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Community Meeting: Volunteering Wednesday, May 6



Our Spring Community Meeting is focusing on the small efforts that we as residents can provide to help the neighborhood be the place we are proud to call home.

Join your neighbors on Wednesday, May 6th from 7:00 - 8:00 PM in the Lucy Craft Laney School multipurpose room. One attendee will win a \$25.00 gift certificate to Tootie's. You must be present to win, entry form is below this article.

Learn about short and long term volunteer opportunities in our community. Volunteer opportunities include these upcoming events:

- Spring Cleaning and Greening Day
- Live on the Drive
- Electronics Recycling Event
- 5th Annual Garden Tour and Plant Swap
- National Night Out

Volunteers are also needed to make our community safer, cleaner and healthier by becoming a Block Club Leader or working with Minneapolis Public Works to adopt a street, a block or a trash container.

Volunteers can use their existing skills or pick up new skills by volunteering on the Board of Directors or one of the four standing committees: Cleveland Education Opportunities and Youth, Community Development, Crime and Safety or Events.

Spring Community Meeting—Door Prize Drawing
Prize: 1 - \$25.00 Tootie's Gift Certificate

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Must be present to win, Wednesday, May 6.

Spring Cleaning and Greening Day Electronics Recycling Event Saturday, May 16

As part of our annual Spring Cleaning Day, the Cleveland Neighborhood will host its first Electronics Recycling Event on Saturday, May 16 from 9:00 AM—3:00 PM.

This event is open to the public and will be located in the North Parking lot of Lucy Craft Laney School (off of 34th Avenue North).

There is no charge to drop off your electronics, but donations to the Cleveland Neighborhood Association are appreciated. Donations will go toward producing future neighborhood events.

Items accepted are: computers, monitors, DVD and CD players, stereos, microwaves, TVs up to 25", cell phones and other small electronics.

As has been the case in past years, we are asking community members and block clubs to ensure their streets and alleys are cleaned up and adopting these areas for the duration of the summer months. Please call the office at (612) 588-1155 and CNA will supply garbage bags to assist you with the Spring Clean-up and provide information on how to formally adopt your block.

Please use this day as an opportunity to touch base with your neighbors and meet your new neighbors. Remember, the Cleveland Neighborhood is a small neighborhood with a big heart because of our residents efforts.

Thank you!

LIVE ON THE DRIVE



Mark your calendar for summer music on the Parkway!! On the second Thursday of June, July and August, the music starts at 6:00 PM and goes until 8 PM.

This year's line-up:

June 11 - Peter Ostroushko

July 9 - To be announced

August 13 - Charanga Tropical - Salsa Orchestra

For more information, visit our website:
<http://www.clevelandneighborhood.org>

Camden Garage Sale

The 15th Annual Camden Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 30, from 9 AM—5 PM.

Cleveland residents who wish to participate may register your sale with the Victory Neighborhood Association. There is a \$7.00 fee. To receive a registration form call or e-mail the Victory Neighborhood Association at 612-529-9558 or vina@mninter.net

For your registration fee you will receive advertising in the Camden News, the use of a yellow garage sale sign for the duration of your sale and your sale information included on the map which will be handed out at each sale site and in the area businesses.

Last year there were more than 75 sales in the Camden area and hundreds of shoppers from as far away as Isanti and Cambridge.

LIVING GREEN EXPO



A free event at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds, Saturday, May 2 from 10 am to 6 pm and Sunday, May 3 from 10 am to 5 pm. For more information visit:
<http://www.livinggreen.org>

2009 Landscaping Grants



Itching to work on the yard?

Applications are available for the 2009 Landscaping Grants. Grants will be awarded for boulevard perennial plantings that help reduce stormwater runoff and aid in keeping our lakes and rivers clean. The funds must be used for plants and the maximum reimbursement amount will be \$100.00 per household.

Funds are limited and will be first come, first served. Forms are also available on our website:
<http://www.clevelandneighborhood.org>

Rain Gardens Update

The Cleveland Neighborhood had 13 gardeners who were able to participate in the Rain Garden Party. They completed the rain garden class sponsored by Metro Blooms at Lucy Craft Laney School on March 26 and completed their onsite consultation to plan their rain garden in April. In May they will install their gardens! Then on the afternoon of Sunday, July 12, they will be sharing their gardens on the annual Garden Tour.

Just because you missed the party, that doesn't mean you cannot still do a rain garden. Attend the Workshop Part A class and the optional Workshop Part B class and add your own rain garden to the neighborhood. Classes are available across the metro, register online at www.metroblooms.org.

Metro Blooms offers a reimbursement grant for native plants on a first come first served basis. Visit their website for more information.

What is a rain garden? Instead of a raised bed, the rain garden bed is a depression planted with native plants intended to capture storm water runoff. Rain water is infiltrated into the ground and prevents contaminants from reaching our lakes and streams.

LOWRY AVENUE CONSTRUCTION

The long awaited Phase 2B of the Lowry Avenue Reconstruction is finally here. The road closed on Monday, April 6 and is anticipated to be closed into October.

During Construction, businesses typically see a downturn in business. Please do your part to support the local businesses that are part of the neighborhood. All of these businesses are accessible from 34th Avenue North (look for the orange signs).

Cleveland Neighborhood businesses impacted:

- Tootie's on Lowry, 2706 Lowry Avenue North. Use Upton from 34th.
- Smart Car Care, 2606 Lowry Avenue North. Use Thomas from 34th.
- Glover Insurance Agency, 2520 Lowry Avenue North. Use Thomas from 34th.

With your help, these businesses can survive the drop in business that usually comes with road construction projects.

Several Meetings Moved to Tootie's During Lowry Avenue Construction

The Cleveland Neighborhood Association will be moving its board meetings and two committee meetings to Tootie's, 2706 Lowry Avenue North, from May through October. Please join us there!

- Board Meetings: Monday, May 18 , Monday, June 15; Monday, July 20; Monday, August 17; Monday, September 21 and Monday, October 19
- Crime and Safety Meetings: Monday, May 4; Monday, June 1; Monday, July 6; Monday, August 31 and Monday, October 5
- Community Development Meetings: Monday, May 11; Monday, June 8; Monday, July 13; Monday, August 10; Monday, September 14 and Monday, October 12

Home Improvement Funds



Are you considering a home improvement project? Many residents are accustomed to the neighborhood having committed some of their funds to Loan Pools for home improvement.

The Cleveland Neighborhood Association at one time did have a loan pool, but we found that many residents preferred financing options available from the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency.

With cuts to the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Funds available to neighborhoods reduced, and the cost of loan administration, we cannot offer our own program. But we can direct people to Minnesota Housing Finance Agency programs such as the Minnesota Fix-Up Fund.

- Rate - as low as 6.5%
- Maximum Loan—\$35,000
- Maximum Term—20 years
- Up to 100% Loan to Value
- Maximum Household Income Limit—\$93,100

Other loans may also be available and you have your choice of providers:

Center For Energy and the Environment
212 3rd Avenue North, Suite 560
(612) 335-5881
www.mncee.org

Housing Resource Center
2148 44th Avenue North
(612) 588-3033
www.housingresourcecenter.org

Neighborhood Housing Services
1501 Dupont Avenue North
(612) 521-3581
www.northsidenhs.org

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency funds may be offered by your local bank, but different rates and terms may apply.

For more information about the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency and their programs, visit <http://www.minnesotahousing.com>

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Cleveland Community Calendar

Board meeting

7 PM, Tootie's, 2706 Lowry Avenue
Monday
May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17

Events

6:30 PM, CNA Office Thursday
May 14, September 10

National Night Out

5:00 PM, Tuesday
August 4

Cleveland Education Opportunities and Youth

6:30 PM, CNA office, Thursday
May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6

Live on the Drive

6:00 PM, 34th and Xerxes Avenues North,
Thursday
June 11, July 9, August 13

Community Development

6:30 PM, Tootie's 2706 Lowry Avenue
Monday
May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10

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7 PM, Fourth Precinct, Tuesday
May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18

Crime and Safety

6:30 PM, Tootie's, 2706 Lowry Avenue
Monday
May 4, June 1, July 6, August 31

Community Meeting: Volunteering

7 PM, Lucy Craft Laney Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, May 6

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