



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

**Tuesday, December 13,
SCNA Board Meeting 6:30pm**

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

Do you have a special home need?
Contact Brenda Yaritz at CEE 612-335-5891 and see if you qualify for an SCNA Emergency Home Loan!

SCNA 's helping building our community one home at a time!

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Next Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association Meeting is:
Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30pm at Creekview Park
All meetings are free and open to the public.
Come see and hear what's going on in the neighborhood!

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Congratulations Jason Green!

For the past thirteen years Jason Green, the Creekview Park Director has strived to improve our community by providing great quality youth programs, adult programs, events and activities that

all of our families and this community could benefit.

He helped SCNA and LBNA bring concrete improvements such as the three-story slide, skateboard park, Bohanon pool improvements, soccer and baseball fields and many others. He was an incredible partner, who would do anything, including moving mountains to help bring park benefits and champion programs to our community.

We wish him all the best at Folwell Park and extend a warm welcome to the new Creekview Park Director, Sara Richards.

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Looking for a home improvement loan to help get ready for winter? Check out pg 4!

A GREAT RIVER OUTING: SNOWSHOEING NORTH MISS DECEMBER 11

Date: Sunday, December 11th, 2011

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Location: North Mississippi Regional Park Carl Kroening Interpretive Center, 4900 Mississippi Court (49th Avenue North, east of I-94)

Who: Bring your entire family! ALL AGES WELCOME!

Cost: \$8.00 per person; snowshoes provided

Join us for an urban snowshoeing excursion through North Mississippi Regional Park with Minneapolis Park Board naturalists. This natural jewel of the Mississippi riverfront is rich with wildlife, stories of the past, and exciting plans for the future. Visit Minneapolis Riverfront Partnership's website for more information and to Register! www.minneapolisriverfrontpartnership.org

Shingle Creek Sliding Hill Day Saturday January 21st 12-2pm

Community members are invited to mark their calendars and plan on bringing their slides for a community sliding hill event at the Shingle Creek sliding hill in Creekview park at 50th and Logan Ave N.

4th Camden Winterfest is coming February 4th

Mark your calendars for February 4th! Chili cook-off, winter activities and so much more!! Watch the Camden News and next month's newsletter for more details!



Security tips for the holidays

Credit Cards

Credit cards are as good as cash and clerks rarely check identification. Most credit card companies hold the owner responsible for all purchases until the card is reported lost. To prevent credit card loss:

- Keep your credit cards in a safe place.
- Report any losses immediately.
- Take only the cards you will need for shopping.
- Check your credit card statements for accuracy.
- Keep a record of your credit cards and phone numbers to call if they're lost.

Cash

The tendency to carry large amounts of cash is greater during the holidays. If you must carry cash:

- Take only the amount you plan to spend when shopping.
- Keep all money in a safe place.
- Avoid flashing your money in public.

Transporting gifts in your car

Gifts left unattended on the back seat of your car can be tempting to a thief.

- Always lock your car.
- Pick up major items at the end rather than the beginning of a shopping trip.
- Lock all purchases in the trunk of your car.
- Immediately remove all purchases from your car when you return home.
- Consider a locker at the shopping center.

Deliveries

Do not give criminals an easy opportunity.

- Schedule deliveries for times when you are at home.
- Make arrangements to have your parcels delivered to a neighbor if you are unable to be at home.
- If you live in a multi-unit building, bring packages left outside for your neighbors into a secured area.

Home security during the holidays

Many people like to keep their presents out for days before or after the holiday. Also, homes are more vulnerable, given the time spent shopping and visiting.

- Close the blinds/curtains at night or while you're away.
- Garage locks are usually the weakest locks you have. Avoid hiding presents in the garage. A second-story closet or attic offers you safer storage.
- Break up boxes, especially for purchases like televisions and computers. Put the boxes in garbage bags.
- A light display shows ownership and increases lighting in the area.

Holiday scams

Know your charities and retailers.

- Fake charities: If you're asked for a donation, verify the legitimacy of the charity before giving.
- Gift cards: Only purchase gift cards from trusted retail outlets. Make sure gift cards have not been tampered with before buying them.
- Scam emails and online shopping: Shop only at trusted retail Web sites. Do not respond to unsolicited emails or click on links in them.



Contact your crime prevention specialist for additional prevention information. Call 311 (or 612-673-3000) or see www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/outreach/docs/safe-staff-map.pdf to locate your neighborhood crime prevention specialist.

For further crime prevention resources, please visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-prevention.

English: Attention. If you want help translating this information, call 612-673-3737.
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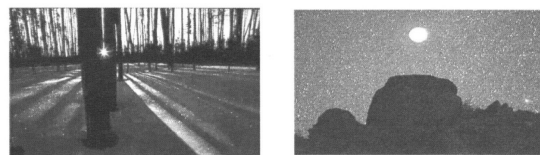
Have a Passion for the Environment? SCNA's Seeking Volunteer Help for Shingle Creek Clean-up 2012

The volunteer board of the Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association is seeking one or two volunteers who would be willing to work to coordinate Shingle Creek Cleanup efforts. Contact us at mpls.scna@gmail.com to find out how to begin!

Check out what's happening at our very own community asset- Carl Kroening Interpretive Center, at 49th Ave N and the River—at 4900 Mississippi

WINTER Solstice Celebration

KROENING INTERPRETIVE CENTER
NORTH MISSISSIPPI REGIONAL PARK, MPLS



Saturday, December 17 3-5 p.m.

- Explore traditions of the longest night of the year!
- Share stories of holiday memories
- Revel in the warmth of a bonfire
- Make a candle centerpiece
- Hike or snowshoe to tie down the sun!
- Enjoy food and drink of the season

\$5/person. 20% discount, groups of 4 or more.
Call 763.694.7693 for more information or 763.559.6700 to register.



Me, My Baby and the Mississippi

KROENING INTERPRETIVE CENTER
North Mississippi Regional Park, Minneapolis



Its never too early to begin exploring the natural world!

Ages: 0-2.	10:00-11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, December 14th	Track Facts
Wednesday, January 11th	Sensory Exploration
Wednesday, February 15th	The Things You Love to Hate
Wednesday, March 14th	Bound into Spring
Wednesday, April 11th	April Wild Edibles

Increase your natural history knowledge while introducing environmental topics to your child at the same time. Have a fun outing, create a timeless craft and enjoy the company of other parents. See website for complete program description.
See you soon!

Cost: \$5/program. For information, call 763.694.7693.
Child must be accompanied by a paying adult.



The Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association is a registered 501c 3. All donations to our organization are tax-deductible. Check with your tax advisors for full details.

Check out our website for our full annual report. Thank you for your donation to the Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association.

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____

Every contribution helps!

\$5 ___ \$10 ___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ Other _____

Our monthly newsletter goes out to 1300 residents and costs SCNA about \$500 a month to print and mail. Your contribution can help us keep neighbors informed about important things happening in Shingle Creek.

Our community events cost anywhere from \$500-on up to help keep residents informed, educated, and provide fun ways to build and strengthen the safety in our neighborhood.

Our community partnerships help provide volunteers, supplies and needed funding for the success of larger community events. SCNA is a vital partner in several community-wide events such as: Camden Winterfest and Chili Cook-off, Holiday on 44th, Riverfest and Heritage Day, and several others. Your donations make a difference to the work of SCNA and our neighborhood!

Thanks for your consideration and contribution to help keep residents informed and invested in our neighborhood!

Be eco-friendly: Save money and enjoy a richer holiday season

The lavishness we enjoy from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day doesn't have to boost food waste, packaging, wrapping paper and decorations, even though previous years show a 25 percent increase in household waste this time of year. If you'd like to keep your holidays just as festive while making them less wasteful, check out these tips and put your money where your values are.

- **Give experiences, investments or donations rather than things.** Think ski or park passes, event tickets, music lessons or cooking classes. Contribute to a child's savings account or education IRA or give a U.S. Savings Bond. Or donate in a friend's name to a favorite charity.
- **Buy LED holiday lights.** Light-emitting diode lights are more energy-efficient and will last longer.
- **Recycle.** Besides day-to-day recycling, be sure to make it easy for your party guests to recycle beverage cans and bottles. Visit www.minneapolis.gov/solid-waste/recycling.asp for Minneapolis recycling information. Recycle your tangled or broken holiday lights through the Recycling Association of Minnesota's Recycle Your Holidays program www.recycleminnesota.org. Hennepin County accepts holiday lights and electrical cords year round for recycling at its drop-off facilities in Brooklyn Park and Bloomington.

Ongoing Jenny Lind School Support

Just because school starts doesn't mean the need ends. Its just beginning. Some of the ongoing school items needed are:

- *Washable markers Crayola washable markers 8 to a pack. They're the best.
- *Spiral Notebooks: Wide ruled 70 count
- *Wide Packing tape Scotch Packing tape: 2" roll
- *Dry erase markers: Black mostly but can use other colors
- *Kids movies G rated on DVD School house rock, educational fun learning
- Gifts for prizes for students in the classrooms.
- After school program items:
- *10 cases of white copy paper
- *4 reams each of Astro Bright **Legal** Paper (Cosmic Orange, Fireball Fuschia, Galaxy Gold, Gamma Green, Gemini Green, Lift-Off Lemon)
- *4 reams each of Astro Bright **Letter** Paper
- 24 reams totals
- *Liquid Highlighters *Click Ballpoint Pens
- * 3 dozen 6" scissors

Bring your donation items to the next LBNA meeting or feel free to contact Jenny Lind School, 612-668-2020 on other ways to volunteer and support our local school.