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## Milfoil at Lake of the Isles

By Marty Broan

It was one of the first days of June 2009, and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board was ready to embark on its maiden voyage for the season with its old, trusty lake weed harvester – clearing the way for swimmers and paddlers in the Chain of Lakes. Tim Brown, the MPRB's Environmental Operations Director, got a phone call that he won't soon forget. "Um, Tim? The harvester is upside down in Cedar Lake. And it's sinking." Thus begins our story about harvesting unwanted weeds from Lake of the Isles and why the Park Board chose NOT to do any harvesting on Isles in 2010.

When we walk around, paddle through or cast a fishing rod in Lake of the Isles in the summer, it's impossible not to notice the abundance of invasive lake weeds that find their way to the surface and form thick mats. Many frown upon the aesthetic impact of the weeds and others are frustrated by how hard it is to paddle through them. MPRB Commissioners and staff are also concerned about numerous recent papers that show that excessive milfoil can increase the presence of nutrients like phosphorus to further degrade the water quality of Isles. If you don't harvest, water quality will degrade over time.

The sad reality is that the aggressive invasive species Eurasian milfoil and curlyleaf pondweed have overpowered native species and are the prevailing aquatic plants on Lake of the Isles. They are here to stay, since no method of eradication has proven to be effective. The MPRB has chosen not to use chemical herbicides used in other states for milfoil infestations, since treatments can increase the density of the milfoil and also promote the growth of more aggressive milfoil over the native aquatic plants. We can only manage the weeds to allow for us to navigate boats through selected parts of the lake.

### Harvest Time

Several years ago, the MPRB recognized that milfoil and pondweed were affecting our ability to recreate in the Chain of Lakes – both swimming and paddling had become difficult in infested areas. They purchased a weed-harvesting machine that looks like a small paddleboat with a conveyor belt. A group of citizens concerned about invasive weeds on Lake Harriet purchased a second harvester for the MPRB and the fleet of two machines has been working hard each summer to keep our beaches and paddling corridors open. It is important to note that harvesting milfoil does not lessen the degree of infestation on lakes. In fact, it is the probably the best way to spread milfoil completely around lakes, since small pieces are sent floating in the water, easily finding new homes to take root in.

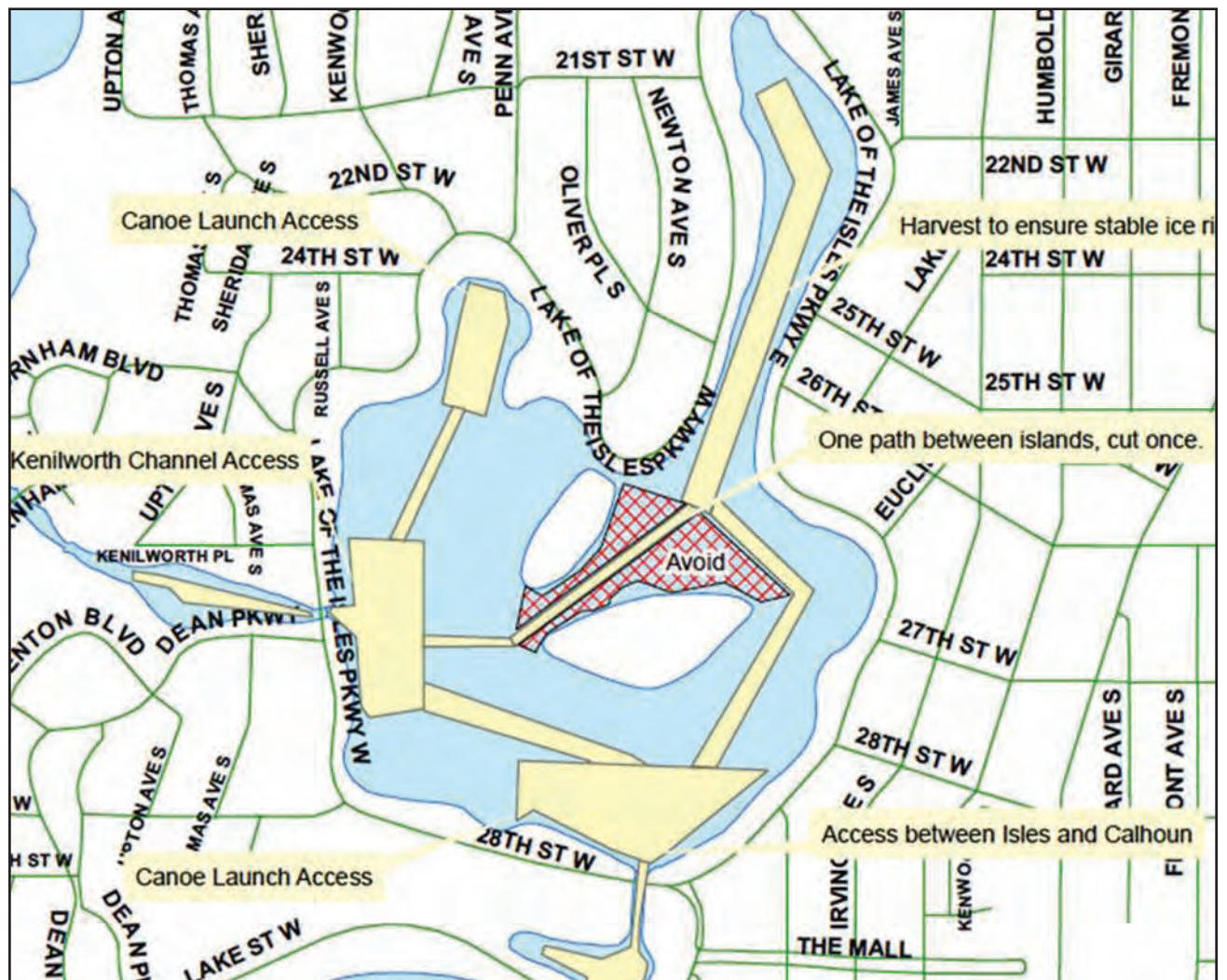
The harvesters have been scheduled to make two passes on each lake every year. They begin in June, when curly-leaf pondweed peaks (that is the weed we see on Isles now) and again in July when milfoil peaks. Pondweed dies off in early July and milfoil dies off in August so harvesting is not necessary after the end of July. Initially, the MPRB harvested weeds from Lake of the Isles very aggressively, responding to citizens concerns that the weeds were an aesthetic blight. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) asked the MPRB to limit its harvesting on Isles to no more than 50% of its "littoral zone," or the areas shallower than 15 feet (89% of Lake of the Isles is less than 15 feet deep). Perhaps more significantly, the DNR does not allow for harvesting milfoil strictly for aes-

## Lake of the Isles



Curly-leaf Pondweed.

Photo by Dorothy Childers



Lake of the Isles milfoil harvesting plan approved in 2009.

thetic purposes. Milfoil and curly-leaf pondweed, though invasive, provide valuable habitat for the fish in Lake of the Isles. If you harvest too many of the weeds, you essentially destroy habitat.

The MPRB came up with a harvesting plan for 2009 that essentially mows the weeds four feet deep for paddling corridors in the most commonly used areas of Isles – between the two canals, to the north boat rack, between the islands and to the north arm, where competitive paddlers often train (see map). The DNR

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## CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Kenwood Café Announces its Summer Supper Club

Kenwood Cafe will be hosting a Summer Super Club every third Sunday throughout the summer. Each evening will include a fresh seasonal meal and a live concert by talented local musicians. Join us on Father's Day June 20th for dinner and a performance by Roma di Luna.

Dinner for all events will start at 6:30 pm and end by 9 pm. Reservations are \$30 a person. All reservations must be made in advance of the date of the event. More information can be found on our website: [www.kenwoodcafe.com](http://www.kenwoodcafe.com).

Kenwood Café is a neighborhood restaurant and coffee shop located on 21st and Penn in beautiful Downtown Kenwood, sandwiched between Bockley Gallery and Birchbark Books.

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### Birchbark Books

Birchbark Books Reading Series is taking a summer break and will reconvene in September (Wednesday, September 8). Plans are already underway for what I hope will be another great season of readings at Birchbark Books and Kenwood Cafe.

I also want to thank you for your support this past year. The inauguration of the series was a bold experiment, and it has been a smashing success. The series has been proof that there are still audiences for good writing.

Come join me for a week on Madeline Island where I will teach "Writing Peace Into Your Life" (8/09/10 to 8/13/10). For more see,

[http://www.madelineartschool.com/Classes\\_detail.cfm?recordno=1&Product\\_CatalogID=96&ProductNumber=MKM809&ProductCode=49](http://www.madelineartschool.com/Classes_detail.cfm?recordno=1&Product_CatalogID=96&ProductNumber=MKM809&ProductCode=49)

One of our presenters, Todd Boss, will also teach on Madeline Island starting next week in the Madeline Island School of the Arts summer program (<http://www.madelineartschool.com/>).

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### Lunch with Lisa Resumes July 28

#### Walker Art Center opens a new outdoor space on Vineland: an Open Lounge and outside grill by Wolfgang Puck.

The Walker expects approval from City Council after receiving enthusiastic endorsement from the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association board. According to Lisa Goodman, the project should be approved by the time Hill & Lake Press is published.

The Walker's Open Field project will transform the Walker's "backyard" into a place to celebrate and share the cultural assets and creative spirit of the Minneapolis St. Paul community. Several amenities will enhance this outdoor experience, including the Open Lounge and an outside grill by Wolfgang Puck. The grill will complement a new indoor Garden Café and will feature barbecue fare, house-made lemonade, local beers, and snacks.

The Walker's Director of Facility Rental, Carolyn Dunne, has been working with Lisa Goodman's office and a range of other City departments to prepare the variance allowing outdoor grilling on the Walker's Vineland plaza.

### The Basilica Block Party

The Basilica Block Party was recently awarded the Neighborhood Preservation Award by the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission, the Minneapolis Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and Preserve Minneapolis. Beginning in 1995 as a fundraiser to help pay for the \$9.5 million structural restoration of The Basilica of Saint Mary, the Block Party has successfully raised over \$3 million in 16 years.

Awards were made for exemplary projects, to individuals and to community organizations that celebrate and enhance the heritage and historic character of Minneapolis.

The Cities 97 Basilica Block Party draws more than 25,000 music fans each year to the grounds of the nearly century-old Basilica of Saint Mary, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This year's event will take place on July 9 and 10.

If you would like further information on the Neighborhood Preservation Award or the Basilica Block Party, feel free to contact me or our Communications Director, Angie Lien ([Alien@mary.org](mailto:Alien@mary.org)).

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### ALTERNATE VISIONS FESTIVAL

New works commissioned by Pangea World Theater continue through July 25, 2010 at the Playwrights Center.

Alternate Visions Festival shows start at 7:30 pm; the Friday and Saturday shows are followed by post performance discussions. Readings are \$5. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.pangeaworldtheater.org](http://www.pangeaworldtheater.org) or by calling Brown Paper Tickets at 1-800-838-3006.

### Love the Midtown Greenway? Take The Greenway Challenge!

By Lauren Fulner, Community Organizer,  
Midtown Greenway Coalition

The Twin Cities community will be taking over the Greenway this September, and we want you to join in the celebration! Riders in the first annual bike-a-thon on the Midtown Greenway on September 25, 2010 will be delighted by live music, colorful community art, and delicious snacks along all 5.5 miles of the Greenway trail.

We'd love for you and your friends to participate; cyclists commit to ride 44 miles in the Greenway on event day and secure a minimum of \$250 in personal pledges beforehand. Fantastic prizes await the fundraising fanatics—the top pledge-getter wins airfare for two and a week at a chateau built in an old winery in the bike-friendly Loire Valley of France. This grand prize is being donated by Bob Corrick and Beth Parkhill. Other prizes will be given away via raffle open to all bikers in the Challenge, and for best costume and best decorated bike. The Midtown Greenway Coalition invites trail users to sign up months early so that the pledge raising is a cinch, and will be hosting Pledge-Raising How-To parties throughout the summer.

Cyclists have all afternoon to complete their ride, and can begin as early as 11:00 a.m., with an awards ceremony capping off the event at 6:00 p.m. at the Cepro site (10th Avenue entrance to the Greenway by Midtown Exchange).

All funds raised go directly to keeping your Greenway safe and beautiful. You can register for The Greenway Challenge online following links from [midtowngreenway.org](http://midtowngreenway.org), or by contacting or visiting the Midtown Greenway Coalition office inside the Freewheel Midtown Bike Center to request a hard copy of the registration form. Thanks in advance for your support!

### I-94 Capacity Improvement Project Open House

Mn/DOT is hosting an informational open house from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 29, about the Environmental Assessment for the I-94 Capacity Improvement Project in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Staff will be on hand to take comments and answer questions about the Environmental Assessment (EA), as well as other aspects of the project, which is scheduled to occur next year. Anyone is welcome to attend. The event will be in Room 303/305 of the Augsburg College Kennedy Center, 715 23rd Avenue South, Minneapolis.

For more information about the project and open house, visit <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i94resurfacing/index.html>.



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# MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR, OUR BELOVED HILL & LAKE TREE CANOPY

Craig Wilson interviews Jeff Palmer about the health of our Hill & Lake tree canopy. Jeff is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Forest Resources Program and has spent nearly 25 years in the Green Industry. He began his career as Horticulturist at a Plant Health Care Company diagnosing and treating problems in landscape trees and advanced into Management where he supervised, trained and worked with tree and shrub care specialists throughout the Twin Cities metro area. Jeff also owned a landscape maintenance company for 14 years where he continued caring for the urban forest and has remained informed on the most current invasive pests and treatment options. In a 2005 Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) survey, Lowry Hill residents ranked boulevard trees as their top concern and priority for allocating NRP funds.

**What are typical trees found on Minneapolis boulevards, parks, and private property?** It is not surprising that Hill Lake residents value their trees so highly knowing how long it takes to develop such a resource as the Minneapolis urban forest. City Foresters strive to maintain a diverse population of trees in the urban forest so that if a pest or disease that affects one particular species invades, it will not kill all the trees. Some of the typical trees you will find in Minneapolis on boulevards and in parks include: oaks (bur oak, red oak, white oak, and pin oak), ash, hackberry, linden or basswood, crabapple, elm, maple, ginkgo, birch, catalpa, spruce, pine, fir, Japanese lilac and some poplar and willow in parks.

**There are a number of tree diseases that threaten our urban forest; can you describe these diseases, their effect on diseased trees, how to identify symptoms and any possible remedies or treatments?** Trees growing in the urban forest are susceptible to many perils including limited root zones, physical

damage due to snowplows, cars, etc, pollution damage and many other issues because they are generally not growing in their natural environment. They are also susceptible to many native and non native insect and disease pressures which can have detrimental impacts on their health. Particularly damaging are the pests introduced to North America from other Countries because the tree has no natural defenses to fight off the non native pest.

**Currently we are defending our trees from the following pest pressures:**

**Emerald Ash Borer:** This is a non native insect introduced to our country from packing materials used in the international shipping of goods. It is lethal to all of our ash trees if they are left untreated, and is spreading faster than originally predicted. The problem with this pest is that it can be inside your tree feeding for at least 2 years before the tree exhibits symptoms so we are unsure how far the pest has currently spread. The good news is that research has shown there is a very effective control of this insect pest which has shown excellent results on urban trees.

**Gypsy Moth and Japanese Beetle:** These are defoliating insects that are becoming a problem in many states on urban trees and shrubs. They chew on the leaves and may cause rapid defoliation if population numbers are high enough. Many older residents may remember the cankerworm and forest tent caterpillar invasions in the past which caused many trees to be defoliated. If trees continue to be attacked by these insects year after year they will weaken and decline. Again, these invasive species are difficult to contain and they are moving in our direction.

**Dutch Elm Disease:** The city has lost so many of its beautiful American elms due to this devastating wilt disease but many still remain. This is a disease that may be spread by an insect but the disease is what kills the tree. If a tree becomes infected you will often see one

or several branches that have yellow leaves in mid summer and those branches soon die. Once a tree contracts this wilt disease it is difficult, but not impossible, to save. Many trees have been protected by internally applied fungicides for many years and are thriving.

**Oak Wilt:** Another wilt disease that affects red and white oak species. It moves quite quickly through red oaks and can kill them in one season but white oak species react slower to this disease and it may take several seasons to kill a white oak.

These are some of the most common pests now and soon to be affecting Minneapolis' urban forest. The bad news is that there are many other pests in the pipeline, some that we know about and some we don't. I will cite just one example. Asian Longhorned Beetle is another introduced pest that has spread through trees on the East coast and has had devastating consequences. Tens of thousands of urban and forest trees have been lost and neighborhoods have taken on different characteristics overnight as the mature trees have been removed. We don't know when and if this pest will arrive in Minnesota but when it does it will be a pest to be reckoned with. We need to continue to be vigilant against such pests and develop remedies that will allow us to keep our mature urban forest canopy.

**What advice do you have for Hill Lake residents to protect their trees?** My advice is to monitor the health of your trees and the city trees that are on your boulevard. Keep them watered during hot dry periods and notify the Park Department, or your tree care professional if you see something that doesn't look right. Avoid pruning oak trees until late Summer and always avoid physically damaging a tree unnecessarily. If you have trees that you value, remain informed of the current treatment research as new products and techniques are tested. Our most immediate threat is the Emerald Ash Borer as it was found in the Twin Cities last year. This pest will kill all ash trees if left untreated. The

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## Books for Africa Event Success

On May 26th St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Minneapolis and Kenwood Elementary School completed a very successful joint project collecting Books for Africa. Two separate book drives by the students and teachers brought in a huge number of hardcover books, children's books, and textbooks for shipment to Africa through the Books for Africa center in St. Paul.

At the gathering and packing event the children wrote and enclosed personal notes, along with their Kenwood School address, and are hoping they will receive responses. The Reverend Marlene Jacobs, St. Paul's Rector, awarded the children a Certificate of Appreciation. The program was coordinated at Kenwood through their principal, Cheryl Martin, and the Kenwood teaching staff.

Books for Africa is a charitable corporation working to increase literacy and improve access to education by ending the book famine in Africa. St. Paul's maintains a collection box for the Books for Africa program in the lower level of the church. Hard covered books are welcome, along with either hard or soft covered school textbooks. Textbooks are especially welcome.

This important program was summarized by Kofi Annan, former U.N. Secretary General who said, "Books For Africa is a simple idea, but its impact is transformative. For us, literacy is quite simply the bridge from misery to hope."

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## Books for Africa children and The Rev. Jacobs.



Books for Africa children.



## T Williams: Keeping Focus, Stability and Progress MINNEAPOLIS MINDS

By Steve Kotvis

What with hockey and basketball finals on television at the same time I'm smelling fresh cut grass outside the window, it seems hard to know what season it is sometimes. Believe it or not but here we are in June and fall elections have become top of mind. The primary election is moved up to August 10th this year, and what happens in August may very well determine the November outcomes and beyond.

It is with this sense of urgency that I've found myself agreeing to help spearhead T Williams re-election bid for School Board. I'm compelled to jump into this role with a fellow MPS parent Jean Rokke whose kids attend Hale-Field Community School and Southwest High School, namely because I have witnessed a number of changes that shows me that along with communitywide and business commitment, have begun to set a positive course for our school system. The 2009 Annual Report showed a number of key indicators of improvement that I wrote about in December. The MPS "battleship", or shall we more accurately refer to it as an "armada" of almost 100 schools, are executing the Strategic Plan and with early signs of improvement. It's my opinion that T is the very best candidate to ensure stability and forward momentum as we continue to head into turbulent territory.

Regrettably, we seem to constantly talk about public education in the context of challenging and turbulent conditions. Externalities like uncertain and delayed funding by the State, changes in needs by new and divergent incoming populations, demographic shifts that reduce the number of children and thereby funding, more open choices and competition available to families, stresses within the working ranks through periods of negotiating large employment contracts; these are but among the forces that whip around the functioning of our public schools. Moreover, in this next election cycle, we're going to experience the departure of three board Directors who have decided not to run for re-election after their intense service for the past four years. Thanks to outgoing Directors for their dedicated service, with a special shout out to our own East Isles resident Tom Madden.

In addition to these external whips of wind on the bow of our district, internal changes will also be a reality. In addition to two open seats for citywide representation (one that Dick Mammen is well positioned to occupy), this election cycle will see the first three new board members come onto the board who represent the interests of their geographic-specific communities. This year the new Directors are being elected from the east side of the city. In two years the west half will elect its representatives. And one more change will be the incoming new superintendent Bernadeia Johnson. While the advantage of her selection is that it is expected that with her will come some continuity of her core leadership team. But the styles of Ms. Johnson and out-

going Bill Green could hardly be labeled identical.

That's a lot of change. A lot of change when, at least when considering rational measures of performance, we're starting to see some real turnaround begin. By most measures the district's performance is starting to improve. (I note the distinction between the macro rational measures we need to use to guide the district from the emotional ones, the feelings that are very real about how a parent talks about how their child is doing in school today.)

There's general agreement that what is most needed most right now is to stay committed, stay the course. We must let the improvements being put into place take on traction. The work was planned. It's now time to work the plan. Changes and reforms can take place within the context of the overall plan. And that is a topic for another day.

I believe T Williams is just the kind of leadership the district needs at this time. I've witnessed T to be straight up, thoughtful, rational and a big picture thinker. I have gained a sense that he's been effective at building relationships with fellow board members to understand their passions and agendas. It's important to channel the energy behind individual board agendas into reaching the collective good and I've witnessed T do that. I believe he's been courageous, making hard and sometimes unpopular decisions, with an even-keeled consideration of their implications. I've discussed T's style with other board members. I've come to conclude, T walks the walk as a committed, experienced, often behind the scenes leader.

T's challenge is that while he's been busy "walking the walk," he is fairly unaccustomed to "talking the walk." An introvert at heart, T has quickly noticed that at campaign time, simply walking the walk will only get you just so far. And that pretty much explains why I've jumped in. T has done much less than he's needed to let the public know who he is and why he's the candidate we all very much need. It's my opinion that T is our best choice to help keep the board stable, calm and focused towards progressing towards a stronger Minneapolis Public Schools system. And to get there means doing a lot of work while sounds of hockey playoffs and the smell of freshly cut grass is in the air.

Steve Kotvis, a Kenwood resident who refers to himself as a "graduate parent" having two children attend K-12 and graduate from Minneapolis Public Schools serves on a number of boards and committees relative to public education and offers a monthly perspective in the Hill & Lake Press "Minneapolis Minds" column. He can be reached at [stevek@elemenop.us](mailto:stevek@elemenop.us).

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The Walker Art Center's presentation is made possible by major support from Marge and Irv Weiser. Sponsorship is provided by Piper Jaffray. Additional generous support is provided by Megan and James Dayton, John and Arlene Dayton, Martha and John Gabbert, Michael J. Peterman and David A. Wilson, and Gary and Susan Rappaport. Media partner *Mpls. St. Paul Magazine*.

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Temporary asphalt patches on Douglas Avenue in Lowry Hill

Photo by Craig Wilson

For those unfamiliar with seasonal cycles in Minnesota, it is often said there are two—winter and road repair. For urban areas like Hill Lake neighborhoods, we also have a seasonal phenomenon known as sidewalk repair. Those ugly asphalt patches that were temporarily installed last fall on many Hill Lake sidewalks? They're going to be permanently repaired this summer and property owners will be assessed. The following questions and answers provided by the City of Minneapolis should address most of your questions:

**Why do I have to pay for sidewalk replacement; don't my property taxes pay for it?** Many residents ask why the City does not just pay for sidewalk replacement. The simple answer is: because it costs property owners less to be assessed than taxed. If the City paid for sidewalk repair or replacement, it would tax every property an estimated amount every year, based on an average, not actual cost. Extra tax money might be used for something other than sidewalks.

The boulevard tree is raising the sidewalk; why do I pay for that? Regardless of the cause of the defect,

including boulevard tree roots, it is the property owner's responsibility to pay for the sidewalk replacement.

**What are my payment options for the sidewalk repair?** Either pay the full amount upon receiving your final repair bill (this way no interest accumulates) or, if you would like to have it assessed onto your property taxes, simply don't pay the bill and we will assess it onto next year's property taxes. 2009 sidewalk assessments were charged less than 4% interest for 1, 5 and 10 year assessments. (1 yr = \$150 or less, 5 yr = \$150-1500, 10 yr = over \$1500).

**Why is this work being done now?** We inspect the public sidewalks in each neighborhood on an approximate ten year cycle. It is currently your neighborhood's "turn" for inspection and replacement. All defective sidewalk panels in the neighborhood will be replaced during this inspection period.

**What are the criteria for defective sidewalk?** Sidewalk panels to be replaced are those that are broken, uneven, settled, projecting, or deteriorating. The sidewalk inspector determines whether the sidewalk panels meet the criteria for replacement during the initial inspection. In some cases, it may be necessary to replace sidewalk panels that appear to be in good shape in order to re-establish the sidewalk grade or to maintain proper drainage.

**How do I know which panels are being replaced?** When the sidewalk inspector does his initial inspection, the sidewalk panels to be removed and replaced will be marked with a white dot. At a later time, approximately one to two weeks before the sidewalk panels are to be replaced, the sidewalk inspector will mark the defective sidewalk panels with white spray painted arrows. These arrow marks are mainly used by the sidewalk contractor to identify the defective sidewalk panels that are to be removed and replaced.

**One sidewalk panel is partly on the neighbor's property, who pays for that?** Only the portion in front of (abutting) each property is assessed to the corresponding property owner. So if 4' of the sidewalk panel

abuts your property and 2' abuts your neighbor's, you pay for 4' and your neighbor pays for 2'.

**Can't I just get a temporary asphalt patch?** No, when your neighborhood is due for sidewalk inspection, the only acceptable method is replacement of the defective panels with new concrete by a bonded sidewalk contractor. Any asphalt patched sidewalk panels will be replaced. In the years between the sidewalk inspection cycles, we do allow temporary asphalt patching to alleviate tripping hazards.

**Can I do the sidewalk repair myself?** Permanent (concrete) sidewalk repairs can only be done by a bonded and permitted sidewalk contractor. If you are a qualified contractor and you wish to be bonded with the Sidewalk Division please call the Sidewalk Division at (612) 673-2420. The Sidewalk Inspections Office maintains a listing of all bonded sidewalk contractors.

**When will the sidewalk repairs be done?** Scheduling the sidewalk repair work is dependent on many factors that include weather, scheduling of the sidewalk contractor for other city projects, and so on. When the sidewalk repair work is eminent for your neighborhood (usually within two weeks), the sidewalk inspector will mark the defective panels with white spray painted arrows.

**How do I get a list of bonded sidewalk contractors to get other estimates?** Call 311.

**What if I want additional concrete work done on my property?** If you would like additional city sidewalk panels replaced, your sidewalk inspector can give you a revised estimate. If you would like concrete work done on your private property, your sidewalk inspector can put you in contact with the sidewalk contractor to get an estimate. Note that this work will be under a separate contract negotiated between you and the sidewalk contractor.

**Can I have a boulevard walk added or removed?** Yes. Each property is allowed a 4' wide boulevard walk.



## FRIENDS OF THOMAS LOWRY PARK host an ash tree injection and plant a tree.

On Saturday, May 22, 2010 Friends of Thomas Lowry Park held its first event of the year to celebrate Spring's arrival and the return of the beauty of this park. Friends regrets more residents of the neighborhoods did not drop by. The event was splendid, notwithstanding the chilly temperature, overcast sky, and eventual rain. About 30 persons and 12 dogs enjoyed hot coffee donated by Sebastian Joe's, homemade coffee cake baked by our esteemed Park Commissioner Anita Tabb, the beautiful new arrangement in the planter donated by Tangletown Gardens, puppy dog tails, water, brownies provided by Friends of TLP, and last, but not least, dog treats.

The Park Board provided a demonstration of how to plant a tree (one of the trees donated by People for Parks) and care for the tree after planting. Ralph Sievert, Director of Forestry for the Board and radio personality, emceed the planting. Upon completion, one of the ash trees in the park was given an injection by St. Croix Tree Service, with narration by St. Croix's Kevin Manley, as an ongoing attempt to preserve the tree from the emerald ash bore. As you are probably aware, this little pest will eventually destroy almost all of the ash trees in Minneapolis and in the Metropolitan area. The annual or bi-annual injections to a healthy ash tree may preserve its life. Information was made available about the emerald ash borer from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture/University of Minnesota Extension as follows: (I) Homeowner Guide to Insecticide Selection, Use, and Environmental Protection; (ii) Emerald Ash Borer-A Threat to Minnesota Trees-Could My Tree Have It; and (iii) Emerald Ash Borer Questions and Answers. Barry Lazarus has copies and will send them to anyone sending him a self addressed, stamped (probably 84 cents) envelope with a request for copies. Barry Lazarus, 1716 Colfax Ave. S, Minneapolis, MN. 55403-3001, 612-377-2232.

The Spring Social would not have been the fun and interesting event it was without the help of many individuals, companies, and organizations. Friends wants



An ash tree gets an injection and TLP Friends 1 to 6, Sara Peterman, Craig Wilson, Barbara Fogel, Barry Lazarus, & Suzanne Payne plant a tree.

Photos by Dorothy Childers

you to know who the persons and entities are and to patronize them when you can:

Craig Wilson of LHNA spent countless hours working on bids for the irrigation system, working with the Park Board to lay out the placement of the trees donated by People For Parks, and arranging for the ash tree injection.

Park Board Commissioner Anita Tabb dealt with administrative issues relating to the event and brought a treat to the event.

Ralph Sievert, Director of the Park Board's Forestry Department provided a "play by play" narrative for the planting and caring for the tree being planted in the park.

Paul Domholt and Andy Lesh of the Park Board arranged for ten of the eleven trees donated by People For Parks to be planted prior to the May 22nd event.

Georg Pragal of the Park Board made sure the seven pools were operating for the May 22nd event.

Alexander Zachery and Sheri Brooks of the Park Board also coordinated work (ie mowing the grass) by Park Board staff to enable the park to look good for the event.

Janet Hallaway, President of LHNA, worked with Craig and Friends of TLP to send out notice to LHNA members, coordinate with NRP on the park irrigation issues, and on tree placement.

Jackie Mattingly of the LHNA board made little signs in front of the trees indicating the name of the trees being planted.

Bill Lucas, Esq., father of Sara Peterman, played the accordion during the event to make it more festive.

Mike, Tim, and Todd Pellizer of Sebastian Joe's generously donated coffee, cream, sugar, napkins, and spoons.

People For Parks donated eleven trees to the park.

Dean Engelmann and Scott W. Endres of Tangletown Gardens replanted the planter, as a donation, with a new design for the May 22nd event.

Barbara Fogel, Suzanne Payne, and Sara Peterman of Friends of TLP devoted themselves to the large and small details to make the Spring Social a fun event for the attendees.

Tangletown Gardens had planned to be at the event. Because they have been blessed with so much business, it could not send a representative to the event

to sell gift certificates, tree planting, and memberships in the organic vegetable garden. Friends therefore could not have the drawing for four \$25 gift certificates to Tangletown Gardens. Apparently the Minneapolis Fire Department was otherwise occupied and could not send over a rig. Friends will try for the drawing and the rig at a future event.

The author offers this thought as well. As the readers cannot help to observe, there were many persons/entities involved to make the Spring Social a worthwhile and fun event for the Lowry Hill and Hill & Lake Press area residents. Friends of TLP held the event to provide helpful information and raise money to be used to improve and maintain the park in conjunction with the Park Board. Friends want TLP to be pristine and a sanctuary of beauty and peacefulness. Money available for this park, as well as all other Minneapolis parks, is in short supply. Thus all of us need to help make this park all that it can be. PLEASE DONATE YOUR TIME AND YOUR TREASURE TO FRIENDS OF TLP(A SECTION 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation). The second Saturday of each month from 10am to noon Madames Fogel and Payne work in the park; donations can be sent to "Friends of TLP" c/o any of Madames Fogel, Payne, Peterman, or Mr. Lazarus. Friends has a website at friends@thomaslowrypark.org.

Some of you called Friends' board members recently about the dandelions and high grass. The Park Board related that because of warm April weather, the grass and dandelions had early growth. There is not enough staff to mow on a timely basis. Thanks to Commissioner Tabb, the Park Board is open to increased mowing and weed control at Thomas Lowry Park if private funds are secured to pay for it.

Fun Fact related by long time resident Elmer Hanks who attended the social: Elmer recalled a time in the park's history when King Karl Gustav of Sweden, who was visiting the Swedish Consulate at 912 Mt. Curve, was honored with a festive reception in the park. The King was presented with an American Indian blanket from a neighbor/collector who lived on Colfax.

Friends wishes all of you a pleasant month in the hood and the park.

### Neighbor from page 3

Government has concluded that there is no way to stop the spread of this pest through removal quarantines but there is a treatment option. If you value your ash tree you should consider having the tree treated with an insecticide. There is a treatment option which injects the product and seals it into the tree and provides two years of control. Remaining elm trees may also be internally treated with a fungicide to prevent Dutch elm disease. Just imagine that if you lose that elm or ash in your yard or on the boulevard that it will take 30 years or more for your property to look like it does now. Can

you wait that long?

**There are many trees this year that look stressed with thin canopies. What's causing this?** There are several factors to consider when answering this question. We have to consider the weather that we had over the Winter and also this Spring. Many times a sudden drop of temperature in early Winter after a warm Fall may have detrimental effects on a tree canopy. Additionally, we had a very warm early Spring which caused some trees to leaf out early. These small leaves were damaged by a spotty frost in mid May Neighbor concluded on page 9

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Dupont Avenue's canopy of presently healthy, but vulnerable ash trees.



Photo by Craig Wilson

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which caused some leaf drop. Most trees will recover from this damage and will push out new leaves. Ash trees also suffered from leaf drop this Spring due to a leaf spot disease known as Anthracnose which affects young, expanding leaves. This damage will cause a thin canopy until the tree puts out new leaves. This is not usually a life threatening disease unless it occurs year after year. It may however weaken the tree and make it more susceptible to other problems. Canopy thinning is definitely a sign of emerald ash borer as well which was recently discovered in the Twin Cities. In these instances one should look for a general thinning of the canopy anytime during the Summer and unusual sprouting from the base or lower branches of the tree. This is the tree's response to the insect feeding inside the bark in the upper canopy as it tries to push out healthy tissue. When you see these symptoms it usually indicates that the tree has been infested for at least 2 years and maybe more. The insect emerges from the tree each Summer creating a small "D" shaped exit hole which is also an indicator of it's presence although by the time you see these exit holes low on the trunk of the tree it means the tree has been very severely damaged. You will hear a lot more this summer about emerald ash borer as it continues to spread though the country. It is a very severe threat to our resource and will devastate most of the untreated ash trees in the urban forest.

For more information about tree health, Jeff Palmer can be contacted at [jeffpalmer@arborjet.com](mailto:jeffpalmer@arborjet.com).



Infected ash tree.



Ash tree infected with emerald ash borer

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### Meet with Meg for Lunch!

Meet with Meg for lunch on Tuesday, July 13th from 12 pm to 1 pm at the 5th Precinct's Community Room (3101 Nicollet Ave S). Meet with Meg is a time for you to talk with her, ask questions, and voice concerns. Bring your sack lunch! Cookies and lemonade will be provided! Meet with Meg will be held the second Tuesday of every month.

We would like to start inviting local and city officials to Meet with Meg and we need your help! If you have any ideas of who you would like to hear from or of a topic that is of interest to you, please email 10th ward associate Breanna Patsch at breanna.patsch@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

### RoseFest!

The festival, which is held at Lyndale Farmstead Park, will take place on Saturday, July 17th from 12pm-7pm. This a great family event and has many fun activities like a moonwalk, pony rides, a dunk tank (last year's tank featured dunk-able MPR personalities), grilled food, and a live music stage featuring local performers. Those looking for a bit of history can take a tour through the Theodore Wirth house. Other tours include a self-guided tour of the small community garden in the area, and the Rose Garden, the second-oldest garden of its kind in the United States. For more information, call 612.824.9350 or visit www.eastharriet.org.

### National Night Out Registration

Join the fun and meet your neighbors during this year's National Night Out! National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 3rd. The event is coming up fast so now is the time to start making preparations! The City of Minneapolis asks that you register your event as it helps them track the success of the event. If you would like to block off your street, you can do so for free if you apply by July 14th. Please visit the National Night Out webpage to get information on the event and what you need to do to be a part of it!

### Watch out for Aggressive Door-To-Door Solicitors

There have been some reports recently regarding aggressive door-to-door solicitors. As a reminder, solicitors must be licensed with the city and cannot solicit to you if they are not. When a solicitor comes to your door, the best way to handle the situation is to ask if they have a Minneapolis Solicitors License with them. If they are licensed with the city, they will carry it with

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Council Member  
Meg Tuthill

## LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (LHNA)

By Janis Clay

Board Minutes Tuesday, June 1, 2010

Attendees: Janet Hallaway, Anita Tabb, Kathy Byrn, Brian Austin, Jimmy Fogel, John Gridley, David Weinstein, Craig Wilson, Dan Aronson, Maggie Thurer, Brian Meeker, Marty Broan, David Schelzel, Melissa Townley, Jolane Jones, Janis Clay

Guests: Sara Peterman

The meeting was called to order at 7:42 p.m. by President Janet Hallaway, noting a quorum was present. Introductions were made.

**Election of Officers:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously that the LHNA shall reelect Janet Hallaway as President, and shall elect David Weinstein as Vice President, Janis Clay as Secretary, and Dan Aronson as Treasurer.

**Burch Pharmacy space:** Concern was raised about the visual impact of the large now vacant Burch Pharmacy space. A motion was made and seconded to form a subcommittee, authorized to spend up to \$1000, to investigate options to add visual interest, such as art, to the windows. All approved. Brian Meeker, David Weinstein, and Craig Wilson agreed to serve on the committee.

**Kenwood Park/Lowry Hill Sidewalk:** LHNA has been involved in an ongoing effort since 2003 to get a sidewalk built along Kenwood Park linking Lowry Hill with the Kenwood Park playground, Kenwood School, and the baseball diamonds.

### Committee Updates on Current Projects

**Zoning and Planning:** David Weinstein discussed potential tools to protect the historic character of the neighborhood, such as designation as a historic district or conservation district, and efforts to improve the commercial part of the neighborhood, such as adding landscaping to the bus stop near the Walker.

**Environment:** Craig Wilson discussed greening and softening the Walker bus stop. He described efforts to improve Thomas Lowry Park, in cooperation with the Friends of Thomas Lowry Park, including major upgrade of the irrigation system. Other initiatives could include affordable green housing and curbside collection of organic matter for composting, such as the pilot project in Linden Hills.

**Lake of the Isles Renovation:** Marty Broan discussed the Lake of the Isles renovation project, which is nearing completion. A meeting of LHNA will be scheduled during the summer to review and approve a report on the project.

**Crime and Safety:** More progress is needed to recruit block leaders to serve as information conduits, primarily via email. Janet Hallaway prepared a map marking blocks that have leaders. We will need a new chair for this committee.

**Communication:** Janet Hallaway gave an update. Most Board members last year wrote articles for the Hill

and Lake Press, a great vehicle for communicating. She encouraged this year's Board to do the same. Melissa Townley will work on improving and updating the LHNA website. Madeleine Lowry is no longer on the Board, but is graciously willing to prepare and send E-Blasts.

**Light Rail:** Craig Wilson volunteered to be the LHNA representative in connection with planning and design of the Van White light rail stop in northern Lowry Hill.

**Walker Library:** A representative is needed to serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Walker Library. Janet will send Board members further information on this.

John Gridley brought copies of the Treasurers Report, which he presented at the LHNA Annual Meeting on May 18, 2010. New Treasurer Dan Aronson will obtain check signing authority at Central Bank.

The Board will resume regular meetings September 7, 2010, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Kenwood Rec Center. A meeting will be scheduled over the summer to review and approve the report on the Lake of the Isles renovation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

## CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (CIDNA)

By Steve Gove

### Summary of minutes from June board meeting.

A representative from Councilmember Tuthill's office gave the council member's report, noting an increase in auto related thefts in the area. Board members who have attended recent meetings relating to the Southwest LRT shared information with the Board. Plans continue to focus on the Kenilworth route but mitigation is also under discussion. For example, there are discussions about possible elimination of the road level crossing at Cedar Lake Parkway. This would require an overpass or underpass for the tracks.

Kristi Pearson presented plans for improvements to the Kenwood school grounds. The Board voted to allot \$5,000 of NRP funds to the project. The Board elected officers for the coming year: Art Higinbotham, President; Glenna Case, Vice President; Ed Bell, Treasurer; Steve Gove, Secretary.

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**KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION (KIAA)**

By Amy Lucas

**June 2010 KIAA Meeting Minutes**

KIAA Board meeting was held June 7, 2010.

Outgoing Chair Michael Bono called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Chair, Michael Bono, Terry Campbell, Jeanette Colby, Eric Lind, Kathy Low, Amy Lucas, Larry Moran, Sam Murphy, Josine Peters, Pat Scott, Eric Sjoding, Kathy Williams, and Roy Williams.

Others present: Lisa Goodman, City Council 7th Ward; Maggie Mercil, Kenwood Rec Center Director; Dylan Thomas, Southwest Journal; Kristi Pearson, KEIP Coordinator and Lowry Hill resident; Charlie Lazor, Kenwood resident; four Kenwood residents.

**Election of Officers**

KIAA Officers for 2010-11 are Sam Murphy, Chair; Pat Scott, Vice-Chair; Kathy Williams, Secretary; and Roy Williams, Treasurer.

**Treasurer's Report – Roy Williams**

Recent expenses include annual insurance (\$219), Annual Meeting (\$200). KIAA received \$400 in membership contributions last month.

**Kenwood Rec Center Summer Plans**

**Maggie Mercil**

Summer public hours at Kenwood Rec Center will be 9 a.m.-6 p.m. M-Th. Bathrooms will be open during the weekend 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m. daily. Club Run donated \$500 to keep the bathrooms during the summer. KIAA approved \$250 towards keeping the bathrooms open on weekends.

Canoes will be available the week of July 12 for a free environmental lake tour. Sign up at Rec Center.

Two movies in the park: Jaws on July 13 and A Perfect Storm on Aug 9; Both begin at dusk. Concession items will be available.

**City Council 7th Ward Update – Lisa Goodman**

In April Minneapolis City Council and Mayor adopted City Goals and Strategic Directions for the next four years.

National Night Out is August 3 and block closure forms are due by July 14 to avoid fees. Register at [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno).

**SW LRT Station Area Planning/LRT issues –**

**Jeanette Colby**

Station Area Planning: Community Members Working Group (CMWG) is being assembled. The meetings will be open to the public and each neighborhood association will provide one member to the group. Charlie Lazor, Kenwood resident, and neighbor to the Kenilworth Trail is interested in the LRT planning and would like to organize a design charrette. KIAA appointed Roy Williams, Jeanette Colby and an alternate, Eric Sjoding. The first meeting of the CMWG is June 22.

Roy Williams offered to monitor sound/provide data collection at Hiawatha LRT crossings and at Kenilworth Trail to better understand the effect. Charlie Lazor suggested KIAA hiring a sound consultant. KIAA approved a \$50 expenditure for sound monitor equipment.

**Community Participation Committee**

**Terry Campbell**

The Walker Art Center formed a committee years ago when planning expansion. The Walker has revived the committee with members from Lowry Hill, KIAA, Park Board and The Blake School. Terry Campbell is the KIAA rep to the committee. The Walker will probably return to the State Legislature next biennium for Sculpture Garden rehab bond funds. The Walker has enlarged the outdoor patio for summer food and entertainment

**NRP Phase II Funding/Walker Library Update –**

**Pat Scott**

Henn Co issued the Walker Library RFP and responses have been received. Construction plans are expected in 2011 for a 20,000 s.f. library at the same site. The community advisory group will reconvene in Sept/Oct after Henn Cty Bd appoints the design team.

The City received higher debt repayments than expected this year to fund NRP-Phase 2 plans; KIAA will receive an additional \$10,000 in NRP funds for affordable housing-related purposes. An additional \$6000 will be available for local neighborhood livability priorities. With this new funding, KIAA has \$8000 of uncommitted local livability funds.

**Update on LOI Renovation Project –**

**Kathy Low, Pat Scott**

The Citizen's Joint Review Committee, comprised of reps from 4 LOI n'hoods, has compiled a list of recommendations on the completion of the Lake of the Isles Renovation Project. The recommendations include remediation of uneven turf, shoreline plantings, light fixtures, benches, kiosk placement, and general maintenance. The joint n'hoods committee hopes to meet with the Park Board in July.

**KEIP Phase II Project Update – Kristi Pearson**

Phase I of the Kenwood Environmental Improvement Project (KEIP) at the Kenwood School, completed summer 2009, included replacement fence and landscaping at 21st St.

Phase II will a) replace the remaining chain link fence at the Kenwood School; b) build a student garden at the south elevation of the school c) install a brick pillar at the NW corner of the school playground. Kristi Pearson is selling engraved bricks at \$150/brick to fund the project. Contact [kpearson1920@comcast.net](mailto:kpearson1920@comcast.net).

\$38,720 is the budget with a slight increase to \$40,000 to include additional landscaping. Kristi Pearson requested \$4000 of KIAA funds to help fund Phase 2 of the project. CIDNA gave \$5000 towards the

project. KIAA Board approved \$2000 of local livability NRP funds towards Phase 2 of the KEIP project.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

**Reminder: The next KIAA Board meeting will be Monday, July 12 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Rec Center. The public is welcome to attend these monthly meetings.**

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them and are legally allowed to solicit at your door. If they do not have a license, send them on their way, call 911 and give the 911 operator your address and what block the solicitor is on. This way they can track them down and take appropriate action.

**Safety Tips for Summer**

As the warm weather hits and we spend more time outdoors, we would like to remind everyone of a few safety tips that will make sure your summer both happy and fun.

Lock your doors at home and in your garage. When working in the back yard, make sure the front door is locked.

Do not leave valuables in your car! Put your purse, bag, etc. in the trunk of your car prior to arriving at your final destination.

Write down the serial numbers on your GPS units, laptops, ipods, etc. Keep this list in a safe place as it will be extremely helpful in getting items back should they be stolen.

Remind friends and family coming to visit our wonderful lakes and parks to follow the above rules as it will help make their experience here a joyful one.

**Bryant Ave Bike Blvd Update**

We would like everyone to know that we will be doing a median test on June 14th at the intersection of Bryant Avenue South and Franklin Avenue West. This test will last for 30 days and will help us understand how the traffic and bike flow might go if a permanent median were to go in.

Attention: If you want help translating this information into a language other than Hmong, Spanish or Somali, please call 311.

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## EAST ISLES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (EIRA)

By Jane Schommer

### MINUTES FROM THE EIRA BOARD MEETING

June 1, 2010 Grace-Trinity Community Church

Board members present: Rosita Acosta, Ginna Portman Amis, Harvey Ettinger, Shotsie Forsythe, Tina Frontera, Peter Levine, Mark Lofstrom, Rose Matthys, Al Rodriguez, Jane Schommer, Michael T'Kach.

Others present: Betsy Allis, Michael Cronin, Judy Enenstein, Michael Erlandson, Saleem Karmaliani, Brian Neil, Breanna Patsch, Jerome Ryan, Linda Schutz, Joe Sinnott, Monica Smith, Anita Tabb, Robert Thompson, Meg Tuthill.

President Mark Lofstrom called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

#### Community Speakers:

Breanna Patsch, Associate in Council Member Meg Tuthill's Office.

CM Tuthill will have a regular lunch meeting for Ward 10 residents the second Tuesday of the month at the 5th Police Precinct community room. Everyone is invited. People can bring their own sack lunch.

There has been an uptick in car break-ins; reminder to remove valuables and to record the serial numbers of valuables to aid in recovery in case they are stolen.

There have been recent reports of door-to-door solicitors who have been verbally aggressive. If a solicitor comes to your door, you can ask to see a solicitors' license from the city. Please call 911 to report any solicitor who does not have a license.

The Natural Valley Bike Expo will be taking place on June 19, 2010 from 4:30 pm to 9 pm.

The Uptown market will open on Sunday, June 20, 2010 and run every Sunday until September 26, 2010. The market is located on 29th Street between Lyndale and Dupont Avenues.

There are growing concerns from residents and neighbors over the use of the alley between Lake of the Isles Parkway and James Avenue for southbound "thru" traffic. There is consideration to put up signs discouraging such use of the alley.

Michael Cronin, Holiday Station on Hennepin Avenue at 25th Street

Mr. Cronin is interested in converting the gas sta-

tion's reader board to an electronic sign; needs 2 permits from the city – conditional use and variance; has not applied for anything yet; will keep EIRA apprised of process; contact Council Member Meg Tuthill with questions (612 673-2210).

#### Anita Tabb, Park and Recreation Board

Lake of the Isles was not included on the milfoil removal list this year; the issue is being revisited to allow for canoe access to Lake Calhoun.

#### Reports:

Night Noise: Jane Schommer

Three main issues: noise, crime, littering/garbage; affecting mainly CARAG, LENA, some EIRA. Decibel assessments of local businesses are being conducted. Local businesses are willing to cooperate/communicate to mitigate problem. Proposed ideas include ones to encourage parking in local lots rather than on residential streets; 3 beat cops and some patrol cars currently active, especially at closing time. Call 911 or 311 to report issues.

#### June Membership Mailing

A letter is scheduled to be sent out this month. Shanti Mittra is preparing it with Amy Sanborn based on last year's very successful mailing.

#### Summer activities: Social Activities representative

Annual EIRA Ice Cream Social is scheduled for Thursday, August 19, with a backup date of Friday, August 20. A motion to approve dates was made by Rose, seconded by Tina; the motion was approved unanimously. A motion to approve expenses of \$2,000 for the event was made by Tina, seconded by Al; the motion was approved unanimously.

Introduction of Monica Smith, EIRA NRP Consultant

Items discussed:

Location of future EIRA meetings

Investigate size, cost, parking, etc. with follow-up at July meeting; spaces of interest currently include Lund's and The Bridge. NRP funds cannot be used to pay for space. Linda, Mark, and Tina will look into sites.

#### East Isles website and related matters

Meeting is scheduled 6/4 with Kevin Fennell to discuss the East Isles website. There is a possibility of generic email addresses and an e-newsletter/e-blast to keep residents apprised of events and meetings, etc.

#### NRP Steering Committee

Betsy, Nancy (Johnston), Harvey, Judy, and Jerome have agreed to serve; the Steering Committee must be elected by EIRA members, not only Board members.

NRP Brainstorming led by Jerome Ryan

Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) is being phased-out and will reemerge as the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department. There will be an overlap in the organizations for a time. NRP funding will not be affected by the change. NRP/NCR would like to meet with EIRA in the next month. Phase II: \$387k is available; 70% must be used for housing, and 30% can be used for other projects. EIRA's consultant is working on a survey to establish categories of interest. Brainstorming of initial ideas occurred.

#### Other business:

Secretary position – still searching for candidates  
Zoning Committee – still searching for committee chair

Possible neighborhood yard sale – planning for 2011

Tentative neighborhood garden tour - planning for 2011

Electronic voting – motion by Rose to allow electronic voting to approve minutes, seconded by Tina; the motion was approved unanimously.

Lehmann Educational Center – Lehmann meeting conflicted with EIRA meeting. We will contact to schedule a meeting with EIRA; meanwhile, can contact Meg Tuthill or Steve Liss (612 668-0543) with questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 pm.

#### Sidewalk Repair from page 7

If you want a new boulevard walk or want one removed, please call 311.

**How do you determine what contractor gets the City sidewalk contract?** The City sidewalk contracts are awarded through a competitive bidding process that ensures low prices. The cost per square foot for the city-hired contractor to replace your sidewalk, in most cases is significantly lower than what you would pay to hire your own contractor to do the same work.

**Why does the new concrete have to be bright white, instead of grey like the older panels?** The contractor must use the white-pigmented curing compound to reflect heat and retain moisture during the curing process. The bright white color will eventually wear off.

**Will the contractor re-sod my lawn/boulevard?** No, the contractor is only responsible for placing black dirt and grass seed along the edge of the new sidewalk, and filling in any ruts in the boulevard with back dirt and grass seed. The property owner may choose to install sod at their own expense.

**What do I need to do about my sprinkler system?** Locate and mark the sprinkler system before and during sidewalk construction work. The sidewalk contractor will take every precaution to avoid causing damage to your sprinkler system. However, if the system is damaged it is your responsibility to repair the damage.

**What will happen to my retaining wall/fence that is next to the sidewalk?** Generally, the contractor can work around these types of obstructions without causing damage. If the fence/retaining wall is resting on, or hanging over the sidewalk, it may need to be dismantled and/or removed by the owner at the owner's expense.

**Can I add, remove, or widen my drive approach?** If you want to remove an unused driveway approach, we can provide you with an estimate for the removal. If you wish to add a drive approach or modify an existing one you must go through a site plan review process. Call Minneapolis Development Review at (612) 673-3000 between 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM for further information.

East Isles has \$300,000+ in NRP Phase II money available for issues important to the East Isles neighborhood.

#### Join us

East Isles NRP Steering Committee  
Tuesday, June 29th  
4:00-6:00 p.m.

Grace-Trinity Community Church, Gamble Room

Bring your ideas and concerns for the neighborhood!

Open to all East Isles residents, property owners, business owners, and employees over 18 years of age. Those with an interest in NRP processes as well as anyone who would like to serve on the East Isles NRP Phase II Steering Committee or subcommittee should attend.

Contact Monica Smith, East Isles NRP Consultant at 612-821-0131 or e-mail Monica at nrp@eastcalhoun.org for more information.

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## Milfoil and weed invasives at Lake of the Isles



Milfoil and Pondweed harvester

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approved the plan to harvest 38 acres and the MPRB was ready to go last June.

Unfortunately, the 2009 harvesting plan was never executed, due to the loss of one of the harvesters and a serious drought in 2009 that lowered water levels on the lakes and canals to the point that the harvester couldn't get from Calhoun or Cedar into Lake of the Isles. Isles has no suitable landing to put the harvester in the Lake and using a crane to get it in was too expensive.

Expectations were high to resume harvesting in 2010, but a new problem emerged – the significant reduction in the MPRB budget for aquatic plant harvesting. It was between \$150,000 and \$175,000 last year and after dramatic reductions in many revenue sources, that budget now stands at around \$100,000. Something had to give. Since Lake of the Isles is by far the most labor-intensive of the lakes in the Chain of Lakes to harvest, Tim Brown made what he called an easy deci-

sion to eliminate harvesting on Isles. In a memo to MPRB Commissioners, Brown said, "It was apparent that eliminating harvesting at Lake of the Isles would not obstruct recreation, would be consistent with the MnDNR requirements, would reduce the program cost by over 1/3, and might improve water quality and habitat at the lake."

This spring, word of the decision not to harvest weeds on Isles spread quickly and was met with disappointment by area residents, paddlers, and anglers. Both Brown and our recently elected district Park Board Commissioner Anita Tabb have fielded a number of calls and emails reflecting this concern. Many citizens find that the unchecked milfoil growth impedes paddling and fishing on Lake of the Isles and insist that milfoil-harvesting resume on the lake this summer.

### Possible Solutions

After meeting recently with Brown and Tabb, I was encouraged that they put forward potential solutions to

resume harvesting this year and into the future, but was not optimistic that harvesting would resume this summer.

Let's talk about the long-term issue first. The MPRB is not able to harvest all lakes in Minneapolis with only one harvester. They will need to fix their second, broken harvester for about \$60,000. Even if they started fixing it today, they wouldn't be able to get this machine online in time to do any harvesting in 2010. If/when they identify sources of funding to fix the harvester, it will at least leave open the possibility of harvesting citywide and on Isles again. Given the likelihood of more summers with low water levels, we face the risk of more summers without weed harvesting unless we identify a way to get the harvester directly into Isles without the canals. Do they need to put in a landing? Should they dredge one of the canals to be deeper to allow more reliable passage of the harvesters?

So how can we get some harvesting done on Lake of the Isles THIS summer? The most obvious solution that deserves consideration is to spread out the capacity of the one working harvester this summer so that Isles gets at least one pass. One idea to emerge from our meeting was to consider hiring a contractor to carry out at least one round of harvesting this summer on Isles. This could cost as much as \$40,000 for two weeks of work on Isles. Would this money be better spent on fixing the broken harvester or dredging the canals to ensure the ability to harvest in the future?

There are several obstacles that we need to overcome before harvesting can resume. First, it appears that water levels are again too low in the canals to get the harvester into Isles, suggesting that there has been too much sand deposited in the canals for the harvester to get through even in normal water levels. "So currently we do not have a way to put a harvester on Isles," said Brown in a recent email. Secondly, either solution requires money that is not currently allocated for milfoil harvesting so the MPRB will need to find or raise the money to pay contractors to do this work.

Alas, Eurasian milfoil and curly-leaf pondweed are invasive species that have found a permanent home in our Chain of Lakes. It is up to MPRB staff and Commissioners to delicately balance recreation and habitat. To choose not to harvest weeds on Lake of the Isles is to underestimate the effect of the weeds on recreation on Isles. MPRB staff and elected Commissioners would do us all a great service by resuming milfoil harvesting on Lake of the Isles for this and all future summers.

If you believe recreation on Lake of the Isles is negatively affected by milfoil and would like to see harvesting resumed, contact our elected Park Board Commissioner Anita Tabb at [atabb@minneapolisparcs.org](mailto:atabb@minneapolisparcs.org).

Learn more about Lake of the Isles and your other favorite lakes at [www.checkmylake.org](http://www.checkmylake.org).



Kenwood kids stay fit and focused while learning on new stability Photo by Courtney Cushing Kiernat

## Kenwood Kids

By Cecilia Michel

Kenwood kids' learning opportunities both inside and outside the classroom continue to expand with improvements to both learning environments at Kenwood Elementary School. Earlier this year several classrooms received alternative seating for students with the introduction of flexible "Fit Balls" designed to improve student focus. Additionally a new student garden is in the works with fundraising opportunities this spring and installation of the garden this summer.

### Outdoor Learning Environment

A garden to be used by students and teachers will be

installed on the south side of the school bordering 21st Street. The garden will include a walking path, two Spring Snow crabapple trees as well as a planting area ready for student involvement in the fall. The landscape plan features removal of concrete and the existing chain link fence in the area between the two exits of the school's Multipurpose Room.

The garden is part of Phase Two of the Kenwood Environmental Improvement Project (KEIP) which also includes extension of the aluminum wrought iron style fencing around the remainder of the school playground and the installation of another brick pillar at the northwest corner of the playground. The brick pillar

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## LETTERS

### TO THE EDITOR:

Good Neighbors

For the last 40 years we have lived in an old house t the corner of Oliver and Newton. Next door to us for much of that time was a former carriage house that had been converted into a residence. As a result of alterations to the house over time, it lost its architectural integrity. A few years ago, the property was sold and the house torn down, leaving a vacant lot. The new owner wasn't ready to build. At his invitation, neighborhood children turned the lot into a playground, until last spring when the owner asked a group of organic gardeners to use the space. When the ground was ready, the gardeners prepared the soil and planted their seeds. They laid out the rows at an angle, to catch the sun as it moved diagonally across the lot. Neighbors often chat with the gardeners and have become friends with them. In the winter months when the garden lies dormant, we are welcome to use the empty space as a dog park. Now, as spring returns, neighbors are happy to see the garden coming to life again. The gardeners are respectful of our privacy. Because they garden by hand there are no noisy machines to disturb the quiet. There are no unpleasant smells emanating from the garden. Recently the gardeners set aside a small corner of the lot for a young neighbor who wanted to grow her own plants. Those of who live nearby enjoy looking on as the vegetables and flowers grow from seedlings to mature healthy plants. We neighbors consider ourselves fortunate to see the lot put to such good use.

Andy Bowen, Kenwood

### TO THE EDITOR:

Thanks to everyone for the input and interest in making Lakeof the Isles (LOI) a recreation asset this summer. And though we don't have a final plan, I want to give you a brief update on some of the options that are currently under review. Last year, several issues hindered our ability to mow the milfoil so it was not done at all during the summer of 2009. It was such a dry summer that the water in the channel between LOI and Calhoun was too low to allow us to move the milfoil harvester through the channel. The older milfoil harvester sustained damage that we cannot repair in-house.

We are looking at available options to reduce the milfoil at LOI. These include: doubleshifts with the current milfoil harvester to allow for additional LOI harvesting hours; finding a contractor to harvest at LOI; using herbicides to reduce the amount of milfoil.

We are hopeful that our rain this year will help to alleviate the problem but we may need to look into dredging the channels too. An assessment of the feasibility and costs is being done. I will continue to keep you posted. Because we generally do not begin harvesting "season" until after June 1, we hope to be able to resolve this quickly enough to take some action. In the meantime, pray for rain!! Thanks for your continued patience and thoughtful input.

Anita Tabb Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board District IV Commissioner 612-230-6443 (Park Board) extension 4612-377-6926 (home.)

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### Dear Camilla and Yale Group and Cedar Lake Park Association Volunteers:

Belated great thanks from Mary and me for your great teamwork at the Cedar Lake Park Woodland Restoration Site Saturday, the 15th of May.

Yale neighbors, who ranged in age from 7 to 86, connected with non-Yale-group neighbors for a great park lovers event! Everyone learned and everyone worked really hard. You were -- and are wonderful!

Junior volunteers Abigail and Hannah became expert



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at identifying and removing garlic mustard. And their parents joined me in being thrilled about their interest and enthusiasm for this project. Massive amounts of garlic mustard, motherwort and burdock were removed. Massive amounts remain to be removed!

The biggest group project was the removal of a massive 25+ foot tall buckthorn that had become part of the overstory in one area of the site. Half a dozen volunteers worked together on this one, each sawing off a massive branch that was producing thousands of seeds each growing season. What an improvement!

We all saw evidence of progress in our restoration efforts since last year -- more nodes of Virginia waterleaf and Soloman's Seal; the survival of donated ferns and meadow rue; more clearance of the buckthorn jungle, more growth in native trees, all of which of course

is very motivating!

One abiding memory of the day for me took place at the end of the event when one very tired volunteer expressed joy in participation and also how much she looked forward to continuing to work at the site "next year". Now that's commitment!

Huge need is for Park Board signage about "no bikes" on site. Many bikers came through the area not knowing of the no-biking rule -- due to lack of signage. Almost to a person these bikers were respectful and left when we spoke to them about it...but it would be hard to do otherwise in the presence of more than a dozen restoration project volunteers.

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## Where we are Now.

By Jean Deatruck, Editor

As the beauty of summer unfolds around us, we are reminded once again of how fortunate we are to live in such a lovely area. Please take time to look at your trees and identify the ash trees. If you value your ash trees you might consider having the tree treated with an insecticide. Please read the Neighbor article on page 3 of this issue for further information about emerald ash borer and other tree diseases.

We treasure Lake of the Isles and look forward to a solution to milfoil that is preventing us from enjoying the lake.

Enjoy summer. Visit the Walker and its new outdoor space. Enjoy the parks, eat dinner outside. Visit the Pride Festival in Loring Park on June 26.

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will match the existing pillar and will be funded by proceeds from the "Buy a Brick" program. The KEIP Project is a continuation of the community effort to increase permeable ground to capture storm runoff, reduce the heat island, enhance livability in the neighborhood as well as creating an outdoor learning environment for children.

The "Buy a Brick" program is a continuation of the funding initiated in Phase One of the KEIP installation of trees and fencing along 21st Avenue last summer. Two hundred bricks are available for sale and will be engraved with donor's names in exchange for a donation of \$150. Kristi Pearson coordinator of the KEIP fundraising is encouraged by neighborhood interest in the project. "Community members are enthusiastic about the increased green space and enhanced livability in the commercial areas across from the school as well as the opportunity to enhance the outdoor learning environment for children." Ms. Person hopes to sell all the bricks by June 1 so installation can begin this summer. Interested donors may contact Kristi Pearson at kpearson1920@comcast.net or by phone at 612 986-6086 or 612 377-0494 to make donations or ask questions.

## HENNEPIN AVENUE FANTASIES

By Madeleine Lowry

My family is having fun imagining the types of businesses that could fill the empty storefronts that are piling up on Hennepin Ave.



Madeleine Lowry

The problem with attracting new businesses, as we keep hearing from people-in-the-know, is the lack of parking. This lack, presumably, is the reason that the Auriga location has been empty for so long. Who can fill a restaurant with seven parking spaces?

This idea is amusing to someone from New York City where restaurants survive handily without parking lots. In the Big Apple if the food is really good and the prices reasonable, you will be mobbed (in a good way). End of story.

Could things work so differently here in the Minneapolis? Maybe not. (Think: Tin Fish)

It seems to me that there are at least a few thousand people living within walking distance of Hennepin and Franklin who eat on a daily basis. We own bicycles, we like to walk. Who needs parking?

I also notice that a fair number of busses run up and down Hennepin Avenue at all hours of the day. People ride those busses. They eat. They shop. Who needs parking?

Oh, we had our little cry-fest when Burch closed. But we are (almost) over it now. And we are dreaming of what could be—Hennepin Avenue fantasies, if you will.

Years ago, when I lived in Palo Alto, California there was a mini-food court on the main street. (Mrs. Fields got her start there with a few chocolate chip cookies.) Could the old Burch property be subdivided to house a few food vendors? What if the Salty Tart could be tempted to open a location there? Vanilla bean cupcakes only blocks away? This could be dangerous.

What about a dumpling place? There used to be a tiny little shop in Menlo Park—a real hole in the wall—

that sold only potstickers. Fantastic potstickers. For a song you could get a plateful in a takeout bag. Just think: instead of Friday Pizza Night, you could shake things up with Potsticker Night.

Or maybe a tamale place? The best tamales I ever had were in Oaxaca, Mexico. We bought them from a food vendor's push cart just off the main plaza. The line of customers began to form well before the hour of her arrival. If a good tamale place opened on Hennepin, we'd walk there.

My husband dreams of a Zabar's on Hennepin Avenue. The last few times we visited NYC he's booked us into a certain hotel on the upper west side and I think it has a lot to do with its proximity to Zabar's breakfasts. Croissant sandwiches, smoothies, fresh-squeezed orange juice, real bagels and more are yours at any hour of the day. If that experience was available close to home....well, we'd walk there in a heartbeat.

My kids can't fathom why Grand Slam doesn't bring laser tag to the old Hollywood space. They'd be the envy of all their friends—they'd get a season pass! Sure, it's a little small, but they could expand. Couldn't they double their square footage by building a second floor? Or make the building twice as large by taking over that useless black field next to it? You know—that piece of land between Hollywood and the Scottish Rite Temple.

Oh, yeah, that's a parking lot.

My dog has a different dream. We took her to a self-service dog wash near St. Anthony Main—a classy one, really plush. She got the bath of her life for a reasonable price and, best of all, we did not have to plan our lives around the appointment. We just walked in! Imagine!

So, she wants one of those to open in the old Hollywood location.

And, yes, we'd walk there.

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# sand upon the waters

By Tom H. Cook

It is finally real summer and what could be more fun than relaxing on the veranda at your lake place up north, or in a hammock at home? You have the Twins game on in the background, your cold drink nearby, a dog or small child curled up at your feet, and you are working on the **Minnesota Summer Quiz**.

**1. Rank the following summer activities, all occurring next weekend, in order of importance:**

- a) A surprise seventy-fourth birthday party for great-uncle Gustav at the Muskrat Lodge in Boldfinger, MN (a 9-hour drive).
- b) The fourth anniversary of the third communion of your second cousin's stepchild in Chaska. To be held in the church parking lot on the 107 degree asphalt.
- c) Lisa Goodman-initiated two-day community retreat/workshop on the advantages and disadvantages of Minnesota establishing a unicameral state legislature. Emile Mullen, Nebraska State auditor (and amateur mime), will provide a Power Point presentation and lead what promises to be a spirited discussion.
- d) Interfaith car wash and scrap metal drive. Volunteers from most of the world's greatest religions (monotheists only — sorry), through sweat and hard labor will raise funds and awareness.

**2. Short essay: Explain how, despite your better judgement and every fiber of your being, you will end up spending one of your precious summer weekends at one or more of the above events.**

**3. If Billy (age 9) takes his X-Box and hides under the house, is he following your suggestion to "Get out and get some fresh air!" Why or why not? (Short answer).**

**4. Billy (still 9) would be better off at Camp Whitchebehomac. The cost is \$1,200.00. Canceling Billy's tuba lessons for the summer would save \$200.00. You have another \$380.00 from lottery winnings. Billy's Aunt Ethel says she will donate two times the amount Billy raises from collecting cans. Uncle Jasper says he will pay Billy \$17.00 to detail his truck and \$4,000.00 to move his hunting shack from Elk River to Big Spider Bay (Wisconsin).**

**Billy has no desire to go to camp or even leave the house. How old will Billy be when he goes to camp?**

- a) Uncle Jasper has a screw loose. Nobody wants his glorified outhouse up in Big Spider Bay!
- b) Billy hates the tuba, hates Aunt Ethel, and will be shaving and able to drive himself to camp by the time he gets the money.
- c) Aunt Ethel has more money than God! She spends more on electrolysis every year than his camp tuition would cost! If she doesn't want to help the kid she should just say so!!!
- d) Billy is lactose intolerant and allergic to cows, cowboys, milkmaids, leather, got milk ads, rawhide chewtoys, cowlicks, and "The Cowsills."

**5. Is it morally wrong to watch television indoors on a sunny Sunday afternoon in the summer? (Short answer). (Hint Leviticus 7: 3-14)**

**6. What is the span of time between the last possible day of the snow season and the first of the next? (Answer in hours)\_\_\_\_\_.**

**7. Do you wish you had gone to a friend's cabin while you are sitting at the Lake Harriet Bandshell? When you are "antiquing" in Stillwater do you wish you were napping in your hammock on Humboldt? Explain this phenomena. (Essay)**

**8. Neighbor Lance bikes 20 miles if it is between 60 and 70 degrees. If it is between 71 and 90 degrees he travels 15 miles. If it is above 90 degrees he plays X-Box under the house. During a typical July, how many miles will Lance ride? (Hint, July has 31 days).**

- a) Is it the Lance on Fremont who practically lives in those lime green bike shorts?
- b) Is it miles or square miles? (There may be a difference.)
- c) 178
- d) Does Lance (L) come home at night (L-1/2) or does he keep going (L+20 or L+30 X31)?
- e) If he keeps going south he would reach Winona on July 17th.

**9. Aunt Edna is over for dinner but says she will remain in the back yard drinking Cutty Sark until she receives > 4 mosquito bites per hour. If she comes in at 9:30 PM, how much has she drunk?**

- a) Who can tell? She has a hollow leg.
- b) I still can't believe she wouldn't buy Billy an X-Box.
- c) She waters down the drinks. I doubt it's Cutty Sark.
- d) Wrap her dinner in aluminum foil and leave it in the refrigerator!!!

**10. Which is the worst nonfatal family reunion summer picnic extravaganza memory?**

- a) "Bike shorts" Lance crashes the party and tries to put a move on your recently divorced niece.
- b) Uncle Jasper offers Billy \$5.00 if he will come out from under the house and have some ice cream.
- c) Aunt Edna claims she doesn't want to miss anything so she squats behind the neighbors' shrubs rather than use the house bathroom all the way on the second floor.
- d) The meat runs out early and many of the late arrivals are offered yummy grilled potato salad patties.
- e) After being discharged from the hospital, Billy resumes his summer vigil under the house and refuses Aunt Edna's offer of a little Cutty Sark in a Star Wars glass.


*Tom H. Cook has begun plotting a fall visit to the Twin Cities.*

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