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The Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group Newsletter

June-July 2006

FRNNG 17th Annual Parade and Family Fun Day Coming June 10th

The days are getting warmer and summer is now upon us! That can mean only one thing: The FRNNG 17th Annual Parade and Family Fun Day must be right around the corner – and it is! Join us on June 10th to celebrate summer in the Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood! The parade will start at 10:15 am at the corner of 44th and Chicago. The Parade will proceed south on Chicago, turn north on 49th and travel back up Elliot Ave. to McRae Park, where the Family Fun Day festivities will await. The celebration at the park will run until 3 pm.



There will be live music, great tasting food, carnival games w/prizes, lead testing, demonstrations by police K-9 Dog Unit, Rick Faye's Kali group, and dance groups including our very own McRae Ballet & Jazz class, community resources, local dignitaries, and much much more. Our food menu will include turkey legs, pork chops on a stick, besides our delicious BBQ ribs and brats. This year we

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From the President...

Paulette Wilson, FRNNG President

FRNNG hosted the Annual Meeting and Election of Officers on Thursday, April 28th at McRae Park. On behalf of the Board I would like to extend a "Welcome!" to newly elected board members: Steve Williams - First Vice President, Jane Kaiser - Secretary, Sue Redepenning - Northrop South Representative, Val Gunderson - Northrop North Representative, and Neal Porter - Regina Representative. The Reverend Roy Vanderwerf, formerly the Regina Neighborhood Representative, will be assuming the role of Business Committee Chair, and Barbara Harris will continue serving as Field Neighborhood Representative. We look forward to working as a team with each of you on the Board. We welcome your talents,

insight, energy, and the new perspective that you bring to the Board.

There are many people that deserve a big "Thank You" for their efforts that made this event a success. Thanks go to the Nominating Committee: Karen Pratt and Gwen Fraction, under the direction of Gerry Sell for soliciting candidates and overseeing the election process. Thank you to the Committee Chairs for your work in preparation and presentation at the Annual Meeting, especially Jon Steadland for his presenta-



Residents caucused by their neighborhood to get to know other people and meet the candidates for the neighborhood representative position.

tion of the revised Bylaws. A special "Thank You" goes to the Board of Directors who served in 2005. We appreciate the time, talents, energy, and

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Calendar

June and July

June

- 5 FRNNG Housing Committee
Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, 6:30 pm
- 10 Annual Parade
Chicago Ave., from 44th to 49th, then
Elliot to McRae Park, 10:15 am
- 13 FRNNG Business Committee
Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, 7 pm
- 14 SCABA
Pepito's, noon- 1 pm
- 18 *Father's Day*
- 17 *Juneteenth Celebration*
- 20 FRNNG Community/Safety Committee
McRae Park, 7 pm
- 21 FRNNG Executive Board Meeting
Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, 6 pm
FRNNG Board Meeting
Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, 6:30 pm
- 26 3PAC, 3rd Precinct, 6:30 pm
- 30 DEADLINE: articles for Aug./Sept.
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- TBD: Neighborhood Celebration Committee
meetings

July

- 4 *Independence Day*
- 10 Parks Committee
McRae Park, 7 pm
- 11 FRNNG Business Committee
Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, 7 pm
- 12 SCABA
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- 26 Block Club Leaders' Group
McRae Park, 6:30 pm
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8th Ward News

by Council Member
Elizabeth Glidden

Hello Neighbors!

Spring is here and the boulevard flowers are blooming. I appreciate this opportunity to update you on city and ward issues.

On April 25, 2006, at Powderhorn Park Rec Center, the 8th Ward office hosted a Summer Safety meeting, attended by over 80 residents from throughout the ward. Thank you to Sean Conley, Crime and Safety Committee Chair for FRNNG, for his participation as a panelist.

Some of you may be familiar with the River Lake Greenway, which is a proposal to make a bike and pedestrian-friendly connector from Lake Harriet to the Mississippi River. The majority of the proposed route is along 40th St. Just this Spring, the City received a federal grant of one million dollars to be used for construction of the River Lake Greenway starting just east of

I-35W, in the Bryant Neighborhood, and moving east to reach the river.

Neighborhood representatives on the River Lake Greenway task force contributed tremendously to this successful application.

Congratulations to all involved!

I'm pleased to announce Community Office hours for the 8th Ward office, thanks to Sabathani Community Center, 310 E. 38th St. I will host office hours every Monday morning from 9-11 am in room 129 of Sabathani.

Please just stop by to visit or, if you wish, call Jennifer White, 8th Ward Council Associate, at **673-2208** to schedule a time-certain meeting.

Finally, I publish a monthly newsletter via e-mail in order to better communicate with residents. Please let me know if you would like to receive the 8th Ward e-newsletter by sending me an e-mail at **Elizabeth.glidden@ci.minneapolis.mn.us**.

Happy Spring!

Elizabeth Glidden,
8th Ward City Councilmember



Oakland Church News

Oakland Church UMC will be partnering with Urban Servants this summer to help provide exterior painting and simple home repairs. Groups of youth and adults come to the Minneapolis area and are assigned projects, according to the skills and abilities of the group. If you or a neighbor needs some help in repairing your home, call Oakland Church at **823-4483**. We will collect information to submit to the coordinator of Urban Servants, who will assess whether the project can be done by the teams available. Each of the past two years, we were able to help five or six homeowners in this neighborhood.

The Oakland Church Barbecue will be Saturday, July 29. This annual event features slow-cooked ribs. You can buy dinners to eat under our tent or to take home, as well as slabs or tips (meat only). Serving begins at 11 am and there will be free entertainment. Call **823-4483** for more information or to get on our BBQ mailing list. Oakland Church is at the corner of 44th St. and Oakland Ave.

From the President *from page 1*

commitment you have made to making this neighborhood a great place to live. These are exciting and challenging times, and we have made significant gains as a Board and developed a momentum that will be hard to duplicate. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our departing Board Members: Meredith Fox and Mike Zabel, Co-Chairs for the Business Committee. Thanks for building and maintaining a relationship with FRNNG partners in the Business Community. We appreciate your dedication and efforts in overseeing the "Gateway" vision and for providing a strategy and roadmap for the project. FRNNG is committed to completion of the Gateway project and making the vision a reality. To Mark Williamson and Audra Reitz, departing Northrop Representatives, thank you for your input in representing your neighborhood interests and for a productive and rewarding year. A special thank you to Mark, who facilitated the effort to revise the bylaws along with Jon Steadland and Sandra Smith, and to the team for staying on task, sharing information, and getting the job done on time for the Annual Meeting.

Last but not least... the Nominating Committee and Board is thankful for the generous contributions of refreshments from Turtle Bread, Sister's Sludge, Bergan's SuperValu and Sovereign Grounds.

Annual Parade *from page 1*

have added an art show with 15 different neighborhood artists plus we will feature the Longfellow & Sibley Park Youthline traveling art exhibition. A neighbor artist has donated a \$350.00 watercolor painting to be raffled to help raise funds for the park. Our first Family Fun Day book fair sponsored by Scholastic Books & McRae Council will provide low cost books for all ages. There will also be another raffle for free books to benefit the children in the McRae Park area. We invite any organization or person who would like to

Minneapolis Ordinance Change

A recent amendment has been made to the Minneapolis ordinance regarding nuisance conditions, which includes things like tall grass and weeds, vegetation overhanging the public sidewalk or alley, or rubbish and debris on private property. The new amendment allows the City of Minneapolis to correct these conditions without notice. Starting February 1, 2006, property owners who have received two or more notices to correct a nuisance condition within the prior twelve-month period may no longer receive notification of future violations. The City may correct the nuisance condition and assess the costs without sending further notice. All costs of such removal or correction will be added as a special tax assessment against the property. The initial notice will remain in effect for twelve months from the date it is sent.

For further information contact: Craig Eliason, Regulatory Services Department, **673-5851**.

KCA Now Taking Registrations for the 2006-07 School Year!

King's Christian Academy (KCA) is a non-denominational Pre-K-8 Christian school dedicated to assisting Christian parents in educating their children. We provide quality education emphasizing high morals and strong character in the formative years. Our educational model integrates family, school, and faith without ethnic or economic barriers. KCA is a diverse school and has been offering an excellent academic education, in participation with parents and churches, since 1955.

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- Bus transportation available in South Mpls. and one North Mpls. stop

For more information on KCA and registration contact us at **825-0809** or online at

www.kingschristianacademy.com

King's Christian Academy
4500 Clinton Ave. S.
Mpls, MN 55419



All About Family Group Happenings

All About Family Community Group is hosting a Bicycle, Tricycle or Anything You Want to Decorate workshop at McRae Park on May 30th and June 1st, for the June 3rd Artmoves Parade with the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts. Participants are also invited to bring their decorated vehicle to the FRNNG Parade on June 10th and ride as part of the All About Family Group. These workshops are FREE and open to the public from 5:30 - 8 pm. Some food will be provided. For more information, please contact Brian Kelley via email at: kelly01@visi.com or **824-4900**.

Safety Tips From the Mpls. Police Dept.

To protect young people

- Have your children observe the City of Minneapolis curfew hours (Ordinance 395.20). *Under 15 years old:* Sunday - Thursday, 10 pm- 4 am, Friday and Saturday, 11pm- 4 am *15-17 years old:* Everyday, Midnight
- Work with other parents to monitor curfew hours in your neighborhood.
- Call 911 to report any youth disturbances after curfew.

To prevent bicycle theft

- Be sure to lock your bicycle to a stationary object. The best locking device is a hardened steel u-shaped lock. (Avoid locks, chains or cables that can easily be cut or broken)
- Make sure both wheels are locked and remove any accessories that can easily be taken.
- CCP/SAFE recommends that you license your bike, even though a license is not required in Minneapolis. Licenses can be purchased through the Park Police, at some bike shops, and where automobile license tabs are sold. A three-year license costs \$10. If a child on a bike is in an accident, a bike license may be the only way first responders can identify the rider.
- In addition you may want to engrave your Operation Identification number on the bike's frame. If you need a number, call 673-2749.

To prevent lawn mower theft

- Keep the mower in a locked garage.
- Engrave your Operation Identification number on your lawn mower.

Yard security

- If you're working in the back yard, lock the front door and garage.
- Don't keep ladders or other equipment in the yard that could be used to gain access to your home.
- Keep shrubs, bushes, hedges, and fences to a height of three feet or less.
- Solid fences can prevent neighbors from watching out for each other. Consider chain link or picket-type fencing.
- Residential lighting should be used to light up home entry points. Motion detector lights are an inexpensive deter-

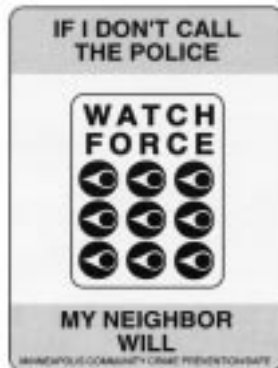
rent for areas where continuous lighting is unnecessary.

In the home

- Learn how to pin your windows to allow ventilation but prevent them from being opened wider.
- Don't advertise your vacation plans. Ask a trusted neighbor to pick up the mail and papers and to cut grass.
- Use light timers which will turn two or more lights on and off at predetermined times, similar to times when lights would be on or off normally. The living room and at least one bedroom would be good choices.

Organize a block/apartment club

They are a clear deterrent to crime. New block/apartments clubs can receive a free neighborhood watch force sign to hang on their block. The black, white and orange metal sign says, "If I don't call the police, my neighbor will."



National Night Out

National Night Out Against Crime occurs on the first Tuesday of August. Begin planning your block party now. Call 673-3447 for information.

*For individuals with disabilities: If you need this material in Braille, large print, computer disk, or cassette tape call 673-2912. Sign language interpreters available — call 673-3220 or 673-2626 (TTY). Please allow two weeks for accommodation.

Grand Opening Celebration for the Eco-Yard Midtown

When: Saturday, June 3, 2006
10 am – 2 pm

Where: 2801 21st Ave. S., Mpls. at the intersection of the Midtown Greenway and the Hiawatha Light Rail.

Hennepin County Commissioner Peter McLaughlin and City Council Member Gary Schiff will welcome the community starting at 10 am. Following the dedication ceremony there will be a variety of family-friendly activities, including:

- Seminars on a variety of sustainable landscaping topics at 11 am, noon, and 1 pm
- Guided tours of the Eco-Yard Midtown and The Green Institute's Green Rooftop
- Information and resource fair
- Children's activities
- Wildflower giveaway

The Eco-Yard Midtown is an attractive urban landscape for residents and businesses to enjoy while learning about the principles of sustainable landscaping. With sustainable landscaping, plants thrive with minimal amounts of pesticides, fertilizers, water, and time.

The Eco-Yard Midtown was made possible by Hennepin County Environmental Services and the Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority, in partnership with The Green Institute, the Midtown Greenway Coalition, the Hennepin Conservation District, the University of Minnesota Extension Service, the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization, and many volunteers.

For more information, visit www.hennepin.us, key word search "Eco-Yard Midtown" or call 348-3777.

Senior Helpline

Nokomis Healthy Seniors

Nokomis Healthy Seniors, located at 4553 34th Ave., is open every Thursday morning for “Nurse Is In” from 9 am until 12 noon. You can schedule a pedicure or get your blood pressure checked. If nothing else you can stop in to chat over a cup of coffee and Scandia bakery coffee cake.

We sponsor two monthly support groups at Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 1830 E. 41st St. The Low Vision Support Group meets at the church on the second Thursday of the month from 10 am until 11:30 am. Julie Rindelaub, from Vision Loss, is the facilitator. The Caregiver Support Group meets at 1 pm on the last Thursday of the month and is facilitated by Aggie Sorenson. The group is open to anyone serving as a caregiver for a loved one. If you have any questions about these groups please call the office at 729-5499.

Nokomis Healthy Seniors also sponsors two community blood pressure clinics. Seniors can go to congregate dining at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1720 E. Minnehaha Parkway, on the first Thursday of the month at 12 noon. In addition to having your blood pressure checked you can eat a meal there by calling Evelyn at 729-6868 two days ahead. The cost of the meal is \$3.00. The other blood pressure clinic is held at Standish Green, 2210 E. 40th St. at 12 noon on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Volunteer Opportunities Call FRNG at 721-5424

All Committees Open to New Volunteers

Interested in helping your community on issues of Housing, Business, Communications, Parks, Education, Community and Safety?

Commitment: Once a month if possible.

Tutor a Child

Volunteers are needed who are willing to tutor one or more elementary children in reading, math, or both. Daytime and evening sites available in the neighborhood.

Commitment: Two hours per week for a minimum of 10 weeks.

More Block Leaders Needed!

Our neighborhood has over 64 percent of the block organized into active block clubs. If you don't have a block club call the FRNG office and we can help you get organized.

Commitment: Training from Third Precinct CCP/SAFE, one meeting per year on your block and National Night Out in August.

Walking Patrols Off With a Bang!

The Eye Team Citizen Walking Group held its kick-off event and training on Saturday, April 22nd. The event was well attended by neighborhood residents who learned about walking patrols and their benefit to the neighborhood. The first walking patrol was launched on May 1st, and things are going really well. Currently the walking group is patrolling in the southern portion of Northrop, with the hopes that it will soon be a community-wide effort throughout Field, Regina, and Northrop. The team currently walks during the following times: 12-1 pm on Mon-Sat., 5:30-7:30 pm on Mon.-Thu., 8:30-9:30 pm on Mon.-Thu., and 7:30-9:00 pm on Fri. and Sat. They would love to have you join them – patrols leave from Sister's Sludge Coffee Shop! If you don't live in the southern portion of Northrop and would be interested in starting a walking group in your area please call the FRNG office, 721-5424.



FRN residents gathered for the Eye Team walking patrol training to learn more about walking patrols and sign up to walk in their neighborhood.

Your Parks Need You!

Are you interested in preserving open space or improving park programming? If so, join the FRNG Parks Committee! Call committee chair, Jon Steadland, for more information at 722-9661.

Write an Article for Close to Home

Close to Home needs your help!

You don't have to be a professional— we'll help with editing.

Call FRNG, 721-5424, to talk about your idea for a story—or to get an “assignment”

McRae Park Schedule

906 East 47th Street

This is a sample of summer programs offered at McRae. The complete program schedule is available at McRae Park or online below.

You can register for programs at the address listed. Contact the park for more information.

www.minneapolisparcs.org
370-4909 (voice) 824-4170 (fax)

Preschool/Kindergarten

Classical Ballet & Jazz

Ages 3-5

Tuesdays, 6/27/2006-8/15/2006

4:30-5:30 pm

\$40

Children

Art in the Park

Ages 6-12

Tuesdays, 7/11/2006-7/25/2006

10:30 am-12 noon

Free

Computer Corner

Ages 6-12

Mon & Wed 4/10/2006-6/7/2006

4 - 4:45pm

Free

Kickball

Ages 7-12

Thursdays, 6/22/2006-8/17/2006

4:15-5:15pm

Free

More Ballet & Jazz

Ages 5-7

Tuesdays, 6/27/2006-8/15/2006

6 -7 pm

\$40

Recreation Plus

Ages 6-12

Mo Tu We Th Fr 6/19/2006-8/25/2006

6:30 am-6 pm

\$118 weekly plus field trip costs

Sewer Rats

Ages 6-12

Thursdays, 7/27/2006 & 8/10/2006

2-4 pm

Free

Summer Lunch Program

Ages 4-18

Mo Tu We Th Fr 6/26/2006-8/11/2006

1-2 pm

Free

Youth Sports

Inner City Tennis Program

Ages 6-17

Mo Tu We Th Fr 6/20/2006-7/21/2006

10:30 am-12:30 pm

\$35

Adults

Adult Open Roller Hockey

Ages 18-99

Wednesdays, 4/26/2006-8/16/2006

6:15-7:30 pm

Free

Adults Only on Computers

Ages 18-99

Thursdays, 4/13/2006-6/8/2006

6:30-8 pm

Free

Seniors

Meandering to Mankato

Ages 50-99

Thursday, 7/13/2006-7/13/2006

\$20

New Fogey Follies

Ages 50-99

Wednesday, 6/7/2006-6/7/2006

9 am-2:30 pm

\$35

Field Trips

Bowling

Ages 6-12

Friday, 6/23/2006-6/23/2006

10:30 am-3 pm

\$14

Bunker Beach

Ages 6-12

Friday, 7/7/2006-7/7/2006

10 am-3 pm

\$16

Como Park Zoo

Ages 6-12

Wednesday, 6/21/2006-6/21/2006

10:30 am-2:30 pm

\$6

Festival of Fish

Ages 6-12

Friday, 7/14/2006-7/14/2006

12 pm-4 pm

\$11

Lake Elmo Park Reserve

Ages 6-12

Wednesday, 7/12/2006-7/12/2006

11am-3 pm

\$7

Minnesota Zoo

Ages 6-12

Wednesday, 7/26/2006-7/26/2006

10 am-3 pm

\$9

Volunteer Coaches and Parent Council Members wanted! Call the park for more information!

Kris Hammes

McRae Park Director

906 E. 47th St.

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370-4909 (voice)

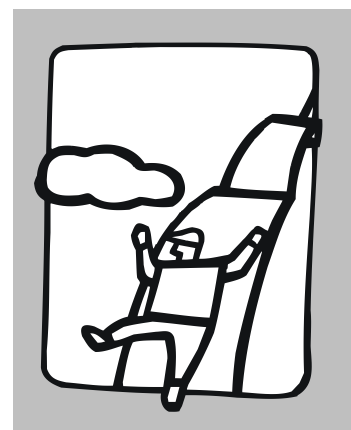
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Parks & Recreation...

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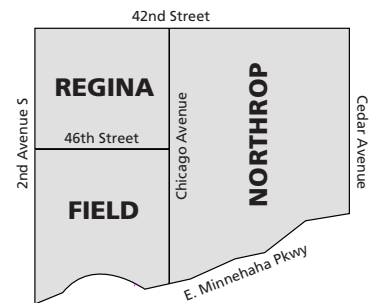
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