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## The Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group Newsletter

June-July 2012

### Highlights From the FRNNG Annual Meeting and Elections

**O**n Thursday, April 26th, 2012 at Field School, the Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group (FRNNG) held their annual meeting and elections. Joining the current FRNNG board were members of the community, prospective new board members and an all-star guest panel.

The guest panel was made up of Peter McLaughlin, 4th District County Commissioner; John Quincy, 11th Ward City Council Member; Robert Thompson, Neighborhood and Community Relations Department; Lance Knuckles, Neighborhood Support Specialist; Sue Roethele, Minneapolis Police 3rd Precinct Crime Prevention Specialist; Anne Kegley, McRae Park Director; and Elizabeth Glidden, 8th Ward City Council Member.

A couple highlights included:

CM Quincy stating that the City of Minneapolis continues to study recycling and trash pickup quite extensively. The hope is that Minneapolis will be able to increase recycling by moving to a single-sort recycling system for the entire city.

CM Glidden stating that Portland and Park Avenues are both county roads and are both slated for repaving in August or September of this year. We may also see some changes to the bike path widths and

timing of stoplights...all in the interest of safety.

In addition to our guest panel, FRNNG President Stearline Rucker gave a recap of some of our accomplishments for the previous year—the Lee Family Commemorative event; coordinating the kickoff event for the One Minneapolis, One Read program featuring Michele Norris' book, *The Grace of Silence*; an updated FRNNG.com website; and FRN being voted one of the city's best neighborhoods.

Community and Business awards were handed out to Bikes and Pieces, Wings Financial, Minnehaha Animal Hospital, Wells Fargo Bank and Southside Dental Clinic. Kirk Frauenheim, outgoing Parks Committee Chair was awarded the Board of Director Award for his service throughout the past year.

Voting took place towards the end of the evening and the following board members were re-elected:

**1st Vice President** - Wade Warner

**Secretary** - Shelley Nystrom

**Business Chair** - Karen Young

**Communications Chair** -

Kirk Anderson

**Greening Chair** - Ted Moe

**North Northrop Representative** -

Jeri Elsner

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### Mark Your Calendar—Annual Neighborhood Celebration!

Please join us at McRae Park on Saturday, June 2nd for our Annual Neighborhood Celebration. This year's parade begins promptly at 10:15 am concluding at McRae, where the celebration begins at 11 am.

Come join your neighbors at this much anticipated kick-off to summer!



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

## FRNG 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 July or Dec.

### Business Committee

• 1st Tuesday of each month at 7 pm, LNPC  
[business@frnng.org](mailto:business@frnng.org)

### Community and Safety Committee:

• 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 pm, McRae Park Rec Center  
[communityandsafety@frnng.org](mailto:communityandsafety@frnng.org)

### Housing Committee

• 1st Monday of each month at 6 pm, Sisters Sludge, 46th St. and Bloomington Ave.  
[housing@frnng.org](mailto:housing@frnng.org)

### Education Committee

• 1st Thursday of each month beginning in October, at 6:30 pm, LNPC  
[education@frnng.org](mailto:education@frnng.org)

### Parks Committee

• 1st Monday of each month at 7 pm, McRae Park Rec Center  
[parks@frnng.org](mailto:parks@frnng.org)

### Greening Committee

• 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at Turtle Bread Restaurant, 48th and Chicago  
[greening@frnng.org](mailto:greening@frnng.org)

### Communications Committee

• 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6 pm at Turtle Bread Restaurant, 48th and Chicago  
[communications@frnng.org](mailto:communications@frnng.org)

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 – Thank you for the opportunity to keep you updated on what is happening at City Hall.


### Changes are coming to Yard Waste Collection and Recycling

With the beginning of this year's yard waste collection season – bagged yard waste put out for collection must be in compostable bags – either paper bags or compostable plastic bags – or reusable containers. Yard waste in plastic bags are left and tagged for resident re-packaging.

Using paper and compostable plastic bags or containers rather than conventional lawn and garden plastic bags will reduce the amount of plastic being sent to local composting facilities. Screening out plastic from the finished compost means lower processing costs and better quality of the finished compost. The compostable bag requirement is a state law.

Compostable bags and reusable containers must be 33 gallons or less and weigh less than 40 pounds. Branches must be less than three inches each in diameter and less than three feet long. Bundles must weigh less than 40 pounds.

For questions about yard waste pickup, or to request container stickers, please call 673-2917 from 8 to 4:30. Or visit [www.minneapolismn.gov/solid-waste/yardwaste/solid-waste\\_yardwaste](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/solid-waste/yardwaste/solid-waste_yardwaste).



Minneapolis is looking at new ways to help you recycle more of your waste. We are currently evaluating the results of our dual and single-sort pilot programs to select the best program for our citywide recycling service. More information will be available soon. Please watch for future mailings with recycling updates for your neighborhood.

### Construction on Portland and Park Avenues

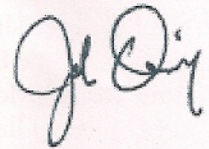
In September Hennepin County will resurface both Portland and Park Avenues. Portland will be resurfaced from downtown all the way to Richfield, and Park will also start in downtown, but the project will end at 46th St., which is where Park ceases to be a County road. The city is taking advantage of this opportunity to restripe these roads to provide traffic calming and bike lanes into the street layout. For more information as it is developed, see

Portland Ave-

<http://tinyurl.com/portlandresurface>  
Park Ave-

<http://tinyurl.com/parkresurface>

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@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:John.Quincy@minneapolismn.gov)



# The Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood: Historical Highlights

## Early non-native settlement

In 1805, Captain Zebulon Pike (after whom Pike's Peak was later named), on orders from the U.S. federal government, met with a few Mdewakanton Dakota people in the area called Mendota. Pike negotiated a treaty with those people that traded a parcel of land to the U.S. for cash and other considerations. Though historians and legal experts question the validity of the treaty, that parcel was the first land acquired by the United States in what eventually became Minnesota. The 100,000-acre parcel was roughly triangular and bounded by Lakes Harriet and Calhoun on the west (though the lakes did not yet have those names), St. Anthony Falls on the north, and the St. Peter's River—later renamed the Minnesota—on the south. The eastern corner of the parcel is the confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers.

Beginning in 1919, Fort Snelling was built on the high bluff in that corner because it was a strategic point from which the U.S. Army could oversee the fur trade and monitor the actions of rival Dakota and Ojibwe groups.

Field Regina Northrop (FRN) Neighborhood is contained within that parcel of land.

## Annual Mtg/Elections... from page 1

We would also like to welcome the following new board members who were elected:

### Community and Safety Chair -

Kevin Kelley

### Housing Chair - Nick Peterson/

Albert Knight

### Regina Representative - Tom Powers/

Carol Kennedy

### Field Representative -

Chris Schommer

We would also like to extend a very special thank you to the following business donors for their contributions for the evening: Turtle Bread, Adrian's, Pepito's, Sisters Sludge, Cork Dork and Carlson Printing.



## On the Corner— 48th and Chicago

### Classic Car Show and Other Events

It's Summer Time in the City and the South Chicago Avenue Business Alliance (SCABA) is giving you several reasons to visit our vibrant neighborhood corner at 48th and Chicago in Minneapolis!

SCABA has scheduled its 3rd Annual Classic Car Show for Sunday, June 3rd, from 10 am to 4 pm. School will still be in session, so stay home for the weekend and enjoy the neighborhood!

The 2012 Car Show will be more "family friendly" than ever before. First, we'll have a HUGE inflatable bounce house for the kids to enjoy. Second, the

### Southside Sprint Bicycle Race Returns July 22

#### Family Fun Festival Back For Second Year

The Southside Sprint bicycle race returns for a second year Sunday, July 22nd. The inaugural event in 2011 brought elite bicycle racing back to south Minneapolis for the first time in over two decades. The festival, presented by the South Chicago Avenue Business Alliance (SCABA) and Nomad Marketing, includes 8 different races, The Twin Six Fan Zone family fun festival and a FREE kids fun race. As part of the fun, the Parkway Theater will be showing a family favorite bicycle movie all weekend: *Pee Wee's Big Adventure*.

The Southside Sprint showcases top regional bicycle racers in a fun family festival atmosphere. In 2011, more than 200 racers thrilled 500+ spectators in a

Open Eye Figure Theatre will present this summer's "Driveway Tour" puppet show, "The Amazing Cow Boat." Show time is scheduled for 1 pm. Kids will love the puppet show—but so will adults.

If you have a car to show off (or if you know someone who would like to show off their car), please contact Mike Kmiecik at Bikes and Pieces, 203-6077, or register the car at: <http://48-chicago.eventbrite.com>.

On July 22, (Sunday), SCABA will again co-sponsor the "Southside Sprint" – bicycle criterium racing at its best!

On August 11, (Saturday), Adrian's Tavern will once again host their annual "Rib Feast." Several styles of rib sauce and all the fixin's!

And, on Saturday, September 29, SCABA will again host its annual "Fall Festival" - SCABA's way of saying "Thanks!" for shopping at and supporting our local businesses.

Yes, Summer Time in the City promises lots of fun and excitement at 48th and Chicago!



day of heart-stopping racing. The Bikes and Pieces Kids Fun Race showcased more than 70 neighborhood kids on vehicles of every description.

The race pits the top racers in Minnesota on a fast, challenging course past the shops and restaurants of 48th and Chicago and through the adjacent neighborhood streets. Neighbors along the course hosted yard parties over the .75 mile course, adding to the spectacle.

For map, photos and a schedule of events, visit [www.southsidesprint.com](http://www.southsidesprint.com).

## A Taste of FRN

This spring and summer the Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group (FRNNG) will be collecting your best recipes!

Our goal is to publish a cookbook of recipes submitted by FRN residents, local restaurants, and community leaders from our neighborhood. Proceeds go directly to FRNNG. The cookbook will be available for sale this fall.

Help us out by submitting your favorite recipes, and any book title suggestions to the cookbook committee, [jle819@hotmail.com](mailto:jle819@hotmail.com). Submissions may also be dropped off or emailed to the FRN office. The deadline for submissions is June 30th, but please don't wait until the last minute! The recipes need to be formatted and submitted online, which will take some time to accomplish. What a great way to support the FRN neighborhoods, and to get that great hot dish recipe from your neighbor!

The cookbook will contain sections for beverages, appetizers, soups and salads, vegetables and side dishes, main dishes, breads and rolls, desserts, and miscellaneous.

Along with your recipe submissions, please list your name as you would like it to be printed in the cookbook (Cathy Smith, Cathy S, The Smith Family, etc) and the neighborhood in which you live.

Please forward this to your neighbors in FRN. The more neighbors who submit recipes, the better the cookbook we will have!



## Tidbits... Random Thoughts and Notices

Remember that it is against Minneapolis City ordinances to blow your grass clippings into the street. Please be careful when mowing your lawn to prevent clippings from going into the street where they will be washed into drains and onto our lakes and rivers... 🐾 If you notice unusual activity in your neighborhood (e.g. strange cars idling that appear to be waiting for someone), please don't hesitate to call 911. Be prepared to give a license plate number, your location,

description of individuals, etc...  
Crime Prevention Tip: Check your vehicles often to ensure license plates are well attached... 🐾 Congratulations to Minnehaha Animal Hospital which was recruited by the Stevens Square neighborhood to bring a clinic to their area— they opened a second location at Nicollet and Franklin called PetDoctors... 🐾 Now that summer is near, get out in your neighborhood and meet some neighbors. A friendly neighborhood is a safe neighborhood!

## Third Precinct's 2011 Officer of the Year

Officer Todd Harder has been selected as the Third Precinct's 2011 Officer of the Year. Since joining the Minneapolis Police Department in 1997, he has spent the majority of his time patrolling the streets of the Third Precinct. He currently works the night shift.

Inspector Lucy Gerold, commander of 3rd Precinct, commented that Officer Harder is consistently a top performer and a veteran officer who leads by example in self-initiated work. He is

service-oriented and is a field training officer for new recruits.

Sgt. Stot Dunphy, the precinct Night Watch supervisor, describes Officer Harder as a leader on his shift and as somebody who always treats his coworkers, supervisors and citizens with respect and dignity.

Congratulations, Officer Harder. Well deserved!

## Hip-Hop, History and the Arts

This is a summer course that will teach students about the true essence of hip-hop, art and life. It is available for 8th-12th graders. There will be a conduction of artist development workshops that range from rhyming, singing, creative drawing, acting, on stage performance enhancement, and spoken word primarily. Along with learning these artistic forms of expression, the students will be educated on the history and cultural aspect of them as well. The students will also learn about the importance of education, being multidimensional, self-balance, and business conducting.

There will be a spoken word performance by the students for the families and community to see at the end of the program. The main objective of this course is to motivate the youth to chase dreams, turning potential into reality, maximizing opportunities and learning the tools to become a supreme artist. Plus, since they are the generation of hip-hop, they need to know the true positive, artistic, deeply rooted cultural origins of the art form. This course will cover all aspects. The course will be at Watershed High School from July 9th to August 3rd.

# 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 at 721-5424. **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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48th and Chicago, 825-4427

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

## Gardening Tips— Dealing With Squash Vine Borers

*By Jennifer Rensenbrink*

Last year around this time, I had a very productive-looking squash and pumpkin patch going strong in a corner of my garden. Then one week in early August, I noticed that the leaves looked wilted. Upon closer inspection, I found the cause: squash vine borers.

Squash vine borers are a common garden pest which affect zucchini, squash, pumpkins, and occasionally melons. Beginning in late June, the adults, which look a bit like a smaller version of a boxelder bug, lay eggs at the base of these plants. Approximately one week later, the larvae emerge and start burrowing up the stems of your plants, blocking the flow of water to the leaves.

When they get big enough they are very easy to spot and pull out -- look for a large, creamy white colored grub with a brown head.

My pumpkin patch was completely wiped out by them. I pulled out all the plants and bagged them for the trash -- I didn't want to take any chances of over-wintering grubs in my compost bin.

**Pesticide-free strategies for dealing with squash vine borers**

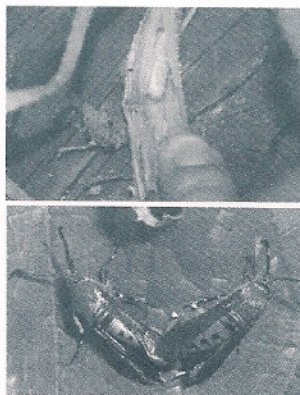
1. Place a floating row cover, made of lightweight, white fabric, over affected crops as soon as they start to vine, or as soon as you see any squash vine borer adults. Leave the row cover on for about two weeks. Be sure to remove it as soon as your squash start flowering so that you don't exclude the bees!

2. Nematodes are micro-organisms that attack grubs like squash vine borers in the soil. Apply them around your squash plants in mid-late June. They can be purchased at many garden stores, especially those that cater to organic gardeners such as Mother Earth Gardens on 38th St. and 42nd Ave. Be sure to follow package instructions -- nematodes are considered

to be an organic pesticide.

Visit University of MN Extension's website and search for "squash vine borer management" for much more information about this pest, including identifying pictures.

Jennifer Rensenbrink is a Hennepin County Master Gardener who writes about gardening and other adventures at her blog, [newhomeconomics.wordpress.com](http://newhomeconomics.wordpress.com)



## Longing for Horizontal Photos

As the FRNNG website becomes populated with current and resourceful information, it's becoming clear that photos submitted by neighbors could provide zesty



visual interest to our site. Why not bring your camera with you the next time you walk your dog, jog with a neighbor, do an errand, or take a stroll? Capture the people, activities, architecture, wildlife, commerce, airplanes, and other sights that represent your view of our neighborhood.

The photos you submit should be high-resolution images, at 300 dots per inch. If you are able to crop your photo, dimensions are 800 pixels wide by 180 pixels deep. This shape is decidedly horizontal, which adds to the creativity of the photos you will decide to submit. We would be delighted to be overwhelmed by receiving a bounty of images. In turn, we will list your name on the website as a photo contributor.

Thank you in advance for submitting your images to:

[communications@frnng.org](mailto:communications@frnng.org)

## Proposed Restriping for East 42nd Street (County Road 42)

In response to traffic, pedestrian crossing and bicycle accommodation concerns, Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis are planning to restripe East 42nd Street this summer. The striping would cover a 17 block segment, extending from Nokomis Ave. on the east to south 17th Ave. on the west.

Representatives from the county and city will be available to discuss the project and solicit public comments at the Sibley Recreation Center, 1900 E. 40th St., on Wednesday, June 13, 7 – 8:30 pm.

The discussion will describe alternative concepts such as striping the parking lanes and/or adding bike lanes. One objective of the restriping will be to impart a feeling of street narrowness to

drivers and thus help manage traffic speeds. The plan would preserve parking in high use areas where commercial activity has high parking demands, and it would also strive to maintain parking opportunities throughout the corridor. Participants will be given an opportunity to voice comments and suggestions as to the best means of addressing these transportation issues.

Contacts for questions and comments can be directed to: Bob Byers, Hennepin County 596-0354, [robert.byers@co.hennepin.mn.us](mailto:robert.byers@co.hennepin.mn.us), or Shaun Murphy, City of Minneapolis 333-2450, [shaun.murphy@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:shaun.murphy@minneapolismn.gov).

## Last Call for Free Zinnia Seeds

*By Sue Filbin, Northrop neighbor*

By the time you read this article, you will know where you could use some tall, colorful annual plants in your garden—preferably on your boulevard. Think free zinnia seeds!

The Community and Safety Committee is initiating and coordinating the 1x1 Project. Seeds for zinnias—tall, colorful annual flowers—are packed into envelopes and are accompanied by planting and care instructions.

You are invited to dig up a patch of earth that measures one square foot, and plant the zinnia seeds. If one person plants some seeds, and then another person plants some seeds, one-by-one we will meet each other, visit, look out

for each other, and create a friendly, safe, attractive neighborhood.

Zinnia seeds will be available at the annual neighborhood celebration on Saturday, June 2. Look for a table at McRae Park. If you would like to pick up some zinnia seeds, or distribute envelopes that contain free zinnia seeds to neighbors on your block, please contact Jenny, program manager, in the Field Regina Northrop office by 5 pm Friday, June 8, 721-5424 or [www.frnng.org](http://www.frnng.org). A stand of brightly blooming flowers could demonstrate care and commitment by people for the location where the flowers are growing—and for the neighborhood at large. Please join in the fun!



## St. Joan of Arc to Host Event

The SAGES Ministry of St. Joan of Arc Church is sponsoring, "Getting Older; Getting Closer," a day of reflection for the 3rd stage of life, on Thursday, June 14, 10 am – 2 pm.

How has my relationship with God been influenced by my getting older? What steps can I take to handle so much loss in my life? How can I find peace and joy when my future is so unsure?

The presenter for the day is Michele Flaherty. Michele has a Master of Divinity from United Theological Seminary. She is currently completing her Master of Gerontology at Bethel University.

The fee for the day is \$5 and includes lunch. Everyone is invited. Please call the Parish Center, 823-8205, by June 11 to reserve your place at this wonderful event.

**McRae Park**  
906 East 47th Street

*The complete spring 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.*

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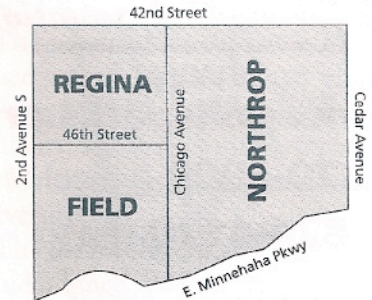
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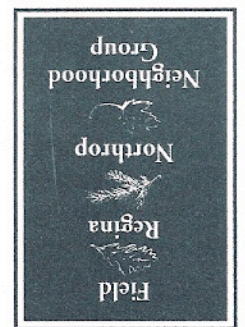
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