



The Cleveland Connection

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

<http://www.clevelandneighborhood.org>

Flooding Solutions – A Community Approach

Meeting Dates: January 22, February 12 and March 4

Time: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Folwell Community Center,
1615 Dowling Avenue North

We need residents from the community to participate in a series of three meetings that will be held to develop community solutions to the Storm Water Flooding that occurs in our community.

Not only will the meetings address the flooding, but will speak to other challenges such as community building, crime prevention, recreation and traffic calming, to name a few.

Whenever we have a heavy rainfall occurs, flooding is a problem in the neighborhood. The areas that we are best familiar with are along 35th Avenue North, at 36th and the Parkway and along Penn Avenue between 33rd and 35th Avenues.

A 1997 Flood Report estimated that it would cost over \$2 million to correct the issue through the installation of a larger storm water pipe along 35th Avenue North. We found out recently that this same project would cost over \$13 million based upon current cost models.

This solution is not believed to be a workable because of the cost and the fact that the water quality in Crystal Lake needs to be improved. This impacts the project because the 35th Avenue storm water drain empties into Crystal Lake.

Residents from the entire neighborhood are requested to attend, even if they are not directly impacted by the flooding, as some of the solutions (closing streets, holding ponds) may need to be implemented above the valley that runs along 35th Avenue. As such, it is extremely important that a broad spectrum of residents attend the meetings to help inform the City of the best option(s).

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Phase II Plan approved by City Council

The Cleveland Neighborhood's Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Phase II Plan has been approved by the NRP Policy Board, Ways and Means committee and the Minneapolis City Council. As you might have heard they only approved funding for 70% all projects budgets submitted.

CNA board is confident that with our proposal we can make a difference for our neighborhood. In the next year we will begin implementing our Phase II plan and we need all Cleveland residents to get involved and become active in this process. Take some time to get involved and volunteer for your neighborhood today! Our meeting schedule appears on the last page of the newsletter. Together we can do it!



Lowry Avenue Construction Update

Phase 2A of the Lowry Ave. Construction Project is due to begin in April. Section 2A is the span between Girard Avenue and Queen Avenue. To prepare for the road project, several buildings on the north side of Lowry at Penn Avenue will be demolished in either February or March. The road project, which includes sewer work, will result in a 2 lane road with bike lanes. In addition, the area will have a formal boulevard and provide a space for a tree lined avenue.

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Crime and Safety Update

As the cold weather settles in, all residents are reminded to be alert to their surroundings. This is the time of year that burglaries and robberies can happen. If you notice suspicious activity or a crime in progress, please call 911. In addition to the cold, this time of year is famous for snow. We received over 17 inches in December. When you are shoveling your sidewalk, please don't forget to clear snow and ice away from the fire hydrant. This will save the firefighters some time if they need to respond to a fire call on your block. And one last reminder on snow – if you have an elderly household on your block, consider helping them with their snow shoveling, especially during our heavier snow falls that are still ahead of us. Thanks for making the Cleveland Neighborhood the small neighborhood with a big heart.

Cleveland Holiday Light Contest Winners



Thank you for all the Cleveland residents who put up some holiday displays. This year's winner are:

- 3701 Sheridan Avenue North
- 3437 Penn Avenue North
- 3543 Thomas Avenue North

Each winner will receive a \$20.00 gift certificate to a local restaurant.

Thank you to all who participated and judged this year's event!

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Mark your calendar: Housing Fair

The third annual North Housing and Home Improvement Fair will be held at North High School on Saturday, March 15. The event will be held between 10 am and 3 pm. North High School is located at 16th Avenue North at James Avenue. Last year, nearly 90 exhibitors were on hand to allow current and prospective residents to find resources and ideas from realty experts, remodeling, financing and repairs. Please plan on attending and bring a friend! If you are interested in being a volunteer the day of the event, please call the Cleveland Neighborhood office at (612) 588-1155.



www.northhousingfair.com

<h3>Nominate Your Home for the Minneapolis and St. Paul Home Tour</h3>
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<p>Houses are needed for the Minneapolis and St. Paul Home Tour on April 26 & 27. If you are interested in showcasing your house, remodeling, home decorating or your historical house contact Margo Ashmore at (612) 673-5103. Applications are being accepted through January 23, 2008.</p>

Twin Cities' Habitat for Humanity Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program

Have questions or need help to prevent foreclosure on your house. Help is now available at the Neighborhood Housing Services of Minneapolis located at 1501 Dupont Avenue North. Please call their intake counselor at (612) 331-4090 ext. 3 for initial counseling and application processing. This will ensure that you will receive prompt service and will allow counselors to focus on counseling. For additional information call Cheryl Peterson at (612) 331-4090 ext. 689.



MORE DATES FOR THE CALENDAR!!!

Saturday, May 17—Spring Cleaning and Greening Day. This annual event is held across 11 neighborhoods for the purpose of curing cabin fever, picking up some trash and reacquainting one another with your neighbors following our winter hibernation. **GET OUT...HAVE FUN...EAT A HOT DOG!**

JULY 2008—GARDEN TOUR! It is still January...but plant the seeds for your summer garden and be prepared to tour or host for this July event.

June 12, July 10, August 14 and September 11 **MUSIC ON THE PARKWAY!** Salsa music was so much fun last summer, that we decided to share the fun by partnering with the Victory Neighborhood to expand the musical offerings and a great way to spend your summer evenings with your friends, family and neighbors.

More information will be available in coming newsletters.

Want to help? If you would like to help plan this event contact the CNA office at 612-588-1155.



Flooding Solutions (cont'd from page 1)

The City of Minneapolis' Public Works Department in conjunction with Barr Engineering and the University of Minnesota's Metropolitan Design Center are partnering with the community to gather input and ideas to create a workable solution to the storm water flooding issue.

After each meeting Public Works, Barr Engineering and the Metropolitan Design Center will work on the ideas and see what impact the changes may have on the flooding issues. They will then bring their findings to the next meeting and we will build upon their progress.

Because each meeting will build upon the previous meetings efforts, we ask that you try to make it to as many meetings as is possible, but if you can only make it to one meeting, please come to the initial meeting on January 22.

The end result is to have a project plan that can be introduced to the capital funding process in March 2008. There is no timeline for construction at this time.

Send Us Your Letters

Dear CNA:

I saw some workers installing a weird looking device on a telephone pole at 33rd and Vincent Avenue North. What is it? **Pam**

Dear Pam:

The device was installed by US Internet, a Minnetonka company that was selected by the City of Minneapolis to install a city-wide wireless network. You will see those weird looking devices throughout the neighborhood. Service in our neighborhood is anticipated at the end of January 2008. More information about the project can be found at:

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/wirelessminneapolis/>

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Cleveland Community Calendar

Board meeting

7 PM, CNA office, Monday
January 28, February 25, March 17 and April 21

Flooding Meeting

6:30 PM, Folwell Park, Tuesday
January 22, February 12 and March 4

Cleveland Education Opportunities and Youth

6:30 PM, CNA office, Thursday
January 3, February 7, March 6 and April 3

Events

6:30 PM, CNA office, Thursday
January 10, February 14, March 13 and April 10

Community Development

6:30 PM, CNA office, Thursday
January 10, February 14, March 13 and April 10

Camden Alliance of Neighborhoods

7 PM, Call for Location, Wednesday
February 6 and May 7

Crime and Safety

6:30 PM, CNA office, Monday
January 7, February 4, March 3 and April 7

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7 PM, Fourth Precinct, Tuesday
January 15, February 19, March 18 and April 15

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