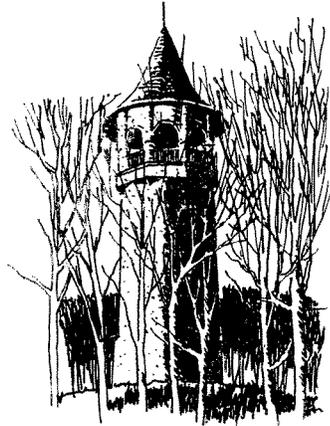


PPERRIA News – September 2010

Newsletter of the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association



PPERRIA Board / Membership Meeting
Monday, September 27th
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Prospect Park United Methodist Church
Corner of Orlin and Malcolm Avenues S.E.

Come early for treats and talk – 6:30 to 7:00 pm.

*If you have special needs requiring accommodation, contact
Joyce Barta at 612-859-4960, or bartajm@yahoo.com.*

We will make every attempt to meet that need.

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**Check out the PPERRIA Website for new and
expanded links**

LUXTON BOOK EXCHANGE NEWS

With the advent of cooler temperatures, the Luxton Book Exchange is again a pleasant place to visit to pick up some interesting books for your fall reading. Lots of good mysteries, adult fiction, children and teen books await your reading pleasure.

Note: our shelves are nearly full, so please be selective in any books you donate. Newer publications only, please!

The book exchange is open whenever the Luxton Park building is open.

Notes from the President

After a too-short-summer, it's back to school – and back to work for PPERRIA. This fall we're starting a strategic planning process, designed to take the neighborhood's pulse on issues. Rob Nordin's PPERRIA Development Committee got a grant from the University Good Neighbor Fund, and has hired a consultant to guide us through a planning process over the next few months. It begins with a series of neighborhood workshops in October, intended to gather input from ALL Prospect Park residents.

Stay informed about this, and other neighborhood issues, through the PPERRIA meeting minutes. They're regularly published in this newsletter.

In my July Notes, I introduced the work of the University District Alliance. This month I'm continuing by reporting on the Alliance Demonstration Programs that are designed to help stabilize neighborhood housing.

These programs were mandated by the State Legislature to demonstrate how the work of the Alliance would meet the challenges outlined in the Neighborhood Impact Report of 2007. They allocated \$750,000 for this purpose. The demonstration process began in early 2008 with the work of an Alliance Committee chaired by Second Ward Council Member (and Alliance Steering Committee member) Cam Gordon. The committee requested ideas from District residents and businesses as to how these demonstration funds could be best used. From over 30 ideas submitted, the Committee winnowed and combined them into three basic programs, each one given to a separate Task Group: 1) Homeowner Preservation, 2) Home Buyer Incentive and 3) Gateway Streetscape Improvement.

Homeowner Preservation Program – This, the primary Alliance demonstration program, was allotted most of the available funds. The plan was to buy options from current homeowners to purchase their homes when they came up for sale. It was aimed at homes likely to come on the market in the next few years, and likely to be bought by absentee landlords. Homes thus identified and purchased

would be renovated and sold to owner occupants. The goal was to increase confidence in the neighborhood, and encourage investment in owner-occupied housing.

The Alliance contracted with the Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation (GMHC) to act as the agent for the Alliance in purchasing and renovating properties. The idea was to focus the program in select target areas so as to increase its visibility and impact. The University Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) partnered with the Alliance Implementation Committee to identify target areas. The selection centered on the finding that the conversion of owner-occupied to absentee-landlord ownership had been particularly acute in the Marcy-Holmes and SE Como neighborhoods. Thus it was decided to have one target area in each of those neighborhoods.

These programs coordinated volunteer activity making the District neighborhoods better places to live

CURA's resources allowed the committee to find blocks of homes fitting a number of criteria, including blocks having a high percentage of owner-occupants, and owners at least 65 years of age who had owned for at least 10 years. Combined with data showing where recent purchases had gone to absentee owners, this analysis yielded an 8-block area in SE Como and a 6-block area in Marcy-Holmes. The goal was to purchase 10 options in each of the target areas. Owners who fit the profile were initially contacted by mail, with the help of SE Seniors. Additional contacts through coffee parties and word of mouth eventually led to meeting the goal of 20 optioned properties.

The second phase of this program began with the purchase of a home on 16th Ave SE, north of Como Ave. The house was about to be sold as a rental property and had much deferred maintenance, but a relatively new exterior siding and roof. It was used

to demonstrate another Alliance priority, namely promoting sustainable and energy efficient development in the District. The Alliance hired LHB Architects to detail how this 100-year-old house could be renovated with the latest in energy-saving technology and sustainable materials. Much of this was accomplished in the renovation, and the home is currently on the market. It can be viewed at www.universityarea.net. Two additional homes have been purchased and renovated. One, near Marcy School, was sold to a family with young children. The other, on 19th Ave in SE Como, will close in mid-October.

Home Buyer Incentive Program – This program was modeled after the City of Minneapolis Advantage program that provided loans and grants for home down payments. The Alliance program was to provide a \$10,000 incentive to anyone who would purchase and live in a home in the University District. The program was funded for 15 grants (\$150,000) from three sources: The University of Minnesota, the City of Minneapolis and the Alliance. Each contributed \$50,000. All 15 incentives were used, and they supported the purchase of homes in each of the District neighborhoods. Four of them went to buyers in Prospect Park.

“Live Near Your Work,” an Alliance website that began as an offshoot of these first two programs, has now become a major promotion site for the

University District. The LiveNearYourWork.net website has gone through several iterations and now promotes each of the District neighborhoods in addition to listing both homes for sale, and places to rent for workers and professionals. It has been cited as a “best practice” by other urban-university areas. It consistently records over 400 “hits” a week. A major goal for the Alliance is to promote this live/work theme in the District.

Gateway Streetscape Improvement Program – This program grew from suggestions to highlight the gateways to the University District. After considerable discussion, the Alliance accepted a proposal from the West Bank Business Association for facade improvement along Cedar Avenue. It resulted in a plan to significantly improve an open space alongside the Cedar Cultural Center and adjacent to the Cedar high-rise housing complex. The Alliance contributed \$50,000 and volunteer professional expertise for planning and engineering. The remaining cost of the project (about \$200,000) is to be raised by the local community.

These demonstration programs have coordinated much volunteer activity focused on making the University District neighborhoods better places to live. Next month I will report on the collective efforts invested by the Alliance in planning.

.....Dick Poppele

Ever heard of **Restorative Justice Community Action?**

They are there for:

- Victims** – Are you a victim of crime? Get closure. Feel empowered
- Offenders** – Enroll and get your case dismissed or make amends
- The rest of us** – Get meaningful justice. Help our community heal

They're one of our community partners, and they have a new website:
<http://www.rjca-inc.org/> Check it out

PPERIA Meeting Minutes July 26, 2010, Prospect Park United Methodist Church

The monthly meeting of the Prospect Park-East River Road Improvement Association was called to order by President Dick Poppele at 7:03 PM. He thanked Clay Lambert of Metro Petro for providing the refreshments for the evening.

The agenda was approved with no changes.

The minutes of the June 28, 2010 meeting, printed in the newsletter, were approved as published.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Tom Kilton announced that the "much anticipated" neighborhood cleanup will be held Saturday, September 25. The amount of concrete scrap collected has been declining for several years. Tom feels that we could save money by not hiring a city truck to pick up the concrete if we could get neighbors to do the pickup using their own pickup trucks and trailers. He pointed out that if volunteers drive their own vehicles, they will not actually have to pick up the heavy concrete themselves. Volunteers should contact Tom at (PHONE) 339-3064 or (EMAIL) tom@tomkilton.com
2. Sally Brown introduced herself. She is the coordinator of a new program called "Neighborhood Renewal Through Dialog and Action," which is funded by the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs at the U of M, as a \$2000. grant to the Twin Cities Gray Panthers, and Somali Women in Minnesota in partnership with PPERIA. She passed out an overview of the program. She asked, "What does this group want to work on?" NRTDA has taken informal surveys of Prospect Parkers at Luxton Park, the Pratt Ice Cream Social and elsewhere. She said the top three issues that people were concerned about in PP were community safety, health care, and education. She asked "What gets in the way of building stronger neighborhoods and community?" Andy Mickel said connections are the cause, community the result. Paul Zerby said maintaining Pratt as a school and community center was a vital concern. Kate Donahue said we need more socializing and having fun together. Sally Jorgenson said we need to bring more young people into PPERIA. Jane Seely said the next "dialog" will be held tomorrow night (July 27) at 5:30 PM at her house, 66 Barton. The topic will be community safety. Another dialog will be held August 31 at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.
3. Karen Murdock put up an overhead transparency showing the home football games for the U of M Golden Gophers in the fall. The schedule is:

September 11, South Dakota, 11 AM	October 2 (HOMECOMING), Northwestern, 11 AM
September 18, Southern California, 2:30 PM	October 23, Penn State, TBA
September 25, Northern Illinois, 7:30 PM	October 30, Ohio State, 7:00 PM
	November 27, Iowa, TBA

Karen said that one of the results of the new, on-campus stadium has been a drastic fall in use of local businesses on home game days. Fans attending the football games are not spending any money at local businesses and local residents are avoiding going anywhere near the stadium during the hours of the football games. Karen urged that we start a new tradition here in Prospect Park. Local residents should make a point of patronizing local businesses (preferably by *walking* to them rather than driving) during home football games. She said this would be a dramatic way of demonstrating that local residents support local businesses, would show business owners "what we are made of" in Prospect Park, would be a fun time for socializing together over lunch or dinner, and would be good exercise for residents walking or riding their bikes from their homes to local businesses.

FEATURED NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS

Danny Anderson and Jenny Nyquist of Punch Pizza introduced themselves. Punch is located at 802 Washington Avenue. The restaurant opened in December 2009. It serves "authentic Neapolitan pizza. It is not a bar and just serves beer and wine, not hard liquor. Danny and Jenny passed out menus and coupons for free pizzas. Hours are 11 am to 10 pm daily.

SECOND WARD AND CITY ISSUES

Cam Gordon, 2nd Ward City Councilman, passed out copies of his monthly report to constituents. He reported that the proposed historic district in the hill area of Prospect Park has been turned down by city staff and by the Historic Preservation Commission. Cam thought the area might be designated a "conservation district" instead of an "historic district." This would require a new city ordinance.

One solution to football-game-day parking issues in Prospect Park has been proposed by Cam. Existing businesses with parking lots would be allowed to rent parking spaces on game days and other days when events are held at TCF Bank Stadium. Businesses would be allowed to rent out parking spaces for up to 15 events per year. Cam has introduced this to City Council and hopes to get it approved by the end of August, in time for the 2010 Golden Gophers home games.

Resurfacing of streets in Prospect Park will start in mid to late August. This will not include Franklin Avenue, East River Road, or East River Terrace. The water main under East River Terrace will get a new liner. There have been a lot of leaks and breaks in that pipe.

University Avenue and Washington Avenue will get all new street lighting with the coming of the Light Rail Transit line. This will include pedestrian lighting. Jane Seeley asked if property taxes would go up to pay for the LRT. Cam said property values are expected to go up and property taxes would follow; the LRT will not be paid for with property taxes. Julie Wallace pointed out that most of University Avenue in Prospect Park will not have the LRT, which will follow the U of M transitway from 29th Avenue to Stadium Village (for a map of the Central Corridor LRT line, see <http://www.metrocouncil.org/transportation/ccorridor/CCimages/Maps/CurrentCCLRTRouteMap.pdf>).

Julie asked if new lights could also be installed to “fill the gap” between 29th Avenue and Oak Street. Cam said he would look into this.

Peter LaSha asked about the issue of solar energy, which appeared as #9 on Cam’s monthly report. Cam said that federal money for solar installation is initially aimed at public buildings but he is trying to work out a way for homeowners to pay for the installation of solar panels through their property taxes.

Tom Kilton applauded “the 300-dollar solution” to the traffic bottleneck at East River Road/Frankling Avenue/27th Avenue. Traffic engineers recently removed the traffic lights and put temporary stop signs in. Tom recommended that money saved in this solution should be put to upgrading University Avenue and that the stop signs be made permanent.

Florence Littman said that businesses along the Light Rail Transit line will suffer during construction of the line. She asked if property tax increases could be postponed until the businesses have recovered from this. Paul Zerby said that even businesses not directly on the LRT line would still be impacted a great deal by LRT construction. Cam said that the city is planning to do an elaborate parking study for the area along the LRT line.

Paul Z. asked if PPERRIA had expressed support for local businesses to rent out parking spots on game days. Dick Poppele said, yes, we sent the city a letter of support for this proposal on PPERRIA letterhead. Dick added that we recommended a review of the new policy after the first year to see how it is working out.

Cam said there will be a charter change to vote on in the election in November. The city Charter Commission will become the body in charge of redistricting if the change passes. Cam said this would make redistricting less partisan. Paul Zerby said the current process of redistricting can be “ugly” and that a poor process brings poor results. Henry Keshi of the Glendale Council asked why redistricting is necessary. Cam said a decennial Census is called for in the U. S. Constitution. The aim of redistricting at the city level is to assure that each of the 13 wards in Minneapolis holds roughly the same number of people, so that each City Council member represents approximately the same number of constituents. He added that a big concern of redistricting is “not to break up neighborhoods.”

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

- **Historic District Committee:** Joe Ring said that, although the proposal to create an historic district was turned down by the city, the Hess/Roise report was adopted. This means that Prospect Park has “standing” for historic designation by the city. The process for national historic designation goes forward. The alternative to a city historic district could be a “conservation district.”
- **Communications Committee:** Lois Willand passed out a draft of a brochure produced by the Comm Comm for new residents of Prospect Park. She announced that National Night Out is next week and urged block club leaders to get ahold of her so they can pass out copies of the brochure at the NNO meetings.
- **Housing Committee:** Dick Poppele said this is a new committee and is seeking new members.
- **Livability Committee:** Carla Urban said that the Sound Wall taskforce, having been unable to accomplish its goal of getting soundwalls along I94 for the East River Terrace, has been disbanded. Home Energy audits continue, with the next meeting to be held August 12 at 6:30 in Longfellow Park. Interested residents should contact Kyle Boehm at (612) 219-7334, email kboehm@mncee.org. Federal and/or state rebates may be available to homeowners who want to install solar hot water heaters in their homes. The city of Minneapolis has sent Carla information on Critical Parking Areas, but they do not want to send a representative out to speak to the neighborhood until they have a list of specific questions to answer.
- **Master Plan Committee:** Dick Gilyard reported that the two “missing pieces” of the Master Plan are parking issues and the plan for SEMI (Southeast Minneapolis Industrial area). The city and county have launched studies of both of these things. They will be important factors which will influence the Master Plan. (It is hoped that a draft of a Master Plan for Prospect Park will be ready in the fall.)
- **Zoning Committee:** Florence Littman said that the committee sent a letter of support for the proposed football game-day parking solution proposed by Cam. Dick Poppele said that Buffalo Wild Wings (which will open in the Station 19 building) has a program to promote responsible drinking among its patrons. He thinks this program could be used as a model for the neighborhood.

STAFF REPORT

The Staff Report was published in the July newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Julie Wallace asked "How can there be places in the city where there are no sidewalks?" She cited three such areas in Prospect Park:

1. 27th Avenue between Essex and the railroad tracks (alongside Glendale). People in wheelchairs have been observed here using the street because there is no sidewalk on the east side of 27th Avenue here.
2. Bedford Street north of University Avenue, between University and 4th Street. There is no sidewalk on the east side of this street, along the KSTP property. Because of the new "Jefferson at Berry" student housing complex" (on the Saint Paul side of the city line), hundreds of students now walk along Bedford Street to catch the bus. It is dangerous not to have a sidewalk here.
3. Around Tower Hill Park.

Julie asked if there was anything we could do to get sidewalks in these places.

Henry Keshi of Glendale said that parking is a problem in this development because no garages were originally built for the 185 units and because during the day people from the U of M park here, even though it is a designated Critical Parking Area.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Murdock, PPERRIA Secretary

Editor's Notes

1. "Kudos!" our celebration of exceptional people given Neighborhood Volunteer Awards last May, will be concluded with the last four awardees next month.
2. Following "A Letter from Pratt" in this issue (p. 6) watch for a monthly account in future issues of events in the life of a Pratt student who is starting Kindergarten this fall

Leditors –A penny for your thoughts

Last issue we called for letters to the editor (we call them "Leditors"). We've had but one so far. Here it is:

I am saddened to hear of cities such as Lino Lakes enacting "English only" laws and I sincerely hope that other cities in Minnesota will not follow.

As citizens of the twenty-first century and of the great state of Minnesota, it is in our best interest that non-English speaking residents, citizens and visitors in our communities are able to interact with the local government. Local governments should foster that interaction.

I call on my mayor R.T. Rybak to prevent similar legislation from ever happening in Minneapolis, governor Tim Pawlenty to prevent this from happening on a state level and our senators Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken to prevent similar laws from being enacted on a federal level.

I am a proud Minnesotan and I hope that we can all come together to make sure that Minnesota supports all of the populations who help make our state a great place.

Erika J. Doerr

.....*Post your leeditors to the editor at: klisterkid@comcast.net*

A LETTER FROM PRATT – To Our Families, Neighbors and Friends:

Pratt Community School is growing. This year we'll have an expanded attendance area, and the opportunity to educate children and work with parents in the Longfellow, Seward, Cedar-Riverside, Glendale and Prospect Park neighborhoods. Families in these areas will be served by MPS bus transportation to Pratt.

Added classrooms, new offerings for 2010-2011

- We'll have a half-day, Pre-K classroom in the morning, bringing 22 students to Pratt. (We call the program "High-Five.")
- We're adding one classroom – increasing from six to seven.
- We have opened a 4th-grade classroom. This means we will have two, full-day kindergarten classrooms plus one classroom at each grade level First-through-Fifth. And, it's in addition to our specialists: media, visual arts, physical education and music; provided by our Artist-in-Residence.
- We will have two, Early Childhood Special Education classrooms (ECSE) in four sections (two AM and two PM), bringing 32 students to Pratt with the potential for 48 students. The ECSE program comes with two, fulltime teachers and four Special Education Assistants (SEAs).
- This year we are pleased to have a fulltime teacher serving our ELL students.
- Also new this year will be our Gifted Talented (GT) Catalyst teacher – offering additional opportunities for those students achieving above grade level.
- We will offer Spanish – a fee-based service – on Tuesday and Thursday morning 8:30-9:30am. More information will follow the first week of school.
- We will offer Arabic during the school day, taught by an Exchange teacher from Cairo, Egypt.

Pratt Community School will continue to provide:

Rigorous academic standards • Experienced teachers • Attention to the whole student • A diverse student population • Advanced technology for all students • Active parent leadership, and a tradition of strong volunteer support • Strong community partnerships • A safe, respectful, intergenerational environment and • A welcoming atmosphere to encourage family involvement in your children's early learning years.

Building maintenance and classroom repurposing:

Painting in three classrooms, the southwest hallway entry and the lunchroom is complete as we prepare for fall. Our former CCC Lab is now our 2nd-grade classroom.

We look forward to welcoming our new families in the fall. Should you have any questions, or if you want to learn more about Pratt, visit our website at www.pratt.mpls.k12.mn.us email me at anne.wade@mpls.k12.mn.us or call me at 612-668-1122.

Sincerely,
Anne Wade, Principal

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Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

To include items in the PPERRIA calendar, contact Joyce Barta at bartajm@yahoo.com or 859-4960 by **Thurs, Oct 7th**.

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to contact
Thursday, September 16	7:00 - 8:30 pm Pratt Council Meeting at Pratt.	Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436 Pratt Office 668-1122
Wednesday, September 22	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Garden Club meeting. Location to be announced.	Kent Petterson 332-1821
Saturday, September 25	8:30 am – noon Prospect Park Neighborhood Cleanup. Items that will be picked up are tires, concrete, metal, and brush. (No need to bundle brush.) Items must be on curb by 9 am. More volunteers needed, especially those with a pickup and /or trailer for hauling concrete. Meet at 1933 E. River Parkway for breakfast at 8:30. Trucks roll at 9 am.	Tom Kilton 339-3064
Monday, September 27	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm PPERRIA Board of Directors & Membership Meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church. Come at 6:30 for refreshments and conversation.	Dick Poppele 378-9242
Tuesday, October 5	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm (Tentative) Zoning & Planning Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Florence Littman 331-2970
Monday, October 11	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Dick Poppele 378-9242
Thursday, October 21	7:00 - 8:30 pm Pratt Council Meeting at Pratt.	Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436 Pratt Office 668-1122
Friday, October 22	3:30 pm Glendale Residents Council at Luxton Park	Henry Keshi keshi@minn.net
Monday, October 25	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm PPERRIA Board of Directors & Membership Meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church. Come at 6:30 for refreshments and conversation.	Dick Poppele 378-9242

Combined July - August 2010 PPERRIA Staff Report 7/1/2010 – 8/31/2010

Staff hours from July 1 through August 30, 2010 totaled 38.25 hours for a cost of \$918.

\$906 of this was paid using PPERRIA funds budgeted for staff allocated to Administration. A total of \$1000 was budgeted by PPERRIA for staff in the 2010-2011 budget; none remains.

The remaining \$12 was paid using NRP funds. Contract C-25154 (11-1-07) between NRP and PPERRIA contained \$27,229 for Administration, of which \$20,000 was designated for Staff and \$7229 for other administrative costs. \$12,125.40 remains for staff.

PPERRIA Standing Committees and Chairs

Administration	Tony Garmers	tgarmers@msn.com	378-2656
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Development	Rob Nordin	nordin@macalester.edu	331-1766
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Executive	Dick Poppele	dick@umn.edu	378-9242
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Housing	Stu Anderson	andersonics@earthlink.net	298-0725
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*Community and River Gorge Cleanup	Tom Kilton	tom@tomkilton.com	339-3064
*Environment	Dean Abrahamson	deanabra@umn.edu	623-9449
*History Project	Betts Zerby	ejzerby@yahoo.com	379-8095
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Motley Crew	Rebakah Lorence	rlorence@mm.com	331-2464
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Sound Wall	Dorothy Davey	tom4dotd@aol.com	331-8418

The following are not PPERRIA Committees, but they have PPERRIA representatives:

Stadium Area Advisory Group (SAAG)	Dean Abrahamson, Florence Littman
Southeast Minneapolis Committee on Learning (SEMCOL)	Susan Larson Fleming, David Galle, Jakki Kydd-Fidelman, Susan Gottlieb
Southeast Economic Development Committee (SEED)	Dean Lund, Julie Wallace, John Kari
District Councils Collaborative (DCC)	Phil Anderson
University District Partnership Alliance	Dick Poppele, Dick Gilyard

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***FYI:* Saturday September 25 – Annual Fall Cleanup**

Forego that Saturday morning run. Cancel the extra coffee-and-a-bagel with your morning paper. Join neighbors and friends on a tour of our streets, a short morning of talk and light exercise to help keep the 'hood clean and pristine.

Gather at 1933 East River Parkway for 8:30AM breakfast. Trucks roll at 9:00. Finish by noon.

This year we particularly need pickup trucks, or vehicles with a trailer, to save the cost of a roll-off for concrete.....Questions? Call Tom Kilton, 612-339-3064.

And Remember:

What happens tomorrow is shaped by those who show up today