

# NEWPNA NEWS

The newsletter of the North East – Wilson Park Neighborhood Association – Spring 2013

## Healthy Communities

The term “Healthy Communities” has been spoken frequently over the past decade, its’ meaning interpreted differently from one residing in a set of boundaries to those planning city services or to employers in the area.

Healthy communities are defined as a community that is continuously improving and creating those physical and social environments. Expanding those community resources that enable people to mutually support each other in performing all the functions of life and in developing to their maximum potential.

This wider definition demands that all community stake holders consider the many interwoven pieces of community life when working to create a healthy community.

Problems facing communities today are complex and can not be solved without more residents in the community taking an active role in the problem solving process. Achieving a healthy community requires collaboration between local government, businesses and those who live in the community.

Successful communities focus on the assets within their communities rather than the deficits. In the Northeast Wilson Park neighborhood we have the Raymond Park Eastside Boys and Girls Club. The St. Cloud Police Department lists the Boys & Girls Clubs throughout the city as the strongest crime deterrent in the city. We have schools, medical services, grocery, hardware and other retail stores within close proximity. Mature trees line our streets and yards, our parks are accessible and we boast the best off leash dog park in St. Cloud. All of this and our Northeast neighborhood is located on the shores of the Mississippi, one of the Nations greatest resource.

If you are interested in having an active voice in helping to shape the neighborhood you live in, get involved! The Northeast Wilson Park Neighborhood Association, a.k.a NEWPNA, encourages all neighbors to take an active part in our community decision making. Our mission: *Is to preserve the character of the neighborhood, fostering community pride and a sense of place, where all neighbors can be their best selves.* Monthly meetings are held at the Raymond Park Eastside Boys and Girls Club on the last Tuesday of every month except December. The meetings are from 7-9PM.

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Secretary	YOUR NAME HERE!	

## Mark your calendar

for these NEWPNA sponsored events

Spring Clean-up      April 27

Floatilla Kick-off      June 9

Pool Party      June 26

July 4<sup>th</sup> Fundraiser      July 4

National Night Out      August 6

Gateway Unveiling      September TBA

For more information see newsletter articles

**2013 SPRING CLEAN-UP**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH**  
**10:00 AM**  
**WILSON PARK**

Come join in the Wilson Park Spring Clean-up! This year's clean-up is scheduled for Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10 AM. In the event of a storm or heavy rain fall it will be postponed until May 4<sup>th</sup>. Bags and gloves will be furnished for clean-up crews.

*Coffee, juice and treats will be served!*



**NEWPNA FLOATILLA**

The third annual NEWPNA FLOATILLA will kick-off on June 9<sup>th</sup>. The floatilla is comprised of kayaks, canoes, fishing boats, pontoons or your preferred floatable device.



**FLOATILLA DATES**

- June 9**  
Granite City Brass
- June 23**  
Gypsy Mania Hot Club Quartet
- July 14**  
L'unica String Quartet
- July 28**  
Cristina Seaborn Trio
- August 11**  
Monday Night Jazz
- August 25**  
George Maurer Trio

concert series. Those interested in participating will gather at Wilson Park by 2:15. The journey down to Munsinger Gardens will begin by 2:30. We will arrive in time for the 3 PM concert. After the concert we will head back up river, arriving at Wilson Park by 4:45. There is still no preregistration or cost to participate in the floatilla. This is a fun afternoon of leisure enjoying the magnificent Mississippi.

The floatilla's destination is Munsinger Gardens, where we will be enchanted by some of Central Minnesota's finest musicians. The free entertainment, now in its' 14th season is made possible by a grant from the Central MN Arts Board, through funding provided by the MN State Legislature's Legacy Fund.

Floatilla dates coincide with the music in the park

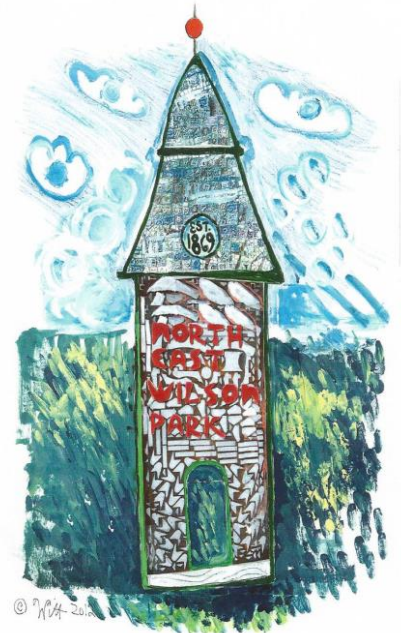
Munsinger Clemens 6<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Art Fair in the Gardens**  
 will take place on Thursday, July 18, 2013  
 10:00 am to 8:00 pm  
 Music and art for purchase will be showcased throughout the gardens at Riverside Drive SE, St Cloud Minnesota.

**Building**  
**Neighborhood/Community**  
**through the Arts**

*By Carolyn Garven*

NEWPNA engaged local artist, Claire Witt, to design and install a Neighborhood Gateway using recycled steel sheeting approximately 20 x 5 feet in size. This steel panel will have cutout shapes that reflect the river's natural beauty and will include foliage, birds, boats and clouds.

North East Wilson Park will also be written in cutout letters. Mosaic medallions made from recycled mirror will be added to the surface to unify the gateway with the Wilson Park Kaleidoscope Mosaic Mural. The sculptural sign will be mounted in concrete



reinforced with footings with the help from the City of St. Cloud Engineering Department. The area around the sign will have native plantings coordinated by a neighborhood garden committee.

**The site of the Gateway is 111 East St. Germain Street**, on the triangular piece of property on the North side of East St. Germain Street next to Culligan's. Final installation will be completed by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013. NEWPNA will be sponsoring a Gateway unveiling in September. The cost of the project is

\$12,500. Funding sources for the Gateway project are through the Central MN Arts Board, City of St. Cloud Artsparks and the Otto Bremer Foundation.

Now it is YOUR turn! We are asking for your participation. Both the Wilson Apartment Manager and the East Side Boys & Girls Club Unit Director have offered to donate space and assistance in hosting four workshops where **YOU** can participate in making the mosaic medallions portion of the sculpture. Be a part of this glorious adventure! Contact Carolyn Garven, project manager, (252-7737) @cjarven@charter.net with any questions.



Summertime by George! is a free concert and festival put on by the Rotary Club of St. Cloud at the newly renovated Lake George! The area will be transformed into a fun and active place every Wednesday from 5 -9 PM with free live music from local and regional bands, local vendors, artisans, and a kid's zone for the entire family to enjoy!

Gateway Workshops		
Eastside Boys & Girls Club	April 18 & 25	6PM
Wilson Apartments	May 1 & 8	7PM

Summer By George Concert listings	
June 12	32 Below
June 19	Steeling Dan
June 26	Collective Unconscious
July 3	Belladiva
July 10	Johnny Holm Band
July 17	Rocket Club
July 24	Kurt Jorgensen Band
July 31	Divana and the Vagabonds
August 7	The Receders
August 14	GB Leighton
August 21	Boogie Wonderland
August 28	Fabulous Armadillos

## St. Cloud/Spalt Park Pool

*By Dawn Newton*

There's not been a day since making the decision to buy our home in St Cloud's Northeast-Wilson Park neighborhood that I've questioned the wisdom of that choice. In fact, each new season brings new attractions to mind. In fall, the lovely mixed colors of the variety of trees lining the streets. In winter, the sledding hills. In spring, neighbors' perennials re-emerging through the melting snow. In summer, the welcoming laughter coming from the Spalt Park wading pool. Yes, our own neighborhood swimming hole!, This neighborhood delight is almost in my backyard, certainly within walking distance for most of the children and families living in the NEWPNA area. For several weeks each summer, not only are there trained lifeguards on site whenever the pool is open, ensuring that the kids are safe, but also, there is no cost to those of us who use it. The shady, wooded picnic and playground equipment areas that surround it are also FREE! Actually, just like everything else, it isn't FREE. The six weeks that are scheduled for this year are funded through the city of St Cloud, at the rate of \$375-400 per week. This covers the supervision and maintenance of the pool. To celebrate this neighborhood asset, we will have a pool party on June 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 PM (rain date June 27<sup>th</sup>). The party will include dinner, games and a heap of fun!

**The 2013 St. Cloud/Spalt Park pool schedule**  
**June 18 - August 18**  
**Tuesday - Sunday**  
**1:00 – 7:00 PM**

# Thank You

NEWPNA sends a special THANK YOU to Eagle Scout Stewart D who made our Buckthorn problem at Wilson Park his Eagle Scout Project. Stuart planned and executed the removal of more than 7 trailers full of buckthorn from the hillside of Wilson Park. Buckthorn is an unwelcomed and invasive non-native plant that out-competes native plants for nutrients, light and moisture. Buckthorn degrades wildlife habitat and threatens the future of our forests, wetlands, prairies and other natural habitats. Stewarts efforts were a great start to tackling our buckthorn problem at Wilson Park. We are hopeful that other Eagle Scouts or concerned neighbors can continue this work.

# Get Involved

## **Need to spruce up that job resume?**

Employers are always looking at leadership roles potential employees have had. Volunteerism also looks great on a resume. NEWPNA has an officers' secretary position open. The secretary is responsible for taking the monthly meeting notes and attendance and passing them on to other leadership team members and the St. Cloud Neighborhood Coalition. If you are interested in this position contact Peter Minor at: [koushka@charter.net](mailto:koushka@charter.net)

## **Fourth of July**

To make this year our most successful, we need your help at our 4th of July root-beer float sale! Needed: Root-beer float makers, cashiers & novelty sellers. Funds from this event are what make our other events happen, help make our neighborhood shine! Interested? Contact Shawna Minor at: [sdminor@charter.net](mailto:sdminor@charter.net)

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