

# THE COMMUNITY CONNECTION

SHINGLE CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2015



## SCNA Surveying the Neighborhood

We've done many brief surveys over the past few years, but 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! We will be sending out several important small surveys on community environment, housing, schools/parks, safety, and other items to get your neighborhood resident feedback. We'll report on the feedback using comparisons from the previous survey and work to develop a strategic plan for the future with your input!

The surveys will only be available for a short period of time. We want to get ready for next year so thanks for your help getting your responses to us! For more information or if you are a Shingle Creek resident and want to take one of our surveys online please go to our website at [www.shinglecreekmpls.org](http://www.shinglecreekmpls.org)! Residents who complete and return this first survey by the **Oct 12th deadline** will be eligible to win one of four \$25 gift cards! (Thank you for completing either by mail or online but not both.)

Complete this 1st Neighborhood Survey and you could win one of four \$25.00 gift cards!



Q 1. How would you rate your neighborhood as a place to live? Check only one.

- Very Good  Good  Fair  Poor

Q 2. Please place a "Check" next to the three main reasons why you live in this neighborhood?

Check only three

- Affordable housing  Convenient location  Attractive homes  Primarily residential  Quality schools
- Parks and recreational opportunities  Safe place to live  Near my (our) church, synagogue or place of worship
- Well-maintained homes  Other
- Sense of neighborliness  Closeness to friends or family  Diversity of lifestyles

Q3. In the past five years, how has your neighborhood changed as a place to live? Check one

- More desirable  Remained the same  Less desirable  Lived in neighborhood for less than 5 years

Q4. Where do you plan to live 5 years from now?

- Same home  Different home same neighborhood  Different home, different Minneapolis neighborhood
- Outside of Minneapolis but in Twin Cities Metro area  Outside of Twin Cities Metro area  Out of State  Don't know

Q5. If you intend to move in the next 5 years, please indicate the main reasons: Check all that apply

- Change in personal/family status (divorce,retirement, kids left home, etc.)  Crime/safety  Need to live closer to work
- Need a larger or better home  Neighborhood appearance  Property Taxes  Schools  Other

## Priority Concerns & Satisfaction with Services

Q6. Rate each of the following concerns in your neighborhood. Check one answer for each service.

Concerns:	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know	Concerns:	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Physical Environment						Social Environment					
a. General neighborhood appearance						g. Education					
b. Maintenance of homes and apartments						h. Crime and Safety					
c. Appearance of neighborhood business						i. Drug and alcohol					
d. Litter						j. Senior citizen issues					
e. Parks and recreation						k. Addressing youth					
f. Natural environment						l. Adequate Childcare					
						m. Interracial Har-					
						n. Addressing poverty					
						o. Other					

Next SCNA Meeting is:  
**Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30 pm at**  
 Creeview 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  
 Ww.shinglecreekmpls.org or fb: Shingle Creek  
 Neighborhood Assoc.

Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association  
 PO Box 15656  
 Minneapolis, MN 55415  
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Q7. Rate each of the following City services in your neighborhood. Check one answer for each service.

Satisfaction with	Very	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
a. Parks					
b. Library Service					
c. Public Schools					
d. Police					
e. Fire protection					
f. Garbage and recycling					
g. Housing inspections					
h. Street maintenance					
i. Alley maintenance (ie: Snowplowing, sweeping)					
j. Street and alley lighting					
k. Public Bus service					



Q8. 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, how many years \_\_\_\_\_

Q9. How old are you?  19 or younger  20-29  30-44  45-59  60-74  75-84  85+

Q10. Are you:  Male  Female

Q11. What is your employment status?  Employed full time  Employed part time  Homemaker  Student, unemployed

Student, employed  Retired  Unemployed  Self employed

Q12. How many children are in your household and what age group?

Q13. 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  \$75,000+

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

Q14. 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

Q15. Which of the following racial/ethnic categories describes you best?

White  Black/African American  Native American/Am Indian  Asian/Pacific Islander  Hispanic  Other

**Thank you for completing our survey! We can't do our work without your input!**

To be included in our drawing please include your name, address and email to: SCNA, PO Box 15656, Mpls, MN 55415 by **Deadline of October 12th** to be included in our drawing for one of four \$25.00 gift cards to be held at our next neighborhood meeting on Tuesday October 13th at 6:30pm at Creekview Park! Or go online to complete this 1st survey at [www.shinglecreekmpls.org](http://www.shinglecreekmpls.org) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email/ph \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline to Mail in this 1st Survey Oct. 13, 2015 or go to [www.shinglecreekmpls.org](http://www.shinglecreekmpls.org)



### SCNA Seeking Volunteers for Free EAB Tree Workshop & Ribboning in Shingle Creek!

**Saturday, October 17, 9:30-Noon**  
**(Starting at SCNA Office at 2233 49th Ave N)**

Are you interested in learning more about Emerald Ash Borers or Ash Trees?

We invite you to attend this educational workshop! You'll learn how to identify ash trees, get information about tree care and the urban canopy! We'll also be walking a few blocks in the neighborhood and putting ribbons around the effected trees in the Shingle Creek neighborhood. Refreshments will be served! Doorprizes! Its free fun for the whole family! Email or Facebook us by Oct 15 if you plan to attend!



### SCNA Emerald Ash Borer Project Reimbursement Form

Attention Shingle Creek Residents!  
 Did you plant a new tree or garden this year?

Are you considering removing a tree or planting a tree due to the Emerald Ash Borer? The Shingle Creek neighborhood has allocated a limited amount of \$50 matching funds reimbursed to provide resident/property owners for various technical services, tree removal with replacement.

This summer SCNA will also provide vouchers of \$50 matching funds reimbursed for

community gardeners to provide habitat for pollinators. Contact us

if you're interested in learning more!  
[Mpls.scna@gmail.com](mailto:Mpls.scna@gmail.com) or [www.shinglecreekmpls.org](http://www.shinglecreekmpls.org)



**FREE FAMILY FUNDAYS** 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

**October 4: Snakes**  
**October 11: A Squirrely Adventure**  
**October 18: Digital Scavenger Hunt**  
**October 25: Rock Monsters**



**SCNA Little Free Library Fall Concert!**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2015**

**10:30 -Noon 4911 Vincent Ave N**

SCNA invites you to join us on Saturday, October 17 at 4911 Vincent Ave N for this exciting free concert that will feature the Bunny Clogs! Bunny Clogs is Honeydogs Singer-Songwriter Adam Levy's first solo children's music project. What is (or are) Bunny Clogs? Beatrix Potter hopped up on Goofers? Captain Kangaroo singing Run DMC? A threeway train wreck between Kraftwerk, the Beastie Boys and Harry Nilsson? A toilet paper party with Henry Kissinger in a bad Philadelphia neighborhood? Randy Newman and Dr. Seuss hijacking a Parliament Funkadelic show? The Beatles on a solid macaroni and cheese diet? Perhaps all of the above. Kicking the morning off will be violinist Eric Glosser whose music is sure to start the toe-tapping morning and fill the neighborhood with sweet music for kids of all ages!



Come and join us on the front lawn from 10:30-Noon to enjoy a morning of music and meeting great neighbors! This event will promote the little free library arts, education, and community engagement. To learn more go to [www.shinglecreekmpls.org](http://www.shinglecreekmpls.org) or 612-597-9464.