



## Lake Management Plan for Diamond Lake in the Works

In fall 2008, a partnership of three Minnesota ecological organizations selected “Friends of Diamond Lake” (FoDL) as one of four citizen-led lake protection groups to participate in a pilot to develop comprehensive lake management plans. Financial support is provided by the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District.

Representatives from three other neighborhood groups are partnering with the FoDL Board in this 18-24 month process: Minneapolis Park & Recreation, Diamond Lake Lutheran, and HPDL. Says Dave Oltmans, President of FoDL: *“One aspect of this work is to clarify where local citizens can have the greatest strategic impact on restoring, protecting, and improving Diamond Lake. We’ll be seeking community input into the planning and execution of the Lake Management Plan.”*

In the meantime, if you’d like to learn more, check out: Friends of Diamond Lake [www.FriendsofDiamondlake.org](http://www.FriendsofDiamondlake.org) Minnesota Waters [www.minnesotawaters.org](http://www.minnesotawaters.org), Winter Newsletter, p. 10 Initiative Foundation of Little Falls, Healthy Lakes & Rivers Program.

## Frost Fest

**We have snow!!! Come celebrate winter at Frost Fest—where everything winter is FUN!**

Frost Fest will be held at Pearl Park on Friday, January 31 st, 2009. The event is sponsored by HPDL, Pearl Park and PIRC. The festivities begin at 6pm with delicious food to enjoy, including hotdogs, chips, popcorn and sweet treats. 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 by going “ice-fishing,” playing “mitten mania,” “the lollipop tree,” “snowflake bingo” and doing “the cupcake walk” and Wii, which is our newest attraction.

To really warm up, come into the gym to show off your dance moves to the music of The KidsDance DJ—and that includes you too, parents! Those wanting a minute or two to rest can sit down and 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 (414 E. Diamond Lake Road) on January 31st. Let it snow!!



Scott Straczynk

Crowds danced at Frost Fest 2007

## Real Homes, Real People needed for 2009 Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour

**Deadline Jan. 23**

“It’s good to see people in this area who are motivated to improve their homes and neighborhoods.” This comment from a visitor to the Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour underscores why every neighborhood can benefit from an entry on the April 25 and 26, 2009 Tour. Thirty percent of visitors said that “finding out about neighborhoods” is one of their reasons for visiting. It was surpassed only by “to get remodeling ideas,” which is the main focus of the tour.

Homeowners and home improvement professionals considering putting their homes on the Tour have until Friday, January 23, 2009 to apply. Early inquiries are encouraged so that Tour coordinators may visit each home and explain what’s involved before the homeowners commit.

“Community leaders should start now, asking owners of well-kept and remodeled homes to participate,” said Coordinator Margo Ashmore. “Call us at any time to see if there are other homes in the area already interested. Groupings draw a lot of visitors, though we also like to provide balance throughout the cities.”

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) manages the tour as a celebration of city living that encourages homeowners to improve existing housing stock. Green, energy efficient, and historically-sensitive remodels and expansions get special notice.

For more information, call Tour Coordinator Margo Ashmore at 612-673-5103 (in Saint Paul, Natalie Fedie, 651-226-6549) or email [link@nrp.org](mailto:link@nrp.org). The application can be downloaded from [www.MSPHomeTour.com](http://www.MSPHomeTour.com) under “nominate.”

# The HPDL Offers Three Loan Programs for Residents.

## Low-Interest Revolving Loan

HPDL offers very low interest loans – at 3% – for both single family and owners of multiple unit properties in the neighborhood. Participants’ income cannot exceed 150% of the area median income. Eligible improvements include corrections of housing code violations, energy efficiency improvements, sound insulation improvements, and improvement of the physical condition of the property to enhance livability. Recreational or luxury improvements are not eligible. The term of the loans is 5 years and can range from \$500 – 5,000.

## Emergency Deferred Loan

What happens to low-income folks whose furnace dies in the middle of winter or whose roof is leaking? This program hopes to address such problems. If the house may be uninhabitable, extremely dangerous or capable of causing severe health problems, and if the resident’s income does not exceed 50% of the area median income, then this program may be able to help. Loans are forgivable if resident stays in home for five years. Maximum loan size is \$5,000.

## Accessibility Deferred Loan

Residents with a long-term disability and who lack the resources to make accessibility improvements to their homes may ap-

## Pearl Park

Pearl Park Spring Sports Registration will be held in mid-March. People can start looking at the park for specific dates and information in mid-February.

Pearl Park is going to celebrate its’ 40th Anniversary on Friday, Feb. 27th. Please put another box in with a request to “Save the Date”, and we will get more information out to the neighborhood, soon. We are soliciting stories, memories and photos from neighborhood people via [www.hpdl.org/pearlpark](http://www.hpdl.org/pearlpark).



ply for this forgivable loan program. Income limit is 110% of the area median income and the minimum loan size is \$2,000. The maximum loan is \$7,500, but if the resident’s disability was incurred while in the United States Armed Forces, that resident may apply for a loan up to \$15,000. Many state and county programs may apply for home accessibility improvements, so residents are encouraged to pursue these sources first or in conjunction with an HPDL loan. Loans are forgivable after 7 years if the resident retains ownership of the property for the duration of that time. Examples of accessibility improvements are: widening doorways, installing automatic door openers, lowering counters, or exterior modifications such as installing ramps and stair lifts.

For more information about these Programs, call the Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation at (612) 722-7141.

# Gathering to “Bust Buckthorn”

By Mary Moilanen

On a chilly morning in early November, the Friends of Diamond Lake, neighbors and volunteers gathered in the parking lot of Diamond Lake Lutheran Church. The group had met early on a cold day to remove buckthorn from around Diamond Lake at the first annual “Buckthorn Bust.”



Buckthorn

Buckthorn, an invasive species, is a nonnative plant that has become a widespread problem in Minnesota. It grows densely and aggressively choking out native, more favorable species. Buckthorn lacks natural controls such as disease or insects, contributes to erosion by shading out other plants that typically grow on the forest floor, provides a home for pests such as crown rust fungus and soybean aphids and prevents the natural diversity that makes Minnesota beautiful.

Drew Klaphake, one of the volunteers at the Buckthorn Bust said, “I was really surprised at how much buckthorn there was, especially the small seedlings that seemed to be everywhere. I was also surprised at how resilient the plants were; even if they had been cut back, without any treatment of the roots, it just grew back stronger and thicker than before.”

Removal of buckthorn is challenging work, as the Buckthorn Bust volunteers discovered. Smaller, individual plants could easily be pulled out by hand, thanks to the plant’s shallow root system. Larger shrubs and buckthorn that had grown into trees, however, proved much more difficult. Fortunately for the volunteers, the Friends of the Mississippi River kindly agreed to loan several of their “weed wrenches” for the event. Crews worked from nine until noon removing as much buckthorn as possible.

Although it was chilly outside, November is one of the best times for buckthorn removal. Most other plants have shed their leaves or changed colors, but buckthorn

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## Yes!

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

Here is my tax deductible contribution:

\$10
 \$15
 \$25

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form with your check payable to:

**Thank You!**

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

## **Buckthorn** *from page 2*

retains its green leaves throughout the fall, making it easy to identify. Even volunteers who had no prior knowledge of what buckthorn was could pick it out amongst the other growth.

Prior to the day of the bust, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board sent crews to help clear much of the overgrowth in the area. In a collaborative effort, the crews left piles of woodchips from their work to spread over the existing trail. Wheelbarrows and shovels were left for the volunteers to use. In addition to removing buckthorn, volunteers were able to help re-chip the trail to make it a more enjoyable place to walk.

What can you do to help control the spread of this harmful species?

**Educate yourself.** Learn more about buckthorn and how to identify it at the Minnesota DNR website: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/terrestrialplants/woody/buckthorn/index.html>

**Get out and pull.** You'll be helping the environment in addition to getting a great workout.

**Volunteer at next year's Buckthorn Bust.** Meet neighbors and make new friends.

**Talk to your neighbors.** Let them know about buckthorn and the negative effects it has on our community.

**Plant native species in place of buckthorn.** The DNR website has several ideas for alternatives that will look great and help restore Minnesota's natural plant life.

**Become a member of the Friends of Diamond Lake.** Your membership contribution will help continue efforts to improve and maintain the health and beauty of the lake and your neighborhood. Visit <http://www.friendsofdiamondlake.com> to learn more.

Although buckthorn removal and control is a big job, a little help from everyone goes a long way in curbing the spread of this destructive and invasive species.

Special thanks to those who came out for the bust, the Friends of the Mississippi River, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, HPDL, Diamond Lake Lutheran Church, the neighborhood business who allowed us to advertise for the event at their stores and all the members of the Friends of Diamond Lake.



## **McGruff Says**

### **Criminals Do Not Take a Holiday**

#### **Prevent Winter Auto Theft**

During the colder months car thieves take advantage of residents who leave their cars running to keep them warm. This is just asking for trouble (right here in "River City")! There is a temptation to start the car in the morning and let it warm up - usually while you stay warm inside your house or apartment. This could be a costly mistake! MANY unattended cars are stolen while being warmed up.

Even if you lock the car, it only takes a thief seconds to break a window or jimmy a door lock. A car thief who is apprehended in a car with keys in the ignition is usually not prosecuted. It is against City ordinance to leave your keys in the ignition while you are not in your car. (Minneapolis City Ordinance 478.160, Open Ignition—a petty misdemeanor.) In fact, if your car is reported as stolen and your keys are in it, you may get a ticket. Officers may also issue tickets (with fines of \$33) to any cars that are running with no driver present. Depending on the situation, the vehicle may also be towed at your expense (at least \$75).

Running your car unattended to keep both it and you warm may actually leave you out in the cold! It only takes a minute or two of idling - with the driver IN the car - to warm the engine sufficiently to start moving. Be sure to lock the door as soon as you get into the car - winter or summer. Also, do not leave the car idling while running in to make a quick shopping stop or to drop off a child at school. Don't give crooks

the upper hand by presenting an easy target.

### **Prevent Snow Blower Theft**

"Tis The Season." Each winter, snow blower theft becomes a big problem for property crime investigators. Usually, the more it snows, the more snow blowers are stolen. Take the following precautions to minimize blower theft:

—Always securely lock the garage overhead and service doors and possibly chain/lock the blower inside.

—Do not leave the blower out of your sight when going inside to warm up. Better to put it back into the garage.

—If possible, block-in the snow blower with a vehicle to make it less easily stolen.

—If, perish the thought, your blower is stolen, call 911 immediately and give a report. To make recovery easier, record the make, model, and serial number. Also, paint or otherwise clearly mark the blower with distinguishing color paint to make identification faster and easier.

—DO help a deserving neighbor when a heavy snow arrives. Heart attacks are a winter hazard.

### **McGruff Also Says**

—Heavy winter clothes, with hoods, etc. can make it difficult to be fully aware of one's surroundings. Snow blower and shoveling noise make it difficult to hear someone approaching who may have unwanted intentions. Be alert and look around once in a while when you outside and possibly vulnerable.

—Leaving porch lights on all night can be an excellent deterrent to criminals just "looking" for a place to burgle. Many porch lights left on in a block suggests that this block is aware and watching out for each other.

—Thank you to the 3rd Police Precinct and Crime Prevention Specialist Sue Roethle for most of the information above, which is attributed to me (McGruff).

*The HPDL Crime Prevention and Community Safety Committee meets on the second Tuesday at 6:30 PM at the HPDL Office — We'd love to have you come and visit/join our committee.*

## From City Hall

By Scott Benson  
City Council Member, Ward  
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To my friends and neighbors in 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 at [scott.benson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:scott.benson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us) or call my office at (612) 673-2211.

### Council Adopts 2009 Budget

The City Council recently adopted the 2009 city budget. Mayor Rybak's budget as passed by the Council includes funding for a **\$27.5 million transportation infrastructure package** by taking the remaining funds from the Hilton Legacy fund and spending it on the infrastructure package rather than on job training programs and other programs the fund has supported over the years. The budget also includes in excess of \$2 million for ballpark improvement district funding. The City Council voted 11-2 in favor of a \$1.4 billion city budget. Council Member Goodman and I voted against the final budget. While I appreciate the problem that shorting infrastructure funding over the last several years has created, I am troubled both by spending one-time money from the Hilton fund on these ongoing infrastructure needs without a plan for maintaining that infrastructure once the fund is depleted and eliminating a source of funding for job training at a time when unemployment is nearing record levels. I also question the wisdom of devoting such a substantial sum to the ballpark improvement district at a time when we will certainly face cuts in Local Government Aid from the State of Minnesota.

There are many positive aspects about the adopted budget. The City continues to reduce debt as it has done for each of the last five years, and, with this budget, the City has eliminated a total of \$86.5 million of debt since 2002. That equates to \$7.6 million more to spend this year alone on basic services like public safety and street repair.



The 2009 City budget includes \$210 million to maintain the public safety gains made in the last two years. So far this year, violent crime in Minneapolis is down 25% from where it was two years ago, and trending down in every part of the city. Some of the biggest safety gains have been on the

Northside, where violent crime is down 28% compared to two years ago. Juvenile violent crime is down 46% compared to two years ago.

In addition to more money for the police department, the budget includes more money for youth violence prevention and criminal prosecution:

**Youth Violence Prevention** - \$8.5 million will help expand the city's strong commitment to reducing youth violence, which is already receiving national recognition.

**Criminal Prosecution** - \$280,000 will be added to the City Attorney's office to ensure that more criminal arrests are prosecuted.

As noted above, there are a couple of wild cards looming on the horizon. The Governor appears poised to take back a large sum of money that had been promised to the city and was used as the basis for the 2008 budget. With less than 15 days left in the 2008 fiscal year, the City may have to make significant cuts to balance the 2008 budget. In addition, it is likely that a portion of the State budget fix considered by the state legislature next year will be to send less Local Government Aid to the cities. The 2009 budget is based on the numbers provided to the City by the State, but if that number is reduced during this session, the budget will need to be reduced as well.

The three closed pension funds could also present further budget challenges. At a time when almost all investments have experienced record losses, the pension funds anticipate significant losses and it will be up to the City to fill the gap. This loss could present another significant challenge to the adopted 2009 budget.

\*To help celebrate the 40th anniversary of Pearl Park we'd like to hear your favorite memories and stories of this special place

in our neighborhood. Is it the place you met your spouse? Did it provide you with inspiration that has shaped a part of your life? Is it where you scored your first hat trick? We'd like to hear from you, see your photos, and listen to your stories!

You can drop off any photos and stories with the staff at the Pearl Park front desk or contact them (370-4906) for more details on how you can share your memories. Please label your submissions as all original materials will be returned.

Then on February 27th, we'll gather as a neighborhood to celebrate four decades of Pearl Park. We hope that you — along with your memories and photos — will be a part of that evening.

### A Commuter Bike Path for HPDL

Did you know that our neighborhood (HPDL) is the only neighborhood in Minneapolis that does not have formal commuter bike lanes? Currently, both northbound and southbound lanes exist on Park and Portland Avenues. These lanes end at 46th Street. The Regina-Field neighborhood is discussing the extension of these paths to 50th Street for the spring of 2009. There is some funding available for possible bike lanes within the HPDL boundaries, connecting South Minneapolis to Richfield. We contacted R. T. Rybak and Scott Benson and expressed our interest in bike lanes and asked to be considered for some of this available funding. Funding meetings will be held soon.

To proceed, resident interest and possible bike lane locations would have to be determined. Watch the newsletter and your mail, for future information and/or a notice of a neighborhood meeting. We are receiving support and advice from Billy Binder, a biking enthusiast with a long history of working with the City of Minneapolis on bike lane issues. We have some interested HPDL bikers ready to help and we would welcome any others who would like to support our efforts to get these lanes set up in the most advantageous areas.

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# From the Chair

By Melanie Countryman

In this first newsletter since the HPDL Board elections, we are pleased to introduce to you the 2008-2009 HPDL board members. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as chair for a second year. I am also happy to announce that we will again be delivering the newsletter to many homes in our neighborhood, through our HPDL contacts. We need contacts on many blocks. If you or someone you know is on a block that does not have a contact, please consider volunteering to be a contact. It only requires an hour or two every quarter to deliver newsletters to homes on your block. We also continue to make the newsletter available online. If you are not on the newsletter email list, you can send a message to [office@hpd.org](mailto:office@hpd.org) and be notified by email when the latest newsletter is available on [www.hpd.org](http://www.hpd.org).

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, the legislation that created the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) will

sunset at the end of 2009. The HPDL Community Association is almost exclusively funded by the NRP. Much of this past year, a task force formed by the city of Minneapolis has been working on a new approach to guide and fund the work of neighborhood organizations beyond 2009. In July 2008, the workgroup released its final report, called *Framework for the Future*. The HPDL Board provided input to the *Framework*. The key funding components are: 1) administrative funding for neighborhood organizations, 2) discretionary funding for neighborhood priorities, and 3) grant funding to support city-identified priorities. A new Neighborhood and Community Relations Department will be created within the city's organizational structure to manage this program, as well as the city's other community participation activities. This is a departure from the current NRP program that operates independently of the city. Another key component of the new program is a resi-

dent-controlled Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission, which is currently being formulated. This commission will help strengthen the relationship between the city and its residents and neighborhood organizations and will oversee the administrative and funding details for neighborhood work. The commission will consist of 16 members, five residents appointed by the City Council, two residents appointed by the Mayor, one resident appointed by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and the remaining eight residents elected by neighborhood organizations.

Over the next couple of months, neighborhood organizations, including HPDL, will be involved in developing the process to elect these eight neighborhood representatives. If you would like additional information about *Framework for the Future*, go to <http://www.ci.mpls.mn.us/communications/communityengagement.asp>.

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## Surviving Winter

*Winter is here—plan ahead and prepare. Here are a few tips from the CDC and the American Red Cross to help you with your winter survival.*

### Check your home:

Have your snow-removal plan in place

Have rock salt to melt ice on sidewalks.

Keep a supply of kitty litter or sand to add traction on walkways.

### Check your car:

Allow extra time when traveling.

Monitor weather conditions.

Adhere to travel advisories.

Keep a survival kit in your car—this should include cell phone, shovel, flashlight, blankets, salt and sand, booster cables and a first aid kit.

Let someone know where you are going and when you expect to arrive.

Never pour water on your windshield to remove ice; this could shatter your windshield.

### If your power is out:

Have battery-powered flashlights on hand plus extra batteries.

Have one of the following heat sources on hand:

Fire place with plenty of dry wood.

Kerosene heater. Use only the type of fuel that is recommended for your heater.

Remember: never use a generator indoors, inside the garage, or near the air intake of your home because of the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Store extra bottled water

### Exposure to cold:

Avoid being outside in the coldest part of the day.

Dress in layers so you can adjust to changing conditions.

Wear a hat to prevent heat loss through your head.

Wear mittens rather than gloves.

Cover your mouth to protect your lungs from the cold air.

Wear waterproof, insulated boots to help avoid frostbite.

### Avoid Exertion:

Cold weather puts an extra strain on the heart. If you have heart disease or high blood pressure, follow your doctor's advice about shoveling snow or performing other hard work in the cold. Remember, your body is working hard just to stay warm—don't overdo it.

It is always a good idea to plan ahead for the cold and snowy weather. Hopefully some of these tips will enable you to have a safe winter outdoors, at home, and in your car.

## Board Bios

### Melanie Countryman

I have lived in the Hale neighborhood since 1995 with my husband and two sons. I have a son who attends Field School and one who is a freshman at Oberlin College in Ohio. This is my third year on the HPDL board and my second year as chair. I enjoy living in this neighborhood and want to be a part of preserving what makes it a great place to live.



### Molly Gravholt

I have lived in the Hale neighborhood with my husband, 4 year-old daughter, and infant son for over three years. Although a relatively recent transplant from Arizona, I grew up in the Diamond Lake neighborhood and am an alumnus of Annunciation School. I am the Vice President of Finance at Community Health Charities of Minnesota, a leading workplace-giving organization dedicated to improving lives affected by chronic illness.



### Lisa Robinson

I am very excited to serve as a first time HPDL board member. My partner, Marjorie, and I moved back to Minneapolis to this neighborhood 2 years ago from southern California. We love to walk in our neighborhood, and we look forward to continued participation in our community activities.



### Sam Krainak

He joined the board in October as an at large member for the Page neighborhood. He is also serving on the crime and safety committee. Sam has lived in south Minneapolis all his life. He graduated



from Southwest high in 2004, and attended Hale Elementary grades 1-4. He worked at Kowalski's as a bag boy from 2002-2006, and used to work at Mikes Corner Store. He plans to return there to work.

### Tim Olken - Hunt

I'm excited to serve my 2nd year as Vice Chair and as a Page representative. I've lived in HPDL for the last 2 years and South Minneapolis for the last 15. My family is somewhat stereotypical with 2 kids, a cat and a minivan. My family and I take full advantage of HPDL amenities including the lakes, parks, restaurants and wonderful neighbors. I'm looking forward to expanding my sphere of influence in 2009.



### Joyce Suek:

I am a 20 year resident of HPDL, with 3 years on the board and many years volunteering at our fun events.

Lou and I are both retired from the "phone company." I do work part-time at Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church. Our daughter is grown and lives in New Brighton.

I walk Lake Nokomis almost every morning. I also like to read, cook, craft and go to the movies.



### Gus Stuhldreher:

I have lived in the Hale neighborhood for 30+ years. This is my first term with the HPDL Board and I am currently working on the Transportation Committee. I have been a sales professional for my entire working career with office automation solutions working for Xerox Corporation for 32 years and currently for Metro Sales, Inc. for 6+ years. I am pleased to represent and work on projects which will continue to enhance our neighborhoods.



### Angie Timmons:

I moved to the Hale Page Diamond Lake area in 2005 when I purchased my grandmother's home. I have many fond memories of weekend trips to grandma's filled with biking along the creek, playing in Pearl Park, and exploring around Diamond Lake. I am happy to be continuing these activities as an adult. Professionally, I coordinate environmental education for Hennepin County Environmental Services.



### Annique London

My husband and I moved to the Page portion of the HPDL neighborhood in 2002. We feel incredibly fortunate to have "landed" in this neighborhood where we greatly enjoy the trails, the Rabbit, local businesses, and the great "small community" feel of the city of Minneapolis. Since moving, we've welcomed two daughters—now ages 4 & 2—to our family. I spend my days divided between running my own Strategic Marketing Consulting Firm and being a mom.

I will be focused on the Communications committee where I hope to promote communication initiatives for the HPDL Community Association.



### Margaret Craig

Margaret and her family have lived in HPDL since 1992. After finding the rabbit in HPDL's 2004 Treasure Hunt, she joined the Community Crime and Safety Committee to become more involved in our community. Margaret has been the chairperson of that committee since 2005 and was just re-elected to a second two year at-large term on the board.



It's OK to call 911

## Call for Volunteers!

Do you have a few hours to give back to your community? Some volunteer needs only require a few hours each quarter, yet these hours are vitally important to help carry out the important mission of the HPDL Community Association. If you want to get involved, please see some areas in which we are seeking the expertise we KNOW exists in our community:

### Building Community Committee

Committee members are needed to help plan and organize events throughout the year, such as Frost Fest, Picnic in the Park, and Halloween at Pearl Park. Committee members determine the games, attractions, and activities featured at the events, help obtain volunteers, create and distribute event publicity, obtain supplies and prizes, set up and tear down on the day of the events.

### Crime Prevention and Safety Committee

This committee is responsible for promoting and supporting block club development in the neighborhood and providing information and education to residents and business owners in order to promote personal and property safety. The committee currently meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm. Committee members are also involved in planning and organizing a community meeting in March and providing information at other events throughout the year.

### Environment Committee

This committee combines environment, gardening and transportation activities previously handled by multiple committees. Some things committee members may do: stay informed on traffic and airport issues affecting the HPDL neighborhoods, attend community meetings related to transportation or environment issues, or help obtain gardening supplies and maintain community gardens at Bloomington Ave and Minnehaha Pkwy and at Hampshire Dr and Diamond Lake Road.

The Environment Committee also plans and organizes the annual Earth Day event in

April, along with the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation.

Please contact the HPDL office at (612) 824-7707 or [office@hpd.org](mailto:office@hpd.org) if you are interested in volunteering for any of these committees.

### Public Relations Expert

The HPDL newsletter is currently published quarterly, and will continue to be a key part of the HPDL Community Association's means of staying connected with residents. Our mission statement specifically lists "communication" as a way to foster our community's vibrant living environment! There is a current need for an experienced individual to assist the newsletter workgroup in setting editorial guidelines and providing editorial oversight to the newsletter. Join this group of contributors and help shape the future of this key communication vehicle to our community. For more information, contact Annique London at (612) 386-7386 or [annique.london@comcast.net](mailto:annique.london@comcast.net).



## Nokomis Healthy Seniors

### Winter 2009

#### JANUARY

January 28, 2009 1:30 P.M.

"Vision Loss and Aging"

Julie Rindelaub,

Vision Loss Resources

February 25, 2009 1:30 P.M.

"Community Resources"

Ruth Kildow

Senior Ombudsman, City of Minneapolis

March 25, 2009 1:30 P.M.

"Hearing Loss and Aging"

Julie Rindelaub

Vision Loss Resources

## 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

Crime and Safety . . . . . Second Tuesday

Newsletter . . . . . Call

Environment . . . . . Call

#### HPDL Board:

- Melanie Countryman (Chair)
- Margaret Craig
- Molly Gravholt (Treasurer)
- Tim Olken-Hunt (Vice Chair)
- Sam Krainak
- Annique London
- Lisa Robinson
- Gus Stuhldreher
- Joyce Suek (Secretary)
- Angie Timmons

#### 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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| Melanie Countryman | Annique London |
| Doug Frevert       | Brian Scott    |
| Laurie Frevert     | Scott Traczyk  |
| Sam Krainak        |                |

#### 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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*Pile driving continues on the 35W/Crosstown*

http://oxblue.com/pro/open/?webPath=crosstown

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Bus Ride Info . . . . .	373-3333
Humane Society . . . (763) 522-4325	
Animal Control . . . . .	311
CCP/SAFE	
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Burned Out Street Lights . . . . .	311
Airport Noise . . . . .	726-9411
Graffiti . . . . .	311
Pearl Park . . . . .	370-4906
City Council Member	
Scott Benson <sup>(11)</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> (651) 296-4274	
State Representative	
Jean Wagenius <sup>(62A)</sup> (651) 296-4200	
Minnesota Public Lobby . . .	378-0285
HPDL Office . . . . .	824-7707
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## HPDL Community Calendar

January 26	HPDL Board of Directors Meeting	HPDL Office
Monday	7 PM	5144 13th Ave. S.
January 30	<b>Frost Fest</b>	Pearl Park
Friday	6-8 PM	414 E. Diamond Lk. Rd.
February 23	HPDL Board of Directors Meeting	HPDL Office
Monday	7 PM	5144 13th Ave. S.
March 23	HPDL Board of Directors Meeting	HPDL Office
Monday	7 PM	5144 13th Ave. S.
March 28	South Minneapolis Housing Fair	South High School
Saturday	10 AM – 3 PM	3131 19th Ave. S.