

# THE COMMUNITY CONNECTION

SHINGLE CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2014



Annual Holiday on 44<sup>th</sup> An  
Old-Fashioned Camden  
Celebration!  
Friday, Dec 5 6-9 pm



The Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association sponsors the Holiday on 44th event! We invite you to stop by and see us at our neighborhood table in the Patrick Henry festivities. There will be wagon rides, roasting chestnuts and marshmallows over an open fire, ice sculptures, music, craft and neighborhood tables, storytellers, and so much more!!! Holiday on 44th is a community tradition! Join the festivities on Friday, December 5, 6:00-9:00pm. on 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue Patrick Henry High School and Loring Elementary! Its free family fun! For more information about the event go to the Facebook Holiday on 44th.



## Get free computer repair, support at upcoming "Fix-It Tech" events

The City of Minneapolis and many community partners will soon be offering free computer repair and technology support at three upcoming "Fix-It Tech" events.

If folks have a computer or laptop that is running slow, not working or appears to have a virus, they are encouraged to bring it in (with power cords) for free tech support. Volunteers at these events will teach valuable repair skills, answer questions, and give technical advice about computers and laptops. Computers and laptops will be looked at on a first-come, first-served basis. The consultation and labor are free but parts will be available for purchase. Volunteers may be able to help with smartphones and tablets depending on capacity.

### Why "Fix-It Tech" events?

The City of Minneapolis developed the Fix-It Tech events with community partners in response to the Minneapolis Community Technology survey results and our experiences working with resi-

dents on their technology needs. The 2014 survey results show that residents overall are not very comfortable trouble shooting computer problems, installing software or backing up files, or protecting themselves online.

Through these events the City and its partners are offering hands-on technical experience that will help residents get their items fixed, provide a place to get tech questions answered and get tips on how to maintain and protect personal devices.

### Upcoming Fix-It Tech events

**Friday, Jan. 30, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**  
Takoda Institute – AIOIC  
1845 East Franklin Ave, Minneapolis, 55404

**Friday, Feb. 27, 3 – 7 p.m.**  
Oak Park Center – Pillsbury United Communities  
1701 Oak Park Ave N., Minneapolis 55411

**Saturday, March 28, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**  
Waite House – Pillsbury United Communities  
2323 11th Ave S., Minneapolis, 55404

Next SCNA Meeting is:  
Tuesday, December 9 at 6:30 pm at  
Creekview Park, 5001 Humboldt Ave N  
Minneapolis, 55430  
All meetings are free and open to the public.  
Any requests for special accommodations are welcome.  
Contact SCNA staff seven days prior to meeting:  
Mpls.scna@gmail.com  
Www.shinglecreek.org or fb: Shingle Creek Neighbor-  
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Thanks for  
choosing the  
Shingle Creek  
Neighborhood!  
We're glad  
you're here!

Happy Holidays!

**Having trouble paying your bill?  
Here's some resources!**



Here are three energy assistance programs available to

Centerpoint customers:

[Low Income Home Energy](#)

[Assistance Program](#)

[County Emergency Assistance](#)

[The Salvation Army HeatShare Program](#)

**Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program**

**(LIHEAP)** LIHEAP helps pay home heating costs. Households with the lowest incomes and highest energy costs receive the greatest benefit.

- Households who are at or below 60 percent of the state median income are eligible.
- Size of grant is based on household size, income, fuel type and energy usage.
- Households with the lowest income and highest fuel costs receive the highest grants.
- Program is federally funded through the U.S. Department of Human Services and administered by the state Department of Commerce.

Funds are available for renters and homeowners.

***How to apply for assistance:***

\*View the EAP eligibility guidelines and information online at <http://mn.gov/commerce/energy/topics/financial/Energy-Assistance-Program/Eligibility-Guidelines.jsp> to see if you might be eligible.

\*Call 1-800-657-3710 to have your local EAP provider send you an application.

\*Or you can complete an online application. Applications should be mailed to your local EAP provider.



**The Camden Promise**  
Building Hope... Together

Need a way to stretch your food budget this year? The Food Shelf is open on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm.

Contact the Camden Promise Food Shelf at 4656 Colfax Ave. No. Minneapolis, MN 55412 612-964-0881 [info@thecamdenpromise.org](mailto:info@thecamdenpromise.org)

Learn more at: [www.thecamdenpromise.org](http://www.thecamdenpromise.org)

**Residents Encouraged to Comment on proposed 2015 City budget at Dec 10 public hearing or online**

On Wednesday, Dec. 10, the City Council plans to approve the City's 2015 budget. Before that happens, there is one public comment hearings that you can attend to share your thoughts about the proposed budget and property taxes. **Dec. 10 at 6:05 p.m.** Room 317 of City Hall.

There are lots of ways to learn about the proposed 2015 budget. You can see the proposed budget on the [City website](#). In addition, Hennepin County has mailed out Truth in Taxation forms, and property owners can also [look up their information online](#).

For folks who can't attend on Dec. 10 hearing, this year, residents can submit their comments on the proposed budget at the city's website online. [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us). If you share your comments and submit the form by Dec. 9, your comments will be entered into the public record and shared with Council Members and Mayor Hodges.

All residents are encouraged to send in their comments!



**FREE  
FAMILY  
FUNDAYS  
SUNDAYS  
at  
Kroening  
Interpretive  
Center**

**Sundays—all ages.  
Drop in anytime from  
1 to 3 p.m.**

**Carl Kroening Interpretive Cntr  
4900 Mississippi Court N  
Mpls, MN 55430**

**Dec 7 Feeder Birds  
Dec 14 Christmas Bird Count  
Dec 21 Nature CSI  
Dec 28 Winter**

**SCNA Housing Committee Meeting**

Third Monday of the month. Volunteer residents meet to talk about the current SCNA Housing program and ways to improve it for local residents.

Next committee meeting scheduled for December 15, 6:30pm at Creekview Park.

All residents are encouraged to attend.



The Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association is a registered 501c 3. All donations to our organization are tax-deductible. Check with your tax advisors for full details.

Check out our website for our full annual report. Thank you for your donation to the Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association.

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Every contribution helps!  
\$5\_\_ \$10\_\_ \$25\_\_ \$50\_\_ \$100\_\_ Other\_\_\_\_\_

Our monthly newsletter goes out to 1300 residents and costs SCNA about \$500 a month to print and mail. Your contribution can help us keep neighbors informed about important things happening in Shingle Creek.

Our community events cost anywhere from \$500- on up to help keep residents informed, educated, and provide fun ways to build and strengthen the safety in our neighborhood.

Our community partnerships help provide volunteers, supplies and needed funding for the success of larger community events. SCNA is a vital partner in several community-wide events such as: Camden Winterfest and Chili Cook-off, Holiday on 44th, Riverfest and Heritage Day, and several others. Your donations make a difference to the work of SCNA and our neighborhood!

Thanks for your consideration and contribution to help keep residents informed and invested in our neighborhood!