

# Frogtown Fare

## NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISON NEWSLETTER

June 30th, 2010



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**National Night Out 2010**

**Tuesday, August 3rd**

**6 to 10pm**

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**Bringing Our Neighborhood Together**

Hello! I would like to introduce myself, I am Cassandra Berg, your Neighborhood Block Liaison. For those of you who are not familiar with that job, I am here to coordinate, communicate and assist neighbors with the following:

**Information:** Update block's information (phone lists, neighborhood map) that your neighbors voluntarily provide (this information is only shared with the residents on my blocks-this map/list is invaluable for contacting your neighbors when there is an emergency, suspicious activity, a garage left open, a dog that escaped, etc). Keep the block map current, with names, addresses and phone numbers of people on the block and get it out to neighbors. Welcome new neighbors and give them the information about the neighborhood. Organize block meetings to share information and promote neighbors getting to know one another so we can look out for one another. Provide contact information for resources to assist neighbors who have problems with crime, community, neighbors, and personal welfare situations.

**Neighborhood Watch/Crime Prevention:** Coordinate Neighborhood Watch (A neighborhood watch program brings together law enforcement, city officials and neighbors in an effort to work together to provide protection for their homes and neighborhood). Pass on information provided by the police department and residents to neighbors when crimes occur or there is suspicious activity. Supply information on various topics such as: gangs, fraud and scams, gun safety, graffiti, vandalism, crime prevention and home security. Organize National Night Out (this is a nationwide night for neighbors to come together and let criminals know they will NOT tolerate crime in their neighborhood-a "block party").

**Community/Neighborhood:** Share information on programs, meetings, events.

**Etcetera, Etcetera, Etcetera:** Coordinate and communicate and assist with anything else that Tait Danielson, our Frogtown Community Liaison, wishes me to do with my area.

We moved here in August of 2009. I have met many of you and thank those that were so kind to us when we arrived. I look forward to meeting the rest of you and seeing you all at our National Night Out block party!! Please feel free to contact me. I have included a neighborhood map and will be compiling the resident list with names and phone numbers.

**Cassandra Berg**

Neighborhood Block Liaison

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# Resident Alert

**PROSTITUTION**-We still have a few prostitutes left hanging around the corners of Galtier/Sherburne & Uni along with Farrington/Sherburne & Uni. If you see someone exhibiting the signs of prostituting (hailing down vehicles, approaching vehicles, getting in vehicles and returning shortly after, etc) call 911. Give them a description of the person, if you can get plate numbers of the cars of the johns-great. Also let 911 know where they are hanging around. With a joint effort, this problem can be eradicated from this area. Many have been driven out already. Prostitution is illegal and most often brings violence and drugs along with it.

**CAR THEFT SUSPECT**-An Asian male, medium to thin build, late teens to early 20's, with short hair, has been spotted in the area late at night trying the door handles on cars. He was also seen looking in the back of trucks and in boats. Keep your vehicle doors locked and nothing valuable within. If you see this individual in action, call 911 immediately.

**THE WHISTLER**-On multiple occasions, a male has been spotted on the corner of Galtier and University who appears out of the shadows when he hears a whistle, and he himself whistles and hooks up with a person. He has also been heard near the area of Farrington and University. If you see and/or hear this situation, call 911 immediately and report suspicious activity.

**GARAGE BURGLARIES**-We have had quite a few garage burglaries in the alley between Charles and Sherburne earlier this summer. Make sure your garages are locked, windows covered so you can't see in, and well lit outside. Don't leave valuables in your car even if it is in your garage, and always lock it when it is in the garage. The alley is terribly dark. If you happen to see suspicious activity in the alley, call 911 right away. Be aware of who your neighbors are so you know who does and doesn't belong back there.

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## One Tenant Eviction Turns An Entire Block Around

Since the eviction of the tenants at 527 Galtier (the upper section of the duplex), that area has quieted down immensely. These tenants were dealing drugs, high on meth all night long & roaming the area, selling stolen goods and interacting with prostitutes. We had drug traffic, damage to public property, sexual acts, urination on surrounding properties and much, much more. Unfortunately, it took many police calls and the swat team coming out before the landlord finally took action. Even then, we still had to wait 30+ more days of illegal chaos before all settled down. Per the St Paul police department, rental properties are the biggest source of crime in a neighborhood. Landlords really need to do background, criminal history and rental history checks on prospective tenants. Properties should be adequately maintained and tenants/and their guests kept in check. Surrounding residents should keep the landlord informed of any problems and call the police whenever necessary.



**911**

Don't hesitate to call 911.

If you think you should call, CALL! Don't wait.

911 and the police want your calls, that's what they are there for.

Stay calm and give them all the info they request.

Tell the operator if you wish to remain anonymous.





# National Night Out 2010

**Tuesday, August 3rd ★ 6 to 10pm (rain or shine)**

**National Night Out is a nationwide event to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our fight for a safer neighborhood.**

**Come join your neighbors- Celebrate, make and strengthen relationships with your neighbors- these are the relationships that allow you to watch out for each other, help one another, prevent crime and help each other be safer on your block!**

At this point in time we are working on having the party in the empty lot between 259 and 265 Sherburne. We will have a barbecue with free hot dogs. We will be asking neighbors to bring their own drinks and their favorite side dish to share with everyone. If you wish to bring your own meat to barbecue, feel free. We will have music, a free raffle with prizes, face painting and crime prevention paperwork. We are also signing up to have the fire department and police department to stop by so the kids can check out their vehicles and ask them any questions they may have. Anyone wishing to assist with National Night Out please get in contact with Cassandra Berg. We could use an extra barbecue or two out there, extra tables and chairs, plates, napkins and utensils.

**Contact:  
Cassandra Berg  
Neighborhood Block Liaison  
612-353-8262**

# Frogtown Litter Patrol

## Cleaning Litter Up Block by Block

We seem to have quite a problem with litter. Between people over filling their trash cans and the wind blowing it all over the streets and neighbors yards, to recycling being whisked away with the breezes, and finally the people who are just too lazy to do anything but dump their trash as they walk or drive by.

Why worry about litter? Because it costs us. Millions of dollars are spent picking up litter each year. A community natural beauty is diminished by carelessly tossed out trash. Litter threatens health as trash piles become homes for insects and rodents. Litter in the street goes down our storm drains and flows out into the Mississippi.

The incidence of littering appears to be increasing and is becoming a growing concern due to its impact upon public health, safety, and community well being.

- Litter is defined as misplaced solid waste.
- Research has shown the most frequent litterer is male between the ages of 18 and 30.
- Studies show that people are more likely to litter if an area is already littered.
- Research dictates that people are more likely to litter on ill kept property
- Litter is detrimental to community efforts to attract visitors and prospective new businesses to their community.
- Litter is a precursor to graffiti and other community blights which are linked to gang activity, crime, and overall neighborhood decline.
- Cigarette butts make up most of the litter on our streets.
- Litter washes into our bodies of water and pollutes our water supply.

What can you do? The first, and most important, thing is to set a good example by not littering. Once you've committed to keeping your trash where it belongs, you can also work on the following:

1. Pick up one piece of litter every day.
2. If you haul materials in the back of a truck, be sure to cover your load. Much of the litter on our roadways is accidentally blown out of the back of trucks.
3. Make sure your trash cans have lids that can be securely attached. If you have curbside trash service, don't put out uncovered containers or open boxes filled with trash. Bungee cords work well to hold lids in place.
4. Secure papers before placing them in a curbside recycling bin. Loose papers can be blown out by the wind.
5. Carry a litterbag in your car. Try reusing your plastic grocery bags. They make great car litterbags.
6. If you are a smoker, use a proper ashtray or trash receptacle to dispose of your cigarettes at home and away.
7. Keep your own property up so that people are less likely to deposit their trash on it.

I would like to assemble a group of neighborhood children to meet together once a month. We would go around together and pick up trash in our neighborhood. I am working with local business, government, and other sources to find funding for trash bags, and trash grabbers. Also, I would like to make or get t-shirts or vests for us to wear when we are out on "Litter Patrol" and some sort of extra reward for the time and effort of the children. Anyone with resources and/or children (ages 7-12 years of age) who would like to participate, please let me know.

# Events to Make Note Of

## Frogtown Neighborhood Association/District 7 Planning Council Community Concerns Gathering

\*\*\*June's meeting is cancelled-next meeting July 27th\*\*\*

**When:** 4th Tuesday of every month  
**Where:** West Minnehaha Rec Center  
685 West Minnehaha Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55104  
651-789-7407 Tait Danielson  
**Time:** 6:30-8:00pm (usually runs longer)

District 7 Planning Council strives to conserve, foster and restore the well being of our neighborhoods: East Midway, Frogtown, Capitol Heights, and Mt. Airy. The efforts are focused on civic engagement and resident empowerment. It functions as a neighborhood-level point of contact regarding various city processes, as well as for addressing issues identified by community residents and/or businesses.

## St Paul Police Department's Central District Community Meeting

**When:** 2nd Tuesday of every month  
**Where:** Rice Street Recreation Center  
1021 Marion  
Saint Paul, MN  
**Time:** 6:30pm

Each month the Saint Paul Police Department's Central District hosts a community meeting at which residents can meet with police commanders to learn about and discuss issues of public safety importance.

## Candidate Forum

**When:** Thursday, July 8th, 2010  
**Where:** New Spirit Middle School  
643 Virginia Street  
Corner of Virginia and LaFond  
651-789-7481 Sam  
**Time:** 6:00-8:00pm

Join your neighbors and learn about all three candidates running for State Representative in Frogtown. Come ask questions and get to know the people that serve you.



**1-800-222-TIPS**  
**CRIME STOPPERS OF MINNESOTA**  
**"Crime doesn't pay...we do!"**

## TEXT TIPS

Now you can send a tip  
anonymously from  
your cell phone.

Text TIP674  
to 274637(CRIMES)





## Alley Repair Section Between Farrington/Galtier, Sherburne & Charles

We have been having a problem with the alley where it dips down towards Galtier. Water pools deeply when it rains in two distinct areas, overflowing into resident driveways, garages and even to the foundation of one resident's home (flooding the basement). In addition, we have a problem with ice in the winter in this area. The city will be addressing and fixing this problem.

## Vacant House and Lot Update

Corner lot on Galtier/Sherburne through 262 Sherburne Ave is still hanging in "limbo". The vacant 5 -plex (256-258) is on the list to be torn down. It will be gone within the next two weeks. The scuttlebutt was that the property was going to be turned into single family homes. The entire section was looked at by Presbyterian homes 6 months ago to purchase and build an elder care facility. We don't know where that stands. A developer was looking at that property and soil samples were taken.



## Project Safe Haven

The Saint Paul Fire Department invites homeowners to take part in "Project Safe Haven". Those interested will receive a safety checklist and a short form to fill out when completed. When finished, contact the fire department (651-228-6273) and firefighters will make a courtesy visit to your home to make sure your smoke alarms work.

If needed, they will install a free smoke alarm and/or a digital carbon monoxide detector. You will receive a Safe Haven Certificate and a complimentary gift as a thank you. The program is FREE and open to Saint Paul owner-occupied single family homes including townhomes and condos.

This program is also wonderful for children. This is a great thing to do while they are home for the summer. This is a fun way to teach your children about fire and home safety. They can meet the firefighters that come out to the house. They can go out and see the fire truck. They also receive a firefighter's badge sticker and safety booklet. Call 651-228-6273 to set up your appointment.

Another fun thing to do is to go visit the firehouse at 681 University Ave, Station 18. Try to not go during meal times-we don't want to interrupt their meal time. This is the fire department that is first to respond to our area. Built in 1910, this firehouse is loaded with history. Stop by and a firefighter will give you a grand tour. See the old ladders, the slide poles, the old trampoline that they would catch people who jumped out of windows in and so much more! You can even get your blood pressure checked for free while you are there. Do note, you are at the mercy of their calls for service. If they have to respond to a call during your tour, or are out when you arrive for a tour, be patient or return at another time.

## Neighborhood Map and Resident List

The following pages include our immediate neighborhood map and resident list. This map will help everyone know who lives where. The resident list works in conjunction with the map and is an invaluable tool in keeping communication open for crime prevention, communication between neighbors, etc. Everyone on the resident list was added via the public telephone book or with the express permission of the resident. If any information is incorrect, if you wish to be removed, or wish to be added, please contact Cassandra Berg and the changes will be made and a revised list sent out with the next newsletter.



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**NEW SPIRIT  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**ST ADALBERTS  
CHURCH**

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**UNIVERSITY AVE**

# Frogtown Neighborhood Resident List



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NOTE: Names & numbers on this list were gathered from the public phonebook or given with permission by the residents themselves. Please submit any changes/corrections to Cassandra Berg.

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STREET ADDRESS	NAME	PHONE NUMBER
259 SHERBURNE	DAVID, CASSANDRA BERG & FAMILY	612-353-8262
265 SHERBURNE	RICK, RICHARD, TOAD HOLLAND	651-292-1456
271 SHERBURNE		
273 SHERBURNE		
273 SHERBURNE		
275 SHERBURNE	HEU, LONG, BOUA XIONG	
275 SHERBURNE		
276 SHERBURNE	DONNY, DEBRA HER & FAMILY	
277 SHERBURNE, 3RD FLR	DAVID HOLLAND	
277 SHERBURNE-1ST FLR	VALERIE	
277 SHERBURNE-2ND FLR	VIRGINIA JOHNSON	651-228-1653
279 SHERBURNE	JOHN, MARILYN, JOSHUA, MICHAEL COLVIN	651-292-1802
282 SHERBURNE	STEPAHNIE OWNES	
284 SHERBURNE	JAMACY JOHNSON	651-292-1397
285 SHERBURNE	ABDENCIO TORRES	651-224-3613
288 SHERBURNE		
290 SHERBURNE	PANG HER	651-222-8249
293 SHERBURNE	KEN FOX	651-291-8777
294 SHERBURNE	NURR FAARAX	
295 SHERBURNE	INEZ DAWSON-TWIDDY	
298 SHERBURNE	KHOA TRAN	651-225-1031
299 SHERBURNE	TOM & SHELLY TESCH	
303 SHERBURNE-1ST FLR		
303 SHERBURNE-2ND FLR		
303 SHERBURNE-3RD FLR		
307 SHERBURNE	LOUIS, GARY COURNEYA	651-222-6719
308 SHERBURNE, #1		
308 SHERBURNE, #2	GREG, JENNY MILLER	651-5541
308 SHERBURNE, #3		
308 SHERBURNE, #4		



# Frogtown Neighborhood Resident List



STREET ADDRESS	NAME	PHONE NUMBER
266 CHARLES		
268 CHARLES-LOWER		
270 CHALRES-UPPER		
276 CHARLES	VACANT-"BARB" PROP MNGR	651-276-5985
278 CHARLES	McDUFFIE FAMILY	
282 CHARLES-LOWER		
282 CHARLES-UPPER		
284 CHARLES	PAO, MAI, VUE VANG	651-221-2620
289 CHARLES, #1		
289 CHARLES, #2	DEJACQUELINE CHATMAN	
294 CHARLES	MELVIN & ALICIA CARTER & FAMILY	651-489-3567
295 CHARLES	WILLIAM STARKS	
298 CHARLES	MOSHAN BILLUPS	
299 CHARLES	NICOLE HOLMQUIST	
301 CHARLES	DARRYO & ANGIE JONES	
303 CHARLES		
305 CHARLES		
306 CHARLES	SUNY YA	
307 CHARLES	HERNAND MENDOZA	651-291-2303
315 CHARLES	MAI YANG	
516 FARRINGTON		
518 FARRINGTON		
519 GALTIER	SHOA YANG & FAMILY	651-291-5350
525 GALTIER		
527 CHARLES	VACANT	
529 GALTIER	BURGOS FAMILY	651-291-0437
531 GALTIER		
532 FARRINGTON	SON NGUYEN	651-224-3314
537 GALTIER	SONG LEE	651-414-9907
540 FARRINGTON		
568 FARRINGTON	LUCINDA MONEROSO	651-224-2442

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND NUMBERS

**EMERGENCY..... 911**

**POLICE NON-EMERGENCY.....651-291-1111**

**ST PAUL POLICE DEPT WEBSITE: <http://www.stpaul.gov/index.aspx?NID=461>**

(Great site for so much information, including level 3 sex offender information)

**CITY OF ST PAUL GENERAL INFORMATION.....651-266-8989**

**Website: <http://www.stpaul.gov/index.aspx>**

### **NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK LIAISON**

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**Tait Danielson Castillo.....651-789-7480**

**E-Mail: [district7pc@yahoo.com](mailto:district7pc@yahoo.com)**

### **CITY COUNCIL, WARD 1- COUNCIL MEMBER**

**Melvin Carter III.....651-266-8610**

**E-Mail: [ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us)**

**ANIMAL CONTROL.....651-266-1100**

**PUBLIC WORKS (24 HR HOTLINE).....651-292-6600**

(This number will direct you to just about anything...sewer, streets, lights, parking, permits, sidewalks, etc)

**SAFETY & INSPECTIONS.....651-266-8989**

**SNOW PLOWING INFORMATION.....651-266-7569**

### **LIGHT RAIL COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR**

**Shoua Lee.....651-602-1014**

**E-Mail: [shoua.lee@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:shoua.lee@metc.state.mn.us)**

### **CURFEW**

#### **UNACCOMPANIED MINORS UNDER THE AGE OF 15:**

**10:00pm to 4:00am Daily-no loitering or playing on or in public places**

#### **UNACCOMPANIED MINORS AGES 15 to 17:**

**12:01am to 4:00am Daily-restricted from public areas daily**

**It is unlawful for parents, guardians or other adults having charge over  
a minor to allow or permit that minor to violate curfew.**