

The Elmwood Neighbor

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Projects and Picnics: Neighborhood Events Planned for Spring and Summer

As the piles of snow dwindle and thoughts turn from winter boots to summer sandals, the Elmwood Neighborhood Board is busy planning upcoming events, meetings and projects for the neighborhood:

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING / Thursday, April 16 -- Join your neighbors at the spring neighborhood meeting, held at Union Congregational Church at 3700 Alabama Avenue South. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m., and the tentative agenda includes an update on the calendar of events, news of the renovation to the fire station, details on the Alabama Avenue widening project, and more information about the Wooddale bridge over Highway 7.

NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE / Saturday, May 9 -- All Elmwood neighborhood residents are encouraged to participate in this year's Elmwood Neighborhood Garage Sale! The sale will be advertised in the Star Tribune and the Sun-Sailor, and we will distribute flyers listing the participating addresses and sale highlights prior to the day of the event. Garage sale signs -- for the front of your home -- are available, but quantities are limited.

To participate in this year's sale, contact Curt Hilleren at 952-925-9742. There is a \$5 fee this year, and all fees collected will go toward inviting a Bridging, Inc., collection van to drive through our neighborhood after the sale and pick up household items to benefit people transitioning out of homeless shelters.



Visit the neighborhood meeting on April 16 for more details.

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANT SWAP / Saturday, May 9 -- A group of neighbors are planning a plant swap in conjunction with the Neighborhood Garage Sale. This is your chance to thin out crowded perennials and introduce variety to your existing gardens, all for the amazing price of FREE!

Here's how it will work:

- Dig up plants you no longer want, put them into containers, water them well and label them;
- Label where they like to live: full sun, partial sun/shade, full shade, etc.;
- Bring them to Justad Park on the morning of Saturday, May 9, before the garage sales start;
- Bring a few or take a few... the choice is yours!

We are looking for donations of plant containers from all neighbors and we are willing to come and pick them up from you in the latter part of April. Perfect time for spring cleaning! Visit the neighborhood meeting on April 16 for more details, or contact Hanna at 952-925-5916.

BLAST INTO SUMMER NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC / Wednesday, June 17 -- Quickly becoming a neighborhood tradition, the Blast Into Summer Neighborhood Picnic will again be held at Justad Park beginning at 6 p.m. Hot dogs, buns, plates and silverware will be provided, but residents are encouraged to bring a dish to pass, as well. A Moon Bounce inflatable play-area for kids will once again be available, and this year will also see the introduction of a Kid's Job Fair where our youngsters can advertise their availability to mow lawns, babysit, do chores, walk dogs, etc.

Attend the neighborhood meeting in April to learn more!

Neighborhood Improvement Projects

At the recent City Forum for neighborhood leaders, city officials asked how residents might improve their neighborhoods, enhance common areas and initiate green projects. Money was set aside to assist with these projects, and the Elmwood Neighborhood is hoping to generate ideas in the coming months so that we can apply for project assistance next year.

One suggestion that has been offered includes improving Justad Park by updating the landscaping and other environmental enhancements.

If you know of anyone that would like to plan or facilitate a project to enhance our neighborhood, please contact the neighborhood board, or send your proposal to elmwood.slp.mn@gmail.com. Our hope is to submit a grant request before March, 2010.

Elmwood Neighborhood Website

Wondering what's happening in the Elmwood neighborhood? Can't find your latest newsletter? Prefer to get your news online? Check out the website!

<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/stlouispk/elmwood>

Send your email address to elmwood.slp.mn@gmail.com and we'll notify you of major postings to the site, and send reminders of Elmwood neighborhood events.

Upcoming Events

Monday, April 6 — Elmwood Neighborhood Watch Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Union Congregational Church. Learn more about the St. Louis Park Police Department Neighborhood Watch Program and learn about ways to keep your neighborhood and home safe. This meeting is an opportunity to learn more about a burglary in our neighborhood, and to discuss prevention strategies with a member of the St. Louis Park Police Department.

Thursday, April 16 — Elmwood Neighborhood Meeting, 7 p.m. at Union Congregational Church

Tuesday, May 5 — "Plan by Neighborhood" Meeting, 7 p.m. at the St. Louis Park City Hall. The City is embarking on the process of updating its comprehensive plan, and this is your chance to be a part of the process. Identify local issues that are important to you! For more information, contact Meg McMonigal, Planning and Zoning Supervisor, at 952-924-2573 or mmcmonigal@stlouispark.org.

Saturday, May 9 — Elmwood Neighborhood Garage Sale and Plant Swap. More information at the April 16 neighborhood meeting.

Wednesday, June 17 — Blast Into Summer Neighborhood Picnic at Justad Park. Festivities begin at 6 p.m.

Sunday, October 25 — Elmwood Neighborhood Halloween Party, 3-5 p.m., Aldersgate United Methodist Church.