

Signs of the Times for Kenny's Bike Boulevard

Fall 2011 Newsletter
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Minneapolis has long enjoyed a reputation as one of the most bicycle-friendly cities in the country, thanks to its expansive network of on- and off-road bike paths. On September 22, that network gained an additional 4.5 miles of asphalt with the opening of the Bryant Avenue Bicycle Boulevard. The new route, which is not a separate trail but instead incorporates new features and signage on Bryant Avenue, is the longest in the city. The boulevard's "headwaters" is at 58th Street in Kenny Neighborhood and the boulevard stretches all the way to the Loring Park bicycle bridge just north of Franklin Avenue. Both recreational cyclists and year-round bike



"The Bicycle Boulevard designation of Bryant Avenue will help educate both drivers and riders to the fact that we're sharing the roads. Obviously, it would be ideal to have a completely separate bike lane, but there's no space for that right now. I really hope this can

improve overall safety, which of course is everyone's first priority."

Discussions and planning for the Boulevard have been underway for a few years, as city government and community organizations partnered to find a way to connect the four existing bicycle routes, which include the Midtown Greenway, Loring Bikeway, RiverLake Greenway and Minnehaha Creek. Construction on the Bryant Avenue Bicycle Boulevard began in June, and it officially opened on September 22 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

What is a "Bicycle Boulevard"? In the case of Bryant Avenue, cyclists' experiences will differ depending on which part of the route they're using. In Kenny, between 58th Street and Minnehaha Creek, crews have created

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commuters can now enjoy the benefits of a designated bike route that stretches all the way through Southwest Minneapolis.

Says Kenny resident and year-round bicycle commuter Thatcher Imboden,

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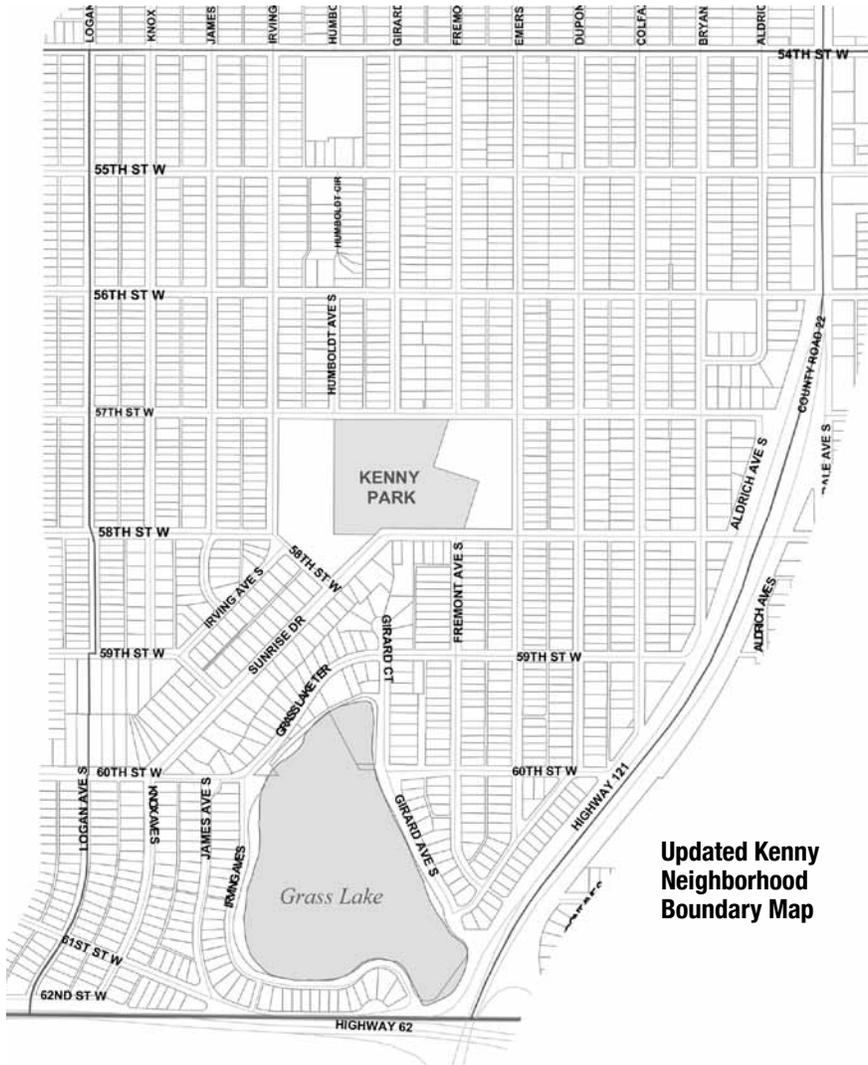
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Letter from the Chair

BY BRYAN SIMMONS
KNA Chairperson

My column is back after a much needed break to recover from planning and staging this year's SummerFest. I've also provided a much-needed update to my newsletter photo. As usual, there are several items of interest to cover and recap, so here we go.....

Grass Lake Trail

Earlier this summer, Minnesota Department of Transportation crews did some restoration to the trail at the south end of Grass Lake. Crews widened and graded and added additional gravel in a few of the low spots. There has been some erosion in a few of the restored sections, so I have contacted our Crosstown/35W project liaison to request a review of the trail in spring, after the winter months, spring thaw and run off. I am hopeful that some additional restoration can be made once the impact of a winter and spring thaw can be seen.

In the meantime, if you have any comments or suggestions on the trail, please feel free to contact me or one of the KNA Board members. Our numbers are listed near the front of the newsletter.

Bryant Ave Bike Boulevard

For anyone driving on Bryant Avenue the past few weeks, you may have noticed a few changes to the road and signage at the intersections. In late September, Minneapolis completed and officially opened the Bryant Avenue Bike Boulevard, which starts at 58th Street and continues all the way down to Loring Park in Minneapolis. Read our cover story for more information on the Bike Boulevard and how it provides safe and easy bike access to downtown Minneapolis.

SummerFest 2011

It's never too late to say thanks to all the Kenny Neighborhood

friends and neighbors who came out to enjoy SummerFest 2011! We had another nice year for the festival. With much better weather, attendance seemed to be up from the previous year with an estimate of 800 to 1,000 friends and neighbors coming out to enjoy a Saturday evening with lots of food and great music.

I want to take this opportunity to recognize the volunteers and members of the 2011 Kenny SummerFest Planning Committee. It takes many hours and lots of volunteer effort to put this event together so a big thanks to Mary Brozic, Christine Frisk, Karen Gabler, Chris Haugen, Ruth Olson, Kristy Riechel and Renee and Jim Divine. I also want to thank the more than 50 Kenny neighbors who volunteered to help the day of the event.

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a traditional bike boulevard experience. The center of the street on every block is painted with large bicycle symbols and the letters “BLVD.” Along this stretch of the road, as well as the portion between Franklin Avenue and Lake Street, Bryant is a lower-traffic avenue, and the demarcation is designed to raise the awareness of drivers that they are using a shared space. In addition, some modifications have been made to curbs and pedestrian walkways to provide better views and access at busy intersections, as well as the implementation of some traffic-calming methods.

From avid cyclist Imboden’s perspective, “these areas of the route should allow bikers from 8 to 80 to feel comfortable riding there. The focus is on signage trying to make it clear to drivers that this street is going to have a larger bike presence so you need to use caution. Also there’s safety in numbers, so the more riders begin to use a designated street, the more likely it is that drivers will become aware of them and the less likely it is that we’ll have an accident.”

Thatcher’s commuting route to his job north of Lake Calhoun includes this southernmost lower-traffic stretch of the Boulevard, but the majority of his daily ride covers the territory between 50th and Lake streets, where the layout of the route takes on a very different feel. In this area, the traditional bike boulevard awareness-signage approach is replaced by an “advisory lane.”

The advisory lane is a relatively new concept that is being deployed in only a handful of cities nationwide. Rather

than a designated bike-only lane on the side of the road, the advisory lane is painted down the center of the lane of traffic. It is boldly indicated by large bicycle symbols with arrows pointing in the direction of the traffic flow. These symbols are referred to as “sharrows,” in a nod to their primary purpose of indicating that the lane is shared between motorized vehicles and bicycles. To further accentuate the shared space, stretches of the boulevard are highlighted every couple of blocks by green latex paint that spans the width of the advisory lane. The labeling is designed not only as an indicator to drivers that they should be expecting increased levels of bike traffic, but also as a reminder to cyclists that they are permitted to ride in the lane of traffic.

To a motorist, it could appear as though all of Bryant Avenue has been ceded to a bicycle lane running in each direction, a possible source of confusion or frustration for a driver encountering an advisory lane for the first time. Asked why the new lane runs down the center of the street, Imboden provided an answer that may not be immediately obvious to someone

advisory lanes are designed to prevent that by being outside of an average car door’s range.

“Also, it’s very dangerous when bikers hug parked cars, then move all the way over to the curb when there are no parked cars,” Imboden explains. “That’s great until they dart back into the street to avoid the next parked car. Drivers don’t see them coming out, and it’s an accident waiting to happen. That constant flow in to and out of the lane of traffic is potentially more dangerous than a bike riding steadily in a consistent space in the lane.

He continues, “Designating space for bikes to ride out in the center of the lane is way to tell bikers, ‘Look, don’t feel like you’re being forced in to the door or parked car area.’ It’s a nonexclusive bike lane, but it’s designed to be the space in which bikers ride. Certainly, bikers are inclined to scooch over when they hear a car approach, and on Bryant cars can cross over the center line to get around bikes. It will be interesting to see if it improves safety. I’ve used the Boulevard

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who doesn’t ride every day. “Bikers who hug the parking lane run a huge risk of getting ‘doored.’ I know plenty of stories about the damage that results if you’re cruising along and someone opens their car door right in front of you. These

several times since it was finished and it seemed to work fine. It’s a shared space and I think we’ll learn how to respect each other’s presence and use it effectively.”

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NRP Update

BY RUTH OLSON
Neighborhood Revitalization
Program Coordinator

Uncle Sam Wants You

Well, maybe not Uncle Sam, but the Kenny Neighborhood Newsletter wants you! Just like the old slogan from WWI and WWII, we are looking to recruit some new story ideas for the newsletter.

Whenever I meet someone new from Kenny Neighborhood and I introduce myself and tell them what I do, inevitably I hear "I love the Kenny newsletter. It is the only thing I read from cover to cover." We love hearing feedback like that and are proud of each and every issue. The newsletter would not happen if not for our Cracker Jack team of Mary Arneson (editor and photographer), Hilary Greene, Steve Paquin, Pat Gottschalk, Bryan Simmons, Pat Hagan and Wally Gegner (writers) and Colleen Sauber (copy editor). The newsletter team works really hard to put together a fun, interesting and informative newsletter that is by, for and about Kenny Neighborhood.

In each issue we try to feature a person, group, activity or organization that is a unique part of Kenny Neighborhood. In the past, we have featured war



veterans, an African refugee, Kenny365, neighborhood volunteers, Kenny and Anthony schools. These have all been wonderful human interest stories and exemplify the good things going on in Kenny.

And here's where we need to recruit your help. We would love to continue featuring who and what make Kenny such a

special place to live, but we need your ideas. If you know of an interesting person, place or thing going on in the neighborhood, we'd love to hear about it. It doesn't have to be about someone or something that is mind blowing, but just interesting — like the resident who collects unwanted bikes, fixes them and then gives them to needy children. Kenny Neighborhood is made up of such wonderful people; we just want to celebrate what makes our little corner of Minneapolis the best!

If you have story ideas, big and small, please e-mail us at infor@kennyneighborhood.org or give us a call at 612-392-4477. We look forward to hearing from you!

KNA Housing Funds Available

Kenny Neighborhood Association has made additional funding available for home improvement projects through its Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) money. The original loan pool of money was completely used up and KNA dedicated additional funds to this important program. Exterior, interior and energy efficiency projects are all eligible. Residents can borrow up to \$10,000 at a 4% interest rate, with matching dollars required for those households with incomes over the Minneapolis median income. Now is the time to put in those new windows or finish off that basement!

KNA also has an Emergency Repair Fund available to be used in the case of catastrophic incidents that may make a home unlivable. Income limits apply.

Please contact Jim at Center for Energy and Environment at 612-335-5885 for further information on either of these programs.

Life as a Year-Round Bicycle Commuter

Kenny resident Thatcher Imboden sat down and shared some thoughts on using only pedal power to get to work.

Q: You ride to work every day, regardless of weather?

Thatcher: I ride my bike to work about 80% of the days, but the days I don't ride it's not because of the weather. I've ridden in snow, -40-degree windchills, 110-degree heat index, and everything in between.

Q: What do you smell like when you get to work?

Thatcher: Luckily, at my work there's a shower and locker room, so I'm able to take care of getting cleaned up. Surprisingly, I sweat more riding on cold winter days than hot summer days. Your body gets used to it. It's all about heat management.

Q: What's the biggest benefit of biking to work?

Thatcher: Certainly, there are environmental, health and financial benefits, but for me the best thing about riding to work is the freedom. I feel like I'm in control of my own direction, and I'm out there in the middle of the world, feeling a part of it all, with no blind spots.

Q: And the biggest downside?

Thatcher: Rain. Rain is way worse than cold. Being soaked to the bone is unavoidable and miserable, and I have not yet found the clothing that can completely protect me from head to toe. It's hard to feel enthusiastic when you have wet feet.

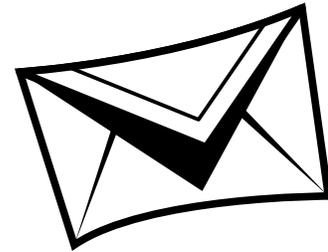
Q: Do you have a winter bike and a summer bike?

Thatcher: My winter bike is my old mountain bike. I put studded tires on it, and now I have better traction with my bike than I do driving my car. In fact, I was just eyeing my winter bike the other day. I'm really getting eager to take it out again. Of course, if it's anything like last year I'll be ready to hang up snow riding by December, but I'll still have months left. Then spring will come and I'll count the days until the rain stops. Then summer will be brutally hot and I'll think, 'Winter is so much better.' Listen to me. I guess that's part of being a Minnesotan. You're always kind of wishing it was the next season.

Q: Dude, seriously. You ride your bike to work in the winter?

Thatcher: (smiles)

Why is there an envelope in my newsletter?



Good question! One time per year the Kenny Neighborhood Association seeks donations from Kenny neighbors to provide funding for neighborhood events and communications. Our two biggest funding needs are the quarterly newsletter and the summer festival. The newsletter costs more than \$1,500 per issue to design, edit, print, process and mail to all the homes in the neighborhood. Yes, we could do this electronically at a smaller cost, but we have heard that a majority of our neighbors still prefer the tangible product. Advertisers and the City provide some funding for our newsletter, but a large amount of funding comes from all of you.

Similar to the newsletter, our annual summer festival is something special about Kenny Neighborhood. Your donations help offset some of the entertainment, seating, tents and food costs to stage this event each August. We hope you will consider making a tax-deductible contribution to the Kenny Neighborhood Association this year!

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We're Back in Practice!



After a break for the month of August, the Crosstown Community Band resumed music rehearsals in September and had its first public performance on October 22 during Richfield Lutheran Church's fall festival.

Currently we're playing Gustav Holst's "Second Suite for Band in F Major," "Basin Street Blues" by Spencer Williams, "Simple Gifts," (Four Shaker Songs for Concert Band) by Frank Ticheli and "The Stars and Stripes Forever March," by Sousa.

From 7th grade on up to 70 years, (or older!), if you love music and play a wind or percussion instrument, you are welcome!

Band practice is every Tuesday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Richfield Lutheran Church located at 60th Street and Nicollet Avenue South.

Target Adopts Kenny School

We had an amazing start to the school year, in large part to the generosity of the Target Corporation.

Kenny School was the lucky recipient of the Target "Adopt-a-School" Grant for 2011-2012. You may remember from the spring that Kenny was a finalist for two different Target grants: the Media Center Makeover and the PRESS Literacy Grant. Michael Stroik, the Target lead for these grants, reorganized Kenny's disappointment in our "runner-up" status and, during the first few days of school, gifted more than 800 hours of volunteer service and \$6,000 toward teaching supplies and beautification projects.

All summer long, a few staff members from Kenny and the Target team had weekly conference calls to discuss and prioritize projects. The three major projects we decided on were weeding and mulching the gardens, restocking and organizing the supply room and giving the staff lunchroom a face lift.

There were 70 volunteers who did advance work at the Target headquarters early in the week. On the morning of August 24th, 70 more volunteers descended on Kenny and worked in the building to help us prepare. All teachers had two volunteers a piece that morning to help them prepare their rooms for the students' arrival. Projects ranged from making learning games, leveling books, putting up bulletin boards and doing general cleaning. You may have noticed the staff pictures on the large bulletin board as you walk into the building — this project was also completed by Target volunteers. Two Kenny parents from the Target Corporate office, Tisha Boarman and Daniel Barrett, were among the Target volunteers that day.

In the afternoon, another 70 volunteers came to Kenny to work on the gardens and paint the big chair with a new design. Volunteers weeded, spread cedar mulch and planted \$250 worth of new

bulbs and flowers. Our local community vendors chipped in too. Bachman's on Lyndale gave the school a discount on the mulch and plants, and Settergren's Ace Hardware on 54th and Penn saved the day by lending us two wheel barrels. Staff and parents also lent their personal gardening supplies for the afternoon.

Volunteers really put some elbow grease into the staff lounge! They painted the walls, put new fabric on bulletin boards and added new lighting, new curtains, three new tables two comfortable chairs, two new microwaves and a coffee pot! It went from a cafeteria to a cafe in one day!

In addition to the above projects, Target granted \$2,000 toward the purchase of new books for guided reading instruction. The book room now has some fabulous new titles that we're sure our kids will love. The books were purchased from the Wild Rumpus book store in Linden Hills, who in kind, scheduled two published authors who came to Kenny to talk about writing and their new books.

The biggest offshoot of all of this work from Target was the real boost of positive energy for our school. On that day, every staff member at Kenny felt supported and honored. When the kids crossed the threshold on the first day of school, they came anxious to learn, and the teachers were ready for them! The first week of school set a remarkable tone for the year.

Thank you, Target!

Laurie Hanzel and
Joyce Vanderscheuren

Strong, Lasting Neighbor Bonds on Knox

by Mark and Deb Noble

From the outside, the unique sun-burst doorway only gives a slight hint to the array of treasures you will discover inside the home of Jools Brandt. Her home at 5737 Knox Avenue South is much like other homes in the Kenny neighborhood—1 1/2 story, three-bedroom, one-bath house. The thing that sets this 1950's home apart from the rest is this house was the first one built on the block. It's difficult to imagine this today, but a long time ago, you could stand in the backyard and see Bachman's. Times have certainly changed! Even though Jools is only the second home owner, this house has given her quite a few memorable moments in the four years she has lived here.

Jools has had a long and successful career in broadcast communications, and during that time, she moved around quite a bit. In 2007, Jools began her search to find a home, a place where she could plant roots and really settle in. That search led her to 5737 Knox Avenue. Jools said she connected immediately with the home when she first saw it. She walked in the door and knew she wanted to make this house her own.

Unfortunately, the listing price for the house was more than she had hoped and she learned there were other offers on the table for the full amount, but Jools'



Ruth Behrend (left) and Jools Brandt.

desire to make this dream a reality pushed her to think outside the box.

Jools fell in love with many of the features of this well-built and well-kept home. She crafted a letter to Ruth Behrend, the original owner of the home who was then 93-years old and living in an assisted living home. Jools asked Ruth to consider her offer for the house even though it was below the other offers submitted at the listing price. Jools mentioned in the letter how she loved the pink 50s-style tile in the bathroom and the beautiful gardens and bird feeders in the yard and promised not to

change those important details of the house should she be offered the home.

Ruth was impressed with Jools' letter and likely she felt a bit of relief knowing someone would love the house as much as she did. Ruth and Jools had the opportunity to meet and Ruth asked Jools, "What does a single gal need with such a big house?" and Jools replied, "Well, you're a single gal like me!"

Ruth seemed to take a liking to Jools' quick wit and soon, a friendship was born. Needless to say, Jools got the house. To this day, she has kept her word—the pink tile remains in the bathroom (and pink flamingo wall art has been added) and the gardens remain lush and well maintained. Jools has also added her personal touch to the home with her eclectic and whimsical design style.

Upon entering the house, every room displays some element of unique art work or piece of furniture that grabs hold of any visitor's attention. From the leopard print furniture in the living room to the bright red carpet in the bedroom to the sun porch with the space bar motif, this house is every bit Jools' home. It is a perfect reflection of her fun personality and whimsical style. The home does not lack bold color or bold design,

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which apparently made Ruth quite happy when she was invited back to her former home for a surprise 94th birthday party.

A new found friendship with Ruth was not the only blossoming relationship that took place when Jools moved to 57th and Knox. Jools' new neighbor, Jim Hendricks, had close ties to Ruth and her family. He had taken great care in looking after Ruth and her home over the years, especially after her husband passed away.

Jim also wished for a new owner who would take care of the house that held such fond memories for him. Jim introduced himself to his new neighbor and offered his assistance around the house and yard. Soon, Jools and Jim began to spend more and more time together.

At first, Jools was apprehensive about dating her neighbor. What if things didn't

work out? She was so excited to have found a home she loved and was worried about a good thing going bad.

Jools says she joked with Jim that if things didn't end well, he was going to be the one to move because she was done moving! Luckily, they have maintained a wonderful relationship these past four years. Jim and Jools often went to visit Ruth together. They held off telling Ruth about their relationship, until one visit when Ruth caught them holding hands. Her response to Jim, "That didn't take you long!"

Sadly, Ruth passed away a year after Jools moved into the house. Jim and Jools wanted to find a way to honor Ruth and the place she called home for so many years. They decided to plant an ornamental tree in the front yard and named it Ruth in her honor. A perfect tribute to a woman who loved her home and whose legacy will live on in the stories and the lives of those who loved her.



Jools Brandt and Jim Hendricks with the tree planted in memory of Ruth Behrend, former owner of Jools' home.

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Good Times and Hard Work Paid Off for the Kenny Garden Club

by Bridget Rau and Ann Davenport

Kenny Garden Club had a great year with a lot of new faces and some fun activities. As always, we continued our work at BP and Fixt Rite. We would like to congratulate all the members of our garden club on the Minneapolis Blooms Award for best business garden at Fixt Rite! Great job everybody. It's nice that we received some recognition for all our hard work.

We also did some extra work at BP digging up some old shrubs and planting some new hostas. Thanks to everyone for donating plant material!

We started with a question/answer session in June with our own neighborhood master gardener, Elaine, who answered everyone's questions and handed out helpful material, including some information on the emerald ash borer.

On a very hot July evening, we met at Mark Glenn's hosta garden and proceeded from there to Savory Gardens in Edina — their 60th year. We had a personal tour of the gardens by the matriarch of the family business, Arlene.

We concluded our fun activities with a Garden Tour of some of our neighborhood gardens. Thank you to Ginny, Diane, Fern and Ann. We have some great gardens in our neighborhood, so take some time to stop and smell the roses!

Thanks, everyone, for a great year!

Bridget and Ann



Man on the Street



Sean Moritz

I love the fall time of year and enjoy the season. The fall colors along the streets, especially walking on Dupont with the canopy of trees, is beautiful. People are on the streets walking and friendly. My family has visited from Milwaukee and were impressed by the Kenny Neighborhood last fall. It is a great place to live.



Our Man on the Street, Pat Hagan, asked Kenny neighbors,

“What do you like most about fall in the Kenny Neighborhood?”



Sean McNamara

I love the the fall in the Kenny Neighborhood, but fall doesn't last long enough here. Winters have been tough and long, and I would like to see more of the fall weather before winter. The fall is a good time to do house work outside and a time to spend thinking and planning while I am working. This time of year helps me concentrate more on my writing.



Gary Anderson

I have lived in the Kenny Neighborhood for 31 years and enjoy the seasons here. My deck offers a nice view of trees and Grass Lake. I get along with my neighbors and am happy when the south wind in the fall blows my leaves into their yards...Don't we all?



Larry Pfeifer

Fall is a beautiful time of year. I like seeing my neighbors on my regular walks and around Grass Lake. Grass Lake is a hidden gem with a lot of nature and many types of wildlife to see on our walks. We enjoy the area and our neighbors.

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10-8-11 Our First Kenny365 Gathering (Deb Noble)

For the first time a handful of our photographers gathered together, many meeting in person for the first time. Many thanks to Ed Huerta and Dick for hosting such a lovely affair. For those who could not join us, you were missed.

From left to right: Ed Huerta, C. M. Skrzynecki, Colleen Sauber, Casey Piersma, Mark Noble, Sharon Wagner, Scott St. Aubin, Mary Brozic (website administrator) and Sally Johnson (website administrator).

When Kenny365 (www.kenny365.org) began early this summer, 20 Kenny neighbors signed up to take photos. The new Web site captures day-by-day living in our fine Minneapolis community.

Through the eye of the photographers, it features individuals, gatherings, buildings, animals and scenery for all viewers. Kenny joined the neighborhoods of Powderhorn and Armatage in the 365 visual tours and has since been joined by other neighborhoods that have checked out the offerings and decided that this is a venture to join.

The following are comments from some of the photographers who stroll the streets of our Kenny looking to document real life at its best — or funniest or most beautiful — on every day, every month. If you've not checked out the site to see their work, do not delay, do not pass Go, and head straight to your computer!

"I love photography and I love community. We have no extended family in town. I love Kenny, and this has become our extended family. ... It's another way to get to know your neighbors."

"It sounded like fun! We like taking pictures and it's a fun way to get out in the neighborhood."

"I guess I thought it would be a fun challenge, because I like photographing Kenny and I needed a challenge."

"We have a friend in Powderhorn, who has been our mentor. We are ambassadors! ... It's a fabulous way to build community and to show off Kenny. We said, 'We gotta do this!'"

"Sometimes you can't plan on what you're going to take a picture of. You just have to get out there. ... You see it in a different way when you're taking a picture. "

"We encourage people to sign up. They don't have to commit to one day a week for a couple months; they can take one day or two days."

Having heard it from the photographers and checked out the Web site, you may be considering joining the brigade of Kenny365 participants. If you are a teenager or are younger and have access to a camera, you are also very welcome. In fact, a 12-year-old took 2 of the photos posted on the site.

Neighborhood News That's Never Old

Until the next Kenny Neighborhood Newsletter arrives this winter, you can keep up with neighborhood news on the Kenny Neighborhood Web site

www.kennyneighborhood.org

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Sample photos from Kenny365...check them all out at:
<http://www.kennyneighborhood.org/>

For further information, contact Sally Johnson (sally_vardaman_johnson at yahoo.com) or Mary Brovic (maryb at maryb.biz), the site coordinators. They would enjoy hearing from you! When you contact them, tell them about your availability. You can specify once a month, three times every other month, or "put me in wherever." Mary and Sally will check the calendar to find days not assigned and will get back to you. Any part of Kenny is fair game, and the more parts of it covered, the better.



10-10-11 Last Call
by Kaia Kegley
Fresh, garden grown tomatoes signal the last remaining bits of summertime optimism. Bring on the bacon and lettuce..

10-6-11 Kenny School 5th Grade Boys
by Lauren Damman

10-7-11 Colors
by Sharon Wagner
Brown/Yellow, Red and Orange might be the popular Fall colors. But Brown is better than a snowy White.

Kenny Park News

BY KRISTOPHER STEVENS

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Jerry Peterson
CSA Lead Armatage/Kenny/Lynhurst/
Windom South



Hours

Monday – Thursday 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Kenny Kids Playgroup

Need a mid or end of the week break?
A little time to yourself? Then bring
your child to Kenny Park!!! We will
have fun playing games, doing crafts
and play outside.*MUST BE POTTY
TRAINED* *Ages 3-5*

Kick Fit

Are you looking to keep in shape or burn
calories in a different way? Have you
had a stressful day and are looking for
a fun way to work out? Kenny Park has
just the thing! Monday and Thursday
evenings at 6:30 you will get fit, make
friends and release your day on the pads.
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and motivation and you will provide
the presence! Kick fit provides a sense
of well being, improved strength and
stamina. You will increase your flexibil-
ity and balance.

*Also offering Kids Kick Fit

Field Trips

TBD

Field trips have not yet been deter-
mined. Please keep checking our Web
site to see what fun-filled trips we have
planned for the fall.

For more programs, field trips and
other information please log on to
activenet.active.com/minneapolisparcs/

A black and white advertisement for Tim Martin's landscape design services. It features a stylized leaf graphic on the left. The text includes the name 'Tim Martin', address '5901 Grass Lake Terrace Minneapolis, MN 55419', phone number '612-202-8069', and email 'createmyyard@comcast.net'. It also lists services like 'Landscape Design', 'Special Effects Plantings', 'Structural & Water Features', and 'General Garden Maintenance'.

Tim Martin
5901 Grass Lake Terrace
Minneapolis, MN 55419

Create my yard... by Tim

612-202-8069
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Special Effects Plantings
Structural & Water Features
General Garden Maintenance

A black and white advertisement for Uncommon Gardens. It features a circular logo with a leaf and the text 'UNCOMMON GARDENS'. To the right, the address and phone number are enclosed in large curly braces.

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Safety Tips

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Recycling and Scrap Metal Theft



During the past few months, several questions have arisen regarding “scrappers”—people who drive through alleys and take recycling and scrap metal. This activity usually occurs the evening before or morning of garbage day. Many people don’t realize that this is a crime.

Recycling theft, or “scavenging,” is the unauthorized collection of recyclable materials set out by residents for authorized collection programs with the City. City of Minneapolis Ordinance 244.355 (c) states that it’s against the law.

Although you may feel this is a harmless crime, scavenging gives individuals an opportunity to survey what items you have in your alley, garage and home and takes revenue from the City that could have helped keep your solid waste fees lower!

Here are some steps that you can take to discourage this type of theft:

Don’t put out your recyclables and other scrap metal until the day of pickup and ask your neighbors to do the same

Call 911 if you see people taking these items. Scrappers will usually drive pickup trucks or vans to collect the items. When talking to the 911 operator, please remember to include a description of the vehicle and the people involved. Should the vehicle happen to leave the area before officers arrive, call back 911 and advise the operator of the direction of travel of the vehicle. A message will be sent to the officers in the area through the squad computers. Please call 911 on any other suspicious activity.

Quarterly Crime Stats

July to September 2011	Theft bicycle, from motor vehicle, etc.	Auto Theft	Robbery	Burglary garage, home, business
Kenny	11	1	0	8
Armatage	10	1	1	11
Lynnhurst	18	1	0	17
Windom	33	1	3	12

Source: Minneapolis Police Department 5th Precinct



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Kenny Garden Club

Contact Bridget Rau at
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Ann Davenport at
afdavenport@gmail.com to get
involved next spring.

Kenny Board Members Needed

Make a difference in your
neighborhood's future by joining the
Kenny Board. It's a great way to meet
your neighbors and be part of the
community. For further information,
contact any of the board members
listed on page 2.

Volunteers Needed for Kenny SummerFest

Want to be part of the festival plan-
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activities? The planning starts in
March! Contact Bryan Simmons at
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