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ST. ANTHONY PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS SUMMER 2008



Minnesota: A History of the Land

THURS, JULY 17 6:30PM
AT THE SAP LIBRARY

Join us for segments from Minnesota: A History of the Land. This award-winning series brings to life the epic story of the people and landscapes of Minnesota. From the retreat of the last ice sheets to the growth of today's suburbs - the series seeks to entertain as it enriches our understanding of Minnesota's past, present and future.

This visually stunning and groundbreaking 5-part documentary series features nature videography from across the state, rarely seen historic images, state-of-the-art animations and historic recreations. Emmy-winning soundtrack by composer, Peter Ostroushko.

St. Anthony Park resident and series Co-Producer/Writer/Director/Editor, John Whitehead, will introduce selected segments from the series, share background on their making, and lead a discussion afterwards.

Minnesota: A History of the Land is co-production of The University of Minnesota and Twin Cities Public Television. The event is free with refreshments.

BACKYARD TALK SERIES

This spring, summer and fall St. Anthony Park backyards will be buzzing as we learn how we can make our yards and homes greener and our watershed healthier as part of our *Green Neighborhood* project.

The Backyard talks will bring neighbors together to help make St. Anthony Park a more sustainable, environmentally friendly neighborhood. Please register for these free events by calling 651-649-5992 or e-mailing green@sapcc.org.

COMPOSTING 101

TUESDAY JUNE 17, 6:30PM
Don't throw away those kitchen scraps! Join your Knapp Avenue neighbors to learn better, faster composting from University of Minnesota professor, Tom Halbach, the state's premiere expert on compost.

FARMING THE CITY

TUESDAY JUNE 24 6:30PM
Organic Boulevard Gardening enthusiast and Agronomy Professor, Nick Jordan will show off how to maximize your green space by growing green veggies on the boulevard.

WATER WARRIORS

TUESDAY, JULY 8, 6:30 PM

Join the Friends of the Mississippi River in a hands-on outdoor service activity for kids ages 5 and up to learn about and improve the Mississippi. Participants will stencil/paint storm drains to say, "Please Don't Pollute! Drains to Mississippi River!" and distribute door-hangers to neighborhood homes and businesses. Max - 25 participants.

ECO HOUSEKEEPING

TUESDAY JULY 29 6:30PM
Hampden Park Coop membership coordinator Naomi Jackson and writer Lisa Steinmann will demonstrate eco-friendly housekeeping, from a solar powered oven to the benefits of line drying your laundry. Eleven year old neighbor, Nate Hamel-Snapp will also be on hand to demonstrate a push mower.

GREEN REMODELING

TUESDAY AUG 5 6:30PM
Are you thinking about remodeling? Wondering how to make your drafty, but beloved SAP home more energy efficient? St. Anthony Park resident and architectural designer and teacher, Lucas Alm will show off his "green" Brompton Ave. home. Lucas is involved in the University of MN Solar
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FOR MORE INFO, VISIT WWW.SAPCC.ORG OR CALL 651-649-5992



Volunteers Adopt College Park Baby Trees

Thanks to the work of the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation, a couple dozen new trees were planted in College Park this year to replace the ones that fell down during the August storm. But planting a tree isn't the end of the story - trees need help to survive life in a public park. Fourteen volunteer households coordinated by the St. Anthony Park Community Council generously offered to provide that TLC by adopting a tree or two each and watering regularly.

Rock Tenn Community Advisory Panel to Address Emissions and Your Health

Why do we keep hearing about a burner in our neighborhood? Rock-Tenn and St. Paul city officials are considering building an energy plant to power the paper recycling operations at University and Vandalia. Rock-Tenn uses the equivalent of 20,000 homes so the energy decisions being made at this local paper recycler will impact the entire city of St. Paul.

Rock-Tenn's current operations and proposed energy plant pose many questions to the neighborhood. What are the impacts of fossil fuels and carbon emissions? Will St. Paul lose the company and its union jobs? Where would the paper go otherwise? What is the impact of a new power plant on the neighborhood? What are the impacts to air quality in the Twin Cities and St. Anthony Park? How will this impact neighborhood traffic? How will this impact neighborhood health? What answers will have the best solution for St. Anthony Park? Is this different than the best solution for a global community?

Attend the next meeting where public health experts will consider important questions about how emissions relate to our health. The meeting is Monday, June 16 at the Wilder Center, 451 Lexington Pkwy. Project background starts at 6pm. The Rock Tenn Community Advisory Committee (RCAP) meeting starts at 7pm. For more information, go to www.rtadvisory.org.

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GREEN REMODELING (continued)

Decathlon solar house project and can share what he has learned from transforming his home while minimizing construction waste and using local material resources.

PLANTING FOR THE BIRDS AND BEES

TUESDAY AUG 12 6:30 PM
Mark Johnson will speak about the importance of native planting for insects and birds in our area. Mark is also active in the effort to get downtown cities to turn off lights during peak migration times to aid in the safe passage of birds.

BUGS DON'T BUG ME

TUESDAY SEPT 9 6:30 PM
Entomologist and longtime St. Anthony Park resident Margot Munson will give a fascinating presentation on insects and their relation to the larger environment.

THE GREEN LIGHT ON LED LIGHTING

TUESDAY SEPT 16 6:30 PM
Don't change another light bulb until 2035! Learn how to convert incandescent lights to LED lighting from someone who has worked out all the glitches. Neighbor Al Torstenson and electrician Wade Nelson will explain the process and benefits of LED lighting in your home.

WAY TO GO!

TUESDAY SEP 23 6:30 PM
The Bicycle/Pedestrian Ambassador Program will present bike commuting and other ways of becoming multi-model. Learn how to combine biking with public transit, walking and driving trips. Maps and other resources will be available.

THANKS to the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation and the Park Midway Bank for helping to make the St. Anthony Park Green Neighborhood project possible.

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