



JACC Flash

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JACC Regular Meeting Schedule:

- Board meeting: 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 6:30 PM JACC House
- Executive Committee Meeting: 1st Wednesday of the Month @ 6:30 PM, JACC House
- Finance Committee: 4th Thursday of the month @ 7:00 PM, JACC House
- Housing Committee: 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 6:30 PM, JACC House
- 26th Ave Steering Committee: 3rd Monday of the month of the month @ 6:30 PM, PCYC - 2210 Oliver Ave N
- Public Safety Committee: 3rd Wednesday of the month 6:30 PM, JACC Office

Meeting locations and times are subject change based on anticipated attendance and venue availability.

JACC Board of Directors:

Michael K. Browne, Chair
PJ Hubbard, Vice Chair
Robert Hodson, Treasurer
Anne McCandless, Secretary
EB Brown
Dave Haddy
Todd Heintz
Tyrone Jaramillo
Vladimir Monroe
Ben Myers, ex-officio
Keith Reitman
Daniel Rother
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What is the JACC?

JACC is a non-profit, volunteer organization, recognized by the City of Minneapolis and multiple, county, state and federal governments as the conduit for “citizen participation in government” and the voice of the Jordan neighborhood.

Get to NOMI!

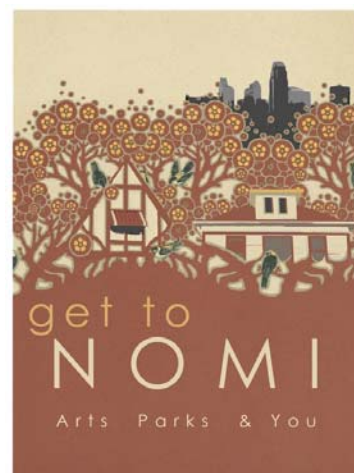
NOMI Project

NOMI is a grassroots effort to unite all the Northside Neighborhoods under a new positive image. It began with a creative Northside graphic designer, Desi Fernandez and a group of Realtors that wanted to find a way to communicate all of the wonderful reasons to buy and live in North Minneapolis. The idea was inspired by the SOHO area in New York City/Big Apple. NOMI with its attractive art work was unveiled last year during the Minneapolis / St. Paul Home Tour to rave reviews.

Since then, NOMI has participated in The Spring Arts Party, Flow, GLBT Northsider Home Tours, and most recently, the North Housing and Home Improvement Fair. People all over the North side are asking for everything NOMI.

Currently the group is looking for neighborhood reps to help grow the movement. The next big project is creating a website.

For more information call (612) 767-1594.



NOMI logo (above) created by graphic designer and fellow Northsider, Desi Fernandez

Featured Problem Property

1564 Hillside Avenue

This particular property is one of a number on the Northside that may have been sold under fraudulent conditions. The case, State v. Maxwell CN: 27-CR-07-124185 was tried in Hennepin County. In April, Maxwell was found guilty on all 18 counts of racketeering, identity theft, etc. For more info visit the “Adventures of Johnny Northside” online at: <http://adventuresofjohnnynorthside.blogspot.com/>

What can you do about problem properties?

Call 311.

If the house is noisy, unkempt, overgrown weeds, litter, unshoveled sidewalks, illegal activity. You have a right to live in a safe, quiet and clean community, and we have a responsibility to do our part in respecting and insuring everyone’s rights are enforced. If not you than who, if not now then when?



Would you pay \$180,000 for this property? This property is one of many sold in Jordan and on the Northside through fraud and use of a stolen identity.

A note on some standing JACC Committees...



Hidden Treasures
The Church Bells of Saint Anne's, nice to hear the bells in the community again.

“Livability Forum”

Our time to meet, contribute and discuss the neighborhood with our neighbors: Bring the kids, **get involved, be part of the solution!**

Where: Saint Anne’s Senior Residents 2323 26th Ave N
When: May 21, 2009, 6-8 PM

JACC Finance Committee

The JACC Finance Committee meets at the JACC office on the third Thursday each month, at 7:00 PM.

Currently, this committee is working on a budget for the remainder of the fiscal year.

The group is also overseeing a forensic audit of the JACC’s finances. Also, the Finance Committee is always looking for ways to raise funds for the organization, so bring your ideas to the next meeting.

Housing & Development Committee

The Housing & Development Committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm and we are working on setting up community gardens for this summer. Additionally, this committee oversees the three Cluster Developments in the neighborhood.

26th Ave Bike & Greenway Steering Committee

The 26th Avenue Greenway Steering Committee meets at Plymouth Youth Center on the 3rd Mon. of each month at 6:30 PM.

This committee is working to develop recommendations for the development of 26th Ave N into a bike and greenway extending from the Mississippi River to Theodore Wirth Park. Because of the scope of the project, this includes members from Hawthorne and Willard-Hay, as well as experts from urban planning, alternative transportation organizations and other areas.

JESSICA's FAVORITE SUMMER SPOTS:

Juxtaposition Arts
2007 Emerson Ave N
Minneapolis, MN
612-588-1148

Jerry Gambles Boys and Girls Club
2410 Irving Ave N
Minneapolis, MN 55411
612-522-3636

North Regional Community Library
1315 Lowry Ave N
Minneapolis, MN 55411
612-630-6600

Kids' Corner: Fun in the Sun! By Jessica Jordan

Hey Everyone! Welcome to the first edition of Kid's Corner!

For this edition I am going to be talking about... **SUMMER!** I know that everyone just loves summer! During the summer I usually go swimming or play outside with my friends. These are just some simple ways of enjoying Mother Nature in the summer. One thing that is a big NO-NO is just spending all day inside!

Don't plop down on your couch and play video games ALL DAY! Once in a while is fine. ☺ Today, I am going to help you find some fun things to do, right here in Jordan—NOMI.

Juxtaposition Arts has fun art classes for all ages. They do cool, hip, and urban art, and other fun outdoor activities. I took a class there—FUN! The Jerry Gambles Boys and Girls Club provide a safe, environment where you can hang out with your friends.

Those are just two examples of places you can go. There are also places like Jordan Park, by the Jordan School. It is watched closely by neighbors and is a safe place to play a little two on two or just swing on the swing set. You can also take a bike ride around Logan Pond. It is a beautiful place to just listen to the ducks quack! Now, I hope that I have helped you by listing just a few places you can go have fun in the sun this summer!!



HAVE FUN! MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS AND JOIN US FOR CLEAN SWEEP ON MAY 9, 2009!

Clean Sweep - May 9, 2009!!!!!!

Spring cleaning arrives in Jordan on May 9, 2009 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

We will have 2 trucks and need ~ 20 volunteers to help “manage” the trucks.

No hazardous waste, building, and scrap metal (these can be collected under the voucher program).

Volunteers will be meeting at the JACC House at 9:00 AM on May 9th to get started!

This is a great opportunity to get an early start on cleaning out the yard and the garage.

Refreshments will be available.

A word from the Chair

Many of you know that this year's transfer of the responsibilities of Chair and Executive Committee was a challenging process, which included the removal of the former Executive Director. While internal house-keeping has generated some healthy public discussion, please be assured that your recently elected Board of Directors have not been distracted and continue to work hard on the issues important to Jordan.

The Board is doing its part to address the foreclosure crisis by recently approving a new housing program named "Jordan Advantage" which provides an additional \$5,000 on a down payment for the purchase of a foreclosed house in the Jordan area to those who qualify for the "Minneapolis Advantage" program. Also, through the generosity of the Pohlad Foundation, \$8,000 will be available in downpayment assistance to homebuyers interested in the Cottage Park area of Jordan. For more information contact Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) at 612-521-3581.

This year, Jordan will partner with Hawthorne to participate in Clean Sweep. Clean sweep is an excellent volunteer opportunity where neighbors get together to clean up the neighborhood. We are also in the process of building partnerships with private donors to fund youth activities for this summer.

The recently renamed Housing & Development Committee continues to address issues surrounding boarded, vacant, and problem properties. We are holding regular Public Safety Committee meetings at the JACC House to provide a place to take your concerns and talk to public officials, and we encourage you all to attend the next gathering on May 20, 2009.

Lastly, I want to thank, on behalf of the Board, those who generously donated to the organization in the name of Ms. Lorna Hanson. Lorna was a long-time Jordan resident, who passed away on Feb. 3, 2009. She will be very missed by family, friends and neighbors.

Please do not forget, we are holding the first Jordan Livability forum in over a year. It will be on May 21, 2009, 6-8PM at St. Anne's Home.

We continue to hold regular Board meetings at the JACC house (2009 James Ave N) the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30PM, and we look forward to seeing you there.

While not all disputes have been resolved, we have jumped major hurdles, pulling together, and moved forward. As a neighborhood, we cannot take our eye off the prize – to make Jordan safer, cleaner and connected – in other words, the best neighborhood in NOMI.

With warmest regards,
Kip Browne
 Michael "Kip" Browne
 CHAIR



JACC Executive Committee Members: Kip Browne, Anne McCandless and PJ Hubbard. Not pictured: Robert Hodson..

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Announcements

Community Health Fair

When: May 8, 2009
Where: Summit Academy
 935 Olson Memorial Hwy
What: This is a collaboration to increase public understanding of prostate cancer risk factors, early detection guidelines and help men make an informed decision to get screened for prostate cancer, within the African-American community. Participants who attend this event will receive a door prize, a \$20 Cub Foods gift certificate, and are eligible for additional drawings.

GET INVOLVED GET EMPOWERED

Interested in Gardening?

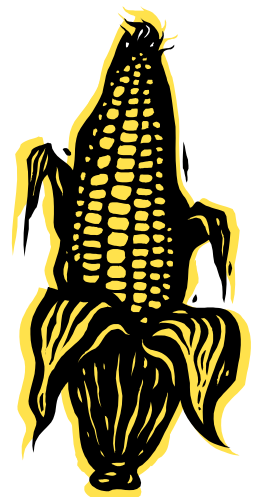
Whether you are a seasoned green thumb, or a novice planter, you will find friends, experience and plants galore with 2 community gardens this summer. Don't be afraid to explore the "Cosmos" and put a little "Zinnia" in your life and have a "Marigold" time! Email the JACC office at info@jordanmpls.org for more information.

Farmers Market

Coming to Saint Anne's this summer—a Mini farmers market 2323 26th Ave. The weekly afternoon date will to be arranged, please watch for further details. This will be a wonderful opportunity to get local grown fruits, vegetables, flowers and meet your neighbors, another amenity of living in NOMI.

JACC Website

Please visit our exciting new website for information on Jordan and JACC:
www.jordanmpls.org



St. Anne's Mini Farmers Market coming soon!

Jordan Area Community Council
2009 James Avenue North
Minneapolis, MN 55411

Phone: 612-353-5601

Email: info@jordanmpls.org

www.jordanmpls.org

Heads UP!

The JACC Organization

The Jordan Area Community Council holds regular open meetings and encourages all interested parties in any issue to attend and participate. Also, all written information of the Jordan Area Community Council (including books, minutes, membership lists, etc.) is available for review by every member of this organization. The Jordan Area Community Council will deviate from this rule only in case of labor and legal disputes.



Note of Thanks!

JACC has held many meetings at Jordan New Life Church, and is very thankful to Pastor La and his church for the accommodations.

Request to Community:

The organization would like to find new locations for the Livability Forum. We need various church and public facilities around the neighborhood, that have the space for 50-100 people, and would like to volunteer to host the next forum. If interested call the JACC office (612-353-5601) or send an email to info@jordanmpls.org

JACC Yahoo Group Online

Connect with your Jordan neighbors online. Join the JACC Yahoo group and subscribe to the online communication outlet of the Jordan neighborhood. Receive email announcements, discussions and event notifications in your email inbox. Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/JACC/> or send an email to : JACC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com to subscribe! See you the web!

Docs Gym

Open House on May 16, 2009, starting at 11pm. Join them for a BBQ and a children's Judo contest starting at 12pm! Visit their website online at: www.docsgym.org
Location: 3115 Penn Ave
(612) 521-5836

Doc's Gym is a community venture for Camden and Near North, dedicated to the health, welfare, and development of the individual through competitive and non-competitive sport and physical training. Many classes in Children's Judo and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.

From The Editors

If you have comments or ideas about the JACC Flash and want to see them in print please email us at info@jordanmpls.org. Its your JACC flash, its your community get involved in your NOMI.

- Dennis Wagner & Kelly Browne -