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Northside-Hester Park Neighborhood
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Annual Garage Sale

By Joan Rydberg, Eighth Avenue

The Northside-Hester Park Neighborhood's annual garage sale will be held on Saturday, May 20 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM at 729 Sixth Avenue North. All monies generated are invested back into neighborhood projects. Past investments are the bicycle rack in Hester Park, new lighting in the park, and lengthening pool time.

Donations of gently used items are tax-deductible. Call Susie at 251-5194 to schedule drop-off appointments the week of May 15 to 19.

Volunteers to setup (and socialize) are appreciated. Setup begins at 3:00 PM on Friday, May 19.



Good Neighbor Forum

By Janet Reigstad, Seventh Avenue

At our neighborhood annual meetings, the most frequently expressed concerns are about property upkeep and crime prevention. To address these issues, the Saint Cloud Neighborhood Coalition has worked with the City to develop a forum where neighbors can meet city staff, learn about latest developments in property ordinances and crime prevention, and enjoy a morning together. Refreshments will be served.

The forum will be in the Saint Cloud police station at 101 11th Avenue North on Saturday, April 29 from 9:00 until noon. Registration begins at 8:30 AM.

Seating is limited to 90 attendees. Register at www.ci.stcloud.mn.us/959/Neighborhood-Services or call 320-255-7218.

If any questions, contact your Northside neighbor, Janet Reigstad, at 320-249-1293

Neighborhood News via Email

Desire to receive email notices about neighborhood events? Sign-up online. www.HesterPark.org

Have Facebook? Hester Park is also there.

Upcoming Events

Public Hearing about Currey's Photography

Date: Tuesday 21 March

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: City Hall, City Council Chambers

Mississippi RiverWalk Open House

Date: Wednesday 22 March

Time: 4:30-6:00 PM

Location: River's Edge Convention Center

Monthly Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday 6 April

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Cathedral H.S., door #1

Good Neighbor Forum

Date: Saturday 29 April

Time: 9AM – Noon

Location: police station

Monthly Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday 4 May

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Cathedral H.S., door #1

Cathedral High School Sidewalk Chalk

Date: Wednesday 10 May

Location: 600 Block of Third Street North

Artwork will remain on display until it rains.

Annual Neighborhood-Benefit Garage Sale

Date: Saturday 20 May

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: 729 Sixth Avenue North

Monthly Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday 1 June

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Cathedral H.S., door #1

Summer Family Activities

Dates to be announced.

Location: Hester Park

RiverWalk Open House

By Matt Glaesman, City of Saint Cloud

The Saint Cloud RiverWalk Master Plan will repurpose Fifth Avenue North from the Saint Cloud Hospital to downtown as a riverfront destination for recreation, education, and socialization. Join the City, Mississippi Partners, and the Rotary Club in designing the trail and shore land restoration.

Share your fresh thinking and design ideas at the RiverWalk Open House on Wednesday, March 22 from 4:30 to 6:00 PM in the River's Edge ConventionCenter. www.MississippiPartners.org

Currey's Might Become Medical

By Nick Murphy, Sixth Avenue

Longtime neighborhood business Currey's Photography is seeking to change hands. The city Zoning Board of Appeals is considering a request to change the current photographic studio at 726 Seventh Avenue North into a medical office. Neighborhood residents with questions or concerns are encouraged to attend the public hearing on Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 400 Second Street South.

The request was received from Deborah Laxon, a healing touch therapist affiliated with Healing Beyond Borders, on behalf of Gerald Currey. A city representative indicated no changes to the structure or parking arrangements are planned at this time. Currey's Photography was granted its permit in 1997, which allows limited nonconforming uses for the property in this residential district, and medical offices are identified as one such use.



Editor's note: Both the RiverWalk open house and Currey's public hearing are scheduled to occur while this newsletter is at press. For timely notifications, sign-up for email alerts at www.HesterPark.org.

City Parks Master Plan

By Matt Glaesman, City of Saint Cloud

Participation rates in sports and recreation are constantly changing due to demographic, economic, and generational trends. The Saint Cloud Parks Master Plan will establish a comprehensive vision and investment strategies to ensure the parks system meets resident needs and attracts economic growth.

The public is invited to an open house on Tuesday, April 20 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM at the Lake George Municipal Complex.

Letter from Committee Chair

By Seal Dwyer, Steering Committee Chair, Seventh Avenue

Dear Neighbors: We need help!!

I write you as we get ready to kick off another year of events. Your steering committee completed many events last year: the garage sale, the Fourth of July, our annual meeting, the Ghost Tour, and Neighborhood Proud.

I am very proud of the work we did last year. Our organization is recognized as one of the most active of the Core Neighborhoods.

We listened to you at the annual meeting and heard your requests for more communication; in case you

did not know, we have a website <hesterpark.org>, a Facebook Page (Northside-Hester Park Neighborhood), these newsletters, and we send postcards for special events.

We have plans we would love to see underway: building a park shelter in Hester Park, helping neighbors make repairs to their home (an extension of our Neighborhood Proud program, suggested at the annual meeting), utilizing the new trail extension of the Beaver Island Trails.

All of these plans and ideas require two things: volunteers and money. This is where we need you. If you can, please donate money; you are welcome to designate it to the pool fund (we help pay to keep the Hester Park pool open), or to another program or project that strikes you. We are a 501(c)3, so your donations are tax-deductible.

If you do not have money (or in addition to the money, if you are able), please donate your time. Our steering committee is a dedicated and wonderful group of folks and we have all been working for our neighborhood for years, but our dreams and your ideas are bigger than the eight of us can do. We are not asking for a huge commitment; just a few hours over the course of the year will make a huge difference to us. With your help and involvement, we can make our neighborhood even better than it already is.

Thank you for being our neighbors, in the best neighborhood in our city!

Northside-Hester Park Neighborhood Donation Form

Please accept my enclosed donation for neighborhood activities, park improvements, newsletters, and more.

Donor information to be included on receipt: _____ (name)

_____ (address)

_____ (city, state, zip)

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Hospital Acquires Houses

By David Mohs, Seventh Avenue

Rumors of the hospital acquiring houses circulated at the annual neighborhood gathering in fall 2016. Some neighbors indicate that they were informed of a desire to realign 13th Street North.

These are in addition to two houses north of 13th Street that the Saint Cloud Hospital has owned for decades. One of those, the wavy brick house, was on the inaugural Home Tour in 2009.

According to the online mapping services provided by Stearns County, the Saint Cloud Hospital owns the following houses south of 13th Street North:

- 1255 Sixth Avenue North
- 1259 Sixth Avenue North
- 1266 Seventh Avenue North

As of this newsletter's deadline, CentraCare does not have information available for publication.

