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CIDNA Opposes 13-Story Apartment Project

By Michael Wilson, CIDNA and Midtown Greenway Coalition Boards and Bob Corrick, Chair, CIDNA Land Use and Development Committee
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The Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association (CIDNA) Board unanimously adopted a resolution at its April meeting on Wednesday opposing a 13-story apartment tower proposed for 2622 West Lake, across Thomas Ave. from the Calhoun Beach Club Apartments and just south of the Midtown Greenway. In the same resolution CIDNA supported aesthetically designed, moderate-density development on the site that respects the sensitive and complex context of the surrounding parks, lakes, Greenway, and residential properties.

The site is currently zoned OR2 (Office Residential), which limits height to 56 feet. It lies within the Shoreland Overlay District, which limits height to 35 feet. The Midtown Greenway Plan provides guidance of 4 to 5 stories. The developer, Bigos Management, proposes to rezone the property to R6 because OR2 zoning does not permit the desired project density.

The developer envisions a luxury address with panoramic views of the lakes and the city. The tower would be located on the southeast corner of the site. There would be 162 apartments with average size of 815 square feet. Parking would be covered with a large greened plaza on the parking roof. The developer has not yet formally applied for city approval.

Questions were raised during a presentation and public comment meeting on April 9 hosted by the CIDNA Land Use and Development Committee about traffic, parking, access for delivery trucks, shadowing of the Greenway, and the effect on wind currents for sailors on Lake Calhoun. Concern was also expressed about the tower's mass being inappropriate for the residential character of the surrounding neighborhood. Arlene Fried, Sally Anson, and Harriet Horwitz provided history of the Shoreland Overlay Ordinance and the community's longstanding opposition to towers on the lakes. Christina Melloh was concerned that the community would not receive sufficient benefit for height and

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Bigos 136-Foot Tower

Drawings courtesy of Bigos Management



Bigos L-Shaped 88-foot Tower



Bigos C-Shaped 56-Foot

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Lunch with Lisa

April 25 noon

Join Council Member Lisa Goodman for lunch and conversation: Richard Anderson & Shawn Murphy from the Bicycle Advisory Committee & Don Ostrom from the Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

Find out what has been done, what we are doing, and where we are going with the bike and pedestrian systems.

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Come early to get your lunch and a good seat

HEID ERDRICH POETRY READING

Friday, April 20th @ 7pm

Bockley Gallery

(2 doors down from Birchbark Books)

Heid Erdrich will be reading from her new book *Cell Traffic: New and Selected Poems*. This will also be your last chance to see the Dyani White Hawk exhibit at the Bockley Gallery. Join us for an evening of great poetry and art!

Receive a FREE Art-Poem (signed by Heid) with purchase of *Cell Traffic* from Birchbark Books.

ANTON TREUER BOOK LAUNCH

Thursday, May 3rd @ 7pm

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

1917 Logan Avenue South, Minneapolis

Join Birchbark Books and the Minnesota Historical Society Press as we welcome Anton Treuer to celebrate the launch of his new book *Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians but Were Afraid to Ask*.

What have you always wanted to know about Indians? Do you think you should already know the answers—or suspect that your questions may be offensive? In matter-of-fact responses to over 120 questions, both thoughtful and outrageous, modern and historical, Ojibwe scholar and cultural preservationist Anton Treuer gives a frank, funny, and sometimes personal tour of what's up with Indians, anyway.

Anton Treuer is the author of Birchbark favorites *The Assassination of Hole in the Day* and *Ojibwe in Minnesota*. He is Professor of Ojibwe at Bemidji State University.

KRIS BIGALK, HEID ERDRICH, AND ELIZABETH AUSTEN @ THE LOFT

Monday, May 14th @ 7pm

The Loft Literary Center, 1011 Washington Ave S # 301, Minneapolis

Poets Kris Bigalk, Heid Erdrich, and Elizabeth Austen will read from their recently released books. Kris Bigalk is the author of the poetry collection *Repeat the Flesh in Numbers*. Elizabeth Austen is the author of *Every Dress a Decision* and two chapbooks, *The Girl Who Goes Alone* and *Where Currents Meet*. Heid E. Erdrich is the author of four books of poems and is a winner of a Minnesota Book Award in poetry for *National Monuments*.

Receive a FREE Art-Poem (signed by Heid) with purchase of *Cell Traffic* from Birchbark Books.

MINNEAPOLIS AUDUBON SOCIETY

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Friday, May 11, 2012 1 p.m.

Gerda Nordquist, Minnesota DNR Mammalogist, will discuss "The Year of the Bat: Minnesota Bats and the White-nose Threat," a problem that concerns us all. The Bryant Square Neighborhood Center, just one block south of Lake Street, is easily accessible via the #4 bus, which runs every 15 minutes. Please join the Minneapolis Audubon Society at 31st & Bryant Avenue S for the program and refreshments! For more information call 952-926-4205.

SISTERS WHO LEAD AND READ: A FUNDRAISER FOR THE LOFT

Wednesday, May 2nd @ 5pm

The Loft Literary Center

1011 Washington Ave S # 301, Minneapolis

Tickets: \$100/person

Reading, discussion, and book signing with Louise Erdrich and Heid Erdrich. Heid will read from her latest collection of poetry, *Cell Traffic: New and Selected Poems*, and Louise will give a special preview reading from her forthcoming novel, *The Round House*, which will be released in October 2012.

RSVP: Contact Hannah at 612-215-2582 or hholman@loft.org (Seating is limited, reserve your tickets today!)

MARILYN NELSON READING FOR LITERARY WITNESSES

Monday, May 21st @ 7:30pm

Plymouth Congregational Church

1900 Nicollet Ave S, Minneapolis

Distinguished poet Marilyn Nelson will read for the Literary Witnesses series at Plymouth Congregational Church. She is the author or translator of fourteen books, including *The Homeplace* and *The Fields of Praise*, both of which were finalists for the National Book Award. The reading will take place in Guild Hall. A reception will follow and books will be available for purchase through Birchbark Books.

POET MARILYN NELSON TO READ FOR LITERARY WITNESSES

ON MONDAY, MAY 21 at 7:30PM

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HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

April 20, 7pm Heid Erdrich poetry reading, Bockley Gallery, Kenwood

April 21, Earth Day 9:30am; East Isles will have a site on the east side of the lake (at 27th St). Plus, East Isles is having an Honor Earth Day event.

April 21, 10-3pm Health & Wellness Fair, Lake & Excelsior

April 24, 6:30pm Park Siding mtg Jones Harrison
April 24, 5:30, Wartime Veterans Information Event Jones Harrison

April 25, noon, Lunch with Lisa at St. Thomas
May 2, 5pm, Louise and Heid Erdrich reading at The Loft

May 3, 7pm, Anton Treuer Book Launch, St. Paul's Episcopal Church

May 6, 5pm Kenwood's 50th anniversary

May 9, 5:45pm CIDNA Annual Mtg, Jones Harrison

May 9, 7pm Bao Phi and Ed Bok Lee reading at St. Paul's Church

May 11, 1pm Audubon, Bryant Square Center

May 14, 7pm, Kris Bigalk, Heid Erdrich, & Elizabeth Austen @ The Loft

May 15, 6pm LHNA annual meeting Walker Art Ctr
May 17, 11:30am IMS Rm 185 21st Annual Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Awards

May 21, 7:30pm Marilyn Nelson reading, Plymouth Congregational Church

June 16 Rock the Garden

NEIGHBORHOOD MONTHLY MEETINGS:

CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday 6pm at Jones-Harrison

EIRA: 2nd Tuesday 7pm at Grace-Trinity Church

KIAA: 1st Monday 7pm Kenwood Rec Center,

LHNA: 1st Tuesday 7pm at Kenwood Rec Center

JONES-HARRISON

Jones-Harrison is sponsoring an informational seminar put on by The American Association for Wartime Veterans on April 24th at 5:30 p.m. The seminar will cover a pension benefit that veterans may not know about. This tax free benefit may help offset the cost of Assisted Living, skilled nursing care and enhanced independent living. A light supper will be provided please contact Resident Services at 612-920-2030 if you want to attend.

READING ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 9 AT 7 PM WILL BE BAO PHI AND ED BOK LEE. Both have books out now from Coffeehouse Press, and Ed Bok Lee is a finalist for this year's Minnesota Book Award for poetry.

<http://www.coffeehousepress.org/> The series has a new home at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 1917 Logan Avenue South (northeast corner of Logan and West Franklin Avenues)

Curated by Michael Kiesow Moore, the Birchbark Books Reading Series features new, emerging, and established writers on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, from September through May.

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Roosevelt High School Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, April 22, 2012, from 8 am to 1 pm, Roosevelt High School, 4029 28th AVE S, Minneapolis, MN 55406

To raise funds for student scholarships and educational grants. To bring old friends, community members and alumni together for a morning of fun, friendship, and food.

Cost: Breakfast tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ten and under.

MPRB

In late March or early April, a Conservation Corps crew, under the supervision of the MPRB staff, will spend a day removing the non-native invasive species buckthorn from the east side of Brownie Lake where it is hanging over the walking path near the lake. Once cut, the brush will be lifted out of the basin and removed from the area. This is part of an ongoing effort to remove non-native invasives from the basin area and to eventually replant with native species.



MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: THE BRIDGE FOR YOUTH

By Janet Hallaway

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

I was born on the West Bank of the University in 1970 when a lot of runaway kids were living on the streets. Community members were concerned about their safety. The longer kids stay on the street, the greater their risk for exploitation. A nun offered to house some of the runaways. Later, she secured property on 20th Avenue South, opening a permanent shelter for youth.

SO, A NUN GAVE BIRTH TO THE BRIDGE?

Yes, you could say that. .

WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO OUR FAIR NEIGHBORHOOD?

In 1975, I purchased my current home at the corner of 22nd and Emerson. It was an improvement to be in a real house and in a safe neighborhood. As my family grew, I later embarked on the ubiquitous remodeling project! With community support, I purchased a handsome brick building across the street at 1111 West 22nd and tacked on a new wing.

TELL ME ABOUT YOUR "FAMILY"?

On any given day, I can house up to fourteen youth ages 10-17 in my Emergency Shelter. Kids from all over the Twin Cities arrive on my doorstep in crisis. Dropped off by parents, police, or social workers, or arriving by taxi or on foot, they need a safe place for the night. Counselors work intensely with these kids for up to four days, addressing underlying crisis, uncovering hidden strengths, and reuniting kids with family.

Some youth have little or no option of returning home. So, my other "family members" include those living in the Transitional Living program. Staff provide instruction on basic skills like cooking, cleaning, and bill paying with the goal of transitioning these kids from dormitory-style living to independent, apartment-living within 18 months.



The Bridge at 22nd and Emerson

I also have "extended family" living in rent subsidized apartments around the Twin Cities. These young people work, attend school, and access counseling services from The Bridge.

THAT'S QUITE A FAMILY. WHAT ARE YOU PROUD OF?

I'm proud of their resiliency. I see twelve- year olds

calling police to remove them from home because it's not safe, fourteen- year olds are couch-hopping because they're not wanted, and sixteen- year olds are sent packing because they are gay. Amidst a backdrop of broken families, chemical dependency, mental illness, and abuse, kids find inner strength. They pick themselves up, dust

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MINNEAPOLIS MINDS From Kenwood to Kenya

By Steve Kotvis

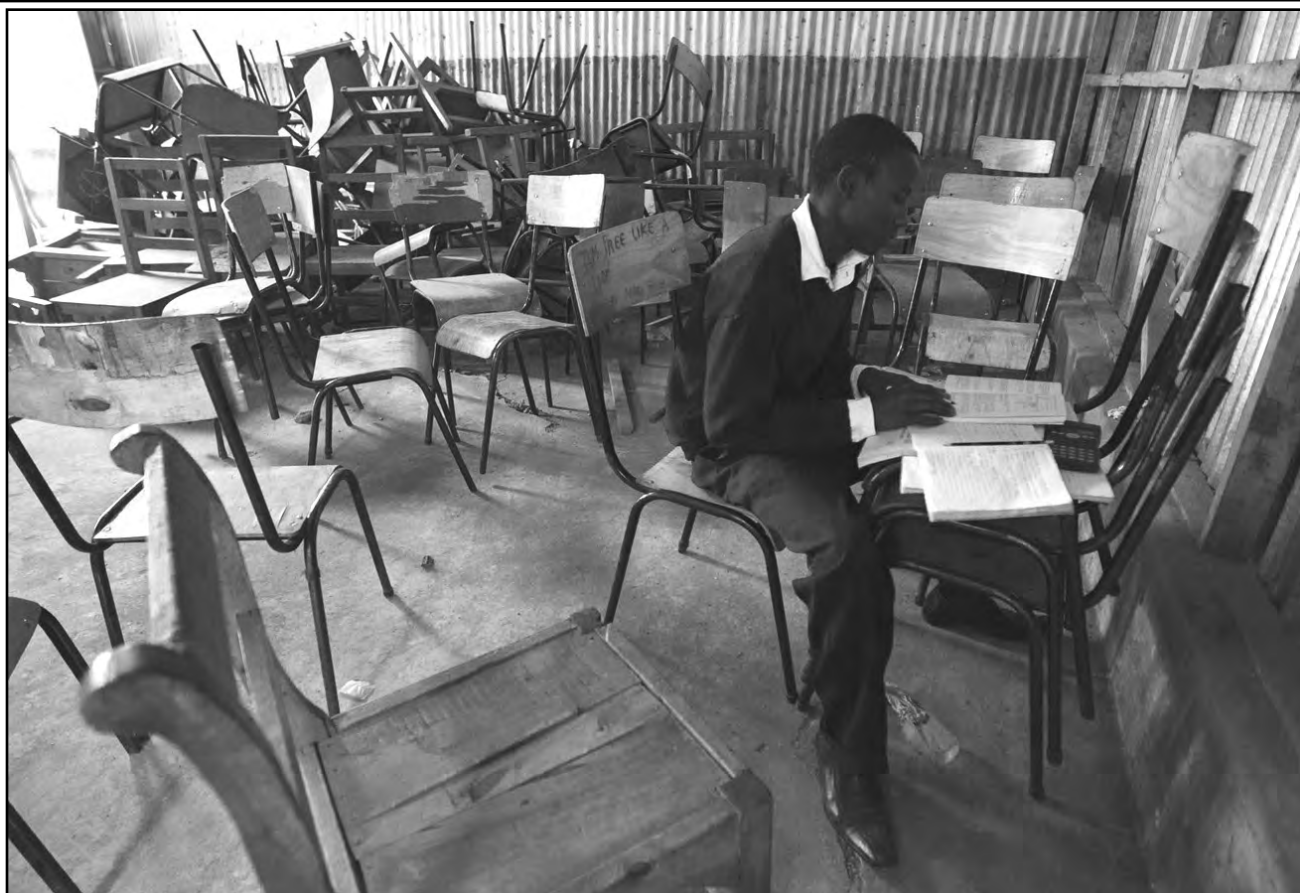
"Steve, don't be sad," a fifth-grader looked up with her broadening warm smile as she noticed my eyes welling up. I was trying my hardest to contain myself as I bid goodbyes to the couple hundred students at Friends of Ngong Road's Saturday Program. This had been my third and last visit to the weekly program before I was to return the next day from Kenya to Kenwood.

Not simply a two-plus week visit. This was an experience. Immersed as a volunteer photographer, videographer and interviewer, I found myself amid the homes, schools and lifestyles of children living in the poorest slums of Nairobi. These were children who were among the two students we sponsor, David and Nahashon, in the Minneapolis-based Friends of Ngong Road (www.ngongroad.org) education program that operates in several schools across Nairobi.

Without running water, sewage, electricity or often enough food, these students find ways to separate themselves from the chaos and distractions that surround them to focus on their schooling. Living with six to ten extended family members in their corrugated steel homes no larger than a one-car garage, it's a challenge for these students to find a quiet place to study. When the sun sets each night (near the equator, so not much later than 7 p.m.), finding a way to read or do homework is nearly impossible in these slums without reliable power for lights. Growing up as orphans or having lost at least one of their parents to HIV/AIDS is undoubtedly disparaging. Yet, these children look beyond their immediate circumstances and focus on the hope and promise that their education offers them to break from the cycle of poverty.

"Steve, you are tired. You need to rest," consoled an 11-year old as he saw me become weary following a one-hour end-of-day photo free-for-all. The few dozen students and I were capping off the end of a full day following a formal anniversary celebration event for the Friends of Ngong Road. These kids rarely, if ever, get photographed. So when the camera gets pointed in their direction, there's a limitless stream of faces swarming to get in front of the lens. We ran and ran and I shot and shot until I had no more.

Noticing my exhaustion, the older children thoughtfully responded, and shoed away the younger ones and explained. He's done. Just as I was wrapping up, three eight-year old girls raced forward hand-in-hand offering,



Students living in the slums of Nairobi seem to possess an acute ability to filter out chaos and distractions and focus on their studies.

Photo by Steve Kotvis

"Nod your head." I leaned over, complied, and they chanted a short sing-song tune. Two ran off and I asked the later, "Wait! What did you sing?" She giddily answered, "You are to be honored. You are to be admired." — Oh, boy. Talk about being appreciated.

"My name is John," answered a 12-year old during my second week's visit. John rarely smiled, so I noticed how he was unique among most all other Friends of Ngong Road students his age. He wasn't sad. Rather, he projected toughness. As an emerging adolescent, he understands. He's living in a severely harsh environment. Toughness is required to survive. I responded with a handshake, "Hi John. I'm Steve. . . . I like you." John shook my hand firmly, "I like you." He's taken notice of what I'm doing here, and it's good with him. On the last day of my visit I saw John, and made a point of recognizing him. As he participated in a circle of students singing a group song with the lyrics, "I love you," John broke from the eyeing the center of the circle, turned

around and simply said, "I love you Steve." — I was touched.

I went to Nairobi with an itinerary that afforded me the opportunity to experience the center of these children's lives and the role education is playing for them. Education is making a big difference, with Nairobi's incidence of HIV/AIDS dropping at astounding rates. Literacy and academic performance in Nairobi are also improving. But what remains with me is a real sense of hope and promise. After all, these children, who have so little, have so much to give.

Steve Kotvis, a Kenwood resident who is an active volunteer in community and education issues has written Minneapolis Minds about public education since January 2008. He is also a photographer and posts images, including many from his Kenyan travels, on f/go (www.f-go.us). Please feel free to share your comments, opinions or insights with him at stevek@f-go.us.



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION

All Kenwood residents are invited to attend the
50th Anniversary celebration of KIAA

SUNDAY, MAY 6 from 5-7 p.m. at Kenwood Park*

The annual meeting festivities will include **free** food, drink and music by the Twang Cities, a band with Kenwood roots. Bring the family and a blanket and visit with old and new neighborhood friends. There will be a special thanks to past board members and a call for new board members.

*In case of rain, Kenwood Rec Center

Good News for the Neighborhood

Don Saunders, chef/owner of In Season in southwest Minneapolis has leased the space vacated by the Kenwood Cafe.

Kenwood resident Jim Smart of Smart Associates, is designing the restaurant.

Many residents are familiar with In Season. We are excited about the prospect of a fine restaurant in beautiful downtown Kenwood. Residents have been worried about the falloff in traffic to the adjacent businesses since Kenwood Cafe closed. And we have all missed the opportunity to meet our friends for coffee, snacks, and meals.

Opening date is uncertain, but it will probably be later in the summer.

Hill and Lake Press will feature a story about the new restaurant in the May issue.



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Jim Hodges Sculpture Acquired by Walker Art Center



Untitled, a new outdoor sculptural work by artist Jim Hodges, recently acquired by the Walker Art Center, was installed on April 11 on the four-acre stretch of green space adjacent to both the Walker and the Sculpture Garden. It will be formally dedicated at a ceremony at the Walker at 6 pm on April 26. Hodges visited the Walker as part of the installation process and will return for the dedication.

Photo by Dorothy Childers

Kenwood 1962

By Lori Johnson

The year was 1962, John F. Kennedy was President, ABC began broadcasting in color, the Beatles had their broadcast debut on BBC and on July 24, when Roses are Red by Bobby Vinton was at the top of the charts, the Kenwood Isles Area Association held their first meeting. Donald Weesner, a life-long resident of Lake of the Isles Parkway wrote a letter to residents of the neighborhood inviting them to join this new association to represent the interests of residents in maintaining and enhancing the neighborhood.

A lot has changed in 50 years: President Obama leads us, Justin Bieber makes hearts throb, we walk around the lake talking on our phones, and satellites beam over 500 channels to your television. Still, once a month Kenwood Isles Area Association, a group of our neighbors, meets to discuss issues that affect the livability of Kenwood.

In the 70s KIAA was instrumental in guiding the design of the one-way traffic circulation around Lake of the Isles, they surveyed the neighborhood about the location of the tennis courts in Kenwood Park, and began injecting elm trees to prevent Dutch Elm disease. In the 80s they helped get historic designation for the Water Tower and helped facilitate the building of the Kenwood Rec Center. The 1990s brought Neighborhood Revitalization Program funds to the association. The money was used to update the playground equipment at the park and school, and address water quality, safety, and traffic concerns. The current board is more likely to discuss Parade Stadium road construction, Light Rail plans, Crime and Safety concerns, and Earth Day activities than people who are not dressed in "attire suitable for street wear" which was one of Mr. Weesner's concerns.

KIAA plans to celebrate its 50th anniversary at a May 6 celebration from 5:00 – 7:00. Whether you remember Donald, were on the board in one of the past decades, or just moved into the neighborhood, come meet your neighbors. You'll enjoy the food, music, fun, and learn about the current issues and concerns of your neighborhood.

FRIENDS OF THOMAS LOWRY PARK

By Barb Fogel and Barry Lazarus

Hello all. Welcome to Spring. Watch as Thomas Lowry Park sheds its winter face and gives us its Spring smile.

Beginning this Spring, and again in the Summer and Fall, Tangletown Gardens will again plant the urn in the triangle bed in the Park. Thanks to your donations, the \$2500 cost is affordable this year. Look for the wonderful design of Tangletown Gardens to appear in the next few weeks.

Dr. Eric Schned, a Board member of Friends of TLP, has undertaken the project of coordination with the MPRB to have memorial bricks placed within the Park. This project will not only help beautify the Park, but allow Friends to raise operating funds to continue to supplement the Park maintenance. Eric has been working with the Friends of Loring Park who have a successful memorial brick program. Friends of Loring Park has been very cooperative with Eric to provide ideas and the mechanics to present to the MPRB to commence a program for Friends of TLP.

Barb wants to remind all you green thumbs out there that the second Saturday of each month, at 10am, is the volunteer day to work in the Park until noon. Friends wants all of you to know that maintenance is the most crucial issue facing the Park. the MPRB has limited resources to devote to the Park. It will only provide

basic services such as mowing. It is up to all of us to pitch in to keep the Park in a condition which is not only beautiful to look at, but walk or sit within. To date, Bill Payne has done most of the Spring clean up with a generous donation of his time. Thanks also to Peg Birk, a Park neighbor, for her help as well. Sebastian Joe's is willing to donate some rose bushes and hydrangeas to Friends. For those volunteers in May, Barb will arrange for a rose bush or hydrangea for your personal use as a thank you. Please call Barb at 612-377-5555 or email her at bfogel@comcast.net to sign up for your reward.

See you in the Park...hopefully with gloves on ready to work.



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Stroll Minneapolis: 55+ Walking Series

Come out and explore Minneapolis! Join the 55+ strollers and enjoy the benefits of a valuable support network, new friendships and great exercise! These strolls are designed to offer an easy, pleasant social walking experience.

Strolls will take place at 10 a.m. on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, March to August 2012. Stroll distances are 1½ to 2 miles. The Uptown area will be covered in the May 2nd walk and the Whittier area will be covered June 6th. All events are free. No registration required. We welcome strollers of all abilities!

For more information on future Walking Wednesdays and to download the brochure, visit www.minneapolis.mn.gov/bicycles/events/WCMS1P-088572.

Earth Day is April 22nd!

The City of Minneapolis along with many other organizations will be hosting a variety of Earth Day events. Watch for more information in Meg's April newsletter. To sign up for my newsletter, please contact Breanna Patsch, 10th Ward Associate, at breanna.patsch@minneapolis.mn.gov or 612-673-2210. If emailing, please give your neighborhood.

Changes Made to Minneapolis Hood Cleaning Ordinance

A recent change to the Minneapolis Hood Cleaning Ordinance will reduce the financial and regulatory burden on restaurants.

State law requires restaurant hoods which collect grease laden vapors to be cleaned twice a year. A change to Minneapolis' hood cleaning ordinance in 2009 required restaurant owners to pull a permit every time a restaurant's hood is cleaned. With the newest change, a permit is only needed for the two annual required cleanings. The base price to pull a permit is \$133.

The changes were co-authored by Council Member Elizabeth Glidden and me in response to concerns raised by restaurant owners.

I've had numerous restaurant owners tell me they have their hoods cleaned quarterly, some more often than that. Pulling a permit for every cleaning adds up.

Some restaurant owners have told me the annual

savings will be \$300 or more. I know from running my own business for over 30 years how this all adds up. Part of the job of government is to stream line regulations to encourage an entrepreneurial spirit in Minneapolis.

The proposed changes to the Hood Cleaning Ordinance were approved by the Minneapolis City Council on March 8th and became effective on March 17th.

New Branding Logo for South Hennepin Business Association

New signs promoting the "Lowry Hill District" are now up on streetlight poles in the South Hennepin Special Service District. In the works for two years, the South Hennepin Business Association started this project after a survey of local businesses showed a need for a new identity different than the "Uptown" brand. After much discussion and deliberation, the "Lowry Hill District" was chosen to represent and honor Hennepin Ave (from Douglas Avenue to West 28th Street) and the local community.

The approximately 150 signs were 100% funded by the South Hennepin Special Service District, which will also maintain them.

Boards and Commissions Vacancies

There are currently 11 boards and commissions with vacancies. Application review process will begin Friday, April 13th. With a few exceptions, vacancies are open until filled. For more information and to see what boards and commissions have vacancies, please visit www.minneapolis.mn.gov/boards/openings/index.htm.

Meet with Meg!

Meet with Meg is held the second Tuesday of every month 12-1pm at the 5th Precinct's Community Room (3101 Nicollet Ave S). Meet with Meg is a chance to ask questions, and voice any concerns you may have. Bring your sack lunch! Cookies and lemonade are provided!

MPRB**Hold off pruning ash trees until fall**

Emerald ash borers are active now through Labor Day. As our trees, grass and flowers responded to an earlier spring this year, so did a beetle that attacks and kills ash trees. Emerald ash borers are present in Minneapolis and are normally active from May through Labor Day, but thanks to the warm spring this year they are considered active April 18 by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. If you have an ash tree in your yard, it is important not to prune it this time of year or move any part of an ash tree (firewood, branches, etc.) while the pests are active. Inadvertently moving the pests helps them spread to uncontaminated areas.

Emerald ash borers are a major concern because they have caused the deaths of millions of ash trees in 13 states, and approximately 20 percent of the tree canopy in Minneapolis consists of ash trees. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture has issued a state quarantine on firewood, ash trees, and ash tree products in Hennepin, Ramsey, Houston and Winona counties to slow the spread of emerald ash borers.

Kenwood School Raises Funds for Full Day Kindergarten; Spring Musical a Great Success

By Nicole Valentine

For the eighth year in a row, the Kenwood School community has successfully raised enough funds to offer only full day Kindergarten for the 2012-2013 school year. Because of the added learning, social, and playtime a full day schedule allows, the school community has made funding for full day Kindergarten a priority.

The School District provides Kenwood with only one full day Kindergarten classroom, so the community raises funds to "buy up" the two remaining classes. This year, over \$88,000 was raised to secure the three full day classrooms for next year. "This is a wonderful accomplishment for a school as small as ours, especially in light of the ongoing stresses in the economy. The community's continued support is greatly appreciated," said Principal Cheryl Martin.

Campaign co-chair and Kenwood resident Stephanie Bell said, "Full day Kindergarten for all allows all incoming students to benefit from the school's well-rounded curriculum. Without a full day schedule, the literacy and math work time would suffer, and the children wouldn't benefit from the school's arts residencies or specialist teachers such as music, art, and physical education. In addition, full day students get to participate in recess and more playtime, which is important to developing children."

Community Liaison and Lowry Hill resident Sue Payne said, "The generosity of this community continues to astound me. It is really behind its neighborhood school."

Tuesday, March 20th Kenwood School held its annual Family Activity Night. Events at the school that evening included a free pasta dinner sponsored by the PTA, a book sale to benefit the Media Center, food collection to benefit the Community Emergency Service Food Shelf, and a "barn dance" in the gym.

"This is such a popular community building event for our families. They get to visit with each other, enjoy a free dinner together, and kick up their heels all in one place and during one event," said Principal Cheryl Martin. Over 600 dinners were served at the school that night.

The barn dance in the gym provided students an opportunity to show off what they learned during the all-school Roots Dance Residency, which was held earlier this spring. East Isles Residents, Kenwood alum parents, and ethnic music and dance experts Bob and Julie Young-Walser work with Kenwood music teacher Cindi Quehl each year to offer this unique learning opportunity to the students. Over the course of about a week, each grade learns about ethnic music and dance from around the world. As always, the dancers were fortunate to be accompanied by a live band made up of volunteer parents, teachers, and former students.

And right before Spring Break, the school's multi-purpose room was transformed into a theater in which The Wizard of Oz was performed for friends and family. Each spring, Kenwood School presents an outstanding musical play which is becoming an annual "not

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The annual event involves picking up trash in Minneapolis parks, neighborhoods and watersheds. In 2011, more than 1,500 volunteers removed over 10,000 pounds of trash during the one-day event. Residents are encouraged to join their friends and family for a day of service in the community. No pre-registration is required and all ages are welcome.

For more information about the event and to find a cleanup location near you, check out www.minneapolisearthday.com.

Minneapolis Recycle Run 5K and Kids' Run

Gather a group of friends and enjoy a 5K run to kick off the spring running season! Registration for the fifth annual Minneapolis Recycle Run 5K and free Kids' Run is now open! The event takes place Sunday, April 22 at 8:45 a.m. at Lake Harriet.

Returning once again, the Kids' Half-Mile Run is free and open to youth ages 11 and under. Pre-registration is required for all Kids' Run participants. The chip-timed 5K is open to individuals ages 12 and older at the cost of \$30 per runner. Included in the registration fee is the official 2012 Recycle Run t-shirt.

All participants are invited to bring used running shoes and shirts to the event to be recycled. Proceeds



Photo by Chris Madden

Earth Day-In-The-Alley last weekend with kids from the 2000 block of Girard & Humboldt. We walked up and down the alley and around the block and picked up all the trash.

from the event benefit annual Earth Day Clean Up events. Click here to register for the Recycle Run 5K or Kids' Run events.

For more information about the event, please visit www.minneapolisrecyclerun.com.

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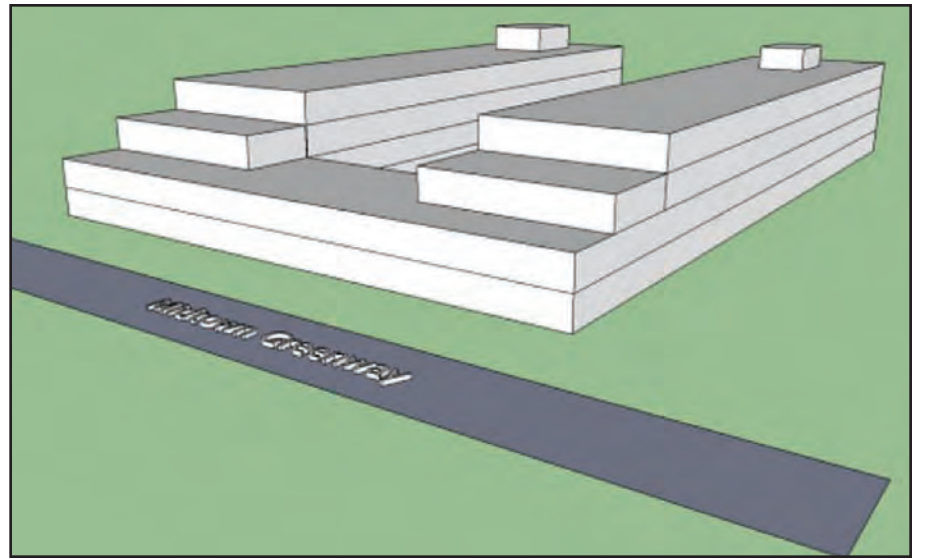
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CIDNA Land Use Meeting from page one



Steve Woldum, former Board Member of ELECT (Emergency Lakes Environmental Coalition Task Force) and a sailor on Lake Calhoun, speaking against the proposed high rise.



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density exceptions.

Outside of Downtown, approval of building height greater than 8 stories is rare. The 10-story MoZaic building in Uptown is exceptional in this regard and preceded adoption of the Midtown Greenway Plan. The other buildings approved for height greater than 8 stories outside of Downtown are all near the University of Minnesota Campus. None of these projects, including MoZaic, is in a Shoreland Overlay District, adjacent to parkland, or adjacent to R1 residences.

The developer indicated at the April 9 meeting that exceeding zoning height limits is warranted because the project would be located on one of the best sites in the city for a luxury rental apartment tower, would provide the most elegant design solution for the site, and would provide a gateway to the neighborhood.

In 2006, after extensive negotiations, CIDNA supported a moderate-density project on the site by Michal Lander, which had two towers of 84 and 70 feet high, stepping down to two stories on the Greenway. There were only 46 condominium units. The project failed as a result of the 2008 Recession.

CIDNA continues to encourage meaningful discussion with the developer about sensitive design alternatives. The neighborhood would like to explore the C-shaped option, for example, with a step-back on the Greenway to provide a soft neighborhood feel to the north side of the project.

For more information about the project and the resolution or to comment on the project, please go to <http://cidnalanduse.wordpress.com>.

Congratulations to Council Member Lisa Goodman

By Jean Deatrick

Lisa Goodman's enthusiastic supporters in Ward Seven and in the Hill and Lake Press neighborhoods surrounding Lake of the Isles and Cedar Lake are especially pleased to learn that she prevailed in this long and ongoing legal maneuver by developer Brad Hoyt.

Hoyt sued the City in 2007 when he was denied approval for his 2004 proposal to build a 21-story condo tower on Loring Hill. He alleged that Council Member Goodman used her influence to turn others including the council members against his proposal.

U.S. District Judge Susan Richard Nelson ruled for Goodman and agreed with City attorneys that Hoyt's lawsuit was relitigating issues already settled by state courts. Judge Nelson dismissed Hoyt's claim of conspiracy. Unfortunately Nelson denied Goodman's attempt to recover court and attorney fees from Hoyt so the City will be responsible for those costs.

City Council recently did approve Hoyt's third proposal for a seven-story housing structure on Loring Hill and construction is underway.

Hill and Lake Press congratulates Lisa that this long ordeal is finally over. We believe she represents her constituents well with outstanding attention to detail. We in the Seventh Ward are fortunate to have her as our council member and friend.



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Kenwood School from page 7



Sullivan L. dresses the part for Kenwood's Barn Dance March 20th



Jacob K., Ben P., Bennett A., Peyton K., and Julian G. are off to see the Wizard as part of Kenwood's Spring Musical



Ben P., Grace G., and Peyton K. encounter the Wizard



Kenwood's three Dorothys (Bennett A., LilyAnne B., and Grace G.) take a well-deserved bow

to be missed" event. This year's play featured over 60 fourth and fifth graders as actors and behind the scenes helpers, who performed the show four times over two days. Over 30 parents and other volunteers also got involved, helping with costumes, set design, choreography, and providing live music to accompany the shows. Arts Coordinator and retired teacher Scott Kohanek said, "this process is such a labor of love for so many people. And it provides the kids involved with some

great opportunities to have fun, be creative, and grow." Music teacher and one of three directors, Cindi Quehl, said, "This year we got the students involved in writing some of the lyrics for some of the songs. This is just a great opportunity for elementary level students to be a part of something so big and so creative. I'm very proud of our students and of our production."

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KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION

By Amy Lucas

April 2012 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA Board met April 2, 2012 at Kenwood Rec Center.

Chair Larry Moran called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Chair Larry Moran, Mike Bono, Jeanette Colby, Kathy Low, Amy Lucas, Ed Pluimer and Roy Williams.

Others present: Lisa Goodman, City Council 7th Ward; Dylan Thomas, Southwest Journal and Mark Holtey, Kenwood Rec Center Director; Jim Smart, Mark Johnson and Josine Peters, Kenwood residents.

7th Ward Update – City Council Member Lisa Goodman

MN State Law now requires yard waste in compostable bags or specially designated reusable plastic tubs. Yard waste pick up begins on April 9. Waste in plastic bags will NOT be picked up.

The next “Lunch with Lisa” will be on April 25 at Univ of St. Thomas and will cover the Pedestrian and Bike Master Plan of Mpls.

Bruce Chamberlain, asst superintendent for Planning at Mpls Park and Rec Board, will discuss the Wirth Master Planning process/new parks projects at the May 23 “Lunch with Lisa.”

Urban Agriculture amendment was approved; allowing farm sales at private land up to 15 days a year and “hoop houses” in residential neighborhoods up to 6’5”.

A garage on Penn Ave S was robbed of 3 bikes on April 1; a car was stolen on Lake of the Isles Blvd the same night. A reminder to lock garages and cars.

CLPA Project on LRT Design– Jeanette Colby

The state has not yet passed a bonding bill, but neither the House nor the Senate has included the requested \$25 million for SWLRT in their proposals.

MnDot is hosting a meeting on the “cultural and historic resources” survey undertaken on the Southwest Transitway on April 12. There is also an upcoming meeting with the enlarged Southwest Transitway CAC; Jeanette is co-chairing the committee and any transit issues/concerns should be referred to her.

Jeanette recently met with Cedar Lake Park Assoc to

hear about their decision to hire Steve Durant to provide a grade separation study for the intersection of Kenilworth and Cedar Lake Trail for potential LRT trains. He will also look at the potential station area planning and a grade separation design at 21st Street.

KIAA will review current CCP funds for potential to contribute to the Cedar Lake Park Assoc study and add to the scope for designs of open space near proposed Kenwood LRT station. KIAA members may vote via email for funding due to lack of meetings before June 30 funding deadline.

LRT/Freight Line Update – Jeanette Colby/Larry Moran

Freight and LRT are still under consideration for the Kenilworth Corridor. Jeanette will ask Peter Wagenius to attend the June 4 KIAA meeting to discuss this issue.

Housekeeping/Bills

Hill and Lake Press ad for thanking past KIAA board members; KIAA approved funds up to \$270.

KIAA approved bill of \$1,070 for KIAA newsletter and stamps.

Annual Meeting

KIAA approved a budget of \$1500 towards the Annual Meeting festivities which will include free food, drink and music from the Twang Cities (band member Kenwood resident). The party will be moved outside if weather permits.

Jim Smart will ask new proprietor of the deli space, Don Saunders, for food for annual meeting.

Mark Johnson, Chair of the KIAA Crime Committee, will make an announcement at the annual meeting to garner more block leaders as a way to monitor the neighborhood better.

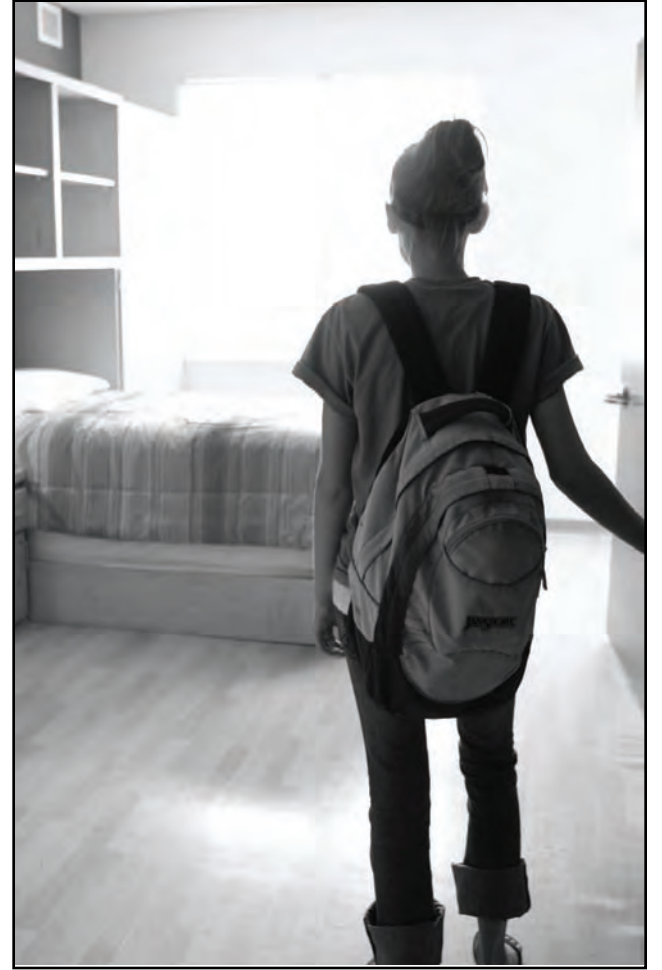
Updates

Kenwood Carnival and plant sale will be Saturday, May 19 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Earth Day Clean Up will be Saturday, April 21 from 9:30-12. Garbage bags and gloves can be picked up at the Kenwood Rec Center during those hours. Contact Amy Lucas at amymlucas@gmail.com for more info.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Meet your Neighbor from page 3



Photos on page 3 and 10 courtesy of Janet Hallaway

A dormitory room at the Bridge showing an actor, not a resident.

off, and move forward. They hold on to hope for tomorrow.

IS IT TRUE A FARMER RUNS “THE BRIDGE?”

Yes. Executive Director Dan Pfarr operates a 1,200 acre family farm in Le Saur, MN. He’s the 5th generation farming this land. He’s plenty busy here at The Bridge but manages to get down there for spring planting and harvest season.

YOU’VE SERVED 40,000 YOUTH OVER THE PAST 40 YEARS. WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR PARENTS OF TEENS?

Teens can be chaotic and energizing. Most are trying to find out who they are, navigating a bigger world and just getting their sea legs. My advice is: support your kids and keep them safe. When you encounter a struggle, ask your kid, “What are you struggling with?” When a crisis ensues, know that you and your teen need to meet in the middle. Find out what you both need to do to get there.

IS THERE A CONNECTION BETWEEN YOUR NAME AND THE SIMON & GARFUNKEL HIT?

Yes, The Bridge was named after “Bridge Over Troubled Water.” It takes two to hold up a bridge - the family and the child. And, a bridge requires a connector to bring the two ends together.

NEIGHBOR, CAN I LEND A HAND?

Absolutely! I need dedicated gardeners, artists to paint murals, and passionate cooks to train staff. Furniture is worn from teenage use. My web site www.bridgeforyouth.org features a specific wish list. Financial support and attendance at our annual dinner is always appreciated.

CAN I HAVE A TOUR OF YOUR HOUSE - AND SHOULD I TAKE MY SHOES OFF?

I’d love to give you a tour. You can leave your shoes on. Call Julia at 230-6657 to set it up. Tell her HLP sent you!

Janet Hallaway is the Corporate & Community Engagement Manager at The Bridge for Youth. She thanks Craig Wilson for allowing her to be a “guest columnist” this month.

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THANK YOU KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION (KIAA) BOARD MEMBERS, PAST AND PRESENT!

LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

By Janis Clay

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board Minutes Tuesday, April 3, 2012, Kenwood Rec Center

Present - Board Members: Maureen Sheehan, Vice President; Janis Clay, Secretary; Dan Aronson, Treasurer; Jimmy Fogel; Mark Brauer; Ruth Shields; Rebecca Graham.

Present - Guests and staff: Lisa Goodman, Seventh Ward Minneapolis City Council Representative; Anita Tabb, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board; David Graham; Kathy Low; Peter Sussman; Tom Huppert; Jessica Nelson; Eric Schned; Stephanie Shimp; Barbara Fogel; Barry Lazarus; Chris Madden, LHNA Administrator.

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

WEST CALHOUN BUSINESSES AT THE EDGE TO HOLD WELLNESS EVENT SATURDAY, APRIL 21

The Edge, a newly formed businesses association, is holding a daylong wellness event Saturday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the shopping areas north and south of the Lake Street and Excelsior intersection. Located at the northwest edge of Lake Calhoun and adjacent to the Midtown Greenway, Businesses at The Edge largely focus on health and wellness-related activities. More than a dozen businesses will participate through demonstrations and special promotions.

Highlights include:

- The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be on site for the public to donate blood.
- Fire Station #22's fire engine will be available to all for free blood pressure checks.
- Bicycle technicians will be on site for bikers to have spring bike tune-ups at a low cost.

West Calhoun Neighborhood Council and Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association are sponsors of this event.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda: Jimmy Fogel moved and Ruth Shields seconded approval of the March 6, 2012, minutes and tonight's agenda. All approved

Community Announcements - Seventh Ward City Council Representative Lisa Goodman. Lunch with Lisa will be at noon on April 25th, Opus Hall, Room 202, St. Thomas University, Minneapolis. The topic will be the master plan for bicycle and pedestrian paths. Lisa discussed redistricting changes for Minneapolis. Lowry Hill remains in the Seventh Ward. Yard waste must be placed in approved compostable bags or reusable containers. Watch for parking restrictions for street sweeping. Zoning changes for urban agriculture passed after some compromises.

Treasurer's Report: Dan Aronson reported that the bills are paid, including LHNA's portion for bike rack installation. Look for a full report at annual meeting.

Committee Reports:

Zoning and Planning Committee:

Bike Rack Proposal by the Lowry: Stephanie Shimp presented a proposal for installation of two bike racks at the Lowry. Jimmy Fogel moved and Mark Brauer seconded a motion to approve the installation and approve payment of LHNA's share under the matching program (25% of the total cost of \$707.27).

Proposal to Move Thomas Lowry statue: David Graham gave a historical presentation on the Hennepin-Lyndale corridor, along with photos and maps. He distributed copies of a 15-year plan prepared at a 2008 Design Charrette sponsored by LHNA's predecessor, Lowry Hill Residents Association; Citizens for a Loring Park Community; and AIA Minneapolis. Barbara Fogel recounted the history of the statue's move to Smith Triangle, which occurred during the freeway construction in the 1960s. The proposal will require meeting with Anita Tabb, getting architectural input, and discussions of the matter with East Isles. David Graham is willing to provide input as an architect, including computer modeling.

Hennepin Median Project Update: Maureen Sheehan reported that the Hennepin Avenue median planting project (between Groveland Terrace and Douglas Avenue) is proceeding well. The Minneapolis

Park & Recreation Board has agreed to be the Responsible Government Unit on the project. A resolution will be considered at the Park Board's April meeting. Maureen distributed a draft letter she will send to Mn/DOT documenting LHNA's resolution to fund the project.

New Lowry Hill District signs on Hennepin Avenue: Signs have gone up along Hennepin Avenue promoting the Lowry Hill Business District.

Communication/Events: The 2012 Annual Meeting will take place May 15, 2012, at the Walker Art Center. A draft agenda was distributed and discussed. Jimmy Fogel moved and Dan Aronson seconded a motion to approve the agenda, subject to minor alterations. A bulk mailing notice of the meeting will be prepared and sent to all addresses in Lowry Hill. We will have four seats to fill with new Board members. Chris Madden is working on the website update.

Environment: The Kenwood Park Landscaping Plan is still under discussion because the bids we received were all over the amount budgeted for the project. The Park Board could do a trees-only version of the plan, but would not have the resources and staff to install and maintain the entire planting plan. Anita Tabb will have Ginger Cannon resend the lower cost bid for the whole project for our consideration. To do the entire plan, LHNA could budget additional funds, and/or seek contribution from Kenwood Isles Area Association. Anita Tabb gave an update on SWLRT. Hennepin County has now been federally directed to study co-location of light and freight rail. CIDNA passed a resolution that there is insufficient space for both. She suggested we consider doing the same. Jeanette Colby will attend an upcoming meeting to make a presentation on the issue. The Parade Road project is scheduled to begin in June after school is finished.

LHNA's next Board meeting will be held Tuesday, May 1, 2012, at the Kenwood Rec Center. The Annual Meeting will be May 15th at the Walker Art Center. All residents are welcome. Everyone is encouraged to visit the LHNA website at www.lowryhillneighborhood.org, where they can sign up to receive LHNA's monthly E-Blast about events in the neighborhood.

Table Tennis Anyone?

MPRB to review plans for Park Siding improvements at public meeting

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) and Cedar Isles Dean Neighborhood Association (CIDNA) will host an informational meeting to present upcoming improvements in Park Siding Park. Impacts to the park due to the upcoming sanitary sewer work will also be discussed. All are welcome to join CIDNA and the MPRB April 24 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Jones-Harrison Residence Centrum Room, 3700 Cedar Lake Ave.

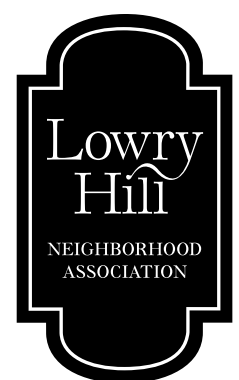
CIDNA has allocated \$33,600 in Neighborhood Revitalization Program funds to enhance this small neighborhood park located between Cedar Lake and Lake Calhoun near the Kenilworth Trail. In addition to the installation of two concrete table tennis tables, the park's garden beds, well-tended by neighborhood volunteers, will be redesigned and planted, and an irrigation system installed. A new drinking fountain and tree planting will complete the park enhancements.

Because Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) will use a portion of the park this winter to complete sanitary sewer work—also known as "The Force Main Project," not all improvements will be completed this summer. In late fall MCES will close off the northwest corner of the park as well as a strip along W 28th St. The construction area will be secured with protective fencing and is expected to be complete in six weeks. Work in areas outside the construction zone will be completed this summer.

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association ANNUAL MEETING 2012

**Tuesday, May 15th, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.
at The Walker Art Center**

Please join your LHNA Board for a fun and informative evening on the state of our neighborhood. We will have a keynote presentation about a new effort to introduce a system of Conservation Districts in the City of Minneapolis and how that may impact Lowry Hill. We will hear from City Council Member Lisa Goodman and Park Board Commissioner Anita Tabb about events within the neighborhood. We will also be electing new Board members. There will be a cash bar, snacks and time for you to meet your neighbors. Join in on the fun on the 15th and all year long with LHNA!



To learn more about LHNA visit us at lowryhillneighborhood.org

EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By Monica Smith, Recorder

Minutes from the EIRA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting April 3, 2012

Grace-Trinity Community Church

Board members present: Dan McLaughlin (Vice President), Al Rodriguez (Treasurer), Ginna Portman Amis, Sue Durfee, Vaughn Emerson, Harvey Ettinger, Tina Frontera, Jane Schommer, and Linda Schutz.

Vice President Dan McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Meg Tuthill, Ward 10 Council Member, City of Minneapolis

Redistricting for City Council wards has been finalized (effective after the November 2013 elections). East Isles will move to Ward 7 (currently represented by Lisa Goodman).

Urban Ag ordinance was approved with a few amendments: Hoop houses will be restricted to 6½ ft on properties with 1-4 dwelling units (12 ft allowed for larger properties) and sales will be limited to 15 days per year with a running maximum of 72 hours. Items that did not pass: soil testing requirement, anaerobic digester and chickens in schools.

Proposed Trader Joe's, 27th and Lyndale: The property is not zoned for a liquor store. To be allowed, the zoning would need to be changed from C1 to C2. CM Tuthill does not support a zoning change for a specific business given relatively recently adopted small area plans, and because zoning is forever.

Tuthill has decided to vote for the stadium plan.

Yard waste pick up and street sweeping begin the week of April 9

Bar Louie (proposed for Mozaic, 1348 Lagoon Ave): City staff recommended 1 a.m. closing for Wed-Sat for the outdoor patio, but the City Council Regulatory, Energy & Environment committee offered an amendment for 2 a.m. closing (opposing Tuthill).

Tuthill supports Namaste Café's (2512 Hennepin Ave) request for a liquor license.

Mesa Pizza (1440 W Lake St) was denied their request for extended weekend hours.

Tuthill suggests that East Isles be proactive about what type of development the neighborhood would like to see at the site of the closed BP gas station (2700 Hennepin).

REPORTS

Zoning Committee

On April 5, the Zoning Committee will meet with

Namaste Café about their request to change their license from Class E wine strong and beer to Class E liquor. The committee will also meet with Mesa Pizza.

The committee wants the Board's feedback on a possible request from Lowry Hill to move the Thomas Lowry statue currently in Smith Triangle park (2330 Hennepin) located in East Isles to Thomas Lowry Park (previously called Seven Pools Park) in the Lowry Hill neighborhood. The Board had mixed opinions but would like a proposal for consideration. Dan McLaughlin is meeting with Commissioner Tabb and will get her opinion and report back to the Board.

Public input is sought for a proposed 13-story apartment building on Lake St at Thomas: Monday, April 9, 6 p.m. at Jones-Harrison Residence, 3700 Cedar Lake Ave. For more information: <http://cidnalanduse.wordpress.com/>

Regarding the BP site, the Board suggested soliciting ideas from nearby neighbors, considering what type of business would fit well and thinking about traffic patterns. The Zoning Committee will discuss and bring ideas back to the Board.

Nominations Committee

A full slate of candidates has been assembled. At its April 3 meeting, by motion and majority vote, the Nominations Committee arrived at a recommended slate of candidates for the EIRA general membership to consider for election to fill the 11 positions of director to the EIRA Board, and two positions of alternate (each for a 1-year term). Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting on April 17.

NRP and Staff Report

The next NRP Steering Committee meeting has been changed to Thursday, April 12, 7 p.m. at Grace.

Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA) has agreed to remove volunteer trees and bushes on their property just south of the Greenway between James and Humboldt. Once complete, the NRP Committee will investigate using NRP funds to do some plantings to improve the area.

Harvey Ettinger proposed a partnership with EIRA NRP, Hennepin County and the City to fund additional lighting on the East Isles section of the Greenway. Hennepin County has agreed, waiting to hear from the City.

Park Board will be doing an inventory of boulevard trees in our neighborhood and identify areas for additional plantings for the Fall 2012.

Housing loan program and home security grants have each had two applications to date.

City Council approved the next phase of Community Participation Program (CPP), July 2012 – December 2013. EIRA's funding is \$37,530. Application information will be available soon. The Council also approved allocating \$860K of remaining NRP administration dollars to bring all neighborhoods to 70% of Phase II funding. EIRA will receive an additional \$15K to be funneled through the CPP process.

The Board unanimously approved changing the Registered Agent on EIRA's Secretary of State registration to "None."

Public information meeting for the Cedar-Isles Sewer Improvement Project is April 10, 6:30 at Jones-Harrison Residence, 3700 Cedar Lake Ave.

A rabid bat was found at Lake of the Isles on March 25. See your doctor if you had contact.

The EIRA Board unanimously approved the annual contribution of \$750 to Hill and Lake Press and an ad

for the April issue.

Green Team

Earth Day clean up on April 21, 9:30-noon at Lake of the Isles at 27th.

Honor Earth Day event at the Grace Garden on the Greenway at James Ave, April 21, 11-2. Sponsored by the Green Team and focusing on composting.

Presentation on March 29 focused on promoting organics recycling as the quickest, easiest and cheapest way to reduce fossil fuels/greenhouse gasses.

EIRA requested that the Uptown Art Fair institute organics recycling.

Board Review

Annual Meeting is Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm at Grace-Trinity, 1430 W 28th

The Board would like more information about art wrapped utility boxes and bike racks in Uptown before committing funds.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Hennepin County offers household hazardous waste collection events

Hennepin County will hold community collection events for residents to safely and properly dispose of unwanted garden and household hazardous wastes. The county will accept many hazardous wastes including household, lawn and garden products; items containing mercury; electronics; and auto and fuel waste. Items are accepted from households only; business waste is not accepted.

Nearby collection events will be held Thursday through Saturday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on the following dates:

St. Louis Park: June 7 – 9

7250 State Hwy. 7 – Parking lot in southwest quadrant of Hwy. 7 and Louisiana Ave.

Minneapolis: July 26 – 28

Dunwoody College of Technology, 818 Dunwoody Blvd.

Hennepin County provides residents with permanent drop-off facilities open year-round at 1400 W. 96th St., Bloomington, and 8100 Jefferson Highway, Brooklyn Park.

For a complete list of acceptable and non-acceptable items or more information on drop-off facilities, call 612-348-3777 or visit www.hennepin.us/collection-events.

MPRB

Our trees need water now

Our yard and boulevard trees need watering now and weekly throughout the spring, summer and fall. Minneapolis had the driest fall on record, the 10th lowest snowfall in more than 100 years, and nine years of drought. Years of high temperatures and drought conditions are a problem even for otherwise healthy trees and put them at serious risk of long-term damage.

Extended drought conditions can make trees vulnerable to insects and disease and cause permanent damage to young and old trees alike. Young trees three to five years old are especially susceptible.

The ground is thawed enough now in the metro area to begin watering weekly. An effective way for residents to water the trees in their yards and along the boulevard is to turn on a slow trickle of water for a few hours. Watering in the evening is most effective since it minimizes evaporation, and trees tend to take most of their water during the night. If it rains any less than one inch in a week, trees need to be watered to help them recover from the last years of drought. Watering one tree weekly for five months costs only about \$3.

If it's easy to lose track of when you last watered a tree, try watering it on the day your trash is picked up and make trash day also water-the-tree day.

For information on tree care and the urban forest, call the Park Board's Forestry Division at 612-313-7710, email forestry@minneapolisparcs.org or visit www.minneapolisparcs.org.

Join your neighbors for these East Isles events!

Earth Day Clean Up

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 9:30 A.M. - NOON

Lake of the Isles at 27th Street

Volunteer with your East Isles neighbors to help keep Minneapolis a beautiful place to live and play! No pre-registration is required. Bring your own work gloves. Large trash bags and directions will be provided. All ages welcome!

Honor Earth Day

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 11 A.M. - 2 P.M. FREE!

Grace Garden, Greenway at James Ave S

Bring family and friends to this magical garden on the Greenway. The focus is composting with practical tips and demonstrations plus healthy treats! Sponsored by the East Isles Green Team.

Questions? Contact nrp@eastisles.org or 612-821-0131.

EIRA Board of Directors Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 7-9 P.M.

Grace-Trinity Community Church, 1430 W. 28th St

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CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

By Monica Smith

Below are abbreviated minutes from the March 14 and April 11 CIDNA Board meetings. The complete meeting minutes can be found on our website: www.cidna.org

March 14, 2012

Board Members in attendance: Vice Chair Art Higinbotham, Treasurer Ed Bell, Secretary Ryan Fox, Ed Ferlauto, Stephen Goltry, Ray Greco, David Shirley, Craig Westgate and Mike Wilson. Staff: Monica Smith

Announcements

Earth Day clean up is Saturday, April 21, 9:30 am – noon at Cedar Lake (Cedar Lake Parkway and 25th)

The City is banning the use of plastic bags for yard waste. Beginning this spring, leaves and yard waste must be put in compostable bags, kraft paper bags or reusable containers.

Sewer Project

A public meeting regarding the Calhoun-Isles Area Sewer Improvement project will be held on April 10, 6:30-8:30 pm at Jones-Harrison Residence.

Transportation Committee

A March 9 editorial in the Star Tribune highlighted the lack of support from some state legislators for SW LRT funding. Senate Majority Leader and the Transportation Chair are among those demanding detailed federal commitments before approving the \$25 million of state funding. However, federal government doesn't commit funding until after state or local financing is assured.

Midtown Greenway Coalition (MGC) Report

MGC appealed the Planning Commission's decision to approve variances requested for a proposed apartment building at 29th and Lyndale. The City Council's Zoning and Planning Committee unanimously upheld the MGC's appeal. The developer modified the proposal, which has subsequently been approved by the City Council.

New Apartment Project Update

Bigos Development's three options for their proposed new apartment building at 2622 W. Lake Street: 136-ft tower, 56-ft C-shaped building, or 88-ft L-shaped building.

CIDNA's Land Use and Development Committee asked Bigos to modify the C-shaped design to soften the wall on the Greenway side by a step-back design. On March 14, Bigos pulled the C-shaped design option and indicated that they favor the tower design.

The committee will continue to meet with Bigos. A public meeting will be held to gather community input on the project prior to making a recommendation to the CIDNA Board.

The committee will also need to address parking concerns.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50p.m.

April 11, 2012

Board Members in attendance: Chair Gail Lee, Vice Chair Art Higinbotham, Treasurer Ed Bell, Secretary Ryan Fox, Judy Berge, Ed Ferlauto, Stephen Goltry, David Shirley, Craig Westgate and Mike Wilson. Staff: Monica Smith

Chair Gail Lee called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Myles Johnson, People for Parks

People for Parks is a grass-roots non-profit organization that contributes volunteer time and money to

park projects throughout Minneapolis. People for Parks is reaching out to neighborhoods for greater awareness and partnering opportunities for park improvements. www.peopleforparks.net

NRP/CPP Report

The Park Board is hosting a public meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 6:30 p.m. at Jones-Harrison, 3700 Cedar Lake Ave. to review improvements planned for the Park Siding Park.

The next meeting of the NRP Committee is Wednesday, April 25, 3:30 at Lake Calhoun Executive Center, 3033 Excelsior Blvd (CB Burnet offices).

The City Council recently approved the funding for the next phase of the CPP from July, 2012-December, 2013. CIDNA's allocation will be \$30,810. City Council also approved increasing NRP Phase II funding to 70% for neighborhoods previously frozen at 66% (an additional \$10,412 for CIDNA, which will be funneled through the CPP process).

Sunset Boulevard

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services held a meeting on April 10 to answer questions about the sewer project.

A petition will be mailed to property owners on Sunset Blvd between Chowen and Depot. The petition asks residents to vote for or against a sidewalk on their side of the street only on this section of Sunset with a requested return date of April 20. Approval by 70% of the property owners on either side of Sunset is needed for a sidewalk to be included in the project.

Property owners are not responsible for costs of sidewalk installation – but will be responsible for snow removal and any future assessments.

Transportation Committee

Commissioner Dorman addressed the Cedar Lake Park Association and mentioned an expansion of the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) to assist the Southwest LRT. Each neighborhood that is in the vicinity of the proposed SWLRT should have an appointed member and alternative to the CAC.

The Edge

Health and Wellness Fair will be held on Saturday, April 21, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the businesses at Lake and Excelsior. Blood pressure checks, Bloodmobile, and bicycle technicians are few of the planned events.

Midtown Greenway Coalition (MGC) Report

The MGC is advocating for more bicycle rack spaces at the new Walker Library.

Making Place in the Midtown Greenway: A Visioning Workshop on Station Areas for a Midtown Greenway Streetcar, Saturday, May 19, 10 a.m. -1 p.m. at the Midtown Greenway Coalition Office.

New Apartment Project Update

Ted Bigos and UrbanWorks presented their plans for 13-story apartment building at 2622 W. Lake St at a public meeting of CIDNA's Land Use and Development Committee on April 9. Thirty people attended the meeting and public testimony was taken.

New information provided at the meeting was that the developer is requesting a zoning change for the property (from OR-2 to R-6).

At the end of the April 9 presentation, the Committee asked Ted Bigos whether he would consider more moderate-scale design options. He responded that he wanted to pursue the 13-story tower. After due consideration, the Land Use and Development Committee unanimously passed a resolution opposing the proposed tower.

The Committee brought the resolution to the CIDNA Board. During discussion of the resolution Ed Bell proposed the following amendment: "WHEREAS, for such a high-density project (with proposed R-6 rezoning), Bigos has not yet presented careful consideration or study of density issues such as parking, truck delivery, and traffic".

The CIDNA Board unanimously approved the resolution as amended.

The Board thanked committee chair Bob Corrick for his outstanding work on this project.

Annual Meeting

CIDNA's Annual Meeting will be Wednesday, May 9, at Jones-Harrison Residence. Social time at 5:45 p.m., the meeting will begin at 6:15 pm. Elected officials will be invited for a panel discussion focusing on issues of importance to the neighborhood. Other agenda items will include CIDNA committee reports and CIDNA Board elections.

There are current openings on the CIDNA Board and new members are welcome. If interested, please contact info@cidna.org and we would be happy to answer any questions. Current CIDNA Board members will be asked to state their intention to serve on the 2012-13 board by April 30.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

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of Minneapolis
Annual Estate Sale April 21
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CIDNA ANNUAL MEETING!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2012
5:45 P.M. CASUAL CONVERSATION WITH NEIGHBORS AND REPRESENTATIVES
6:15 P.M. MEETING CALL TO ORDER
JONES-HARRISON RESIDENCE, 3700 CEDAR LAKE AVENUE

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LETTER

After listening to many comments on the stadium, I have decided to support the stadium plan proposed by the Mayor and Council President Johnson.

I will not vote to violate the City's charter. The City Council has not voted on the stadium issue. Nothing has been put before the City Council for a vote.

The City's contribution to the stadium comes from existing Convention Center taxes which are state-authorized and state-controlled. None of the money for the proposed stadium comes from the City's general fund.

This stadium plan includes relief for Convention Center and Target Center expenses which will benefit Minneapolis property tax payers. The City is protected against construction and operating cost overruns for the stadium.

If the Target Center is taken out of the equation I will not be supporting the new stadium.

The stadium, Convention Center and Target Center are important parts of the fabric of our City and State. A multi-purpose stadium will host the Vikings as well as high school, college and pro sports events. In addition, the stadium will host large conventions and other local and national events. As a small business owner, I know how important a multi-purpose facility can be for local businesses.

The added construction, convention services, hotel and hospitality jobs will greatly benefit our residents and City. This proposal will provide Minneapolis Taxpayers with property tax relief. Getting the target center expenses out of the general fund and paid for from the Convention Center sales tax, for me, is a key part of the current proposal.

As always, thank you for your input. It is truly appreciated.

Meg Tuthill 10th Ward Council Member



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Where We are Now

By Jean Deatruck

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Mark your calendars for Traditions Classic Home Furnishings 25 year anniversary on May 19. One of the premiere retailers in the Twin Cities for fine furnishings, whimsical accessories, and exceptional interior design, Traditions will celebrate its 25th anniversary with cake and champagne at its Minneapolis and St. Paul stores on Saturday, May 19.

Traditions was founded in 1987 by Mike and Suzanne Schumann on the corner of Selby and Dale in St. Paul, helping to fuel the resurgence of Selby Avenue as a key element in St. Paul's historic Ramsey Hill neighborhood. In 1991, Traditions moved to its current location on Grand Avenue. Ten years later, Traditions opened a Minneapolis store to serve its growing customer base in Edina, Kenwood and the Lake of the Isles area, and the western Twin Cities suburbs. In 2002 Traditions opened a store in Naples, Fla., to provide its unique sense of style and interior design expertise to a rapidly growing Midwest customer base with winter homes in Southwest Florida.

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Traditions Minneapolis is located at 4245 Excelsior Blvd., St. Louis Park. We urge you to support our local family-owned business. Check out Traditions' ad on page six and celebrate with them on May 19.

Groveland Gallery is a fine art gallery located in Lowry Hill. They specialize in paintings, prints and drawings by Minnesota and regional artists, many of them from the surrounding area. A summer program with weekly demos, workshops and artist talks is called "Summer Splash", and the events will coincide with a summer-themed exhibition.

Nicole Watson, Gallery Manager
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In the future we will feature their exhibitions. In the meantime, check out their website for news of ongoing exhibitions and visit the gallery.

2012 Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour *The 25th year*

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Visit homes of similar vintage to your own, in neighborhoods of interest, or use this site to focus on a particular type of remodel. Talk directly with homeowners to find out what it's like to remodel, expand, or build new. Many contractors, architects, and other trades people will also be available to answer your questions.

Dates for this FREE, self-guided tour:

- Saturday, April 28, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Sunday, April 29, 1-5 p.m.

Find a printed copy of the Home Tour Guide at most Hennepin County Libraries (including Minneapolis), Ramsey County Libraries, and Saint Paul

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Home Tour from page 14

Art for the Homeless

Public Libraries

Two homes are in our Lake of the Isles area neighborhood.

East Isles

2691 E. Lake of the Isles Parkway
 Built 1907
 Dan Buettner AIA remodel
 Whole house renovation

"This turn-of-the-century home has a great location overlooking Lake of the Isles. I wanted to incorporate some of the life-extending traditions of cultures I encountered in international travels, dubbed "blue zones," into my home. The master suite is the centerpiece of this whole-home remodel, which includes many improvements and finish upgrades throughout. A new balcony was created over the existing front porch, which was upgraded for four-season use. I believe the front porch extends the possibilities for community, and I enjoy spending time here with friends and watching activity out on the lake. The second-floor guest bath was completely renovated and the third-floor study was converted into a "Destination Room," a place for yoga and meditation."

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2400 W. Lake of the Isles Parkway
 1916 Colonial Revival
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"We bought and invested in this house because we love the historical nature of the neighborhood and the immediate proximity to the parks and urban area. The work on the house was intended to blend the functionality and layout of a "modern" house while staying largely true to the historical character of the house. Our first priority was to upgrade and expand the kitchen incorporating a breakfast room and a family room addition with a view of the lake. We also created a new master suite that corrected an awkward previous remodeling, finished the basement, and upgraded mechanicals."

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By Madeleine Lowry

Living where we do it's hard to overlook the problem of homelessness. At any major intersection you may pass on your way to Downtown, or Uptown, you might see a person with a classic cardboard sign that is the hallmark of the homeless.

The question—I'm sure you would agree—is what to do about it.

We've come up with several different approaches as a family. When we first moved to this neighborhood I would keep extra boxes of Triscuits in my car and hand them out to the homeless. After a few seasons of this, I could almost see the regulars taking a micro-step backward as I approached. They were probably thinking, "It's that darn Triscuit lady again." Still, no one ever refused my boxes of crackers. (And just think of all the fiber it added to their diet!)

At my husband's coaxing, we gradually evolved to giving away \$5 Subway sandwich gift cards. He felt that the homeless needed more protein than Triscuits could provide.

At our church one year, the kids were instructed to collect hairbrushes, deodorant and toothpaste for the homeless. Aha! A little light bulb went off in my head. The homeless need toiletries! So, after that I had my kids assemble kits containing travel size toothpaste, shampoo, combs and, yes, some high calorie snacks. (I mean, soap is nice, but you can't eat it.)

But after a year or so of handing hygiene kits out my car window, it seemed as though the homeless problem was as severe as ever. My little offerings seemed a mere band aid on a vast problem that I had no idea how to solve.

After reading about Cathy ten Broeke and her Office to End Homelessness in Minneapolis, I knew that a very capable person was working towards a comprehensive solution to this complex problem. Phew!

Around the same time an ordinance was passed prohibiting pan handlers from standing within 10 feet of an intersection and Mayor Rybak made an appeal to residents to stop giving handouts and support the organizations that help the homeless instead.

Another light bulb went on.

From that point on we focused on making donations to local organizations such as the Joyce Uptown Food Shelf, Youthlink, Avenues for Homeless Youth, and several homeless shelters.

When my friend, Farida, became involved with a fundraiser for a local shelter called Simpson Housing Services last year, I said, "Tell me more!"

Art 4 Shelter was the name of the fundraiser. It was

brilliantly conceived by Megan Rye, a professional artist and board member of Simpson Housing Services. Her thought was: What if they solicited donations of small unframed art pieces from local artists and sold them to the public in one night for \$30 each?

The goal was to raise \$30,000 by selling 1,000 donated original works of art. They approached local art groups, schools and several prominent artists for donations.

What I like about this fundraiser is that all the pieces are exactly the same dimensions (5"x7") and the works are not signed on the front. So, your \$30 investment in art might be a watercolor painting by a precocious six-year old, or it might be the work of a prominent avant-garde artist. You won't know until you pay for it and receive the artist's information sheet.

Having been a longtime fan of the arts and something of a painter myself, this was an event I could wholeheartedly support. Painting to help the homeless? What an idea!

We turned our dining room into an impromptu art studio and everyone in the family from my then-five-year old to my not-an-artist husband got painting.

We sent ten pieces to the first Art 4 Shelter event held last spring. Miraculously they all sold. (Hey, I think that means that we raised \$300 for the homeless with our paintbrushes—not bad!) Of course, we also attended the event and purchased eight works of art, further adding to the pot.

This year the Art 4 Shelter fundraiser (art4shelter.org) will be hosted at the Burnet Gallery on Wednesday, May 9th from 7-9pm. You are all invited. And yes, the Lowrys have been painting in the dining room again. We sent in twelve pieces.

Who knows—maybe one will end up going home with you!

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sand upon the waters

By Tom H. Cook

This past winter may be viewed as an ominous sign of accelerated climate change, a count your blessings/anomaly/glitch/hiccup in the grand fabric of time, or a well-deserved theological payback/apology for the winter of 2010-2011. Whoever gets the credit, and I am sure both political parties (and jingoistic city councils all over the region) will put in for it, Minnesota was spared! It was an unseasonably mild winter, and a ridiculously early spring. We may pay for this "winter that wasn't" with a lowered water table, a higher likelihood of drought conditions and possible famine. On the bright side garage sales are off to the earliest start since the legendary magic Summer of '91.

The first blender (a Sunbeam 1180 with a cracked beaker and missing lid) was sold by Hazel T. of Lowry Hill on March 3rd. The same day, Chris R. on Colfax found a complete Ikea bookcase and desk set. Decades-old records for quantity and quality of March sales were shattered. There were 83 Craigslist entries for the second weekend alone. Experts — all right, it was Weasel, the creepy guy in the old van with the fedora and the toothpick — warned that this fevered pace would diminish inventory for the fall community rummage sales. What he said rather gleefully through tobacco-stained teeth was, "Them churches is gonna be @#%*^!" Still the stuff is flying around. Roasting pans, John Grisham hardbacks, a Velvet Underground album, pepper mills, turkey basters, Ann Taylor skirts, kids toys, Pottery Barn dishes, Pirelli snow tires, and a mostly complete set of metric socket wrenches.

Admittedly I am not in direct contact with Weasel, but I do have my sources on the ground and they assure me that the neighborhood is jumping. As I remain in exile in Southern California, the land of year-round sales, I admit that I miss the seasonal frenzy of "opening day" and a climate-limited short season. Here some sales appear to be an afterthought. Late Friday night it seems like a few couples are having a drink and one of them says, "Hey, let's get rid of some of our old #@%\$ tomorrow." The next day, not too early, they throw boxes of old plastic toys, piles of size 2 clothing, dead

VCRs and tapes, margarine tubs, and assorted Harley motorcycle parts on the driveway in front of the carport. Nothing is priced. The sale probably doesn't generate enough to pay for the Starbucks run. Around 11:00 AM they all decide to go to the beach.

This is so different from the Minnesota Lutheran Women's Club which meticulously cleans and presses each item of clothing and carefully pins a color coded price tag on every children's T-shirt even though they are all 25 cents. I go to sales here despite the paucity of goods compared to the Twin Cities. I get in less trouble. It's like an all you can eat beet restaurant.

I continue to enjoy the odd and unique: a WIN (Whip Inflation Now) button, Collier's magazines, and other less practical stuff. Since I avoid stores whenever possible, finding a dog bed, a giant ice cream bowl, a goose neck lamp that really works, and a lounge chair I didn't know I needed is very gratifying.

Since there are few sales, I often bring Hannah, the nearly perfect border collie, and we adventure together. Our favorite is a greener pastures sale. People moving on, not because of a death or divorce, but an opportunity. The kids want to pet the dog, which delights Hannah. The adults are filled with descriptions of Fish Tail Creek or whatever smogless, low density dogs-run-free paradise they are moving to. I occasionally pick up some CDs (the birds in the trees is all the music the sellers will need), but it is a joy to hear about their plans.

When the sale holder asks too inquisitively what I am looking for, I may say, "A left rear axle for a 1956 Hudson Hornet." They usually sputter and back off. More often people are genial and I will answer truthfully that I don't believe I need anything, but I am ready to be surprised.

The real question is why garage sales still have a hold on me. Without sounding too much like Mr. Rogers, I am very curious about the people in my neighborhood. I like having the excuse to not only enter a yard, but be welcomed and urged to poke around. I will often make an innocuous, generally humorous remark and see if the proprietor is willing to play while I rummage. If they

catch my irreverence, witty banter may ensue! It is like a mini-holiday when people routinely exchange greetings. Do their discarded books and clothing match my sense of them? Do we seem to have common values and world view? Do I have a new best friend? They may remember Hannah if she is along, but likely we will be barely nodding strangers again within a week.

I am not looking for a friend or my childhood sled in Los Angeles. Perhaps I am comforted that in 1972 paperbacks were 25 to 50 cents, just as they are today. Betamax, bell bottoms, turntables, everything gets one last reprieve before the landfill. Many people view quarters, dimes and nickels as nearly valueless clutter. Every Saturday I use my collected change to rescue a few items. Later in the day when I am supposed to have left the silliness of sales behind I am Homer of the Odyssey (not of the Simpsons) dispatched to Trader Joe's. Brave Odysseus confronted by the siren song of the harpies, iridescent signs promising HH misc!!! I am powerless to resist.

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