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The Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group Newsletter

June-July 2011

Lee Family Commemorative Event: A Time To Remember

The Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group is partnering with the Lee Family 80th Anniversary Commemorative Event committee to organize a commemoration of the experiences of Arthur and Edith Lee, the first African-American couple to move into the Field neighborhood. It was 1931, and World War I veteran Arthur Lee had joined other vets in moving his family to Minneapolis, seeking a better life.

At that time, Minnesota was known for its advances in progressive politics and social justice. Unfortunately, the Lees' arrival in the neighborhood was greeted by approximately 4,000 residents from the surrounding area holding a three-day racial demonstration to force them out of their home.

The Lee Family 80th Anniversary Commemorative Event will serve to remind FRNNG residents that all nationalities, races and creeds have a story to share about the institutional, cultural and racial struggles that have occurred during our lifetime, as well as the strides that we make each day toward justice for all.

To recognize the struggles by the Lee family and others, there will be a Commemorative 80th Anniversary Event on Saturday, July 16, 2011. The recounting of the Lee family experiences will begin with a procession from Field Community School down East 46th St., commemorative dedication at the Lee family home, and continuing to McRae Park's open fields where the telling of their story will end. We are very pleased to have the relatives of Arthur and Edith Lee participating in this event.

To perform in the Community Mixer fundraiser on June 13 as a singer, dancer, or band, please contact Joe Senkyr at **827-2928**. Free-will offerings are welcomed at the fundraiser. We are looking for volunteers to serve as ushers or pages at the July 16 event. Please contact the Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group at **721-5424** or by e-mail at **frnng@mtn.org** and learn how to get involved. If you are a subscriber to FaceBook, type in "Lee Family Commemorative Event" for more information.

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Highlights From the FRNNG Annual Meeting and Elections

The FRNNG Annual Meeting and Elections took place on Thursday, April 28th at McRae Park. The evening commenced with a welcome and introductions by FRNNG President, Stearline Rucker. Highlights from the evening included:

- FRNNG Program Manager, Valerie Powers, gave a partial list of accomplishments for the prior year.
- Applewood Pointe Senior Condominiums was represented by United Properties Senior Cooperatives Senior VP, Brian Carey, who gave a recap of the project and the FRNNG involvement in that project. Robert Miller from NRP was also on hand to single out three individuals from FRNNG for their contributions: Tom Arneson, Stearline Rucker and Sandra Smith.
- Awards were distributed to individuals and businesses within the neighborhoods by Karen Young, Business Chair.



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FRNNG Meeting Information

Full Board

• 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm, Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church (LNPC), 17th Ave. and 46th St. The full board does not meet in Dec.

Business Committee

• 1st Tuesday of each month at 7 pm, LNPC
Contact: Karen Young at klyoung99@hotmail.com

Community and Safety Committee:

• 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 pm, McRae Park Rec Center
Contact: Kim McCoy at kmmccoy69@msn.com

Housing Committee

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

Education Committee

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

Parks Committee

• 1st Monday of each month at 7 pm, McRae Park Rec Center
Contact: Kirk Frauenheim at kirkfrauenheim@yahoo.com

Greening Committee

• 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at Turtle Bread Restaurant, 48th and Chicago
Contact: Ted Moe, thegreeningcommittee@gmail.com

Communications Committee

• 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6 pm, LNPC
Contact: Kirk Anderson at kirkanderson48@gmail.com

Meeting times may change due to weather, holidays or personal reasons. Please confirm with the contacts listed above.

11th Ward Update

by Council Member
John Quincy

Dear Field Regina Northrop Neighbors:

I am privileged to represent the 11th Ward on the Minneapolis City Council. In my work, I have four main priorities that inform and direct my efforts.

Public Safety: This requires collaboration with the fire department, police department, and other regulatory departments.

Youth Programming: The Minneapolis Promise, STEP-UP job programs, focusing resources on at-risk youth, reducing student mobility, and reducing youth violence have long been focuses of the city. I am pleased to be in close collaboration with the school district and park board to help expand those opportunities.

Public Works Issues: These are hot issues in our little section of the world. I am on the Transportation and Public Works committee so you have a direct representative on these issues in the Council. I am interested in both making our streets easier for vehicular traffic and making them safer for bikers and pedestrians.

In 2011, we are scheduled to resurface a portion of Diamond Lake Road, Chicago Avenue from 49th to

60th Streets, and the Hale and Wenonah neighborhoods.

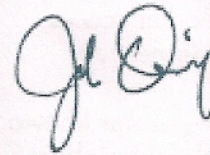
Budget: My role as council member is to make sure the City passes structurally balanced budgets every year, delivers core services, spends resources wisely and efficiently, and advocates for changes to tax policies at the State level.

To get at the bottom line, my colleagues and I advocate for:

- Pension reform
- Reassessment of the fiscal relationship between the State and cities
- Target Center debt reduction
- Health and wellness programs to drive down health-care cost increases
- Smart development of safe and affordable housing for working families

We need to be creative and collaborative to make our city safer, sustainable, and livable. I want to empower people across the ward and city to achieve their personal goals while being true to our common values and progressive principles. I am truly honored to serve you.

Sincerely,
John Quincy



Calling All Amateur Photographers

As part of our ongoing project to upgrade the FRNNG website, we are now looking for photos to display on the website. We welcome any photos of the neighborhoods for possible display on the website. Our intent is to show a group of photos that capture the essence of our neighborhoods and all they have to offer. If you are interested in submitting any photos, please send them elec-

tronically to the FRNNG office at frnng@mtn.org.

Please let us know whether you would like credit for your photo to appear on the website (your name near the photo).



Lee Family... from page 1

Save these dates:

Fundraiser

*Fundraiser for the Lee Family
Commemorative Event*

Community Mixer at the Parkway
Theater

Monday, June 13, 7-11 pm

4814 Chicago Ave.

Mpls, MN 55407

E-mail: joeminjares@mac.com

Free-will offerings welcome

Event

Lee Family Commemorative Event

Saturday, July 16, 6:45-8 pm

Procession begins at Field Community
School

4645 4th Ave.

Mpls, MN 55419

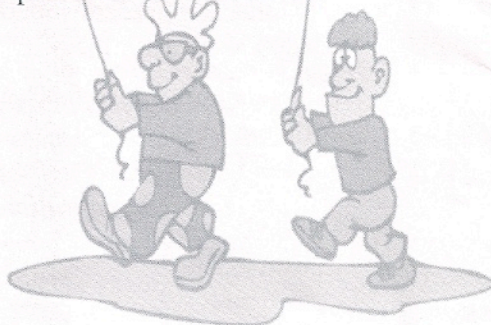
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Mark Your Calendar—Annual Neighborhood Celebration!

Please join us at McRae Park on Saturday, June 4th for our Annual Neighborhood Celebration. This year's parade begins promptly at 10 am—look for appearances by the Sabathanite Drum Corps, the Prince Hall Mason Bagpipers, your local representatives and more. Then follow us to McRae Park for contests, fun and games.

Adrian's will be on hand, offering grilled hamburgers, hot dogs and other mouth-watering treats. Be sure to enter our free kid's bike raffle and don't leave without a complimentary ice cream cone from Pumphouse Creamery.

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



FRNNG Annual Meeting... from page 1

Those honored were Eddies Barber, Pumphouse Creamery, Sisters Sludge, Nokomis Cycle, Turtle Bread, Anne Kegley, Director of McRae Park, Ebony Images and Robert Miller from NRP.

- Board of Director Awards were handed out by Stearline Rucker to outgoing FRNNG board members Tom Arneson, Sandra Smith, Jessie Hill, Kim McCoy, Herb Gysler and Sue Redepenning.

- Theodore Nichols was present to highlight what is going on in Rep. Keith Ellison's office.

- Elizabeth Glidden, 8th Ward City Council Member and John Quincy, 11th Ward City Council Member, were on hand to discuss upcoming issues and events in our neighborhoods.

- Robert Miller from NRP gave an update on NRP and the Minneapolis-St. Paul Home Tour.

- Sue Roethle from the Minneapolis Police 3rd Precinct discussed improved arrest and decreased crime statistics as well as various ways residents could get involved within their neighborhoods.

- Anne Kegley informed the attendees about upcoming activities at McRae Park.

- Voting also took place for various positions on the FRNNG board. Elected were Stearline Rucker as President (re-elected); Willie Bridges, 2nd Vice President; Shannon Guernsey as Treasurer; Gerry Sell and Mary Ellen Mueller as co-chairs of the Education Committee; Keely Wheaton, Program Chair and Pete Berlute as South Northrop Rep. The Housing Committee Chair, Field Rep and Community and Safety Committee Chair all remain open positions.

LNPC Update

Abundance in Our Neighborhood

It occurred to us at Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church that there are many gardeners among us and among our neighbors. Rather than just haul the extra zucchinis and cucumbers to church to foist on willing members, we thought that it might be more neighborly if we started a garden exchange for the neighborhood and beyond.

Here is how it works: we will put out a table or a box in harvest season. *Anyone* can bring their abundance to the corner of 46th St. and 17th Ave., and leave it or exchange it for vegetables that look good to you. Bring those extra perennials, too. We will maintain the area.

Tell your neighbors, tell your friends. There are people hungry for fresh garden vegetables...and just plain hungry. Let's share our abundance.

Party room rental

We would like to announce to the neighborhood that LNPC has a party room with full kitchen available for very reasonable rent for graduations, anniversaries etc. It would be helpful for us and perhaps of service to our neighbors.

For more information regarding both of the above, please contact:

721-4463 or

jan@lakenokomispc.org.

Senior Living Update: Applewood Pointe- An Answer For Today's Times

Seniors, like all of us, have noticed the increased costs of filling the car with gas and buying a gallon of milk at the store. The mention of the word "inflation" is creeping into the news we read more frequently. This new reality is especially felt by seniors living on fixed incomes.

The Applewood Pointe of Minneapolis senior cooperative being developed by United Properties on the Northrop School site at 46th St. near Cedar may be a piece of "good news" in this challenging new environment.

Applewood Pointe Cooperatives provide the certainty of predictable monthly expenses covering basic living costs,

senior cooperative will feature underground parking, woodworking shop, craft room and a fitness area with sauna. Homes come complete with all major appliances including washers and dryers. A roof top patio area will offer residents spectacular views of downtown Minneapolis.

Homeowners will enjoy all of the unique qualities and attributes of our south Minneapolis neighborhood without moving away. The challenge of shoveling snow, keeping up with costly home maintenance and yard work no longer will be issues.



Architect's rendering of new Applewood Pointe Cooperatives

heat, home maintenance and real estate taxes. Over 1,000 Applewood Pointe resident members have discovered that sharing the impact of rising prices among fellow residents can be a really cost effective idea.

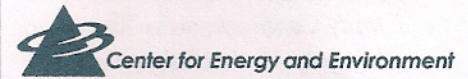
Applewood Pointe of Minneapolis is projected to begin construction later this year. The building will feature 65 maintenance free homes geared to active, independent adults, age 62 and above. Ideally located one block off Minnehaha Creek and a couple of blocks away from Hiawatha Golf Course and Lake Nokomis, this new

Currently, there are six Twin Cities Applewood Pointe cooperatives. For more information, or to attend one of the monthly information meetings and home tours, call (952)884-6400. You can visit them on the web at www.applewoodpointe.com



Lights, Camera, Action- Community Energy Services Launches Video Challenge

Community Energy Services (CES) participants across the City of Minneapolis are being challenged to put on their director's hat, grab a camera, and roll film to put together the best short film



based on their experiences from CES. The best short films (less than two minutes) will be competing for three cash prizes, including a \$1000 grand prize for the best and most creative film. The competition is open now until August 31st, 2011, with prizes being announced in October at the CES awards ceremony. For more information, visit www.mnces.org.

If you have not participated in CES yet, there are still plenty of opportunities to participate and complete your short video. CES offers homeowners customized home energy visits, which include a blower door test and installation of energy saving materials. A \$400 value for a co-pay of only \$30! Please contact Ashley Robertson at 335-5869 or arobertson@mncee.org to RSVP or for any questions.

Your first step in being a part of CES is attending a free educational workshop:

Thursday, May 19th, 6:30 pm
Lake Country School
3755 Pleasant Ave. So.

Thursday, May 26th, 6:30 pm
Minnehaha Academy South Campus
4200 West River Pkwy.

Tuesday, May 31st, 6:30 pm
Barton Open School
4237 Colfax Ave. So.

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Thanks to our Supporters!

Close to Home would like to thank the following individuals, local businesses and organizations in our community for their generous financial contributions to the production and mailing of this newsletter. Now we are asking you to support not only this publication, but also all of our other activities. Anything that you can give will be very much appreciated and put to good use. Also, since we are a "501(c)3" organization, any donations are decuctable to the full extent of the law. If you would like more information on how your organization or business can become a supporter, please call the FRNNG office. **We also encourage residents to support our local businesses so that they can continue to be a strong and vital sector of our community.**

Under \$100

Southside Chiropractic, P.A.

55th and Chicago, 827-0657

Pathfinder Care Management

48th and Chicago, 729-9096

Partner Level- \$100-\$199

Minnehaha Animal Hospital

48th and Chicago, 825-4427

T.A.'s Automotive, Inc.

42nd and Bloomington, 823-7100

CES Video Challenge... *from page 4*

Thursday, June 2nd, 6:30 pm
Waite Park Community School
1800 34th Ave. N.E.

CES is a partnership between the Center for Energy and Environment, the City of Minneapolis, Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group, Xcel Energy, Centerpoint Energy, and the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund. The Video Challenge and Outreach Grant Challenge are made possible through a grant from the McKnight Foundation. To see where your neighborhood ranks in the Participation Challenge, visit www.mnces.org and click on "Outreach Grant Challenge." Get your neighbors involved and help your partnering organization win a grant up to \$5000!

It's Finally Gardening (or 1x1) Season

by Sue Filbin, Northrop neighbor

While you were leisurely thumbing through seed catalogues in March and April, neighbors and block club leaders who attended the monthly meetings of the Community and Safety committee deftly packed zinnia seeds into envelopes for distribution throughout our neighborhood through the 1x1 project.

1x1 is an initiative that enables neighbors to meet each other—one by one—as they dig up, plant, and tend a small garden in their front yard that measures 1 by 1—one foot by one foot. The Community and Safety committee, ably led for the past four years by outgoing chair, Kim McCoy, hopes that when neighbors meet each other and visit,

they will also be inclined to look out for each other, creating a friendly, safe, and attractive neighborhood as the zinnias achieve their colorful glory.

If you would like to distribute envelopes that contain free zinnia seeds to neighbors on your block, please contact Valerie, Program Manager, in the Field Regina Northrop office by 4 pm Wednesday, June 15. **721-5424**, www.frnng.org. A stand of brightly blooming flowers could demonstrate care and commitment by people for the location where the flowers are growing—and for the neighborhood at large. Please join in the fun!

Neighborhood Directory Development Wraps Up

Who knows how many and what types of businesses we have within the boundaries of our neighborhood? Soon, that information will be available to neighbors—and to the world at large. A listing of storefront and home-based businesses, by category, with contact information and web links, is being installed on the Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group website, www.frnng.org.

Businesses wishing to be listed in the directory, and that are located within the geographic boundaries of our neighborhood, are encouraged to contact Valerie Powers, neighborhood program manager—by Friday, July 1—at the FRNNG office, **721-5424**, or by email at frnng@mtn.org.

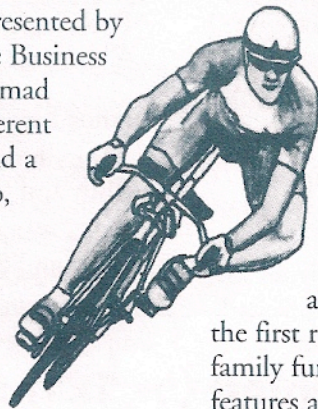
The purpose of the directory is to create a sense of community—a feeling of belonging and connectedness—among residents, businesses, faith-based

congregations, and others. This affinity for each other, and our shared properties and aspirations, can help to create a spirit of safety and generosity. Additionally, the directory can help promote neighborhood businesses, welcome new residents and businesses, instill a sense of loyalty to the neighborhood, and support environmental efforts by enabling people to do errands and make work-related connections by patronizing nearby resources.

Elite Bicycle Racing Returns To South Minneapolis— Southside Sprint Showcases Top Talent July 24

The Southside Sprint will take place Sunday, July 24, 2011. This new race brings elite bicycle racing back to South Minneapolis for the first time in over two decades. The event, presented by the South Chicago Avenue Business Alliance (SCABA) and Nomad Marketing, includes 7 different races, a family fun expo and a free kids fun race. For map, photos and a schedule of events, visit www.nomad-marketing.com/southsidesprint.

The Southside Sprint showcases top regional bicycle racers in a fun family festival atmosphere. Seven categories of racing, including the Town Hall Tap Brewmaster's Sprint pit the top



racers in the upper Midwest on a fast, challenging urban race course. Starting and finishing at 48th St. and Chicago Ave. in the heart of the Field

Regina Northrop neighborhood, the racers will fly past unique shops and great restaurants and thrill the residents of this popular urban neighborhood.

The Southside Sprint festival opens at 7 am with an amateur racing clinic. At 8 am, the first race leaves the starting line. The family fun expo also opens at 8 am and features a variety of local shops and restaurants. Racing continues throughout the morning, culminating with the Pro/Category 1/2/3 Men's race at 1 pm. At 12:45 pm, the FREE Bikes and

Pieces Kids Fun Race gives kids the chance to show their stuff on the same course as the elite racers – and every kid wins a medal!

The Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood has long been a thriving community in South Minneapolis. In the mid-1800s, one of 6 flour mills along Minnehaha Creek gave a spark to the growing neighborhood. By 1940, the neighborhood emerged as a residential community, with 7,700 homes constructed. The development of I-35W in the 70s, transformed Chicago Avenue into the dining and entertainment destination that exists today. The neighborhood last hosted an elite amateur bicycle race in the 1980s.

Getting to Know You—and Your Business

To highlight the diverse, useful, and enjoyable businesses in our neighborhood, *Close to Home* will feature a category of business in future issues. We'll begin with Health, Wellness, Beauty, and Personal Care. If that describes your business, please write a short article about your business.

Send your article via email to Valerie Powers, program director, at the FRNNG office at frnng@mtn.org. Please keep your article to fewer than 300 words - we reserve the right to edit articles as necessary. We must receive your article no later than 5 pm on Monday, June 27.

Below is a list of some information you may wish to include in the article that describes your business:

- name
- location
- website
- phone number
- hours

- the year the business was established
- a description of the business including what distinguishes it from similar businesses
- why you're passionate about your business
- what your customers say about your business
- what factors contributed to your selecting this area of south Minneapolis for the location of your business
- any other information you would like readers to know

We look forward to hearing from you, and from readers with suggestions for future features.

Senior Helpline

Nokomis Healthy Seniors Activities

Nurse Is In

Get your blood pressure checked, consult with a nurse or schedule a pedicure. You can also just stop in to chat over a cup of coffee and baked goods. The clinic is free; pedicures are \$28 and require an appointment.

Thursday mornings, 9 am-noon
Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church
4120 17th Ave.

Exercise Program

Exercise classes tailored to each participant's abilities. A donation of \$1 per class is appreciated.

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 am
Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church
4120 17th Ave.

Creativity and Conversation

A women's art group with no boundaries. Current participants crochet, paint, and whittle! Bring your latest project; enjoy conversation and exchange advice as you create.

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McRae Park
906 East 47th Street

The complete summer schedule is available at McRae Park or online at the address below. You can register for programs at the address listed. Contact the park for more information.

www.minneapolisparcs.org

370-4909 (voice)

824-4170 (fax)

Anne Kegley, Director
akegley@minneapolisparcs.org

Get Us Online!



We are looking for ways to cut cost and reduce waste – please help us by registering to receive *Close to Home* electronically. Visit www.frnng.org and look for the link to register. You can also register to receive other communications via email as well. Your email address will be used for FRNNG in only the way you intend and you may unsubscribe at any time.

Thank you for supporting us in this effort.

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Wednesdays, 10 am-1pm
Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church
4120 17th Ave.

Fifth Thursdays: Lunch and a Movie
Starting in 2011, NHS will offer lunch and movie on the 5th Thursday of each quarter. Watch for further information at "Nurse Is In" or call the office, 729-5499 for more details.

Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church
4120 17th Ave.

Health Programs

From September through November and January through June, NHS sponsors programs on topics of health or social interest. Local experts present information for about an hour. There's plenty of time for questions and to catch up with friends and staff. A nurse is available to check blood pressure. Beverages and treats are provided. These programs are free and open to the public.
Last Wednesdays, 1:30 pm
Faith Lutheran Church
3430 E. 51st St.

For further information about our services call the NHS office at 729-5499.

Support the Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group

Help keep FRNNG working for you by sending in a donation of \$15 or more. Combined with the business and church donations, your gift supports *Close to Home* and other activities of the organization. Please keep them coming! FRNNG is a 501.3c organization and all gifts are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

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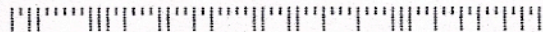
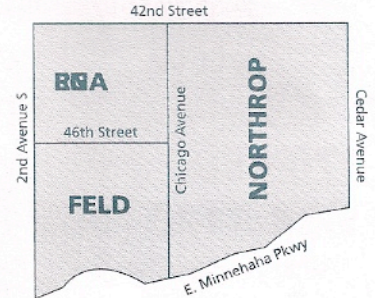
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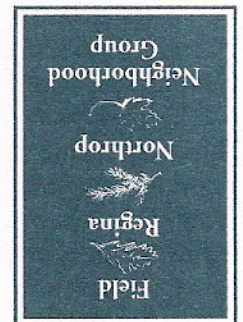
Useful Phone Numbers

- 8th Ward Council Elizabeth Glidden 673-2208
- 11th Ward Council John Quincy 673-2211
- Sue Roethele CCP/SAFE 673-2839
- Housing Inspector 673-5858
- Senior HelpLine 729-5499
- McRae Park 370-4909
- Airport Noise Complaints 726-9411



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