

THE COMMUNITY CONNECTION

SHINGLE CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2012



SCNA Sliding Hill Event, Saturday, January 21, 2012 Noon-3pm

www.scna-mpls.org

Next SCNA Meeting is:
Tuesday, January 10 at 6:30pm at
 Creekview Park

All meetings are free and open to
 the public.
 Come find out what resources are
 available for residents
 in the neighborhood!

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SCNA Hosts Community-wide Sledding Event Saturday January 21 Noon-3pm!

For the third year, SCNA will be hosting a community-wide sledding hill event at the best sliding hill in Camden!

The site is located in the Shingle Creek neighborhood at 50th and Logan Ave N.



There will be food, bonfires, fun, and a few extra sleds if needed. Dress warmly, and bring the whole family for some free food and fun in the neighborhood Saturday, January 21st Noon-3pm! If you have questions, feel free to email us at mpis.scna@gmail.com.

Thank you to all who stopped by and visited us at our table at this year's Holiday on 44th event!

Want to see what's coming up for SCNA? Check us out at www.scna-mpls.org or facebook.

Camden Winterfest and Chili Cook-off Saturday, Feb 4, 12-4pm At Bohanon Park Warming House



Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association Chairperson's Note

SCNA Friends,
 This year has been another amazing year living in the quiet corner neighborhood of Minneapolis we all know as Shingle Creek. We held our annual Shingle Creek Clean-up, Tour de Camden events. We co-hosted Camden Winterfest and Chili Cook-off and Holiday on 44th. And our band of merry volunteer residents have financially supported and physically stepped in to help volunteer at the local Creekview events of Ice Cream Social and Haunted House.

Its easy to complain about housing values dropping or nagging about what we don't have in our neck of the woods but our neighborhood has so much character, great neighbors, great housing stock and so much going on. An abundance of nature, parks, and solid housing stock, great access to freeways and downtown. —My wife and I could have bought anywhere in Minneapolis—(We're glad Shingle Creek is home.)

Happy New Year! Brock Hanson, SCNA Chair



**SPOTLIGHT —
HOME IMPROVEMENTS**

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

Do you have a special home need?

Check out our Home Improvement Loans at www.scna-mpls.org

Or contact Brenda Yartz 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!



Carl Kroening
Interpretive Center
4900
Mississippi Ct N



Hours: 9:00 A-5:00 P Mon-Sat; Noon-5:00 PM Sun
Phone: 763.694.7693

Address: 4900 Mississippi Court, Minneapolis, MN 55430

The Carl Kroening Interpretive Center sits surround by prairie and woodlands overlooking the Mississippi River. Inside, wander through an exhibit exploring the Mississippi River. You'll discover the dangers of logging, "drive" a '73 Barracuda, "visit" the Webber Baths and find out what happened to local clay.

Me, My Baby and the Mississippi
KROENING INTERPRETIVE CENTER
North Mississippi Regional Park, Minneapolis

Its never to 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.

ThreeRiversParks.org

The Center also features a unique found-object mural and displays of live amphibians and reptiles. Use our binoculars to watch the birds from inside comfort. Young visitors can dress-up like loggers, hold a farmers market, build with "clay" bricks, discover if they are larger than a Great Blue Heron, and explore the touch-and-see area.

A variety of free resources are also available to visitors. Borrow backpacks full of fun activities and information for exploring insects, trees, the river, or birds. Trail activity guides—available in English, Spanish and Hmong—turn investigating the prairie, forest and creek into family fun. Or borrow a book from our lending library. Snowshoes are available for a small rental fee.



Growing Community- What's it Take?

Amid the foreclosure epidemic, many homeowners and residents face many of the same questions: How do we get our home values to rise? What will it take to keep our schools full? How can we reduce our property taxes? What can I do to my home to increase my family's safety living in an urban neighborhood? What is there that my family can do for free or a minimal cost in the community?

This new formatted SCNA newsletter is designed to help answer some of those questions. Creating and growing a sense of community starts by getting connected. We invite you to get connected to assets in our community that make this corner gateway Minneapolis neighborhood a very special place—a unique neighborhood to live, work, and grow!



Remembering a Community Gardener

This winter is an especially hard winter at the Common Ground Community Garden. Last month we lost one of our founding gardeners, Mary Jane Halligan. Mary Jane gardened at this community garden since its inception in 1995. In recent years, son Jim, also began lending his talents, contributing this beautiful sign and many new aspiring foliage to the garden.

Mary Jane was the envy of every gardener. Her dirty gloves and sweet spirit grew community and plants naturally. She always came to the garden with a rake, a smile, and some new gardening tip for the novice green thumbs. We will miss her this spring and always.

Visit the Common Ground Community Garden no matter what the season. Enjoy a stroll anytime through this landscaped demonstration native plant and small vegetable garden at 52nd and Newton Ave N.
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