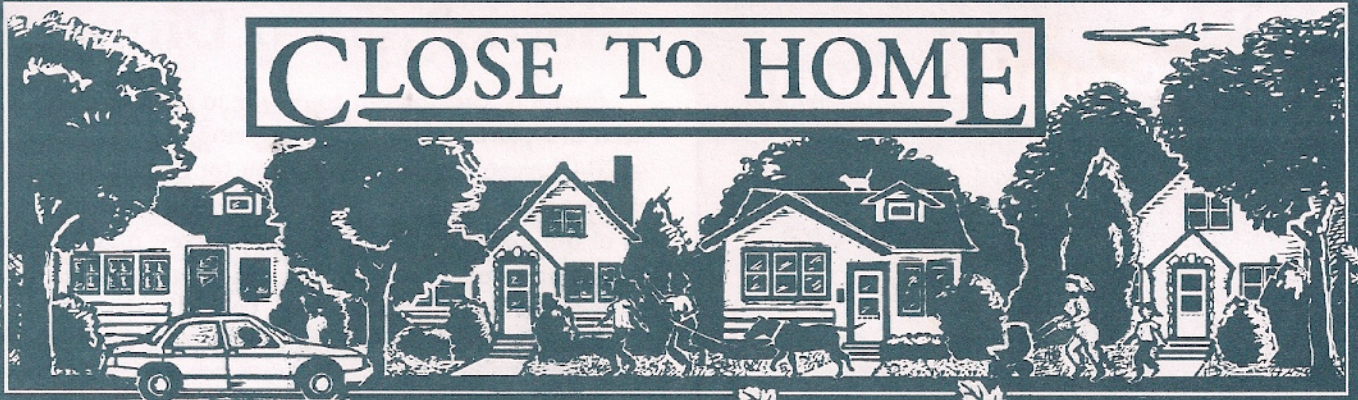


CLOSE TO HOME



The Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group Newsletter

November 2002–February 2003

Help Improve Our Neighborhood

Dear Field Regina Northrop Neighbor:

We as a neighborhood have the opportunity to plan the next 15 years of neighborhood improvement projects under Phase 2 of the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP). The NRP has given us the money to do the year-long planning which started last February. Now it is up to us, as residents and business/property owners, to decide what we want done in the neighborhood.

If you can participate even one hour each month in meetings of any of the following task forces which are planning future neighborhood projects, you would be doing your neighborhood a great service:

- Business Task Force
- Communications Task Force (within the community)
- Community & Safety Task Force
- Education Task Force
- Housing Task Force
- Parks Task Force

During Phase 1 of NRP (1993–present), we were very successful in improving the Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood. Our neighborhood spent nearly \$2.7 million to fund: over \$1.3 million in low-interest home-improvement loans and grants, nearly \$420,000 for development of the Northrop School and McRae Park playgrounds and window replacement at Field School, over \$76,000 for publication and mailing of the *Close to Home* neighborhood newsletter, over \$150,000 in commercial streetscaping at 48th & Chicago and small grants for exterior improvements, nearly \$200,000 to remove a blighted and crime-ridden commercial building and over 8,000 in financial support to the Nokomis Healthy Senior Program Senior Helpline, and

over \$230,000 to fund the FRNNG neighborhood office and paid staff for administration, program implementation, recruitment of volunteers and new block leaders, and the organizing of annual events.

If you have questions about Phase 2 Planning, or would like to become involved, please call your Community Organizer, Jeff Roy at 721-5424 for more information.

Involúcrate y Mejora tu Comunidad

Estimado vecino de Field Regina Northrop:

Nosotros como vecindad tenemos la oportunidad de planear los próximos 15 años de proyectos de mejoramiento de nuestra vecindad bajo la Etapa Dos de el Programa de Revitalización de la Vecindad de Minneapolis (NRP) siglas en inglés. El NRP nos ha dado el dinero para hacer el planeamiento anual el cuál empezó el pasado Febrero. Ahora es nuestro trabajo, como residentes y dueños de negocios/propiedad, de decidir que es lo que queremos que se haga en nuestra vecindad.

Si usted puede participar aunque sea una hora cada mes en reuniones en cualquiera de los siguientes grupos que están planeando futuros proyectos para la vecindad, estaria haciéndole un gran servicio a su vecindad:

- Grupo de Negocios
- Grupo de Comunicaciones (dentro de la comunidad)
- Grupo de Comunidad y Seguridad
- Grupo de Educación
- Grupo de Viviendas
- Grupo de Parques

Durante la Etapa Uno de NRP (1993–presente) nuestra vecindad gastó cerca de \$2.7 millones para financiar: más de \$1.3 millones en becas y prestamos de bajo interés para mejoramiento de casas,

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Projects & Committee Update

We can use help with these projects.

Please call (612) 721-5424 for more information.

Business Committee/Phase 2 Task Force

Enhancing and supporting the business community that strengthens the neighborhood.

September/October actions:

- **Walgreens:** Discussion of deteriorating parking lot and litter. Committee to communicate with Walgreens.
- **Save the Parkway Theatre Subcommittee:** Met Oct. 1 to generate ideas for saving the theater.
- **Dream Team Project—48th & Chicago:** Dream Team met with Mixed Blood Theatre re: 48th & Chicago

Communications Committee

Improving two-way and timely communication within the neighborhood between residents, FRNNG, McRae Park, churches and businesses that contribute to FRN Neighborhoods' quality of life.

August/September actions:

- **FRNNG Web Site:** Board approved \$800 in Phase 1 funds to upgrade Web site and get a new server. New domain name www.frnng.org has been registered. New site is being developed.

Housing Committee/Phase 2 Task Force

Creating a safe and healthy environment for all FRN residents by developing housing strategies to rehabilitate existing housing stock and affordable rental housing, promote the racial, cultural and ethnic diversity of the FRN Neighborhood and create opportunities for older home-owners to remain here despite changing circumstances.

September/October actions:

- **Home Improvement Loan Program:** funds still available.
- **Project for Pride and Living House:** Project to build home at 4515 Fifth Ave. put on hold due to changes in design.

Phase 2 Planning Committee

Reaching out to all sectors of the neighborhood to develop the Phase 2 Action Plan for the next five to 15 years of neighborhood improvement projects.

August/September actions:

- **Phase 2 Random Survey of Neighborhood:** Final work done on random survey questions to be sent out to over 500 residents in October. Survey will help shape the final NRP Phase 2 Action Plan document.

Community & Safety Committee/

Phase 2 Task Force

Creating a safe and healthy environment for the neighborhood by implementing strategies to prevent crime, promote cohesiveness, and foster a sense of community and safety both on our individual blocks and throughout FRN.

August/September actions:

- **Traffic Subcommittee:** Brainstorming solutions to crosswalk safety at 12th and Parkway; St. Joan of Arc Sunday parking; speeding on 42nd St., Park, Portland and side streets; "slow down" signs for neighborhood; speeding by school buses.

Phase 2 Education Task Force

Developing Phase 2 strategies to enhance the learning environment of Field and Northrop schools, improve the perception of the schools and encourage involvement with the schools for prospective home buyers.

September actions:

- Task force recommended to FRNNG Board that it become a permanent committee with a voting seat on the Board. Recommended Gerry Sell as Chair and Kathy Alvig as co-chair.

Need a Place to Go for Thanksgiving Dinner?

Pepitos is reaching out to people in need. For those in need of a place to spend Thanksgiving, *Pepitos Restaurant*, 4820 Chicago Ave., is inviting you for dinner from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 28th. Free dinner will include all of the traditional fixings such as turkey, mashed potatoes, and cranberries. They will even pick you up or deliver a meal to people who can't make it out. For deliveries call on Thursday between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. 612-822-2104.

The Season for School Tours

Northrop Urban Environment Learning Center, located at 1611 E. 46th St., offers tours of their program to prospective parents or interested community persons at 11 a.m. on the following dates: Wednesday, Nov. 6; Friday, Nov. 15; Tuesday, Nov. 19; Monday, Nov. 25; Thursday, Dec. 5; Friday, Dec. 13; Tuesday, Dec. 17; Thursday, Jan. 9, 2003; and Monday, Jan. 13, 2003. Come to Northrop on these dates, when a school representative and parent(s) are available to answer your questions and show you around the building. You are then welcome to visit in classrooms until 12:30 p.m. Northrop U.E.L.C. is a Minneapolis Public School. *MPS School Request Cards* must be postmarked on or before Jan. 15, 2003.

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cerca de \$420,000 para el desarrollo de parques de las escuelas Northrop y McRae y el cambio de ventanas en la escuela Field, más de \$76,000 para publicación y envío de el noticiero de la vecindad *Close to Home (Cerca de Casa)* más de \$150,000 en diseño comercial en la 48 calle y avenida Chicao y pequeñas becas para mejoramiento exterior, cerca de \$200,000 para quitar un edificio comercial arruinado y lleno de crimen y más de \$8,000 en apoyo financiero para el Programa de Nokomis de Ancianos Saludables y Línea de Ayuda para Ancianos, y más de \$230,000 para financiar la oficina de la vecindad FRNNG y pagar al personal por al administración, implementación de programas, reclutar voluntarios y nuevos líderes de cuerdas, y la organización de eventos anuales.

Si tiene preguntas acerca de el planeamiento de la Etapa Dos, o le gustaría tomar parte, favor de llamar a su organizador comunitario, Jeff Roy al 721-5424 para más información.

Volunteer Opportunities

Call FRNNG at (612)721-5424

NRP Phase 2 Planning of Neighborhood Improvement Projects

If you have an interest in the next 15 years of neighborhood improvement projects for housing, business, youth, parks, education, community and safety, seniors, annual events, and communications, please contact us.

Looking for Latino residents interested in Phase 2

FRNNG is gathering the names of Latino residents who want to be considered for a future Phase 2 Latino focus group designed to elicit issues, project ideas and concerns from the Latino members of our community.

Annual Southside Housing Fair and Annual Teen Job Fair

We need volunteers to help with either event—attend monthly daytime planning meetings or help at the event on Saturdays in March 2003.

Serve on the 2003 Nominations Committee!

Volunteers needed to work on next year's Nomination Committee to identify and contact potential candidates to run in the April 2003 Board elections.

Tutor a Child!

Volunteers are needed to tutor elementary students in reading or math. We have daytime and evening sites available in the neighborhood.

More Block Leaders Needed

FRNNG, working in collaboration with CCP/SAFE, has over 64 percent of the blocks in the neighborhood organized into block clubs that meet at least once a year. If your block isn't organized and you want to help get it organized call the FRNNG office today.

Person to Attend Police Meeting

Attend Third Precinct Area Council meetings (4th Monday each month, 6:30 p.m.) to hear and report information back to our bi-monthly neighborhood-wide block leader meetings.

Let's Have a Parade!

Everybody loves a parade: the festive colors, the sounds of children's gleeful cries and all the cuddly characters and costumes. But without your help the streets will be quiet. To make the Annual Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Parade a reality, we need volunteers like you to help plan it. As a parade volunteer you will help decide the type of parade, the parade route, how to promote it in the neighborhood, and how to get people and organizations involved. The parade date is Saturday, June 7th, 2003.

Communications

***Close to Home* newsletter**

Layout editors (familiar with QuarkXPress) and copy editors are needed so we can spread the work of publishing the newsletter over more volunteers.

Newsletter subscriptions

We also need block leaders or other volunteers willing to sell newsletter subscriptions door to door on their block. It's easy and it's another way to meet your neighbors while helping sustain your neighborhood newsletter.

FRNNG Neighborhood Business Directory

Skilled with doing layout in QuarkXPress? We need someone to oversee the updating of the 2001 Directory with help from the committee.

Services for Seniors

Nokomis Healthy Seniors, located at 4553 34th Ave. S., is open every Thursday morning and "Nurse Is In" from 9 a.m. until noon. Schedule a pedicure, get your blood pressure checked, or just stop in to chat over a cup of coffee and Scandia bakery coffee cake.

Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 1830 East 41st Ave., sponsors two monthly support groups. The Macular Degeneration Group meets at the church on the second Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Julie Rindelaub from Vision Loss is the facilitator. On the last Thursday of the month, the Caregiver Support Group meets at 1 p.m. 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. On the first Thursday of the month at noon, seniors can go to congregate dining at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1720 East Minnehaha Pkwy. In addition to having your blood pressure checked, you can eat a meal there if you Evelyn at 729-6668 two days ahead. The cost of the meal is \$2.50. The other blood-pressure clinic is held at Standish Green, 2210 E. 40th St., at noon on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

CALENDAR

November to February

November

- 18 **Phase 2 Education Task Force Meeting**, McRae Park, 7 pm
- 19 **2003 Annual Teen Job Fair Planning Meeting**, Corcoran Neighborhood Org. 2:30 pm
- 20 **FRNNG Executive Committee Meeting**, Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church 6 pm
FRNNG Board Meeting, Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church 6:30 pm
Traffic Subcommittee Meeting, 7 pm, 4201 Portland Ave. S.
- 21 **NRP Policy Board Elections Dream Team Meeting**, 4923 Chicago Ave. S., 7 pm
- 23 **Holiday Bazaar at Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church**, 4120 17th Ave. S., 9 am-2 pm
- 25 **Third Precinct Advisory Council**, 3000 Minnehaha Ave., 6:30 pm
- 26 **Communications Committee Meeting**, Chicago Deli, 6:30 pm

December

- 2 **Housing Committee Meeting and Phase 2 Task Force**, Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church 6:30 pm
- 10 **Business Committee Meeting and Phase 2 Task Force**, Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, 6:30 pm
- 11 **South Chicago Avenue Business Alliance (SCABA)**, Pepitos, noon
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11th Ward News



by Council Member Scott Benson

The financial pressures the City faces in the next 10 years are considerable. Between pension obligations for our public employees and the increase in the cost of health insurance benefits alone, the budget for 2003 would need to grow by \$30.4 million. To respond to these pressures, the City Council and the Mayor have stepped up work on transitioning the City to long-term, holistic financial decision-making.

In prior years, the City made choices to fund park and library operations at a greater level in order to improve these services. Since 1994, property taxes and state aids have grown by 60 percent for the Park Board, and by 42 percent for the Library Board. (This does not count the voter-approved library referendum.) Finding efficiencies in major services funded by the property tax—police, fire, and public works—is getting more and more difficult.

To fund all that the City does and pay off the debts accumulated over the last several years, it is estimated that the property tax revenues collected by the City would have to triple by 2010. This is not acceptable.

I supported a resolution which limits the levy increase to 8 percent for next year—4 percent to cover the increases in pension obligations, health insurance and other costs—and 4 percent for debt retirement. This resolution recognizes that the City and the Independent Boards operate from the same checkbook and allows all those affected to see up front what they will have to work with next year.

The Mayor recently presented his recommendations for the budget to the City Council. The \$1.22 billion budget represents a 1.7 percent decrease from the 2002 adopted budget and is based on budget principles to secure the City's long-term financial health while protecting core-service delivery.

The proposal includes cuts of about \$5.5 million in the City's 2003 budget, including \$2.1 million from the Police Department, about \$700,000 from Public Works and \$582,000 from the Fire Department. Part of this cut includes removal of Ladder Truck 8 in fire station 27 on Nicollet and 54th. It is expected that the budget will receive final approval in December.

We Want to Hear You!

Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2003, is the date to meet and exchange ideas about our neighborhood's premier commercial area, 48th Street and Chicago Avenue South. Home to longstanding popular businesses such as Pepito's, Adrian's and the Parkway Theater, as well as new exciting ones like Turtle Bread Bakery, Shop in the City and Parkway Hardware, this area has been the subject of dreams and discussions by a team of committed residents and business/property owners and we want to hear from you.

What businesses and activities would you like to see at this intersection? Come and hear some initial ideas from our team and give us yours.

Watch for an invitation with exact time and place.

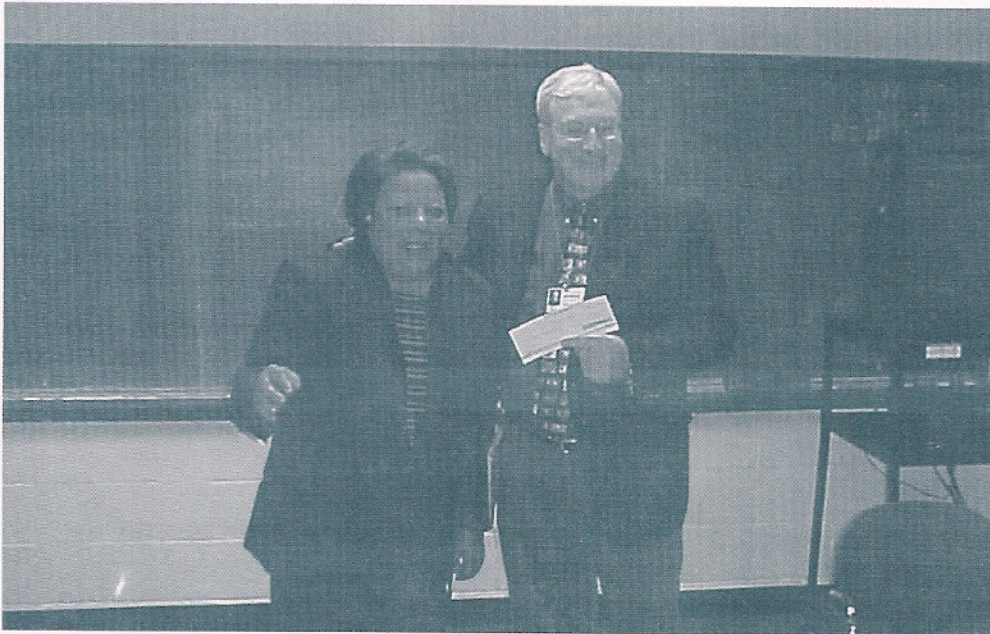
Low-Interest Home Improvement Loans Available

The Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood (FRNN) Group has low-interest 6 percent loans available to fix up your home! You may borrow up to \$25,000 at the 6 percent interest rate if your household income is less than \$88,000. Even better, you may qualify for 5 percent interest if your income is less than \$35,000. Most improvement projects—roof, furnace, windows/doors, insulation—are eligible.

A Home Energy Loan, also available from Community Revitalization Resources (CRR) has no income limits; the maximum loan amount is \$10,000. Loans are available at 6.5 percent interest for energy-related improvements such as furnace, insulation, windows, doors and water heaters.

FRNN has hired CRR, a local non-profit organization, to administer this program. CRR will assist you through the application process and help with any questions you have regarding the program or your improvement projects. If you have any questions or would like an application sent to you, please call Jim at 335-5885.

Field Middle School Receives Grant



Above: David Dooley of Field Middle School receives the grant from Alice Anderson of Kirk's Mobil Inc. Field Middle School received the \$500 grant from the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance program to support the school's Media Center Program. The grant was one of 4,000 available to schools across the country from the ExxonMobil Foundation. "We are proud to be a part of the efforts by Field Middle School to continue to provide educational opportunities to the young people of our community," said Alice Anderson.

CALENDAR

23 Third Precinct Advisory Council, 3000 Minnehaha Ave., 6:30 pm

January

6 Housing Committee Meeting and Phase 2 Task Force, Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church 6:30 pm

8 South Chicago Avenue Business Alliance (SCABA), Pepitos, noon

9 Dream Team Meeting, 4923 Chicago Ave. S., 7 pm

14 Business Committee Meeting and Phase 2 Task Force, Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, 6:30 pm

15 FRNNG Executive Committee Meeting, Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church 6 pm

FRNNG Board Meeting, Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church 6:30 pm

16 Dream Team Meeting, 4923 Chicago Ave. S., 7 pm

21 Dream Team Big Nite at the Parkway Theater

27 Third Precinct Advisory Council, 3000 Minnehaha Ave. 6:30 pm

28 Communications Committee Meeting, Chicago Deli, 6:30 pm

Traffic Antics

The Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Traffic Subcommittee has proposed a traffic study for Portland Avenue (including the intersection of 42nd Street, where speeding traffic tries to beat the stoplights), and for Park Avenue at Minnehaha Parkway (where the mix of intersections for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists creates a hazard). The committee has also discussed neighborhood complaints of parking on 46th Street between Third and Fourth Avenues during Sunday morning church services. To help the Traffic Subcommittee solve problems of traffic safety: Call 721-5424.

McRae Park Schedule November through February

906 East 47th Street

Parks & Recreation... The benefits are endless!

PRESCHOOL

Indoor Playground

Ages: Children 5 and under (with parent or guardian)

Days: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, Dec. 20 and Jan. 22–Mar. 26

* not held on School Release Days

Times: 10 a.m.–noon

Fee: FREE

Classical Ballet & Jazz

Ages: 3 to 5

Days: Tuesdays

Session 1: Jan. 21–Feb. 25

Times: 4:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.

Fee: \$35

YOUTH

Recreation Plus Child Care

Ages: Children in grades 1 to 6

Days: Mondays–Fridays, Sept. 3–Dec. 20 and School Release Days

Times: 2 p.m.–6 p.m.

Fee: \$95/month full-time

\$23/day Release Days

Homework Heroes

Ages: 6 to 12

Days: Monday–Thursday

Times: 2 p.m.–3 p.m.

Fee: FREE!

Friday Night Films

Ages: 6 to 12

Days: Fridays Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 7

Times: 6:30 p.m.–9 p.m.

Fee: \$1

Kids Night Out

Ages: 6 to 12

Days: Fridays Dec. 20, Jan. 3, Feb. 7

Times: 6 p.m.–9 p.m.

Fee: \$5 per time

TEENS

Girls Group

Ages: 11 to 17

Days: Tuesdays

Times: 7 p.m.–9 p.m.

Fee: FREE

Writer's Club

Ages: 11 to 17

Days: Wednesdays Jan. 29–March 5

Times: 6 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

Fee: FREE!

ADULT

McRae Aces

Ages: 55+

Days: Thursdays (on-going)

Times: 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Fee: FREE

Holiday Floral Design

Ages: 18+

Day: Thursday, Dec. 12

Times: 7 p.m.–9 p.m.

Fee: \$18

FAMILIES

Pancake Breakfast

Ages: all are welcome

Day: Saturday, Dec. 14

Times: 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Fee: \$4/person in advance, \$5/person at the door

Cookie Bake and Exchange

Ages: all are welcome (under 12 accompanied by adult)

Day: Tuesday, Dec. 17 or

Thursday Dec. 19

Times: 6 p.m.–8 p.m.

Fee: \$3/person or \$10/family

Youth Athletics

Basketball and Wrestling registration

Days: Nov. 18 and Nov. 20

Time: 6:30 p.m.–8 p.m.

Practice schedules to be announced.

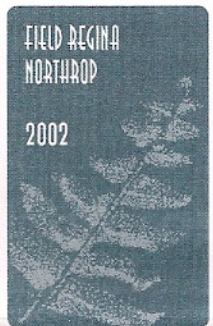
Holiday Bazaar at Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church

How about sitting down to a nice roast-beef dinner? Take-home treats from the bake sale and cookie walk. Buy unique items from neighborhood crafters and join your friends and neighbors for coffee and sweet rolls. Saturday, Nov. 23, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 4120 17th Ave. S. 724-3693

Support Close to Home and Get Your FRNNG Decal

Help keep *Close to Home* coming to your door by sending in a voluntary subscription of \$15 or more, and you'll receive a colorful window decal!

Combined with the business and church sponsorships, your donations support a significant portion of the newsletter printing and mailing costs. Please keep them coming!



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NOTE: In sending in your subscription payment, you automatically become a member of FRNNG with all applicable voting rights. If, however, you are interested in FRNNG membership without making a subscription contribution, please check the membership only box below, fill out this form and mail it to FRNNG. Thank you.

Business and Church Sponsorships

Close to Home would like to thank the following local businesses and churches in our community for their generous financial contributions to the production and mailing of this newsletter. We appreciate their assistance in keeping communications strong in the Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood. **We also encourage residents to support these local businesses so that they can continue to be a strong and vital sector of our community. Sponsors in bold are new as of November, 2001.**

Patron Level

Family Dental Clinic, 45th & Chicago
Minnehaha Animal Hospital, 48th & Chicago
Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, 47th & Chicago
Pepito's Restaurant, 48th & Chicago
South Chicago Avenue Business Alliance (SCABA)
Southside Community Clinic, 43rd & 4th
St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 45th & 3rd

Donor Level

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Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, 46th & 17th
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Minneapolis Granite and Marble, 44th & Chicago
Minneapolis Sword Club, 48th & Chicago
Patrick Nau Photography, 48th & Chicago
Shenandoah Cleaners, 48th & Chicago
Southwest Automotive/United Coach, 45th & Chicago
T.A.'s Texaco, 46th & Chicago
T.L. Graphics, 3800 28th Ave. S.

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS



Taken at Recent FRNNG

Executive Committee & Board Meetings

Board meets at 6:30 p.m., 3rd Wednesday of each month at Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, 1620 E. 46th St.

September and October Meetings... Board Approved

- ✎ Monthly check expenditures.
- ✎ Sending neighborhood-wide mailing inviting residents to Oct. 9 Public Informational meeting on Minneapolis Crisis Nursery's interest in purchasing old Regina Terrace Nursing Home property.
- ✎ Payment of \$110 invoice from Center for Energy & Environment for home loan marketing as recommended by Housing Committee.
- ✎ Community & Safety Committee purchasing a sound system for public meeting for no more than \$900.
- ✎ Making the Phase 2 Education Task Force a permanent "committee" with voting rights on the FRNNG Board of Directors; and making Gerry Sell and Kathy Alvig chair and co-chair respectively as recommended by the Education Task Force.
- ✎ Sending letter to Council Member Scott Benson supporting Minneapolis Crisis Nursery purchase of old Regina Terrace Nursing Home property with the proviso that Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment reveal no evidence of environmental conditions that would be of concern to health of children and the Crisis Nursery workers.
- ✎ Making Paint & Fix Grant of \$516 to London Grocery—a 30 percent reimbursement—for their recent investment in signage improvements, as recommended by the Business Committee.
- ✎ Making each of the Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Representatives an NRP Elector for the Nov. 2002 NRP Policy Board elections.
- ✎ Making Angela Crandall the Phase 2 Planning Committee Co-Chair with current Chair Herb Gysler.

Wednesday Adventures

Asbury United Methodist Church (4501 Bloomington Ave.) offers a free community supper each Wednesday evening at 5:45 p.m. Adventure Club for elementary school age children follows at 6:30 with stories, games and fun. The Youth Room is open from 6:30–8:30 p.m. for middle- and high-school age youth with movies, board games, snacks and hang time.

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Other Committees/Projects

Fund Raising: Staff

Neighborhood Tutoring Project: Sandra Smith

Teen Job & Opportunity Fair: *Needs daytime
volunteer*

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11th Ward Council Scott Benson 673-2211

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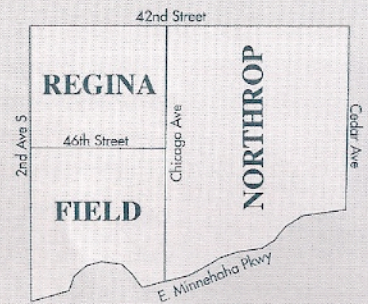
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Housing Inspector 673-5858

Senior Helpline 729-5499

McRae Park Director Jennifer Hayes 370-4909

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