

MARSHALL TERRACE MINUTES



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MT 2014 Neighbor Awards



Marshall Terrace Community Coordinator, Shari Seymour (L) & Pam Hoemberg (R) from Stanley's Bar Room



Garrett Heller receives his award

CCMT gratefully recognized two exceptional neighbors at our 2014 Annual Holiday Potluck. Congratulations to our 2014 "Most Valuable" award winners:

2014 Most Valuable Neighbor:

Garret Heller

2014 Most Valuable Business Partner:

Stanley's Northeast Bar Room

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GAF Task Force Meeting

WHEN: Monday, January 19th, 6:30 PM

WHERE: RiverVillage Community Room, 2919 Randolph St. NE (*Enter from 29th Ave.*)

Residents of the Marshall Terrace and Bottineau neighborhoods have formed a task force in an effort to ensure that the **GAF odor/fume issue resolves quickly and thoroughly**. Interested in joining? Email us at CCMT568@msn.com.

See full article on page 4.

Garret Heller was nominated in recognition of his volunteer efforts to maintain the Marshall Terrace Tree Farm grounds. His hard work kept the area looking great in 2014.

Stanley's has been an esteemed Marshall Terrace business for years, and this is their first time receiving the award. In addition to their contributions towards making Marshall Terrace a destination neighborhood, they have consistently engaged in – and encouraged – discussions with CCMT about proposed expansion and growth.

Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) Project

Ed. Note: MWMO is an environmental organization located in Marshall Terrace at 2522 Marshall St. The following article appeared in their recent newsletter; it highlights some of the exceptional work they do in NE Minneapolis.

BY STEPHANIE JOHNSON, PHD, PE; MWMO PROGRAMS PRINCIPAL

According to Twin Cities Local Initiatives Support Corporation (TCLISC), Minneapolis Edison High School may soon boast the “greenest high school playing field in the country”. Changes to the field are part of the environmentally–friendly strategies recently added to the campus to manage stormwater.

Over the past five years, the MWMO has been working with the Minneapolis Public Schools, the Holland Neighborhood Improvement Association, and other partners to bring innovative stormwater management ideas and over \$1,000,000 in funding to the Edison campus through the Northeast Green Campus Initiative.

In the fall of 2013, a tree trench and permeable pavers were installed in the parking lot just north of the school. The tree trench extends through the center of the parking lot, capturing and treating up to four inches of water during storm events. The permeable pavers were placed in ¼ of the parking stalls. In addition, a rain garden was installed to capture and treat water coming off the alleyway just west of the lot. All in all, the BMPs capture and treat stormwater that previously ran directly off of the site, reducing the amount and improving the quality of water that eventually flows to the Mississippi River.

Phase II of the project began in the summer of 2014 and will continue through 2015. This phase is focused on capturing and reusing stormwater runoff from the Edison High School Gymnasium roof, the adjacent parking lot, football field, and a future entry plaza into the grounds. Runoff from these features will be routed through an above ground cistern, into an underground storage tank, and used for irrigating both the football field and other vegetation on site. The system was designed to completely reuse the stormwater on site, removing all stormwater runoff that previously drained to the City’s storm pipes.

The innovations in reduced stormwater and improved runoff quality from Edison High School’s greener campus will benefit not only the Mississippi River, but also our community as it shares this essential water resource.



*An underground water chamber, beneath a nearby parking lot, will capture run-off for re-use in irrigating the newly improved athletic field.
Photo: T. Schmitz*



*A tree trench was installed in the renovated Edison High School parking lot. They absorb nutrients and filter runoff, helping to clean stormwater before it enters storm drains.
Photo: T. Schmitz*

Free House Painting for Low-Income Seniors

Metro Paint-A-Thon helps low-income seniors and people with permanent physical disabilities continue to live independently in their own homes. Each summer (particularly the first weekend of August), teams of volunteers paint home exteriors in the seven-county Twin Cities metro area for those who can no longer physically do such maintenance and cannot afford to hire a contractor.

The program restores not only the homes they paint, but the homeowner's sense of pride in their property and their community.

Metro Paint-A-Thon's volunteers have painted 6,437 exterior projects since 1984.

Interested homeowners and agencies can find more program details (including eligibility requirements) at:

<http://gmcc.org/pages/programs/metro-paint-a-thon/metro-paint-a-thon-program-overview>

You can also contact Molly Chandler at Metro Paint-A-Thon to have information mailed to you:

Phone: 612-276-1579

Email: mchandler@gmcc.org



Neighborhood Opportunities

The Concerned Citizens of Marshall Terrace (CCMT) has board and committee openings.

There are many ways to get involved with the neighborhood, and we invite you to contact us if you're interested in any of the following options:

- **Board members** – CCMT currently has three open board seats. The CCMT board meets monthly to discuss neighborhood issues, allocate city funds, and work to make Marshall Terrace a great place to live, work, and create; its neighbors coming together to make a difference.
- **Marshall Terrace Historian Committee:** CCMT is creating an official history of the neighborhood. If you have knowledge, documents, photos, or an interest in research, please join us.
- **GAF Committee:** See page 4 for details.

If you'd like more information about any of these, email us at CCMT568@msn.com.

NRP Environmental Committee

The Concerned Citizens of Marshall Terrace (CCMT) is the official neighborhood group for Marshall Terrace.

CCMT is preparing to allocate Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) funds towards the neighborhood's environmental initiative.

If you're interested in assisting with this process, or just want to watch the process take place, you're encouraged to attend the next NRP Environmental Committee meeting:

NRP Environmental Committee Meeting Details

DATE: Monday, January 26th

TIME: 6:00PM

LOCATION: RiverVillage Community Room, 2919 Randolph St. NE

Marshall Terrace residents are welcome to attend and participate. If you would like to join us, please email CCMT at CCMT568@msn.com or call CCMT at 612-568-7422.

Air Quality Overview & GAF Industries

– *Re-printed from the Bottineau Gazette, January 2015*

A group of dedicated and determined citizens from Northeast and North Minneapolis have been meeting since August 2014 to improve air quality in the neighborhoods on either side of the Lowry Avenue Bridge.

Accomplished so far:

1) GAF will install a **device that equalizes the burn of toxic chemicals** at their 50 Lowry Ave N shingle plant by March 15. The new device will burn the chemicals in an automated fashion eliminating the spikes in toxic fumes generated by a manual burn cycle. (Instead of having a person flip the burn switch, a computer will do it.) Currently, vacuum hoods, somewhat like the hood over your kitchen range, are located over the shingle assembly lines. These hoods capture toxic gases that are kept in containment cylinders until they are incinerated on site. The resulting exhaust from the incineration is what has generated hundreds of complaints to 311 in 2014. GAF reports that this automated burn device will cost them about \$500,000. The device does not filter or change the chemicals being spewed from the stack, but it does even out emission spikes.

2) Due to the level of citizen complaints and community meetings, MPCA previously agreed to keep an air monitor at the Lowry Bridge until 12-31-14. The MPCA later agreed to do 24-hour air sampling every six days at the Lowry Ave bridge air monitoring site. Due to this intensified monitoring, many other air pollution violations in the area were also identified. Now, the **MPCA will keep this air monitor at the site until the end of 2015**. Most seriously, the MPCA found violations of PM 2.5 (fine particulates) and ozone. There is no safe level of PM 2.5.

3) Marshall Terrace and Bottineau Neighborhoods are spearheading this effort. Representatives from Sheridan, Logan, Hawthorne and Camden neighborhoods have also attended taskforce meetings. **The taskforce continues to monitor the situation, expand its knowledge base, and plan future actions to ensure the air we breathe is safe.**

Potential future actions: Find out what chemicals are being burned at the GAF site; conduct a health study of those living around the Lowry Avenue Bridge.

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CCMT Public Meetings:

Held monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 7:00 PM

RiverVillage Community Room

2919 Randolph St. NE

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Join the GAF Taskforce

Interested in resolving this issue? Join the taskforce **Monday, January 19th at RiverVillage East (2919 Randolph St NE) at 6:30 PM.**

In addition, **continue to call 311** whenever you smell fumes that make you or your family uncomfortable or sick. Working together, we can improve this situation and make good things happen.

