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A publication of the Kenny Neighborhood Association. The Association is open to all Kenny residents. We meet to determine neighborhood needs and establish a sense of community.

The mission of KNA is to foster a welcoming, thriving community that is inclusive in all that it does.

To that end, KNA will encourage and support community involvement in the Kenny neighborhood; to stabilize and improve the residential, educational and economic status of the community; to function as a non-partisan, non-sectarian community action group keeping residents informed of proposals that affect the neighborhood; to coordinate and publicize activities in the community; to facilitate programs and projects to improve the neighborhood; and to represent the Kenny neighborhood before city boards, commissions, and other governmental entities.

Recap: Kenny's Annual Ice Cream Social & Green Fair

By Mike Ferrin, KNA Coordinator

Kenny Park was once again the place to be for one of the most anticipated neighborhood events of the year: the annual KNA Ice Cream Social & Green Fair! Despite the stormy weather leading up to the event, the clouds parted, and the evening was a tremendous success, drawing hundreds of neighbors who came together to celebrate community, sustainability, and sweet treats.

Our annual tradition offered everything residents have come to love about this joyful gathering. Attendees enjoyed free Sebastian Joe's ice cream while connecting around environmental topics. Children and adults alike were entertained by two returning community favorites: the Baron of Bubble, who filled the air with floating, shimmering bubbles; and the Rainbow Lady of Balloons, who amazed the crowd with her colorful and imaginative balloon creations.

The Ice Cream Social wouldn't have been possible without the generous support of City Church, our long-standing neighborhood partner and proud sponsor of the ice cream. Their continued commitment to this event helps make it a true highlight of the summer season.

Along with the festivities, the Green Fair offered a space to learn, explore, and connect around environmental topics. Whether longtime advocates or newcomers to green living, attendees had plenty to discover from a wide range of local organizations. Special thanks to our tablers:

- UMN Extension Master Gardener Volunteers
- MPRB Forestry
- Kenny Garden Club
- Minnesota Grown
- Ironwood Foraging
- Adopt-A-Drain
- Minneapolis Parks Water Quality
- Home Energy Squad
- BikeMN — Twin Cities Bike Tour
- Free Geek Twin Cities
- All Energy Solar
- City of Minneapolis Solid Waste & Recycling
- Hennepin County — Stop Food Waste Challenge



KNA hosted a table as well, where residents could learn about our work on the community's top environmental priorities, identified in last year's neighborhood survey: enhancing Kenny's tree canopy, removing

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Meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month and are open to all community members. We meet at Kenny Park with a hybrid Zoom option. Visit www.kennyneighborhood.org and click on "Events" for Zoom meeting info or email: info@kennyneighborhood.org for the following:

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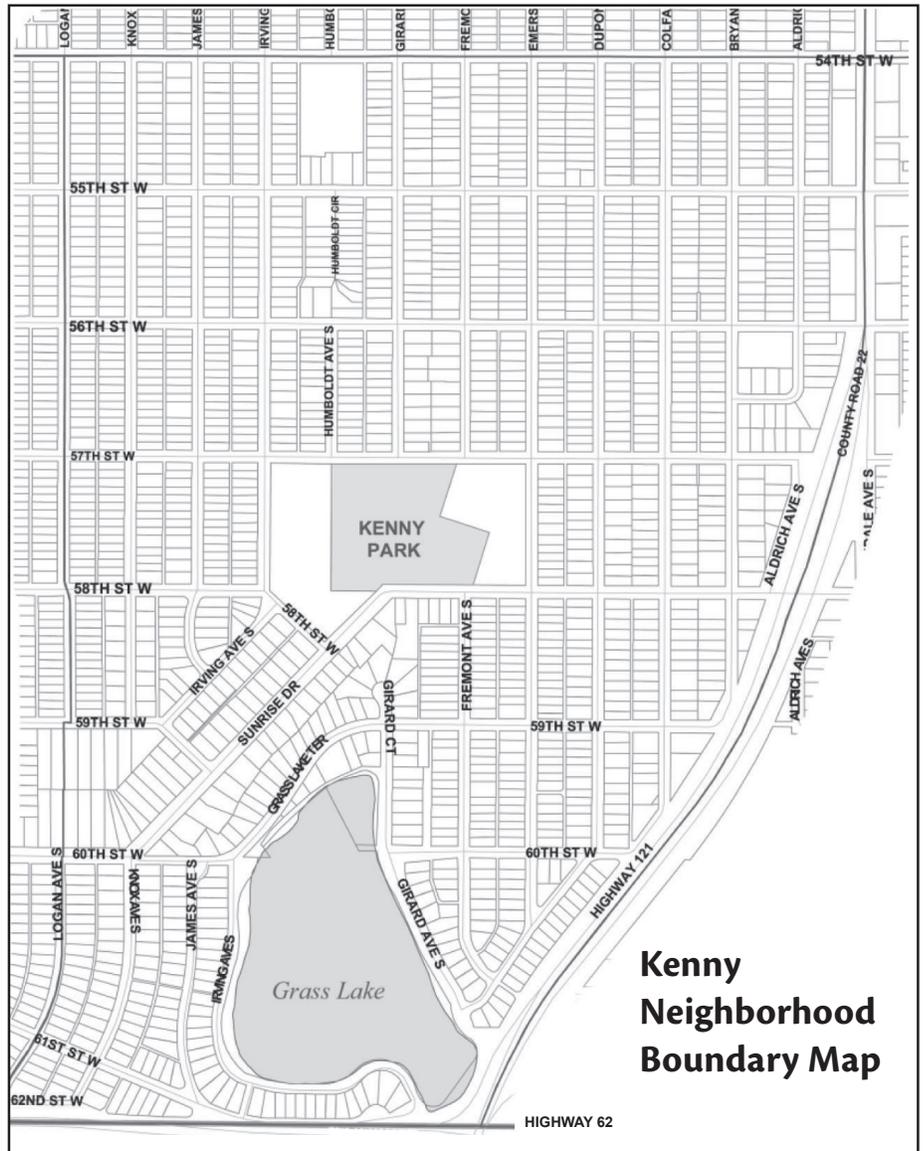
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Letter from the Chair

By Barb Brady

Kenny Neighborhood Association Chair



Kenny Neighborhood Association

Kenny’s unsung heroes

The Kenny neighborhood is privileged to have an incredible number of residents who volunteer their time, energy, and money to make our neighborhood so wonderful.

I’d like to give a special thanks to these selfless neighbors who give so generously and quietly — you are appreciated! Here’s a shout-out to some of these wonderful residents:

Grass Lake guardians

Kat and Paul Baumtrog and a group of neighbors have been working to protect Grass Lake since 2007, when the sound wall was constructed on Highway 62. The wall really affected the neighborhood, especially the south path of Grass Lake. Neighbors from all over chipped in to take care of the lake and continue to this day. The Baumtrogs take the lead on maintaining the path near the wall every year, keeping it well groomed and easy to walk on. “I’d like people to focus on keeping the area clean, cutting back weeds, but not cutting down trees or clear-cutting the buffer for wildlife,” Kat says. “Neighbors absolutely love the lake, and we all hope to keep it the gem of Kenny.”

Steve & Stephanie Paquin have created a “Friends of Grass Lake” Facebook group to educate and organize neighbors on protecting the lake and surrounding areas.

Their group is planning some “buckthorn busts” this summer and fall. Check out their group on Facebook to get involved.

The Kenny Garden Club is a small but mighty group of gardeners of different skill levels who maintain the garden on Grass Lake and the Native Pollinator gardens at Fixt Rite; and get together for some fun garden tours throughout the summer months.

Claire Hutcheson and Claire Scheible are the volunteer administrators for the Kenny Buy Nothing Facebook group. The Buy Nothing Project (buynothingproject.org) is a hyperlocal gift-giving community where neighbors give and receive goods, services, talent, and time for free.

Sarah Linnes-Robinson organized this year’s PorchFest. Sarah put together a very successful event in spite of rain. She found and coordinated musicians and yards for people to enjoy bands and get to know each other. KNA looks forward to working with Sarah to make PorchFest another beloved annual event!

Stu Nostdahl organizes the Kenny Community Garden at City Church on 54th Street. He manages its membership, budget, and maintenance activity; as well as tending a garden plot with his **wife Amy and two sons.**

Newsletter writers and photographers Jasmine Avent, Pat Hagan, Brenda Smeby, and Steve Paquin, who contribute time and energy to make our newsletter so outstanding and respected. **Mary Brozic** is the lead on the print newsletter, shepherding writers and photographers to meet deadlines. Many thanks to **Jason Lund** who take professional-quality photographs at our major events.

Committee members who are not on the Board: **Laura Baxley, Sandy and Steve Caster, and Ellen Mueller,** who volunteer their energy and ideas to the Environmental Committee. **Andy Fried and Mary Brozic** volunteer their expertise and experience for the Communications Committee, which oversees our website at kennyneighborhood.org and social media outreach.

A special thank you to volunteers who make our events so successful: **Rich Murray,** who supplies and puts up tents at our Ice Cream Social/Green Fair; and **Jason Barbes and family,** who pitch in with anything that’s needed at our events, including supplying food and making popcorn.

And of course, **KNA board members** past and present, who somehow found time in their busy lives to attend meetings, work at events, and develop projects that make Kenny such a wonderful place to live.

If you see these neighbors, please give them a special thanks. If there are others we should recognize, please let me know at bbrady127@gmail.com.

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buckthorn around Grass Lake, and advocating for a local hazardous waste drop-off event. A new community action idea wall also gave residents the opportunity to share and take home creative ways to make a difference in the neighborhood.

The Green Fair reinforced what past surveys have already made clear — Kenny residents care deeply about the environment. We were thrilled to offer such a wealth of resources and continue conversations about what matters most to our community.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to All Energy Solar for sponsoring this portion of the event. As a locally owned and operated full-service solar energy company based in St. Paul, they provide solar panels, storage solutions, and EV charging options across Minnesota.

Rain or shine, the 2025 Ice Cream Social & Green Fair proved just how strong, connected, and committed our community truly is. Thank you to everyone who showed up, pitched in, and made this unforgettable evening a shining example of what makes Kenny so special.



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Neighborhood Update

By Mike Ferrin

Kenny Neighborhood Coordinator

YOU'RE INVITED: New Neighbor & Renter Welcome Gathering Thursday, September 11 | 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. | Kenny Park

Are you new to the Kenny neighborhood or renting a home here? We'd love to meet you! KNA is excited to once again host a New Neighbor & Renter Welcome Gathering — a casual, welcoming event designed to help neighbors connect, build community, and feel more at home.

Whether you've recently moved in or have been around for a couple of years, this is a great opportunity to meet fellow residents, learn more about the neighborhood, and discover how to get involved. You'll find friendly faces, helpful information, and maybe even a new friend or two!

Join us at Kenny Park for free pizza, cookies, and great conversation. All you need to bring is your own beverage and a lawn chair or picnic blanket. This event is open to anyone who rents in the neighborhood or has owned a home in Kenny for about two years or less.

We hope you'll stop by to say hello, meet the folks involved with KNA, and enjoy a relaxing evening in the park. We're glad you're here — and we can't wait to welcome you in person!

Kenny PorchFest Brings the Block to Life with Music, Dancing, and Community Spirit

“This is great! I met six neighbors on my block I have never met before!”

“It was such a fun night! Everyone really was having the best time. So fun connecting with neighbors new and old.”

“Can't wait until next year!”

“Loved the variety of music.”

“I appreciate being asked to play as it helps me connect to an audience [families] I want to reach but that don't come to bars.”

“I have never seen people dancing in our street before!”

What an exciting evening in the neighborhood! The first Kenny PorchFest was a tremendous success! In total we had 13 sites and 22 performing groups.

Huge thanks to the residents who volunteered their homes, to the many musical performers who delighted our ears, and a special thank you to Kenny resident Sarah Linnes-Robinson for planning and putting together such an amazing event!



Photos by Council Member Linea Palmisano

Watch for turtles crossing the road

KNA's Environmental Committee is working with neighbors to highlight the need to watch out for turtles crossing the road this summer. Committee member Ellen Mueller is working on this issue and provided this update from the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board:

Since 2021, the MPRB has been conducting research to better understand the types of turtles found in Minneapolis, their habitat needs, and their vulnerabilities. At least five native turtle species are currently found in Minneapolis parks. If you see a turtle on land, report it at bit.ly/ReportATurtle or use this QR code.



With help from the public, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board is identifying where and when turtles are seen on land in Minneapolis. This information will guide efforts to protect them at critical locations.

Turtles are vulnerable on land, especially when crossing roads and bike paths. Adults leave the water



"Painted Turtle walking on ice" by Tom Murray, CC BY-NC 2.0

to move between winter and summer habitats, and to lay eggs in a nest that hatch after two to three months. Baby turtles (hatchlings) head to water right away, or the following spring, after staying in the nest through winter.

If you see an injured turtle: Report it and take the turtle directly to the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of MN (www.wrcmn.org). Please leave healthy turtles where you see them, unless they need help crossing a road.

Grass Lake trumpeter swans and their cygnets



This summer, Grass Lake is home to two trumpeter swans that hatched two cygnets. Sadly, one died in July. Keep an eye out for these beautiful birds!

Fun Fact: Trumpeter swans generally mate for life. When nesting, there is always one adult that stays with the nest.

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Welcome new KNA board members

By Barb Brady

KNA has two new board members to welcome this summer. Louise Rath was elected this spring; and the Board of Directors appointed Joy Gottschalk to fill an open position in July. They bring a wealth of knowledge and experience that will benefit the Kenny neighborhood in many ways. Welcome!



Joy Gottschalk moved to Kenny five years ago with her husband and two daughters, and she's one of us — juggling work, family, and trying to make a difference where she can.

Joy has worked in healthcare and in her volunteer work, has been involved in some environmental projects like organics recycling and community solar gardens. She likes to focus on practical solutions — no guilt trips or pressure to be the perfect environmentalist. She believes in doing what works for people and building connections along the way.

Climate change is something Joy thinks about a lot, and she'd love to brainstorm with neighbors about small ways we can make a difference right here in Kenny. She's genuinely curious about what you think and is always open to hearing ideas about making things work better for our community.

"I'm hoping that being on the board will allow me to meet neighbors I wouldn't otherwise meet," Joy says. When she's not thinking about community issues, she's throwing tennis balls for her dog, Ginger; playing board games with her family; doing yoga; or attempting to declutter her house (a never-ending project!).

If you see Joy around the neighborhood, say hi! She'd love to chat about what's working, what's not, and what ideas you have for making Kenny an even better place to live.



Louise Rath and her husband Jeremy moved into their home at 55th and Aldrich in 1980.

"We've raised our children, Sam and Molly, in this amazing neighborhood," she says.

"We've enjoyed its many gifts: great neighbors, schools, parks,

sports, and more. I recently retired from a rewarding career in education. With time available I wanted to give back to the Kenny Community."

Louise joined the KNA Environment Committee last year. "I enjoyed the work and the committed folks in this group," she says. "I decided to increase my engagement and join the KNA Board. I look forward to increasing my support for KNA and meeting more Kenny community members. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you."

Kristy Long was also elected this spring, but due to family considerations, she withdrew from the board but will stay involved in other ways.



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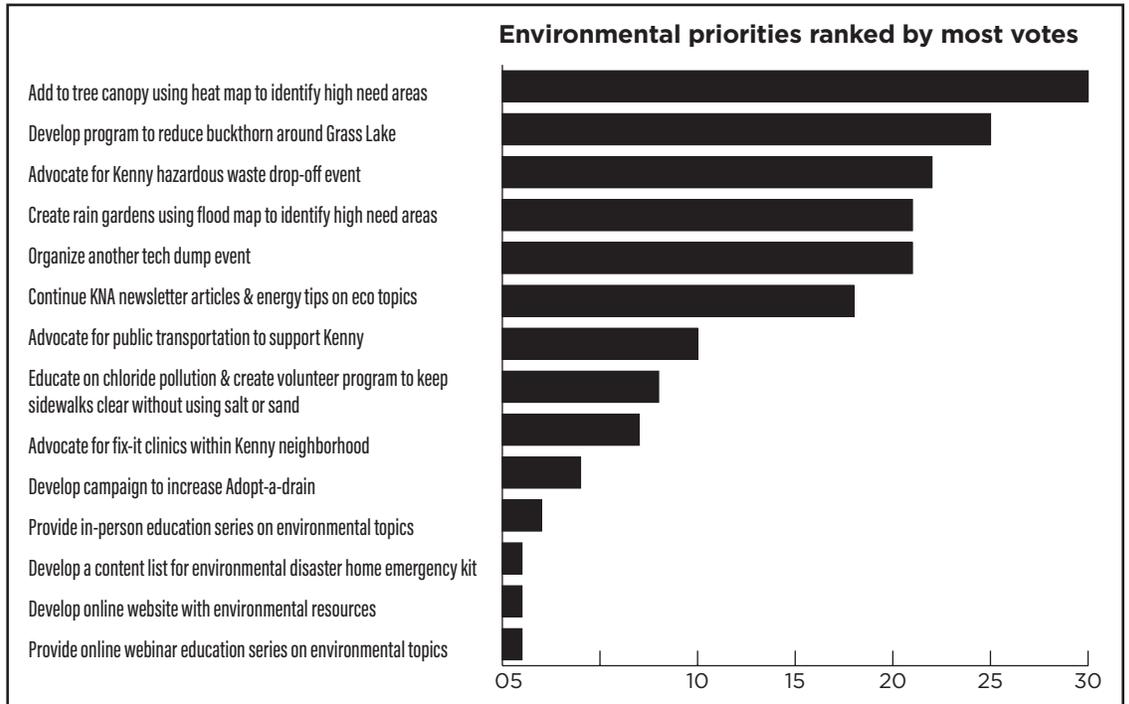
UPDATE ON AC

By Vicki Olson, KNA Environmental Committee

Last summer we asked for neighborhood feedback on what environmental projects were most important. Here are those results as well as an update on actions taken on the top four priorities.

#1 PRIORITY: Add to Tree Canopy

We all know the benefits of getting out of the sun and into the shade. Trees help reduce the land surface temperature by reducing the urban heat island effect of large areas of concrete buildings and/or asphalt parking lots (e.g. businesses, schools, churches, roads). These hold onto heat and result in higher heat readings. In addition, there are many other benefits of trees such as improving air quality, absorbing water, reducing runoff and erosion, and providing food and shelter for birds, insects, and other wildlife. There are economic benefits by providing energy savings and increasing property values.



Action: Host Arbor Day with Minneapolis Parks and Recreation



April 25 was a fun-filled evening with food, music, climbing, cherry picker rides, and creating nature artwork as well as planting more than 130 trees at Kenny Park, the two schools, and the surrounding boulevard. There were organizations sharing their knowledge, free tree seedlings, and other products and activities focused on a sustainable environment. See more about Arbor Day 2025 in the Spring Kenny Newsletter.

Action: Reimburse Kenny Residents for Trees Purchased Through Tree Lottery

Several neighbors received reimbursements from this spring's tree lottery and are giving one last chance to others who participated. Neighbors can apply through the end of September to receive reimbursement for purchases from this year's tree lottery. Here is the link to the application:



ACTIONS TAKEN TO ADDRESS KENNY ENVIRONMENTAL PRIORITIES

#2 PRIORITY: Reduce Buckthorn Around Grass Lake

Buckthorn is an invasive plant and unfortunately was planted purposefully at one point in our history. The goal is to remove invasive plants and replace them with native plants that are more supportive to our birds, bees, and other insects; maintain healthy soil and prevent erosion; and promote clean water. We have earmarked some KNA funds to purchase native plants to replace buckthorn and we will apply for grants that would support this action.

Action: Hold Buckthorn Bust at Grass Lake

In November 2024, we held a Buckthorn Bust with two groups of our neighbors focused on the west and south sides of the lake. The piles of buckthorn cut down were impressive and later picked up by the City of Minneapolis.



This year, we plan to hold events on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on August 30, September 27, and November 8. Sign up for the Facebook group called Friends of Grass Lake for reminders and more information about Grass Lake.



#3 PRIORITY: Advocate for Local Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Events

Kenny residents can always use any of the three Hennepin County drop-off sites but we know it's easier when events are held locally.

Action: Promote Free Hazardous Waste Events in south Minneapolis

The most recent event was at South High School on August 8 and 9, which we promoted at our Green Fair and in social media. County officials say there are fewer events in Minneapolis year over year. They'll release next year's schedule at the end of March 2026. If you are interested in advocating for an event close to Kenny, you can make that request at <https://beheardhennepin.org>.

Action: Promote Rechargeable Battery Drop-Off Sites



Call2Recycling is a nonprofit battery recycling program that partners with businesses to be collection sites. Home Depot is a free collection site. Check out this QR code to see a complete listing of available businesses.

#4 PRIORITY: Focus On Rain Gardens

KNA is looking for grants that could support this. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) strategic plan designates most, if not all of Kenny, as a habitat corridor (see page 45) so we are hoping this will help support grant opportunities.



In addition, we are lucky to have a very active Environmental Committee with lots of energy and new members in a neighborhood that values this work! See the articles on prepping for winter, the Electrify Everything webinar, the energy tip on rebate deadlines, and the information on reporting turtle crossings in this newsletter.

As always, we are interested in your ideas and feedback. Send them to info@kennyneighborhood.org.

Get Ready for Winter

By Steve Caster, KNA Environmental Committee



Many clean energy and weatherization projects can seem daunting, both in terms of time and expense. These bigger projects are worthwhile for reducing carbon emissions. However, they may carry a significant cost in terms of time and money.

What can you do to get your house ready for winter and make it more weather tight if you have just a couple of hours of time and a few dollars in your wallet to accomplish your goal?

The goal of all weatherization is to reduce unwanted airflow. In the winter, that means our conditioned air (heated) leaks to the outside while cold air is drawn into your home. It is most effective to address this by insulating walls, attics and rim joists to reduce major sources of air flow, but sometimes, this isn't practical for the homeowner. What can you do? Surprisingly, there are some low-cost, yet effective solutions.

For all non-sliding exterior doors, consider adding a door sweep with a rubberized sweep. These are easily screwed onto the door and should cover the gap at the bottom to your floor so they gently "sweep" the floor when opened or closed. These sweeps block air flow that may come in under the door. Installation time is between 10 and 30 minutes per door and a door sweep costs about \$10 to \$15.

Windows are another source of air leaks. If you have newer windows, this is likely not a major source, but older windows should be looked at (preferably during a cold day) for air infiltration. You can apply

adhesive rubber weather stripping to the bottom of each window along its width. This should create a good tight seal. Adhesive rolls cost less than \$10, and you can fix multiple windows with one roll.

This brings us to caulk. Caulk is very intimidating to many people, but it need not be. Your interior window and door frames should be caulked with paintable caulk (so you can paint to match your trim). Any gaps between the trim and the wall should be caulked to reduce air flow (and look better). Use an interior-rated caulk. You should caulk outside doors and windows with an exterior caulk. Caulking keeps air and water out. Just follow the tube instructions and always keep a wet rag handy to keep your caulking tidy! With the array of caulks available, don't hesitate to seek advice at the hardware store about the best caulk for your job. A tube of caulk will run around \$10.

Lastly, make sure you change your furnace filter before winter. A dusty and clogged filter makes your furnace work harder to warm your home, putting stress on the system. After you've gone to the effort of sealing air leaks, let's not forget the basics!

You can see that for around \$40 and an afternoon, you can make big improvements in the "tightness" of your home as you prepare for winter. As always, if you have any questions on this or any clean energy topic, drop me a line at info@kennyneighborhood.org and I'll do my best to answer your question or point you in the right direction!

Learn About Home Electrification!



Want to make your home more comfortable, efficient, and climate friendly? Do you have questions about heat pumps, induction stoves, or clean energy? Are you planning to replace an old appliance soon?

Learn all about home electrification at the webinar **“Get Amped: The Basics of Electrifying Your Home”** on **Wednesday, September 17 from 6-7 p.m.**, offered by Electrify Everything MN in partnership with Hennepin County, KNA, and other neighborhood associations.

At the webinar you will learn about how to switch from fossil fuel-powered appliances to electric ones and the resources and incentives available to help.

Please RSVP at <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/JaKituP-RkiSPgZDw8nr5Q>



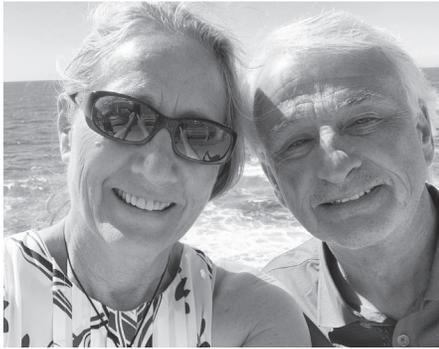
ENERGY TIP

KNA Environmental Committee

Take advantage of federal dollars for rebates/tax credits before the end of the year

- Residential Solar Tax Credit (Section 25D): This 30% credit for homeowners installing solar panels is set to end after December 31, 2025. There will be no phase-out, meaning installations must be completed by this deadline to qualify.
- EV Charger Tax Credit: A credit covering 30% of the installation costs for EV chargers, particularly in low-income or rural areas, is set to end on June 30, 2026.
- Energy Efficient Home Improvement Credit: This credit for certain home upgrades like heat pumps, water heaters, insulation, doors, and windows is also scheduled to end after December 31, 2025.
- The \$7,500 federal tax credit for new electric vehicles (EVs) and the \$4,000 credit for used EVs are ending on September 30, 2025.

These are federal programs, so any state or local dollars we get may still be available so it's important to not put a hold on a project because “there is no funding” as there might be assistance from another source.



Word on the Street

Pat and Brenda asked:

What have you been doing this summer?



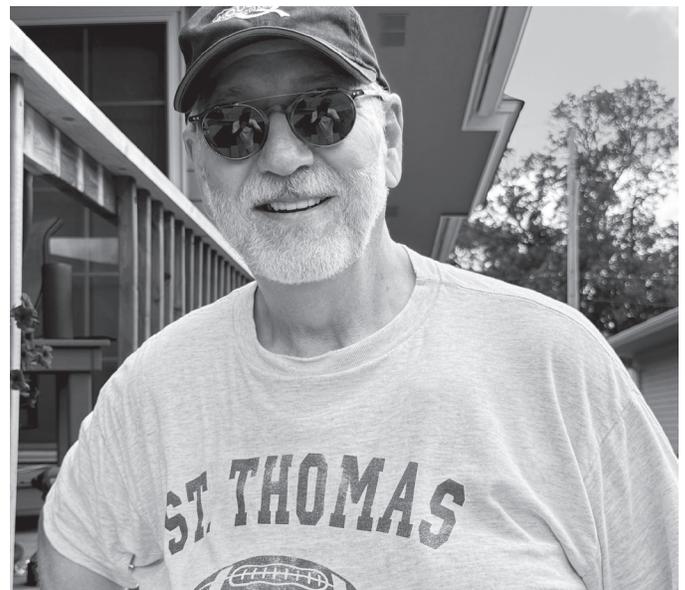
Emily and John Ellenbecker with sons Albert, Jack, and Seamus

We have been enjoying the weather and walks with family. We have been going to the Southwest Farmers Market at Mount Olivet Church.



Lisa Yonak and Kathy Weber

We have spent time remodeling the main level of our home. Most of the summer, we have been enjoying time at the lake while remodeling our home.



Brian Ciccone

Since I moved in last fall I have been finishing remodeling my home.

Who's in the 'Hood

By Jasmine Avent



During football season around here, the color of choice tends to be purple, as the Minnesota Vikings gear up for another season. But one new family on the block's football jersey of choice matches the color of her front lawn.

Meet Mollie Merkel, our neighbor on 59th and Fremont. Mollie and her husband Jesse share a home with their four kids: Milo (10), Fletcher (8), Hazel Emerson (6), and Rory River (3). Their adorable chocolate labradoodle Clementine rounds out the bunch. The family celebrated their one-year anniversary on the block on August 10!

Mollie and Jesse's bond began over football while watching a Green Bay Packers game at a mutual friend's house. Their common interest in football has now grown to enjoying watching the games together with their children, and much more.

"As a family, we attend our children's sports games, go biking, go for walks, grill, and cook meals," Mollie says. "We love to have children over for play dates and outdoor fun! It has been so nice having a larger space where we can set up fun summer activities in the front and back yards during the summer months. Our family enjoys being outdoors, camping, and going on adventures together."

Mollie is a school social worker at a K-8 school in Minneapolis and Jesse works with gas and pipeline integrity as an engineer for Xcel Energy. When they aren't at work, Jesse enjoys running marathons and fishing. Mollie likes walking in the neighborhood and is open to more walking buddies for her and Clementine.

Mollie is happy to have landed in Kenny. "We moved to the Kenny neighborhood from Lynnhurst after a long search for a bigger house in a nearby neighborhood. Kenny was the ideal fit so that we could keep our children at Annunciation Catholic School, remain within walking distance to 54th and Lyndale, and explore nature, which we have been LOVING with Grass Lake so close. Most people would describe our family as loud! We are loud but we strive to be inclusive and invite others into our chaos. We love surrounding ourselves with friends and family. We love the decreased traffic, kids playing in the streets, and the nature that Kenny offers. We also love being so close to Kenny Park for fun activities like the pool and playground in the summer and the sledding hill in the winter. As we settle into the neighborhood, we hope to make lifelong connections with new neighbors."

If you see the Merkels around, be sure to say hello!

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Kenny Park News

By Brian Hall

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Hello Kenny Neighbors!

Summers go by way too fast here in Minnesota! We are now about to start a new school year, and the landscape is changing just like the seasons. We added trees around the park for Arbor Day and the rain has helped us keep them hydrated. We also have a new landscape design on the playground side of our building. Even Anthony Middle School got into the planting frame of mind by adding greenery to their parking lots and their perimeter walkways! The **summer events** were a blast as always with Summer Kickoff in June and KNA's Ice Cream Social/Green Fair. July brought the Movie in the Park with a social prior with Jonny Pops supporting each event as a special cool treat! The sports season had many rainouts, but we did get in plenty of fun for 5u and 6u T-ball, along with other groups on the fields.

Gary's Treat Freezer was a bonus this year where kiddos enjoyed freezes after games and practices! We will continue into fall sports and next year with the generosity of Ruth Krinhop and family donating in the memory of Coach Gary Krinhop.

Here are the stats for sports this season: Spring/Summer 2025: 27 teams with 317 kids and 48 coaches.

This was across Armatage and Kenny from 5u up to 15u baseball/softbal/Tball/coach pitch/Track & Field programs.

Fall program registration is open, so register now!

We are getting ready for **fall sports** with flag football and soccer with indoor volleyball as an option as well. Teams are formed but still may have an open slot or two, so please contact us to see if you can get in.

We added programming at Kenny this summer, including Magic: The Gathering, Chess Club, and Klub Kenny. Gentle Yoga for Adults is Wednesday nights with Liane.

Preschool Kids with Miss Ann is back but numbers are low. We are looking for children between two-and-a-half and six years old who are not in kindergarten for our Preschool Kids. We have opportunities now with adding a lunch bunch program this year.

Preschool Kids is 9 a.m.-noon, and lunch bunch follows from noon-1:30 p.m. Register now to claim your child's spot! If you have any questions, please

contact me and I can get you in touch with our instructors.

More information is on our website at www.minneapolisparcs.org.

We are initiating a new opportunity for people who are 55 and older: **Trishaw bike rides** on Thursday, August 21. Visit www.minneapolisparcs.org for more information or give me a call or email. Participants will ride in a Trishaw with an MPRB driver who will take you and any family members (they ride separately) around the Armatage neighborhood and Lake Harriet. Spots are limited, so sign up now!



Find the Kenny Neighborhood on Facebook and Instagram!

Find and follow us to keep updated on all things Kenny. You can also reshare content and help us reach even more neighbors. We're also looking for volunteers from the neighborhood who can share photos from around Kenny while they're out for a walk, at park activities, and more.

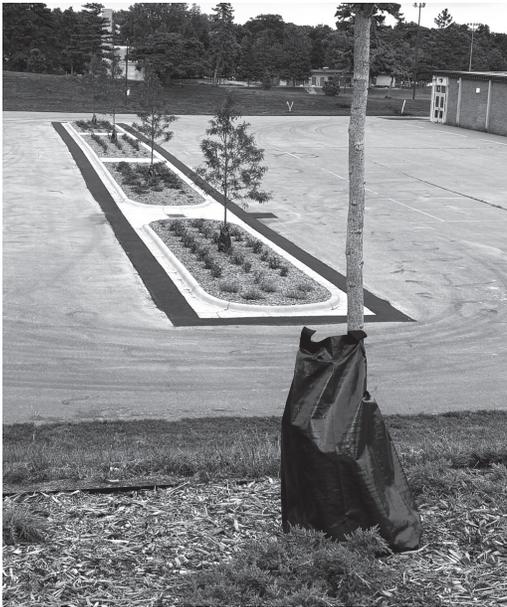
EMAIL US AT info@kennyneighborhood.org or sign up at bit.ly/knavolunteers



New Neighborhood Parking Lots

By Mary Brozic

Anthony Middle School has new front and back parking lots with islands of trees and plantings as well as perimeter plantings surrounding the property, helping add to our tree canopy.



South Lyndale Liquor incorporated trees and plantings in their parking lot at their new location which opened in 2023.



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