Please see below for a few updates: on April 17, 2010

**Hwy 7 and Wooddale Update:** Wooddale Ave NB North of Hwy 7 to 35<sup>th</sup> St will be closed starting the morning of April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Advanced notification signs will be placed today to begin notifying the traveling public of the upcoming closure scheduled for the next week. The closure on Wooddale Avenue will be from Hwy 7 on the South to 35<sup>th</sup> St on the North. This staging will be set in place to facilitate the construction of retaining walls along NB Wooddale.

**Sidewalk Chalk Update from Park & Rec:** Please help us remind folks that the Parks & Recreation Department does not allow chalk drawing/writing on any structures (buildings, shelters, play structures, etc.). It does not come off and begins to look like graffiti. Kids are welcome to use chalk on asphalt play surfaces which generally wears off the surface because of use and rain.

**Preservation Alliance of Minnesota:** One of our neighborhood leaders notified me that the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota is doing a PAM-a-rama tour and one leg of the tour is tomorrow, April 17<sup>th</sup>, at The Miracle Mile in St. Louis Park. The Miracle Mile was the Twin Cities first car-oriented suburban strip mall. Located conveniently off of Excelsior Blvd. and Highway 100 in Saint Louis Park, the mall has continued to serve patrons since the early 1950s. In this PAM-o-rama tour, you'll learn the history of Saint Louis Park, a first ring suburb of Minneapolis, and hear the causes that led to the building of the Miracle Mile, and why it is such a milestone in Minnesota history. You will also get a feel for what it has been like to shop at Miracle Mile and see how anchor businesses have kept the spirit of the place alive over the years. The tour will be led by members of the Saint Louis Park Historical Society. For more information, <u>Click here:</u> <u>Preservation Alliance of Minnesota » Events</u>

**Beautify the Park:** Tomorrow also looks like a great day for neighborhood clean up events and the clean up event sponsored by the Park & Rec Commission. Join the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission for the Minnehaha Creek clean up. Gloves, waders, clean-up tools and disposal bags will be provided. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable work clothes. Refreshments provided. If the weather is questionable, please call the weather line at (952) 924-2567.

- Saturday, April 17, 10 a.m. to noon
- o *(Sunday, April 18 will be rain date)*
- o Knollwood Canoe Landing, 3600 Aquila Ave. S. (southeast of Bremer Bank Building in parking lot)

Check out <u>www.beautifythepark.org</u> for more opportunities.