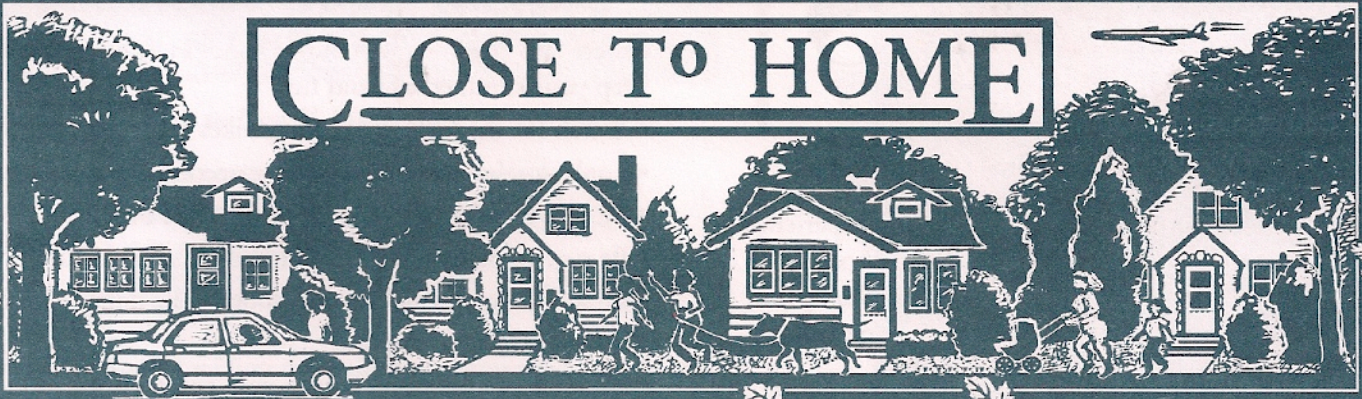


CLOSE TO HOME



The Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group Newsletter

July - September 2004

2004 National Night Out is August 3

Have a Good Time, Say Good-bye to Crime and Welcome a Neighboring Block

National Night Out 2004 is Tuesday August 3. Imagine 40,000 Minneapolis residents taking to the streets to join 35,000,000 other people across the country to celebrate neighborliness, safety and community. That's what will happen on National Night Out (NNO), August 3. This year NNO will be 21 years old and it's expected that 1900 Minneapolis blocks will host more than 900 block parties. Some will be as simple as neighbors sharing lemonade while others will have music, dancing, pot-lucks, games, and other events.

"Everyone's Welcome" is this year's National Night Out theme and it's an invitation for everyone to get to know their neighbors." said Don Greely, a Crime Prevention Specialist in the four neighborhoods in Phillips. He added, "Neighbors who know each other, and who work together are a very effective crime prevention tool. They make neighborhoods safer, and build a stronger community."

Minneapolis NNO is coordinated by CCP/SAFE, a unit of the Minneapolis Police Department. Even after 21 years NNO is still the only concerted event of its kind in the country, occurring in tens of thousands of places throughout the nation at the same time. NNO is far more than an event that takes place on one summer night. For many, it is the cohesive fixed point around which the work of block clubs begins and continues throughout the year. It helps establish the sense of community necessary to build and maintain a safer, more livable, more enjoyable city.

Welcoming a Neighboring Block

You can help your neighborhood become safer and have more fun!!! CCP/SAFE is asking active blocks to welcome neighboring blocks to participate in their National Night Out parties this year if they're not having their own NNO party. By meeting more neighbors, there will be even more people watching out for each other and the neighborhood.



After all, as more people get to know each other, the safer the neighborhoods become! This is an effort to widen the circle of blocks that are a part of the extensive Minneapolis block club network. CCP/SAFE is hoping the exposure to what a block club is about will cause many of those from inactive neighboring blocks to get involved in creating block clubs on their block. For information call **673-3568**.

From the President...

FRNNG welcomes Cathy Lue as our new office coordinator/community organizer. Cathy originally hales from Wisconsin, where she worked in community organizing and other types of organizing for years in Milwaukee. For a while, she lived in South America and did community development work there. The experience gave her some new perspectives about communities. Cathy moved to the Twin Cities 10 years ago and loves it here. Until recently, she was a community organizer for two community councils in St. Paul. She has one adult son, who lives in Minneapolis. She is excited about working for FRNNG and is eager to meet, work with and learn from neighbors in this community.

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Shop Locally

by Meredith Fox, Co-Chair- FRNNG Business Committee

The Field, Regina, Northrop Neighborhood has experienced an exciting commercial boom of late, becoming home to a variety of new businesses that contribute to the vitality and livability of our neighborhood. We all have a responsibility to keep it that way.

Today, we can....

- Walk to the **Chicago Deli, Turtle Bread, Sovereign Grounds** or **Sister Sludge** for breakfast on a Saturday morning
- Pick up light bulbs, paint, or landscaping supplies at **Parkway Hardware**
- Enjoy a tasty ice cream cone at **Pumphouse Creamery** or **The Popcorn Shop**
- Fill-up the gas tank at **Kirk's Mobile, TA's Automotive, Marathon** or **Super America** on the way to work
- Pop in at **Shenandoah Cleaners** or **Anna's Alterations** to fix a hem
- Buy a unique birthday gift for a friend at **Shop in the City, Ebu Design, Twiggs,** or **Amazon Books**
- Get a haircut at **Toby's, Trevor's, Dons, Salon 45, Eddie's,** or **Ebony Images**
- Have dinner delivered from **Star Moon, Carbone's, Mei Inn, Dominos** or **Pizza Hut**
- See a movie at **Parkway Theatre** and follow it with a pint at **Pepitos** or **Adrians**
- Care for your pet at **Minnehaha Animal Hospital & Dog Parlor**
- Or utilize a variety of additional services available in our neighborhood including banking, tax preparation, printing, home improvement, dental care, shoe repair, sports equipment, tutoring, photography and many others!

If we don't shop locally, these businesses won't always be there for us. Do your business in the Field, Regina, Northrop Neighborhood- it benefits us all!

Safety First

Safety and Summer go hand in hand! Here are a few tips to keep your summer safe and fun.

- Watch for the little ones riding bikes and rollerblading.
- Look closely before crossing intersections.
- Be sure to wear reflective clothing while biking.
- Be sure to put out the fire completely after grilling.
- Be sure to lock windows and doors while outside gardening.
- Please pick-up after pets!
- Notify a neighbor you trust before going on vacation.
- Notify post office and newspaper before going on vacation.
- Don't leave cars unlocked.
- Join the FRNNG walking group, for more information call Herb Gysler at **823-4264**.

From CCP/Safe

July 4th may have come and gone but fireworks are still a big part of summer celebrating.

Minnesota law now permits the sale, possession and use of some non-explosive and non-aerial fireworks. Examples include sparklers, cones and tubes that emit sparks, and novelty items like snakes and party poppers. These consumer fireworks may not be used on public property such as roads, alleys, schools, and parks. Purchasers of these fireworks must be at least 18 years old. Sale, possession and use may occur at any time during the year. Fireworks can only be sold from inside a permanent structure. Merchants selling fireworks from any location other than a permanent structure are in a violation of a city ordinance.

What is still illegal? The law still prohibits explosive and aerial fireworks for public sale, possession and use. Examples of illegal fireworks include firecrackers, bottle rockets, missiles, roman candles, mortars and shells-any fireworks that are explosive and aerial.

Please comply with the fireworks law! Be a considerate neighbor! Shooting off fireworks can be extremely frustrating for neighbors, especially when homes are close to each other, people are trying to sleep, and pets are frightened. Fireworks can also be very dangerous.

If someone is shooting off illegal fireworks, call **911**.



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, Schools and Safety?

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.

Close to Home newsletter

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

Commitment: Minimum of one CTH issue per year

Neighborhood Web Site

We need people with or without web site experience to help us maintain the FRNNG web site.

Commitment: Adjust to your schedule.

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.

Calendar

July to September

July

- 14 SCABA Pepito's, 12 noon
FRNNG Community/Safety Committee
McRae Park, 7 pm
- 21 FRNNG Board Meeting
McRae Park, 6:30 pm
- 22 FRNNG Communications Committee
Chicago Deli, 6:30 pm
- 26 3rd Precinct Advisory Council (3PAC)
3000 Minnehaha Ave., 6:30 pm

August

- 10 FRNNG Community/Safety Committee
McRae Park, 7 pm
- 11 SCABA Pepito's, 12 noon
- 18 FRNNG Board Meeting
McRae Park, 6:30 pm
- 23 3rd Precinct Advisory Council (3PAC)
3000 Minnehaha Ave., 6:30 pm
- 26 FRNNG Communications Committee
Chicago Deli, 6:30 pm

September

- 8 SCABA Pepito's, 12 noon
- 13 FRNNG Business Committee Meeting
Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, 7 pm
- 14 FRNNG Community/Safety Committee
McRae Park, 7 pm
- 15 FRNNG Board Meeting
McRae Park, 6:30 pm
- 18 Annual Field Regina Northrop
Neighborhood Celebration
McRae Park, 12 noon
- 23 FRNNG Communications Committee
Chicago Deli, 6:30 pm
FRNNG Education Committee
date to be announced- call FRNNG office
FRNNG Housing Committee
date to be announced- call FRNNG office
- 27 3rd Precinct Advisory Council (3PAC)
3000 Minnehaha Ave., 6:30

McRae Park Schedule 906 East 47th Street

This is a sample of classes and activities offered at McRae. The fall program schedule will be available at McRae Park in late July or online at

www.minneapolisparcs.org
612.370.4909 (voice) **612.824.4170** (fax)

Registration for Fall Programs will begin Monday, August 30.

Pre-School

Free to Be Me!

Ages 3 - 5 w/ Parent/Guardian
Mondays, July 12 - August 9
6 - 7:30 pm
\$20

Classical Ballet & Jazz

Ages 3 - 5
Tuesdays, July 13 - August 10 (Summer Session 2)
4:30 - 5:30 pm
\$45/session

More Ballet & Jazz

Ages 4 - 6
Tuesdays, July 13 - August 10 (Summer Session 2)
6 - 7 pm
\$45/session

Youth

Recreation Plus Summer Program

Kindergarten - 6th Grade
Mondays - Fridays, June 14 - August 20
6:30 am - 6 pm
\$109/week full-time + activities costs
\$20 administrative fee

Recreation Plus School Year Program

Kindergarten - 6th Grade
Mondays - Fridays, September 1 - June 9, 2005
2 - 6 pm
Fee TBD, \$20 administrative fee

Summer Adventure Camp

Ages 6 - 12
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, June 15 - August 12
1 - 4 pm
\$15/week or \$100 for 7 or more

Sign up for Summer Field Trips!
Monday & Friday trips available! Get flyers at the park!

Youth & Teen Programs

First Tee Golf (Par Level) - no experience required!
Ages 7 - 17
Tuesdays & Thursdays, July 27 - August 12
11:45 - 1 pm
\$30

Kidlympics

Ages 6 - 14
Monday, Aug. 9 - Thursday, August 12
10 am - 5 pm
\$25

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Ward 11 Update



by Council Member Scott Benson

To my friends and neighbors with FRNNG—thank you for the opportunity to update you about the happenings at City Hall. I will try to keep my column short but informative. If you have any questions or want to learn about something more in depth, please feel free to e-mail me scott.benson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us or call my office at 673-2211.

Project Safe Summer aims at lowering crime; may have adverse effect on Ward 11

Project Safe Summer, aimed at keeping the community involved by increasing youth employment opportunities, targeting problem properties, and lowering violent crime, was launched on May 11, by Mayor R.T. Rybak and Police Chief William McManus. Project Safe Summer is a shared strategy between the City of Minneapolis and its community partners, residents and businesses to address the issues that go into creating and maintaining a safe, livable city.

The cornerstone of Project Safe Summer is the Minneapolis Police summer strategy to reduce robberies, aggravated assaults and homicides by 10% in targeted, high-crime areas. This will be accomplished by assigning additional officers where they are most needed,

focusing enforcement efforts on gangs, drugs and violent crimes and targeting active career criminals. The acquisition of additional officers for Project Safe Summer is to be accomplished by reassigning the SAFE officers serving in other areas. This includes officer Bryon Cross in the 3rd Precinct, who served in the 11th ward.

The transfer of SAFE officers is especially disconcerting to residents of the 11th ward because if this policy continues beyond the summer, it will decimate the limited crime prevention efforts the police department is able to conduct. Myself and Council Member Niziolek moved a notation to the 2004 budget reminding the mayor and police chief that the intention of the council is to maintain the CCP/SAFE program rather than balancing the entire police budget at the expense of crime prevention, but that motion was defeated.

Electronic Newsletter-

I publish an electronic newsletter to keep you up to date on what is happening at City Hall. If you would like to receive this update, please e-mail me at scott.benson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us and put the words "E-mail Update" in the subject line.

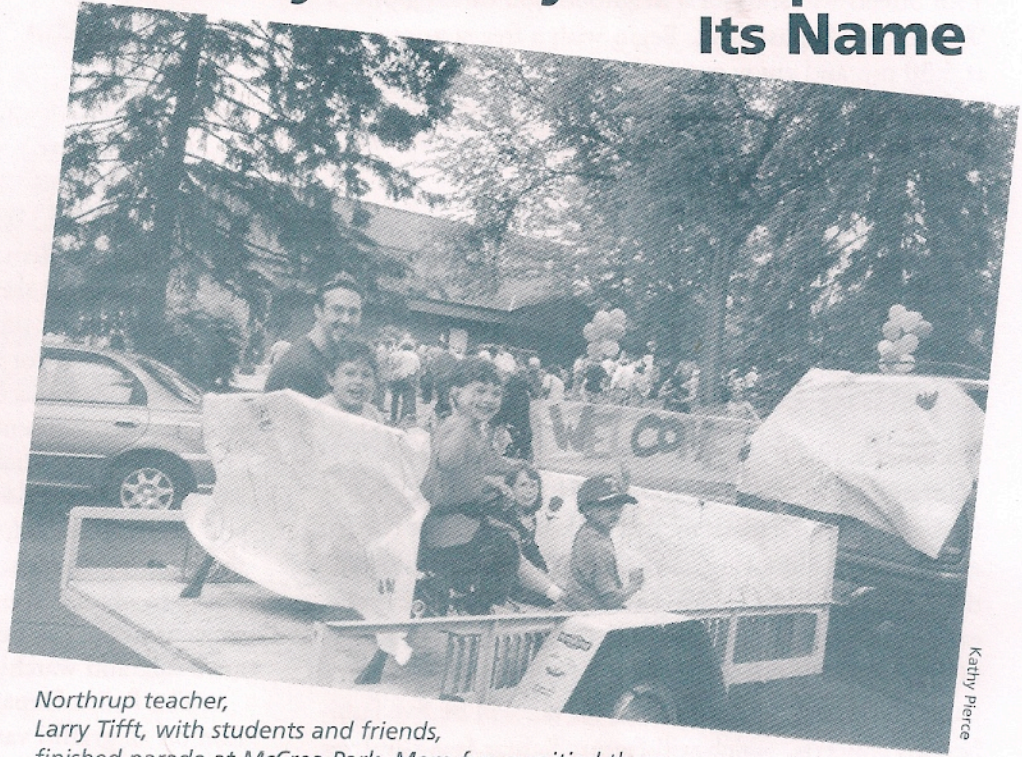
From the President *from page 1*

Cathy attended the June board meeting, along with our new 1st Vice President, Kathryn Fluegel and Secretary Sully Gilbert. Everyone who attended the meeting had an opportunity to talk about their vision for the FRNNG community. It was a great team building exercise that will prove to benefit our neighborhoods in the future!

Finally, the Annual Parade and Festival was very successful. I would like to thank all of our volunteers who participated in making this year's parade safe and fun.

Willie Bridges, FRNNG President

FRN Neighborhood Parade and Family Fun Day Lives up to Its Name



Northrup teacher, Larry Tifft, with students and friends, finished parade at McCrea Park. More fun awaited them.

Kathy Pierce

McRae Park *from page 4*

Teen Programs

PHAT is Back!

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, June 22 - August 12

7 - 10:30 pm

FREE!

Adult Programs

Adult Open Roller Hockey

Wednesdays

6:15 - 8:15 pm

FREE!

Family Special Events

Aquatennial Festival of the Neighborhoods

Tuesday, July 20, 6 - 8 pm

Featuring KidzDance DJ's

FREE!

Sports Registration

Soccer for 4-6 year olds

Tuesdays starting in early August

Sign-ups start in mid-July

Information available in late June

Football

Flag Football for kids in Kindergarten - 3rd grade

Tackle Football for kids 9 - 15 (must be 9 years old by

9/1/04)

Registration begins July 20

Information available at the park in late June

Please note that McRae Park (and all MPRB Recreation Centers) will be closed August 14 - 29 due to budget cuts.

We will re-open for the fall on Monday, August 30.

Announcing the NEW McRae Park Computer Lab!

Spring Hours: Mon, Tues. & Thur. 3:30 - 8:30 pm,

Wed. 6 - 9 pm & every other Friday 5 - 9 pm. Call the

park for class information or to reserve the lab. Photo

ID may be required for internet use.

Neighborhood Walking Groups Forming

Neighbors can take advantage of the great weather by participating in neighborhood walking groups sponsored by the Community and Safety Committee. In addition to being good exercise, it's a way to help keep the community safe and meet your neighbors. Walking groups are being organized; if you're interested in joining and/or want more information, contact Herb Gysler, chair of the C & S Committee, at hgysler4264@msn.com or 823-4264.



Amazon Bookstore in New Location

Amazon Bookstore has moved to the corner of 48th St. and Chicago, across from Turtle Bread Co. Though their specialty is feminist literature, Amazon stocks a wide range of books and can order any book a customer wants. They have also opened a children's bookstore in the back section of the store with its own separate entrance on 48th St. and are offering children's story hours Saturday morning and Monday evening.

Amazon will be having a Grand Opening Celebration on Saturday, July 24th, featuring a big sale, readings, music, food, kids activities. So come on in and check out your neighborhood independent bookstore!

Welcome to the Carnival!

Asbury United Methodist Church (Bloomington & 45th Street) will sponsor a neighborhood carnival on Wednesday, August 11th. Begin with a free supper at 5:30 pm and enjoy carnival games including a dunk tank, carnival food and meeting your neighbors for fun! Tickets for games and popcorn, snow cones & cotton candy at minimal cost.

Free Community suppers continue at Asbury on Wednesday evenings at 5:45 pm.

Coming to a Park Near You

Summer is finally coming, and to celebrate, the Minnesota Sinfonia is offering twelve exhilarating performances to take place in area parks throughout the entire metro. Honoring its fifteenth anniversary season, the Sinfonia will be offering two Great Summer Festival programs, each to be performed at Minneapolis Lake Harriet's beautiful band shell, and St. Paul magnificent Lake Phalen amphitheater. Also on tap will be five family pops concerts, which will feature lighter fare—waltzes, marches, music from the movies and stage, and even a bit of Mozart. And, something new—three children's concerts we are calling Tunes from Toons. These concerts will be a fun and stimulating introduction of some of the great classics—music that children will recognize as backgrounds to some of their favorite cartoons and animated movies. As with all Sinfonia offerings, these concerts will be free admission, and children are welcome to all of the performances!!!

Below is the complete schedule. Make plans now to bring the whole family—invite a few relatives, and even the neighbors! Pack a picnic, bring some lawn chairs or a blanket, and prepare to enjoy memorable evenings with your friends and neighbors. More information is available on the Sinfonia website: www.mnsinfonia.org or by calling the Minnesota Sinfonia office at 871-1701.

July

- 12 Camp Courage (Tunes from Tunes) 3:15 pm
- 12 Como Park - family pops 7 pm
- 15 East Side YMCA, St Paul (Tunes from Tunes) 1 pm
- 16 North Commons Park (Tunes from Tunes) 1 pm
- 16 Lake Harriet - family pops 7:30 pm
- 24 Great Summer Festival II Lake Phalen 7 pm
- 25 Great Summer Festival II Lake Harriet 7:30 pm



We must stop the increased gang graffiti that is occurring in the City by immediately removing graffiti damage. We need you to help us accomplish this task by taking an extra step in the graffiti removal direction. We need you, the property owner to help discourage the problem.

The reason is simple; Gang Graffiti brings in undesirable people to congregate, sell drugs and cause rival Gang problems to occur. Graffiti is not a minor mischief, a prank or innocent artistic expression. Any placement of graffiti on another person's property without their consent is vandalism, plain and simple, and it's a crime. More criminal activity will occur and spread if we don't stop it now. If we do not remove graffiti immediately the gangs will feel empowered. Graffiti occurs within seconds. If we remove the graffiti promptly, there is a better chance for witnesses or police to observe the act in progress. Vandals will soon realize that these areas are not desirable because property owners and citizens are aware and watching out for them.

The Police Department investigates and compiles information on all graffiti vandals in an effort to charge all those involved. It takes a community wide approach to clean up and stop graffiti vandalism. Property owners, government, educational institutions, courts, and police are continuing to organize and set goals that everyone can achieve, strictly enforce laws, and educate offenders on the impact of graffiti. Graffiti vandalism may never be completely wiped out, but when a message is sent that this City will not tolerate any type of graffiti, we can dramatically reduce the number of incidents.

If you are willing to remove Graffiti from City Property, please contact Janet Campbell at Solid Waste for application information, and paint products to use for removal. Our Graffiti Hotline is designed to meet all your reporting needs. Please do not give CCP SAFE Crime Prevention Specialists any floppy disc photos of graffiti because we cannot get accurate information or addresses from these. CCP SAFE has been advised to tell you to call the Graffiti Hotline. Thank you so much.

Graffiti Categories and Resources:

In Progress Graffiti: **Call 911**

Report Graffiti: Call hotline **673-2090** for reporting

Graffiti Investigations: **673-5722**

Graffiti Removal Tips: ccpsafe@ci.minneapolis.mn.us or www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/graffiti

City of Minneapolis Home Page: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.

On line Reporting:

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City of Minneapolis Solid Waste Clean City Coordinator:
673-2789

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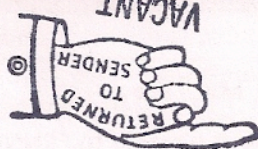
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