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**SCNA Meetings:**

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**Tues, Aug 3, National Night Out Block Parties**

**Mon, Aug 9, SCNA Board Meeting at 6:30pm at Creekview Park**

**Sat, Aug 21, Community Garden Tours hosted by Gardening Matters, 10a-2pm**

**at Creekview Park 5001 Humboldt Ave N, unless stated otherwise**

**\*All meetings are open to the public \*All residents are encouraged to attend.**

Any requests for special accommodations are welcome. Contact SCNA staff seven days prior to meeting.

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**SCNA Celebrates Volunteers and Partners!**

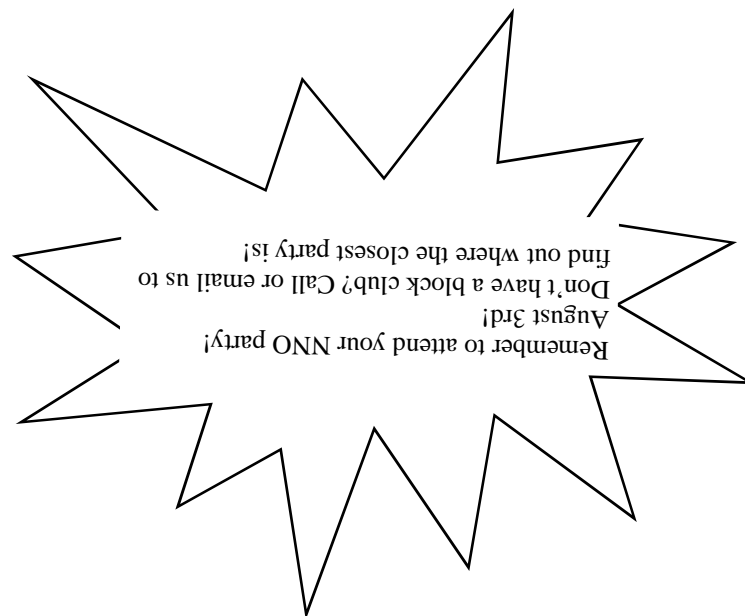
SCNA Chair Brock Hanson congratulates our volunteers and partners at the July Volunteer Recognition and Potluck!

Ms. Virginia Bratton, (above) was a founding mother of SCNA in 1992. She has been an inspiration to all of us in this neighborhood for nearly two decades! We wish her all the best on her next endeavors! Thank you Ginny!

Mr. Jeff Johnson, has been the Chair for the Shingle Creek Annual Clean-up for the past ten years! His efforts and passion always make the clean-up a community tradition! Thank you Jeff!

Mr. Jason Green, (top r) has been a partner we rely on for the success of our many meetings and events in the community. Without his experience, jovial spirit, and help it would be difficult to accomplish things in the community! Thank you Jason!

Mr. John Theis, (middle r) Owens Corning has been a great supporter of our SC Clean-up and of the work of SCNA and we just wanted to say "Thanks Owens Corning!"



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### August 3 National Night Out!

This city-wide and nation-wide event has been a popular way for residents to get to know one another! Contact your neighborhood Block Club leader for more details about any festivities planned for your block!

Don't have a National Night Out event planned or registered for your block or don't even have a blockclub leader? Invite a neighbor over, pour some lemonade, talk about your neighborhood and presto! You've had your first blockclub party!

### Minneapolis area ranks as one of nation's top urban getaway vacation spots

The Minneapolis area ranks in the top five urban getaway vacation spots in the nation according to the 2010 Travel + Leisure magazine's annual [America's Favorite Cities survey](#). For the survey, the magazine surveyed its readers for what makes a destination an ideal spot to getaway in June, July and August.

The Minneapolis area ranked high for good weather, family-friendliness, great parks and easy access to the outdoors, and fantastic farmers markets. Readers cited the average 71 degree summer temperature, walks around lakes Calhoun and Harriet, outdoor concerts, the Minneapolis Farmers Market and easy access to lakes, water parks, and entertainment as some of the reasons that make the area popular to visitors.

Minneapolis ranked as the fifth most popular destination of the 30 largest cities in the nation. The top four cities that placed ahead of Minneapolis as summer travel destinations were Portland, Ore., Denver, Seattle, and San Diego.  
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**One volunteer hour equals \$20.85 to a nonprofit organization according to independent sector.org.**

### August 21, 10-2pm City-wide Community Garden Tours COMMON GROUND COMMUNITY GARDEN:

**5151 & 5159 NEWTON AVENUE NORTH**

Since 1995, the volunteer gardeners have worked to maintain this community garden's native character, and make it a community treasure by installing benches and a picnic table, adding plantings and labels, and occasional programs. Check out the website [www.scna-mpls.org](http://www.scna-mpls.org) for a full list of other gardens

on this city-wide tour hosted by Gardening Matters. For more information or to volunteer, contact Linda – 763-566-6618.

### Forbes ranks Minneapolis metro area as third best market for young professionals

The Minneapolis-St. Paul metro area is the nation's third best market in the nation according to Forbes magazine's [America's Best Cities for Young Professionals survey](#). For the survey, Forbes magazine used data from a variety of sources including Metropolitan Statistical Areas, Payscale.com and Moody's Economy.com to look at current unemployment rates, affordability, talent, and average salary of college graduates among other factors.

Of all large markets (of more than million in population) studied, the Minneapolis metro area ranked well in a number of factors studied for the Forbes survey. The area ranked high in the (lower) cost of living index, the number of large companies that call Twin Cities home, elite graduates (from Harvard, Princeton, Stanford, Duke, Rice and Northwestern universities) in the area, and the overall rate of unemployment to rank as the third best market in the nation for college graduates in a tough economy.

Only Houston, Texas and Washington, D.C. rated higher than the Twin Cities metro area in the study. New York, Boston, Dallas, Seattle, Denver, Atlanta and Austin, Texas rounded off the top 10 markets in 2010. In the 2009 survey, Minneapolis also made the top 10 list and was ranked at number 9.  
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### A Rotta Love Holds Educational Training at Jenny Lind for Kindergarten and 1st graders

SCNA, working with A Rotta love, and Jenny Lind School, offered a free training for first kindergarteners and three classes of first graders last month. Students learned some of the valuable lessons of how to approach an unknown dog, what to do if a dog approaches you, and various other pet care and safety tips.

An pet care educational event is starting to be planned for our area for adults for next spring. If you're interested in participating or learning more please contact SCNA at [scna@stribmail.com](mailto:scna@stribmail.com) or contact our staff at 763-561-1616.

For more information about A Rotta Love, contact Kellie Dillner, MSW, Volunteer Education Director, A Rotta Love Plus C: 612.790.5085

### SCNA Board Members

Chair Brock Hanson, Vice Chair Jeff Johnson, Secretary Jeffrey L. Strand, Treasurer Lori Hanson, Board members: Marie Castle, Brian Hitchcock, Carol McCrillis, Pam Owens, Brian Preiner, Lori Thayer, John Thies, Troy Parker.



Check out these important facts about the SCNA Home Improvement Loan Program to see if a loan from SCNA could help improve your home and the community!

### Low-Interest Home Improvement Loans

#### Loan Amount

- Maximum: \$15,000

#### Interest Rate(s)

- 0% loans are available to eligible property owners able to match loan amounts dollar for dollar. For example: If the total cost of the improvement is \$4,000, the owner contributes \$2,000 towards the cost of the improvement and receives a \$2,000 loan from SCNA at 0%.
- 4% loans are available to eligible property owners who wish to finance 100% of the improvement.

#### Requirements

- No outstanding judgments or collections
- No tax liens
- No defaulted government loans
- Home must not be in foreclosure
- No more than three 90-day late payments in last 3 years (without reasonable explanation)
- Prove ability to repay loan

#### Eligible Properties

- 1-4 unit owner-occupied or absentee-owned residential structures located in the Shingle Creek neighborhood.

#### Eligible Improvements

- Most improvements are eligible, interior or exterior maintenance or remodeling.
- One bid is required for projects under \$5,000 & two bids required for projects over \$5,000.

#### Loan Term

- Maximum repayment term 10 years.

#### Proof of Income

- **If you are employed:** submit copies of your two most recent paystubs.
- **If you are retired:** submit a copy of your social security benefits or pension.
- **If you are self-employed:** submit copies of your Federal Tax Returns for the last 2 years.
- Contact Jim Hasnik at (612) 335-5885 for more information.