



WAITE PARK
FALL FESTIVAL
2011



FEATURING THE:

3rd Annual
Push Cart Derby

***Cash
Prizes!**

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

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.



Be The Match: The National Marrow Donor Program, a local NE organization, will be on-site seeking candidates for their national bone marrow register. Please consider helping this life-changing cause.

Learn more at: WaiteParkNeighborhood.org

*Contest rules and requirements available at WP Web site.

Get Ready To Race!

Join your Northeast neighbors and folks from all over the Twin Cities at the 3rd Annual Push Cart Derby at Waite Park on September 10th. Put together a team of three people, build a sturdy cart and bring it to the Waite Park field at 11:00 to enter the race. The winning team in the derby will receive \$200! Second place will receive \$100 and third place will receive a sweet swag bag filled with prizes and coupons from area retailers and other groups. There will also be a \$100 prize awarded for the Most Creative push carts.

TO ENTER:

- Build yourself a durable cart that can be pushed on grass and can turn.
- Get together a team of three people, two pushers and one "driver" (All team members must be over 10 years of age and members under 18 must have parent/guardian approval, all team members must wear helmets to participate).
- Join us for registration at 11:00 AM at Waite Park to register your cart and begin racing.

You can check out the rules and regulations and pictures from last year's event at our Web site: WaiteParkNeighborhood.org.

Get your friends and neighbors together and buckle up for an afternoon of racing. Hang around after the Derby and join in the Fall Festival with food, music and games for the kids.



FROM THE PRESIDENT



It's been a long, hot summer in Northeast, but there is just as many interesting events happening this fall. Join us at Waite Park on September 10 for the 3rd

Annual Push Cart Derby and Fall Festival. We will be offering prizes for derby winners as well as food, music and games for the kids starting at 11:00 am.

Waite Park and Audubon Park is holding a neighborhood-wide Garage Sale on September 17 from 8:00 am-5:30 pm. You can learn more at <http://audubonneighborhood.org/> to join in the sale fun throughout the area.

East Side Neighborhood Services is holding their First Annual Nordeast Big River Brew Fest at the Historic Grain Belt Bottling House on 13th Avenue NE on October 15. The event runs from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. You can learn more about the event by visiting East Side Neighborhood Services or online at www.esns.org. All proceeds from this event benefit programs and services of East Side Neighborhood Services.

– Jeffrey Martin

If you are interested in learning more about the WPCC or have questions about volunteer opportunities, please email us at waiteparkcc@gmail.com, visit our Web site at WaiteParkNeighborhood.org, or attend one of our monthly neighborhood meetings.

**Waite Park PTA
Fall Update**



– By Jenn Bennington

Fall is upon us and that means it's time for the Waite Park PTA to welcome students back to school! We would also like to invite community members, neighbors and families to become involved in keeping our community school strong. For our students to be successful, we need many people to help, and volunteering can be a rewarding experience. We value Waite Park community members' contribution to our school and would like to highlight some of the roles that you can fill to make our school even better!

We are very excited to start this year with our new PTA volunteer coordinator, Connie Wegner. Connie will be helping connect community members with volunteer opportunities at Waite Park - from reading with kids to helping the office with clerical tasks - she can help volunteers determine the best fit for them. Whatever your talent or interest, there are opportunities for you to support our students. Contact Connie at cjwegner@msn.com or call the school at 612-668-1600 for more information.

In addition to helping during the school day or with special events at Waite Park Community School, Minneapolis Community Education welcomes volunteers to contribute time to our extensive after-school programming. We are very fortunate to offer our students the option of staying at school from 3:30 - 5:00 pm to engage in a wide of variety of extracurricular classes and activities including theater, reading club, Spanish and band. It takes many people to offer this programming, and we are always looking for volunteers interested in teaching a class. Would you like to teach kids to knit? Have a language or cultural knowledge that you would like to share? Contact Sandi McDonald with any special skills that you would like to pass along to the next generation of Northeast citizens! Sandi can be reached at sandi.mcdonald@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-1590.

We know this year is going to provide us all with lots of fun and learning and we'd love to have you be a part of it at Waite Park Community School!

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2nd Precinct Advisory Council (2PAC)

In 2PAC's first email newsletter 2PAC President Dan Scoggins said he would be remiss if he did not share their new mission with you. "Our mission is to facilitate 2nd Precinct and neighborhood efforts to reduce crime and enhance livability through education and communication."

The next 2PAC meeting is Monday, September 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Monroe Village community

room at 1900 Central Avenue, across from the 2nd Precinct. The first part of the meeting will be the sixth meeting of the Eastside Court Watch.

Twenty-seven people attended the August 8 meeting, including residents from at least nine eastside neighborhoods.



Upcoming Waite Park Neighborhood meetings:

Wednesday, September 7th – 7pm
Wednesday, October 5th – 7pm

Waite Park NRP Update

It's time for an update on Waite Park's Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Neighborhood Action Plan (NAP).

Waite Park's NRP Phase II allocation is \$447,124; of which \$409,414 has been contracted. The remaining \$37,210.68 became unavailable last December when the City Council froze uncontracted Phase II NRP funds for neighborhoods that had contracted more than 50% of their Phase II funds. [Other neighborhoods were allowed to contact up to 50% of their Phase II NRP allocation.] Most of the \$37,210.68 was not available for contracting until June 18 last year when the City Council approved the recommendation of the NRP Policy Board to fully fund the NRP Phase II allocations made to neighborhoods in 2004.

The NRP Policy Board requires that at least 70% of a neighborhood's Phase II allocation be spent on housing in order to comply with state law that 52.5% of the total NRP money at the end of the program be spent on housing. Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation's (GMHC) Housing Resource Center (HRC) is implementing Waite Park's housing program: \$210,510 is contracted for the home improvement low-interest loan program and \$55,529 for the emergency repair loan program. A lottery was held for the low-interest home improvement loan program at the WPCC Board meeting June 2 last year; 37 tickets were drawn and ranked. Fifteen applications were received, none are pending. Seven loans were closed, using \$50,186.30, leaving a balance of \$121,813.70. This will be discussed at the next Waite Park Community Council Board meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 7 at Waite Park Recreation Center--please attend! Jenny Camacho, HRC Program Administrator, will be at the meeting. Should there be another lottery, should it be first come, first served, or what other changes should be made to this installment loan of up to \$10,000 at 4% interest, payable over 10 years? Two emergency repair deferred loans have been closed, using \$22,010, leaving a balance of \$32,990.

Expanding Services in Neighborhood Schools was appropriated \$40,260; \$15,760 was not contracted and therefore is unavailable (frozen).

Community Education was allocated \$10,000 to provide funding for summer and after school programs and additional supplies for running after school programs. It's all been contracted and there is a balance of \$2,307.76. The contract was extended in August from the end of this year to the end of next year.

Waite Park Recreation Center Equipment and Supplies was appropriated \$38,257; \$18,950 was not contracted and is unavailable (frozen). There is an unspent balance of \$7,571.59 of the \$19,306.75 that was contracted.

Waite Park Community Garden was appropriated \$5,500; \$3,000 was not contracted and therefore is unavailable (frozen).

Mini-Grants (Rebates) for Home Security & Safety (\$50) and Block Clubs were each appropriated \$10,000; all \$20,000 is contracted and over \$7,500 is available in each program so please apply--visit waiteparkneighborhood.org and click on neighborhood programs on the left. The contracts for both programs were extended in August to the end of 2014.

The Police Department's COPSIRF program was appropriated \$6,240.73; nothing remains. It was funded by NRP Reserve Funds, and was not charged toward a neighborhood's allocation.

Phase II Plan Development was appropriated \$10,000; nothing remains.

Community Information was appropriated \$57,068; it's been contracted thru 2014, and there is a balance of \$12,847.

The City Council's action last December does not affect NRP Phase I funds or program income. Now we'll look at these funds.

Community Information has an appropriation remaining of \$18,479 from Phase I rollover funds; it is not contracted and is not affected by the City Council's action last December.

There is a current appropriation remaining of \$428.16. This is the accumulated program income from the loan to the Eastside Food Coop; "current appropriation remaining" means that this money is not currently under contract and is available to the neighborhood. It is coming in in monthly payments of \$53.52 through November, 2028.

Northeast Middle School has a current appropriation of \$1,400 remaining in Phase I funds. Plan Mod #11 (September 30, 2004) moved \$1,400 of Program Income into this strategy to replace money reallocated to the sidewalk rebate program. This money has never been contracted.

Waite Park Improvements Contract #12687 has \$1,053.99 that was never spent under the contract. Should this contract be closed out (with the funds returning to your NRP Plan), or should the contract be revived for additional activities at the park?

Deferred Loan/Grant Program Contract #13238 has \$1,839 under contract but not spent.

Home Improvement Program Contract #12687 has \$163.16 under contract but not spent.

Background on the frozen (unavailable) funds

In recent years, the City has been faced with significant financial challenges brought on in large part by repeated state cuts to Local Government Aid and escalating costs related to three closed pension funds. However, the financial outlook for 2011, 2012, and 2013 were particularly troubling, with homeowners facing significant increases in their property taxes to meet these challenges.

To lessen the burden on homeowners during these particularly difficult financial times, the City Council approved a temporary, stopgap measure to provide a level of property tax relief for Minneapolis homeowners in the coming years. Specifically, this action:

Temporarily limits the revenue captured by tax increment finance (TIF) districts in 2012 and 2013, which results in \$10 million in property tax relief in those years; and

Allows neighborhoods to contract up to 50% of their Phase II NRP allocation.

City leaders approved this as a temporary measure only, saying that strong neighborhoods are achieved and maintained through a balance of engaged residents, healthy neighborhood organizations, public safety investments and sound infrastructure and City services.

Following the budget approval process, the City Council established a Neighborhood Funding Work Group to facilitate decision-making related to the budget actions taken in December. In March it made the following recommendation:

Release \$2.68 million of the frozen NRP funds. Revise NRP Ordinance.

Establish process for neighborhood priorities to inform City's annual budget.

Establish policy direction; for City department connections with neighborhoods.

Revise Community Participation Program to reflect a two year NRP transition phase.

On July 25, the 50% figure was increased to 66% by the NRP Policy Board with \$2.68 million unfrozen by the City Council on April 1. In a memorandum recommending this action, NRP Director Robert Miller said this distribution approach is consistent with allocation methodology adopted by the NRP Policy Board on April 16, 2004.

Miller said the City Council action in December "impacted neighborhoods very differently, depending upon where they were in the Phase II plan development, approval and implementation process. Some neighborhoods received all of their Phase II funds while others were restricted to 50% of their allocation.

"Neighborhoods such as Corcoran, Elliot Park, Lyndale, Stevens Square and Philips West have completed contracting their Phase II allocations. The Council action had no impact on them. Others, such as Northeast Park, Audubon, East Calhoun, Lowry Hill East, Seward, Waite Park, Logan Park, Bryn Mawr, Kenny Whittier, Ventura Village, Folwell and Kenwood have already contracted more than 80% of their Phase II allocation. They were minimally affected.

"On the other end of the spectrum, however were neighborhoods such as Nokomis East, Hawthorne, Longfellow, Downtown, Central, Cedar Riverside, Holland, and Webber-Camden. These neighborhoods were in the process of finalizing their Phase II Neighborhood Action Plans or had just begun contracting implementation of their strategies. They were seriously and adversely impacted by the Council action."

The NRP Policy Board decided that the \$2.68 million will be provided to the neighborhoods most adversely impacted by the City Council action so that the range neighborhoods receive of their Phase II allocation narrows from the current 50-100% to 66-100%. Under this plan, 38 neighborhoods will

Minneapolis81.com Creates Photo Tours of Local Neighborhoods



— By Dan Haugen

Janelle Nievens was looking for a project that would help hone her photography skills, as well as better get to know her adopted hometown. One day last winter while walking along Franklin Avenue, the Iowa native got an idea: a photography blog documenting walking tours in

each of Minneapolis' 81 neighborhoods. And so began Minneapolis 81.

Nievens, who moved to Minneapolis in 2002, started out by asking her friends if they would be willing to show her around their neighborhoods. Since then, she's set up a website (minneapolis81.com), where anyone can volunteer to be a tour guide and view photos and summaries of the neighborhoods she's already explored. Waite Park residents AJ Hokland and Shelley Leeson showed Nievens around our neighborhood over the summer.

"I didn't know anything about Waite Park. That's exactly why I wanted to do this project," says Nievens, who lives in the opposite corner of the city, in southwest's Armatage neighborhood.

"Every corner we turned there was something really cool," she says. The sites on her tours included parks, playgrounds, homes, gardens and small businesses.

Nievens says she found the diversity of homes interesting, how architectural styles change from one end of the parkway to the other. She says she had fun visiting Ready Meats and exploring the cluster of businesses at 33rd and Central. And she was delighted to meet Lauri Svedberg and wander through her wolf-themed art studio/home on Tyler Street.

The Waite Park tour was published on Minneapolis 81 in July. Nievens tries to add one

new neighborhood tour each week. Each post takes about 10 hours to put together, which includes the walking tour, preparing the photos and adding it all to the website. She's been working ahead, hoping to have a handful of photo tours ready post during cold, dark winter weeks when it's harder to fit in new tours.

"I fall in love with a new neighborhood every time I go on these," says Nievens. Waite Park was no exception.

"I hope that people don't take this the wrong way, but a lot of neighborhoods almost feel like little small towns. That, of course, is a compliment from me because I grew up in a small town," she says. "There were parts of that [Waite Park] tour that really reminded me of how I grew up, which was a very good feeling."

Visit Minneapolis 81 at <http://www.minneapolis81.com>, or follow Nievens' project on Twitter @Mpls81.

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Election Process Underway for NRP Policy Board

Four neighborhood representatives and four alternates will be elected to one-year terms on the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board on Thursday, November 17, in the evening.

Candidate filing forms must be received by the NRP central office by noon on Friday, September 16. Filing forms are available at the NRP website at www.nrp.org, Waite Park Community Council (WPCC) meetings, Waite Park literature rack, NRP office, City Clerk's office, League of Women Voters office, and libraries.

NRP office staff and volunteers will conduct all the election activities, as in the past two years.

For more information on the election call Carsten Slostad, NRP Policy Board staff secretary at 673-5150.

NRP Director Bob Miller said, "The NRP Policy Board will help determine the future of the

program and any transitions that will need to be made. All interested neighborhood residents are encouraged to apply."

The NRP (originally called "the twenty-year Plan") is being consolidated over a period of time into the new Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) Department, under the City Coordinator's office. The Joint Powers Agreement between the City, County, School District, and Park and Recreation Board expires at the end of this year, so the make-up of the Policy Board will be different when the new neighborhood reps take office in January. City and NRP officials will meet the first week in September to discuss the transition of NRP to the NCR. The City will not extend the Joint Powers agreement, and the other jurisdictions haven't taken a position on whether or not to extend it.

The Framework for the Future adopted by the City Council in 2008 says neighborhood associations will remain autonomous organizations, the work done by them is considered a basic City service and the City will allocate \$3 million annually to neighborhood associations for operating expenses. The

framework is the source for the Community Participation Program (CPP), which began in January. The program guidelines call for the second year of submissions to be due in October, but the contracts will be extended beyond December 31, probably to May 31 (with corresponding funds), due to the City Council's budget action last December to provide future property tax relief by using \$10 million in NRP uncontracted funds to fund CPP in 2012-13 instead of tax increment funds. Please see the Waite Park NRP article on page 3. The City Council will revise its NRP ordinance later this fall, including the establishment of a reconstituted NRP Policy Board. Then, after a neighborhood engagement process and recommendations from the Neighborhood Community Engagement Commission (NCEC), the City Council will revise the CPP to reflect a two-year NRP transition phase.

Waite Park's CPP allocation this year is \$24,952.50. Waite Park Community Council's submission, along with all the other neighborhoods' submissions, plus the current CPP guidelines are on the NCR's website: www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr.



Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Update

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

– By Scott Gagnon, CSA Lead

The weather this year has been filled with extremes; from the cold and snowy winter to the heat and rain this summer. We've made it through a very hot and busy summer at the parks. Now the days are getting shorter, the kids are back in school and the fields are filled with soccer and football players. I'm hoping that the fall brings us some nice cool weather.

DEBRA DEROSA JOINS CSA TEAM

Speaking of extremes, I'm 'extremely' happy to announce a new addition to our Community Service Area (CSA) team, Debra DeRosa. Debra will be taking over the day to day duties at Waite Park. Debra comes to Waite Park from Matthews Park located in the Seward Neighborhood, where she worked for the past four years. In addition to working for the Park Board, Debra is in the process of completing her Masters in Organizational Leadership at Augsburg College. Prior to working for the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, she operated a community center and supervised community programs for the City of La Mirada, California and directed a variety of programs for the City of Corona, California senior center. She has a B.S. in Sports and Recreation Management from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. While attending college she was able to obtain work experience with the City of North Las Vegas Parks and Recreation Department. If you are in the Waite Park neighborhood feel free to stop and say hi to her.

WAITE PARK FALL FESTIVAL

September 10th - Waite Park Fall Festival at Waite Park, 11am-2pm. Family Event that includes Food, Games, Prizes, Entertainment! Call 612-370-4959 for more info.

HALLOWEEN PARTY AT WINDOM PARK

October 31st - Upper Northeast Halloween Party at Windom Park, 6-8pm. FREE Event that includes games, prizes, and treat bags for the first 250 children ages 2-12.

DISC GOLF COURSES OPEN AT FORT SNELLING AND THEODORE WIRTH GOLF COURSES

At the Wirth Par 3 and Fort Snelling golf courses, the terms 'putter' and 'driver' don't just apply to golf clubs, but discs too! The new 18-hole disc golf courses at both courses are open for flying disc fun.

Growing in popularity, disc golf appeals to players of all ages and skill levels. Similar to regular

golf, disc golf follows many of the same rules, but with a few twists. Disc golfers throw discs rather than swing a club and they aim for a basket instead of a hole. Much like a golfer's clubs, discs vary in shape to be used for putting, driving and mid-range throws.

In fact, the disc golfers play the same fairways as the golfers, and share the same etiquette. It doesn't matter whether a group is made of disc golfers or regular golfers, no one tees off until all players are safely out of the way, and all groups allow faster groups to play through.

The course at Theodore Wirth Park meanders along the Wirth Par 3 golf course and has holes ranging from 46 to 156-yards, all Par 3, with tee boxes for beginner and intermediate players.

The disc golf course at Fort Snelling golf course is more challenging, with holes as long as 311-yards and several Par 4 and Par 5 holes. Everyone can find the right level of challenge because it has tee boxes for beginner, advanced and professional players.

Disc golf rates are \$5.00 plus tax for adults and \$2.50 plus tax for seniors (62+) and youth (17 and under), payable at the Wirth Par 3 and Fort Snelling club houses; where golf carts, disc golf equipment, and snacks and beverages are also available. Both courses are open 7 days a week, sunrise to sunset.

For more information on the disc golf courses, call Fort Snelling at 612-726-6222 or Theodore Wirth Golf Course at 763-522-2818.

REMEMBRANCE GARDEN HONORS VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF THE 35W BRIDGE COLLAPSE

Friends and families of those who died survived or were involved in relief efforts when the 35W Bridge collapsed on August 1, 2007 gathered at the new 35W Bridge Remembrance Garden on West River Parkway to share their stories and view the memorial at a dedication event Monday evening.

The garden, located along the Mississippi river on West River Parkway and 11th Ave. S., features 13 steel I-beam and glass columns engraved with the names of the victims. Behind the columns is a granite wall adorned with the names of the 181 survivors and the phrase "Our lives are not only defined by what happens, but by how we act in the face of it, not only by what life brings us, but by what we bring to life. Selfless actions and compassion create enduring community out of tragic events." At the edge of the parkland bluff is an overlook, providing views of the Mississippi River and the new 35W bridge.

West River Parkway is part of the Grand Rounds National Scenic Byway of the Minneapolis



Park System. The families of those who died in the collapse and the survivors worked closely with the City of Minneapolis to plan for the memorial. Over \$1.5 million dollars has been raised to construct the memorial and provide an endowment to support ongoing maintenance.

The event featured a musical performance, remarks from Governor Mark Dayton and Mayor R.T. Rybak and messages from families of the 13 victims and well as a reading of the names of the survivors.

Photographs of the event can be viewed at: <http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/default.asp?PageID=52&prid=1606>. High resolution images are available upon request.

VOLUNTEER COACHES

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

FALL PROGRAMS

Fall Programs begin in September please checkout program offerings at www.minneapolisparcs.org You can register at any of our recreation centers or online

Thanks for your continued support of Minneapolis Parks! If you have any questions, comments or concerns please contact:

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Waite Park Community Garden (WPCG) News

– By *Connie Stauffer*

(Google search on WPCG and on Facebook)
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Saturday evening, August 6, turned out to be a splendid evening for strolling through the garden tasting wonderful food prepared by gardeners from their produce.

Go to the Waite Park Community Garden Facebook page to see if any of the gardeners are sharing their recipes. Ask them what recipes were the highlight of the evening. Out of the 20 who registered their community hours at the front gate, 13 surveyed that they are Facebook users.

While the storm clouds bypassed our gathering, the real story were the gardeners who committed to making the event a special one for each other and the garden's guests. They came with tables, chairs, dishes to share and the willingness to tell the story of the garden. Look for this event next year about this time of the year.



Things to Avoid That Harm Your Boulevard Tree

- planting annual flowers under an established tree
- plastic weed barriers and use of herbicides and de-icing salt under the tree's canopy
- under-watering or over-watering
- installing a sprinkler system
- damaging tree trunk with string weed trimmers
- mowing over the bare roots and running into the trunk bark.

About 90% of a tree's roots lie within 12 inches of the surface and cover the area beneath the branches and beyond.

Court Watch

What is court watch?" Crime Prevention Specialist Tom Thompson asked at the first meeting of the 2nd Precinct Eastside Court Watch team on April 11, 2011.

"Whatever we want it to be," was his rhetorical answer.

A Court Watch team can track various crime statistics, of their own choosing. They can follow individuals who have criminal records and live in the 2nd Precinct. They can also request information on the contact these individuals have with the Minneapolis Police through "CAPRS", the Minneapolis Police Officers data base. The team can receive email reports on new arrests for crimes they are following as well.

When individuals are prosecuted, City Attorney Heidi Johnson explained that the Court Watch team can send impact statements that can have a significant impact on sentencing. Court Watch volunteers help prosecutors, judges and law enforcement know what crimes and which individuals conduct most specifically concern the community.

Tom described how the team will need to decide what crimes they want to follow. Tom Thompson said he will bring statistics for the following crimes to the next Court Watch meeting: drunken driving, luring, robbery, auto theft, theft from motor vehicle, graffiti, assault, public drunkenness, and open bottle. The Court Watch team will eventually develop a list of individuals they will follow as well. This list could grow to 20-25 people, but initially this list may be quite small.

At the August 8 meeting, City Attorney Heidi Johnson said "I can't commend you enough for the kind of involvement you have had with the 2nd Precinct Court Watch".

Hennepin County Attorney Gail Baez said there is a Court Watch in every other precinct, and now this one.

Topics for future meetings include establishing criteria for adding people to the list, a powerpoint presentation on community impact statements, and a powerpoint presentation on the criminal court process.

Apply for openings on Minneapolis boards and commissions

Volunteers on City of Minneapolis boards and commissions provide valuable insights, help shape key policy decisions and provide community-based input into administration of services. Applications are now being accepted for the over 100 open positions on 16 boards and commissions that the City Council and Mayor will appoint this fall. The City is seeking applicants with a diversity of backgrounds and experiences to strengthen the work of the City.

Applications will be reviewed beginning Monday, October 3rd, however the positions are open until filled. For a full list of appointment opportunities and position descriptions as well as additional information visit the boards and commissions website at: www.minneapolismn.gov/boards-and-commissions/open/index.asp.

To receive future notices about current openings on City boards and commissions please sign up to receive e-mail updates by visiting: www.minneapolismn.gov/boards-and-commissions/.

This is part of a new streamlined process to appoint members to the City's boards and commissions. Appointments to boards and commissions will be made twice a year — in the spring and fall in an effort to make it easier for folks to learn about volunteer opportunities, ensure a more open and understandable process for residents, and increase the diversity of the applicant pool.

National Night Out (NNO) 2011 Review



Twenty-six NNO events were held in Waite Park on the 28th Annual NNO, Tuesday, August 2. Two color photos of the 32nd and Johnson block party were on the front page of The Northeaster.

2nd Precinct Inspector Bryan Schafer said there were 143 events in the 2nd Precinct, and an officer team attended at least 60 of them.

On August 9, Results Minneapolis reported that there were 1,290 registered NNO events in Minneapolis, 187 more than last year, and the target for 2014 is 1,600.

Waite Park Community Council's \$100 Block Club Rebate Program has over \$8,000 available. Waite Park residents who are part of a block club recognized by the Minneapolis Police Department Second Precinct or a block club that hosts at least one gathering a year to which all block residents are invited, as verified by 2 residents, are eligible for this rebate. Block clubs are encouraged to use this rebate every year until the funds run out. WPCG's contract for Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) funds for this program has just been extended thru 2014. Applications are available in the Waite Park literature rack and by visiting waiteparkneighborhood.org and clicking on Neighborhood Programs on the left.

For more information on block clubs, including classes, please contact Nicholas Juarez, the 2nd Precinct's Community Crime Specialist, at 673-2797 or Nicholas.juarez@minneapolismn.gov.



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 and contact Kristine Reed, a Be The Match representative, at kreed2@nmdp.org or 612-616-6534.

Waite Park Book Club

– By Rita Deyo

It is vacation time and the book club is on hiatus. Although the members did not meet at 1:00 p.m. on the third Monday of July and August at the Waite Park Center, books have been chosen for September and October. Readers have gained time to prepare for the discussion of **Winter Garden** by Kristen Hannah on Monday, September 19 and **Olive Kitteridge** by Elizabeth Stroud selected for Monday, October 17.

The other books to be read during 2011-2012 will be chosen when the club meets in the fall. Members, either singly or with a partner, choose books to be read for the remaining months. A small treat is provided by the book selector(s) and Community Education provides the fresh coffee. The club also asks a \$1.00 donation from each member for each meeting attended.

This is a very active book club. Most of the readers have been with the club, consistently, since the club started at about the turn of the century.

New members are always welcome. If you are a reader who likes to be exposed to a variety of the written word and have your reactions heard, you will like this book club. Plan on joining the Waite Park Book Club on Monday, September 19 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. To register for membership or 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

What better place to be writing about the wonderful seniors that share the fun of this program than the waiting room of a doctor's office.

The group enjoyed the trip to Hopkins on Wednesday, July 27 when the 10 a.m. performance of "Annie" was presented by the Stages Theater. The audience, consisting of day-care tots to the cane toting elders, was enthralled by the talents of the young cast. Lunch, across the street at the Big Ten restaurant, could not have been more convenient.

The new center director at Waite Park, Debra Derosa, will be working with the coordinator, Rita Deyo, planning future adventures.

The Seniors On The Go program is sponsored by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. As a rule, these outings are day trips occurring on a week day. Fees for each performance or activity and bus transportation are collected on the day of the trip at the park before setting out. The price of lunch during each outing is the responsibility of the individual senior.

Since the beginning of Seniors On The Go, there have been some fluctuations in the number of

Waite Park & Audubon Park Yard & Garage Sales

Clip out and save for the day of the sales!



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

- 2714 Arthur St NE....."Children's cloz, toys, books"
- 2659 Cleveland St NE.....Rossignol downhill skis & poles, red curtains, hose reel, clay flower pots
- 1200 27th Ave NE.....Homeschool/ed supplies & materials; boys clothing size 6-12; HH misc.; toys & games
- 1116-29th Ave NE....."Dinnerware, glasses, stemware, kitchen misc, home & garden project books, fall & winter jackets & coats"
- 3527 Fillmore St NE....."Baby/kids toys & cloz, HH, adult his n her cloz "
- 2634 Garfield St. NE....."Heywood Wakefield, vintage men's clothes, books"
- 2638 Garfield St NE....."hand embroidered & crocheted items, hallmark collectables, jackets, seasonal decorations & collections"
- 2538 Hayes St NE....."Multi-family sale! Baby cloz, bottles, gear"
- 3115 Hayes St NE....."cloz-infant thru teens, HH, seasonal, houseplants, collectables, & furn. Also Friday"
- 3412 Hayes St NE....."Handbags, shoes, HH, small & large antique school desks"
- 3546 Johnson St NE....."Desk, recliner, HH items, cloz, kitchen table"
- 3130 Lincoln St NE....."hosta, black-eye susans, and other perennials, HH items and more"
- 3669 Lincoln St. NE....."Just married, combining two households"
- 2601 Pierce St NE....."Vintage clothing, housewares, art"
- 3258 Polk St NE....."dorm size fridge, furn, piano, clothes, books, HH, misc Fri. & Sun. too"
- 2958 Taylor St. NE....."Kitchen items, children clothing"
- 3028 Tyler St NE....."Art books, HH, fence, Adrian steel shelves, Burley Solo, landscaping material"
- 3306 Tyler St NE....."knick knacks, dolls, jewelry, loads more"

If you missed the Waite Park Neighborhood Yard & Garage Sale signup in August, you can do so at the Waite Park Fall Festival, Saturday, Sept. 10 from 11:00 - 2:00. Just look for the Garage Sale sign at the festival. Forms will be available there for signing up. Sales will be advertised in the Star Trib.

seniors sharing in the program. We are looking forward to adding more names to the list. Contact Waite Park Center at 370-4959 or dderosa@minneapolisparcs.org or Rita Deyo at 788-7587 for information or to add your name to the call list.

Oh yes, the doctor's report was positive.

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receive additional funds for implementing their Phase II plans. Nokomis East had the most funds unfrozen, \$259,615.29, leaving \$1,070,039.29 available for new contracts and \$550,808.71 unavailable for new contracts.

Six neighborhoods have contracted 100% of their Phase II allocation. Nine neighborhoods contracted between 90% and 99% (including Waite Park, 91.68%), seven in the 80's, nine in the 70's, and 3 above 66% and below 70%. For the table that shows the Allocation (\$447,124), Additional Funds to be Unfrozen (\$0), Amount of Phase II Plan Available (\$409,913.32), Percent of Phase II Plan Available (91.68), Available for New Contracts (\$0), and Unavailable for New Contracts (\$37,210.68) for each of the 73 neighborhoods, visit and click on "About the NRP", then "Policy Board", then "Minutes and Agendas" for the meeting on July 25, 2011. The amounts in parenthesis are the amounts for Waite Park.

Bywood Craft & Bake Sale

Saturday, Oct 8th - 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Location: Bywood East, 3427 Central Ave. NE

We are looking for crafters or vendors who sell products like Avon.

Come and enjoy an assortment of craft items, a variety of baked goods and our famous Chicken Soup. If you have any questions or would like to reserve a craft table, please call Mary Farnham at 612-788-9757 or email her at farnhamm@aol.com.



Upcoming Waite Park Neighborhood meetings:

- Wednesday, September 7th – 7pm
- Wednesday, October 5th – 7pm



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On the Web at: 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.

September/October 2011

Date	Time	Event / Location or Other Info
Th, Sep. 1.....	4-7 p.m.	Audubon Farmers' Market every Thursday through Sept. 15 Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran parking lot, at Johnson St. & 27th Ave. NE.
Th, Sep. 1.....	4-7 p.m.	Audubon Farmers' Market Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran parking lot, corner of Johnson St. & 27th Ave. NE.
M, Sep. 5.....	Labor Day	Government buildings are closed Windom Park Rec Center is open from noon to 9 p.m. Waite & Audubon Rec Centers are closed.
T, Sep. 6.....		Waite Park Community Center hours until Memorial Day weekend: Monday-Friday 3-9 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
		Windom Park Cmty. Center hours until Memorial Day weekend: Monday-Friday 3-9 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday 12-4 p.m.
		Audubon Park Community Center hours until Memorial Day weekend: Monday-Thursday 3-9 p.m.; Friday 3-6 p.m.
T, Sep. 6.....	6:30-8 p.m.	Free Community Energy Services Workshop RSVP: Kyle Boehm: kboehm@mncee.org 219-7334 Salvation Army, 2727 Central Ave.
W, Sep. 7.....	7-9 p.m.	Waite Park Cmty. Council Board Meeting Discussion: Waite Park's 4% home improvement loan program Please come!
Th, Sep. 8.....	4-7 p.m.	Audubon Farmers' Market Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church parking lot, corner of Johnson St. & 27th Ave. NE.
Th, Sep. 8.....	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Grain Belt Brewery Historic Walking Tour Guide: Jeremy Mayberg \$5 1220 Marshall St. NE.
Th, Sep. 8.....	6:30-8 p.m.	Waite Park Community School PTA K/1st Grade Playdate Waite Park playground.
Th, Sep. 8.....	7:30-8:45 a.m.	NE. Network Meeting Topic: NE. Youth RSVP By Wed, Sep. 7: 788-0950 or board@eastsidefood.coop Eastside Coop, 2551 Central.
F, Sep. 9.....		16th Annual Mill City Golf Tournament www.esns.org/GolfTournament Gross National Golf Club, 2201 St. Anthony Blvd.
SA, SEP. 10.....	11 a.m.-2 p.m.	WAITE PARK FALL FESTIVAL AND PUSH CART DERBY.
M, Sep. 12.....	6-8 p.m.	Eastside Court Watch & 2PAC (2nd Precinct Advisory Council) Meeting Monroe Village, Community Room, 1900 Central Ave. NE.
T, Sep. 13.....		(tentative) Board of Estimate Meeting to set the maximum property tax levies 317 City Hall, 350 South Sixth Street.
Th, Sep. 15.....	4-7 p.m.	Audubon Farmers' Market 2011 season ends today! Gustavus Adolphus parking lot, corner of Johnson St. & 27th Ave. NE.
Th, Sep. 15.....	6:30-8 p.m.	Waite Park Community School PTA Meeting Childcare provided for children over 2 years old and toilet trained.
Th, Sep. 15.....	6:30-8 p.m.	Free Cmty. Emergency Services Workshop - Minnehaha Adademy S. Campus, 4200 W. River Parkway
F, Sep. 16.....	noon	Filing deadline for candidates for Neighborhood Representative on the NRP Policy Board Info & forms: www.nrp.org.
SA, SEP. 17.....	8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.	WAITE PARK AND AUDUBON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD YARD/GARAGE SALES.
Sa, Sep. 17.....	6:30-8 p.m.	Free Cmty. Energy Services Workshop - Pilgrim Lutheran Church, gym, 3901 1st Ave. S.
Su, Sep. 18.....		5th Annual Mpls. Bike Tour Info: www.minneapolisbiketour.com or 230-6400 Starts at Parade Field, 400 Kenwood Parkway.
M, Sep. 19.....	1-2:30 p.	Waite Park Book Club: Winter Garden by Kristen Hannah.
M, Sep. 19.....	6:30-8 p.m.	PEN (Public Education Northeast) Meeting Thomas Edison High School, 2nd floor media center, 700 22nd Avenue Northeast.
T, Sep. 20.....	6-8 p.m.	Mpls. Riverfront Design initiative (MRDI) Final Public Meeting Mpls. Park & Recreation Board, 2117 West River Road.
T, Sep. 20.....	6:30-8 p.m.	Free Community Energy Services Workshop - North Regional Library, 1315 Lowry Ave. N.
Th, Sep. 22.....	6:30-8 p.m.	Waite Park PTA Spanish-Speaking Parent Group Meeting Childcare provided for children over 2 years old and toilet trained.
Th, Sep. 22.....	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Friends of Northeast Library Meeting Northeast Library, 2200 Central Avenue Northeast.
Sa, Sep. 24.....	3:30 p.m.	Northeast Book Club: The Florist's Daughter by Patricia Hampl Northeast Library, 2200 Central Avenue Northeast.
M, Sep. 26.....		Waite Park Community School PTA FUNdrive Kick-off.
Th, Sep. 29.....	6:30-8 p.m.	Free Cmty. Emergency Services Workshop - St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, 3450 Irving Ave. S.
h, Sep. 29.....	7 p.m.	Waite Park Community Council Board Agenda Setting Meeting and Waite Park NRP Steering Committee Meeting.
M, Oct. 3.....		Waite Park Community School PTA Coin Drive Begins.
W, Oct. 5.....	7 p.m.	Waite Park Community Council Board Meeting.
F, Oct. 7.....		Editorial submission deadline for the November/December issue of the Waite Park Voice.
Sa, Oct. 8.....	9 a.m.-2 p.m.	Annual Craft and Bake Sale Info: Mary Farnham, 788-9757 or farnham@aol.com Bywood East Health Care, 3427 Central.
F, Oct. 14.....		Waite Park Community School PTA Coin Drive Ends.
M, Oct. 10.....	6-8 p.m.	Eastside Court Watch & 2PAC (2nd Precinct Advisory Council) Meeting Monroe Village, Community Room, 1900 Central Ave NE.
M, Oct. 10.....	7 p.m.	SACC (Shoreham Area Advisory Committee) Meeting Windom Park Rec Center, 2251 Hayes St. NE. All are welcome to attend.
Th, Oct. 13.....	7:30-8:45 a.m.	NE. Network Mtg: Local Gov't Update RSVP by Wed, Oct. 12: 788-0950 or board@eastsidefood.coop Eastside Coop, 2551 Central.
Sa, Oct. 15.....	1-4 p.m.	1st Annual Nordeast Big River Brew Fest www.esns.org/nordeastbigriverbrewfest Grain Belt Bottling House, 79 13th Ave. NE.
M, Oct. 17.....	1-2:30 p.m.	Waite Park Book Club: Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Stroud.
M, Oct. 17.....	6:30-8 p.m.	PEN (Public Education Northeast) Meeting Thomas Edison High School, 2nd floor media center, 700 22nd Avenue Northeast.
Sa, Oct. 22.....	3:30 p.m.	Northeast Book Club: Travels With My Aunt by Graham Greene Northeast Library, 2200 Central Avenue Northeast.
Th, Oct. 27.....	5:30-8 p.m.	Waite Park Community School PTA Family Dinner Night.
Th, Oct. 27.....	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Friends of Northeast Library Meeting Northeast Library, 2200 Central Avenue.
Th, Oct. 27.....	7 p.m.	Waite Park Community Council Board Agenda Setting Meeting and Waite Park NRP Steering Committee Meeting.
M, Oct. 31.....	6-8 p.m.	Upper NE. Halloween Party Free Games, prizes & treat bags for the first 250 children ages 2-12 Windom Park, 2251 Hayes St. NE.

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