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We Live in a Flood Zone

By Randi and Geoffrey Hellman

The Twin Cities has many terrific places to live, but few offer all the history, beauty, interests, and conveniences that my husband and I enjoy in our lovely Victorian home and neighborhood, between downtown

and uptown, where we have lived for over 20 years. Our neighbors are fun to chat with and also great stewards, they take good care of their homes, lawns, and beautiful tall trees. We have a diverse group of ages and

economic levels, and we look after each other's children and homes. Our own daughter walked daily to one of the two schools she attended in her childhood. We can stroll to the Wedge or Kowalski's or Lake of the Isles. We are centralized enough to jump on our bicycles and ride for miles on scenic bike paths free of cars, or walk 1/2 a block to catch the bus on Hennepin. We watch patrons of Sebastian Joes saunter down our block with dripping cones; Tao Food, Specs, D'Amico customers, and Temple Israel members and SPCO concert goers park and walk to their destinations. The Bridge is also located on our street, I am proud to say. The Bridge for Youth is an emergency shelter for youth and families in need. It has always been an exemplary good neighbor. This is a quiet, very attractive residential street, even though it is near commercial properties.

But we have a problem as you can see from the photos, and it is truly an issue for Lowry Hill residents and the community at large: 22nd and Emerson Ave. S., goes through major flooding that destroys cars and has damaged some homes. It is a constant and chronic problem that will not go away without neighborhood and city intervention. It has been going on for decades,

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Emerson and 22nd Street on June 25, 2010

Photo by Randi Hellman

PALIO 2010—WRAP UP

This year's Palio fell on a glorious fall day, Sunday, September 26th, and drew over 400 residents to Kenwood Park.

With our sincere gratitude,
Shanti Mittra and Amy Sanborn

Parade Prizes

The prize of **Best Neighborhood Parade** went to the East Isles Blue Raccoons, who marched with drummers, trumpet players and coordinated musicians, and men with faces painted blue—their own version of Blue Man Group. East Isles walked home for the second year in a row with the coveted Governor's Banner. **Best Costume** went to the Royalty of Lake of the Isles, Mermaid and King Neptune, who rode in Lowry Hill's parade in an open top convertible. Runners up included Charlie Smith and his two daughters (Kenwood), Madeline Ryan (East Isles) and the lovely Rebecca Kinyon (Lowry Hill East). **Best Wheeled Vehicle** went to Caitlin Smyth and Claire Van Note of Kenwood and their red wagon with a pirate theme. Raj Dash and Phil

Hallaway of Lowry Hill were strong contenders for **Best Musical Instrument**—they wheeled a taiko drum all the way down Logan Avenue hill, but the surprising performance of the girls' chorus from Lowry Hill East's Purple Squirrels tipped it. The purple team performed an original song with lyrics and music written by their talented parade captain, Joanne Opgenorth. **Best Hat** went to Grace Boyd, and **Best Dressed Canine** went to Lowry Hill resident Luna, dressed as a lake mermaid.

Sports Competition

Badminton: Lowry Hill's team of Jeff Himstreet and Melissa Townley battled a tough team from East Isles, Antone Melton Meaux and Salle McDaniel, but the Green Turtles were victorious in a 2-1 final match.

Himstreet filled in at the last minute for Dan Aronson, also known as the turtles' version of Bjorn Borg. As the pressure mounted prior to the match, Aronson bowed out with an illness, and Himstreet stepped up to help the Green Turtles to victory.

Bocce: Two ten year old girls from Kenwood, Claire Van Note and Caitlin Smyth, fought a fierce multi-round battle and emerged triumphant against the adult teams fielded by the other neighborhoods. One of the girls' mothers said the girls are honored to have well represented Kenwood and are sharing their trophy, "which is only marginally smaller than the

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Lowry Hill East's Purple Squirrels performed an original song written by their parade captain Joanne Opgenorth.

Photo by Dorothy Childers

CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRES JOLIE

This just in from Jason Stiller, co-owner of Tres Jolie Salon at 2414 Hennepin in Minneapolis. "Hey, please let your readers know that Tres Jolie is now open seven days a week. We know that many of them are often too busy to take time for a decent cut, so we've opened a whole new door." FFI 612-374-2214.

28th Annual Hennepin Lake Community Wine Tasting Fund Raiser

Wednesday October 20, 2010 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. The 28th Annual Hennepin-Lake Community Wine Tasting with over 400 varieties of wine available for sampling. Appetizers by iL Gatto. ALL PROCEEDS go directly to the 9 residential neighborhood organizations in and adjoining Uptown.

Whats New ? Uptown Neighborhoods attempting to make it the first Green Wine Tasting

Location: Calhoun Square, 3001 Hennepin Avenue - Uptown. Beneficiaries: ECCO; EIRA; CIDNA; CARAG; LHENA; LHNA; Lyndale; KIAA, Whittier.

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The Isles Ensemble



The Isles Ensemble will be performing works by Prokofiev, Beethoven and Brahms for an exciting fall concert November 7th at 2 PM. Founded in 2004, the Isles Ensemble is a group of eight professional string players from the Twin Cities who present a series of Sunday concerts at Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church in heart of the Hill Lake community. Chamber music is their passion, and their mission is to help build a vibrant chamber music community in the Twin Cities. Please come and spend the afternoon with these talented local musicians.



Lunch with Lisa

St. Thomas University, Terrence Murphy Hall 252, 30 South 10th Street. \$10 lunch offered. Come early to get your lunch and a good seat. Discussion starts promptly at noon. The last scheduled lunch with Lisa for 2010 will take place on October 27th. She will host a debate with candidates for the Minneapolis School Board.

Camera found at Park Siding Park after CIDNA Festival

A camera was found during cleanup at the CIDNA Fall Festival. Please call Judy Berge at 612-926-6265 and identify the camera if you lost your camera at the event.

First Friends of the Walker Library Book Sale

Friends of the Walker Library will be hosting a book sale to raise funds for their local library. The sale will feature hundreds of adult and children's fiction and nonfiction books in hardcover and paperback. Most books are priced at \$1 or less. The book sale will take place at the Walker Library, 2880 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55408.

Entrance to the sale is free and open to the public. Mark your calendar for the upcoming sale dates:

Saturday, November 20 from 10am – 5pm

For more information about Friends groups and other ways to support your library visit www.supportthclib.org or call 952-847-8109.

Twin Cities Marathon 2010



Runners at the two-mile mark on Douglas Avenue in Lowry Hill, included Steven Kalina, of Andover, Minnesota, who carried the American flag and the United States Marine Corps flag along with a backpack with a sign reading "Support the Animal Humane Society." He finished the race in 5:13:18.

NIP LAUNCHES CHORE SERVICE TO AID SENIORS

The Hennepin Avenue based non profit agency, Neighborhood Involvement Program (NIP), is launching a new program to help seniors remain in their own homes. The Seniors Program "Chore Services" offers affordable rates on housekeeping, lawn mowing, snow removal, and minor repairs to people 60 and older.

NIP will conduct an assessment of the job to ensure a fit with their capabilities. Clients pay \$13-\$15 per hour for the chores. For Housekeeping services,

clients must provide cleaning supplies and equipment. Clients are assigned an NIP contractor for the entire season for snow removal.

For additional information, please call the NIP Seniors Program Office at 612-374-3322.

NEW TREES SLATED FOR PARK

Minneapolis Park and Recreation staff will prepare a landscaping plan for the south end of Kenwood Park to complement a new sidewalk installed in the summer.

In a public meeting, residents expressed a desire to create a more attractive pedestrian path with the addition of trees. Trees help reduce storm water runoff and will provide needed shade along the concrete path.

Discussion included potentially improving landscaping adjacent to Ball field #2. New plantings could replace current shrubs improving the appearance of the park.

Park board horticulturist Ginger Cannon discussed potential species that would work for both the boulevard and the park. Cannon will present a plan to the group in December.

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association and the Palio Parade & Festival will provide funding.

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HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Oct. 20, Hennepin Lake Wine Tasting
Oct. 25 Block Leader Training 5th precinct
Oct. 27 Lunch with Lisa

Nov. 7 The Isles Ensemble 2 p.m.

Nov. 20 Walker Library book sale

Neighborhood monthly meetings:

CIDNA: 1st Tuesday at Jones-Harrison

EIRA: 1st Tuesday at Grace-Trinity Church

KIAA: 1st Monday at Kenwood Rec Center

LHNA: 1st Tuesday at Kenwood Rec Center

Photo by Dorothy Childers

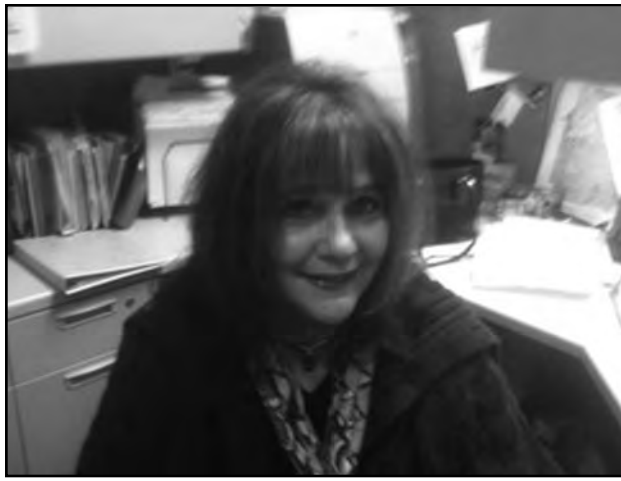
MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR, RUTH HAMANN WEAKLY

Craig Wilson interviews the ‘den mother’ of Ward 7 Ruth Hamann Weakly, Administrative Assistant to Council Member Lisa Goodman, about her savviness for finding answers to constituent’s questions, her office’s policy to respond to constituent’s concerns in 24 hours, and her passions for motorcycles and grandchildren.

You answer pleas everyday from constituents in need of resources and information from the City of Minneapolis. What are the most common questions and what is your response? Some of the more common things are traffic issues, street lights that are out, and the condition of streets, be it potholes or trash and graffiti. Also the occasional “neighborly” problems that usually start off with, “my neighbor is...” I take time to listen to each and every constituent’s concern or idea, especially because they took the time to call. It is important to me that people feel listened to!

What is one of the most unusual requests you’ve responded to in the past? Probably people asking me to do something about the crows or the pigeons in Loring Park! Although there really was not much I could do, I had fun with the requests. Most of the folks that called had a good sense of humor about their predicament in spite of how annoying those birds can be.

How long have you worked at the City of Minneapolis? What other positions have you held? I’ve worked to the City of Minneapolis for nineteen and half years, starting in the Water Department as a Customer Service Representative fielding calls for administration. I transferred to City Council working for Steve Minn. Steve Minn was called to work for Jesse Ventura during the middle of his 4 year council term. Then Barret Lane was elected and took me on, I worked for Barret for a short time. Long story short, Lisa and Barret talked and Lisa suggested she would like to have me work for her and we did a switch!!! Lisa has put up with me ever since, about 10 years or so. Prior to work-



Ruth Hamann Weakly

ing for the City I was holding down three part time jobs. Really kept a single parent on my toes!

Wow, you’ve worked for two of the most powerful Council Members in recent history, Steve Minn and Lisa Goodman. Are you attracted to strong personalities? I don’t believe I am, just happened that way and I love to be busy.

Your office has a policy to return constituents’ calls within 24 hours when other Wards are difficult to reach. Is this a challenge to keep up with? It is a challenge if there is a large issue happening but most of the time it works just fine. At a very minimum, I try to call back to say I am working on their issues and will get back with an answer. When people call the office I quite often will get a response when I answer the phone “oh, thank heavens, a real person.” In this time of automated everything, people still really appreciate a voice instead of a machine. Lisa is quite in tune with that and the reason I am here in the office most of the time.

How did you come to ride motorcycles? THAT is really funny - I was single and told a girl friend “I need to meet a Harley rider, not a ‘biker’ if you know what it mean.” She introduced me to her brother’s neighbor Glenn, now my Harley-riding husband. We ride to

Sturgis for the big rally almost every year. We also have taken in 100th and 105th Harley Davison Anniversary events in Milwaukee. We just love hopping on bike whenever we get a chance. Honestly, we are really the typical weekend warriors you hear about!!

What is Sturgis like? MY shirt stays on!!! Kidding aside, it is a boatload of fun. We just enjoy people watching and riding with all the thousands of bikes out there. A car on the road during Sturgis is a rarity.

What type of bike do you have? We have a Harley Davidson Soft tail. I ride and don’t drive—why drive when I can hang on to hubby and enjoy the scenery!

Do you ever run into bad weather when you’re riding? Oh my goodness - YES! We try to plan around it but once in awhile it is unavoidable. Last year we were caught in a hail storm, ouch. This year we were doused twice in heavy rain on the way home from the rally. My best advice - pull over whenever we can and wait it out.

I hear you are awaiting your first grandchild. Tell us about your family. I am going to be a grandmother for the first time in mid November! I tell everyone! I am so excited and absolutely can’t wait to get her in my arms. Besides my husband Glenn, I have two children, a son and a daughter both married. It is my son who will be the new father! Oh, I can’t forget Jamaica, my cat, who allows Glenn and me to live with her.

Do grandchildren and motorcycles mix? I suspect that will not be the case for a few years but I am totally ready to babysit instead of ride!!!!

If Ward 7 residents have questions related to the City, what’s the best way to get them resolved? I suggest they call 311 for the basics: potholes, streetlights, sidewalk repair, shoveling, etc. Other things, feel free to call here and I will do my best to resolve their issues or connect them to the right resource.

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Let's Be Strategic About High Schools

MINNEAPOLIS MINDS

By Steve Kotvis

Last Friday, Minneapolis Public School Superintendent met with staff of the high school closest to our lakes neighborhoods. She announced she'd be recommending to the School Board that there be no incoming 9th grade class at the school next year. If approved by the Board, the Class of 2014 would be the last for that school.

Though it may seem a world away, North High School is physically the geographically closest high school to the hill and isles neighborhoods. I have come to know many of the teachers, parents and supporters of North over the last few years, from both photographing sporting events, as well as working as a volunteer to develop branding and marketing approaches. As you may imagine, there are folks in North High community who are now feeling considerable pain.

The rationale used to explain why North is slated for closing is fairly straight forward: There are too few students attending North to justify its support. This financially harsh message is in the context of State education budgets that have failed keep up with inflation. Worse yet, education funds are apparently considered a revenue source that can be drawn upon to balance the State budget.

But not all evils fall upon those operating from the State Capitol. A number of market forces and costly decisions have seemingly positioned North High School in the eye of this perfect storm. Perhaps the greatest impact to North was opening up the market with school choices. Parents and students were offered

new choices, and many took advantage of them simply because they were there and/or offered hope. One might assume in an ideal market situation that competition raises the bar for all, but regrettably in a zealous state of hope, the best most of these new options could deliver was a promise. Once barriers of entry were removed, enough families and their kids looked away from North High and other MPS schools to board school busses each day for Charter Schools, Open Enrollment and Choice is Yours schools in the suburbs. But we're now learning these students don't necessarily do better at these schools, and too often they are fall further behind. An unregulated open market of school choice can and in some ways has helped erode the base of our existing MPS district.

Moreover, a series of decisions and actions by the MPS administration have not favored North. Unlike any other high school in Minneapolis, the administration changed the school attendance boundaries from a community school to citywide. Regrettably for North, that meant the school was no longer a default for anyone, and extracted it from the pathway of middle schoolers. In addition to it being the only school to not have the opportunity to present itself to prospective students as all other schools did in a big citywide Open House day, North was not afforded any notable support or resources to supplement its need to market itself to a new unknowing market of 8th graders and their families. Previous actions to relocate the Hmong language support that attracted a core audience for the school, as

well as loosing the department head of the digital media program to seniority added salt to North's wounds.

The future of North is surely tenable. The total number of high school aged students justifies only five conventional high schools. And the Board just approved opening two new Noble High School Charter Schools adding to the supply of options in an already competitive high school market. The Noble Schools are a Chicago proven concept and offer real potential, but that decision along with last week's announcement about North has some of us wondering why North and why now? The actions are uncomfortably familiar and reminiscent of a time prior to the district's strategic planning.

A district Strategic Plan was developed and is in place to direct and focus limited resources on attaining achievement for all students. Upon its adoption, however, it ominously neglected to address high schools. The expressed intent was to strategically address high school issues at a future time. That time seems to be now.

Steve Kotvis, a Kenwood resident 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. His latest project is serving as co-chair of the campaign to re-elect T Williams to the Minneapolis School Board. He can be reached at stevek@elemenopus.

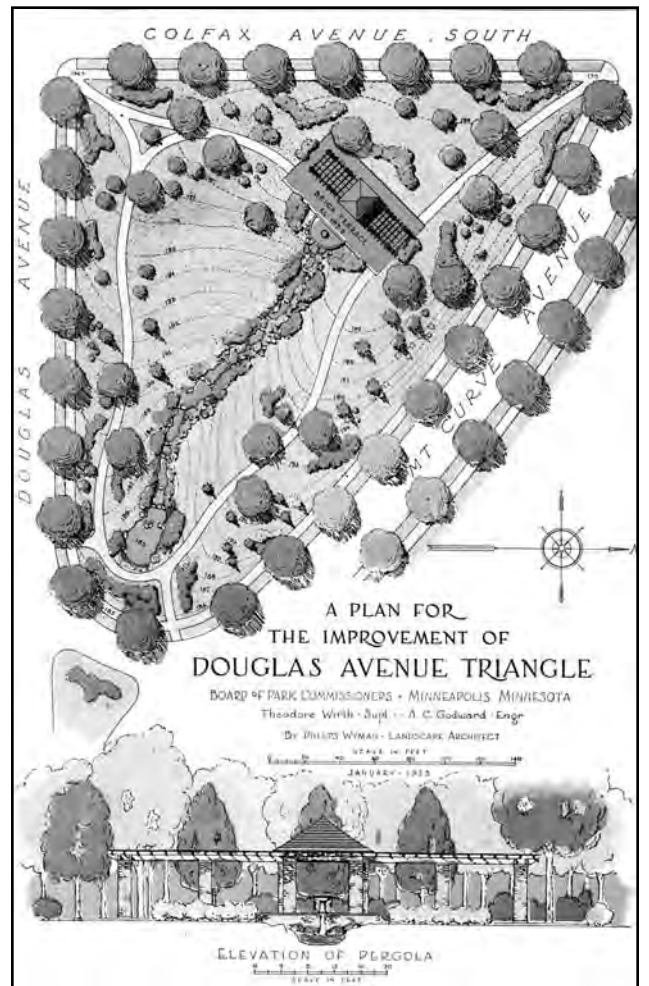
THOMAS LOWRY PARK



Mount Curve Triangle

Thomas Lowry Park in 1924 before the pergola was installed. Historic photos courtesy of Suzanne Payne

A rendering of the original 1923 plan for Thomas Lowry Park showing a pergola, a copper dome over its central area, and a fountain at the head of the pools.



A PLAN FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF DOUGLAS AVENUE TRIANGLE

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ELEVATION OF PERGOLA
SEAL OF 1917

By Barry Lazarus

Suzanne Payne attended the Arts & Crafts/Mission Antiques Exhibition at the Fairgrounds the weekend of October 1-3, and a vendor had boxes of historic photos and prints from around the state. After a

lengthy time perusing the boxes, she found a gold mine: a rendering of the original plan in 1923 for Thomas Lowry Park showing the proposed addition of a pergola — it shows a copper dome over the central area, and a fountain at the head of the pools where the falls begin. She speculates it was too costly to do those two features. She also secured two prints torn out of a book which show TLP in 1924 before the pergola addition. The home of Mary and Barry Lazarus is in the background. Friends of Thomas Park extends its heartfelt thanks to Suzanne for her diligence.

Friends hopes you are enjoying the improved TLP. Do not forget to vote on November 2.

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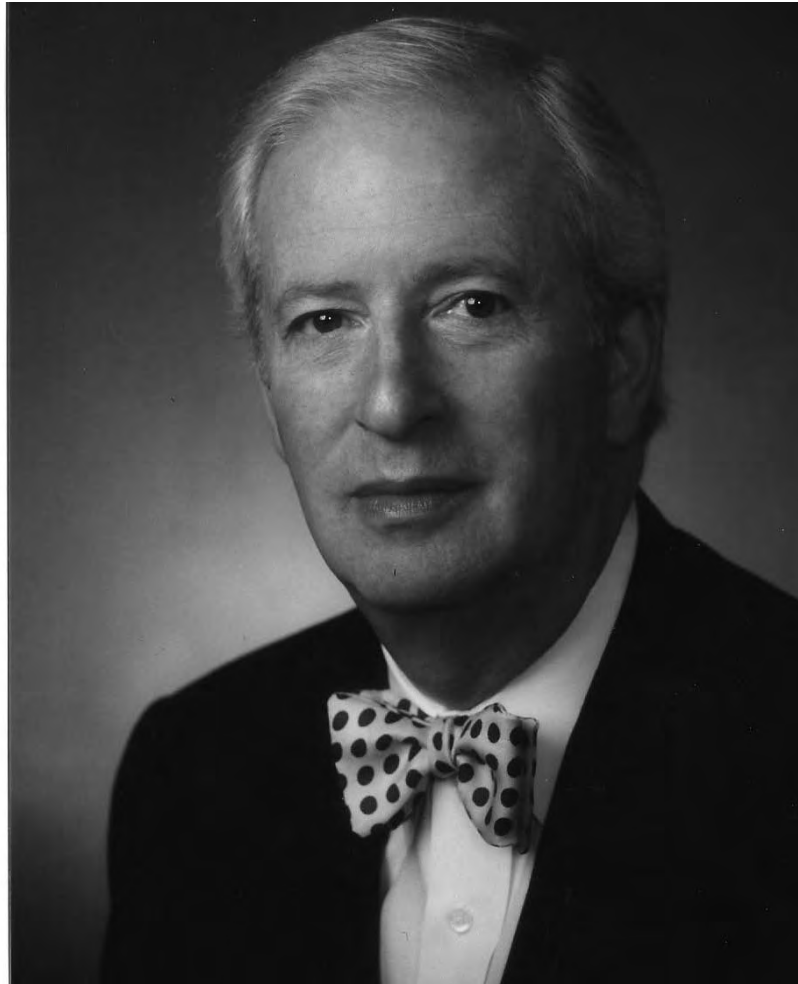
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although you may not even know about this. This summer on June 25th and again on August 10th, torrential rain filled the streets and cars (up to the dash boards) within 15 min. They used to call it the "twice a century" flood. Then the city changed it to the "25 year flood". The truth is, since we have lived here, torrential rains have created floods that look like these pictures on at least 6 occasions: the summers of '87, '89, '97, 2006, and twice in 2010. Our neighbors will show you pictures and tell you about the water in their basements, cars totaled, and other daunting facts beyond the 6 major floods I mentioned.

In July of 1997, the morning after a terrible flood, I stepped out to visit with my next door neighbors Dan and Jen. Much to my horror, I looked down into his basement and could see him on the other side of the house! They lost the foundation to their home. For months we witnessed this young couple (with their first home) deal with the trauma of rebuilding the foundation and restoring the house. Almost every neighbor around me has lost a car on the street and has had flood damage to basements. Before you assume that insurance companies reimburse us for our damages, keep in mind that car insurance will only pay the "blue book" price, and on our 5 year old car that was 1/2 the cost of a new one. Homes are not covered for flood damage, although some homeowner's insurance will help with a percentage of the loss. We and our neighbors have spent many thousands of dollars to fortify our homes against these floods at our own personal cost, but frankly, a home owner can do only so much.

Our neighbors, Ed and Mary McGlaughlin, have been attending meetings locally and communicating with the city. This is the information they have collected.

The current storm sewers at this location are outdated.

22nd and Emerson is a low point with drainage from 4 directions;

Intersection drains 12.8 acres or approximately 3 city blocks;

In larger rain events, runoff is three times that size.

The storm drain is the original from 1915 and drains into Lake of the Isles.

At the intersection of Fremont and 22nd another storm drain from the north also drains toward the lake. The storm sewer on Fremont was "updated" in 1935.

There are plenty of inlets at these intersections, so the capacity of the storm drain pipes needs to be analyzed.

Status:



Emergency crew rescues woman from car.



Cars submerged during the June 2010 flooding.

Photos by Mary McGlaughlin

An analysis by the City of the capacity and condition of the pipes draining the intersection is underway.

The analysis of this and other flooding areas in the city will be completed in the next few months.

Where there are system upgrades identified, costs need to be estimated and a course of action devised and implemented.

Some city officials are concerned about financing this; there are other low areas in Minneapolis.

The Bridge, supported by many individuals and both public and private organizations, is well respected in our neighborhood. East Isles Residents Association, Kenwood Isles Area Association, and Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association contributed to NRP to help the Bridge finance its new building. According to Todd Jeffers, Bridge Finance/Operations Director, the list of damages they have suffered over the years due to chronic flooding is too long for this article, but this summer their new building has been flooded through

the North and West doors, damaging ceiling tiles and requiring many hours of volunteer work for cleanup. They have had sewer back-up numerous times in the past, and are hoping their recently added water back-flow-prevention system works whenever there are heavy rains in their renovated older building. The new building remains with significant exposure to these floods and the only recourse now is the emergency deployment of sandbags at the doors.

I was at a party this summer describing one of the floods, when the woman next to me told me her story of driving on Emerson one evening to pick up her son at Temple Israel, only to be trapped at the corner in water...her car was totaled.

There needs to be a long term solution to help preserve our treasured neighborhood. We ask for any help you can provide toward the City's developing and implementing such a solution.

Southwest Light Rail Update

By Craig Wilson

Last month I expressed my frustration in representing the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association on the Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) Minneapolis Station Area Planning Community Members Working Group (CMWG) coordinated by Hennepin County. As I explained in September issue, I am new to SWLRT meetings but am trained as a landscape architect and urban planner and have an extensive environmental planning background. Transit, if well planned and executed, can be a tremendous benefit to communities like Hill Lake neighborhoods. Likewise, rail can be a safe and environ-



Rail mitigation has a long history in Minneapolis. The Midtown Greenway trench was created in the early 20th century to buffer rail nuisances from neighborhoods. Why is SWLRT different?

mentally sound alternative to trucking, which is fossil fuel dependent and polluting. I had expected a dynamic process through the CMWG where we could positively contribute to station areas that would benefit our neighborhoods—developing the best possible outcome for LRT as it comes through our parks, greenspaces, neighborhoods, and city. To date, the CMWG process continues to be vague, ill-defined and superficial. Sadly, after meeting with staff and consultants, I continue to be left with the impression that the CMWG is merely a rubber stamping committee to be used as 'official' public outreach efforts for federal funding. Officials characterize the CMWG as 'preliminary' in the planning process. Time will tell.

The glimmer of hope for improving station areas and ridership as well as mitigating the effects of rail appears to lie in response to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). According to the County's website southwesttransitway.org, "the purpose of a DEIS is to provide a full and open evaluation of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed Southwest LRT line to ensure that decision-makers and the public are aware of the impacts and of reasonable alternatives to avoid or minimize adverse consequences prior to implementing the transit line." Consultants have completed the SWLRT DEIS and it is now being reviewed by the Federal Transit Administration in Chicago and Washington, DC.

The DEIS will be released for a 45-day public comment period as soon as the FTA grants approval. Hill

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The bocce and badminton trophies will stay in the winners' homes until Halloween, and will then be engraved with this year's winners' names and placed on display in the Kenwood Rec Center for all to admire.

Music Competition

Two winners were chosen to share the **Music Prize**—a chance to perform at the Bryant Lake Bowl—Isabella Dawis and a band called Them. Isabella played the piano and sang beautifully. The young musicians in Them have been playing together for 9 months, and are Lolo Young Walser (guitar/uke), Smack Young Walser (drums), Myranda Sloo (violin), and Christopher Eiesland-Birch (cello). The winners are scheduled to meet with the Bryant Lake Bowl management to plan their gig—stay tuned for ticket info!

None of this would have been possible without the generous community spirit of **Palio volunteers**:

Ann Bailly, Carol White, Janet Hallaway (all selected by their neighborhoods to be parade judges); Mary Van Note (our irreplaceable Master of Ceremonies who will get a cordless mike next year); Ken Brahmstedt, without whom there would have been no music competition; Nancy Hope and her vibrant posters called out to all young musicians; Antone Melton Meaux, Janet Hallaway and Dan Sutton for an exciting badminton tournament; Scott Sidney and Scott Pearson for running a completely above board bocce tournament even though the 10-year olds were trouncing the adults; Patricia Christensen, Jeanette Colby, Annika Gutzke, Margaret Conroy, and Lewis White for running the kids' games; Erika Lee, Suzanne Paki, Molly Larsen, Nicole Valentine, Cathie Puzak and Tamrah Schaller O'Neil for ticket sales; Mark Lofstrom, Nancy Johnston, Mark Lescher, Jen Kyllonen, Amy Higgins, Jennifer Torgeson, Piper D'Emanuele and Madeline Ryan for valuable hours logged in under the food and drink tents; Matt Allen and his invaluable jeep and wagon, Jules Erdrich, Brad Ehalt, Cheryl Gordon, Ross D'Emanuele (the tough set up and clean up crew), and

Kristi Pearson who is truly the volunteer whisperer.

Special mention must be made of Sandy Dresen who served as Grill Master; Jerome Ryan as Drinks Master; WESAC for sponsoring drinks; Kowalski's, D'Amico and Sons, Red's Savoy Pizza and Isles Bun/Kenwood Café for great food, the Walker Art Center and their volunteers for creative and fun art projects; Amanda Vallone and ArtRageous for making so many children happy with painted faces; Ensemble Music for calling Palio to order with their drums and special Palio songs, the Bryant Lake Bowl for nurturing our young musicians; our industrious parade captains (Laura Kay Jelinek and Mindy Sloo for East Isles, Kathryn Himstreet for Lowry Hill, Joanne Opgenorth and Lisa Bender for Lowry Hill East, Melody Ng and Jen Wise for Kenwood); our Ticket Master Amy Lucas, the neighborhood associations of Lowry Hill East (the Wedge), Lowry Hill, Kenwood and East Isles, the many balloons provided by the Corner Balloon Shoppe, and the very dedicated and always enthusiastic Maggie Mercil, Matt Davidson and Greg Mann of the Kenwood Rec Center.

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East Isles Bugler



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Unicycle rider with Kenwood Isles group in parade.



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CIDNA OCTOBER 2010 NOTES

By Steve Gove

The CIDNA Board met on Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at 6:30 pm.

Art Higinbotham, President, made several announcements pertinent to the neighborhood:

NRP policy board election will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 18, 2010 at the Crown Roller Mill Building, 105 Fifth Ave S., Minneapolis.

The Neighborhood Involvement Program is looking for volunteers to help it assist people in need with housekeeping and yard work. For additional information contact them at (612) 374-3125.

There will be a school board candidate forum Oct. 19th from 7:00 to 8:30pm at Washburn High School.

Art Higinbotham shared pictures of a freight train derailment that occurred along the Kenilworth/Midtown rail line on Saturday, October 2. Art had communicated previously with the NTSB regarding potential dangers of continued freight rail use in this corridor, and has followed up with a report to them of this incident. The accident did not receive much notice in the media, according to board members.

Ryan Fox, a neighbor and parent of Kenwood School children, expressed interest in becoming a board member. Following the bylaws, board member Gail Lee nominated him, and the board approved his election. Welcome Ryan!

Ryan Fox had attended a Met Council meeting which presented the community with information about their plans for the force main sewer line to be constructed through the CIDNA neighborhood. Residents will not be assessed for this project. Construction along Sunset Blvd most likely begin in May 2012 and last approximately 3 months. Prior to that, in 2011, the Council will construct the part of the new sewer main to be located in the vicinity of the south end of Lake of the Isles. The schedule is intended to put the heavy truck traffic on Sunset for that phase before Sunset Blvd is dug up and then repaved in concrete. Plans currently call for east-bound Sunset to support two-way traffic while the main is installed on the west-bound side. Board members expressed concern about on-street parking problems. Plans do call for maintaining owner access to garages throughout most of the project.

Board members and neighbors present at the meeting expressed interest in possible improvements that could accompany the project, including:

Burying power lines from Chowen to Depot. (There is no city or utility funding for this, so it would require funding from individuals or the neighborhood.)

Creating sidewalks from Chowen to Depot. (Again, assessments to individuals along the proposed sidewalk would be required. Residents would have to petition the city to have these sidewalks built.)

Council member Lisa Goodman reported on several items of interest in the ward.

The green bike sharing program is expanding and has been wildly successful. In response to board member interest in getting a kiosk in this section of town, she advised that the capital cost of initial setup needs to be funded, typically through grants. One suggested location

Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association (CIDNA) seeks Communications / NRP Coordinator. Have an interest in neighborhood relations? CIDNA is looking for a coordinator!

The CIDNA Coordinator's primary responsibilities would be to help increase community involvement by creating and maintaining timely communications with neighborhood residents, CIDNA board members and committees and other agencies. The position requires an independently motivated individual who has good written communication skills and has a first-rate sense of working with groups in the community and beyond.

A complete description of this position can be found at www.cidna.org/issues.html

for a kiosk was the shopping centers, Calhoun Commons and Calhoun Village.

The last scheduled lunch with Lisa for 2010 will take place on October 27th, at the University of St. Thomas downtown Minneapolis. She will host a debate between candidates for the Minneapolis School Board.

NECP, in many ways the follow-on program to NRP, is beginning to allot money to the neighborhoods in Minneapolis. Allotments range from under 10,000 dollars to over 100,000 dollars.

Judy Berge reported that the Fall Festival had come in under budget. The approved budget had been \$1700. Actual expense was \$1547. The Board voted to approve a \$100 certificate for an Artrageous family membership, to be raffled as part of a Winter Solstice celebration at the shopping center in Kenwood. The owner of Artrageous, Amanda Vallone, is a neighborhood resident. She volunteered at and ran the art activities at the Fall Festival.

David Shirley publicized the Wine Tasting scheduled for October 20th at Calhoun Square in Uptown. This is a neighborhood fundraiser, with the benefit that dollars from tickets sold by neighborhood representatives are donated to the neighborhood association. Tickets cost \$25 in advance. In past years this has raised an average of \$800 to \$900 for the neighborhood.

Longtime board member Ken Moritz has announced his resignation. To honor his long service the Board voted to host a celebration at 6 pm on December 7, just prior to the next board meeting. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. The board also voted to fund a \$200 donation to the Rotary in honor of Ken, who has been a longtime member there as well. The board expressed its dismay that Ken was leaving, and wondered why someone only 93 or so years old would be setting down this responsibility.

Brian Gruber, Republican candidate for the state legislature, outlined his plans if elected, and urged residents of the district to read his web-site to see where he stands on the issues.

The NRP committee submitted its Phase II action plan to the board for approval, prior to submission to the neighborhood at large for approval. In summary:

CIDNA's Phase II budget is \$261,420. This money is now fully available for use through Minneapolis NRP.

70% of this Phase II funding is required to be allocated toward "Housing" initiatives.

The Committee has determined that the best way to "spend" those dollars would be to invest in a proven organization currently developing affordable housing in Mpls. This investment will be in the form of a loan

– or seed money if you will – with the intent having this loan repaid back to CIDNA and be used for future programs.

A neighborhood survey was done last Fall. Programs and strategies were developed based on priorities indicated by this survey.

The board approved the plan. This NRP Phase II action plan will be presented to residents of the neighborhood during a meeting to be scheduled in November. Information will be posted at www.cidna.org when date and time are fixed. All residents of the neighborhood are invited to attend and vote on the plan. Individuals can acquire a copy of the plan by sending an e-mail request to info@cidna.org.

The Transit Committee reported that Southwest LRT studies continue, including the station area planning studies. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board has also launched a CAC to respond to possible impacts on park lands. The CAC is working hard to describe desired outcomes along the right of way and at stations. Individual citizens have expressed a desire for longer comment periods in which to respond to plans and other statements emanating from county and transit authorities. The comment period in some cases has only been 45 days. Preference for 90 days was expressed. Currently the date of issue for the forthcoming Environmental Impact Study is not known. Transit Committee members remarked that individuals and business near the LRT route have often been unaware of the impacts of current plans on their homes and businesses. Board members and guests expressed deep concerns that the current plans may have adverse impacts on the neighborhood. The consensus of board members remains that a better route would have been along the Greenway eastwards to a routing along Nicollet, Portland, or Park to downtown. Given that plan is off the table the focus of board and other organizations remains mitigation of adverse effects. The Committee members are trying to arrange joint meetings on LRT between members of the 4 neighborhood associations (CIDNA, Kenwood Isles, Lowry Hill and West Calhoun) to explore what the groups can do together to influence the LRT process.

KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION

October 2010 KIAA Meeting Minutes

By Amy Lucas

KIAA Board meeting was held October 4, 2010.

Chair Sam Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Chair, Sam Murphy, Mike Bono, Jeanette Colby, Kathy Low, Amy Lucas, Larry Moran, Josine Peters, Ed Pluimer, Pat Scott, Roy Williams and Kathy Williams.

Others present: Lisa Goodman, City Council 7th Ward; Dylan Thomas, Southwest Journal.

City Council 7th Ward Update – Lisa Goodman

Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches provides services through the HandyWorks program that supports moderate-income seniors and provides lawn care, snow removal and home repairs. Visit handyworks.gmcc.org.

Oct 27 "Lunch with Lisa" will host a forum for at-large school board candidates.

Ward 7 sidewalk repairs are scheduled for 2013.

SW LRT Station Area Planning/LRT issues – Jeanette Colby

The FTA has agreed to invite KIAA as a consulting party into Section 106 agreements related to historic properties along the SW transitway. For more information go to www.southwesttransitway.org.

Due to the length of the DEIS documents, KIAA will request an extension of the DEIS 45-day comment period.

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EAST ISLES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA)

Submitted by: 78m n Monica Smith, Recorder and Tina Frontera, Secretary
Minutes from the Members Semi-Annual Meeting
October 5, 2010
Grace-Trinity Community Church

Twenty Two East Isles residents plus guests attended the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm. by EIRA President Mark Lofstrom.

Announcements

Mark made the following announcements:

The next meeting of the EIRA Board will be held on Tuesday, November 9th, one week later than the usual meeting date due to elections being held on November 2nd. The focus of the meeting will be the Midtown Greenway, including the proposed removal of the stop signs for trail users at James, Irving and Humboldt Avenues. Representatives from the Midtown Greenway Coalition will be present. Hennepin County Commissioner Peter McLaughlin will be invited to attend. EIRA's liaison to the Greenway Coalition Michael T'Kach will be a featured speaker.

The Wine Tasting fundraiser will be held Wednesday, October 20 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Calhoun Square. The neighborhood will keep 100% of the proceeds from advance ticket sales by EIRA (and one-quarter of proceeds from tickets sold at the door). EIRA board members are selling tickets.

Mark announced two changes in EIRA leadership. Peter Levine has resigned as EIRA treasurer and Al Rodriguez has been elected the new treasurer. Saleem Karmaliani will be taking over the Membership duties from Shanti Mittra. Mark thanked Peter and Shanti for their service.

Chelsea Adams, Crime Prevention Specialist with Minneapolis Police Department

Chelsea invited residents to attend the Lakes Area Crime and Safety meetings on the second Thursday of every month beginning Thursday, October 14th, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at Lunds, 1450 West Lake Street (community conference room). The purpose of the meeting is to provide residents with accurate and up-to-date information about crime activity in the lakes area as well as safety and crime prevention. For more information or to be added to the Crime and Safety mailing list, send an email to lakes.area.safety@gmail.com.

Block leader training will be held on Monday, October 25, 6:30-8 p.m., at the 5th Precinct, 3101 Nicollet Avenue South.

Crime statistics are up slightly from this time last

year. Burglary is down, but theft is up (including a big increase in bicycle theft). Chelsea reminded all to keep personal information safe and to report identity theft immediately.

On September 29th, a suspect entered an unlocked home on the 2800 block of Irving Avenue. The resident was home at the time, and the suspect stole her purse. The suspect was caught by police and is in jail on \$100,000 bail. Her trial begins October 25th, Residents are encouraged to file a Community Impact Statement that will be presented to the judge prior to sentencing. The statement can be e-mailed to Chelsea Adams. Chelsea reminded all to keep doors locked and to call 911 if any suspicious activity is seen. She also recom-

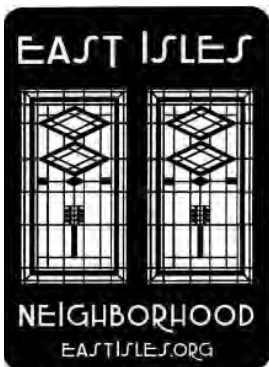
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Join your neighbors for these East Isles events!

Hennepin Lake Community Wine Tasting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 6:00-9:00 P.M.
Calhoun Square

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To purchase your tickets, contact Amy Sanborn at amysanborn18@gmail.com.

EIRA Board of Directors Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 7:00 P.M.*
Grace-Trinity Community Church, 1430 W. 28th Street

The primary focus of this meeting will be the Midtown Greenway. Changes have been proposed to the stop signs for the intersections of the Greenway with Humboldt, Irving, and James Avenues. Community speakers will be present. Attend to learn more, present questions, express your opinion.

For more information, please contact EIRA President, Mark Lofstrom at president@eastisles.com.

East Isles NRP Steering Committee


TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 7:00 P.M.
Grace-Trinity Community Church, 1430 W. 28th Street

Review the results from the NRP priority survey sent to all East Isles residents.


Contact Monica Smith at nrp@eastisles.org for details.

*This meeting is one week later than usual due to the November 2nd elections.


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mends completing a home inventory form and purchasing laptop security software. The software helps track a lost or stolen laptop.

Anita Tabb, IV District Commissioner, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

Anita reported that the Park Board has done some restructuring including layoff of staff for the first time in its history. The Park Board is in the process of hiring a new superintendent. Interviews with candidates will be held on October 6th, and the decision is expected the following week.

The Park Board is working on the budget. They are planning capital improvements and partnering with the Met Council and the City to repair parkways. The street near Parade Stadium is scheduled for repaving.

Milfoil was harvested at Lake of the Isles this summer and is planned for next summer as well.

A Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) is being formed for the Southwest Transitway to help ensure that park amenities will be protected during the construction of the project.

Joanne Levin Triangle Park is scheduled for updating in 2011. The community will have an opportunity to offer input on the park design.

The Park Board has announced a design competition for new parkland property that it purchased on the northeast side of the Mississippi River.

Meg Tuthill, Ward 10 Councilmember, City of Minneapolis

The Lake and Knox developers have applied for a wrecking permit for five properties: 1716, 1720, 1724, and 1728 West Lake Street and 2915 Knox Avenue.

The Mosaic project for Lagoon and Hennepin Avenues was awarded \$11 million in tax-exempt bonds for a six-floor parking ramp. To receive the bonds, the developer needs to secure financing for 1st floor retail space by year's end.

There will be a public comment period regarding the City budget during the City Council's meeting with the Board of Estimate and Taxation on November 18, beginning at 6:05 p.m. in Room 317 City Hall.

Meg also wanted to remind people to send her an e-mail (Meg.Tuthill@ci.minneapolis.mn.us) with ideas about three things you think the City could cut from the budget and three things you believe are essential.

If you would like to sign up to receive Meg's e-newsletter, please send her an e-mail request.

Lunch with Meg is held on the second Tuesday each month. The next meeting is October 12, 12-1 p.m. at the 5th Precinct, 3101 Nicollet Avenue South.

A permit for a privately owned sculpture placed on City property at James Avenue and East Lake of the Isles Parkway has been denied. An appeal has been filed. Meg is accepting public testimony about the sculpture. Please contact Meg's office.

Storm sewer flooding has been a problem in some areas of East Isles. Meg is asking the community for photos of any flooding to document the problem.

Meg thanked East Isles for organizing the Palio festival.

ERIA Membership report

Peter Levine announced that the 2010 EIRA membership campaign has been very successful. 2,100 mem-

bership letters were mailed to residents of East Isles. 133 people responded (24 new members, 109 renewing members) for a 6.3% response rate. The campaign generated \$3,121 (including about \$1,000 in donations). Membership dues are \$15 per year.

Treasurer's report

Al Rodriguez presented the treasurer's report. As of October 1st, EIRA's checking account balance was \$2,632.05 plus an additional \$10,034.32 in savings and CD. The balance of the NRP account is \$2,641.40. EIRA had \$300 in expenses since the last report for Palio. NRP expenses since the last report totaled \$3,284.62. NRP expenses included Hill and Lake Press advertising, printing of the NRP Phase II survey and Monica Smith's wages and expenses.

Al thanked Peter Levine for his service as EIRA treasurer, for a job well done and for a very smooth hand-off of duties and accounts.

Walker Library report, Christina Melloh, EIRA liaison to Walker Library Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

Christina Melloh announced that Vincent James Associates has been selected as the architect for the new Walker Library. The contract is currently being negotiated. The library will be built on the site of the existing library and will have underground parking.

Background information: Christina is a member of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC). The CAC held several public meetings in the past year to develop a vision for the new library. The CAC presented its vision to the Hennepin County Design Selection Committee.

There will be more opportunities for community discussion as the design for the library progresses.

Christina also announced the formation of a Friends of Walker Library group. They have had two meetings to date. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, 6:30 p.m. at Walker Library. The Friends will be holding a book sale fundraiser on Saturday, November 20 at Walker Library. Book donations are being accepted at the library (please bring book donations in a bag or box).

Vote on NRP Phase II Steering Committee

The following people were unanimously approved to serve on the NRP Phase II Steering Committee:

Jerome Ryan, Betsy Allis, Judy Enenstein, Harvey Ettinger, and Nancy Johnston.

NRP Update, Monica Smith, East Isles NRP Coordinator

Monica gave a brief review of NRP, the process and East Isles' NRP Phase I funding. The Steering Committee has been working on an ad hoc basis to begin the Phase II process. The committee has been soliciting ideas from residents at social events in the neighborhood including at National Night Out, the ice cream social and Palio. Betsy Allis and Judy Enenstein helped draft a survey that was mailed to all East Isles neighbors seeking feedback for Phase II funding. The surveys were mailed at the end of September. All residents are encouraged to complete the brief survey today. The survey can be completed either on-line or by returning the postage-paid mailer.

If you are interested in serving on the Steering

Committee or a subcommittee, please contact Monica Smith at nrp@eastisles.com.

The next steps for the Steering Committee will be to review survey results, which will be processed by the NRP office, and begin working on the Phase II Action Plan.

Report on EIRA Activities since April 2010

Mark Lofstrom announced the following changes to the EIRA Board: Jane Shommer, Vice President; Tina Frontera, Secretary; and Al Rodriguez, Treasurer. Additionally, Saleem Karmaliani has taken over membership functions.

Mark thanked Peter for his excellent service as Treasurer.

Mark also acknowledged Amy Sanborn for doing a great job chairing the social committee. Amy has been busy with all the neighborhood events including the ice skating party, pop booth at Uptown Art Fair, the ice cream social and Palio.

Wine Tasting Fundraiser

Amy Sanborn is waiting to hear details on how many volunteers East Isles will need to provide for the Wine Tasting Fundraiser. Please let Amy know if you are interested in volunteering. (Volunteers receive free admittance to the event!)

East Isles Website

Mark is working on updating the East Isles website (www.eastisles.org) to make it more accessible and to keep the information current.

Zoning and Land Use Committee

This committee is holding quarterly meetings plus special meeting as the need arises.

They are monitoring the following projects in East Isles:

Warren residence addition (2844 Irving Avenue)

Sculpture at James Avenue and East Lake of the Isles Parkway

Lake and Knox development

Stop sign changes to Midtown Greenway

Community Energy Services

East Isles is considering partnering with Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) on a community-based energy saving program. The program includes an energy workshop for residents, followed by energy inspection in participating homes (similar to home energy audits). More information will be presented to the EIRA Board at the November meeting.

Participation, Mark learned at a recent mandatory presentation for new partners of CEE, will not only allow East Isles property owners to participate in the current program but will make EIRA eligible to obtain details about and participate in CEE future programs.

Neighborhood & Community Relations

Neighborhood & Community Relations (NCR) is a new department of the City. NCR has drafted a proposed program to provide funding to neighborhood organizations as NRP is being phased out. The funding allocations are being developed. Allocations according to the proposed formula appear to be weighted to provide more dollars to neighborhood with larger populations, lower income levels, and higher crime and foreclosure rates. Written comments on the proposed program are due October 11th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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Jeanette Colby is KIAA's rep to the Park Board's LRT CAC. On Oct 2 she attended a 3-hour tour and discussion of the Mpls parkland abutting the SW LRT right-of-way. For more info visit: www.minneapolisparcs.org under Design and Planning: Southwest Light Rail Community Advisory Committee.

The community members working groups on Station Area Planning will meet Oct. 26.

Eight freight cars derailed on the Kenilworth line near Minikahda Club golf course on Sat., Oct. 2.

Franklin Ave. Sidewalk – Kathy Low

The sidewalk along the north side of Franklin Ave. in Kenwood Park is complete.

The Park Board will hold a public meeting on Oct 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Rec Ctr to discuss the landscape proposals at the sidewalk.

KIAA website – Kathy Williams

KIAA will work with Bruce Camp, Kenwood resident, to update the KIAA website on a monthly basis.

NRP funded playground equipment –Pat Scott

The Park Board has repaired some of the equipment pieces, but Pat Scott will work with Park Board staff to complete the playground repairs.

Walker Library – Pat Scott

Hennepin County is in the process of hiring an architect to design a new Walker Library

Hennepin Lake Community Wine Tasting – Sam Murphy

Wine Tasting at Calhoun Square on Oct. 20. Purchase tickets through Amy Lucas at amylucas@gmail.com or Sam Murphy at smurphy@msn.com.

Other Business

School Board candidate forum will be Thurs. Oct 28 from 7-8:30 p.m. at Kenwood Rec Ctr. All 4 at-large School Board candidates will attend. Mpls League of Women Voters will moderate.

The Bridge for Runaway Youth thanked KIAA for the NRP funds and the new Exec Dir will provide an update at the Feb. 7, 2011 KIAA board meeting.

Henn Co. Hazardous Waste drop-off day on Oct 9, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bryant Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Reminder: The next KIAA Board meeting will be Monday, November 1 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Rec Center. The public is welcome to attend these monthly meetings.

LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

By Janis Clay, Secretary

Board Minutes Tuesday, October 5, 2010

Kenwood Recreation Center

Attendees: Janet Hallaway, Kathy Byrn, Brian Austin, Jimmy Fogel, Craig Wilson, Dan Aronson, Maggie Thurer, Melissa Omafray Townley, Janis Clay, Raj Dash, David Schelzel, David Weinstein, Brian Meeker

Absent: Mark Brauer, Marty Broan

Guests: Lisa Goodman, Barbara Fogel, Sara Peterman, Lee Rosenthal, Yousuf Mamsa, Ruth Shields, Barry Lazarus, George Puzak, Anita Tabb

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Janet Hallaway, noting a quorum was present.

Distribution/Approval of Minutes/Agenda:

Brian Austin moved and Jimmy Fogel seconded approval of the minutes of the Tuesday, September 7, 2010, Board Meeting. Motion passed. Brian Austin moved and Raj Dash seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Community Announcements:

Janet Hallaway discussed the Neighborhood Involvement Program Seniors Program Chore Services. LHNA will co sponsor a school board candidate forum, moderated by the League of Women Voters, at the Kenwood Rec Center on October 20th from 7-8:30PM. A public meeting will be held on October 12th regarding landscaping in connection with the new sidewalk in Kenwood Park. Attendance was encouraged.

Treasurer's Report:

Dan Aronson provided the Treasurer's Report. LHNA is in good shape financially. Bills are paid and money is in the bank.

Introductions:

Board members and guests introduced themselves and noted their favorite neighborhood destinations. This information will be added to our website www.lowryhillneighborhood.org

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: The executive committee has not met to work on bylaw revisions necessary for LHNA to receive future funding from the city. While money will no longer be available from the Neighborhood Revitalization Program, LHNA will be

eligible to receive some money under the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Program. This will be less than under the NRP. The City Council still has to approve the final allocation. In the future LHNA will be more dependent on fundraising activities and donations.

Crime and Safety:

Maggie Thurer discussed the Crime and Safety report and passed it around for review. Crime is up slightly from last year, which was statistically a lowyear. Multi-neighborhood crime & safety meeting will be held at Lunds on Thursday Oct.14.

Planning & Zoning:

David Weinstein updated the Board on several variance requests, including a front porch on a Colfax town home and an extensive renovation of a house on James. The University of Minnesota is studying the Conservation District concept and plans to report findings on the Prospect Park neighborhood at a meeting tentatively set for October 25th. David will keep us updated. Craig Wilson is still working as our representative on the light rail planning process.

Communications/Events:

Janet Hallaway distributed tickets for the upcoming Hennepin Lake Community Wine Tasting. The event is an excellent fund raising opportunity for community organizations like LHNA, which will retain 100% of revenue from ticket sales. Board members are encouraged to sell tickets and to attend the event, held at Calhoun Square on October 20, 2010, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Melissa Omafray Townley will continue to update the LHNA website monthly. The Board discussed ways to promote the site, including placing our banner in the Burch Pharmacy windows.

Lisa Goodman: Seventh Ward City Council

Representative Lisa Goodman discussed a chore program for seniors sponsored by the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, and further detailed the funding LHNA expects to receive from the Neighborhood and Community Engagement program.

Environment:

Craig Wilson distributed a written update on environment. George Puzak updated the

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LETTERS

To the Editor:

"Hennepin County Commissioner Gail Dorfman continues to railroad her project for light rail on the Kenilworth corridor through the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Station Area Planning processes. She started by rejecting any light rail proposals that would serve the residents of Uptown.

Her Hennepin County Railroad Authority staff cooked the ridership numbers to show equal ridership on the Kenilworth corridor route as on a Midtown Greenway route. Now, she has limited citizen input by trying to schedule station area planning meetings at the HCRRRA headquarters next to Target Stadium on the first and second nights of the American League Division series. Her consultants have presented station area plans for the five proposed stops in Minneapolis but have as yet not responded to citizen input to these plans, which propose limiting access to the W. Lake St. shopping areas, cutting off the Minneapolis fire station from Market Plaza, and creating a park and ride in a neighborhood already plagued by traffic congestion, for example. She has continued to push for relocating the freight line from Kenilworth corridor to St. Louis Park, where 100 car freight trains pulled by 4 diesel engines would run right through the middle of St. Louis Park High School, over several grade crossings in a residential neighborhood, and within 20 feet of some of the houses on this corridor. Just 10 days ago, one of these trains derailed at France Avenue; fortunately, it did not contain the 50 tankers of flammable ethanol that now ply this route.

She is running for re-election in November. It is time to speak up and vote her out of office. She has sat on the freight rail relocation for 14 years, as trains have grown more frequent, longer and carrying more hazardous cargo. Voters in SW Minneapolis (and St. Louis Park) need to put her out to pasture by showing up at polling places in our neighborhoods."

Art Higinbotham CIDNA

This is not written as Chair of the CIDNA Board, but as a concerned citizen of our city and county.

Where we are Now.

By Jean Deatruck, Editor

A huge thank you to Shanti Mittra and Amy Sanborn for their leadership and dedication for Palio 2010. Both worked tirelessly as co-chairs and they took Palio to a new and resourceful direction where each neighborhood will rotate the responsibility for Palio in the future. At the close of the event around 4PM on October 2, Shanti and Amy were hauling tables and chairs, picking up trash, and sorting left behind costumes. That day they arrived by 10AM for set up and did physical labor until early evening. Maggie Mercil of the Rec Center also deserves thanks for being part of this marvelous team that ensured that Palio will continue in the future. Palio is a shared community event that adds to the community spirit that prevails in our neighborhoods around Lake of the Isles.

Birchbark Books provides another wonderful gathering place for neighbors. As most of you know, Birchbark Books is owned by neighbor Louise Erdrich and her family. I have enjoyed each of her books and several years ago read *The Master Butchers Singing Club*. We recently saw the Guthrie play by Marsha Norman based on Erdrich's novel and developed and directed by Francesca Zambello. Narrator Step and a Half provided insight into the characters and wove together the rich history and connections of the German immigrants and their Native American neighbors. The acting was excellent and we were pleased to see our friend and neighbor Terry Hempleman play the town drunk Roy Watzka convincingly. Many readers know Elmer Hankes. His daughter Camilla is married to Terry Hempleman. An actor in the family is a good thing. If you haven't read the book, by all means stop at Birchbark and get a copy. And see the play. It runs through November 6.



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Board on matters related to light rail. Anita Tabb updated the Board on Park Board matters, including recent layoffs, the superintendent search, and the budget process. Barbara Fogel distributed a written description of the Phase One and Phase Two plantings in Thomas Lowry Park. All agreed that the irrigation and the new plantings are a big success. The Board gave special recognition to four people especially critical to the project: Craig Wilson, Suzanne Payne, Barbara Fogel and Anita Tabb. David Schelzel discussed the proposed bike rack program and distributed a summary. The Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition would like us to consider a \$7500 contribution. The environment committee will look into matters such as location and construction material for the racks. Craig updated the Board on options for the asphalt median between Douglas and Hennepin Ave. and on the possibility of moving the Thomas Lowry statue from Smith Triangle to Thomas Lowry Park.

Because of the election, LHNA's next board meeting will move from its usual date of the first Tuesday of the month. It will be held on November 9, 2010, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Kenwood Rec Center. All residents are welcome.

Craig Wilson moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Janis Clay seconded the motion. All approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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& Lake neighbors concerned about the Kenilworth corridor area have been told that we must speak up during this period. We need to review the public documents and respond to any concerns about how the expected impacts are treated in the document. Will the trails be adequately maintained? Will the wildlife corridor be protected? Are noise, traffic, and safety impacts fairly measured and addressed? These are just some of the issues that may arise, and apparently we have to raise them during the DEIS public comment period to have hope that they might be addressed as the transit line is designed and built.

Katie Walker, the SWLRT project manager, expects the DEIS to be released in mid-November. Fortunately,

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Commissioner Gail Dorfman recognizes the terrible timing of this, and has asked the FTA to extend the comment period. In the letter below delivered on October 11th, the six neighborhood associations most directly affected by the proposed SWLRT supported her request for extension. We hope to be able to report a positive response to this request in the November issue of the Hill & Lake Press, as well as provide more details about how you can participate in the DEIS public comment process. Special thanks to Jeanette Colby and Pat Scott of Kenwood for their efforts to help coordinate the drafting and distribution of the following letter from affected neighborhoods to Hennepin County Commissioners:

October 5, 2010

Dear Commissioners Dorfman and Stenglein,
Thank you for keeping us informed about the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) process for the proposed \$1.2 billion Southwest light rail transit (SWLRT) line.

We understand the DEIS is expected to be released for public review sometime in November, and that the minimum required period for public comment is only a brief 45 days following release. As you know, this comment period is likely to encompass the end-of-the year holiday season, when members of the public will be very busy with personal and professional commitments.

However, given the importance of this major transportation project and the significant impact it will have on our neighborhoods, we strongly support your seeking an extension of the comment period to at least 70 and up to 90 days regardless of when it is released. This will give our neighborhood groups, area residents, and other interested members of the public more opportunity to review the huge, 1000+ page document and to prepare relevant and reasoned responses. In our view, a longer time frame will enhance the legitimacy and effectiveness of the public process.

Thank you for your help with this request.

Janet Hallaway, Chair
Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association

Art Higinbotham, Chair
Cedar Isles Dean Neighborhood Association

Michael Wagner, Chair
West Calhoun Neighborhood Council

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Budget Feedback

Meg would like your input for the 2011 budget. Please email your top three suggestions of what you think could be cut and your top three priorities for what you do NOT want cut. Please include the word "Budget" in the subject line of your email.

Block Leader Training

Want to be more involved in your neighborhood? Think being a block leader sounds fun? Then come participate in the next precinct-wide Block Leader Training on: Monday, October 25 6:30pm – 8pm. 5th Precinct Community Room (3101 Nicollet Ave). Please forward this information to anyone in the 5th Precinct who you think may be interested!

For questions or to RSVP, please contact Amy Lavendar at 612.673.5407 or amy.lavendar@ci.minneapolis.mn.us . RSVP is appreciated but not required.

Fire Safety Quiz

HOW SAFE IS YOUR HOME FROM FIRE? Test your fire safety knowledge, and help Minneapolis Fire Department at the same time, by taking an online fire safety quiz. This quiz is sponsored by Liberty Mutual's "Be Fire Smart" fire safety resource center, which will reward the departments with the most quiz-takers with a \$10,000 grant to support their fire-education and prevention outreach efforts.

To take the quiz, visit the Fire Safety Pledge Program webpage and click on "Get Started". Be sure to list Minneapolis Fire Department as your local fire department! Although a name, email, zip code, and telephone are required to submit the quiz, this information is NOT used to solicit Liberty Mutual Insurance. It will be used to notify participants of the department winners after the competition is over in the end of October.

Boards and Commissions Open Appointments

The fall cycle for Boards and Commissions Open Appointments process has been launched as of August 18th. This cycle is bigger than the spring cycle with over 100 vacancies. To view boards and commissions that have openings, please visit their webpage.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Meintsma, Program Assistant, Office of the City Clerk, 612-673-3358; julie.meintsma@ci.minneapolis.mn.us

Hennepin Lake Community Wine Tasting

This year's Wine Tasting will be held on Wednesday, October 20th from 5-8 pm in Calhoun Square. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door and will go on sale starting Sept. 10th. You can purchase tickets from representatives of the following neighborhoods: CARAG, ECCO, EIRA, LHNA, KIAA, Whittier, Lyndale, CIDNA, and LHENA. 100% of the ticket proceeds from advance sales will go to the neighborhood you purchase your ticket from. So go out, support your local neighborhood, and have a great time doing it!

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Apples, Glorious Apples

By Madeleine Lowry

I don't think I have to tell you that it's apple season, good neighbors. And that there are oh-so-many kinds of local apples to choose from. It seems that everyone has their favorite variety. We're a bit spoiled for choice.



When I was a kid, apples were simple. They were green or red. You sliced them, you ate them. Now everything is exponentially more complicated.

Hoof it over to the Wedge Community Co-op and you'll find at least five varieties to choose from. But which one is best? Ask the question and you'll get a question back: What do you want to do with them? Sauce? Pie? Eating? Caramel apples? Jelly? Salad?

This soon leads to apple information overload. I need a cheat sheet to keep it all straight. Don't you? I'll share mine. Here's what I've got:

If you want a crisp apple to eat fresh try Haralson (tart), McIntosh (mildly tart), Paula Red (mildly tart), Regent (sweet), Honeycrisp (sweet), Honeygold (yellow or green, sweet), Keepsake (hard, sweet, unusual flavor) or Fireside (sweet, low-acid). Honeycrisp and Cortland are best for salads.

If you want an apple that won't turn to mush when you bake it, choose Haralson, Regent or Fireside (or its cousin Connell Red). Honeycrisp is an excellent choice as well, but usually too expensive to bake with.

If you want an apple to cook with or for making applesauce, try McIntosh, Paula Red, Honeygold or Cortland.

For caramel apples try McIntosh, Haralson or Paula Red. For jelly try McIntosh, Cortland, Regent or Haralson.

These crisp fall days are perfect for a visit to an apple orchard. A hayride, a run through the corn maze, a few cider donuts and it really starts to feel like fall.

Invariably you will come home with more apples than you bargained for. When that happens I like to make my favorite apple cake. It's simple to prepare and makes a moist fragrant cake. Try it!

Maine Apple Cake

4 1/2 cups diced apples (about 4-5 medium apples. I don't peel them.)

- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 2 cups flour (I use 1 c whole wheat + 1 c white)
- 1 3/4 cups sugar
- 3/4 cup chopped walnuts
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp salt

Mix the apples and sugar together in a large bowl. Add the eggs, oil, nuts and vanilla. Stir well.

In a separate bowl, mix the remaining dry ingredients (flour, baking soda, cinnamon, salt) and add them to the apple mixture. Mix well.

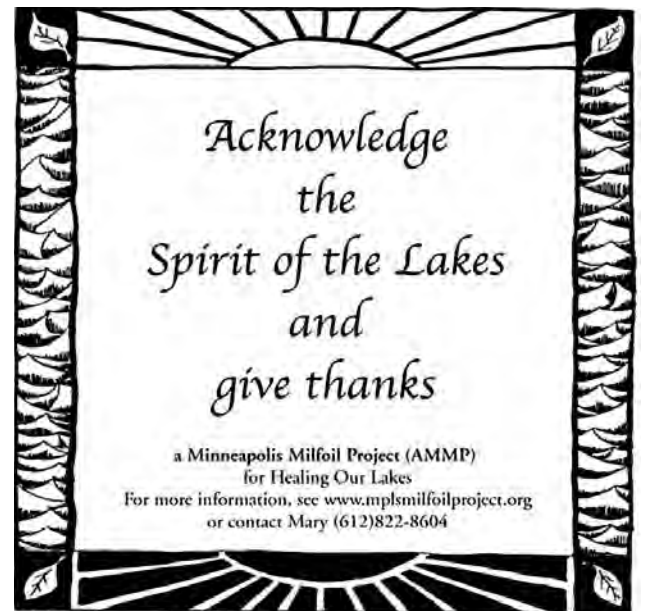
Bake in a greased 13x9" pan for 50 minutes at 350 degrees.

Happy fall!

Susan with Cleo



It is with deep bereavement we report that our beloved Hill Lake Weimaraner Cleo Lowry passed away from a struggle with cancer earlier this month. Cleo and her mom Susan Lowry are known throughout the Hill Lake community for their frequent and long walks and visits with neighbors and passersby. One neighbor describes the pair as the "glue of our community, connecting us all because they know everyone." Cleo spent her last day in the sun with Susan and surrounded by neighbors and loved ones. Donations can be made in Cleo's name to Home for Life, www.homeforlife.org, the Animal Sanctuary of St. Croix Valley, a 501c3 non-profit that "provides animals with loving care, a nurturing environment that is safe and stable, a place to belong... a home for life".



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Bryant Ave Bike Blvd Update

The final layout for the Bryant Ave Bike Blvd is now on the city's website. To check out the final layout, visit the Bryant Ave Bike Blvd webpage, and click on the "Final Project Layout" link. Scroll down to read the August 29, 2010 project update. Construction is now scheduled to begin in 2011. When the project was originally being planned, an ambitious time line was adopted in the hopes the project could be completed this year. Unfortunately, the final steps of the planning process took longer than we anticipated so we were unable to meet the desired timeline.

Rental Property Owners Workshop

The Minneapolis Police Department and Minneapolis Housing Inspections are hosting a rental property owners workshop on Thursday, November 18th at the Third Precinct. The workshop provides owners and managers with information, resources and opportunities to network with other property owners. The workshop will include:

- The ABCs of property management
- Working with the Minneapolis Police Department
- Tenant behavior issues
- Hennepin County Housing Court information
- Networking opportunities

For more information, please visit the workshop's webpage.

sand upon the waters

By Tom H. Cook

There can be no real freedom without the freedom to fail.

Erich Fromm

I am from Iowa. I lived there until I was 24... I didn't know you were allowed to leave.

Jake Johannsen (San Francisco comic)

I guess one person can make a difference, but most of the time, they probably shouldn't.

Marge Simpson

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both...*

Robert Frost (The Road Not Taken)

Free will is a terrifying notion especially when you exercise it. I hesitate to broach the subject because the odds are astronomically high that I will come off sounding clueless and self-serving, a departure from my petty and ungracious nature. Coming back to Minnesota brings out deeply conflicted feelings I harbor about leaving my adopted home. When I talk with friends whose families made huge life changing moves, there were usually Cossacks involved in the decision. For JoAnne and me, it was a heart wrenching choice that was not influenced by the Ninth District Court of Appeals. My new life (eight years already) is filled with friends, activities, and as much meaning as I am likely to find in southern California.

I make it harder by visiting in early October (note to self: come back in February). There is nothing more enjoyable than wandering the streets of Minneapolis on a beautiful fall day. I walked Lake of the Isles, the Greenway, and the newest incarnation of Calhoun

Square. For those who take HLP land for granted as I once did, the bustle of young people, the abundance of dogs, and the leaves beginning to turn can't help but imbue one with a sense of optimism.

Even my friends with little interest in sports have been to the new Twins stadium. Their joy and civic pride is so evident that I couldn't help but smile. Minnesotans look for ways to build community, and Target Field is a good example. After I went to a game (a 13-2 drubbing by Toronto) I was so in awe of the experience, I happily leaped on the bandwagon. Still, challenges abound. Which highway entrances and exits are not under construction? How do you get across town without Crosstown? There are many, many houses for sale, yet coming from bankrupt California, the local economy looks fairly healthy.

I sense I am avoiding the existential question. Should a decision of the magnitude of where to live be left to someone so quixotic, and ill informed? I was a (very) young Republican. I attended a Mamas and Papas concert. I bought Circuit City stock at 42. I wore bell bottoms, for goodness sake. I didn't install it, but I lived with orange shag carpeting. What would suggest that I am an informed decision maker?

The more I consider it, the question is not happiness or fulfillment. JoAnne and I love our life in California while we miss our old house, friends, and the spirit of the neighborhood. I am occasionally (all right, daily) dwarfed by the decision. I am not suggesting a Politburo, or even a 5.2 computer software update to guide our major life choices, comrade. It is just difficult having no one to blame. Moving states doesn't compare to religious conversion, changing genders, launching a new career, or enlisting in the military. Where do people with options find the strength to roll the dice and commit to a new life?

Tom H. Cook was disappointed to see the Twins season end so ignobly. After eight years he is still whining about missing the fall colors.

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