FRN Annual Neighborhood Celebration Set for June 1

By Steve Date, Member, Communications Committee
This year’s Annual Neighborhood Celebration is on Saturday, June 1, at McRae Park. Like last year, it will kick it off with a parade, which everyone is invited to join. Lineup is at 10:45 at Field School parking lot, 46th Street and 4th Avenue, with the parade starting at 11:00 and ending at McRae Park.

“We try to provide a variety of entertaining things every year,” says Stearline Rucker, program director and one of the annual event’s long-time organizers. “It’s also a great opportunity to meet and talk with neighbors, business owners, and elected officials.”

From 11:15 to 2:30, there will be free ice cream, face-painting, and games for the kids. Back by popular demand are such attractions as pony rides, the urban chickens, and Echo the Mermaid, who was a big hit last year. This year’s raffle has some pretty sweet prizes, including a TV and bikes, plus other prizes yet to be named.

There will be an eclectic and culturally diverse mix of live music and performances. Food trucks are invited, and the planning committee would particularly like to hear from anyone who is just getting started with a food truck or who might be interested in being at the celebration.

Any organization or business can request a free booth space to

Sunday, June 9
10th-annual SCABA Classic Car Show
The South Chicago Avenue Business Alliance (SCABA) will host its 10th-annual Classic Car Show on Sunday, June 9, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the intersection of 48th Street and Chicago Avenue in south Minneapolis.
As in other years, the car show will feature a wide variety of classic cars and trucks from the 1940s through the 1980s – and hopefully some cars even older than that! Also, as in other years, spectators will be admitted FREE to the show! Everyone is

Designing Minnehaha Parkway’s Future

By Frank Burton, Member, Park Board Community Advisory Committee for Ward 8 (Sue Filbin contributed to this article.)
Every 20 years Field Regina Northrop (FRN) residents are asked to “set the vision and priorities” for Minnehaha Parkway improvements “for the next 20 years,” according to Adam Arvidson of the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB). “That time is now,” Arvidson says.
Arvidson’s hydrologists, landscape architects, and urban planners will provide the next “20-year Master Plan” for the Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail (MPRT). To do so, the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, and the State of Minnesota require the team to seek parkway users’ and residents’ input to help create and refine the plan. “It must be made with public advice,” Arvidson says, “in the form of direct park user and resident feedback, and approval by a
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MPRT Master Plan Community Advisory Committee (CAC) composed of local residents appointed by neighborhood organizations and elected officials.”

FRN residents now have two new CAC appointees: FRN Neighborhood Group (FRNNG) appointee Francesco Marraffa, a realtor, and Ward 8 City Councilwoman/VP Andrea Jenkins’ appointee Dr. Frank Burton, a University of Minnesota professor. Both appointees are Field residents who live near the parkway. They will represent to the MPRB our concerns and suggestions for Minnehaha Parkway’s future.

Marraffa and Burton have already helped forward and suggest improvements to the MPRB’s first draft of the Master Plan’s “concepts,” which the MPRB released in mid-February. To see the initial concepts, visit the link at the end of this article.

FRN residents in the Minnehaha Bunny “Area 3-1” (Portland x Parkway) found that their Concept A & B first draft envisioned some great ideas but didn’t optimally ensure parkway residents’ and creek trees’ safety. Quick feedback in February and March public meetings organized by Arvidson and our CAC reps allowed 100 attending residents to offer new ideas (for example, to neither close nor expand residents’ frontage roads, but make them pollinator-habitat-lined Dutch-style “Woonerfs” [3 mph “mixed-use walk-car-ways”] for both nature-walkers and residents, with trees remaining uncut).

“More ideas are coming,” says Burton, including “separated biking and walking paths – saving pedestrians and cyclists from having to cross 50th x Parkway – and alleviating Portland x Parkway or Cedar x Parkway traffic/safety issues by ‘left-turn + straight’ green lights.” According to Marraffa and Burton, “It’s now our job on the CAC to represent your views and feedback to the Park Board, and help them draft, over multiple iterations, a Minnehaha Parkway Master Plan that’s optimal for all of us – users, neighbors, wildlife, and Minnehaha Creek itself.”

You can email your comments or ideas to Marraffa or Burton so they can discuss them with the MPRB in later rounds of concept drafting. 

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Frank Burton: <burton@umn.edu>


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invited to stop by and “stroll through the past” while dreaming about the cars from yesteryear!

Mike Kmiecik, president of SCABA, welcomes everyone to this year’s car show, which has become a true “summer neighborhood celebration.” Kmiecik added that SCABA looks forward to receiving the support of the entire area in making the day a success.

All types of classic cars and trucks are welcome to enter the show, with just a small registration fee per vehicle ($10 per car; no pre-show registration). Trophies will be awarded in various classes, and door prizes will be given away throughout the day. The car show will feature a “bounce house” for kids, as well as a D.J. “spinning” classic ’50s – ’80s tunes, plus a “paint truck” for the kids to work on during the show. Of course, all of that would be in addition to the great restaurants and stores around the 48th and Chicago business node that would be open during the car show.

Anyone interested in entering the car show should visit the SCABA website at www.48chicago.org for more information. We hope to see you on June 9th!
Hello Neighbors, and Happy Spring!

It seems to be an annual tradition in the springtime where the front doors along my street open up, people spill out, and we are able to finally have some long conversations again while not shoveling. I value this community, and the wider neighborhood community we all share.

As we look forward to the changing structure of how the city organizes and funds neighborhood groups like this one in 2020, a major challenge is to extend this kind of community welcome to everyone in our neighborhood. I believe this means trying harder to meet people where they are at, helping to educate neighbors about what is happening on our very local level, and to help provide space for people to come together when they need to.

Sometimes this is fun, like our Annual Neighborhood Celebration. Sometimes this means working through surprising and controversial changes in and around our neighborhood. Sometimes there is little our group can do but inform and communicate. In my experience, when people come together, we can make changes happen. But we need your help. Nothing happens on its own. It is volunteers coming together, learning to understand other peoples’ points of view, and expressing what needs to change. FRNNG can be one place – among many – where this can happen, and I want to make sure everyone feels that they are invited.

See you around the neighborhood,
Chris Schommer
Greetings, Field Regina Northrop Neighbors!

Post-session Meeting with your Legislators
Council Members Jenkins and Schroeder invite you to a post-session meeting with our legislators

What: A post-session legislative recap
When: Friday, May 31, 12-1:30 p.m.
Where: Turtle Bread, 4762 Chicago Avenue

Top Metro Areas Nationwide for Solar Jobs Growth
Minneapolis-St. Paul is among top metro areas nationally with Chicago, Miami and Seattle for the number of solar jobs added in 2018.

The Solar Foundation released a map on the number of solar jobs in every state, metro area, county and congressional district revealing how solar energy is supporting local economies nationwide. The report found 242,343 solar workers in the US as of 2018.

To tackle climate change, Minneapolis has set clear and ambitious goals to get Minneapolis to 100% clean energy by 2030. The City of Minneapolis and Xcel Energy offer programs and use these practices that help support solar jobs:

- Incentives for solar projects through the City of Minneapolis
- Incentives for solar projects through Xcel Energy’s Solar*Rewards
- Solar panel installation on select City buildings
- Community-solar-garden subscriptions
- Purchase of Renewable Connect for City energy use

Visit [www.minneapolismn.gov/sustainability/buildings-energy/solar](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/sustainability/buildings-energy/solar) to find out if your home or business is right for rooftop solar.

Find the interactive solar jobs map and detailed state fact sheets at [SolarStates.org](http://SolarStates.org)

Find complete information on the National Solar Jobs Census 2018 at [SolarJobsCensus.org](http://SolarJobsCensus.org)

Renter-first Housing Policy Prioritizes Renter Protections
The City Council has approved a Renter-First Housing Policy – a framework that affirms the City’s commitment to advancing renter protections and developing new tools to support affordability and stability in rental housing.

The implementation of the Renter-First Housing Policy will include both early intervention and safety-net strategies. Highlights include strengthening enforcement measures to ensure repair issues are addressed quickly while minimizing negative impacts on renters; targeting inspections efforts toward properties in disrepair or with a high volume of renter complaints; and creating financial opportunities for property owners to maintain housing conditions and affordable housing without increasing rents.

This Policy builds on a growing body of work City leaders have advanced to address challenges facing renters, such as the recent advance Notice-of-Sale Ordinance that provides more protections for tenants when an affordable rental building is sold, and the amendments to the City’s Conduct on Licensed Premises Ordinance that provide more tenant protections and resources for landlords to solve problems. In 2019, the City will expand legal services for low-income renters living in housing that needs repair and/or renters facing eviction.

A majority of residents are renters in Minneapolis. People of color and Indigenous people are more likely to rent. Renters are vulnerable to low vacancy rates and limited affordable housing options.

CenterPoint Energy 2019 “Belt Line” Construction Project
Starting in April and spanning the summer, CenterPoint Energy began replacing a portion of its existing natural gas pipeline system that runs primarily along 15th, 14th, and Portland Avenues, between the Midtown Greenway and 60th Street. The work is a continuation of CenterPoint Energy’s Belt Line project in Minnesota, which began in 2012 and will continue until approximately 2022. The Belt Line system is a series of natural gas distribution mains along routes from Brooklyn Center to Bloomington and from Golden Valley to Minneapolis. Residents and businesses can sign up for e-mail and/or text-message updates and find additional details about the project at [www.centerpointenergy.com/construction](http://www.centerpointenergy.com/construction)

Open Streets Events
Open Streets Minneapolis is a free event series that opens city streets to folks biking, walking, rolling and playing. At each Open Streets Minneapolis event, local businesses, artists, community groups and institutions come out into the street to see live performance, create art, discover local businesses, use active transportation, make connections and re-think our streets as public space. To find information about all seven events, visit: [www.openstreetsmpls.org](http://www.openstreetsmpls.org)

As always, please feel free to contact me at the Ward 8 office, (612) 673-2208 or andrea.jenkins@minneapolismn.gov. Visit the Ward 8 website: [www.minneapolismn.gov/ward8/index.htm](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ward8/index.htm)
Spotlight on the Housing Committee

By Nate Lansing, Chair, Housing Committee

The goal of the Housing Committee is to support housing initiatives in the Field, Regina, and Northrop neighborhoods. The Housing Committee has recently done this through providing low-cost home renovation loans to residents, supporting the City of Minneapolis’ affordable housing goals, and subsidizing home-energy audits for residents.

The Housing Committee currently provides low-interest home-equity loans to residents in our neighborhood. Home owners can receive a loan of up to $15,000 to make permanent improvements to their home. These loans are provided at a discounted interest rate of 2.99%. Emergency-deferred loans are also available for situations when a home-equity loan will not work.

The Housing Committee has been working with our City councilmembers to help support the goal of affordable housing in our neighborhood. We meet with our councilmembers often to give ideas and provide feedback from our residents.

The Center for Energy and Environment conducts Home Energy Audits that provide homeowners with comprehensive information on the energy efficiency of their home. During the audit, inspectors will test air leakage with a blower door test, check the home’s insulation, replace light bulbs with LED lighting, and replace weather stripping around doors. FRNNG is currently buying down the cost of these visits (normally $100) to $50.

The Committee is also working on a housing-related resource page on our website: frnng.org/committees/housing/
This page will provide residents with information on programs available through the neighborhood, City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, and State of Minnesota.

How About a Gaga Pit in Our Neighborhood?

By Marty Koessel, Chair, Community & Safety Committee

Hey, neighbors, how many of you know what a gaga pit is? FRNNG is reaching out to all of you to gauge interest in funding a gaga pit, possibly at McRae Park.

If you’re unfamiliar with gaga ball, which is played in a gaga pit, you might want to check out this link: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ga-ga

The variant we’ve come across is constructed within a 20’ x 20’ space, enclosed by walls (usually hexagonal) of fundamentally the same construction as outdoor hockey rinks. The pits are inexpensive to build and maintain by the standards of public playground equipment. Most importantly, they’re great fun for all ages.

Our 9-year-old son, Nick, loved the gaga pits he played in at a Y camp last summer. We didn’t know quite what he was talking about until we came across one in a city park in New Ulm. Nick, my wife and I jumped in with folks from New Ulm ranging in age from about six to me – at over 60. We ended up dirty and sweaty and had a fantastic time playing. How often do we find physical games that can safely involve that sort of age range, all dodging around and laughing?

If you’d like to provide feedback on FRNNG’s effort to bring gaga ball to our neighborhood, we’d love to hear from you. Expressions of support would very much help in pushing the project along.

If you have comments, please send them to Marty Koessel at: communityandsafety@frnng.org

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Summer Car Care from our Neighborhood Experts

By Christian Fritzberg, Member, Communications Committee

The carefree days of summer are upon us. With them, many will be traveling the open roads in their vehicles to destinations near and far. Before you head out on your “Great American Adventure,” remember to care for your car. Even in the summer, it needs TLC to keep running trouble-free. The following advice is courtesy of our neighborhood auto experts.

**Lanhart’s Automotive**
- After the winter, ensure your wiper blades are ready for heavy summer rains. Change them out to ensure adequate, safe visibility.
- Change your vehicle’s filters. Air filters/pollen filters to the driving compartment will ensure you travel in comfort.

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**TA’s Automotive**
- The summer heat is just as hard on your vehicle’s battery as the winter cold is. During the summer months, inspect your battery to ensure the terminals aren’t corroded and that the battery case isn’t compromised. Have your trusted mechanic do an electrical check of your car to ensure your battery is road-trip ready.
- Have your air-conditioning system checked. Your vehicle’s AC system can lose freon, or the compressor or AC switch can fail, all causing your air-conditioning system to fail. Don’t suffer through the hot summer heat. Get your AC system checked to ensure you’re ready for the dog days of summer.

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**Grants Available for FRN Business Improvements**

By Steve Date, Member, Communications Committee

Could your business use a facelift? The Great Streets Façade Improvement Matching Grant Program has been providing funding for Minneapolis businesses since 2008. The idea is that by helping neighborhood business owners improve the appearance of their properties, they make the commercial districts “more inviting places to walk and shop” and “enhance the sense of place” in selected business pods around the city.

Several businesses in the FRNNG neighborhood have received grants ranging from $2,000-$10,000 over the years. Sovereign Grounds, Minnehaha Animal Hospital, Turtle Bread Company, Italian Eatery, Ken & Norm’s Liquor, and others have benefited from this program.

Stearline Rucker, program director and Great Streets administrator for FRNNG, hopes that more business owners will apply for funding. “We’d like to spread the money around,” she says, so that more businesses can make improvements to the appearance of their properties. “It’s good for business and good for the overall look of the neighborhood.”

Hakan Sezer, owner of Sovereign Grounds, the coffee shop/restaurant on 48th and Chicago, is grateful for the grant he received to help pay for exterior stone work for his coffee shop. He told me he’s heard a lot of positive comments from neighbors and customers. “The stone made such a big difference,” he remarked. “People tell me that it gives the building personality.”

FRNNG has received grant money for 2019, and applications for this round of matching grants are now being accepted. If you’re thinking about an exterior improvement project for your business, call the FRNNG office (612-721-5424) for more information about how to apply and what kinds of improvements qualify for the program. Details about the Great Streets Façade Improvement program are also on the City of Minneapolis website at www.minneapolismn.gov/cped/ba/FaçadeGrants.
Enthusiastic About our Small, Local Shops

By Sue Filbin, Christian Fritzberg, Carrie Shidla, and Adam Webster

When someone asks what you enjoy most about our neighborhood, how do you respond? The friendly, diverse neighbors? The interesting, varied housing styles? The location? Yes, it is great – near parks, transportation options, schools, desirable restaurants, and personality-packed small, local businesses.

The savvy, spunky people who own and operate the small businesses in our neighborhood contribute to the personality of our community. They select products with us in mind, and they provide personalized service that creates an experience, not simply a transaction. You may know their name and they may know yours. You refer neighbors and friends to them, and businesses appreciate your referral – and thank you for it.

You save time and help our environment by shopping locally. For every $100 you spend at a locally owned business, $68 stays in the community. What happens when you spend that same amount at a national chain? Only $43 stays in the community. In this issue of Close to Home, we identify and celebrate our local retail small businesses.

With the gift-giving occasions of graduations, weddings, Mother’s Day, and Father’s Day coinciding with spring, we invite you to patronize our retailers and truly “shop local.”

14 HILL

Neighborhood resident Julie Stamps opened 14 HILL in mid-November 2016. Merchandise includes a large jewelry and accessories selection, cards, stationery, toys, bath and body, home décor, and gifts that are stylish and affordably priced. With over 20 years of retail experience, Stamps is excited to share her expertise. “I love the creativity behind the product and, more importantly, I love connecting with the customers, helping them find exactly what they are looking for,” says Stamps.

Stamps is excited to own and run 14 HILL in the neighborhood that she has called home for 20 years. “There is a strong sense of connectedness to this neighborhood that I am excited to be a part of, and so much fun activity and energy going on with all the great businesses on 48th and Chicago,” she says. “The concept is a neighborhood gift shop that caters to the style and needs of the surrounding community.”

More info in the Nov/Dec 2016 newsletter: frnng.org

4737 Chicago Avenue, 612-886-3606
14hill.com

The Cottage House

The Cottage House has been a fixture in our neighborhood since 2006. The business is known for its quality recycled and repurposed home goods at reasonable prices. Proprietor Ted Hague has always enjoyed repurposing items.

Ted and some 15 rotating vendors each month create the splendor of sales that have become legendary. The business has a strong social media following, with nearly 60,000 followers, with some 2,000 patrons in attendance for each occasional sale.

The style found within the store is a celebration of eclecticism, from farmhouse “shabby chic,” to industrial, to Mid-Century-Modern furniture pieces, vintage home accessories, and decorative garden items. The store offers monthly “themed” occasional sales that run the second weekend of most months, with bonus clearance sales the following weekends.

More info in the July/Aug 2018 newsletter: frnng.org

4308 Chicago Avenue, 952-923-6216
www.thecottagehousempls.com

Follow and friend our neighborhood – FRNNG – on Facebook and Twitter. Thank you!

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• If you have winter tires on your vehicle, remember to change them out for your summer or all-season tires.
• Have your suspension checked, especially after pothole season. Struts and tie rod ends take a beating as do one’s coil springs which can break.

More info in the Nov/Dec 2015 newsletter: frnng.org

4554 Chicago Avenue, 55407
(612) 823-7100

Victory Automotive

• Make sure your tires are properly inflated. Most vehicles have low-profile tires, which means there’s not a lot of space between the tire and rim. If a tire is low on air, the rim is more prone to being damaged.
• Before a road trip, inspect your car’s belts and hoses. If they’re worn out or loose, your engine can overheat. A broken belt can also leave you stranded.
• Reduce drag on your vehicle by removing roof racks when not in use. This can decrease fuel economy by as much as 5%.
• Avoid stop-and-go driving. This, too, can decrease fuel economy by as much as 33%.

4201 Bloomington Avenue, 55407
(612) 722-8343; victoryautomn.com

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Primp

The definition of the word “primp” is, “to dress or adorn with care.” The garments and accessories sold since March 2014 at Primp allow women to do just that.

The owner’s mission is, “to bring on-trend, affordable style and an upscale in-store experience to shoppers in the Twin Cities and beyond.” Shoppers will find tops, bottoms, jeans, dresses, outerwear, athleisure, shoes, accessories, and Primp + Plus. Gift cards are also available.

Primp offers a small boutique feel (that’s dog friendly), and stylists are always on hand to dress customers in the latest trends. Primp intentionally selects corner space near other shops that are located in dynamic neighborhoods and has found those characteristics at the busy, sunny corner of 48th and Chicago.

4755 Chicago Avenue, 612-259-7609
primpyourself.com

Rock Paper Scissors

The goal of Tes de Luna and her husband, Jason Hughes, “...is to encourage people to embrace more art and music in their lives while helping to support artists trying to make a living at their craft.” We host art receptions for our featured monthly artists, and we offer art classes for adults and children. We have records, artist-made gifts, jewelry, books and kid’s items.

The parents of young children themselves, the busy couple is running a special Fun Friday Summer Camp through the summer “as most city run camps don’t include Fridays. Kids will come to our workshop and make art projects, go on park outings, and more. We will also learn a bit about history surrounding certain art movements and explore some science as we experiment with different art mediums. Registration is on our website under Workshops.”

More info in the July/Aug 2018 newsletter: frnng.org

4806 Chicago Avenue, 612-823-0269
rockpaperscissorsgoods.com

Jenny in the City

An article about Jen Nylin’s new-to-the-neighborhood business was included in the March/April 2019 issue of this newsletter: frnng.org The tagline for Jen’s shop is, “Your destination for effortless fashion,” an apt description for the clothes Jen describes as “fashionable and affordable.”

4704 Cedar Avenue, 651-274-9985
shopjennyinthecity.com

Instagram and Facebook: @jennyinthecitympls

Julie Madge Interiors

An article about Julie Madge and her business was included in the March/April 2019 “Home and Yard” issue of this newsletter: frnng.org Julie hosts open-studio time on Thursdays from 11-4 when she invites us to stop in, ask design questions, and browse the work of local artists that rotates through her design studio.

More info in the March/April 2019 newsletter: frnng.org

815 East 48th Street, 612-799-2709
facebook.com/juliemadgeinteriors/

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**Darling Amalgamated Retail Emporium (D.A.R.E.)**

Darling Amalgamated Retail Emporium (or, D.A.R.E., for short), is a clever consortium of three local micro-businesses that opened in July 2018.

The store focuses on local goods and earth-friendly practices. Liz Plambeck, owner/designer of Universal Pants, creates one-of-a-kind bias-cut pants, skirts, dresses, tunics, jumpers, and overalls. Adam and Marcy Darling run the Eclectory, a retail store that boasts a small art gallery; handmade, local gifts; homegoods; personal products; and vintage goods. Marcy Darling is the beauty operator behind the Beauty Operator salon, a one-chair salon in the back of the Emporium.

Darling Amalgamated Retail Emporium just started hosting monthly Gallery Nights. On the third Saturday of every month, from 5-8 p.m., they host an art opening for one of their artists. Patrons will meet some of their featured resident artists and enjoy locally made snacks.

More info in the Sept/Oct 2018 newsletter: [frnng.org](http://frnng.org)

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darlingamalgamated.com
Facebook @DARetailEmporium
Instagram @theretailemporium

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**Floral Art by Tim**

The artistry in Tim Boken’s business name refers to his approach to create one-of-a-kind floral arrangements for his clients. He asks about the purpose behind the gift and what message the gift is intended to convey. By selecting the fresh flowers immediately available in his shop’s cooler, or by purchasing special specimens from a local wholesaler, Tim creates memorable, artful floral arrangements.

In addition to the arrangements shown on the shop’s website, Tim creates flowers for weddings, events, and any occasion. Delivery throughout the entire metro area is available. Tim is also ready for spontaneous purchases, with arrangements available in the cooler or stems selected by a customer that become a “handtie.” Tim creates a portable bouquet on the spot by tying an assortment of fresh-cut flowers together, then cutting off their ends.

Stop in at Floral Art by Tim to meet Tim, view his evolving selection of handcrafted gifts from local artists, pick up some spontaneous fresh flowers, have Tim create a special arrangement, and to literally “smell the roses.”

More info in the Jan/Feb 2018 newsletter: [frnng.org](http://frnng.org)

4751 Chicago Avenue, 612-824-4526
floralartbytim.com and on Facebook

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**Groovy’s**

A good label for Groovy’s might be “Curated Second-Hand Store.” They have vintage, but also contemporary items. Something from 100 years ago may be sitting next to something from last year.

Wife-and-husband owners Julia and Marcio live in the East Phillips neighborhood, but spent time in our neighborhood, which is how they found space in a “beautiful, enigmatic brick building” at 42nd and Cedar. Julia exclaimed, “Both the building and the neighborhood have been great.” Julia’s dad has a similar shop in Anoka.

Julia and her dad, who has a similar shop in Anoka, came up with the phrase, “A little bit of everything, something for everyone!” They want to appeal to the vintage and antique crowd, but there’s no reason to be exclusive about it. “Pretty much everyone who comes in can find something they like. Our ’regulars’ seem to come from every walk of life and age group. We’re proud of that! Oh, and if you’re looking for hidden vintage gems, be persistent! My husband and I always have our eyes open for more groovy stuff because you never know where you’ll find it!”

More info in the Sept/Oct 2018 newsletter: [frnng.org](http://frnng.org)

4206 Cedar Avenue
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**Bergan’s SuperValu Foods**
Groceries.
4715 Cedar Avenue, 612-724-3388
[http://berganssupervalu.com](http://berganssupervalu.com)

**Minneapolis Granite**
Custom stone kitchen & bathroom countertops.
4400 Chicago Avenue, 612-822-3135
[www.minneapolisgranite.com](http://www.minneapolisgranite.com)
Phone: (612) 822-3135

**Speedway (formerly Superamerica)**
Gas and convenience store.
4740 Cedar Avenue, 612-724-3388

**Walgreen’s**
Drugstore, groceries, etc.
4323 Chicago Avenue, 612-822-9712

**Winner on 46th Street**
Gas and convenience store.
400 East 46th Street, 612-822-0134

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**Future Features**

In the July/August issue of Close to Home, we will feature the business activities of bicycles, health, wellness, beauty, and family and personal care. If you would like to have your business highlighted, please contact communication committee chair, Maggie Snetting:
<communications@frnng.org>

Please also contact Maggie to let us know of errors, omissions, suggestions, and questions.
Greetings Field, Regina, Northrop Neighbors!

Planning projects for the Minnehaha Creek Corridor, Hiawatha Golf Course property within Nokomis-Hiawatha Regional Park, and shoreline restoration at Lake Nokomis are all underway. Each individual project has a project page at www.minneapolisparks.org/park_care_improvements/park_projects/current_projects/ where you can subscribe to updates and catch up in detail on what’s happened since my last update.

Minnehaha Creek Corridor planning has progressed to the draft-design stage. Draft designs have been released and are being refined to reflect feedback that has been gathered from the community. This project is being done in concert with the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District and the City of Minneapolis to ensure that investments made by all agencies are coordinated to provide the greatest benefit to the creek and park users.

Hiawatha Golf Course property is being master planned around a reduced water-pumping scenario with the assistance of a citizens’ advisory committee (CAC). The planning process thus far has included a number of community focus sessions. The CAC has adopted a vision and guiding principles and, utilizing the information provided by the community along with known site conditions, designers have created draft concepts that are being refined to reflect community feedback.

Shoreline restoration and carp removal efforts funded through State of Minnesota grants help improve water quality in Lake Nokomis. Shoreline restoration is undergoing extensive permitting. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2019.

My newsletter, the 5th District Dispatch, is a great resource for more frequent updates about the parks. I send out the newsletter once or twice a month to help keep my constituents informed. You can subscribe at http://eepurl.com/QZ_-9 I’ll see you in the parks! ☀

Spring Crime-Prevention Tips

By Jennifer Neale, Crime Prevention Specialist (CPS)

Spring is finally here and summer is quickly approaching. With the warmer weather, we all enjoy having our windows open and are busy outdoors. The Minneapolis Police Department would like to share some crime-prevention tips to help you stay safe now and for the rest of the season.

- Keep your doors locked, even when you are home or working in the yard! Criminals look for opportunities such as open garage doors and unlocked front doors to quickly steal your belongings even when family is outside in the backyard.

- Remember to put all ladders, tools, bikes, golf clubs, and yard equipment away when not in use. Lock these items up, even in your locked garage!

- For bike security, always store bicycles out of sight, in a secure location, and record the serial number. Also, take a picture of each bike so it can be recovered if ever stolen.

- If you go on vacation, put a few lights on timers so they will turn off and on to give the appearance that someone is always home.

- Be sure to roll up your car windows, remove all valuables or store in the trunk, and lock every time you exit your car, even when in your own driveway.

- Install motion lights in the front and backyard so if someone were to approach your home, the lights will automatically come on to illuminate the area. Criminals do not like to be seen! ☀

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Neighborhood History Now on FRNNG Website

By Richard L. Kronick

When I was about eight years old, my dad traveled to the home office of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company in Springfield, Mass., to receive training as an insurance salesman. When he returned home, he brought my brother and sister and me a souvenir book from Old Sturbridge Village, a recreated 1830s New England town down the road from Springfield. I paged through that book dozens of times, fascinated by thoughts of what life was like more than 100 years ago. Looking back, I now realize this was my first deep encounter with history – and especially with the history of architecture.

I have been hooked on history ever since then – and so, when I hung out my shingle in 1985 as a freelance writer, I was determined to find work writing about the history of architecture. To pay the bills, I have written proposals, technical reports, and marketing materials for architects and engineers. But all the while, I have looked for opportunities to research and write about the history of the built environment. That has worked out well. I have co-authored a book on suburban planning and have written more than 100 articles about architecture and engineering for magazines, websites, and journals. This naturally has led to my role as a historian, and now I regularly lead architecture tours and present lectures on architectural history.

But something was missing. Though I have written about buildings all over the world, I felt slightly embarrassed that I had never researched and written about the history of my own neighborhood. Now I have finally filled in that missing piece. On our neighborhood website: frnng.org/about/ is a series of historical vignettes about the FRN neighborhood. I hope it sparks your imagination and interest in history just like that Old Sturbridge Village book did for me. And please email me – richardkronick@msn.com – if you have additional information on the history of our neighborhood.

Richard L. Kronick is a freelance writer and architectural historian. He and his family have lived in FRN for more than 40 years.

Spring Into Home Improvements

By Ashley Robertson, Assistant Marketing Manager, Center for Energy and Environment

Thinking about a bathroom remodel? Need new windows or more insulation? Spring has arrived, and now is the time to get started on those home-improvement projects. Field Regina Northrop has partnered with the nonprofit Center for Energy and Environment to provide financing to residents.

Through this partnership, residents have access to a matching exterior-deferred program that is 100% forgiven after 10 years. Eligible projects include exterior- and energy-related improvements.

A 2.99% APR loan is also available. Its flexible terms mean monthly payments will be affordable. Most interior and exterior home-improvement projects are eligible, including bath remodels, windows and doors, heating and cooling systems, solar, and more.

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