

# THE COMMUNITY CONNECTION

SHINGLE CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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**SCNA November 10th Neighborhood Meeting has Special Guest and Special Vote  
Special Guest: Hennepin County Assistant Chief Judge Ivy Bernhardtson**



As part of its mission to keep residents informed, we are excited to have Hennepin County Assistant Chief Judge Ivy Bernhardtson as our guest to share with residents and offer the opportunity for residents to learn about the Hennepin County District Court. There are 62 judges, 15 referees, and 583 FTE employees. In 2014 there were 519,969 case filings in Hennepin County. Of those 448,810 or 86% were minor criminal filings. We invite you to attend our upcoming meeting Tuesday, November 10th at 6:30pm at Creekview Park to learn about this important system and how its working and improving.



**Special Vote: Contract and Plan Modification**

SCNA has seen many new successes this year. We believe contracting these dollars is in line with that growth and will help us continue to grow in the future. At the November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 neighborhood meeting, we will be asking residents to vote on the following contract and plan modifications. The SCNA Board recommends to the membership the following, that SCNA "Contract Phase II B.1.3.1 Senior Program budgeted amount of 424. Move and contract \$10000 from A.1.1.4 Property Acquisition and Redevelopment into B.1.3.1 Senior Programs, Move and contract \$10000 from A.1.1.4 Property Acquisition and Redevelopment into F.1.2.1 Implementation Staff and Operating Expense, Move and contract \$5,000 from A.1.1.4 Property Acquisition and Redevelopment into F.1.3.1 Newsletter/Website. Move and contract \$5,000 from B.1.2.1 into F.1.3.1 Move and contract \$3460.54 from A.3.1.1. Affordable Rental/Owner Housing Partnerships into F.1.2.1 Implementation Staff and Operating Expense for a total contracted dollar amount of \$33,884.57" Thanks for coming out and voting!

Next SCNA Meeting is:  
Tuesday November 10 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.  
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Complete this 2nd 2015 Neighborhood Survey and you could win one of four \$25.00 gift cards!



**Housing**

Q1. Which of the following applies to you? Check one answer.  
 Owner-occupant     Property owner(non-resident)  
 Renter     Other

Q2. If you rent, how satisfied are you with your current building management or landlord? Check one answer.  
 Very Satisfied     Somewhat Satisfied     Dissatisfied     Don't Know

Q3. Indicate how long your home will meet your needs:  5 years     10 years     20 years     30 years     Doesn't meet needs

Q4. If your house needed repair, would you be able to afford to get it fixed?  
 Yes     No

Q5. If you own your home, would you consider major remodeling or other improvements if affordable loans were available?  Yes     No

Q6. What dollar amount are you budgeting for the next home improvement project?  
 1,000-1,999     2,000-4,999     5,000-9,999     10,000-14,999  
 15,000-20,000     25,000+

Q7. Have you taken advantage of the SCNA home improvement 0% or 4% loan program in the past 5 years?  Yes     No

Q8. If yes, would you recommend it to a friend or neighbor?  Yes     No

Q9. Indicate which of the following major repairs to your home are currently needed or will be needed in the near future (check all that apply):  
 furnace     roof replacement     foundation/other structural work     basement water damage  
 window replacement     siding     other \_\_\_\_\_

Q10. In your opinion how has housing changed in your neighborhood over the last few years.

	Im- proved	No Change	Worse	Don't Know
a. Condition of housing on my block				
b. Affordable homes				
c. Affordable rental units				
d. Re-sale value				
e. Stability (length of residency)				



Q 11 Rate your neighborhood on these crime and safety issues: Check one answer each

	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
A Personal safety in your home					
b. Personal safety outside your home					
C Safety in neighbhd parks					
d. Safety on, or waiting for the bus					
e Security of property (cars, garages, etc.)					
f. Lighting in streets & alleys					
g Active & visible block clubs					

Q 12. In the last five years how has neighborhood safety changed? Check the answer that best describes how you feel

Safer place to live     Remained about the same     Don't know  
 Less safe place to live     Lived in neighborhood for less than 5 years

Q 13. In the last five years have you/your family been victims of a crime?

Property Crime (Home/garage burglary, theft from/of auto)     Personal Crime (Robbery, Rape, Personal assault)     Business robbery/burglary     Graffiti and/or vandalism  
 Other ( \_\_\_\_\_ )     Have not been a victim

Q14. How important are each of following items for dealing with crime & safety issues in your neighborhood? Check one answer each

	VI=Very important, I=important NI=Not Important, Dk=Don't know	VI	I	NI	Dk
a. Neighborhood watches/citizen patrols					
b. Police who walk regular beat					
c. Police car patrols					
d. Quick police response					
e. Street and alley lighting					
f. Knowing neighbors on your block					
g. Organized youth crime prevention activities					
h. Other					



Q 15 Please rate these categories according to their importance to you: Check one answer each

	Very Important	Important	Not Important	Don't Know
Available help for home upkeep				
Recreational/social activities				
Educational opportunities				
Transportation services				
Other: please specify				



Q16. If your children go to school outside the neighborhood, how many miles do they travel one-way?

- 0-5 miles  
  6-10 miles  
  15-20 miles  
 21-30 miles  
  30+miles

Schools and Education

Q 17. In general, how would you rate the Minneapolis School system on each of the following: Check one answer for each.

	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Quality of education					
Classroom environment					
# of children in classroom					
Availability of programs					
Choice of pref. school					
Safety at school					
Other					

Q18. How important is a healthy environment to your family?

Environment	Very Important	Important	Not Important	Don't Know
Air Quality				
Water Quality				
Noise Pollution				
Light Pollution				

Q19. Which of the following neighborhood events would your family participate in the next year?  Shingle Creek Clean-up  Treeplanting

- Community Garden  
  Tour de Camden  
  STEAM Expo  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 None

Q20. Which of the following neighborhood amenities have you or your family visited in the last year and how many times? Check one each.

How often?	0	1-5	6-10	10+
Creekview Park				
Creekview Skateboard Park				
Shingle Creek Regional Ponds				
Common Ground Community Garden				
Shingle Creek				
Shingle Creek Bike Trails				
Children's Forest 52nd Queen				
Quillis Field				
Moliter Field				
Olson Pool				
Shingle Creek Wading Pool				

Q1. How long have you lived in the neighborhood?  Less than 1 year  
 1-3 years  
 3-10 years  
 10-20 years  
 If over 20 years, # \_\_\_\_\_

Q2. How old are you?  19 or younger  
 20-29  
 30-44  
 45-59  
 60-74  
 75-84  
 85+  
 Q3 Are you:  Male  
 Female

Q4.	None	Ages 0-5	6-12	13-18	19-24	Total
How many children?						

Q5. What is your employment status?  Employed full time  
 Employed part time  
 Homemaker  
 Student, unemployed  
 Student, employed  
 Retired  
 Unemployed  
 Self employed

Q6. What was your total household income before taxes?  
 Under \$5,000  
 \$5,000-\$9,999  
 \$10,000-19,999  
 \$20,000-29,999  
 \$30,000-49,999  
 \$50,000-74,999

Q7. What is the highest level of education you have completed?  
 Elementary school  
 Some high school  
 High school or GED  
 Some technical school  
 Technical school graduate  
 Some college  
 College graduate  
 Post graduate  
 Other

Q8. Which of the following racial/ethnic categories describes you best?  
 White  
 Black/African American  
 Native American/Am Indian  
 Asian/Pacific Islander  
 Hispanic  
 Other

Send with name, address and email to: SCNA, PO Box 15656, Mpls, MN 55415 **Deadline of November 6th! Drawing for one of four \$25.00 gift cards to be held at our next neighborhood meeting on Tuesday November 10 at 6:30pm at Creekview Park!** Or go online to complete this 2nd survey at [www.shinglecreekmpls.org](http://www.shinglecreekmpls.org)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email/ph \_\_\_\_\_



**Shingle Creek Wishes to Thank Resident Kevin and Alyssa Harris**

This spring Mr. Harris shared his passion and an idea with the Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association to improve the

community safety and provide more books to kids through a pilot youth project around the Little Free Libraries. Over 100 books were distributed to the nearly 80 residents who attended two events held this summer! Have a good idea to improve the neighborhood? We want to hear from you! Contact us today! [Mpls.scna@gmail.com](mailto:Mpls.scna@gmail.com) or 612-597-9464.



**SCNA Wraps Trees with MPRB for EAB Awareness**

On Saturday, October 17th, Shingle Creek volunteers worked with Minneapolis Park and Recreation staff Ralph Seivert and Mary O'Neill to wrap trees on Russell, Sheridan and on 51st Ave's N to raise awareness of the Emerald Ash Borer problem in our community. The MPRB has a plan to replace the 40,000 ash trees in the city over the course of eight years. Roughly 5,000 boulevard trees will be removed and replaced annually. To learn more about the MPRB EAB removal and replacement plan, go to our website or contact MPRB at [www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org).



**SCNA 2<sup>nd</sup> Survey of Three is Out!**

It's been about ten years since the last in-depth neighborhood-wide survey has been done. A lot has changed regarding City and SCNA priorities, and we're wondering if a lot has changed in the neighborhood! Many thanks to our nearly 50 residents who completed the first survey. Congratulations to (l-r) Jeffrey Strand, Pam Begin, Jacob Kogler-Schommer, and Marianne Morgan (not pictured) for being the first four lucky winners of the \$25.00 gift cards. The three winners are standing with

SCNA Board Chair Pam Owens.

Our second survey is now available in this month's newsletter and online. For more information or if you are a Shingle Creek resident and want to take one of our surveys please go to our website at [www.shinglecreekmpls.org](http://www.shinglecreekmpls.org)!

Residents who complete and return this second survey by the **November 6th deadline** will be eligible to win one of four \$25 gift cards! If you complete all three surveys your name will be placed in a drawing for two \$100 gift cards on December 8th.

Got questions?

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