

March/April 2015



Spring WingDing Scheduled *by Nic Baker*



A CELEBRATION OF NATURE IN THE CITY

The 2015 Spring WingDing, the neighborhood's annual celebration, has been scheduled for Saturday, May 2, at the Audubon Park Recreation Center from 11:00am to 2:00pm. We've moved the event back a week in hopes of increasing the odds of good weather – which we had the last two years.

The theme of the event will continue to be the environment and how to protect it. The exhibits will include nature presentations from such organizations as the Audubon Society and 4-H, a demonstration of environmental-friendly household cleaners by the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization, and arts-and-crafts presentations.

There will be a range of games for kids of all ages, as they say – and adults can take part, too! Table games will be available for the little ones.

A new feature this year will be an event run by representatives of Edison High School, Northeast Middle School (NEMS), Northeast Soccer parents, and NE Boosters. The group is working towards creating a NEMS soccer team that would run under the auspices of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. At the WingDing, the group (led by Aron Tay-



4H information at a previous year's Wingding.

lor, boys' head soccer coach at Edison) will provide sign-up information, hold a skills hour, and organize some pick-up soccer. They anticipate having games from 11:00 to 12:30 for younger kids then 12:30pm to 2:00pm for high-school students and adults.

Finally, food: As before, neighborhood restaurants and the Eastside Food Co-op are donating food to the event. Food service will once again serve as a school fundraiser for Edison High School's Tommie Boosters, a parents' group. The parents put in a great deal of work organizing the event.

As in the past three years, the event will include a wings contest. Two-time winner, Parks Commissioner, Liz Wielinski, is not entering so others will have a chance to win. For more information, e-mail Chris Pratt at cdpratt@visi.com.



Recovery Bikes offering basic bike maintenance at last year's wingding

In case it rains (or, this being Minneapolis, snows), the back-up will be the NEMS gymnasium, cafeteria, and auditorium at 29th and Hayes. Using this facility will enable us to have entertainment (school bands and chorus) even if it rains as well as moving athletic events inside.

The decision whether to move the event will be made by 8:00 that morning. If in doubt, you can call 612-354-3803 to find out if the event has been moved.

This is a green event, and visitors are encouraged to walk, ride the bus, or bike to the park. Also, you will get a free ticket if you bring your own water bottle.

Come have a good time!

Meet Mike Madison *by Robin Sauerwein*



photo by Lukasz Ziach

Northeast resident Mike Madison is living out his passions.

Mike graduated from Edison High School in 1994 and since then has lived, worked and played in Northeast doing what he loves.

Some may know Mike through the Waite Park Rec Plus program. My son was under his watch a few years ago. He was known not only as the lead childcare worker there but also for getting kids to try different types of foods at least once. Mike has introduced everything from homemade pierogies to curry to the kids over the years.

"I don't think kids are picky eaters. You have to broaden their taste. You cook meals from scratch. Kids smell the food. They get interested. They try it," he said but admitting that they don't always like it.

He recently transferred in December to Audubon Park to run their child care program and Audubon is happy to have him.

Because he loves to cook from scratch, the first thing he did was to completely clean the stove and kitchen at Audubon Park.

According to Mike, homemade cooking is not that difficult. Even when he comes home from work he can usually get dinner ready in half an hour or less.

Music is another passion of Mike's and he's been playing the guitar since the 7th grade. In 1997, he started the group, Unknown Prophets, a hip hop band, that has played at various NE venues. They released their first CD in 2000.

His latest passion is photography. When he first started, he used a simple point and shoot camera and then later started using his iPhone. Someone told him he couldn't be a real photographer with an iPhone, so he switched to a DSLR camera.

Now he's taking photographs for the Northeaster and City Pages. He recently won two awards from the Minnesota Newspaper Association for his photographs. His photographs have been displayed in places like The Coffeshop NE and in the Northeast calendar.

Mike currently lives in the Sheridan neighborhood with his wife, Daria, and their two boys, Micszko, 5, and Isaac, 8.

"Northeast is a great place to raise kids," he said.

He has fond memories of growing up in Northeast as a kid. "I tell my kids this all the time, when I was their age, how I used to ride my bike to St Cyril's Church and play sandlot baseball everyday. I used to ride my bike everywhere. It was the best times hanging out with my friends."

He remembers riding his bike past the 331 Club. At that time it was a biker's bar and it terrified him.

"Now I am playing music there," he laughed.

Even when he goes on vacation, Mike said that is always glad to be back at NE.

"I'm happy to be here," he said.

With so many other passions, why would childcare still keep his attention?

"I guess you could say it found me. I never really decided on child care. I was around 19 or so when I started working for the park and I was asked to help out with the Rec Plus program. I enjoyed it and was offered a full time position. Working at the park paid the bills and also allowed me to have a flexible schedule in which I could still follow my many passions.

Working with kids is very rewarding and it keeps you young. And believe me, there is nothing better than having an adult come up to you, tell you they use to be in Rec Plus and thank you for

the care you gave them when they were a kid. That's pretty special if you ask me," he said.

But alongside the childcare are his other passions.

"With the music and photography and even the journalism now, you're leaving something behind. It's like a legacy. My grandkids, my great grandkids will be able to go back and listen to the music I made, look at the pictures that I took, read the stories that I wrote. I think it's great. That's what really inspires me as well. It's leaving something behind."

Did you know...Northeast has a community band?

In 1998, then Northeast Middle School band director, Tim Martin, decided to start up a community band in Northeast. He thought that there were former students of his as well as residents who would like the opportunity to play in a band again. He put an announcement in the Northeaster thinking that if only three people answered the ad, it would be a good trio and he'd be happy with that. Instead 55 people showed up.

Today the band, a 501c nonprofit organization, has 40 members, ranging from 17 to 80 years old, and according to Tim, there is room for more. All ability levels are welcome.

The band, partners with Community Education and meets every Thursday at Edison High School performing four – five concerts each year in and around the Northeast area.

After all these years, Tim, now band director at Washburn High School, is still committed to his role as band director for Northeast.

"Music is fun and it's important. There's not enough arts around," he said. "We need to be culturally advantaged. It takes groups like this to bring community together."

You can find out more about the Northeast Community Band by going to their facebook page.

Architectural Assistance Program for Audubon Homeowners

How can you make substantial changes to your home with an eye towards design, form, and functionality? Meet with an architect for a two-hour consultation, and discuss your ideas and options for improving your home. A consultation with an architect can help ensure that your remodeling project fits seamlessly with the style and function of your existing home and is compatible with your neighborhood.

See the ANA website for how the program works or contact the office at 612-788-8790.

Things to know:

- \$50 co-pay (\$250 value).
- One visit per household.
- For Audubon Park residents only.
- Consultation only; no plans are provided.
- No expectation to hire the architect beyond the 2-hour consultation.

They can tell you about the process of working with an architect, and you may decide to continue working with them on your own.

To encourage good design in residential remodeling, the Audubon Park Neighborhood, in partnership with the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Minnesota, is helping to cover the cost of two hours of architectural services. The AIA is the professional organization of architects in Minnesota. AIA architects are licensed and required to take continuing education courses to keep current with laws, codes, and new materials.

ANAs Low Interest Loan Program will offer a 2% loan for all homeowners participating in the new Architectural Assistance Program offered through ANA.

Housing News

Sold homes month of January 2015

2062 Saint Anthony Parkway \$170,000

2831 Taylor Street NE \$170,000

Currently 13 homes listed for sale as of 2/20/15

Average list price is \$243,745

Median list price \$229,900

See all homes for sale in Audubon Park at terriharder.kwrealty.com/listings/areas/55827/

Information gathered from MLS and is deemed reliable, but not guaranteed. Compliments of Terri Harder, Realtor®, Keller Williams Integrity Realty

Help Keep Local Rivers and Lakes Clean With Your Own Raingarden

Learn how at an upcoming Metroblooms workshop

\$15 workshops will be offered through June at various locations
To register, visit www.metroblooms.org or call 651-699-2426.

What is a raingarden?

A raingarden is a shallow depression in the ground that is designed to capture rainwater and allow it to soak into the ground within 48 hours. Raingardens are best designed with plants that are well adapted to the unique conditions of the garden and your region (such as local native plants).



Whether you are an experienced gardener or have never tried gardening before, this eco-friendly workshop will help you learn how to:

- Keep our water clean with native plants, raingardens, and shoreline plantings
- Create pollinator habitat by using beautiful native plants in your landscape
- Redirect your downspouts and install a rain barrel
- Design your landscape with one-on-one assistance from landscape designers and Hennepin County Master Gardeners
- Adopt healthy yard care practices to improve our land and water habitat

Fast Facts about runoff and native plants:

- Every time it rains one inch, an average urban residential property sheds about 5,400 gallons of stormwater runoff.
- The EPA defines stormwater runoff as the number one threat to water quality in our lakes and streams.
- As pollinators around the country experience threats from loss of habitat and pesticides they are unable to sustain the native plants that filter stormwater, hold soil in place, and keep our waterways clean.

Metro Blooms, a local non-profit organization, works to strengthen communities by promoting environmentally-sound landscaping that beautifies neighborhoods and protects our environment. Metro Blooms has been partnering with Twin Cities Metro communities to provide low-cost raingarden workshops since 2005. Follow us on Twitter: @MetroBlooms

2015 ANA Community Meetings begin promptly at 7:00 pm at the Audubon Park building.

April 6, June 1, August 3, Oct. 5, Dec. 7

Audubon Park Update

by Mitch Waukau



1320 29th Ave. NE • 612-370-4910



Registration Dates

Summer registration will take place on Wednesday, March 25 at noon. Rec Plus registration began on Monday, February 23.

Park Highlights

1st annual Valentines Dance was a success with a total of 27 people registered. Next year I want to double that and have more people from the community to experience the fun. The big hit was the Kid's Dance (DJ) which was our main entertainment and kept the parents and kids busy. The kids also enjoyed making a Valentine's Day card and of course the cookie decorating with tons of tasty toppings. We also had a nice spaghetti dinner with salad and French bread.

Up And Coming Events



New this year, Audubon Park will host the Bunny Party for kids ages 6 & under, 9am-11am. Bring the whole family for this fun event. Enjoy an Egg Hunt, Arts and Crafts, continental breakfast and much more. The Egg Hunt at Audubon Park will begin at 10:30 am sharp. \$5 per child. Pre - Registration is required to receive a treat bag and must register by March 27. Treat bags will be given to the first 200 registered children ages 6 & under. Windom Park will host ages

7-12 12pm-2pm and pre-registration is required for this activity as well.

Important Dates

Summer Kickoff is on Monday, June 15th from 6pm – 8pm at Audubon Park. We will have a kids dance with a DJ, bounce house and food. More details to follow.

Also mark down on your calendars Wednesday, August 12 at dusk Audubon will be hosting another outdoor movie: Frozen. Bring the whole family and enjoy a night out with a fun movie.

Park Hours

Monday – Thursday 3:00pm – 9:00pm, Friday 3:00pm – 6:00pm and closed on the weekends.

Park Information

If you are looking for a place to throw birthday parties call or stop by to inquire information about fees and scheduling.

Any questions or comments contact Mitch at Audubon Park 612 370-4910.

Coaches Wanted

Warmer weather is coming! And so are spring and summer youth sports! Baseball, softball, t-ball, track & field, and tennis programs will start in April and May. We will start placing coaches with teams in March.

Contact:

RecVolunteers@minneapolisparcs.org for more information about getting involved.



Minneapolis
Community Education

Free Family Fitness Classes At Northeast Middle School

Everyone must register.
Call 612-668-1515

- **Shape Up Family Fitness**
6 Tuesdays,
April 14-May 19
6:00 -7:00 pm
- **Shape Up Zumba for Families**
6 Thursdays,
April 16 – May 21
7-8 pm
- **Friday Family Swim**
Fridays – April 17- May 29,
6:15 – 7:15 pm.
- **Walking for Fitness**
Monday, Wednesday, Friday,
April 13- May 18
5:45 – 6:45 pm

Support NEMS PTA

Support NEMS PTA by eating at Parkway Pizza, 29th & Johnson St. NE, the first Monday of each month.

Five percent of all Parkway's sales (delivery or dine in or to go) will go directly to the NEMS PTA.

NEWS FROM NE MIDDLE SCHOOL

First Place: – Eleanor Craig, grade 7

Judge's comments:

Eleanor began by developing the general principles for bettering the community's spirit. Her first principle was to recognize people by just saying "Hi." She then suggested we practice courtesy. The third principle was to compliment others. Each of these suggestions was developed and defined. By practicing these principles in a positive way, we contribute to community growth. She stuck to her topics very well.

Community



Most people think making differences in their community takes a big movement or a lot of time or money. However, at Northeast Middle School (NEMS), I believe with just a little effort you can make a huge difference. At NEMS, I get my education, which I will use later-on in life. I am supported there and have friends. This is why I chose to write about my school, NEMS. At Northeast, just saying "hi," being polite, or complimenting someone can make a big difference.

Saying "hello." An easy thing to do, right? Yet most of the population doesn't even do this every day. However, if you go online, you can see stories of how a smile or a wave kept someone else alive. I believe we, as students, can do this at Northeast, too. Just think about it: One slight wave of the hand, one life saved. Waving or smiling shows the other person you're there for them, that they're not alone. It shows the other person that they are appreciated.

Saying "please" and "thank you" can make a big difference in your community. When you say "thank you" or "please" to another person, it shows you respect them. Respect at Northeast could grow with just these little words. If people know you respect them, they will respect you, building trust between people and communities.

Again, three little words make a huge difference.

The Audubon Neighborhood Association is proud to announce this year's winners to their essay contest on "What can I do to make a difference in my community?"

The Audubon Eight, Writers Group judged the essays. Winners received cash prizes for their efforts.

1st Prize: \$50 • 2nd Prize: \$25 • 3rd Prize: \$10

Congratulations to the winners!

And lastly, giving at least one compliment to someone else every day. Getting compliments to someone boosts people's morale at NEMS, and when they get their morale boosted, they do better in school. When students succeed at Northeast, we get more publicity and more students. This makes our community even stronger.

Compliments also rub off on you. You are a nicer person in everyone's eyes when you see them regularly, and you have more confidence in yourself.

Saying "hi," being polite, and giving someone a compliment are three simple things, yet they make a huge, lasting difference in your community. At Northeast, if everyone started doing these three tasks, everyone would be happier and would succeed. I hope you can use those three things in your communities, too.

Second Place: – Vasthy Anang, grade 8

Judge's comments:

Vasthy dealt mostly with what the individual can do within the church itself, then how the spirit within the church can reflect on the rest of the community. The arguments are directed at the individual and are more personal. The devotion to religion is evident and admirable.

What can I do to make a difference in my community?



I am a member of Great Grace Assembly – an evangelical church located in Northeast Minneapolis. This is a community in which everyone is welcomed to come and worship God and have a wonderful time because we are a family. This is important to me because I love God

and would love to contribute and make a difference in the lives of those who worship here and whom I can reach beyond the walls of the church. Things I can do to make a difference in this community are volunteering, joining the church choir, assisting the underprivileged, or just being supportive.

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To make a difference in my church community, I would like to volunteer in helping children to be more orderly and organized in their Sunday School classes. This would help the church, because when someone helps coordinate the kids, they won't be running around and disturbing the main service.

Furthermore, I can also make a difference in my church community by joining a group. I can connect to the church choir, which I recently joined. Music has an incredible connection to people's pain and joy. I strongly believe that as my faith grows, while singing I can connect with those who are in pain and help them with some soothing relief and, in contrast, celebrate with those who find joy in the lyrics we sing.

In addition, I can make a difference in my community by creating a charity fund where church members could donate clothing, food, or money. This fund can be used to help those who are starving, homeless, or with basic needs that we can help meet from the fund.

Finally, I can make a difference in my church community by just being supportive, because people are in pain sometimes and they come to church because they feel they will be welcomed. The church population will grow when members feel comforted by others and communicate with others who are not yet part of the church.

As discussed in the paragraphs above, I can make a difference in my church community when I coordinate kids' activities, join the church choir, create a charity fund, or just provide moral support to those who need it.



Third place: Timothy Streeter, grade 8

Judge's comments:

Timothy began with definitions, a good opening. He continued building on points of difference, emphasizing how to use these differences in a positive way. The presentation was very tight. He was concise and focused. He ended with a challenge for the rest of us. I got the feeling he was proud of his community and worked to keep it strong.



Some people think my community is deadly, others think that it's all about the casualty rate and how many people have died. But I think otherwise. I never judge a community by what's happened. I judge about what kind of personalities they have. Now, being white (I don't like that general term, because no one is just "white") in a mostly African-American community doesn't mean I am considered an outsider. Just because I

have a nice house doesn't mean that people vandalize it every chance they get. Yes, there may be gangs, but I don't focus on them. I focus on the people, for the people are always the most important.

My community goes by many different names, The North Side, Fremont, but I only call it one thing: Home.

I make a difference in my community by looking at things from a different angle. If all you ever see is crime, then that's what you will see and say when people ask you about your community. By always looking at something from a different angle, I know that everyone has the ability to be a "good" person. You can make a difference by just thinking differently about people.

Another great way is to volunteer. Volunteering is becoming a necessity—most colleges require volunteer hours. When you volunteer, you give something back, and that's exactly what I do. I volunteer almost once a week.

The last way is the hardest of them all. It is to start a group or be in a group. When I say "group," I don't mean a gang. My dad started a group called "Boys to Men" for Northside kids. We do four things: serve, earn, challenge, and have FUN! I think that it is the best way, but also the hardest. In this essay, I listed all the things I do to help my community. But this essay is not for me. This essay is for you, the person reading. Use this as a guideline to make your community better.

We'd like to get to know our neighbors in Audubon Park

Got a story to tell? Have some history about our neighborhood? Have an idea on making our neighborhood better?

Audubon Park is a neighborhood of neighbors. Let's get to know you! Contact Robin at robindyson@msn.com for story ideas or people we should know. Let's share your story.

BULLETIN BOARD

The 2015 Audubon Neighborhood Association community meetings will be held April 6, June 1, August 3, Oct. 5, Dec. 7 at 7:00 pm at Audubon Park, 1320 29th Ave NE.

Sign up for ANA's monthly e-newsletter at www.audubonneighborhood.org. Join Friends of the Audubon Association on Facebook.

Members of NE Urban 4H Club nominated for 2015 "Hunger Hero" Awards



The Northeast Urban 4H club has participated in a number of food drives over the past three years for the Little Kitchen Food Shelf, collecting over 1,000 pounds of food as well as cash donations. Two youth representatives from 4H, Walter Pyper-Holz, 6, and Gavin Schuster, 13, were chosen as Hunger Heroes by the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches and were

on the Minnesota FoodShare website during the 2015 March Campaign.

I feel happy to help those in need. It was fun to be chosen as a hunger hero," Walter Pyper-Holz, age 6, said.

"It felt great to be nominated as a hunger hero, and knowing that the award was earned as a group was very rewarding. The award is not just for Walter and me, but for the group. It's nice to have our work recognized and appreciated," Gavin said.

Congratulations NE Urban 4H, and thank you for all your hard work to end hunger!

Earth Day clean up

Saturday, April 25, 2015 • Earth Day Clean Up Events | 9:30 am-noon | City wide

No pre-registration is required! Arrive at any site between 9:30 am-noon and check in at the registration table. A site coordinator will give you gloves and bags, and instruct you where to go and where to leave trash. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own work gloves, though we will have thin cotton gloves available for volunteers who need them. Find your park on the full list of all Earth Day Cleanup sites!

Windyfest is back!

Mark your calendars, because Windyfest will be back for 2015! That's Saturday, June 20, from 11-5 p.m. at Windom Park, to be exact. The festivities are in the planning stages now. If you'd like to get involved in planning meetings (second Tuesday of the month), volunteering or donating, contact us at (612) 788-2192 or info@windompark.org. Windyfest is WPCiA's annual community event and fundraiser.

Holland Neighborhood's 11th Annual

Hotdish Revolution

April 12, 2015

St. Maron's Cedars Hall • 602 University Ave NE

Doors open: 4 pm for entries • Judging: 4:30-5:00 pm • Dining: 5:00 pm

Entries accepted **ONLY** until 4:30

Admission:
 \$5-if entering a hotdish or Jello
 \$10-without a dish
 \$5-kids 5-12
 kids under 5-free

Hotdish Categories are:
 Spicy
 Vegetarian
 Tater Tot Excellence
 I Made It! (kids)
 Darn Good (beef, pork, other)
 Fins & Feathers

JELLO Competition

celebrity judges
 music!

Back Again
 NE Brew District
 Beer Tasting
 \$10/flight

We're on Twitter: @HotdishRev2015
www.facebook.com/HotdishRevolution

hosted by Carol Nelson

For more information contact HNIA at 612-781-2299 or www.hnia.org

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Be peaceful, be happy, be whole.

* LOCATION GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS CHURCH
 * DAY EVERY TUESDAY
 * TIME 6:00-6:45 PM
 * CONTACT o: 612.789.7256
 z: bayl.vandelanotte@gmail.com

ALL FITNESS LEVELS WELCOME!

No need to sign up in advance - drop-ins welcome! Dress in comfortable clothing, bring a towel and yoga mat and enjoy! A limited number of mats will be available to use.

Save the Date! Neighbors Garage Sale weekend

Friday & Saturday, June 19 & 20 with Sunday the 21st in case of rain on one of the other days.



Audubon Neighborhood Association

Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church
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Minneapolis, MN 55418

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Join Friends of the Audubon Association on Facebook

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Eastside Food Co-op
Central Ave and 26th St
Open daily from 8am-9pm



The mission of the ANA is to encourage interaction and involvement among the people in our community and its organizations, to foster the continuing improvement of property and businesses within its boundaries, to increase security and safety within the neighborhood, to convey to other organizations, including government and business, the concerns of the neighbors represented.

Audubon Neighborhood Resources

City of Minneapolis • 311 Minneapolis Non-emergency

Elected Public Officials:

- Diane Loeffler • 612-781-1307
- Kari Dziedzic • 651 296-7809
- Jenny Arneson • jenny.arneson@mpls.k12.mn.us
- Councilmember Ward I
Kevin Reich • 612-673-2201
- Park Board Commissioner
Liz Wielinski • 612-788-5688

Community Services

- Audubon Park • 612-370-4910
- East Side Neighborhood Services
612-781-6011
"Adult, child and senior services" www.esns.org
- Northeast Senior Services
612-781-5096
- Pierre Bottineau Library
55 Broadway St. NE
952-847-2850
- Northeast Library
2200 Central Ave NE • 612-543-6775
- Literacy Council
612-789-9024 Free adult ESL classes

Audubon Neighborhood Association (ANA) Information

ANA Board of Directors

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Sonja Peterson
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ANA Board Meetings

2015 Board meets monthly at 7 pm at the ANA office when there is no community meeting that month. January 5, *February 2, March 2, *April 6 May 4, *June 1, July 6, *August 3, September 14, *October 5, November 2, *December 7

*these meetings will start at 6:00 p.m.
(prior to the Community Meetings)
at the Audubon Park building.

2015 Community Meetings

February 2, April 6, June 1, August 3, October 5,
December 7 at 7:00 pm promptly
at the Audubon Park building, 1320 29th Ave NE
(board meetings will take place at 6 pm)

ANA Office - Location

Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church (basement)
1509 27th Ave. NE. (27th & Johnson)
612-788-8790
www.audubonneighborhood.org
mail@audubonneighborhood.org

- NE Citizen Patrol
612-708-3064
- Salvation Army
612-789-1512
Social services & spiritual ministry.
- NE Dinner Bell
612-789-6548
Meals-on-wheels for seniors & the homebound.

The Audubon-
boundaries are:
Central Ave.
to the west,
Stinson Blvd.
to the east,
St. Anthony
Parkway
to the north
Lowry Ave.
to the south.

