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The Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group Newsletter

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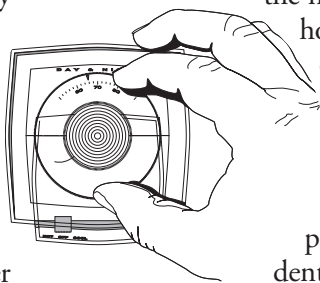
New Residential Energy Program Coming to Field Regina Northrop

Learn how to reduce your energy use and save money! The FRNNG has teamed up with the Center for Energy and Environment, CenterPoint Energy and Xcel Energy to offer Field Regina Northrop homeowners Community Energy Services, CES, a full service residential energy program.

The program will not only provide you with information about reducing your energy use by installing low-cost/no-cost measures in your home, but it will also provide you with the tools and financing necessary if you are ready to make larger investments such as insulation, sealing bypasses and installing new windows.

Community Energy Services provides:

- FREE educational workshops to teach homeowners how to lower their energy use and save money;
- Materials which may include: low flow showerheads, setback thermostats, compact fluorescent light bulbs, gasket seals, door sweeps, faucet aerators, pipe insulation and attic hatch weather-striping to help participants save now;



- Customized home energy visits from qualified professionals who will identify additional ways for residents to save in their homes, including a blower door test. Up to \$400 in services and materials for a co-pay of only \$20;

- Personalized energy use inventory for the last 12 months and feedback for the next 12 months to show the

homeowner how these low-cost/no-cost measures resulted in decreased energy use, also allowing participants to compare their energy use to that of their neighbors also participating in the program (confidentially of course);

- Information on financing, incentives, stimulus funding and rebates for those wishing to complete larger projects such as insulation or a furnace replacement.

Reserve your spot at the workshop by contacting Beth Bennett at **335-5874** or **bbennett@mncee.org**. Workshops will be held at Field Elementary School (4645 4th Ave.).

Wednesday, February 24, 6:30- 8:30 pm

Saturday, February 27, 10 am- noon

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On the Corner— 48th and Chicago



Happy 2010!! We all look forward to a happy and prosperous New Year, and we welcome three new businesses to the corner to start the new year. As always, these are independent business owners who have done extensive research and find that 48th and Chicago is the best place to call home. Please stop in, ask for the owners by name and patronize these fine additions... "On the Corner."

A Turkish Affair

It is with much pleasure that we share "A Turkish Affair" with our neighbors. To introduce ourselves, we are Riza and Amanda Boztepe. Our story takes us back five years ago to Turkey and ends with the opening of our beautiful store on 48th and Chicago, our new home.

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Visit us online at www.frnng.org

FRNNG Meeting Information

Full Board

• 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm, Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church (LNPC), 17th Ave. and 46th St. The full board does not meet in Dec.

Business Committee

• 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm, The New Congregation UMC (formerly Asbury UMC), 4501 Bloomington Ave.
Contact: Cory Hample at chample00@gmail.com

Community and Safety Committee:

• 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 pm, McRae Park Rec Center
Contact: Kim McCoy at kmmccoy69@msn.com

Housing Committee

• 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 pm, LNPC
Contact: Shannon Guernsey at scguernsey@yahoo.com

Education Committee

• 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm, LNPC
Contact: Tom Arneson at 6:30 pm, LNPC
tomarneson@msn.com

Parks Committee

• 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 pm, Sister Sludge, 46th St. and Bloomington Ave.
Contact: Sandra Smith at 822-1227

Greening Committee

• 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at Turtle Bread Restaurant, 48th and Chicago
Contact: Gina Di Maggio or Tony Pavelko, thegreeningcommittee@gmail.com

Communications Committee

• 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6 pm, LNPC
Contact: Kirk Anderson at kirkanderson48@gmail.com


Meeting times may change due to weather, holidays or personal reasons. Please confirm with the contacts listed above.

11th Ward Update

by Council Member
John Quincy

Dear Friends and Neighbors – Thank you for this opportunity to provide news on city issues in Minneapolis. I am privileged to have been elected to represent the 11th Ward on the Minneapolis City Council. In the tradition of Scott Benson - I want to help make Minneapolis great place to live, work, and raise families – today and tomorrow. I am excited about the opportunity to represent our community, and along with Council Member Elizabeth Glidden, wish everyone a Happy New Year.

These are challenging economic times – but facing tough budget decisions is our shared reality. The City Council has approved the 2010 city budget that maintains the City's commitment to economic recovery and public safety, while reducing spending by more than \$100 million. For details, please visit the City's Web site, in the Finance Department pages, located at:
www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/finance



As this is winter in Minneapolis, residents are reminded of the need to keep their sidewalks clear. Minneapolis ordinance requires that property owners clear sidewalks after a snowfall within 24 hours for houses and duplexes and four daytime hours for apartment and commercial buildings. For your own benefit and to help your neighbors who are walking, pushing strollers and using wheelchairs, please do your part. Folks should also be mindful to clear a path three feet wide from their garbage cart and recycling bin to the alley or street and make sure that the cart and bin can be moved freely. Community groups in Minneapolis shovel for seniors and people with disabilities for a fee. For more information, call **673-3004**.

I am always available to answer your questions at **673-2211**, including about the city budget and other issues, and would enjoy meeting with you. If you would like to receive the 11th Ward Monthly E-News, please send me an e-mail at:

John.Quincy@ci.minneapolis.mn.us
I look forward to speaking with you!

Proposed Bikeways for Park and Portland Avenues

As part of a program of closing gaps in the bikeway system, Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis are planning to stripe on-road bike lanes on Park Avenue and Portland Avenue (CSAH-35) in 2010. The project will extend from 45th Street to Minnehaha Parkway.

Representatives from the county and city will be available with a display to discuss the project at the upcoming Energy Workshop to be held at Field Elementary School (4645 4th Ave.) on Wednesday, February 24th (6:30 - 8:30 pm) and on Saturday, February 27th (10 am - noon).

The project will change the roadway striping to add on-road bike lanes. No roadway reconstruction will occur, and all changes will be made within the existing curb lines. Most existing parking will also be retained, with the exception of short areas near cross streets to accommodate sight distances and right turning vehicles.

Contacts for questions and comments: Bob Byers, Hennepin County **596-0354 / robert.byers@co.hennepin.mn.us** or Don Pflaum, City of Minneapolis **673-2129 / donald.pflaum@ci.minneapolis.mn.us**

Residential Energy... *from page 1*

By being a part of the Community Energy Services program you will be one of the first people in the state to have access to everything this program has to offer! Invite your friends, neighbors and family, all Field Regina Northrop homeowners are welcome. For more information contact Ashley Robertson at **335-5869** or **arobertson@mncee.org**.

Funding for this project was provided by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR).

On the Corner... *from page 1*

We welcome you into our store to view our handmade ceramics/tiles, beautiful pashmina scarfs, Evil Eye jewelry, and much more. Come to Turkey without ever stepping foot on a plane!

Bikes and Pieces

Bikes and Pieces is a locally owned, neighborhood, community oriented, full-service bicycle repair and supply shop, with an art/gift gallery. Very unique! The shop features a wide variety of fully serviced and "ready to ride" USED bicycles for adults and children. Art, gifts, and apparel made from "up cycled" and recycled materials. Recycling is Mike's major goal and most things in the shop are either recycled objects or made from recycled materials. Mike Kmiecik, the owner, is the new Marketing Committee Chairman and Vice President of SCABA.

Rue 48 Salon

Rue 48, a neighborhood Aveda Concept Salon, officially opened December 19th in the former Twigg's space at 4753 Chicago Ave. Please come in and experience the plant-based Aveda rituals of a complimentary head and hand massage with every hair service, all while enjoying a organically unique environment in a gorgeously renovated space. Services include: cuts, colors, and facial waxing. We also accept pure privilege! Call

Susan, and the Rue 48 staff, for an appointment at **767-3500**.

So there you have it. As we enter 2010, three new businesses to fill your needs. Don't forget that we have great restaurants, an awarding winning ice cream shop, a fine wine shop, novelty stores, a book store, a convenient hardware store, carpet and floor store, holistic medicine services, a pet hospital, a photo studio, traditional medical and legal services—a total of 50 businesses, for you, right here, "On the Corner."

Visit all of us at **www.48chicago.org**

Keith Lis

SCABA Member

Wells Fargo Branch Manager

Go Green and Save Green With a Rain Barrel this Spring

The FRN Greening Committee is a group of local citizens who are trying to make a positive difference in our neighborhood and we are actively working on two main projects. In the last newsletter, you read about the possibilities and plans for a food producing community garden. This time, we are thrilled to announce that we have a rain barrel program that will start this spring!

The FRN Greening Committee has teamed up with Barrel Depot, a Minnesota owned, green-based business. This partnership between Barrel Depot and The FRN Community will allow Field-Regina-Northrop residents the opportunity to purchase rain barrels and other products at a special rate for a limited time only.

Rain barrels have several benefits that include collecting free rainwater that will help lower your monthly water bill. Rain barrels are esthetically pleasing and they encourage healthy plant growth through the use of untreated, soft water. The use of rain barrels also helps to reduce runoff into lakes, rivers and sewer systems.

There are two types of rain barrels that may be purchased. Barrel Depot offers oak barrels that have been previ-

ously used as wine barrels. An assembled oak rain barrel with fittings and hoses and ready to use is for sale at \$125. If you would like to build your own oak rain barrel you can purchase the oak barrel, assembly kit and "how to build a rain barrel" DVD for \$89. An assembled plastic rain barrel sells for \$69 and is available in green, tan or brown. Oak planters (1/2 rain barrel) are available for \$29.



oak barrel



plastic barrel

These prices are only available to our FRN Neighborhood from January 1st through March 31st, 2010. The pick up location within the Field-Regina-Northrop neighborhood and dates for rain barrels and other products will be posted at a later time for the month of May.

To purchase a rain barrel or other products please e-mail Barrel Depot at **barreldepot@live.com**. To receive the FRN Neighborhood discount, type the promotion code "Field-Regina-Northrop" in the subject line of your e-mail. In the body of the e-mail specify your name, address, and phone number along with the product, color-if appropriate, and quantity. You will receive an e-mail confirmation from Barrel Depot that your order has been received with an invoice for payment via Paypal. You do not need a Paypal account to use Paypal. To view pictures of the products available go to **www.barreldepot.com**.

We are very excited to bring you this special offer as we continue our efforts to become more earth-friendly. If you are interested in helping with our rain barrel program or you would like to join The Greening Committee, please contact the FRN office (**721-5424**) for more information.

Sincerely,

The Greening Committee

Crime Reduction in FRN and City of Mpls Overall in 2009

One look at the crime statistics for Field, Regina and Northrop neighborhoods makes it clear that the FRN community shared in the large decreases in major crimes in Minneapolis in 2009. It also demonstrates once again the strength of the partnership between residents and the Minneapolis Police Department. The three neighborhoods, through their block clubs, the Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group (FRNNG)— especially its Community and Safety Committee— and the 3rd Precinct, achieved super reductions in most of the major crime categories. Although the accompanying table (see below) won't be finalized until mid-January, the trends are visible and exhilarating.

This was a great year for Regina Neighborhood crime fighting. Major crimes decreased in every category except arson, which in 2009 held steady at one incident again. The decline in burglaries and thefts was especially notable with burglaries down 11% and thefts cut 28%. Numerous home owners requested our free home security audits and “tightened the target” after receiving police alerts and word through e-mail groups about prowlers and unidentified loiterers in the area.

Even so, police, residents, Council member Elizabeth Glidden of 8th Ward, and the neighborhood organization were very concerned about drive-

by shootings and vehicles chasing each other while firing shots. Officers in uniform and undercover, unmarked vehicles saturated the area with patrol and carried on intense investigations that are still underway. There were also two addresses that generated excess 911 calls due to on-going noisy parties or loud groups gathering in the street. The year finished much more quietly than the spring and summer thanks to good information from residents and support from many units of the MPD. Additionally, two new block clubs were recruited in Regina, promising ever greater safety in the community.

At the same time in Field Neighborhood, residents worked very hard with the precinct, FRNNG, the 8th Ward and numerous city/county agencies to resolve issues at nuisance properties on Portland and 5th Avenues. Then, in the fall, other neighbors helped police deal with drive-by gunfire on Park Avenue by providing leads and updates on possible suspect vehicles.

In other crimes in Field, although robberies and aggravated assaults increased slightly, auto thefts, burglaries and thefts in general decreased quite a lot. However, suspected car-to-car drug dealing and thefts from motor vehicles remain to be addressed further in 2010. It should be noted that three rapes were reported in Field this year, but these incidents involved individuals who knew one another and did not threaten the community in the way that “stranger rapes” are of concern.

A real cause for celebration was the decline of auto thefts in Field— down 53 percent over the previous year. Police believe this result from increased enforcement and education about Open Ignition laws (especially in winter) and several arrests of car thieves in the precinct.

Lastly, in Northrop Neighborhood, once again our block leaders and block clubs led the 11 neighborhoods of Sector 3 in the number of block club meetings, National Night Out events, block get-togethers, volunteer assistance to the police department, communication among residents, and crime reduction tactics. For sure, one of the reasons for so much success is the fact that Northrop is twice as large as the other neighborhoods in the area, and historically has been a front-runner among the City's 81 neighborhoods to have a significant number of blocks organized for crime prevention. Northrop residents continued to work very hard on improving home and personal security in 2009. They took good advantage of our free home security audits, promoted crime prevention strategies, worked on problem properties using resources from then Council Member Scott Benson's Ward 11 office, and channeled all the available e-mail rings to deliver information about suspicious people and vehicles loitering in the area. Burglaries and thefts fell 45% and 37% respectively. There were two incidents of rape reported but again, these very serious crimes happened among persons who knew one another and did not threaten the

2009 2008 3rd Pct. Sector 3 Neighborhoods	YTD 11/30/09 Total Part 1 Crimes	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Agg. Assault	Burglary	Larceny (Theft)	Auto Theft	Arson
Field 2009	87 -22%		3 +300%	6 +20%	6 +20%	30 -29%	35 -19%	7 -57%	0 -100%
2008	112		0	5	5	42	43	15	1
Regina 2009	62 -25%			3 0%	0 -200%	11 -21%	13 -32%	4 -20%	1 +100%
2008	83		0	3	2	14	19	5	0
Northrop 2009	49 -51.6%			4 -33%	4 -20%	10 -60%	24 -54%	6 +20%	1 +100%
2008	93			6	5	25	52	5	0

broader community. Homeowners in the northern part of Northrop also met with police regarding two problem properties.

One of the most significant decreases in Northrop Part 1 crimes occurred in robberies—down 42%—after having nearly doubled in 2008. More attention to personal safety, victims' information, and diligent police investigations resulting in arrests helped bring about the decrease. It was a good year for Northrop, even though auto thefts continue to be a significant problem. Increased enforcement of Open Ignition laws is likely in 2010 to remind residents not to leave their cars running while unattended so they can easily be stolen.

Overall, residents should pat themselves on the back for all their good work helping one another be safer this year. Sometimes it might feel like there's more crime around you than before, but we think that might reflect the increase in reporting of crimes and the improved communication through neighborhood and police e-mail rings.

May 2010 be even better!

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673-2839

16th Annual South Minneapolis Housing & Home Improvement Fair

Planning a home improvement project and not sure where to start? Join your neighbors at the 16th Annual South Minneapolis Housing & Home Improvement Fair. This free event provides attendees a "one shop stop" under one roof opportunity to learn more about how to complete their home improvement project.

The event, which draws 2,000 people every year, offers attendees a chance to attend educational seminars and visit

NHS Spring Clean-a-Thon Is Just Around the Corner

Winter is tightening its icy grip on the state, it's not too early to start thinking about warmer days ahead – and, in particular, Nokomis Healthy Seniors' 2010 Spring Clean-a-thon! This year's Clean-a-thon, the program's eighth, will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2010.

For those who are unfamiliar with the concept, the annual Clean-a-thon is one of Nokomis Healthy Seniors' two main fundraising events. Each Spring "clean teams" made up of three to five volunteers spend a Saturday morning cleaning the home of a senior in the community who has requested cleaning assistance. Team members raise money for NHS by collecting pledges from sponsors. Seniors benefit by receiving a thorough cleaning of hard-to-reach places in their homes. In addition, some seniors have team members do yard work or other household chores that would be difficult for them to do.

Since its inception in 2003, when two teams, the "Dust Bunnies" and "Clean Sweep," cleaned two homes, the Clean-a-thon has grown every year, both in the number of volunteer cleaners and in the number of seniors assisted. In 2008, for example, 14 teams cleaned 12 houses and raised more than \$2,500.00

with exhibitors. Seminars are taught by local professionals on home improvement, safety, home purchase, decorating, and financing. Exhibitors include local



contractors, financial institutions, real estate agents, neighborhood associations, non-profit and government agencies.

for Nokomis Healthy Seniors. Each year, teams engage in a friendly competition for various trophies that might be awarded, including the Bronze Broom, the Silver Dust Pan, and the coveted Golden Plunger, an ordinary toilet bowl plunger that has been transformed with the help of gold spray paint into a trophy worthy of the Oscars! In addition to breakfast treats before the event and pizza afterwards, team members enjoy the camaraderie of working together, and the satisfaction of helping and getting to know some of our delightful neighborhood seniors.

The Clean-a-thon is truly a community event. Teams have been made up of NHS board members, staff, and volunteers, their friends and family members, members of church youth groups, and even local politicians. Local businesses support the event through monetary sponsorships and by donating cleaning supplies, food for hungry team members, and other items.

If you are a senior who would like assistance with a cleaning project this Spring, please contact the Nokomis Healthy Seniors office at **729-5499**. Someone from NHS will meet with homeowners who are interested in participating to explain the process and discuss particular tasks that might be done. Also, please contact the NHS office if you are interested in volunteering on a clean team.

The event is free and open to the public. For up-to-date information, visit our web-site at www.housingfair.org, or become a fan on Facebook, search for "South Minneapolis Housing & Home Improvement Fair".

Mark your calendars:
Saturday, March 6
10 am – 3 pm
South High School
3131 19th Ave.
Minneapolis, 55407
www.housingfair.org

McRae Park Schedule

906 East 47th Street

The following is a sampler of events. The complete winter schedule is available at McRae Park or online at the address 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

Indoor Playground

If your little one has energy to burn then you need our Indoor Playground – complete with balls, toys, trucks, trikes and mats. Get to know other families in the neighborhood and make new friends.

Tu Fr 1/6/-3/24/2010

10 am-12 pm

Ages 3-5, w/parent or guardian

Fee: \$15

PreSchool Ballet & Jazz /6:15-7:15 pm

Does your child like to move to the music? Does your little one love to get down and dance funky? Or does your child dream of dancing a beautiful ballet? Miss Laurie will introduce young dancers to basic ballet positions and beginning jazz steps that they will perform with their new jazzy dancing friends!

Tu 1/5/-3/23/2010

6:15-7:15 pm

Ages 3-5

Fee: \$0

Children

6-8 year old Ballet & Jazz/Wednesday

If your child loves to dance and has taken our Classical Ballet & Jazz class already - he or she is probably ready for more of a challenge! This class takes the skills learned in the first class and expands on them. Dancers will still learn basic ballet positions and vocabulary, simple jazz steps and a simple rou-

tine to perform with their jazzy new friends.

We 1/6-3/24/2010

6:15-7:15pm

Ages 6-8

Fee: \$0

Children/Teens

Cheerleading

Jump, kick, leap and dance! Learn all McRae Park's cheers and dances that will be performed at basketball games. Pom-poms and cheer uniforms will be provided to each participant, but will need to be returned at the end of the basketball season. Come join the fun! You must register in person and fill out a waiver.

Program sponsored by MARC. Practices on Mondays from 6:30 - 7:30 pm and games are on Saturday mornings.

Mo Sa 1/10-3/14/2010

9:30 am-12 pm

Ages 10-13

Fee: \$0

Youth Sports

11 U Baseball- Green Team

Rookie League 11 U Registration begins on March 8th and will be taken at McRae Park and www.marcsports.org Proof of birthdate must be shown at time of registration. \$10.00 will be refunded at the end of the season upon the return of uniform. Season is April 12 - June 14

Mo We 4/12-6/14/2010

6-8 pm

Ages 9-11

Fee: \$50

Fundamental Basketball/5-6 Yr Olds

McRae Park's fundamental basketball is open to all girls and boys ages 5 and 6 years old. This is a 10 week program with games on Saturday mornings and a super-fun jamboree following the last game! Registration begins on November 2nd. Please register and pay at McRae Park or online at www.marcsports.org Volunteers are always welcome and appreciated.

Tu Sa 12/8/2009-3/6/2010

5:30-6:30 pm

Ages 5-6

Fee: \$0

Adults

Adult Open Ice Hockey

Every Wednesday night you can join this group of men and women who buckle on the blades and hit the ice! McRae's ice hockey rink is the perfect place for adults to play hockey, get some exercise, and meet new people.

We 12/23/2009-2/17/2010

6:30-8:30 pm

Ages 18-61

Fee: \$0

Seniors

Eagle Watching on the Mississippi

Watch the eagles as they migrate on the beautiful bluff lands of the Mississippi River. We will stop and spot eagles in their natural habitat on our way to the "National Eagle Center" in Wabasha, MN. Once at the National Eagle Center we will watch a bird show and feeding. After the show and self tour of the center, we will stop for lunch, on your own, at a quaint restaurant near the river on our voyage back home. Note: If the weather is bad or there is a lack of birds the alternate day will be Thursday, March 11. Fee of \$9 includes transportation. Snack lunch is on your own.

Th 3/4/2010

9 am-3 pm

Ages 50-100

Fee: \$9

Field Trips

Snow Tubing

Come with your friends to the best snow tubing in the metro area! Elm Creek has a moving sidewalk that brings you up uphill so that you can soar down the run in their over-sized inner tubes. You can reach super fast speeds in one of the 20 lanes separated by snowberms that have a long, safe runout at the end. Please bring a bag lunch or money and dress for the weather this is an outside trip!

Fr 2/27/2010

10:30 am-3:30 pm

Ages 5-12

Fee: \$16

Special Event

Friday Night Skates

McRae Park wants you to come out and enjoy our 3 awesome ice rinks! For 3 Friday Nights we will turn on the big lights, and you and your friends can come on over to ice skate, roast marshmallows and drink some hot chocolate. This is open to everyone of all ages and skating abilities! We have skates to borrow if you don't have a pair-so don't let that stop you from getting out and enjoying your winter time park!

Fr 1/8-2/12/2010

6:30- 8:30 pm

Ages 1-100

Fee: \$0

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Thanks to our Supporters!

Close to Home would like to thank the following local businesses and organizations in our community for their generous financial contributions to the production and mailing of this newsletter. Now we are asking you to support not only this publication, but also all of our other activities. Anything that you can give will be very much appreciated and put to good use. Also, since we are a "501(c)3" organization, any donations are decuctable to the full extent of the law. If you would like more information on how your organization or business can become a supporter, please call the FRNNG office. **We also encourage residents to support these local businesses so that they can continue to be a strong and vital sector of our community.**

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St. Joan of Arc Church

4537 3rd Ave., 823-8205

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48th and Chicago, 823-5254

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48th and Chicago, 825-4427

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Dick's Metropolitan Carpet

48th and Chicago, 827-5646

South Chicago Avenue Business Alliance (SCABA)

Senior Helpline

NHS Looking for Volunteers

We at Nokomis Healthy Seniors are looking for a little help around the office. Perhaps you or someone you know, (a son or daughter, grandchild or friend) would like to get involved. Any help would be appreciated, opportunities include:

- Marketing/Advertising
- Website design
- Database design and updating
- Managing social networking sites such as Facebook or Twitter
- Writing press releases
- Writing articles or suggesting interesting article topics.

We are looking for people to volunteer even just a couple of hours a month. Please call the office (729-5499) or swing by (4200 Cedar Ave.) to chat.

Support the Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group

Help keep FRNNG working for you by sending in a donation of \$15 or more. Combined with the business and church donations, your gift supports *Close to Home* and other activities of the organization. Please keep them coming! FRNNG is a 501.3c organization and all gifts are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

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