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Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association



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SCNA Meetings: Open to the Public Residents Encouraged to Attend

All Meetings held at Creekview Park
5001 Humboldt Ave.N.
unless specified otherwise
Tues., Oct. 10th, SCNA Board meeting, 6:30-8:00 pm
Sat., Oct. 7th, Art Fair at the Warren, 10-6pm
Fri., Oct 13th, Workhouse Theatre Company Readings
of "Night Mother" 7:30pm at the Warren
Free bottle of wine at Rix Restaurant with purchase of
2 entrees. See www.thewarrenhabitat.com for full
details.

La Asociación del Vecindario de Shingle Creek se reune a las:

Tuesday, October 10th, 2006, 6:30 p.m.
Parque Creekview y Centro Recreativo
5001 Irving Avenue North
Todos los residentes son bienvenidos y se les
aconseja asistir. Cuestiones importantes del vecin-
dario que le afectan a usted se discutirán en estas
reuniones.

Lub Koom Haum Shingle Creek Neighborhood yuav muaj sib tham:

Tuesday, October 10th, 2006, 6:30 p.m.
Thaum 7 teev tsaus ntuj.
Ntawm Creekview Park and Recreation Center
5001 Irving Avenue North
Thov caw tag nrho cov pej xeem uas nyob hauv
cheeb tsam no tuaj koom.
Muaj ntau yam tseem teeb meem ceeb rau cov pej
xeem sib tham. Sib tham lwm zaus

SCNA wishes to thank our community
volunteers at the Camden Care Center at
4659 Lyndale and Shingle Creek Commons
at 4600 Humboldt N who help label
our 1300 SCNA newsletters monthly!

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Do you have a home improvement project planned?



*Windows/doors, *Roofs, *Furnaces,
*Siding/painting, *Garage improvements/
new garages, *Kitchens, *Driveways,
*Electrical, *Plumbing, *New additions/
finishing of unused space *Bathrooms
Is your project between \$1,000-\$10,000?
Would a loan from 0-4% help?

There are several SCNA home improvement programs
that help compliment the project with
the best funding options possible!
Shingle Creek residents are eligible for these
below market rate NRP funded home improvement
loans. Contact Jim Hasnik Center for Energy and
Environment at 612-335-5885. Call today !

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Next Newsletter deadline is October 15th

Don't Borrow Trouble Minnesota

Don't Borrow Trouble Minnesota is a coalition of over
60 organizations who have joined together to prevent
predatory lending in the Twin Cities. Don't Borrow
Trouble was pioneered in Boston by Mayor Thomas M.
Menino and the Massachusetts Community Banking
Council and is being expanded nationally by Freddie
Mac to 30 cities nationwide.

Consumers are encouraged to call the Don't Borrow
Trouble help line at 612-312-2020 for free advice
while purchasing a home, refinancing, consolidating
debt, taking out a home equity loan, or in need of
mortgage foreclosure prevention. Callers will either
be assisted directly through the help line, or referred
to non-profit housing agencies with expertise in
homeownership education and housing and financial
counseling. The Don't Borrow Trouble help line is
being hosted by the Greater Twin Cities United Way,
but will be answered as Don't Borrow Trouble.

HOW TO SPOT A PREDATORY LENDER

Unfortunately, predatory lenders do not have horns
and tails. They will seem like nice, friendly, helpful
people. They are trained to gain your trust. So, how
will you know one?

- 1) None of your questions get answered. Or their
answers don't really make sense. **A good lender
can explain your loan in everyday language.**
- 2) They pressure you to sign things before you're
ready or rush you through the paperwork. A good
lender wont pressure you.
- 3) They don't explain or tell you about all the costs
for getting a loan. **A good lender will explain the
costs and the services you're getting.**
- 4) Things change at the closing. You're not getting
the loan you were promised. Walk away. A good
lender will honor their commitments.
- 5) They want you to borrow more money than you
need. **A good lender will let you decide how
much money you borrow.**
- 6) They make you feel like you don't have other
choices, as if other lenders wont give you a loan.
A good lender will let you know you have options.
- 7) They give you a quick yes, but it may not be the

best loan for you. **A good lender will take time
to explore your options with you.**

- 8) You have a feeling something's just not right.
Listen to your instincts. **A good lender makes
you feel informed and confident.**

Don't let a predatory lender pressure you into a
costly loan. If you have questions about your loan,
call 612-312-2020 or visit www.dontborrowtroublemn.org for free advice. As a
public education campaign, we will provide you with
good information and help you understand your
options.

North Minneapolis Energy Fair Tuesday October 24th at Jenny Lind School 6-9 pm

5025 Bryant Avenue North
Presented by Center for Energy and Environment

Home Improvement Vendors
Free Seminars and Workshops

Special Guest Speaker: Will Steiger

Come and take the MN Energy Challenge!
www.mnenergychallenge.org

Learn how to reduce your home energy use,
improve your homes energy efficiency to re-
duce your heating bills and have fun compet-
ing against other neighborhoods to
reduce and conserve energy!

For more information contact Kristin
DeGrande at CEE 612-335-5881.

Bylaws Revisions to be Considered at SCNA Board Meeting October 10th

The Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association is seeking to
amend it's bylaws and will consider the following at their
next Board meeting:

Change ARTICLE IX and replace:

"The fiscal year shall be from July 1 to June 30" to read
"The fiscal year shall be from January 1, and ending
December 31st."

WORKHOUSE THEATRE COMPANY

The capacity crowd attending our reading of Anne Nelson's

9-11 themed "The Guys" was treated to a special visit and demonstration by Minneapolis Fire Department Captain John Romero and members of Humboldt Avenue's Fire Station #20 crew, September 8 at The Warren art gallery. In "The Guys," New York City fire captain, Nick (Mark Thiel), works with journalist, Joan (Elaine Thompson), individually recalling the men in his command who died in the World Trade Center tragedy, while attempting to prepare their eulogies.

Immediately following this intimate look into the lives of fallen heroes from that day, large bay doors were thrown open revealing the Minneapolis fire crew members and engine with lights flashing. The audience was surprised and offered up a spontaneous burst of applause to greet and pay tribute to the visitors. Arranged in advance, the firefighters and their rig pulled up, as quietly as is possible for a fire engine, in the final moments of the performance. The actors, having spent time with the firefighters at Station 20, were eager to demonstrate what they learned from the professionals.

Reader's Theatre is a new initiative for Workhouse Theatre Co. and a new experience for the Camden community. By partnering with The Warren we were able expose residents to an exciting new performance space and style. The utilitarian former garage bay, now artists work space, provides the right atmosphere for Reader's Theatre as audience members are placed right in the middle of a working artistic space. With a connection and history in the neighborhood The Warren's central garage highlights our mission to return theatre to its roots and explore the work in progress.

After the performance almost the entire audience headed across the street to Rix Bar & Restaurant for drinks, appetizers and good discussions about the state of arts in Camden.

CHECK OUT INSTALLMENT #2

'Night Mother by Marsha Norman

Friday, October 13th at 7:30
The Warren, 4400 Osseo Road, Minneapolis/Camden
Tickets are \$3.00 at the door

For more information visit our website at: <http://www.workhousetheatre.org>
Email: info@workhousetheatre.org

Mail: Workhouse Theatre Company, 4006 Vincent Ave N, MPLS, MN 55412

NRP Policy Board Neighborhood Representative Election Set for November 16

The process for the election of neighborhood representatives and alternates for seats on the 2007 NRP Policy Board is underway. Filing forms are also available at neighborhood organization offices, Minneapolis Public Libraries, the NRP Office, the Minneapolis City Clerk's Office, Room 304 in City Hall and at the League of Women Voters (LWV) of Minneapolis office. As in past elections, the LWV will be assisting in all aspects of the election process. Filing forms must be received by the LWV office no later than **noon on Friday, September 15, 2006.**

What is the NRP Policy Board?

The NRP Policy Board is the governing body of the NRP. Its members provide overall direction to the Program and are responsible for the review and approval of Neighborhood Action Plans. Neighborhood residents hold four of the 19 seats on the Board and serve for a one-year term. Policy Board meetings are typically held on the fourth Monday of each month from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Hennepin County Government Center.

Who is eligible to run for a seat on the Board?

Candidates seeking a term on the Policy Board must be a resident of the appropriate neighborhood category (i.e. protection, revitalization, redirection) for a minimum of 30 days prior to the election and be at least 21 years old when their term of office begins in January, 2007. A neighborhood representative and alternate will be elected for each of the three neighborhood categories (protection, revitalization, redirection). An at-large representative and alternate will also be elected.

Candidate forums and election proceedings set for Thursday, November 16, 2006

Each Minneapolis neighborhood organization will select an elector and alternate to vote on behalf of the neighborhood. Information on this process is being sent to each neighborhood organization. A Voter's Guide listing the candidates and their responses to several questions will also be prepared by NRP and the LWV and distributed in October. Election proceedings, including candidate forums, will be held from 6:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. on Thursday, November 16, 2005 at the Crown Roller Mill Building, 105 Fifth Ave S. For more information on the election, call the LWV office at 612-333-6319 or Carsten Slostad at 612-673-5150. The candidate forums and election proceedings are open to the public.

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Neighborhood Block Clubs Important Community Fabric

The Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association invites interested residents to attend the next training session and learn how to work effectively with the Minneapolis Police Department to make your block safer and friendlier. Contact SCNA to find out more about how to get started and when the next training session is for our neighborhood. We're working with CCP/Safe Shannon McDonough at 612-673-2805 for our neighborhood.

Learn:

- the benefits of starting a block club with your neighbors
- how to recruit neighbors to help you
- the role of a block leader
- to identify and resolve livability issues on your block

Plus...

- each new block leader receives a manual full of ideas and resource information for block clubs
- meet the CCP/SAFE team, the police officer and crime prevention specialist who work in your area

CCP/SAFE apartment or block clubs receive:

- periodic mailings to the block leader(s) with crime prevention information, success stories, and upcoming events
- assistance with neighborhood problems and issues
- incentives to newly organized block clubs
- funding to do projects with other blocks through the block connections program.

For individuals with disabilities:

If you need this material in Braille, large print, computer disk, or cassette tape, call 612-673-2912. Sign language interpreters available - call 612-673-3220 or 612-673-2626 (TTY).

Please allow two weeks for accommodation.

TRAINING BENEFITS MORE INFORMATION

If you are interested in starting a block or apartment club, call your police precinct SAFE Unit.

1st Precinct .. 612-673-2923 (direct line)

2nd Precinct 612-673-3204*

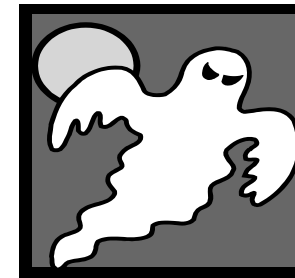
3rd Precinct 612-673-2955*

4th Precinct 612-673-2803**

5th Precinct 612-673-5585*

* For Precincts 2, 3 and 5, you will get a recording explaining how to reach the SAFE team that works in your neighborhood. The 1st Precinct is a direct line because there is only one SAFE team in that precinct.

** The 4th Precinct line is staffed by a receptionist during office hours.



Halloween at Creekview Park

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board will host safe, family friendly Halloween celebrations on

Saturday, October 28 through Tuesday, October 31, 2006. Free community parties featuring games, treat bags, and other fun activities will take place in parks across Minneapolis including Creekview Park at 5001 Humboldt Ave N on **Saturday, October 28, 2006 and Tuesday October 31st, 6-8:30pm**
Contact Jason Green at Creekview for further details 612-370-4965.

Ever thought about becoming a Block Club Leader?

Becoming a block club leader is one of the simplest things a resident can do to help connect neighbors and keep a neighborhood safe. Want to find out more? Call SCNA staff today to find out more! 763-561-1616! Or email us at scna@stribmail.com.