

# CLOSE TO HOME



## The Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group Newsletter

October-November 2011

### Join Us For a Night on 48th!

**C**elebrate fall in our neighborhood. With winter ahead of us, enjoy an evening out on 48th and Chicago. The event will be Saturday, October 8 at Turtle Bread from 7:30-9:30 pm and will feature a silent auction, dessert bar, wine raffle, cash bar and live music. The event will be accompanied by dinner specials offered by area restaurants and a movie at the Parkway Theater (discount tickets available at the event).

A Night on 48th tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. To purchase tickets online or for more information, go to [www.frnng.org](http://www.frnng.org) or call FRNNG at 721-5424. If you would like to support this event, you can:

- Be a Friend of FRNNG by purchasing 10 or more tickets for the event online and get one free
- Support the Wine Raffle by donating 2 or more bottles of wine. To purchase, go to Cork Dork Wine Shop at 4726 Cedar and receive a 20% discount on your donation.
- Contribute to the Silent Auction with a donation of a new item valued at least \$50.00 (contact FRNNG).



A Night on 48th celebrates the unique attributes of our neighborhood and serves as a fundraiser for the Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group (FRNNG). All proceeds benefit FRNNG and the many activities the organization supports throughout the neighborhood.

A Night on 48th sponsors include:

- Cork Dork Wine Company
- Parkway Theater
- SCABA
- Sisters Sludge
- St Joan of Arc
- Three Sons Catering
- Wells Fargo

### 0% Financing Now Available for Residential Energy Efficiency Upgrades

The Center for Energy and Environment now offers 0% financing to qualified homeowners of single family owner occupied residences statewide. Designed to address the needs of homeowners prior to the winter, this program offers 0% financing for many energy efficiency upgrades including air sealing, insulation, windows, high efficiency heating systems and more. Insufficient insulation is the main cause of ice dams which created huge damage to homes across Minnesota last year. Did you know that it only costs approximately \$2-3,000 to have the average home's attic air sealed and insulated? That's about \$85/month for 3 years at no interest for peace of mind this winter. The chart on page 3 identifies the monthly payments associated with the corresponding loan amount. CEE offers up to a \$20,000 loan amount for this program.

For more information on this program and others offered in your community by the Center for Energy and Environment, visit [www.ceeloans.org](http://www.ceeloans.org) or contact 335-5884 or [loaninfo@mncee.org](mailto:loaninfo@mncee.org).

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Visit us online at [www.frnng.org](http://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

• 1st Tuesday of each month at 7 pm, LNPC  
Contact: Karen Young at [klyoung99@hotmail.com](mailto:klyoung99@hotmail.com)

### Community and Safety Committee:

• 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 pm, McRae Park Rec Center

### Housing Committee

• 1st Monday of each month at 6 pm, Sisters Sludge, 46th St. and Bloomington Ave.

### Education Committee

• 1st Thursday of each month beginning in October, at 6:30 pm, LNPC  
Contact: Gerry Sell at [jdde@umn.edu](mailto:jdde@umn.edu)

### Parks Committee

• 1st Monday of each month at 7 pm, McRae Park Rec Center  
Contact: Kirk Frauenheim at [kirkfrauenheim@yahoo.com](mailto:kirkfrauenheim@yahoo.com)

### Greening Committee

• 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at Turtle Bread Restaurant, 48th and Chicago  
Contact: Ted Moe, [thegreeningcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:thegreeningcommittee@gmail.com)

### Communications Committee

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

National Night Out may be the pinnacle neighborhood gathering night of the year, but it is important to carry the relationships formed forward and deepen them throughout the year. Court Watch is a community-focused way to do this. Property Crimes Court Watch was recently established in the Minneapolis Police Department's Third Precinct (serving the east side of Ward 11 – east of 35W) as a response to a significant increase in property crimes in both home and garage burglaries.

Several components are built into a Court Watch including:

- a Community resident Co-Chair,
- an invitation to participate in regularly scheduled precinct-wide community meetings where you will receive updates on those arrested and the court process,
- notification to the community about the need to write impact statements for the courts about repeat burglars,
- an opportunity to educate judges about the personal impacts of being a victim of a home or garage burglary,
- timely information on upcoming court hearings and outcomes, and

• an opportunity to be informed about judges' actions and court results

Property Crimes Court Watch will meet Monday, September 12, from 6:30-7:30 pm, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1720 E. Minnehaha Parkway (off of 18th Ave.), Community Room on street level. Enter on east side of Church on 18th Ave.

Come and join to learn more about Property Crimes Court Watch and participate in writing impact statements!

For more information, contact Crime Prevention Specialist Carla Nielson: **673-2850** or [carla.nielson@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:carla.nielson@minneapolismn.gov).

Sincerely,  
Council Member John Quincy

P.S. As a community, we are committed to working together to make our city safer and more livable. To this end, I am sending every address in Ward 11 a Safety Tips Flyer. The mailing is in response to concerns I've heard about mobile drug dealing, burglaries, personal safety, and theft from autos. Keep your eye out for the flyer in the coming weeks!



## Calling All Amateur Photographers

As part of our ongoing project to upgrade the FRNNG website, we are now looking for photos to display on the website. We welcome any photos of the neighborhoods for possible display on the website. Our intent is to show a group of photos that capture the essence of our neighborhoods and all they have to offer. If you are interested in submit-

ting any photos, please send them electronically to the FRNNG office at [frnng@mtn.org](mailto:frnng@mtn.org). Please let us know whether you would like credit for your photo to appear on the website (your name near the photo).



Loan Amount	Fixed Rate	Monthly Payment*	Loan Term
\$1,000	0%	\$30.00	3 years
\$3,000	0%	\$85.00	3 years
\$5,000	0%	\$140.00	3 years
\$7,000	0%	\$195.00	3 years

\*These monthly payments are meant to be estimates only. Monthly payment may vary slightly depending upon several factors.

## Status of 3rd Avenue to be Unchanged

According to 8th Ward Council Member Elizabeth Glidden, the votes are in, and an overwhelming majority of 3rd Avenue South residents have elected to keep 3rd Avenue a through street, rather than converting it to a local street, which would remove its snow emergency status and make it eligible for traffic calming features like speed bumps.

"In addition to communicating with the neighborhood associations, we sent letters to all residents along 3rd Avenue from Lake Street to East 50th Street asking for their input," said Glidden. "We received a very robust response, with comments from residents on every block. Based on this response, public works will not move forward with any changes."

For more information about this or other transit issues, contact Council Member Elizabeth Glidden's office by telephone at 721-2208 or by e-mail at [Elizabeth.glidden@ci.minneapolismn.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.glidden@ci.minneapolismn.gov).

## Update From FRNNG Education Committee

The Education Committee is changing its meeting night to the 1st Thursday of the month beginning in October. There will be **no** meeting in January.

## Applewood Pointe Cooperative of Minneapolis- Senior Living Update

Home selection and sales have started and nearly 40% of the 65 homes have already been sold. There are a variety of reasons many neighbors are choosing to move to Applewood Pointe:

- Great location in southwest Minneapolis- a unique opportunity in *your* neighborhood
  - Proximity to Lake Nokomis, biking/walking paths and Hiawatha golf course
  - Great coffee shops, grocery and restaurants nearby
  - Rooftop garden, courtyard fountain, library, fitness center, gardens, hobby shop and more
  - Maintenance-free living
  - *Great* choices of floor plans and flexible financing options
- Applewood Pointe represents an active lifestyle for those 62 and better

while allowing them to say "Good Bye" to home repairs, yard work, snow shoveling...winter always comes each year in Minnesota. Remember last year?!?

An additional incentive of \$5,000 off the share cost of any home purchased by October 31, 2011 is currently available. United Properties' is planning on a spring groundbreaking next year on the site of the former Northrop School at the corner of 16th Ave. and 46th St.

An informational meeting with home tours will be held Tuesday September 20 at 10 am at Applewood Pointe of Bloomington Southtown, 8100 Russell Ave. S., Bloomington, MN 55431. If you would like to attend, RSVP by calling 952-884-6400 or email [info@applewoodpointe.com](mailto:info@applewoodpointe.com) for additional information.



Architect's rendering of proposed Applewood Pointe Cooperative

## Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church and School

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church and School, 5426 12th Ave., offer inspiring worship and liturgy, faith formation, and outstanding pre-school through eighth grade education.

Our Lady of Peace helps children build a foundation for life through a core curriculum of Language Arts, Science, Math, Social Studies, and Religion. Specialists in Spanish, Technology, Art, Music, Library/Media,

and Physical Education meet with students from preschool through 8th grade helping to educate the whole student. Our PeaceBuilder Curriculum helps children learn the values of peace, respect, and responsibility. We offer extra-curricular opportunities in athletics, drama, band, quiz bowl, and more. Visit [www.olpmmn.org](http://www.olpmmn.org) for details.

## A Big Turnout for Arthur Lee Family Commemoration

A group of over 500 people gathered at Field School on the hot and humid evening of July 16th to hear the Arthur Lee story. 80 years earlier Arthur, a black World War 1 veteran, and his family bought a home at 4600 Columbus Ave., the first black family in the neighborhood. In mid-July, over a three night period, thousands assembled nightly to protest and to urge the family to move to a more "appropriate address." The Lee family was not deterred.

On July 16th, 2011, after an opening welcome by Joe Senkyr-Minjares and a declaration by 11 year-old Sydney Okeson stating that what happened 80 years ago cannot happen again, the

crowd made a subdued procession east along 46th St. to 4600 Columbus. At this site, the entire story was retold emotionally by the grandson of Arthur Lee, Robert A. L. Forman. There was also an unveiling of a beautiful Kasota Stone memorial designed by Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center depicting the events of those days 80 years ago.

The last stop of the evening was McRae Park to recap the evening and to hear presentations regarding the "Bridges Program" which has been started to promote racial understanding and eliminating racism when and wherever we encounter it. The consensus was that it was a deeply moving event for those gathered that evening – realizing that we

are truly one people, one community, and we need to welcome and embrace all who choose to make this part of Minneapolis their home.

Music during the evening was provided by Marie Graham, Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphony violins and the Greater Friendship Baptist Church Choir. Master of Ceremonies was W. Rayford Johnson.

The Arthur Lee Commemorative Committee invites all to visit the memorial at 4600 Columbus Avenue to learn this tremendous story. Recognizing the bravery of one family can help us make sure we do not repeat mistakes of the past.

## Spotlight on Field Community School

Field Community School, 4645 4th Ave., is a great place to send your child for grades 5-8. The caring environment is just what young adolescents need at a pivotal point in their lives.

Field School is paired with Hale School to provide a comprehensive K-8 community program. We enjoy history as paired schools since 1971 and now have and now have 600 students in grades K-4 at Hale and 500 students in grades 5-8 at Field. The pairing allows both schools to focus on the ages each serves. Our mission is to ensure that all students learn by providing opportunities for students to reach their highest academic, social, emotional, physical and creative potential in a safe and supportive environment.

Field places a strong emphasis on academics. The instructional day is made up of seven periods. Students spend four periods focusing on the core subjects of language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. Our math program is designed for all students to be algebra ready in 8th grade. A specialist period provides students the opportunity to participate in vocal



music, choir, instrumental music, visual art, guitar, media/technology Spanish or physical education. One period is divided between advisory and lunch. Advisory is designed to provide academic and social support for students in a small group setting and meets daily. During one period each day, called BEST (Basic/Enrichment Skills Time), students receive additional reading and math curriculum designed to target their readiness levels ranging from struggling to accelerated. BEST is

taught by classroom teachers and support staff. The additional support allows students with greater needs to be placed in a smaller size group. In addition to BEST, we offer in-school tutoring, after school academic support. Field has a rich tradition of volunteerism including parents, community members and high school students contributing over 3,000+ hours annually to support student achievement.

# Thanks to our Supporters!

*Close to Home* would like to thank the following individuals, 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 deductible 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 our local businesses so that they can continue to be a strong and vital sector of our community.**

## Under \$100

**Southside Chiropractic, P.A.**  
55th and Chicago, 827-0657

**Pathfinder Care Management**  
48th and Chicago, 729-9096

## Partner Level- \$100-\$199

**Minnehaha Animal Hospital**  
48th and Chicago, 825-4427

**T.A.'s Automotive, Inc.**  
42nd and Bloomington, 823-7100

## Gardening Tips- Treating Apple Tree Pests

by Jennifer Rensenbrink

It's apple harvest time! For many of us, it can also mean time to see what the pests on our apple tree have been up to all summer.

I've had just about every pest imaginable on the old apple tree that came with my house, but by practicing good Integrated Pest Management (IPM) for several years, I've managed to cut the number of wormy, unusable apples down substantially. Here's how:

1. If your tree seems very sick (e.g. lots of yellowing or spotted leaves, die-back of whole sections), have it professionally pruned.

2. Try to determine what pests you have. The University of Minnesota Extension website has several different diagnostic tools you can try. Now is a great time to identify problems, based on what your apples look like. Visit [www.extension.umn.edu/gardeninfo](http://www.extension.umn.edu/gardeninfo) and click on "What's Wrong with my Plant?" to get started.

3. Next year, plan on ways to practice IPM for the pests that you identify now. Here are some very general practices:

- Clear away all fallen fruit and leaves and throw them in the garbage, not the compost pile. This prevents a few different pests from overwintering in fallen fruit/leaves.

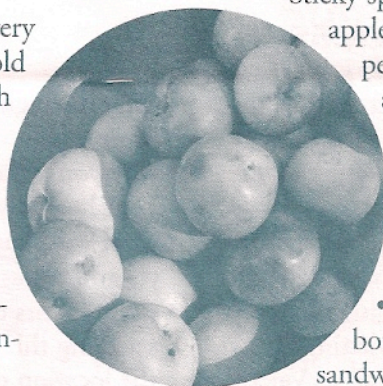
- Sticky sphere traps are great for apple maggot, a very common pest in MN. The fly is attracted to the red trap, tries to lay eggs there, and is trapped.

- Thin out apples in early July (squirrels take care of this part for me).

- Bag your apples: cut the bottom two corners off a sandwich bag (for drainage) then staple the bag over the tiny apple as soon as it forms on the tree. Be sure to leave room in the bag for the apple to grow. Bagging prevents flies such as the apple maggot from laying their egg on the apple.

Remember, it helps to look at apple tree management as a multi-year process. The steps you take now might take a few years to bear fruit, but you'll be glad you took them.

Jennifer Rensenbrink is a University of Minnesota Hennepin County Master Gardener and blogs about her garden and other adventures at [newhomeconomics.wordpress.com](http://newhomeconomics.wordpress.com).



## Volunteers Needed for 2011-12 School Year

Open Doors and Unlock Opportunities for youth in CommonBond housing!

CommonBond Communities, a 40 year old nonprofit providing affordable homes with services, has 120 young people ready to be paired with mentors this school year. You can unlock the door to a successful academic career by being a mentor or tutor. 91% of the youth who participated in CommonBond programs in the last two years graduated from high school despite the fact their families often earn less than \$16,000 per year. The success of the children is directly related to the caring volunteers who say "YES" to this experience. You can open doors and unlock opportunities by taking an hour and a half each week to help them succeed in school and in life!

Tutoring Opportunities available at these locations: Crown Ridge (Minnetonka), Yorkdale (Edina), Seward (Minneapolis), Cathedral Hill Homes (St. Paul). Please sign up for a training session at [www.commonbond.org/volunteer](http://www.commonbond.org/volunteer) or contact Jessica, at [Jessica.ponthan@commonbond.org](mailto:Jessica.ponthan@commonbond.org) or 651-312-3359 for more information. Thanks for supporting a CommonBond youth!

## Southside Sprint Thrills Spectators

by Jason Landy

On July 24, the inaugural Southside Sprint, presented by the South Chicago Avenue Business Alliance, brought elite bicycle racing back to the streets of South Minneapolis after a 3-decade absence. More than 500 fans lined the streets around 48th and Chicago to watch 200+ racers fly past at speeds of more than 30 mph.

Sunny skies greeted racers as they competed in 7 different events, including the Town Hall Tap Masters Race and the Wells Fargo Women's Cup. Among the contenders was Masters National Champion, Charlie Townsend, winner of the Town Hall Tap race. Teresa Moriarty, riding for the Minneapolis Bicycle Racing Club, claimed top honors in the Wells Fargo Women's Cup, besting one of the top

women's fields to compete in Minnesota this season.

In addition to the racing, fans enjoyed great food provided by local



restaurants, an interactive lifestyle expo and Rich Wieber's Bicycle Stunt Show. More than 50 neighborhood kids lined up for the Kids Fun Race, sponsored

by Bikes and Pieces and Pumphouse Creamery with each racer winning a medal.

Organizers plan to return for a second year in July 2012. The date will be announced in late December. For more information go to: [www.nomad-marketing.com/southsidesprint](http://www.nomad-marketing.com/southsidesprint).

## Getting to Know You— and Your Business

To highlight the diverse, useful, and enjoyable businesses in our neighborhood, *Close to Home* features a category of business in each issue. In the December/January issue, we will feature **art** and **photography**. If this describes your business, please write an article having fewer than 300 words. We invite you to also submit a photo.

We welcome your articles, photos, and suggestions.

The issue is followed by the featured businesses in the upcoming *Close to Home*.

**June/July:** health, wellness, beauty, and personal care

**Aug./Sept.:** pets; kids and child care; retail products and services

**Oct./Nov.:** restaurants; music and entertainment; hospitality-related products and services such as foods and beverages; home decor and gifts

**Dec./Jan.:** automotive; art and photography; retail products and services

**Feb./Mar.:** fitness, sports, and recreation; professional services such as writing, finance, legal, marketing, communications, and more

**April/May:** home-related services such as architecture, interior design, remodeling, handyman/woman services, landscaping, and gardening

Send your article via email to Valerie Powers, program director, at the FRNNG office: [frnng@mtn.org](mailto:frnng@mtn.org). We reserve the right to edit articles as necessary. We must receive your article no later than 5 pm, Friday, October 28.

Below is a list of some information you may wish to include in the article that describes your business:

- name
- location
- website
- phone number
- hours
- the year the business was established
- a description of the business including

what distinguishes it from similar businesses

- why you're passionate about your business
- what your customers say about your business
- what factors contributed to your selecting this area of south Mpls. for the location of your business
- any other information you would like readers to know

We look forward to hearing from you, and from readers with suggestions for future features.

**McRae Park**  
906 East 47th Street

*The complete fall 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)

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We are looking for ways to cut cost and reduce waste – please help us by registering to receive *Close to Home* electronically. Visit [www.frnng.org](http://www.frnng.org) and look for the link to register. You can also register to receive other communications via email as well. Your email address will be used for FRNNG in only the way you intend and you may unsubscribe at any time.

Thank you for supporting us in this effort.



Happy Halloween!

## 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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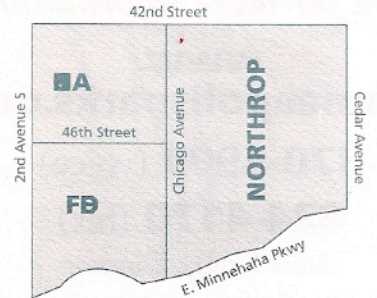
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