



SENA NEWS

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New Neighborhood Business Association

One of the goals of SENA's Great Streets Business Support Grant (with partner Redesign) is to help start a neighborhood business association. (See the President's Column in the August/September issue of *SENA News* for more information about the grant.)

The business association is off to a good start. There have been three meetings so far. The group is already working on marketing and promotional materials, as well as putting together a structure for future work. If you're a neighborhood business owner or manager and you'd like to join in, please contact the SENA office (721-1601) for meeting times.

SENA Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association was held Sept. 14 in the recreation building at Lake Hiawatha Park. Neighborhood residents gathered for refreshments and conversation before the meeting. Ice cream was generously provided by Grand Ole Creamery (4737 Cedar Ave. S.), popcorn by Dave's Popcorn and Carmel Corn (1848 E. 38th St.), and cookies by Providence Place (3720 23rd Ave. S.).

The meeting began with the introduction of several public officials. Then Karen

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SENA Bike Racks Installed



Twenty-five hitch-style bike racks are now available at businesses throughout the neighborhoods. The first two racks were installed by the Dero Bike Rack Co. on Aug. 7 (right). A very big thank you to volunteer Matt Bakker (left, pictured by Bill St. Mane's Sporting Goods, 4159 28th Ave. S.) for all of his work in seeing this project through to completion. This project was paid for by SENA's Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Phase II funds.

Ranked Choice Voting—Coming November 3

It's that time again! The 2009 local elections are just around the corner. When Minneapolis voters cast their ballots on Tues., Nov. 3, they will notice a change. This will be the first year the city of Minneapolis will use ranked choice voting (RCV).

Back in 2006, Minneapolis voters approved an amendment establishing RCV (78,741 out of 149,318 ballots cast voted yes to the amendment). Because of this change, there is no need for a primary election. Now voters will cast their votes only on Nov. 3, selecting their first, second, and third choices, in order of preference. This change also means that voters will see more names on the ballot since the primary elections would typically weed out those candidates who didn't receive enough votes.

The city has been working to educate voters on what RCV is and how it works. City officials are doing this via an outreach effort called Ranked Choice Voting Minneapolis. As part of this outreach, each polling place will have posters and other visual aids that demonstrate how to vote, ballots will have instructions printed on them, and election judges will be available to answer voters' questions.

Ranked choice voting will apply only to local city elections. All county, state, and federal elections will follow Minnesota Statutes and Rules and, therefore, will not utilize RCV. That means voters can't rank their choices for offices such as president of the United States and governor of Minnesota.

On the November ballot, residents will vote for mayor, council members (13 wards), board of estimate and taxation members (two at-large seats), and park and recreation board members (three at-large seats and six district seats). The Standish and Ericsson neighborhoods encompass wards 9 and 12 and park district 5.

More information on ranked choice voting is available by calling 3-1-1 or by going to the following Web sites:

- <http://www.voteminneapolis.org/about.html>
- <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/elections/elections-works.asp>

Where Is It? (No. 18)



Where is this bridge and where would it take you? The answer is on page 7.

Neighbor to Neighbor

- The Bakers on 29th Ave. S. say, "Thank you Dan, Vicky, and Olivia, for sharing your wonderful garden bounty with us!"
- Vivian extends gratitude and thanks to Jane and Danny for over 30 years of being the best neighbors ever!
- Judy thanks neighbor Burt for supplying her with just the right shade of paint for doing touch-up work on her garage (and for working hard to get that old paint-can lid off!).

If you would like to recognize the thoughtfulness of a neighbor, send an e-mail to office@standish-ericsson.org with "Thank You" in the subject line.

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Community Events Calendar

Roosevelt Community Library (4026 28th Ave. S.) open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

October

- 1 Congregate dining and blood pressure checks, Holy Cross Lutheran Church (1720 E. Minnehaha Pkwy.), 12:00 noon. (See p. 4.)
- 5 Roosevelt High School (4029 28th Ave. S.), Parents' Meeting, Media Center, 6:00 p.m.
- 6 Senior congregare dining, Sibley Park (19th Ave. S. and E. 40th St.), 11:30 a.m. (See p. 4.)
- 8 Low Vision Support Group, Ebenezer Lutheran Church (1830 E. 41st St.), 10:00 a.m. (See p. 6.)
- 9 Roosevelt High School Homecoming: Game vs. Southwest, 5:00 p.m.; Dance, 7:30 p.m.
- 12 SENA Board meeting, 1830 E. 42nd St., 7:00 p.m., handicapped accessible
- 20 Senior congregare dining, Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 12:30 p.m., followed by a short program and blood pressure checks
- 27 Senior blood pressure checks, Standish Green (2210 E. 40th St.), 12:00 noon
Last Tuesday for Midtown Farmers' Market. (See p. 5.)
Computer basics class, Lake Hiawatha Park (27th Ave. S. and E. 44th St.), 2:00-4:00 p.m. (See p. 4.)
- 28 Nokomis Healthy Seniors Health Program: "Cooking for One," Faith Lutheran Church (3430 E. 51st St.), 1:30 p.m.
- 29 Caregiver Support Group, Bethel Lutheran Church (4120 17th Ave. S.), 1:00 p.m.
- 31 Last Saturday for Midtown Farmers' Market. (See p. 5.)
Family Halloween party at Minnehaha Falls Park Pavilion (4801 Minnehaha Ave. S.), 4:00-6:00 p.m. (See p. 4.)

November

- 3 City elections. Get out and vote! (See p. 1.)
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Two New Murals Painted



In late summer, neighbors gathered to paint murals on the fence at Flag Foods (2820 E. 42nd St., upper photos) and on the side of the Nokomis Pet Clinic building (2917 E. 42nd St., lower photos). To create the Nokomis Pet Clinic mural, neighbors were asked to submit artwork of their own pets, which was then incorporated into the mural. In the Flag Foods mural, animals emerge from magic seeds, based on a classic Spanish children's story. The mural painting was organized by SENA's Graffiti Task Force.

SENA Annual Meeting

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Notsch and Sue Roethle, CCP/SAFE community liaisons for the Standish and Ericsson neighborhoods, respectively, presented information about the Community Policing Survey and explained how residents can share their opinions. Eddie Landenberger, from Redesign, and Lea Johnson, SENA's outgoing president, presented an update on the support activities for businesses (recruitment, marketing help, and upgrading exteriors) under way through SENA's partnership on the Great Streets Business Support Grant.

During the business portion of the meeting, two new board members were elected to serve a three-year term. They are Rachel Fang and John Haupt. Newly elected officers are Tom Evers, president; Sam Newberg, vice president; John Saunders, treasurer; and Deanna Croes, secretary.

An elector and alternate from each neighborhood were elected to represent their neighborhoods at the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board elections on Nov. 19. Those representatives are Rachel Fang from Standish, with Lea Johnson as alternate, and Deanna Croes from Ericsson, with Jeff Smith as alternate.

Neighbors voted to approve adjustments to SENA's NRP Plans, namely, to redirect \$108,762 to cover the 2010 budget for staff, office, *SENA News*, and community events.

The meeting took place just as this issue of *SENA News* was going to press. More details and photos will be in the next issue.

Committee UPDATES

Business, Development, and Transportation Committee (1st Thursday, 6:30 p.m.)

- After nearly two years of hard work, waiting, and frustrations, we were thrilled to see the bike racks finally installed in August. (See photos on page 1.)

Work on the Great Streets Business Support grant activities continues. A business association has been formed (see article on page 1), a survey was conducted to gather input on what businesses people would like to see in the neighborhoods, and several businesses have received consultation services. There is more work to be done to complete our work through this grant.

This group also continues to review any development proposals and variance or conditional use permit requests. New members are always welcome.

Communications Committee

- The Newsletter Subcommittee meets every two months to plan the next issue of *SENA News* and then carries out the writing and production of the newsletter. We met with representatives from the Bancroft Neighborhood Association to share our process for producing a neighborhood newsletter. If you have ideas for stories for *SENA News*, please let us know.

Housing Committee (4th Monday)

- If you are concerned about properties in the neighborhood, either because of deteriorating condition or detrimental behavior, please call the SENA office (721-1601). The issue will be investigated by the SENA Problem Property Caucus, which includes members of the Minneapolis Police, Fire, and Inspections departments, and City Council offices.

Quality of Life Committee (As Needed)

- Our committee approved offering \$1,000 grants to the three public schools in our neighborhoods (Roosevelt High School, Folwell Middle School, and Northrop Urban Environmental Learning Center). The grants are to be used to improve school-community relations. Projects may include improved landscaping, improvements to playgrounds that are used by the public after school hours, special events that are open to the public, or other appropriate projects. (This committee will meet on an ad hoc basis through the winter months.)

Graffiti Task Force (3rd Tuesday)

- We would like to thank the Athwin Foundation, Valspar Paint, and the City of Minneapolis for providing the materials we needed to create the many unique murals in the neighborhoods.

See the photos on this page.



Going Green with Gadgets

by Tracy Phan

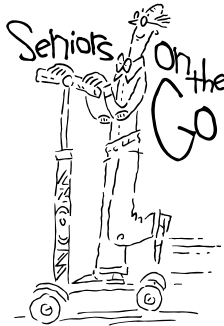
You want to buy a new cell phone. You consider all the bells and whistles you might want on a new phone, but do you think about how you can be more environmentally friendly with your choice? There are currently 700 million used cell phones in the United States, and each of the over 140 million cell phone users switches to a new phone every 14 to 18 months. That's a lot of phones! Only 9.4% of Americans recycled their cell phones last year; 36.8% stuck them in a drawer somewhere; and 10.2% threw them in a bin or declared them lost. Your choice can help make a difference.

There are several ways you can lessen the environmental impact your cell phone choice has on the planet. Consider buying a refurbished phone or a phone made from recycled/recyclable materials. Be sure to take advantage of free recycling programs. Most of the big-box retailers and the major cell-service providers offer such programs. Check out Energy Star specifications or *Consumer Reports* for help on choosing a phone; they will help you make the smartest choice. You can even make money from your old phone. If your phone is relatively new, there are companies that will buy it if it still has usable parts or can be refurbished and sold. Donating your phone to a charity like CollectiveGood is also a great option.

The above suggestions can apply not only to a new phone purchase but also to any electronic gadget. Each gadget may not seem like much on its own, but when you add up all the electronics we use in our everyday lives, they make a significant adverse impact on our environment. Let's do our part and go "green" with our gadgets. It's eco-chic to do so.

Senior Activities

Activities for seniors that occur on specific dates are listed in the calendar on page 2. The following are recurring social activities. (1) Congregate dining 12:00 noon Monday-Friday, Holy Cross Lutheran Church (1720 E. Minnehaha Pkwy.). Call 729-6668 two days ahead. \$3 donation requested. (2) Creativity and Conversation, an art group for women, at Bethel Lutheran Church every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Bring whatever project you would like to work on. There will be coffee and treats and, of course, good conversation. (3) Seniors Card Club at the Hiawatha YMCA (4100 28th Ave. S., 729-7397), every Monday (12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m.). Call Dori Brandon (821-2976) for more information. (4) Senior Ladies Social (formerly Crafty Ladies) at Sibley Park (19th Ave. S. and E. 40th St., 370-4954) on Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Come down to the computer lab room to chat, have some laughs, and share great discussions over coffee and homemade treats. (5) Coffee, Cards, and Conversation at Lake Hiawatha Park (27th Ave. S. and E. 44th St.), Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (6) The Nurse Is In at Bethel Lutheran Church (4120 17th Ave. S., 724-3693) on Thursday mornings. Seniors can chat over coffee and cake, have a blood pressure check, or schedule a pedicure.



Events at the Parks

Sibley Park (19th Ave. S. and E. 40th St., 370-4954)

Preschool programs include Busy Bees (4- and 5-year-olds, Monday-Wednesday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) and Rainbow Kids (3- and 4-year-olds, Tuesday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.). Preschoolers will join Diane to enjoy music, letter/number/shape recognition, storytelling, creative movement, art projects, and playground time, all coordinated by weekly themes.

For after-school child care, there's Recreation Plus (2:00-6:00 p.m.). Working parents searching for an affordable, quality, school-age child care program need look no further! RecPlus is for children in grades K-6.

New for adults and seniors is Walkin' Workout! It will be held on Saturdays beginning Oct. 10 (12:30-1:15 p.m.) and on Wednesdays beginning Oct. 7 (1:30-2:15 p.m.). Don't let the title discourage you. This class is a gentle, safe, and effective form of exercise that will help you burn fat naturally while having fun! Walk 1, 2, or 3 miles using a taped exercise routine. Come one or both days for the same price of \$5.

Senior luncheons are held the first Tuesday of the month (11:30 a.m.) except for Nov. 3 (election day; the park is a polling site). In November, the luncheon will be on the 10th. The cost is \$5; call ahead for reservations or get on the mailing list.

Lake Hiawatha Park (27th Ave. S. and E. 44th St., 370-4930)

On Fridays, the park has a drop-in class for preschool children from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and every week has a different theme. The class is \$13 per day, but children must preregister before the actual Friday they attend. On Mondays from Oct. 25 to Nov. 23, join Ms. Jenny for a preschool class called Mondays Just for ME. In this class (9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.), preschoolers will do crafts, play with friends, listen to stories, do science experiments and math activities, play organized games, and run around. Children need to bring a lunch and dress for the weather. They must be toilet-trained and able to use the bathroom independently. The cost is \$70.

A free computer basics class, offered on Oct. 27, Nov. 3, and Nov. 10 (2:00-4:00 p.m.), is open to anyone. This is a beginner's course! It will introduce learners to the fundamental software and hardware necessary to run a computer, the different parts and functions of a computer, basic computer terminology (username, desktop/app launcher, icon, menu, task bar, cursor, etc.), how to save a file to a drive, how to open a saved file, etc. If you are computer-shy, this class is for you.

Yoga instruction is offered every Saturday morning from 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

For Both Parks

Wear your costume and come to a family Halloween party at Minnehaha Falls Park Pavilion (4801 Minnehaha Ave. S.) on Sat., Oct. 31, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. There will be child-friendly musical entertainment, hayrides, creepy crawly creatures to check out (courtesy of the Park Board naturalist program), fortunes told, marshmallow roasting, and a trail full of costumed characters to visit for trick-or-treating! Food and refreshments will be sold. Cost: \$2 per person.

Business Feature

Madina's Automotive: Friendly Service with No Surprises

by Nykol Johnson



Madina's Automotive, 3701 Cedar Ave. S.

Mohamad Ameerally (pronounced *am-ear-alley*) has been working on cars for 15 years, gaining his experience by helping out in a friend's shop. He has an associate of applied science in automotive technology degree, and he's an automotive master technician. Mohamad always wanted his own automotive business. Two years ago, he and his wife, Tara, purchased the shop at 3701 Cedar Ave. S. and lovingly named it after their youngest daughter, Madina.

Since purchasing Madina's, the Ameerallys have worked hard to make improvements to the building and property. They started from the inside and worked their way out. The first thing the Ameerallys did was gut the interior, which gave them room to add a customer lobby, a new office, and a new bathroom. As part of the interior remodel, they also added a new front door and a new window, and they painted the lobby a refreshing yellow.

The Ameerallys recently completed work to the outside of the property, including new paint and a new parking lot. They have also added landscaping, a fence, and columns with large globe lights. These improvements were all done to make the

property look attractive and as a way to discourage vandalism to Madina's and nearby properties. "I think [the improvements] beautified the neighborhood and the corner," said Mohamad.

Madina's Automotive is a full-service auto shop, servicing foreign and domestic cars. When I asked Mohamad what sets Madina's apart from other automotive shops, he said he was proud of the good customer service his business offers. Mohamad listens to his customers and works with them to meet their needs. He arranges the price first and, if something comes up while the work is being done, he always contacts the customer to make sure it's work the customer wants done. No surprises. On top of great customer service (including free coffee in the winter), Madina's offers fair, competitive pricing and a nationwide service warranty. Walk-ins are welcome, but "appointments are greatly appreciated," Mohamad told me with a smile.

Mohamad and Tara Ameerally have three daughters (Nadira, Shelly, and Madina) and two grandchildren (Shaan and Trinity).

Madina's Automotive, 3701 Cedar Ave. S., (612) 722-7031. Open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Sundays.

Mohamad, Tara, and Madina Ameerally, and Toolsie Himraj (Tara's mother)



Morris Park Players to Present *Beauty and the Beast*

Fun, affordable entertainment is closer than you think! This November, Morris Park Players (MPP) Community Theater performs the enchanting fairy-tale-musical *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*, based on the Academy-Award-winning movie. All performances are in the auditorium of Folwell Middle School (3611 20th Ave. S.).

Beauty and the Beast will run Fri., Nov. 6, 13, and 20, and Sat., Nov. 7, 14, and 21, at 7:30 p.m. There will also be a show on Sun., Nov. 15, at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 (\$12 for children and seniors). Bring this article and receive \$3 off one adult admission. Audience members are encouraged to bring school supplies for Folwell students.

Last season, over 2,500 people enjoyed MPP's rousing productions of *Oliver!* and *Fiddler on the Roof*. This year, MPP invites the audience to an opening-night celebration in recognition of indefatigable local volunteer Art Dubé as he enters his 50th year of service to the theater!

Morris Park Players has been presenting quality musical theater to audiences in south Minneapolis since 1952. The company welcomes neighborhood volunteers on and off the stage. For

more details about the season and the theater, visit www.MorrisParkPlayers.org.

Midtown Farmers' Market Open Through October

The Midtown Farmers' Market (E. Lake St. and 22nd Ave. S.) will continue to offer a wide variety of fresh produce, local arts and crafts, music, and prepared foods and drinks on Saturdays through Oct. 31 (8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.) and Tuesdays through Oct. 27 (3:30–7:30 p.m.). Come for breakfast, lunch, or children's story time and stock up on fine fruits, vegetables, and flowers. The market maintains an up-to-date Web site at <http://www.midtownfarmersmarket.org> to let you know what events are coming next.

A fundraiser for the market will be held on Sat., Nov. 14, at the Minneapolis Eagles Club (2507 E. 25th St.) from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A farmers' market will be held in the parking lot (or inside, depending on the weather) from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Inside, musicians from the market will perform. There will be food, a bake sale, and other activities to be announced. Watch for details at the market.

Look for the market to open at the same site next May.

Neighborhood Feature

Community Garden Coming

by Ann King

If all goes well, the Standish and Ericsson neighborhoods will have a community garden next spring. A group of residents, known informally as the Standish Ericsson Community Garden Planning Group, has been working toward this goal for nearly a year. The group has identified a site, a triangular lot in the 4100 block of 32nd Ave. S., along the light rail line, and is working to lease it from the owner, the Minnesota Department of Transportation. The SENA Board has agreed to be the fiscal agent for the project.

A community garden is a space divided into plots in which individuals or families plant vegetables and flowers. Each pays a small amount per year to cover necessary expenses (e.g., fencing, a shed for tools, some liability insurance). In areas like Standish and Ericsson that have small back yards, a community garden gives people the opportunity to grow more and larger produce. It builds community because the gardeners come from different parts of the neighborhood and may be from different ethnic cultures. It increases safety by being a place where people are outside paying attention to what goes on in that part of the neighborhood. Many other neighborhoods in Minneapolis have community gardens.

These were some of the advantages mentioned when the topic of a community garden came up on the Minneapolis Standish Ericsson Neighbors Forum (<http://e-democracy.org/se>) about this time last year. So many people were excited about a garden that several meetings were held during the winter to discuss the possibilities. Sarah Claassen, from the Land Stewardship Project,

a nonprofit organization that has helped other neighborhoods with similar gardens, helped to set up the meetings and guide the group through the process of identifying the land and working with the various agencies that need to be involved. Eventually, the plan is for SENA to sign a lease on behalf of the garden group. Before that happens, a community meeting is planned so that everyone in the neighborhoods is informed.

The planning group has many details to think about yet. A source of water must be secured (probably from the nearby hydrant, if the city agrees). The size of the plots, and therefore how many people will be able to have one, has not yet been determined. However, the site was chosen because it is quite large, as well as flat, sunny, and empty. Standish and Ericsson residents will have first pick of the plots.

The people involved in the planning are very excited about the project. Rachel Fang, who has been a supporter from the beginning, has "met so many new people!" Laura Hansen, another member of the planning group, says, "Think of all the happy gardeners watching our neighborhood and using the land in an environmentally sound way!"



This is the proposed garden site, looking southeast from the corner of 32nd Ave. S. and E. 41st St. The light rail line (electricity lines visible in the background) cuts it into a triangular lot.

Presidents Message

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- along with the Corcoran Neighborhood Association, organized a neighborhood garage sale involving 176 households
- obtained grant money to provide matching funds of \$17,141 to six businesses, with total project investments of \$60,552

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as board president this past year. I look forward to continuing my volunteerism as the chair of the Business Node/Corridor Development Steering Committee. I am excited about what SENA has accomplished, and I anticipate even more accomplishments as neighbors come together to make Standish and Ericsson an even better place to live, work, and play.

Low Vision Support Group

Nokomis Healthy Seniors (NHS) collaborates with Vision Loss Resources to host a Low Vision Support Group. The group meets on the second Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Ebenezer Lutheran Church (1830 E. 41st St.). Julie Rindelaub of Vision Loss Resources facilitates the discussion.

Vision Loss Resources is a wonderful resource for people facing changes in their vision. The staff go out to the home of a senior experiencing vision changes, do an assessment, make recommendations, and arrange for equipment the senior may need.

Don and Mavis Yerks, two NHS volunteers, assist with the group. Coffee and treats are served during the meeting. If you would like to know more about the Low Vision Support Group or need a ride to attend, please call the NHS office at 729-5499.

Did You Know?

- If you would like to get regular crime information for your area, you can sign up for nixle.com. You just need to enter the boundaries for the area you want to follow. Updates come by computer or cell phone. Nixle.com is a standardized, secure platform that allows police departments and other municipal agencies to communicate with community members. It is being used by cities around the nation, including Minneapolis. This new, free system is recommended by our crime prevention specialist, Karen Notsch.

SENA News gratefully acknowledge a donation from:

Lake Hiawatha Festival



Neighbors enjoyed an evening of food and fun at the Lake Hiawatha Festival on Aug. 5. The winners of the Family Fitness Contest were first place, Matt and Alexys Duffy; second place, Scott, Carmen, Lauren, and Emma Schluter; and third place, Adam and Gwen Swirtz. The winners of the Talent Show were first place, Jude O'Neal; second place, Anna Cordon; and third place, Kiara Burgess.

The festival organizers say thank you to...

- Barb Venovich for helping with ticket sales
- Minnesota Thunder for providing entertainment
- Sybylla Yeoman Hendrix for helping out at the SENA table and with photography

Roosevelt Library Events

4026 28th Ave. S., 952-847-2700, www.hclib.org

Roosevelt Library is now open Wednesdays, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.! The expanded hours are a result of the closing of Nokomis Library for renovation.

Special Events

LEGO® Mania! Thurs., Oct. 8. Take the LEGO challenge! Get together with your friends and build wild creations beyond your imagination!

Teen Research Tips. Tues., Oct. 20, 3:00–5:00 p.m. Got a project coming up? Not finding what you need by Googling? Check out the amazing resources at the library: online databases, recommended Web site links, and, oh yeah, books! Registration required.

www.bookspace.org Workshop. Tues., Oct. 6, 6:30–7:30 p.m. Use this innovative Hennepin County Library site to create your own booklist. Registration required.

Gift Books for Kids and Teens. Tues., Nov. 3, 6:00 p.m. Inspire a love of reading by giving the perfect book to that special baby, child, or teenager in your life. A librarian will lead this lively and informative book talk.

Ongoing Events

Baby Story Time. Thurs., Oct. 8, 3:30 p.m. For children from birth to 24 months. Delight and stimulate your baby's senses and build brain power with books and music.

Family Story Time. Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. For children ages 2 and up. Share books, stories, rhymes, music, and movement with your children.

Puzzlemania! Thurs., Oct. 15, Nov. 19. Enjoy a variety of educational and fun puzzles and games!

Book Clubs

Graphic Novel Book Club. Tues., Oct. 13, Nov. 10, 3:15–4:15 p.m. For teens in grade 9 and up. Join lively discussions of the best in graphic novels and manga. Held at Dream Haven Books and Comics, 2301 E. 38th St.

Real Life Teen Book Club. Thurs., Oct. 8, Nov. 12, 4:00–5:00 p.m. For teens in grades 6–8. The group talks about the best in realistic teen fiction—books you'll want to share with your friends!

Mystery Book Club for Adults. Tues., Oct. 20, 6:30 p.m.

National Night Out



Neighbors throughout the Standish and Ericsson neighborhoods got together for block parties on National Night Out, Aug. 4. Many parties, like this one on the 3700 block of Longfellow Ave. S., were held in the street.

Answer to Where Is It? (No. 18)

This bridge crosses Minnehaha Creek near the intersection of 36th Ave. S. and Crosby Pl. It provides a quick route to the 46th St. light-rail station for residents south of the creek.



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President's Corner **Lea Johnson**

Dear Neighbors,

The Annual Meeting on Sept. 14 was my last report to the neighborhood as SENA board president. I am proud of what SENA accomplished over the last year, in spite of a shrinking organizational budget. It is especially impressive when I consider that the organization depends on volunteers working in their spare time and that it has only two part-time staff people.

Here are a few of our accomplishments:

- provided low-interest loans to 10 homeowners in Standish and Ericsson, totaling \$49,372 and leveraging \$101,200 in home improvements
- installed 25 bike racks at 14 business locations to

- encourage bicycle use in the neighborhoods
- painted murals at Nokomis Pet Clinic and Flag Foods on 42nd Street to deter graffiti
- resolved behavioral and structural issues at 10 "problem properties," in collaboration with the Minneapolis Police, Fire, and Inspections departments and City Council offices
- facilitated an Earth Day cleanup; approximately 130 volunteers picked up garbage in our parks and along the creek

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Volunteers: The People Who Make It Happen

Thanks to all of you who contributed your time, energy, care, and concern over the past year. You are what keeps SENA going! (Please let us know if we missed anyone.)

Robert Atkinson	Deanna Croes*	Emily Hennemann	Wendy McNiff	Tracy Phan	Jeff Smith*
Glenn Austin & family	Amos Deinard	Jessica Hill*	Melissa Meinke	John Pignatello*	Heidi Sonstebly-Naughton
Matt Bakker	Maggie Dykes*	Ed Hoch	Erik Mitchell	Kelly Richey	Anthony Thompson
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