



Census Workers Verifying Addresses



The Census Bureau has launched a massive field operation to kick off the 2010 Census. More than 140,000 temporary U.S. Census Bureau workers are now verifying addresses across the nation. The first major field operation of the 2010 Census is underway. It is called address verification or address canvassing.

Address verification is a critically important step to assure that every housing unit receives a census questionnaire in March 2010. The Kansas City Region includes 6 states where approximately 11,000 census takers will verify and update more than 10 million housing units. Address verification will take approximately six to eight weeks to complete.

Census workers may knock on doors to verify addresses and inquire about additional living quarters on certain premises. Workers may ask people in some neighborhoods a few simple questions about housing units. All information collected including addresses is kept confidential and protected by law.

By law the Census Bureau cannot share respondents' answers with any other government agency. No court of law or law enforcement agency can find out respondents' answers. All Census Bureau employees – including temporary workers – take an oath for life to keep census information confidential.

Anyone with concerns about the Census can call this office (612)216-5950.



The “Southern Connection”

A Bike Path through HPDL

In the winter 2008 newsletter, we brought to your attention the fact that HPDL is the only neighborhood in Minneapolis that does not have an official bike path. Well, that is going to be remedied.

The bike path project has been accepted and approved, and federal monies are available.

Now we need to hold a neighborhood meeting, to get your input and to answer your questions regarding this project. Peter McLaughlin, Scott Benson and Billy Binder have been invited to this meeting to discuss with you the possible options the bike path project could entertain, and to get your perspective and feedback. We will also invite Richfield and Bloomington representatives, as they are very excited to connect their bikers to South Minneapolis.

The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23rd, 6:30 p.m., at Pearl Park. We hope to have a good turn out, so that all opinions can be aired and preliminary questions can be answered.

See you there...

HPDL
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Joyce Suek and Gus Stuhldreher
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Volunteers Needed!

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 vital to carrying out the mission of the HPDL Community Association. To get involved, please see below for 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 Community Safety Committee

This committee is responsible for promoting and supporting block club development

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Mc Gruff Says: Take a Bite Out of Crime



Burglars hit Page, Hale and Diamond Lake.

Twenty-six residential burglaries were reported to police during the months of August/September, 2008. The month of April 2009 saw 13 reported burglaries. (A burglary is defined as entering a home, business, or garage.) In many cases, these kinds of criminal activity can be prevented.

Facts

In the August/September spree, the suspects cut screened-in porches, slashed screens on unlocked windows or climbed through open windows. One suspect found a key hidden over the door jamb while four sites showed no sign of forced entry, indicating their doors or windows were vulnerable or malfunctioning in some way. Two doors were kicked in and a basement window broken. In one of the burglaries, an alert neighbor saw a man get out of a white truck. A little later, the man drove a van out of its garage. Another man got out of the van, into the truck, and drove away. Because of her being alert and providing good descriptions of the suspects and vehicles, officers recovered the victim's van in Chisago County and took one man into custody. Also, police spotted the white truck on E. Lake St. and booked two men for the burglary.

Police say that attacks on five other dwellings failed because homeowners used

strong doors and heavy deadbolt locks and have watchful, alert neighbors. (McGruff is pleased to hear this!)

Additional home and garage burglaries were reported on these blocks:

- * 52xx Chicago Ave.
- * 59xx Clinton Ave.
- * 53xx Columbus Ave.
- * 53xx and 60xx Elliot Ave.
- * 54xx Park Ave.
- * 51xx, 52xx, 53xx and 54xx Portland Ave.
- * 52xx and 53xx 3rd Ave. S.
- * 54xx 10th Ave. S.
- * 54xx 11th Ave. S.
- * 52xx, 58xx and 60xx 12th Ave. S.
- * 52xx and 56xx 13th Ave. S.

Suspect information

There is little suspect information in most of the above incidents. In one case, a resident called 911 while watching an unknown man walking through yards, cutting screens on homes. She described him as a white male with short blond hair, 5' 9", and thin build. He wore knee-length, all-white satin basketball shorts and a black or navy blue sweatshirt with the hood pulled over his face.

Tips from Inspector Lucy Gerold, commander of 3rd Precinct:

"Minneapolis can provide information about risk factors and help citizens better understand how to prevent crime through education on home security and personal safety, by organizing block clubs and by alerting neighbors to watch out for each other. **Thieves** are responsible for the

crimes they commit. You don't deserve to be victimized simply because you forgot to lock a door. **However**, it's also true that by 'burgle-proofing' your property and by working together with your neighbors, you can create an environment that will deter thieves from seeing your properties as easy targets."

"The police increase patrols in an area when there is a pattern of crime, as there is in this area. But that's not our only or most effective strategy. With the help of probation officers, we're identifying offenders that might be living in the area and looking at them [as possible suspects]." Inspector Gerold also noted that the 3rd Precinct uses undercover officers, so there will be an increased police presence in neighborhoods, (although you just won't see them!).

Inspector Gerold further stated the importance of good record keeping. "Residents should keep the serial numbers and descriptions of electronics such as televisions, GPS systems, computers, mp3 players, bikes, power tools and other valuables. These records will help the police return stolen property to victims when it is recovered. They also help convict thieves and burglars," she said.

Practice these good crime-prevention techniques:

- * Watch for strangers anywhere on your block, especially on porches, near garages, between houses and on your street and alley
- * Be alert. The police want you to call 911 for ANY suspicious activity such as loitering, the sounds of glass breaking or loud banging, or unfamiliar vehicles lingering in your alley.
- * Keep your doors and windows locked at all times.
- * Install deadbolt locks (with a 1" throw) and a high-security strike plate (with 3" screws) on home and garage doors. If you have glass within 42" of the door lock, consider: 1) a double-cylinder deadbolt lock, 2) tempered glass, or 3) a decorative grille over the glass.
- * Use window pins, track fillers, or additional locks to prevent windows from being opened more than 6".
- * Don't leave valuables in sight in vehicles, even CDs.

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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:

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

Pearl Park Fall Registration

Registration for fall sports (soccer, volleyball and football) will be on

**Thurs, July 9th and
Wed, July 15th, from
6:30 – 8:00 pm**

Please bring birth date verification if this is your child's first time participating in Pearl Park sports leagues.

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* Leave outdoor lights on overnight, (porch lights left on by an entire block are a good sign to potential criminals that the block is “watching”, or install photosensitive lighting that operates from dusk to dawn, mounted high enough to be out of reach.

* Be aware of strangers loitering in the area when you leave your house. Know your neighbors and have or form an active block club. Call Crime Prevention Specialist Sue Roethle at 612-673-2839 to schedule a **free** home security audit or to form a block club. Visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police for more crime prevention information and other resources.

McGruff Further Says

See the HPDL web site for crime statistics by neighborhood for the last 5 years:

www.hpdl.org to Crime & Safety Comm. to HPDL Crime Stats

If anyone wants more detailed crime stats for the city and/or 3rd Precinct, go to:

www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-statistics/codefor/

Note: In the future, MPD will no longer be using either the McGruff safe house concept (window signs are being turned-in) or Operation ID for valuables. (Citizens should take photos and transcribe serial numbers for valuables.) Both of these programs have not been used extensively and are costly to maintain.

“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.

Nokomis Healthy Seniors

Nokomis Healthy Seniors program (NHS) is excited about our new office space and thanks Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church for being so welcoming to us. NHS looks forward to the community benefit this partnership will foster.

We feel the entire Nokomis community benefits from the existence of NHS. NHS is an established and respected social service program in the Nokomis community and NHS is seen as a program that invigorates not only the population it serves, but also the community and neighborhoods it exists in. Nokomis Healthy Seniors program is excited to be located within Bethel and look forward working and strengthening the community together.

The mission of Nokomis Healthy Seniors Program is to enhance the lives of our community’s elders by helping them continue to live independently in their own homes. Our services are tailored to each individual senior and may include: a volunteer program to provide transportation to medical appointments utilizing a network of volunteers as well as neighborhood volunteers; help with small fix-it jobs around the house; service coordinators to help seniors access other existing services; ‘Nurse is In’ drop-in clinic (available once a week); monthly health education seminars for interested seniors; and nursing staff to conduct community health clinics and provide home health services such as bathing or medication set-up.

The following are programs offered to seniors by NHS:

- Nursing Case Management:
- Volunteer Services:
- Referral and Case Management:
- “Nurse is In” Community Health Outreach Clinics:
- Health Education Programs
- Exercise

While Nokomis Healthy Seniors is the only organization based in the Nokomis area providing comprehensive services to help seniors stay in their homes, there are many organizations working to help keep seniors living independently. Therefore, we make frequent referrals to other agencies.



Pearl Park Depends on its Volunteers!

Each year, approximately 200 people volunteer at Pearl Park. They serve as Pearl Improvement and Recreation Council Board members, coaches, registration workers and program leaders. The park simply would not be able to survive without its base of volunteers, because we could not afford to pay everyone for their services.

Volunteerism allows at least 2000 youth per year to play sports at Pearl Park.

Baseball, softball, track, soccer, volleyball, football, hockey and basketball would exist on a much smaller scale, denying many kids the benefit of social interaction with their peers and physical exercise.

As we go in to another season of sports registration, I am putting out the appeal to you, our community members, to become involved in the park and volunteer your services. Our biggest need is coaches for children 5-15 years old. Coaching provides you with the opportunity and satisfaction of sharing your skills, but most importantly, allows boys and girls the chance to learn a sport and develop what could become a lifelong interest. We also know that providing positive recreational opportunities for kids makes them more inclined to become good citizens of our community.

Training for coaches will be provided. The fundamental programs for ages 5-8 are meant to give youth the very basic skills and time to practice them. Those skills are then built upon in the older divisions. The MPRB provides clinics in each sport for ages 9 and older at the beginning of the season, to give coaches an opportunity to learn how to put together a practice, drills, etc.

If you have any questions in regarding either registration or volunteering, please call Pearl Park at (612) 370-4906.

From City Hall

By Scott Benson
City Council Member, Ward 11

To My Friends and Neighbors in the Hale, Page, Diamond Lake Neighborhoods

Good news for bicycling enthusiasts! Minneapolis has received a \$400,000 “Southern Connection” grant which will be used for bike lanes and other striping to connect neighborhoods from 24th Street to the city limits near Lake Nokomis. Hennepin County is seeking additional grant funds to extend the route through Richfield and Bloomington to the old Cedar Avenue Bridge over the Minnesota River.

A possible route through Minneapolis is the Bloomington Avenue corridor although a preferred route has yet to be determined. Residents will be invited to informational meetings to weigh in on the proposed route.



Scott Benson

This grant was made available through the Bike Walk Twin Cities Initiative. Managed by Transit for Livable Communities, Bike Walk Twin Cities is a federally-funded initiative to increase bicycling and walking –and reduce driving-in Minneapolis and neighboring communities.

When completed the “Southern Connection” will be a wonderful addition to our city’s and your neighborhood’s bike trails.

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 and put the words “E-mail Update” in the subject line.

18th Annual Picnic in the Park July 30th

It is that time of the year again—time to celebrate summer and community at the 18th Annual Picnic in the Park. The Picnic will be held at Pearl Park, 414 E. Diamond Lake Road, on July 30th, from 5:30 – 8:30 pm. There will be some new features of the Picnic this year so be sure to come check it out!

The annual summer Picnic has been an important way for our neighborhood to come together at a big summer celebration. A special thank you goes to those groups that make the Picnic possible: the HPDL Community Association, PIRC (Pearl Improvement and Recreation Council), Pearl Park, and our sponsors— Fat Lorenzo’s, Kowalski’s Market, Mike’s Corner Store and The Urban Refuge Church.

The art fair will be part of the Picnic again this year. At the 2008 picnic, artists displayed jewelry, pottery, and paintings. If you are an artist or crafter and want to display your wares for sale at the Picnic, please contact HDPL at 612-824-7707 or office@hpd.org. The cost to rent space at a table is a donation of one door prize.

In a new Picnic event, the youth at the Pearl Park Rec Center will display their street art creations in the tennis court area. Be sure to check out this dynamic and fun art form. While there will again be carnival games for the littlest picnic-goers, the 2009 Picnic will feature a basketball challenge for older visitors. Finally, there will be a balloon sculptor at the picnic to entertain visitors of all ages!

A main attraction as always is the FOOD! Come enjoy pizza, hot dogs, burgers, and roasted sweet corn. There will also be ice cream, candy, pop and more! While you are enjoying all the tasty treats, Jam Factory Live will be providing musical entertainment.

Other attractions will include henna art and carnival games. Community groups, local businesses and churches will have booths set up at the Picnic and a safety tent will share important information

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

See you there...Picnic in the Park, Thursday, July 30th, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Pearl Park.

10 Things You Can Do to Improve the Quality of Diamond Lake, Minnehaha Creek and the Mississippi River

The quality of our lakes, streams and wetlands are threatened by increasing pollution. When it rains, the stormwater that runs off driveways, lawns, houses and parking lots can carry pollutants like oil, paint and chemicals down storm sewers and into nearby lakes, streams and rivers. By taking the following actions, you can have a big impact on reducing runoff and protecting our water resources and wildlife habitat.

1. Fertilize smart. Be sure your fertilizer is phosphorus-free. Sweep up fertilizer that spills onto hard surfaces. Soils in our area already contain enough phosphorus to maintain most lawns. Excess phosphorus washes away into nearby lakes or streams where it feeds algae. Algae blooms stress fish and wildlife and make it unpleasant or impossible to swim or fish.

2. Grass – Don’t blow it off. Blow or rake grass clippings and leaves out of the street. Leave them on your lawn, use them for compost or bag them up. Grass clippings and leaves in the street end up in the storm sewer where they are carried to nearby lakes and streams. Clippings and leaves contain phosphorus and other nutrients that, like fertilizer, feed algae and other aquatic plants.

3. Use your runoff. Direct your downspouts onto your lawn or garden or into a rain barrel. Use rainwater to water your lawn and garden. It is free, naturally soft and perfect for keeping your green things growing. Using rainwater reduces runoff, which carries pollutants to lakes and streams.

4. Scoop the poop. Grab a bag when you grab the leash and pick up after your pets. When pet waste is left behind, rainwater washes it into lakes and streams. Pet waste contains bacteria that can cause illness. It also contains nutrients that can cause excessive algae blooms in lakes and streams.

5. Use chemicals wisely. Use chemical products according to label directions. Consider alternative or natural remedies to control weeds and pests. Read the label before using herbicides and pesticides and apply according to directions. Use the minimum amount needed to control the problem. If you can, consider using alternative or natural remedies or remove the problem by hand.

6. Keep a healthy lawn. Aerate your lawn, seed bare patches and mow at a higher setting. Healthy lawns are good for the environment. A healthy, vigorous lawn needs less

watering, fewer chemicals and less maintenance. Aerate your lawn periodically to loosen the soil. Seed bare patches to prevent erosion and soil loss. Mow at a higher setting. Grass mowed to a height of 2 ½ to 3 inches develops deeper, healthier roots and has a competitive advantage over weeds.

7. Plant a rain garden. Capture, clean and infiltrate rainwater that would otherwise run off your property. Rain gardens are planted depressions designed to store rainwater and allow it to soak into the soil.

8. Replace turf with native plants. Swap some of your high-maintenance lawn for low-maintenance native ground cover, plants or grasses. Many native plants develop deeper root structures than turf grass, which reduces runoff by allowing for better water infiltration.

9. Reduce your footprint. Replace some pavement, such as a walk, patio or driveway, with pavers or pervious pavement. The porous surface will allow water to seep through, reducing the amount of water that runs off into the storm sewer.

10. Adopt a storm drain. Keep neighborhood storm drains free of leaves, seeds and grass clippings. Storm drains are directly connected to the nearest body of water. Water running into storm drains can carry with it anything dumped nearby including leaves, grass clippings, soil, oil, paint, and chemicals. Keeping storm drains clear will protect the water quality of nearby lakes, streams and rivers. Learn more at www.minnehahacreek.org, www.blue.thumb.org and www.metroblooms.org.

Annual HPDL Treasure Hunt Begins July 20th Over \$2,900 in Prizes!

HPDL Business Participants and prize information is listed below. Look for a post card in the mail with more details!

- Southside Chiropractic (612) 827-0657 One Complimentary Chiropractic Gift Certificate - \$100
- Sean Thomas, Prime Mortgage (952) 841-1742 One Free Appraisal With First Loan Closing \$350 Value & \$30 Visa Gift Card
- Fat Lorenzo's (612) 822-2040 One Gift Certificate - \$50
- Steve Waterston, Pre Home Sale Truth-In-Housing Evaluations - An Evaluation With Pre-Inspection - \$275
- Artistic Ventures / Easel Street (612) 824-0498 One Gift Certificate - \$50
- Farmers Insurance, Hansen - Keller Agency - (612) 869-7760 & Crosstown Barbers (612) 861-7484 One Dairy Queen Gift Certificate - \$50
- William K. Wangenstein, Attorney - (952) 473-0130 - Simple Wills for Husband and Wife (or Significant Other) - \$350
- Mike's Corner Store - (612) 823-4358 - Free Movie & Pizza Once a Month for One Year - \$240
- IBR Realty, Melissa Garrity - (612) 747-0567 - Gift Certificate for 0.5% off listing service - Maximum \$1250
- Desirée Brazelton, Homeopathic Practitioner Green Leaf Homeopathy (651) 338-7683 www.greenleafhomeopathy
- Mike's Advanced Auto - 866-7372 - Gift Certificate - \$30
- Dairy Queen - 60th and Portland - Gift Certificate - \$25
- Jim's Chicago Service - 823-9913 - Gift Certificate - \$25
- Jim's Auto Repair - 60th and Portland - Gift Certificate - \$25
- Super America - 60th and Portland - Gift Certificate - \$25



Mari Harri and Lorenzo Bradley III

The Urban Spectrum Theatre makes the Fringe!

A small local theatre company, born in 1974 with the mission *to provide quality, accessible entertainment to the inner city*, and based out of its artistic director's home office in the HPDL neighborhood, will be in the city-wide Fringe Festival this August for the first time in its history.

The company, under the direction of founder & artistic director Judy Cooper Lyle (and HPDL staffer), will present an outrageous version of "The Nightingale", originally by Hans Christian Anderson. But, says its director, this will be no fairy tale like Mr. Anderson originally intended! In this tale where the Italian Renaissance and the Harlem Renaissance collide, the nightingale is a blues singer, and salsa dancing and music from Harlem's hey days abound!

The company is known for presenting multicultural, multi-talented shows, and last summer staged The Parkway Theatre's first theatrical production with "The Black Orchid: Josephine Baker". The Fringe show will be produced at Rarig Theatre at the U of M, August 2, 3, 5, 7, & 8. For show times and to purchase tickets, visit the Fringe website at www.fringefestival.org

VOTE

HPDL Board of Directors
 Pearl Park
 7 p.m. Monday
 September 21st, 2009

National Night Out

Registration for National Night Out is up and running at: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno/>. Register your event and apply to close your street. For info, contact:

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Mpls. Police Department, 3rd Precinct
(612) 673-3482

donald.greeley@ci.minneapolis.mn.us

Carla Nielson, Crime Prevention Specialist
Franklin Safety Center, 1201 E. Franklin
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carla.nielson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us

Business Guide

The HPDL Business Association will create a Community Resource Guide again this fall. The guide will be distributed to all HPDL residents. It's a great opportunity for businesses, nonprofits, churches and other community organizations. Contact Rosie at the office 824-7707 or office@hpd.org if you own a new or home-based business in HPDL and would like to participate in the guide.

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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 6:30 pm. 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.
- Help obtain gardening supplies and maintain community gardens.

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

Meet Your Neighbor

Hassan Mkaouri

Was born and raised in Morocco in the capital city of Rabat. He is the youngest of 11 kids, five brothers and five sisters. He came to the USA in 1994 to attend school at IONA in New Rochelle, New York. He moved to Minneapolis after obtaining a bachelors degree in Computer science and works as an Information Technology Manager. His wife Jodi is originally from North Dakota and they have a daughter, Hahlah (5) and son Makeen (3)

Hassan's family celebrates Moroccan and American holidays to teach their kids both sides of the world. They also travel to Morocco once a year and spend time on the Mediterranean coast and the Atlantic Ocean. They also go to Bismarck, North Dakota and spend time with family. The family spends as much time outdoors as possible. Hassan says he loves this country as much as he loves Morocco and hopes that anyone that comes to the US brings a piece of their culture and traditions with them to share while respecting the American traditions.

Mother's Day Intruder Alert!

Mother's Day, residents reported an intruder walking through the yards on the west side of Elliot. It clearly didn't belong in the neighborhood. When residents started following him, the intruder fled south on Elliot. If you see him, approach with care.



Wild Turkey struts across Elliot Ave. lawn.



Doug Oscar

Doug Oscar

Was born and raised in the tough streets of Davenport Iowa, he says they did not know what broom ball was or what duck duck gray duck was. He went to college at the University of Iowa. He is married to Beth and they have a six year old daughter, Elizabeth and 17 year old cat Elsa.

Doug is co-owner of "Comedy Sportz Improvisational Comedy Theater", located at Calhoun Square in Uptown, (www.comedysportzTC.com). It is similar in style to the tv show, "Whose Line is it Anyway?". It is very funny and appropriate for all ages so families can come enjoy a night out. Doug was an actor in the troupe since 1991 and in 1995 he got the opportunity to become an owner. They teach classes, and work at private events for businesses, schools, religious organizations, birthday parties and occasional uprisings - although they might quit doing those, they also have a High School league. They have had some people move up in the comedy business from their troupe: Nick Swardson - works with Adam Sandler, Colton Dunn - Mad TV, Victor Varnado - actor, film director, and writer, Charlie Sanders - frequent character actor on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien." They are celebrating 20 years as a theater.

In his spare time, Doug enjoys creating below average music with his below average guitar playing and singing! He plays tennis with his wife Beth. He also looks back at all the things he should have accomplished by now in an unhealthy way!

Minneapolis Community Education Presents...



Sports

Arts

Gardening

FIELD SPORTS/ARTS PLUS

Friends

Swimming

Field Trips



Don't Miss the Fun!

The 2009 curriculum will focus on sports, the production of a puppet show, swimming, gardening, cooking, crafts and much more!

WHO: Students entering 1st thru 7th grade in Fall 2009

WHEN: Tuesday, June 23rd thru Thursday, July 30th
 • Monday thru Thursday, 11:30 am to 4:30 p.m.

WHERE: Field School
 6445 Fourth Ave South
 Minneapolis

FEE: \$99.00 for Minneapolis Residents

- Field Trips extra—average cost: \$5/each OR pay \$30 for all (separate check please)
- Partial fee reductions are available
- Parents/Guardians are responsible for transportation to and from Field School.
- Children must be picked up by 4:30 pm or a late fee will be charged.
- Lunch provided from 11:30 am until noon.

New For Summer School Students!

After Summer School Activities Program
 Children attending Hale Summer School may take the bus to Field School for fun at the end of the day! This program will be available July 7—30th M-Th., 2:30 to 4:30 pm.

- Busing provided from Hale to Field
- After school snacks provided
- Fun sports and arts programming
- These students will not attend field trips
- Students must be picked up at 4:30 pm
- **FEE:** \$75 for summer school students only



Phone: 612-668-3767
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QUESTIONS? Call 612-668-3767



Earth Day Celebration included a lot of park cleanup. Thank you, volunteers!

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:

- Melanie Countryman
- Doug Frevert
- Laurie Frevert
- Sam Krainak
- Annique London
- Brian Scott
- Nick Skapyak
- Scott Traczyk

Newsletter Staff:

- Rosie Doege Dryden
- Judy Cooper Lyle

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
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 5144 13th Ave. So., Mpls., MN 55417

Scott Traczyk

Three HPDL Loan Programs

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 apply 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.

HPDL Community Association
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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 ⁽¹⁾ 673-2211
- County Commissioner
Gail Dorfman ⁽³⁾ 348-7883
Peter McLaughlin ⁽⁴⁾ 348-7884
- State Senator
Patricia Torres Ray ⁽⁶²⁾ (651) 296-4274
- State Representative
Jean Wagenius ^(62A) (651) 296-4200
- Minnesota Public Lobby . . 378-0285
- HPDL Office 824-7707
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HPDL Community Calendar

June 22 Monday	HPDL Board of Directors Meeting 7 PM	HPDL Office 5144 13th Ave. S.
June 23	Community Meeting - Bike Path 6:30 – 8:30 PM	Pearl Park 414 E. Diamond Lk. Rd.
July 20 Monday	HPDL Businesses sponsored Treasure Hunt	Watch your mail for information
July 27 Monday	HPDL Board of Directors Meeting 7 PM	HPDL Office 5144 13th Ave. S.
July 30 Thursday	Picnic in the Park Festival 5:30 – 8:30 PM	Pearl Park 414 E. Diamond Lk. Rd.
Sept. 21 Monday	HPDL Annual Meeting and Board Elections 5:30 – 8:30 PM	Pearl Park 414 E. Diamond Lk. Rd.