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LIVING WITH COYOTES

Coyotes have become much more prevalent lately and several Creekside residents have had encounters with these creatures. According to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, there has never been a coyote attack on a human being in Minnesota. However, there are several things you can do to protect yourself and your pet from coyotes.

When you see a coyote, don't just look at it without disturbing it. This teaches coyotes to become less fearful of humans. Instead, make yourself large, wave your arms, shout, blow a whistle. This "hazing" technique will eventually help teach coyotes that humans are to be avoided. It's important to haze coyotes whenever you have contact with them. For hazing to be most effective, every resident should participate. The goal is to scare coyotes out of the area. Hazing has been shown to be the most effective tool in co-existing with coyotes.

You can protect your pet from being attacked by a coyote by not letting your pet run free. Walk your dog on a leash and accompany your pet outside, especially at night. Feed pets indoors.

Coyote removal programs don't work to reduce coyote populations. When coyotes are removed from an area through artificial means, other coyotes quickly fill the void with more females reproducing and also breeding larger litters. In addition, traps or poison present a much greater risk to domestic animals and children than to coyotes.

On the positive side, coyotes play an important role by helping to control other wild animals like rodents.

*Parts of this article were taken from: www.eminnetonka.com

Don't forget to Vote!

Tuesday, November 6 is Election Day and it is a big one. Not only is it a Presidential Election, but we are also selecting for U.S. Senate, U.S. House District 5, State Senate and State House seats, Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, various justices and local judges and two amendments to the Minnesota Constitution. For information on where you vote, registering to vote, or information on candidates or positions, there are a number of resources available, including:

City of St Louis Park
(www.stlouispark.org)

League of Women Voters
(www.lwvmn.org/Page.aspx?pid=546)

Secretary of State
(www.sos.state.mn.us)

Hennepin County
(www.hennepin.mn.us)

On November 6, exercise one of your most precious rights – VOTE!

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Brief highlight of a project in Creekside Neighborhood for all ages from Nancy and Steve:

Nancy and Steve are very excited about a national program to promote literacy. Steve is a retired public school teacher and Nancy started a book club twenty years ago.

One day while on a daily bike ride, Nancy saw this cute little house on a stand by the curb. She stopped and read two signs – one said “LITTLE FREE LIBRARY”, and the other – “Take a book, leave a book”. She thought what a great way to recycle and encourage everyone to read more.

She went home and called her brother, a contractor, and proposed the building of one. One week later, she picked up one that exceeded her expectations. The painting has three color schemes that reflect the color scheme of her garden house.

The LITTLE FREE LIBRARY was installed on Sunday, October 14th. Please stop by 4090 Colorado, at the intersection of 41st Street and Colorado Avenue.

Mission Statement:

Promotion of literacy and the love of reading.

To build a sense of community as we share skills, wisdom, and creativity across generations.

To build more than 25,000 libraries across the world.



Doggie Bag Dispenser

In our last newsletter we reminded neighbors to remember to pick up after their dogs, particularly on the golf course and during the winter months. This Fall, the Steering Committee approved using neighborhood funds to purchase a commercial grade dog bag dispenser. Just last week the City installed this for us at the end of Meadowbrook Blvd. near the large garbage bin in front of the golf course. We hope this will assist folks who may have forgotten to bring a bag along on their walks and we definitely hope it will contribute to less dog waste along the golf course path. Come check it out!

Upcoming Winter Event !

If there is snow, Creekside Neighborhood would like to schedule a Winter Outdoor Activity potentially at Meadowbrook Golf Course. Snowshoeing – if we can schedule with Hoigaards to supply equipment and/or Cross Country Skiing. Another possibility is ice skating at Jackley Park. More details to follow...

CITIZENS FOR THE MINNEHAHA CREEK CORRIDOR

Right here in your neighborhood

By Marjorie Herdes

We are the *Creekside* neighborhood! I know you value the Creek, the Marsh and Meadowbrook Lake. All of which contribute greatly to the quality of life in the Creekside neighborhood (to say nothing about adding to our property values!) We also value our neighborly neighborhood. Our active neighborhood association sponsors, with financial help from the City, block parties, buckthorn clearing, a butterfly garden, etc.

Luckily, you have an easy and fun opportunity to help the Creek, the Marsh and the Lake, as well as connect with your neighbors. The group, Citizens for the Minnehaha Creek Corridor (CMCC), meets right here in our neighborhood, at my home on Meadowbrook, once a month, the first Tuesday evening at 6:30.

We are a group of citizens passionate about the Creek.

We dedicate ourselves to: *Restoring natural habitat and improving recreational opportunities on Minnehaha Creek through community involvement, education, and advocacy.*

Some of our projects this year include,

- 1) Sponsoring the development of proper signage for those canoeing or kayaking on the Creek
- 2) Fall leaf removal by residents to prevent pollution of the Creek
- 3) Development of a presence on Facebook, and Twitter
- 4) Co-sponsoring Creek cleanup through-out Minneapolis
- 5) Distribution of educational materials about how to support the health of the Creek
- 6) Stenciling storm drains in Minneapolis to remind residents that what goes in the street ends up in the Creek

We have lots of fun. Here are pictures from our recent Stenciling adventure.



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Please join us in enjoying and preserving our beautiful creek!

Note :Nov. 6th we will not meet because we will all have voted and will be watching the results. Please VOTE. We will meet Nov. 16th this month. Email Marjorie for more information at marjorie@mobiusmodel.com

The F(l)ight of the Honeybees

Perhaps you have been following the letters to the editor in the Sun Sailor in August and September regarding the proposal at the city council on June 18 to add honeybee colonies to the Wildlife Feeding Ordinance list of prohibited animals. The present list includes the obvious: coyotes, cougars, skunks, raccoons, foxes and other wild animals. No birds or insects are on that list. Four letters in opposition were published in the Sun Sailor by St. Louis Park residents – two from Creekside Neighborhood.

Do you know that we have a beekeeper on Colorado Ave? Joe has had active hives for 38 years. In the past the Creekside Neighborhood Assoc. has sponsored several garden tours and Joe always opened up his back yard to share his love for the common honeybee. Some of you may remember drinking straws being stuck into the hives and coming out dripping with honey. His retirement has revolved around a lowly insect that without would result in no fruit or seeds to sow in the future. At one time he had hives in orchards and fields where the bee is necessary for successful crops. He continues to have hives but just in his back yard. He mentors new apiarists.

Joe's article was well written and spoke about neighbors' fears of being stung. My husband and I live two houses north of him and his wife.. The only bee stings I ever received were in the back yard while weeding and discovered a ground hive of wild bees. We have been the recipients of several jars of Meadowbrook Apiary honey. Yum... He only uses smoke from his pipe to keep the bees calm when he works with them. There is a reason he is called the "Bee Man."

Sophie wrote a follow-up letter. She saw a video at the Westwood Nature Center of Joe bringing a swarm of bees to a hive. The Center actually has working hives near its trail. Will they be outlawed as well? The Center has educational programs about the honeybees and their importance.

Where is the proposal now? It has still not been acted upon by the City Council. We can only hope that the value of the honeybee is more important than a string. They are not aggressive insects unless protecting their hive. We should be encouraging bee keeping not prohibiting them.

Services Available in Creekside Neighborhood:

If someone has services available, eg. babysitting, handyman, etc., please email creeksidecommunications@yahoo.com, and you can be included in our next Newsletter.

Creekside Neighborhood Needs You!

- Do you enjoy living in the Creekside Neighborhood?
- Are you interested in getting more involved in neighborhood activities?
- Do you want to get to know some more of your neighbors?
- Do you want to contribute but don't have a lot of free time to volunteer?

The Creekside Neighborhood Steering Committee might be for you!

The Creekside Neighborhood Steering Committee is the neighborhood's governing body. We meet two times per year and are charged with: developing and approving an annual budget, submitting an annual request for grant funding from the City, planning and implementing various activities throughout the year, including the annual neighborhood meeting, the annual block party, the plant exchange and National Night Out, among others.

We are looking for a few good women or men to join the Committee to bring a fresh perspective. The time commitment is minimal and you get a lot in return. Interested? Contact creeksidecochair1@yahoo.com or creeksidecochair2@yahoo.com.