



# The Cleveland Connection

A Newspaper by and for the residents of the Cleveland Neighborhood of Minneapolis,

<http://www.clevelandneighborhood.org>

## Spring into Safety Simple household safety reminders

With warmer weather, we will be spending more time in our yards and even though we are close to the home, don't forget these important safety tips:

1. Lock the front and back doors while working in the yard and keep the garage door open only when moving items to and from the garage. While working in the yard, it is easy to be distracted and this could provide an opportunity for theft from your home or garage.
2. Close and lock windows when not at home. Open windows provide easy access to your home.
3. Meet and know your neighbors. The best way to deter crime is to have a healthy social network on your block and in your community.
4. Call 911 when you notice suspicious cars in your neighborhood or if you witness other suspicious activity.

Have a happy and healthy spring.

## The Return of Tres Mundo Free Music on the Parkway Next Show: Thursday, June 12 6-8 pm

Come to the Parkway this summer and have a harmonious time! Last year's Concert on the Parkway was so popular that CNA is sponsoring **FOUR** musical events on the Parkway this summer. This is a fabulous opportunity to socialize with friends, meet new friends, have a picnic, and enjoy the music.

Look for the Showmobile on the Parkway, between Dowling and 34th Avenues and walk, run, dance, stroll or bike on down for the music, dancing and more. The event is free and open to the public. Bring a friend!

Tres Mundo will kick-off the Live on the Drive Music Series with their fresh mix of Cuban son, rumba, cha-cha-cha, choros, samba, and jazz.

Joining us this year will be North Memorial with family health exhibits and information for all. For more information or to volunteer to help call (612) 588-1155, ask for Lynne.

### Future Concerts:

July 10,  
August 14 and  
September 11

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Saturday, June 7  
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Folwell Park,

1615 Dowling Ave N  
Minneapolis, MN

## Landscaping Grants Available

Starting May 1, applications for the 2008 Landscaping Grant will be available in the Cleveland Neighborhood Office. Call (612) 588-1155 to get an application.

Grants will be awarded for boulevard perennial plantings that help reduce stormwater run-off and aid in keeping our lakes and rivers clean.

This is a group project, which requires a minimum of two neighbors on the same block to install gardens with up to \$50.00 per applicant to be reimbursed.

Funds are limited and available for new applicants only. Full details of the grant are listed on the application. Call today to get your application.

### Spring Cleaning and Greening Day Saturday, May 17, 9:00 am

This annual event is held for the purpose of curing cabin fever, putting a shine on the neighborhood and reacquainting people with their neighbors following our winter hibernation.

It is easy to participate, just contact the office at (612) 588-1155 and we will drop off trash bags on Thursday, May 15.

Work with your neighbors to clean your block or alley, or if you are interested in helping with a clean-up on Penn Avenue, let us know!

At noon, after the clean-up, meet us in Cleveland Park (33rd and Queen) and join us for a potluck picnic. We will supply the hotdogs and chips. We ask that you bring a dish to share and your appetite.



## Plant Swap

Are your lilies on the move? Time to divide your hostas? Need to make room for other plants? Bring your divisions and swap with other gardeners in the neighborhood.

Just starting out? Find out more about the types of plants that do well in our area and meet others who share your hobby.

The plant swap is part of Spring Cleaning and Greening Day on Saturday, May 17.

The swap will occur at noon at Cleveland Park, located at 33rd and Queen.

### Stormwater Solutions Project

Thank you to all who participated in this winter's meetings regarding flooding and stormwater management. While some of the work may be complete sooner, Public Works submitted a \$13.9 million project to address flooding in our community. The project would be funded through stormwater fees and is slated for 2013 to 2015.

A citizen review committee will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 5 at 5:05 pm to hear comments on this and other capital projects. The meeting location is not yet set. Call the Cleveland Office for more information.



Enter to win up to \$15,000.00 in energy improvements for your home!

[mnenergychallenge.org](http://mnenergychallenge.org)

## Minneapolis Advantage Loan Program \$10,000 Forgivable Loans

The Cleveland Neighborhood is a small neighborhood with a big heart and a great place to live! It is a quiet, diverse and friendly neighborhood. Downtown and the suburbs are only minutes away and our housing stock is diverse, well-built and affordable. If you love living in Cleveland wouldn't your family and friends like it as well?

This spring the City of Minneapolis will launch the Advantage Loan Program, which will provide \$10,000 to help with repairs on homes that meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. Is on the City's 249 List (boarded and/or vacant houses list)
2. Vacant due to foreclosure
3. Was previously non-homesteaded (rental properties).



The program offers up to \$10,000, through a 0% loan that is forgivable over 5 years. The program is available for homes in the Cleveland Neighborhood.

Buyers must complete homeownership training and use prime financing. The City of Minneapolis will be rolling out the Advantage Loan program in May with \$500,000 available. Let your family and friends know that now is the time to start looking for a home to purchase as funds are limited.

## Camden Communities Garage Sale Saturday, May 31



It's time to clean out the old and get ready for the new. Cleveland residents who wish to participate in the Camden Garage Sales can do so by joining the Victory Sale.

The 14th Annual Victory Garage Sale will be on Saturday, May 31. Send your completed registration form and \$7.00 to the Victory Neighborhood office before Monday, May 12th.

For your registration fee you will receive:

- Advertising in the Camden News and the StarTribune
- The use of a yellow garage sale sign for the duration of your sale
- Your sale information included on the map which will be handed out at each sale site and in the area businesses.

Each year, residents get the opportunity to 'clean house' and gives us the chance to showcase our neighborhoods.

Hundreds of people from across the metro area visit the Camden area on the day of the Garage Sale.

If you are not hosting your own sale, there is an opportunity to shop the sale and a meet others from the area.

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## Cleveland Community Calendar

### **Board meeting**

7 PM, CNA office, Monday  
May 19, June 23, July 21 and August 18

### **Live on the Drive! Free Music**

6 PM, Victory Memorial Drive, Thursday  
June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11

### **Cleveland Education Opportunities and Youth**

6:30 PM, CNA office, Thursday  
May 1, June 5, June 26 (tentative), August 7

### **Spring Art Party**

10 AM-6 PM, Folwell Park, Saturday  
June 7

### **Community Development**

6:30 PM, CNA office, Monday  
May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11

### **Living Green Expo**

10 AM-5PM, State Fairgrounds,  
Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4

### **Crime and Safety**

6:30 PM, CNA office, Monday  
May 5, June 2, July 7, August 25

### **4PAC**

7 PM, Fourth Precinct, Tuesday  
May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19

Any one of these events are a great way to contribute and meet your neighbors!