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## The Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group Newsletter

February-March 2011

### CPP Program—How Will It Impact FRNNG?

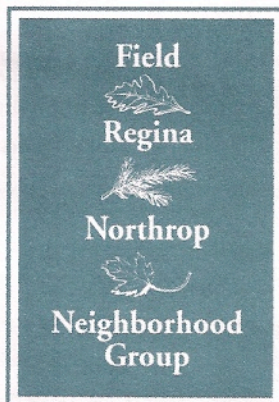
**F**unding for neighborhood groups across Minneapolis was significantly reduced following the recent City Council meeting on December 13-14. In addition to the 2011 City Budget, an amendment proposing a one-time reduction in property tax increases along with a Staff Direction which drastically limited neighborhood groups' funds was also approved. Main outcomes include: average property tax increase of 4.7% (vs. 7.5% which was initially proposed by Mayor Rybak in August), neighborhoods are only eligible for up to 50% of NRP Phase II dollars previously allocated and approved in June, and finally, the City will pursue legislation which would end the NRP program and reassign any remaining funds to the City.

What does this mean for FRNNG? A new program under the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) and

the Neighborhood Community and Relations department (NCR) will provide roughly \$3,000,000 to Minneapolis neighborhood groups. This new program, entitled the Community Participation Program (CPP), focuses

on increasing citizen participation and engagement through the following key areas: (1) identifying and acting on neighborhood priorities; (2) influencing City decisions and priorities; and (3) increasing involvement. Although this shift in funding was unexpected and will limit some programs which do not fit the funding criteria, FRNNG has many

exciting events planned for 2011. Stay tuned for more information on the South Minneapolis Housing Fair (Feb.), Earth Week Celebration (Apr.), Annual Neighborhood Celebration and Parade (June), Get Fit Celebration (July), Night on 48th Street (Sept.) and much, much more!



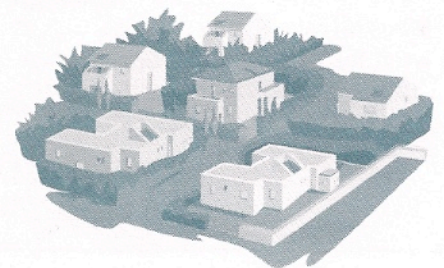
### Block Club Leaders Needed!

FRNNG and the Minneapolis Police Department are actively recruiting block club leaders in our neighborhood. There are many blocks within the Field Regina and Northrop neighborhoods without an active block or apartment club leader.

Blocks and apartment buildings with active block clubs reap the benefits of reduced crime, an enhanced sense of security and a perceived higher quality of life than on those without.

Who can be a block club leader? Any resident who cares about the well being and safety of their neighbors and their property would be a good candidate. A block leader agrees to pass along information from the police department to the block, helps to find answers to questions your neighbors might have via the many resources available to you as a block leader, and welcomes new residents to the neighborhood.

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## 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  
Contact: Kim McCoy at [kmmccoy69@msn.com](mailto:kmmccoy69@msn.com)

### Housing Committee

• 1st Monday of each month at 6 pm, Sisters Sludge, 46th St. and Bloomington Ave.  
Contact: Shannon Guernsey at [scguernsey@yahoo.com](mailto:scguernsey@yahoo.com)

### Education Committee

• 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm, LNPC  
Contact: Tom Arneson at 6:30 pm, LNPC  
[tomarneson@msn.com](mailto:tomarneson@msn.com)

### 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

Dear Neighbors –

The challenges we face this year with a very difficult budget, has been a burden for our residents. Property tax relief has been our primary goal. I am concerned for how property taxes have and will impact our residents, particularly those on fixed incomes or unemployed.

Supplementary actions were approved this year to help ensure financial stability in 2012, 2013, and beyond, including: Supporting the new Neighborhood and Community Relations Department and Budgeting for no increases in city staff salaries for the next two years. The Council will continue the work at the State level to bring about pension and Local Government Aid (LGA) reforms.

Of particular focus this month, I am pleased to report working closely with Cedar Avenue United (<http://cedaravenueunited.blogspot.com>) and Council Members Glidden and Colvin Roy and Commissioner McLaughlin on pedestrian and traffic flow improvements along Cedar Avenue.

Since the southern-most section of Cedar (from Fat Lorenzo's to 46th Street) received a traffic study and improvements during my predecessor's term, I am committed to moving the energy northward from 46th Street to 42nd Street.

I am pleased to announce improvements (and more!) will be installed as soon as the weather allows. Some of the changes include: Installing pedestrian countdowns at the Cedar/42nd Street and Cedar/46th Street intersections, which not only help those crossing the street but also have been shown to reduce right angle crashes. We will add, relocate, and replace speed limit signs and install an exclusive right turn lane at Cedar Avenue/46th Street to help with traffic flow. We will also increase and target traffic enforcement, review signal timing to reduce the number of speeding cars and install temporary curb extensions on Cedar/44th Street to aid in pedestrian crossings.

I am always available to answer your questions at 673-2211. If you would like to receive the 11th Ward Monthly E-News, please send me an e-mail at [John.Quincy@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:John.Quincy@ci.minneapolis.mn.us).



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## Block Club Leaders... *from page 1*

The Minneapolis PD regularly holds block and apartment club leader training sessions where volunteers are trained in skills to make your block a safer and friendlier place to live. At training, you will learn:

- The role of a block leader
- How to recruit neighbors to help you
- The benefits of starting a block club with your neighbors
- How other block leaders have addressed the same types of issues you may be dealing with on your block

As a block leader, you will be given a manual full of ideas to engage your neighbors, resource information and success-story examples. You will also be able to meet with the crime prevention specialist who works in your neighborhood. You will be provided with crime alerts issued by the CPS, crime statistics for your neighborhood and learn about other crime prevention strategies to pass along to your neighbors.

Block Clubs are also a great starting point for neighborhood improvement projects, such as boulevard gardening, lighting improvement, or street and alley clean up. Ideas are limitless, and the reward of getting to know your neighbors is priceless. If you are interested in training to be a block club leader, please contact our CPS, Sue Roethele, at **673-2839** or via email at: [sue.roethele@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:sue.roethele@ci.minneapolis.mn.us).

## Minneapolis Police Department's 3rd Precinct 2011 Block Leader Trainings

**When:** Jan. 25th, Feb. 22nd, Mar. 22nd, the fourth Tuesday of each month, 6:30 to 8 pm

**Where:** Minneapolis Police Dept. 3rd Precinct, 3000 Minnehaha Ave.

### Topics to Be Covered:

- Introduction to community crime prevention
- How to organize a block/apartment club
- Services of community crime prevention
- Responsibilities of crime prevention block leaders
- How and when to use 911
- How to solve problems effectively
- Meet your Crime Prevention Specialist

Please RSVP if you are planning on attending one of these trainings. Call **673-3482** or **673-2856**.

Additional 2011 dates will be scheduled.

Join other leaders to develop skills for effectively working with your neighbors to prevent crime and build community!

## Neighborhood Directory Being Developed

A neighborhood directory that will be available on the Field Regina Northrop website ([www.frnng.org](http://www.frnng.org)) is in the works. A team of volunteers, led by the chair people of the business, communications, and community and safety committees, will contact storefront businesses to gather contact information. By the beginning of March, the information will begin to be loaded onto the website, with an anticipated completion date of early summer.

The first edition of a neighborhood directory became available in 1997. That directory was updated in 2001. The purpose of the directory is to create a sense of community—a feeling of belonging and connectedness—among residents, businesses, faith-based congregations, and others. This affinity for each other, and our shared properties and aspirations, can help to create a spirit of safety and generosity. Additionally, the directory can help promote neighborhood businesses, welcome new residents and businesses, instill a sense of loyalty to the neighborhood, and support environmental efforts by enabling people to do errands and make work-related connections by patronizing nearby resources.

The information that will be listed in the directory includes: business category, name of business, street address, website, phone number, and email address. The type of information listed will be determined by the business, knowing that some may not wish to list a street address or email address, others may not have a website, etc. In addition to storefront businesses, home-based businesses are most welcome to be listed in the directory.

Businesses wishing to be listed in the directory, and that are located within the geographic boundaries of our neighborhood, are encouraged to contact Jenny Case, neighborhood program manager—by February 15—at the FRNNG office, **721-5424**, or by email, [frnng@mtn.org](mailto:frnng@mtn.org).

## Metro Paint-A-Thon Serving the Community

The Metro Paint-A-Thon helps seniors and people with physical disabilities continue to live independently in their homes. They assign volunteer teams to scrape, prime and paint home exteriors for low-income clients, at no cost to the homeowner.



Please contact Deidre Pope, director of Metro Paint-A-Thon, at **721-8687**, ext **321** for eligibility requirements and additional program information. Otherwise you may visit their website at [www.paintathon.gmcc.org](http://www.paintathon.gmcc.org).

## Nokomis Healthy Seniors

### Happy New Year from the Program Committee!

We are pleased to report that we will continue to provide all you “healthy seniors” with opportunities to stay that way: exercise, health information and chances to socialize.

Our Thursday “Nurse Is In” is a great way to keep track of that blood pressure and an equally important chance to meet with other seniors over treats and coffee. The conversations are lively and lots of fun! We are going to be adding a “jigsaw puzzle table” so stop by and help us find the pieces that fit. The puzzle will be rolled up and replaced each week so it will be a work in progress. You can also stop by and play cards each week during game-time at 11am.

The exercise classes are going great and we still have room for more of you. Improving your flexibility and balance are keys to keeping fit and avoiding falls (especially at this time of year). The exercises are done sitting or standing – no getting down on the floor so everyone can participate. Men and women are welcome so come join us every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 to 10:45 am right here at Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4120 17th Ave.

We will also be offering a lunch and movie on the 5th Thursday of each quarter. Watch for further information at “Nurse Is In” or call the office for more details.

All the NHS offerings are great but we need you to join in the programs for them to be successful. We are counting on you!!

## The Mayor Comes to NHS

On the November 18th, Mayor R.T. Rybak paid a visit to Nokomis Healthy Seniors.

As it was a Thursday, he was able to see (and take part!) in the Exercise class, the Nurse Is In clinic and chat with our seniors. The Mayor was most interested in what the seniors liked about the NHS program, what the city’s programs may be lacking and what they want to see for the future.

Mayor Rybak also spoke in depth with Executive Director Kristen Whittenbaugh about the specific needs that Nokomis Healthy Seniors is filling that other programs are not. He was also curious about new programs that NHS has created to meet the new needs that no one saw coming. Kristen high-

lighted our Exercise and Arts classes, and the growth of our blood pressure clinics throughout our fourteen (14) neighborhoods.

The Mayor asked about what it would take to expand, or repeat, the NHS program in other parts of the city. Kristen informed the Mayor that as long as there are volunteers to support the program, and be there for the seniors participating, anything is possible. She told him that our volunteers make this program work and keep our seniors engaged.

The Mayor enjoyed his time with us and came away with a new understanding and appreciation of what a program such as Nokomis Healthy Seniors can do for individuals and communities.



# Happy Valentine's Day!

# 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.**

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## Save the Date- SMHF

Mark your calendars for the 17th annual South Minneapolis Housing Fair on Saturday, February 26th at South High School. Last year's Fair featured over 100 local contractors, retailers, lenders, real estate agents and community organizations and this year promises to be just as great. Seminars and hands-on



workshops are already planned to cover topics such as: glass block windows, basement problems and concerns, home electrical wiring systems, tree selection for urban yards, and energy efficiency. In addition, the popular "Ask an Expert" session and the children's bird-house building station will both be returning. Admission is free, kids are welcome, and food and beverages will be available for purchase. Visit [www.housingfair.org](http://www.housingfair.org) for more info and contact either Jenny Case ([frnng@mtn.org](mailto:frnng@mtn.org)) or Rita Ulrich ([rulrich@nokomiseast.org](mailto:rulrich@nokomiseast.org)) if you'd like to volunteer at the event.

## FRNNG Annual Neighborhood Celebration 2011

We are looking for volunteers to help plan this year's FRNNG Annual Neighborhood Celebration, which will take place on June 4th at McRae Park. We will be planning the Parade and working with the neighborhood businesses to make this year's event a great celebration of our community. It's fun and easy to contribute— just contact our Parks committee at: [kfrauenheim@yahoo.com](mailto:kfrauenheim@yahoo.com), Kirk Frauenheim (612)327-6816 or the FRNNG office, [frnng@mtn.org](mailto:frnng@mtn.org), 721-5424.

## McRae Park Schedule 906 East 47th Street

*The following is a sampler of events. The complete winter 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](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org)  
370-4909 (voice) 824-4170 (fax)

### Preschool/Kindergarten

#### Ballet 4U Tuesday 5pm

McRae Park Ballet is back!! We have a wonderful new teacher, "Miss K", who is full of great energy, big smiles and creative new ideas to bring ballet into your child's day. Kids will learn all the basic ballet steps and moves to the sounds of global music. They will also be introduced to how rhythm, storytelling and dance are all inter-connected. This is sure to inspire the ballerina in everyone! Space is limited, so sign up today!

Tu 1/4- 3/29/2011

5-6 pm

Ages: at least 3 but less than 6

Fee: \$70

This activity has already started, but registrations are still being accepted.

#### Tumblin' Tots

Do you have a preschooler that is climbing all over the house? Then come on over to McRae for our Tumblin' Tots program. Our instructor Ms. Kim will teach your child: forward rolls, backward rolls, proper stretching and basic floor movements all done with fun and up-beat music! This is sure to fill fast and space is limited.

Tu 1/4- 3/29/2011

5:15-6 pm

Ages: at least 3 but less than 6

Fee: \$50

This activity has already started, but registrations are still being accepted.

## Youth

#### Ice Skating: Intermediate 7-12 yr old

So you have mastered stopping, turning, and the simple spin. You are now ready for the Waltz Jump, Shoot the Duck and the High Spiral! Our instructor Kelsey knows all the cool, Olympic moves and she will teach them to you!

Sa 1/8- 2/18/2011

10:30-11:30 am

Ages: at least 7 but less than 12

Fee: \$50

This activity has already started, but registrations are still being accepted.

#### Indoor Playground

If your little one has energy to burn then you need our Indoor Playground - complete with balls, toys, trucks, trikes and mats. Get to know other families in the neighborhood and make new friends.

Tu 1/4- 3/29/2011

10:30 am-12:30 pm

Ages: at least 1 but less than 6

Fee: \$15

This activity has already started, but registrations are still being accepted.

## Special Events

#### Friday Night Skates

McRae Park wants you to come out and enjoy our 3 awesome ice rinks! For 3 Friday nights we will turn on the big lights and you and your friends can come over to ice skate, roast marshmallows and drink some hot chocolate.

This is open to everyone of all ages and skating abilities. We have skates to borrow if you don't have a pair-so don't let that stop you from getting out and enjoying your park during the winter!

Fri 1/7- 2/4/2011

6:30-8:30 pm

Ages: at least 1 but less than 100

Fee: Free

This activity has already started, but registrations are still being accepted.

**M.A.R.C.**

MARC is the "McRae Area Recreation Council" and it is a parent/community member volunteer council that sponsors athletic programming and special events at McRae Park. We are looking for volunteers to help with the sports teams and special events. Please consider getting involved with your park and your community...the benefits are endless!

Mon 1/3- 12/5/2011

7-8 pm

Ages: at least 21 but less than 100

Fee: Free

This activity has already started, but registrations are still being accepted.

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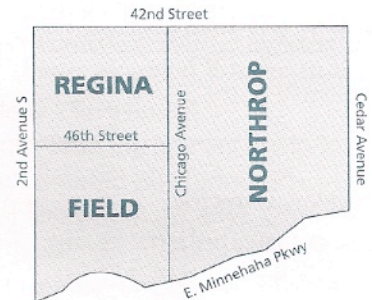
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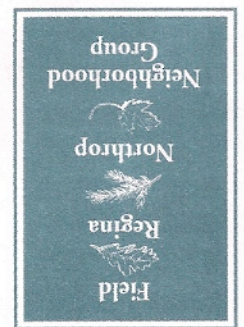
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