



NEWSLETTER

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It didn't rain! The 26th of August dawned fair and hot for HPDL's 2nd annual "Picnic in the Park." Minnesota's summer of rain spared HPDL neighbors and friends gathered to celebrate each other and make neighborhood connections. About 1,000 people stopped in at the Edgewater Tot Lot (54th & Bloomington) for fun and entertainment. The Mpls. Park Board, Pearl Park Staff, Pearl Improvement and Recreation Council (PIRC), and Community Crime Prevention (CCP/S.A.F.E.) co-sponsored the event. Their collaboration and the help of many volunteers set the stage for an evening full of fun and laughter.

The wet ground claimed the "Showmobile," the Park Board's roving stage. It got stuck in the mud! Lots of folks pitched in to move the benches and the bands played on! The "Best Buddies Band" started, aimed especially at the younger folk, and the Nokomis Jazz Workshop played later. Kids climbed on fire trucks, petted a Police Canine Corps dog, talked to McGruff, Smokey the Bear, the D.A.R.E. Bear, and a clown, looked over the Shark Exhibit from the Science Museum of Minnesota, jumped in the Moon Walk and frolicked in the Ball Crawl. Thanks to **Jubilee Foods** for the free pop and ice cream and to **Su-**



per America for providing the cake and door prizes!

PICNIC IN THE PARK

In a serious vein, we encouraged people to improve neighborhood safety and build community by forming block clubs to keep watch over one another, share information, and create connections. We asked neighbors to consider becoming a McGruff SAFE house to offer shelter for a frightened, lost or injured child. HPDL's goal is a block club and at least one McGruff house on every block in the community.

We handed out a draft of the HPDL Neighborhood Action Plan. The plan represents more than a year's worth of participation in the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP). (See the inside of this newsletter for the action steps.) Those present ratified this draft by acclamation. Yays overwhelmingly outweighed the nays. Therefore, we will submit this living draft to the NRP's Implementation Board and begin the process of negotiation and fine tuning. Then, it's on to ACTION!

After the serious business of the evening, we held the really important activity--the Drawing for Door Prizes! We are blessed in this community with many generous locally oriented businesses. Many thanks to: A&N's Timeless Treasures, B.R. Anderson Enterprises, Aqualand, Boeder's Barber Shop, Denny's Tax Service, Diamond Lake Beauty Salon, Diamond Lake Pharmacy, Exquisite Cleaners, 5-8 Club/Fat Lorenzo's, Haircutting by Keith, Jim's Chicago Service, Jim Ronhovde Auto Service, Mike's Movies, Mn. Timberwolves, Nokomis Chiropractic Clinic, Scholastic Books, Screening Unlimited, Sharper Im-

age Hair Design, and Suburban Driving School. Lots of residents went home with mementos of the evening, compliments of these businesses.

As twilight fell, the mosquitos turned ferocious, putting an end to a wonderful event. Neighbors getting together just to celebrate being neighbors in a great section of a great City. If you missed it, don't worry--see you next year!!

Board Elections

It's that time of year again--Sept. 20, 1993 is the Annual HPDL Board of Directors Election meeting. Nine members serve on HPDL's Board of Directors, two residents each from Hale, Page, and Diamond Lake neighborhoods, and three at-large members. Any resident of the HPDL neighborhood over 15 years old may run for a Board seat. At-large members can be a non-resident residential property owner or a representative of a business located within our boundaries. Directors serve two year terms, which are "staggered" so that each year part of the Board faces election. This year, the terms of four directors expire. Plus, two other directors need to be elected to finish terms of resigning directors.

Directors attend the monthly HPDL meeting (3rd Monday of the month) and Board of Directors meetings (i.e., Monday, Sept. 27th the Board will meet to elect officers). They work on an area of interest--a Board Officer position, committee, or task force). The past 2 years have been busy ones for HPDL, first putting together a brand new organization and then participating in the NRP process. This coming year should be exciting. Please consider running for a board seat.



FYI: Pearl Park

The Park Board improves city parks regularly. Minneapolis dedicates \$15.5 million dollars a year to such capital improvements. Now, it's Pearl Park's turn.

Planning is underway. The Pearl Improvements Citizen's Advisory Committee formed to discuss the plans with the Park Board. The committee holds its next meeting at Pearl Park, September 29, 1993 at 7:00 p.m.

The plan's first phase will improve the fields and grounds. A second phase was to have included an auditorium/gymnasium. The Park Board had selected Pearl Park as the site for one of the seven gymnasiums it's distributing around the city (three are finished). Some nearby residents objected, and those plans are on hold until the neighborhood's wishes can be gauged. Eventually, the Advisory Committee will vote on whether to recommend a gym for Pearl Park.

Funding is not the main issue. The construction of the gym requires no additional tax and funds not spent in the HPDL community will be spent in another part of the city.

The gym's opponents feel that the park already has too much activity, especially organized activity; that adding a gym will broaden the park's appeal beyond the immediate neighborhood; and that building that large a building will be intrusive.

One opponent accuses HPDL of working secretly for years to get a gym.

HPDL has not voted for or against a gym. It has, through it's NRP Steering Committee, created a Neighborhood Action Plan. After seeing the results of the survey and hearing from our neighbors at focus groups, workshops and other meetings, we wrote. You expressed a need to provide youth with recreational, social, and possibly employment opportunities; a need for a place to hold events for large groups, especially for seniors. and you expressed a need to rebuild a sense of community. All this is in our Action Plan (see inside).

HPDL has shown the Action Plan to various city jurisdictions. HPDL also has representatives on the Advisory Committee.

Call the HPDL office at 824-7707 to comment or for additional information.



Graffiti Cleaner

The Minneapolis Dept. of Public Works and Dept. of Regulatory Services advises you to call 911 if you see anyone spraying graffiti.

If you are a victim of graffiti, call 348-9392 to report this crime to City Police. To report graffiti on public property, call Minneapolis Graffiti Information at 673-2090.

In addition, the city provides "Graffiti Remover" at no charge to any Minneapolis homeowner, business, or apartment owner. It is available free upon proper identification from any Minneapolis Fire Station.

Property Tax Refund

The City Assessor's Office wishes to remind all property owners that they may be eligible for a tax refund. If your property taxes increased more than 12% from 1992 to 1993 and the total was more than \$80, you may be eligible a special refund. Fill out Minnesota Dept. of Revenue form M-1PR to apply. Of course, many of you completed the forms earlier this year and you should get your refund soon (renters by 8/15, homeowners

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Noise Pollution

As traffic at MSP steadily increases, so too does the burden on residents of South Minneapolis. Stipulations in the MAC charter to mitigate the effects of noise on surrounding communities to the contrary, MAC has so far refused to adopt any of the noise control ordinances available to it under the Airport Noise and Capacity Act of 1990. In their brief in the suit brought

by SMAAC and Minnesota Public Lobby, they contend that, though they have authority to place noise restrictions in effect, and though they are in violation of Minnesota noise ordinances, the state does not have the power to compel them to do so. They consider themselves a sovereign fiefdom, above Minnesota environmental law.

Keeping the airport at its present site, and operating it with minimal noise restrictions, has a hidden cost that is being borne entirely by the communities surrounding the airport. It comes in the form of loss of property rights of citizens, depression of property values, loss of tax revenues to the cities, county, and schools, and destabilization of the neighborhoods, the most extreme case being New Ford Town in Richfield. What the MAC is doing to these neighborhoods is purely and simply economic exploitation and victimization of residents who have no effective representation.

Perhaps one of the most critical factors facing the community is the discouragement that has set in after many years of effort which have so far yielded few substantive



results. Nevertheless, defeatism is unwarranted, and it is vital for the community to stick together on this issue. If the opposition collapses, the airport may in fact expand significantly over the years with devastating effects on Minneapolis, Richfield, and Bloomington.

If you have complaints about noise pollution at the airport, the best place to register them is with the governor's office. The number there is:

Governor Arne Carlson: 296-3391.

They are probably going to give you the airport noise number, but don't let them pass the buck. Complain directly to the Governor's office. The ultimate authority and responsibility lies with the Governor. And remember, Arne is running for re-election in 1994!

If you would like information concerning SMAAC, would like to join or help out, call me at 827-4192, or leave a message on our answering machine: 822-8118.

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If you wish to comment on this or previous newsletters, or want to submit articles for future publication, contact us at the office.

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The Science Museum's Shark Exhibit drew the attention of inquiring minds at the picnic.

... from the chair

Inside this newsletter you will find the latest draft of the action steps of the HPDL Neighborhood Action Plan (NAP). The First Draft, distributed in the June Newsletter, was revised to reflect the input of community residents and representatives from the NRP jurisdictions (School Board, Park Board, City of Minneapolis, etc.).

This draft of the NAP action steps was ratified at the HPDL "Picnic in the Park" on August 26th. Other sections of the NAP, such as "Neighborhood Description" were included in the copies available at the party and are currently available from the office, or at HPDL meetings. Ratification was not an agreement on every element of the NAP, but a decision by the majority of those in attendance to move forward, submitting this NAP to the NRP Implementation Board for the next phase of negotiations. The plan must become more specific, with full details of what residents want, what resources are needed, who will be responsible for getting the job done, and which government or other body will commit the financing necessary. Changes will take place through the implementation phase as residents and representatives from the NRP jurisdictions negotiate. If you have an interest in any of the actions outlined so far, this is the time to get involved. Nothing will happen unless residents show their commitment to improving the neighborhood. Remember, the NAP is still a living document and will remain so. After specific details are added and the NAP is refined, the community will again be asked to review it for final adoption. The NAP will then serve as a blueprint for action over the next several years, with residents mod-

ifying it as necessary to fit changing realities or changing majority viewpoints. No one is going to implement the plan for the HPDL neighborhood, however. The Board of Directors and the NRP Steering Committee can guide neighborhood involvement but can not and should not implement the entire plan. The NRP jurisdictions stand ready to help but will go their own way unless made aware of neighborhood desires. It has to be a partnership between HPDL residents and City Departments or other government bodies. These days time is precious for all of us. However, if all of us step forward to offer what we can in the particular area that interests us most, the partnerships we forge and the neighborhood feeling that builds as a result can reap rewards far beyond the specific action steps of the plan. Changes in our neighborhood will occur whether we want them to or not. Let us direct the shape of that change by stepping forward in whatever way possible and make change a positive force in our lives and neighborhood.

\$2,000 Reward Fund

Crime Stoppers pays up to \$2,000 for information leading to the arrest and formal charging of persons who commit: murder, manslaughter, death due to vehicular operation, criminal sexual conduct, assault, kidnapping, aggravated robbery, malicious punishment of a child, or drive-by shooting.

Report information to Crime Stoppers by calling 45-CRIME. In addition, the Minneapolis Police Dept. set up a special phone line to report drive-by shootings. The number is 673-5345.

Hale School Needs You!

If you're looking for a place close to home to donate your time, consider Hale School. Many volunteer opportunities exist including tutoring children, reading in classrooms, or sharing a special talent. Whether it's a one-time project or an ongoing commitment, Hale students, staff and parents welcome and appreciate community involvement.

In June, Hale School was designed as a site-based managed school which means that staff, parents and the community are included on its decision-making team. Parents/guardians and members of the community are encouraged to serve on the following Leadership Council committees for at least one year: Parent Involvement (to increase family/community involvement); Curriculum (to improve curriculum and instruction); Climate (to provide a positive climate for students, parents, community and staff); or Student Achievement (to increase and monitor student achievement).

Please stop in to any of these upcoming Hale School events:

September 28—Open House and Bake Sale, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

October 12—Book Fair, orders taken for children's books from 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

November 12—Family Carnival, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Anne Ulseth, PTA Co-Chair, 823-7417.



City Ordinances Limit Noise Pollution

Minneapolis has three ordinances designed to combat disruptive noise in neighborhoods. The "Boom Box" ordinance prohibits the use of a sound-producing machine that creates sounds which are audible from 50 feet away (includes car stereos). The ordinance applies 24 hours-a-day.

The other two ordinances prohibit noisy assemblies between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. and prohibit excessive noise or odor.

Call 911 when you feel a noise ordinance is being broken. If the noise is coming from a vehicle, try to get the license plate number and a description of the vehicle for the police.

Open Meetings

HPDL meets at 7 p.m. on the 3rd Monday of the month at Pearl Park, 414 E. Diamond Lake Road.

COMN (Congress of Minneapolis Neighborhoods). A city-wide issues roundtable for and by neighborhood volunteers. It holds monthly meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Call Gretchen Nicholls at 871-9137 for more info.

MASAC (Metropolitan Airport Sound Abatement Council) meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of the month at MAC headquarters, 6040 28th Ave. So.

NRP Steering Committee—call the office if you're interested in attending.

PIRC (Pearl Improvement and Recreation Council) meets at 7 p.m. on the 1st Monday of the month at Pearl Park.

Personal Safety Workshops

Monday, September 20, Salem Lutheran Church, 610 W. 28th St., 7 p.m.

Topics: Self-Defense, Personal Safety Tips, Weapons, How the 911 System Works, and Crime Prevention in Your Area.

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Home Security Workshop

Monday, October 18, Henry High School, 2020 43rd Ave. N., 7 p.m.

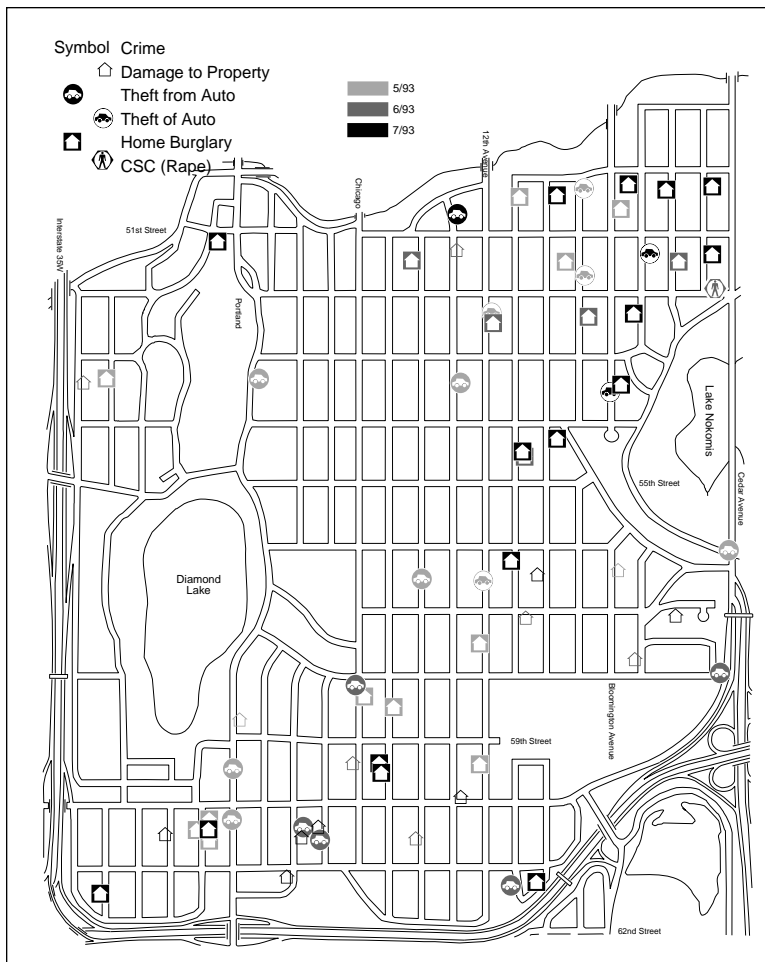
Learn low-cost ways to secure your home. A Minneapolis police officer will show you how to secure your doors, windows and garages, and will also answer questions about other ways to protect your home.

Close Your Garage Door!

The crime map shows a disturbing number of home burglaries. Many of the burglars stole from unlocked or even wide open garages. Please—shut and lock your garage.

You make the call:

Bus Ride Info	827-7733
Humane Society	522-7130
Animal Control	348-4250
Comm. Crime Prevention	673-2819
Barry Nelson	673-2958
Sue Roethle	673-2839
Street Maintenance	861-6020
Burned out Street Lights	347-7360
Airport Noise	726-9411
City Council	
Steve Cramer	673-2211
County Commissioner	
Mark Andrew	348-3080
Peter McLaughlin	348-3087
State Senator	
Jane Ranum	297-8061
State Representative	
Jean Wagenius	296-4200
SMAAC	822-8118
Minnesota Public Lobby	378-0285
Neighborhood Transportation Ntwk.	
Joanna Luschin	872-4079
HPDL Office	824-7707



Business Updates:

60th & Portland—McDonald's surveyed the area and didn't find the support they need. A developer has expressed interest in the property and also property at 56th and Chicago.

Don't use the alley—Please use Chicago Ave. to exit the businesses at 56th and Chicago. Too many cars use the alley, which the alley isn't designed to handle.

1st Southside Neighborhood Business Fair

The Mpls. Community Development Agency (MCDA), Norwest Bank at Calhoun- Isles Office and First Bank Lake are sponsoring the first annual Southside Neighborhood Business Fair, Thursday, Sept. 23, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Sears Building, 900 E. Lake St.

The fair will feature three workshops on marketing, insurance options and starting a business. Representatives from organizations such as the Metropolitan Economic Development Association, University of St. Thomas and Service Corps of Retired Executives will be on hand to answer questions and offer advice. MCDA, Norwest Bank Calhoun-Isles and First Bank Lake representatives will be available to discuss business loans and other banking services. Other business organizations will also offer informational materials for participants to learn more about resources available to them.

Minneapolis business owners with 50 employees or less are welcome to attend. For more information, call Susan Thompson, MCDA at 673-5177.