



## Plans Progress for 35W/62 Reconstruction

By Dawn Lindblom

A public hearing regarding the Minnesota Department of Transportation's (MnDOT) proposal for the 35W/62 Reconstruction Project was held on Monday, June 14, 2004. The Transportation and Public Works Committee of the Minneapolis City Council held the hearing about the project which impacts 35W from 66<sup>th</sup> Street in Richfield to 42<sup>nd</sup> Street in Minneapolis and Highway 62 from Portland Avenue to Penn Avenue.

The hearing offered MnDOT officials and consultants an opportunity to present the proposed changes for the 35W/Crosstown corridor. Their presentation was followed by public comment from local residents and business representatives from HPDL and other neighboring communities. The hearing marks the beginning of a 90-day interim before City Council members recommend action to either approve or disapprove the proposed freeway layout. The City Council is expected to take action on the layout at its meeting on Friday, September 3, 2004.

At the hearing, MnDOT officials outlined the proposed changes for the 35W/ Crosstown corridor through an animated video, providing an aerial view that layered the proposed changes over the existing roadway beginning at Xerxes Avenue on Highway 62 and concluding at 42<sup>nd</sup> Street on 35W. This tool helped residents visualize the changes one step further beyond the maps and graphs previously shown at neighborhood meetings, and demonstrated the effect on nearby homes, businesses and greenways.

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## Celebrate Summer at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic in the Park

By Bill Hood

Mark your calendar for Thursday, July 29, 2004 for an "Over The Top" Picnic in the Park! Our annual HPDL neighborhood get together is held at the south end of Pearl Park, 414 E. Diamond Lake Road. All the fun begins at 5:30 p.m. and runs until we're all worn out or 8:30, whichever comes first.

The Picnic began in 1992 in Todd Park as a neighborhood event and is now brought together by the HPDL Community Association, PIRC (Pearl Improvement and Recreation Council) and Pearl Park. Local sponsors of this year's event are TCF Bank, Kowalski's Market and the HPDL Business Association. A special thank you to Fat Lorenzo's and Karen Johnson of Edina Realty.

Bring along a blanket or chair and grab a spot to listen to the summer sounds of Jam Factory Live. Or check out the entertaining demonstrations of English Folk dancing, a good workout event. There will be wonderful activities for children, including carnival games, henna art, face painting, balloon sculptures and the always popular moonwalk.

When you've worked up a little hunger, there will be lots of fresh food for you to



*Bring the family!*

enjoy. Plenty of corn-on-the-cob, beef hot-dogs, pizza, pop, watermelon and popcorn will be on hand for purchase. After a snack (or two), check out the Minneapolis Police Horse Patrol, the fire truck and ambulance. There will be plenty of information booths on valuable community resources, neighborhood businesses and churches.

Be sure to register for all the door prizes and buy a chance (or two) for the raffle. Items to win in this year's raffle are: a 1930's-style quilt made by HPDL volunteers (value \$300), a Toro Hedge Trimmer (value \$89), a four pack of Twins Tickets (value \$68) and two admissions to the Minnesota Science Museum and Omni Theater (value \$25). And at the end of the Picnic, the winner of the Treasure Hunt, sponsored by HPDL businesses, will be crowned.

Bring along some friends and neighbors on Thursday, July 29 at 5:30 p.m. Don't miss all the fun. Besides, you might win big . . .

## 300 Attend Business Fair

By Reid Olson

The HPDL Business Association held its first annual HPDL Business Fair on Saturday, May 15, 2004, at Hale School. The consensus was that the Fair was a great success, as 25 neighborhood businesses showed their wares to nearly 300 attendees and almost every business that participated has signed up for next year!

Businesses represented at the Fair included restaurants, coffee shops, hair stylists, realtors, website developers, taekwon do, and much more. In addition to door prizes,

many also gave out neat gifts such as calculators, yardsticks, discount coupons, pens and more. The Business Association gave out yo-yos for the kids and chip closers for the adults. With all the food samples that were offered, one could plan their lunch around this event. Someone was heard to say it was better than Sam's Club on a Saturday morning.

Door prize drawings were held every 15 minutes and many attendees received valuable gift certificates, thanks to Fat

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## 35W/Crosstown from page 1

The current proposal addresses alternatives mandated during the Minnesota 2001 Special Session. The “Crosstown Project Moratorium” required additional research on the proposed design from that time. The chart clarifies areas of concern identified in the previous construction proposal (Goals) and the recommended changes incorporated in the current proposal (Results).

Following the presentation by MnDOT officials, questions and concerns were raised by business owners and residents impacted by the proposed reconstruction project. The plan proposes to close the freeway entrance ramp at Portland Avenue that allows access to 35W and ultimately Highway 62 going west. Although this particular segment of the plan is still under consideration by MnDOT officials and City representatives, several residents raised concerns as to where traffic would be re-directed if the ramp were permanently closed. Several suggested that the nearest access ramp for 35W and 62 would be at Diamond Lake Road. They thought that re-directing daily commuters would ensure additional traffic on Portland Avenue and Diamond Lake Road, residential streets that already experience high traffic levels.

Representatives from the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, Blue Water Association, the Sierra Club, the Hale, Page and Diamond Lake Community Association and

### Next Steps in the 35W/62 Process

MnDOT will be conducting an environmental assessment as required by both the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and state law. MnDOT anticipates completing the assessment by the end of June and will solicit public input regarding the environmental impacts of the project in late July or early August. Once the 45-day period for public comment is completed, an FHWA/MnDOT decision will be made on whether additional environmental review is required. A decision by both MnDOT and FHWA on whether any additional studies are necessary is anticipated to take place during the month of October.

## Goals and Results of Refined Concept

Goals	Results
Minimize closures during construction	Limits closures to 8 weeks
Provide additional capacity	2-lane interchange connections Additional freeway lanes
Minimize right of way takings	23 residential buildings 2 commercial buildings
Provide advantage for bus transit	HOV* lane to accommodate BRT**
Reconstruction of aging facility	Benefit cost ratio is 3.9 to 1

\* = High Occupancy Vehicle

\*\* = Bus Rapid Transit

local residents shared their apprehension in relationship to the environmental impact of the proposed plan. Several individuals raised concerns regarding the impact of run off from the freeway to area reservoirs such as Minnehaha Creek, Diamond Lake and the pond at 60th Street and 1st Avenue. Others cited concerns with increased air and noise pollution as a direct result of increased traffic. One individual asked whether the plan took into account the increased traffic levels predicted for 5, 15 and 20 years from now, and what effect the increased traffic levels would have to neighboring communities. Transportation & Public Works Committee Chair Sandy Colvin Roy stated that environmental concerns will be addressed at a public hearing to be scheduled following the release of the environmental assessment in late June.

One local resident expressed his concern that only a single design was being proposed and that additional research related to the direct impact to surrounding communities had not been conducted. Another asked if the new plan would ensure better traffic flow. The plan increases the number of lanes at the Commons area but does not change the number of lanes on 35W north of 46th Street. MnDOT officials responded that they were unable to determine the trip rate improvement by individual because too many variables exist. However, they are able to determine that the financial value and cost of the current plan is better compared to earlier versions that have been pro-

posed. Other inquiries focused on the actual cost of the project and whether funds had been secured for all components of the proposed plan.

Representatives from Peter’s Billiards, 6150 Lyndale Avenue South and residents who live nearby, shared their frustration with the loss of the building and the potential of displacing the business that has been part of the neighborhood for over 25 years. Additionally, residents who live near the intersection of Lyndale Avenue and Highway 62 raised concerns regarding the addition of new freeway lanes at the intersection. The plan currently proposes an expansion from the existing 7 lanes to 13 lanes, to accommodate better traffic flow on 35W, Highway 62 and new access ramps to both. Residents commented that these new lanes would result in additional traffic and increased noise levels in the local neighborhood, especially along Lyndale Avenue.

Other concerns were raised regarding the proposed BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) lanes. This would be a fifth lane allowing continuous bus travel on 35W. There is currently a BRT study underway and the results will be available in December.

More information, including the final layout as submitted to the City, can be found on MnDOT’s 35W/ Crosstown website at: <http://projects.dot.state.mn.us/crosstown>. For questions, you can contact Project Manager John Griffith via the project website or call him directly at (651) 582-1206.

## Customers Fix Up the 'Cup'

The Nokomis Cup Coffee Shop and Ice Cream Parlor is a neighborhood gathering spot for all kinds of customers. The little store with the big sidewalk at 5611 Chicago Avenue has been a popular drop-in spot since it opened seven years ago. Kids of all sizes hang out for the malts and cones served up there and a regular crowd of grown ups show up each morning to wake up well and solve world problems.

The usual mix of neighborhood folks includes a magnificent group of seven customers, who last fall redecorated the interior while the owner was away. Proprietor Eric Grube, who moved the 'Cup' to Chicago Avenue in 1997, went to Illinois to visit family for a week in October. While he was gone (and without his knowledge), the seven decorators, carpenters and painters gave the little shop a big facelift. The design team included Anne and Mara, and they were helped by Cheryl, Jack, Roger, Don and John. Together, they gave the store a really classy makeover. When Eric returned, Sarah Glover, a high school student who works weekends, called him at home to come down and check it out. He did, and now the 'Cup' is perked up, the grill is on out front and sometimes there is a concert on the sidewalk.

## Business Fair *from page 1*

Lorenzo's, Mike's Corner Store and Pepitos Restaurant. Kowalski's Market donated enough bottled water to keep everyone cool. And special thanks to the many volunteers who contributed their efforts.

If you missed it—it's not too early to mark your calendar for next May. The exact date will be announced a next year. You can also check the HPDL neighborhood calendar at [www.rabbithood.com/calendar.html](http://www.rabbithood.com/calendar.html) for this and other upcoming neighborhood events, including the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual HPDL Treasure Hunt which begins July 19.

If you know a business that would like to be included next year, they can sign up anytime prior to the event through the rabbithood website. A complete list of all neighborhood businesses and pictures of the event can be seen at [www.rabbithood.com](http://www.rabbithood.com) by clicking on "Business Directory."

## From the Chair

By Margaret Sullivan  
Chair, HPDL Board of Directors

This past year, a number of very committed individuals have been hard at work developing our neighborhood's Phase II Plan under the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP). Our HPDL neighborhood has been notified that we will receive approximately \$800,000 for Phase II, but our written plan must be completed and approved before any of this money will flow our way.

We have made very good progress with our plan, but the recent NRP Policy Board decision to dedicate 70% of each neighborhood's funds to housing and housing-related programs has caused us to do some reshuffling. Originally, we did not allot such a high proportion to housing, because residents did not include it in their list of top priorities in the survey or at community meetings we have held.

A group from the original Phase II committee will be working over the summer to polish our plan. Sometime in the next couple of months, you will be receiving a draft copy of the Phase II plan. Please take the time to give the plan a careful reading and do not be shy about sharing your comments with us. We will be holding a community meeting in the coming months to hear your thoughts about the direction of HDPL and the Phase II plan itself.

For those of you who are interested in playing an even bigger role in deciding how HPDL funds should be spent, the Housing Committee is looking for new members to fill out our ranks. Along with developing new home improvement incentive programs, we also hope to sponsor an HPDL Home and Garden Show and workshops on home accessibility and home improvement. For more information, contact the HPDL office at (612) 824-7707.

## Splashing Success!

Splashing was not a planned activity at the 1st annual HPDL Bike Rodeo and Safety Fair, but the drizzling rain seemed to add an extra drop of fun to the event. Despite the occasional need for the opening of an umbrella, there were around fifty HPDL parents and kids who stopped by Pearl Park on Saturday, May 22, 2004, to join the fun.



*A firefighter's coat kept the rain out.*

The HPDL Community Association's Crime Prevention and Community Safety Committee, in partnership with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct's Community Crime Prevention/SAFE (CCP/SAFE) program sponsored the event. Activities for the fair included demonstrations by the Minneapolis Police K-9 unit; an obstacle course organized by the Minneapolis Park Patrol; tours of the Hennepin County Sheriff's water patrol boat, the Minneapolis Fire Department's fire engine and the Hennepin County Medical Emergency Services ambulance; a visit from McGruff the Crime Dog and door prizes.

### Yes!

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



Please return this form with your check payable to:

HPDL, 5144 13th Avenue So., Minneapolis, MN 55417. **Thank You!**

Here is my tax deductible contribution:

\$10     \$15     \$25  
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## From City Hall

By Scott Benson  
City Council Member, Ward 11

To my friends and neighbors with HPDL:

Thank you for the opportunity to update you about the happenings at City Hall. If you have questions or would like to learn more about something, please feel free to e-mail me: [scott.benson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:scott.benson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us) or call my office at (612) 673-2211.



## MAC Delays Decision on Noise Mitigation

The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) took testimony at their May 17, 2004 meeting regarding the next round of noise mitigation, but delayed a final vote until at least their meeting on July 19. It is not too late to express your opinion. You can email a message to the commissioners: [part150\\_comments@macnoise.com](mailto:part150_comments@macnoise.com)

## Project Safe Summer Aims at Lowering Crime; May Have Adverse Effect on Ward 11

Project Safe Summer, aimed at keeping the community involved by increasing youth employment opportunities, targeting problem properties and lowering violent crime, was launched on May 11 by Mayor R.T. Rybak and Police Chief William McManus. Project Safe Summer is a shared strategy between the City of Minneapolis and its community partners, residents and businesses to address the issues that go into creating and maintaining a safe, livable city.

The cornerstone of the project is the Minneapolis Police Department summer strategy to reduce robberies, aggravated assaults and homicides by 10% in targeted, high-crime areas. This will be accomplished by assigning additional officers where they are most needed, focusing enforcement efforts on gangs, drugs and violent crimes and targeting active career criminals. The additional officers needed for Project Safe Summer were obtained by reassigning the SAFE officers serving in other areas, including officers Catherine Casey and Jabra Kawas in the 5th Precinct and Bryon Cross in the 3rd Precinct, each of whom works in the 11th ward.

The transfer of SAFE officers is especially disconcerting to residents of the 11th ward because if this policy continues beyond the summer, it will decimate the limited crime prevention efforts the police department is able to conduct. Council Member Niziolek and I introduced a notation to the 2004 budget reminding the mayor and police chief that the intention of the Council is to maintain the CCP/SAFE program rather than balancing the entire police budget at the expense of crime prevention. Unfortunately, Council Member Zimmerman moved that this budget notation be returned to committee, effectively killing it.


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## Diamond Lake: Issues Facing an Urban Wetland

By Justin White

Diamond Lake is a neighborhood resource we all enjoy, whether it's a walk around the nature path, fishing with the kids on the boat dock or just looking over our shoulder as we drive past on a sunny day. But do any of us really know how fragile this urban wetland is? And what plans are in place to preserve it for the future? One group of area residents has taken a stand for the lake and is taking steps to ensure that it is maintained for generations to come – this group is the HPDL Environment Committee.

Recently the group met with representatives of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, a local governmental body created in 1955 whose goal is to protect and manage water resources based on hydrologic as opposed to political boundaries. The main topic of discussion was protection of Diamond Lake in light of the major upcoming highway reconstruction efforts on Interstate 35W. Of primary concern was the fact that rainwater runoff from the freeway is the main source of water to maintain the level of the lake. Because of this fact, large amounts of sediment (sand, grit, and dirt from the road) are washed off of the road and into the lake through storm sewer outlets each time it rains. Over the years, sand bars or deltas have developed at two different points in the lake – one at 58<sup>th</sup> Street and the other near Pearl Park on Diamond Lake Road. With construction looming, the environment committee is concerned that additional sediment would be washed into the lake, further enlarging the existing deltas and reducing the depth of the lake overall.



The committee engaged the Watershed District, along with the non-profit Blue Water Association and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, in an effort to determine which party has stewardship for water quality issues in the lake. As a result of this effort, it was determined that the Watershed District has primary responsibility when it comes to specific issues of water quality, and partners with the Park Board on matters of the land surrounding the lake. The Park Board currently monitors a variety of factors affecting water quality, and submits the results on a regular basis to the Watershed District for review.

Having established a closer working relationship with the various local governmental agencies, the environment committee drafted a formal statement that was presented at the public hearing regarding the highway construction on Monday, June 14. Going forward, the group will also continue to work closely with the Watershed District and the Park Board to develop a more long-range plan for management of Diamond Lake.

If you are interested in finding out more about what you can do to help protect Diamond Lake, or wish to become more active with the neighborhood environment committee, please contact the HPDL office at (612) 824-7707 or by email at [hpdl@bitstream.net](mailto:hpdl@bitstream.net).

It's OK to call 911

## Meet Your Neighbor

By Laurie Frevert

HPDL Quilters have created a quilt to be raffled at this year's Picnic in the Park.



Doug Frevert

Helen shows off this year's raffle prize.

### Sue Claude

*Favorite Fabrics:* Try as I might to break the habit - I keep using 30's reproduction fabrics for baby quilts. Batiks and bright colors are other favorites.

*Favorite Pattern:* It seems like I make a lot of variations of the classic Ohio Star. It is amazing how basic block can look so different depending on how it is arranged.

*Unfinished Projects:* I have copied the pattern off an appliqued quilt that my Grandmother made when she was a teenager. I plan to give it to my aunt who was her primary caregiver. I did have a number of blocks completed to show my Grandmother before she passed away this spring. In the last months of her life she couldn't remember what she had eaten for breakfast but she could remember the winter afternoons she spent as a young woman handquilting that quilt.

*Favorite Quilt Shop:* I like the Quilter's Courtyard in Highland Park, St. Paul. They have a collection of contemporary fabrics that are not commonly found in some of the more traditional quilt shops.

### Sylvia Jones

*Favorite Fabrics:* Any cottons.

*Favorite Pattern:* Scrap quilts.

*Unfinished Projects:* Needlepoint pillow and knit mittens, caps and booties.

*Favorite Quilt Shop:* Glad Creations, or any with sales.

### Arlyce Hansen

*Favorite Fabrics:* Any blue cotton fabric.

*Favorite Pattern:* Pinwheels.

*Unfinished Projects:* Yes, several.

*Favorite Quilt Shop:* The shop in Silver Bay, a must stop along the North Shore.

### Susan Merrill

*Favorite Fabrics:* Batiks and 30's fabrics.

*Favorite Pattern:* Any paper pieced stars.

*Unfinished Projects:* I have lots. I'm good at piecing but have a hard time getting the actual quilting done.

*Favorite Quilt Shop:* Bear Patch in White Bear Lake.

### Helen Merrill

*Favorite Fabrics:* Scraps of any kind.

*Favorite Pattern:* One that I haven't made.

*Unfinished Projects:* Too many to count-many in progress.

*Favorite Quilt Shop:* Bear Patch in White Bear Lake, Glad Creations in Minneapolis, Aunt Annies in Avon.

### Laurie Frevert

*Favorite Fabrics:* Batiks and 30's reproduction.

*Favorite Pattern:* Any scrap quilt.

*Unfinished Projects:* Batik quilts for my children, Ben and Amelia.

*Favorite Quilt Shop:* Treadle on Grand in St. Paul.

## Welcome a Neighboring Block

You can help your neighborhood become safer and have more fun!!! CCP/SAFE is asking active blocks to welcome neighboring blocks to participate in their National Night Out parties this year if they're not having their own NNO party. After all, as more people get to know each other, the safer the neighborhoods become! This is an effort to widen the circle of blocks that are a part of the extensive Minneapolis block club network. CCP/SAFE is hoping the exposure to what a block club is about will cause many of those from inactive neighboring blocks to get involved in creating block clubs on their block.

## 2004

## National Night Out

Imagine 40,000 Minneapolis residents taking to the streets, joining together with 35,000,000 other people across the country to community, safety and neighbors! That's what will happen on National Night Out (NNO), Tuesday, August 3, 2004.

2004 marks the 21<sup>st</sup> year for National Night Out and it's expected that 1900 Minneapolis blocks will host more than 900 block parties. Some will be as simple as neighbors sharing lemonade while others will have music, dancing, potluck dinners, games and other events.

Minneapolis NNO is coordinated by CCP/SAFE, a unit of the Minneapolis Police Department. Block clubs can register their parties online at [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno). All registered block parties will be eligible for 5 Minnesota Twins' ticket vouchers (buy 1, get 1 free). Parties can also be registered via the mail by requesting a registration card at (612) 673-3568.

To close off your street with Public Works, apply online at [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/events-management](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/events-management) or call (612) 673-2220 for a form.

Fees are as follows:

June 30 to July 12	\$40
July 13 to July 19	\$60
July 20 to July 27	\$160
July 28	\$200

Applications received or postmarked after July 28 will not be accepted. Last year's National Night Out in Minneapolis was ranked #2 in the nation for cities with populations over 300,000. More than 40 other cities were in the same category as Minneapolis. The National Association of Town Watch, the national coordinators of NNO, bestowed the honor. NNO took place in more than 9,700 cities and towns throughout the country. In Minneapolis, more than 40,000 neighbors celebrated safety and community at 863 separate block parties. In each of NNO's 20 years, Minneapolis has been ranked in the top ten. In the last 6 years, it has been ranked #1 three times and #2 the other 3 years.

For further information, call NNO message line at (612) 673-3568 or visit the NNO website [www.ci.minneapolis,mn.us/nno](http://www.ci.minneapolis,mn.us/nno).



Swimmers grab their bicycles.

Doug Frevort

## Past and Present Olympians to Compete at Triathlon

Here's your chance to see more than 20 past and present Olympians as they compete in the 2004 Life Time Fitness Triathlon on July 17, 2004. Based on registrations in mid-June, 14 of the professional participants are Athens-bound, with more to be announced following upcoming Olympic trial events. A total of 44 professional triathletes – 22 men and 22 women – are expected to participate in the event.

Greg Bennett (AUS), Sheila Taromina (USA), Hunter Kemper (USA) and Barb Lindquist (USA) are just a few of the notable Olympics-bound triathletes competing at the Life Time Fitness Triathlon for largest prize purse in the history of the sport – one-half million dollars. Additionally, Barb Lindquist's return in 2004 marks an attempt to take home her third consecutive Life Time Fitness Triathlon winner's title.

Professional female and male triathletes compete head-to-head for the \$500,000 record purse and first place prize of \$250,000 based upon the Equalizer, a timing handicap that allows the professional women to start ahead of the professional men.

The Triathlon features an Olympic-distance course (1.5k swim, 40k bike, 10k run) on a beautiful course through the Minneapolis/St. Paul parkway system. An estimated 2,500 amateur participants also will compete on the Olympic course as individuals or as part of a relay team. As with previous years, amateurs also have the option to compete on the Short Course (.4 mile swim, 15 mile bike and 3 mile run).

## Nokomis Healthy Seniors

Health Programs are monthly meetings designed to promote good health. Meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month at Faith Lutheran Church, 3430 East 51<sup>st</sup> Street. These programs are free and open to the public. If you need a ride to the Health Programs, please call Margo at (612) 729-5499.

### July and August

Summer vacation—we do not schedule programs during these months. Enjoy the summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.

### September 29, 1:30 p.m.

“Music of the 40’s”  
Southside Singers

### October 27, 1:30 p.m.

“Proper Medication Use and Ways to Prevent Mishaps”  
Mike Tume, Pharmacist  
UCare Minnesota

If you have any questions about the programs for seniors, please call the Nokomis Healthy Seniors office at (612) 729-5499.

## Regular programs include:

### “Nurse Is In”

Blood pressure checks; pedicures (call to schedule); coffee and conversation

Thursday mornings, 9 a.m. to noon  
Nokomis Healthy Seniors Office  
4553 - 34th Avenue South

### Low Vision Support Group

Second Thursday, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.  
Ebenezer Lutheran Church,  
1830 East 41<sup>st</sup> Street

### Caregiver Support Group

Last Thursday, 1:00 p.m.  
Ebenezer Lutheran Church,  
1830 East 41<sup>st</sup> Street

### Blood Pressure Clinic

Congregate Dining (reserve 2 days ahead at (612) 729-6668, cost is \$3.00)

First Thursday, 12:00 p.m.  
Holy Cross Lutheran Church,  
1720 East Minnehaha Parkway

### Blood Pressure Clinic

Fourth Tuesday, 12:00 p.m.  
Standish Green,  
2210 East 40<sup>th</sup> Street



Louise Lystig Fitchie

Jerry Wilson found a wallet in Minnehaha Creek, near Columbus Avenue, while participating in the 10th Annual Earth Day Clean Up on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Help Stop Graffiti

The Minneapolis Police Department is asking property owners for help in discouraging graffiti by having it removed immediately. The reason is simple: gang graffiti encourages people to congregate and can cause rival gang problems to occur. Graffiti is not minor mischief, a prank or innocent artistic expression. Any placement of graffiti on another person's property without their consent is vandalism and is a crime. By removing graffiti promptly, vandals learn these areas are not desirable because property owners and citizens are aware and watching out for them. Graffiti vandalism may never be completely wiped out, but the number of incidents can be dramatically reduced when we send the message that graffiti will not be tolerated.

If you are willing to remove graffiti from City property, please contact Janet Campbell, the City of Minneapolis Solid Waste Clean City Coordinator at (612) 673-2789 for application information and paint products to use for removal.

# The Rabbithood Restaurant Reviewer Strikes!

Binh Minh Dine-In & Take-Out  
Vietnamese & Chinese Restaurant  
514 East 60<sup>th</sup> Street (612) 869-1148

It was a very cold Minnesota winter evening. The temperature was south of freezing by about 40 degrees. Earlier in the week my wife and I decided to visit Binh Minh for dinner. This would be a new experience for us—although I had stopped about a week earlier to try their take-out menu. In addition to describing their restaurant as a “Vietnamese & Chinese Restaurant,” the menu says Binh Minh is also “Your Fish & Chips Specialist!”

We arrived about 8:00 p.m. and were seated immediately by the charming hostess named Minh Bui. We received both dine-in and take-out menus and I marveled at the fact that the dine-in menu was a three ring binder containing 15 pages (printed on both sides of the page) of offerings together with color photos of most of the entrees. Looking around, we liked the general décor which included several neatly beaded wall hangings with ocean and religious themes.

I ordered the Steamed Dumplings at \$3.50 as an appetizer for both of us. The six dumplings arrived with a dish of slightly sweetened soy sauce for dipping. They were a very nice start for our dinner. I asked Minh what she recommended and at first, she was hesitant to make a recommendation. With a little prodding, she said the Sautéed Chicken over Fried Potatoes and the Mongolian Beef with Steamed Broccoli were popular. My wife decided to try the Spicy Chicken at \$8.99 and I narrowed my selection down to about five items that looked and sounded delicious. I decided to go for shrimp with the Kung Pao.

We were both offered Chicken Soup with our entrees. Served quickly, the soup had a nice flavor and the broth contained angel hair noodles along with a few chunks of chicken. Our entrees then arrived in a timely manner. The Spicy Chicken was actually quite spicy—a rarity in our Midwest dining experience. We loved the way the broccoli was steamed just right. Many times steamed broccoli is mushy when served—this broccoli had character.

When I ordered my Kung Pao, I had been tempted to ask to have it made spicy (as I often do when eating out). Fortunately I didn’t, and was very pleased with the overall flavor of the sauce, and delighted in experiencing all the different flavors of the ingredients which included water chestnuts, carrots, broccoli, and onion. It arrived steaming hot with about a dozen shrimp. As with the Spicy Chicken—the individual ingredients retained their flavor.

We also ordered a Curried Chicken dinner to go for our daughter who declined to dine out with us—presumably in deference to her homework. Sampled later, the flavor was different from traditional Indian Curry but it was tasty without being overly spicy.

The Spicy Chicken was spicy, the rice was fluffy, the staff was friendly, the service quick. All-in-all the food was delicious. The dinners included choice of beverage (no alcohol is available). Tea is served in a lovely chrome pot allowing you to top off your cup as desired. Also available at an additional charge are Vietnamese Coffee and milk shakes in several flavors.

My previous experience here was a stop on the way home to try something new. I ordered the House Special Fried Rice to go. It was prepared quickly, arrived home hot and was very tasty. The dish contained chicken, BBQ pork, shrimp, beef and sausage. It obviously hadn’t been pre-prepared, because the flavor of each ingredient stood out.

Minh explained that her mom Hoat Bui and Hong Hoang operate the restaurant together. The total bill for the three dinners with appetizer and beverage came to \$30.48. I would say that makes our little HPDL neighborhood restaurant a real deal. My next visit will probably be on the way home to pick up one of the other items that looked so good on the pictures in their unique menu.

I plan to return to try the halibut (which appears to be a holdover from a previous restaurateur many years ago at this location). It is served in several ways and ranges from \$5.25 to \$9.65 for a full dinner. I also want to try Mongolian Beef, the Sautéed Chicken over Fried Potatoes and the Jumbo Scallops.

HPDL businesses take note—the “Rabbithood Reviewer” will visit again!

## HPDL Needs You!

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 or Viola at the HPDL office would love to hear from you. The number is (612) 824-7707.

## HPDL Committee Meetings

- Airport . . . . . Call
- Building Community . . . . . Call
- Business Association . . . . . Call
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## HPDL Community Calendar

July 29 Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic in the Park 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Pearl Park 414 E. Diamond Lk Rd.
Aug. 3 Tuesday	National Night Out 612-673-3568 <a href="http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno">www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno</a>	On your block
Aug. 23 Monday	HPDL Board Meeting 7 p.m.	HPDL Office 5144 13 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S
Sept. 20 Monday	HPDL Annual Meeting and Board Elections, 7 p.m.	Pearl Park 414 E Diamond Lk. Rd.
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