Summer is almost here and all sorts of things are heating up: loud parties, unsupervised children, graffiti, vandalism...

Let’s talk about how to keep our cool in the neighborhood. Our new Community Crime Prevention/SAFE specialist Carol Oosterhuis will be at the general Logan Park Neighborhood Association meeting, Wednesday, June 18th, at 7:05 p.m., Logan Park Community Center, 13th and Monroe Streets NE. She has suggestions for how neighbors can work together to solve problems and livability issues. Also, on the agenda will be NRP updates, news from the park, and old and new business.

Ice Cream Social and NRP Party
Sunday, June 29 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Logan Park

Ice cream, music and fun for all. This will also be the time to vote on Logan Park’s NRP Phase 2 Plan. Copies of the plan and ballot have been distributed throughout the neighborhood and will be available that evening. If you need transportation or want more information, call Kim Vohs at (952) 975-9604.

Remember, 911 is not just for life-threatening emergencies. The operator will help prioritize your call. Always be prepared to give a specific street address when reporting a problem.
Central Avenue Beautification Project
Annual Planting Project
Volunteers Needed

Each year, the design committee plants flowers in the planters on Central Avenue. The flowers are donated through the Minnesota Green Program, and enthusiastic volunteers are needed to help us plant them!

Thursday, June 29, 2003 at 2:30 p.m.
Meet at CAMP Office, 2535 Central Avenue

Call Pat at 781-9838 if you have an interest in the Community Flower Garden at the south end of the park. Master gardener Lorrie Stromme will be helping with some new plans.

Considering a home improvement project?
Minneapolis Inspections as some good news!

Most home improvement projects require a City Inspections Division permit. Here are a few updates for folks who may need a permit in the coming months.

Reduced Rate Parking Coming Soon
Starting in early June, reduced rate parking will be available in the rear of the Public Service Center at 250 South Fourth Street for customers of the Inspections Permit and Development Review counters, located on the third floor. Customers will enter the lot on Third Street and receive up to two hours parking for only $3.00. Customers must obtain a validated parking token from Inspection Permit staff in order to receive the special rate. Non-validated parking will cost $15.00. Entrance to the building from the parking lot is on Third Avenue.

Monday Night is Homeowner's Night
Homeowner's Night is back for a fourth year. Every Monday from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., the Inspections Permit and Development Review counters will be open exclusively to Minneapolis homeowners. This highly successful program provides a relaxed and low-key environment for homeowners to review home improvement projects with staff from Inspections Plan Review, Zoning and Planning. If required, customers will also be able to obtain necessary permits for their projects. Appointments are strongly encouraged. Call 673-DECK (3325) for more information or to schedule an appointment.

In addition, the Inspections Permit and Development Review counters are adding at least one staff member from the Business Licensing Division to better serve its business customers. The added staff will ensure that customers with business licensing needs have additional information for their development projects.

These improvements represent the first step toward the City of Minneapolis' long-term plan to bring a "one stop shop" to its customers. In the meantime, the city's goal is to continue to develop fast, easy and customer-friendly initiatives for its citizens and customers. If you would like more information about any of the items listed above, please call 612-673-5839, or visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/inspections.
Central Avenue Senior Royalty

The Central Avenue Mainstreet Program (CAMP) of the Northeast Community Development Corporation is seeking candidates for the first ever Central Avenue King and Queen. CAMP is looking for candidates who are:

- over the age of 55 as of August 1, 2003
- in good general health
- residents, business owners or property owners in Northeast
- involved in the Northeast community (church, volunteering, etc.)

Also important is someone who feels that Central Avenue is a great place to shop, work and play, and who is willing to share this enthusiasm with others.

The Central Avenue King and Queen will be crowned on August 13 at the annual Central Avenue Celebration. Duties include representing CAMP at approximately five Central Avenue events during 2003-2004, and promoting the Avenue to the community. Time commitment is minimal.

If you are interested in getting more information about the Central Avenue Senior Royalty program for yourself or for someone you wish to nominate, please call the CAMP office at (612) 627-9366. Application deadline is July 1, 2003.

Become a Logan Park Representative

The Northeast Community Development Corporation (NE CDC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to facilitating efforts that strengthen Central Avenue neighborhoods. The NE CDC acts as a tool for the nine neighborhoods bordering Central Avenue in Northeast Minneapolis to achieve and implement their development goals. The NE CDC Board of Directors is comprised of representatives from each of the nine neighborhoods, two representatives from the Northeast Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, and six at-large representatives. Meetings are held one to two times per month on Monday evenings at the NE CDC office, 2535 Central Avenue NE.

LPNA would like to thank Donna Krueger for her talented and enthusiastic contributions to the neighborhood and community. She and her husband will be moving this summer, making career moves and also the exciting transition from renting to home-ownership. Best of luck to you Donna, and may you have room for a huge garden!

Celebrate Northeast!
Annual Parade and Northeast Royalty

The annual Celebrate Northeast parade is scheduled for June 24th. The parade will travel south on Central Avenue from 28th Avenue NE to 13th Avenue NE beginning at 6:45 p.m. Volunteers for the event are still needed and appreciated. If you would like to help with the parade, please leave a message on the Infoline at 612-379-2255, extension 22.
2003 Health Art Collage Contest Grand Prize Winners

Jeanine A. (age 18) & Dan S. (age 16)  
Lia Y. (age 9) and Alexa S. (age 10)

What is the Community Health Program?
Any resident of the Logan Park or St. Anthony East neighborhoods is eligible to participate as a client and/or a volunteer. Contact us to find out more about such things as:

- Home health care (e.g., foot care, blood pressure checks)
- Prescription reimbursement & MN Prescription Drug Program
- Home chores and yard work through Handy Works
- Lifeline personal response system
- KidCare babysitter and first aid training for kids
- Getting/giving rides to appointments; Immunizations

Vermiculite Investigation

MN Department of Health staff involved in the Northeast Minneapolis Community Vermiculite Investigation (NMCVI) will hold an open house for current and former residents of Northeast Minneapolis from 5:00 to 9:00 pm, June 17, at the Logan Park Community Center gym at 690 13th Avenue NE. The purpose of the open house is to answer questions and provide information on the study, which identified ways in which people who lived near the Western Mineral Products plant in NE Minneapolis from 1938 to 2001 may have come in contact with vermiculite processing waste contaminated with asbestos from a vermiculite mine in Libby, MT. A formal presentation will be given at 7:00 pm, but health department staff will be available to answer questions for the entire time.

There will also be displays with information on the study, the plant site, and residential clean up, means of exposure, asbestos-related diseases and vermiculite insulation. For more information, contact Tannie Eshenaur at the Minnesota Department of Health, (651) 215-0916.

Thanks!

As tradition, it did not rain on the annual Logan Park Super Sale. Thanks to the park staff for organizing it. Christine wants to thank Nancy and Dale, Donna and Marion, Pat and Paula, for helping do the LPNA table.