



Fred Glascoe will talk plants at HPDL May Meeting

The May community meeting, co-sponsored by the HPDL Gardening and Environmental committees, will feature neighborhood resident and Master Gardener, Fred Glascoe.

Fred taught plant and animal science for 42 years. He has worked at Bachman's in different capacities since high school and has had his own radio show: *Home and Garden Show*, on KSTP AM 1500 for the past 21 years. The show airs from 7-10 a.m. Saturdays. Fred has also written numerous articles and currently has his own column, *Garden Tips from Fred*, in the **Northern Gardener**, a publication of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society. As you look forward to preparing your own gardens and green spaces, please consider joining us on May 21st at 7 p.m. at Pearl Park for this special guest speaker. A question/answer time will follow.



Fred Glascoe



Horse rides were a new addition to Frost Fest 2001.

Winter Fun at Frost Fest

by Karen Pritz

Celebrate winter? What's that about? It's about 300+ HPDL neighbors coming together on a winter Sunday afternoon to enjoy each other, engage in activities and thumb their noses at Old Man Winter. We Minnesotans know how to make the best of things, and HPDL folk sure proved that right! Inside Pearl Park Community Center on February 4, there was indoor fishing, door prizes, live music, toddler interaction, craft making, "*Mr. Science*" watching and refreshment partaking. Outside, there was ice-skating, snowshoeing, rope tugging, three-legged racing, bonfire warming, game playing and pony riding. Kids and adults alike enjoyed this opportunity to revel in community.

Frost Fest takes place because of the efforts of: members of the HPDL Creating Community Committee, Pearl Park, and PIRC (Pearl Improvement and Recreation Council, the volunteer organization sponsoring sports teams, events and improvements out of Pearl Park.) Many people came out to volunteer their time to serve refreshments, run a game or help with things like registration and crafts. Thanks go to Pearl Park, HPDL Building Community Committees, PIRC, and volunteers who put forth a tremendous effort to make this wonderful event happen!

If you were there you may remember a box collecting suggestions for a name for the bronze bunny sculpture that will be installed later this spring near the pump at Minnehaha Creek off of Portland Ave. These suggestions were inventive – some were quite humorous. If the sculptor does not name his work, those names will be considered as possibilities for the bunny. Keep tuned for the announcement telling the time and date for the bunny dedication.

We should all be pleased that we HPDL-ers could take winter chill and snow, have fun with it and spend time with neighbors at the same time. Frost Fest in February is a Pearl Park/HPDL tradition. See you next year!

Spouses as Caregivers: Too Much Time Together?

by LuAnn Hanson, Part 2 in a series

Another aspect of caregiving that affects spouses is the amount of contact required by the other spouse. The sheer amount of time spent together in the home may multiply to the point where both spouses experience feelings of encroachment.

As long-standing boundaries are violated, the loss of solitude and privacy can produce irritability and conflict. The loss of buffers, such as recreational or volunteer activities, may uncover relationship problems previously masked by the couple's busy lives. A possible solution may be to recover some time separate from one another.



Caregivers need to ask themselves the 'miracle question': "If I am able to do something for myself, by myself, what would it be?" Caregivers should allow themselves to dream; then find a way to make the fantasy come true.

Ask the impossible questions, and find possible answers. Nokomis Healthy Seniors desires to support you in this very important job of caregiving. We can offer empathy and a way to help make your dreams come true.

The Nokomis Healthy Seniors' caregiver group meets monthly, the last Thursday of the month, at Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 41st & Cedar Ave.. S., at 1:00 PM. Call and set up a time to explore your dreams!

Graffiti

With warm weather coming, graffiti vandals will be out in full force. Remember, it is a **property crime** that hurts the neighborhoods and area businesses, and can be costly and time-consuming to remove.

Call 673-2090 to report graffiti.

NRP Celebrates First 10 Years

by Karen Pritz

On February 24, residents from all over the city joined government partners in celebrating the first 10 years of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP). The NRP, a 20-year program, began as a way to funnel money earned through downtown development directly to city neighborhoods. During the first ten years, Phase I, neighborhoods across the city participated in a long planning process to come up with an "Action Plan." In Phase II, neighborhoods will assess the accomplishments and challenges of those plans, and develop a framework for the next 10 years.

The 10-year celebration was an all day event. An inspiring breakfast speaker, John McKnight, Professor of Community Studies at the Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern University, held workshops on topics such as: how neighborhood groups should assess their Phase I activities, how neighborhood

groups could put together an affordable housing project, and how to go about Phase II planning. Throughout the day, neighborhood exhibits were displayed to showcase their achievements. Exhibits were impressive and inspiring.

In the evening, attendees gathered for an awards dinner to celebrate successes across the city during Phase I Action Plan implementation. The judges for the awards were overwhelmed by the quality of nominated projects. HPDL was a recipient of an award in the environmental category for a joint water quality project with NENA (Nokomis East). Dancing rounded out the day of celebration.

The daylong event clearly illustrated that Minneapolis is blessed in its people — people who care enough about the quality of life within this city that they volunteer precious time to work with one another to improve it.

NRP Redux: Phase II Begins...

by Karen Pritz

The Phase II NRP Steering Committee, chaired by Scott Benson, is reviewing Phase I activities. Going through the Phase I Action Plan piece-by-piece has served to show how much we have accomplished and how far we still have to go. The Committee plans to present an official report of the Phase I review to the neighborhood at the September general membership meeting. In the meantime the Committee is working on a survey of residents, interviewing Phase I "movers and shakers" and convening focus groups to finalize the Phase I assessment and move towards coming up with a Phase II plan. Focus groups are planned for the following categories:

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| Hale Homeowners | Seniors | Renters |
| Page Homeowners | HPDL Board of Directors | Business Owners |
| Diamond Lake Homeowners | Diverse Population Groups | Church Leaders |

If you wish to volunteer to be in a focus group or have facilitation skills, please call the office at 824-7707, email us at hdpl@bitstream.net

Or fill out the form below and return it to:

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



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Thank You!

Meet Your Neighbor

crime and violence. Kids “grow up faster

by Laurie Frevert

Meet some of our neighbors who work or have worked for the Minneapolis Public School system.

Nancy Stefan

A familiar face to many, Nancy spent 31 years teaching at Field School. She retired in 1999. She was at Field when the initial “pairing” with Hale started. She taught 4-5-6 grades and enjoyed working with the “fun staff, memorable students, and strong PTA”. She believes the smaller class size referendum has made a big impact. Comparing students of today with those of 30 years ago, she believes that children have more pressure today due to social problems with drugs,

Johnson, Klobuchar Review Community Safety Trends

by Barb Schuette

A group of 40 people were in attendance at the Crime & Safety Committee's community event held on Monday, March 19th. It was a better than average turnout, and the committee thanks all who attended and brought important questions.

Barb Schuette, Committee Chair, spoke briefly regarding the committee and its history, what has been accomplished, and future goals. Inspector Brad Johnson, 3rd Precinct, discussed the neighborhood's crime stats, reporting that they are down from last year. He addressed the issue of squad cars being less visible, but response time remaining the same. Amy Klobuchar, Hennepin County Attorney's Office, addressed some of the same issues as Inspector Johnson, and also reported on the Elder Abuse Initiative. She brought handout information to the meeting. Both Inspector Johnson and Ms. Klobuchar informed the audience that there is a separate graffiti department. An officer has been assigned to this unit, has a team working with him and has collected information regarding current offenders. Report any graffiti on the new hotline number: **673-2090**. If you witness graffiti incidents *in progress*, call **911**.

Mary Etzioni, CCP Specialist, reiterated the importance of Operation ID, and some of the audience signed up for it at the meeting. The new SAFE officer, Robin Lijeberg was introduced to the audience. She is excited about working in this area.

Comments or suggestions are welcomed regarding the annual HPDL community meetings hosted by the Crime & Safety Committee. Call the HPDL at 824-7707.

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a bike patrol, Picnic in the Park, and FrostFest. While not a complete list, the point is that HPDL has had many successful projects.

To our surprise, NRP presented HPDL an award for the tree-planting around Lake Nokomis after the storm of 1998. Truthfully, I had forgotten the project. It is a measure of the success of the project that I did forget. The storm's scar, which could have been permanent, is healing nicely.

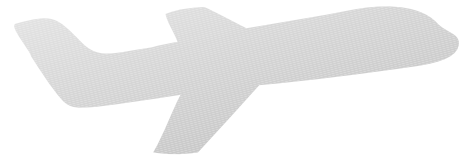
While NRP's award is appreciated, I doubt anyone would rate it our greatest success, but then, NRP didn't present awards for bringing neighbors together. And if HPDL has a greatest success, it is bringing neighbors together, whatever the project.

Changes on 56th & Chicago

by Dick Saunders

Mike's Corner Store opened on April 4th with the transfer of Mike Mauch's Mike's Movies into the former Diamond Lake Pharmacy space at 56th & Chicago Avenue. Cards, gifts, and photo processing departments opened at the same time. A takeout pizza dough shop will open around May 1st.

Moving into the former Mike's Movies space in early June will be **First Course**, a new 32-seat restaurant operated by Travis Metzger. Metzger plans to feature American and Mediterranean lunches and dinners, with fresh ingredients made to order. A wine and beer license is being sought. Hours of operation will be 10:30 AM - 9 PM on weekdays, and 10:30 AM - 10:00 PM on weekends.



Homeowners Await MAC Decision on Insulation

The Metropolitan Airports Commission is expected to vote June 18 on a final package of sound reduction recommendations for homes in the expanded noise zone around Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

Commissioners were considering six options, ranging from a full five-decibel reduction package offered in the present 65-75 DNL (average day-night noise level) zones, to air conditioning only. The recommendation will be part of a total noise reduction and land-use program submitted to the FAA for review later in 2001.

Sections of HPDL neighborhoods bordering 35W and Minnehaha Creek fall inside the new 60-64 DNL zone.

PIRC Spearheads Team Activities at Pearl Park

The crack of the bat, the cheers of the crowd...any recent stroll past Pearl or Todd Parks would have left no doubt that baseball's in full swing. And seeing all those little baseball **and** softball players wearing Pearl jerseys, you might think that Pearl Park organized all these teams. And you would be half right! People see the park building and grounds and assume that park employees run the teams, too. Actually youth team sports are the joint efforts of *two* organizations—Pearl Park of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) and the Pearl Improvement and Recreation Council (PIRC).

PIRC was organized in 1963 “to improve the facilities at Pearl Park and to provide recreational and educational activities for the youth of the area.” PIRC has no building or employees, only volunteers. Every family whose child plays on a Pearl team is part of PIRC, as is any community member who wishes to improve Pearl Park. It's the “invisible” organization, visible through the children playing on Pearl fields.

Here's how youth team sports work. The MPRB provides the facilities (fields, gyms, etc.) and the recreational league structure for children in 4th through 9th grade. Individual parks (Pearl) are responsible for providing the entire sports program for younger children and for purchasing uniforms, equipment and incidentals for league teams. However, parks have limited budgets for such things.

At Pearl, PIRC runs the sports registration: volunteer coordinators identify volunteer coaches and organize the teams. Older teams are entered in the MPRB Rec. League: younger teams play in PIRC's in-house league. Monies collected at registration are used for uniforms, equipment, league fees, and other team costs. After overhead, remaining funds are donated to community programs (Picnic in the Park, Easter Egg Hunt, etc.) or are reserved for facilities improvement. The recent fencing of Pearl Field No. 1 was

the joint effort of the MPRB, PIRC's Capital Reserve Fund, and the Jimmy Robertson Memorial.

Because PIRC is an independent Sec. 501(c)(3) organization, it can accept private donations for both facilities and programming improvements. Through its reserve and private donations, PIRC was also able to bring football back to Pearl as an independent program. Pearl football teams currently compete in the Crosstown Football League (Richfield) and the Southwest Metro League (Bloomington, Eden Prairie). While many parks have sports councils, the broad scope and dedication of PIRC contributes much to the attractiveness of HPDL.

In addition to baseball, softball, and football, Pearl and PIRC offer soccer (fall) and basketball, volleyball, and hockey (winter). Fall registration information will be available at the PIRC tent at the Picnic in the Park. The PIRC Board meets the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Pearl Park Building. Check with the park desk at 370-4906 to verify summer meeting dates and times.

HPDL Committees

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

New Design for Newsletter

Hale resident Connie Singer designed the new look for the HPDL newsletter. Connie, a designer with a background in set, costume and clothing design, has designed almost everything imaginable in a career that has taken her from Minneapolis to New York and back. She provides graphic design and art direction services through her firm, **conniesinger** DESIGN
csing1@attglobal.net

Introducing HPDL's newest Board Member

Lauren Altschuler joined the Board in January after the resignation of Ray McCabe. She lives in Diamond Lake and is the Board's liaison to the Business Association.



Lauren is originally from the East Coast. She relocated to Minneapolis four years ago and bought her house at 6036 Clinton last October. She loves the neighborhood in general and her house in particular because it reminds her of New England. She sells marketing programs for ABC radio and is an active member/volunteer at the Basilica of St. Mary. Her hobbies include sailing, gardening, working on her house, going to see jazz, walking friends' dogs, and inline skating.



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HPDL Staff:

- Rosie Doege
 - Viola Carlson
 - Judy Cooper Lyle
- 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.

Newsletter Committee:

- Doug Frevert Kerry Reiling
- Laurie Frevert Gail VonBargen
- Dan McGrane Iris VonBargen
- Karen Pritz

Newsletter Staff:

- Rosie Doege, Judy Cooper Lyle
- 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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HPDL Community Calendar

May 21	Community Meeting Fred Glascoe	Pearl Park 7:00 PM
June 25	HPDL Board Meeting	HPDL 7:00 PM
July 26	Picnic in the Park	Todd Park 5:30 - 8:30 PM
Call 824-7707	Phase II Planning Committee	
August 25	Clean Sweep	An alley near you.

From the Chair

By Doug Frevert

NRP is ten years old. They celebrated by holding an all day convention – session after session for neighborhood volunteers. NRP presented how-to guides for determining goals, setting objectives, finding volunteers, acquiring resources, and managing all of it.

Are you thinking burn out? It is a risk, but this was a convention for the committed. They had stories to tell. Stories of success: streets remodeled, schools refurbished, crack houses leveled; and stories of failure: unmet goals, and disappearing funds.

That night NRP presented awards to the most successful projects. HPDL won!

Over the last ten years, we’ve been involved in many projects. The improvements to Todd Field, the trail along Diamond Lake, the Pearl Park gym, the Hale School addition, striping Portland Ave., the crosswalk at 58th and Portland, the garden at Hampshire and Diamond Lake Rd, and the garden at 50th and Bloomington Ave are a few of HPDL’s projects. We also have a walk patrol,

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