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HAWTHORNE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Hawthorne VIBE

Hawthorne Pride 2009

On Thursday, September 24th, the Hawthorne Neighborhood Council hosted its Annual Meeting and Board of Director Elections.

The theme for this year's meeting was Hawthorne Pride—2009! The planning committee of Lisa Mitchell, Georgianna Yantos and Alexandra Jasicki did a great job of coordinating the event with the help of Kathy Welch and Brian Cheese who lent their financial guidance and experience from planning meetings past. (Additionally, it should be noted that through Lisa Mitchell's hard work and careful planning, this year's meeting was pulled off at an 85% savings from last year's event!)

Over 70 Residents and other guests were treated to a Dinner Buffet catered by Bangkok Market and featured spring rolls, egg



rolls, hot papaya salad, chicken wings, and fried rice. There were also salads and lasagna, and a great dessert bar. A Hawthorne slideshow played throughout the dinner portion of the evening and

displayed many great photos of businesses, residents, and events held throughout Hawthorne over the past year.

The children of resident's attending the meeting enjoyed their very own "Kid Zone" decorated with an island theme. Licensed child care providers were on hand to



lead crafts and activities so parents could participate more fully in the meeting knowing that their children were being



well cared for.

The students from the Lundstrum Center for Performing Arts provided the entertainment for the evening which everyone really enjoyed.

The Board of Director elections went very

smoothly and were overseen by representatives from the League of Women Voters. Congratulations to: Joanne Kelty, Anderson Mitchell, Mohammed Agoubi, Debra Williamson, Bob Rude, Bryan Thao Worra, Len Lewis, Georgianna Yantos and Carey Joe Howell who were elected

to Board seats and join existing members: Lisa Mitchell, Jim Wentzell, Dee Phillips, Abdi Gobje, and Brian Cheese.



Lundstrum Center for Performing Arts

Some wonderful students from the Lundstrum Center for the Performing Arts performed at the Hawthorne Neighborhood Council Annual Meeting, which was held on September 24th at 6:00pm. Amy Ellis, Executive Director of Lundstrum Center gave a warm welcome to the audience, and the show consisted of songs from an original work "Raymond in Space" (by Peter Tolan, music by Hiram Titus), as well as Broadway musicals "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown", "Wicked", "Secret Garden" and "The Wiz". Sets were



designed and built by Lundstrum Center staff and students. The performers included Emily Albert-Stauning, Jada Stumon, Tony Ferrar, Julia Mann, Nicole Thompson, Felicia Connor, Herbert Johnson III, Cecilia Miller, Melissa Okelie,

Jessica Akpaka, LaTasha Akpaka, Ashley Akapaka, Emily Kosel, and Alisha Jones. The students were accompanied on keyboard by Mary Howarth. The show included something for everyone, and was a great success! For information about Lundstrum Center, please visit

www.lundstrumcenter.org, or call 612-521-2600.



Good Sports Bar and Grill to Open Soon at 200 W. Broadway!

On September 23rd, Mike and Val Levey were approved for a liquor license by the Minneapolis City Council Licensing and Regulatory Services Committee! The Levey's will soon be opening Good Sports Bar and Grill at 200 West Broadway in the Hawthorne Neighborhood.

The Levey's have been working since February 2009 to secure the necessary licenses and permits to open their new

restaurant. During the past eight months they have met with the neighborhood's Crime and Safety Committee, Business Committee, and the full Board of Directors as well as attending a large scale public meeting to ensure that they had the support of the residents and business owners in the community as they sought to reopen a formerly troublesome property. They have tailored their business

and operation plans to accommodate security requests from our community and are looking forward to becoming a great neighbor to Hawthorne.

Call the HNC offices for more information about their Grand Opening!

Hmong Police

On a September 12th a meeting was convened at Farview Park to discuss the findings of a U of M report that called for more Hmong police officers in North Minneapolis, particularly the Hawthorne Neighborhood. Members of the Hmong community in North Minneapolis and CURA personnel, especially Jay Clark, Melinda Yang and Yia Yang met

with city council members to discuss the significant disparities in the way Hmong police officers were deployed in Minneapolis in relationship to the known population figures. Individual testimonies



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from the residents highlighted the difficulties and frustrations neighbors had as a result. Hawthorne staff member Jeff Skrenes was on hand for the meeting and has been instrumental in facilitating this initiative. Please call the HNC offices to view a full copy of the report.

Harvest Festival

The Lowry Avenue Harvest Festival was held on Saturday, October 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to celebrate the Grand Re-Opening of the intersection at Lowry and Penn Avenues.

Despite an early snowfall and some seriously cold temperatures there was a nice crowd on hand to enjoy the festivities which included: live music, the Patrick Henry High School Marching Band, great food vendors, a farmers market, classic car show, "Kids Corner," neighborhood organization information, and a ribbon cutting ceremony complete with a bottle of champagne being broken on the bucket of a pay loader!

"This project has been a decade in the making," said Hennepin County

Commissioner, Mark Stenglein. "It was truly a collaboration—we thank the community for their involvement throughout the process, and their patience during construction. We are thrilled with the result."



HNC Housing Director Jeff Skrenes—Cuts piece of the Ceremonial Ribbon...

The event was sponsored by: North End Hardware, DOCS Gym, Union Liquor, METRO Check Cashing, Northside Chiropractic Clinic, LIONS International, Twin Cities Dental, McKinley Community, Folwell Neighborhood Association, Cleveland Neighborhood Association, Christ English Lutheran Church, Wellington Management, Inc., Webber Camden, Hennepin County, Washburn-McReavy, Glover Insurance Agency, Jordan Area Community Council, Hawthorne Neighborhood Council, Highland Tire Auto Service, Inc., Moua Lor Chiropractic & Acupuncture, Hoover Wheel Align, A-Sign and Screen Printing Co., and ALDI.

Crime & Safety Committee Seeks Neighborhood Input on Policing Policies

On Tuesday, October 13th, the Crime and Safety Committee held a meeting in conjunction with the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct to discuss Hawthorne's Neighborhood Policing Plan. CCP/SAFE representative Mary Etzioni was on hand to receive resident feedback and answer questions.

Many of those present were in agreement that the 4th Precinct Police Officers do a

great job of responding to 911 calls and attending to crime and safety issues as they occur. However, they police can only do so much. It is up to the residents of our neighborhood to continue to call 911 and 311 and follow up as best they can with other entities such as housing inspections,

The Crime & Safety Committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 7-9 p.m. at Farview Park. Please plan on attending a meeting and have your say in neighborhood policing and other crime issues!

the City Council, landlords, etc. Several great ideas were offered as to how HNC can be a more visible partner in these efforts. Feedback from this meeting will be used the Board and Staff at HNC to improve upon existing programs and communication strategies and to develop new ones.

Local Poet Releases New Book

Hawthorne resident Bryan Thao Worra released his new book, BARROW this month, with a debut reading on October 10th in Minneapolis. As a 2009 NEA Fellow in Literature, he was one of 45 poets selected from over 1,000 writers across the United States. His work is taught in textbooks and schools around the world. His new book, BARROW, contains over 55

poems including poems that previously appeared in Minnesota journals such as Whistling Shade, Tales of the Unanticipated, The Journal of the Asian American Renaissance, and Northography. His book features an original foreword by Dr. Nnedi Okorafor, award-winning author of The Shadow Speaker and Zahrah The Windseeker. A Nigerian American, Dr.

Okorafor was the recipient of the Wole Soyinka Africa Prize for Literature, the African equivalent of the Nobel Prize. Dr. Okorafor visited the Hawthorne Neighborhood in 2008 while attending Diversicon, a local science fiction convention.





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Calendar of Meetings

Board of Directors Meeting—Held the 2nd Thursday of each month from 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. at Farview Park. Next Meeting—November 12th.

Business Committee - Meets the last Friday of each month from 8:30 a.m.—9:45 a.m. at US Bank on West Broadway. Next meeting—October 30th.

Finance Committee—Meets the last Thursday of each month from 9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. at HNC offices. Next meeting—October 29th.

Environment Committee—generally meets the 4th Monday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 pm. At Farview Park. Next meeting—will be held on November 23rd.

Crime Prevention and Family Safety Committee—meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7:00 pm. To 8:30 p.m. at Farview Park. Next meeting— November 10th.

Housing Committee—meets the 1st Wednesday of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Farview Park. Next meeting—November 4h.

The Hawthorne Huddle—meets the 1st Thursday of each month from 7:30 a.m.—8:30 a.m. at Farview Park. Next meeting - November 5th.

Please consider attending one or more of these meetings. The are free and open to the public and your participation is strongly recommended. Call HNC offices at (612) 529-6033 to find out how you can get involved!

The Hawthorne VIBE will now be published every other month.

If you have news articles or pictures you would like to see included, please let us know.

Also—if you know someone in the neighborhood who is not currently receiving the VIBE, please call the HNC offices at (612) 529-6033 so we can include their mailing address in our database!