team members of the Northside Tornado Response Team (NCRT) and director of Urban Homeworks. Prior to the tornado, Chad was busy with the work of revitalizing our community by purchasing foreclosed properties, making quality repairs and then strengthening the neighborhood where the homes were purchased. He does this by providing quality rentals, encouraging committed residents

to move into the community through a program he calls Urban Neighbors, and providing opportunities for low to moderate income families to purchase a home. Chad is a Victory Neighborhood resident and he grew up on a farm. He said when the tornado hit, he didn't hesitate to step-up and do what he could. As the lead person on the NCRT Housing Taskforce he helped rebuild our community, in part, by organizing thousands of volunteers to help with the debris clean-up, the initial tarping of roofs, responding to emergency needs, and helping with identified demolition and house repairs. In the first phase of NCRT efforts, \$92,000 was spent to help 44 uninsured and underinsured homeowners with emergency tarping, tree removal, boarding broken windows, and making electrical reconnections. The NCRT has moved forward with the second phase of the recovery efforts and 100 percent of the work is being done by minority and locally owned contractors.

In September the City's Department of Regulatory Services completed a detailed exterior inspection of 3600 tornado damaged properties. They reported that 232 homes still had tarps on the roofs. The City and the NCRT are working collaboratively by

HOLIDAY ON FORTY FOURTH

An old Fashioned Camden celebration

Don't miss the 14th Annual Holiday on 44th celebration, along 44th Avenue from Morgan to Upton, on Friday, December 3 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Along the avenue outside you'll enjoy free horse-drawn hayrides, pony rides, fire jugglers, Patrick Henry Marching Band, ice sculpturing, wood carving, and roasting marshmallows over firepits. You can hear a reading of The Polar Express by the Workhouse Theater, and businesses all along the avenue are offering goodies, entertainment and great deals.

Inside Patrick Henry you'll find the huge arts and crafts fair, choruses, blues band, face painters, and "make and take" gingerbread houses. Inside Loring School is the Great Bodini magic show, the Amazing Cow Boat puppet show, and caroling.

Holiday on 44th is a must do event in Camden – and most activities are free! See a complete schedule of events on page 7.

going door-to-door to talk with residents who still have damage in an effort to get repairs done before winter. They hope to help connect homeowners with available resources in order to get the work done. More than \$24.5 million worth of tornado related construction permits had been pulled by the end of October.

One of the bleak realities of the tornado has been the deforestation along the tornado's path. In addition to the hundreds of trees lost in people's yards, the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board (MPRB) reported that 2,600 boulevard trees were lost, including 120 in Folwell Park and 110

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Lowry Avenue Bridge update

The navigation channel of the Mississippi River was closed for a couple days in mid-October while contrac-

tors lifted the northern Lowry Avenue Bridge edge girder into place.

The precast edge girders frame what will eventually be the north and south bridge deck of the new Lowry Avenue Bridge. Each edge girder is approximately 155 feet long and weighs one million pounds. This installation forms the link between the easterly and westerly shore of the Missis-

sippi River.

Phase I of the replacement project — the bridge over the Mississippi River — is currently underway. Phase II of the replacement project — construction over the Canadian Pacific Railroad — commenced in April 2011. The entire Lowry Avenue Bridge is scheduled for completion by late summer 2012. Look for more

news/updates on the Hennepin County website — www.hennepin.us.



Construction continues on the Lowry Bridge. Pictured are views of recent work (from the east side looking north). Photos by Randy Klauk.

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I'm Tom Bain. My wife & fellow Realtor, Jean, & I live and work here in Camden.

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Happy Holidays!

Notable Neighbors

State Senator Linda Higgins, DFL-Minneapolis, announced she will not seek re-election in 2012. She plans to complete her current term, which expires in January 2013. She says, "I've been honored to serve the residents of North and Downtown Minneapolis for 15 years. I'm proud of what we have accomplished, and I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to serve our community."

Sen. Higgins was first elected to the Minnesota Senate in 1996 and represents the residents of North Minneapolis, North Loop, and Downtown in Senate District 58. During her 15 years of service in the Senate, Sen. Higgins has held many leadership roles. She chaired the Senate's Public Safety Budget Division from 2006 to 2010 and the State and Local Government Operations Committee from 2003 to 2006. She served as Majority Whip from 2001 to 2006. She currently is the DFL lead on the Senate's Environment and Natural Resources Committee. Higgins is widely regarded as one of the Legislature's most ef-

fective and outspoken advocates on environmental and consumer protection issues. Senate DFL Caucus Leader Tom Bakk, Cook, said Higgins's leadership and experience will be sorely missed at the State Capitol. "Linda has been one of the strongest and most effective legislators in recent memory," said Sen. Bakk. "When the foreclosure crisis struck North Minneapolis, Linda rolled up her sleeves and passed the toughest anti-predatory lending laws in the nation. She tackles difficult issues, but works across party lines to build consensus, remove barriers and deliver results for her constituents and our state."

Nickels: A Tale of Dissociation is a new novel by Northside Arts Collective member **Christine Stark**. The story follows a biracial girl named Little Miss So And So, from age 4 into adulthood. Told in a series of prose poems, *Nickels'* lyrical and inventive language conveys the dissociative states born of a world formed by persistent and brutal incest and homophobia. The dissociative states enable the child's

survival and, ultimately, the adult's healing. The content is both heartbreaking and triumphant. Christine's novel is available at The Goddess of Glass & Friends (Lowry and Penn), at any bookstore (as a special order), and online (including as an e-book).




Dan Hylton.

Dan Hylton, NOMI Alt-Acoustic Sensation is providing guitar and voice accompaniment to noted local actors **Linda Sue Anderson** and **Sam Landman** as they perform a reading of Truman Capote's *Beloved A Christmas Memory* Truman Capote's beloved holiday story about a young boy growing up in the south during the Great Depression. This one-hour performance will be followed by a reception with light refreshments. At James J. Hill House in St. Paul, Dec 1,

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A home energy visit now could save an ice dam this winter

Eliminate the problem of ice dams before it reappears this season. Ice dams form when hot air escapes into improperly air-sealed attics. A visit from the Community Energy Services pros can identify if hot air is escaping—the culprit to creating ice dams—and can suggest proper attic insulation and air sealing. Icicles, although festive, can be costing homeowners thousands of dollars in damage, and they are preventable! Minneapolis homeowners can also discover ways to save energy that will leave more money in their pockets. Homeowners can attend a one-hour energy presentation, schedule a one-on-one home energy visit and receive \$400 in services and materials for just \$30. Thousands of Minneapolis homeowners have already participated and have improved their homes' energy efficiency for minimal costs.


Attending a free energy workshop qualifies homeowners for a home visit from a team of energy pros. They will: Identify a home's unique energy needs, provide a blower door test to measure air leaks; and help homeowners install materials in the home such as compact fluorescent light bulbs, programmable thermostat, low-flow showerhead, faucet aerators, gasket seals, pipe wrap and water heater thermometers.

The program also provides: A personalized energy use inventory for the past 12 months and feedback for the next 12 months to show homeowners how these low-cost/no-cost measures resulted in decreased energy use, as well as allowing participants to compare their energy use to that of similar homes; access to 0-percent energy financing, incentives, and rebates for those wishing to complete larger projects.

The Community Energy Savings program is available for owner-occupied, one to four unit properties in the city of Minneapolis. Scholarships are available for qualified participants. For info on upcoming workshops in your neighborhood, contact Ashley Robertson at 612-335-5869 or arobertson@mncee.org, or visit www.mnces.org.

The program is a collaboration with the City of Minneapolis and the Center for Energy and Environment. The pilot program has already reached 59 neighborhoods and over 4,500 homeowners. The goal is to reach 6,000 total homeowners, saving \$762,000 in energy costs annually and reducing CO2 emissions by more than 5,000 tons per year. The program is funded, in part, by a \$705,000 grant the City received from the Department of Energy through the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The City has an eco-focused goal, embracing sustainability to support the city's quality of life now and in the future. For info visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/sustainability.



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Letters to the Editor

✉ Am I missing something?

You may have heard that St. Austin Catholic Church is closing, but St. Bridget Church will remain open. I can't figure out why. St. Austin's scoreboard looks pretty good.

St. Austin has an elevator, air conditioning, full stainless steel kitchen, lower level reception area, superb pipe organ, extraordinary stain glass windows, ACCW Women's Club, money-making craft shop, many dedicated volunteers, spectacular building, priest rectory with large formal dining room, kitchen, five bedrooms, two suites, office space, extensive parking lot – and is debt-free. So why close St. Austin Church?

Lillian Ring,
Plymouth

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✉ City is working with businesses

I wanted to take this opportunity to correct and clarify a few of the issues relayed in Mr. Aldwaik's letter to the editor in the November *Camden News* regarding the regulatory issues faced by his store. The City's business licensing staff relays that since 1996 newly established grocery stores have been required by ordinance to have at least 2,000 square feet of sales floor area. This requirement was in place long before Mr. Aldwaik purchased the building at 1701 44th Avenue North.

The 2,000-foot rule was adopted by the City Council in 1996 in an effort to address an avalanche of new grocery store licenses being requested for very small storefront locations near residential areas. The basic footprint of Aldwaik's building is less than 2,000 square feet so it was easy to determine from the very beginning that this property would not qualify for a grocery license. Aldwaik was advised by licensing staff of this requirement immediately and was told that one option would be to add on to the building. The City held several meetings with Aldwaik and provided hours of plan review assistance to make sure that if an addition was built, he would qualify for a grocery license.

The planned addition design was approved by the City several years ago but Aldwaik put the project on

hold and chose not to begin construction until this year. When Aldwaik did obtain a building permit for the addition he applied for a permit to build a storage shed for his refuse dumpster rather than a mercantile premise addition. The addition was then not designed to have heat, ventilation, electricity, lighting, or be handicap accessible.

City licensing staff continues to patiently work with Mr. Aldwaik on his project and has requested plans from his architect that can allow the building addition to be used as retail space. Once the building can qualify for a license, staff expects to be able to make a positive recommendation for a grocery license to the City Council and Aldwaik — as with any business license applicant — can expect to receive full, complete and proper consideration from the City Council at that time.

I strongly disagree with Mr. Aldwaik's statement that he was met with "disregard and indifference" when he contacted my office. My office and City staff have been responsive to his calls. It is his responsibility to complete his project.

Barbara Johnson
Council Member – Fourth Ward
Minneapolis City Council

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in Webber Park. A significant number of trees were also lost in North Mississippi Regional Park and Theodore Wirth Park. In October the MPRB began replacing lost trees by planting 250 trees in Folwell Park. Knutson Construction contributed equipment, employee volunteers and 100 trees to replant the park. People for Parks, and a charitable bequest by the Carl T. Remick Jr. estate, contributed \$5000 for 50 trees. 120 trees were donated by the U of M and 30 different varieties were planted. The Knutson and Park Board employees were joined by Folwell neighborhood residents, and 100 5th-8th grade students from the Sojourner Truth Academy. MPRP Commissioner Jon Olson has plans for planting 3,000 trees in North Minneapolis in the spring of 2012. The replanting of Webber Park trees will be incorporated into the Webber Park Master Plan.

I just went back to the southwest corner of the tornado's path of destruction, at Glenwood and Theodore Wirth Pkwy. As I looked northeast, I saw the hole, still visible across the lake, like a window into the Homewood neighborhood. I imagine it will be like that for a number of years. Unlike the indiscriminate and destructive power of the tornado, recovery is slow but hopefully steady. Many of the mansions on Washburn still don't have tarps. As I drove northeast along the diagonal I noticed houses that have not been repaired at all, looking as if the tornado just came through yesterday. Other homes were in the midst of significant reconstruction and still others beautifully redone—at least on the outside. A house on 15th and Upton, flattened by a monstrous cottonwood tree, has been demolished and the ground graded over. Surprisingly, a house on 38th and Colfax, which also had a large tree crushing it, has been beautifully rebuilt. If spring weather was unfair to North Minneapolis, the long dry autumn has been merciful for re-construction. There is still much work to be done before the winter comes. Remember your neighbors.

Need tornado relief help? nrcr.home.help@gmail.com or 612-787-3730.

Watch out for your pet this holiday season

By Kelly Benning, DVM

I love the holiday season. It is full of joy, family and fun. However as a veterinarian, I also think of this time as the hazardous season for pet owners. The things that bring us happiness can also bring a sick pet to the doctor. Here are just a few things to watch out for with your pets this holiday season:

Tinsel—Harmless right? Unless it gets into your pet's intestinal tract. Cats love to chew and swallow these shiny strands whole. The occasional obstruction may result.

String lights—Again, another one of those shiny pretty things cats and dogs like to chew on. One wrong bite and it can lead to electrocution, or at least oral ulcers (sores). Some even go as far as developing NCPE (non-cardiogenic pulmonary edema), or, fluid in the lungs (think congestive heart failure).

Holiday plants—Poinsettias get a bad rap. They are not toxic but can cause mild nausea or vomiting. Mistletoe and holly can be moderately toxic if ingested. They can cause vomiting, diarrhea and some intestinal pain. Lilies and daffodils can be very toxic, especially to cats. They can cause kidney failure and cardiac complications or even death. Best to seek veterinary care if you know your pet has been exposed to any of these.

Christmas tree—This is one we forget can be a big hazard. Not only can the tree cause mild symptoms (similar to poinsettias) but the needles can become intestinal obstructions or perforations since they are not easily digested. Remember to pick "pet safe" water supplements for your tree and do not add aspirin to the tree water. Also, it is not uncommon to

have a cat climb in a tree and then the whole thing (plus the cat) falls over. Stabilize your tree to prevent unnecessary injuries. And let's not forget the ornaments! Dogs (and cats) seem to think they are placed on your tree specifically for them to chew and play with.

Holiday food—Hot cocoa, cookies, cakes, brownies...the list goes on. Chocolate is a known toxin to dogs but many of us forget it is not just an Easter, Valentine's Day or Halloween treat. Do not give your pet any turkey or other meaty bones. Intestinal obstruction, perforation, pancreatitis or vomiting and diarrhea may occur. I know I shouldn't have to say it but I will; your dog does not need to have eggnog or any other alcoholic beverages to ring in the New Year with you.

General decorations—Snow globes may contain anti-freeze so if one breaks, mop it up before Fido or Fluffy get a taste. Snow sprays and flock can cause respiratory complications when inhaled. Styrofoam is a choking hazard.

Toys—The trend for kids toys lately is the smaller the pieces and the more of them, the better. Make sure you contain any Barbie doll shoes, Legos or mini-mass destruction weapons off the floor out of Fido and Fluffy's reach.

Hopefully I haven't drowned your hopes of having a joyous holiday season. These are just a few experienced words of advice. Besides, what other times can you get your dog a rawhide that is twice its size?



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Oh, Christmas tree

By Debbie Nelson, Master Gardener
University of Minnesota Extension Service Hennepin County

The gardens are put to bed, soon to be nestled under a blanket of the fluffy white stuff (far be it from me to say the “word” and thus cause it to appear). So now that most of our landscape plants have either completed their life cycle (annuals) or have entered their dormant stage to recharge for next year (perennials), we can turn to other horticultural interests. How about the biggest “house plant” that most of us ever have in our homes each year—the Christmas tree?

I favor a live tree, not only for the yearly experience of traipsing off to the woods to pick and cut one, but also because each one is unique and it just wouldn't feel like Christmas without the smell of pine, spruce or fir mingling with the aromas of cinnamon and spice holiday baking.

The majority of our live Christmas trees are grown on tree farms and in Minnesota they are an important cash crop. Over half a million are cut annually in Minnesota and most are shipped all across the nation. Minnesota has provided the national Christmas tree on more than one occasion and Minnesota trees are even shipped to Hawaii where people pay dearly for them. The Christmas tree industry is an important part of Minnesota's economy.

Not only does growing trees aid our economy, but it also helps us environmentally. Each acre of trees produces enough oxygen in a year for 18 people and there are over 1 million acres of trees grown in the U.S. A tree takes 7-12 years to reach market size depending on the variety. And a sapling quickly replaces every tree that is cut. The trees are usually grown on land that is unsuitable for food crops and the tree roots help prevent soil erosion. The trees also provide shelter for birds and other wildlife. After Christmas trees are taken down at home a majority of them are chipped for mulch (that is what the city does with them after they

take ours away). Whole branches can be laid over your garden beds to serve as insulation. Or you can stick it in the snow and sprinkle it with birdseed and it will serve as a bird shelter and feeder for the rest of the winter.

Here are some popular evergreens grown in Minnesota to consider this holiday season:

Pines:
Scots Pine is a consumer favorite and is the most widely distributed pine tree in the world. It was introduced to the U.S. in colonial times. While not native to Minnesota is the most widely planted by tree farmers. The tree has long needles with good needle retention.

The Norway or red pine is native to Minnesota and is the “state tree.” It has needles which are 4-6” long and sharp. In the natural landscape it grows 50-80' tall.

White pine, also native to Minnesota, has a very fragrant aroma that makes it another favorite of Christmas tree buyers. It also has long needles but they are flexible and soft. It has an attractive, natural blue green color.

Spruce:
Colorado or blue spruce is the most popular spruce because of its color, which can range from blue to bluish green. It has stiff branches (which makes it easier to hold those heavy ornaments), but the density of the foliage and the sharpness of the needles can make the decorating a little harder. Many 30-50' blue spruces can be seen in our landscapes. White spruce, another Minnesota native, has better needle retention but some people object to the odor of the foliage.

Fir:
Balsam is the only fir native to Minnesota. It is dark green in color and is the most aromatic. The tree has good retention of the needles that are 3/4 to 1-1/4” long. This is the tree of choice for my family.

Fraser fir is sometimes referred to as southern balsam because it

is native to the southeastern U.S. Some Minnesota tree farmers have been growing it in recent years, but because of its slow growth in the region it is often a very expensive tree to purchase. The needles are very soft but so are the branches making it difficult to hang ornaments. The branches bend easily and even light ornaments slide off.

Some people avoid live Christmas trees because of needle loss. But if you chose a tree that has good needle retention and follow good practices in caring for your tree you can avoid a mess. The Scots pines have the best needle retention followed by the firs and then the spruces. Good practices for keeping your tree green for the entire holiday season are:

If you cannot set your tree up right away after purchase store it in a cool spot away from sun and wind which can dry it out. Regardless if you purchased your tree at a lot or cut it yourself, when you are ready to bring it in and set it up make a fresh cut in the trunk, cutting off 1/2-2” from the bottom.

Place your tree immediately in a stand with a minimum of 2” of warm water. If you can, use a stand that holds a gallon of water. Trees are thirsty drinkers and can take up anywhere from two pints to a gallon of water a day depending on its size.

Do not let your tree stand go dry because if you do the tree trunk will form a seal at the bottom and it will no longer be able to take up water unless you re-cut the trunk, a tricky thing to do with a fully decorated tree.

In spite of all the advice one hears about how to keep your tree fresh, you do not need to add anything to the water in your tree stand. All your tree needs is good old H₂O.

I hope you will consider a live tree this year, aiding our economy and environment, and adding a little “life” to your holidays.

In memoriam

Karol Arneson passed away November 17. Karol was a Camden community activist, and a member of a small group of people who promoted the creation of the regional newspaper *Camden Community News*. She also lobbied for a new library and new park building at Shingle Creek Park. Karol and her husband Roy (who died seven months ago), and Edythe Schiedegger, were the authors of the Camden history book on Olson Junior High.

The night sky

By Carol McElroy, Interpretive Naturalist,
Kroening Interpretive Center



Now that darkness has enveloped all of us in the northern climes, I have found myself more absorbed in the night sky. Others have expressed the same inclination. It may be that we have more opportunity to gaze at a full moon peeking through passing clouds or focus on a recurring brilliant object (Jupiter) in the eastern sky.

It does beg the question—how long have people been looking to the night sky? Did our ancestors centuries ago turn their heads upward? Would this be basic human behavior? We have much evidence that ancient civilizations incorporated celestial bodies into much of their culture. From Egyptian pyramids to Aztec temples to monolithic circles of Stonehenge, humans have focused on sun and star positions.

From ancient times, people have been fascinated by the “lights in the sky” and have developed stories to explain what they saw. Ancient people believed that the earth was flat and the sky was a roof. They were confused by a moon that changed shape and a sun that emerged in the east, crossed the sky, and disappeared on the opposite side. They cared less about “how” it happened and more about “why.” So they invented stories, or myths, to explain.

Patterns of stars became constellations that formed images and moved across the sky in groups. Twelve images formed a wide band that seemed to rotate around the earth. The Greeks called this the Zodiac. And so it is today that Aquarius (cup bearer to Zeus) and Gemini (twin brothers of Helen of Troy), are some familiar names of Greek origin in astrology.

Greeks discovered that some “lights” did not stay with their group. They called them wanderers—the origin of the word planets—and gave them names to honor their gods. The Romans later renamed the planets after their gods. We use the Roman names today.

Throughout the centuries, people from diverse civilizations—Egyptians, Babylonians, Romans, Druids, Mayans—revered the skies as the residence of their gods. Each discovery about the stars, sun, and planets replaced myth with fact. But the stories have remained alive in human traditions to this day.

In the northern hemisphere, days shorten and nights lengthen until we reach the winter solstice, which occurs around December 21. Druids celebrated Solstice with dancing and fire. Romans created a feast to honor their god, Saturn.

From the Festival of Lights to Christmas, people celebrate many holidays around this date. Yet regardless of our cultural preferences, we can all pause a moment to look to the night sky. Enjoy the “lights in the sky”—the moon, planets and stars, cherish our human heritage, and know that the days will lengthen once again.

Come to Kroening Interpretive Center to join in the festivities of short days and long nights. Make a gingerbread house on Dec. 3, 1-4 p.m., age 5+, \$8 per house. Visit Santa at the Holiday Forest on Dec. 10, 1-3 p.m., age 3+, \$5. Celebrate the Winter Solstice on Dec. 17, 3-5 p.m., all ages, \$5. Reservations are required for all holiday programs. Call 763-694-7693 for info on these and other winter programs.

Have your say on Webber Park

The Webber Park Master Plan is moving forward. During the months of October and November the planners have spent time refining the design concepts that were developed as a result of the September design charette and citizen surveys.

The next opportunity for community involvement is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13. The community meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Webber Park, 4400 Dupont Ave. N. The Webber Master Plan will be presented to the MPRB Commissioners for approval in January.

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City to rebroadcast budget hearings in advance of two public hearings for comment on proposed 2012 budget

To give folks the chance to get a more in-depth picture of how the mayor's 2012 budget proposal will impact City services, the City will air a Budget Hearing Recaps on Minneapolis 79 during the last two weekends of November.

Since September, the City Council's Ways & Means/Budget Committee has been holding formal budget hearings with every City department as it considers Mayor R.T. Rybak's 2012 budget proposal. The City will rebroadcast all of the department budget hearings back-to-back on Nov. 26-27. A complete schedule is below, and is also posted on the Minneapolis 79 web page. You can also watch the hearings on your computer or smartphone at www.minneapolismn.gov/webcasts.

Two opportunities for public comment. Before the budget's approval, the City Council will hold two public hearings to give folks a chance to comment on the proposed 2012 budget: 6:05 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 30, City Hall, 350 S. Fifth St., room 317; and 6:05 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 14, City Hall, 350 S. Fifth St., room 317.

The City Council's budget mark-up process is scheduled for Dec. 6-7 with final approval of the 2012 budget scheduled for Dec. 14. The Mayor's recommended budget for 2012, along with a budget process calendar and City budget's for past years can be found at www.minneapolismn.gov/city-budget.

Budget Hearings Recap schedule. Each department budget hearing will air twice during each weekend. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, 7 a.m.: Intergovernmental Relations, Human Resources, Neighborhood & Community Relations, Finance Department and Communications Department; 9:30 a.m.: City Attorney, Mayor's Office, City Clerk's Office and Business Information Services; Noon: Police Department and Minneapolis Television Network; 2:30 p.m.: Fire Department and Minneapolis Convention Center; 5 p.m.: Department of Health and Family Support, Civil Rights Department and Capital Budget; 7:30 p.m.: Public Works; 10 p.m.: City Coordinator, 311, 911, Internal Audit and Regulatory Services

Sunday, 1 a.m.: Capital Budget (continuation), Minneapolis Building Commission, Youth Coordinating Board and City Assessor; 3:30 a.m.: Community Planning & Economic Development and Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Board; 6 a.m.: Intergovernmental Relations, Human Resources, Neighborhood & Community Relations, Finance Department and Communications Department; 8:30 a.m.: City Attorney, Mayor's Office, City Council Clerks and Business Information Services; 11 a.m.: City Coordinator, 311, 911, Internal Audit and Regulatory Services; 2 p.m.: Capital Budget (continuation), Minneapolis Building Commission, Youth Coordinating Board and City Assessor; 4:30 p.m.: Community Planning & Economic Development and Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Board; 6:30 p.m.: Police Department and Minneapolis Television Network; 9 p.m.: Fire Department and Minneapolis Convention Center; 11:30 p.m.: Department of Health & Family Support, Civil Rights Department and Capital Budget; and Monday 2 a.m.: Public Works.

7th Annual Holiday Concert & Sing-Along Plus a recipe for FUN Craft and Bake Sale

By Janet Zahn

Make this fun, festive, free event one of your holiday traditions (if you haven't already)! Our annual sing-along begins at 4 p.m., Saturday, December 10 at Camden Music School (CMS) at 3751 Sheridan Ave. It's a simply beautiful, neighborly way to celebrate the season.

The sing-along features:

Audience selections of favorites from Deck the Halls to Winter Wonderland; a sprinkling of concert performances by local musicians; and a grand mass chorus of Handel's *Messiah* (bring your score or we'll provide one).

At the bake sale you'll find fabulous, traditional holiday sweets, homemade lefse and other ethnic specialties, gluten free items and gourmet baked goods. And new this year: delectable, healthy 'n good goodies from members of Northside Fresh, a coalition of 79 organizations that are working together to increase Northside residents' access to healthy foods.



Camden Music School recently received an unexpected treasure trove of donated instruments from musician Tony Pulver, including the guitar played by CMS student Lashayla Mosby (pictured). Pulver, who was referred to CMS by Kevin Barnes at KBEM/Jazz 88FM, will be honored at this year's CMS Holiday Sing-Along on December 10.

Local crafters create unique, music-themed items for the sale, among many other great gift ideas. Shop for your favorite musician – or for anyone on your list.

All proceeds from the bake and craft sale go to the CMS Scholarship Fund, a sponsored project of Our Neighborhood Works, www.ourneighborhoodworks.com.

Join us for good music, good cheer, and a craft and bake sale that's not to be missed. For info contact 612-618-0219 or info@camdenmusicschool.com.



Fourth Ward Report

Tornado recovery update

Home Repair: On September 30 the City's Department of Regulatory Services completed a detailed exterior inspection of all of the properties in the tornado path. Of the approximately 3600 properties that were affected by the tornado, 232 properties still had tarps on the roof at the time of the inspection. In partnership with the Northside Community Response Team and North Minneapolis neighborhood groups, the city is going door-to-door to talk to residents with unrepaired damage. The winter is fast approaching and our goal is to reach the property owners that want to repair these homes and make sure they have the resources to do so before winter. Repair work is ongoing. As of the end of October more than \$24.5 million worth of tornado related construction permits had been pulled.

Sidewalks: Crews have completed repairs to sidewalks damaged by the May 22 tornado in North Minneapolis. Around 1,600 sidewalk panels were damaged when the tornado cut through North Minneapolis, according to a survey of the damage done by the City's Public Works department. Also, around 600 feet of curb was damaged in the tornado and needed to be replaced. Almost all of this damage was caused when the tornado toppled trees along the sidewalks and curbs, causing the roots to push up the concrete. Repair crews were able to fix these sidewalks after the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board completed removal of tree stumps and roots.

Trees: The May 22 tornado caused extensive damage along a 3.5 mile path in North Minneapolis. In addition to homes, vehicles, street lights, sidewalks and other infrastructure, 2,600 park and boulevard trees were destroyed, along with many trees on private property. Most of the tree loss occurred in the Jordan, Folwell, Webber-Camden and Willard-Hay neighborhoods. The parks that suffered the most significant tree losses during the tornado were North Mississippi, Webber, Folwell and Theodore Wirth. Several businesses, non-profits, groups

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and government agencies have donated trees for reforestation efforts. In May of 2012, the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board will host Arbor Week, a multi-day volunteer planting effort that welcomes neighborhood residents along with corporate and community partners. For more information about the tornado recovery visit <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/tornado/index.asp>.

2012 Budget Hearings

The Minneapolis City Council will be making some big decisions in the coming weeks as it considers Mayor R.T. Rybak's proposed 2012 budget. There are two public hearings before the City Council approves the final budget on Dec. 14, 2011.

City of Minneapolis Public Hearings on 2012 City budget:
Wednesday, Nov. 30, 6:05 p.m. City Hall, 350 So. 5th Street, City Council Chambers (room 317)
Wednesday, Dec. 14, 6:05 p.m. City Hall, 350 So. 5th Street, City Council Chambers (room 317)

The City Council will deliberate and make any changes to the Mayor's proposed 2012 budget beginning Dec. 6, with final approval of the 2012 budget scheduled for Dec. 14. The Mayor's recommended budget for 2012, along with a budget process calendar and City budget's for past years can be found at www.minneapolismn.gov/city-budget.

4th Ward E-Newsletter

Sign up for the 4th Ward E-mail newsletter at: <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/contact/email-form-johnson.asp> In "questions/comments" type "newsletter" and you will be added to the list.

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Camden Youth & Schools

The news from Patrick Henry

By Tom Murray

Each Wednesday a Patrick Henry student is recognized for their accomplishments in the workplace. Here's one story; and you can read more stories of hope and inspiration at the Patrick Henry website.

Nancy Xiong has been working 30 hours a week since August as a cashier at Pei Wei in St. Louis Park. She likes the friendly family-like environment at Pei Wei. Before starting at Pei-Wei Nancy was in the Step Up Program as an intern at US Bank Corp.

Nancy also is currently enrolled in the Post-Secondary Enrollment Program at MCTC in a Constitutional Law course. She plans to take her second semester classes at the University of Minnesota where she will attend in the fall. Nancy will study Criminal Law and Justice at the U of M, and plans to use that experience to become a police officer.

During her four years at Patrick Henry, Nancy has also been a Patriot of the Week (Junior year). In nominating Nancy Xiong for Patrick Henry's highest honor, Mr. Compton said, "There are a few people I call my "go to" people, because they are involved, enthusiastic, always willing to help, and plain fun to be around. Nancy is at the top of that list."

Nancy Xiong is a major contributor to Link Crew, Admission Possible, Asian Club, Legacy, and Student Council (she is a regular Book Mobile/Student Store Worker). Nancy is also active in Asian dance in the community, and volunteers every summer at the J4 Soccer Tournament.

Nancy is also a Shaman with a strong belief in her religion. She periodically leads ceremonies across the Twin Cities.



Annual District Chess Tournament

The Minneapolis Public School Student Activities Department is holding their Annual District Chess Tournament on December 17 at North High School, 1500 James Ave. N (enter on Knox side of building). The tournament is open to Minneapolis Public School students in grades K-12. There are four divisions: Grades K-3, grades 4-6, grades 7-8, and grades 9-12. All skill levels are invited to attend. Sign-in is at 8:30 a.m. The competition has seven rounds and ends at 3:45 p.m. Lunch is provided. To help plan for the tournament students should pre-register through their schools by December 5.

They look forward to your participation and want you to have a great time with a challenging experience. Students will receive trophies for placing in first through third in each division. There will also be team plaques.

Volunteers are welcome. For info and to register contact Derek Emery at 612-668-0167 or derek.emery@mpls.k12.mn.us, or Pam Olson at 612-668-0157 or polson@mpls.k12.mn.us.

Schools to test electronic kiosks

By Buzzy Bohn

Minneapolis Public Schools is going to test market five electronic kiosks in December. Many district parents and guardians don't have access to a computer or have work schedules that aren't conducive to being able to connect with the district. The kiosks will allow parents or guardians to enroll students and take virtual tours of schools. They will also be able to access the district's online Parent Portal, the district calendar and school lunch menus.

The exact location for these first five kiosks hasn't been finalized, but they will be spread around the city with one of them being in North Minneapolis. They will be put in places that will make them convenient for parents and guardians. They should be out in the communities by the middle of December. If these first five kiosks are well received and used, the district intends to have more of them.



Open House: Pierre Bottineau French Immersion School

Discover Pierre Bottineau French Immersion School (PBF), a Minneapolis public elementary school opening fall 2012 for grades K-3. Open houses will take place Dec. 1, Jan. 5, and Jan. 26, from 6-7:30 p.m., in the Jordan Park School building, 1501 30th Ave. N. Join them for building tours, a sample French immersion lesson for kids (starting at 6:30 p.m.), Q&A, and light refreshments.

Committed to every student's success—and committed to partnering with families—Pierre Bottineau French Immersion School offers a strong curriculum that will engage, support and challenge students from all backgrounds. Spaces are open for fall 2012. Reserve your child's spot at PBF without giving up a space in any other Minneapolis Public School program!

Bring your family and explore the powerful benefits of an immersion education. Studies have shown that learning in two languages as a young child increases critical thinking skills and creativity. Learn more: <http://frenchimmersion.mpls.k12.mn.us>, frenchimmersion@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-2252.

Reduced cost Internet access for eligible families

While so many Minnesotans have Internet access at home, school or work, there is still a significant number of individuals and families who are not able to utilize this powerful resource. For many, Internet access is simply too expensive to obtain. Comcast has a program to make it easy and affordable to bring the Internet to your home. Eligible families will qualify for Internet service at the rate of \$9.95 per month. For households that do not own a computer, Comcast also offers a low-cost computer option.

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If you are interested in taking advantage of this affordable option for Internet service and believe you meet the criteria for eligibility, contact Comcast at 1-855-8-INTERNET (1-855-846-8376) to request an application.

Camden Youth Basketball

The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board offers a City-wide Youth Basketball Program for boys and girls ages 8-18 from January to mid-March. This is your opportunity to meet new friends, gain experience, learn new skills and elevate your game. Don't be left on the sidelines this winter wishing you would have played; sign-up today and get out and play! Registration began Nov. 14. Costs for residents: Fundamental Basketball: \$20; Basketball League \$35. Contact the parks: Creekview 612-370-4965, Folwell 612-370-4917, Webber 612-370-4916.

Basketball age divisions and locations:

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- 11U Girls: Birthdates 9/1/00 to 9/1/02. Creekview or Folwell Plus 5th graders during the 2011-12 school year w/ a birth date be-

tween 6/1/00 - 8/31/00

- 12U Open: Birthdates 9/1/99 to 9/1/00. Creekview or Folwell Plus 6th graders during the 2011-12 school year w/ a birth date between 6/1/99 - 8/31/99
- 13U Open: Birthdates 9/1/98 to 9/1/99. Creekview or Folwell Plus 7th graders during the 2011-12 school year w/ a birth date between 6/1/98 - 8/31/98
- 13U Girls: Birthdates 9/1/98 to 9/1/00. Creekview or Folwell Plus 9th graders during the 2011-12 school year w/ a birth date between 6/1/98 - 8/31/98
- 14U Open: Birthdates 9/1/97 to 9/1/98. Creekview or Folwell Plus 8th graders during the 2011-12 school year w/ a birth date between 6/1/97 - 8/31/97
- 15U Girls: Birthdates 9/1/96 to 9/1/98. Creekview or Folwell Plus 9th graders during the 2011-12 school year w/ a birth date between 6/1/96 - 8/31/96
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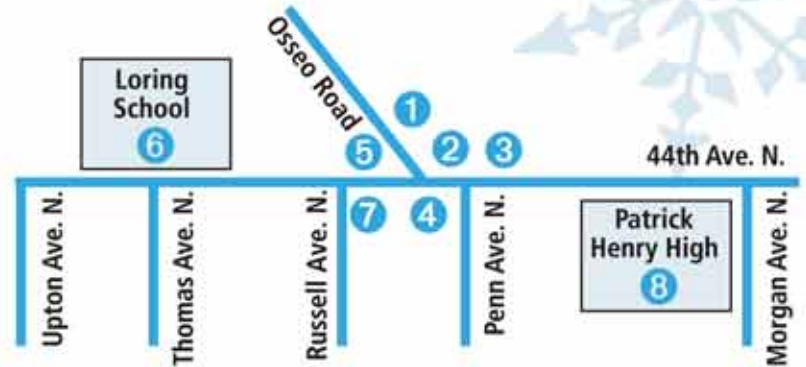
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Most activities are **FREE!!**

44th Avenue N will be **closed** between Logan and Upton Avenues from 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.



44th Ave. N. and Penn

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- U of MN Juggling Club
- Pony Rides

- 1 The Warren: An Artist's Habitat**
6:00-9:00 pm Open House
Fire pit
- 1 Workhouse Theater**
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At The Warren
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- 2 Parsons Preferred Dental**
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- Food Shelf Collection Site – Donate non-perishable food for North Point Food Shelf**
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- 7 House at 2321 44th Ave No.**
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44th Ave. N. and Morgan

- 8 Patrick Henry High School Gym**
6:00-9:30 pm Art & Craft Show
6:00-9:00 pm Patrick Henry High School
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6:30 pm **Twin City Girls Chorus**
8:00pm **Abbott Blues Band**
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6:00-9:00 pm **Face Painters**
Sponsored by Cleveland Neighborhood Association, Lara Bollweg and Gary Mortensen
- Gym Lobby**
6:00-9:00 pm **Community Tables**
Student Concession Stand
Egg Roll Sale – PHHS Asian Club
- Food Shelf Collection Site – Donate non-perishable food for North Point Food Shelf**
- Outside, Near Morgan Ave. Door**
Wood Carving Demo / Raffle by Terry Faith
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Community Meetings are for All!

Come on down to the McKinley Community Meeting and discuss general neighborhood topics, or come to the Crime and Safety Meeting and work with fellow neighbors and the police to resolve criminal and livability issues that affect you. Meeting times and dates are noted below, we hope to see you there.

Know a senior who needs help with raking, shoveling or other chores?

Chore Program - Low-cost home maintenance services such as routine housecleaning, seasonal jobs, lawn care, **snow removal** and minor repairs. Aimed at helping seniors living in their homes (individuals 60 and over). Call 612-374-3322.

Want to buy a house to live in? The McKinley Home Ownership Forgivable Loan Program is available. Call Chris at 612-276-1541 for more details. Other restrictions apply, so call today.

Does your home need work? Check out a McKinley Home Improvement Loan

The McKinley Community has a great home improvement loan that is managed by Center for Energy and the Environment and carries an interest rate of only 3%! The application process is easy and loan amounts can be between \$2000 and \$15,000. Call 612-276-1541 for details.

McKinley Calendar of Events

McKinley Community Meeting
Monday, December 5, 7 p.m., Center for Families, 3333 N. 4th St.

McKinley Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, December 19, 6:30 p.m., Center for Families, 3333 N. 4th St.

Crime/Safety Meeting Monday, December 26, 6:30 p.m., Center for Families, 3333 N. 4th St.

McKinley Community Meeting
Monday, January 2, 7 p.m., Center for Families, 3333 N. 4th St.

Home tour wants your home, or your neighbor's

Who's your neighborhood's host with the most? The community spirited family whose home has great woodwork or a recent makeover? The 2012 Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour is already looking for homeowners and home improvement professionals to feature on the April tour. Nominations/applications are due January 16, and early submissions are encouraged. It's the tour's 25th year, and it will be held April 28 and 29.

"People attending the tour are looking for ideas on how to remodel or expand their homes," said tour coordinator Margo Ashmore. "Homeowners on the tour enjoy feedback and find it's also a great promotion for their neighborhoods."

Contractors often help staff the homes, and homeowners ask family and friends to contribute a few hours hosting. "A good support network makes it fun. It's a great incentive to finish up the last few little projects," Ashmore said. "Recruit help at fall and winter gatherings, and identify clusters of homes to call special attention."

Contractors and other vendors may nominate homes they have worked on, and are encouraged to call for more info about sponsorship. Green, energy efficient, and historically-sensitive remodels and expansions get special notice among the 50 homes. It is not necessary to have remodeled the whole house.

The tour is a celebration of city living that encourages homeowners to improve existing homes, and to complement the neighborhood vibe if they build new. Info at 612-867-4874, mfashmore@aol.com or www.MSPHomeTour.com.



Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association

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SCNA Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at Creekview Park, 5001 Humboldt Ave. N., unless stated otherwise. *All meetings open to the public. *All residents are encouraged to attend. Any requests for special accommodations are welcome. Contact SCNA staff seven days prior to meeting.

SCNA Neighborhood Board meeting
December 13, 6:30 p.m. at Creekview Park

Congratulations Jason Green!

For the past 13 years Jason Green, the Creekview Park Manager has strived to improve our community by providing great quality youth programs, adult programs, events and activities that all of our families and this community could benefit. He helped SCNA and LBNA bring concrete improvements such as the three story slide, skateboard park, Bohanon pool improvements, soccer and baseball fields and many others. He was an incredible partner, who would do anything, including moving mountains to help bring park benefits and champion programs to our community. We wish him all the best at Folwell Park and extend a warm welcome to the new Creekview Park Manager, Sarah Richards.

Have a passion for the environment?

SCNA's seeking volunteer help for Shingle Creek Clean-up 2011/12

The volunteer board of the Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association is seeking one or two volunteers who would be willing to work to coordinate Shingle Creek Cleanup efforts. Contact us at scna@gmail.com to find out how to begin!

Have you adopted a nonprofit yet this year?

We invite you to consider the Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association. A 501c3 since 2006, SCNA has been working every year to keep residents informed and educated about crime, housing, and city matters, hosted events, and worked to improve our community. To help support your local nonprofit—check out our website www.scna-mpls.org.

Keep your home energy costs down this winter—Winterize your home this fall!

Need to put in a new furnace or windows to help improve your property? Roofs, bathrooms and many more projects qualify using the SCNA Home Improvement Loan Program! Attractive rates! SCNA homeowners are eligible for low or no interest rates for home improvement loans. The minimum loan is \$1,000. FFI: Call Brenda Yartz at 612-335-5891 Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) for more details! Or go to our website at www.scna-mpls.org to check out an application and more details!



VICTORY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

2200 44th Avenue North • 612-529-9558
info@victoryneighborhood.org •
www.victoryneighborhood.org
All the News from Victory Neighborhood

Property Crimes Workshop and Court Watch
December 14 meeting – 7 p.m.
The Warren –4400 Osseo Road

While violent crime has decreased across the City, we are acutely aware of the increase in property crimes, especially burglaries, in the Victory Neighborhood. You are invited to the December 14 meeting of the Victory Neighborhood Association to learn from Crime Prevention Specialist, Mary Etzioni and others from the MPD and the City Attorneys office what the MPD can do, what residents can do and what we can do together to stem the tide of property crimes. Discussion will focus on what the MPD response and investigations, how residents can reduce their chances of becoming victims and be vigilant to protect their neighbors and their neighborhood. We will also learn about the new Property Crimes Court Watch that is a partnership between residents, the Minneapolis Police and the City and County Attorney offices to ensure that perpetrators who are apprehended are prosecuted to the full extent of the law and if convicted are sentenced appropriately for the

impact they have had, not only on their direct victims, but on the livability of neighborhoods.

Come out for the December 14 meeting and be part of the solution to property crime in the Victory Neighborhood. The meeting is at 7 p.m. at The Warren, 4400 Osseo Road. This is also our annual holiday treat potluck, so bring your favorite one to share.

Home Security Rebates

In light of the recent increase in property crimes in the neighborhood, you may wish to consider making home security improvements to your property. The Victory Neighborhood Association has rebates available for residents who choose to make such improvements as installing deadbolts and security strike plates, steel exterior and security storm doors, exterior lights, home alarm systems and more. ViNA will rebate 50 percent of the cost of these improvements up to a maximum rebate of \$125. You can get more information and applications at the December 14 meeting (see above) and you can also schedule your required Home Security audit with Mary Etzioni that evening.

The Lind Bohanon Neighborhood Association



Message Line: 612-588-7641 • email: LindBohanonNA@aol.com • www.lindbohanon.org
LBNA Meetings: Free and open to the public. Residents are encouraged to attend.

Meetings held at Shingle Creek Commons Bldg, 4600 Humboldt Ave N. unless otherwise specified

Any requests for special accommodations are welcome. Contact LBNA staff seven days prior to date of meeting. For more details on any of these items check the LBNA newsletter and website.

Thurs, Dec. 1, LBNA Board meeting 7 p.m.

Fri, Dec. 2, Holiday on 44th, 6-9 p.m. at Patrick Henry High School

Fifth Annual LBNA Hosted Toys for Tots Distribution, December 10

On Saturday, December 11, 9 a.m.-noon, LBNA will be hosting the fifth US Marine's "Toy's for Tots" distribution at Jenny Lind School, sponsored by LBNA, SCNA, Jenny Lind Community Education, Camden McDonald's and Acorn Mini Storage! For more information on how you can help locally this holiday season, check out our website at www.lindbohanon.org.

7th Annual Holiday Light Contest in Lind-Bohanon!

It's time to light up the neighborhood with your holiday lights! Judges will be driving the neighborhood from **December 1st-8**. Twelve homes will be nominated for the best holiday lights of this season. **December 15 will be the final judging.** The displays will be judged on number of lights, creativity, display theme, and overall aesthetics. Prizes will be awarded for the top three displays. All 12 nominees and winners will

be posted on our website. Show your pride in our neighborhood! Light it up! For more info and last year's winners check out our website!

LBNA Volunteer Thank You Night, December 15, 6-8 p.m. This year LBNA volunteers have contributed nearly \$100,000 in volunteer time to bettering our community. We would like to thank all those that have contributed time, money, or their talents to help the Lind-Bohanon Neighborhood Association with its work improving the neighborhood! A warm night of gratitude, recognition and festivities are planned!

Consider adopting LBNA as your designated nonprofit

The Lind-Bohanon Neighborhood Association is a 501c3 nonprofit organization established in 1997. Our mission is to improve and enhance our neighborhood in the areas of housing, business, safety and community involvement. Check out our accomplishments and consider adopting LBNA as your designated nonprofit. The funds you donate will stay locally and will help build and strengthen our community. Thank you! To donate today go to www.lindbohanon.org.

Folwell Neighborhood – NRP in Action!

New Folwell residents let us know you're here! Call 612-521-2100; email: info@folwell.org; website: folwell.org. Office location: 1206 37th Ave. N., M-Th, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. David Brown-Chair, Folwell Neighborhood Association.

Happy Holidays from Folwell Neighborhood Association!

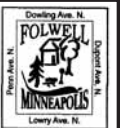
FNA December Board of Directors Meeting: Monday, December 5, 6:30 p.m., FNA Office.

FNA Annual Meeting and Board Elections: Congratulations to returning Board Member, David Brown, Chair, and newly elected At Large Board Member, Jerry Sannan. Thank you to all members of the FNA Board for their continuing commitment to FNA and the greater community. Al Saless, former Chair of FNA, deserves a huge thank you for his years of service to FNA. To retiring members Dawn Hunter and Deven Nelson, a hearty thanks. FNA volunteer hours for the past year totaled 203 for three events, with 74 hours shared with WCNO at two events.

Senior Leaf Rake: This year, Sentencing to Serve (STS) raked 25 yards for senior homeowners and homeowners with disabilities. Thanks for a job well done!

Snow Shoveling: Seniors and Homeowners with Disabilities: Contact Neighborhood Involvement Program (NIP) to register for snow shoveling and learn about its chore service. (612-374-3325).

Holiday on 44th – "An Old-fashioned Camden Celebration": December 2, 6-9 p.m. You'll have a great time at both the inside and outside attractions -ice sculptures, horse-drawn hay rides, and other fun outside. Food, entertainment, crafts are inside at Patrick



Henry High School and Loring Community School.

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"Feeding the Dream" FOOD DRIVE: November 14-January 16. Support those in need during the holiday season and drop off nonperishable food items at your local Minneapolis Park Recreation Center.

Community History

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Behind the Victory Flagpole – Old news is new news

By Barbara Meyer Bistodeau

Here is some very old news—actually 85-year-old news. It's about what was happening in Camden around Christmas time back then. But you know what they say, "Better late than never." So here is what the *Camden Park Bulletin* had to report many years ago:

The Girl Reserves of Hamilton School gave a program to 350 children in the school on Dec. 2 in the auditorium. Instead of giving parties for themselves, forms of entertainment have been arranged. Boxes of cheer to old ladies' homes, parties at an orphan asylum, favors for hospital trays, and scrapbooks for a settlement house are types of work that the girls have planned for the holiday....

...Lee Hildebrand of the Camden Hardware Co., 4166 Washington Avenue N. left last week for Florida where they will spend a few weeks at Jackson and other places....It will be found convenient to shop for dolls and toys at Fremont Dry Goods, 4144 Fremont N. The variety is good and the prices reasonable. It will pay you to make this store your headquarters for Christmas gifts....Edward Hirt of 4731 Dupont and Albert Buhse, 1406 Girard have just returned from deer hunting near Little Forks, Minnesota. Two big deer and lots of fun are the sum total of the junket....

...Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jackson of 4123 Bryant are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby boy which the stork left on Armistice Day, Nov. 11. Mother and child are doing well and the proud father is passing around the smokes. The couple also have a pretty little girl, four years old....Dr. Richard Cranmer, of Camden Park, was recently honored by being called to Montreal, Canada, to receive

the degree of "Fellow of the American College of Surgeons" given by that body at its annual convocation during the last week of October....Boxed fancy stationery for holiday gifts at 29 cents, 49 cents and 98 cents can be had at Dahl & Fredins, 4161 Washington....Orville Dunn, of the P & R Coal Co. and John Hughes, a River Road farmer, went on a hunting trip recently and bagged five rabbits and two deer—the same two they started out with....George Frank is seen again on the streets, a little used up, but still in the ring. A few weeks ago George gave his friends a very practical illustration of the principal of the law of gravitation when he fell from a roof where he was doing some sheet metal work. The bump was hard and resulted in a broken leg....

...The 3rd annual banquet of the Folwell Athletic Association will be held Tue. evening, Dec. 14, at 6:30 o'clock in the Odd Fellow's Hall, 42nd and Lyndale. This will be one of the principal social events of the season and it is hoped that there will be a representative attendance to give the boys of the group good cheer and encouragement in the way they held up the reputation of the Camden section in the athletic events of the past season!....Christmas gifts in attractive array are shown at Fremont Dry Goods, 42nd and Fremont, such as men's fine shirts, mufflers, ties, gloves and mittens; gift handkerchiefs, embroidered towels, table scarves and other attractive items. Among the 10 largest building permits for dwellings last week included two from Camden Park, these being for a residence costing over \$6000 for G. A. Haertel at 4311 Emerson and the other for V. D. Whitaker

at 4305 Emerson, the latter being a one and one-half story to cost approximately \$6000....

...Curtis W. Hill of 4535 Bryant returned from a successful hunting trip on Dec. 2, near Big Fork, Minn. Mr. Hill succeeded in bagging a 250 lb. buck with 3 pointed horns, a 175 lb. black bear and a bunch of weasels. Mr. Hill is one of the guards at the city workhouse and an expert marksman.... Mike Anderson of 3719 Lyndale, who has been ill for some time, is reported as improving. His many customers at the Charles Blomquist grocery miss him and will be glad to see him in his place again.... Dahl & Fredins at 4161 Washington offer By Lo dolls, large size at only \$2.50....Mrs. Jos. Falk, of 3558 Logan entertained at a "500" card party Monday afternoon, Dec. 6. Refreshments were served and everybody had a good time.... Frank Irman has purchased the P. M. Hoffman Grocery store at 4165 Washington and will hereafter run the place in his own name. This is one of the oldest grocery establishments in the Camden district, in business about 20 years....George Seagren was a member of a recent hunting party that spent a few days north of Aitkin, Minn. He brought home his quota of one deer....Ladies Beacon blanket robes as low as \$3.95 at Dahl & Fredin's, 4161 Washington....

...There has been some discussion recently as to the advisability of the city using part of the work house grounds for an airplane landing field. A birdseye view of Camden Park would not be so bad after all for passengers to gaze at, although the buzzing of the air vehicles might be a little unpleasant for the denizens of our

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Bulletin

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community until they became accustomed to it....The Peppy Pals of North Church held their monthly meeting at the home of Miss Mildred Budge, 1321 44th Friday, Nov. 19. The meeting was devoted to the making of picture books for the little children of Glen Lake Sanitarium....

...All those interested in having a live newsy paper in Camden Park can assist materially each month by contributing one or more news item for the local columns. Leave them with Dahl & Fredin, G.A. Haertel, Camden Hardware, Camden Motor Inn or any of the leading business institutions of the local section. We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas!

Note: Taken from the December 15, 1926 issue of the *Camden Park Bulletin*.

Season's Greetings

Happy Holidays from the Camden Community News

WEBBER CAMDEN NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

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New Webber-Camden residents let us know you're here!
website: www.webbercamden.org M-Th, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.,
Linda Koelman, Chair, WCNO

Happy Holidays from Webber-Camden Neighborhood Organization!

WCNO December Board of Directors Meeting, Thursday, December 1, 6:30 p.m., WCNO office.

WCNO Annual Meeting and Board Elections: Congratulations to re-elected Board Members: Linda Koelman- Chair, Pat Suhrbier-Vice-Chair, Stephanie Gruver-Secretary, Eric Fager-Treasurer and At Large members: Cyndy Gohdes, Jon Marley, Jim Wentzell. Welcome to newly elected At Large Board Member, Frank Brown. Thank you to all members of the WCNO Board for their continuing commitment to Webber-Camden and the greater community and to former board member, Amy Loegering. The WCNO volunteer hours for four events totaled 182. Volunteer hours at two shared events with FNA totaled 74. Special mention was made of the exceptional volunteer commitment after the May 22 tornado. Thanks to all volunteers.

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Webber Park Master Plan: The dates for the upcoming community meetings which will be in early December have not been set.

Great River Outings & River Forums: Visit www.minneapolisriverfrontpartnership.org for information about outings and upcoming forums.

Frosty Family Fun: Friday, January 20, from 5-8 p.m. at Webber Park. More information soon.

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CLEVELAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

CNA Cleveland Neighborhood Association

P.O. Box 11635 • Minneapolis, MN 55411
CNA Office is located at Lucy Craft Laney at Cleveland Park School
Phone: 612-588-1155 Fax: 612-588-1151
cna@clevelandneighborhood.org • website: <http://www.clevelandneighborhood.org>

Cleveland Neighborhood Association elects new Board Members

As a result of the elections at Cleveland's annual meeting on October 25, CNA has seated a full board of 11 members at their board meeting on November 21.

Directors new to the board: Carolyn Campbell, Kevin Gregory, Jeffrey Hill and Catherine Kocy

Directors returning after one or more years absence: Bob Colbert and Lynne Moriarty

Directors re-elected for another two year term: Brigid Shea and Mary Vignola

Directors with one year remaining on their terms of office: Christopher Kosel, Jeannette LaVerne and Mike Theisen

All CNA Board Meetings are open to the public. The Board of Directors meets on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the CNA office. At the November 21 meeting, directors elected officers for the next year.

CNA seeks Community Coordinator

The Cleveland Neighborhood Association (CNA), a community-based non-profit organization that serves residents and businesses located within the Cleveland Neighborhood of Minneapolis, is seeking to hire a community coordinator. The Community Coordinator will be responsible for the professional leadership and management of the CNA. The Community Coordinator, working in concert with the Board of Directors and volunteers will move the organization forward in the development and implementation of goals that reflect the CNA's vision. The person fulfilling this role will focus initially on:

- Increasing, strengthening and diversifying the organization's funding sources;
- Working with the Board of Directors to develop policies, guidelines and priorities and oversee the implementation and operation of resulting initiatives;
- Guiding the development of the Board of Directors;
- Enhancing the relationship between the CNA and other organizations and foundations whose goals are aligned with the Cleveland Neighborhood; and
- Increasing CNA's visibility and influence with other organizations and foundations whose goals are aligned with the Cleveland Neighborhood.

A complete job description and the compensation package are available on the CNA website: www.clevelandneighborhood.org or from the CNA office.

To Apply: Please send resume, cover letter, and salary requirements to: cna@clevelandneighborhood.org or Search Committee, Cleveland Neighborhood Association, PO Box 11635, Minneapolis, MN 55411. Application Deadline: Monday, January 8.

Community Calendar

The *Camden Community News* accepts free calendar items with priority placement going to free events for families in the Camden Community. Keep your items short — send the event basics (who, what, when, where, why, etc.), highlight and contact info to editor@camdenews.org. Send your item in the style listed below: day, date, event, location, etc. We never guarantee your calendar item will be printed — if you want to guarantee your event gets in the *Camden News* you may place an inexpensive paid ad to support the non-profit *Camden News* — see info on pages 2 and 11. And businesses can help the *Camden News* promote local events by sponsoring the Community Calendar, and get your business name out there — it's only \$50 per month. Call 521-3060.

Arts

Ongoing Mondays - The Northside Arts Collective board of directors meets on the first Monday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. Email info@nacarts.org for location.

Ongoing Mondays - Artist Roundtable meets monthly on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. Email info@nacarts.org or visit www.nacarts.org for location.

Ongoing - Camden Music School winter classes. Looking for a place to play? Join us for winter term at Camden Music School Jan. 9-Mar. 17. All ages, abilities and experience levels welcome. CMS offers vocal and instrumental lessons, Musikgarten early childhood music classes (newborn to age 8), ensembles, music theory, songwriting and more! Scholarships and family discounts available, application deadline noon, Jan. 3. Classes at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 3751 Sheridan Ave. N., and Grace Center for Community Life, 1500 6th St. NE. Info: 612-618-0219 or www.camdenmusicschool.com.

Saturday, 12/10 - Camden Music School Holiday Sing-Along, Craft and Bake Sale. Luther Memorial, 3751 Sheridan, 4 p.m. Free. Proceeds from sale go to the CMS Scholarship Fund, a sponsored project of Our Neighborhood Works, www.ourneighborhood-works.com. Info: 612-618-0219 or www.camdenmusicschool.com.

Church Events

Ongoing - Clothes Closet at North United Methodist Church, 44th and Fremont, from 9 a.m.-noon the first Saturday of each month and the first Monday each month from 6-8 p.m. Donations accepted when open or see if there is some clothing you may need. If unable to get to NUMC during open times, call the church at 612-522-4497.

Ongoing third Sundays - Breakfast and a Bag. The Joint Ministries of Evangelist Temple, Brooklyn Center Hispanic Seventh Day Adventist and Gethsemane Lutheran host a free community breakfast from 8-10 a.m. at Gethsemane Lutheran Church on 47th and Colfax. When you are finished with breakfast and coffee you are welcome to take a bag of groceries home with you.

Ongoing - St. Austin's Church Unique Boutique and Cookie Sale, 41st and Thomas. Dec. 3, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Dec. 4, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Dec. 10, 2 p.m.-6 p.m.; and Dec. 11, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Due to the merger of St. Austin and St. Bridget, this may be the last sale.

Sunday, 12/18 - Put the real meaning of the season into your Christmas with a traditional Christmas concert in the restored historic sanctuary of **St. Olaf Lutheran Church,** 2901 Emerson, at 10:30 a.m. Concert presented by the combined choirs of St. Olaf Lutheran Church and First Lutheran Church of Crystal and instrumentalists under the direction of Jerry Bursch. A free will offering matched by the Northwest Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be taken to send youth to the National Lutheran Youth Gathering in New Orleans, and there's a bake sale afterward to repair the organ.

Classes and Workshops

Third Tuesdays - Seniors with diabetes support group, 10-11:30 a.m., Webber Park Community Center, 4141 Webber Pkwy. Call Dot Hase,

521-1182, or American Diabetes Assn., 593-5333. Free.

Ongoing Wednesdays - TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 7 p.m., Webber Park.

Tuesday, 11/29 - Free home energy audit. Learn simple techniques for saving energy and schedule your own home energy visit. Free childcare and cookies provided. 6 p.m., North Regional Library (1315 Lowry). Register at www.mnces.org.

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Community Events

Tuesday, 11/29 - Hennepin County public hearing on proposed 2012 budget and property tax levy at 6 p.m., Hennepin County Government Center (24th floor), 300 S. Sixth St. Hennepin is proposing a budget of \$1.559 billion, which is 3.13 percent — or \$50 million — less than this year. The proposed budget keeps the property tax levy at \$668.4 million, a decrease of approximately \$1 million when compared to this year's level. The proposed operating budget totals \$1.4 billion, a decrease of \$7.3 million when adjusted for the increase in legislatively mandated intergovernmental transfers to Hennepin County Medical Center. The proposed capital budget is \$118.6 million, which is \$61.6 million less than in 2011.

Wednesday, 11/30 - STEM Expo, an exploration on career opportunities in science, technology, engineering and math. For students and parents. 6:30-8 p.m., Lincoln School, 1200 Penn.

Ongoing - Proposed 2012 Mpls. public parks budget. The proposed budget is available at www.minneapolisparcs.org or 612-230-6400. Dec. 14, Public Hearing — City of Minneapolis public hearing on City levy and 2012 Budget, City Hall, Council Chambers Room 317, 350 South 5th St. at 6 p.m.

Ongoing - Camden Lions General Meeting, second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Social meeting, fourth Wednesday at a local restaurant. Join in making this a better community for all! For info and meeting locations call Jim Cain, 612-521-1903. Visit www.camdenlions.org.

Ongoing Tuesdays - 4PAC Meetings keep you connected. 4th Precinct Advisory Council Meetings, 6:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday each month, 1925 Plymouth Ave. N. Topics vary. Meetings offer opportunities to meet officers and for Northside neighbors to share concerns. For an agenda email carolatgago@comcast.net. For general info visit www.4PAC.org.

Ongoing December-The Real Reasons for the Invasion and Occupation of Iraq, a documentary by Fred Veilleux, are revealed in the 100 Orders to the Iraqi people, the Iraq Oil Law and the Billion Barrel Oil Contracts of Exxon Mobile and BP. Airs on Minneapolis Television Network, for showtimes contact veill004@umn.edu or 612-245-9303.

Ongoing - Hennepin County Public Health low-cost immunizations for people who don't have health insurance or their insurance does not cover immunizations. A vaccine is your best defense against illnesses,

including the flu. Walk-in clinics, no appointments needed. Hennepin County Brookdale Service Center, 6125 Shingle Creek Road, Dec. 27, 9 to 11 a.m., and Hennepin Health Services Building, 525 Portland Ave. S., Dec. 2, 8:30 to 11 a.m. Donations are requested but not required for the immunizations. Info: 612-348-2884 or www.hennepin.us/vaccines.

Ongoing - Feeding the Dream Food Drive, now-Jan. 16. Support those in need during the holiday season and drop off nonperishable food items at your local Minneapolis Park Rec Center. Info: www.minneapolisparcs.org or 612-230-6484.

Friday, 12/2 - Holiday on 44th an old fashioned Camden celebration; 44th Ave. from Morgan to Upton, 6-9 p.m. Hay rides, marching band, choruses, blues band, the Great Bodini, jugglers, ice and wood carving, arts and crafts sale, make gingerbread and bird houses, and so much more!

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Monday, 12/12 - Homegrown Minneapolis Community Meeting, for residents interested in healthy, locally grown foods. 5 to 7:30 p.m., University Research and Outreach Center, 2001 Plymouth N. Homegrown Minneapolis is a citywide initiative expanding the community's ability to grow, process, distribute, eat and compost more healthy, sustainable, locally grown foods. Info: www.minneapolismn.gov/dhfs/homegrown-home.asp.

Libraries

Monday, 11/28 - Kamrath Law Group hosts a free legal advice clinic on many topics at North Regional Library (1315 Lowry). 6-8 p.m.

Ongoing - Programs at North Regional, 1315 Lowry Ave. N., 612-543-8450 www.hclib.org.

Discovery Days. Thurs., Dec. 1-22 and Tues., Dec. 6-27, and Wed., Dec. 7-28, 3-5 p.m. Preschool-grade 5. Check out the Discovery Room where you'll have minds-on, hands-on fun, with new themed activities each week.

Game On! Gaming Thursdays. Dec. 1-29, 5-7 p.m. Grades 6-12. Play PS2 or Wii games at the library! Grab a friend, bring your favorite board or card game, or play ours!

Preschool Storytime. Fri., Dec. 2-16, 10:30-11 a.m. For children ages 4 to 6. Help your preschooler get ready to read. Enjoy stories together and build language skills.

International Teen Club. Tues., Dec. 6-27, 5-7 p.m. Grades 6-12. Explore your personality, improve leadership skills and increase community involvement. Learn something new and build friendships. "Hmonglish" is spoken during meetings!

Toddler Storytime. Wed., Dec. 7-21, 10:30-11 a.m. For children ages 2 and 3. Interact with your toddler to nurture a love of books. Learn letters, sounds and new words. Be active with music and movement.

World of Work Orientation for Ex-Offenders. Tues., Dec. 13 and 20, 4-6 p.m. Drop-in service for men and

women with a criminal background who need assistance with job applications, résumés, interview skills and support in overcoming that barrier to land their "dream job."

Small Business Consultation with Northside Economic Opportunity Network. Wed., Dec. 21, 4-6 p.m. How do you turn your business ideas into business realities? Do you have questions about running your business? Stop in for a free consultation with Northside Residents Redevelopment Council and learn about resources, loans and training to help you be an effective business owner.

Parks

Ongoing - Cross-Country Skiing. Don't run from the snow, embrace it! Join one of the Nordic Ski Foundation's cross-country adult ski clubs and get expert Nordic ski instruction all winter long. Recreational, free-style and classical groups are offered for beginning to advanced skiers. Groups meet weekly in Theodore Wirth Park starting Dec. 1. Rental equipment available. Check out www.loppet.org or call Ingrid at 612-604-5334 to sign up.

Sunday, 12/4 - Free Family Funday: Sleepy Salamanders. 1-3 p.m., at Kroening Interpretive Center, North Mississippi Regional Park. Drop in anytime. Learn how salamanders survive the winter. Discover the types of salamanders that live in Minnesota and meet a live salamander.

Neighborhood meetings

For more info on your neighborhood see pages 8 and 9.

Cleveland, 588-1155, December 21, 7 p.m., Board Meeting, Lucy Laney School

Folwell, 521-2100, December 5, Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., FNA Office

Lind Bohanon, 588-7641, December 1, Board Meeting, 7 p.m. Shingle Creek Commons

McKinley, 276-1541, December 5, Community Meeting, 7 pm, Center for Families, 3333 N. 4th St.

Shingle Creek, 588-4817, December 13, Neighborhood Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Creekview Park

Victory, 529-9558, December 14, 7 p.m., Warren, 4400 Osseo Road

Webber-Camden, 521-2100, December 1, Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., WCNO Office

Neighbors *continued from page 2*

2, 8, and 9 at 7:30 p.m. Tours of the Hill House are available after the performance. The production (\$12) is sponsored by the MN Historical Society; mnhs.org.

Two Camden students recently played pivotal roles in the musical *Footloose-the Musical* at Fridley High School. **Susan Merfeld**, a sophomore at Fridley, played a town council member in addition to being a teen dancer in many of the dance numbers.

Elizabeth Bender, also a Fridley sophomore, played the

reverend's wife. The show was filled with '80s-style music and had the audience's heart pumping and eyes tearing.

Ongoing Saturdays - Fun at Kroening Interpretive Center, N. Mississippi Regional Park. 12/10, Stroll through the beautiful indoor forest and search for woodland animal friends, 1-3 p.m. Have a special time with Santa and receive a take-home treat. Learn the secrets of reindeer from an elf and make attractive crafts for kids and adults. Outdoor self-led deer trail and refreshments included. Great opportunities for family photos! For ages 3+, cost \$5. Dec. 26, 1-2:30 p.m. Family Winter Bird Walk — Look for birds along the river, make pinecone feeders, enjoy hot cocoa. All ages, \$5. Dec. 31, 10-11:30 a.m. Natural Resolutions — collect natural materials for a resolution box. All ages, \$5. Jan. 1, 1-3 p.m. New Year's day Snowshoe Hike — Snowshoe through the park. Enjoy hot cocoa and watch birds and squirrels at feeder. Hike if no snow. Ages 8 and up, \$5. Reservations required, call 763-694-7693.

Resources

Ongoing: Drugs and drug addiction are problems our community struggles with. Get help at **Narcotics Anonymous.** No fees or dues. Meet Thursday, 5 p.m. 42nd Ave. Station, 4171 Lyndale Ave. N.; or Sundays at 7 p.m. at St. Bridget's Rectory, 3811 Emerson. Info at naminnesota.org/ or call 952-939-3939.



Susan Merfeld.



Elizabeth Bender.

Know of a notable neighbor who deserves some recognition? Send the info to edito@camdenews.org.

Camden Arts

Larry Greenstein: Fiddler/playwright

By Mick LaBriola

The gracious, pleasant and joyful Larry Greenstein is a life-long Northsider dedicating his career to traditional American and Celtic fiddling, in addition to working as a guitarist/singer, playwright, a recreational therapist and fundraiser for the Guthrie Theater. You can see what he's up to at www.fiddlertogo.com. He is truly a community artist dedicating his career to the service of others, rather than exclusively showcasing his talents in the performance arena. I think we should have an award for every lifetime Northside artist: The "Northside Lifetime Artist Achievement Award." What do you guys think?

Larry was born on the Northside at Queens Avenue Maternity Home, originally located at Glenwood and Plymouth Aves, and lived with his parents, Joe and Maria Greenstein, and his sister Rachel. The family moved to Larry's current residence, where he has been since 1969. He lives with his wife, Jodi, and daughter, Hannah. Jodi works as a social worker in Golden Valley.

Maria, Larry's mother, played mandolin and sang Polish and Ukrainian music around the home, which had a strong influence on Larry's music career. Larry recalls first playing violin around age eight or 10, while attending John Hay Elementary School, once located at Penn and Oakland. He also was taking violin lessons from Catholic nuns at St. Joseph's Church, once located at I-94 and Plymouth Ave. His dad, Joe, had a grocery store, the Bargain Price Market, and was known as the "Pumpkin Man." Through his generosity hundreds of free pumpkins were distributed to school kids on "Pumpkin Day" in North Minneapolis (see the full story at <http://stories.mnhs.org/stories/mgg/story.do?id=3>). Joe was also a 5th Ward Alderman. Larry pleasantly remembers taking a bus to the grocery store after school and then walking to his violin lessons at St. Joseph's Church.

Larry continued playing music in the John Hay Elemen-

tary orchestra, and then carried on music at Lincoln Junior High, switching to percussion, specifically the snare drum. Later, attending Shattuck Military School (St. Mary's)—a boarding school in Fairbault,—Larry again switched instruments, this time to the bass drum. There he befriended Doug Humphrey, son of Minnesota political legend, Hubert H. Humphrey.

In 1973 Larry earned a B.A. in Theater from the University of Minnesota. While attending college Larry developed his skills as a playwright, and in 1978-79 became a Jerome Foundation Resident Playwright at the Playwrights' Center in Minneapolis for one year.

Although Larry received critical reviews for a production of an original work entitled *The Caucus* at Chimera Theater in 1981, he decided to re-direct his continuing education to human services; he next earned a Masters Degree in Therapeutic Recreation.

But he kept writing plays. He has had plays produced at the Lakeshore Players (*The Trotsky Rebellion*), Storytellers Children's Theater (*The Littlest Snowflake*), and most recently the Northfield Arts Guild (*Alternate Bass Strum, King of the Fiddler* and *Homeless TV Segment*.) In October his play, *Alternate Bass Strum*, was also featured at the Roy Arias Theater, near Times Square in New York City.

Larry worked as a recreational therapist through the 1980s and '90s; touring and performing on guitar; conducting sing-a-longs in nursing and group homes and adult daycare centers; as well as doing one-to-one sessions for patients. Larry also directed several theater groups for seniors.

In 2001-02 Larry created a new business called Fiddler To Go, a little Celtic and old time fiddle music for parties, classrooms or historical events. Larry exclaimed, "If you ever need a fiddler of ole time music give me a call."

He has performed for events at many locations: Heritage



Days and Solstice at Three Rivers Parks; Murphy's Landing (reenactment of 1800s settler village); Gale Wood Farm and North Mississippi Regional Park; NE Minneapolis Arts Crawl; Spring Valley Historical Society; and at elementary and pre-schools, and facilities for seniors. Larry also worked for 15 years on the ski patrol for Three Rivers Parks. On December 3 Larry will perform at The Landing for the 39th Annual Folkways of the Holidays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Landing is located at 2187 Highway 101 East in Shakopee (763-694-7784). Larry will also perform on December 10 for the Gifts of the Holidays, Craft, Art & Food Fair held at Crystal Community Center, 4800 Douglas Drive in Crystal (763-360-0588).

Larry says, "The kind of music I play is traditional and Celtic fiddling, not bar or club music. I feel young people should get started early. And if they're lucky enough to do this it is very rewarding. North Minneapolis youth have access to as much music and art as possible. Not just to make a living, but to enjoy living, as much as possible."

Worship in Camden

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T, W, Th, F - 8 a.m.
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529-9561
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Christmas Schedule
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Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve 10 p.m. Worship/Communion
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Scoops

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new exterior lighting, and new awnings. The façade improvements will be done with private funds and façade improvement grants through Victory Neighborhood Business Improvement grants. In addition the building is getting a new roof – no more leaks in Papa's Restaurant and Deli-yeah! Look for and support new tenants in the coming months. Interested in leasing retail space? Call Fred at 612 384 7635.

Mobile Optics Eyeware provides prescription eyewear direct from the wholesaler – so save you money! Mobile Optics is owned by Camden residents Mark Osbornes, ABOC Certified Optician and Patricia Osborn, Ophthalmic Technician. Their company is a professional eyewear service where a highly experienced certified optician will consult with you about your prescription eyewear and/or vision needs at their optical sales office (3989 Central Ave. NE); but since they are a mobile company, they will also meet with customers at their workplace or home. They manufacture and custom build your eyewear, offer personalized service, high quality frames, assure a comfortable fit and guarantee accuracy. Only Mobile Optics Eyeware allows you to buy direct from an optical lab – eliminating the costly middleman – which will save you 30 to 50 percent on every pair you choose! Contact 651-331-0617 or moopticseware@aol.com.

The **City of Minneapolis Energy Efficiency Loan Program**, funded by stimulus dollars through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program, helps businesses make improvements that reduce energy and lower utility bills. More than \$625,000 is available for small businesses interested in making energy retrofits and energy efficiency improvements for commercial and industrial properties. Info: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/business_assistance.asp.

Know of a new business or one that's offering new products or services? The Camden News loves to promote local businesses. Email the "scoop" to editor@camdenews.org.

Camden Pet Hospital, 1405 44th, has received accreditation following a comprehensive evaluation by the **American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA)**. The evaluation includes a quality assessment review of the hospital's facility, medical equipment, practice methods and pet health care management. Only 15 percent of all small animal veterinary practices in the U.S. have achieved AAHA accreditation. In order to maintain accredited status, Camden Pet Hospital must continue to be evaluated regularly by the association's consultants. "Camden Pet Hospital belongs to a select group of practices that are committed to meeting the standard of veterinary excellence," says AAHA President Gregg Takashima. "AAHA hospitals pass a stringent evaluation of over 900 standards covering patient care, client service and medical protocols. By attaining accreditation, Camden Pet Hospital is demonstrating its dedication to offering the best care to its patients and clients." But the news gets better! Don't know what to get your family or friends for the holidays? Camden Pet is now offering gift certificates! It's a great gift idea for the holiday season. And in December if you bring in a non-perishable food item or toy (for people or furry friends) to be donated to the local community, your pet will receive a free toe nail trim. Hours: Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday 8 a.m.-noon. www.camdenpet.com.

Have you noticed the work being done to the building at the corner of **42nd and Thomas**? New property owners, **Ross Lumley** and **Fred Rappaport**, have taken on the renovation of the buildings' façade. They have removed that old mansard roof and are repairing the beautiful brick work found under the old façade. The store fronts will all get a face lift with new windows,

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Thanks to all of you who donated to the *Camden News* in the past - we appreciate your support. You know that newspapers around the country are failing due to decreased advertising revenue.

It's very likely that someday the *Camden News* will be an on-line only newspaper. We had the foresight to set up our website 13 years ago, before most U.S. businesses and residents even had Internet access. But the Camden Community has a disproportionate amount of seniors and low income residents who still don't have a computer or Internet access. As long-time Camden resident Dorothy Hase says, "I enjoy the paper...I hope you never stop publishing. I and many of my friends do not have a computer, so where would we get our local news?"

The *Camden Community News* has been serving the community for 36 years, and wants to continue printing and delivering free to residents until the need no longer exists. But if we don't get donations from you and ad money from businesses we won't be able to publish and mail a hard copy newspaper.

We have a very lean budget for a small nonprofit organization. It costs about \$5000 a month to publish the *Camden News* - that includes printing, labeling, postage, business delivery, typesetting, bookkeeping, editing, taxes, insurance and all the other basic costs of running a small business. Our ad revenues have fallen dramatically and our monthly expenses currently exceed our revenues by about \$600 each month. We come to you twice a year to help supplement ad revenue losses, but we typically only get enough in donations for the total year to pay for one issue of the *Camden News*.

The *Camden News* is a nonprofit, volunteer-run, volunteer-written newspaper delivered free to all Camden homes. Our mission has been the same since 1975: To build bridges, connect neighborhoods, encourage citizen participation, promote local events, people and businesses, and provide a forum for folks who care about the quality of life here in Camden. So please use the enclosed envelope and send in a generous tax-deductible contribution; or mail your donation to *Camden News*, PO Box 11492, Minneapolis, MN 55411. You can save the footwork and stamp and donate online at camdenews.org; click on the Paypal button (you don't need a Paypal account). And please send us your comments and suggestions.

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