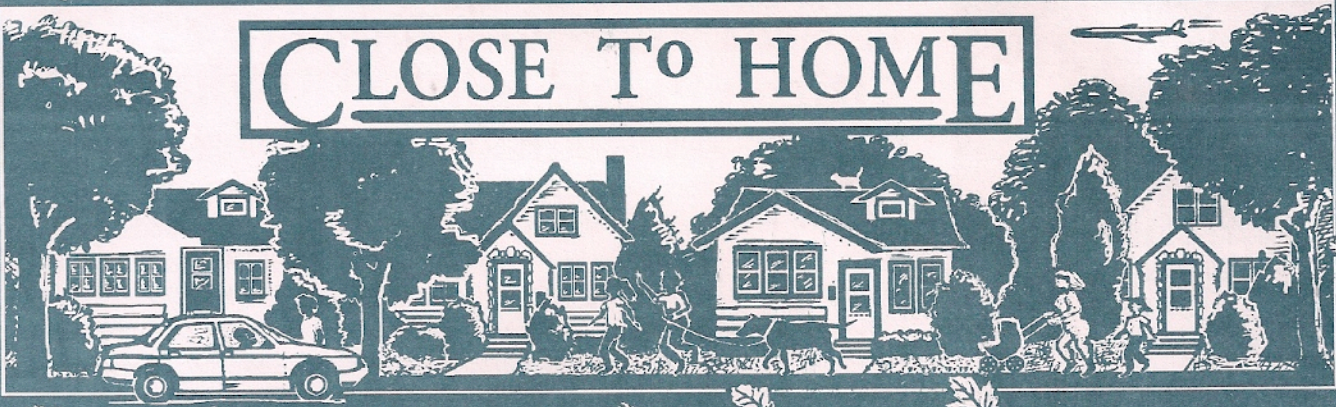


# CLOSE TO HOME



## The Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group Newsletter

December 2003–January 2004


### Local Heroes Say "Howdy, Neighbor!" at Annual Celebration

by Caroline Stevermer

FRN's 17th annual neighborhood celebration and potluck, held at McRae Park Center on Saturday, September 20, brought together many more than 100 neighbors, new and old, for a perfect afternoon of live music, tasty food and family fun. Featured performers were the marvelous Danza Mexica Cuauhtemoc Aztec Dancers and local musicians Jim Ouska and Jane Alecson. Activities designed especially for kids, including the moonwalk and the caterpillar, were among the most popular at this well-attended, well-organized event.

Hardworking volunteers and the generous support of local sponsors made the day a success. The sponsors were: Adrian's Tavern, Amazon Bookstore, Bergan's Super Valu, Carbone's Pizza & Family Restaurant, Chicago Deli, Dairy Queen, Ebu Design, Ken & Norm's Liquor, Kirk's Mobil, Minnehaha Animal Hospital, Minnesota Sword Club, Nokomis Cycle, Parkway Hardware, Patrick Nau Photography, Pepitos Restaurant, Rockin' Robin Coffee & Tea Bar, Scuba Dive & Travel, Shenandoah Cleaners, Sisters Sludge Coffee Café, Southside Chiropractic,

Southside Community Clinic, Sovereign Grounds, Toby's Styling Shop, Transit Station, Turtle Bread Co., Twin City Tennis Supply, T.A.'s Automotive, and Vertical Endeavors.

Hearty thanks to every neighbor involved. Truly, you should consider yourselves local heroes. 




FRNNG President Willie Bridges and Paul Minehart (behind table) distributing raffle prizes.

### NRP Phase 2 Goes Forward

By Angela Crandall, Phase 2 Planning Committee Chair

The next phase of the internationally recognized Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) will go forward thanks to public support and the August 22 decision of the Minneapolis City Council to secure a base funding source for Phase 2 (2001–2009). This was necessary since legislative reform in 2001 of property tax rates dramatically reduced the funding source that historically has supported the NRP.

The Phase 2 funding base will, however, be reduced and will dramatically impact Minneapolis neighborhood organizations, providing them with significantly fewer funds than previously anticipated. The FRN Neighborhood will receive \$1 million, which is about 40% of the originally projected Phase 2 funds.

The FRNNG Phase 2 Planning Committee continues to work hard on developing the Phase 2 Action Plan for the neighborhood. Your participation is always welcome. A draft plan will be presented to the neighborhood for discussion on Thursday, January 22, at 7 p.m. at McRae Park, 47th and Elliot Ave. S. After this meeting, the committee will revise the plan in response to neighborhood feedback. A neighborhood vote to approve the plan will take place on Thursday, February 19, at 7 p.m. at McRae Park. Please plan to attend these important meetings. For more information on NRP, visit their Web site at [www.nrp.org](http://www.nrp.org). 

## SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS



Taken at Recent FRNNG  
Executive Committee and  
Board Meetings

*Executive Committee meetings at 6 p.m.,  
third Wednesday of each month at McRae  
Park Center, 47th and Elliot Avenue  
South, followed by Board of Directors  
meetings at 6:30 p.m.*

At September and October meetings,  
Executive Committee approved:

- Recommendation to FRNNG Board that Board agree to a bylaw change (see separate article).
- Holding Meet and Greet sessions in November to recognize current volunteers and elicit their input on improving volunteer experience.

At September and October meetings,  
Board of Directors approved:

- Monthly check expenditures and acknowledged that annual State audit of FRNNG financial records show that accounting practices carried out by staff and Board are excellent.
- Recommendation from Executive Committee that Board agree to a bylaw change (see separate article).
- Eleven plan modifications (totaling \$13,209.80) to FRN Neighborhood NRP Phase I Action Plan. Those modifications provide continued funding for Senior Helpline, staff salary, *Close to Home* newsletter, Paint & Fix Grant Program, childcare, traffic calming and Southside Housing Fair.
- Karen Pratt, Nancy Kaiser and Rod Taylor as FRNNG electors who will vote at November NRP Policy Board elections.
- Recommendation from Business Committee that Meredith Fox and Mike Zabel become new co-chairs of committee.




## FRNNG Removes Barriers to Citizen Participation

It now will be much easier for Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood residents, business owners and property owners to be members of their neighborhood organization, FRNNG, and be eligible to vote at neighborhood meetings.

In 2002, the Minnesota Legislature revised the state statute governing non-profit organizations, allowing neighborhood groups the ability to reduce citizen-participation barriers that the statutes inadvertently created. The original statute did not recognize that neighborhood organizations are different from other non-profits and thus need greater flexibility with membership requirements. Under the old statute, FRNNG and other neighborhoods had to require residents to fill out a membership form or to have attended a prior meeting within a specified time period in order to vote at the annual April Board of Directors elections. This requirement eliminated many who were not active volunteers, but wanted to vote on who would represent them in neighborhood matters.

Questions arose for residents: "Why can't I vote in my neighborhood elections when I can register and vote the same day for city, state and national elections?"

Based on 2002 changes to the state statute, FRNNG can utilize a current bylaw provision allowing its Executive Committee to "immediately amend the bylaws to bring them into compliance" with state law subject to review and approval by the membership at the next general meeting. Therefore, on September 17, 2003, the FRNNG Executive Committee approved bylaw changes that "Membership in the Group shall be automatically open to anyone 16 years of age or older who" lives, owns property or operates a business within the neighborhood. On October 15, 2003, the FRNNG Board of Directors also approved the changes. State statute allows the FRNNG Board to operate under these rules until the next general meeting of the membership which will be held in April 2004. At that meeting, the membership will review these changes and vote on their acceptance. 

## Welcome, Minneapolis Crisis Nursery

by Christine Welsand

Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery will open a new shelter on January 1. It is located at 4544 4th Avenue South at the former Regina Nursing Home site. Watch for information on an open house in January.

For 20 years Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery has been a vital part of the safety net for children newborn through age six in Hennepin County. As the only residential crisis nursery in Minnesota and one of only 20 nationwide, the nursery works to prevent child abuse and neglect and to strengthen families. Over its 20-year history, the nursery has provided a safe haven for 33,000 children at risk of being abused or neglected, responded to 58,000 calls for help from highly stressed parents, and helped 17,000 families manage potentially catastrophic crises.

The nursery has secured interim financing to purchase and renovate its new shelter, which is near the nursery's previous Minneapolis shelter and ideally suited for its use. This site will be a permanent Minneapolis home for the nursery. The nursery will begin sheltering nine children a day at the new facility, gradually expanding services to shelter 27 children a day. Critical family support programs will be offered for parents as well.

For more about the new shelter, job openings or volunteer possibilities, please contact the nursery at (763) 591-0400.

# Great People Make Great Neighborhoods!

by FRNNG President Willie Bridges

I'm Willie Bridges, president of the Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group (FRNNG), and I would like to share with you the various ways in which your neighbors have devoted their time and efforts in our community.

I'm amazed and grateful at the number of neighborhood residents who have volunteered their time and energy to improve our neighborhood. Through their ceaseless efforts on various committees, they have helped to improve the quality of life in our community. These neighbors are involved in every aspect of our organization. They have worked hard to improve and celebrate our neighborhood.

Here are some examples of their hard work:

- The Field Regina Northrop Annual Celebration Planning Committee plans our annual celebration at McRae Park.
- Our Board of Directors oversees the interests of our community.
- The Housing Committee is in charge of the Low-Interest Home Loan Program, helps organize the Southside Housing Fair at South High and is a partner with Project for Pride in Living in improving the housing in our neighborhood.
- The Business Committee oversees the Paint & Fix Commercial Grants program and has helped provide the vision and funds for streetscaping our commercial areas such as at 48th and Chicago.
- Our local businesses donate prizes for raffles and food for events.
- The Communications Committee publishes the *Close to Home* newsletter and maintains the FRNNG Web site.
- The Community & Safety Committee develops ways to make our neighborhood safe by recruiting and supporting block leaders, organizing walking groups and solving traffic-safety issues.
- Our Block Captains keep you all informed about neighborhood activities and plan parties for *National Night Out*.
- The Neighborhood Tutoring Project recruits and trains local volunteers to tutor elementary children in our schools and learning centers.
- The Education Committee has been working with our local schools in developing goals and strategies for the future.
- The NRP Phase 2 Planning Committee is working on developing the plans for neighborhood-improvement projects over the next five years.
- The Parade Committee organizes the annual summer parade down Chicago Avenue, and many volunteers help plan the Housing Fair and Teen Job & Opportunity Fair.
- Other volunteers stuff envelopes, answer phones, distribute flyers to homes and disseminate information on what's happening in our neighborhood.

We have accomplished a lot in our neighborhood. We have new businesses in the community, and we have the Crisis Nursery opening soon at 46th St. and 4th Ave. We have a local business that works with kids to help them improve their reading and math skills. We're also looking at how to improve parking at 48th and Chicago.

All these things wouldn't be happening without all of our volunteers. Thank you for all of your Hard Work! (capitals intended)

I look forward to working with all of you next year. Any and all of these activities could use the time and talents of additional volunteers. I encourage those of you who wish to get involved with our community to contact Jeff Roy at 721-5421.

I hope that you all have a happy and safe holiday season.



## Seeking "Good Neighbors"

Many of our neighbors go out of their way to help other FRN residents and contribute to making our community a healthy and vibrant place to live and raise our kids. These "good neighbors" are models for all of us, including our children, showing us the value of being concerned about others. But, we often don't hear about the efforts of these special neighbors and don't have a chance to celebrate their generosity. In order to remedy that, *Close to Home* would like to start a "Good Neighbor" column to highlight the special efforts of these FRN volunteers. If you know of an "exceptional" someone, write us a letter sharing your story about this good neighbor. We will try to publish as many as we can. Include your name and phone number so that we can contact you. Send the letter to FRNNG, 1620 E. 46th St., Minneapolis, MN 55407 or e-mail it to [frnng@mtn.org](mailto:frnng@mtn.org).



## Upcoming Events!

Mark your calendars for the following annual events.

- **Teen Job and Opportunity Fair**, Saturday, March 13, at South High
- **Southside Housing Fair**, Saturday, March 6, at South High
- **FRNNG Annual Meeting and Elections**, Tuesday, April 20, at McRae Park
- **FRNNG Annual Parade**, Saturday, June 5

You're also invited to help plan these events. Call 721-5424 for info.



# CALENDAR

## NOVEMBER

- 18 Ward 11 Budget Meeting 7:30 pm, Pearl Park
- 19 FRNG Executive Committee 6 pm, McRae Park  
FRNG Board 6:30 pm, McRae Park
- 19 Parade '04 Planning  
6:30 pm, Kumon Center, 4600 Bloomington
- 24 Third Precinct Advisory Council  
6:30 pm, 3000 Minnehaha Avenue
- 25 Communications Committee  
6:30 pm, Chicago Deli

## DECEMBER

- 8 Housing Committee & Phase 2 Task Force  
6:30 pm, Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church
- 9 Business Committee & Phase 2 Task Force  
6:30 pm, location to be announced  
Community & Safety Committee  
7 pm, McRae Park
- 10 South Chicago Avenue Business Alliance  
Noon, Pepitos
- 16 Communications Committee  
6:30 pm, Chicago Deli
- 17 FRNG Executive Committee 6 pm, McRae Park  
FRNG Board 6:30 pm, McRae Park
- 22 Third Precinct Advisory Council  
6:30 pm, 3000 Minnehaha Avenue

## JANUARY

- 5 Housing Committee & Phase 2 Task Force  
6:30 p.m., Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church
- 9 Close to Home submission deadline
- 13 Business Committee & Phase 2 Task Force  
6:30 pm, location to be announced
- 13 Community & Safety Committee  
7 pm, McRae Park
- 14 South Chicago Avenue Business Alliance  
Noon, Pepitos
- 19 Phase 2 Draft NRP Action Plan Meeting  
7 pm, McRae Park
- 21 FRNG Executive Committee 6 pm, McRae Park  
FRNG Board 6:30 pm, McRae Park
- 26 Third Precinct Advisory Council  
6:30 pm, 3000 Minnehaha Avenue
- 27 Communications Committee  
6:30 pm, Chicago Deli
- 28 Neighborhood-wide Block Leader Meeting  
6:30 pm, McRae Park

## FEBRUARY

- 2 Housing Committee & Phase 2 Task Force  
6:30 pm, Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church

Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church is located at 1620 E. 46th Street.

## Awards Honor Local Block Clubs

Several FRN block clubs were among the winners of the fifth annual Building Block Awards announced recently by the police department Community Crime Prevention/SAFE Unit. Twenty-four awards in all were given citywide. The awards are presented to block clubs that encourage a high degree of participation, show teamwork on projects, improve livability in their area, take initiative in problem-solving and work cooperatively with the police. Nominations are made by community members and CCP/SAFE staff. Winners receive plaques, \$50 Cub Foods gift certificates for block events and special signs on their streets.

Winners in FRN are:

- 4700 block of Clinton, leader Karen Milton. Among the earliest formed block clubs, this group of Field residents for years has conducted alley clean-ups, gathered for breakfasts and held progressive dinners (in addition to their annual *National Night Out* celebration). Neighbors march in the community parade, go out as a group for dinner and dancing, create holiday luminaries and worked together to reroof a neighbor's home. They also helped police resolve a drug house and got help with noisy renters. "The friendships we have made you want to stay in this neighborhood forever," they say.
- 4500 block of 3rd Ave., leaders Amie Rankin and Marlene Stewart. Although their Regina block club is just over a year old, residents had earlier talked a lot with one another about issues in their area. They gathered for their first *National Night Out* in 2002 and since then have addressed problem behaviors and safety concerns and have called police numerous times on suspicious activity. They also teamed with a church to resolve Sunday parking concerns and with city agencies to deal with a tough housing issue. Despite all that work, they made time for Christmas caroling, held ice-cream socials and even developed a unique identity with the t-shirts they designed and wear for special occasions.
- 4200 block of 12th Ave., Gail Nielsen and Rita McGlasson, co-leaders. On Saturday mornings once a month, you'll find these Northrop neighbors gathering at a different house each time for coffee and communication. Often they talk about joint garden projects (boulevard gardens, perennial plant sales) and plan their quarterly progressive dinners and yearly garage sale. The intergenerational, multicultural block is rich with diversity and neighborliness as seen in the way they watch out for one another and work on problems together. They'll miss Rita, who recently moved.
- 4800 blocks of 11th and 12th Aves., Sue Filbin and Gayle Adelman, leaders. This pair of blocks frequently finds ways to do things together to build community and share

Northrop's richness. Frequent social gatherings include Christmas caroling in the neighborhood, shared feasts and dinners, crime prevention meetings, *National Night Out* parties and block newsletters that keep residents up to date on issues and concerns. They also work together on gardens and plant exchanges and help with CCP/SAFE projects.

■ **4700 blocks of 16th and 17th Aves., Tori James and Sue Redepenning, block leaders.** Neighbors love the sense of safety and welcome on these two Northrop blocks that celebrate and work together on a variety of projects and activities. Almost every household attends events put together by these block clubs and residents say problems in the area get quick attention. These are the things that encourage a warm, friendly neighborhood. They work frequently with their SAFE team to distribute flyers, report worries and keep residents up to date on issues in the community.

■ **4700 block of 10th Ave. S., Pam and Tom Wilmouth, co-leaders.** October Fest is a very popular gathering on this Northrop block, one of many annual activities neighbors enjoy. Others include a progressive snack and dessert night in December and the large *National Night Out* celebration in August. Residents assist each other a lot, helping an elderly resident clean out a house before moving and bringing food to parents of new babies. They routinely provide police with information about crime and suspicious activities in the area. "Great block club!" neighbors say.

Watch for the announcement of the 2004 Building Block Awards competition in the spring and contact your SAFE team at 673-2839 or 673-2856 if you want to get your block club started.



## Northrop Learning Center Tours

**N**orthrop Urban Environmental Learning Center, a Minneapolis Public School located at 1611 East 46th Street, is currently offering tours of their program to prospective parents or interested community persons. Upcoming dates are: Tuesday, November 18; Monday, November 24; Friday, December 5; Thursday, December 11; Tuesday, December 16; Thursday, January 8; Monday, January 12; and Wednesday, January 14. You are encouraged to come to Northrop at 11 a.m. when a school representative and parent(s) will be available to answer questions and show you around the building. You are then welcome to visit in classrooms until 12:30 p.m. MPS "School Request Cards" must be postmarked on or before January 15, 2004.



## McRae Park Schedule

906 East 47th Street

This is a sample of classes offered at McRae. Complete schedule can be obtained at McRae or online at [www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org).

### Pre-School

#### Indoor Playground!

Ages: Children 5 & under (w/ parent or guardian); 10 am–noon

Days: MWF; Oct. 20–Dec. 19, Jan. 26–March 25  
(not held on MPS Release Days); FREE!

#### Classical Ballet & Jazz

Ages: 3–5; Tu; 4:30–5:30 pm; Jan. 6–Feb. 10; \$45/session

#### More Ballet & Jazz

Ages: 4–6; Tu; 6–7 pm; Jan. 6–Feb. 10; \$45/session

#### Shake, Shake, Shake

Ages: 3–5; M; Jan. 12–Feb. 2; 6–7 pm; \$10

### Youth

#### Recreation Plus

Ages: Grades K–6; M–F; Sept. 2–June 8; 2–6 pm; Fee: \$97/month, \$24/School Release Days + \$15 administrative fee paid once per year

#### Homework Heroes

Ages: 6–12; M–Th; 2–3 pm; FREE!

#### Artistic Adventure

Ages: 6–12; M; Jan. 12–Feb. 16; \$8

#### Snow Survival

Ages: 6–12; T; Jan. 13–Feb. 3; 4:30–5:30 pm; \$5

#### Kids Night Out

Ages: 6–12; F; Nov. 21, Dec. 19, & Jan. 16; 6–9 pm; \$5/time

School Release Day Field Trip information available at the park.

### Teen Programs

#### Homework Help

Ages: 11–17; M; 6–7:30 pm; FREE!

#### Express Yourself!

Ages: 12–17; T; Nov. 4–Dec. 16 & Jan. 13–Feb. 24; 7–8 pm; \$5

#### Girls Group

Ages: 12–17; W; Sept. 17–Dec. 17 & Jan. 14–March 25; 7–9 pm; FREE!

#### Teen Scene

Ages: 12–17; Th; Sept. 18–Dec. 18 & Jan. 15–March 26; 6–9 pm; FREE!

### Adult Programs

**McRae Area Recreation Council (MARC)** M; 6:30 pm; FREE!

**McRae Aces** Th; 10 am–2 pm; FREE!

### Youth Sports Program

**Wrestling Fundamentals** Grades K–3; Practice schedule TBA; \$20

### Family Special Events

#### Pancake Breakfast

Sa; Dec. 13; 10 am–1 pm; \$4/person in advance, \$5 at door

Coming soon—the new McRae Computer Lab! Call the park for program schedules & open time. More information to come!



## Business Spotlight


by Stephanie Dossier

### Kumon Center Offers Lifelong Learning

The Kumon Center on Bloomington and 46th is new to our neighborhood, but more than 10 million students around the world have been tapping into their learning potential and excelling with Kumon for almost 53 years. Designed for all ages and abilities, the center works with students from pre-school to college teaching life-long, independent-learning skills in both math and reading. Center teacher Melissa Lewandowski says, "Many parents choose Kumon to supplement their child's school curriculum or to maintain their child's existing skill level and prevent difficulty in the future."

The Kumon Method works determining a starting point in the curriculum where students can complete the material comfortably. From there, they advance through the materials using a mastery learning approach. This means students only advance from one concept to the next when they have demonstrated they have completely mastered the material. Students attend the center twice a week and complete short assignments on the days they are not there.

The method was developed in 1954 in Japan by Toru Kumon, a high-school math teacher whose son was struggling with second-grade arithmetic. As an educator Kumon knew a strong foundation in the basics was needed for success in higher levels. With that in mind he created a series of worksheets for his son to complete after school. Through commitment to mastering each concept and expanding previously learned concepts, his son was able to solve differential equations and integral calculus problems by the time he was in the sixth grade.

Today the Kumon Method is the largest supplemental education program in the world. For more information or just to welcome The Kumon Center to the neighborhood, contact Melissa Lewandowski at 825-1260. 

## Ward 11 Update

by Council Member Scott Benson



To my friends and neighbors with FRNNG:

Thank you for the opportunity to update you about the happenings at City Hall. I will try to keep my column short but informative. If you have any questions or want to learn about something more in depth, feel free to e-mail me [scott.benson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:scott.benson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us) or call my office at 673-2211.

### City Budget

Further cuts by the Governor and the Legislature to Local Government Aid (LGA) in 2004 will mean that the city will receive significantly less money from LGA in 2004. As many of you are aware, the total amount of LGA was cut from \$117 million per year to \$84 million for 2004. Due to these cuts, the city was forced to cut firefighters and delay or cancel many important Public Works improvements, cut police staff and many other service reductions throughout the city. Because of unanticipated savings, transferring some rental housing inspections to the fire department, and prolific grant writing by the fire department, all the previously laid-off firefighters are back on the job. Currently the city is developing the 2004 budget. More cuts will be necessary this year promising a difficult decision making process.

If you would like more detail about the city budget, please attend the Ward 11 Budget Meeting to be held November 18, 7:30 p.m. at Pearl Park, 414 E. Diamond Lake Road.


### Electronic Newsletter

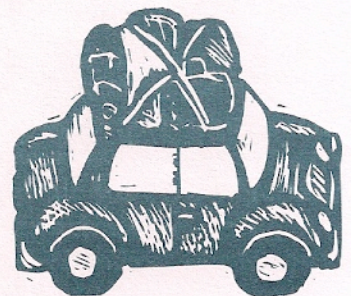
I publish an electronic newsletter to keep you up to date on what is happening at City Hall. If you would like to receive this update, please e-mail me at [scott.benson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:scott.benson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us) and put the words "E-mail Update" in the subject line.



## Southside Chiropractic on the Move

Southside Chiropractic moved November 1 to a new location at 5536 Chicago Avenue South. Dr. Lee Ann Herfort and her staff are very excited about the adventure of owning their own space in a beautiful building only seven blocks south of the previous location at 48th and Chicago.

After 19 years on the corner, the decision to relocate was difficult due to the terrific people and the wonderful changes happening there. Southside Chiropractic is now offering expanded chiropractic and massage hours. They welcome inquiries. Call with any questions or to schedule an appointment. Feel free to visit them in their new location, and watch for the announcement of their open house. 



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*Close to Home* would like to thank the following local businesses and churches in our community for their generous financial contributions to the production and mailing of this newsletter.

We appreciate their assistance in keeping communications strong in the Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood. We also encourage residents to support these businesses so that they can continue to be a strong and vital sector of our community.

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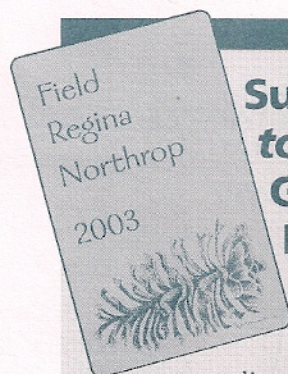
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- Full-page ads are \$100 (free to Patron-level sponsors)
- Half-page ads are \$50 (free to Donor-level sponsors)
- Quarter-page ads are \$25 (free to Partner-level sponsors)
- Add a logo to a text-only ad for \$20.

If you are interested in placing an ad, please contact the FRNNG office (721-5424 or e-mail at [frnng@mtn.org](mailto:frnng@mtn.org)) for information about ad sizes, artwork specifications and the process. Your request, payment and artwork must be received by December 12 to assure inclusion in this next version of the directory. This is also the last chance to provide any updated information to the free text entries submitted over the last year. Please provide any changes to the FRNNG office via fax at 721-4539 or e-mail [frnng@mtn.org](mailto:frnng@mtn.org).



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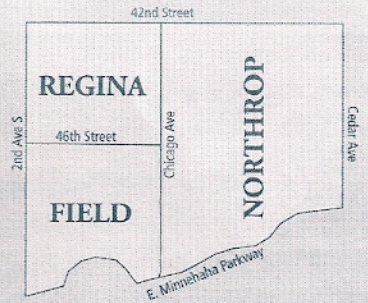
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