



Hiawatha Heart Warmer, February 11



The annual Lake Hiawatha Heart Warmer is our neighborhood's fun winter carnival, offering free hayrides around Lake Hiawatha, free hotdogs and veggie dogs, live music, a bonfire for roasting marshmallows, ice skating games and prizes, and a kids' DJ to help keep the party going. Now in its fourth year, the Lake Hiawatha Heart Warmer showcases the many small, independently owned businesses that keep our community vibrant. Last year, the Heart Warmer attracted nearly 1,000 people, who traveled from within a few blocks to as far out as Forest Lake and Chaska. As the event grows each year, so does the need for volunteers and business participation. To learn more about participating as a business, a community group, or an individual, go to the Lake Hiawatha Heart Warmer website at www.HiawathaHeart.org or call the SENA office (721-1601).

Winter Adult Education

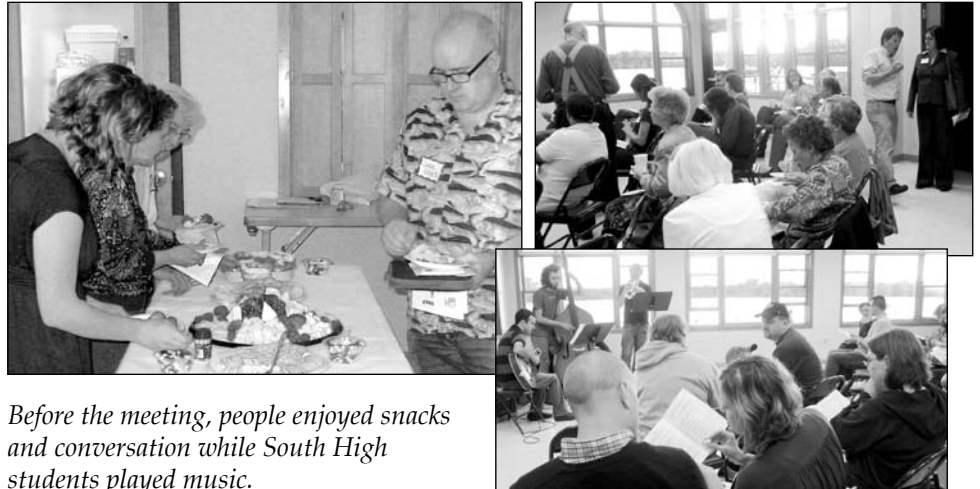
Minneapolis Community Education's new adult enrichment class session is fast approaching. A citywide flyer with a full list of classes will arrive in your mailbox around the December holidays. Winter session starts Mon., Jan. 30, and online registration begins Jan. 9. Visit www.mplscommunityed.com to register or call (612) 668-4828.

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Big Ideas and Good Neighbors at SENA Meeting



Before the meeting, people enjoyed snacks and conversation while South High students played music.

The SENA Annual Meeting on Oct. 3 was a lively affair at which six residents each presented an idea for how to spend \$1,000 to improve the community. That amount was promised by SENA to the person (and four helpers) whose Big Idea won the most votes from attendees. The winning idea was to build raised garden beds at the Southside Star Community Garden so that people with disabilities and seniors with mobility problems can participate in gardening. Several people signed up to help make this idea a reality. Other ideas that garnered a high number of votes involved putting up art or signage to give the neighborhoods a "brand" and building bat houses by Lake Hiawatha.

In addition to the Idea Auction, the meeting featured the presentation of SENA's first annual Good Neighbor Award. Read more about the award on page 4.

The election of SENA Board members resulted in three new members (Christopher Lautenschlager, Thomas Berndt, and Owen Bratten) and two returning ones (Deanna Croes and Sam Newberg). (See their biographies on page 3.) Tom Evers, Jessica Hall, and Jen Newberg finished their terms and stepped down, with thanks from all present. The Board elected its officers after the meeting: Sam Newberg, president; Amy Lawler, vice president; Susan Fall, secretary; and Deanna Croes, treasurer.

Before the meeting, while people were assembling and having refreshments, three very talented South High students played music: Anders Nelson, guitar; Joe Suihkonen, trumpet; and Sam Wildenauer, bass. Outgoing president Tom Evers reported on SENA's activities in the past year, and City Council Member Sandy Colvin Roy spoke briefly.

Roosevelt Library Update

Roosevelt Library (4026 28th Ave. S.) will close for renovation, rehabilitation, and expansion in early spring 2012 and reopen in summer 2013.

At a community meeting on Nov. 1, Tim McIlwain of HCM Architects reviewed site and floor plans for the Roosevelt project. He described how input from neighborhood residents via public meetings and surveys influenced the design.

One of the biggest changes will be the addition of a multipurpose room for library programming and community meetings. The remodeled library will feature flexible, family-friendly interior space with lots of natural light and cozy reading areas. The exterior will be restored to the library's original 1927 appearance.

Architect drawings are on display at the library or on <http://www.hclib.org/cac/?BlogPostID=96>.

Where Is It? (No. 31)



More correctly, where are they? In 1996, SENA installed at least 18 of these gateway signs welcoming people to the neighborhood as part of its Neighborhood Revitalization Program Phase I plan. How many can you find? (Hint: At least two are now misplaced on the east side of Hiawatha Ave., which used to be officially part of our neighborhoods.) No answer to the puzzle is given this time. SENA staff would like to hear from you when you locate the signs. Results will be printed in a future issue.

SENA Says Thanks to

Caribou Coffee (4745 Cedar Ave. S.) for donating coffee for the annual meeting and Visual Expressions (4009 Minnehaha Ave. S.) for donating notepads with the SENA logo. Also, thanks to Lake Hiawatha Park for the use of the meeting room.

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Community Events Calendar

December 2011

- 1 Congregate dining and blood pressure checks, Holy Cross Lutheran Church (1720 E. Minnehaha Pkwy.), 12:00 noon. (See p. 7.)
- 6 Senior congregate dining, Sibley Park (19th Ave. S. and E. 40th St.), 11:30 a.m. (See p. 7.)
Senior Expo and Wellness Fair, The Waters of Minnehaha (3733 23rd Ave. S.). Exhibitors in audiology, massage, dentistry, estate planning, and other areas, 1:00–4:00 p.m.
- 8 Low Vision Support Group, Nokomis Square Cooperative (5015 35th Ave. S.), 10:00 a.m.
- 12 SENA Board meeting, 1830 E. 42nd St., 7:00 p.m., handicapped accessible
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- 26 Caregiver Support Group, Bethel Lutheran Church (4120 17th Ave. S.), 1:00 p.m.
- 28 Sibley Sno Daze Family Event, Sibley Park, 9:30–11:00 a.m. (See p. 7.)

More Multiple-Unit Construction Under Way

*The Station 38 Apartments
being constructed on 29th Ave.
now overlook the 38th St.
light-rail station.*



Construction has started on the Oaks Station Place apartment and retail space that will surround the 46th St. light-rail station. The work is along 46th St. near the station entrance.

Neighbor to Neighbor

Nikki and Gary of 38th St. would like to thank their neighbor, Lou, for all he does. He often snowblows the entire block in the wintertime and even mows the grassy area between the back fence and the alley. Thank you, Lou!

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.

Meet New SENA Board Members

Three new members were elected to the SENA Board of Directors at the annual meeting in October.



Chris Lautenschlager originally moved to Minneapolis in 1993, graduating from the University of Minnesota in 1999. After attending graduate school in New York, Chris returned to Minneapolis in 2005. He now works as a cataloger of federal government publications at the University of Minnesota's Wilson Library. Chris and his wife, April Hamlin, an attorney, live in the Ericsson Neighborhood with their 10-month-old daughter, Hazel. Chris

wants to help our neighborhoods retain the businesses already here and make conditions favorable to attract and sustain new businesses as well.

Owen Braaten grew up in western Minnesota and, after moving around for a few years after college, ended up back in Minneapolis. He has lived in the Ericsson Neighborhood since 2005 with his wife, Debra. Currently, he works at Ameriprise Financial in downtown Minneapolis as a managed account representative. He and Debra have two children, Sam and Nadia, and love to take advantage of the lakes and parks, one of which is only two blocks from their home. They try to squeeze in as many camping trips as they can during the summers. Their block has recently had an influx of parents with small kids, which is great to see in the neighborhood. He would like to help the continuing development of the small business community in our neighborhoods, to ensure the future of our thriving, family-oriented community.



Tom Berndt, a lifelong Minnesotan, earned a bachelor's degree from St. John's University in Collegeville and a law degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul. Tom currently works as an attorney at the Minneapolis firm of Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi L.L.P. Tom and his wife, Carrie, recently had their first child, Oscar. The three live on the 2400 block of 43rd St. and are often seen walking their dog, Wally, throughout the Standish and Ericsson neighborhoods.

Tom hopes to sustain and build upon the character, beauty, and community feel that drew him and Carrie to this unique part of Minneapolis.

Did You Know?

- Colossal Cafe will open a second site at 2315 Como Ave. in St. Paul. The projected opening date is Dec. 1. The current site at 1839 E. 42nd St. is not going away and will continue to operate on its current schedule.
- The former Country Boy store at E. 42nd St. and Cedar Ave. S. has been purchased and will become a Hispanic party store. The owner has another store on Lake St.

Committee UPDATES

The Business, Development, and Transportation Committee meets the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Meetings are held as needed for the Communications Committee, Newsletter Subcommittee, Graffiti Task Force, Housing Committee, and Quality of Life Committee. Call the office (721-1601) for more information.

Meetings are generally held at the SENA Office, 1830 E. 42nd St.

The People Who Make It Happen

SENA thanks the following volunteers who contributed their time, energy, care, and concern over the past year. Where would we be without you!

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SENA's 2011 Good Neighbor Award

This fall, the Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association sponsored its first-ever Good Neighbor Award. People were invited to nominate residents who exemplify SENAs mission of building on the strengths of the Standish and Ericsson neighborhoods—stability, diversity, and concern for others. A SENA committee reviewed the nine nominations and chose two winners: April and Tessa Silver and Steven Clift.

April and Tessa Silver are known on their block for their spirit of hospitality and generosity. They introduce neighbors to each other, provide space for the National Night Out block party, and organize meals and other projects to aid families in need. April also helped to create a block listserv on which neighbors share everything from information on winter parking restrictions to surplus garden vegetables.

Steven Clift, the founder and executive director of E-democracy.org, volunteers his time as moderator of the Standish-Ericsson group on E-democracy. With approximately 850 members, the online forum brings together neighbors from across many blocks to chat about airport noise, lost and found pets, home repairs, property taxes, potluck dinners, and much, much more. Steven suggests topics for discussion, moves conversations along, and sees that people follow guidelines for good conversations.

Congratulations and thank you to these good neighbors!



Steven Clift



The Silvers: Tessa (left) and April (right).
Photo by David Greenberg.



Making the Holidays "Green"

These suggestions can really reduce the amount you have to throw away after a party:

- Use reusable tableware; if you don't have enough, ask to borrow reusable tableware from friends or family.
- If you use disposables, make sure they are compostable or recyclable.
- Cut up last year's holiday cards and use as place cards.
- Place easily identifiable recycling containers at your celebration so guests can recycle their pop cans, bottles, etc.
- Encourage hosts or hostesses to reuse and recycle bows, wrapping paper, cans, glass, etc.

From <http://www.monterey.org/en-us/environmentalprograms/resources/ecoholidays.aspx>

DreamHaven Mural Restored

by Bob Kambeitz, SENA Neighborhood Coordinator



Volunteers help to restore the fantasy mural at DreamHaven comics and science fiction bookstore on 38th St.

Last summer, people were dismayed to see that the mural at DreamHaven Books (2301 E. 38th St.) had fallen into disrepair. The building's original paint had begun separating from the wall, taking with it large chunks of the mural.

Because this mural is a favorite of many neighbors, SENA volunteers wanted to restore it. We realized that simply repainting the mural would only be a temporary fix because further deterioration of the wall was likely. We decided to replicate the mural, but this time make it more stable by painting on plywood panels attached to the wall.

Local painter Donnie Olson, of Brushed Monkey Painting, donated his company's services to remove the deteriorating paint, seal the wall, and paint it the original forest green. His crew primed the panels and attached them to the wall. Elise Kyllö, the original artist, then sketched out the mural.

On Sat., Oct. 15, more than a dozen volunteers—adults and children—turned out to paint the panels. In just a few hours, they brought the mural back to life. People in the community are thrilled.



A big thank you to all our painters: Alec, Satya, KTIG, Vince, Alex, Toby, Sovigne, Grace, Kris, Emma, Katya, Kinsey, Jessica, Dave, Carson, and Joe. Of course, a huge thank you to Don Olson and Brushed Monkey Painting, to Elise Kyllö, to Roger at Marathon Gas Station for supplying us with electricity and water, and to Abdelmjid at Tom's Superette for donating drinks for the volunteers.

View a time-lapse photo/video of the mural being painted at <http://vimeo.com/30816459>.

Purina Site Update

What's happening at the old Purina Mills site (38th St. and Hiawatha Ave.)? Neighborhood residents who have been watching the site since 2006 may have given up on seeing something built there. However, plans for the new development, to be called Longfellow Station, are actually still in the works. The last the SENA office heard, the developer was completing a 30-day sound testing procedure required for federal funds. Construction is expected to start by spring 2012.

Angry Catfish: Destination Coffee Bar, Bike Shop

by Tessa M. Christensen



Angry Catfish owner Joshua Klauck takes a coffee break.
Photo by Jonathan Chapman.

The Angry Catfish Bicycle and Coffee Bar at 4208 28th Ave. S. attracts customers from all over the city (and world!). “Bikes and coffee are neat that way,” remarked owner Joshua Klauck. “They appeal to a lot of people and everyone likes to see something familiar done differently.” He added, “We’ve certainly designed ourselves around being a destination and it has worked.”

Intelligentsia Coffee

Part of the Angry Catfish’s draw, according to Klauck, is undoubtedly the Intelligentsia coffee they serve. A company focused on quality, Intelligentsia works directly with artisan farmers across the world. Several of Klauck’s trusted friends told him they would drive 50-plus miles to get their hands on Intelli coffee. After conducting his own research, it became apparent to Klauck that Intelli’s business practices meshed with his own. “We try not to carry anything that we wouldn’t use or enjoy ourselves,” Klauck stated.

The Angry Catfish creates a cup of coffee through a variety of methods: Synesso espresso machine, French press, Chemex, vacuum coffeemaker, and the traditional pour-over method. In the shop’s concept days, Klauck and friend Adam Dunn (the Angry Catfish’s coffee bar manager) focused on educating themselves on process, latté art, and alternative brew methods. “Intelli would send us coffee to the house and we would try to make good espresso on a Rancilio Silvia,” Klauck recalled.

Personally, Klauck loves espresso best. “I can’t get over the nuances of this drink,” he said. “A dozen or more steps have to be executed with great care to create a perfect espresso.”

Retail Bicycle and Repair Shop

The Angry Catfish is a full-service retail bicycle and repair shop that caters to all types of bikes and all riders. While staff

are proficient in disc brakes and wheel building, as well as custom-builds, the most common service work is flat-tire fixes. Staff members don’t hesitate to share their knowledge of bikes with whoever asks. “People often have questions and we typically have answers,” observed Klauck, who has been in the bike business for 12 years.

The Angry Catfish emphasizes quality and handmade items whenever possible. The shop carries unique items by Alchemy, Independent Fabrications, Moots, Lynskey, Cielo, Pegoretti, Colnago, Niner, Focus, Raleigh, Surly, Salsa, Civia, All City, Pivot, and more. Apparel includes items by Rapha, Outlier, Swrve, Twin Six, Chrome, Mission Workshop, DZR, and others. “We are always on the lookout for what is hot,” stated Klauck.

Why the Standish and Ericsson Neighborhoods?

As a Bancroft Neighborhood resident, Klauck opted to remake the former Hudson’s Ace Hardware location because of the proximity to where he lives and “the undeniable fact that South Minneapolis is an awesome community with awesome people in it.” As a regular customer at Buster’s, Klauck also noticed bicycles locked to the awning. He realized the corner was a natural gathering place for cyclists and like-minded folks. “I encourage anyone that is considering starting a small business to look to the residents of ‘South’ for patronage and support.”

The Angry Catfish opened in January 2010. What does the future hold for the coffee bar and bike shop? “You can count on us continuing to offer the best possible products and services on both sides of the business,” Klauck promised.

You can call the Angry Catfish at 722-1538 or browse www.angrycatfishbicycle.com. Hours are Monday to Friday 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Coffee and bikes at the Angry Catfish, 4208 28th Ave. S.
Photo by Jonathan Chapman.



2012 Home Tour

The 2012 Minneapolis and Saint Paul Home Tour is already looking for homeowners and home improvement professionals to feature on the 25th annual tour, to be held on Apr. 28 and 29. Nominations and applications are due Mon., Jan. 16, and early submissions are encouraged.

Homeowners may nominate their own homes. Contractors and other vendors may nominate homes they have worked on and are encouraged to call for more information about sponsorship. Green, energy-efficient, and historically sensitive remodels and expansions get special notice among the 50 homes on the tour. It is not necessary to have remodeled the whole house.

“People attending the tour are looking for ideas on how to remodel or expand their homes,” said tour coordinator Margo Ashmore. “Homeowners on the tour enjoy feedback and find it’s also a great promotion for their neighborhoods.”

The tour is a celebration of city living that encourages homeowners to improve existing homes or to build new. For more information, call Margo Ashmore at (612) 867-4874 or e-mail mfashmore@aol.com. The application can be downloaded from www.MSPHomeTour.com under “nominate.”

Neighborhood Feature

Foreclosure Prevention Outreach

by Carolyn Williams-Noren, PRG, Communications Manager

Worried about your mortgage? You're not alone. In the past year, 39 of our neighbors in the Standish and Ericsson neighborhoods have lost their homes to foreclosure, and we know many more are still struggling to keep up.

If you're behind on your mortgage—or worried that you might not be able to make future payments—a nearby, HUD-approved nonprofit (PRG, at 2017 E. 38th St.) can help.



PRG was started in 1976 by a group of neighbors in the Powderhorn Park area—the original name was Powderhorn Residents Group. Today, the organization serves many neighbor-

hoods in and near Minneapolis, and its services are available to all Twin Cities residents, with no minimum or maximum income limit.

PRG's counselors will take a look at your household finances, help you figure out what your options are, and then work with you toward a solution. This service is free.

You can work with a counselor whether you're already in the foreclosure process or are still current on payments and worried about the future. The sooner you take action, the more options you have, so it's best to work toward a solution right away.

Unfortunately, there are also companies out there who are looking to take advantage of homeowners who are facing the possibility of foreclosure. Beware of organizations that charge money for counseling. And be very wary of anybody offering a "quick fix" or a "buy back" deal. These "services" take advantage of homeowners' desire to find a solution quickly, and they can often leave you worse off than when you started.

To set up an appointment with a counselor at PRG, call (612) 721-7556, or visit prginc.org for more information.

NHS Fall Frolic a Success!

Nokomis Healthy Seniors (NHS) held its 4th annual Fall Frolic on Oct. 15. More than 200 people attended the event and helped NHS raise over \$5,000. The frolic included food, music, a silent auction, bingo, and a book sale. NHS says a special thank you to all the local businesses that supported the event.

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News from Northrop, Your Neighborhood School

by Sam Ridenour

A partnership between Audubon Minnesota and Northrop Urban Environmental Learning Center (4315 31st Ave. S.) resulted in the construction of a 14-foot chimney swift tower on the school grounds this November. With materials provided through a grant from Toyota, local Boy Scout and Northrop alum Luke Brown built the tower to complete his Eagle Scout leadership project. The tower will provide a seasonal roost for dozens of chimney swifts, an important mosquito-devouring bird whose population has declined by over 50% in the last 40 years. Plans are already under way for a possible second tower to be built in the spring.

Last May, second-grade students and teachers planted gourds in the Northrop plot at the Southside Star Community Garden (32nd Ave. S. and E. 41st St.). In October, a new crop of second graders harvested the gourds, to be dried over the winter and made into birdhouses. This spring, each second grader will choose a vegetable to plant and to write about in a research paper.

About 40 Northrop fourth graders also had a valuable hands-on experience in November, with a three-day camping trip to Camp Widjiwagan in Ely. The trip provided students (and this writer, who went as a chaperone) with opportunities to develop a deeper understanding of ecology and the cultural and natural history of the region, as well as skills for problem solving, decision making, and team building.

Back inside the school building, teachers and administrators were pleased to learn that Northrop students made significant improvements this year in reading performance on the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (an increase of over 11% compared to an average of 2–4% statewide). Congratulations students!

Spots are still available in Northrop's Minneapolis Kids program, which offers before- and after-school care and care on release days. Each day includes both curriculum-based lessons and physical activities. There is a fee; however, some families may qualify for financial assistance. Call 668-3890 for more information.

School tours began in November and will continue until the February 29th deadline for school choice registration. Tour dates include Dec. 1, 7, 16, and 20; Jan. 12, 18, 24, and 30. All tours begin at 10:00 a.m. Call the Family Liaison Office at 668-4546 to schedule a tour, or visit the school office a few minutes early on a designated tour date to see all that Northrop has to offer!

RHS Operation Holiday Basket

For the 42nd year, the Roosevelt High School Student Council, in partnership with the Hiawatha YMCA, will hold Operation Holiday Basket, from Dec. 16 through Dec. 23.

Roosevelt students and staff will collect food items and monetary donations and then assemble and deliver several hundred holiday meal boxes—complete with a turkey and the fixings—to area families. They hope to at least match last year's effort when \$2,500 in donations and contributions of 4,000 food items resulted in 320 boxes.

Donations will be accepted at Roosevelt High School and the Hiawatha YMCA during the week of the campaign. For more information, please call (612) 668-4800.

Events at the Parks

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

Preschool classes. Little Lakers Gift Club meets Tuesday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Dec. 20–22, and Little Lakers Science Class is Tuesday through Thursday, Dec. 27–29, at the same hours.

Kids' Night Out. For kids age 5 and up, Fridays, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Dec. 2 through Jan. 27.

Yoga for adults. Saturdays, 10:45 to 11:45 a.m., Dec. 3 through Jan. 28. No class Dec. 24 or 31.

Call the park for information and fee schedules.

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

Senior luncheons. Join your friends on Tuesdays, Dec. 6 and Jan. 3, at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$6.

Winter sports registration. Register any time at Sibley for: basketball, kindergarten through 12th grade; hockey, kindergarten through 9th grade; and wrestling, kindergarten through 8th grade. Practices begin in December and games in January.

Ice skating. The warming room opens in mid-December pending proper weather conditions for ice skating and hockey. Free skate rental! Skating lessons available.

Winter school release. Activities and field trips available Dec. 26 through Jan. 6. Check out flyers at the park or visit www.minneapolisparcs.org.

Sibley Sno Daze Family Event. Come on down Sat., Jan. 28 (9:30–11:00 a.m.). Breakfast served for a small fee. Hockey games and fun activities indoors and outdoors from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Hockey games. High school girls' junior varsity and varsity hockey games, Sat., Jan. 14. Minneapolis Novas vs. the St. Paul United. Time to be announced.

Coaches. Volunteer coaches are needed for sports. Apply at Sibley Park.

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 three days ahead. \$3.50. (2) Creativity and Conversation, an art group for women, at Bethel Lutheran Church (4120 17th Ave. S., 729-5499) 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) The Nurse Is In at Bethel Lutheran Church (4120 17th Ave. S., 729-5499) on Thursday mornings. Seniors can chat over coffee and cake, have a blood pressure check, or schedule a pedicure. (4) Tuesday Morning Ladies Social meets at Sibley Park (19th Ave. S. and E. 40th St., 370-4954) at 9:30 a.m. Free! Come join the group to chat, have some laughs, and enjoy great discussions over coffee and homemade treats. The group meets “downstairs” in the art room.



What Is SENA?

by Shirley Yeoman, Neighborhood Coordinator

The SENA office is located at 1830 E. 42nd St. Occasionally someone who really wants the barber shop or Diva Rags (also on the same corner) will wander into the SENA office by mistake. They often ask, “What are you?” This seems like an easy question to answer, but the answer can actually be complicated.

What exactly is SENA? Here are some of the answers:

- SENA is a 20-year-old nonprofit corporation legally incorporated in the state of Minnesota.
- SENA is a neighborhood association in South Minneapolis with the mission to “bring neighbors together to build on the strengths of the Standish and Ericsson neighborhoods—stability, diversity, and concern for others.”
- SENA is recognized by the City of Minneapolis as the official neighborhood association for the Standish and Ericsson neighborhoods.
- SENA is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) charity eligible to receive tax-deductible donations from supporters.

Those answers all seem somewhat clinical. They don't capture the essence of who or what SENA is. I quite often describe that “essence” by saying that the “We” of SENA is really “You.” SENA is a collection of individuals (“You”) who live and work in the Standish and Ericsson neighborhoods—individuals willing to give their time and their money to this organization because they believe that collectively we can make these neighborhoods the best they can be.

To continue to work for the benefit of the neighborhoods, we at SENA need all of the Yous in the neighborhoods. We need you to volunteer your time. And we need you to support us financially. Please consider making a donation to support SENA's work. You can complete the form below and return it with your check to the SENA office. If you'd prefer to make your donation with a credit card, you can go to <http://www.razoo.com>; type in Standish Ericsson in the search bar; and follow the link. (Razoo withholds an administrative fee of 2.9% from your donation.)

“We” can't be SENA without “You.”



SENA Donation Form

(Use this form or include this information.)

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President's Corner

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I recently attended the Urban Land Institute's fall meeting, a gathering of 5,000 real estate developers, planners, and investors, all of them seeking to understand their place in a world with new economic

realities. What about our place in the world here in the Standish and Ericsson neighborhoods? How can global real estate investment and local decision making be intertwined? In many ways, I argue. At this conference much attention was paid to emerging demographics and how they affect real estate development. Investors and developers are keen on cities with economic strength, thriving urban places that are attractive to workers, rail transit, healthy downtowns and neighborhoods, and investments in sustainability. As well, localism is on the rise.

Here in Standish and Ericsson, we do well on many counts, thanks in part to being in a metro area and in a state that, in some ways, has its act together, but also because we are a neighborhood that gets it right in many ways. We have a pretty sustainable water supply, being in the land of 10,000 lakes, and have the ability to grow a lot of our food close to home. Wind power is a growing sustainable power supply in Minnesota. We have a relatively prosperous metro area with a diverse economy, an array of Fortune 500s, professional sports teams, and a large university. We have a city that attracts many college-educated

young people and has good public schools, a fantastic park system, and an international airport. (We may not like the noise, but being 10 minutes from an airport with nonstop flights to more than 100 cities is a huge benefit.) We are slowly building out a rail transit system and are becoming a very bike-friendly city. Our neighborhood has new housing options recently opened or under construction for empty nesters, seniors, and young professionals, complementing existing single-family homes. And we value our local businesses, grocery co-ops, and community-supported agriculture (CSA) networks, and we even have a community-supported pub on the way!

What I'm trying to say is, according to the criteria of a major international organization of real estate development professionals and their view of how cities will function in the global economy, the Standish and Ericsson area is in a very good place in the world. Where we need to improve is building out our transit system in a more rapid fashion, better leverage of the knowledge passing through the University of Minnesota into job creation and startups here in the Twin Cities, and committing more attention to good urban design and attractive, walkable villages to increase livability and reduce energy consumption. So we get a lot right but need to work on a few things. Now is not the time to bury our heads in the sand. It is important to keep this global perspective in mind as we help shape decision making at the hyper-local level here in the Standish and Ericsson neighborhoods.