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Kenny Neighborhood Newsletter

'A great way to feel a part of something special and important'

Bill and Laura Baxley helped lead the effort to upgrade Kenny playground

Bill and Laura Baxley and their children, Sam and Amelia, enjoy a moment together. Bill and Laura moved to the neighborhood in 1993.

"We're so happy here … we feel right at home," Laura comments as her husband, Bill, nods in agreement. And *we* as Kenny neighbors are glad they found a spot to call home right in our neighborhood! Laura and Bill met at Syracuse University in upstate New York, their paths crossing while Laura studied landscape architecture and Bill focused on architecture. After graduation, they spent five years together in Maine,

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Newsworthy

Kenny sales are set for May

The Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, **May 28**, Kenny Neighborhood will host our annual Spring Garage Sales. Sign-up deadline is **May 21**.

The annual Kenny School rummage sale is **May 20-21**.

Please turn to page 5 to read more

Get ready for 2 summer festivals

The annual Kenny Neighborhood Summer Festival will be on Thursday evening, **June 21,** this year. To volunteer, call the KNA MessageLine at 612-392-4477. Borton Volvo's "Motown Fesiival" will be Saturday evening, **Aug. 13**.

Nine of our neighbors are Treasures

Tom Campbell, the Philip and Betty Klint family, Jan Tolle MacDonald, and Mary Schmalz were honored April 19 for their service to their neighbors.

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Sign up now for CERT training

Training slots are filling up fast for neighborhood Community Emergency Response Teams, which help authorities during disasters.

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Grass Lake Bird Hike is May 18

The annual hike around Grass Lake will take place Wednesday, **May 18,** at 6:30 p.m. Former Kenny neighbor Tony Smith will lead the group. Meet at the north side of the lake about halfway up Grass Lake Terrace from Girard Avenue.

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.

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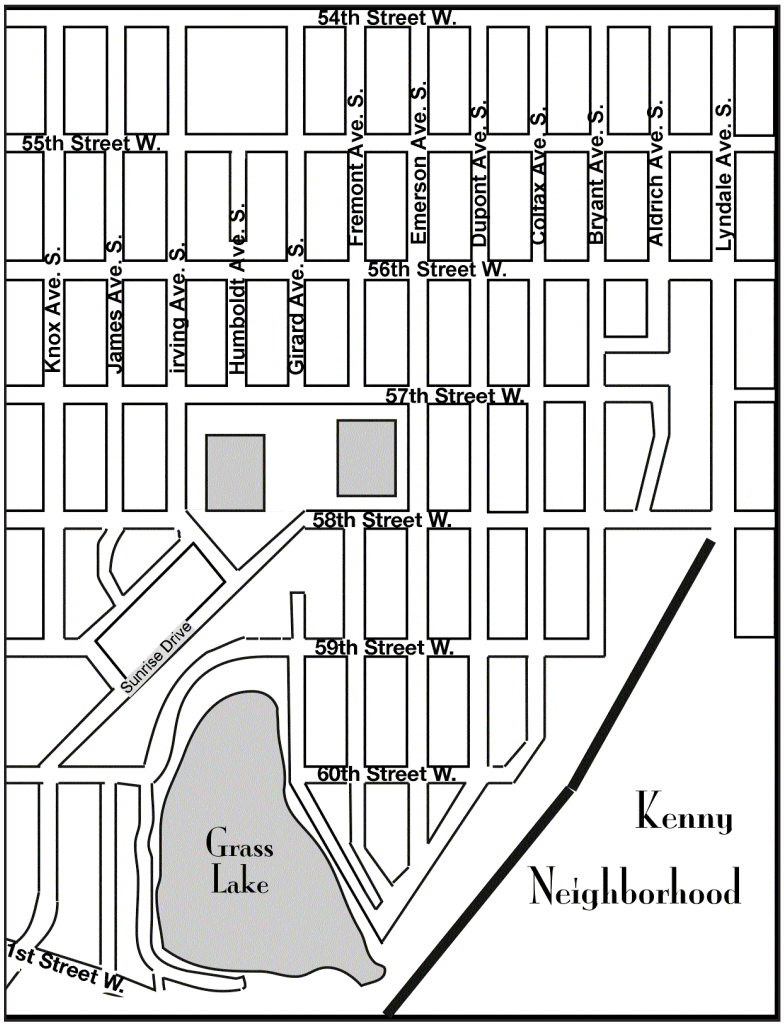

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By Pat Hagen Kenny Neighborhood Association Chairperson

KNA Chairperson's Column

Kenny Neighborhood Academy Awards

Many years ago the Kenny Neighborhood started an annual tradition of giving out the its Treasure Award to people who have done outstanding things in our neighborhood. In our April meeting we focused on this year's winners for outstanding neighbors. As in the past, the annual recipients of these awards are not in the tabloids and don't give 10-minute acceptance speeches, they continue doing the right things for the community. For all of the current and past recipients, I want to thank you for your service to your community.

Like in any awards program, I would like to recognize a few people who I have appreciated during my tenure on the Kenny board. Just like the other event, the list could go on and on, so I apologize for all those I missed and hope everyone knows that it is the group effort that has made Kenny the best place to be. You will appreciate a shorter list anyway.

For Life Achievement Award, Claire Olson has served in several capacities on the board and deserves notice for not only hard work but a balanced look at what the neighborhood needs. She has moved on to a new movie studio set in Richfield. All our best.

For Best Director Award, Sheila Dingels continues to provide years and hours of organizational skills and follow-up on the various activities.

Pat Hagen

For Best Set Designer, there is a tie between Bob Engstrom and Karla Kauffman. Bob has put in years of work on area landscaping projects and also deserves a producer and director award! Karla has helped with the design and upkeep on several Lyndale Avenue projects that we all appreciate daily. She is retiring from the board and will be missed. I am sure you will still see her working with the Kenny Garden Club.

Our Creativity Award goes to Gleni Sprague, a longtime KNA board member who has offered countless hours on multiple projects and been a creative force on the board. Many of the ideas she has suggested have become annual projects. Gleni is also retiring from the board this year. She has allowed us to meet in her office building and has been a big KNA supporter.

For Best Script Award, we have our Communications Committee – and this newsletter. Our thanks to Hilary Greene, Sheila Dingels, Mark Plenke, Claire Olson, Seth Kirk and Andy Fried (our Web site guru).

Obviously, our Best Picture Award recipient is the Kenny Festival team. Rick Arneson has shown unbelievable energy as chairman of this project the past two years. The Kenny Park staff, Tom Campbell, Jan and Tim Tolle MacDonald all deserve big thanks.

Our Best Supporting Actor is Barret Lane, for the person who most resembles a politician who cares about the neighborhood. Julia Blout, his associate, would deserve a runner-up award. Barret's performance will be hard to follow in the years to come.

The Best Cast undoubtedly goes to the Kenny board I currently work with and the past presidents which including such notables as Peter Berrie, Dan Quirk and Rick Arneson. Not much gets done without them.

For those I missed, I apologize and say thanks to all who have made my term as chairperson enjoyable. I know you all care about our Kenny Neighborhood and I especially want to thank those who have shown they care.

Editor's note: One award was forgotten! The Gratitude Award. Pat Hagan has served ably on the KNA board for four years and counting; for two of those years he was chairperson. We thank you, Pat, for your time, energy, dedication and sense of humor. So many neighbors have benefited from your ideas. Your love of this neighborhood and your generous spirit are obvious to all. We warmly thank you, Pat.

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The Baxleys

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but the desire to start a family in a more urban community—and the recommendation of friends living in Kenny Neighborhood—lured them to Minnesota. They moved to their warm and welcoming home at 57th and Emerson in fall 1993. "It was easy to meet people", says Bill. "All the neighbors were so nice and we had two dogs so you just naturally meet folks when you're out for a walk."

At the time of their arrival here, the Neighborhood Revitalization Project (NRP) was in its early stages in Minneapolis. Kenny Neighborhood was seeking volunteers. Laura read some information and remembers, "I said to myself, our neighborhood has to do this! Bill and I were starved for a sense of community. We both had wonderful neighborhood experiences growing up. And this was a great way to feel a part of something special and important."

Bill and Laura focused their efforts on the neighborhood playground—shared by Kenny School and Kenny Park. They reminisce about meetings, surveys, writing the NRP Plan and determining how the NRP funding should be used to benefit the neighborhood and to include as many suggestions and ideas from neighbors as possible. There were hard decisions to be made. The energy and dedication Laura and Bill offered this project caused the playground you now see to be a central focus of the lives of many neighbors—young and old. The fact that Laura and Bill did not have children themselves when they led the playground project is a testament to the generosity of their spirits. Soon, however, they had their own children to push on the swings and help down the slide: Sam was born in 1997 and his sister, Amelia, followed in 2000.

A few years ago when Sam was enjoying the Tiny Tots program at Kenny Park, Laura and Bill were dismayed to learn the program would be closed. Not surprisingly, they led an energized group that lobbied to keep Tiny Tots at Kenny Park. Tiny Tots thrives to this day.

With Sam enjoying first grade and Amelia participating in Tiny Tots, Laura is able to volunteer in a variety of places at Kenny School, including the Media Center, the Computer Lab and in Sam's class. She has also helped launch the new Kenny School Web site. Check it out: http://kenny.mpsedu.org.

Bill, a partner with BKV Group, is an award-winning architect both locally and nationally. He has been the creative light behind many familiar sights, including the refectory and band shell at Minnehaha Falls, the new Edina City Hall, and a tree house for the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. He has teamed up with Kenny neighbor Christine Frisk to design Restaurant Five (opening early summer) in the former 5th Precinct site at 29th and Bryant. Bill is also designing a significant mixed-use project in Uptown involving the expansion of the Lagoon Theater; 100,000 square feet of office space for an advertising agency in Bloomington wanting to relocate to the city; and 112 condominiums clustered around a european style piazza.

In 2004 Bill received a significant honor when the American Institute of Architects awarded him and three others its Young Architects Award.

Also legendary is Laura's gardening talent. 1995 saw the start of Laura's landscape design business, Anthemis (little flower). Laura has transformed many local gardens, including Edina's old Baird Estate, a lovely National Register of Historic Places Victorian near 50th and France. Most of her work is in the Lake Minnetonka area and is occasionally featured during garden- tour season. She has been honored with awards from the Minnesota Nursery and Landscape Association, and her projects have been published in *Mpls/St. Paul Magazine*.

"I enjoy my work immensely, but I put my family first," she says.

"This neighborhood feels like a small town within the city—we can walk to everything," Laura says. "Neighbors help neighbors here. We watch out for each other. Even inconveniences like airplane noise and blizzards seem to bring us together. We're staying part of this neighborhood and enjoy being able to contribute to it."

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Neighborhood associations, City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County are all involved in events

The KNA, in cooperation with the Armatage, Fulton and Linden Hills Neighborhood Associations, will participate in a hazardous household waste collection sponsored by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners and the City of Minneapolis.

We hope to encourage neighbors to safely and properly dispose of their unwanted garden and household hazardous waste.

Business-generated wastes will not be accepted at the collection sites.

Collection events will be held at three locations convenient to Kenny neighbors:

Saturday, June 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Armatage location: Armatage Park at 58th St. and Russell Ave. S.

Saturday, July 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Linden Hills location: Southwest High School, 3414 W. 47th St.

Thursday, Aug. 11, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Kenny location: Anthony Middle School, 5757 Irving Ave. S.

Follow the signs to the entrance. Arrive after the first hour to avoid a longer wait.

The county will accept many household hazardous wastes, including mercury items (fluorescent and HID lamps, thermostats and thermometers); pesticides; automotive wastes (fuel additives, starter fluid, waxes); aerosol cans; paint, lead-based paint chips, solvents and thinners; pool, photographic and hobby chemicals; and household batteries.

Check the Hennepin County Web site, http:// www.hennepin.us, and do a keyword search for Mpls HHW events, for more information about future events.

For a year-round alternative to these collections, Hennepin County provides residents with two drop-off facilities, located at 8100 Jefferson Highway in Brooklyn Park (under construction May-December; prior to arrival check for materials currently accepted and temporary closures) and 1400 W. 96th St. in Bloomington.

Call the county's 24-Hour Info Line at 612-348-6500 for the hours and materials accepted at these facilities.

Garage sales are May 28, sign up by May 21

On Saturday, May 28, Kenny Neighborhood will host our annual Spring Garage Sales. This is the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend.

An ad will be placed in the *Star Tribune* and we will print a map/ list of sale locations that will be distributed to customers.

A $10 fee per garage sale will cover the ad and the printing. Traditionally, this is the only neighborhood sale in town that day and it is very well attended.

To participate please send your name, sale address, phone number, e-mail address and a $10 check payable to KNA to:

KNA Garage Sales
c/o Karla Kauffman
5896 Sunrise Dr.
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The deadline is May 21. For more information, call the KNA MessageLine at 612-392-4477.

Kenny School 3rd Annual Rummage Sale is May 20-21

The Kenny School rummage sale, sponsored by the Kenny PTA, will help raise money for various Kenny School activities.

Friday, May 20 from 4-9 p.m., $3 admission.

Saturday, May 21 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., no admission fee.

How you can help

Donate! Donations may be dropped off the week of the sale. Start saving your gently used toys, books, DVDs, CDs, jewelry, household items, clothes, collectables and antiques. If you need a truck to pick up a large donation, please call Jan Tolle MacDonald at 612-798-4993.

Volunteer! Volunteers are needed on Thursday and Friday or during the sale itself. People are needed to set up, unpack, sort, clean up, etc.

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By Sheila Dingels Neighborhood Revitalization Program Director

NRP Phase I funds winding down

Your help is needed to finalize spending, choose remaining projects

Back in 1997, the Neighborhood Revitalization Program designated approximately $600,000 to the Kenny Neighborhood to spend on neighborhood projects. Slightly less that one-third of that is the amount of money remaining to be spent in Kenny in the future.

If you would like to have a say in how that remaining money is spent, now is the time to get involved.

A large amount of what is left was set aside to use for Lyndale Avenue improvements. The KNA has given grants to three businesses for landscape and streetscape improvements, and to design consultants to draft plans for the Lyndale area.

Currently, there are four Kenny residents serving on the Lyndale Avenue South Renewal-Creek to Crosstown (LASR-CC) committee to work this year with a new set of consultants to bring all the visions together in a master plan for Lyndale Avenue. Part of the planning process will be community meetings to get ideas from residents on transportation, housing, lighting, and business improvements they would like to see in our area.

You can get involved by attending these community meetings—or even help out at the meetings with set-up, clean-up, etc.

Sheila Dingels

We are also hoping to add some shade structures near the pool at Kenny Park.

We are looking at options and possible funding with the Park Board, but we need neighbors to get involved in planning.

Finally, we have a small pot of unspent funds that we had hoped to use for defining some of the roadways in the neighborhood as designated bikeway areas.

If any of these projects interests you, let us know by calling the KNA Messageline at 612-392-4477 or visiting the Web site at kennyneighborhood.org.

Find annual meeting info on the Web

As this issue goes to press, our annual KNA Celebration and Meeting is occurring. Some KNA Board member terms are ending; new Board members will offer their services.

Our August issue will introduce our new KNA Board and thank those whose service is ending.

For up-to-the-minute info, go to www.kennyneighborhood.org. Stay tuned!

Seniors, disabled get household help to remain independent

KNA-TRUST effort helps neighbors

For the past year, the KNA has been a partner with TRUST, Inc., a coalition of South Minneapolis congregations that have served our community since 1970.

The KNA offers funding to TRUST Inc. each month to link seniors and disabled Kenny residents with reputable workers who can take care of small household projects or seasonal chores. The KNA provides partial or full funding for the service costs so these neighbors can afford to remain independent in their homes.

The program serves between five and ten residents each month, but there is plenty of room for more.

If you would like some assistance around your house at low or no cost, call TRUST and tell them you would like to join the Kenny Neighborhood program. If you don't need assistance, but have neighbors on your block who might be interested, tell them about the program.

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By Peter Winzig Kenny Park Director

Park and Rec Board, Kenny Park move to online registration

This past spring Kenny Park began registering residents online. You may register online for Summer Programs starting Saturday, May 7, at 9 a.m. We are encouraging as many people as possible to use the new on-line registration system. You may also register in-person on May 7 at 9 a.m. However, the process will be slower since we have to set up a family profile on the computer for People individually as they register at the park. Summer programs were available for viewing online on April 1. To register for programs online, go to the MPRB website at: www.minneapolisparks.org.

Peter Winzig

Prior to registration, residents should create a family member profile online at: www.reservemaster.com/minneapolisparks/. Create one profile per family (use one spouse), then enter sub-members. Here's an example:

Member: Jane Larson

Sub-members: Tom Larson (spouse), Chris Larson (child) and Sarah Larson (child).

If you have already set up a profile and have registered at another Minneapolis Park location, you do not need to set up a profile for Kenny.

Here is a sampling of activities taking place at Kenny Park this summer:

Mother Goose's Garden

Mother Goose's rhymes are full of things that live in the garden, on the farm and in the woods. Jack had his beanstalk, Miss Muffet got scared by the spider, Peter picked peppers and Jenny Wren was a bird. Discover the plants, animals and insects living in Mother Goose's garden. Stories, games, crafts and snacks will be enjoyed by all. M, T, W, TH, June 13-16, 10 a.m.-noon, ages 4-5, $25.

Tiny Tot Camps, Sessions 1-6

Children will have fun learning social and cooperative skills through games and activities. Come and join our wonderful preschool staff as they lead activities in music, crafts, creative play and more! M, T, W, TH, 9 a.m.-noon, ages 3-5, $45/session. Session 1: June 20-23; Session 2: June 27-30; Session 3: July 18-21; Session 4: July 25-28; Session 5: Aug 1-4; Session 6: Aug 8-11.

Kenny Neighborhood Explorers Camp

Pack a lunch and explore Kenny Neighborhood by bike, by roller blades or by foot. Join us as we visit hot spots in the neighborhood and go swimming, bowling and more! Trip fees and snack are included. Additional spending money is optional. Bring your bike, skateboard or rollerblades! M, T, W, TH, July 18-22, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., ages 8-12, $60.

Wild Kingdom Camp

In this case it's the Wild "Parkdom." Every place on Earth has wildlife and that wildlife needs to eat. We will explore your park to find out who eats what and how all life in the park is connected. Learn how raccoons, birds, squirrels and snakes survive in the park. For kids who love neighborhood adventures. M, T, W, TH, July 25-28, 1-4:30 p.m., ages 6-12, $30.

Weird Science

Science is all around us! Have you ever wondered why and how things happen? Explore science through hands-on experiences. Create mixtures and potions that will amaze and impress your friends and family, learn about how scientists use their knowledge to solve crimes, and observe the science of magic! M, T, W, TH, July 18-22, 1-4:30 p.m., $40.

KPAC hot dog day and soccer registration

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By Colleen Sauber Kenny Neighbor

Treasures in our midst

Nine Kenny neighbors are recognized for their service to neighbors and neighborhood

2005 Neighborhood Treasures: (top from left) Tom Campbell, Philip and Betty Klint, Cassandra Klint; (bottom) Mary Schmalz, Jan Tolle MacDonald, Amanda and Angela Kint. Not pictured: Curtis Klint.

Kenny Neighborhood celebrates its nine recipients of the Kenny Neighborhood Treasure award: **Tom Campbell, the Philip and Betty Klint family, Jan Tolle MacDonald, and Mary Schmalz**. They are recognized for the significant difference they have made in the lives of residents on their block and in the neighborhood. The Treasures received a framed award certificate at the KNA annual meeting at Anthony Middle School on April 19.

Tom Campbell moved into his home on Colfax and 55th St. in 1977. He has become a familiar face around the neighborhood by getting involved as a block leader and in other neighborhood functions. You may recognize him from his daily walks with his trusty companion these days, a spunky little English setter named Zeke. You might also see Tom on the slopes sledding with his daughter, Kelsey, ice skating and taking on the neighbors in a friendly game of hockey at the Kenny Park outdoor ice rink. These signs of genuine friendliness are some of the reasons Tom Braun nominated Campbell for the award.

"Tom is a tireless neighborhood organizer and block leader," says Braun, who moved into the same block in 2000 and met Campbell on National Night Out that summer. "He is very friendly and always takes pains to greet and talk with neighbors. Campell knows how important it is that people get out and meet their fellow residents for crime prevention and a sense of community, Braun says. "Tom does that better than anyone I've seen, and I wanted to honor that."

Campbell's friendly attitude carries into his career where he has been a mechanic for the Metropolitan Transit Commission for more than 30 years and also has a strong presence in the MTC union. His "I'm a joiner!" attitude shines through professionally as well as personally. He was an active coach in his daughter's soccer and t-ball teams and continues to get involved in anything he can. Campbell, a KNA Board member, is committed to neighborhood walks as a way to convey a sense of community in the neighborhood.

Keeping an eye out for neighbors is clearly a trait of the **Klint family**, says Joanna Lees, who nominated the family for the Treasures award. In 1991, around the time they moved into their home on Irving Avenue and 56th Street, Lees and her husband learned that he had leukemia. During her husband's illness, and the first five months of living in Kenny, Lees met essentially no one in the neighborhood as she focused on his care. Afterwards, Lees faced the prospect of maintaining a big house single-handedly, a daunting task that she was not at all sure she could do. That's where Betty and Philip Klint and their family, who live next door, stepped in and became a neighborhood treasure in Lees' life. They have offered an attentiveness to detail, helping hands for Lees' house and yard, loving care of her cat when she's out of town, and assistance in maintaining her inherited and beloved sailboat, Frankly Scarlet. The Klints and their children, Curt, Cassandra, Angela, and Amanda, "have always made me feel that I could cope with a big house on my own. ... They have been so lovely to me," Lees says, "so completely reliable. ... [Their help] has allowed me to stay here."

Residents of Kenny for 21 years, Philip and Betty Klint are firm believers in being neighborly. They make sure Lees' front sidewalk and driveway are cleared after a snowfall worthy of snowblowing, bring in her mail and leavr lights on in her house when she is away, and are a resource if she has questions. For example, having some sailing experience and being handy, Philip helped fix the rudder on Lees' sailboat. Such activities, Betty says graciously, are "regular neighborly

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Neighborhood Treasures

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stuff. You're here, so you do it!"

Another 2005 Treasure, **Jan Tolle MacDonald**, is almost a legend in her part of Kenny. She and her husband, Tim, moved to Grass Lake Terrace and 59th Street about 10 years ago, when their son, Andy, was a year old. Since then, she has chaired the Kenny Festival for three years, cochaired the Kenny School carnival at the end of the school year, chaired the Kenny School rummage sale, and made and served many, many gallons of hot chocolate to neighbors and to teammates of Andy's. She has also been a welcoming committee for new neighbors to her part of Kenny and to park activities.

It was in this light that she first was noticeda—and noticed, and noticed some more—by Michelle DeVaughn, who nominated MacDonald for the award. During the DeVaughns' first sports season in the neighborhood, in 2002, as they registered their son Nathan for soccer and attended the games, MacDonald was there making or giving out food and beverages, talking with parents, and making everyone feel at home. "Everywhere we turned, there was Jan, serving hot dogs, serving hot chocolate!" DeVaughn says. She helped the DeVaughns feel very welcome in their new community.

MacDonald is also an involved block leader. When there was a rash of burglaries in Kenny in fall 2003, she helped organize a block meeting, inviting the 5th Precinct SAFE/CCP officer and its crime prevention specialist to talk about neighborhood and home safety. About 50 people heard the presentation and walked through the block with the SAFE team as they pointed out dos and don'ts of home security. Here, too, MacDonald served her omnipresent hot chocolate and welcomed attendees. Another gathering she has hosted, this one annually, is a Halloween party for Andy's class and other neighborhood children—sometimes with about 60 participants. At one point in the evening, they would parade down the street, carrying a flag and decked in full costume.

Not far away from the MacDonalds, **Mary Schmalz** is helping create a strong sense of neighborhood in her corner of Kenny. She and her husband, Steve, moved in 1991 to James Avenue and 60th Street, their second home in Kenny. During the decade when their children, Emily and Drew, were students at Kenny School, Schmalz volunteered in numerous ways, including four years as PTA treasurer and two years as yearbook coordinator. She also and helped with fund-raising for a springtime environmental camp. While her children attended Anthony Middle School, she codirected fundraisers for the school band and served as volunteer coordinator. And while her kids have attended Southwest High School, where Drew is a junior, she has pitched in as a parent volunteer.

Schmalz has been the block leader for James Avenue at 60th all the while, organizing the National Night Out party, welcoming new neighbors, updating the block map of phone numbers and names of family members, and delivering fliers. Because of the community-building efforts of Schmalz and others, the block was recognized by the Minneapolis Police Department, which presented it with a Building Blocks Award in 2003. Permanent signs at both ends of the block showcase it as an award winner. Schmalz has helped promote the Grass Lake Clean-up and has hosted a luncheon afterwards for its volunteers.

Being involved is intrinsic to Schmalz. "I'm not just going to go to a meeting and just sit there without volunteering, without saying 'I can do that,'" she says.

Mark Plenke, who nominated her for the Treasures award, says it's the unofficial role of Schmalz as a good friend and neighbor that means most to him.

"Mary's the neighbor who drops a note in your mailbox congratulating your kids on a recent accomplishment. She's organized celebrations and potlucks, and she volunteers to drive the kids to school on a nasty day," he says. "I can't imagine how different our block would be without her. She represents one of the best things about living in Minneapolis: having great neighbors."

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By Cyndi Butler Anthony Middle School Continuing Ed Coordinator

Student, families, neighbors team up on Earth Day

Kenny neighbors and Anthony families joined together on Saturday, April 23, to do something great for the environment, learn about bird watching and gardening, make a free birdfeeder, enjoy a free lunch and have a lot of fun!

This annual Earth Day event began at Kenny Park at 9:30 a.m., when we met to pick up bags and gloves. Then we proceeded to Grass Lake to clean up debris and litter. Grass Lake is a wonderful piece of nature, and its right here in our great urban neighborhood!

Cyndi Butler

Once the cleaning was done, we returned to the park for a celebration. We ate lunch, listened to music, made birdfeeders and chatted with a representative from the Sierra Club and a master gardener. We learned a lot and felt we accomplished something worthwhile for our community and the environment!

Thank you to the City of Minneapolis for providing bags and gloves, and for funding entertainment and the birdfeeder project, and to the Southwest Community Education team for providing free lunch to all participants.

For more information about Community Education at Anthony Middle School and to share ideas for future cooperative school-neighborhood projects, please contact Cyndi Butler at 612-668-3256.

City of Minneapolis Sponsors Homeowner's Night

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Thank you Coldwell Banker Burnet!

The KNA would like to thank Neal Simonson and Coldwell Banker Burnet for their support of our organization. For years now, the Burnet office at 5516 Lyndale Ave. S. has given the KNA access to space for our files, a location to receive mail, office equipment for faxing and making copies, and the use of meeting rooms twice a month. Thank you, Neil. The KNA truly appreciates your commitment to the community!

Can't you get my name right?

Did this newsletter come addressed to you—or to someone who lived in your home five years ago? Hopefully, it came to you. If not, please note that above the address is printed: "Help us correct our mailing list! If something needs repair, please mail or e-mail corrections ... or call the KNA MessageLine at 612-392-4477."

We get many requests to correct our mailing labels and do our very best to get it right. KNA does not purchase or have access to a neighborhood database. And even if we did, people move in and out of homes regularly. The only way we know you live in your home is if you TELL us! Most of the messages are very friendly but, frankly, some people sound quite indignant that the newsletter is still coming to people who lived in their house years ago. Our volunteers are happy to connect the right name with your address. Just let us know.

Is there anybody home (at the office)?

We do not have any staff or volunteers sitting at a desk, answering the KNA MessageLine or doing other tasks neighbors often imagine. We are primarily a volunteer-run organization with one very part-time NRP staff person, Sheila Dingels, who works from her home or is working on projects in the neighborhood. Some people are confused when they call the KNA MessageLine (612-397-4422) and a live human being does not answer. Incoming messages are answered by a volunteer, who will respond as soon as possible to your question or comment.

Thank-you note writers needed

Occasionally KNA needs thank-you notes written. The materials will be provided for you, and you can do this from home! Please let us know of your interest by calling the KNA MessageLine at 612-392-4477. Thank you!

More than $1,800, thank you's collected

Thanks to all the donors listed in February's newsletter and also to these neighbors who donated to the KNA fundraising campaign.

Joyce Anderson
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These notes, among others, were sent along with donations.

"Thank you for the many good things you do for our community!"

"We appreciate your hard work on behalf of Kenny Neighborhood."

"We just moved in this year and already love the neighborhood. Thank you for all the work and care you put into our little piece of the world. "

"Thank you for another great neighborhood festival! We so enjoy celebrating with our neighbors. We are already looking forward to next year!"

"Thank you for enhancing the sense of community and "togetherness" those of us in Kenny Neighborhood feel day to day and season by season."

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By Audrey McClellan Washburn Librarian

Very young, very old are aide's favorites

Barbara Klug has been helping library patrons for 14 years

Library Aide Barbara Klug checks in materials at the Washburn Library front desk. She has worked at Washburn for the past 10 years.

Washburn Aide Barbara Klug loves elephants and estate sales, and is never happier than when the two are combined, such as at the sale where she found a hot water bottle tucked into an elephant-shaped cover. She found another treasure at a sale, a sewing box, and inside it was a cardboard spool of thread with a thimble tucked in the center. Inside the thimble was another thimble, a tiny gold one engraved with a previous owner's initials.

Audrey McClellan

Archaeology is another of Barbara's interests, and recently she went to a field school in Montana and participated in digs at Virginia City, an old mining town. No elephants there, but she unearthed lots of buttons and a porcelain doll's head. Barbara enjoys hiking and camping with husband, Jeff, who is also a Minneapolis Public Library employee; he works in Access Services at the Central Library Marquette.

Barbara has worked for the library system for 14 years, 10 of them at Washburn. Her favorite part of her job is helping patrons, especially the very young and the very old. She may often be found assisting a preschooler with a hand stamp or escorting a senior citizen and her bag of books to her car.

Barbara and Jeff live in the Armatage neighborhood. She has two children.

Other Washburn Library news

"Miss Pat," Washburn's popular children's and young people's librarian Pat Downs, who was profiled in the Winter 2005 Kenny Neighborhood News, has accepted a position as Youth Services Coordinator at San Diego County Library, California, that begins in May. She will be working with staff training and development for 34 branch libraries.

In a letter to her story time constituency, Pat said, "It's very difficult to let you know I have accepted another job.... Because of your beautiful children and the inspirational smiles I see whenever I get to share stories with you, Tuesday mornings are the highlight of my week."

We will all miss her.

Washburn Library, 5244 Lyndale Ave. S. Phone: 612-630-6500. Online at www.mplib.org.

Audrey McClellan's second Scottish Island Novel, The White Rose of Scotland*, has been named a Notable Book for 2004 by Writers Notes Magazine. Her newest book is* Magic Carpet Ride.

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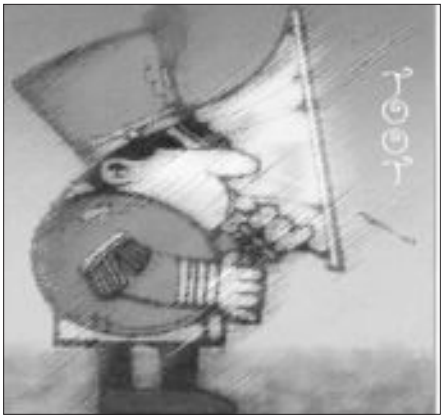
Minneapolis Police Band seeks new members

Kenny neighbor Don McKeen encourages others to toot their horn

The Minneapolis Police Band is recruiting new members. The Band is comprised of active and retired policy officers, as well as civilians who join together to have fun making music year round. This band is the oldest active police band in the country. During the first two years, the band was comprised of only police officers. In 1919, civilians were allowed to join.

The band has traveled throughout the U.S. and Canada and has won many awards and trophies.



Rehearsals are most Thursday evenings from 7:30–9:30 p.m. at the Fifth Precinct, 3101 Nicollet Ave. S. The band welcomes new members 18 years and older and performs approximately 25 to 30 engagements a year.

The band consists of a Concert Band, a Marching Band and a Swing Band. The Marching Band participates in four to six parades per year and has been the official escort band for the Aquatennial Parade since the parade began in 1940.

Many of you readers may be ex-band members from various places and haven't blown your horn in years. Please don't miss out on a good experience, friendly people and lots of fun.

Don McKeen, our Kenny neighbor, has played clarinet in the band for 15 years. He reassures us, "the lip comes back very soon"! If you have any questions, call the band office at 612-673-5717. Or, call Don 612-922-8818 and he will be happy to talk with you. The band's Web site is www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/about/band.

SPCO offers series of neighborhood concerts

Adult tickets are $10 and $25, children's admission is $5

In an unprecedented move, The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra has significantly lowered prices for its Neighborhood Series concerts, making all seats available for $10 and $25 starting next season.

For the first time, the SPCO has also introduced a children's price of $5 per seat anywhere in the hall. This includes concerts at Wooddale Church in Eden Prairie, Temple Israel in Uptown Minneapolis, St. Paul's United Church of Christ on Summit Avenue in St. Paul, and Trinity Lutheran Church in Stillwater.

The Temple Israel concert location, at 23rd and Emerson is close to us in Kenny Neighborhood.

The decision to lower prices stems from SPCO's commitment to serve the broader community.

To request a brochure or order tickets, call the SPCO ticket office at 651-291-1144, send an e-mail to tickets@spcomail.org, or visit www.TheSPCO.org.

The SPCO ticket office is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Museum of Russian Art opens May 9

The Museum of Russian Art, the only museum in the United States dedicated to the preservation and exhibition of Russian art created during the Soviet era, 1921-1991, opens its doors to the public May 9 at its new facility, 5500 Stevens Ave. S. in Minneapolis.

Once the home of the Mayflower Church, the renovated and remodeled Spanish Revival building, located off Interstate 35W at Diamond Lake Road, includes multiple exhibition galleries, a museum gift shop and a separate seminar hall, as well as administrative offices.

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By Karla Kauffman Kenny Neighborhood Garden Club

Kenny Garden Club plans full slate of events

Annual neighborhood tour will be Aug. 8

Here are some of the many events planned by our own Kenny Neighborhood Garden Club. Learn more and join the fun by contacting Karla Kauffman at karla.kauffman@lawson.com, or 612-926-9438. Also, please always feel free to bring a friend.

The more, the merrier!

Kenny Neighborhood Plant Exchange at Kenny Park Building, Monday, May 23, 7-8:30 p.m.

Please bring whatever you have too much of, and take something great back home with you.

Open to everybody in the neighborhood, so please invite your neighbors.

Uncommon Gardens border installation - Monday July 11, 7 p.m.

A couple of summers ago we helped owner Peggy Poore install the border on the 58th Street side. It was great fun and the border has been wonderful to watch! Now we'll help on the Lyndale Avenue side. She supplies the plants, we get the fun part. We may have two dates for this, to help Peggy with soil prep—if anybody has a strapping, strong teenage son or daughter to help, let me know. (This counts as community service for many area high schools.)

Annual Kenny Neighborhood Garden Tour, Monday, Aug. 8, 7 p.m.

This is our annual tour of Kenny gardens you've always wanted to see up close.

Schedule for weeding at the BP station (54th and Lyndale)

Every 3rd Monday, 7-7:45 p.m., May 16, June 6, June 20, July 5 (Tuesday), July 25, August 15, and September 6 (Tuesday). Please come ready to do some weeding. This is a great time to catch up with each other.

Contacting Councilman Barret Lane

The Ward 13 monthly breakfast with Councilman Barret Lane meets at Pearson's Restaurant, 50th Street and Ewing Avenue, the third Wednesday every month at 8 a.m.

Barret Lane

Questions? Please call Barret Lane's office at 612-673-2213.

On the Web: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/ward13.

Sarah Linnes-Robinson and family.

Welcome back, Sarah!

A face familiar to many has reappeared in our midst! Sarah Linnes-Robinson, our former Kenny Neighborhood Association 0rganizer, has returned – this time as our neighbor! She, her husband, Paul, and their four children moved to Kenny last fall after 16 years in their previous home.

"Kenny is a great place to live!" she said. "We love being so close to the creek, the library, two parks, and to school. Having friends already in the neighborhood from my previous work here is an added bonus."

Sarah is executive director of the Kingfield Neighborhood.

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By Jennifer Neale Minneapolis Police Department

Kids who skip school are trouble waiting to happen

Police actively look for truants, take them to Truancy Center downtown

Whether you have school-age children or not, truancy affects us all. Regular school attendance is one of the most reliable predictors of academic achievement. Students who skip school are at a higher risk for drug abuse, teen pregnancy and criminal behavior.

Minnesota law requires that all children attend school until age 18. Those 16 and older can withdraw from school only with their parents' written permission. For children under 12, it is the parents' legal responsibility to make sure they attend school. If not, parents are subject to child protection actions for educational neglect.

Anyone who sees a child or young person on the streets during the school day should call 911 with a detailed description of the child and his or her location.

Police actively look for truants and are authorized to detain juveniles who are skipping school. The students are then brought to the Truancy Center that is located downtown. The center screens the youth to determine if they have been in trouble before and why they are not in school. Contact is made with their parents and school. Students are considered truant, and subject to legal action, if they miss at least seven full or partial days of school without lawful excuse.

Jennifer Neale

The seven high schools in Minneapolis start school at 8:40 a.m. and end at 3:10 p.m. Other schools start between 7:40 and 9:40 a.m., ending between 1:55 p.m. and 3:55 p.m. Kindergarten students usually attend school in half-day sessions.

Some students are home-schooled or attend alternative schools with different schedules. Whenever possible, get to know the youth on your block and pay attention to when they come and go from school. Get to know their parents and let them know if you suspect the students are skipping school.

Jane Ranum's 'Second Saturday' Meetings

State Senator Jane Ranum continues to meet with constitutents on the second Saturday of each month at Mayflower Church, 35W and Diamond Lake Road, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Contact Sen. Ranum at:
651-297-8061
sen.jane.ranum@senate.mn
120 State Capitol
St. Paul, MN 55155

Contacting Rep. Paul Thissen

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Hennepin County teens have a curfew

Under 12 years old: Weekdays--home by 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday--home by 10 p.m.

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Emergency response training takes off

More training sessions are scheduled for June, August, October and December

The response from Minneapolis Ward 13 for welcoming he Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) has been excellent. Neighbors understand the need for proper training to be part of a solution in a community-wide emergency.

The fully funded training classes are filling up fast. Kenny Neighborhood is just one of six neighborhoods in Ward 13. All of these neighborhoods would like to have their teams trained and in place by the end of the year. Because we are competing for class space and public funding might dry up after 2005, it is important that people sign up now for one of scheduled sessions shown below. The April session was full, but we had only one recruit from Kenny Neighborhood.

Why should you take the training? CERT graduates have the common sense knowledge to first help themselves, their family and then their neighbor. "Thinking Smart" and working with a CERT team member in an emergency are a focus of the training.

The CERT program helps train people to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities. When emergencies happen, CERT members can give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site.

The Ward 13 office is coordinating CERT registration. To learn more about the program, and to register, visit the Ward 13 Web site at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/ward13 and click on "Current Ward Issues" or call the ward office at 612-673-2213. KNA Board member Tim Martin also can answer questions at 612-861-5434.

2005 CERT Training Schedule

Tuesday/Thursday Sessions

All sessions are 6-9 p.m. at the Minneapolis Fire Department training center.

Session 1: June 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, and 28.

Session 2: Aug. 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, and 23

Session 3: December 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, and 22.

Weekend Training Session

October 7, 8, 9: Friday evening from 5-10 p.m., followed by all-day sessions on Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

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