

May/June 2015



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Audubon Park NEIGHBOR

Celebrate JOHNSTOCK May 29 & 30 – A Free Family Event

Johnstock begins with the annual movie in the lot on Friday, May 29. This year's movie is *The Lego Movie* starting at dusk. Bring your family and your blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy a free movie. Popcorn will be available.

On Saturday, May 30, from 11 am – 4 pm, the Johnson Street Merchants Lot (between 28th & 29th Street on Johnson), will be the place for art, music and kids activities. Several vendors will be selling their arts and crafts. The bouncy house will return. Acoustic musicians will be performing throughout the day and Captain Jack Parrot will entertain the young with his magic show on Saturday at 11 am.

Captain Jack Parrot Returns to Johnstock With His Popular Juggling/Magic Show



Families can expect to see a kid-friendly juggling/magic show with lots of audience participation beginning at 11 am on Saturday May 30 in the Johnson Street parking lot. Captain Jack's popular balloon animals will follow the performance.

Troy Rognrud (aka Captain Jack Parrot) has been performing at Johnstock for more than five years and the kids love him. He does this each year because of his ongoing friendship with many of the Johnson Street merchants.

"As long as they keep asking me, I'll continue to perform," he said.

"I want to say thank you to everybody that shows up for my performance year after year, and I look forward to meeting many new friends as well," he said.

Save the Date!



7th Annual Audubon Mini Farmers' Market opens June 18, 2015

See full story on page 2.

Earth Day 2015



Earth Day 2015 took place on Saturday, April 25 at more than 40 locations throughout Minneapolis.

The Northeast Urban 4H Club was one of thousands of volunteers helping keep Minneapolis beautiful.

The Northeast Urban 4H Club is a club open to boys and girls and meets at Northeast Middle School during the school year.

Have a photo about an activity or event happening in Audubon Park you'd like to share in the newsletter?

Send it to robindyson@msn.com with a description of the activity.

7th Annual Audubon Mini Farmers' Market

by Sarah Olson

2015 Market hours:
Thursdays, 4-7pm June 18 – September 24

Get ready for our seventh Market season! The Market is located at the corner of 27th Ave NE & Johnson St NE in the parking lot in front of the Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church mural-ed garage. It will be open every Thursday this summer from mid-June through the end of September. Open rain or shine – unless severe weather.



The Audubon Mini Farmers' Market is a five vendor market, allowed to have sellers who produce locally grown herbs, produce, flowers, or home canned goods. Our Market is under "Homegrown Minneapolis" [which] is a citywide initiative expanding our community's ability to grow, process, distribute, eat and compost more healthy, sustainable, locally grown foods." (www.minneapolismn.gov/).

Mark your calendars!
See you in June!!



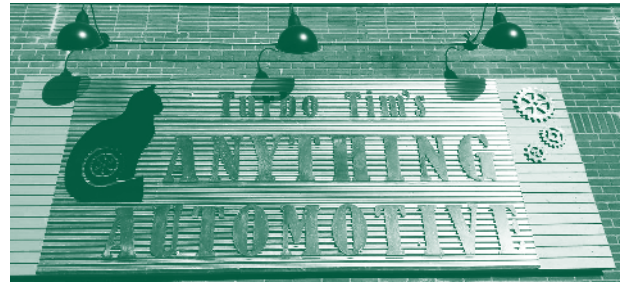
Shopping the Audubon Mini Farmers' Market

On Thursday, June 25, Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church will host their annual start of summer carnival across the street, on the church lawn, during Market hours.

Much fun is to be had by all – games & prizes, bounce house, food truck, the Raptor Center, etc. – come out and see for yourself!

Turbo Tim's Everything Automotive Celebrates Its Grand Opening Art-A-Whirl Weekend

by Robin Sauerwein



Turbo Tim's Anything Automotive opened up in its new Audubon location in December. Most of their business has always been word of mouth according to wife and co-partner, Rachel Grewell. They relocated from their 23rd & Jackson site to 2823 Central because their business was growing and they needed more space.

Already a NE business, moving to Audubon Park seemed like a more perfect fit since the couple also owns a house in Audubon Park.

Rachel said her husband, Turbo Tim Suggs, has always been interested in cars.

"He's very passionate," Rachel said. "When he's not working on other people's cars, he's got his own project cars just for him." She said when he was a child his mother used to take him to the library and he would always check out car owner's manuals. If that doesn't describe passion nothing does.

For years Turbo Tim's has always participated in Art-A-Whirl but in a slightly unusual way.

This year is no exception. Turbo Tim's will hold its grand opening during Art-A-Whirl weekend on May 15-17 with most of the events occurring on Saturday, May 16. And it promises to be quite the celebration!

Just a few of the things you can expect: Fair State Brewing will serve Kombucha and Arnie Palmers on tap. Anelace Coffee, a coffee shop on 2402 Central, will offer Cold Press. In addition, 12 artists will showcase their work and a DJ will provide live music. But wait there's more! Stop by Saturday afternoon to see Tim's loaner car – a military truck and NO, not a real loaner – (it's just a long running joke) crush donated cars on site. This is an Art-A-Whirl tradition at Turbo Tim's for the past three years.

Why would an auto shop celebrate art?

"We have friends in the artist community," Rachel said. "We thought it would be a fun, community event."

Come by the shop any time, and you most likely will meet Bobbie, the shop cat. "She's very friendly," she said. And she's kind of a celebrity. Bobbie's picture is on all their t-shirts & sweatshirts and even has her own Twitter account.

Owning an automobile shop isn't the only goal for Tim and Rachel. Turbo Tim's is interested in the environment and is

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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.

Audubon Housing News

March Sold Homes:

2550 Benjamin Street NE, Minneapolis – \$142,000

3000 Tyler Street NE, Minneapolis – \$174,997

2534 Benjamin Street NE, Minneapolis – \$205,000

2810 Ulysses Street NE, Minneapolis – \$240,000

2643 Arthur Street NE, Minneapolis – \$212,000

2551 Benjamin Street NE, Minneapolis – \$257,500

3008 Tyler Street NE, Minneapolis – \$322,900

Average sold price – \$226,171

Median sale price – \$219,900

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.

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

Audubon Park Update

by Mitch Waukau



1320 29th Ave. NE • 612-370-4910



Registration Dates

Fall registration will take place on Wednesday, July 29 at noon.

Park Highlights

The first annual Egg Hunt for ages six and under at Audubon Park was a great success for the first year. We had a total of 55 kids signed up and a total of 150 people in attendance. The kids were having a fun time putting their bunny ears together, making a basket for their eggs and dyeing eggs. The best part was watching all 55 kids follow the bunny costume and hunt down their eggs.

Up And Coming Events

New this year, Audubon Park will host a Summer Kickoff on Monday, June 15 from 6 pm – 8 pm. There will be entertainment from Kids Dance (portable DJ). This group was out for the Valentines Dance and it was a hit for the whole family. We will also have a bouncy house for the children to play in and burn off some energy. We will be selling hot dogs, chips, water, and ice cream floats. Come on out with the whole family to make this a night to remember and a great way to start off your summer.

Another great opportunity for youth 18 and under Audubon will be a FREE summer lunch program from 12pm – 1pm and FREE snack from 3pm – 4pm every day during the summer.

Important Dates

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

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

Park Hours

Audubon Park hours are the following: during the school year: Monday – Thursday 3:00 pm – 9:00pm, Friday 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm and closed on the weekends.

Summer Hours

Monday, June 6 – Sunday, August 23.
Monday – Thursday 1pm – 7pm,
Friday 1pm – 6 pm 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.

Northeast Community Education Update

Sports/Arts+ Summer Program Gets a Facelift

The summer program traditionally known as the Sports/Arts+ program at Waite Park for more than 25 years is now getting a facelift.

The program sponsored by Minneapolis Community Education will be held at Northeast Middle School this summer. Waite Park is the host site for summer school and there was no space available. The new program, Waite Park Summer Explorers, will run from June 15-July 30 for students entering grades 1-8. Activities include arts & crafts, biking, cooking, drama, fitness, science, swimming and technology. Breakfast and lunch, or lunch and a snack will be provided free of charge.

Cost of the program:

M-Th mornings, 9-10:30, weekly cost \$35.
M- Th mornings, 10:35-12:05, weekly cost \$35
M-Th mornings, 9-12, weekly cost \$70
M-F afternoons, 12:30-4, \$400 resident and \$500 non-resident.

Payments may be made all at once, or on a payment schedule. This can be set up on an individual basis. Limited partial scholarships are available.

What do kids/parents like about his program? According to Sandi McDonald, program coordinator at Waite Park, it is an opportunity to make new friends, engage in activities the kids don't normally get to do, and to enjoy the great variety of classes.

One of the highlights of the summer will be the use of the swimming pool at NEMS.

For more information, to register, and any questions, contact Sandi at 612-668-1590 or sandim@mpls.k12.mn.us. Register by June 5.

Shape Up Together at Northeast Middle School

Free Family Fitness Classes at Northeast Middle School. **Everyone Must Register.** Call 612-668-1515.

- Shape Up Family Fitness – Tuesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 through May 19
- Shape Up Zumba for Families – Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 though May 21
- Family Swim – Fridays from 6:15 to 7:15 through May 29



Minneapolis
Community Education

Personal Safety Workshop

Saturday, May 16 • 10:30 am-12 pm

Learn how to decrease your chances of being a victim of crime along with personal safety techniques at this workshop. Representatives of the Minneapolis Police Department will be on hand with helpful information. Our black belt instructor Mary Brandl, is a self-defense and personal safety expert.

This free program is done in cooperation with the Minneapolis Police Safe Unit.

To Be Held At:
Minneapolis Community Education-
Northeast Middle School
2955 Hayes St NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

To register online, go to
www.mplscommunityed.com or call
612-668-1515.



ANA, NEMS Receive Planning Grant by Nic Baker

On March 12, the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) announced award of a \$9,640 grant in response to a joint application from Audubon Neighborhood Association (ANA), Northeast Middle School (NEMS), and the Minneapolis School Board. ANA is contributing \$2000 of its own funds to the project.

The purpose of the project is to study the NEMS property adjoining 29th Avenue to determine if efforts can be made to reduce runoff. A secondary purpose is to generally beautify the area, which is much in need of beautification.



ANA will contract with a consulting firm to do the actual study. The study will include participation of the NEMS students. The educational value of the project may have been a major factor in winning the grant.

A similar project has taken place at Edison High School, also with significant MWMO funding. However, this project is of a much larger scale than that envisioned for NEMS.

Once completed, the study will determine whether significant reductions in runoff can be achieved in that area. If so – which is likely – ANA and NEMS will apply for an Action Grant from MWMO. These grants, with a maximum of \$50,000, help fund the approved projects.



ANA Board Treasurer Don Sellers is co-project manager, along with Mark Bollinger, Facilities Manager of the School Board. NEMS principal Ben Perry and ANA board members Sonja Peterson, Nic Baker, and Egan Haugesag have also been involved in the planning and will continue to support the project.

ANA Strategic Planning Survey

The ANA Strategic Planning Survey process is now complete. Thank you to those who participated and took the time to give your feedback. If you were unable to participate, we would still like to hear your thoughts. You can contact the ANA office though email, phone, postal mail, or Facebook.

ANA received a total of 171 survey responses (both online and hard copies), which amounts to 7.7% of the households in the neighborhood. The survey participants represented a majority of the following demographics (in no particular order)—white females, residents, homeowners, people without children, median income of \$50,000-74,999. People of color make up approximately 20% of Audubon residents but only account for 6% of respondents. This shows that one area of opportunity for ANA is outreach to under-represented groups in our neighborhood, with people of color being one of those groups.

ANA worked with a consultant to develop the survey and compile the results. Five goals came out of the final report—outreach and engagement (specifically toward the following groups: people of color, low-income residents, renters, and people who speak a language other than English as their primary language); increase access to current programming; review and grow programming offered by ANA (including farmer's market, loan programs, and others); support for businesses (we're currently looking at what types of programs would benefit the business community in the neighborhood); and addressing place-based issues (this could include safety, beautification, schools, traffic calming, and accessing City processes).

Those who responded to the survey (and included their address) are eligible for the following prizes: (1) \$100 gift certificate to Eastside Food Coop or (25) \$50 toward their National Night Out block party. Winners will be notified during the month of May.

Complete survey answers will be available in the ANA office and more information will be sent out as we develop a process to implement the feedback gathered from the surveys.

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.

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looking into installing solar panels for the roof of their building. Plans are also in the works to install a rain garden, vegetable garden and may even acquire some chickens.



Another great promotion is Turbo Tim's bumper stickers. If you put one of your bumper sticker on your car, you receive 10% off for the life of the car. Rachel said friends regularly send them photos of the bumper stickers they see on cars from all over the country.



If you are curious about Turbo Tim's check out Bobbie's blog at <http://turbotims.com/blog/>

Lowry Avenue Community Works

Lowry Avenue Community Works is a collaboration between Hennepin County Public Works, the City of Minneapolis, the Minnesota Department of Transportation, the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board, Metro Transit and the ten Lowry Avenue Corridor neighborhoods.

Throughout 2014, Lowry Avenue Community Works worked together with the community to develop a new plan for the Lowry Avenue corridor east of the Mississippi River. Now the plan has been drafted and we are seeking comments from the public through June 4, 2015.

The plan proposes sidewalk and road improvements for walkers, bicyclists, transit users and drivers; explores redevelopment options that would support business and housing in the area; and more. As someone involved with the community works process, your input is important.

To read or download the plan, visit the Lowry Avenue Community Works website and click on "news and updates." Send your feedback to Haila.Maze@minneapolismn.gov.

We look forward to receiving your comments!

Audubon Neighborhood Association Community Meeting – minutes

April 6, 2015

Attendees:

Board members Egan Haugesag, Terri Harder, Melissa Haugesag, Kevin Kelly, Sonja Peterson, Adam Sieve, Nic Baker, Don Sellers, Rachel Bode; Office Manager Luke Stultz

Meeting Called to Order at 7:03 pm

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Northeast Newspaper & Margo Ashmore

Margo brought MSP home tour guides to share. Margo wanted to reach out and introduce new officers through the Johnson Street Merchants Association and extended an offer to collaborate energies between our two organizations. She also discussed repairs happening to the Johnson Street parking lot. Egan and Margo shared info about Johnstock.

III. Strategic Planning Process Report and Hannah Kamath

Hannah introduced herself and her background. She discussed the process of how we created the survey and then shared the information we obtained. A complete report of the survey was shared with the community, distributed, and discussed.

Egan and Luke took over briefly for Hannah and did some historical information about the history of NRP I and NRP II.

Discussion ensued about the five goals suggested in the strategic plan. Hannah and Luke fielded questions from the community. Luke will be providing all the info from the surveys within 7-10 days. Hannah questioned the crowd about whether we thought our goals were achievable.

Vigorous discussion ensued around the topic of hiring a community organizer. Specifically, we discussed hiring someone from the neighborhood and using local resources versus hiring an outside professional.

IV. Old/New/Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:21 PM by Nic. Terri seconded. Motion to adjourn approved by unanimous vote.

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 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.

Windyfest is back!

Mark your calendars, because Windyfest will be back for 2015! Saturday, June 20, from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Windom Park.

Festivities are in the planning stages now. We are happy to welcome Fair State Brewing as this year's Bier Garten sponsor, along with returning sponsor The Mill Northeast. Details can be found at www.windyfest.com. Great food, games, live bands and more. This is a family-friendly annual event in the park.

We also invite the community to join us Tuesday, May 19, from 5-10 p.m. for a beer social fundraiser for Windyfest and WPCiA at The Mill Northeast, 1851 Central Ave. NE

Neighbors Garage Sale Weekend June 19-20

Forms will be printed in May.

For more information go to their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/NEighborsGarageSaleWeekend or check the Northeaster at www.northeastnews.com.

Northeast Center for Music Spring Recital

Saturday, June 13th, 3:00 PM

Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church Sanctuary,
1509 27th St. NE, Minneapolis

Please join us for our first annual Spring Recital. Hear students perform, meet our teachers, and enjoy refreshments.

Northeast Center for Music Summer Term I

June 8 - August 1 (5 weeks)

Makeups: Week of August 2nd

CLOSED: Saturday, July 4th (Independence Day)

Registration OPENS on June 1st

\$5 HATHA YOGA

Be peaceful, be happy, be whole.

* LOCATION GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS CHURCH

* DAY EVERY TUESDAY

* TIME 6:00-6:45 PM

* CONTACT
o: 612.789.7256
e: bayli.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.

Coaching with NE/SE Soccer

We rely on volunteer coaches to make NE/SE Soccer happen every summer. Coaching with NE/SE is fun, rewarding, and does not require any more time than you would spend attending every practice and game with your player(s). The only additional time-commitment required is a Coaches Clinic scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Logan Park. We will teach you some drills to use during practice, have you fill out some paperwork and conduct a required concussion training session. Then you will be an official Mpls Park & Rec Coach!

Plus if you coach, your players' registration fees will be waived! Interested?

Please contact us at nesesoccer@gmail.com.

WAITE PARK CARNIVAL – May 29

5:30-8:00 pm, Waite Park,
34th & Ulysses St. NE

Food, games, & entertainment

Jim Lupient Water Park

1520 Johnson St. NE

Hours:

Monday-Friday, 1-8 pm

Saturday-Sunday, 11 am-8 pm

June 13 through late August 2015

Park Hours – 6 am-10 pm

Preview Days:

Thursday, June 11 and Friday, June 12, 2015

1-6 pm **Free Admission!**



Audubon Neighborhood Association

Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church
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Minneapolis, MN 55418

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

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FOOD CO-OP

Northeast Minneapolis' Community-
Owned Natural Foods Grocery Store!

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

Egan Haugesag - President
Nic Baker - Vice President
Don Sellers - Treasurer
Adam Sieve - Secretary
Melissa Haugesag
Terry Harder
Sonja Peterson
Rachel Bode
Kevin Kelly

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

- Salvation Army
612-789-1512
Social services & spiritual ministry.
- Eastside Meals on Wheels
612-277-2529
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.

