



Property Manager News

March 2005

Important

City

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S.N.A.P. - A new initiative

By now, you have most likely heard of Brooklyn Park's new housing initiative, SNAP which stands for *Stable Neighborhood Action Plan*.

The Brooklyn Park City Council identified instability in the neighborhoods around the Zane Corridor as a critical concern. In order to support the community redevelopment goals of Brooklyn Park, Hennepin County is providing both planning and capitol funds in the amount of \$4 million during 2005-2006. With these funds Brooklyn Park will create an action plan based on detailed analysis of how to create more stable neighborhoods in the Zane Avenue corridor. With funding support of Hennepin County, a high caliber consulting team will be assembled to work with all stakeholders. SNAP will build off earlier studies but go much further in depth to create feasible action steps. The boundaries are proposed to include the area within a mile of Zane Ave. from the southern city boundary to 85th Ave.

SNAP will not repeat past efforts of addressing broad policy issues of social services, law enforcement, public-private partnerships. The Action Plan will compile data specific to redevelopment

activities.

The Action Plan will be created through the following phases and completed by autumn 2005.

- Detailed analysis of existing housing stock mix and demographic trends
- Project market demand for new unit types
- Structural and physical planning analysis of potential redevelopment sites (none are selected)
- Cost analysis for rehabilitation and new construction
- Financial analysis for implementation
- Architectural renderings for potential development
- Draft Action Plan
- Hold community meetings

Mayor Lampi will lead the Stable Neighborhoods Action Plan Group to actively participate in the planning. The group will create the plan with input from a diverse group of stakeholders and potential funding partners in order to position

Start thinking Summer!

Jan Ficken, Manager of Recreation Services

Summer is just around the bend and Brooklyn Park's Recreation Department is here to let you know about all of the fun coming up this summer. Watch for your summer recreation brochure to be mailed the week of March 15. Please let your residents know that most registration for summer programs start in March. If you need more copies for you office, please let Jennifer Verbrugge know and we'll get them to you.

Recreation is not only to provide a source of entertainment to youth it also builds friendship, instills self-esteem, teaches values and

creates a community. Kids involved in recreation programs are far less likely to be involved in negative behaviors. In this newsletter you get an early overview of some of our summer offerings.

Summer Recreation Centers at: Camp CAC, Camp Willowstone, Camp Zanewood and the all-new Camp Northwoods will offer exciting, age-appropriate partial & full-day camping opportunities for youth ages 3-5, 6-9 & 10-12. Many of these camps fill early! The camps are built around an outstanding theme-based curriculum put together by education and recreation professionals. Before and After Camp opportunities are available, as well as special enrichment activities.



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Summer Family and Youth Recreation Activities

An awesome new teen leadership and enrichment program will also take place at each of the summer recreation centers.

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Specially designed for the 13-15 year old, with great youth workers on staff.

Neighborhood Parks are your headquarters for summer recreation! Summer Playgrounds program returns with a staff crew that is ready to come to your neighborhood park and cause some good old fashion fun with the new evening playground program for kids 6-14 at Lakeland Park and College Park.

For kids into sports, we will be offering a wide variety of camps. We will be hiring the experts and working with local high school and college coaches to provide the highest quality sports camps! The following are a list of the sports covered in the summer of 2005: Aggressive In-line, Baseball, Basketball, Football, Gymnastics, Hockey, Lacrosse, Skateboarding, Soccer, Tennis and Volleyball. A detail Sports Camps

brochure will be available in April, call 493-8333 for more information.

Kids Super Camp Week returns to Oxbow School in August.

Don't miss a totally awesome week at Oxbow Elementary School in August. Sports and enrichment classes will be offered. This will be an opportunity for your child to try a new sport (lacrosse, soccer, football, basketball, multi-sport or tennis) or explore a new enrichment activity (rocketry, acting, art, nature adventures, Spanish or gadgets and gizmos. This camp was very popular in 2004, so be sure to sign up early so you don't left out this SUPER week of fun! A detailed camp brochure will be available in April by calling 493-8333.

What's Happening at Zanewood Recreation Center?

Tuesday is Teen Night At Zanewood Recreation Center from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Planned activities, trips, service projects-friendship and fun. \$2 at the door. Cal CJ for info at 763-493-8356.

Youth Athletic Association News

To find out the Brooklyn Park Athletic Association registration dates for Baseball and Softball visit bpaasports.org. On line registration is now available and fee assistance scholarships.



Northwest Lacrosse Club

A new lacrosse club is forming in Brooklyn Park for boys and girls. Registration taken for 5-6th graders and 7-8th graders. For upcoming information contact Paul Lofgren, 425-8545 or at

Special Needs?

The Brooklyn Park Recreation and Parks Department is dedicated to providing people with and without disabilities the opportunity to participate in recreation and leisure programs together, and providing the necessary individual adaptations, accommodations and support so every person can benefit equally from recreation experiences. For more info. on adaptive

Tater Daze Celebrates 41st year *Denise Rene Wollenburg Special Events Coordinator*

This year is shaping up to be one of the best! We'll have Minnesota's Magic Midway, with five thrill rides and five kiddie rides. We're also looking forward to having a wide variety of food vendors from all over." Tater Daze traditional favorites such as the parade and bingo will also give the carnival a familiar flavor.

Event Calendar:

The parade will be Thursday June 16 at 6:30p.m. that evening will feature Teen

Night, with discounts on rides.

Saturday morning a traditional waffle breakfast starts at 8:00 a.m. \$5 per person. Children ages 5 and under eat free. Followed by the Tater Tots Kid-die Parade and a Kite Expedition at Noble Sports Park.

Friday afternoon is kids day- with ride discounts, a petting zoo, and pony rides.

As in recent years, Tater Daze will be held on St. Gerard's property next to the Noble Sports Park. This will give us plenty of room for sports events. For instance, we'll be hosting softball and soccer games at the Sports Park.

We're also looking forward to a state 19 & under baseball championship that weekend. This year's Tater Daze will also include a Couch Potatoes Contest, and of course the hunt to find the ever-elusive Golden Spud.

To make it easier for vendors to participate, the city is simplifying the permit and licensing process. We're hoping to offer a one-stop shop, where you write a single check for licenses and event fees. If you would like to be a vendor at this year's Tater Daze festival, call 763.493.8154.

Stay up to date on Tater Daze plans: www.taterdaze.org.

It's never too late to volunteer on the

Thanks to State Farm Insurance, for sponsoring the Youth Scholarship program for summer youth recreation programs. Fees assistance is available for you to participate in community recreation programs. Call 763-493-8333 for more information.

Fireworks in Brooklyn Park

Noble Sports Park
 Saturday, June 18 at 10 pm
 Tuesday, August 2 at 10 pm

**Free Outdoor Concerts
 7 pm Thursdays in July**

Thursday nights in July at the Gazebo on the front lawn of the Brooklyn Park Community Activity Center beginning at 7 pm. Concerts are held rain or shine-moved indoors if inclement weather.

- July 7 Brooklyn Community Band
Favorite concert band tunes, marches, lively pops
- July 14 Edgewater 8 Singers
The original vocal group from the Edgewater Inn (Mpls)
- July 21 Splatter Sisters
Great family entertainment with lively female duo
- July 28 River City Jazz Orchestra
Big band, classics and favorites

Musical events at the Eidem Homestead Bluegrass Band

Tues July 19 6-7:30 pm
 The Eidem Homestead is a wonderful place to spend a summer evening listening to music on the big front porch. A nice respite from our busy hectic lives. If you have never been to this historic site, we invite you to come and hear Art play on the porch this evening. Visit the animals, tour

the house and grounds. Cookies and lemonade will be on sale. Admission \$2 adults, kids free, bring a picnic.

Teddy Bear Picnic with the Teddy Band!

Tues Aug 16
 6 - 7 : 3 0
 pm

Grab your picnic supper, your teddy bears and blanket for a lawn picnic at the 1900 restored Eidem Homestead. Music will be provided by the popular Teddy Bear Band. Cookies and lemonade will be available for sale. Admission \$2 adults, children free!



Light Up the Park!

Celebrate National Night Out!
 Tues Aug 2 7 pm Noble Sports Park
 Music, children's games, food and fireworks at 10 pm After your neighborhood parties come up to the sports park to celebrate together.

8th Annual TeenStock 2005

Thurs, Aug 18, TeenStock will be held at the Community Activity Center Gazebo on Thursday, Aug 18. This is a chance for TEENS to show their talents. If you have a band, dance group or vocal group, are a singer, comedian, or rapper, this is for you.

Try-outs will be held on Thursday, June 23 at 6 pm at the Community Activity Center. For more information and to set up an audition, call Jamie 315-8409

Swimming lessons

Children's swimming lessons are held at Brooklyn Junior Pool and Jackson Middle School Pool. Call 493-8333 to be put on the mailing list to receive

info on the Mar.-April schedule.

Rebels Soccer Club

Rebels Soccer Club is looking for U9 and U10 soccer players~ boys and girls, to play the 2005 spring/summer traveling season. The season runs from May through July. Games are played in the North Metro area. The program offers a competitive, fun league and professional training opportunities. Please visit : www.REBELSOCCER.NET for details or call Jenny 763-427-7238 with questions.

MapleBrook Soccer Association

www.maplebrooksoccer.com Providing competitive soccer programs for boys and girls from age 5 to 19. Professional trainers for traveling teams. U9 and U10 teams are still forming for Summer 2005. Registration and other information available online.

Kickers Traveling Soccer

www.eteamz.com/kickerssc
 For youth ages 9 - 19. Teams in the Traveling Program are selected through a player evaluation process within age groups. These teams participate in the MYSA (Minnesota Youth Soccer Association) and will compete against other traveling soccer teams in league games and tournaments. The individual teams will determine the amount of practices and the number of tournaments. Sum-

Sports for Kids
 The Brooklyn Park Recreation dept. offers a variety of sports programs for children beginning at age 4.
Youth recreation programs are offered at local neighborhood parks this summer for children ages 3-16!
 For information about registering for summer recreation programs, call the Recreation Dept. at 763-493-8333.

Crime is down in 2004! Here is a list of crime types that were reported in apartment communities during the year. City-wide crime declined 1%, crimes in our apartments dropped 5%. A number of crime types dropped significantly, however, disturbance calls continue to be a problem. There were 446 such calls, up 7% from 2003. Some categories that dropped were; burglary 13%, auto theft 10%, assaults 7%, and theft from motor vehicle 7%.■



Crime Type	# of reports	# of reports in 2003	% change	Crime Type	# of Reports	# of reports	%
Disturbance	446	415	7%	Robbery	17	19	-11%
Domestic Assault	275	284	-3%	Crime against admin/justice	16	40	-60%
Assault	203	225	-10%	Forgery	9	10	-10%
Damage to property/Trespass	181	186	-3%	DWI/criminal traffic	9	8	13%
Theft	176	204	-14%	Order for protection violation	8	13	-38%
Auto Theft	145	162	-10%	Weapons	6	4	50%
Theft From Auto	145	156	-7%	Felony Domestic Assault	5	13	-62%
Burglary	144	166	-13%	Receiving/concealing property	2	2	0%
Traffic Arrest	114	108	6%	Interfere with 911 call	2	0	--
Traffic/Misc/juvenile	80	73	10%	Arson	1	2	-50%
Crime against family	77	68	13%	Crime against government	1	1	0%
Criminal Sexual Conduct	35	27	30%	Kidnapping	1	2	-50%
Narcotics	34	43	-21%	Murder	1	2	-50%
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Next Meeting March 16, 2005

9:30-11:00 a.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

Topic: Parks and Recreation Program Opportunities and the SNAP Initiative

A fun, if not exciting presentation and dialog with Parks and Recreation...

One of this year's mission in Parks and Recreation is to re-connect with apartment managers in order to better serve residents in apartment communities. Learn about programs, scholarships and other options for your residents. This will be an opportunity to share ideas and needs you have for your community. We won't make

Property Manager Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the odd months at 9:30a.m. unless otherwise announced.

The official newspaper for the City of Brooklyn Park is the Sun Post. For circulation contact 952-392-6860 or www.mnsun.com

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