



NEWSLETTER

Hale, Page, and Diamond Lake Community Association

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Summer 2000

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Do you know where your kids are? You should.

Minneapolis' Curfew for Juveniles is:

Age	Weekdays	Friday & Saturday
Under 12	Home by 9 p.m.	Home by 10 p.m.
12 to 14	Home by 10 p.m.	Home by 11 p.m.
15 to 17	Home by 11 p.m.	Home by Midnight

Minneapolis Police Department Juvenile Division

If your kids are out past these hours, could get a call from the Curfew Center.

Picnic *from page 1*

- Face painting • Safety tent
- McGruff the Crime Dog
- Community Group & Church booths
- (Note: PIRC will **not** hold sports registration at the Picnic this year.)

Register for free prizes to be drawn throughout the event. You must be present to win. Thank you to area businesses and exhibitors who donated the prizes.

The raffle makes a return to the event. Each chance is only a \$1.00—an inexpensive way to support your community. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Picnic or in advance by calling the office at 824-7707. Winners will be drawn at the end of the Picnic. You do not need to be present to win. Again, thank you to those businesses that donated to the Picnic. Raffle items include:

- 2nd Annual Picnic in the Park Quilt handmade by HPDL Community residents, a \$200 value
- \$100 Gift Certificate from Diamond Lake Pharmacy
- \$100 Gift Certificate from Cub Foods
- Lawn Blower/Vac donated by Toro Company, a \$70 value
- Kite & Yo-Yo donated by Air Traffic Kites & Games, a \$30 value
- \$25 Gift Certificate from Hub Jewelers

The Hale, Page, Diamond Lake Community Association and Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (Pearl Park) sponsor the Picnic every year. We would like to thank other participants who have provided financial assistance, food and prizes: GJ's SuperValu Foods, Pearl Improvement & Recreation Council (PIRC), Northern States Power Company, Super

Picnic Needs Volunteers

You can help make the Picnic a success. Many volunteers are needed to assist with set-up, and tear-down of the Picnic as well as with activities during the event. **A special call goes out to you if you are trained in first aid.**

Volunteering is a rewarding way to contribute to your community and meet your neighbors. For more information or to volunteer, call the HPDL office at 824-7707.

America, TCF, and Best Maid Cookie Company.

Each year the Picnic in the Park is the talk of the community. And with the millennium, it's guaranteed to be bigger and better. The Planning Committee has been working hard to bring you this community-wide celebration. **Don't miss it!**

HPDL Websites Relocate

by Doug Frevert

About the only guarantee on the internet is change. Both HPDL websites have changed addresses. The new address of the Business Association is **www.rabbithood.com**.

Meanwhile, the HPDL office website has moved off of tcfreenet, where it had hidden since 1994; and onto **www2.bitstream.net/~hpdl**. There you will find our Board's minutes, our Action Plan, and links to previous issues of this newsletter.

Happy surfing!



Lilies provide a vivid display.

Community Garden

by Kevin Hurbanis

The HPDL Community Garden is alive and blooming. Many different perennial flowers and grasses are growing quickly and annual flowers have recently been planted.

The garden is located at Diamond Lake Rd. at the southwest corner of Pearl Park. Although next to the park, the garden is not part of the park. It is an independent community effort maintained by volunteers from the neighborhood.

Any prospective gardeners are invited to help out—no experience necessary. We meet each Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the garden for about an hour. Please join us as we continue to try and improve the site. Future plans not only include the continued maintenance of the plants; we are also discussing additions such as welcoming signs, plant identification markers, and a seating area.

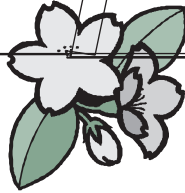
We hope those who pass by the garden — driving, walking, jogging, or biking — enjoy it in some way.



Bloomington Ave. garden blooms.

Yes!

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



Here is my tax deductible contribution:

- \$10 \$15 \$25
 \$50 \$100 Other _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

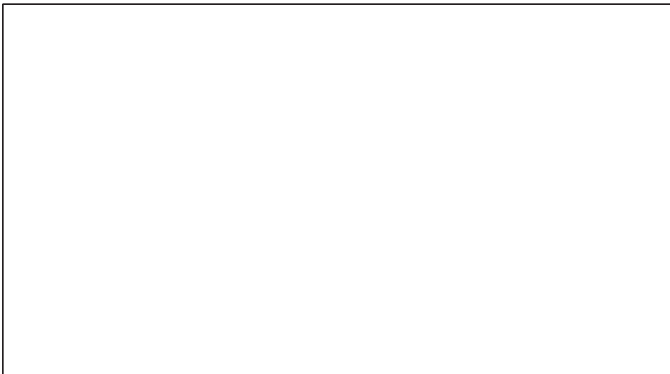
City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Please return this form with your check payable to:

HPDL, 5144 13th Avenue So., Minneapolis, MN 55417.

Thank You!



Community Prosecution Council

By Jennifer Frisbie

Welcome to summer! A time for walks around the lake, picnics in the park, and, sad to say, an increase in the crime rate. Our neighborhood is still actively involved in the 3rd precinct's pilot project, The Community Prosecution Council, which strives to give community members a voice in, and a connection to, the criminal justice system.

Community Prosecution is a crime-fighting strategy that partners prosecutors, police, and citizens, in an effort to improve public safety, ensure consequences for offenders, and promote community solutions to area livability issues such as graffiti, prostitution, auto theft, and other serious property offenses.

Some of you were able to attend the March 20th community meeting sponsored by the HPDL Crime and Safety committee. We met with people directly responsible for this pilot project, and ask them questions. Assistant County Attorney Andy Lefevour spoke at the meeting and said that HPDL has had few cases appear in Community Court. For those neighborhoods that have had offenders appear, the Community Court System has been well received. People feel that they

have a voice and can take an active role in ensuring that there are consequences for the people who are committing crimes in their neighborhoods.

The goals of the Community Prosecution Council are as follows:

- provide two-way communication between the Hennepin County prosecutor and community groups
- encourage citizen participation in neighborhood cases by presenting impact statements and attending court proceedings
- define/prioritize work squad projects for offenders sentenced to community service.

A special court calendar has been established to hear livability crime cases specifically from the 3rd precinct. Even though this neighborhood hasn't been represented, you are encouraged to attend the Community Prosecution Council. The calendar is scheduled for Thursdays, 1:30 p.m., Government Center Courtroom 1456.



I'm proud to represent HPDL on this Council, and welcome any comments or suggestions so I can pass them along at council meetings. If you are interested in learning more about this exciting pilot project, please contact Rosie Doege, HPDL staff, at 824-7707, or look for more information at Picnic in the Park.

MCDA Seeks Comments

MCDA's new strategic plan is almost finished. The current draft reflects input received from the public, elected officials, MCDA staff, our partners and customers during a four-month planning process.

To comments on the plan before it is submitted to the City Council please review the document at www.mcda.org/Org/intro_strategic_plan.htm. Submit your comments by August 7.

Airport Committee Needs You

The HPDL Airport Committee is expanding its scope to include air pollution, water pollution, health and noise issues. Please call the HPDL office (824-7707) if you're able to spare a few hours a month on research and/or advocacy communications.

On the noise front, we are pressuring the airlines through MAC and the mayor's office to accelerate the phaseout of the noisiest aircraft before 2015.

Watch for the fourth and final MAC public hearing on proposed noise mitigation plans for 2005. It will likely be held in late August or early September.

35W

by Glenn W. Strand, citizen member,
I-35W Design Review Committee

Minnesota's busiest highway — Interstate 35W, from I-494 through the Cross-town interchange, to downtown Minneapolis — cuts a conspicuous scar through Minneapolis' residential heartland. This was one of many early 1960's federal DOT experiments in "urban surgery". Performed with bulldozers, chainsaws, condemnation proceedings and no "aesthetic anesthesia"; many were surprised that the urban/residential patient has survived. But, she did survive.

Now, the first major redesign of this corridor has begun in Richfield, and will soon move north to downtown Minneapolis over the next 3-5 years..

The I-35W Aesthetic Design Review Committee (with citizen representatives from Minneapolis and Richfield, and the assistance of Dore Mead) began meeting with MnDOT in early 1997. We were

determined that this would not be just another superficial highway engineering "facelift", but would be a more sensitive, humane and farsighted treatment; of both the transportation corridor *and* the surrounding community.

Our first priority was that the design and materials should reflect the rich vocabulary of the local housing stock, rather than a suburban or generic highway aesthetic. We also asked for more durable materials and better maintenance. Both Richfield and Minneapolis were adamant that the new design and construction be a "better neighbor" to those living nearby; including requiring MnDOT to install special highway lighting that does not spill light pollution into nearby residential windows.

MnDOT and their consultants are now preparing a Design Guide and construction documents that we trust will better respect our committee's inputs, and our communities' needs.

Meet Your Neighbor

by Laurie Frevert



Iris VonBergan

Sean brings a wee bit of Ireland to HPDL.

Sean Hanrahan

Ballyheige, County Kerry, Ireland

Sean came to the USA to join his brother, who was living in Connecticut. He was drafted after five months and sent to Vietnam. After the war, Sean attended school and travelled the world. Marriage to his second wife brought him to Minnesota. He likes living close to the VA Hospital where he receives medical treatment. He is a single parent raising his sons Brendan (23) and Andrew (7).

Sean says Ireland is “a mystical place where the sweet air makes one hungry.” Pubs play a multipurpose role in communities where everyone from grandmas, babies and even pets gather to socialize and solve issues. Sean loves Irish cooking with Irish Tea or Guinness black beer.

When Sean left Ireland, most people seemed to be raised to immigrate. Now, he says, Ireland is “the place to be in Europe” as the technology industry is booming there. Sean recommends starting out on the exotic south side of Ire-

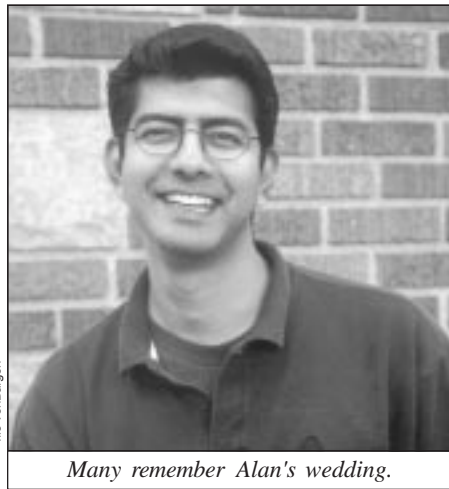
land and heading to the west coast. Bring a sweater along as the cold, damp air goes to your bones. Also, a claddaugh ring can be worn to indicate your marital status! Sit back, relax and share a bit of the blarney, he advises, when in Ireland.

Alan D’Souza

Bombay, India

Alan moved to Minnesota to attend graduate school at the University of Minnesota. He is an architect.

He arrived here in ’91 – our Halloween snowstorm year. His family includes his wife, Suzanne, who was born in England and raised in Minnesota. They bought a home in HPDL. They held their wedding there in May, 1998. It was a backyard ceremony. It looked like rain that day and



Iris VonBergan

Many remember Alan’s wedding.

the event took place at 4 p.m. The weather cooperated! By 9:00 that night most guests had gone home, however seven people were still there when a huge storm hit. A neighbor called Alan and told him to move one of the cars in front of his house so a tree wouldn’t fall on it. Luckily, they moved the car as a tree did come down, along with many others, forcing the guests to stay overnight! What a wedding night they had!

Alan’s name is Portuguese due to conversion to Catholicism by his ancestors. Currently he is studying South Indian Classical Music, learning more about his own culture. With his architectural background, he finds it interesting how many old buildings in India are so naturally integrated. His parents live in India and a sister moved to Australia. He grew up playing cricket and soccer. Now he is learning another sport—football.

Hélenè Gauthier

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Hélenè, husband Jamie Hutt, and daughter Rachel moved to Minnesota when Jamie was hired by the StarTribune in 1994. They love living in HPDL because of the parks, old homes, and friendly neighbors. Rachel (6) is in school and Hélenè is learning more about American history. They have added to their family – Stuart (3) and William (4 months).

When they travel back to Halifax, the first stop is “Tim Horton’s Coffee.” Tim was a hockey player. It is a large chain of coffee shops. Delicious coffee and Tim-bits (doughnut holes) are only three miles away from anywhere in Canada. Hélenè has participated in the “Sea Derby” held about three miles off shore. The goal is to catch the biggest shark and release it. Hélenè recalls hand grinding old dead fish and dropping the remains into the water to attract sharks. Out at sea with the smell of dead fish – an undertaking that should only be done once! Most people freeze the chum (fish mix), put it in a bag and hang it off the boat – fewer odors that way!

Halifax was founded in 1749. Mostly French, English and some Scottish groups settled the area. About 10 years ago more than 600 Buddhists moved to Halifax from Boulder, Colorado. They brought some new meditation and holistic health business to the city of 250,000.



Iris VonBergan

Hélenè and her children love the parks.

Sean, Alan, and Hélenè were born and raised in other countries. They all are fond of where they came from as they love the ocean and fresh fish! They enjoy life here in HPDL.

Minneapolis Needs Election Judges!!

Earn \$7.21 per hour

Call 673-3876 or apply online at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/elections

The election dates are:

Primary: September 12, 2000

General: November 7, 2000

Full-time and part-time shifts are available.



Walk Patrol prepares to step out.

HPDL Walk Patrol Kickoff

By Ray McCabe

May 3, 2000 marked the kickoff of the HPDL Spring Walk Patrol. Neighbors, staff, and committee all took part in rekindling enthusiasm for keeping this neighborhood crime free and safe. Waivers were signed, and new names added to the list of participants, now totaling over forty. A few lucky individuals even got new lime green caps for the walk patrol!

You get to see all kinds of interesting things you'd never see unless you're walking the neighborhood, as well as meeting new people. It's a wonderful way to get your exercise, and help keep the neighborhood safe. It's fun, cheap, and anyone can do it!

The Walk Patrol will be having another gathering in the fall, but before then, please call the HPDL office if you'd like to join this group and participate on a regular basis.

The committee thanks all the people who gave their time for the Kickoff 2000 Event. Sign-up sheets for participation will also be available at Picnic in the Park!

The Benefits

- Exercise
- Keep your neighbors safe
- Build community
- Meet new people
- Create a neighborhood presence
- Show you care about your neighborhood



A Night for Neighbors National Night Out

On August 1st more than 32,000,000 neighbors in 9400 communities throughout the United States will take to the streets to celebrate National Night Out (NNO) and for the 17th year thousands of Minneapolis neighbors will do the same. This year's theme, "A Minneapolis Tradition-A Night for Neighbors" couldn't be more true, as more than 40,000 neighbors are expected at more than 800 separate parties.

National Night Out (NNO) is a night when many people get to meet their neighbors for the first time. It's a night when new friendships begin, old friendships are renewed, and when all that participate take a step toward building a safer and more livable community.

On NNO people celebrate in all kinds of ways; from simply sharing ice tea and conversation to elaborate multi-block extravaganzas. This year more than 1700 blocks will participate and more than 550 will be barricaded as neighbors have cookouts, pot-lucks, live music and games. Volleyball nets will stretch across streets, marbles will roll and chalk art will abound. Fire trucks, canine squads, McGruff the Crime Dog, clowns, marching bands, drill teams, and city officials all travel from party to party to spread good cheer. It all contributes to neighbors having a good time, building friendlier blocks and keeping neighborhood crime away.

The people of Minneapolis deserve a big hand for their NNO efforts. The National Association of Town Watch, national coordinators of NNO, have ranked the Minneapolis overall effort in the last three years as #2, #1, #2 in the nation, for cities with a population over 250,000.

This year 101 Minnesota communities are participating in National Night Out.

NNO is a program of Community Crime Prevention/SAFE (CCP/SAFE), a part of the Minneapolis Police Department. SAFE teams are located in each of the five Minneapolis police precincts.

To find out if your block is having a party, or to get your block started, call 673-3568.

Dewatering *from page 1*

which issues permits for the actual pumping of ground water. The MCWD Board of Managers was scheduled to vote on issuing the permit for erosion control and storm water management at its board meeting on June 29. Due to the MCWD's own concerns and public pressure, the MCWD has delayed its decision until after July 13, when a public meeting will be held to receive local citizen input. The meeting will take place at Roosevelt High School at 7 p.m.

The MCWD Board of Managers Meeting on June 29 was well attended by area residents, members of ROAR, SMAAC and the Coldwater Spring Coalition. Citizen concern was validated by the assertion of MAC's consultants that, prior to two weeks ago, their modeling of the impact of dewatering only encompassed the airport site. Furthermore, their analysis did not originally reflect the cumulative effect of other dewatering projects at the airport, work that will ultimately take two and a half years to complete, and include a total of eight tunnels. The MAC's consultants also ignored the impact of dewatering occurring at the Highway 55 and 62 interchange in their analysis. The extent of the impact on Diamond Lake, the Minnehaha Creek and Lake Hiawatha has also been ignored. It remains unclear what impact such dewatering could have on the structural integrity of homes and businesses in the area.

As of this writing, no permits have been issued. For an update contact the HPDL office or Dore Mead's office. Additionally, the Southside Pride has covered the topic. Make your voice heard on this issue. Mayor Sayles Belton has encouraged residents to contact Charles Nichols, the Chairman of MAC and Roger Hale, Minneapolis' MAC commissioner. Don't let MAC ruin one of the primary reasons we live here – our lakes.

Next Step: Be there

MCWD Meeting: Thursday, July 13th, 7pm, Roosevelt High School

Reason: To empower MCWD with the political will to stand up to MAC and protect our watershed.

Pedestrians Have the Right of Way !

It's Not Just MN Nice . . . It's the Law

The Crime Prevention & Community Safety Committee demonstrated this idea on a cold day last April. On Pedestrian Safety Day community members gathered on Portland Avenue to raise awareness to motorists and pedestrians about laws that affect pedestrians.

During a busy Thursday afternoon rush hour, residents held signs and passed out literature with pedestrian safety messages—creating an awareness about the need for greater safety on our roads and in our neighborhood.

Did you know that in 1996, Minnesota's crosswalk law was revised to require drivers to actually come to a stop for pedestrians at all **marked** or **unmarked** intersections where traffic control signals are not in operation? At intersections with traffic control signals, pedestrians and motorists must obey the signals.

Did you also know that violation of the MN crosswalk law is a misdemeanor, which may result in 90 days in jail or a \$700 fine, or both? A person who violates the law two or more times within one year is guilty of a gross misdemeanor and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than one year or to payment of a fine of not more than \$3,000, or both.

Participants report that they received a lot of positive comments and support from drivers along Portland Avenue. Residents do feel that they helped to make a difference.



Pedestrian Safety Day – A friendly reminder.

Watch for a similar event later this fall.

We thank the Minneapolis Police Department who provided a squad car for the event.

For further information about pedestrian safety visit The Minnesota Safety Council on the internet at www.mnsafetycouncil.org/crosswalk/

HPDL Resolutions:

Passed at the June 26 Board Meeting

Resolution #1: The HPDL Board of Directors, on behalf of the Hale, Page, and Diamond Lake neighborhoods, opposes any action by the Metropolitan Airports Commission which threatens our community's environmental resources by lowering the levels of our lakes or ground water or has any potential of impairing our homes and businesses. The HPDL Board further opposes any construction by the MAC undertaken without the benefit of proper environmentally-related government permits.

Resolution #2: HPDL urges that the Park Board postpone final action on the dog park at 58th Street & 13th Av. S. until further meetings by the Park Board are held with neighborhood residents to allow them to voice their concerns. HPDL further resolves that the Park Board provide timely notice to residents regarding this issue.

Resolution #3: Recognizing that various neighborhoods have vastly different needs and requirements, the HPDL Board urges NRP to define housing more broadly.

HPDL Needs You!

Several of our committees are in need of volunteers. Summer's coming and the committees that make us tick are in need of some fresh faces and new ideas.

If you can spend a few hours a month, have an interest in your community, and want to affect what happens in your own neighborhood, please give us a call. Rosie, Judy or Viola at the HPDL office would love to hear from you – 824-7707.

HPDL Committees

- Building Community — Last Wednesday
- Business Association — Call
- Commercial Development — 3rd Monday
4:30 p.m., Nokomis Cup
- Crime and Safety — 1st Tuesday
- Newsletter — Call
- Environment — Call
- Gardening — Every Wednesday

HPDL Board:

- Dana Bacon (Secretary) 823-4505
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- Greg Mook (Chair) 822-1079
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HPDL publishes this newsletter quarterly and distributes it to the Hale, Page and Diamond Lake Neighborhoods. If you have questions or comments, would like to contribute, or join the Newsletter Committee, please call the HPDL office at 824-7707.

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HPDL was formed in 1991. It is bounded by 35W, 62nd Street, Cedar Avenue, and Minnehaha Creek. HPDL serves as a forum/clearinghouse for ideas; provides a meeting place to air grievances, define concerns and develop solutions; provides opportunities to work with other organizations across the city; serves as a conduit between residents and government; and helps us to celebrate our neighborhoods and their own special uniqueness within our diverse city.

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