



## Dutch Elm Disease Can you save the elm on your property?

By Jason Stone

The resurgence of Dutch Elm Disease (DED) over the last couple years has taken a heavy toll on our urban forest. For the last couple years, the city has lost around 10,000 trees per year while for decades before that the rate was only 2,000-3,000 trees per year. We have about 50,000 elms remaining in the city, of which about 30% are on private property. It may be possible for you to preserve elms on or near your property by investing in fungicide treatment. This preventive treatment has been around many years and has a good - not perfect - rate of success.

There are many reasons to save your elm, including its aesthetic values and its impact on energy savings, storm water management and air quality. But here are some simple factors to consider that may make this a smart economic decision, as well:

- \* A mature Elm adds up to \$10,000 to your property value.
- \* The cost to you for removing a diseased elm on your property is about \$3,000-\$5,000.
- \* Fungicide treatment costs between \$300-\$500 every 3 years.
- \* The treatment decreases in effectiveness over the course of the 3 years (there is no benefit to treating yearly).

So you think you want to invest in fungicide treatment for your elm? What are your next steps?



Marie Foss

## 14<sup>th</sup> Picnic in the Park Set for July 28!

It is that time of the year again: time to celebrate summer and community at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic in the Park. The Picnic will be held in Pearl Park, 414 East Diamond Lake Road, on July 28 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. This year, the Picnic will be held in remembrance of Karen Pritz, the Picnic founder and long-time HPDL volunteer.

Starting back in 1992, the Picnic has been a way for our neighborhood to come together at a big summer celebration. A special thank you goes to those groups who make the Picnic possible: the HPDL Community Association, PIRC (Pearl Improvement and Recreation Council), Pearl Park and our sponsors: Kowalski's Market, TCF Bank and the HPDL Business Association.

- \* Research tree care companies carefully, and ask for a certified arborist to assess the health of your tree.
- \* As always, be a wary consumer of services, and supplement what you're told with your own research.
- \* The going rate ranges between \$11.50-\$13 per diameter inch.
- \* Before treating a boulevard tree, contact the Park Board; they should arrange for the permit. The health of our urban forest is essential to our health and quality of life in the city. Call your Park Commissioner and stress the importance of funding proactive management of the urban forest.

While preventative treatment may not be affordable for everyone, there are many homeowners who can, do and will make this investment. The larger goal is to maintain a healthy tree canopy over time. The city as a whole stands to gain from individual homeowners who will treat their elms to slow the spread of Dutch Elm Disease and the thinning of the tree canopy.

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A main attraction this year will of course be FOOD! Come enjoy pizza, hot dogs and roasted sweet corn. There will also be watermelon, cotton candy, pop and more! While you are enjoying all the tasty treats, Jam Factory Live will be providing musical entertainment. A hip-hop performance is also scheduled.

If you can tear yourself away from the food for a while, there will be a lot of other activities to enjoy at the Picnic! Young picnic-goers will have a variety of fun things to choose from, including face painting, henna art, carnival games and a moonwalk. Community groups, local businesses and churches will have booths set up at the Picnic, and the safety tent will feature the horse patrol, an ambulance and a fire truck.

For the first time ever at Picnic in the Park, there will be an art fair! If you are an artist or crafter and want to display your wares for sale at the Picnic, please contact the HPDL office to rent space at a table.

Finally, as if there wasn't enough fun already, door prizes will be announced throughout the Picnic. Keep one ear open for your ticket number!

See you there!

## Neighborhood Women's Strength Training Class in its Sixth Year!

A group of neighborhood women have been meeting every Monday evening for the past six years to participate in a strength training class at Edgewater Church. The class is an ongoing group lead by fitness expert Marianna Padilla. Marianna has been teaching fitness classes at area YWCAs for many years, and she is also a personal trainer. The women's group was formed to help increase their physical strength in a supportive environment without the high cost of joining a fitness club. The group uses many different aspects of workout forms:

- aerobics for warm-up
- resistance bands and free weights to work small and large muscle groups
- fitness balls for variations on exercises
- yoga and Pilates stretching for cool down.

Classes will begin again in the fall. New members are welcome any time. Class runs from 7-8:15 p.m. Fees are paid on a 10-12 week basis and average about \$60 per session. For more information on joining the class, please contact Leslie Berger at (612) 822-7829 or by email at [legomom2000@hotmail.com](mailto:legomom2000@hotmail.com).

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Walk your block, talk to your neighbors with elms and let them know they may have options other than waiting for their tree to be marked for sanitation.

### 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  
 \$50     \$100     Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## Fireworks Facts from the Minneapolis Police Department

Certain types of fireworks became legal in Minnesota in April 2002. With warmer weather and an increase of complaints from residents about fireworks, the Minneapolis Police Department wants you to know these facts:

**What's legal?** Minnesota law now permits the sale, possession and use of some non-explosive and non-aerial fireworks. Examples include sparklers, cones and tubes that emit sparks, and novelty items like snakes and party poppers. (These consumer fireworks **may not be used** on public property such as roads, alleys, schools, and parks. Purchasers of these fireworks must be at least 18 years old. Sale, possession and use may occur at any time during the year. Fireworks can only be sold from inside a permanent structure. Merchants selling fireworks from any location other than a permanent structure are in a violation of a city ordinance.)

**What's still illegal?** The law still prohibits explosive and aerial fireworks for public sale, possession and use. Examples of illegal fireworks include firecrackers, bottle rockets, missiles, roman candles, mortars



and shells—any fireworks that are explosive and aerial.

**Please comply with the fireworks law!** Be a considerate neighbor! Shooting off fireworks can be extremely frustrating for neighbors, especially when homes are close to each other, people are trying to sleep, and pets are frightened. Fireworks can also be very dangerous.

**If someone is shooting off illegal fireworks, call 911.** Please note that fireworks complaints are most prevalent on summer nights, when the police are most busy. To dispatch a squad car, the Police Department asks that you *please provide the exact address and some kind of a description of the person(s) setting off the fireworks*. If there is no specific information, the 911 dispatcher will put out general info to the squads, but will not dispatch a specific car. This is to assure that we have enough squads to respond to more serious crimes in progress. When prioritizing 911 calls, calls about fireworks will take a longer response. Please be patient.

The Minneapolis Police Department asks that you enjoy your celebration with only legal fireworks—those that are non-explosive and non-aerial.

Specific fireworks questions should be directed to the State Fire Marshal Division by e-mail to [firecode@state.mn.us](mailto:firecode@state.mn.us) or by calling (651) 215-0500. Additional information is available at [www.fire.state.mn.us](http://www.fire.state.mn.us)

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# Rabbithood Reviewer Strikes Again

## Hot Plate Restaurant

5204 Bloomington Avenue South  
(612) 824-8960

Like many HPDL residents, I enjoy supporting my neighborhood businesses. So I was pleased that another new restaurant opened recently in the HPDL neighborhood—the second in the past few months. (The recent review of Nokomis Cafe is available online at [www.hpdl.org](http://www.hpdl.org)). The new restaurant is called Hot Plate and is located near the intersection of 52<sup>nd</sup> and Bloomington. It is set back from the street and slightly hidden by a large tree when coming from the north. One might easily drive by without seeing it. I was told they had great American style meals including breakfast and lunch. Currently, they close mid-afternoon and do not serve dinner. The building previously housed a Day Spa, and the interior has been completely remodeled. There are numerous pictures, reflecting an entertainment theme, placed on the walls that add a touch of class. They also did some really nice exterior landscaping and have thoughtfully included a small patio area in front. Upon walking in, my first impression was “This is really nice.” The layout is designed to break up the seating into sections that make it feel really cozy. I arrived about 1 p.m. on a weekday and was surprised to see that the restaurant was still very busy. There were a number of young diners, but seniors seemed to be a slight majority. Despite their newness, and despite the lack of visibility, they have certainly attracted a sizeable clientele.

I was running late and in a bit of a hurry, so I quickly scanned the menu and decided to order a GBLT for \$7.95. No, it’s not a green BLT, it’s a BLT with guacamole, and I thought that sounded interesting. I was going to order a side of potato chips, but my waitress told me that the sandwich came with French fries. I thought that would be more than enough for a light lunch. My meal arrived in about ten minutes. The skin-on fries were a nice golden brown. The GBLT was delivered between two very large slices of whole wheat bread, and was nicely loaded with all of the appropriate

ingredients. I enjoyed the sandwich; it was much like a BLT should be. For me, the guacamole didn’t detract from the taste; although, I guess I could take it or leave it. I would imagine that the chef could skip the guacamole for diners who might not care for it. In addition to the fries, there was a tasty dill pickle slice. The table included ketchup but no mustard. I didn’t see mustard at other nearby tables, which I thought was curious since they serve hamburgers. Maybe it’s considered too spicy. Just kidding! They do not yet have a to-go menu, but said they soon would.

In general lunch prices ranged from \$6.95 to \$7.95. Choices include hot dish, macaroni & cheese, grilled cheese, meatloaf, GBLT, chipotle smothered burrito and several burger selections, as well as salads.

Drink selections include coffee, cappuccino, latte, chai tea, iced tea, lemonade and other juices. Prices range from \$2.75 for small to \$3.25 for large. They also have sparkling juice for \$2.25.

Before I could write a review, I wanted to experience a Hot Plate breakfast experience, since it is such a large part of their business. I returned the following Sunday about 11 a.m. As before, the restaurant was very busy, but I noticed that there was sufficient wait staff available to respond to the customers’ needs.

Menu items included “Eric Estrada of the Day” (you’ll have to find out for yourself), classic egg bake, Grand Marais Scramble with optional lake trout, build-your-own omelet, breakfast burrito, waffles, pancakes and more. Prices ranged from about \$3.50 to about \$8.25. A friendly waitress brought my eggs Benedict in about ten minutes. I was a bit surprised when she asked if I needed Tabasco sauce! Several of the wait staff stopped to offer to top off my coffee and to make sure everything was okay. It’s a pleasure to see such customer oriented help.

On both visits I received a small Tootsie Roll with my check. A nice touch! My feeling is that the food is good, and that Hot Plate will be successful. I have to say that their food is what I would describe as mainstream. I go to Perkins occasionally, and I would say there is a similarity in the type and quality. The big difference is in the cozy local atmosphere, which I think is a big plus for Hot Plate. Since the Rabbit-

hood Reviewer enjoys out-of-the-ordinary foods and revels in new and unique taste experiences, I find it difficult to rave about the food here, but I am well aware that not everyone wants to have a ‘unique’ dining experience. Hot Plate is a good restaurant. The quality of the food and the cozy atmosphere may have me back more often than my notes might suggest. I wish the new owners much luck in an obviously welcome endeavor. Welcome to HPDL!

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## From the Chair

By Jeff Rau

Chair, HPDL Board of Directors

It is my pleasure to inform you that the NRP Policy Board unanimously approved the Phase II Action Plan for the HPDL Community Association at its meeting on June 27.

Board members pointed out two specific items they were very pleased to see in our plan. The first was our willingness to be involved in the future of Edward C. Solomon Park. The member who made the comment was happy to see that we are excited about this park and willing to participate in designing the future of it. The second was our focus on seniors and senior housing. The member who made the comment was pleased to see that keeping seniors in their homes is a priority for our neighborhood. He commented that this is something that will positively impact the neighborhood as well as the city and state.

There was one concern raised about the plan: the amount of money that we have set aside for administration. We need to remain vigilant and find creative ways to reduce this amount if at all possible. This is not a stipulation to the approval of our plan but a good practice for us to start now for the future.

In all, the group was very supportive and found our plan to be well thought-out. Even the member who brought up the comment on administrative funds started by saying that he was “very supportive of the plan”.

Thank you to everyone who spent numerous hours writing, revising and editing the action plan and supporting this project. I appreciate all the hard work and dedication. Now let’s have some fun and put the projects into action!

# Longest Enduring Neighborhood Resident Tells All

by Bill Hood

Margaret Fossum believes deeply in the value of roots. That's illustrated in the lovely gardens in the back of her home on Columbus Avenue. And by the sweet sprig of fresh spring flowers arranged in the middle of her dining room table. When Margaret and Howard built their dream house in 1942, she dug up a small buckeye bush and a little fir tree from her family home in the Corcoran neighborhood and planted them in her new yard. The buckeye started out in the front but grew so quickly that she transplanted it to the back yard. The little four foot fir tree was planted on the opposite corner of the yard. The trees took root, blossomed and stayed put, and so did Margaret.

She was born Margaret Crew on August 27, 1914—she shares her age easily—and is the youngest of six children. Her family home was at 3233 21st Ave. S. She attended Corcoran elementary school and graduated from South High in 1932. High school was significant because she met Howard there. He was three years older, handsome and a hard worker. They married a few days before she turned nineteen.

Their first (rented) home was on 40th street south of Lake Street in the Cooper area. They lived in three rented homes, the last at 46th and Bloomington, over the next nine years while Howard worked at Howard's Motor Shop, on 27th and Central Avenue NE, and saved their pennies.

In the spring of '42 they had enough to buy a lot from a developer named Bogen way out on the edge of the City in the brand new Diamond Lake Terrace Addition to Minneapolis. That home, built by Severson at 5829 Columbus, has been her solace ever since. (Note: the writer believes Margaret is the longest continuing resident of a home built for the owner anywhere in HPDL.)

After a while, Howard went to work for Inland Marine on Lake Street. They had one daughter, Gail, who passed away in 1980 and two grandchildren, Richard and Nicole. Margaret and Howard stayed busy together; they loved to garden and were very active in the community. "We had such a



Margaret at home.

wonderful bunch of neighbors," she said. "We played a lot of golf together at Hiawatha, and we loved ice skating at Aldrich Arena." They bought a cabin up at Lake Wabana and became a happy part of the social scene there too.

Howard retired in his late sixties after Inland Marine moved out to Penn Avenue, but he kept plenty busy with all kinds of projects. And he and Margaret were always together. "We bickered a lot and we loved that. He was such a wonderful guy." She pauses a moment and tells us that Howard passed away last August a few days before their 70th wedding anniversary.

Margaret greeted me and Marie "Flash" Foss, the HPDL Newsletter photographer, at her front door on a Saturday morning. She was artfully dressed and groomed with her own makeup, and she looked dazzling for any age, and she is almost ninety-one. "I still have my own driver's license, and the car is in the garage too." She's vibrant, clear, lovely and still plenty feisty. She remembers the past 63 years in her home easily. "I liked the grocery store that was on 56th Street next door east of the drug store." She likes the new Kowalski's too but thinks it's pretty expensive. Some of Margaret's needs, including bickering, are met nowadays by her attentive neighbor, Joyce Schowalter, who's been next door since 1977 and helps a lot taking care of things. "We've always had the best neighbors here," Margaret says. "There's a new young family across the street now with two children. I'm always grateful to be here."

In her front yard, a lively little birch about ten years old has taken root. In her back yard, the transplanted buckeye is going strong, and the little fir tree in the corner, now like a giant umbrella, dominates all the surrounding homes. Margaret has roots.

# McGruff: Tips for Preventing Theft

**Close and lock all home, garage and car doors.** Most thefts happen when doors or windows are left open or unlocked. Do not "invite" a burglar into your home through an open door or window. Lock doors even when only working in the yard. Listen to the news: most criminals enter through unlocked doors and windows. If a burglar easily enters your property, the owner can then also be assaulted or raped. Always keep your car locked, and look inside before opening the door. Lock the door again as soon as you get inside.

**Do not open your house or car door to a stranger.** If you're in a car and a stranger knocks on your window, just crack the window to speak with them. Do not open your door or get out while the person is standing there.

**Cover your garage windows.** You do not want the contents of your garage to be easily seen by those who wish to look in and subsequently break in.

**Use timers for lights.** To make your house look lived-in even when you are not home, use timers for lights both inside and outside. Motion detectors are a great way to turn on lights for yards and dark areas and help provide safety for property and people.

**Leaving for a while?** If you're going on a vacation or will be away from your home for a few or more days, let your neighbors know. You may also call police if you will be gone for a long period of time. Stop newspaper and mail, as papers on the step are a give-away that you are gone.

**Be aware.** Be carefully aware of your surroundings and other people as you walk to or from your house or car, day or night. If you see someone suspicious, do not go to your car or out of your door, and immediately call 911. Don't be bashful.

If you see suspicious activity, call 911. To report suspicious activity no longer in progress, call our Crime Prevention Specialist, Sue Roethele, at (612) 673-2839 or the Third Precinct Office at (612) 673-5706.

Brought to you by McGruff and the HPDL Crime Prevention and Community Safety Committee. Interested in joining our committee? Call the HPDL (612) 824-7707.

## From City Hall

By Scott Benson  
City Council Member, Ward 11

### Graffiti

Some consider graffiti art. However, defacing public or private property is not a form of accepted art. Graffiti lowers neighborhood appeal, lowers property values, drives away prospective home-buyers and can lead to other criminal activity in the area.

Graffiti on private property is most commonly found on garages, dumpsters or trash containers. The Minneapolis Police Department recommends the following tips for preventing graffiti:

- Keep your property well maintained. Remove graffiti immediately after receiving confirmation from the police.
- Plant clinging vegetation like ivy to protect walls and other large flat surfaces.
- Plant thorny or thick bushes and fences in front of large walls
- Eliminate anything that could encourage loitering (benches, payphones, etc.)
- Limit access to roofs. Move commercial dumpsters away from walls and cover drainpipes to prevent vandals from scaling them.
- When painting your property, consider darker colors that are less attractive to graffiti vandals.
- Increase lighting around your property; use motion detectors.
- Textured walls are a deterrent to graffiti writers. Consider texturing outside walls if you are a regular victim of graffiti.
- Consider applying a protective coating which provides a barrier between your property's surface and the graffiti. Several different brands and prices are available. Check the Yellow Pages under "Graffiti Removal & Protection".

If you find graffiti on your property, call the Graffiti Hotline at (612) 673-2090. Once graffiti is reported, the Graffiti Hotline notifies the Police Department and also forwards the address to Housing Inspections. Housing Inspections will send a packet of information to the property owner, informing them of the graffiti and giving them two options:

## National Night Out

News Release from CCP/Safe  
4/15/2005

### Join the Fun - Register Online

Avoid the rush: get an early start planning your party and applying to block off your street for National Night Out (NNO) on August 2. This year you can even apply and pay online.

National Night Out is the largest community-building, crime-prevention event in the world, and you can join the fun right there in your own backyard or on your street by creating a block party. National Night Out is based on a set of simple ideas: get to know your neighbors; spend some time with them in a social setting and break down barriers to isolation; see familiar, friendly faces and create a better, safer place to live for you and your family. When there's an issue on your block that needs to be resolved—the need for a speed bump, dealing with an unsightly house or signs of criminal behavior—it's easier and more effective to deal with it if the block is involved. Last year, more than 800 groups got together to build community during Minneapolis' National Night Out

### Start Planning Now

An NNO event can be small gathering or a full-blown street party. Plan ahead with your neighbors to decide what you would like to do and divide up the work. If you don't have a block club, you can start one by calling Community Crime Prevention/

**Free Graffiti Removal Solution at Fire Stations.** If property owners would like to remove graffiti from their property, a graffiti removal product, Gangbusters, is available free-of-charge to residents and business owners at all Mpls. Fire Stations.

**Free Graffiti Removal or Painting.** The City of Minneapolis is providing free removal or painting over graffiti for City residents and businesses throughout the summer and fall of 2005. Any previously painted surface, up to a maximum of eight feet high, is eligible for re-painting and/or removal. The City will not remove graffiti from sensitive surfaces such as unpainted brick or stucco. To take advantage of the free graffiti removal, you will need to re-

turn the consent letter that is enclosed with the graffiti notification packet from the city, which authorizes the City to paint over the graffiti free of charge.

SAFE, a unit of the Minneapolis Police Department, at (612) 673-3568.

You can review NNO materials and register your party online starting May 15 at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno>. Block parties registered by July 12 will be eligible for door prizes. If you don't have Internet access, call (612) 673-3568 for registration materials.

### To Close Off Streets

You don't have to close off your street to have a successful NNO event, although many blocks do. If you want to close off your street, do it early to get the benefit of low registration fees. This is separate from the registration of your event with CCP/SAFE. Block clubs can apply online at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/events-management> or call (612) 673-2220 for a form. You may pay the fee online with a credit card. Fees are as follows.

June 28 or before	.....	\$25.00
June 29 to July 11	.....	\$40.00
July 12 to July 18	.....	\$60.00
July 19 to 26	.....	\$160.00
July 27	.....	\$200.00

Applications received or postmarked after July 27 will not be accepted.

The Minneapolis 2004 National Night Out effort was ranked as the best in the country for cities of over 300,000 people by the national coordinators, The National Association of Town Watch.

Join the fun and make your block safer while you're at it.

If you don't want the city to remove the graffiti, you need to remove or paint over graffiti within 10 days from when you receive the packet. A Housing Inspector will check the property after this 10-day period. If graffiti is still present after 10 days, a formal order to remove or paint over the graffiti will be issued with a deadline for compliance.

For more graffiti prevention and removal tips, see the graffiti website at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/graffiti/>

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## Southside Chiropractic Holds Open House

By Reid Olson

Terra Girard of Southside Chiropractic contacted the HPDL office to submit an article about their recent Open House. Southside Chiropractic is located at 5536 Chicago Ave. S. In Terra's words:

"Southside Chiropractic's First Annual Patient Appreciation Day/Open House was a great success. We invited our patients as well as the residents and businesses in our neighborhood. We had goodies, free chair massages for food donations and a drawing to win a free massage in our clinic. We enjoyed lots of goodwill and camaraderie. People brought enough food to fill four boxes, which we donated to the Sabathani Food Shelf. Thanks to all who participated, and we look forward to seeing everyone next year!"

Thank you, Terra, for being such an active participant in your community, and congratulations for supporting such a great cause. In addition to promoting your business, you are an active participant in your neighborhood. This type of participation is what every community needs and values. Keep up the good work! Southside Chiropractic can be contacted at (612) 827-0657.

Any HPDL business is invited to submit items to be considered for the HPDL newsletter. Just call (612) 824-7707, or email [office@hpd.org](mailto:office@hpd.org). And don't forget about the "Treasure Hunt"!

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## United Way Campaign

There are hundreds of businesses each year that sponsor United Way campaigns to support non-profit agencies throughout the Twin Cities community. This year, consider designating your gift to support the HPDL neighborhood organization. It's simple! All you need to do is identify "HPDL Neighborhood Organization" as the beneficiary on your pledge form. For more information, talk to your employer or contact the United Way office at (612) 290-4590 or [info@unitedwaytwincities.org](mailto:info@unitedwaytwincities.org). Thanks for supporting HPDL!

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## Second Annual HPDL Business Fair

By Reid Olson

Attendance at the Second Annual HPDL Business Fair was dampened a bit as a light rain intermittently kept neighborhood residents moving quickly from their cars to the Hale School cafeteria. Despite the rain, spirits were high. The now annual event was held Saturday, May 14, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For many of those shopping outside at the Annual Plant Sale in the Hale schoolyard, the opportunity to go inside and warm up was a welcome diversion. Twenty-five local businesses set up booths and provided free food, prizes and even massages for attendees. Prize drawings were scheduled for every fifteen minutes, but the large number of prizes donated by HPDL businesses, and the slightly reduced attendance, forced organizers to draw names every few minutes! It seemed like there were almost as many prizes as there were attendees! Prizes included gift certificates, CDs, DVDs, travel pillow, artwork and much more. Area restaurants provided free food samples and gourmet coffees, and Kowalskis provided bottled water. Classic Tae Kwon Do provided student demonstrations. Residents also welcomed two brand-new businesses to the neighborhood:

O'Kane Construction and Snyder Drugs. Despite the rain, there were many favorable comments from businesses and attendees looking forward to next year's **Third** Annual Business Fair. The HPDL Business Association thanks exhibitors and attendees. If you missed it, you'll have another chance to be part of your neighborhood next year. In the meantime get ready for Picnic in the Park—coming soon! You can find out more about HPDL businesses at <http://www.rabbithood.com>. You can also go to <http://www.hpd.org> to learn more about your neighborhood.

The HPDL Business Association works to encourage support of neighborhood businesses. So, if you own or operate a business in HPDL, or live in HPDL but own or operate a business in another nearby neighborhood, we would like to know about you! You are invited to complete a business summary form available through the HPDL office. Call (612) 824-7707 for more information or email us at [office@hpd.org](mailto:office@hpd.org).

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## Nokomis Healthy Seniors

Nokomis Healthy Seniors, located at 4553 34th Ave. S, is open every Thursday morning for "Nurse Is In" from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. You can schedule a pedicure or get your blood pressure checked. If nothing else you can stop in to chat over a cup of coffee and Scandia bakery coffee cake.

At Ebenezer Lutheran Church, located at 1830 East 41st St., we sponsor two monthly support groups. The Macular Degeneration Group meets at the church on the second Thursday of the month from 10-11:30 a.m. Julie Rindelaub from Vision Loss is the facilitator. On the last Thursday of the month, the Caregiver Support Group meets at 1 p.m. The group is open to anyone serving as a caregiver for a loved one. If you have any questions about these groups, please call the office at (612) 729-5499.

Nokomis Healthy Seniors also sponsors two community blood pressure clinics. On the first Thursday of the month at 12 noon, seniors can go to congregate dining at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, located at 1720 East Minnehaha Parkway. In addition to having your blood pressure checked, you can eat a meal there by calling Evelyn at (612) 729-6668 two days in advance. The cost of the meal is \$3. The other blood pressure clinic is held at Standish Green, 2210 East 40th St., at 12 noon on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Nokomis Healthy Seniors provides rides for seniors to medical and dental appointments. We are always in need of drivers. Perhaps you could drive once a week, once a month or just on occasion. We would appreciate any amount of time you have to help us in providing this valuable service. If you are interested, please call (612) 729-5499 and ask for Becky or Margo.

# Edward C. Solomon Park

by Bill Hood

The Autumn 2004 issue of this lively newsletter featured a small article on the dedication last August of the park-to-be named after the late popular Park Commissioner, and mayor of 48th and Chicago, Ed Solomon.

Progress has been pretty slow. Things look about the same as last year in the 40-acre site along 58th Street between the 5-8 Club and 13th Avenue. Some of the nasty chain-link fence surrounding our "park" has been opened up, and there are folks playing around on the grass inside sometimes, which is good.

The primary spokesperson for the park the past year has been Jennifer Ringold, a city-wide planner for parks. She and her staff, supported by several community input meetings, have developed a mixed-use, handsomely contoured plan for the diverse textures of the park. The plans include open playfields, an archery range, a nine-hole disc golf course and a wetland immersion area featuring a multiple-use, year-long walkabout around and through the wetland along 59th Street.

The design is meant to be low impact to protect the thick knot of hardwoods surrounding the wetland and also low maintenance. The whole design looks like a family friendly fabric for the HPDL community.

The park staff will complete citizen input and review on July 29. The next step is to present the completed proposal to the Park Board for approval sometime this fall, which is a pretty big deal because the city doesn't add new parks often. After the board has accepted and approved the proposal, the staff will begin looking for funding from just about anywhere.

When all this comes together, the last link in the big fence comes down, neighbors all around begin to discover the range of moods within the Park and the memory of a beloved community member is honored, we'll all be blessed.

For more info, <http://minneapolisparcs.org/default.asp?PageID=4&parkid=444>.



New signs announce the Park.



## Parking Alert!

For anyone who may not have an extra \$30 to pay for a parking ticket, listen up!

It is against Minneapolis law to park a vehicle on a public street or highway with a for sale or exchange sign in the window. This is true even if it is parked directly in front of the owner's home. If it is in a driveway or actually on your property and off the street, there is no problem.

If you wish to look this up, it is Minneapolis Code 478.70, Display Of Vehicle For Sale.

This law is there to control parking for-sale vehicles near bus stops, on park property or wherever they may be a traffic or appearance nuisance. Enforcement action is typically triggered by a neighbor complaining or by a special traffic officer who just happens to be passing by. Tickets **have** been written in our neighborhood!

So, be aware and notified that parking for-sale vehicles on public streets or highways could lead to a parking ticket that will cost \$30.

*(This alert is provided as a service of the HPDL Crime Prevention and Community Safety Committee. Interested in joining our committee? Please call the HPDL Office at (612) 824-7707.)*

## 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

- Building Community . . . . . Call
- Business Association . . . . . Call
- Commercial Development . . . . . Call
- Crime and Safety . . . . . Second Tuesday
- Housing . . . . . Call
- Newsletter . . . . . Call
- Environment . . . . . Call
- Gardening . . . . . Every Wednesday (Spring - Fall)
- Phase II Planning . . . . . Call
- Transportation . . . . . Call

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- Jason Stone
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HPDL was founded in 1991. It is bound 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

July 25 Monday	HPDL Board Meeting 7 p.m.	HPDL Office 5144 13th Ave. S.
July 28 Thursday	Picnic in the Park 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Pearl Park 414 E. Diamond Lake Rd.
August 22 Monday	HPDL Board Meeting 7 p.m.	HPDL Office 5144 13th Ave. S.
Sept. 19 Monday	<b>HPDL Annual Meeting/Board Elections</b> 7 p.m.	Pearl Park 414 E. Diamond Lake Rd.
Sept. 26 Monday	HPDL Board Meeting 7 p.m.	HPDL Office 5144 13th Ave. S.

### You make the call:

Bus Ride Info . . . . .	373-3333
Humane Society . . . . .	763-522-4325
Animal Control . . . . .	348-4250
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Officer Brian Cross . . . . .	673-2848
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Burned Out Street Lights . . . . .	673-2429
Airport Noise . . . . .	726-9411
Graffiti . . . . .	673-2090
Pearl Park . . . . .	370-4906
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