

NEWPNA NEWS

The newsletter of the North East – Wilson Park Neighborhood Association – Spring 2012

The ice melted off the Mississippi in record time while Riverside Drive has been bustling with walkers, runners, skateboarders and bikers enjoying this year's unusually warm weather. Welcome Spring! We eagerly await the daffodils, tulips and bleeding hearts that will soon be displaying their beauty.

The season ahead can be busy with school graduations, summer vacations and family commitments. It's time to pull out the calendar and mark the dates of upcoming neighborhood sponsored events. Most events such as the Pool Party, held to celebrate the opening of our local St. Cloud/Spalt Park pool or the annual National Night Out are one date only. While the NEWPNA Floatilla is an ongoing 6 week event coinciding with the Music in the Park Series held at Munsinger Park. Whatever your interest we encourage all neighbors to get involved with the planned events and make this summer a memorable one!

This January and February NEWPNA team members, along with other St. Cloud core neighborhoods attended a three day training session titled "Healthy Neighborhood Partnership Program" or HNPP. The Initiative Foundation, the City of St. Cloud and the St. Cloud neighborhood Coalition provided funding for the training.

The immediate effects of the training will be apparent on April 29th when NEWPNA hosts a neighborhood Visioning Session at Salem Lutheran Church. This event will be similar to the Visioning Session held in the spring of 2008. Professional facilitators from the Initiative Foundation will lead us through the process and neighbors will have the opportunity to express their neighborhood concerns as well as strengths and then prioritize neighborhood needs.

The success of the Visioning Session depends on neighborhood participation. Voicing our concerns and strengths while listening to those of our neighbors can be challenging yet enlightening. NEWPNA looks forward to hosting this event and gaining helpful insight to guide us into the future.

Mark your Calendars

for these 2012 NEWPNA sponsored events

Visioning Session	April 29
Spring River Clean-Up	May 19
Floatilla Kick-off	June 10
Pool Party	June 19
Fourth of July Fundraiser	July 4
National Night Out	August 7
NEWPNA Annual Meeting	Sept. 29

For locations, times, rain dates and more details see the articles in this issue.

NEIGHBORHOOD VISIONING SESSION

Sunday, April 29th

Salem Lutheran Church

12:30 – 3 PM

A free brunch will be served. Help James get an estimate on a food count by calling 252-7737 or email cjarven@charter.net, all are welcome without a reservation.

2012 Spring Clean-Up

Saturday, May 19th

10:00 AM

Wilson Park

Come join in the Wilson Park Spring Clean-up. This year's clean-up is scheduled for Saturday May 19th beginning at 10 AM. In the event of a storm or heavy rain fall it will be postponed until Sunday May 20 beginning at 12 noon. Bags and gloves will be furnished for clean-up crews.

Coffee, juice and bagels will be served!

THE RIVER IS CALLING...

NEWPNA FLOATILLA

The second annual NEWPNA FLOATILLA will kick-off on June 10th. The floatilla is comprised of kayaks, canoes, fishing boats, pontoons or your preferred floatable device.

The floatilla's destination is Munsinger Gardens, where we will be enchanted by some of Central Minnesota's finest musicians. The free entertainment is made possible by a grant from the Central MN Arts Board, through funding provided by the MN State Legislature's Legacy Fund.

This year NEWPNA is hosting a special Floatilla Kick-off on June 10th. Neighbors are invited to attend an hour long canoe/kayak educational class beginning at 1:00 PM. The class will be presented by SCSU Campus Recreation certified instructors from the American Canoe Association.

After the class a limited number of canoes or kayaks, along with paddles and life jackets will be available for rent at a cost of \$10.00. This is a very affordable afternoon of fun. Reservation deadline is

June 1st. To reserve a canoe or kayak email: NEWPNA@gmail.com

All other Floatilla dates begin by gathering at Wilson Park by 2:15. The journey down to Munsinger Gardens will begin by 2:30. We will arrive in time for the 3 PM concert. After the concert we will head back up river, arriving at Wilson Park by 4:45.

There is still no pre-registration or cost to participate in the floatilla. This is a fun afternoon of leisure providing us a visit with our neighbors to the south, while enjoying the magnificent Mississippi.

Don't want to be on the water? Plan to walk or ride a bike as your alternative mode of transportation as you search for the live music in the park!

Floatilla Dates

June 10 - Kick-off

June 24

July 15

July 29

August 12

August 26



Missed the June 1st deadline?

Canoe/Kayak Rentals

Canoe and Kayak rentals are also available through Clearwater Outfitters a new business located down river in Clearwater.

Contact:

Dan@cwoutfitting.com or 320.558.812



Last years "SummerTime by George" concert series was a huge success, and the St. Cloud Rotary Club is sponsoring this weekly music event again! Expect live music, the "Middletown Market" featuring food and trade vendors as well as activities for kids at "Little Georgetown". All this is happening at Lake George every Wednesday night from 5 till 9 PM.

**Every Wednesday
June 13 through August 20
5:00 - 9:00 pm**

June 13	Revolution 5
June 20	Monroe Crossing
June 27	Killer Hayseeds
July 4	Slip Twister
July 11	Johnny Holm Band
July 18	Collective Unconscious
July 25	Transit Authority
August 1	Belladiva
August 6	Kurt Jorgensen Band
August 15	Diamondback
August 22	Davina and the Vagabonds
August 29	Fabulous Armadillos

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NEWPNA@gmail.com

Granite City Days

**Thursday, June 21
through
Sunday, June 24**

Thursday, June 21 – 11AM - 9PM

Annual Lemonade Art Fair and Lemonade Concert
featuring the St. Cloud Symphony Orchestra
St. Cloud State University Campus

Friday, June 22

Skate Park Event (\$5.00 entry fee)

Heritage Park Skate Plaza 10 – 3PM

Liberty Savings Bank Block Party - Whitney Park
5 PM

Saturday, June 23

Parade

Northway Drive 10 AM

Hams Music 3rd Annual Summer Showcase

featuring area musicians 11 AM – 6 PM

Ham's Music

Talent Show

St. Cloud Library 1 – 3 PM

Granite Kids Triathlon

Lake George 6 PM

Sunday, June 24

Graniteman St. Cloud Triathlon

Lake George - 8AM

Civil Air Patrol Fly-In Pancake Breakfast

St. Cloud Regional Airport 8AM – 1PM

Outdoor Expo

Lake George 10AM – 2PM

St. Cloud Optimists' Family Fun Day

Lake George 12PM - 5PM

- 4th of July -

ROOT BEER FLOATS

Neighborhood Volunteers are needed for the 4th of July NEWPNA fundraiser down at Wilson Park anytime between 5-10PM. Contact James Garven at 252-7737 or email cjgarven@charter.net

Gather your Wellies!!!

Mississippi River Clean-Up Wilson Park Boat Landing June 9 1:00 – 3 PM

The Mississippi River Clean-Up is in its' 6th year running, all in part because of the complete dedication of our Northeast-Wilson Park neighbor Patty Tollefson, the organizer of the event.

Last year's River Clean-up was part of "Eco-Fun Day". The event started off with gray skies and a light rain. The day was planned to include the Wilson Park Spring clean-up as well as a rain barrel making class and the planting of the rain garden in Wilson Park. Due to heavy spring rains the rain garden planting and barrel making class were rescheduled, however the Mississippi River and Wilson Park clean up continued on schedule with a hearty crew of volunteers!

The clean-up netted 1,400 lbs. of debris, ranging from tires, a manhole cover, a parking meter loaded with change, and loads of garbage. All the treasures were harvested from the banks of the Mississippi River surrounding Wilson Park.

This year's river clean-up will be a collaborative effort involving Melissa Gohman from the Paramount Arts Center. Melissa will be sculpting the trash harvested from the clean-up. The finished sculpture will then be part of the fall art crawl.

More information on the River-clean-up will be available at the Visioning Session April 29th.



POOL PARTY

**June 19th
6:00 – 8 PM
St. Cloud/Spalt Park**

More information on the Pool Party will be available at the Visioning Session on April 29th.
(father and /son team - 2011 river clean-up crew)