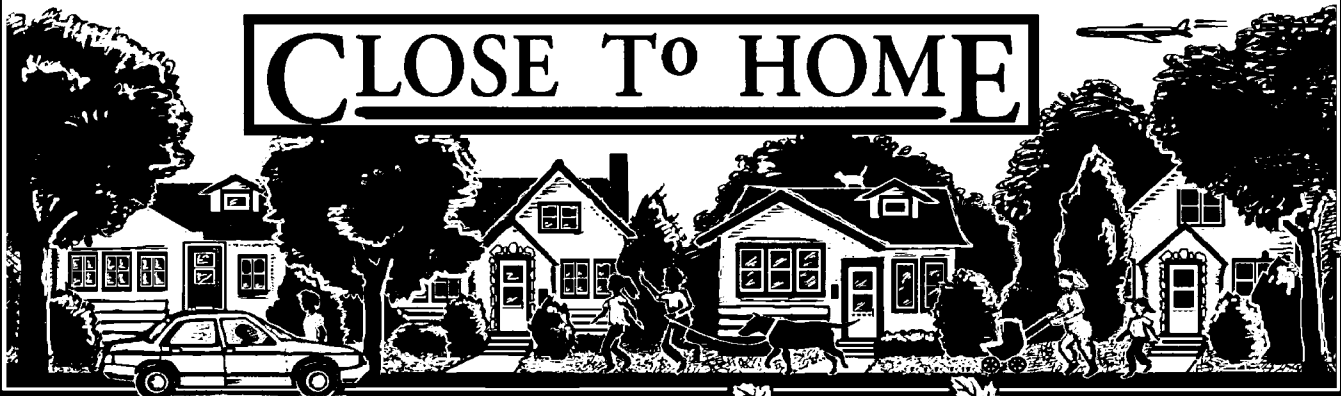


# CLOSE TO HOME



## The Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group Newsletter

August-September 2005

### "Don't Rain on My Parade"

**T**his headline should have been the theme song of the FRNNG annual parade because rain it did. Twenty-five units were signed up to participate in it for June 4th.

Understandably, some didn't arrive due to the rain, but everyone lining up for the parade wanted to go ahead with it. And they were cheerful and upbeat as they marched or rode in the rain, carrying colorful helium balloons and handing out candy or bottled water. We want to thank all the children and adults who participated (too many to thank individually here). And thank

you to the volunteers who worked with staff on it: Ann Herman, Lei Spencer, Karen Johnson, Marshall Douglas, Aundie, and Frani Lowe.

Participants and volunteers, you were great!



*No soggy Brownies in this parade!*

*Mike Zabel and Meredith Fox (FRNNG Business Committee) in a very festive mood*



### Block Appeal Program

The FRNNG Housing Committee held a meeting June 25th to explain the new "Block Appeal Program", and many interested neighbors attended.

Here's how the program works:

- One block will be selected in each of the three neighborhoods: Northrop, Regina, and Field, for outside remodeling and/or landscaping.

- The homes on those blocks will receive a "face-lift" on the front and sides, and on their front lawns (that is, every homeowner interested in participating); each homeowner can determine what remodeling and/or landscaping he/she wants done.

- At least 70% of the households on a block must be interested in participating.

- Neighbors from the interested blocks are to write an essay of 300 words or less that states why they believe their block should be chosen. They must also submit photos of all the households interested in participating. Photos will not be returned.

- Essays must reach the FRNNG office by September 1. (1620 E. 46th St.).

If you're interested and didn't attend the session, call our office for written information, 721-5424.

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# Calendar

## August to September

### August

- 1 FRNNG Housing Committee  
Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, 6:30 pm
- 2 *National Night Out*
- 9 FRNNG Business Committee  
Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, 7 pm
- 10 SCABA  
Pepito's, 12 noon
- 16 FRNNG Community/Safety Committee  
McRae Park, 7 pm
- 17 FRNNG Board Meeting  
McRae Park, 6:30 pm
- 22 3rd Precinct Advisory Council (3PAC)  
3000 Minnehaha Ave., 6:30 pm  
  
Meetings of the 40th Anniversary Committee  
and Neighborhood Celebration  
Committee - TBD

### September

Tutoring Program begins this month -  
contact FRNNG office, 721-5424

- 12 FRNNG Housing Committee  
Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, 6:30 pm
- 13 FRNNG Business Committee  
Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, 7 pm
- 14 SCABA Pepito's, 12 noon
- 15 FRNNG *40th Anniversary Celebration*  
events begin, through October 8th  
(refer to our website: [www.frnng.org](http://www.frnng.org) and  
next *Close to Home* for details, or call  
721-5424)
- 17 SCABA Festival
- 20 FRNNG Community/Safety Committee  
McRae Park, 7 pm
- 21 FRNNG Board Meeting  
McRae Park, 6:30 pm
- 26 3rd Precinct Advisory Council (3PAC)  
3000 Minnehaha Ave., 6:30 pm
- 27 FRNNG Communications Committee  
Chicago Deli, 6:30 p.m.
- 28 Block Club Leaders' Group  
McRae Park, 6:30 pm  
  
Meetings of the 40th Anniversary Committee  
and Neighborhood Celebration  
Committee - TBD

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Call FRNNG 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? Call the FRNNG office at 721-5424.

**Commitment:** Once a month if possible.

#### Tutor a Child

Volunteers are needed 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 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 FRNNG 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.

#### Your Parks Need You!

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

## Volunteer Alert

FRNNG Volunteer C.O.R.P.S. (Communal Operatives/Resourceful Planning Services) is now underway. All you need is a desire to help, and a minimum of **one** hour a month! You can serve project to project, or join a committee in the capacity that best utilizes your talents (anything you do well that you want to share).

Your expertise managing a household can be utilized in event planning. If you have small children, you can contribute your ideas for positive youth engagement. Can't get away from the home-front? No problem. Take that monthly hour and write down your tips, and send via email to [frnng@mtn.org](mailto:frnng@mtn.org).

#### Attn: Field Regina Northrop Youth

We need you for our special unit: C.O.R.P.S. T.E.E.N. (Teens Emerging /Enlightening Neighborhoods). With your imaginative minds and individual skills, you will be trained as community interns to serve in multiple capacities.

So hurry, everyone is encouraged to contribute their time and talents to our Annual Neighborhood Celebration (October 3rd); the FRN Neighborhood Festival (September 15th – October 8th); and to carry on the good works of the FRNNG standing committees and block clubs.

For more details on the above events and volunteer opportunities please contact Pam Taylor at the FRNNG Office, 721-5424, or via email at [frnng@mtn.org](mailto:frnng@mtn.org).

## Block Appeal Program *from page 1*

Start organizing on your block!—talk with your neighbors and see who's interested. Imagine having almost your entire block with new beautiful facades and landscaping!

## Home Repair

FRNNG has low-interest loans available to fix up your home. You can borrow up to \$25,000 at the fixed interest rate of 4% for any home improvements you choose. Your household income must be \$89,000 or less to qualify. FRNNG has hired CEE Financial Resources, a local non-profit organization, to administer this program. CEE will assist you through the application process and can work out a monthly payment that is affordable for you with repayment terms of up to 15 years. If you have questions, or would like an application, call Jim at 355-5885, or visit them at [www.mncee.org](http://www.mncee.org).

## Correction

In the June-July *Close to Home*, in the "Welcome New FRNNG Board Members" article, we stated that in the social hour after the meeting, "neighbors had the opportunity to meet each other and kibbutz". A helpful resident let us know that we actually were saying that neighbors were forming a socialist farming community. The correct word would have been "kibitz", which has come to mean chatting socially. We stand corrected!

## Hazardous Waste Disposal - a Reminder

You can dispose of your hazardous waste on July 30th, at the Bethel Lutheran Church parking lot, 42nd St. and 17th Ave., from 9 am to 1 pm. Bancroft Neighborhood Association and FRNNG are partnering to offer this service, which is sponsored by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners and Hennepin County Environmental Services in cooperation with the City of Minneapolis and neighborhood organizations. If you have questions about what hazardous waste is accepted, call 348-3777 or check the web site: [www.hennepin.us](http://www.hennepin.us).

## Midwest Floor Covering Closes Its Doors

After serving its customers and the community well for 50 years, Midwest Floor Covering has closed its doors. It is located at Cedar and 42nd St., and the owner is Tom Joing. It has always been a business that has carried quality merchandise and has given great service to its customers. And it has always been a generous contributor to our community. We want to say farewell and thank you, and we wish you well, Tom Joing and staff.

## Open House at KCA

King's Christian Academy (4500 Clinton Ave. So.) has scheduled an Open House for Fall Enrollment on July 19th at 7 pm. For more information contact Denny Wallace at 825-0809.



## McRae Staff

In our last issue, we introduced the new director of McRae Park, and gave profiles of some of his staff. In this issue we complete the staff profiles.

DIANA PUCKETT has worked at McRae part-time for 14 years. She is married to a man who can really cook ribs. She has three adult sons. Her favorite hobby is sewing. She said, "I am interested in good health and to live life the best I can."

Laurie White, the dance teacher, has worked at McRae for 6 years. She is a graduate of Gustavus Adolphus, with a degree in dance and anthropology. She is engaged to be married to her fiance, Tom, in September. Her hobbies are traveling, reading, and music. She dances professionally with three companies: "Ballet of the Dolls", Debra Jinza Thayer Movement Architecture, and a new company called DRP Dance. She said, "I am an only child and have a cat named Lucy."

CEDRIC BANKS, age 18, attends Roosevelt High and is enrolling in barber school in the fall. Cedric says his talent is cutting hair, and he is passionate about it. He also does an excellent job playing sports with the kids at McRae. He plays basketball and says if they had an adult men or women's volleyball or basketball group at McRae, he would be an excellent referee for it.

MAX JELINEK, age 18, is a senior at South High, where he participates in football and wrestling. He has fun working with the kids at McRae who are involved in sports. His main interests are all kinds of sports activities.

DENNISH RIGGINS, age 16, is a student at Washburn High, and is involved in the Talent Search Program there. She has six sisters. Dennisha has been working at McRae for one year and works very well with the kids in the computer room. Her hobbies are shopping and drawing. She is known for being artistic, and she creates all the colorful bulletin boards at McRae. Dennisha plans to become an RN.

*Sully Gilbert, resident and member of the FRNNG Board, interviewed all the McRae staff and wrote this article.*

## McRae Park Schedule 906 East 47th Street

The complete program schedule is available at McRae Park or online below.

You can register for programs on-line! Contact the park for more information.

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

## Fall Schedule to be Determined

Look for the complete fall schedule in the next issue of *Close to Home*.

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## Moms Please Join Us!

First Evangelical Free Church, 5150 Chicago Ave., is hosting a Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPs) group. MOPs is for every mom from all backgrounds and ages with children ages birth through kindergarten. MOPs is about celebrating motherhood, meeting needs, and making connections through relationships, resources, and brunch. We want you to be able to be the best mom you can be! Children will be cared for in a parallel program called MOPPETs. MOPs will take place every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 9:15 am until 11:30 am, starting September 16, 2005. The cost is \$45.00 per semester. Deadline for registration is August 30, 2005. Please call the church office at 827-4705 for more information and registration.

## Save the Date!

In appreciation of our community's continued patronage and support, local businesses have come together to "give you the business".

No funny business, though, just good old fashioned fun. So take a stroll down the block, and mosey on around the corner, and enjoy some chips and a hot dog or two. Immerse yourselves in the myriad of family activities, and revel in the creative artistry within your midst...

Now, go write the words **FRNN Fall Festival** on your calendar under Saturday, September 17, 2005, and don't hesitate to use a big blue marker! We'll be looking for you all up and down Chicago Ave. from noon. until 5 pm. You can't miss us. We'll be holding the purple balloons.

Don't forget. Come Sunday, it's business as usual. For more information please contact Sheila Garland at The Transit Station, 4806 Chicago Ave., 821-9444.

## Free Flicks at LNPC

Free Summer movies continue through September 1 at Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church. Films of intergenerational interest shown Thursday evenings at 6:30. Free popcorn and lemonade, too! All ages welcome – under 12 please bring a grown-up along. 1620 E. 46th St. Call 721-4463 for the viewing schedule.

## Home Safety Tips for Summer

Here are some tips for protecting your yard and home during the summer from CCP Safe and the FRNNG Community and Safety Committee.

- If you're working in the front yard, lock the back door and garage. 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 deterrent for areas where continuous lighting is unnecessary.

## FRN Neighborhood Census Profiles

The city's Community Planning and Development Department has prepared Neighborhood Census Profiles for the Northrop, Regina, and Field neighborhoods. They include census trends from the 1980, 1990, and 2000 censuses, and corresponding city-wide trends. Zoning and land use maps are also included. The profiles can be found at:

### Northrop:

[http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/neighborhoods/northrop\\_profile\\_home.asp](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/neighborhoods/northrop_profile_home.asp)

### Regina:

[http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/neighborhoods/regina\\_profile\\_home.asp](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/neighborhoods/regina_profile_home.asp)

### Field:

[http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/neighborhoods/field\\_profile\\_home.asp](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/neighborhoods/field_profile_home.asp)

If you want to view other neighborhoods, follow the same address format, adding the name of that neighborhood.

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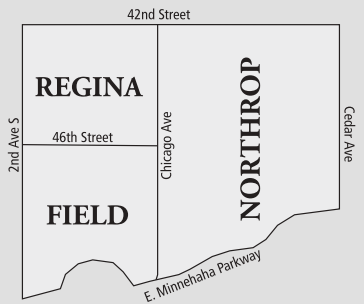
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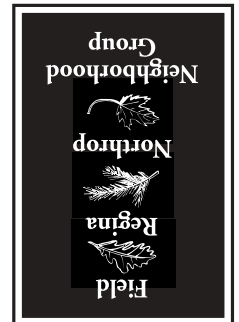
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