



# WAITE PARK VOICE

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



*This summer is going to be a busy one for roads in Northeast Minneapolis.*

*Many of our main arterial roads will be undergoing significant resurfacing in*

*the next few months. Lowry Avenue and Marshall Street will be resurfaced along with our own Stinson Parkway from St. Anthony Parkway to 37th Avenue at the Columbia Heights border. Along with street repairs, much of Johnson Street is seeing improvements made to underground water mains and Central Avenue will see a few minor changes in landscaping in the median.*

*These projects may cause minor inconveniences for the duration of the summer, but by the time the snow falls this winter, these projects will be complete and in top condition. Be patient this summer, these projects should significantly improve travel along our busiest Northeast roads for the years to come.*

— Jeffrey Martin

## Northeast Needs 300 More K-8 Spots for 2015

— By Alita Bergan

A Community Engagement meeting was hosted by Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) at Windom Park Community Center/Pillsbury School on Wednesday, June 22 that offered the public a way to learn more and be part of developing solutions which may impact school communities for the 2012-13 school year. Northeast Minneapolis is experiencing an enrollment increase at the kindergarten-second grade level. This can be attributed to birth rates, market share and the change in open enrollment policies in surrounding districts. There is potential for additional enrollment growth.

The meeting was very well attended by over 80 parents, community members and MPS staff. After a brief presentation addressing the future projections of school enrollment in all of Minneapolis and specifically how the increased enrollment projections may effect NE schools, the attendees broke into smaller groups and were asked



to address ideas and strategies with the goal of making room for 300 K-8 spots in the Waite Park and Pillsbury attendance areas for 2015.

The Waite Park and Pillsbury attendance areas include all of Northeast and part of Southeast. The pathway from the two community elementary schools is to Northeast Middle School and then to Thomas Edison High School. In addition to these four community schools, the Waite Park and Pillsbury attendance areas also include Sheridan Arts Magnet School, Marcy Open Magnet School, and Webster School, which is closed.

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**FALL FESTIVAL**  
2011

FEATURING THE:

**3rd Annual Push Cart Derby**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH  
11 AM - 2 PM AT WAITE PARK

Cash Prizes!

— Join us for a fun filled day of music, food, silent auction, park events, kids games and the third Annual running of the Push Cart Derby.

**LEARN THE BASICS OF BUILDING A PUSH CART!**

Saturday, August 13, 1pm

— Find out how easy it is to build your own push cart and join us at Columbia Gardens for a Push Cart Derby clinic!

Columbia Gardens, 3301 Central Ave NE



## Planning a National Night Out Event? Register Now.

**NNO 2011: Tuesday, August 2nd**

Attention block clubs! This year National Night Out is Tuesday, August 2, and if you're planning a neighborhood gathering, there are important deadlines for registering your event with the City and for blocking off your street. The theme for 2011 NNO is "Back to Basics: Neighbors Getting to Know Neighbors!"

### Use this checklist to plan your National Night Out celebration:

- **Register your NNO event.** There is a single online process to register your NNO event and apply to close your street. If you want to close your street for your event, street closure is free if you apply by Tuesday, July 19. From July 20 to July 28, there is a \$100 fee for blocking off the street. You need

permission of 75 percent of your neighbors to be approved for street closure—please have their names and addresses with you when you apply. (You do not need their signatures.) Get started at [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno). If you don't have Internet access, you can register your event and apply for street closure by calling 311 (or 612-673-3000).

- **Want a police officer to visit your event?** Because demand can be very high for visits, we can't promise that one will be available, but feel free to request a visit when you register by calling 311 (or 612-673-3000) to put your name on the list. Sorry, we can't take requests for mounted patrol.
- **Make rain plans.** Decide if your event will go forward if it rains, or be rescheduled for another time. If you apply to close your street, you'll have a rain date of Wednesday, August 3 unless you decline it during the application. If you don't close your street, you can choose any rain date that works for your group. Plan ahead!

Each event organizer will receive Mystery Point Passes for Nickelodeon Universe at the Mall of America. Each Mystery Point pass is worth a single ride, or a day of rides or an entire season of rides. And if you register your NNO event by Tuesday, July 19, you will be entered into a drawing for other door prizes donated by Minneapolis businesses.

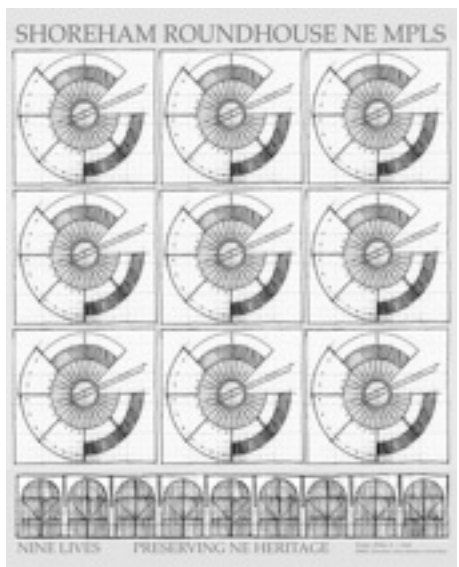
Any Waite Park recognized block club is also eligible for a \$100 block club rebate per year. To learn more, visit [WaiteParkNeighborhood.org](http://WaiteParkNeighborhood.org) and click on "Neighborhood Programs" then "WPCC\_blockrebate\_2011.pdf." See PDF for complete details – some restrictions apply.

## Shoreham Area Advisory Cmte. Update

– By Gayle Bonneville, SAAC Chair

The massive pollution clean-up operations at Shoreham Yards near our neighborhood continue to move along fairly steadily. Several methods of clean-up are being used at the site, with some operations beginning to wind down after several years of work. The 18 acres along Central Avenue are still for sale or lease, according to owner Canadian Pacific Railway, and the historic Roundhouse is still in place despite rumors of its demise. After much discussion with concerned community members, the state health department has agreed to discuss further with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency the information in the latest public health report produced by the state.

Due to issues being in somewhat of a status quo phase for now, the Shoreham Area Advisory Committee (SAAC) will meet quarterly instead of monthly, with additional meetings always a possibility should concerns or new developments arise. SAAC will meet July 11 and October 10 at 7 p.m. at the Windom Park rec center, 2251 Hayes St. NE. All are welcome to attend.



In the meantime, community members involved with SAAC continue to try to communicate with federal and local elected officials regarding issues related to quality of life impacts from rail yards and commodity storage in urban areas now that we are in the 21st century. We would like to hear from you. Contact SAAC via Facebook or at [saac-mpls@earthlink.net](mailto:saac-mpls@earthlink.net).

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### Upcoming Waite Park Neighborhood meetings:

**Wednesday, August 3rd – 7pm**  
**Wednesday, September 7th – 7pm**

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Many creative ideas were discussed throughout the meeting and they will all be compiled to be shared with the School Board for further discussion. Some of the ideas that resulted from this brainstorming session were:

- Make Sheridan a pre-K--5th grade community school, with the current 6th-8th graders going to Northeast Middle School; Waite Park and Pillsbury boundaries would need to be redrawn
- Reopen Webster School as a K--8 arts magnet
- Reopen Webster School as a community school
- Build an addition to Waite Park for the total increase
- Re-use of the MPS administration building at 807 Northeast Broadway
- Use excess capacity at Thomas Edison High School

The School Board adopted five priorities on April 19th to guide planning for increased enrollment:

- Strengthen academic programs
- Equity
- Impact on families & community
- Sustainability
- Financial impact

MPS staff presented possible strategies to manage enrollment increases:

- Increase class size
- Change and/or enforce pathways to schools/zones.
- Open/repurpose existing buildings
- Build new building
- Change attendance boundaries
- End Sibling Preference and Employee Preference

The School Board has four main expectations for the summer months to aide in the planning process:

- Census data will be available
- Additional community meetings and discussions in the summer and fall of 2011
- Legislative impacts on education policies and funding that impact transportation and academic programs will be available after a Legislative Special Session (date to be determined)
- Engage participants from the May – June community meetings through e-mail, mail, website and School Messenger to update on planning progress

Public Education Northeast (PEN), Waite Park Community School PTA, and Waite Park Community Council will be discussing this issue in the coming months. One of the reasons for the

increase in market share is that people have been spreading the word about how great our schools are. This is the main objective of PEN, through such efforts as the Northeast School Showcase in November, involvement in the Northeast Parade, publicity and advocacy about our neighborhood pathway schools. It seems to be working. "As a parent of a student that just graduated from Northeast Middle School, it's totally awesome," said First Ward City Council Member Kevin Reich at the meeting.

The northeast meeting was one of six held throughout the city between May 31 and June 23. MPS says your input as a parent, community member, staff member and/or Minneapolis resident is key to the success of this planning. In addition to the holding the meetings, MPS has posted surveys about each focus area that was addressed at the community meetings in order to solicit additional ideas from the community. To take the survey and/or for much more information, including maps and data, visit [www.mpls.k12.mn.us](http://www.mpls.k12.mn.us) and click on Key Topics at the bottom of the page, then click on Enrollment 2011.

*Photo source: Waite Park Community School  
[waitepark.mpls.k12.mn.us](http://waitepark.mpls.k12.mn.us)*

## Minneapolis Walking and Biking Tours 2011



It's time to get outside and enjoy the summer weather! Discover diverse and historic neighborhoods by participating in the 2011 Minneapolis Walking and Biking Tours sponsored by Preserve Minneapolis. Each tour has a minimal fee, most are only \$5 and pre-payment/registration and more information is available at <http://www.preserveminneapolis.org/community.php>

The 2011 schedule runs from May 14th through September 17th and includes thirty-one tours of unique places such as the Grain Belt Brewery, Prospect Park Neighborhood, Nicollet Island, Milwaukee Avenue, Historic Old Highland

and the Northside Synagogues. One bike tour remains: the Downtown Shriners Bike Tour on Saturday, August 27th.

On each tour, guides with experience in fields like architecture, and preservation will tell the 'stories behind the story' and give participants a greater understanding of the area's social and built history.

Tours will be held regardless of inclement weather. Participants are strongly urged to pre-register online; however, when space allows we will accept last minute additions and cash payments at the tour starting points.

**The 2011 tour schedule for July through September 17, in chronological order:**

Milwaukee Avenue, Nokomis Knoll Historic District, Minneapolis Warehouse District, Historic Old Highland, Hennepin Avenue Theaters, East Lake Harriet, Como-Harriet Streetcar Line, Prospect Park, Northside Synagogues, West 49th Street, Mill City Museum, Downtown Shriners' Bike Tour, Grain Belt Brewery, Loring Hill, Nicollet Island, Elliot Park, and Christ Church Lutheran.

- **The Grain Belt Brewery Tour** is on Thursday, September 8th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at 1220 Marshall Street Northeast. The guide is Jeremy Mayberg. The cost is \$5.00. Experience some of the most stunning vistas of the city while discovering the history of this Northeast landmark, which produced its first beer in 1893. Hear the story behind the rise of Grain Belt beer, the slow decline of this 19th century industrial complex and its innovative and award-winning rehabilitation. Participation is limited. Register EARLY for this popular tour.
- **Prospect Park, Then and Now**, a new tour, is on Saturday, August 6th from 10 to 11:30 a.m., starting at Pratt School, 66 Malcolm Avenue Southeast. The guides are Elizabeth Zerby and Mary Alice Kopf. The cost is \$5.00. Wander the streets of Prospect Park, learn about the architecture, the topography, and the noted

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## Tips to Enjoy a Safe Summer in the City

All over the Twin Cities schools are out and students are flocking outside to enjoy the summer weather. With this in mind the Minneapolis Police Department would like to remind everyone of safety concerns to prevent accidents and tragedies this summer.

One of the more obvious areas to concentrate on is watching for children playing and bicycling in the streets, especially in residential areas of the city. However, drivers everywhere should use more caution and expect children to dart out from between cars or swerve their bicycles into traffic lanes without warning.

### Water Safety

Water safety is another area of concern. Never leave children unattended or unsupervised near bodies of water. It only takes a few seconds for a tragedy to occur. This should include area lakes, swimming pools and even hot tubs. Do not rely solely on lifeguards to supervise your children. Children who cannot swim should not enter the water without an appropriate floatation device.

### Set Guidelines

Parents should be aware of where their children are going and set guidelines as to when they should return or check-in. Minneapolis Police officers

respond time and time again and expend considerable resources to find lost children who in reality either were not given instructions as to when to return/check-in or who did not inform parents of their new location. Set expectations in advance.

### Curfew Rules

Hennepin County has a curfew ordinance. Children ages 11 and under must be home by 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday nights and 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. Ages 12 through 14 must be home by 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Ages 15 to 17 must be home by 11 pm on weekdays and midnight on Friday and Saturday. The Minneapolis Police Department vigorously enforces curfew violations to prevent juveniles from being victimized and to minimize the chance they will engage in criminal activity. Violators will be taken to the Juvenile Supervision Center at City Hall and parents/guardians must come pick them up. The juveniles are issued citations with monetary penalties.

### Positive Activities

Whenever possible have your children take part in organized activities sponsored by such organizations as the Park Board, the Police Activities League, local libraries and the YMCA to



name a few. Busy kids are less likely to find themselves in trouble.

Talk to your older kids about attending or hosting parties, the consequences that can result, and remind them that alcoholic beverages and cars don't mix. Getting into a car with a drunken driver poses the same life risk as drinking and driving themselves.

In short the Minneapolis Police Department asks adults to talk to their kids about the pitfalls of summer while encouraging them to enjoy themselves in a safe manner.

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people who lived in the houses in the past. Enjoy the many gardens along the way.

- **The Nicollet Island Tour** is on Thursday, September 15th from 6 to 7:30 p.m, starting at the corner of Merriam Street and East Island Avenue (across from Nicollet Island Inn). The guide for this new tour is Chris Stellar. The cost is \$5.00. Tour one of the city's oldest and quaintest neighborhoods, Nicollet Island. Historically developed for industrial, commercial, and residential uses, the island remains a diverse, yet compact spot in the heart of the city. Highlights of the tour include a collection of well-preserved 19th-century residences on the island's north end.

With the help of a Minnesota Historical and Cultural Grant, Preserve Minneapolis, a non-profit organization, assumed responsibilities from the City for the Minneapolis Walking Tours. Preserve Minneapolis is dedicated to improving the quality of life in Minneapolis by recognizing, preserving, and revitalizing the architectural and related cultural resources of the city.

To take a closer look at Preserve Minneapolis' Tour offerings on the other side of the Mississippi River and/or to register for a tour, go to [www.preserveminneapolis.org/community.php](http://www.preserveminneapolis.org/community.php).

## County Plans Resurfacing Projects in Northeast Minneapolis



This summer, the Hennepin County Transportation Department will resurface Lowry Avenue NE (County State Aid Highway 153), Marshall Street NE (CSAH 23), and Stinson Parkway (CSAH 27). One lane of traffic will be maintained throughout the projects, but residents should prepare for delays while workers mill and overlay the roads.

"These roads are in rough shape," said Hennepin County Commissioner Mark Stenglein. "This is not a permanent fix but it will help preserve the road – and make the ride smoother!"

Hennepin County staff is preparing the summer 2011 resurfacing schedule; additional information will be released when the schedule is finalized:

- Lowry Avenue NE (CSAH 153) will be resurfaced from University Avenue NE to Stinson Parkway NE. This project is tentatively scheduled to start in early July.
- Marshall Street NE will be resurfaced from Lowry Avenue NE (CSAH 153) to north of Third Avenue NE. Resurfacing south of Broadway Street is tentatively scheduled to start at the end of June; north of Broadway Street is tentatively scheduled for late August/early September. Marshall Street NE, from Lowry Avenue NE (CSAH 153) to 37th Avenue NE, was resurfaced in 2009.
- Stinson Parkway (CSAH 27) will be resurfaced from St. Anthony Parkway to 37th Ave NE. This project is tentatively scheduled to start late in the summer.

The Hennepin County Transportation Department maintains more than 2,100 lane miles and 145 bridges. In addition to the resurfacing, the 2011 road construction season consists of approximately \$54 million in new construction projects throughout the county, including the Lowry Avenue Bridge.



# Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Update

F R O M W A I T E P A R K

– By Scott Gagnon, CSA Lead

There are many ways to enjoy the parks during the summer months. In this article I hope to give you a glimpse of a variety of activities offered throughout the summer.

## NEW RECREATION CENTER HOURS

In its continuing efforts to provide optimal service to residents and park users young and old alike the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) standardized hours at 47 recreation centers, effective May 31st.

The change in hours is the MPRB's latest step to improve recreation services to the community. Last year, MPRB recreation centers were grouped into 13 Community Service Areas, or CSA's, to best apply park and recreation resources to meet the program and service needs of the communities it serves. Through this grouping, resource sharing and service delivery is maximized and connections are built between the centers and the community. Upper Northeast Parks CSA has 3 recreation centers: Waite Park, Audubon Park, and Windom Park.

Waite Park and 17 other recreation centers are open five days a week during the summer and six days a week the rest of the year. Summer hours (Memorial Day - Labor Day): Monday-Thursday 12-8 p.m.; Friday 12-6 p.m. Fall/Winter/Spring hours are: Monday-Friday 3-9 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Audubon Park and twelve other recreation centers are open five days a week. Summer (Memorial Day - Labor Day) hours are: Monday-Thursday 1-7 p.m.; Friday 1-6 p.m. Fall/Winter/Spring hours are: Monday-Thursday 3-9 p.m., Friday 3-6 p.m.

The desire to realign hours became a priority for MPRB Commissioners and new Superintendent Jayne Miller late last year, during 2011 budget discussions. The new recreation center hours were done on a budget-neutral basis. Recreation staff were charged with providing more standardized, community-friendly center hours using existing funds from within the recreation department.

"Our recreation center hours had become inconsistent, making it difficult for families to plan activities. None of our sites were open on Sundays and many were closed on holidays and school release dates," explained MPRB Superintendent Jayne Miller. "From child care to senior clubs, from gym use to parties and meetings, our recreation centers are gathering spots for the community. I'm really proud of the work our staff did to restructure

hours. It reflects the organization's continued dedication to serving the needs of community."

## MOVIES IN THE PARK

If you love movies just as much as you love the outdoors, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's (MPRB) Movies in the Parks series is your ticket to cinematic entertainment this summer!

The fourth annual Movies in the Parks began on Monday, June 13th in Northeast Park. More than 80 movies will be shown from Monday through Saturday through September 3rd in parks city-wide.

There may not be a red carpet, but be sure to spread out a blanket and enjoy a movie under the stars. Bring your own snacks, or purchase some for sale at the park. Movies are free to the public and start about 15 minutes after sunset.

The 2011 series features five themes including Family, Classics, Date Night and New Releases as well as fun mini-series that are mixed in throughout the summer such as the Lund's Baseball Classic Nights where MN Twins fans can re-live the 1987 and 1991 World Series victories. Plus, four Viewer's Choice Nights allow the public to vote for the movies they want to watch.

The 2011 Movies in the Parks series is sponsored by Lund's, Clean City Minneapolis, Lays and Radio Disney. For more information about the 2011 Movies in the Parks series and for weather-related notices, check out [mplsmusicandmovies.com](http://mplsmusicandmovies.com).

## Upper Northeast Movie Dates:

- July 22nd – Movie Night at the Park at Audubon Park, movie begins at dusk. Featuring Shrek 3
- July 23rd – Movie Night at the Park at Columbia Park, movie begins at dusk. Featuring Robots.
- August 13th - Movie Night at the Park at Windom Park, movie begins at dusk. Featuring The Green Hornet.

## CITYWIDE SPECIAL EVENTS

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board sponsors or co-sponsors over 100 special events during the summer months. Come visit us at one or more of these family friendly events. Check out the list of events at [www.minneapolisparcs.org/documents/events.pdf](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/documents/events.pdf).

## SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming lessons for various ages and skill levels are available at Lupient Water Park and Lake Nokomis Beach. Five two-week sessions are held from June through August.

## Three two-week sessions remain:

- Session III: July 18-27
- Session IV: Aug 1-10
- Session V: Aug 15-24

Classes are held Monday-Friday the first week and Monday-Wednesday the second week with Thursday and Friday of the second week available for any makeup lessons. Lesson fees are \$45 for Minneapolis residents and \$55 for non-residents. Register for classes online or call 612-370-3920.

## LOGROLLING

If you're looking for a new way to have fun on Minneapolis' lakes, jump right in and get your feet wet with logrolling! This unique sport dates back to the 1800s, but recently has been growing in popularity, even being featured on ESPN's Great Outdoor Games, proving that it's not just for lumberjacks anymore.

A sport that improves balance, agility, footwork and concentration, logrolling can be enjoyed at any age, and now, it can be enjoyed by you! The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) is offering logrolling classes for youth, adults and families in June. Classes will be taught at Lake Calhoun by experienced and elite logrollers, including Abby Hoeschler, daughter of seven-time world champion Judy Scheer Hoeschler.

Registration is still open and can be done at [www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org) – [activenet.net](http://activenet.net).

## Classes include:

### Youth Sessions (ages 6-14) - \$49 per session

- Session 2: Mondays and Wednesdays, July 18-August 17
  - Session 2A – 9:15-10am
  - Session 2B – 10-10:45am

## FALL SPORTS & PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Fall sports registration begins July 25th at all Northeast Recreation Centers and online at [www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org).

Fall program registration begins Monday August 8th at 6:00pm.

**Thanks for your continued support of Minneapolis Parks!**

– Scott Gagnon

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## Waite Park Community Garden (WPCG) News

– By Connie Stauffer

(Google search on WPCG)  
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### Community Garden Day Celebration in the Waite Park Community Garden

The WPCG will host an evening walk in the garden as part of the Community Garden Day, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Saturday, August 6. Take some time to walk or bike to the garden and enjoy a progressive taste sampler of the garden produce.

To see a list of participating community gardens in the Community Garden Day event, see GardeningMatters.org. This event was formerly known as the Parade of Community Gardens.

### Composting Tips from the Garden

Gardener Eileen Shlantz told me about her Norwegian mother's "hills and valleys" gardening technique which provides a way to compost directly in the garden bed. In the spring after building little hills in her garden, she would plant on the hills and during the season, she would put her compostable materials (see recipe below) in the valleys raking from the hills soil enough to cover the compostable materials. At the end of the growing season she would chop and turn the hills and valleys into a rich plains for further winter composting.

### Recipe for Compost Bins

INs:

- 1 part browns: (carbon to provide energy to the microbes) – dried grasses, some weeds, straw, fine twigs, sawdust, shredded newspaper, corncobs and stalks.



- 1 part greens: (nitrogen to act as a source of protein for microbes) – green leaves, grass clippings, raw fruit and vegetables and plant trimmings.
- Water once a week to maintain dampness.
- AVOID – meat, bones, weeds gone to seed, diseased plants, ash from charcoal or coal and pet feces.
- Chop and turn to add air.

OUTs:

- After 1-3 months begin to harvest your compost from the bottom of the bin. It should be brown crumbly and moist. Amend your soil or mulch your garden with it.

## Community Energy Services Launches Video Challenge

Community Energy Services (CES) participants across the City of Minneapolis are being challenged to put on their director's hat, grab a camera, and roll film to put together the best short film based on their experiences from CES. The best short films (less than two minutes) will be competing for three cash prizes, including a \$1000 grand prize for the best and most creative film. The competition is open now until August 31st, 2011, with prizes being announced in October at the CES awards ceremony. For more information, visit [www.mnces.org](http://www.mnces.org).

If you have not participated in CES yet, there are still plenty of opportunities to participate and complete your short video. CES offers homeowners customized home energy visits, which include a blower door test and installation of energy saving materials. A \$400 value for a co-pay of only \$30! Please contact contact Kyle Boehm at [kboehm@mncee.org](mailto:kboehm@mncee.org) or 612-219-7334. to RSVP or for any questions.

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

- Tuesday, July 12th, 6:30-8 p.m.  
Salvation Army, 2727 Central Avenue NE

CES is a partnership between the Center for Energy and Environment, the City of Minneapolis, Xcel Energy, Centerpoint Energy, and the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund. The Video Challenge and Outreach Grant Challenge are made possible through a grant from the McKnight Foundation.

## "Waiting for Godot" at Hollywood Theater

Something's happening at the Hollywood Theater! For the first time since it closed in 1987, the theater will house a performance. "Waiting for Godot" by Samuel Beckett will be staged by Theatre Pro Rata.

Director Ryan Ripley explained the choice of the Hollywood for the production: "When brainstorming ideas for a venue, my first priority was to find a space that was bombed out and decayed. My second was a venue that matched the heightened theatricality of the script. The Hollywood--a vacant movie theater--jumped to the top of my list even before we knew it was a viable candidate. Every minute I've gotten to spend inside the building since then has confirmed that it is the perfect choice."

Theatre Pro Rata was formed in 2001 to create "intimate, captivating theater, using a love for the play as the primary connection between the stage



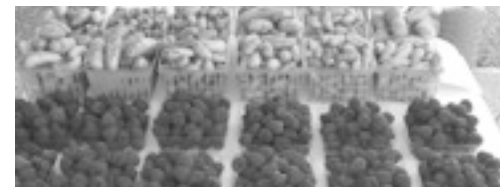
and the audience." The troupe has staged classic and contemporary plays ranging from tragedies to dark comedies.

The play will be performed on Fridays and Saturdays the weekends of July 8th, 15th, and 22nd at 7:30 p.m. There will also be a "pay-what-you-can-afford" performance on Monday, July 11th.

Admission will be on a sliding scale from \$14 to \$41. To make reservations, call 874-9321 or e-mail [info@theatreprorata.org](mailto:info@theatreprorata.org).

Source: Audubon Park Neighborhood E-news

## Audubon Farmers Market Is Open



Visit the Audubon Farmers' Market every Thursday, from 4 to 7 p.m, in the Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church parking lot on Johnson Street at 27th Avenue.

Audubon Neighborhood Association (ANA), in partnership with the church, hosts the weekly market as part of the Homegrown Minneapolis Initiative. It features five local vendors offering locally grown produce, herbs, and flowers.

The market's third season began on June 23rd and ends in late September.

Source: Audubon Park Neighborhood E-news

## Waite Park Book Club

– By Rita Deyo

Monday, June 20th was the final day for the Waite Park Book Club until September. There are fifteen loyal members in the group. We were very fortunate that, in spite of unsettled weather, not one meeting was cancelled.

This year we read books from the best seller list like Stieg Larsson's **The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo** to classics like Willa Cather's **O Pioneers** and **My Antonia**. We read about **Seabiscuit** and the **Velveteen Rabbit**. The dust bowl years of the great depression and the World Trade Center, besides the fate of the Guernsey Island during World War II and the conflict of South Pacific Maori tribes, had a turn. Minnesota history and a murder mystery were each assigned for one of the Monday meetings.

As evident from the list, this group does not dwell on current romance novels or only highly advertised writings. And we don't, as a group, always love the choices.

Although we don't meet during July and August the books for September and October were assigned at the June meeting. This allows several months to read a book as well as enjoy the break for other activities. The book for Monday, September 19th is **Winter Garden** by Kristen Hannah. The book for Monday, October 17th is **Olive Kitteridge** by Elizabeth Strout.

If you like to read, and like to discuss what you read, plan on joining the Waite Park Book Club on Monday, September 19th from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the arts and crafts room at Waite Park Community Center.

The Waite Park Book Club is sponsored by the Community Education Program. For more information, the office may be reached at the Waite Park Community Center, on the Web or by calling 668-1590.

## Seniors On The Go

– By Rita Deyo

Just try to schedule an outing for a group of retirees. Seniors don't retire; they just do something else. They are the folks at the registration desks on Election Day. They distribute the "Meals on Wheels" to the elderly. They support working parents by watching the little ones during the work days. They join committees, serve meals for funerals, work at food shelves, attend community or church sponsored classes and discussion groups. They are busy!

Seniors who still live in neighborhood houses have neat yards, flowers blooming, and friendly smiles for the kids next door. They appreciate the fellow with the snow blower, the one who does the sidewalk and clears their driveway. They employ the local handyman for minor repairs and have school kids cut their grass.



## Waite Park & Audubon Park Neighborhoods Yard & Garage Sale Registration

Saturday only, September 17th, 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**Waite Park & Audubon Neighborhoods: Central Ave to Stinson Blvd (W-E), 37 Ave to Lowry (N-S)**

**To participate in the sales, mail this completed registration form and \$3.00 to Garage Sale, 3130 Lincoln St NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418 by Saturday, August 13th.**

Sale directories will be available in the neighborhoods, in the Sept issue of the Waite Park Voice, and in the online ad published in the Star Tribune the week of the sale. If you would like to include a photo in the online ad, email it to [constauf@yahoo.com](mailto:constauf@yahoo.com) with the subject line: WP & AP Garage/Yard Sale Photo. Only one photo per household please. *Questions? Connie 612-788-7178.*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SALE ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNIFICANT ITEMS FOR SALE: \_\_\_\_\_

That being said, the Seniors on the Go program succeeded in sponsoring a small group to venture to Anoka for tea at the Mad Hatter Tea House.

We went to St. Peter, Minnesota on Tuesday, June 21st. The Arboretum at Gustavus Adolphus College was the first stop on this outing. The spire of the chapel as well as 80% of the windows was destroyed during the tornado of March 29, 1998. The college suffered the loss of 2,000 trees and \$50,000,000 in damages as a result of that storm. We witnessed the school's recovery. We then enjoyed lunch at St. Peter's Whiskey River Restaurant, a charming indoor eatery that welcomes wild birds and animals to dine right outside the spacious windows. The outside feeders overlook the Minnesota River a short distance beyond a refreshing outdoor setting. We returned to Audubon Park before 4 p.m. so the travelers wouldn't miss the Northeast Parade.

On Wednesday, July 27th we're going to the Stages Theater in Hopkins to see Annie. As usual, we will also have lunch out.

Anyone interested in joining these "Younger than springtime" senior adventurers should contact Rita Deyo at 788-7587 or Scott Gagnon, CSA Lead, at 370-4959 or [sgagnon@minneapolisparcs.org](mailto:sgagnon@minneapolisparcs.org).

and Culvers. Interested in sponsoring the Fall Festival? Contact Mary Farnham at 612-788-9757 or email at [farnham@aol.com](mailto:farnham@aol.com).

**Frequently Asked Question Re: Push Carts**  
Can I put wheels on a couch? Yes, as long as your "couch" meets the safety criteria. If it does not, your "couch" is only eligible for the art portion of the event. So be creative! Build Your push cart today!

For more information, please call Mary Farnham at 612-788-9757 or e-mail her at [farnham@aol.com](mailto:farnham@aol.com).



### Be The Match® at the WP Fall Festival

Be The Match®, which is operated by the National Marrow Donor Program, will be at the Waite Park Fall Festival to give you the opportunity to join the Be The Match Registry (SM). You could be the one to save the life of a patient in desperate need of a marrow transplant, so please consider joining!

For more information, please visit [www.Marrow.org](http://www.Marrow.org) and contact Kristine Reed, a Be The Match representative, at [kreed2@nmdp.org](mailto:kreed2@nmdp.org) or 612-616-6534.

## Fall Festival 2011 & Third Annual Push Cart Derby

Saturday, September 10th, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location: Waite Park, 1810 34th Ave.

Join us for a fun filled day of music, food, silent auction, park events, kids games and the third Annual running of the Push Cart Derby. Special thank you to our current sponsors: Castle Building



**Please attend our upcoming Waite Park Neighborhood meetings on:**

**Wednesday, August 3rd – 7pm**  
**Wednesday, September 7th – 7pm**

**at the Waite Park Community Center**  
**1810 34th Avenue NE**



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On the Web at: [WaiteParkNeighborhood.org](http://WaiteParkNeighborhood.org)

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**WAITE PARK COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

All activities not otherwise specified meet at Waite Park Community Center, 1810 34th Ave. N.E.

**July/August 2011**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event / Location or Other Info</u>
M, July 11.....	6 p.m.....	2PAC (2nd Precinct Police & Community Council Meeting) Monroe Village, 1900 Central Ave. NE.
M, July 11.....	7 p.m.....	SAAC (Shoreham Area Advisory Committee) Meeting Windom Park Recreation Center, 2251 Hayes St. NE.
M, July 11.....	7:30 p.m.....	Theatre Pro Rata's "Waiting for Godot" "Pay-what-you-can-afford" Reservations: 874-9321 Hollywood Theater, 2815 Johnson.
T, July 12.....	1:30 p.m.....	City Council Public Hearing: Amendment #1 to the City's 2011 Consolidated Plan to HUD 317 City Hall.
T, July 12.....	6:30-8 p.m.....	Free Cmty. Energy Services Wrkshp. RSVP: Kyle Boehm: <a href="mailto:kboehm@mnccc.org">kboehm@mnccc.org</a> , 219-7334 Salvation Army, 2727 Central.
Th, July 14.....	7:30-8:45 a.m.....	NE. Network Mtg: NE. Cmty. Wellness RSVP Tue, 7/12: <a href="mailto:board@eastsidefood.coop">board@eastsidefood.coop</a> , Eastside Coop, 2551 Central Ave.
F/15, Sa/16.....	7:30 p.m.....	Theater Pro Rata's "Waiting for Godot" Sliding scale: \$14-\$41 Reservations: 874-9321 Hollywood Theater, 2815 Johnson.
T, July 19.....		Nat'l. Night Out free street closing app. deadline [\$100 Wed, 7/20-Thur, 7-28] <a href="http://www.minneapolismn.gov/nno">www.minneapolismn.gov/nno</a> or 311.
T, July 19.....	7-9 p.m.....	What's Up on the Upper Riverfront? Share ideas about new Miss. riverfront parks Kroening Interpretive Center, 4900 Miss. Court.
F, July 22.....	dusk.....	Audubon Park Movie: Shrek 3 Free Bring blanket, lawn chair Bring snacks, or buy some for sale at park 1320 29th Ave.
F/22, Sa/23.....	7:30 p.m.....	Theater Pro Rata's "Waiting for Godot" Sliding scale: \$14-\$41 Reservations: 874-9321 Hollywood Theater, 2815 Johnson.
Sa, July 23.....	3:30-5 p.m.....	Northeast Book Club: Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman Northeast Library, 2200 Central Ave. NE.
Sa, July 23.....	dusk.....	Columbia Park Movie: Robots Free Bring blanket, lawn chair Bring snacks, or buy some for sale at park 33rd & Central.
M, July 25.....		Fall sports registration begins at NE. Rec Centers & online at <a href="http://www.minneapolisparcs.org">www.minneapolisparcs.org</a> Includes soccer & football.
W, July 27.....		Seniors On The Go trip to see Annie at Stages Theater in Hopkins Info: Rita Deyo, 788-7587 or Scott Gagnon, 370-4959.
Th, July 28.....	6-8 p.m.....	Friends of Northeast Library Meeting Northeast Library.
Th, July 28.....	7-9 p.m.....	What's Up on the Upper Riverfront? Share ideas about new Miss. riverfront parks Bottineau Park Rec. Center, 2000 2nd St. NE.
Sa, July 30.....		Eat Local Farm Tour Info: <a href="http://www.eastsidefood.coop">www.eastsidefood.coop</a> .
T, Aug. 2.....		28TH ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT Info: <a href="http://www.minneapolismn.gov/nno">www.minneapolismn.gov/nno</a> or Crime Specialist Nick Juarez, 673-2797.
W, Aug. 3.....	7-9 p.m.....	Waite Park Community Council Board Meeting.
Th, Aug. 4.....	7-9 p.m.....	What's Up on the Upper Riverfront? Share ideas about new Mississippi riverfront parks Farview Park, 621 29th Ave. N.
F, Aug. 5.....		Editorial submission deadline for the September/October issue of the Waite Park Voice.
Sa, Aug. 6.....		Cmty. Garden Day (FKA as Parade of Cmty. Gardens) Participating gardens list & map: <a href="http://www.gardeningmatters.org">www.gardeningmatters.org</a> .
Sa, Aug. 6.....	6:30-8:30 p.m.....	Cmty. Garden Day Event in W. P. Cmty. Garden Enjoy a progressive taste sampler of garden produce 3601 Lincoln St.
M, Aug. 8.....	6 p.m.....	Upper NE. Parks Fall program registration begins at NE. Rec Centers and online at <a href="http://www.minneapolisparcs.org">www.minneapolisparcs.org</a> .
M, Aug. 8.....	6 p.m.....	2PAC (2nd Precinct Police & Community Council) Meeting Monroe Village, 1900 Central Ave. NE.
T, Aug. 9.....		Upper Riverfront Cmty. Input Survey deadline Avail. at Waite Park & <a href="http://www.minneapolisriverfrontdevelopmentinitiative.com">www.minneapolisriverfrontdevelopmentinitiative.com</a> .
Th, Aug. 11.....	10 a.m.-2 p.m.....	Citywide Rec Plus End of Summer Event Lunch, music, face-paint for Rec Plus students Location TBD.
Th, Aug. 11.....		There will not be a NE. Network Mtg. It resumes in Sept.--the 2nd Thur. of each month, 7:30--8:45 a.m, Eastside Coop.
Sa, Aug. 13.....		Waite Park & Audubon Park Nbrhds. Garage/Yard Sale Registration due to 3130 Lincoln St. NE. (Sa, 9/17 sale date) Page ___.
Sa, Aug. 13.....		Waite Park Community Garden Work Day Waite Park Community Garden, 3601 Lincoln St. NE.
Sa, Aug. 13.....	1 p.m.....	Push Cart Derby Clinic (Derby is Sept. 10) Info: Mary Farnham, 788-9757 or <a href="mailto:farnhamm@aol.com">farnhamm@aol.com</a> Columbia Gardens, 3301 Central.
Sa, Aug. 13.....	6-11:30 p.m.....	Parents Night Out Have your kids safe & sound while you shop, dine or take a break Info: call Waite Park, 370-4959.
Sa, Aug. 13.....	dusk.....	Windom Park Movie: The Green Hornet Free Bring blanket, lawn chair Bring snacks or buy some at park 2251 Hayes St.
Th, Aug. 25.....	1-4 p.m.....	Northeast Middle School Open House Info: 668-1500 Northeast Middle School, 2955 Hayes St. NE.
Th, Aug. 25.....	3-8 p.m.....	5th Annual Cmty. BBQ/Open House Everyone welcome! Info: Pamela Vertina, 668-131 Edison H. S, 700 22nd Ave. NE.
Th, Aug. 25.....	5:30-7:30 p.m.....	Waite Park Community School Open House.
Th, Aug. 25.....	6-8 p.m.....	Thomas Edison High School Open House Thomas Edison High School, 700 22nd Ave NE.
Th, Aug. 25.....	6-8 p.m.....	Friends of Northeast Library Meeting Northeast Library, 2200 Central Ave NE.
Sa, Aug. 27.....	3:30-5 p.m.....	Northeast Book Club: Member of the Wedding by Carson McCullers Northeast Library, 2200 Central Ave. NE.
M, Aug. 29.....		Cmty. Ed. Fall registration begins Classes begin on Mon, Sept. 26 Look for brochure in mail, or call 668-1590.
M, Aug. 29.....		First day of school, except for kindergarten--which starts Wednesday, August 31.
W, Aug. 31.....		Entries in the Cmty. Energy Services (CES) Video Award Challenge must be postmarked by today Info: 219-7334.

WPCC welcomes requests for accommodations such as child care, interpreters, etc.; please call 612-789-5104 a minimum of 5 days in advance.