



## Meet Your School Board

Monday, January 29, 2007  
7:00 - 9:00 pm  
Pearl Park Recreation Center

Please join us in welcoming Sharon Henry-Blythe, Lydia Lee and Tom Madden to our January community meeting. The format for the evening will consist of a presentation explaining what it is that school board members do, what the major issues are facing the Minneapolis Public Schools and what we can do to keep our neighborhood schools strong. This will be followed by a question and answer period with members of the audience. Come and get educated about Minneapolis Public Schools.



Brad Lonning

The Pearl Park Gym fills for Frost Fest.

## Winter Blues?? Not at Frost Fest— where everything winter is fun!

Rachel Walker

Frost Fest will be held at Pearl Park on Friday, January 26, 2007. The event is sponsored by HPDL, PIRC and Pearl Park. The festivities begin at 6pm with delicious food to enjoy, including hot-dogs, chips, popcorn and sweet treats. There will also be hot cocoa, and other beverages. Once you are fueled up, it will be time to move to the games! Always a favorite, the Flashlight Coin Hunt will be held behind the community center in the park. Inside, folks can warm up going “ice-fishing,” playing “mitten mania,” “the lollipop tree,” “snowflake bingo” and doing “the cupcake walk.” To really warm up, come into the gym to show off your dance moves to the music of The KidDance DJ—and that includes you too, parents! Those wanting a minute or two to rest can sit down to get “tattoos.” And don’t forget, the evening will conclude with a door prize drawing. Please join your neighbors for Frost Fest at Pearl Park on February 2nd. Let it snow!!

## Quieter Descents at MSP Unlikely

South Metro Airport Action Committee

Long descents would save fuel and reduce noise but probably won’t be implemented for arrivals at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP) because of the hub, according to a SMAAC communication to Minneapolis’ MSP Noise Oversight Committee (NOC). Minneapolis’ Representative, Council Member Scott Benson agreed to try to re-open noise-abatement versus noise mitigation discussions at NOC.

“This is an opportunity for NOC to address how higher rates (more operations per hour) increases noise on arrival paths as well as increasing noise exposure on dispersed departure paths,” according to SMAAC President Jim Spensley. “Perhaps even more important, lower rates would also be safer.” SMAAC referred to a recent study conducted by John-Paul Clarke, an aeronautical engineer at MIT, with colleagues at Boeing and NASA.

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## National record set for National Night Out participation

Minneapolis block clubs and neighborhood groups held a record number of National Night Out events in 2006, despite persistent rain the night of the event. About 835 events were held on National Night Out, Aug. 1. Some neighborhoods rescheduled their events because of the weather, and at least 934 separate events were held during a three-day period, which is an all-time national record for National Night Out events. More than 34,000 people attended block events Aug. 1 alone, and over a three-day period, more than 39,000 people took part. That means more than 10 percent of the City’s population attended a block event.

National Night Out activities help build and maintain Minneapolis’ extensive network of neighborhood watch block clubs by giving people an opportunity to get together with neighbors, build relationships, meet new people, discuss issues and plan for the future.

The Community Crime Prevention/SAFE (CCP/SAFE) unit of the Minneapolis Police Department coordinates Minneapolis National Night Out. John Baumann, CCP/SAFE Central Operations Manager, said “National Night Out has much more than a single-night impact in Minneapolis. Neighbors who know each other care more about each other and do a better job of watching out and reporting crime and suspicious behavior to police.”

National Night Out is more than a chance for neighbors to get to know each other. Baumann said “National Night Out is also a great example of leadership building in Minneapolis. Each of our more than 900 events was individually designed at the grassroots level by one or more volunteer leaders.”

Target Corporation, the Minnesota Twins, the Star Tribune, The Park at MOA, and Qwest Communications were all major supporters of Minneapolis’ National Night Out.

# Portland Bridge Opens

By Robert Andersen

With the 2006 Summer months fading into Autumn the construction on the Portland Ave. bridge continued. Many sub-contractors were involved in this part of the project including the cement roadway crew which mixed the finish surface concrete right on the job with a portable mixing plant. The finished product was transported by heavy duty dump-buckets from the mixer directly to the paving machine for smoothing out on the bridge deck road. This required the crew to work fast before the concrete set up.

To complete the project the road approach from Portland Ave. to the bridge deck had to be resurfaced at both ends. This required several truck loads of hot asphalt, applied to the street by a paver. A heavy duty roller/compactor smoothed the surface of the asphalt to the exact height of the bridge deck.

October 27, the bridge officially opened.



Robert Andersen

Mark Mondeel, MNDoT Inspector and Dave Hamann, Project Supervisor

# From the Chair

By Bill Helgesen

There has been a lot of excitement on the HPDL Board these past few months. This last October through December, most of the HPDL Board and about a dozen other members of the community have been involved with the University of St. Thomas Community Leadership Institute. We took a 10 week course, meeting once a week for 3 hours a night. Some of the topics included in the coursework were: Board Effectiveness and Recruitment, Fundraising, Financial Management, Marketing and Volunteerism. The purpose of these classes was to train us to be better and more effective leaders and to then take this knowledge into our organizations to make for a better community. One of the main areas the HPDL Board will be focusing on in the coming year is the re-branding of our organization. We are just at the beginning stages now but look for more information about our efforts in the coming months.

# Triangle Garden

For many years this piece of land was dominated by several large cottonwood trees. Falling limbs, cottonwood seeds, and of course the dry leaves in Fall left a messy appearance. In recent years, the cottonwoods deteriorated to the point where it became necessary to remove them.

After the removing the trees, the space was left open. Nothing was done to enhance it.

Some nearby neighbors got permission from the Park Board to develop a garden. The Park Board removed the tree stumps and provided a load of wood chips. The neighbors agreed to plant and care for the plants. An irrigation system was installed. The result: a beautiful garden.



Robert Andersen

Workers wait for concrete. The calm before the rush to finish before the concrete sets up.

## Yes!

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

Here is my tax deductible contribution:



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Please return this form with your check payable to:

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



Robert Andersen

Triangle garden at 51st and Park Avenue.

# Firefly Coffee Bistro

by Bill Hood

The Downtown Hale neighborhood area is graced by the intersection of Bloomington Avenue and 52<sup>nd</sup> Street East which has some long standing community businesses and fairly frequent growth and change. The newest enterprise there is the Bright Bistro which opened several months ago at 5155 Bloomington Avenue. That NE corner of Downtown is distinguished by the handsome two story brick complex owned and operated by Steve and Mary Orfield, who have pretty deep roots themselves in HPDLand. The corner office has been the Mary Conroy State Farm insurance office for many years. Next door is the small, ef-



ficient Snyder's pharmacy, and next to them is a Tae Kwon Do studio. The spot at the end of the line was the Nokomis Café for about a year, and before that was Francine's, but neither really caught on. A small ad several months ago at the Cub Store for a 'business opportunity' changed that.

Channa Tastsides and Troy Lerch saw that ad and decided as partners to make the Leap Of Faith which created the Firefly, and neighbors have quickly supported the new place. It was easy for Channa to go to work because she had been preparing herself for the opportunity since she was in high school in Rochester. She grew up working in food service, Burger King, Dairy Queen, Mom & Pop's. After college at St. Catherine's she went to work in various roles at the Mall of America Nordstrom and the Nordstrom in Chicago. A year ago she helped open a new place in Lakeville. And always, she said, "I knew I could do it better."

Channa, mostly out front greeting customers, and Troy, mostly in the kitchen, worked

quickly to design and complete the warm, colorful, comfortable atmosphere, inside and outside, which brings folks in the neighborhood back, often with kids in hand.

The Firefly Coffee Bistro has a couple menus with a wide range of choices for breakfast or lunch or quick snacks. There are dozens of beverage choices, many blended tea & coffee drinks, fruit & ice freeze, smoothies, lots of sandwiches, salads, soup, old fashioned melts, gourmet pizza. Everything is fresh, made to order, and prepared fast. There are good treats for children, too, with no waiting time.

The cute bistro is easily accessible. There's plenty of close parking. Hours are Sunday and Monday, 6:30am to 3:00pm, Tuesday to Saturday, 6:30-8:00. Channa is always right there with her warm eyes and expressive smile. She says that she learned early on in food and hospitality that "the key to success is being friendly to everyone and relaxed personally." She may be right about this. Check it out yourself.

## Photographers!

The HPDL Newsletter committee sends many thanks to Brad Lonning for volunteering with the HPDL Newsletter this year! Unfortunately, Brad is moving from the neighborhood and we are seeking a volunteer to fill this position. Photos are taken for HPDL sponsored events, for the Meet Your Neighbor and for other feature articles in this quarterly community newsletter. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Rosie at the HPDL Office - (612) 824-7707 or email [hpdl@bitstream.net](mailto:hpdl@bitstream.net).

## Tribute To Viola

by Laurie Frevert & Bill Hood

Viola Carlson, spirited and exemplary member of the HPDL Staff, has retired. She is the always friendly, kind-hearted woman many neighbors met the first time at HPDL meetings at Pearl Park. Viola was our Greeter. She smiled up at you and asked you to sign the register and she gave you a name tag to sign. She was a significant volunteer here for the past eight years, a little more than half the neighborhood's official life span. She showed up for every event and will be missed by everyone.

Viola turned 94 this Spring. She was born May 28, 1912 in Iowa. After high school



Viola Carlson

there (Herbert Hoover was President then) she studied two years at St. Cloud state Teacher's College. She taught school for a few years in rural Rock County where she met her husband, married, settled down on a farm near Pipestone, and raised her family. She was widowed twelve years ago and moved to Minneapolis to live with her daughter, Carla, at 5110 Bloomington, and be close to her grand daughter and two active grandchildren.

Still active herself, Viola went to work for the Urban League. While there she learned about the HPDL Neighborhood Association. "It is a good neighborhood," she says,

"Friendship creates neighbors." So, she signed on the Staff. And she loved the work. "Rosie is my best friend." Viola says, "Of course, I have a lot of friends."

She drove herself to meetings until two years ago. And she biked around Lake Nokomis on a three-wheeler until last year. She still enjoys watching television. "I like sports and cooking shows best" she says. Often she walks up to 52nd Street to buy a newspaper, the Pioneer Press, not the StarTribune, "That's just politics," she says.

Viola has left the Staff, but she'll keep on fishing..."I caught one last summer. I use corn and bread for bait. It was just a little one," she says. "I enjoy life a lot. I can't complain."

Viola is still a good example for us.

## 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. I will try to keep my column short but informative. If you have any questions or want to learn about something more in depth, 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.



### 2007 City Budget

The Minneapolis City Council adopted the 2007 budget. Significant increases in Public Safety funding are central to this budget. The new Public Safety money will allow the city to:

- Hire 43 new police officers – a restoration of the police force to the same number before state budget cuts began in 2003.
- Dedicate \$2 million over the next two years to public safety technology such as safe-zone cameras, shot-spotter, and squad car video.
- Expand funding for community prosecutors in police precincts to increase convictions.
- Increase support for proven community-based youth crime prevention grants.

- Expand and improve coordination of graffiti removal, enforcement and education.
- Hire a police department finance administrator to ensure strong financial management in the police department, allowing police leadership to focus on crime-fighting strategy.

One of the most talked about provisions of the budget was library funding. The budget adds an additional \$1.2 million of one-time “bridge funding” on top of the \$24 million already in the budget for city libraries. This one time funding will allow the City Council and the Library Board to jointly develop a long term strategy for adequately nurturing a world class library system. The first steps of that strategy includes

- Lobbying the legislature to restore the cuts in local government aid that are at the core of this problem.
- Working with the Library Board’s Advisory Committee addressing long-term solutions.
- Working with the Hennepin County task force examining the role Hennepin County can play in funding and governing city libraries.
- Exploring structural library governance issues, including whether the libraries should become a city department.

### Electronic Newsletter

I publish an electronic newsletter to keep you up to date on what is happening at City Hall. If you would like to receive this update, please e-mail me at [scott.benson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:scott.benson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us) and put the words “E-mail Update” in the subject line.

## Boy Scout Eagle Project

Karl Lind of Boy Scout Troop 187 completed his Eagle service project this June at Hale School. The rank of Eagle is the highest rank that a Boy Scout can attain. Karl's service project was the design and planting of a native wildflower garden near the playground. Karl would like to thank the staff at Hale School and HPDL for their support and cooperation in making this project possible. Stop by Hale School and check out the wildflowers and enjoy their display of flowers and colors throughout the seasons.



Karl, James, Eddie, Cameron, and Bruce, Bob, and Stephanie (back row) build a garden.

## Meet Your Neighbor

*The HPDL Board of Directors elected September, 2006.*

### Melanie Countryman

I am a 12-year resident of the Hale neighborhood. My husband, sons and I moved here from St. Paul in 1994. Our two sons currently attend Field School and South High School. This is my first year as an HPDL Board member. I enjoy living in this neighborhood and want to be a part of preserving what makes it a great place to live.



### Craig Opitz

As a resident of Minneapolis for most of my life, I have always appreciated what urban neighborhoods have had to offer. I really enjoy the parks, the unique urban natural habitat and local business within the city. In the Winter of '01, my wife Vicki and I moved to the Diamond Lake neighborhood on Clinton Ave. and were joined shortly thereafter by the arrival of our son Maxwell Foss. About a year ago I joined the board to strengthen my sense of community and to support our neighborhood. I serve on the Environment and Business development committees. My interests include outdoor activities, biking, cross-country skiing, ice-skating at Pearl and watching the wildlife on Diamond Lake.



### Bill Helgeson

I live in the Page neighborhood with my wife Wendy, my son Andrew and our daughter Tess. This is my third year on the HPDL Board and my second year as Board Chair. My goal for the Board this year is to start steering our organization toward where we want to be 5, 10 and 20 years down the road.



### Joyce Suek

Born and raised in South Mpls., I am a 20-year resident of the HPDL neighborhood. I have a grown daughter who lives in the metro area with her husband. I work for AT&T as a project manager. I do a lot of volunteer work, and as part of that work, I'm in my second year on the HPDL board.



### Kevin Hurbanis

I have lived in Page since 1999 and appreciate the mix of people in the neighborhood. I am also involved at Hale School where my two children attend.



### Rick Broberg

I have recently found the art of motorcycle riding. But I also have taken time to give back to the community in which I have lived and worked for the past 10 years. I was a Union Carpenter, but now I work for the City...we may have met!! So give me wave if you see me on the Beemer.



### Molly Gravholt

I have lived in the Hale neighborhood with my husband and young daughter for over two years. Although a relatively recent transplant from Arizona, I grew up in the Diamond Lake neighborhood and am an alumnus of Annunciation School. I work as the Director of Finance for Achieve!Minneapolis, a non-profit dedicated to supporting the success of all Minneapolis Public Schools students.



### Sally Hoover

I became involved with the HPDL organization after enjoying my time at the "Picnic at the Park" and meeting all of the members of the Crime and Safety Committee. I decided this would be a great way to learn and con-



nect with my community so one night I checked out the Crime and Safety Committee meeting. Before I knew it I was the Chairperson and held that post for the past 4 years. I had a wonderful time and learned so much that I thought I would try the HPDL Board of Directors. I continue to be interested in the general welfare of our neighborhood and want to see it continue to be a great place to live.

### Repa Mekha

I have lived in south Minneapolis since 1988, and in the HPDL community since 2002. I am a former Executive Director of a community-based social service organization, and I bring to the HPDL board over 15 years of experience in management and administration, community building strategies, and community leadership work. I am currently in the community/economic development field.



### Tim Olken - Hunt

I am a 20-year resident of Minneapolis. My family and I recently moved to the HPDL neighborhood in July 2005. Besides mixing it up in neighborhood recreational sports, I enjoy reading, writing and arithmetic. My 5-year-old twins keep me on my toes, both literally and figuratively. I am currently serving a 1-year term as the Vice Chair of the HPDL Board.



### Margaret Craig

I have been an HPDL resident since 1992. After finding the rabbit in the HPDL Treasure Hunt two years ago, I have become increasingly involved in the community. I am the current chairperson of the crime and safety committee. I live in the Hale neighborhood with my three children, Chelsae, Caitlin and Charley.



It's OK to call 911

## Nokomis Healthy Seniors Moves

On October 26, Nokomis Healthy Seniors moved its office to 4200 Cedar Avenue, the building that was home to the Danish American Center for many years. The telephone number, (612) 729-5499, and all the services remain the same. We are thrilled to have a larger and more accessible space for our seniors and our programs. If you are in the neighborhood please stop in to say hello and to see our new space.



## Planning Home Improvements?

The HPDL Community Association offers three home improvement programs for HPDL residents: a Revolving 3% interest loan, an Accessibility 0% interest loan, and an Emergency Deferred Loan. If you would like to find out more, contact our housing loan administrator at the Housing Resource Center at (612) 722-7141.



## Quieter Descents *from page 1*

Benson said the NOC had previously “asked FAA for approval of long descents at MSP, particularly at night. The airlines were attracted by fuel cost savings to join in the request.”

Instead of beginning descents 10 miles away from 4,000 feet, long descents in a controlled test at Louisville International Airport (not a major hub) started some 40 miles away from a height over 11,000 feet, and reduced noise levels by between 3.9 and 6.5 decibels compared with conventional approaches. Pilots easily maintained an angle of descent of 3 degrees and kept engine power changes to a minimum. According to Clarke, the Boeing 767 aircraft used in the tests saved over 450 pounds of fuel per landing.

## McGruff Says: Take a Bite Out of Crime



*Graham Ford*

HPDL is a very safe neighborhood. We need to continue to work hard to keep it that way. This challenge belongs to ALL of us. The best defense against crime is neighbors knowing each other. If you are not in a Block Club or wish to start one, please call our police Crime Prevention Specialist Sue Roethle----612-673-2839 Also call Sue if you would like to schedule a FREE home security inspection.

Over the winter, keep our homes, garages, and autos safe from falling victim to crime by doing some or all of the following:

- Keep walks and driveways shoveled, particularly if you are away for a period, to make the property look occupied. Obviously unoccupied homes attract burglars.

- Put 1 or 2 lights on timers. Turn on a radio or TV quite loudly.

- ALWAYS keep house, garage and auto doors locked when you are not right there. Lock the front door even if only working outside in the back yard and vise-versa. Most burglars enter through unlocked or open doors. House burglaries are more prevalent in the daytime, garages and autos are more often hit at night.

- Do not leave an unoccupied car running to warm it up. Good bye car!!

- Stop mail and newspaper for prolonged absence or have a neighbor watch if only gone a few days.

- If you are going to be gone for a while this winter (Arizona, Florida, Mexico???), call ----612-673-5703---or stop by the 3rd Precinct Office, to fill out a Vacation Card and let them know when and how long you’ll be gone and to leave the name and number of a reliable neighbor who might even have a key to your house. The Precinct has a special squad assigned to drive by “vacation homes” and take a look periodically.

Here are some more things McGruff wants us to know:

- If an unknown person seems to be loitering in front of or behind your home, call 911 and report the incident. (Especially if you are planning to go out.)

- Be very aware of your surroundings/other people when waiting for or getting off the bus or the new light rail trains. (There have been several robberies of persons under these circumstances.) If on the bus, ride an extra block if you worry about someone loitering at your stop. Ask the driver to please watch for a little while as you leave the bus stop.

- As possible, try to walk in well-lit and populated areas.

- Minneapolis police are working hard to reduce juvenile crime and need our help. If we see kids who are school age loitering around during the day, they are likely truants---call 911. Also, call 911 after Curfew hours (listed below) for youth hanging around, who may be up to no good when they should be home:

	Sun.–Thurs.	Fri. & Sat.
12 and under	9 pm	10 pm
13-14 years old	10 pm	11 pm
15-17 years old	11 pm	Midnight

(Just make the call, let the officers sort out the ages of the youth/adults.)

“McGruff Says” is sponsored by the HPDL Crime Prevention and Community Safety Committee. We meet on the second Tuesday at 6:30 PM at the HPDL Office---- We’d love to have you come and visit/join our committee.

## Crime Prevention Meeting – Youth Safety

Monday, March 19, 2007  
7 – 8:30 pm at Pearl Park

Guest Speakers:

Internet Safety: **John McCreary** IT Department of Minneapolis Public Schools

School Liaison Officer: **Dan Grout**

Juvenile Probation Officer: **Michael Sandin**

## HPDL Block Contacts Needed

### HPDL Residents, We Need Your Help!

In an effort to manage costs, HPDL calls upon "block contacts" several times per year to help distribute flyers to the neighbors on their block.

We currently have many openings for block contacts. It's a very small time commitment, taking only about 20 minutes each time, about four times a year. You can even be a block contact for a block on which you don't live.

Here is a list of the blocks that are not covered. Please call the HPDL office at 612-824-7707 or email [hpdl@bitstream.net](mailto:hpdl@bitstream.net) if you are interested.

Portland Avenue: 5200, 5400, 5500, 5600, 5700, 5800, 6000, and 6100 blocks.

Columbus Avenue: 5100 and 5300 blocks.

Chicago Avenue: 5200, 5300, 5900, and 6000 blocks.

Elliot Avenue: 5100 and 5400 blocks.

2nd Avenue: 5400 block

10th Avenue: 5400, 5900, 6000, and 6100 blocks.

11th Avenue: 5100, 6000, and 6100 blocks.

12th Avenue: 5100, 5400, 5800, 6000, and 6100 blocks.

13th Avenue: 5300, 5900, and 6000 blocks.

14th Avenue: 5100, 5400, 5900 and 6000 blocks.

15th Avenue: 5200 and 5300 blocks.

16th Avenue: 5100 and 5200 blocks.

17th Avenue: 4900, 5000, and 5200 blocks.

18th Avenue: 5000 and 5100 blocks.

57th Street between Chicago and Portland

58th Street between Chicago and Portland

Chester between 2nd Avenue and Diamond Lake Lane

Roslyn Place

Luverne Avenue

Tarrymore Avenue

## The 2007 South Minneapolis Housing & Home Improvement Fair

Saturday, March 10, 2007  
South High School  
3131 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.

Entering its 13th year, the Housing and Home Improvement Fair remains one of the most successful and well-attended community events in the South Minneapolis area. **Free and open to the public**, the Fair promotes city living, home improvement and maintenance, and community involvement.

The hallmark of the Housing and Home Improvement Fair is its **vendor displays** and **educational workshops**. Both are designed to help current and prospective homeowners in the process of improving, maintaining, enlarging, purchasing or refinancing a home.

Last year's **seminar topics** included: Creating Innovative Design Solutions for Problem Spaces, Home Security, Ways to Lower Heating Costs, Selecting & Working with a Professional Contractor and much more. Again in 2007, all seminars are **free** and typically last between 60 and 90 minutes.

More than 100 reputable contractors, real estate agents, lenders and community organizations had exhibits at last year's Fair, and 2007 promises to continue with as many or more (We will update the Exhibitor list when the registration deadline has passed). Attendees have access to area contractors, handymen, suppliers, and bank lenders. In addition, attendees had access to City of Minneapolis Inspections personnel along with representatives from their neighborhood associations to answer questions.

The Fair is a **family event**. For the kids, a special **workshop** is offered at no charge where children get to build their own wooden project (to be determined) for the yard or garden. Last year's Fair also featured \$2500 worth of **door prizes** and two **Grand Prize** gift certificates.

For more more **information** about the fair call (612) 875-4545 or email [mplshousingfair@yahoo.com](mailto:mplshousingfair@yahoo.com).

## 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 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

### HPDL Board:

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Margaret Craig  
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Sally Hoover  
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Repa Mekha  
Tim Olken-Hunt (Vice Chair)  
Craig Opitz  
Joyce Suek (Secretary)

### HPDL Staff:

Rosie Doege Dryden  
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:

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Bill Helgeson Brian Scott

### Newsletter Staff:

Rosie Doege Dryden

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

Jan. 22 Monday	HPDL Board of Directors Meeting 7 PM	HPDL Office 5144 13th Avenue S.
Jan. 26 Friday	<b>Frost Fest!</b> Games, Food, Kids' DJ, Prizes 6 – 9 PM	Pearl Park 414 E. Diamond Lake Rd.
Jan. 29 Monday	HPDL Community Meeting <b>Meet Minneapolis School Board Members</b>	Pearl Park 414 E. Diamond Lake Rd.
Feb. 26 Monday	HPDL Board of Directors Meeting 7 PM	HPDL Office 5144 13th Avenue S.
March 10 Saturday	<b>S. Minneapolis Housing Fair</b> FREE – visit vendors, workshops, prizes 10 AM – 3 PM	3131 19th Ave. S. housingfair.org
March 19 Monday	HPDL Community Meeting <b>Youth Safety</b>	Pearl Park 414 E. Diamond Lake Rd.
March 26 Monday	HPDL Board of Directors Meeting 7 PM	HPDL Office 5144 13th Avenue

## You make the call:

Bus Ride Info . . . . .	373-3333
Humane Society . . . (763)	522-4325
Animal Control . . . . .	311
CCP/SAFE Spec. Sue Roethle . . .	673-2839
Burned Out Street Lights . . . . .	311
Airport Noise . . . . .	726-9411
Graffiti . . . . .	311
Pearl Park . . . . .	370-4906
City Council Member Scott Benson <sup>(1)</sup> . . . . .	673-2211
County Commissioner Gail Dorfman <sup>(3)</sup> . . . . .	348-7883
Peter McLaughlin <sup>(4)</sup> . . . . .	348-7884
State Senator Patricia Torres Ray <sup>(62)</sup> . . . . .	TBD
State Representative Jean Wagenius <sup>(62A)</sup> (651)	296-4200
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