



Frost Fest Fun for All

2009 Frost Fest was a huge success!! With as much snow and cold weather as we have had this year how could a celebration of winter not be successful? Parents and kids of all ages filled the Pearl Park community center for good food, music and games galore, including the ever-popular cake walk. Frost Fest goers could also do craft projects and get their faces painted. The warming room was a busy place as skaters and hockey players suited up for visits to the rinks behind the community center. Marshmallow roasting was also a big hit. Kids' Dance DJ kept the younger folks (and some older ones too!) moving and grooving. A new attraction this year, the Wii was a big hit, and Frost Fest organizers are happy to report that the tv screen escaped unscathed. A big thanks to Fat Lorenzos and Carbones Pizza for donating the evening's door prizes. Another big thanks to Fat Lorenzo's and Pearl Hockey for the great food served.



Faces painted, these cats danced at Frost Fest 2009.



Friends of Diamond Lake (FoDL) Annual Meeting

Yes, it has been a year already since the Friends of Diamond Lake began its work, and it is time again for our Annual Meeting. The meeting is at Pearl Park on Tuesday, April 28, at 7 pm.

Come celebrate our 'birthday' with cake and ice cream, and learn about our fantastic inaugural year. We've been busy and have a lot to share with you. Also, get an update on the 2-year process FoDL just recently started to create a Lake Management Plan. We're looking for a new board member to fill a vacancy, too. All FoDL members attending will be eligible for a drawing to win either a \$25 gift certificate or t-shirts. See you there!

Minnehaha Creek Needs Your Help

Citizens for the Minnehaha Creek Corridor (CMCC) is a group of concerned citizens that formed out of a desire to be involved with the neighborhoods and communities touched by the Minnehaha Creek. Our goal is to work with individuals and groups to keep Minnehaha Creek and its recreational areas green, clean and alive.

During the months of February and March of 2009, CMCC Board Members will begin planning outreach activities that fulfill our goals. If you have any ideas for projects, know of problem areas along the Minnehaha Creek that could benefit from our assistance and/or would like to join in these efforts, please send an e-mail to any of the CMCC Board Members. Their e-mail information can be found on the CMCC website at: <http://www.minnehahacreekcorridor.org/contact-information>.

Earth Day 2009

Can you feel spring in the air? It's closer than you think! Remember to mark your calendars for the 2009 Earth Day activities. This year's event will take place on Saturday, April 18. Green-minded helpers of all ages are encouraged to attend. Those interested in volunteering should plan to arrive at Pearl Park beginning at 9:30AM for registration, coffee, and treats. Participants will help pick up debris and trash at a variety of neighborhood locations in the morning, and then return to Pearl Park for refreshments at noon. Activities will be available for children, and presenters will be on-site with information about area organizations and Earth Day partners. Please note that the event is weather-permitting, and that there is no make-up date. For more information or to find out how you can get involved please call the Hale Page Diamond Lake Community Association offices at (612) 824-7707 or check out our website at <http://www.hpdl.org>.

7th Annual Clean-a-thon April 25

The Nokomis Healthy Seniors Program's 7th Annual Clean-a-thon will be held April 25, 2009. This event is an important fundraiser for the Nokomis program, as well as a key outreach into the Nokomis community and directly helps seniors to stay in the home they love. Several teams of three to five volunteers arrive at registered seniors' homes and provide a thorough cleaning to the area requested by the seniors ready for the arrival of Spring!

Hello from the Nurse

I would like to reintroduce myself to the seniors in the Nokomis Healthy Senior area. My name is Cathy Bray. I am an RN working for the Nokomis Healthy Senior Program. I will be in the office from 8:00AM to 4:00PM on Wednesdays and Thursdays every week. Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns you might have. I am looking forward to speaking with you.

612-729-5499

Space for rent in South Minneapolis:

Multiple spaces available for offices, artists, non-profits. Costs range from \$250 - \$950 per month. Or rent per meeting/event. Call Leah at 612.827.4627 or email staff@eeumc.net for more information.

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-

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.



Community Visioning Diamond Lake

PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

Tuesday, March 24

Registration, Coffee and Cookies: 6:30

Presentation 6:55 to 9 pm

Friends of Diamond Lake is sponsoring a public meeting to:

Hear your ideas about the future of Diamond Lake.

Greet your neighbors after the long winter.

Hear what has been happening around Diamond Lake.

Share your vision of Diamond Lake and actions to guide its future.

Diamond Lake Lutheran Church
5760 Portland Ave. S.

Yes!

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

Here is my tax deductible contribution:



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HPDL Crime Prevention and Community Safety March Meeting

March 15th
Pearl Park
7-8:30pm



Please join us as we welcome MPD 3rd Precinct speakers

Lucy Gerold, Precinct Commander, MPD

Meet the Inspector as she shares her vision of policing the 3rd Precinct in 2009. She will also address the changes in community policing over the past few years. Lt. Arthur Knight, Sector 3 Lieutenant, MPD

Meet the Lieutenant in our sector, find out about his background, and what he sees are safety concerns for our neighborhood. He will also explain policing coverage in our area and the resources available to residents.

Maryam Williams, Minneapolis 911 Supervisor

Understand when to use 911 and what response to expect.

Sue Roethele, Crime Prevention Specialist, MPD

Our CCP/SAFE Officer for many years, Sue will discuss the MPD Policing Plans and how you as residents can become the eyes and ears of the community.

Door Prizes will be given at this event.

If you need childcare, please notify us by March 6th at 612-824-7077 or at hpdl.org.

HPDL Community Crime and Safety Committee

This event is brought to you by the Hale Page Diamond Lake Crime Prevention and Community Safety Committee part of the HPDL Community Association. We meet the second Tuesday of every month 6:30-8p at the Edgewater Emmanuel Church, on the second floor in the HPDL business office. This is your chance to meet local police and crime and safety representatives of the Third Precinct. Here you can learn first hand the neighborhood crime statistics, crime prevention tactics, and how the neighborhood stays connected to the MPD. Come to ask our advice on a crime and safety issue, become a block leader, or simply come to meet your neighbors. All are welcome!

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 or call my office at (612) 673-2211.

Sound Insulation Program Underway

Many people have been asking for an update on the progress of the MAC noise insulation project which is based on a settlement reached in 2007 between the cities of Minneapolis, Richfield, and Eagan and the MAC.

Under the terms of the settlement, MAC is providing a five decibel noise mitigation package to eligible homes inside the 63-64 DNL contours within the 2007 Noise Mitigation Map. There are 455 homes in Minneapolis eligible for the 5 Db package. As



Marie Foss

Scott Benson

of January first, 261 of these homes were either completed or in process.

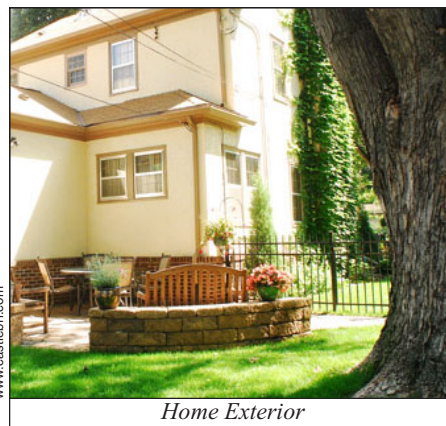
In addition, the MAC has launched Phase 2A of the program, which involves approximately 2,800 homes that lie within the 60-62 DNL contours on the 2007 map. These homes will be offered ei-

ther \$14,000 worth of mitigation treatments or a new central air conditioning system and an additional \$4,000 worth of mitigation that could include doors and windows, new storm windows and storm doors, and attic and sidewall insulation. Actual treatments will vary depending upon a home's current condition and needs. To talk with experts about the remodeling options and to see the actual windows, doors, air conditioners and insulation, you can visit the Center for Energy and Environment office at 6517 Nicollet Ave S.

Homeowners eligible under either phase are brought into the program based on a prioritization system that invites homeowners on blocks with the highest noise impacts into the program first.

Homes within the 60-64 DNL on the 2005 Noise Mitigation Map but are not covered by the other MAC mitigation programs are eligible to receive reimbursement for noise mitigation work they undertake on their homes. Eligible work must comply with the terms and conditions of the settlement in order to qualify. Postcards have been sent to all these home owners with details.

For more information, please see the MAC's website: www.macnoise.com/sip/settlement.



Home Exterior

Minneapolis & St. Paul Home Tour

More about the next tour:

Who: On the Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour of "real homes, real people, real ideas," residents open their doors to show creative and practical ideas for home additions, kitchens, bathrooms and more. Talk directly with homeowners and find out what it's like. At many homes, their contractors, architects, and other tradespeople will also be on hand to answer questions.

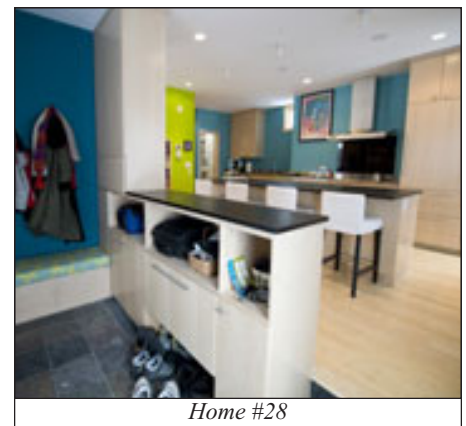
What and Where: This celebration of city living takes place in both Minneapolis and Saint Paul, with a total of 50 or more homes.

When: Homes on the free, self-guided tour will be open Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, April 26, 1-5 p.m. It will be held April 25 & 26, 2009 regardless of weather conditions.

How: In April, you can decide where to start by looking at the "Homes" page on this website: www.MSPHomeTour.com.

How much: The tour is FREE – you'll pick up a passport at the first home you visit, and turn it in (with the survey on the back filled out) at the last home you visit.

Why: The Minneapolis & St. Paul Home Tour is coordinated by Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) and supported by the Planning and Economic Development departments of Minneapolis and Saint Paul and other corporate and non-profit sponsors who encourage people to stay in the neighborhoods they love, and to maintain and improve the cities' housing stock. For information, call 612-673-5140.



Home #28

Pearl Park

Pearl Park Spring class registration begins on Monday, March 9 at 6:00 pm.

Register online at www.minneapolis.parks.org or in person.

Pearl Park Spring Sports Registration

Monday, March 9 and Wednesday, March 11

6:30 – 8:00 pm

In-person registration will be for baseball, softball, track and badminton.

Further information will be available at Pearl Park in late February.

Meet Your Neighbor

Matt Fugate

Standup Comedian

Comedy, it is the sort of thing that Matt always wanted to do. He remembers performing Bill Cosby routines in the schoolyard in elementary school. It didn't matter what they were about, either - "I was just as likely to do his stuff about having two daughters or playing college football, as I was 'Noah'." He did some acting and sketch comedy in high school, and then attended the University of Minnesota. "At first I thought I was going to be an actor, but I soon realized that I didn't have the temperament (or the drive) for that career." He saw an ad in one of the weeklies at the time for a now defunct comedy club called "That Comedy Place" that listed an open mic night. He slapped together five minutes of material that today would "Make me cringe like I'd been thrown naked into the Mississippi in February." But he went up to perform. "I am sure I bombed horribly," he says, "but the one or two laughs I got were all I needed. I was hooked."

Matt writes his own material. His act tends to be very autobiographical, which comes out in observations about "life in general as seen through my own life. I do little in the way of pop culture references, current events, politics, etc." He thinks it is probably the Cosby influence.

He says very few things have gone haywire while performing. The worst thing that's ever happened was many years ago in International Falls, he mistakenly insulted a large group of Englishmen ("hey, they said there were Scottish, so I thought I was get-

ting on their good side"). The largest one came up to him after the show and asked if he "wanted to take a walk in the cold." "That is one great thing about the English," he says about the experience, "even their humorless bullies use picturesque language."

Matt was born in Clinton, Iowa, but his family moved around a lot in his early childhood until he was in third grade and finally settled in La Crosse, Wisconsin - an area he loves. He came to the Twin cities to attend college. He is married to Janine with three children - two little girls, 3 & 5 and a son, 16.

www.mattfugate.com

Steve Michels-Boyce

Bass Player for "The Melvilles"

Every Thursday night in a basement on Logan Avenue by Mount Olivet, Steve and six members of the local advertising and design community (except their drummer) rehearse. Steve has been with the band for two years and says "I feel like I'm doing something a guy my age has no right doing". He is having a total blast playing and singing music with great friends at clubs all over town. The band keeps getting more and more gigs in the Twin Cities - from private parties to local bars such as the Terminal Bar, Big V's and Lee's Liquor Lounge (a haven for the best music in town according to Steve). They also had their first all-original music night at Acadia on the West bank of the U of M.

Steve says the band sounds like - (they have been told) - REM, the Byrds, the Beatles, Sam Cooke, Son Volt, Ryan Adams, Uncle Tupelo, Neil Young, Bluegrass, Newgrass, Stax/Volt style R & B, M Ward, the Thrills, the Volebeats, The Band, Bob Dylan, the Liquor Pigs, Ashtray Hearts, Wilco, Steve Earle, Buck Owens, Eddie Arnold, the Old 97's, Tom Waits . . . "I guess we kind of put all that together." They play barely familiar covers as well as a bunch of original tunes. "It is amazing what this bunch of musicians can bring to something you've been working on alone at the piano."

The Melvilles have recorded a CD of original songs (recorded at Pachyderm Studios in Cannon Falls, Minnesota - the same place Nirvana recorded). The CD is titled "Songs From The Aqua City" and features

a song about the Aqua City Motel on 58th and Lyndale. The CD is available online at CD Baby and iTunes, as well as all the Cheapo record outlets. Information on songs and gigs are posted on their Myspace site: www.myspace.com/themelvilles

Steve was born and raised in Minneapolis and went to Southwest high school. He works as a Creative Director for JT Mega, an advertising agency specializing in food marketing. He and wife Karla have been married for 25 years, a mutual friend introduced her to him when he was playing stand-up bass with a trio in Brooklyn Center at a Ground Round. Their family includes Parker (recent photojournalism grad from the University of Missouri), Sam (civil engineering student at Marquette) and Maddie (Junior at Southwest).



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Bassist for "The Melvilles"



Matt Fugate



Scott Traczyk

South High School provides ample room for the South Minneapolis Housing & Home Improvement Fair.

South Minneapolis Housing & Home Improvement Fair

On Saturday, March 28th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the South Minneapolis Housing & Home Improvement Fair will take place at South High School located at 3131 19th Avenue South. This year marks the fifteenth annual Housing Fair, which has become one of the most successful and well-attended neighborhood based events in Minneapolis drawing over 2,000 attendees annually.

The South Minneapolis Housing Fair is free and open to the public. The Housing Fair promotes home improvement, project financing, city living, and local neighborhood involvement. Attendees have the opportunity to meet over 100 reputable contractors, real estate agents, lenders, community organizations, and neighborhood representatives. Attendees can also attend free seminars from local professionals on home improvement, safety, home purchase, decorating, and financing.

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housing & home improvement fair

MARCH 28

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South High School
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Minneapolis

15th Annual

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- ✦ FREE Admission
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- ✦ \$2,000 in Door Prizes
- ✦ Ask an Expert booths
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- ✦ Meet your neighborhood org
- ✦ Woodworking activity for kids
- ✦ NEW Hot Dog Bar

www.housingfair.org

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2009 Raingarden Workshop

\$65 native plant reimbursement grants available

Want a garden that attracts birds and butterflies, helps protect our water resources and may even help reduce your monthly stormwater utility fee? **Build a raingarden!** Raingardens allow rain and melting snow to seep naturally into the ground. This helps recharge ground water and keeps contaminants from being washed into storm drains and carried to our lakes, rivers and creeks.

The **Metro Blooms Raingarden Workshops** will teach you how to install a raingarden using native plants that don't require fertilizers or pesticides. Participants will also learn about downspout redirection and more eco-friendly lawn care.

Register in advance for the \$10 raingarden workshop of your choice (listed on reverse side). Workshop attendees can get a \$65 native plant reimbursement grant.

Register at www.MetroBlooms.org or contact Noelle Hechtman, Program Coordinator, at (651) 699-2426.

Sponsored by Metro Blooms with support from the City of Minneapolis, the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, Mississippi Watershed Management Organization, Hennepin County Environmental Services, Minneapolis Public Works Storm Water Education Fund, and Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

Space is limited. Register today with a credit card at www.MetroBlooms.org. Or send a \$10 check payable to Metro Blooms, attn: Noelle Hechtman, 3629 Quebec Ave. S., St. Louis Park, MN 55426. Be sure to include with your check the workshop location, your name, address with zip code, phone number with area code and e-mail address.

For a complete listing of Part A and B Workshops go to www.metroblooms.org.

Choose one education workshop (Part A):

- Thurs., March 26, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. **Lucy Craft Laney School** 3333 Penn Ave. N.
- Thurs., April 9, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. **Lake Nokomis Rec Center** 2401 E. Minnehaha Pkw
- Sat., April 25, 10 to 11:30 am. **Audubon Park Rec Center** 1320 29th Ave. NE
- Tues., April 28, 6 to 7:30 pm. **Bachman's on Lyndale** 6010 Lyndale Ave. S.
- Tues., May 12, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. **Van Cleve Recreation Center** 901 15th Ave. SE
- Thurs., June 4, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. **MLK Recreation Center** 4055 Nicollet Ave. S.



Scott Traczyk

More happy faces from Frost Fest 2009.

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:

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- 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.

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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.

Phone: **824-7707** Fax: **824-6824**
 email: office@hpdl.org
 5144 13th Ave. So., Mpls., MN 55417

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Cedar Avenue United

Cedar Avenue United (CAU) is a grassroots group dedicated to improving by redesign the neighborhoods and local commercial areas surrounding Cedar Avenue from 42nd Street to the Parkway. The need for this group arose out of concern by locals over increasingly heavy and dangerous traffic, lack of safe pedestrian crossings, unsafe cycling conditions, and other severe environmental concerns. CAU plans to work with the city, county, neighborhood residents, and businesses to produce a comprehensive redesign plan which will focus on neighborhood livability, traffic taming, multi-modal transportation, local business development and historic preservation.

Cedar Avenue United is currently seeking concerned residents, business owners and property owners to participate in the effort. The group meets the first Wednesday of each month. You can read recent minutes and view announcements at www.cedaravenueunited.blogspot.com

For more information contact: Will at 651-206-1459 or cedartraffic@gmail.com.



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Minneapolis, MN 55417

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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
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Minnesota Public Lobby	378-0285
HPDL Office	824-7707
. office@hpd.org	
. www.hpd.org	

HPDL Community Calendar

March 16 Monday	HPDL Crime Prevention Community Meeting 7 - 8:30 PM	Pearl Park 414 E. Diamond Lk. Rd.
March 23 Monday	HPDL Board of Directors Meeting 7 PM	HPDL Office 5144 13th Ave. S.
March 28 Saturday	South Minneapolis Housing Fair www.HousingFair.org 10 AM - 3 PM	South High School 3131 19th Ave. S.
April 18 Saturday	Earth Day Celebration 9:30 AM registration	Pearl Park 414 E. Diamond Lk. Rd.
Apr 25 & 26	Minneapolis & St. Paul Home Tour Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM Sunday 1 - 5 PM	www.MSPHomeTour.com for Tour locations
April 27 Monday	HPDL Board of Directors Meeting 7 PM	HPDL Office 5144 13th Ave. S.