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CITY OF LAKES LOPPET, POPULAR SKI FESTIVAL HELD FEBRUARY 5 AND 6, 2010

TRAFFIC CAME TO A STANDSTILL AS THRONGS OF PEOPLE CROWDED UPTOWN AND LAKE OF THE ISLES



Ski with your best friend - your dog. In a sport that combines dog sledding with cross country skiing, more than 120 teams raced around Lake of the Isles before finishing in Uptown. Dogs of many breeds and sizes were attached to a skier with a belt and towline in this event. Many spectators and dogs were there to cheer them on in this beautiful urban setting.



Skijoring Race at Lake of the Isles

All Loppet photos are by Dorothy Childers



Star Wars fan admires R2-D2 Snow Sculpture

Skijoring teams race around Lake of the Isles before finishing in Uptown. Advanced and recreational categories. Skijoring is a rapidly growing sport that combines dog sledding with Cross Country Skiing. This forms a cooperative team that provides both human and canine with a healthy Minnesota winter experience.

City of Lakes Loppet included the Luminary Loppet, Minne-Loppet, Freestyle Loppet, and Skijoring Loppet.

Freestyle Loppet is the urban ski race. Participants started at Theodore Wirth Park and skied approximately 33K through woods, over parkways, and across lakes to a grand finish before cheering crowds on the streets of Uptown.

Minne-Loppet is a free event for kids ages 12 and under. Everyone is a winner - all kids receive medals and Sons of Norway cookies and hot cider. Lagoon between Isles and Calhoun - Uptown.



Family Cheers Loppet Racer at Lake of the Isles

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CRIME AND SAFETY ALERTS

Neighbors: Please be aware of the following incidents which happened between 2:30 and 3:15 pm on Wednesday, February 10.

*A brother and sister were crossing from Kenwood School to the Deli to meet their nanny. As they were crossing 21st Street, a man in a silver car waved at the girl as he was driving down Penn. He offered them a ride home. The girl declined and then the driver asked where she lived. She did not tell him and he pulled away. The girl was very scared.

*A short time later as a young boy was walking down Penn towards home, a silver car followed him very slowly. The car pulled off Lake of the Isles Parkway by Peavey Fountain. The driver continued to follow the young boy and stopped at the corner of 24th Street. As the car waited, the boy got scared, turned and went back to the Deli.

The children described the man as being older, having short hair, and a longer grey beard. The second boy said there was a passenger in the car. They gave state-

ments to the police and the police said they would have extra patrols in the area for the next few days.

Similar incidents have been reported around Kenwood School and Kenwood Park in the past few weeks. If you or your children have anything to report, please call 911.

***Week of February 14, Dupont Ave South:** attempted burglary this week. Three males were walking down a private driveway in the middle of the night when a nanny and a dog sitter who were staying at the house while the owners were in Florida heard their dogs barking uncontrollably. The next door dog was also barking. They called 911, but the men ran off before the police arrived. An attempted breakin happened earlier this week at the same home. Floodlights in the driveway now go on and off all night in hopes of fending off intruders.

Neighbors: please call 911 if you hear or see anything improper.

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CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lunch with Lisa

February 24th promptly at noon at
St. Thomas University Terrence Murphy Hall 252
30 South 10th Street
\$10 Lunch is offered. Come early to get your lunch
and a good seat.

Future dates: March 24, April 28, July 28th August
25th, September 22nd, and October 27th.

The US Census Bureau's Minneapolis office is hiring temporary positions as Census takers this spring. The positions are part-time, the schedule is flexible and the pay is \$16.50/hr. This position is great for retirees, students, part-time workers, unemployed or anyone who is looking for some additional income. The first step for Minneapolis residents is to call 612-216-6170 to schedule an appointment to take their standardized field test.

Francesca Dawis, a ninth grader at Southwest High School, recently performed in her first Winters Honors Recital at MacPhail Center for Music as a vocalist, having performed the violin in last Spring's Honors Recital. Dawis studies voice at MacPhail with Manon Gimlett, and is in her first year in MacPhail's Prelude program, which is a singer-actor performance lab.

However, Dawis is no amateur when coming to performing. She has sung and acted in musical theater throughout the Twin Cities, including at the Guthrie, Chanhassen Dinner Theatre, the Ordway and Theater Latte Da. She recently had a non-musical role in "Wait Until Dark" at the Bloomington Civic Theatre. She is also a cantor and liturgical violinist at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Minneapolis

Minneapolis Audubon Society

Bryant Square (31st & Bryant Avenue S)
Friday, April 9, 2010 1 p.m.

Warren Nelson will share "Wildlife of Aitkin County." Please join us for the program and refreshments. For more information call 952-920-0176.

SW light rail station planning update

By Amanda T. Arnold AICP,
Principal City Planner

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Hennepin County has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to hire a consultant team to produce "strategic plans" for each of the five proposed Minneapolis stations. This RFP can be found at www.southwesttransitway.org.

Hennepin County has obtained \$300,000 to fund this work. The work will be done with the support of City staff, and the plans will be proposed for adoption by the City's Planning Commission and City Council. It should be noted that the station plans are a separate endeavor from the ongoing Environmental Impact Statement process. The recommendations that come out of the station plans will inform the Preliminary Engineering phase of the light rail development.

The plan content for each station will vary based on the planning done to date and the long range goals for the specific area. Each station plan will include a station site plan (platform locations, drop off, walkways, etc.), a detailed land use plan for a 1/4 radius from the station (if one hasn't already been done, or the consultants will refine what's been done) and a more general analysis of connections and land uses within a 1/2 mile of each station.

Adele Hall (Hennepin County, Transit Planner, adele.hall@co.hennepin.mn.us) and I will be the primary coordinators of this work. Please contact us with questions or suggestions. We are in the process of outlining a public participation plan. This will include a series of community meetings, a community working group, regular updates to the Southwest LRT website (www.southwesttransitway.org), and regular e-mail updates. The plans will be made available for public review and a public hearing will be held upon the adoption of the plans. We are also working on other creative ways to get input and will ask the consultants to do so as well. We will ensure that all the input received is carefully considered and well documented.

It is expected that a consultant will be under contract by the end of May. Adele and I will be in touch before then to discuss the details of the public involvement process.

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KENWOOD RESIDENT CREATES "IMAGES OF HAITI" BOOK AND POSTERS Posters on display at the Kenwood Retirement Community; Book-signing to be held March 1

When Ruth Anne Olson, a resident of the Kenwood Retirement Community, visited Haiti in July 2008, she went as a guest, not as a project volunteer. Without any obligations or agenda—and with the help of an interpreter—Ruth Anne became immersed in Haitian village culture. She experienced lively community life, sharing in rich relationships and meaningful traditions. The joy and spirit she felt was in sharp contrast to media portrayals focused on poverty, disease, despair and weakness.

As she met people—teachers, parents, village elders and artists—Ruth Anne often asked them what she could do to help. Never did they ask for money. Their only request: Please tell our stories.

Ruth Anne returned to Haiti in June 2009,

equipped with a tape recorder and the offer to fulfill their request. In the village of Matènwa, community leaders selected 10 people, ages 14 to 96, for Ruth Anne to interview. She published their stories in both English and Haitian Creole in a bilingual book and a series of posters.

"The timing is crucial," said Ruth Anne. "Now, more than ever, the people of Haiti need the world to understand their lives and culture."

Ruth Anne's Images of Haiti posters are currently on display at the Kenwood Retirement Community, 825 Summit Avenue, Minneapolis, through March 28. The free exhibition is open daily from 10am to 6pm.

She will discuss her experiences at a book-signing on Monday, March 1 at 2:00pm, also at the Kenwood Retirement Community. For more information, call 612-374-8100.

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The Birchbark Books Reading Series presents

Todd Boss; Matt Rasmussen; Christine Stark
Wednesday, March 10, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Full deli menu available at Kenwood Cafe prior to the reading, curated by Michael Kiesow Moore.

The Birchbark Books Reading Series features new, emerging, and established writers every month. Join us the 2nd Wednesday of the month, from September through May.

Like Billy Collins, Todd Boss writes poetry for people who "don't like poetry."

Matt Rasmussen teaches at Gustavus Adolphus College.

Christine Stark is an award-winning writer and visual artist of European and American Indian ancestry whose work has been published in numerous periodicals and anthologies.


The Reading Series is sponsored by Birchbark Books and Kenwood Cafe 2115 West 21st Street, Minneapolis, MN 55405 (612) 374-4023 <http://birchbarkbooks.com>

The Kenwood Duplicate Bridge Group is welcoming new members. We play at the Kenwood Rec Center on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. The next sessions are on February 24 and March 10 and 24.

Pairs just need to show up around 6:50 p.m.; if a partner is needed, please call Jerry Rosenzweig at 763-545-3603. The group has been in existence for 50 years and is always looking for new players.



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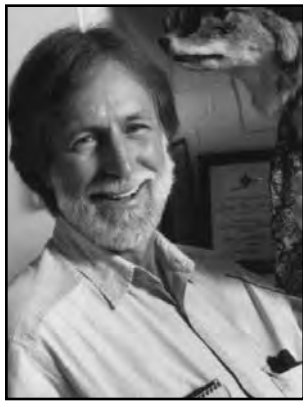
Craig Wilson interviews James P. Lenfestey, Lowry Hill neighbor and writer and founder of Hill & Lake Press about his decades of advocacy for the arts, the neighborhood, and social causes.

How long have you lived in the Hill Lake Area? Timely you should ask. I just gave readings for the residents of The Kenwood Retirement Center on Summit Avenue from my first book, THE URBAN COYOTE: HOWLINGS ON FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND THE SEARCH FOR PEACE AND QUIET, a selection of the columns I wrote for the Hill and Lake Press from 1984 to 1999. The book is about our life in this exceptional community, so it has been on my mind. We moved here briefly and somewhat accidentally in 1972, fell in love with the neighborhood, returned permanently two years later. We have lived at three addresses, one apartment and two houses, all within a block of each other.

Where are you from originally? The sophisticated east coast... of Wisconsin, AKA DePere, founded in 1671 and boomed to 4000 souls by my birth in 1944, four miles upriver from Green Bay. Yes, I am a stockholder of the Green Bay Packers. Yes, I have season tickets. No, they are not for sale.

How did you meet your beautiful, vivacious and highly intelligent wife Susan? At Dartmouth College in 1964, she was on a blind date with a freshman she instantly loathed. She spied my crimson jacket and somewhat raffish sideburns and decided to change dates, confirming her vivacious beauty if not her intelligence. We were married soon after my graduation nearly 44 years ago.

You're both a writer and a poet? I was born under the sign of The Book. I remember falling under the spell of the mysteries of the written word while reading Robert Frost's poignant poem "Out Out" in high school. I was fascinated that one could make language work on several levels by manipulating sound, sense and rhythm, a fascination that continues undiminished.



James P. Lenfestey

Along the way I have written lectures, school catalogues, business to business advertising, corporate annual reports, videos, plays, film scripts, a ton of journalism for magazines and newspapers, including a nine year stint on the editorial board of the StarTribune. All along I scribbled at poetry, late at night after the kids went to bed and now early in the mornings. Since I left the StarTribune in 1998, I have published small collections of essays or poetry nearly every year.

I'm told you're known as the "coyote poet." See above, with the addition of a four decade interest in the Trickster archetype, as manifested in Native American literature, AKA Coyote (see below).

You were an important part of starting many Hill Lake area institutions including Palio, the 'Winter Solstice' gathering and this newspaper, the Hill Lake Press. Can you tell our readers about how these wonderful institutions came to be? Susan was on the neighborhood board and proposed the idea of a neighborhood festival, and we put it on for two years in what is now known as Thomas Lowry Park. Both the HLP and Palio were born from that experience. I noticed the difficulty of communicating within the neighborhood, limited to postering telephone polls and store windows. The Lowry Hill board agreed to let us start a volunteer neighborhood newspaper. As we prepared the first issue, the East Isles neighborhood published a first issue of its newspaper, the EIRA news. I rushed to meet with the editors, including Win Rockwell, and we immediately agreed to pool volunteer resources into one paper named The Hill and Lake Press. Soon thereafter Kenwood and CIDNA joined

forces. The result is the paper arriving every month on your doorstep, serving the natural neighborhood around Lake of the Isles. At the time we were all volunteers, including delivery.

Palio derived from the Lowry Hill festival through Kenwood resident Holly Lewis. She knew of the famous Palio in Sienna, Italy and came to us with the idea of combining the Lowry Hill festival with the other three neighborhoods, which we thought a great idea. Interview Holly for the details, who still lives in Kenwood.

The winter solstice celebration now at Birchbark Books and Kenwood Deli was simply an idea I had, which area residents Beth Kehoe and Beth Dooley among others made real, generously supported by the neighborhood boards. Winter Solstice is the oldest public celebration in human consciousness, wringing hope from the fear of deepening darkness, a ritual I learned about on trips to Peru in the late 1970s. In the Bush years it was mandatory.

You have also been on the editorial board of the Star Tribune? From 1991-1998. I was an unusual outside hire, having had a long communications career in other sectors, as an academic, school director, marketing communications manager for a high tech company, and my own marketing communications company. The Strib offered me a job because I had submitted so many successful Commentaries and they knew I could write, was well informed, and could turn around an article on a tight deadline. When the Twins won the World Series at the Dome in 1991, the editor called me at 10AM wanting a piece on the Twins victory. I had a noon meeting so filed by 11:45 AM, and it ran exactly as submitted. Not long after that they offered me a job, even though I had never attended journalism school.

Your support of Native Americans and The Circle native newspaper is noteworthy. What draws you to Native people and culture? The Oneida and Menominee were a big presence around Green Bay, and

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I noticed the subtle racism they experienced in my community. I became politically active during the anti-Vietnam War movement inspired by Senator Eugene McCarthy and was influenced by the rise of the native rights movement. As a young professor at UW-River Falls, I founded a course in American Indian Literature, one of the first in the nation, and taught it at various colleges for 20 years.

I helped start THE CIRCLE as a regional native newspaper now 30 years old, because I thought the best way I could contribute was through the community newspaper skills I learned at the Hill and Lake Press.

You and Susan are very politically active, both locally and nationally. Susan much more than I (ME?), but we are both committed to good government. We moved here in part due the far-sighted "Minnesota Miracle." What has occurred under the last two governors is a tragedy.

What is a liberal in your definition? One who is open-minded and whose public actions are driven by facts, not ideology, who balances private good with public interest, insists on justice, understands venture capital and infrastructure, considers ecosystems, and wonders why the government is involved in private bedroom decisions.

Are you a liberal? By that definition -- economically moderate, socially libertarian -- I try to be. Don't call me "progressive," which feels like ideology.

With all that you've contributed to the world, what will be your most lasting legacy? Four children, six grandchildren (to date), numerous collections of prose and poems (www.coyotepoet.com for updates), the Hill and Lake Press, The Circle, the Sustainable Resources Center (SRC) I helped organize in the late 70s that continues to implement practical energy conservation, and OPEN BOOK, the literary arts center downtown which was a dream of mine for many years and for which I happily served on the planning and capital campaign committee, and which houses organizations and arts I love to practice and serve.

Healthy Health Care = Smart Future

MINNEAPOLIS MINDS

By Steve Kotvis

As we approach opening sessions at our State Capitol, I'm most interested in watching what happens in both health care and K/E-12 Education. Just due to their sheer size, these are the two titans that will be battling for budget supremacy. While both systems are a far cry from being subject to public ridicule, I do have some real concerns that the short-term interests of an aging baby boom health care crisis may take our eye off the ball of our need to retain a commitment to the

long-term benefits of educating our youth.

It might be helpful to create some visualization to help draw the picture health care v. education issue. Envision a frequency distribution line graph. You know, one of those graphs when "normal" would kind of look like a rollercoaster ride, with a peak in the middle and descending slopes up to the top from the left and back down to the right. Label the horizontal axis on the bottom, the age of our population, newborn on the left and like 100 on the right. Now think of drawing two vertical lines to create three sections. The first line is at age 18 and other one is at age 65. Finally, color in the area to the left of 18 and to the right of 65 the color red. Color in the middle area with green. Now, let's create the legend of our graph. Label the red area, as Minnesota State Economist Tom Stinson describes them, the "Economically Dependent" populations. Refer to the green area as "Economically Independent." In "normal" times, the share of population-coded green that is employed and generates the bulk of income to the State in the form of sales and income taxes, is larger than the population coded red. The two primary expenses for the populations coded red are: 1) K-12 public education for the youth cohort and 2) health and nursing care for the aging.

But these are no normal times. Three critical elements are coming to bear. And they are just beginning to create enormous angst, a tension never seen before in the debate of public priorities.

The first element of course is our aging baby-boom generation. As it works its way through time, like the pig in the python, our aging mass has distorted the shape of our population distribution graph. It's far from being "normal" anymore. It's skewed right, seasoned with numbers, wealth and influence.

The second element is the fact that we're just starting to see real health care costs get passed onto the consumer. While the cost of health care has been rising as a share of our Gross Domestic Product since the mid-70's, that increase has only recently been felt by the consumer. Evidence of that is that in the same period health care climbed as a share of GDP, it remained almost flat as a share of Consumer Expenditures. Consumers were feeling the rise, employers were. But they're reached their breaking points, and now we're entering the era of "consumer directed" health care, or in other words, consumer paid health care.

The thirdly, and perhaps a most significant element of our perfect health care v. public education storm seems to be related to the fact our children entering their formative years actually look a lot less and less like the aging senior population. Rather than the past when grandma and grandpa stepped in to be booster club members of the youngins, the children of today don't look the same. Instead, many more come from different lands, have parents who speak different languages, and lack some of the essential supports, preparation and experiences valued in nurturing a youth's educational growth and development. The gap between the aging health care driven retirement boomers and the emerging youth may be more than generational if we add to it a lack of familiarity and "family-airity" so to speak.

Minnesota has a tradition of a well-educated citizenry. We know an educated workforce creates an environment that attracts, retains and stimulates long-term economic growth and vitality. We need to address our immediate and emerging health care issues today so that they will not continue to threaten our abilities to more fully invest in our long-term economic development interests in educating our future generations. That just seems smart to me.

Steve Kotvis, a Kenwood resident serves on a number of Minneapolis Public Schools boards and committees and offers a monthly perspective in the Hill & Lake Press "Minneapolis Minds" column. He can be reached at stevek@elemenop.us, Facebook (Steve Kotvis) and Twitter (f_go).

HOME PRICES SHOW STRONGEST SIGN OF STABILITY YET.

(News from MAAR)

After 41 consecutive months, four Super Bowls, and a presidential election, the Twin Cities housing market finally posted a median sales price that was higher than the same month a year ago.

The January median sales price of \$157,000 was a 1.3 percent increase from last January's mark of \$155,000. That's the first year-over-year increase since July 2006.

"1.3% may seem pretty 'ho-hum', and in an ordinary market it is," said Brad Fisher, President of the Minneapolis Area Association of REALTORS (MAAR). "But in light of the three-year roller coaster we've been riding, 'o-hum' sounds glorious now."

...The Federal Home Buyer Tax Credit and extremely low mortgage rates have been the two main drivers of the market's recent momentum and, unfortunately, both of those market boosters may be near their eventual end.

The tax credit expires on April 30 and likely will not be extended. Further, the Federal Reserve intends to stop buying mortgage-backed securities in the near future, a move that will likely lead to an increase in mortgage rates.

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1819 Emerson S	900,000		556	710,000	H	5/3	3598	763,300	12,084	1905	
3801 Cedar Lake Place	749,900		67	712,888	H	4/3	4150	895,000	14,883	1995	
2405 W 22nd St	1,125,000		54	1,020,000	H	4/3	3623	1,035,000	16,954	1915	
1820 Waverly Place	1,195,000		87	1,050,000	H	2/5	5931	1,511,500	26,128	1969	
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Elizabeth Barnwell Co-Hosts Photography Workshop in Africa



Lowry Hill Resident Elizabeth Barnwell and Douglas Beasley of Vision Quest Photo Workshops have teamed together to present a workshop in Kenya from April 2 – 9, 2010.

Photo by Dorothy Childers

Elizabeth Barnwell has a long history of involvement with the arts in Minneapolis, as an art educator, documentary event photographer and owner/founder of E Photography, downtown Kenwood, in 1997. Barnwell earned a B.A. in Studio Art from Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, MA and holds an M.Ed in Art Education from the University of Minnesota.

Since 2006, E Photography has raised significant funds for The Susan G. Komen Foundation, Minneapolis Public Schools, Raising Malawi and Light of Hope Home & School in Naivasha, Kenya. In 2007 Elizabeth founded "With This Ring," a collective of wedding and event businesses committed to allocating a portion of all proceeds for charitable causes.

Elizabeth's photographic work from Malawi was featured by Madonna & Gucci at the U.N. in February, 2008, at an event which raised over 5 million dollars for the country of Malawi and UNICEF. Elizabeth's personal and documentary work explores the notion of

family in circumstances where traditional definitions have been shattered. Other projects explore the spirit residing in vintage objects.

Douglas Beasley's personal vision explores the spiritual aspects of people and place and is concerned with how the sacred is recognized and expressed in everyday life. He hopes that his photographs act as prayer-like offerings and are meant as a departure point for the viewer's own visual or spiritual journey.

Much of his personal work is supported by grants and commissions and has been widely exhibited and collected. His work has been published internationally and featured in numerous magazines such as Zoom, The Sun, B&W, PDN and PhotoVision. His first book: "Japan; A Nisei's First Encounter," offers insight into his journey to his mother's homeland.

As founder and director of Vision Quest Photo Workshops, Beasley provides workshops that emphasize personal expression and creative vision over the mechanics of camera use. His workshops are held in

St.Paul's Episcopal Church and Kenwood School Books for Africa program

St.Paul's Episcopal Church has recently teamed up with Kenwood Elementary School to collect Books for Africa. BFA was started in 1988 to help fill the void of books in schools from first grade through College and also village libraries in Africa. BFA headquarters is in St. Paul, MN. Since 1988 they have shipped over 20 million quality books to over 40 African countries. Many African children never own a book of their own, so the books in schools and libraries are their only exposure to the joy and benefits of reading.


BFA has been an important part of St.Paul's Outreach Programs. You too can help. St.Paul's has an ongoing collection. Bring your books to the church. Use the lower level door, and immediately upon entering you will see the Big Red Box that says Books for Africa. Bring Hard Cover Books...not paperback....except for College Text Books, which are usually soft cover and are extremely valuable to them and drop them in the red collection box. Any hard cover book for any age ...little children on up, is needed. In most of the African countries English is the academic language. Join Kenwood School and St.Paul's Church in this project to help brighten the future for Africa. "Literacy is quite simply the bridge from misery to hope."

Kofi Annan, former United Nations Secretary General.


places such as Santa Fe, Hawaii, Guatemala, Peru, Japan, China, Italy, Africa and Bali as well as his cabin/retreat center in Northwest Wisconsin.

Doug and Elizabeth first met more than 20 years ago at Film in the Cities and are thrilled to co-host this amazing experience in Kenya. "Join us for the adventure of a lifetime as we explore using our photography in service to local communities in Nairobi and Naivasha, Kenya,...not just a photo workshop but an opportunity to use art in service to the communities we visit while creating a strong documentary project of your own choosing." Please visit www.vqphoto.com for more trip details or phone Beasley Photography at 651.644.1400. Space is still available for this workshop, which is open to all levels of photographers.

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Thomas Lowry Park News

By Barbara Fogel

The Friends of Thomas Lowry park would love to share a brief history of the Park (formerly known as "Seven Pools Park") for all of our readers and supporters to enjoy over the next several issues.

I've lived in this neighborhood for almost thirty-five years and I've seen many changes take place in our special park. I raised two daughters (now ages 41 and 39) who as little girls splashed guilt-free for hours with many others kids in the refreshing waters. Now we are told "No Wading in the Pools" in the form of a bold sign. I guess I see the current rationale for safety reasons, but, oh, those memories! That is just one of the many changes and not the most significant by any means.

Thirty years ago the Park was very overgrown and poorly lit and you probably wouldn't have walked through it late at night because you never knew who was sleeping in it!

Although there were a few volunteers at that time, it was very hard to keep up with the sparse blooming and out of control plants and shrubs. And it lacked color for sure! Not a particularly pretty site.

In 1994 a major renovation of the park took place. New flowering shrubs and gardens were planted, large grassy spaces were created, and lighting was established. It was a great start and we are still working on maintaining and embellishing this mid-nineties plan with the help of friends and neighbors like you.

In the spring of this year, the "People for Parks" organization is donating and planting a dozen trees to Thomas Lowry Park. Originally founded to combat the ravages of Dutch Elm Disease on park property, People for Parks mission has expanded to encompass many other aspects of conserving our nationally recognized system of parks, parkways, lakes, and boulevards. Thank you to "People for Parks".

Each month we will try to bring you a fun fact about the Park.

Fun Fact #1: Did you know that at the turn of the century a developer planned on building multi-storied "flats" on the parcel of land that is now Thomas Lowry Park. The surrounding neighbors were in an uproar and joined together, purchased the land from the developer, and donated it back to the City with the stipulation that it become a Park or green space and never to be sold to anyone. Aren't we so lucky?

Look forward to Fact #2 next month and more Park history.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Gary Thaden, Gthaden at Gmail dot Com

The Central Library Open on Mondays!

The Minneapolis Central Library is now open seven days a week. Due to the wording of the state legislation, part of the money raised by the Hennepin County sales tax that pays for the construction of the Twins stadium goes to opening the Hennepin County Libraries for additional hours. Two million dollars from the sales tax goes to the libraries each year. This is the first time in decades that the downtown library will be open seven days a week in over forty years. The ballpark sales tax also will fund additional hours at the new Plymouth and Maple Grove libraries when they open in spring 2010 and summer 2010. From now until June 30, the Central Library will only be closed two days: Easter (April 4) and Memorial Day (May 31).

Walker Library Community Advisory Committee

The Walker Library Community Advisory Committee continues to meet. The sixth meeting took place in February. The Committee has discussed, in concept, its vision and desires for the new library building. That vision will be presented to a Hennepin County Designer Selection Committee. The Designer Selection Committee is a formal Hennepin County Citizen Committee, mostly of design professionals, that makes a recommendation to the Hennepin County Board as to which architect should be selected to design the new Walker Library. Once the architect is selected, they will begin drawing up plans for the new Walker Library. The Walker Library Community Advisory Committee will continue, and will work with the chosen architect to bring community input into the final design of the Library. The Advisory Committee website is www.hclib.org/cac/.

Talk of the Stacks: All Events are free at the Pohlrad Room, Central Library

David Lipsky: Although Of Course You End Up Becoming Yourself: A Road Trip with David Foster Wallace

Thursday, April 15, 7 PM

Although Of Course You End Up Becoming

Yourself is a fascinating new book about the legendary author David Foster Wallace, who committed suicide in 2008. Based on the largely unedited "road trip interviews" by David Lipsky, contributing editor at Rolling Stone magazine, this work offers an intimate portrait of Wallace during his 1996 book tour for Infinite Jest. From struggles with fame and mental illness, to getting high and getting laid, to the nature of art itself – Lipsky allows Wallace to speak for himself. Winner of a National Magazine Award for his commemorative article on Wallace in Rolling Stone, Lipsky is a frequent commentator for NPR's All Things Considered and the author of several works including the best-selling nonfiction book Absolutely American. Lipsky has appeared on the Today show, Charlie Rose, and elsewhere.

Anchee Min: Pearl of China on Thursday, April 29, 7 PM

Barbara Graham, Sandra Benitez, and Judith Guest: Eye of My Heart on Thursday, May 6, 7 PM

Krista Tippett: Einstein's God: Conversations about Science and the Human Spirit on Tuesday, May 18, 7 PM

Pen Pals Lecture Series: Hopkins Center for the Arts (\$35-\$45)

Sarah Vowell: Thursday, March 11, 2010, 7:30 PM Friday, March 12, 2010, 11 AM

Is there anything Sarah Vowell hasn't done? Contributing editor to Public Radio International's This American Life, a regular on Late Night with Conan O'Brien, music critic and author of audio books featuring the likes of Norman Lear, Vowell is also the acclaimed author of five books, including Assassination Vacation, a road trip to the tourist sites devoted to the murdered presidents. Her most recent book is The Wordy Shipmates, a history of American Puritans. Vowell also happens to be the voice of Violet in the Pixar Film, The Incredibles.

Michael Chabon: Thursday, April 22, 2010, 7:30 PM Friday, April 23, 2010, 11 AM

William Kent Krueger: Thursday, May 13, 2010, 7:30 PM Friday, May 14, 2010, 11 AM

Hennepin County Library's At Home Service

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Ask Diane about the color turquoise and the role of The Privateer in America's War for Independence in 1776.

By Diane Woelm

For the new year 2010 I found an excellent day-by-day history of The American Revolutionary War titled 1776 by Jonathan Rawson published in 1927 by Frederick A. Stokes & company right in our own home library. I reviewed parts of it in the January Issue. Last month I shared with you Rawson's story about Paul Revere's famous ride on April 19, 1775 to warn the Minutemen that the British were coming, and how he thereafter became the messenger for the War efforts. He rode to Philadelphia where he was able to tour a gun powder plant owned by a manufacturer named Oswell Eve, (not Mr. Swell Eve, but Mr Oswell Eve) who could not help the Patriots directly but did help by offering Paul Revere a tour of his plant. Paul took mental notes, went back to Canton and Andover and was able to superintend the building of two gun powder mills for The Patriots.

For this issue of The Hill & Lake Press I would like to call our attention to the part of The Privateer in helping to win the war against The British in order to form one great nation by uniting the thirteen colonies.

A privateer was a privately owned speedy schooner built for peace time trade and transformed for war purposes into a commerce destroyer. Its business was to prey upon British merchantmen, army supply ships and transports, in much the same way as East African pirates today prey upon large American and European Ocean going ships for personal profit and gain. The privateer in 1776 however, was patriotic and brought the large British ships into a safe port where the cargo was sold and the proceeds divided on a basis of profits for owners, captains and crew. It had a commercial basis as well as a patriotic basis, and therefore rarely lacked crews in contrast to the army and navies which during the Revolution needed men badly. Even though the privateer was also a profiteer he did not profit at the expense of patriotism. He served his country well and

the entire coastline was his warfront. Five of the privateer vessels that were fitted out by the Massachusetts Bay for any and all duties including that of preying on enemy trade were the Rising Empire, Tyrannicide, Independence, Republic and Freedom.

There were thirteen navies back then and an unknown number of privateers that made up America's sea force in our war for independence. Eleven of the navies were maintained by as many of the colonies. One was a division of Washington's army, and the thirteenth and largest was the Continental Navy which sailed for its first ocean going cruise on February 17, 1776.

Then as now, only the big fights at sea got into the newspapers and gazettes of the day. The larger part of the war enacted on the sea was imperfectly realized by Americans and will never be known. What we do know is that if the privateers were included in the count as many men may have served at sea as on land.

As I read Jonathan Rawson's "1776" here in Arizona I get a different perspective on all these independent warring and developing nations who are trying to achieve what we were able to accomplish in 1776. I think I will stop thinking about it and appreciate being an American. I am going to escape to a new sea of thoughts and become a privateer and profiteer by painting our bathroom walls the color turquoise, which according to color consultants in home décor, fashion, beauty, and advertising, is the color of the year because it is thoughtfully conceived, in fact as thoughtfully conceived as Jonathan Rawson's story of The War For Independence. "It has the mood of the country in mind, and what people are looking for...world events and the arts are pulse points for those involved in the color industries," and a most gentle barricade, I would think, as against what American Author Edith Wharton calls, "The alarming business of living." God

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CITY OF LAKES LOPPET

Annual Ice Skating Social hosted by Lowry Hill, Kenwood, and East Isles

Continued from page one

Luminary Loppet: for those starting in Uptown, participants headed down the Mall and onto the lagoon between Lake of the Isles and Lake Calhoun. Proceeding under two bridges, skiers emerge onto a luminary-lit trail around Lake of the Isles. With more than 1,000 luminaries, an ice pyramid, the Enchanted Forest, by artist Jennifer Hedberg, the Brock White Ice-Cropolis, four stations with fire pits and goodies including (at two of the stations) hot cocoa and coffee, and even some fire-spinners, the Luminary Loppet can be enjoyed by anyone on skis or snowshoes.

Volunteers and participants were in abundance during Loppet's successful yearly event.



Amy Sanborn serves refreshments at Lake of the Isles.



Volunteer offers snacks to Loppet skier at Kenilworth.



Youngsters Taking a Skating Break to Enjoy Refreshments



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Start of Woman's Ice-Cycle Event

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Jay Henderson wins Loppet Ice-Cycle Event



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A Toddler, A Sled, and a Dinosaur

Kenwood students put their concern for Haitian earthquake victims into action to collect funds for tents and clean water.

By Cecilia Michel

Photos by Courtney Cushing Kiernat



Haiti's children are the focus of Kenwood Elementary School students as they assist the American Refugee Committee in collecting donations to provide "jerry cans" and tents for earthquake survivors. Fifth grade students have partnered with the Student Council to raise money for clean water cans and shelter for Haiti's children and families. Students have been deeply affected by the devastation in Haiti and have reacted by implementing a fund raising plan with ARC to raise money for specific needs of the Haitian people.

The effort is similar to the Kenwood students' response to the 2005 Tsunami in Thailand and Indonesia as the students raised \$8000 to replace 16 fishing boats through the ARC. Kenwood teacher Susan Kalin helped establish the ARC/Kenwood relationship in 2005, which helped spark the relief effort at the school this year. The ARC is a well-established organization based in the Twin Cities, which provides aid and relief to those in need in struggling countries.

"The first donation for the jerry cans came with a \$5 donation from a fifth grade student," states Ms. Kalin. "Students have made posters and sent letters to past relief effort donors in hopes of raising funds to buy more cans and tents." Each \$5 donation enables purchase of a jerry can while \$100 donations

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Minneapolis Sculpture Garden



Claes Oldenburg and Coosje van Bruggen Spoonbridge and Cherry 1985-1988 aluminum, stainless steel, paint Collection Walker Art Center gift of Frederick R. Weisman in honor of his parents, William and Mary Weisman, 1988

HELP PRESERVE YOUR MINNEAPOLIS SCULPTURE GARDEN

Since it opened in 1988, more than 7 million people have visited the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden. It's become impossible to imagine life in Minnesota without this amazing public space: Not only is it a showcase for renowned works of art from the Walker Art Center; it's also one of the crown jewels of the Minneapolis park system, which is itself nationally renowned.

Judging from the near-constant presence of people taking snapshots of the Spoonbridge and Cherry sculpture, it may not be surprising to learn that almost half of those 7 million visitors have been tourists. While we enjoy the Sculpture Garden as regulars, we also reap economic benefits from its being a tourist attraction--some \$16 million annually, according to statistics from Meet Minneapolis, the city's official convention and visitors association.

It's rare to have a place that tourists and locals flock to in equal measure, but the scale of the Sculpture Garden's success has not come without a cost. The wear and tear from us locals, and those out-of-town visitors, has taken its toll: A renovation of the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden is overdue.

So the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board, with the support of the Walker, is pursuing \$8.5 million in state bonding--money that would fund a major restoration and preservation project later this year (if the bond measure passes). The project would restore the Sculpture Garden's infrastructure by installing energy-efficient mechanical systems and lighting (which will lower operating costs, reduce the Sculpture Garden's

carbon footprint and increase safety and accessibility); installing an eco-friendly irrigation system; building a better drainage system; repairing concrete walkways and granite walls; and replacing the arbor vitae "walls" of the Sculpture Garden's outdoor "galleries" because the arbor vitae have lived out their 20-year natural lifespan.

Besides preserving this iconic park space for another generation of visitors--locals and tourists alike--this renovation makes sense from a cost-savings standpoint, too. Budgets for newer sculpture gardens in other cities--many of which looked to our Sculpture Garden for lessons and inspiration--have run anywhere from \$46 million for the 4.5-acre Pappajohn Sculpture Park in Des Moines (2009) to \$85 million for Seattle's 9-acre Olympic Sculpture Park (2007). The original budget for the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden (funded by private contributions) was just \$16 million, and it can be preserved for \$8.5 million.

The Minnesota Legislature is currently considering the bonding measure to fund the Sculpture Garden's renovation. Please contact your state legislator and let him/her know that you support it. Please write an email to show your support by visiting garden.walker-art.org/bonding. Please do so today as the Legislature hopes to finalize its bonding bills in the next couple of weeks.

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CIDNA NOTES & PROJECTS – February 2010

By Gail Lee

LRT Committee Status: CIDNA LRT committee will continue working with Kenwood, West Calhoun as well as the Midtown Greenway Coalition on the development of a common resolution regarding effective mitigation to be included in Southwest Transitway budgets. Committee will also continue to work for support of the Minneapolis Park Board and City Council. If you are interested in working on this committee, please contact info@cidna.org.

Land Use and Development Committee Status: LU&D committee is working on the RFP for a Small Area Plan. This plan will study the CIDNA neighborhood and ultimately provide input for use in future real estate development, zoning issues, traffic patterns, LRT mitigation and station planning. This committee would welcome further input and insight as development of this Small Area Plan continues. Please contact info@cidna.org to be put in touch with committees Chairs.

NRP Committee Status: NRP committee is working with LU&D in determining NRP funding sources, possibly through existing strategies. NRP is also continuing to compile responses to the survey and develop the Phase II action plan. The CIDNA NRP committee needs your help to better, beautify and protect our neighborhood! Please complete the survey by February 29 and consider serving on the committee. Contact info@cidna.org for more information.

Miscellaneous:

Regional Sanitary Sewer Improvements: Sewer improvement work may begin in the CIDNA neighborhood as early as fall, 2010. The first streets affected will be St. Louis, St. Paul and 28th. Excavation on Sunset could happen within the next several years. For more information on this project, go to: www.metrocouncil.org/environment/Construction. CIDNA will be in continued contact with Tim O'Donnell at the Met Council regarding construction affecting the neighborhood.

Parking on Cedar Lake Ave., Ewing, Drew and Chouen: neighbors in attendance raised the issue of street parking by Jones Harrison employees. Next steps will be to develop a coalition of neighbors and to pursue parking permits and signage.

Next meeting of the CIDNA Board will be on Tuesday, March 2, 6:00pm, at the Jones Harrison Residence. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Winter cleanup on Lake of the Isles' islands to include burning

As part of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's (MPRB) ongoing work to restore Mike's and Raspberry islands in Lake of the Isles, crews will be burning small piles of brush and logs in late January

through February. The exact dates and times depend on ice and weather conditions.

This is the third consecutive winter in which the MPRB has taken advantage of the ice to access the islands to burn brush and downed trees. This year, in addition to the burning, some of the larger downed logs will be hauled off the islands and recycled at the MPRB's tree disposal site. This work is not expected to impact public activities on the lake, including ice skating, ice fishing, and ski events.

Removing the brush and some logs will make way

for continued restoration of native plant communities on the island. In the coming growing season invasive plants will continue to be monitored for re-growth, and treated or removed. Both Mike's Island and Raspberry Island will continue to be designated as wildlife refuges as identified in the approved Lake of the Isles master plan, and as such are not, and will not be, open for public use or programming.

Restoration of the islands is part of the approved 1999 Lake of the Isles Master Plans.

got ideas?

The CIDNA Neighborhood is working on NRP Project Planning and **NEEDS YOUR HELP** to determine how funds will be used!

If you are a CIDNA resident, please complete the quick and easy survey at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KS55JJP>

If you prefer a hardcopy, send a request to info@cidna.org or to:

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KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION (KIAA)

FEBRUARY 2010 KIAA MEETING MINUTES

By Jeanette Colby

KIAA meeting was held on February 1, 2010 at the Kenwood Park Center. Chair Michael Bono called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Michael Bono, Terry Campbell, Jeanette Colby, Jordan Hart, Martha McLaughlin, Sam Murphy, Ed Pluimer, Pat Scott, Kathy Williams, Roy Williams.

Others present: Anita Tabb, Park Board Commissioner; Maggie Mercil, Kenwood Rec Center Director; and Kenwood residents Mary Schwanke and Larry Olson.

Treasurer's Report – Roy Williams

January income: \$101; Expenses: none.

City Council Update – Mike Bono

Lisa Goodman was not able to attend. Lunch with Lisa is scheduled on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

Annual Meeting Plans – Mike Bono

The KIAA Annual Meeting will be Monday, May 3rd. Board Member elections will take place; all Board terms are for 1 year. All neighbors, especially those who would like to serve on the Board, are encouraged to attend. Many ideas for a "keynote" speaker or presentation were discussed; suggestions from the community are welcome. There was considerable interest in an environmentally themed topic. The Board will communicate about ideas by e-mail and details will be elaborated. If possible, the "keynote" will be announced in the Spring Newsletter and through the KIAA e-mail list. To sign up for the e-mail list, contact Kathy Williams at rwilliam6146@msn.com.

Parade Garden Roadway – Anita Tabb, Park Board Commissioner

The KIAA Board had requested our newly elected Park District #4 Commissioner, Anita Tabb, to attend the Feb KIAA meeting to discuss the deteriorated condition of the (Park Board-owned) connector roadway between Kenwood Pkwy and Dunwoody Blvd.

First, she informed the Board that the Park Board will request State bonding money from the Legislature to improve the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, which is a regional asset co-owned with the Walker Art Center. It was established more than 20 years ago; because it was developed on a former swamp area, the land has sunk and shifted. There is a need to improve the drainage system, re-build some of the hardscapes, and replant many trees that are at the end of their lifespan.

Regarding the issue of the Parade area frontage road connection, Commissioner Tabb acknowledged that the road needs repair but it's not clear where the money to fix it will come from. The Park system has many maintenance needs in the next two to three years. A five-year rolling plan for park capital improvements has been developed, but this roadway is not currently in that plan. Comm. Tabb said she has made it clear to the Park Board that this is a big issue for the neighborhoods in our area, and that the road is likely to be very dangerous when the ice melts revealing enormous pot holes.

Asked whether there were any plans to relocate the road to the east, Comm. Tabb stated her belief that the

least costly solution is to retain the present alignment; and that the surface of the existing roadway would likely have to be removed and repaved as was done with Lake of the Isles Pkwy in 2009.

Commissioner Tabb suggested that KIAA could draft a letter to her and the other Park Board Commissioners that she could then mention during the "Petitions and Communications" portion of Park Board meetings. Individuals are also welcome to send letters to Anita Tabb at anita@robtabb.com and/or to attend a Park Board meeting and verbally address the Board during the Open Comment period that is available to the public at all Park Board meetings.

Spring Newsletter – Kathy Williams

Kathy has requested articles from Board members covering major topics that KIAA has dealt with in the last six months. All content should be submitted to her by 9:00 a.m. on March 4th in a Word document format attached to an e-mail. Our web expert, Bruce Camp will design the newsletter as usual, and it will be mailed to all KIAA households on March 26th.

Southwest LRT Mitigation Resolution – Jeanette Colby

Jeanette Colby had drafted a resolution regarding mitigation related to the impacts of the proposed Southwest LRT in the Kenilworth Corridor, but requested that any Board action on the resolution be delayed until absent Board Member, Eric Lind, KIAA's rep on the SW LRT Community Advisory Committee can be part of the discussion.

She also reported that on January 15th, the Minneapolis City Council approved a resolution affirming the Kenilworth Corridor (rather than Uptown/Midtown) as the "Locally Preferred Alternative" alignment. Thanks in part to the information and perspectives provided by several Kenwood and CIDNA residents, the Council also added wording that acknowledges impacts on the neighborhoods that border the SW Corridor and requests mitigation for those impacts. The text of the Resolution 2010R-008 by Colvin Roy can be found at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/archives/proceedings/2010/20100115-proceedings.pdf>. Neighbors desiring more information may contact Jeanette Colby at jmcolby@earthlink.net.

The Board authorized Jeanette to draft a letter from KIAA thanking the Council for acknowledging the importance of the Kenilworth Trail area and making a commitment to protect it. She will circulate the draft letter this month for the Board's review.

On another topic, Jeanette noted the need to inform the Bassett Creek Development Project's planners of KIAA's resolution opposing a train storage and maintenance facility along the Kenilworth Trail. She hopes to

attend their next meeting on Feb. 16th. The Board authorized Jeanette to speak as a KIAA representative.

Neither Eric Lind nor Jeanette was able to attend the most recent SW Corridor Community Advisory Committee meeting; next meeting is March 24, 2010 (6:00 pm - 7:30 pm). Contact Eric for more information. ericlind@yahoo.com

Request from CIDNA for NRP Funds for Collaborative Project – Pat Scott

CIDNA's Land Use Committee chairperson contacted Pat Scott to explore KIAA's possible financial participation in a neighborhood-contracted "small area plan" study for the proposed Lake Street station area in CIDNA, now that the Kenilworth alignment has been identified as the Preferred Alternative route for the SW LRT. Pat informed him that, unlike the situation in CIDNA, most of KIAA's Phase I and Phase 2 NRP funds have been allocated and spent, and the small amount remaining is likely to be used on park and school projects. The Board confirmed that while KIAA's financial support for CIDNA's project is not feasible at this time, the need for effective and thorough planning in the Kenilworth Corridor is imperative.

Other Announcements

Pat Scott reported that specific information about the cost of fixing the preschool playground equipment in Kenwood Park should be available from Park Board staff later this month. The KIAA Board has previously indicated interest in investing some of our remaining NRP funds in this improvement.

Pat Scott also noted that KIAA has received notice of a hearing by the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) concerning the demolition application for John Allen's house on Lake of the Isles Parkway. Amy Lucas will review the HPC staff report when it is completed in about a week, and will contact Board members if KIAA input seems appropriate.

Crime and Safety Committee Chair, Jordan Hart, announced that the committee will meet on Monday, February 22nd at the Rec Center at 6:30. Chelsea Adams, the 5th Police Precinct's Crime Prevention Specialist, will present 2009 crime statistics for the neighborhood and answer questions.

Mike Bono reported that the necessary paperwork has been sent to the City requesting a \$2,000 Community Participation Grant that is available to Mpls neighborhoods for communications and community-building activities.

In addition, he reported that the City of Lakes Loppet has requested a contribution from KIAA in the amount given last year. The Board tabled this discussion until the March Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45.

EAST ISLES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MARCH 2, 7-9 P.M. GRACE TRINITY CHURCH

What's going on in the East Isles Neighborhood? Want to find out? Learn about crime prevention, zoning, and land use, our neighborhood involvement projects and more.

The East Isles Residents' Association invites you to come to neighborhood meetings, join the EIRA Board of Directors, meet your neighbors, and receive neighborhood news.

Come to our next Board meeting March 2, 7:00-9:00 PM at Grace Church, 1430 W 28th Street. Contact Nancy Johnston at johnston.nancy06@gmail.com or 612-870-1845

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EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EIRA)

By Michael T'Kach, Board Secretary/Membership

Minutes of the Board of Directors
January 5th, 2010, 7 p.m. ~ 9 p.m.
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Everyone is welcome at our neighborhood meetings; you do not have to be a registered "member" to participate. If you would like to join and become a member, please send an email to: Michael.Tkach@gmail.com

A quorum was present, and the meeting was opened by President Nancy Johnston.

Attending: President Nancy Johnston, Vice President Mark Lofstrom, Treasurer Peter Levine, Jerome Ryan, Harvey Ettinger, Ginna Portman Amis and Secretary / Membership Chair Michael T'Kach.

The minutes of the December 2009 meeting of the East Isle Resident's Association (EIRA) board of directors were approved by a Board vote online and were published in the Hill & Lake Press newspaper. These and all previous meeting Minutes are available for public viewing on our website.

Councilmember Meg Tuthill's phone number is 612/673-2210. East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA) please feel free to contact her office and to sign up for her newsletter. Meg.Tuthill@ci.minneapolis.mn.us

A motion was made to accept Shanti Mittra as Membership Chairperson; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Peter Levine reported there were no changes to our financial position from last month.

Board Discussion: -

A motion was made to make a change to our Neighborhood Bylaws to show "4 consecutive one-year terms with staggered implementation" for rolling off of the Board of Directors. This is not a 4-year obligation to become a Board Member, but an allowance to permit those who can, the rules by which they can remain on the Board for one additional year. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Volunteers for the nominating committee are actively being sought out. Linda Schutz has agreed to assist; however a Chairperson is needed. Please submit the names of people you know who might be interested in having a role to be on the East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA) Board of Directors. There are people who would like to join; please ask!

A motion was made to authorize the President to spend up to \$200 in advertisements in the Hill & Lake Press to announce the annual meeting and the Board nomination process.

Passed unanimously.

Board Discussion: - Meet Candidates for MN House of Representatives District 60A

Marion Greene: Fall 2010 Election. DFL

Katie Hatt: Fall 2010 Election. DFL

Saturday Feb 27th is the DFL endorsement date; precinct caucus is February 2nd, 2010.

Zoning Committee – Karen Carney and Sue

Durfee, co-chairs:

The next in a series of Walker Library planning public meetings will be Jan 17th at the library at 6pm. These are general discussions of the proposed changes for a new building.

The Historical Context of the East Isles neighborhood book was reprinted. We will request \$10 donations to offset the cost of printing and handling. Spares will be kept in the rented storage space. 400 copies were printed. The Membership Chairperson will be the lead person to distribute these books. Some suggestions were social events, board meetings and thank-you gifts to people who serve on and/or assist the Board members.

Membership Chair – Shanti Mittra

Shanti will replace Michael T'Kach for the responsibilities of this chair position; including an annual membership notification to the entire neighborhood, member data tracking and attending E I R A events to involved new members.

Recruiting new Block Captains will be a goal from the new 5th Precinct neighbor contact list of past Captains.

NRP: Jerome Ryan – Chairperson

The Phase 1 report has been completed by board member Jerome and volunteers Nancy Gross and Ron Fergle. Phase 2 will require a new Participation Agreement plan. An estimated \$368,000 will be made available for neighborhood projects; 70% of which is committed to housing programs. A steering committee will need to be formed; Jerome discussed hiring a person to complete these reports. The committee was advised the ECCO and CARAG neighborhoods have been successful in this process and are cooperative. Mark Heinz, ED of the Lyndale Neighborhood was recommended for his experience.

A motion was made to identify the cost of a consultant who can write NRP documents and help organize input from the neighborhood for EIRA; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Crime & Safety Committee – Chairperson OPEN:

Please do what you can to help keep our crime numbers low by NOT leaving valuables inside your vehicle, especially GPS units, any sort of handbags or laptop bags.

Be additionally cautious to ensure your garage door is closed when you intend it to be.

And always - if we see suspicious activity do two things:

- #1 Call 911 (it's not a problem)
- #2 Get as much detail as possible

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

The next EIRA Board of Directors meeting is Tuesday, February 9, 2010 7:00 PM Grace Trinity Church, 1430 W.28th Street (between Hennepin and Humboldt)

A motion to adjourn our meeting was made, seconded and passed.

LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (LHNA)

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board Minutes February 9, 2009

By Jimmy Fogel

Attendees: Janet Hallaway, John Gridley, Madeleine Lowry, Anita Tabb, Jolane Jones, Melissa Townley, David Weinstein, Sara Peterman, Craig Wilson, Jimmy Fogel, Barbara Fogel, and Kathy Byrne.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Janet Hallaway, noting a quorum was present. The agenda was approved.

Treasurer's Report: John Gridley reported there had been no significant receipts or expenditures since his detailed year-end report presented at the last meeting.

Community Issues/ Open Forum:

Discussion about home at 17th and Dupont.

Old Business:

Candidate Forum held at St. Paul's was a success with over 100 people attending.

Skating party held at Lake of the Isles was a grand success.

Zoning and Planning (Weinstein)—Discussion about design guidelines and also about Historic District possibilities.

Environment (Craig)—Friends of Thomas Lowry Park reported that eleven new trees which were donated by People for Parks will be planted. Environmental concerns were discussed. The proposal for the park was approved.

Kenwood Trail and Sidewalk: The meeting continued the discussion of the proposal to add a sidewalk on the north side of Franklin in Kenwood Park.

New Business: It was suggested that the next meeting be held at a board member's home in Lowry Hill.

The date of the next regular meeting of LHNA is Tuesday, March 2, 2009, 7:00p.m. Please visit us at www.lowryhillneighborhood.org and contact us at lhna@lowryhillneighborhood.org.

We welcome public attendance at all monthly Board Meetings and all Committee Meetings.

Bye Bye BIG BANG II © 2010 E.J.H.

Last month, in the first part of this essay it was visually and irrefutably established that stars throughout the universe emitted high temperature radiation (flux) that either had gravitational properties (mass) at the outset or acquired such during their 14 billion year life. Now, to start part 2, and again by solidly based observations, it is definitely known that new stars are being created in established galaxies, nebulae and star clusters and that some stars are also fading away and dying out. There is also positive evidence that entirely new galaxies are being born out of the dust clouds that cover vast arcs of the sky.

These new stars and structures may be constituted in part from the debris of the "dead", but new, and possibly more vital material, must be added to make up for what radiated away over the eons. That would be the remnant radiation from part one, thus completing a regenerative cycle and keeping all that dross from clogging up the universe.

Our universe is, by definition, a 28 bly sphere with Earth at the center. There are many more universes that surround ours and more that surround them; ad infinitum. There is no way of telling how vast or old the system is. It certainly didn't begin all at once from a singularly potent pea of energy and then expand at ever increasing rates so that its outer elements come close to the speed of light! Instead it continues to regenerate in situ, (more or less) with a degree of inter-universe transference involving trillions of galaxies, each with billions of stars and other wonders.

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provide a tent to serve as housing for months to come. Students collected money this week at Kenwood's Annual Family Activity Night making origami tents to represent the number of funded tents. Paper cups represented the number of water cans purchased.

"This is real social studies," commented Ms. Kalin. After talking about the Haiti earthquake, students learned about the geography of the affected area as well as about the plight of the Haiti children by listening to interviews of Haitian orphans. ARC provided a kid friendly focus for the students desire to help by providing a concrete way for students to become involved.

All funds raised through this "Helping Hands for Haiti" project will go to the ARC Haiti relief effort. If you would like to donate to this fund, please write checks to the American Refugee Committee in care of Room 206, Kenwood Elementary School, 2013 Penn Avenue South, Mpls., MN 55405. Contributions are tax deductible. Include your name and address to receive a



tax receipt from ARC. Kenwood students hope to continue to raise funds through spring as they continue their studies at school.

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The key to the situation lies in the flux. Something happens during its long transit through space that alters its make-up and/or characteristics. That its furthest sources eventually move at the speed of light and can go barreling into an adjacent universe at that or greater speed is excessive to say the least. If that were possible why aren't there some such barreling into our universe?

There's plenty flux of all vintages around us every second, but how to catch and analyze them? Hunch, inspiration, inference, deduction, good luck may do it.

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Kenwood students have fun and focus on fitness at February Family Activity Night

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LETTERS

If we only had a photo...

To the Editor:

One afternoon last week, I was walking my dog. I watched a beautiful red fox prance across the ice from an island into hiding near the shore of Lake of the Isles. I was stunned and amazed by its beauty. I haven't seen foxes in the neighborhood very often, so when I do, it is a real treat.

Then I saw 2 children trudging through the island.

I realized the fox must have been scared out of its den by the young children. In a big city, a fox is very vulnerable. The islands in Lake of the Isles are a wildlife refuge for animals that is forbidden from humans. I felt bad that the innocent fox had to flee its home, where humans were not supposed to tread.

There are signs that say not to go on either of the islands, but I thought an article on the subject might help people realize that there is amazing wildlife around us that we must preserve. The islands of Lake of the Isles are supposed to be a safe haven for wildlife, like the red fox I encountered.

Denny Carlson
Resident of Kenwood
Age 14
1/26/10

This was not an easy answer to find, but thanks to Maureen Smith, we now know...

To the Editor:

I have a question about the neighborhood that probably doesn't warrant a published letter, but perhaps someone on your staff knows the answer. What does "WESAC" stand for? I moved to Kenwood last summer and noticed the acronym on the kids' sports jerseys, but even the staff at the Kenwood Community Center couldn't tell me what it meant. I appreciate your help in solving this minor mystery.

Libby Jensen, Kenwood

The Answer? WESAC stands for Westside Activities Council.

Snow Removal THE RULES *

Minneapolis Ordinance requires that property owners clear sidewalks after the end of a snowfall: within 24 hours for homes and duplexes; four daytime hours for apartment and commercial buildings (Daytime hours begin at 8 am. We — as a community — can do better on self-enforcement.

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SHOVELING OUT DRIVEWAYS: Residents and businesses whose driveways cross sidewalks have a special responsibility to keep driveway crossed sidewalks clear. If the driveway slopes downward, it is particularly important to keep the driveway itself shoveled, to slow down the runoff from melted snow, which then refreezes.

KEEPING DRAINAGE OUTLETS CLEAR: Do not shovel snow atop of drainage outlets.

SPECIAL ACTIONS you may consider if your residence or business is on a corner or near a drainage outlet. (Your neighbors will be grateful!)

— shovel out the pedestrian crossing on your corner.

— shovel out a sewer drain if you notice that the snow plow has blocked it with plowed snow.

* More detailed information is found on the city's website at: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us On the



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home page look for "How do I find out about" from the drop down menu select "Snow Emergencies". Click "Go". That brings you to the page with snow and winter parking information. On the left is a sidebar. Click on the "Snow Shoveling Rules" to see the full text.

(With thanks to Leslie Foreman, Meg Tuthill's aide, for input on city rules.)

LOWRY HILL SPONSORED CANDIDATE FORUM AT ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ON JANUARY 26.



Candidates Tom Nordyke, Marion Greene, and Katie Hatt answer questions from the large crowd that gathered at the candidate forum moderated by the League of Women Voters. All three candidates hoped to be the DFL endorsed candidate for Margaret Anderson Kelliher's seat in the Minnesota House. Tom Nordyke recently announced that he has ended his race. Senate District 60 DFL convention will be held on February 27 at which endorsements for State Senate, District 60 as well as State House, Districts 60A and 60B will be considered.

Photo by Dorothy Childers

NEIGHBORLY LOVE ON VALENTINE'S DAY

By Madeleine Lowry

We have the best neighbors anyone could ask for. And on the occasion of Valentine's Day, I'd like to send some tokens of gratitude their way.



Madeleine Lowry

First there is Janet and her husband, Phil. They are the energy of the block, no, of the whole neighborhood. They've organized the Palio celebration and most of the neighborhood socials for years. Actually, if there is anything going on in the neighborhood, they've probably had a hand in it.

If we ever see the day when the sidewalk on the south side of Kenwood Park en route to Kenwood School is completed I, for one, will call it the Hallaway Trail to honor their role in the project.

When we first moved to the block, our four-year old managed to get a marble stuck up his nose. Really stuck. As our son began to panic and wail my husband came to the realization that our household lacked tweezers. I decided to call Janet.

We'd met most of the neighbors by this time, and it seemed to me that if tweezers were needed for such a purpose, she'd be the person who would lend them. I was right. (Fear not Janet—we did sterilize them afterwards!)

Then there is our neighbor, Tom, who helped my husband push his car out of the driveway over a small mountain of cement-hard snow when Phil was late to a concert and foolishly overdressed in a tuxedo. He was glad for the help.

Tom saved us another time when our sitter canceled at the last minute the night of an obligatory work function. We called to see if his teenage daughters might be available. They weren't. But, Tom volunteered to stay with our three kids, claiming that he was dying to see the then-recently released Wall-E DVD. (I didn't buy that excuse for a second.)

Our other neighbor, Tom, pilots his snowblower down our sidewalk from one end of the block to the other every time it snows. I can remember having a newborn in the house and being especially grateful.

Kristi saved the day last month when we were idiotic enough to attempt Boston Cream Pie Cupcakes from a Martha Stewart cookbook. That was our first mistake—trying to keep up with Martha. Who knew that those cute little cupcakes would take two days to make? First the five-step vanilla cake recipe, then the four-step pastry cream filling and finally the chocolate ganache.

Our second mistake was assuming that we had cornstarch (essential for the pastry cream) in the pantry. Our lunch guests were expected in fifteen minutes when we discovered we didn't. Although the cupcakes were the intended dessert, I was not about to make a trip to

the store.

"No problem," my husband said, "let's call a neighbor."

"Call a neighbor?" We are independent! We are strong! We did not beg food from neighbors!

He was not listening to me. He ran his finger down the handy block list and proclaimed, "Kristi! She's the one. She'll have cornstarch!" She did.

Of course, I'd forgotten that we'd borrowed baking powder and maybe even a light bulb from Sally a few years back when her older daughter and my kids were trying to bake something in our EZ Bake oven.

Beth lives behind me, well she used to, and I'm borrowing her column right now. Also, when my son and I decided to make crabapple jelly, we eyed the crabapples on Beth's tree and she gave us her blessing to pick as many as we like.

Bill waters our flowers when we are out of town and dispatches much needed lawn advice.

Craig and his kids watched an incubator of fertile chicken eggs for us while we were on vacation once. They carried out some persnickety routine of turning the eggs every twelve hours, maintaining consistent humidity levels and singing the Hallelujah chorus periodically.

Peter has come to my aid more than once with jumper cables on cold winter mornings when my car battery was as dead as, well, road kill.

Speaking of road kill, our former neighbor Cornelia once saved our youngest child when he toddled down the block at eighteen months of age. She found him clinging to a tree outside her house and brought him safely home.

It's the little things that hold a neighborhood together.

Madeleine Lowry is mother of three and a member of the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board. She'd be happy to lend you some cornstarch. Find her on Facebook.

Where we are Now.

By Jean Deatrick, Editor

Without our advertisers, Hill & Lake Press would cease to exist. I mention this often, but because a couple of our advertisers have recently complained to me that they haven't received business from our neighborhoods, I want to emphasize it again. Please patronize our advertisers. If we who live in the neighborhood don't do so, why on earth would they continue to advertise with us. And most of our advertisers also live in one of our four neighborhoods. Our advertisers are our neighbors and our friends.

Many of us are deeply disappointed that the house at 2358 West Lake of the Isles will probably be demolished. We believe that water damage and other problems can be prevented in the first place and repaired in the second place. Our neighborhood is diminished when a house goes down. I do not understand why some people don't appreciate the integrity and history of old homes.

We are fortunate to live in an area with several beautiful parks. Although I have vivid memories of activities in Kenwood Park, particularly when my 16 year old daughter was reported driving through the park with my Volvo filled with teenagers, Thomas Lowry Park is where we spent most of our time because it was across the street from our home at that time.

Barbara Fogel described Thomas Lowry Park and how it used to be when we all called it Seven Pools Park. When we moved from Lake Minnetonka to Lowry Hill many years ago, my son in particular was sad about leaving the lake until he saw the seven pools. He took it upon himself to regularly clean the pools of debris and leaves so that my three young daughters and their friends could splash happily for hours. As Barbara recalls, the park wasn't pristine in those years. Friends of Thomas Lowry Park is doing a great job of beautifying our gateway to Lowry Hill. Please consider contributing your time and your money. We need all our parks and Thomas Lowry Park is a good place to start with our support.

Thank you to Dorothy Childers for her wonderful photos. She spends a great deal of time making certain the photos are appropriate for HLP and she willingly goes anywhere I ask for a photo shoot. She is the most reliable person I know. We are lucky to have her artistry.

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By Tom H. Cook

“IRTNOG”

-E.B. White

In 1938 E.B. White, tongue firmly in cheek, wrote “IRTNOG” a short essay chronicling the futility of keeping up with the constant bombardment of information in the pre-World War II era. He saw modern civilization as locked in a Quixotic duel, not with windmills, but a rapidly expanding print culture. While well-intentioned, we were overmatched in the battle to remain well-informed. A temporary solution was Reader’s Digest, which sought to synthesize multiple news sources.

Alas, the tide was rising and soon, according to White, there were one hundred and seventy-three digests to help people stay current. This number of shortcuts soon became unwieldy and sadly inadequate in the face of the deluge. The answer to the exponential increase in the ‘body of knowledge’ was a digest of digests. Without spoiling the ending too much, it all came down to IRTNOG.

With or without the Internet we have long since lost the battle of information overload that White satirized more than seventy years ago. That ship has sailed. To beat a nautical metaphor to death, I am drowning, as I attempt to keep track of the passwords to the various sources that have seeped from luxury to necessity in my computer life.

I fear identity theft although I cannot see anyone wanting to be me. Nonetheless since hackers prey on the unsuspecting and unoriginal, great care must be taken in selecting just the right password. That a password needs to be changed every month falls into the wistful thinking category with tire rotation, mattress flipping, and certain kinds of flossing.

The prohibitions are daunting:

Do not use ABC or 123.

“Password” is not a good password.

Avoid the obvious giveaways such as your nickname, bike lock combination, month of birth of any family

member, high school graduation year, favorite color, mother’s maiden name, dimension of guest bathroom, elementary school attended, name of first crush, pet names, local sports team, most awesome band, make of first car, hometown, or favorite superhero.

Do not select a word, phrase, or acronym with any meaning or association to you or anyone in your car-pool.

I use IRTNOG as a six letter password whenever possible as a silent protest of the ever increasing number of ID’s and nicknames my computer requires. Lacking imagination, I have been forced to exhaust all configurations and spellings of every pet I have ever owned to satisfy Amazon.com, PayPal, iTunes, Yahoo, Travelocity, Ebay, Netflix, Facebook, and an ever-growing collection of web sites.

It is wonderful to be able to read the New York Times on-line, but remembering the password is maddening. What was I thinking in May 2007? Did I sign up using the name of my palindrome border collie Hannah, or is this a site that requires eight letters? Does it demand numbers and letters and (gasp) what if it is case sensitive? Am I even registered under an e-mail account of mine, or one of JoAnne’s? Do I want the burden of another password?

I have taken to writing out new passwords on the backs of envelopes which I plan to transfer to my master list when I locate it. Helpful people suggest that I compile the list and place it in a folder with a password-protected attachment on my hard drive. My eyes glaze over early in the tutorial, but one time I did manage to create a rather impressive list of accounts and corresponding passwords. Sadly, weeks later I could not access it because I was unable to remember the entry code to open the file.

Tom H. Cook is a long distance writer. He wonders if Charles Foster Kane were alive today, would he use ROSEBUD as his password.

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