



# WAITE PARK VOICE

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



*The Waite Park Neighborhood needs your help!*

*The Waite Park Community Council is seeking new residents and*

*community members to join our board. Our board works closely with local Minneapolis schools, parks, elected officials, police and other stakeholders in our community to ensure a high standard of living for the residents of the Waite Park Neighborhood. The WPCC is comprised of 15 board members and 4 officers that are dedicated to working for the interests of the Waite Park community.*

*You do not need extensive experience to be a productive WPCC member. Individuals must be over 18 and live, work or own property within the Waite Park Neighborhood. The WPCC is a registered 501(c)(3) organization. Nominations will be held at the next Waite Park Community Council meeting on March 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the Waite Park Community Center (1810 34th Avenue NE, adjacent to Waite Park Elementary School).*

– Jeffrey Martin

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

# 2011 WAITE PARK ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2nd, 2011, 7-9 P.M.**

**WAITE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER  
1810 34th AVENUE NORTHEAST**

### AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE:

- **Election of WPCC Board Members**
- **Adoption of WPCC 2011 Budget\***
- **2010 Annual Review**

\*To review the proposed 2011 budget, please see page 2.

All adults who live, work, or own property in the Waite Park neighborhood are eligible to vote. WPCC welcomes requests for accommodations such as interpreters, please call 612-789-5104 a minimum of 5 days in advance for such requests. Child care will be available at no charge.

## Volunteer Minneapolis!

*Open Board Positions in Waite Park Neighborhood and City of Minneapolis*

Eight people will be elected to Waite Park Community Council's (WPCC) 15-member board on Wednesday, March 2 (see front page)--no application forms to fill out, just show up and run if you're 18 or over and live, work or own property in the neighborhood. There are lots of other opportunities to be engaged in your community, and one of WPCC's jobs is to inform you of them. The City of Minneapolis fills makes appointments through its open appointments process twice a year, and we are now in the spring cycle (see chart)--this includes 3 appointments to the Neighborhood Community and Engagement Commission (NCEC). [5 other NCEC positions will also be filled this

spring through different processes.] In addition, the Charter Commission is seeking applicants for its new Advisory Group for Minneapolis Redistricting. It's important to note that vacancies may have incumbents seeking re-appointment.

### Apply for Openings on Minneapolis Boards and Commissions

The City of Minneapolis has over 50 volunteer based boards, commissions and advisory committees; and appoints over 400 or 600 members. Board and commission members provide valuable insights, help shape key policy decisions and

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# Proposed Waite Park Community Council 2011 Budget

## NCR Contract (WPCC)

WPCC Activities for 2011: \$24952.50

13000.00	Newsletter
1000.00	Office Supplies
650.00	Financial Consultant
650.00	Phone
300.00	Insurance
150.00	PO Box
1000.00	Internet/Consumables
500.00	ADA/Child Care
1000.00	Push Cart/Fall Festival
2500.00	Communications/PR
852.50	WPCC Training/Development

## Funding Source

NCR 2011 Allocation  
\$24952.50 Available\*

## Advisory Contributions/Memberships

100.00	Second Precinct Advisory Committee (2PAC)
300.00	Shoreham Area Advisory Committee (SAAC)
200.00	Northeast Parade
350.00	NE Chamber of Commerce Dues
200.00	Northeast Minneapolis Arts Association (NEMAA)
400.00	Public Education Northeast (PEN)
300.00	Edison High School Sports Poster Sponsorship

## Supplementary Contributions

500.00	Northeast Minneapolis Schools
500.00	Minneapolis Parks and Recreation
500.00	Community Education

## General Checking Account

Waite Park Community Garden	1200.00	Dues Revenue	2500.00
Community Events/Programs	3200.00		
1200.00	Youth Activities	Sports income	1200.00
1000.00	Seniors on the GO	Seniors income	1000.00
40.00	Bank Charges	Cash in bank	5500.00
960.00	Fall Festival		

**Total Expenses \$29352.50 Total from funding \$10200.00**

## Mayor's Forum on 2012 Budget & Property Taxes

Mayor R.T. Rybak is holding a community forum to discuss what is happening with the city budget and the issues surrounding your property taxes. He wants your input as he prepares for the 2012 city budget. It will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1st at Audubon Park, 1320 29th

Avenue Northeast (between Buchanan and Pierce Streets).

The Mayor is hosting community meetings in different parts of the city that will include an explanation of the budget and a question and answer session with the him and other Elected Officials.

This will be an excellent opportunity to get a better understanding of what is happening with the issues surrounding the budget and what you can do as a concerned citizen.

If you have any questions please call Andy Holmas in the Mayor's office at 673-2109.

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The Waite Park Voice is mailed to the 2,350 addresses in the neighborhood, government officials, and neighborhood organizations that exchange newsletters with Waite Park Community Council (WPCC). Additional copies are available at the Waite Park Community Center and neighborhood businesses.

**Submission deadline for May/June 2011 issue: Friday, April 8th, 2011.**

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Scott Gagnon, Mpls Parks & Rec. CSA Lead  
Sandi McDonald, Waite Park Comm. Ed.



### Upcoming Waite Park Neighborhood meetings:

**Wednesday, March 2nd – 7 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, April 6th – 7 p.m.**

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provide community-based into administration of services. Applications are now being accepted for openings on a number of open boards and commissions positions that the City Council and Mayor will appoint this spring. The City is seeking applicants with a diversity of backgrounds and experiences to strengthen the work of the City.

The input and advice from these volunteer boards constitutes a major component of the City's community engagement work.

The appointment process is designed to be clear and easily accessible, and available to all interested parties. The recruitment process is designed to ensure diversity of representation and ideas and take into consideration the city's commitment to civil rights, affirmative action and geographic distribution wherever possible.

Applications will be reviewed beginning Monday, April 4th, however the positions are open until filled. The deadline for applying for the Advisory Group on Minneapolis Redistricting is March 25th, and the appointments are made by the Charter Commission, not the Mayor and City Council.

For a full list of appointment opportunities and position descriptions as well as additional information visit [www.minneapolismn.gov/boards-and-commissions/open](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/boards-and-commissions/open). In addition to the spring cycle positions, there are several vacancies for unexpired terms from the fall cycle: Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities (2), Minneapolis Planning Commission (2), Public Health Advisory Committee (7), Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (4), Thinc.GreenMSP Steering Committee (16), and Minneapolis Zoning Board of Adjustment (3). Applications for these positions will also be reviewed beginning Monday, April 4th, with the positions being open until filled, except for Thinc.GreenMSP Steering Committee--its application review process began February 4th and remains open until filled.

Appointments are made twice each year; in the spring and in the fall. Interim appointments to fill unexpired terms are made on an as needed basis

For more information, call the City Clerk's Office at 673-3358 or Email: [cityclerk@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:cityclerk@minneapolismn.gov).

**City Council and Mayor Will Appoint Three NCEC Members**

There are currently three vacancies on the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) available through the City's open appointment process above; with terms beginning June 1 and ending May 31, 2013. One vacancy is appointed by the Mayor with City Council approval and two vacancies are appointed by the City Council with Mayoral approval. Vacancies may have incumbents seeking re-appointment. The incumbents are Matt Perry (Mayoral) and David Crockett and Breanne Rothstein (City Council).

**Applying to Volunteer on a City Board or Commission**

**SPRING**

- Animal Care & Control Advisory Board
- Latino Advisory Committee
- Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission
- Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Workforce Council, Minneapolis (Private Industry Council)
- Special Service Districts:
  - o 48th St E & Chicago Ave S
  - o Bloomington - Lake
  - o Central Ave
  - o Chicago - Lake
  - o Dinkytown
  - o East Lake
  - o Franklin Avenue East
  - o Hennepin Theatre District
  - o Linden Hills (43rd St W & Upton Ave S)
  - o Lyndale-Lake
  - o Nicollet Ave S
  - o Nicollet Mall
  - o South Hennepin Ave
  - o Stadium Village
  - o Uptown (aka Hennepin-Lake)

<b>February and March</b>	<b>Current openings posted publicly</b> <b>Open house to learn more</b>	<b>August and September</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>Applications reviewed</b>	<b>October</b>
<b>May and June</b>	<b>Applications reviewed and appointments made through formal processes</b>	<b>November and December</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>New members attend orientation &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> meeting</b>	<b>January</b>

**FALL**

- Arts Commission, Minneapolis
- Audit Committee
- (A standing committee of the City Council)
- Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission
- Capital Long-Range Improvements Committee (CLIC)
- Environmental Advisory Committee
- Civil Rights Commission
- Civilian Police Review Authority
- Family Housing Fund (Mc Knight), Minneapolis/St. Paul
- Heritage Preservation Commission
- Housing Board Of Appeals
- Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities
- Planning Commission
- Public Health Advisory Committee
- Public Housing Authority
- Senior Citizen Advisory Committee
- Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission
- Sports Facilities Commission, Metropolitan
- Telecommunications Network, Minneapolis (MTN)
- Youth Violence Prevention Executive Committee
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

*Appointments are typically made in the above cycles however interim appointments may be made on an as needed basis.*

To receive vacancy notices and announcements related to City boards and commissions look for the envelope icon  at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/boards-and-commissions/open/index.asp>

The application review process will begin Monday, April 4th, however the positions are open until filled.

For info and an application, visit [www.minneapolismn.gov/boards-and-commissions/open](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/boards-and-commissions/open) and click on NCEC.

For questions, staff contacts for the NCEC are: Jennifer Lastoka, 673-3163 [Jennifer.Lastoka@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Lastoka@minneapolismn.gov) Cheyenne Erickson, 673-2052, [Cheyenne.Erickson@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:Cheyenne.Erickson@minneapolismn.gov). City Clerk contact: Julie Meintsma, 673-3358, [Julie.Meintsma@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:Julie.Meintsma@minneapolismn.gov).

**Park Board Will Appoint One NCEC Member**

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation (MPRB) will make one appointment to the NCEC for a term that begins June 1 and ends May 31, 2013. The application for the MPRB representative position will be posted at [minneapolisparcs.org](http://minneapolisparcs.org) <<http://minneapolisparcs.org>>. The application opening and closing dates hadn't been set when the Voice went to the printer; it will be posted with the application on MPRB's website. Vacancies may have incumbents seeking re-appointment. The incumbent is Ami Thompson.

**Four NCEC Vacancies Will Be Filled by a Process Developed by Neighborhood Organizations**

Four positions for NCEC terms beginning June 1 and ending May 31, 2013 will be filled by a selection process developed by the City's recognized neighborhood organizations. The application form and timetable wasn't available when the Voice went to the printer; when information is available it will be posted on [waiteparkneighborhood.org](http://waiteparkneighborhood.org) and [www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr). Vacancies may have incumbents seeking reelection. The incumbents are: Matt Massman (District 1), Bill

Helgeson (District 3), Karen Rosar (District 5), and Melanie Majors (District 7).

**What is NCEC and Who Can Apply for One of the Eight Positions?**

The Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) was created by the City to provide overall direction to the next phase of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) and be primarily responsible for the review of neighborhood plans and recommend approval to the City Council; advise the Mayor and Council and City Departments on development and improvement of community participation policies, delivery of services and decision-making processes to systematize community input into city processes; advise on community issues and needs related to community participation; review, advise and make recommendations on the business plan and the budget for the City's Neighborhood & Community Relations (NCR) Department; as well as oversee programming details and funding for neighborhood revitalization work.

The requirements are that members shall be 18 or over, residents of the City of Minneapolis and shall not hold a current election certificate.

The NCEC Board has 16 members: five appointed by the City Council, two appointed by the Mayor, one appointed by the MPRB and 8 selected by a process developed by Minneapolis neighborhood organizations. Eight positions are up June 1 or until filled and eight will be up June 1 next year. All 16 commissioners began their terms at the first NCEC meeting in June two years ago; half have two-year terms and half have three-year terms to create staggered terms begin this cycle. The terms of the following will end in June 2012: Crystal Johnson (Mayoral appointee), Tony Anastasia, Ed

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Newman and Jeff Strand (City Council appointees) and John Finlayson (District 2), Doron Clark (District 4), Mark Hinds (District 6), and Marcea Mariani (District 8) (elected by neighborhood organizations). Odd-numbered district terms end in odd-numbered years and even-numbered district terms end in even-numbered years. Waite Park is District 4, so Doron Clark's term ends in June, 2012.

Meetings will generally take place once a month. Any member who has more than three unexcused absences in any calendar year will be replaced. Members may not serve more than two consecutive terms. There is no compensation for members, however reimbursement for parking during meetings will be available. The meeting locations will be accessible to persons with disabilities.

In addition to the monthly two-hour meetings, commissioners are encouraged to attend monthly Committee of the Whole Meetings and participate in Task Forces. Task Forces usually meet once or twice a month, until the work is done. Furthermore, a commissioner can become a facilitator for the entire commission or for a task force; NCEC facilitators usually meet once a month. Additional time is also required of commissioners to review materials, to prepare for meetings, and attend interviews and events.

Since it began in 2009, the NCEC has created commission by-laws, assisted in selecting an NCR Director, developed and disbursed 2010 Bridge Funds, created Citizen Participation Program (CPP) Guidelines to distribute \$3 million to neighborhood organizations for 2011, reviewed and approved CPP funding requests, and responded to City Council directives. Extensive engagement with stakeholders has been a key component of all of these activities.

## The National Marrow Donor Program, a Local Organization with a Global Outlook



The National Marrow Donor Program® (NMDP) and the Be The Match Foundation® are nonprofit organizations located here in Northeast Minneapolis, dedicated to creating an opportunity for all patients to receive the bone marrow or umbilical cord blood transplant they need, when they need it. Every year, thousands of people of all ages are diagnosed with leukemia and other life-threatening diseases. Many of them will die unless they get a bone marrow or cord blood transplant from a matching donor. Seventy percent of people do not have a donor in their family and depend on the Be The Match Registry® to find a match to save their life.

## Residents Needed For Redistricting Advisory

2011 brings a once-in-a-decade opportunity for people in Minneapolis to participate in redistricting the City, creating boundaries for elections in 2012 and beyond. It's an important process, because having districts with equal populations helps ensure there is fair representation no matter where you live. Redistricting happens every ten years, following the U.S. Census, and for residents who are interested, there is a new opportunity to play an important role in the redistricting process that's about to start.

In 2010, Minneapolis voters transferred authority for developing new boundaries for the City's thirteen wards and the Park Board's six districts to a Redistricting Group made up of the Charter Commission and an appointed Advisory Group. The Charter Commission is now soliciting applications for the Advisory Group.

The Charter Commission seeks applicants who will bring diversity to the Redistricting Group, are active citizens, have knowledge of the many communities within the city, and will serve on a nonpartisan basis. Please note that while Advisory Group members are expected to participate in a nonpartisan manner, current or past involvement in political party activities does not disqualify an applicant from service.

The job description and application form are posted on the Charter Commission's website at [www.minneapolismn.gov/charter-commission](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/charter-commission).

All applications should be submitted as outlined in the application by the March 25, 2011 deadline. Interviews will be conducted in April, 2011. If your group is interested in a presentation or if you have any questions, please call the Commission Coordinator, Peggy Menshek, at 612-673-2287 or email her at [peggy.menshek@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:peggy.menshek@ci.minneapolis.mn.us).

## Worried about Ice Dams?

*Tuesday, March 1st at 6:30 p.m.*

*Location: Lucy Laney Elementary (333 Penn Ave. N)*

In the winter months many homeowners are experiencing ice dams, which can lead to damage for the roof and interior of the home. Ice Dams are caused when warm air travels up to your attic and melts the snow on the roof. The melted snow flows down the roof where it can enter the eaves in your home and freeze. Attic air leaks are the most common cause of ice dams in a home. For safety purposes it is important that homeowners don't try and remove the snow from their roof themselves. Community Energy Services, CES, offers home energy visits where energy experts will help you identify ice dam problems and provide you with information and financing that will allow you improve the comfort in your home while eliminating ice dams.

CES begins with FREE educational workshops where homeowners can schedule a customized home energy visit. The visit includes a blower door test which measures for air leaks in the home, as well as the installation of energy and money saving materials. These materials may include compact fluorescent light bulbs, low-flow showerheads, faucet aerators, pipe wrap, a programmable thermostat and more! Participants are also provided with energy tracking and feedback, information on innovative financing and access to specialized rebates available to only program participants. Up to \$400 in services and materials for a co-pay of only \$30!

**To reserve your spot or for more workshop dates contact Ashley Robertson at 612-335-5869 or [arobertson@mncee.org](mailto:arobertson@mncee.org).**

For more information visit [www.mncee.org](http://www.mncee.org). Community Energy Services is a partnership with the Waite Park Community Council, Center for Energy and Environment, City of Minneapolis, CenterPoint Energy and Xcel Energy with funding provided by the MN Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund and Mpls City block grants.

## Raingarden Workshops

*Saturday, April 30th, (Part A) 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., (Part B) 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.*

*Location: Audubon Park, 1320 29th Avenue Northeast*

There are two separate workshops and participants pay \$10 per household (up to two members) for each of the workshops.

Raingarden Workshop (Part A): In this two-hour workshop you will learn the basics of why, where and how to install a raingarden.

Raingarden Design Studio (Part B): In this two-hour workshop you will receive hands-on assistance in designing your raingarden.

Visit [metroblooms.org](http://metroblooms.org) to register and for more information on the workshops and other dates available – by phone, call (651) 699-2426.



# Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Update

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

– By Scott Gagnon, CSA Lead

It's difficult to be thinking about spring activities with the endless snow and subzero temperatures we've had this winter, but spring will be here soon, I promise. Warm weather means T-Ball, Baseball, Softball and many more activities offered by the Upper Northeast Parks. Spring Registration will begin on Monday March 7th at 6:00 pm for all Spring Programs. Most of our Spring Programs will begin the 2nd week in April, with some of the outdoor programs beginning in late April, or when the outdoor fields become playable. You can register for programs online at [www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org).

## RECREATION PLUS+ SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE

Rec Plus+ operates before and after school, on school release days and during the summer, at Waite Park. Activities include games, sports, arts and crafts, homework help, field trips and nutritious snacks. Snack costs are included. Children must bring a bag lunch to daylong programs and kindergarten programs that run over lunchtime.

### Rec Plus+ Programs:

- **Before School**
- **After School**
- **School Release Days:** Release days are an option for parents who only need childcare on school release days.
  - The fee is \$32 per day, plus any applicable trip or activity fees. You must register in advance with payment and enrollment packet to attend a release day.
  - There is a \$20 annual registration fee to be a release day-only client.
  - Space is limited per site.
  - Contact a school year Rec Plus site for more information and to register
- **Summer:** Registration Dates and Rates for Summer 2011
  - March 15 - 5:30 pm Registration at the sites with Rec Plus
  - Full time Rate \$165/week this fee includes all trips, swimming, activity fees etc.

## PRE SCHOOL

Waite Park has openings in our Pre School Program. This is a multi-age class that includes playtime, story-time, group activities, songs, games, arts and crafts, science experiments, nature programs, American Sign Language and much more! The focus is on teaching the skills that children need to be successful in kindergarten and beyond. The class is offered 5 days a week, but you

can choose the days you want your child to attend. Parents are welcome to stop by and observe the class and talk with the teachers. Classes are held Monday–Friday from 9:30am-12:00pm. Fees are on a sliding scale based on the number of days attending.

## MINNEAPOLIS RIVERFRONT DESIGN

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) and Minneapolis Parks Foundation, along with creative partners The University of Minnesota College of Design and Walker Art Center, are sponsoring a design competition addressing Minneapolis' Upper Riverfront, the area extending from the Stone Arch Bridge to Minneapolis' northern city limits, along both sides of the Mississippi River. This project builds on the MPRB award-winning 2000 master plan and is the first demonstration project of The Minneapolis Parks Foundation's "Next Generation of Parks" — a design-driven vision for a 21st century park system. For details or to sign up for e-newsletter updates, visit: [MinneapolisRiverfrontDesignCompetition.com](http://MinneapolisRiverfrontDesignCompetition.com).

## TEEN NIGHTS

Hey, teens! This winter, warm up your weekends with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's (MPRB) new extended evening programming! In past years, Minneapolis recreation centers only offered additional evening teen programming during the summer.

"The Park Board has always provided programs for teens year-round, but we saw a critical need to expand our evening weekend programming to provide a safe, supervised, environment for our youth during evenings in the winter and spring as well. The Park Board reduced internal administrative costs to be proactive and expand our programs to engage teens to increase their involvement in sports, movies, dances, active video games, art, tutoring and other activities in recreation centers starting in those neighborhoods with the most teens" MPRB President John Erwin said.

Beginning Jan. 28, the following eight recreation centers will have special teen programming from 8 – 11p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings:

**Farview Recreation Center**  
**Folwell Recreation Center**  
**Logan Recreation Center**  
**Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center**  
**North Commons Recreation Center**  
**Phillips Community Center** (beginning in April)  
**Powderhorn Recreation Center**  
**Whittier Recreation Center**

Most centers will be offering programs such as open basketball, cooking classes, dances, movies, computer labs, active video games, tutoring, boys and girls groups and art classes.

"We offer many programs geared toward teens and we encourage them to join," Superintendent Jayne Miller said. "From Girls Groups to our sound studio at Powderhorn Park, there is something for every teen. Adding the new weekend teen nights enhances the wonderful programs we offer during the school year."

For more than a century, the MPRB has provided programs geared toward teens and continues to build on that tradition. Among the many unique programs the park board currently offers, the Youthline Outreach Mentorship Program gives youth ages 12-16 an opportunity to build recreational and service-learning skills while enjoying field trips with their peers. Go to [www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org) to find out more.

## EARTH DAY CLEAN UP AT DEMING HEIGHTS

Upper Northeast Parks will host an Earth Day Clean Up on Saturday, April 16th from 9:30 to noon. Come with your friends and remove trash from Deming Heights and areas of St. Anthony Parkway. No pre-registration is required – bring as many people as you wish. Meet at St. Anthony Parkway and Fillmore (on top of the hill) to hand out gloves and bags for trash collection. We hope you will join us in keeping our parks clean and beautiful!

## UPPER NORTHEAST PARKS' EGG HUNT & BUNNY PARTY

Join us at Windom Park on Saturday April 23rd from 10:00 – 12:00 for the annual Egg Hunt & Bunny Party. This is a fun event with activities for the entire family. Check the park for additional information or become a friend with Upper Northeast Parks on Facebook for updates.

## VOLUNTEER COACHES

Interested in a rewarding experience working with youth in your community? We are looking for volunteers to coach our spring sports teams (no experience is necessary). Please contact the park for more information.

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

– Scott Gagnon  
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## NE Hazardous Waste Facility Gains Momentum

– By Dionne Cordell-Whitney

The City of Minneapolis finalized the purchase of land at 340 27th Ave. N.E. on January 21st, 2011 for the site of a new hazardous waste facility for Minneapolis residents. The facility will allow residents to drop-off hazardous materials such as automotive products, batteries, aerosol cans, electronics, fluorescent lights, major appliances, paints, pesticides and more, for proper disposal.

The next step for the City of Minneapolis is drafting a zoning determination to figure out if the recently purchased property is properly zoned for a household recycling and drop-off center. Currently, the site is rated I2 Medium Industrial, which allows recycling centers, packaging plants, manufacturing facilities and other common types of industrial businesses to be built. Marie Zellar of the Don't Dump on NE campaign has been a Northeast resident for 11 years and lives one block from the proposed facility. She meets weekly with other residents and strategizes how to stop the proposed waste facility from moving forward, "We intend to challenge the zoning of the facility and are waiting

for a formal determination from the Zoning Administrator so we can appeal that. They withheld that decision until they finalized the property purchase—a move we think is a little underhanded." According to the City of Minneapolis, no formal public hearings are required since the site does not require any zoning changes. However, neighborhood involvement begins after the acquisition phase.

The City of Minneapolis has a preliminary design for the site, only very rough layouts for a fit analysis. Susan Young, Director of Solid Waste and Recycling Services for the City of Minneapolis said, "Timelines for this process will not be established until after acquisition is finalized, but the design process typically takes 12 to 15 months."

In the last ten years, the City of Minneapolis has put great effort in supporting the Minneapolis Northeast Arts District. The proposed waste facility brings a lot of questions about the City's agenda for the Northeast Community. Kevin Reich, Ward 1, City Council Member claims that the hazardous waste facility will have little to no impact on the Arts District, "The household drop-off facility is located outside the Northeast Arts District. It is part of several hundred contiguous acres of heavy commercial and industrial property to the north of the district that pre-dates the designated Arts District and operates and co-exists with it today."

For artists in Northeast the hazardous waste facility may actually be beneficial according to Young, "When talking to several of the artists in the area, they were excited that there will be a safe, local and convenient place for them to take waste paints and supplies from their home-based studios."

Even though the hazardous waste facility goes along with making Minneapolis a greener city, Zellar is more concerned with the long-term effects the hazardous waste facility will have on the Northeast community. "I believe this will have a chilling affect on our community. I just don't think people will stay to eat or shop in the same place they come to drop off old pesticides and moldy mattresses... I think we have to really fight for what we have built here and the vision we have for our community, lest we become a target for more negative developments."

The waste facility will give Minneapolis residents a user-friendly place to drop off their household materials before they pile up or get improperly dumped says Mark Stenglein, Northeast resident and Hennepin County Commissioner, District Two. "The Center will be a safe, convenient, one-stop place to bring your household materials year-round" he says.

The waste facility will create new jobs for the area, but the exact number is to be determined.

## Waite Park Community Garden (WPCG) News

– By Connie Stauffer

(Google search on WPCNG)

The Waite Park Community Garden (WPCG) is a community of 72 gardeners and their partners working together for a successful growing season at 3601 Lincoln St NE.

From each gardening unit, the WPCG requests an annual gardening fee of \$35 and a 15-hour community commitment each season. The community hours can be manual labor in the garden maintaining the grounds by mowing, weeding, and other work as designated by our maintenance coordinator, serving in a leadership capacity, and participating in WPCG planning meetings and social events.

In February, the WPCG mailed bills for 2010 unreported community hours. This reparation (\$5/ hour) restores the trust and commitment between the gardener and the community and must be paid in full before the returning gardener registration begins. See dates below for returning gardener events.

New gardener registration will be held at the Waite Park Community Center Saturday, April 9, 10:30 – 12:00 a.m. Open garden plots are allocated in this order on a first-come, first-served basis with priority given in this order – Waite Park neighborhood residents, Minneapolis residents, and then residents of any other suburbs or city.

In January, the WPCG Steering group adopted some changes to the policy and procedures document, which will be discussed in the registration meetings. Also, plans are underway to create a roadmap for making improvements to the garden. The steering group will meet again in May to identify improvement projects for the 2011 growing season.

**WPCG 2011 Dates** (All meetings unless otherwise noted are at the Waite Park Community Center.):

- Sat, Feb 26, 10:30 – noon, **Returning Gardener** "What are you Growing in 2011?" social and registration material pickup
- Mon, Feb 28, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., **Returning Gardener** registration material pickup
- Thurs, Mar 31, **DUE Returning Gardener Registrations**
- Sat, Apr 9, 10:30 – noon, **New Gardener Plots Assigned**
- Sat, May 14, 10:30 – 1:30, **Official gardening opening day. 2011 Gardening Community – Social** – get to know your neighbor and seedling swap. Meet the mentors and learn about maintenance, improvement and communication plans for the season. Event will begin at the Waite Park Community Center and proceed to the garden, weather permitting.

Waite Park PTA is pleased to announce the

### 3rd Annual Spring Gala and Silent Auction

Saturday, April 9th, 7:00-11:00 PM

At Eastside Neighborhood Services  
1700 2nd Street NE

Join the Northeast Community as we gather to support our neighborhood school. A sampling of local dining will be offered with plenty of food and drink.

*Good Food, Great Company and a Fantastic Silent Auction!*

**Tickets: \$15/person in advance, \$20/door. Tickets available at the Waite Park School and Park Office (1800 34th Ave NE).**

A great way to get out for an affordable night on the town that helps a great cause.

Need childcare? Waite Park will offer a parents' night out during this event. Call the park to make arrangements to register your child at

612-370-4959.



## NORTHEAST MIDDLE SCHOOL 2K & 5K WALK/RUN AND WELLNESS CARNIVAL

Please join us at Northeast Middle School on **Saturday, February 26th, 2011!**  
We welcome all students, families, and community members to join in the fun! The event begins with a **2K/5K walk/run throughout the hallways at 10:00 am.**

From 10:45am -1:00pm tickets will be sold to participate in:

- Roller-skating
- Swimming (bring a towel and swimsuit)
- Dance (11:00-12:00)
- Yoga (12:00-1:00)
- Cross Country Skiing/Snowshoeing
- Cake Walk
- Bungee Activities in the gym
- Face Painting
- You may purchase food (popcorn and healthy snacks)

\*\*\*Proceeds from this event will help Northeast Middle School participate in a Track and Field Day on May 27, 2011!

## Seniors On The Go

– By Rita Deyo

On Wednesday, January 26, the Seniors On The Go held their annual luncheon and business meeting at Audubon Park. This year, instead of potluck, Marino's Deli, a northeast business, catered the lunch. Some seniors, true to form, decided to contribute desserts as a finale to the pasta and salad main courses.

After lunch, a short business meeting was held. Scott Gagnon, the new park director, introduced himself to the seniors. He had met with senior coordinator, Rita Deyo, to familiarize himself with the types of activities this group of seniors enjoy. Because the weather interfered with the planned trip to Koslak's Royal Oaks, it was added to the tentative list of possible future programs. No final decisions were made regarding upcoming activities.

Andy Zurbey, a northeast concertina player, entertained the group with lively "old-time" music and the seniors joined in singing the lyrics.

Seniors On The Go always welcomes new members to the group. For more information contact Waite Park Center, (612) 370-4959 or [sgagnon@minneapolisparcs.org](mailto:sgagnon@minneapolisparcs.org).

## Waite Park Book Club

– By Rita Deyo

January gave way to February and the area seniors marched along in spite of the weather. There were verbal observations about how long and depressing the winter was, but the complaints were voiced with smiles and enthusiasm.

The seniors still attended the January 24th Book Club meeting and welcomed the discussion of Laura Hillenbrand's well-researched biography, **Seabiscuit: An American Legend**. The readers learned about owners, trainers and how the jockeys punished their bodies to make weight. The book also dealt with the era of prohibition when betting was illegal in the United States and Mexican horse racing where it was allowed.

Seabiscuit was a west coast racehorse. The east coast racers didn't take

their horses across country--Chicago seemed "out west" to them. Seabiscuit had to meet opponents by crossing the country time after time by rail. There were also Seabiscuit trains that moved fans wherever Seabiscuit was scheduled to race.

Most responded to this book positively and the readers recommended it for sportsmen, horse lovers, depression era historians or anyone interested in the "behind the scenes" stories of the racing industry.

Willa Cather's two novels, **O Pioneer** and **My Antonia**, will be discussed at the February 28th meeting. Both stories deal with the settlement and farming on the prairies of Nebraska.

The selection for the meeting on Monday, March 21st is **Cater Street Hangman** by Anne Perry. The selection for Monday, April 18th is **The Worst Hard Time** by Timothy Egan. The selection for May 16th is **Mister Pip** by Lloyd Jones.

For more information, call Waite Park Community Education Coordinator Sandi McDonald at 612-668-1590, e-mail her at [sandi.mcdonald@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:sandi.mcdonald@mpls.k12.mn.us), or visit [commed.mpls.k12.mn.us](http://commed.mpls.k12.mn.us).

## Leaf Your Legacy: 1,500 City Trees Available for \$25 Each

Get ready to order a tree to plant on your Minneapolis property this spring. Starting Monday, March 14, order your tree by visiting [www.treetrust.org](http://www.treetrust.org) or calling (952) 767-3880. Supplies are limited. The City of Minneapolis is offering 1,500 six-to-eight-foot trees with one-inch trunks for only \$25 each. Pick up your tree May 21-23 at the Minneapolis Impound Lot at 51 Colfax Avenue North.



Trees are available for Minneapolis residents--and new this year, businesses and non-profit organizations. There are several varieties and sizes of trees to choose from, including a fruit tree. It's first-come, first-served--order early for the best selection. There is a limit of one tree per property owner.

Healthy trees look beautiful in our neighborhood, increase property values, help clean the air we breathe, absorb carbon dioxide, save on our energy bills with strategic planting, keep the city cooler in the summer, provide homes for wildlife and help manage stormwater. The City Trees program helps meet the City's eco-focused goal recognizing trees as a solid green investment.

In the past five years, the City Trees program has planted 6,000 trees in Minneapolis. This is a low-cost way to help build the City's tree canopy, increase the diversity of the urban canopy by offering different species each year, educate residents about the importance of trees and the role of the urban forest, and replace trees that have been removed due to disease or lost to storm damage. It also provided an opportunity to teach job skills to at-risk youth and young adults.

Last year, emerald ash borer was found in Minneapolis. It poses a special threat to the 200,000 ash trees in Minneapolis, which make up more than 20% of the city's trees. Planting new trees now will help start the next generation of trees.

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board plants more than 2,500 trees annually in city boulevards and parks.

The urban forest is a major capital asset in any city. In Minneapolis, more than 979,000 trees provide incredible beauty and shade while covering more than 26% of our urban landscape. The majority of Minneapolis' trees belong to five species: green ash (14.4%), sugar maple (13.1%), Norway maple (11.8%), littleleaf linden (10.4) and the American elm (9.9%).

The United States Forest Service recently conducted a study of Minneapolis trees and found that the more than 979,000 trees annually save the city \$6.8 million in energy costs, \$9.1 million in stormwater treatment and \$7.1 million in aesthetic and property values.

For more information about the Minneapolis urban forest, visit [minneapolismn.gov/trees](http://minneapolismn.gov/trees).



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**WAITE PARK COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

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

**March/April 2011**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event / Location or Other Info</u>
Tues, Mar. 1	1-2:30 p.m.	Community Education (Cmty. Ed.): Armchair Travel Talk: Croatia Register: 668-1590. \$2 at the door.
<b>Tues, Mar. 1</b>	<b>6:30-8 p.m.</b>	<b>Community Meeting with Mayor Rybak: 2012 Budget and Property Taxes Audubon Park, 1320 29th Ave. NE.</b>
<b>WED, MAR. 2</b>	<b>7-9 p.m.</b>	<b>WAITE PARK CMTY. COUNCIL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ELECTION OF 8 BOARD MEMBERS, SECRETARY &amp; TREASURER.</b>
Fri, Mar. 4	6:30 p.m.	Waite Park Community School Family Dance Party.
Sat, Mar. 5	10:30-12:30	Cmty. Ed/Cmty. Crime Prev: Personal Safety Workshop (MPD, Mary Brandl) RSVP: 673-2874 NEMS, 2955 Hayes .
Mon, Mar. 7	6 p.m.	Upper NE. Parks Spring Program Registration Begins: T-ball, baseball, softball & more! Info: 370-4959 or on-line.
W,9 & Th, 10	5:30-9:30 p.m.	Cmty. Ed: Defensive Driving 55+: 8-Hour Initial Course: two 4-hour classes \$18 Register: 668-1590.
Thurs, Mar. 10	7-8:45 a.m.	Northeast Network Meeting RSVP: 788-0950 by Tuesday, March 8 Eastside Food Co-op, 2551 Central Ave. NE.
Th,10 & F,11	7 p.m.	NE Middle School presents the musical <b>Alice in Wonderland</b> NE. Middle School, 2955 Hayes St. NE.
Sat, Mar. 12	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	Spring Home Improvement Fair 80 vendors Free Info: 825-9205 Presented by SW. Journal SW. H. S. West Gym.
Mon, Mar. 14		Starting today, order a \$25 tree: <a href="http://www.treetrust.org">www.treetrust.org</a> or (952) 767-3880. Info: (see page 7), <a href="http://www.minneapolismn.gov/trees">www.minneapolismn.gov/trees</a> .
Mon, Mar. 14	2-3 p.m.	Cmty. Ed. Wellness at River Village: Learn To Do Simple Acupressure Register: 668-1590 2919 Randolph St. NE.
Mon, Mar. 14	6 p.m.	2PAC (2nd Precinct Police and Community Council) Meeting Monroe Village, 1900 Central Ave. NE.
W/Th/F, 16-18	7 p.m.	<b>Footloose! A musical performance</b> Thomas Edison High School, 700 22nd Ave. NE.
Mon, Mar. 21	1-2:30 p.m.	Waite Park Book Club: Cater Street Hangman by Anne Perry.
Fri, Mar. 25	4:30 p.m.	Applications due: Redistricting Advisory Group of the Mpls. Charter Cmsn. Info: (see page 4) If mailed, postmarked by today.
Sat, Mar. 26	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Northeast Home Improvement Fair Free Info: 8225-9205 Presented by The Journal NE. Middle School, 2955 Hayes.
Thurs, Mar. 31		DUE Returning Gardener Registrations.
Thurs, Mar. 31	6:30 p.m.	Free Community Energy Services Workshop RSVP: 335-5869 or a.robertson@mncee Salvation Army, 2727 Central.
Fri, Apr. 1	8-9 a.m.	"Final Friday" [Due to spring break] Coffee & talk with Principal Dr. Padmini Udupa Just drop by! NEMS, 2955 Hayes.
Mon, Apr. 4		Review process begins for applications for positions filled by City Council & Mayor via the open appts. process Info: (see page 1,3,4).
Tues, Apr. 5	1-2:30 p.m.	Cmty. Ed: Arm Chair Travel Talk: Iringa: A Province of Tanzania Register: 668-1590 \$2 at the door.
<b>Wed, Apr. 6</b>	<b>7-9 p.m.</b>	<b>Waite Park Community Council (WPCC) Board Meeting.</b>
Sat, Apr. 9	10:30-noon	New Gardener Plots Assigned.
<b>Sat, Apr. 9</b>	<b>7-11 p.m.</b>	<b>Waite Park PTA Spring Gala &amp; Silent Auction \$15/advance \$20/door Eastside Neighborhood Services, 1700 2nd St. NE.</b>
Mon, Apr 11	2-3 p.m.	Cmty. Ed: Wellness at River Village: Vision & Hearing Issues Donation Register: 668-1590 2919 Randolph St. NE.
Mon, Apr. 11	6 p.m.	2PAC (2nd Precinct Police & Community Council) Meeting Monroe Village, 1900 Central Ave. NE.
Wed, Apr. 13	10-2:30 p.m.	Cmty. Ed: Defensive Driving 55+: 4-Hour Refresher Course \$16 Register: 668-1590.
Thurs, Apr. 14	7-8:45 a.m.	Northeast Network Meeting RSVP: 788-0950 by Tuesday, April 12 Eastside Food Co-op, 2551 Central Ave. NE.
Sat, Apr. 16	9:30 a.m.-noon	Deming Heights Earth Day Clean Up Meet at St. Anthony Parkway & Fillmore (top of hill) for gloves & trash bags.
Mon, Apr. 18	1-2:30 p.m.	Waite Park Book Club: The Worst Best Time by Susan.
Mon, Apr. 18	6:30-8 p.m.	PEN (Pub. Ed. NE) Meeting Thomas Edison High School, 2nd fl. media room, 700 22nd Ave. NE.
Wed, Apr. 20	6:30-8 p.m.	Waite Park Community School PTA Meeting Childcare provided for children over 2 years old and toilet trained.
Thurs, Apr. 21	7-9 p.m.	Cmty. Ed: Estate Sales: Finding Your Best Deals \$15 Register: 668-1515 Thomas Edison H. S, 700 22nd Ave. NE.
Sat, Apr. 23	10-noon	Upper NE. Parks Egg Hunt & Bunny Party Activities for the entire family Info: 370-4905 Windom Park, 2251 Hayes.
Wed, Apr. 27	6:30-8 p.m.	Spanish Speaking Waite Park School PTA Meeting Childcare provided for children over 2 years old and toilet trained.
Thurs, Apr. 28	5:30-9:30 p.m.	Cmty. Ed: Defensive Driving 55+: Refresher Course \$16 Register: 668-1590.
Thurs, Apr. 28	7-9 p.m.	Cmty. Ed: Estate Sales: Hire a Company or Do It Yourself \$15 Register: 668-1515 Edison H. S, 700 22nd Ave. NE.
Fri, Apr. 28	8-9 p.m.	"Final Friday" Coffee & talk with Principal Dr. Padmini Udupa No RSVP needed--just drop by! NEMS, 2955 Hayes.
<b>Sat, Apr. 30</b>	<b>10 a.m.-5 p.m.</b>	<b>Mpls. &amp; St. Paul Home Tour Info: Margo Ashmore at 673-5103 or visit <a href="http://www.msphometour.com">www.msphometour.com</a>. Also Sun, May 1: 1-5.</b>
Sat, Apr. 30	noon-2 p.m.	\$10 Raingarden Wrkshp. Info & to register: <a href="http://metroblooms.org">metroblooms.org</a> or call (651) 699-2426 Audubon Park, 1320 29th Ave. NE.

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