



**Are You Looking for a New Home or to Remodel your Existing Home in the Shingle Creek Neighborhood?**

Need a \$1,000? \$2,500, \$5,000 for new

furnace, windows, bathroom, roof?

Consider using the

SCNA Home Improvement Loan Program!

SCNA homeowners are eligible for low or no interest rates for home improvement loans. Every repaid loan helps us to be able to do more to improve our community!

**The minimum loan is \$1,000!**

Contact Brenda Yaritz at 612-335-5891 Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) for more details on what projects qualify!

### SCNA Calendar

All meetings are open to the public and are held at Creekview Park, 5001 Humboldt Ave N unless otherwise stated

**August 2, National Night Out**

**August 9, 2011 SCNA Board Meeting  
6:30pm**

**August 6, 10-2pm Community Garden Day  
Celebration**

Come meet your neighbors! All meetings are Open to the Public. Residents are encouraged to attend.

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### SCNA Hosted Tour De Camden Bikers Brave Weather to See Great Neighborhoods



Downpours of rain didn't deter these hearty riders from the 5th Annual Tour de Camden, an Aquatennial Associated event this year.

Despite a half hour rain delay, the ride had 50 registered riders from 21 different cities, and 15 different neighborhoods trekking a 12 mile journey through the seven neighborhoods of Camden.

Riders stopped at several sights along the way to highlight community treasures and assets of the Camden community. Featured stops this year were:

\*Shingle Creek and Regional Pond, Victory Memorial Parkway and Flagpole, Tornado damaged areas, Great Blue Heron rookery...cont'd on pg 3



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Tour De Camden bikers at Shingle Creek Falls  
July 23, 2011

### Gardening Matters City-wide Garden Tour Saturday August 6 10am-2pm

**Growing a community starts with a garden!**

Come tour the SC Common Ground Community Garden

Saturday, August 6 from 10-1pm

The Common Ground Community Garden at

52nd and Newton Aves N, is

participating in the Gardening Matters city-wide community garden tours. There are over 40 gardens to tour across the metro.

See what other Northside citywide gardens are on the tour by checking out our website at [www.scna-mpls.org](http://www.scna-mpls.org).



Many thanks to this year's Tour De Camden

Partners:

Aquatennial

Lind-Bohanon Neighborhood Association

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board/Creekview Park

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program

Minneapolis NCR Dept

Food donors:

Victory on 44th Davanni's Pizza

Volunteers: Brock and Lori Hanson, Teresa Beles and BJ Greer, Derek Hanson, Karla Knutson, Pam Owens, Jeff Strand, Jeff Johnson, Lori Thayer

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### Rescued Great Blue Heron Release

Seven of the nine rescued blue herons were old enough and independent enough to be released on July 18, 2011 at the Coon Rapids Dam. The remaining two, there were only a week old when the tornado hit 57 days before will look to be released in another three weeks or so.

The rescued Great Blue Heron chicks were rescued and nurtured by the Wildlife Rehabilitation center, a 501c 3 nonprofit in Roseville, MN.

The Great Blue Herons are the largest of the North American herons with a head to tail length of 36-55 inches and a wingspan of 66-79 inches. The heron's stride is nine inches. The call is a harsh croak and is most vocal during the breeding season. They are found throughout most of North America and as far north as Alaska and as far south as South America.

The herons usually breed in colonies in trees close to lakes or other wetlands. Sometimes they nest alongside other species but not often. These colonies are called a "heronry" or more specifically a "rookery" and can range from 5-500 nests per colony, with an average of 160 nests per colony.

Nest building begins in early spring when a male chooses a nesting territory and displays to attract a female. The male gathers sticks for the female who fashions them into a platform next lined with small twigs, bark, and conifer needles. Both parents incubate the 3-5 eggs for 25-29 days. The young can first fly at about 60 days old, although they continue to return to the nest and are fed by the adults for another few weeks. Pair bonds only last for the nesting season.

To learn more about the local rookery check out our website at [scna-mpls.org](http://scna-mpls.org)

### Violent crime falls for a fifth year in a row in Minneapolis

Violent crime continues to decline in Minneapolis for the fifth year in a row. As of June 30, violent crime has dropped nearly 15 percent compared to the same point in 2010, after falling to a 27-year low for all of 2010. These statistics were presented at press conference attended by Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak, Minneapolis Police Chief Tim Dolan and other elected leaders at the Fourth Precinct in North Minneapolis Monday, July 18.

City and police leadership praised the work of City, County and federal prosecutors who cooperate closely with Minneapolis Police, and police officers themselves for helping reach this milestone. According to Minneapolis Police, while several large cities are recording drops in crime in recent years, few if any of them can point to Minneapolis' consistent, five-year drop in crime.

As an important component in the citywide drop in violent crime, the number of youth suspects in violent crime has declined 14 percent since the midpoint of 2010 and 66 percent since the midpoint of 2006, the recent high-water mark for violent crime and youth crime. The City's Youth Violence Prevention initiative — a comprehensive, community-driven approach that treats youth violence as a public-health epidemic, which began in response to an outbreak of youth-driven violence in 2006 — is being credited with leading the citywide drop in violent crime.

The drop in violent crime is led by an ongoing decline in the number of gun incidents, with Minneapolis on track to record a 20 percent drop in gun incidents in 2011 compared to 2010. Mayor Rybak and Chief Dolan credited the success of Project Exile, a partnership between the Minneapolis Police Department, the Hennepin County Attorney and the United States Attorney to arrest and prosecute the most violent gun offenders and get illegal guns off the street.

Other initiatives included cooperation and partnership with neighbors, businesses and community organizations as contributing to the decline in violent crime. Police cite North Minneapolis' revitalized Hawthorne Eco-Village, once the site of a large open-air drug market, as a successful partnership between neighbors, police and many others that has helped significantly to drive down crime. The combined efforts of Minneapolis Police and community partners in the Eco-Village resulted in a 73-percent decline in violent crime in that neighborhood between 2007 and 2009 and an 85-percent decline in drug arrests.

Comprehensive statistics about violent crime citywide and in North Minneapolis at the midpoint of 2011 are available at [ci.minneapolis.mn.us](http://ci.minneapolis.mn.us)



(Singing at Logan Park 1928)

### Mark your Calendars! 7th Annual Riverfest and Heritage Day Event Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 1-5 pm

We invite neighbors far and wide to join us for an exciting day of celebrating the Mississippi River and our rich local history for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Riverfest and Heritage Day event Saturday, September 17 from 1-5 pm at Carl Kroening Interpretive Center, 4900 Mississippi Court N.

Along the banks of the Mississippi, residents will be able to meet Jacques, the Voyageur, a French fur trader and river voyageur whose adventurous tales and artifacts of his trading and river journeys will bewilder and enthrall adventurers of all ages!

This year we are honored to feature the rich history and resonating energy of Minnesota Community Sings\* to the Haybale Theater. We invite you to join us and recreate a piece of history by sharing in a unique and historic community sing along event on the banks of the Mississippi River! We'll sing a wide variety of songs together, led by song leaders Bret Hesla and Mary Preus of Minnesota Community Sings. There is no audience: we all are the main attraction. Come join us, and experience the joy of singing together just for fun.



We have new games and art activities planned for the whole family to enjoy including making cornhusk dolls, rope and shingle making, building a log home, and hayrides.

Admission is \$5.00 per person (children under 3 free), includes picnic lunch (hot dog, chips, beverage), local history provided by Mississippi Courts Historical Society, Camden Historical Society and the Brooklyn Historical Society. Hurry and preregister today by calling 763-694-7694! Shuttle will be leaving from Jenny Lind Parking lot at 51st and Dupont Ave N throughout the event.

Watch the Camdenews and September Newsletter for more information or go to [www.lindbohanon.org](http://www.lindbohanon.org)



\*Minnesota Community SINGS is a fiscal year 2011 recipient of a Folk and Traditional Arts grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board. This activity is funded, in part, by the arts and cultural heritage fund as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the Legacy Amendment vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.



Representative Joe Mullery and about fifty other riders stop to hear a presentation from Carl Kroening Interpretive Center Naturalist Carol McElroy at the Great Blue Heron Rookery during this year's Tour de Camden.

Conti'd from Pg 1 Tour De Camden  
\*Shingle Creek Falls, Three Rivers Park Pavillion, Lind Community Garden and Creekview Park.

Want to see more photos from the tour?  
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Mark your calendars for next year's Tour De Camden:  
July 21st, 2012