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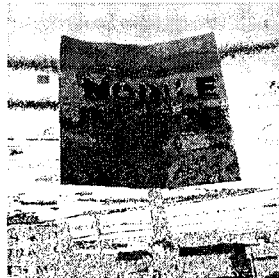
A Statewide Organization of Minnesota's Manufactured Home Park Residents

Minnesota Celebrates "Mobile Justice" During Manufactured Home Park Week

by Ned Moore

The State of Minnesota proclaimed September 24th through the 30th as "Park Week" recognizing the strong contribution of manufactured home parks as a source of homeownership for 180,000 Minnesotans. Residents of Parks from across the state held events throughout the week to celebrate the beginning of "Manufactured Home Park Week".

"**Mobile Justice!**" was the theme for this year's Park Week. "**Mobile Justice!**" is about creating a voice for manufactured home park residents. We want equity, fair treatment and respect from



park owners, cities, and the general community. Park Week gave residents the opportunity to speak on what "**Mobile Justice!**" means to them.

APAC Board President Ed Landrum, put it this way: "Parks are thriving neighborhoods. They are places people raise families and retire. Mobile Jus-

tice week helped the public see the face of parks."

"We want our community to be one where families can move in and their kids can grow up healthy and happy," said Betty Bailey of Paul Revere Cooperative. "The stigma of being 'trailer trash' is gone. It has got to go away."

A kick-off celebration in Blaine was one of the several events across the state during this week. Residents from parks in Saint Anthony Village, Moorhead, Anoka, Inver Grove Heights, and Lexington held events as well. Twin Cities Public

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APAC argues Freedom of Expression before Minnesota Supreme Court

by Dave Anderson

How much can free speech rights be restricted by a manufactured home park owner in Minnesota?

That's the issue the Minnesota Supreme Court agreed to review in APAC's appeal of a lower court ruling. The lawsuit grew out of an incident in a Lakeville

park, Ardmore Village, when APAC was prohibited from leafleting in April and June 2003.

According to APAC's attorney, Kay Nord Hunt, with Lommen, Abdo, Cole, King & Stageberg, P.A., the Supreme Court review is significant since it presents

the first opportunity for the Supreme Court to interpret Minnesota's "Freedom of Expression" statute and to provide appropriate guidelines.

The statute explicitly states that, "No park owner shall prohibit or adopt any rule prohibiting

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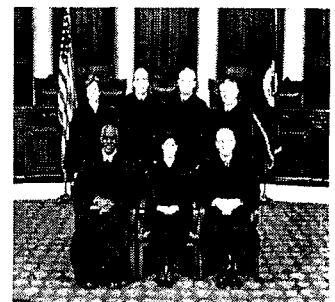
APAC's Board of Directors meetings are generally the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Resident Legislative Summit is on January 6th.

Resident Association Leadership Training is on January 20th.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Before 2007 begins, consider becoming a work place donor to APAC through a program with Community Solutions Fund. Talk to your employer or contact APAC.



Minnesota Supreme Court

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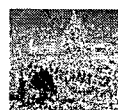
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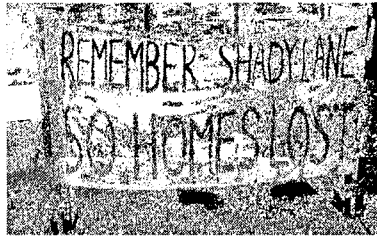
Wave of Metro Area Park Closing Robs Hundreds of their Homes

by Ned Moore

Since the widely denounced closure of **Shady Lane Court** in Bloomington on April 1st, approximately 170 people have been displaced by park closings.

St Paul Cabins in Maplewood has also begun the process of closing with only a couple of it's original 45 households left.

The Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority's (HRA) mission is to provide and maintain decent, safe and affordable housing, but that didn't stop them from informing residents of **Whispering Oaks** in Oakdale



that the HRA is closing there park. This will eliminate 96 units of affordable housing and home ownership.

Survey data from St. Paul Cabins and Shady Lane paint an unsettling picture of who is being impacted by these closures:

- 98% of families owned their homes
- Residents had been living in the park for 8 years on average
- 79% of homes were unable to be moved
- 95% could not afford the costs of relocation on their own
- 30% of residents were either children or senior citizens
- 66% of the residents displaced were people of color, showing how park closing are having a disproportionate affect on some communities more than others. ■

APAC Returns to Blaine

by Deanna Rae Standing Cloud-Green

Blaine is changing. The city of Blaine is a rapidly developing community as the Twin Cities metro area expands. Blaine was also the previous proposed site for a new Viking Stadium. Despite the withdrawal of the Vikings proposal, there is still development that can be of some concern to manufactured home residents.



Mayor Tom Ryan of Blaine

Approximately 14% of the entire population in Blaine resides in mobile home parks; home to six of the largest parks in the state of Minnesota. All Parks Alliance for Change has recognized the need to organize in Blaine as a "mega campaign." This means that APAC must collaboratively work together with the spectrum of agencies we are affiliated with, park residents, and communities to make changes for the long term. Since, at this time, park residents in Blaine are not protected

by a park closing ordinance, it is imperative to organize in Blaine.

APAC has hosted two meetings in Restwood and Centennial Square. There is now action to form a Resident Association in Centennial. Because

the park is so large, there is a need to communicate with management productively. Centennial Square has 566 lots and will require a large scale strategy to successfully form a much needed Resident Association.

As far as the closing ordinance, the city of Blaine will be reviewing the "topic" during a workshop meeting. We will do everything we can to push forward with the ordinance in the future. Hopefully, we will pass the ordinance early on in 2007. ■

Latino Organizing

by Rodrigo Sanchez-Chavarria

Due to the growth of Latino residents in manufactured home parks, APAC is reaching out to inform Latino residents of their rights as well as engage them in the idea of organizing. Currently we are working in Camelot Acres (Burnsville), Skyline Village and Southridge (Inver Grove Heights). In the latter two parks we are trying to engage the Latino resident to speak in support of the ordinance proposed to the city council. With the growing population of Latinos in skyline village and the strong presence of Latino residents in Southridge, it is vital that their voices get heard.

We are also looking into issues of discrimination in Fridley Court. Over the past few months, calls from Latino families across the state are showing a trend of management that discriminates against Latino residents. In fact, in some cases Latino residents are exploited for their money and are being evicted without probable cause. ■

METRO AREA NEWS

Saint Anthony Village Passes Ordinance

by Steven Renderos

ST. ANTHONY VILLAGE, MN-On November 14th the St. Anthony Village city council voted unanimously to pass a park closing ordinance in their city, becoming the 18th city in the state to do so.

The ordinance was proposed in late August by the Lowry Grove Resident Association (LGRA)

The elected board members of the resident association gathered a lot of support from members of the St. Anthony community including Mary Bonneville (community activist), State Rep. Mindy Greiling, State Senator John Marty, Hennepin County Commissioner Mark Stenglein and St. Charles Catholic Church.



Lowry Grove celebrates victory

The ordinance was reviewed by the city manager, Wendy Huebner (president of LGRA), and a representative on behalf of the park owners of Lowry Grove.

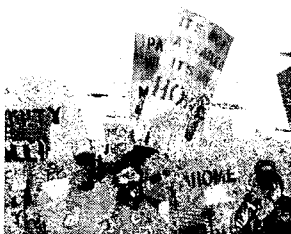
The ordinance finally made it to the city council and after three readings was passed.

Park closing ordinances are becoming a trend in the metro area as cities are realizing the potential impact of not having guaranteed relocation compensation. As a result five other cities (Anoka, Blaine, Rosemount, Maplewood and Inver Grove Heights) are also considering these ordinances.

On November 27th, the city council in Inver Grove Heights was presented with a proposed ordinance. They set January 8th for the first hearing. Some city officials already seem very supportive. A resident of Skyline Village commented, "this is the third time since 1992 that people have tried to pass an ordinance. This is the farthest it's gotten." ■

Skyline Village Unites!

by Rodrigo Sanchez-Chavarria



Residents of Skyline Rally

INVER GROVE HEIGHTS, MN-Skyline Village, a manufactured home park of 399 units in Inver Grove Heights, was one of the latest parks to create its own Resident Association.

About a year ago, a concerned resident called our hotline and asked how he could start a resident association. It was because of the efforts of Tom Lydon and the support from concerned residents that on August 15th Skyline Village elected its board and Lydon was elected its president.

Skyline is no stranger to APAC affiliation, in the 90's residents

of Skyline united to address community issues and to have the right to have resident meetings in their own community center.

This Resident Association has dedicated itself to address safety issues (there have been about 7 arsons in the span of 8 months), park maintenance concerns, rent increases and the passing of a park closing ordinance.

Skyline Village is also one of the resident associations that has a Latino outreach coordinator position to reach out to the Latino residents of that park.

The association had a rally to kick off its Neighborhood Watch and also address other concerns residents were having. The mayor, city council members, fire and police chief were in attendance. ■

Rosemount Becomes 19th Ordinance

by Krystal Klein

ROSEMOUNT, MN-Manufactured homeowners in Rosemount have attracted media attention this fall. Both the Pioneer Press and Star Tribune reported on residents' efforts to pass a city ordinance that will guarantee relocation compensation if Rosemount Woods Manufactured Home Park is ever sold for redevelopment.

The ordinance passed on December 5, 2006 with a 4 to 1 vote after several months of discussion. The council member who voted against the ordinance did so because he wanted to make the ordinance even stronger for the homeowners of Rosemount Woods.

"I thought that the Rosemount City Council did a fine job of exploring all the options to make this a strong and balanced effort. The emails and testimony from the community residence as-

sisted in the councils decision making process," said Elias Damon, Rosemount Woods homeowner.

Rosemount Woods homeowner, LaVonne Woodruff, petitioned the city to consider a park closing compensation ordinance in early 2005. "You don't wait until there is a fire to get insurance," she said.

The park closing ordinance campaign brought the community together. Leaders emerged and collected almost 100 signatures to form a Homeowners Association. The association board will be elected this December.

"We couldn't have done it without the help of APAC and the City of Rosemount officials and we are looking forward to getting our Homeowners Association going," said Barb Stanley. ■

Tyranny Makes an Appearance in Glencoe

by Steven Renderos

GLENCOE, MN- APAC exists to protect the rights of manufactured home park residents across the state. The truth is there are good parks where management follows state law and respects the rights and responsibilities of park residents. There are other parks however, like Glen Knoll Park in the city of Glencoe, where management has somehow forgotten that there are state laws that protect residents.

The Chief of Police in Glencoe acknowledged that a few years back the park had become an area of high crime due to drug activity. The manager was successful in cleaning up the park but her questionable tactics have carried over to the regular residents who live in the 150 unit park.

The most alarming problems are the issues of discrimination and the constant evictions. Unfortunately, trends are showing that the Latino families are being disproportionately affected. For many Latino families, it has become



Glen Knoll thinks providing resident's rights is soliciting

impossible to sell their homes and, in many cases, they are constantly in court to dispute an eviction for non payment of rent.

In October, two residents faced court for non payment of rent and both had proof of having actually paid. What we're seeing is that the manager is not documenting properly when people pay their rent and subsequently trying to evict as a result of that mistake.

Its environment is one of favoritism,

where good treatment is handed out in exchange for favors. One resident, Felipe Sandoval, had been asked by management to lie to the police regarding a neighbor. "They wanted me to tell the police that she (my neighbor) had been stealing, but I didn't do it because I didn't know what it was about." A few months later as Felipe tried to apply to live in a new house in the park, he was denied and taken to court for non payment of rent. He won in court but his case is only one of several in the park.

APAC has been working with residents in the park to form a coalition of residents to sue the park over its lease and its questionable in-park sales methods. The manager would like to see APAC out of the picture but residents and the Chief of Police are glad APAC is around to organize residents to stand up. ■

Message to the City of Stacy: "There's a new group in town."

by Dave Anderson

STACY, MN- Commuters traveling along Highway 35 just north of the Twin Cities metro area get a good view of Sunrise Estates as they pass the city of Stacy. But despite its prominent location, this 225-unit manufactured home park and the concerns of its residents have long been invisible to its land owner and the city. Working with APAC, this has begun to change.

In July, the residents got organized by forming a resident association and setting out an ambitious five-part agenda. Their goals include: ensuring consistent rent and treatment for all residents; establishing an adequate evacuation plan; raising police presence; stopping



Bud Wilson from Sunrise Estates

drug trafficking in the park; and guaranteeing relocation compensation if the park closes.

Since then, they have held an all-resident meeting with Chisago County Sheriff, Todd Rivard, increased police

patrols, and established a curfew for minors. They got the park to install additional stop signs, increase street lighting, and establish a 24-hour emergency number. They are working with the city, the park owner, and APAC to develop a park closing ordinance. And they become major players in city politics, with candidates actively courting their votes as well as running for and getting elected to office themselves. (see article page 6)

Park Residents make up two thirds of the population in Stacy. ■

GREATER MINNESOTA NEWS

Residents Get Together in Stacy for a Leadership Summit

by Ned Moore

STACY, MN—On July 29th, APAC hosted a first of its kind conference, bringing leaders from different resident associations together. The event was held at St John's Lutheran Church in Stacy. About 30 people attended from 7 parks in the metro area and central Minnesota.

The conference was an opportunity for residents to share experiences and to work through some of the common challenges that resident associations sometimes face.

It was great having a chance to meet with leaders from other parks and learn from each others' success," said Paul Wissmiller, a member of the Lowry Grove Resident Association Board of

Directors. "It was also rewarding to teach others based on our experience and success. I think we came away with some good ideas to move our association forward."

Major topics included "Getting People Involved" and "Getting Your Message Across," with break out sessions on how to get the support of elected officials, the media, and park management. Sessions were facilitated by representatives of APAC, The Organizing Apprenticeship Project, Twin Cities Training Program for Neighborhood Organizers, Paul Revere Cooperative, Shady Lane Resident Association and Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless.

Special thanks for all who took part in making this event a success. We are in the early planning stages of the next leadership conference, for sometime in late January. If you are interested in attending or have ideas for how to make it better please contact Ned at the APAC office. ■



Next Training in Late January

Mobile Justice Comes to Moorhead For Park Week 2006

by Steven Renderos

MOORHEAD, MN— There was a cold chill in the air when Mobile Justice rolled into town in the form of Manufactured Home Park Week. Residents from parks in the area gathered in Bennett Park to celebrate the great success of the Bennett Park Cooperative.

"Cooperative" is misleading since the residents in the park have yet to take control, but for many the worst is behind them. After a long public battle against Jack Hoffner (easily a nominee for Worst Park Owner of the Year) in which the Attorney General's Office had to get involved, the residents were given the opportunity to purchase their park as a resident owned cooperative.

With the support of People Escaping Poverty Project (PEPP) and Northcountry Cooperative Development Fund (NCDF), the residents are closer to owning both their homes and the land. APAC has played a supportive role,



Mobile Justice event in Moorhead

working with PEPP to ensure that the residents are involved in the process of owning their park. APAC also is providing legal counsel.

APAC will be working with PEPP to develop trainings on diversity and systemic poverty to help foster a good working relationship between the board of Bennett Park and the incoming management group. Since a substantial

portion of the park is Latino, it's important for both groups to understand the difference in culture and dynamics.

As of yet, the park has not converted, however, we expect that in upcoming weeks substantial progress will be made towards the state's third resident owned cooperative. ■



City Councilmember, Diana Wray Williams, speaks during Park Week

NEWS AT THE CAPITOL

Big Changes to Come in 2007

by Margaret Kaplan

With the legislative session just around the corner, APAC is working to develop a set of legislative priorities. Building off of last year's successes, APAC is working with a coalition of groups including Legal Services Advocacy Project, Housing Preservation Project, Northcountry Cooperative Development Fund, Minnesota Association of Cooperatives and AARP.

There are currently two major efforts garnering the most support among our coalition partners: expanding the right of first refusal and guaranteeing resident relocation compensation when parks close. Under current state law, the right of first refusal only applies when a park



is sold for redevelopment. Our proposal includes a right of first refusal any time a park is to be closed or any time the park transfers ownership. Relocation compensation, under the current statute, is discretionary on the part of cities, leaving some residents completely unprotected in the event of a park closure. The current proposal seeks to create the same relocation compensation rights across the state.

Passing such ambitious legislation will require a great deal of participation from

both our members and our allies. In January, APAC will be working to get input from residents as well as to brainstorm about ways that more people can be included in the legislative push this session. We are still seeking input and assistance from anyone who is interested in the Mobile Justice legislative agenda.

Your support and involvement will be part of a much larger push to gain better rights for manufactured home park residents. This year we want to see thousands of APAC members and allies reach the State Capitol and engage their elected officials about issues that are important to park residents.

If you have any questions or want to take a more active role in the legislative process please contact APAC.



APAC at the Capitol, 1994



Rally at the Capitol, 2004



APAC at the State Capitol, 2006

2006 Elections: Park Residents Had Enough

by Dave Anderson

Election night 2006 was one for the history books. Voters produced a dramatic shift in party control on the local, state and federal levels. APAC staff and board members are still determining what this will mean when these newly elected politicians take office in 2007.

Residents had something to do with a few of the surprising outcomes in local races, by turning out at the polls and by appearing on the ballot. They had an impact in cities where they make up a significant portion of voters, like Blaine and Mora, where there was a distinct swing in party control. They also made the run for public office in communities like Hilltop, Landfall, Lexington, Ogilvie and Stacy.

Stacy, in particular, the impact of the elections was dramatic. Park residents make up two-thirds of the city's population, but had not been represented on the city council. Now, with two incoming council members, Barbara Avalos and Tony Olivolo, residents will comprise forty percent of the five-member city council.

APAC received funding from the Democracy! Fund (a joint funding partnership of Headwaters Foundation, Otto Bremer Foundation, and Minnesota Women's Foundation) to support non-partisan voter engagement and electoral organizing around park issues. ■

APAC NEWS

UniProp Bans "Trick or Treating" in Ardmor Village (cont. from page 1)

residents or other persons from peacefully organizing, assembling, canvassing, leafleting or otherwise exercising with the park their right of free expression for noncommercial purposes. A park owner may adopt and enforce rules that set reasonable limits as to the time, place and manner." What constitutes reasonable restrictions on the time, place and manner of speech in park communities? "We believe basic First Amendment rights issues are at play in this case and that the high court has recognized that," Hunt says.

A growing list of housing advocates, faith groups and free speech supporters have joined the cause as individual *amicus curiae* (friends of the court) because of the many implications of case. These organizations include: the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU); Community Stabilization Project (CSP); Housing Preservation Project (HPP); Jewish Community Action (JCA); Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing (MICA); and Minnesota Senior Federation.

The public had a rare chance to see Minnesota's highest court in action when the case was presented live on October 11 at Hutchinson High School, west of the Twin Cities. This is only the 24th time the Supreme Court has heard a case outside its St. Paul chambers as part of the Traveling Oral Arguments.

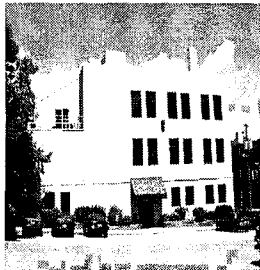
On a lighter note, UniProps's lawyers were questioned about their time limit on canvassing in the park. Two questions were brought up, 1) could a person seeking election not doorknock their constituents without having to obtain a no contact list and 2) were Halloween "trick or treaters" not allowed to door knock for candy since they were soliciting.

To the first question their lawyer replied that yes, anyone seeking election would have to obtain a no contact list. To the second questions, regrettably, stumped by his own argument, the attorney had to agree that yes in fact trick or treating under their current rules made it seem like little kids could not ask for candy. ■

A Change of Scenery

by Rodrigo Sanchez-Chavarria

ST. PAUL, MN-It's nice to have a window. It's nice to have a working air conditioning. It's nice when these two things are combined, plus more office space.



APAC's New Office

These are all the new amenities that the new office space for APAC has brought to us. It's located a few blocks away from our former office on 970 Raymond Ave., Suite 105 in Saint Paul.

APAC never bows out of a challenge so we moved on the hottest day of the summer in 12 years, because it builds character. It was a hard move but well deserved and needed.

A new office only means that I and other organizers will be working harder and more efficiently for residents' rights and finally have a place that reflects the work we do.

The Wall of Fame from all the events we have done brings pride and pushes myself and others to strive for better. They are everyday reminders of how we can affect people's lives through mobile justice! And it's amazing what a new office can do for morale. If you're interested please stop by and say hello. Yes, APAC is changing. APAC is Justicia Movil! ■

WHAT IS MOBILE JUSTICE?

For residents of Manufactured Home Parks, Mobile Justice means a vision of what we want. These are ideas that Mobile Justice stands for.

TEN PILLARS OF MOBILE JUSTICE

Affordable housing
decent living conditions

Stable communities
no more park closings

Fair treatment
respect our rights

Ending destructive stereotypes

Accountable park owners
not slumlords

Resident participation in decision making

Safety in our neighborhoods

Equality
end racism and discrimination

Responsive public officials

Unity
residents alliance for change

Minnesota Celebrates Mobile Justice (cont. from page 1)

Television also re-aired "American Dream Under Fire: Park Residents Fight to Hold Ground," a half hour documentary on manufactured home parks in Minnesota (see article on Page 9).

Park Week mobilized approximately 1,000 people. Governor Tim Pawlenty and Attorney General Mike Hatch both issued public

statements in support of park residents. Local media also picked up on some of the events including KSTP, FOX9 and the Star Tribune.

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this week a success. This year was the first Manufactured Home Park Week, but it won't be the last. ■

APAC NEWS

Ed Landrum Retires After 10 years of Dedication

by Dave Anderson

On October 28, Ed Landrum stepped down from the APAC board of directors after serving for 14 years; the last nine as its president. The APAC board, staff and membership would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his leadership through a time of change and growth.

Under his leadership, the residents of his park, Whispering Oaks in Oakdale, made two attempts to preserve their threatened community through a resident purchase. In 2000, he worked to pass the Oakdale park closing ordinance guaranteeing relocation compensation.



Ed Landrum

Ed's work was recognized twice this year. He was honored at APAC's 25th Anniversary Celebration. He was also featured in "American Dream Under Fire: Mobile Home Park Residents Fight to Hold Ground," an Emmy-nominated Twin

Cities Public Television documentary.

Ed will be retiring to live in St. Paul. His wonderful leadership for over a decade has seen APAC grow and become a great organization. It's difficult to put into words how much of an impact Ed had in the lives of everyone who's been involved with APAC.

Thank you again Ed for carrying the flame of mobile justice for so long. We will miss you. ■

Don Pierson Recovers From Auto Accident

Don Pierson continues to rehabilitate from injuries suffered in a June 24 car accident. He has taken a leave of absence from the APAC board of directors. Don joined the board in 1989. That same year, he was part of the successful push to establish the state's first park closing ordinance in Bloomington. He has been the chief coordinator of APAC's long-running St. Paul Saints fundraiser, which was held the same day as his accident.

Our thoughts go out to Don and we hope to see him back soon. ■



Don Pierson

A Change in Faces at APAC

by Krystal Klein

This fall, APAC's Director, Dave Anderson was on the lookout for free desks and chairs; he was getting the APAC office ready for four new staff members.

Margaret Kaplan joined APAC this past August and is our first staff attorney. Deanna Green and Krystal Klein began their one-year Americorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) terms at APAC in late August. Both are community organizers. Steven Renderos completed a year of VISTA and through support from the Organizing Apprenticeship Project became an APAC Community Organizer.

Krystal will be focusing her organizing in the Southwest region of the state. Deanna will be organizing in Blaine as APAC makes a return to its roots. Through the Blaine organizing, Deanna hopes residents can be well organized to face some of the development pressures that several parks in Blaine are facing at the current moment.

A Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs (HECUA) intern, Celeste Finn, joined APAC for the fall to work on policy reports. Organizer, Daren Nyquist, graduated from Humphrey Institute Graduate Program, and left APAC to work for Dakota County.

In the next couple months APAC expects to be adding on an additional position with the funding from the Northwest Area Foundations. The Project Coordinator position will begin in early January and will bring the work of APAC to a national level.

APAC's growing staff is a tribute to the value of the organization and promises to expand APAC's ability to be a resource for manufactured home park residents. It also means there are fewer free desks cluttering up St. Paul's streets. ■

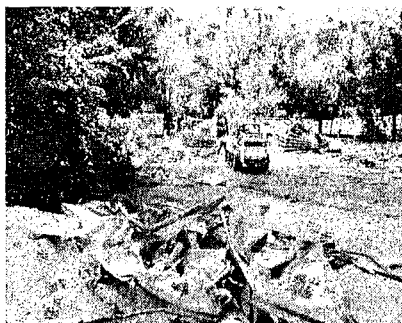
APAC NEWS

Documentary Sheds Light on the Reality of Park Closings

"American Dream Under Fire: Mobile Home Park Residents Fight to Hold Ground" examines the urgent issue of preserving manufactured home park communities in the face of skyrocketing land values and development pressures.

It follows the fight to save Shady Lane in Bloomington, Minnesota. Other stories, challenges and solutions are woven into the half-hour program. It is a new production of the Northwest Area Foundation and Twin Cities Public Television in collaboration with Housing Preservation Project and All Parks Alliance for Change.

"Lack of affordable housing is very often a key factor in communities with



Shady Lane closed on April 1, 2006

persistent poverty," said Karl Stauber, president and CEO of the Northwest Area Foundation. "What most people don't know is that manufactured home parks offer unsubsidized affordable housing that needs to be appreciated as a community asset."

There are over 900 manufactured

home communities in Minnesota, and about 55,000 communities nationwide that are home to roughly 10 million residents. They are coming under threat of closure as cities and suburbs expand and that property becomes increasingly valuable for development.

The documentary originally aired April 23, 2006, on TPT Channel 17. It was recently nominated for a regional Emmy for short documentary. To view the film online visit: http://www.tpt.org/mnchannel.new/video_archive.php. If you would like to host a screening in your park, please contact APAC, as we have copies available. ■

APAC Celebrates 25th Year Anniversary

by David Anderson

ST. PAUL, MN-On July 15, members, supporters and alumni celebrated 25 years of social change at an event held in St. Paul. During the evening, over 70 people enjoyed food and entertainment, re-kindled old friendships, made new connections, celebrated the past, and talked about the future.

APAC board members, Bev Adrian and Betty Bailey, hosted the evening. President, Ed Landrum, and executive director, Dave Anderson, provided opening remarks. Dan Bergin, the director of "American Dream Under Fire" introduced a clip of his Emmy-nominated documentary. On behalf of Gov. Tim Pawlenty, Steve Moore presented a proclamation recognizing APAC and declaring September 24-30 "Manufactured Home Park Week."



The night concluded with recognition plaques presented to: founding executive director, Beth Newkirk, and nine-term board president, Ed Landrum, for "service to APAC"; Jay Clark, director of the Twin Cities Training Program for

Neighborhood Organizers, and Ron Elwood, legislative advocate for Legal Services Advocacy Project for "outstanding community leadership"; former Minnesota Senator, Gene Merriam, and former Bloomington Mayor, Kurt Laughinghouse, for "outstanding public leadership"; and "outstanding community organizations" Housing Preservation Project and Otto Bremer Foundation.

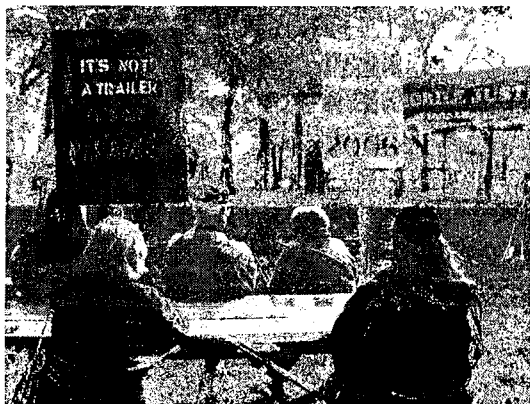
If you join APAC with a \$20 or greater contribution, there is still time to receive a 25th anniversary t-shirt and commemorative book. ■

**DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AS A RESIDENT OF A
MANUFACTURED HOME PARK?**

Call APAC at (651) 644-5525 Greater MN (866) 361-2722

Best of Park Week Pictures

Blaine



Residents in Blaine



Minnesota Housing Commissioner Tim Marx

Lexington



Residents at Paul Revere Cooperative



Children on a hay ride

Anoka



Protesting Along Highway 10 in Anoka



Woodlyn Court Resident Association

Best of Park Week Pictures

St. Anthony



Residents of Lowry Grove chat with Salvador Miranda, Dave Anderson and Bev Adrian



Phil Johnson, park owner, talks to resident of Lowry Grove, Tom Sporlein.

Moorhead



Bennett Park Cooperative President, Brandon Failing
Addresses crowd in Moorhead.



Children of Bennett Park Cooperative

Inver Grove Heights



Skyline Village Residents demand safety in their park during Park Week.



Mayor of Inver Grove Heights addresses the concerns of the resident association.

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