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THE FIELD REGINA NORTHROP NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP NEWSLETTER

November/December 2017

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

By Terry Mazig, Chair, Education Committee
In September 1971, Hale Elementary School and Field Community School were paired by the Minneapolis Public School District to provide a demonstration project in quality integrated education. The success of the pairing can be attributed to the activism of community leaders, parents, and school staff who believed in desegregating our schools and neighborhood. Please join us on Thursday, November 9, from 6-8 p.m. at Field Community School as we recognize these leaders and celebrate the 45th Anniversary of our schools' landmark pairing.

This memorable event will feature video interviews with the community leaders who spearheaded the pairing, a panel discussion about past and present barriers to equitable education, guest speakers

who helped get the Hale-Field partnership started, and choir and jazz music by past and current Hale and Field students.

While we hope to see you all on November 9, it would not be possible for this event to succeed without the support of volunteers. Please consider donating your time, talents, or money to this historic event.

To make a financial donation, visit www.frnng.org/halefield1971 or send a check to: FRNNG, 1620 East 46th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55407.

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We can do better than a 39% voter turnout

2017 Minneapolis City- Wide Elections

By Chris Schommer, Chair, Communications Committee
Minneapolis will hold citywide elections on Tuesday, November 7. On the ballot you will be voting for the mayor of Minneapolis, your council member, representatives for the Board of Estimate and

Taxation, and representatives for the Park and Recreation Board for all districts and at large. All residents of Minneapolis are encouraged to vote for their local representatives, who are often the first point of contact for issues and concerns that arise in our neighborhood, and who

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To volunteer your time and talent, contact FRNNG education committee chair Terry Mazig at education@frnng.org.

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Lucille Cruse (deceased) is one of the Elders we honor as we celebrate the 45th Anniversary of the Hale & Field Partnership 1971. Lucille worked at Hale as an educational assistant in the early years and later at Field School until she retired. We honor Lucille, as she loved our schools. At Field Community School, we named our new addition the Lucille Cruse Commons where we have special concerts, assemblies, and lunch each day. ❖



Lucille Cruse worked at Hale and Field Schools.

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2017 City-Wide Elections, *continued from page 1*

determine the annual \$1.3 billion budget for Minneapolis. The Field Regina Northrop neighborhood is split into wards 8 and 11 and further divided into ward precincts.

Turnout for city elections has been historically low, partially as a consequence of being held on the opposite years of national elections. In the last round of local elections in 2013, the combined precincts in the Field Regina Northrop neighborhood had a turnout of approximately 39% of eligible voters, while the 2016 general election saw a turnout of over 85%.

In 2017, Minneapolis will again be using ranked-choice voting. Ranked-choice voting allows voters to rank their top three candidates for office. On election night, if there is not a total majority of first-choice votes to elect the leading candidate, the counting process begins to eliminate candidates with the fewest votes, and that's when second- and third-choice votes come into play. This continues until one candidate has enough votes to be declared the winner.

Can't make it on election day? Minneapolis has early voting starting 46 days before each election. The Early Vote Center is located at 217 3rd Street South, at the

corner of 3rd Avenue South and 3rd Street South, one block from City Hall.

Standard voting hours are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Weekend hours will be added for the final two weekends before Election Day. In Minnesota, you can register at your polling place on Election Day. This includes registering when you go to vote if you are voting early. Just bring with you proof of your current residence. This can include a photo ID, your most recent utility bill, or go with another registered voter who can vouch for your current residence.

For detailed information, an address look-up tool, and a full list of candidates, please visit vote.minneapolismn.gov

City Council Elections Ballot

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Ward 8

Incumbent Elizabeth Glidden opted not to run for re-election.

- Andrea Jenkins
- April Kane
- Terry White
- David Holsinger

Ward 11

- John Quincy (Incumbant)
- Erica Mauter
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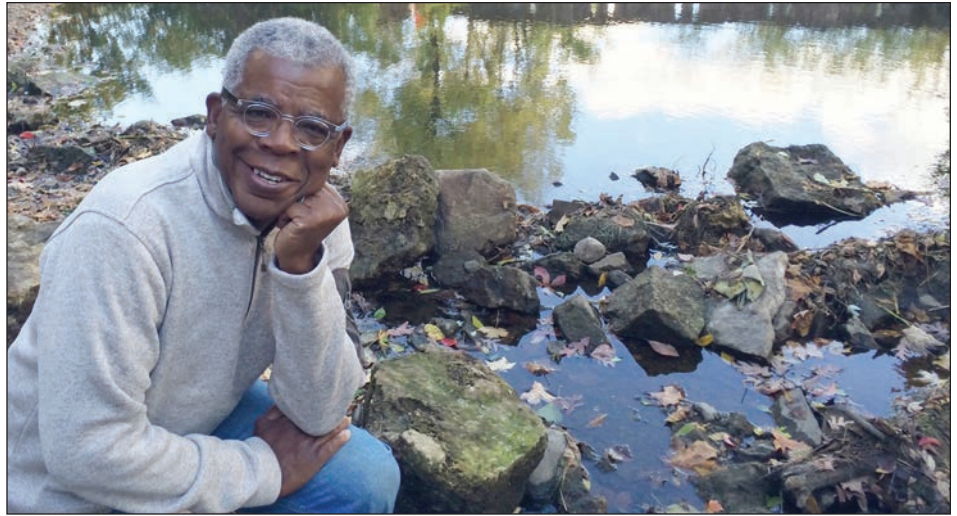
President's Letter

Hello FRN,

Recently, I facilitated a meeting concerning the Field and Regina Neighborhoods. At the meeting, there were a number of neighbors who had safety concerns with regard to events that have been going on, within the area of the corners of: 43rd and 4th Avenue, and 43rd and 5th Avenue. In attendance at this meeting were: City Council Person Elizabeth Glidden, Inspector Catherine Johnson from the 3rd Police Precinct, and Crime Prevention Specialist Jennifer Neale. Some of the principle safety concerns voiced, were about the recent homicide of a young man, as well as the suspected ongoing mobile narcotics/drug trafficking observed in the area.

The neighbors talked about some of the things that could make it safer on those corners, and there were questions for Inspector Johnson about having a more frequent presence of police officers in and around those corners. It was suggested that maybe a camera could be located to record what all happens at the corner of 43rd and 4th Avenue, documenting activities and hopefully acting as a crime deterrent. Inspector Johnson told the residents that they should call 911 anytime they see anything going on that looks suspicious.

Marty Koessel, who's the chairperson for Community and Safety Committee, encouraged the community to get involved with his committee, and he welcomed any



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

additional suggestions of what we might do, in order to make the corner safer. The Community and Safety Committee meets the 4th Tuesday of every month, at 6:30 p.m., at the McRae Park Recreation Center.

FRN, we have to be the eyes and ears in our communities, and report things that we see happening in our neighborhoods. We have to let those persons who are openly breaking the law in our community *know* that we are watching them, and that we *will* report them to authorities. Who knows? It might just save a person's life?

Even though winter is coming, and we can't be outside as much as we would like, if you decide to take walk around the neighborhood, make a point to speak to your neighbor, if you see them. If you see a stranger walking in your neighborhood, speak to them. It's good and healthy to

acknowledge each other, and if they happen to be up to no good, you're letting them know that you *see* them.

FRN, one last thing. I remember what Inspector Johnson said at our meeting that was surprising. She said that a good many of our neighborhood cars that have had things stolen inside, they had their doors already unlocked. She said that this was also a factor in many of the garage thefts that have been happening here. So remember to *always* lock your car and garage doors and of course your home doors.

Be Safe, FRN,

Willie Bridges

P.S FRN, when you are getting into your car or out of it, be aware of your surroundings. Check It! ❖



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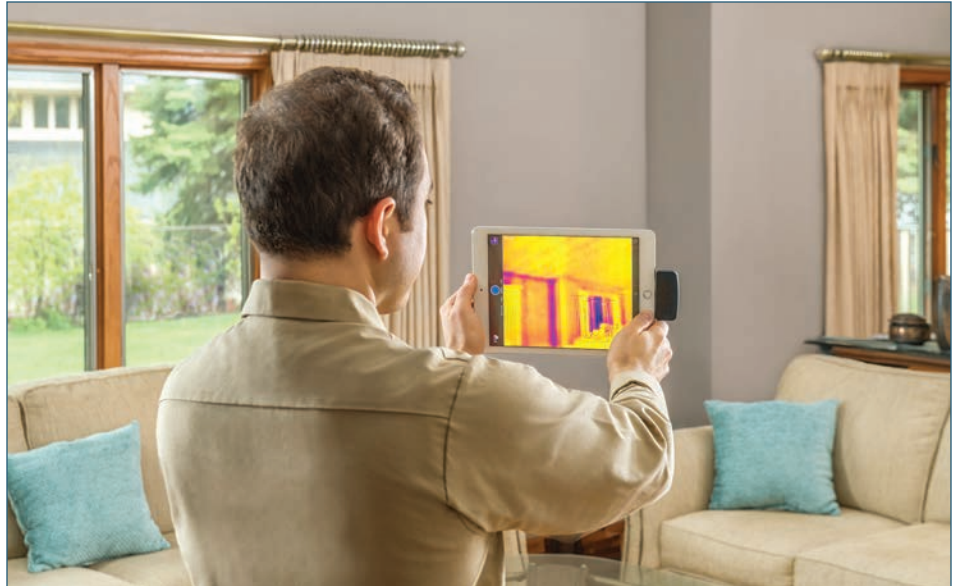
By Stacy Boots Camp, Center for Energy and Environment – CEE

October is Energy Efficiency Awareness Month. What a great time to join over 10,000 Minneapolis residents who are enjoying the benefits of saving money, energy, and are more comfortable in their homes thanks to the Home Energy Squad. Minneapolis has a goal of 75% of homes having an energy analysis done by 2025. Having a Home Energy Squad visit is a great way to do your part to help Minneapolis meet those goals and make your home more comfortable before winter sets in. To encourage FRN residents to participate in the program, the FRN Neighborhood Group is contributing \$50 to the visit cost, bringing the resident copay down to \$50, instead of \$100.

Home Energy Squad (HES) has been available in Minneapolis since 2010. As an ever-evolving program that adapts to the needs of customers, this year HES now offers energy-bill analysis at the home visits when the data is available. Other services include infrared images in reports, insulation quotes, and LED light bulbs installed where you may have incandescent bulbs. Smart thermostats are also now available for purchase and installation.

The visit takes about 2.5 hours. During the visit, the crew installs energy-saving materials, performs diagnostic tests, and helps residents develop a customized plan for saving energy, making your home more comfortable, and reducing your utility bills. It's also a great time to ask any energy-related questions you have about your home.

Materials installed during the visit for no additional cost may include: a programmable thermostat, a water heater blanket, pipe wrap, door weather stripping, high-efficiency water fixtures, and LED light bulbs. HES will conduct a blower



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When a member of the Home Energy Squad visits your home, they conduct an infrared camera inspection, a blower door test, a combustion safety test on your home's heating system and water heater, and they check insulation levels in your attic and walls.

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At the end of the visit, you will receive a custom report with prioritized recommendations. If your home needs insulation or air-sealing upgrades, the crew will give you a quote for the work to be done and

you'll have to option to schedule the work with a contractor that day.

Home Energy Squad is provided by CenterPoint Energy and Xcel Energy and is delivered by the Center for Energy and Environment (CEE), a local nonprofit organization.

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Winter Safety-Related Habits and Activities

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

As we replace rakes with shovels, we also realize that winter makes extra demands on our time, energy, and budgets. We get distracted and stressed trying to do everything and be everywhere. And just when we can least afford a problem, one pops up—often one that could be prevented if we were paying attention to our usual crime-prevention practices.

Listed below are some basic crime-prevention habits that can prevent you, your family, and your neighbors from being victims of “crimes of opportunity.” These tips are all about eliminating opportunities for would-be criminals to take advantage of you. By paying attention to your usual safety-related patterns, you will make life difficult for would-be thieves.

Identity related

- Avoid leaving mail out for pickup that contains checks, account numbers, or return-address labels.
- Remove your name and address from all shipping cartons.
- Shred all receipts when you’re sure you will not be returning an item.
- Carry with you only the credit cards you really need.
- Avoid carrying with you your social security number, birth certificate, or passport.
- Make photocopies of all of the items in your wallet. Add the phone numbers to replace these items and file this photocopy in a safe place.

Property related

- Avoid displaying gifts in your home where they can be seen from outside.
- Break down shipping cartons and gift cartons and put them out the night before the recycling pick-up so thieves won’t know what tempting gifts you are buying.

- Lock your vehicle when it’s in the garage, lock your garage, make sure all of your home’s windows are closed and locked, and lock your home doors when you are at home and when you are away.
- Put lights on timers that turn on at around 4:30 p.m. and run until around 10:30.
- Turn on outside lights to deter thieves from lurking and “working” on your property.
- Shovel sidewalks to the full width within 24 hours following a snowfall of more than 1”.

Vehicle related

- Do not leave your unattended vehicle running to warm it up, or while you “quickly” run into a shop to pick up something. Officers may issue a ticket for any vehicle that is running without a driver being present.
- Do not leave anything of value in your vehicle, especially if those items are visible through the windows. This includes gifts, packages, phones, headphones, CDs, briefcases, computers, backpacks, money, cigarettes, even sunglasses.

More information is at these links:

www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-prevention/index.htm

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I wish you, your family, and your neighbors a special holiday season. If becoming a block club leader is on your list of activities for the coming year, I welcome your call.

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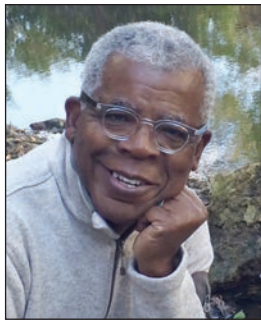
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Getting to Know You: Willie Bridges



Willie Bridges, president of the FRNNG board of directors

If you've seen Willie in the neighborhood or at a neighborhood event – and you probably have because he seems to be everywhere – you might wonder what motivates him to be involved in the neighborhood. After all, he's now serving his second term as president of the board of directors, and he attended seven block club parties this year on National Night Out – his own and six others.

When asked about his civic generosity, Willie responded that his late parents were his role models as he grew up in Chicago. His interest in and dedication to people influenced his decision to major in sociology and psychology while he attended Yankton College in Yankton, South Dakota. Friends there encouraged him to settle in Minneapolis. Willie researched that suggestion and learned that qualities that are important to him such as diversity, engaged communities, and social services were in place here.

Willie lived in two other south-Minneapolis neighborhoods before purchasing his home

on the 4800-block of 12th Avenue 27 years ago. It's an easy commute to his position as Senior Planning Analyst for Hennepin County where he coordinates the juvenile diversion program. When young people under the age of 17 and a half are charged with their first petty misdemeanor (which is the lowest level of offense in Minnesota), rather than going to court, the offender is eligible to participate in programs they must complete. Willie manages contracts for the Juvenile Diversion and Restorative Justice programs.

Willie's work with young people is reflected in his earlier work as a youth worker at what is now the Boys & Girls Club. He was also director of the Crime Victim Center and worked at a re-entry program for young men recently released from prison. As the president of our neighborhood organization, Willie continues his dedication to young people – to their safety and an environment in which they can flourish. He asks questions such as, "How do you improve what's there? How do you get heard as a person of color? How do you contribute something to your community?"

Willie continued his reflections by saying, "We have so many committees, but they don't work without people getting involved. That's how a neighborhood becomes safer and improves – by people getting out, spending time in your neighborhood, and getting to know your neighbors." This can be at the committee level or on your own block. "It's like

making a cake; the ingredients are in place but it's people who make the cake by getting involved."

Willie was chosen to be in a leadership program at St. Thomas University. He has attended several workshops on mental health, education, victim's rights, collaboration, building your community, and what to do about bullying. And Willie has served on several boards, both as a board member and as chairperson. He's presently on the board of directors for the Illusion Theater, Family Enhancement Center, and CLIC – the Capital Long-Range Improvement Committee for the City of Minneapolis.

Willie has previously held board positions at The Link, African-American AIDS/HIV Task Force, MAP, Crime Victim Rights (through the Office of Justice Programs, a division of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety), Domestic Abuse Project, Harriet Tubman Center, and he has lobbied for crime victim's rights. These activities reflect his commitment to contribute to two to three organizations each year.

Before Willie's term finishes in 2018, he has several more goals for our neighborhood. He wants to see more homeowners take advantage of funds that are available to improve their home and landscaping. Residents can contact the office to learn more about those funds. Willie was a persistent force behind the renovation of the grounds at McRae Park. He now envisions improvements that include hosting after-school tutoring at the park building and having air conditioning installed.

Willie describes his approach to increasing community involvement as the "front-porch approach." He looks forward to seeing more people "out in their front yards," being more visible, greeting people who walk by, and asking, "How are our kids? If our kids are OK, the future is bright." ❖

By Sue Filbin, Communications Committee

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Building lifelong relationships one smile at a time

Sisters Sludge Reinvents Itself in Standish

By Carrie Shidla, Communications Committee
Sisters Sludge Coffee Cafe and Wine Bar reopened this fall in the Standish neighborhood, this time as much more than just a coffee shop! The new location, in the former Social Dance Studio space at East 38th Street and 23rd Avenue South, now boasts wine, beer, and small plates, in addition to its usual coffee and bakery offerings.

The local business is well known to FRN residents, as triplet sisters Judy Morris-Meyer, Katie Morris-Buch, and Maggie Morris-Gronlund occupied the corner of 46th and Bloomington for 20 years. For the past few months, they've been working hard with Brad Larson to get the new space ready. "He's our designer and

contractor extraordinaire! Probably the most popular guy in the neighborhood," jokes Morris-Meyer, since so many curious neighbors have enjoyed chatting with Larson about the progress.

The new space, which is much bigger than the old digs, has allowed the business to grow and be creative. "We will have over 20 wines, eight regional and local craft beers, and fun food offerings like flatbreads, paninis, olives, and other small plates to enjoy," said Morris-Meyer, as well as cans of nostalgic beer favorites. Additional space also allowed the triplets to be creative quite literally, as artist Mike Kronenberg created a mural with the Grinkie Girl pin-up art that customers have come to know and love.

Hours may be tweaked to suit the needs of the neighborhood, but for now the coffee shop side will open weekdays at 6 a.m. and weekends at 7 a.m. The wine and beer offerings will allow the café and wine bar to stay open until 10 p.m. Sunday-Wednesday, and until midnight Thursday-Saturday.

Morris-Meyer noted that the new location at 3746 23rd Avenue South is just a little more than a mile away from their last space, and they hope to see old friends at the new location.

For more information, visit www.sistersludgecoffeecafe.com, SistersSludgeCoffee on Facebook, or call (612) 722-3933. ❖

Community Safety Funds Available

By Marty Koessel, Chair, Community and Safety Committee
Neighbors, the Community and Safety Committee has been working with block club leaders and the community to identify projects that can improve the safety and livability of our public spaces. We have funds available to tackle some projects of this sort, and we'd love for you to push us along.

Is there a spot near your home or business that feels unsafe for any reason, including poor lighting, a nasty property or landscape maintenance, or bad traffic flow? Tell us how you think the situation can be improved, and we'll evaluate the project you recommend for funding.

If you have questions or are uncertain about how to start, how about coming to one of the Community and Safety Committee's regular monthly meetings? Unless otherwise noted, they start at 6:30 p.m. at the McRae Community Center every fourth Tuesday of the month. Or you can send your thoughts along directly to Marty Koessel, Committee Chair: communityandsafety@frnng.org

Hey, we're trying to get you to help us spend the neighborhood's funds in productive ways. What could be better than that? ❖

Hiawatha Golf Club closure to be delayed at least five years

By Chris Schommer, Chair, Communications Committee
The *StarTribune* reported on October 9 that the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board voted to "delay the closing of Hiawatha Golf Club for at least five years to allow more time for community input on future plans for the land."

The Hiawatha Golf Club was originally scheduled to be closed in 2019 due to issues related to pumping groundwater and flooding that stemmed from the 2014 rain event that caused extensive damage. ❖



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11th-Ward Update

Council Member John Quincy



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Dear Neighbors,

Thank you for the opportunity to keep you updated on what is happening at City Hall. Budget season is upon us yet again. Mayor Betsy Hodges presented her recommended 2018 budget to the City Council. Council members will consider the budget through early December with final approval of the 2018 budget scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017.

This year, the City of Minneapolis has launched a new website, budget.minneapolismn.gov, dedicated specifically for the budget. The new site includes the full budget document, Mayor Hodges' budget

address, past budgets, FAQs and a calendar of upcoming budget meetings. The site is an effort to provide more transparency, better usability and increased public participation in the budget process.

City launches #WeAreMpls campaign

The City of Minneapolis has launched a new public awareness campaign called #WeAreMpls elevating unique voices in the city, reflective of Minneapolis' rich diversity.

The City's #WeAreMpls campaign features compelling stories and photos of newcomers and longtime Minneapolis residents by Stephanie Glaros, a local photographer behind the popular blog "Humans of Minneapolis." The photos and stories can be found at www.minneapolismn.gov/WeAreMpls

Through the personal lens of members of our community, the campaign lifts up individual stories of identity, reflecting Minneapolis' diversity of experiences. The campaign reaffirms the City of Minneapolis' commitment to be a welcoming place for all people, regardless of ethnicity, race, national origin, gender identity, religion or birthplace.

If you live in Minneapolis and are interested in being featured in this campaign, share your photo and story on social media with the hashtag #WeAreMpls.

The City recently joined Welcoming America's network of Welcoming Cities and Counties, recognizing its commitment to inclusiveness toward immigrants and all its residents. Nearly 100 local governments across the country belong to the network launched by Decatur, Georgia-based Welcoming America, a nonprofit founded in 2009. In 2016, there were nearly 400 events in 150 communities for Welcoming Week.

For more information about the #WeAreMpls campaign, go to www.minneapolismn.gov/WeAreMpls

I am always available to answer your questions at 612-673-2211. If you would like to receive email updates to the Community Connections website, please send me an email at John.Quincy@minneapolismn.gov or visit the website at www.MinneapolisMN.gov/ward11 to sign up. ❖



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When were the neighborhood wild turkeys last seen on your block? The flock of nine (one is not shown above) was photographed on October 5 on the 4800-block of 12th Avenue South.

The Business Committee wants you

Attention All Businesses

By Sue Filbin, Communications Committee
The business committee, led by financial planner Patricia Jones and her operations manager Corrie Perez, invite all businesses located in our neighborhood to become more visible and more engaged with residents and fellow business people.

Patricia and Corrie are assembling a database of information to make sharing information timely and accurate. If you have an office, storefront, or home-based business, they want to hear from you. They are also involved in using social media and other forms of marketing to inform neighbors and others about the rich variety of businesses that are located within our neighborhood.

Businesses can sign up to win a free advertisement in this newsletter – that reaches more than 4,000 addresses – by

completing an online form at: frnng.org/business/ or by requesting the form at this email address: business@frnng.org

On the first Tuesday of each month, the business committee meets for lunch at 11:30 at Turtle Bread Company on the corner of 48th and Chicago Avenue. You are most welcome to join them! For more information, contact Patricia or Corrie at business@frnng.org ❖



Stop by 14 Hill to congratulate them on recently celebrating their one-year anniversary.

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Photo: Sue Filbin

Despite two layers of fencing, a “facelift” for the existing building, and vigorous construction activity at 4700 Cedar Avenue, Tom’s Popcorn Shop continues to make and sell fresh, multi-flavored popcorn, including gift tins for upcoming holidays. <http://tomspopcornshop.com/>

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Business Corner

A collection of new information about neighborhood businesses.

14 Hill

A year ago, 14 Hill opened its doors at the corner of 48th and Chicago and held an anniversary celebration on October 26. Julie Stamps, owner of 14 Hill, says living only blocks away has helped her create a store that reflects the lifestyle and character of south Minneapolis as she works to build “your neighborhood gift shop.” If you haven’t yet, stop in and check out 14 Hill. www.14hill.com

Anna’s Tailoring

During the month of December, Anna will close her shop to spend time with her family. Anna’s daughter and husband have three children ages 6-10. They live in Singapore where Anna’s daughter is a family psychologist. Anna’s shop will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2018. 612-721-2245 • 4726 Cedar Avenue

Fit for Change

In addition to personal fitness training to keep his clients strong and flexible, Duane Whittaker’s fitness studio on 48th and 4th becomes a yoga studio on Saturday mornings. fitforchangeonline.com

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What should neighbors know about your business? Contact Patricia or Corrie of the business committee: business@frnng.org

Plans Go Forward at Hiawatha Academies

By Ambar Cristina Hanson, M.P.A., Chief External Relations Officer

Hiawatha Academies is preparing for its most pivotal year of growth during this school year. Now that early school-year activities are underway, the administration is focusing on making sure scholars are learning and getting ready for our future big changes. Those include the opening of our second middle school and the move of the high school to its new, permanent home.

This year will be the last for Hiawatha Collegiate High School students to attend the Northrop campus. In September, Hiawatha Academies acquired the property where it will build its permanent home for Hiawatha Collegiate High School. The new high school campus, located in the Longfellow neighborhood, is already under construction and is set to open in the fall of 2018. The campus will welcome over 400 scholars next school year, and will grow to a full capacity of 788 scholars and 84 staff over the next four years. The building project is part of Hiawatha Academies' strategic plan to grow to five schools serving 2,300 students in grades kindergarten through 12th grade.

"The future Hiawatha Collegiate High School campus ensures a college preparatory K-12 pathway for all Hiawatha scholars and families," said Hiawatha Academies' Chief Operating Officer, Sean Elder.

Hiawatha Academies' scholars have been engaged in shaping the vision for the high school building during the past three years. The building design includes learning spaces to support the full breadth of college preparatory programming: a state-of-the-art lecture hall, regulation high school soccer field, large gymnasium, atrium community spaces, and a mix of contemporary and historic architectural features, making for a one-of-a-kind experience.



Photo: Sue Filbin

As Hiawatha Academies fulfills its strategic plan to serve 2,300 K-12 students in five schools, by 2021, the Northrop campus will become a middle school for scholars in grades 5-8.

"Our scholars are so excited to move into their new home next year," stated Hiawatha Collegiate's Principal, Nicole Cooley. "Many of our scholars have been with Hiawatha Academies for a very long time and it's great to see that our first graduating class will have the opportunity to benefit from our long-term home."

The move of Hiawatha Collegiate scholars also launches the opening of the new Hiawatha College Prep – Northrop middle school. Next fall, the building that has hosted high schoolers for the past three years will welcome its first class of fifth graders.

In the 2018-19 school year, 90 5th graders will rise from the Hiawatha Leadership

Academy – Northrop campus 4th grade. The building, which was always planned as a long-term middle school campus, will grow by a grade each year until it reaches its full capacity in 2021 with grades 5th through 8th. As the network of schools continues to grow, the goal is to continue welcoming new neighborhood families into the schools.

"The Northrop building allowed for a strong start for our Hiawatha Collegiate High School program and we are excited to see it transition to our middle school program," states Elder. "We are truly grateful for the Field Regina Northrop community's ongoing support and look forward to continued collaboration and partnership in this next phase of growth." ❖

10th-annual
**Artists Boutique
by the Creek**
9 established local artists
*Saturday
November 11
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.*
5012-12th Ave. So.
612-382-6692

The logo for "Artists Boutique by the Creek" is set against a white background within a red-bordered box. It features a stylized house with a chimney at the top, followed by the text "ARTISTS BOUTIQUE BY THE CREEK" in a bold, sans-serif font. Below the text is a graphic of a bridge over a stream with water and rocks.

Make Your Walks Fun

By Marty Koessel, Chair, Community and Safety Committee

Does your little one complain about going for a walk with you, no matter how beautiful and sunny the day? Ours often does, but we've found a cool way to encourage him to escape with us. We make the walk a trash-collecting adventure. Just bring along a couple of bags, slip some garden gloves on your kid, and off you go. See how much you can both collect.

This sort of journey has numerous benefits:

- It keeps your neighborhood clean and attractive.
- You can gently teach your son or daughter about littering and recycling.
- You have fun, because your child has an exciting purpose for every step of the walk.

Give it a try. If your walk-protector is like ours, it's a lovely solution. ❖

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Business Committee | business@frnng.org

1st Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m., Turtle Bread Company, 48th and Chicago

Communications Committee | communications@frnng.org

2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m., Sovereign Grounds, 48th and Chicago.

Community and Safety Committee | communityandsafety@frnng.org

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, 48th and Chicago

Housing Committee | housing@frnng.org

1st Monday of each month at 7 p.m., Town Hall Tap, 48th & Chicago

Parks Committee | parks@frnng.org

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



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*25th Annual
Women's Art Festival*

Saturday, December 9th, 2017
9:30 am - 4:30 pm
Colin Powell Center
2924 4th Ave S, Minneapolis

130+ Artists, Food, Drink, Live Music
Free ramp parking • womensartfestival.com



Choli Merrill-Jaja Judy Anderson

2 important dates!

9th-Annual Night on 48th
Saturday, November 4
7–10 p.m. at
Turtle Bread Company

School-Pairing Anniversary
Thursday, November 9
6–8 p.m. at
Field Community School

See page 1 for information.

*Thank you for patronizing
our local businesses!*



November/December 2017



Reserve your spot now at the 9th-annual Night on 48th fundraiser – and fun event! See page 1 for the scoop.

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We welcome your comments, articles, and photos.
Please contact us by email: communications@frnng.org

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