

CLOSE T^o HOME



The Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group Newsletter

April - May 2005

MAC Reneged on its Noise Reduction Promise

In 1996, the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) promised noise insulation at no cost for people whose homes are severely affected by noise from the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. The MAC's commitment was a key condition for approval of a new airport runway. But now that construction on the runway is complete, the MAC has revised its program and has backed out of its promise. It has submitted its revisions to the FAA for approval. The MAC says it will only offer part of the noise-insulation package – air conditioning – to homes in the 60-64 decibel range, and it insists homeowners pay half of the cost.

More than 10,000 Minneapolis residents will be affected by MAC reneging on its promise. Monitors indicate that airport noise has increased over the last year, despite the MAC's claims that planes are quieter. And the MAC plans to expand the airport, which is already one of the 15 busiest in the world.

The MAC, Northwest Airlines, and Governor Pawlenty want to add 46 new gates to the main Lindbergh terminal. This would increase the number of passengers by about 55 million and make the Lindbergh terminal the exclusive

province of Northwest, moving all other airlines to the Humphrey terminal, which would get no additional parking or upgrades. (For details on the MAC's plans, visit www.msairport.com)

The FRNNG board will discuss the MAC issues at its March 16 meeting. Residents can also stay informed, get involved, and urge the MAC to live up to its commitments.

To register airport noise complaints:

- call 726-9411 or
- visit www.macnoise.com to file a complaint online

To get more information, contact:

- 11th ward city council member Scott Benson at 673-2211 or scott.benson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us
- South Metro Airport Action Council (SMAAC) at 824-9988 or www.nonoise.org/quietnet/smaac/smaac.htm
- Residents Opposed to Airport Racket (ROAR) at 821-0809 or www.nonoise.org/quietnet/roar
- Noise Oversight Committee (NOC)(representatives from 6 affected cities) at 726-8141
- Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group at 721-5424 or frnng@mtn.org

FRNNG Board Elections in April

Mark your calendar for April 28, the date of the FRNNG Annual Meeting.

All neighbors are invited to this event, which will be held from 7-8:15 pm at McRae Park, 906 E. 47th St. This is the night new Board members will be elected by the community, so this is your opportunity to have input into the leadership of your neighborhood organization. The chairs of FRNNG's six standing committees (housing, business, community and safety, parks, education, and communications), will summarize the work their committees are involved in. Refreshments will be served.

The Nominations Committee is seeking neighbors who are interested in contributing to their community by serving on the Board. The seats that are open are president, treasurer, and neighborhood representatives. You must be a resident of Northrop, Regina, or Field to be eligible to run. Although the election is in April, new members will start their term in June. If you'd like to run for one of the seats and/or if you have questions, please call Nancy Kaiser, head of the Committee, at 825-6585. Nominations will also be accepted on the floor, at the Annual Meeting.

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Calendar

April to May

April

- 4 FRNNG Housing Committee
Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, 6:30 pm
- 12 FRNNG Business Committee
Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, 7 pm
- 13 SCABA Pepito's, 12 noon
- 19 FRNNG Community/Safety Committee
McRae Park, 7 pm
- 25 3rd Precinct Advisory Council (3PAC)
3000 Minnehaha Ave., 6:30 pm
(Residents and business owners welcome)
- 26 FRNNG Communications Meeting
Chicago Deli, 4810 Chicago Ave., 6:30 pm
Volunteer writers for Close to Home welcome
- 28 FRNNG Annual Meeting & Board Elections
McCrae Park, 7-8:15 pm
(All residents invited)

May

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- 25 FRN Block Leaders' Group
McRae Park, 6:30 pm

Ward 11 Update

by Council Member Scott Benson

To my friends and neighbors in Field, Regina and Northrop— Thank you for the opportunity to update you about the happenings at City Hall. If you have any questions or want to learn about something more in depth, please e-mail me at scott.benson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us or call my office at 673-2211.

Truth in Taxation

Property taxes for many of the residents in Ward 11, and across the state are going up. But what is causing these increases? The G-7 Tax Study Group, an organization which consists of some of the largest cities, counties and school districts in the state, has been studying property taxes and the forces that affect them. Their findings paint an interesting picture of the multiple reasons behind the tax increases. All of the numbers referenced in this article are statewide averages, but correlate fairly consistently with the situation in Minneapolis.

Property taxes are not increasing because of increasing government spending. As the chart below shows, in spite of increases topping 5% in total property tax and over 20% in property tax on homesteaded properties, average city revenue is actually down.

A large part of the reason for this decrease in total revenue is the reduction in Local Government Aid (LGA) from the state. The next chart shows total city revenue, which is declining, in comparison to the two main revenue streams, property tax and LGA.

From 2002 to 2005, inflation-adjusted city aid is down

\$56 per resident.

In order to make up for this loss of aid, cities reduced their total expenditures \$29 per resident. However, this alone was not enough to entirely make up for the loss of state aid. In addition, cities had to increase property taxes by \$26 per resident. This increase in city taxes was not because cities were spending more. Rather, the city property tax increase was the result of an even larger decline in LGA.

Homestead property taxes are rising at an even faster pace than general property taxes. The 2001 tax act shifted the property tax burden from businesses to homeowners. In 1997, commercial properties paid 56% of the total property tax, apartments paid 12% and homeowners paid 32%. In 2005, businesses will pay only 35% of the property taxes, apartments 12%, leaving homeowners to pay 53% of the total property taxes. Even if the city made no changes to property taxes or fees, total property taxes on the average Minneapolis home would increase 8.5% in 2005, mostly because of these changes in State law.

There are numerous reasons why property taxes are increasing, but as can be plainly seen, the Governor and the state legislature has had the most impact on property tax rates.

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 and put the words "E-mail Update" in the subject line.



Happy 40th Birthday to Us!

April, 2005 marks the 40th Anniversary of the first meeting of Field Neighborhood Group, which soon became Field Regina Neighborhood Group. The boundaries were Nicollet to Chicago, 42nd to 50th, but the opening of 35W in 1967 created a barrier for Stevens and First Avenue residents and the western boundary then became 35W.

When the Community Block Grant Development (CBDG) program began in the 1970's the city changed the eastern boundary to Bloomington Ave. With the advent of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) the boundary became Cedar Ave. and we became Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group.

Our history is unparalleled in the city, and it is time for us to celebrate not only our accomplishments (which could fill this entire page), but also who we are, and we are very special. This is a neighborhood loaded with talent—Actors and Architects and Artists and Athletes and Authors! That's just the "A" list.

Let's have a BIG celebration, all ages, up to three weeks long, at the end of September. Some things we could do: an Environmental Fair, Health Fair, a Play (remember the Parkway Players?), Choir Concert (remember the Kaleidoscope Singers?) Art Fair, Candidates' Meeting, Garden Tour, a Mini-Marathon, Garage Sales, Block Parties, an Ecumenical Prayer Service, Basement Bands Performance, a Dance. You get the idea.

My Dad always said that if you are going to dream, dream big. It doesn't cost anything. Other dreamers please call Gerry Sell, **823-3248**. Thank you.



Park Board News

It's a time of change for the Minneapolis park system. This is your opportunity to impact the future of our local McRae Park and the entire Minneapolis park system.

At the Park & Recreation Board, Jon Gurban was hired in December as superintendent and all nine commissioner seats are up for grabs in the November elections. And in our own backyard, Jennifer Hayes, director at McRae Park, is leaving her post. Since arriving in April 2000, Jennifer has overseen all of McRae's programs and facilities. Jennifer is moving to Superior, Wisconsin and we wish her the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

Furthermore, we extend our gratitude for her service to McRae Park and the Field, Regina, and Northrop neighborhoods. Jennifer's last day is April 1st. The Park Board hopes to have a new director in place by that time, but no decisions have been finalized. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas about the future of McRae Park, please call me at **722-9661**. During this time of change, I'm certain the Park Board will be looking for citizen involvement and assistance in moving McRae Park forward.

Elections are just around the corner and Minneapolis voters will once again determine the make-up of the Park Board. Carol Kummer, the current Commissioner for District Five (which encompasses all of the Field, Regina, and Northrop neighborhoods), is running for re-election. Her website is www.carolkummer.com Jason Stone has also announced a candidacy for this seat. His website is www.jasonforparks.com Stay tuned for more information as we inch closer to November 8, 2005.

As we prepare for the upcoming summer session, McRae is looking for volunteers. Such activities as tee-ball, baseball, and the teen program can always use more assistance. Additionally, we already are looking ahead to autumn's football program. Football at

McRae has a legacy of outstanding participation from children and adults alike. Coaches and equipment coordinators are needed for this fall's teams. If you are interested in helping out with summer or fall programming, call McRae Park at **370-4909**.

Additionally, the FRNNG Parks Committee can use your help. If you are interested in programming at McRae, the health of Minnehaha Creek, or the preservation of open space in the neighborhood, please join our team. As NRP Phase II kicks into gear, we will be contributing funds toward programming and capital projects at McRae Park. We also will be implementing a program that designates funding for open-space projects outside of McRae Park. We do not have a regular meeting time, but gather approximately every other month. Please contact me if you would like to contribute your time.

As you enjoy the beauty of springtime in Minneapolis, visit the McRae Park playground with your kids, or walk your dog along Minnehaha Creek, please take a moment to appreciate the amazing park system of this city. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated group of people at the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board, McRae Park, and on the FRNNG Parks Committee who contribute to the greatness of the system.

Jon Steadland is a resident in the Northrop Neighborhood and the chair of the Field, Regina, Northrop Neighborhood Group's Park Committee.

Annual Parade and Family Fun Day

The FRNNG Annual Parade and McRae Park's Family Fun Day are concurring events that are a great way to start off the summer. They will be held Saturday, June 4th. The Parade starts at 11 am at 44th and Chicago, heads down Chicago to 48th, then up Elliot to the Park. Family Fun Day activities begin at 11 am and end at 3 pm. Call FRNNG, **721-5424** and/or McRae Park, **370-4909**, if you want to volunteer or for more information.

Opportunities for Neighborhood Youth

Creative Writing Contest

This spring when the snow melts a FABULOUS Mural to represent the Minnesotans from many cultures will be created on the side of the building across the street from Richard Green Central on 35th St. and 4th Ave. Brian Kelley who is the Community Education Art Teacher at Richard Green Central is holding a contest to appoint individuals to be honored in this mural. The contest is for all ages and when the mural is dedicated prizes will be given away to those whose writing was selected. For the creative writing portion, please specify which Minnesotan you believe has made an impact here in our communities and why. This contest is open through March and entries can be sent to: Community Education, Richard Green Central, Attn: Brian Kelley 3416 - 4th Ave. S. 55408. Submissions can also be made via email to: kelley01@visi.com

Youth Entrepreneurship Program

This program will give high school students an opportunity to become involved in the commerce process, and each student will receive a \$50 stipend for participating in the 5 week program that meets twice per week for 2 hours per session for a total of 10 sessions. It will encourage inner city youth to create and develop their skills in business, marketing, sales, customer service and a myriad of other skills. Interested volunteers should contact Brian Kelley via phone 825-3532 or email kelley01@visi.com.

Asbury UMC News

Asbury United Methodist Church (Bloomington & 45th St.) invites all to the free community suppers held at 5:45 pm every Wednesday. During the school year, these are followed at 6:30 pm with Adventure Club for elementary age kids and Teen Center for those in middle and high school.

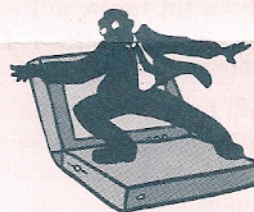
Activities at Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church

Seeking Higher Ground Book Club, a new group devoted to the intersections between faith, politics and culture, will begin March 31st, at 7 pm, with a five-week discussion of "God's Politics: Why the Right Gets it Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It" by Jim Wallis. The group will meet at Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, 1620 E. 46th St. through April. Drop-in readers always welcome. Discounts available on books at Amazon Bookstore by mentioning the group. Call 721-4463 for more information or to make childcare reservations.

Coming soon to Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church: Game Night on May 13, starting at 6 pm. Bring board games, card games, floor hockey skills, or just a good fun-filled spirit, and play games with area neighbors and friends. Light supper provided for small donation.

New, Improved FRNNG Website!

Recently, volunteers from the community and staff formed a committee to improve, update, and expand the FRNNG website. This will include new designs as well. There will be more information on it about community events, activities, and meetings, children and youth activities, maps, neighborhood issues, crime prevention, area organizations and agencies, important news for neighbors from the city, etc. The new FRNNG Business Directory will be included. As always, FRNNG's *Close to Home* newsletters will be on the website as soon as each issue is published. Links to government, weather, and other relevant websites will be added. This will be an emerging, growing project, so check out our website in the coming weeks and months. It is www.frnng.org.



Supervision provided for small children. Also, free summer movie nights for inter-generational audiences offered on Thursdays starting June 16. More details in the next issue.

Art of the Children at ArtSpace

During the months of April, May and June (at least until the end of school), ArtSpace (in the church, at 1620 E. 46th St.) will display an exhibit of work by young artists from Northrop School. Coordinated with Michael Bedard, Art Specialist for the school, pieces in various mediums will be on display. Share in celebrating the creative expressions of our children. Exhibit hours are Tuesday through Friday 10 am to 2 pm, during events in the building (including FRNNG events), and by appointment. Call the church at 721-4463 for information or to make an appointment.

Hale/Field Schools to Hold Plant Sale

Based on the overwhelmingly positive community response to their initial effort last year, Hale and Field Schools will again sponsor a plant sale on Saturday, May 14, from 8 am to 3 pm, on the corner of 12th Ave. and 54th St. It's more than a plant sale: it's a garden event with music, kid's activities, and Master Gardeners on hand to answer your questions.

This spring, keep your money in the neighborhood. Let your garden purchases go to a good cause—help beautify and support our community schools! For further information or to ask about pre-orders, contact Miriam Buhler, at 729-5913 or Jean Loh at 721-3792.

Board Elections *from page 1*

Please note: a By-Laws change will be recommended and voted upon at the FRNNG Annual Meeting, pertaining to the roles and responsibilities of the Secretary. It will be recommended that FRNNG staff take minutes at Board meetings instead of the Secretary.

Chrysalis to Sponsor *Night of the Butterfly*

Chrysalis will once again be holding its annual special event to benefit thousands of Twin Cities' women, children, and families in need: *Night of the Butterfly*, Saturday, April 23rd, at 222 Event Center, 222 1st Ave. N.E., Mpls. The event includes hors d'oeuvres, Silent Auction, Live Auction and Entertainment at 7 pm. Music will be provided by local blues and jazz vocalist, Cynthia Johnson & the "Nite Moods" combo. Cost is \$75. This is a fabulous opportunity to gather with others who support the work of Chrysalis and their efforts to inspire and empower women to take charge of their lives. Through the many programs and services provided at Chrysalis, clients work toward sobriety, break free from destructive relationships and behaviors, achieve mental and emotional balance, and learn how to keep their families healthy and safe.

To order tickets for *Night of the Butterfly*, call Chrysalis at 870-2414. or e-mail nhines@chrysaliswomen.org.

Neighborhood Loans for Your Spring Fix-Up List!

The Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood (FRNN) Group, your neighborhood organization, has incredibly low-interest loans available RIGHT NOW to fix up your home!

Right now, you may borrow up to \$25,000 at a fixed interest rate of 4.0% for your entire home improvement wish list. This low rate is available immediately with no application deadlines as long as your household income is \$89,000 a year or less. Repayment terms of up to 15 years means CEE Financial Resources can tailor a monthly payment that is affordable for your budget! Most improvement projects are eligible for financing through this loan – siding, roofing, windows, furnace, kitchen and bath remodel, plumbing, wiring, driveways, sidewalks, carpet, flooring, basements, garages, fences, landscaping, and more!

FRNN has hired CEE Financial Resources, a local non-profit organization, to administer this program. CEE Financial Resources will assist you through the application process and help you with any questions you have regarding the program or your improvement projects. If you have any questions or would like an application sent to you, please call Jim at 335-5885 or visit us at www.mncee.org.

PPL/FRNNG House Tour

Project for Pride in Living, in partnership with the FRNNG housing program, has just completed a great new single family home with a mother-in-law apartment in the Regina neighborhood, at 4515 - 5th Ave. As we go to press, plans are underway by the FRNNG Housing Committee to celebrate with an Open House, March 28th. Brandi and Jason Wyatt are in charge of it. All neighbors from Field, Regina, and Northrop are invited to tour the new home, and visit with neighbors and public officials. Special guests will include Mayor R.T. Rybak, Council Members Robert Lilligren and Scott Benson, and State Representative Neva Walker. Thank you to Turtle Bread Company and Cub Foods for providing refreshments.

Volunteer Opportunities Call FRNNG at 721-5424

All Committees Open to New Volunteers

Interested in helping your community on issues of Housing, Business, Communications, Parks, Education, Community and Safety? Call the FRNNG office at 721-5424.

Commitment: Once a month if possible.

Tutor a Child

Volunteers are needed willing to tutor one or more elementary children in reading, math, or both. Daytime and evening sites available in the neighborhood.

Commitment: Two hours per week for minimum of 10 weeks.

More Block Leaders Needed!

Our neighborhood has over 64 percent of the block organized into active block clubs. If you don't have a block club call the FRNNG office and we can help you get organized.

Commitment: Training from Third Precinct CCP/SAFE, one meeting per year on your block and National Night Out in August.

Your Parks Need You!

Are you interested in preserving open space or improving park programming? If so, join the FRNNG Parks Committee! Call committee chair, Jon Steadland, for more information at 722-9661.

Write an Article for Close to Home!

If you are a writer (or a wannabe writer), *Close to Home* needs your help!

You don't have to be a professional— we'll help with editing.

Call Cathy Lue at FRNNG, 721-5424, to talk about your idea for a story—or to get an "assignment"

McRae Park Schedule

906 East 47th Street

This is a sample of spring programs offered at McRae. The complete program schedule is available at McRae Park or online below.

This spring you can register for McRae programs on-line! Contact the park for more information.

www.minneapolisparcs.org
370-4909 (voice) 824-4170 (fax)

Pre-School

Indoor Playground!

Ages 5 & under w/Parent/Guardian
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
April 11- May 6
(not held on MPS Release Days)
10 am-12 pm

Classical Ballet & Jazz

Ages 3 - 5
Tuesdays
April 12 - May 31
4:30 - 5:30 pm
\$50/session

Youth

Homework Heroes

Ages 6 - 12
Mondays - Thursdays
2 - 3 pm
FREE!

Computer Corner

Ages 6 - 12
Mondays, April 11 - May 23
3 - 4 pm
FREE!

Artistic Adventures

Ages 6 - 12
Mondays, April 11 - May 23
4 - 5:30 pm
\$15

The Zone!

Ages 5 - 12
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays
April 12 - May 26
2 - 5:30 pm
\$15/week or \$40/month full-time

More Ballet & Jazz

Ages 5 - 7
Tuesdays
April 12 - May 31
6- 7 pm
\$50

Fun with Food!

Ages 8 - 14
Tuesdays, April 12 - May 24
6:30 - 7:30 pm
\$15

Young Einsteins!

Ages 6 - 12
Thursdays, May 12 - June 2
3 - 4 pm
\$7

Spanish Explorers

Ages 6 - 12
Thursdays, April 14 - May 26
4:30 - 5:30 pm
\$15

Kids Night Out

Ages 6 - 12
Fridays, April 1, 15, 29 & May 13
6 - 9 pm
\$5/time

Teen Programs

Homework Help

Ages 11 - 17
Mondays, April 11 - May 23
6:30 - 8 pm
FREE!

Express Yourself!

Ages 12 - 17
Thursdays, April 14 - May 26
7 - 8:30 pm
\$10

Adult Programs

Adults Only on Computers

Tuesdays, April 12 - May 24
6:30 - 8 pm
FREE!

Family Special Events

Spring Fling & Spaghetti Dinner

Tuesday, March 29
6 - 8:30 pm
\$4/person in advance, \$5/person at the door

Family Fun Day

All ages welcome
Saturday, June 4
11 am - 3 pm
Free to attend - some activities require tickets which will be sold for 35 cents each or 3/\$1. Volunteers wanted!
Contact the park for more information

Sports Registration

Baseball, Softball and T-ball

- T-ball Fundamentals for kids ages 3 - 5
 - T-ball for kids in K -1st grade
 - Coach Pitch for kids in 2nd & 3rd grade
 - Baseball & Softball for kids 9 - 15
- Registration begins Monday, April 11.
Contact the park for more information!

Volunteer Coaches and Parent Council Members wanted! Call the park for more information!

Jennifer M. Hayes
McRae Park Director
906 E. 47th St.
Mpls, MN 55407
612-370-4909 (voice)
612-824-4170 (fax)
www.minneapolisparcs.org

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Southside Community Clinic, 43rd & 4th
St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 45th & 3rd

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Other Committees/Projects

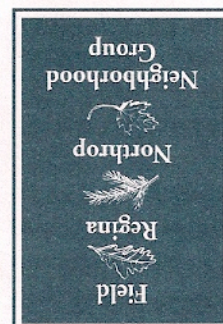
Education: Gerry Sell
Fund Raising: Staff
Neighborhood Tutoring Project: Sandra Smith
Teen Job/Opportunity Fair: *Needs daytime volunteer*

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