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THE FIELD REGINA NORTHROP NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP NEWSLETTER

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Be part of the fun

Looking Forward to the 9th-Annual Night on 48th

By Stearline Rucker, Program Director, and Sue Filbin, Communications Committee

Question: When does the buzz about Night on 48th begin? Answer: Right after last year's sold-out festive event. It's not an understatement to report that people have fun at Night on 48th. They talk about it – and look forward to it – all year long. They relax, visit with each other and meet new people, sip wine and beer from a cash bar, eat tasty food prepared by Turtle Bread Company and Pizza Biga, listen to laid-back music, and shop the silent auction.

In addition to creating a night of pure neighborly fun, Night on 48th is our neighborhood's primary fundraiser. It's an event during which neighbors celebrate all that makes Field Regina Northrop an appealing area in which to live, do business, and have fun.

The funds that are raised through ticket sales, support from generous sponsors, and sales of items and services donated to the silent auction all contribute to the many activities and improvements that occur in our neighborhood.

Details

The celebration takes place at Turtle Bread Company on Saturday, November 4, from 7–10 p.m. Tickets purchased before October 27 cost \$15 – \$20 at the door – and include the buffet of food from Turtle Bread Company and Pizza Biga, live music, and a wine raffle ticket. Staff from Turtle Bread serves soft drinks, wine, and beer at the cash bar. Space in Turtle Bread is limited; tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Purchase your ticket today by visiting www.frnng.org/no48th or by calling the office 612-721-5424.

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Night on 48th

A celebration of neighbors – and neighborhood!

Saturday, November 4
7–10 p.m.

Turtle Bread Company
48th and Chicago Avenue

Buffet supper, cash bar, music,
wine raffle, silent auction

45th Anniversary Pairing of Hale & Field Schools

Thursday, November 9
6–8 p.m.

Field Community School

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Night on 48th is an enjoyable evening of conversation, music, and refreshments that's easy, affordable, and best of all, close to home!

President's Letter

Hello FRN,

It concerns me that lately, there seem to be so many negative things going on in our world, and in our community. FRN, I then ask myself: "Where do I fit in these matters, and what is my role in all of this?" We as a community have to ask ourselves, collectively and individually, this question of: "Where do we fit in and what is our role?" You, FRN, have a voice and the power to stand up, and let people

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Music

Music provided by AKOUO returns by popular demand. The band will again establish a relaxed ambiance for socializing and shopping. They describe their sound as “a collage of musical genres” including jazz, R&B, funk, gospel, country western, and rock, all of which was embraced with enthusiasm for the past several years by guests.

New this year: childcare

On a first-come, first-served basis for adults who reserve to attend Night on 48th, a limited number of spaces for childcare, for kids from ages 5 to 10, are available at McRae Park. There is no charge for this service but tips will be happily accepted. To reserve space for your child or children, send an email to mcrac@minneapolisparcs.org or call the park at 612-370-4909.

Silent auction

Exciting items will be included in the silent auction including the always-popular stay at Pier 1 in Duluth. Check our

webpage and Facebook page to stay current as silent-auction items are listed.

Items donated to the silent auction provide the opportunity for guests to shop locally, support our neighborhood, and score attractive products and services from nearby businesses and individuals. The silent auction is also an opportunity for an individual or business to donate an item that puts your name in front of 125 people. To learn more, contact program manager Stearline Rucker in the neighborhood office.

In addition to those who donate to the silent auction, the neighborhood greatly appreciates the sponsors of Night on 48th who make this annual event a big success, even before the first guest has entered the door! Please thank our sponsors when you patronize their businesses.



Photos: Sue Filbin

Back by popular demand, AKOUO will perform at Night on 48th.

Our volunteer board members set up the event, provide hospitality during the event, and clean up afterward. If you would like to get involved to help host Night on 48th, please contact Stearline in the FRNNG office. (612) 721-5424; frnng@frnng.org

We're eager to see you on Saturday, November 4. Invite a neighborhood friend and join us to have fun and raise money to keep our community safe, connected, and beautiful. ❖

Commemorate the Hale-Field Partnership! Save the date: Thursday, November 9, from 6–8 p.m. at Field Community School Honoring Leaders of the 1971 Hale/Field School Desegregation

By Terry Mazig, Chair, Education Committee, and Heidi Adelman, historian and 1970s student at Hale and Field Schools

The 45th anniversary of the landmark pairing of Hale and Field schools will celebrate their partnership on Thursday, November 9, from 6–8 p.m.

Field Community School is hosting this occasion that features video interviews with the leaders whose initiative led to the pairing of the two public schools. A panel discussion will address what were – and continue to be – the barriers that have prevented us from moving forward in equity in education and elsewhere. Also part of the event will be a presentation of photographs, remarks by guest speakers, music by students from both schools, and refreshments by Pepitos. Since Pepitos Mexican Restaurant opened in 1971,

four generations of family have been involved with operating the renowned restaurant. Owner Joe Minjares is dedicated to and active in promoting equity in our community. He led and sponsored the Lee House Memorial in 2014.

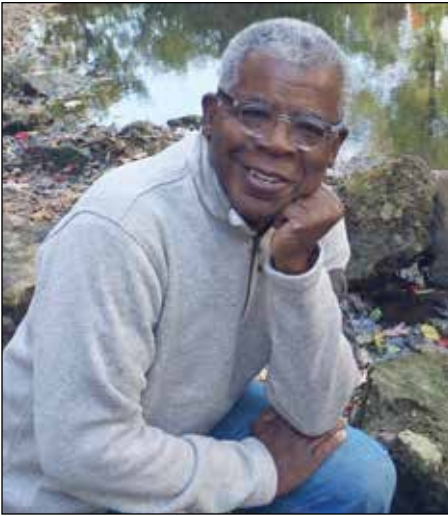
Hale Elementary School, 5330-13th Avenue South, serves students in grades K–4, and Field Community School, 4645-4th Avenue South, serves students in grades 5–8. The pairing of the two schools was part of a district-wide effort in 1971 to desegregate Minneapolis schools, which was the result of housing segregation. Hale and Field schools were among the first in Minneapolis to desegregate thanks to the activism of leaders in our community.

We would greatly appreciate it if you are moved to contribute to the production,



speakers, and hospitality related to creating what we intend will be a historic event to honor the early and ongoing civil-rights activism in our community.

To make a financial donation, contact FRN program manager Stearline Rucker: 612-721-5424 or frnng@frnng.org. To volunteer your time and talent, contact education committee chair Terry Mazig: education@frnng.org See you on Nov. 9! ❖



Willie Bridges, President, Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group (FRNNG)

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know that we as a community don't accept bigotry. ALL are welcome in our community.

Our children see and hear in the news of events that happen, as in Charlottesville, VA, recently, and they may wonder, if such a thing could happen here. Let's assure them in our words and our actions, that there is

no room for such intolerance in our homes, our families, our schools, and our neighborhoods, when we genuinely view others as valid and important as ourselves.

FRN, speaking of children, our kids will be starting school pretty soon, and now is a good time to talk to them, and remind them about safety concerns while they're walking to and from school. Remind children about safely crossing the street, and looking out for the smallest children. Make sure that you and they share a unique SAFE WORD, that only you and they know, to help them to know that a message is truly from YOU, and on the up and up. This is useful, if when they're walking to and from school, a stranger engages with them, and tells them something like you the parent are sick, and then asks them to get in the car so that he or she will take them to you. If that stranger doesn't know the "family SAFE Word," then the child should definitely not believe them.

Parents, when your kid(s) get home from school, I've learned that when inquiring about their day, you usually get a more

real answer when you ask your son or daughter the question: "What did you learn in school today?" rather than the usual question: "How was school?" How many of us have heard the short response to the later question: "It was OK"... end of story. The other question often engages them in a conversation about school, and before you know it, you're actually talking!

FRN, our city elections are coming up, for various positions: mayor, city council members, and other positions. Let your voices be heard. Go vote.

FRN, closer to home, we still need volunteers for our own various neighborhood committees. Please consider joining one of our committees. FRN, we need you! There's housing, education, safety, greening, park and recreation, and communications. All of these committees need volunteers. Please consider joining one of these committees. FRN, you can find the meeting places and meeting times on our Facebook page, on page 11 of this newsletter, and on our web page.

Be safe, FRN—Willie Bridges

4700 Cedar Update

By Chris Schommer, Chair, Communications Committee

The development of 4700 Cedar kicked off in early August after several months of delay. The Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group held a public meeting in 2016 with the developer and the architect and many neighbors submitted comments to the Minneapolis Planning Commission. The Planning Commission required several site changes for final approval of the plan. Many neighbors were particularly concerned about the proposal to build a new drive-through Starbucks on the property and what kind of impacts that might have on safety and traffic.

Ward 8 council member John Quincy's office tells us that the developer recently submitted a plan, "consistent with the

planning commission conditions" and thus the plan is allowed to move forward. "The plan has a single, exit-only driveway at the very south end of their development lot, next to the new coffee shop. The current parking lot that is in front of Tom's Popcorn Shop will only be accessible from

47th St." The developer is currently working with Starbucks for the drive-through business. Tom's Popcorn hopes to remain in their current space. There is no timeline available for the completion date of this project at this time. ❖

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Hiawatha Golf Course to Close

On August 9, the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board voted 6-3 to close Hiawatha Golf Course in 2019. Copied here is the statement by 5th-district Park Board Commissioner Steffanie Musich given to the Board and community members on August 9.

I would like to start by thanking the engineers, hydrologists, scientists and public employees at all levels of government from the Federal, State to local level that patiently explained the challenges posed by the current water management strategy to me over the past few years. I would also like to thank all the members of the community that have stayed engaged over the period of this study by attending public meetings, reading documents provided by park staff and by reaching out to share their thoughts.

As a scientifically literate policy maker, I believe in climate change. Climate models demonstrate an increasing frequency of severe storms producing large volumes of

water in short time frames that the City of Minneapolis needs to be able to manage responsibly. When we first started discussing how to plan for repairs to the course, it was acknowledged that the probability of flooding again was high, and designs that would accommodate flooding while preserving golf playability were explored.

With the discovery of the excess pumping at this site, the calculus at play for the long term viability of a golf operation changed. The conversation was no longer how do we mitigate damage by flooding, but is it even possible to design a resilient course in this location while preserving the flood capacity this park land provides to the surrounding developed neighborhoods.

It is time for us to acknowledge that the costs of maintaining the current use of this park land are not reasonable given the long term benefits we are able to achieve for generations of Minneapolis-

tans to come under a water management plan with significantly reduced pumping. MCWD Watershed Manager, James Wisker, characterized the significance of the water quality improvements the reduced pumping scenario achieves to me this way, and I'm paraphrasing here, "A watershed manager working in a built out watershed like ours, is not likely to see a project this beneficial for water quality and ecology come across their desk for consideration at all during their career."

We have before us a decision that can protect homes, appease regulatory concerns, create a massive amount of new habitat and provide downstream users with cleaner water by working with nature to manage water on this site instead of fighting it. I ask my colleagues to use common sense and that you support this motion to create a community advisory committee to help guide the reconfiguration of this park around a reduced pumping water management plan. ❖

Fulton Southside Sprint Roars Through Neighborhood

7th-Annual Bike Festival Draws Record Participation

By Jason Lardy, Bike Race Co-founder
A record field of bicycle racers again turned Chicago Avenue into a drag strip for the 7th consecutive year on July 23 as the Fulton Southside Sprint concluded the two-day Big Waters Classic. Over 300 elite racers rolled to the line on the warm July Sunday, joining the largest-ever group of kids "Fun Racers." Nearly 1,000 spectators lined the streets and filled the front yards of neighborhood homes, cheering the riders to top speed.

The Big Waters Classic concluded the 5-event Midwest Flyover Race Series. Racers earned points at races in WI, IL, MO and IA leading up to the finale in south Minneapolis. "The Fulton Southside Sprint was once again the most popular sanctioned amateur road race in MN,"

noted Big Waters Classic co-founder, Jason Lardy. "With the designation of the Flyover Series Finale and the addition of the new Rondo Rush on Saturday in St. Paul, we drew riders and fans from all over the Midwest to our beloved Minneapolis neighborhood."

Sunday's Fulton Southside Sprint showcased top Midwest talent, including locally based elite amateurs, World Masters and US National Champions. St. Paul's Melissa Dahlmann swept the weekend's elite women's races and dominated a strong field in Minneapolis. Local elite powerhouse Brandon Krawczyk won the elite men's race in a solo breakaway to claim the State Championship and his third Southside Sprint victory.



Photo: Lisa Lardy Photography

Record turnout for the Family Dental Clinic Dash at the 2017 Southside Sprint Bike Race.

Also popular were the opportunities for new racers to try bicycle racing for the first time. The event's unique beginner clinic again drew nearly 30 first-timers and the separate men's beginner and women's beginner races were among the largest fields of the day. Race details, including full results, can be found at www.bigwatersclassic.com ❖

What's Next After National Night Out?

By Jennifer Neale, Crime Prevention Specialist, Third Precinct—Sector 3

On your block, what happens following National Night Out? After the lawn chairs are returned to yards and neighborhood dogs have licked up the spills that fell off paper plates, what's next for you and your neighbors? I've given this question some thought and have some suggestions.

Record everyone's contact information and distribute it electronically or on paper—or both—to everyone who agrees to be connected. The point of being connected is to make it easy to look out for each other. If you notice a neighbor's garage door is open (an "open" invitation to would-be thieves), or their dog is running loose, or their mail is visible for more than a day, reach out to them and let them know.

Call 911 if you hear or see suspicious activity. This could be the sound of breaking glass, or noticing people you don't recognize loitering on or near a neighbor's

property—or carrying items from a neighbor's home. Remember, a situation doesn't need to be life threatening to be suitable for calling 911. By telling the 911 operator you are calling to report suspicious activity, the operator will dispatch a squad car to look into the situation you report—and your identity will not be revealed to your neighbor.

Leave on a light near your front and back doors. Your front light illuminates your address which helps emergency personnel locate addresses. A lighted entry also discourages would-be thieves from breaking into your home while making the sidewalk in front of your home safer and more pleasant for those walking past.

Please contact me with questions related to the responsibilities of a block club leader or becoming a block club leader.

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Hiawatha Academies Update

Sean Elder, Chief Operating Officer of Hiawatha Academies, reported the college-prep schools based in south Minneapolis identified a property to be developed as the campus for Hiawatha Collegiate High School for grades 9–12.

As planned, the building on the south end of the Northrop campus located at 4640-17th Avenue South will transition to a grades 5–8 middle-school program beginning in the 2018–2019 school year.

<http://hiawathaacademies.org/>

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Architecture History Tours on Pedego Bicycles

By Richard Kronick, Architectural Historian
In the spring of 2017, the Pedego Twin Cities shop opened at 4804 Chicago Avenue. The shop sells and rents Pedego-brand bicycles, which look like typical bikes but have a hidden “super power” – electric motors inside the rear wheel hubs and hand-grip throttles like motorcycles. Essentially, they’re bicycle-shaped motor scooters.

As soon as I understood what Pedego bikes were, I knew I wanted to lead architecture tours on them. I am an architectural historian and for more than 20 years I have led architecture tours in the Twin Cities, the Midwest, and Europe – always either walking tours or, for longer distances and more people, bus tours. But I could see right away that Pedego bikes have advantages over both walking and bus tours. With each tour attendee on a Pedego bike, we could range much farther than on a walking tour (without sweating), and we wouldn’t have to deal with a lumbering, hard-to-manuever (and expensive) tour bus.

So, I introduced myself to Ann Paulson, owner of the Pedego shop, and proposed a Pedego-powered architecture tour. Ann saw immediately that this would be a great marketing strategy – a way to get people interested (hooked!) on Pedego bikes.

We agreed to do the first Pedego-powered architecture tour on July 15. Accordingly, in June, I announced the tour to my email list of architecture-history aficionados, many of whom have attended my tours for years. Ann and I agreed that, for safety and logistical reasons, we would limit the tour to 10 people. I was pleasantly surprised when the tour filled up in just three days! Many of the people who signed up told me that they had heard about Pedego bikes and had already wanted to try one out.

The tour was a great success. For about three hours, I took the group on a loop around south Minneapolis looking at and discussing a potpourri of my favorite buildings. In and near the FRN neighborhood, we looked at all-steel Lustron houses built to solve the post-World War II housing crisis, a block mostly consisting of houses by the Tilsenbilt company that were part of the Twin Cities’ first racially integrated housing development in the 1950s, and the 1889 Richardsonian Romanesque gatehouse at Temple Israel



Photo: Kayleen McCaheron

Pedego architecture tour at the 1894 gate house of the Temple Israel Memorial Park Cemetery, 4153-3rd Avenue South.

Memorial Park Cemetery. Ranging farther afield, we looked at a block of grand Queen Anne-style houses built by Theron P. Healy, who is known as Minneapolis’s “King of the Queen Anne.” I also showed the group several buildings by my favorite architects, Purcell & Elmslie, near Lake of the Isles.

With the success of the first Pedego architecture tour, two more are now scheduled – on Saturday, September 9, and Saturday, September 16. For more information and to register, go to my website: **RICHARD-LKRONICK.COM/archhistory.html** and click on Calendar, or call the Pedego Twin Cities shop at 612-827-5000. ❖

Please share a story about interaction between you and your neighbors. Contact Chris Schommer at: communications@frnng.org

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Bubbly Paws to open at 48th and Chicago

By Carrie Shidla, Communications Committee
Curious neighbors may have noticed a flurry of activity on the northeast side of the 48th and Chicago Avenue business district as the build-out for a new storefront takes shape. Bubbly Paws, a local dog-wash and grooming business, is opening its fourth location at 4737 Chicago Avenue, with a targeted opening in the middle of September.

Owners Keith and Patricia Miller already owned a doggy daycare business in St. Louis Park when they decided to open their first dog-wash business in 2011 out of necessity. The Millers loved taking their Bernese mountain dog, Roxy, to the dog park, and would often stop by their daycare business to rinse her off before heading home. When friends starting asking to join, they realized they were

on to something and decided to open a self-service dog wash.

“We worked with an architect to design a place that was built for Roxy, essentially where you could easily wash and dry even a big, hairy dog without any issues,” said owner Keith Miller. Employees are on hand to show customers how to use the bathing and drying equipment, though, he notes, there are also full-time groomers on staff to bathe and groom dogs for you, if self-service isn’t for you.

They know that taking care of pets is often a family affair, and many families bring their children along. “Kids can help! We have step stools and little aprons for kids,” said Miller. “This is a fun, family-friendly activity and kids love it.”

In addition to being fun for the family, the Millers also strive to make the atmosphere calm and stress-free for the dogs, and the groomers and staff as well. They plan to bring on board 8-10 staff to work in the location.

The Millers own Bubbly Paws locations in St. Louis Park, Saint Paul, and Maple Grove, and say it made a lot of sense to open in this location. It was in between their other locations, and they have friends among the other proprietors in the business district, who shared that most of their patrons seem to have dogs. “We were sold! It was the logical next step for us,” said Miller.

For more information on Bubbly Paws, including services and prices, go to www.bubblypaws.com ❖

Afternoon Printing Claims North Light on 48th Street

By Sue Filbin, Communications Committee
Starting in September, you can get to know Kristen Sassenfeld and Jessi Storms, the two creative, enterprising women who proudly pull the squeegees across the screens of the apparel they produce at Afternoon Printing. The screen-printing shop is relocating from a space near Loring Park to the storefront at 737 East 48th Street, next to Sum Dem Korean Barbeque.

Selecting a space

Kristen explained that “neighborhood is important to us. We looked for a long time for the right space.” They “value an active community and want to be a part of it,” and they were looking for a space “where people can stop in.”

When people do stop in, some want to discuss a concept they have that needs to be designed. Others provide everything from the components for the finished design to a finalized computer file. Customers include bands, non-profits, fundraisers, animal rescue events, inde-

pendent clothing labels for Etsy and other online stores, museums, the University of Minnesota, the Minneapolis Department of Health, MCAD (Minneapolis College of Art and Design), and others.

Both Kristen and Jessi had desk jobs before applying their art-related education to screen printing. Kristen graduated from MCAD with a degree in illustration. She learned screen printing on the job and is now the manager and head printer at Afternoon Printing. She, along with a small team of talented contract designers, turn concepts into completed designs, knowing what works for the screen-printing process. Jessi studied liberal arts and sculpture, and worked in retail businesses, before relating to customers, producing social media, and printing orders at Afternoon Printing.

The products the two work partners customize include T-shirts, tank tops, sweatshirts, hoodies, tote bags, and all apparel. They said, “If you can wear it, we



Provided photo

Kristen Sassenfeld and Jessi Storms

can print it.” They also produce fine-art, limited-edition, one-of-a-kind posters, mostly for bands but also to commemorate special events.

North-facing windows

North light is reportedly favored by artists for its cool, indirect quality. Kristen and Jessi will be busily designing and printing apparel and posters from their new north-facing shop Monday-Thursday from 10-5 and Fridays from 12-3. Jessi summed up their work by saying, “We’re just out here to serve people. Whatever they want to do, we want to help them do it.” ❖

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8th-Ward Update

Council Member Elizabeth Glidden



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Dear Neighbors,

Thank you for the opportunity to update you on city and neighborhood issues.

Minneapolis Police Chief Appointment

As a member of the Executive Committee of the City Council, I voted to move forward the Mayor's nomination of Acting Chief Arradondo as the next Chief of the Minneapolis Police Department for a public hearing; by the time you read this the City Council will have voted on this nomination. I support this nomination of Acting Chief Arradondo and believe he deserves a fair hearing by the public and the Minneapolis City Council. For a city divided by issues of race and racism, Acting Chief Arradondo's nomination as the first African American Minneapolis Police Chief is even more meaningful.

I have had many opportunities to work with Acting Chief Arradondo over the past dozen years; I have found him to be a man of character and strong values who is centered in community. His family has Ward 8 roots and I have heard many stories about him as a youth from residents.

I believe Acting Chief Arradondo understands that this is a time of significant change and reform for police departments across our nation and specifically for

Minneapolis. In a recent press conference, he stated that a police chief in 2017 could no longer create a five-year business plan; a one-year business plan was more appropriate to the pace of change needed and occurring.

Acting Chief Arradondo is not afraid of adversity, a quality any Chief needs today. Within recent years, he challenged his own department in court – a decision based on his strong value of justice and a choice that could have had severe repercussions for his career as a police officer in Minneapolis.

While it is important for a Police Chief to support significant change to policing practices, change is not solely up to the Chief. It depends, as well, on sustained public pressure and political engagement and will. I accept that responsibility and will continue to be an advocate for change.

Some have asked about conducting a search for a new Chief. Acting Chief Arradondo has been nominated to fill the remainder of Chief Harteau's term, about 17 months. With the added complication of a city election, conducting a search for a new Chief could take significant time – possibly as long as a year. Such a gap in leadership is unacceptable at this time, when policy and budget decisions must be made and the police department needs a firm leadership. I have faith in Acting Chief Arradondo as a good choice for Minneapolis; he is ready to do the work and I look forward to his leadership if confirmed.

Minneapolis Safe and Sick Time Ordinance Now In Effect

For healthy workers and healthy businesses, a new ordinance protecting time off for people who get sick and work in Minneapolis has taken effect. Employers with six or more workers are required to provide

time off at a minimum threshold of at least one hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours worked. Employers with five or fewer workers must also provide sick time, but it may be unpaid. The goal of the ordinance is to protect public health and prevent workers from being penalized because of illness or a need to care for a sick loved one.

Until this law took effect, four out of 10 Minneapolis workers lacked access to paid sick time. For more information, including addressing questions or complaints, call 311 or visit www.minneapolismn.gov/sicktimeinfo

Election for All City Offices November 7, 2017

Get ready to vote for Mayor, Council Member, Park Board Representatives, and Board of Estimate and Taxation Members! The City of Minneapolis is gearing up for the November 7 municipal election, which will be the City's third election to use ranked-choice voting.

Minneapolis voters will use ranked-choice voting this fall to elect a mayor and members of the City Council, Board of Estimate and Taxation, and Park and Recreation Board. You can get all elections information at vote.minneapolismn.gov Of interest:

- Candidate filing opens Aug. 1: Find out more at vote.minneapolismn.gov
- City elections use Ranked-Choice Voting. Ranked-choice voting (RCV) is a way of voting that eliminates the need for separate primary elections. Voters rank up to three candidates for each office. You can find out more about RCV at vote.minneapolismn.gov/rcv
- Jobs! Minneapolis recruits each year for election judges and more. For information on seasonal and temporary jobs with Elections & Voter Services, check out minneapolismn.gov/jobs

I-35W/Lake Street Construction Project

This year, MnDOT begins a four-year project to affecting I-35W South and access to downtown Minneapolis and I-94. The project includes building a Transit Station and other improvements at Lake Street.

For details on this project, yearly staging maps, and to sign up for project e-mails, go to: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i35wminneapolis/>

The project includes:

- Converting NB I-35W Priced Dynamic Shoulder Lane between 46th St. and 26th St. to a permanent MnPASS Lane
- Constructing a new MnPASS lane on SB I-35W from 26th St. to 46th St.
- Constructing Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit Station at Lake St.
- Improving access from I-35W to the Lake Street Business District by constructing two new exit ramps (NB I-35W to 28th St. and SB I-35W to Lake St.
- Upgrading accessibility by improving pedestrian accommodations with curb ramps and sidewalk upgrades.
- Rehabilitating pavement and bridges on I-35W from 46th St. to 11th Ave., Hwy 65 from 26th St. to 15th St., and I-94 from Nicollet Ave. to Park Ave.
- Constructing new and rehabilitating existing noise barriers throughout the project limits.

Mapping Prejudice

The Mapping Prejudice project is an ongoing project to map racial restrictions attached to Minneapolis property records during the 20th century. Once completed, Minneapolis would be the first to have completed this research for the entire city. The project is sponsored by Historyapolis, a project of Augsburg College.

You can help with this project! Go to www.MappingPrejudice.org to find out how to get involved with a volunteer task you can do right at home. ❖

Rapid Bus Service Planned for Chicago Avenue

By Max Holdhusen, Community Engagement/Outreach Coordinator at Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

Route 5 on Chicago Avenue is currently the region's busiest bus route with about 16,000 riders every weekday. To make the trip along Chicago speedier and more comfortable for thousands of riders, Metro Transit has proposed the D Line, a rapid bus service. Instead of stopping every block, buses will make limited stops at stations spaced farther apart. Fares will be collected at stations – just like the light rail – and not on the bus. D Line buses will also communicate with traffic lights to shorten red lights, and every station will include heat, lighting, snow removal, transit information and security features. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2019 or 2020.

Last June, the first rapid bus service in the Twin Cities opened along Snelling Avenue in Saint Paul and 46th Street in Longfellow neighborhood. On average, the corridor has seen an increase of 1,400 riders every weekday since opening day as more riders are attracted to the faster, more reliable and comfortable service. Field Regina Northrop (FRN) can expect a similar experience.



Stations in FRN will include stations at 42nd Street and 46th Street. Between 46th and 56th Streets, Metro Transit is unsure of where to locate stations and will be asking the community for their input. For more information, explore the D Line website or contact Max Holdhusen, the project's community outreach coordinator at max.holdhusen@metrotransit.org. The project team is looking forward to discussing the line with neighbors and business owners in Field Regina Northrop. ❖



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Family Dental Clinic

By Adam Webster, Communications Committee
1. How did you find your way into dentistry? How does anyone find their way into dentistry?

I discovered dentistry as a college student at St. Olaf, where I was a biology major with a deep interest in studio art. Believe it or not, art isn't an uncommon route to a dental career. When I graduated in 2000, I matriculated into the dental program at the University of Minnesota and got my D.D.S. in 2004. My business partner at Family Dental (Dr. Andrea Newton) wanted to be a dentist from day one, but I came to the profession relatively late.

2. Can you give us a little history of Family Dental? And what was the building prior to being a dental practice? A bank?

Actually, the building has always been a dental practice, and was custom built in 1983 by an architect whose other projects included many regional shopping malls. Family Dental Clinic itself has deep roots in this neighborhood. More than half of our patients are "lifers," having come here as kids and continuing to as adults, even when they have to travel big distances to do so. There's a clear sense of community in our neighborhood, and it's an honor to get to practice dentistry in a small, women-run personal practice like this. Independent dental practices like this are a dying model, but we are thriving in

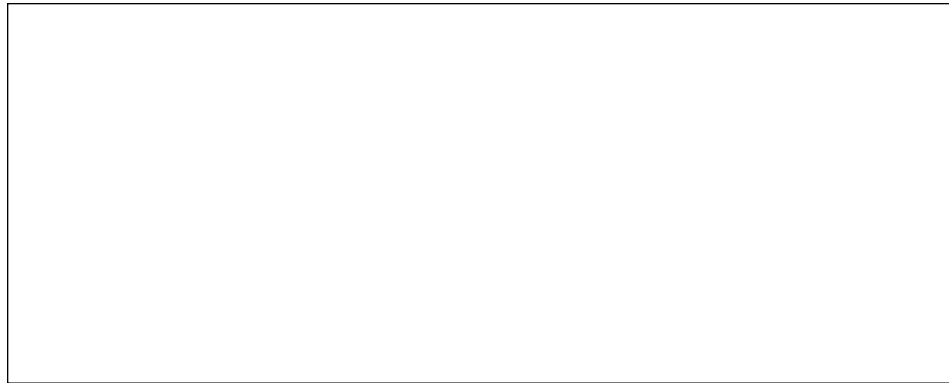


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large part because we are so well supported by our neighbors and patients. That was proven recently after a car crashed into our entryway in early June. The city, police and neighbors rallied around us and we've operated the business mostly without skipping a beat.

3. You've probably heard it all from your patients. What should we know about dentists?

I've heard some version of "I love you but I hate the dentist" many times in my career, and I don't take it personally. Second, dentists really do know what you're saying when you have the hose in your mouth. Third, people say the strangest things when they're on nitrous. Finally, we do the same things you do for fun. Dentists are people, too.

4. Can you distill your best oral healthcare wisdom down to one single piece of advice?

Sure. "Clean between your teeth." No surprise, I know, but this is why dentists harp on flossing, and that's why dental hygienists gently cluck at you when you come in for cleanings. But we know that flossing isn't necessarily fun. That's why I think the easiest way to better your dental hygiene is to buy a power toothbrush. Even cheap ones will improve dental health. This isn't going to save you regular trips to the dentist, but it will make those visits less painful. ❖

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Fall Pet Health Update

By Dr. Kevin Thorsgaard,
Minnehaha Animal Hospital and Pet Doctors Animal Clinic

Fall is my favorite season. Comfortable temperatures, beautiful colors, and it just seems less busy. Our pets can enjoy all of this too, but there are some concerns to be aware of and ways your veterinarian can help.

Pollen levels can peak around State Fair time, leading to itching and many skin problems. There are at least two new options we are using to manage seasonal allergies in dogs: a long-lasting injection and a tablet that has fewer side effects than standard medications. Be sure to ask your vet about them.

Parasites continue to be a nuisance as temperatures gets cooler, with ticks and mosquitoes always around and fleas looking for a furry body to jump onto and a warm house to move into. We have safe, effective products to protect cats and dogs that are used monthly, and it is crucial to continue this throughout the fall season.

Leptospirosis is a serious disease that many people are not aware of. It is a bacterial infection passed in the urine of many types of wild mammals, including raccoons, opossums, rats and mice, fox, skunks, deer, voles, and shrews. Dogs are easily exposed to this as they walk around, sniffing where animals have been, drinking from puddles, eating wet grass, and licking their feet when they come inside. Leptospirosis can be very expensive to treat, be passed on to people from infected pets, and progress to fatal kidney or liver failure. Many cases occur in the fall when young raccoons are moving to new territories. We highly recommend protecting dogs with a separate Leptospirosis vaccine.

We all know winter will arrive soon, making the days before its onset so much more precious. Knowing we are protecting our pets and keeping them as healthy as possible lets us enjoy this time outside together. ❖

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Life is an Adventure: Tackling the RISKS Along the Way

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church invites you to a workshop on Saturday, September 9, 9:30-11 a.m. A panel of experts will discuss risk factors that may occur throughout our life cycles. This workshop will present information designed to help make our senior years happier and healthier. These include: Resources, Information, Strategies, Knowledge, Support. All ages are encouraged to attend. Hospitality Hall, 4537-3rd Ave. So., 612.823.8205. ❖

FIELD REGINA NORTHROP



FRNNG Meeting Information

Full Board

3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.,
Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church (LNPC)
17th Avenue and East 46th St. The full board
does not meet in July or December.

Business Committee | business@frnng.org

1st Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m., Turtle Bread Company,
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2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m., Sovereign Grounds,
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4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., McRae Park Rec. Center

Education Committee | education@frnng.org

1st Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m., McRae Park Arts & Crafts Room

Greening Committee | greening@frnng.org

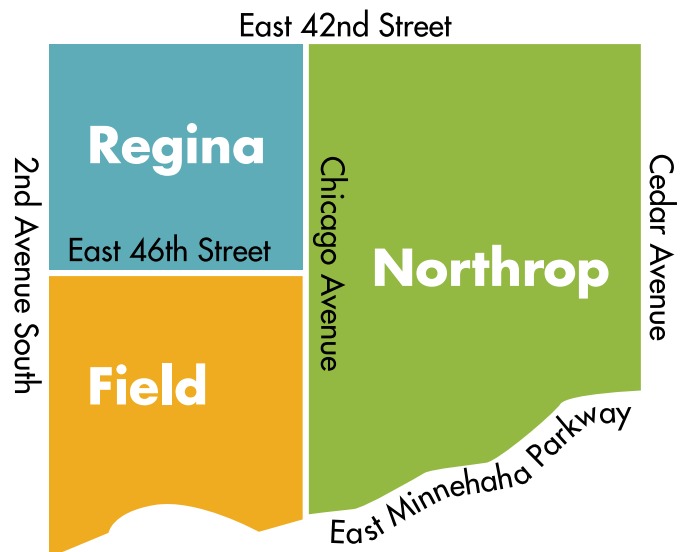
2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., Turtle Bread Company,
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Housing Committee | housing@frnng.org

1st Monday of each month at 7 p.m., Town Hall Tap,
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Parks Committee | parks@frnng.org

1st Monday of each month at 7 p.m., McRae Park Rec. Center



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Please contact us by email: communications@frnng.org

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The next deadline is Friday, October 6.

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raiser – and fun event! See page 1 for the scoop.

