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A Monthly Newsletter for the East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood

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## Notes from the Chair

Matt Perry, EHFNA president

With the changes we are facing today in our neighborhood and city-wide, we need now more than ever to rely on building strong partnerships with our neighbors, neighborhood organizations, local government agencies, elected officials, and area businesses. *Reprint from March 2008.*

Do you have a partnership that you feel particularly good about? Perhaps, a business partnership, a significant other or even your favorite partner at cards. Now, consider how that partnership is set up. Is there a written agreement? Mutual expectations? Finally, ask yourself what characteristics make it a particularly good partnership.

Many components of successful partnerships can be codified, such as written documentation outlining the responsibilities of each party. There is usually a discussion of how power will be shared even if it is not referred to by name. Overall, the rights and responsibilities of each party are spelled out and known. However, there are two essential elements in a good partnership that cannot be signed, sealed and delivered in a systematic fashion: trust and respect.

A reality of today's neighborhood organizations is the need to form partnerships. In the past, when they were flush with funds, this was less important. Today, partnerships are not only necessary but a good thing for neighborhood organizations. Like other institutions, neighborhood organizations are facing many changes for a variety of reasons. Some are economic. Neighborhood organizations will not be receiving the same amount of funds from the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) as they have in the past. Others are cultural. The demographics of our residential population are changing, which will bring new interests and needs. As we face these changes and others, our partnerships with neighborhood organizations, business associations, private enterprise and the city become more vital.

Any organization whose intent is to serve its constituents must respond to changes in order to stay viable and relevant. A great organization will adapt while maintaining the long view of its mission and vision. Neighborhood organizations are no different in this respect.

Our neighborhood association has embraced the need to form partnerships. It has a long history of working with other organizations to share in the risks and benefits of a common goal. In interacting with those with less partnership experience, the relationship is often defined by what it cannot be so as to provide protection from ill will. In these cases, trust and respect are rarely, if ever, considered. These are partnerships where expectations are least likely to be fulfilled.

We must always keep in mind the importance of mutual trust and respect as we form new partnerships with others. There is risk involved in doing so, but like your own successful partnerships, the rewards are well worth it.

Warm regards,

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## Apply Now to Represent Our District on City's NCEC

### Applications Due May 26, 2009

Applications are now being sought for the eight neighborhood representatives to the City's Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC). The NCEC is a 16 member, resident based commission which will provide direction to the next phase of NRP and the City's community engagement work. Among the 16 members are eight who are to be elected by the neighborhoods.

The application process opened May 12 and continues until 4:00 pm, Tuesday, May 26th. The neighborhood members represent eight different geographic districts in the city. The neighborhood organizations will be electing their members to the NCEC beginning June 1. The first NCEC meeting will be Tuesday, June 23rd. To be eligible, applicants must be 18 years of age and a resident in the district they intend to represent.

Visit the EHFNA website ([www.eastharriet.org](http://www.eastharriet.org)) to learn more and download the complete candidate application form including eligibility requirements, voting district and NCEC background information. For more information or to see a map of the neighborhood districts, please visit the City website at [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nrcr](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nrcr)

## Sale-O-Rama Deadline Extended to Sunday, May 24

Join us for the East Harriet Sale-O-Rama, our annual neighborhood-wide garage and yard sale, on Sat. May 30 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. To sign up, please



download and send the registration form which can be found on our website:

[www.eastharriet.org](http://www.eastharriet.org).

You can drop off your registration through the front mail slot at the 3612 Bryant Ave. So. (building with blue awning). You can also send an email to [info@eastharriet.org](mailto:info@eastharriet.org) or call 612-824-9350 so we are sure to include you. Be sure to include your name, mailing address, phone number and email address. The \$10 fee will get you advertising, flyers, and a Sale-O-Rama Kit.

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## Volunteers Sought for East Harriet RoseFest on Sat., July 18

Nearly 100 volunteers are needed to make our neighborhood festival, RoseFest, a success. Mark your calendars now and plan to spend an hour or more with us that day! The event takes place on Saturday, July 18 from noon - 8:00 pm at Lyndale Farmstead Park.

Volunteers oversee inflatables, serve food and beverages, sell tickets, help set-up or clean-up, paint children's faces and more. If you're interested in helping out that day or able to help with the planning, please contact the EHFNA office: [info@eastharriet.org](mailto:info@eastharriet.org) or 612-824-9350.

**EAST HARRIET  
ROSEFEST  
SATURDAY, JULY 18**

## Census Workers May be in Your Neighborhood with GPS in Hand

The Census Bureau is kicking off the 2010 Census. Temporary U.S. Census Bureau workers are verifying addresses across the nation as the first major field operation of the 2010 Census began is underway.

Census workers are not in uniforms, but they should have official identification and they'll use hand-held computers equipped with GPS to increase geographic accuracy. Census workers may knock on doors to verify addresses and inquire about additional living quarters on certain premises. Workers may ask people in some neighborhoods a few simple questions about housing units.

All information collected including addresses is kept confidential and protected by law. Anyone with concerns about the Census can call 612-216-5950.

## Timeline Altered for Minneapolis Public Schools Proposed Changes for 2010 School Year

On May 6, Minneapolis Public Schools Superintendent Bill Green issued a statement that the previously announced community engagement meetings for May would be postponed as would the board vote on May 26. A new schedule was expected to be shared with families and communities soon. For up-to-date information and background, visit the MPS website: <http://www.mpls.k12.mn.us/>.

## Dutch Elm Disease Treatment Rebate Program Offered Again



East Harriet has once again partnered with Rainbow Treecare to do what we can to preserve the majestic elms trees in our neighborhood. Rainbow is offering treatments to East Harriet residents at a 10% group discount. In addition, the East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Association provides a \$200 rebate to residents who treat a tree on

their property. There is a limit of one rebate per residence. If you have questions, call the EHFNA office at 612-824-9350 or email us at [info@eastharriet.org](mailto:info@eastharriet.org).

## Upcoming EHFNA Committee Meetings

**Tuesday, May 26:**

Parks, Environment & Schools

7:30 - 8:30pm | Java Jack's

**Wednesday, May 27:**

Business, Housing & Zoning

7:00 - 8:00pm | Lyndale Farmstead Park

**Thursday, June 11:**

Community Building

7:00 - 8:00pm | Java Jack's

**Monday, June 15:**

Crime Safety Transportation & Noise

7:00 - 8:00pm | Java Jack's

*Please join us! You do not need to be a committee member to attend (although we welcome new committee members too!)*

**NEXT EHFNA MEETING:**

**Wed., June 3 • 7:00 - 8:45 pm • Lyndale Farmstead Park, 39<sup>th</sup> & Bryant Av. S.**