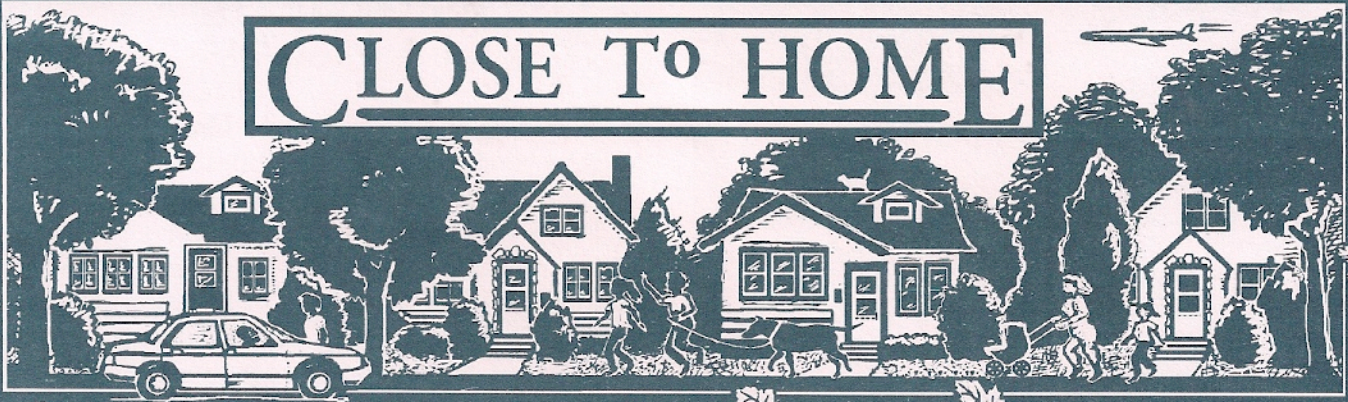


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The Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group Newsletter

February–March 2003

Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Phase 2 Planning

March 20 Meeting to Share Possible Projects and Priorities

The NRP Phase 2 Planning Committee has been busy gathering information for the Phase 2 Action Plan for the FRN neighborhood. The Action Plan will direct how the neighborhood will use the NRP funds for Phase 2 of the program—the next fifteen years. Various task forces have been discussing and drafting priorities in the areas of housing, business, community and safety, parks, education, and neighborhood communications.

This fall, a survey was sent out to randomly-selected neighborhood residents to gather neighborhood feedback on priorities. In addition, the Planning Committee is conducting various focus groups to gather additional feedback. Finally, on Thursday, March 20, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. at McRae Park, the Phase 2 Committee will hold a neighborhood meeting to present the results of the survey and focus groups and to draw additional feedback on neighborhood priorities from neighborhood residents. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting.

After this meeting, the Phase 2 Planning Committee will take all of the information gathered from these sources and create a Draft Action Plan which will be presented to the neighborhood in September 2003. Neighborhood feedback on the draft will be incorporated into the final Action Plan, which will then be presented to the neighborhood for a vote in November or December 2003.

Senior focus group results: Some of the 22 affirmative and imaginative programs/projects that the focus group thought could be undertaken and funded by Phase 2 to deal with specific senior concerns.

Crime

- Put money into back yard and alley motion lights
- Pay for more patrolling for police bikes

Services

- Help with leaves and yard work—barter with youth in the community

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Neighborhood seniors who participated in a senior focus group as part of the NRP Phase 2 planning process.

CLUES (Chicanos Latinos Unidos En Servicio) Provides Services for Latino Community

Estabilizado en 1981, CLUES es un líder en la provisión de servicios sociales los cuales son lingüística y culturalmente apropiados para la comunidad Latina en Minnesota. Se ofrecen servicios por medio de un continuo de cuidado en las cinco áreas de la salud mental, la farmacodependencia, el empleo, la educación y el bienestar de personas mayores.

¡CLUES está trabajando para un futuro brillante para que los niños tengan buena salud y más éxito en la escuela, las familias tengan esperanza, y las personas mayores continúen tomando un papel importante en nuestra comunidad!

Nuestras oficinas estan localizadas en:

2700 E. Lake Street, Suite 1160

Minneapolis, MN

(612) 746-3500

www.clues.org



Projects & Committee Update

We can use *your* help with these projects. Call 721-5424 for more information.

Business Committee/Phase 2 Task Force (Nov–Dec)

- Phase 2 Business Projects: Committee developed additional draft business project strategies for Phase 2.
- Save the Parkway Theatre Subcommittee: Volunteers reviewing options.
- Dream Team Project—48th & Chicago: FRNNG Business Committee willing to contribute \$6,000 as one of several financial supporters of the Dream Team project assuming neighborhood will be an integral part of the redevelopment planning process.

Communication Committee (Oct–Dec)

- FRNNG Web Site: New site is up and running. Site address is www.frnng.org
- Close to Home newsletter: New volunteer working on generating business sponsorships. 2003 Close to Home subscription window decal chosen. 2002 subscriptions surpass 2001 level. Committee to move ahead with new edition of FRN Neighborhood Business Directory.

Housing Committee/Phase 2 Task Force (Nov–Dec)

- Home Improvement Loan Program: still nearly \$20,000 available.
- Phase 2 Housing Projects: Committee developed draft goals and strategies to be shared at Sept. 24th Welcome Neighbor Night event.
- Project for Pride and Living (PPL) House: PPL to build home at 4515 - 5th Avenue with groundbreaking in June and hope to sell by Dec., 2003. Committee may consider funding assistance with gap financing.
- Southside Home Improvement Fair: Event set for Saturday, March 29. FRNNG Participation Agreement approved.
- Phase 2 Senior Focus Group: Committee recruited facilitator and 12 senior residents to participate in Dec. 4 focus group to develop Phase 2 project ideas.

NRP Phase 2 Planning Committee (Nov–Dec)

- New Co-Chair Appointed: Angela Crandall
- Phase 2 Random Survey of Neighborhood: random survey sent in October to over 500 residents, and the initial return is 40%—very high. Survey will help shape the final NRP Phase 2 Action Plan document. Results: Jan. 2003.
- Focus Groups: Committee decided to organize 5 focus groups for Phase 2: seniors, Latinos, renters, youth (11-19), and parents of these youth.

Community & Safety Committee/Phase 2 Task Force (Nov–Dec)

- Committee continued to develop draft goals and strategies for Phase 2.
- Traffic Subcommittee: As an initial project of this group, approved letter to City Public Works asking department to work with neighborhood to reduce speeding on 42nd Street. Specific strategies suggested.

Be a Neighborhood Decision-Maker—April Elections!

Your neighborhood association is gearing up for the April 2003 Annual Elections. If you are interested in tossing your hat in the ring for openings on the Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group (FRNNG) Board of Directors—please contact the neighborhood office for more details at 721-5424.

This is your chance to be a neighborhood decision-maker while getting your ideas before the community and making a contribution to the vitality and rich heritage of our neighborhood and association.

According to our bylaws, the positions of President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer and all three neighborhood representatives are open for re-election this year. The President, 2nd Vice President and Treasurer positions are two-year terms, while the neighborhood representative positions (representing each of the Field, Regina and Northrop neighborhoods) are for one year each. Commitment is at least one meeting per month.

The FRNNG Board of Directors is the elected governing body of the Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood which is recognized by the city and works to improve the neighborhoods, promote citizen involvement, and find solutions to issues concerning FRN Neighborhood residents and business/property owners. Funded by the citywide Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP), the FRNNG is charged with eliciting neighborhood input on projects and issues; and making decisions regarding how, what and where our NRP funds will be spent concerning housing, business, safety, parks, youth, schools, communications and more. Call 721-5424 for additional information.

Input Needed From Home-based Businesses

The FRNNG Communications Committee is getting ready to update the Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Directory. If you operate a home-based business within this area and wish to be included in the update, please send the following information to the FRNNG office:

- Your name
- The name of your business, if any
- The type of business (e.g., photography);
- A short description (ten words or fewer) of the nature of the business
- Contact information you want published (address, phone number, hours, etc.), and
- A short statement authorizing FRNNG to use the information in their directory.

Kindergarten Round-Up

There will be an open house and an informational meeting at King's Christian Academy, 4500 Clinton Ave. S., Feb. 13, 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. For more information, call 825-0809.

Volunteer Opportunities

Call FRNNG at (612)721-5424

Office Volunteers Needed

Help with mailings and copying on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays. Commitment: once a week at most for 1–2 hours.

NRP Phase 2 Planning of Neighborhood Improvement Projects

Help to determine the next 15 years of neighborhood improvement projects—please contact us. Commitment: once a month from now until Sept. 2003.

Annual Southside Housing Fair and Annual Teen Job Fair Events

Commitment: attend once-a-month daytime planning meetings or help on the day of either event (Teen Job Fair: Saturday, Mar. 15, and Housing Fair: Saturday, Mar. 29, 2003).

The Parade is Coming in June!

Plan this year's June 7th Annual Parade. Commitment: 3 planning meetings from January to June to promote parade participation and neighborhood awareness.

Tutor a Child!

Willing to tutor one or more elementary children in reading or math? We have daytime and evening sites available in the neighborhood. Commitment: 2 hours/week for minimum of 10 weeks.

More Block Leaders Needed

FRNNG, in collaboration with CCP/SAFE, has over 64% of the blocks in the neighborhood organized into block clubs. If your block isn't organized and you want to help—call the FRNNG office today. Commitment: At least 1 meeting/year on your block and National Night Out in August.

Close to Home Newsletter

Layout editors (familiar with Quark XPress) and copy editors needed. Commitment: at least one CTH issue/year

Newsletter Subscriptions

We need block leaders or others willing to sell newsletter subscriptions door to door on their block. It's EASY and it's another way to meet your neighbors and help sustain your neighborhood newsletter. Commitment: you choose!

FRNNG Neighborhood Business Directory

Skilled at layout in Quark XPress? Oversee the updating of the 2001 Directory with help from the Communications Committee. Commitment: time limited.

League of Women Voters

Are you interested in the League of Women Voters? A new unit is forming in our neighborhood. For information, please call Marilyn Kelly 824-6404, Karen Pratt 822-3475 or Gerry Sell 823-3248.

Healthy Seniors

Nokomis Healthy Seniors, 4553 34th Ave. S., is open 9:00 a.m. to noon every Thursday morning for "Nurse is In." Schedule a pedicure or get your blood pressure checked. If nothing else, stop in to chat over a cup of coffee and Scandia bakery coffee cake.

Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 1830 East 41st Ave., sponsors the Macular Degeneration Group, which meets at the church on the second Thursday of the month from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. On the last Thursday of the month, the Caregiver Support Group meets at 1:00 p.m. The group is open to anyone serving as a caregiver for a loved one. Call 729-5499 for further information.

Nokomis Healthy Seniors partnered with Hennepin County Environmental Services to present a three-part series on environmental issues. The seniors were an enthusiastic and receptive audience. For 30 seniors unable to attend the presentations, a series of home visits were made to give information on a one-to-one basis. Seniors were given postcards to sign and mail to get their names off lists sold to junk mailers. If you are interested in getting a postcard, please call Hennepin County Environmental Services at 348-3777.

Crisis Nursery Fundraising Event—South Beach Comes Alive

Saturday, March 1, at the Minneapolis Convention Center

Please join us for a unique fund raising event where you will enjoy the cosmopolitan sights, sounds and flavors of an after hours club in "SO-BE"!

Enjoy an evening of dinner, silent and live auctions, and music by the Bruce Henry Band.

All funds raised from the event go directly to supporting the children and families the Nursery helps.

Individual tickets are available for \$150, and Corporate Tables can be purchased for \$2,500, \$5,000 or \$10,000 levels. For more information on the event visit www.crisisnursery.org, or call Julie McCarty, Events Manager at (763)591-0400 ext 270.

In 2003, Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery celebrates 20 years dedicated to our mission of working in partnership with parents in crisis and the community to strengthen families and prevent child abuse and neglect.

Bilingual Preschool

Northrop School, in collaboration with Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, is currently offering Northrop's B.E.S.T. bilingual preschool at 1620 E. 46th Street. This preschool will focus on Spanish- and English-speaking children and is open to the public. Classes start Jan. 21, 2003, and take place Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. for five weeks. Cost is \$150 for the five week session.

CALENDAR

February to March

February

- 3 **Housing Committee Meeting and Phase 2 Task Force**, Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, 6:30 pm
Metro Transit Public Meeting, Creekside Community Center, Auditorium, Rm. 116, 9801 Penn Ave. So., Bloomington, 12:30-2:30 pm
- 4 **Metro Transit Public Meeting**, Midtown YWCA, Community Rooms 155 & 156, 2121 East Lake Street, Minneapolis, 7-9 pm.
- 6 **Parkway Theater Revitalization Committee Meeting**, Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, 6:30 pm
- 11 **Business Committee Meeting and Phase 2 Task Force**, Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, 6:30 pm
- 12 **South Chicago Avenue Business Alliance (SCABA)**, Pepito's, noon
- 18 **Dream Team Event**, McRae Park, 47th & Elliot, 7:15 pm
- 19 **FRNNG Exec. Committee Meeting**, Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, 6:00 pm
- 19 **FRNNG Board of Directors Meeting**, Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, 6:30 pm
- 21 **Close to Home deadline**
- 24 **Third Precinct Advisory Council**, 3000 Minnehaha Ave., 6:30 pm
- 25 **Communications Committee Meeting**, Chicago Deli, 6:30 pm

March

- 1 **2003 Beach Ball benefit for Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery**, Minneapolis Convention Center, 6:30-11:00 pm
- 3 **Housing Committee Meeting and Phase 2 Task Force**, Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, 6:30 pm

8th Ward News

by Robert Lilligren,
8th Ward Council Vice President

Greetings, neighbors. There have been a number of interesting developments occurring in the ward.

Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP)


The most pressing issue in the city is our budget. With our budget policy which caps the amount we can raise taxes, the City Council will need to decide where to make cuts. The City has less money for community development—including both NRP and City housing and economic development programs. The City Council and the Mayor launched the Focus Minneapolis initiative to increase efficiency and ensure effective citizen participation in decisions. Now, the City Council and Mayor are considering how to fund NRP along with necessary basic services.

Field School

My aide, Andrea Jenkins, and I visited Field School on Election Day, Nov. 5, there are some very bright children attending that school. We spoke with three classes of fifth and sixth graders. When we arrived they were in the midst of a mock candidate debate. It was fascinating to hear the issues they raised and their responses. Involving young people in the political process is a goal of my term in office.

MTC Highlights

Metro Transit is conducting a public meetings regarding proposed changes to the system. One change is the proposed new 46, which will run down 46th Street serving as a feeder to the



Light Rail Station at 46th and Hiawatha. Public meetings will be held Mon., Feb. 3, 12:30-2:30 p.m., at Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Ave. S., Bloomington, and Tues., Feb. 4, 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m., at Midtown YWCA, 2121 East Lake St., Minneapolis. The Metro Transit website is www.metrotransit.org.

Field Regina Lighting Project Special Assessments

The good news is that the final lighting project assessment is 30 percent less than projected. On the legal front, City Attorney, Ed Backstrom proposed a motion for summary judgment, which is in effect a motion to dismiss the lawsuit. That motion was granted, the case has been appealed and is now before the Minnesota Court of Appeals. We will keep you informed of any decisions.

Airport Update

There is a new the Noise Oversight Committee (NOC) and some members of the NOC have been appointed. Among those already appointed are: Scott Benson, Council Member for Minneapolis. With appointments still to be made, the NOC has not met, but the MAC has started to hold quarterly public input meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each quarter. The next input meeting is scheduled for Jan. 28, at 7 p.m., and then in April. For more information call (612)726-8141.

I wish you health and happiness in the coming year.

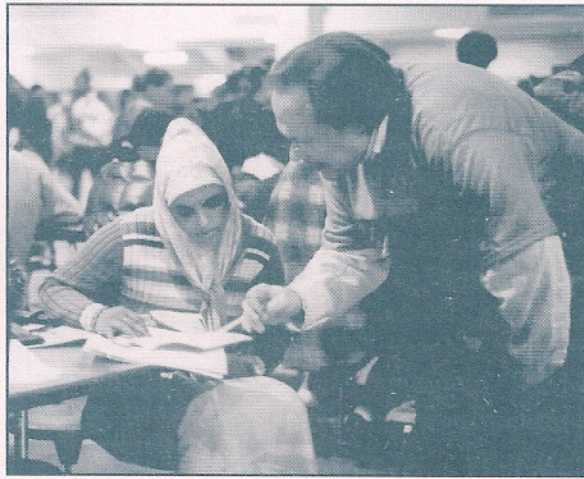
Asbury Events

Free Community Meals are offered every Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church (4501 Bloomington Ave.). Adventure Club for elementary age students and the Teen Center for middle and high school students begin at 6:30 following the meal. Starting March 5, a video series, "Faith Lessons on the Life and Ministry of the Messiah" will also be offered every week at 6:30. All are invited.

Are Your Teenagers Looking for Jobs?

You and your teenage children are invited to the Ninth Annual Minneapolis Teen Job & Opportunity Fair scheduled for Saturday, March 15 from noon to 2:30 p.m. at South High School which is located at 3131 - 19th Ave. S. in Minneapolis.

Why should you be there? The purpose of the Fair is to provide youth ages 13 to 20 with resources and information regarding employment and volunteer opportunities in the city. It is also geared, through workshops, to provide information on basic employer expectations, completing job applications and career readiness. 1,200 teens from all over Minneapolis attended last year's Job Fair. For information, call FRNNG at 721-5424.



March 29 Housing Fair

Need a resource for home improvements? Or maybe some inspiration? Whether you are looking at just doing a few small things or a large project—inside or out—meet some people who can give you ideas or even help make it happen. Come to the South Minneapolis Housing & Home Improvement Fair on March 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at South High School, 3131-19th Ave. S. The Fair hosts more than 100 exhibitors truly interested in working in Minneapolis. You'll find resources from contractors to work on your home to financial advice about how to pay for improvements to seminars on what you need to know to do it yourself.

There's no admission fee and parking is free. Come on over to find help for your home. (Don't forget to find your neighborhood table to sign in.) You can get information about things in the neighborhood, give some feedback, or help out with committees and volunteer work. And don't forget about the door prizes!

A Memorial Tribute to Ed Solomon

by Jim Bush

In December, we lost a dear friend and a truly wonderful human being, Ed Solomon. Not only was he the Minneapolis Park Commissioner from our Fifth District and a long-time volunteer and coach at McRae Park, he had at least two successful careers with Control Data and Hennepin County Parks. He was the "Mayor" of the 48th St/Chicago Avenue area (although an argument could be made that his influence far exceeded that boundary), and a devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather.

The impact he had, especially on the youth of our area over the many years of his involvement with our community, is a legacy that he leaves with us. In many ways, he related the lessons from team athletics to life: fair play, teamwork, preparation, and hard work as ingredients in a successful life.

His "Get Down...Get Ready" philosophy of facing life head-on and being prepared for any eventuality was one he preached and lived as long as I knew him. Ed had a wonderful and unique ability to bring people from diverse backgrounds together to seek answers to problems our community faced. He often and quietly

CALENDAR

March (continued)

- 6 Parkway Theater
Revitalization Committee
Meeting, Lake Nokomis
Presbyterian Church, 6:30 pm
- 11 Business Committee & Phase 2
Task Force Meeting, Lake
Nokomis Presbyterian Church,
6:30 pm
- 12 South Chicago Avenue
Business Alliance (SCABA),
Pepito's, noon
- 15 Teen Job & Opportunity Fair,
South High, noon-2:30 pm
- 15 Parade 2003 Planning
Committee meeting, McRae
Park, 47th and Elliot, 2 pm
- 19 FRNNG Exec. Committee
Meeting, Lake Nokomis
Presbyterian Church, 6:00 pm
- 19 FRNNG Board of Directors
Meeting, Lake Nokomis
Presbyterian Church, 6:30 pm
- 20 NRP Phase 2 Neighborhood
Public Meeting, McRae Park,
7:00 pm
- 24 Third Precinct Advisory
Council, 3000 Minnehaha Ave.,
6:30 pm
- 25 Communications Committee
Meeting, Chicago Deli, 6:30
pm
- 26 Neighborhood-wide Block
Leader Meeting, McRae Park,
6:30 pm
- 29 Southside Housing Fair, South
High, 10 am-4 pm

used his own resources to help those who couldn't afford to participate without financial help.

Directly or indirectly, Ed had an impact on countless people, especially in our community, but in the larger community as well. Those of us who were fortunate enough to know him, were blessed with his friendship, and will remember his ever-ready smile and laugh and hugs. We are also left to carry his legacy forward. To his immediate family, wife Harriet, daughter Dana, and son Chuck: Thank you for sharing Ed with us.

McRae Park Schedule

906 East 47th Street, February through March

Complete schedule information can be obtained at the park or online at www.minneapolisparcs.org.

Pre-School

Indoor Playground

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

Days: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays Jan. 22–March 26

*not held on MPS School Release Days

Times: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Fee: FREE

Parent/Child Arts & Crafts

Ages: 3 to 5 with parent or guardian

Days: Mondays Feb. 10–March 17

Times: 6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$15

Minnesota Mammals

Ages: 4 to 5

Days: Mondays Feb. 24–March 17

Times: 10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Fee: \$5

Classical Ballet and Jazz

Ages: 3 to 5

Days: Tuesdays

Session 1: Jan. 21–Feb. 25

Session 2: March 4–April 8

Times: 4:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.

Fee: \$40

More Ballet and Jazz

Ages: 4 to 6

Days: Tuesdays

Session 1: Jan. 21–Feb. 25

Session 2: March 4–April 8

Times: 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

Fee: \$40

Youth

Recreation Plus Child Care

Ages: Children in grades 1–6

Days: Mondays–Fridays

and School Release Days

Times: 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Fee: \$95/month full -time

\$23/day Release Days

Homework Heroes

Ages: 6 to 12

Days: Mondays–Thursdays

Times: 2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

Fee: FREE

Marvelous Minnesota

Ages: 6 to 12

Days: Wednesdays,

Feb. 19–March 5

Times: 4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Fee: \$5

Friday Night Films

Ages: 6 to 12

Days: Fridays

Feb. 7 and March 7

Times: 6:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Fee: \$1

Kids Night Out

Ages: 6 to 12

Days: Fridays

Feb. 21 and March 21

Times: 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Fee: \$5 per time

Sweetheart Basket

Ages: 6 to 12

Day: Tuesday, Feb. 11

Times: 3:00–4:30 p.m.

Fee: \$12 per participant

Teens

Homework Help

Ages: 12–17

Days: Mondays, Jan. 13–March 24

Times: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Fee: FREE

Craft Club

Ages: 12–17

Days: Tuesdays, Jan. 15–Feb. 25

Times: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Fee: \$10

Loungin'

Ages: 11–17

Days: Thursdays, Jan. 16–March 27

Times: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Fee: FREE

Adult

Day Trips for Seniors

Feb. 27—Lavender Inn

March 6—Disney on Ice, Princess Classics

McRae Aces

Ages: 55+

Days: Thursdays (on-going)

Times: 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Fee: FREE

Youth Athletics

Baseball, T-ball and Coach Pitch
Registration is in early March. Call
McRae Park for more information.

NRP Phase 2 Planning

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- Expand the Nokomis Healthy Seniors Program
- More programs to get people outside—walking, talking
- Neighborhood Master Gardeners Group—hold classes at Park and Rec Centers

Communication

- Have computers at McRae Park for Seniors to use
- A senior page in *Close to Home!*

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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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 2003.**

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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Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery, 46th and 4th Ave.
Ken & Norm's Liquors, 48th & Chicago
Southside Chiropractic, P.A., 48th & Chicago

Partner Level

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T.A.'s Texaco, 46th & Chicago
T.L. Graphics, E. 38th St. and 28th Ave. S.
Terry's Auto Body, 43rd and Chicago

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS



Taken at Recent FRNG

Executive Committee & Board Meetings

Executive Committee meetings are at 6 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, 1620 E. 46th St., followed by Board of Directors meetings at 6:30 p.m.

Executive Committee Approved at November Meeting

- FRN Neighborhood supporting Turtle Bread Company's variance application to City Zoning for permission to move and reuse two signs currently on building at 48th & Chicago.
- Supporting Whittier Alliance (Whittier Neighborhood) request to join in asking City Council to postpone Nov. 22 Council vote on city-wide zoning changes.

Board of Directors Approved at November and December Meetings

- Monthly check expenditures.
- Making Paint & Fix Grant of \$408 to Southside Chiropractic for new signs—a 30% reimbursement—for their recent investment in signage improvements, as recommended by the Business Committee.
- Making Paint & Fix Grants of \$1,076 to Shop in the City for new awnings; and \$536 for new signage—each are 30% reimbursement—for their recent investment in awning and signage improvements, as recommended by the Business Committee.
- Making Paint & Fix Grant of \$360 to Northern Lights Mortgage for new signs—a 30% reimbursement—for their recent investment in signage improvements, as recommended by the Business Committee.
- Allowing up to \$100 (\$20 each) in refreshment expenses for the five Phase 2 Focus groups.
- Reallocating \$1,500 from our neighborhood's Phase 1 Action Plan Business funds to support McRae Park sports programs; and approved "new language" for submission to and approval from the NRP Policy Board and Minneapolis City Council in order to revise our neighborhood's Phase 1 Action Plan allowing the \$1500 to be reallocated.
- Sending letter from neighborhood Traffic Subcommittee to City Public Works - Transportation Division re: need to develop plans for reducing speeding on 42nd Street.
- Sending letter from neighborhood Business Committee to Walgreens (at 43rd and Chicago) re neighborhood interest in working with Walgreens to reduce alley littering and improve parking lot and landscaping.

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