

NEWPNA NEWS

The Newsletter of the North-East Wilson Park Neighborhood Association- Spring 2014

You likely are noticing that this edition of the NEWPNA newsletter is a little different from those you've received in the past. That's because Wendy Schoen, our former editor and reporter is no longer able to continue this work. Wendy has been active in NEWPNA since its beginning, assuming many leadership responsibilities. We are grateful for not only her journalistic skills, but also her positive energy and devotion to this neighborhood. Thank you, Wendy.

Steve Carter and Dawn Newton are co-editing the newsletter for two editions- Spring and Fall-planned for this year. We welcome suggestions, information and articles to be included in the Fall edition @ djnewton@q.com. In addition to the newsletter, information and updates on our regular meetings are available on line at newpna.weebly.com.

And NEWPNA?

NEWPNA's mission statement is: **“to preserve the character of the neighborhood, fostering community pride and a sense of place, where all neighbors can be their best selves.”** To this end, we strive to organize and host activities throughout the year, most often in spring, summer and fall to bring our families together to have fun and become acquainted. We also organize efforts to make our streets and parks safer, more comfortable, more welcoming. We have identified priorities for North East Wilson Park and continue to work on these: extension of the train quiet zone, the Gateway Project, sitting area and art displays along the river, managing invasive buck thorn in the park, developing a “neighbors helping neighbors” service exchange, encouraging more block parties and neighborhood watches. We do have the financial means to attend to our mission; however, what we are in great need of is help from YOU to carry out the activities and objectives we've planned and hope to expand in the future. We'll tell you more about that later.

What is the North East Wilson Park Neighborhood Association (NEWPNA) anyway?

We are one of 7 St Cloud neighborhoods involved in the St Cloud Neighborhood Coalition.

What does the coalition (SCNC) do?

The Coalition was established in March 2003 as a grassroots effort to maintain and improve the quality of life the older, established St Cloud neighborhoods for all residents. The SCNC was recognized as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in 2008, and serves as our financial agent.

SCNC has identified what are being called “Overarching Goals”; issues/priorities that concern more than one participating neighborhood group. Task forces have developed among groups working cooperatively. These identified priorities are listed on the SCNC website www.scnc.us as well as the schedule for monthly meetings and locations.

NEWPNA's primary goal for 2014 is to increase the involvement not only in the scheduled activities throughout the year, but also in planning, goal setting, discussing neighborhood concerns and needs. The Leadership Team of NEWPNA has shrunk; we welcome new members to work with us. Our meetings are held monthly on the last Tuesday of the month at the Northeast Boys and Girls Club- ADDRESS) at 7:30 and about 1 ½ hours. Any resident of our neighborhood, or stakeholder is invited to attend and participate. Those who have attended at least three meetings in a 6 month period are eligible to become members of the Leadership Team and be elected to office. Come see what we're doing!

NEWPNA Officers for 2014

Chairperson: Jane Holmberg
Vice Chair: Kelly Carlson
Secretary Adam Ploof
Treasurer: Christine Kulstelski

Neighborhood Activities-Spring/Summer 2014

Spring Cleanup- May 17, 10-12:00, meeting at Wilson Park Pavilion refreshments, gloves, trash bags will be provided. Any number of volunteers will be welcome!

Pool Party- June 18, 5-7 at Spalt Park (the 19th if it rains on the 18th)
Potluck event for the entire neighborhood, meat, and beverages will be provided by NEWPNA.
Up to 8 volunteer helpers needed to set up and serve food.

Fourth of July Root Beer/Brat Fundraiser-July 4;3-10 at Wilson Park Pavilion
This is the Association's annual fundraiser. Proceeds fund next year's activities. In order to have shifts of 3 ½ hours, think about it....
We will need 15-20 volunteers to operate the stands, 12, for 4 hour shifts.

Coburn's Brat Sale July 23-24, 10-6 at Coburn's Sauk Rapids store
This is a new activity, requiring two 4 hour shifts daily,12 volunteers needed.

National Night Out- August 5 Wilson Park Pavilion (needs times)
The first Tuesday in August is set aside nationally for neighbors to come together. A catered evening meal is provided by NEWPNA at 6 pm in the Pavilion. Entertainment and games for the family are provided. Local emergency service providers are usually on hand to answer questions. Volunteers for serving and cleanup will be appreciated.

The September Garage Sale is scheduled for the 20th at the Wilson Park Pavilion. If you have items that you'd like to donate, please begin setting them aside. We'll be arranging for collection later in the summer. Last year was our first garage sale and it was quite successful. With your help,we'll do better this year. Look to the website for further information about the Garage Sale.

ATTENTION!
Neighborhood
Gardeners

We're ready to-

Landscape!

Our Gateway Project was completed and dedicated in October; it's awaiting the finishing touches.

If you can help, with suggestions for landscaping design, transplanted perennials from the neighborhood gardens, planting

-not weeding-
please contact us at newpna@gmail.com with your phone number.



SummerTime By George

Every Wednesday from June 11-August 27, 5-9 pm

Trolley service available 5-9:25. Features Live music, Midtown Market, beer garden, food, vendors, and activities for the kids. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of St Cloud. Further information available at

info@summertimebygeorge.com

Performance schedule:

June 11 Receders/Walter's Wheelhouse

June 18 Justin Ploof & the Throwbacks

June 25 Coyote Wild

July 2 Belle Bottom with Stephanie Varone

Calendar

May 17, 10-12:00

Spring Cleanup, Wilson Park

June 18, 5-7:00

Pool Party, Spalt Park

Rain Date June 19th

July 4th, 3-10:00

Root beer/Brat Fundraiser,

Wilson Park

July 23rd and 24th, 10-6:00

Brat sale at Sauk Rapids Coburn's

August 5th

National Night Out

September 20th, 10-4:00

NEWPNA Garage Sale at Wilson Park Pavilion

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July 9 Johnny Holm Band

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July 23 Collective Unconscious

July 30 Arch Allies

August 6 Boogie Wonderland

August 13 G B Leighton

August 20 Transit Authority

August 27 Fabulous Armadillos

DID YOU KNOW?

The old Riverside Hotel at 205 East Saint Germain Street ,one hundred (125) years old this year, has been home to many enterprises since it was built in 1889.

It was a shoe repair business in the 1910s, a temporary home for Saint Augustine's in 1919, and a Funeral Home in the 1920's. In the 1940s it was a used furniture store, and a storage place for Trojan Manufacturing, which made playground equipment, in the 1950s.

Ron Baert maintained a TV repair and sales shop there for almost forty years, from 1959 to 1998. In the 1960's he placed a large blue and white "Get us out of the United Nations" sign on the west side of the building; that sign can still be clearly seen, high on the building's West wall.



There was once a church building next to the building, on the corner of East Saint Germain Street and Third Avenue NE. The old Riverside Hotel is currently home to a Somali Halal grocery store.

Wilson Park

In addition to NEWPNA events, the park is host to many free community activities throughout the summer. The children's play area is great!!

Park Hours: 7am. To 10pm M-T..weekends open to 11 pm.

Off leash Dog Park-dog beach,shade trees, picnic tables

Daylight hours only

Off leash fee required, payable on site.

Boys and Girls Club

The East Side Boys and Girls Club has an exciting program for kids K-12 in our NEWPNA neighborhood. This summer, age appropriate, staff supervised recreation, theater, arts, educational and dance opportunities are available, Monday-Friday, 12:00-5:45. This program is very affordable; a \$10. annual membership covers a child's participation; scholarships are available if needed. Contact either Tony or Kim at 320-253-5159 for information,a tour or an application for membership.

Wading Pool in Spalt Park-413 NE 3rd Avenue

Dates: June 17-August 17 (weather permitting)

Hours: Tuesday-Sunday 1-7 pm.

Life Guard on duty at all times courtesy of St Cloud Parks and Recreation.

Munsinger Gardens showcases local professional talent on alternating Sunday afternoons throughout the summer. This season's offerings* are:

June 8- Imagine Haggis

June 22- Curtis and Loretta

July13- Ring of Kerry

July 27- Peggy Doerrie and Kevin Carlson

August 10- Harper's Chord

August 24- Monday Night Jazz

*tentative schedule, subject to change

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Throughout this newsletter you see calls to “join us” , “volunteers needed”
“ NEWPNA sponsored events” “ goals” but maybe you'd like us to be more specific.

Here goes:

Contribute ideas, plants, time to completing the Gateway landscaping.

Attend the monthly NEWPNA meetings to meet the Leadership Team and hopefully become active there.

Come yourself to the planned NEWPNA hosted events and bring one of your neighbors.

If you are able, contact NEWPNA to help us with a shift or more on the events we've scheduled for this year.
(newpna@g.mail)

If the noise from the train horns are bothering you, contact our email with your phone number; you'll be contacted by Steve or Richard with an opportunity to sign a petition to the city of St Cloud to make our neighborhood a Quiet Zone.
Petitions to sign will also be available at all NEWPNA events this summer.

Set aside your giveaways to contribute to the September Garage Sale at the Pavilion.

Bring your ideas and suggestions, as well as concerns to the events

and share them with the people wearing the big, round, colorful buttons. That'd be us.

Thanks!

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