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Congressman Keith Ellison leads panel on LGBT homeless youth at The Bridge.



Congressman Keith Ellison with Homeless Youth panelists Rocki Simoes (Avenues for Homeless Youth), Jason Bucklin (Minneapolis Public Schools), and Kristan Clow, The Bridge for Youth. Photo by Dorothy Childers

Lake of the Isles Renovation Project Joint Citizen's Review Committee Report

From 2001 through 2009, the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board (MPRB) engaged in an ambitious, \$9 million renovation of Lake of the Isles and its surrounding parkland, the gem that anchors the Hill and Lake Press' reading area.

Thanks to the investment of local, regional, and state of Minnesota funds, the MPRB has accomplished vast improvements at Lake of the Isles Regional Park and this Committee greatly appreciates the efforts and resources put forth to date.

Recognizing that the neighborhoods around Lake of the Isles Regional Park played an active role in the development and implementation of the Renovation Concept Plan and have a special stake in its long-term success, residents were appointed to serve on this Citizens Joint Review Committee.

The result of this review is the Citizen's Joint Review Committee Report, which identifies various unresolved issues and outlines specific recommendations for corrections and enhancements needed to successfully complete the renovation of Lake of the Isles Regional Park as originally envisioned by its founders, H.W.S. Cleveland, William Berry, Theodore Wirth, and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board.

Primary areas of interest include:

- Improvement of topsoil and turf renovations
- Address tall shoreline plants to improve views to the lake
- Completion of tree and shrub bed plantings to original specifications
- Completion of Victorian-style light pole installations along parkway.

In our role as advocates we look forward to working with the MPRB as partners to ensure that this long-awaited renovation is successfully completed and meets the highest possible quality of standards for a regional park and in a manner consistent with the Park Board's Mission Statement.

Finally, the Committee thanks our Parks Commissioner, Anita Tabb, who has been very receptive to our suggestions and has helped in communicating our recommendations to Park Board Staff.

Joint Citizen's Review Committee:

- East Isles Harvey Ettinger (Chair)
- Kenwood Isles Kathy Low, Pat Scott
- Lowry Hill Marty Broan
- Cedar-Isles-Dean Art Higinbotham

The Complete Committee Report Can Be Viewed At eastisles.org

Comments may be directed to Harvey Ettinger at hgetting@aol.com or (612) 374-4939

Park Board Update

By Anita Tabb

As a result of the detailed report provided by the Citizens Joint Review, the Park Board began looking into several of the noted areas. Last fall, in order to better understand the turf issues, samples were collected from areas on the north arm of the lake. The University of Minnesota Soils Laboratory analyzed these samples and made several recommendations on potential actions to be taken to correct the turf quality.

One of the findings indicated that severe soil com-

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ELLISON SPEARHEADS DISCUSSION ON LGBT HOMELESS YOUTH

By Janet Hallaway

14-year old David listens to his parents discuss the top story on the evening news, the upcoming Marriage Amendment. His Dad tells about a work colleague who supports equal marriage. David's Dad clearly disagrees. "It's just not right," he says." David's Mom leaves the room.

At school the next day, David is changing in gym class. He hears snickering and a voice yells out. "Hey, guys! Be careful, I think he's looking at you!"

At lunch, David's best friend walks past him to sit at a different table. In Social Studies, students continue to say, "That's so gay!" The teacher continues the lesson without correcting the students.

When David returns home from school, he finds his mother sitting on his bed, with David's journal in her hand. "Your father and I didn't raise you this way. It's a sin and not God's plan for you," she says angrily. David begs his mother not to tell Dad about what he's written in his journal. Tension builds over dinner that night.

Adolescence is a tough time. It's a tougher time for youth who identify as gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, or transgender (GLBT). These youth experience isolation and

loneliness while navigating a world where many regard them as immoral, different, or non-conforming. 36.5% of LGBT youth grades 9-12 have attempted suicide. 91.5% of LGBT students report being verbally harassed because of their sexual orientation.

At the request of Congressman Keith Ellison, The Bridge for Youth hosted a panel discussion on LGBT Homeless Youth. Between 20-40% of the youth homeless population identify as LGBT. Compared to the 10% of the general LGBT youth population, the number of LGBT homeless youth is significant.

"When adolescents first identify as gay, they enter a world of discrimination and isolation", said Kristan Clow, a member of The Bridge for Youth staff. "Many parents and families struggle to understand this. Some parents want to be supportive and don't know where to turn. Others simply send their child packing." According to one study, 50% of gay teens experienced a negative reaction from their parents when they came out and 26% were kicked out of their homes.

"These young people want to be productive members of society", said Clow. "They struggle to find positive role models. If their parents are straight, who does a gay kid use as a role model? When LGBT youth are rejected at home, in school, and by some social service agencies, running away may seem like the only solution". This puts them at a greater risk for victimization.

Congressman Ellison re-affirmed his support for more housing options for homeless youth. There are only 65 emergency beds serving homeless youth in the Twin Cities metro area. Participants from social service agencies and Minneapolis public schools echoed Ellison's sentiment.

Denny Carlson, Superintendent of Anoka-Hennepin School, District, Minnesota's largest school district, spoke about the trauma his community experienced when three LGBT students from that district committed suicide last year.

What about 14-year old David? He attends public school in Minneapolis, one of six known school districts nationwide to develop a program ensuring the safety

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We keep our cats inside where they remain safe and happy. Readers, please do the same.

Please help find this kitty.

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Saturday, July 14th 8:30p.m. Lake of the Isles Lutheran

Join the Tango Society of Minnesota for an Argentine Tango lesson and dance. A 1-hour beginner lesson is followed by 3+ hours of dancing. Cost is \$12 for the evening including lesson and dance. Argentine tango is an improvisational dance that can be romantic (gentle, sweet, and relaxing) or loud (fast, sharp, and highly animated). Information: Call 612-224-2905 or browse www.mntango.org. General dancing from 9:30p.m. until 1a.m.

A Summer Solstice

Mark Addicks & Tom Hoch are hosting a Summer Solstice Celebration benefiting the Minneapolis Parks Foundation. Guests will spend the evening at Mark and Tom's newly renovated, historic Schutt house, originally built in 1897, over-looking Lake of the Isles. Cocktails, heavy hors d'oeuvres and award winning desserts by Cupcake will be served.

The event will be held Wednesday June 20, 2012 6:09 pm til dark. The address is 2107 East Lake of the Isles Parkway or 2100 James Avenue South in Lowry Hill. (valet parking available). Tickets are \$150 per person (\$100 is tax deductible)

Email Info@MplsParksFoundation.org Phone—612.822.2656, Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

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Hennepin County offers household hazardous waste collection events

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

SEBASTIAN JOE'S TO HOST BOOK EVENT JUNE 20

Long time Kenwood resident, Peter Dorsen, M.D., LADC, will be the special guest of Sebastian Joe's founder, Michael Pellizzer, Wednesday, June 20 from 6 to 8 pm. at the popular ice cream and coffee cafe at 1007 West Franklin Avenue.

Dr. Dorsen will read and sign copies of his new book, *Crazy Doctor....Mixing Drugs and Mental Illness*. The event is free and open to the public.

Dorsen's new book traces the travails and journey of his life journey through Dartmouth, Medical school, and his career in the medical field.

Dr. Dorsen has authored over 150 freelance peer-reviewed articles and was a long standing member of the Kenwood district and neighborhood community.

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HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

June 16 Rock the Garden

June 20 6-8pm Peter Doren at Sebastian Joe's

June 20 6pm till dark Summer Solstice at historic Schutt house

June 30, 3-5pm Bethel Lutheran Church SCI Barbecue

July 14, 8:30pm Argentine Tango, LOI Lutheran

July 26-28, Hazardous waste collection, Dunwoody

August 16, 6-9pm Joanne Levine Park East Isles Ice Cream Social

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

Uptown Art Fair

August 3-5, over 350 fine artists and 375,000 visitors will hit the streets of Uptown at Lake Street and Hennepin Avenue for the 49th Annual Uptown Art Fair.

25 Groveland Terrace,

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Summer 2012 Exhibition & Events Schedule

Summer Splash Spectacular Show & 5 Entertaining Events, July 21 - August 25, 2012 Tuesday through Saturday, 12-5 p.m.

As an exciting sequel to last year's popular Summer Shorts series, Groveland Gallery is pleased to announce Summer Splash, five weeks of unique events accompanying a summer-themed exhibition of paintings, prints and drawings. Summer Splash begins July 21 with an opening reception for the exhibition which includes work by over 30 Groveland Gallery artists. Between Saturday, July 28 and Saturday, August 25, the gallery will be the scene of five unique events including a grab-and-go Sketchbook Sale, a Figure-Drawing Workshop, Porch Painter Demonstrations by five artists and our second annual Plein Air SmackDown.

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: THE MINNEAPOLIS PARKS FOUNDATION

Craig Wilson interviews Mary deLaitre, Executive Director, about the upcoming Hill Lake Summer Solstice party at the historic Schutt house, Water Works, and Minne the lake creature.

What is the mission of the Minneapolis Parks Foundation?

The Minneapolis Parks Foundation focuses on creating the Next Generation of Parks.™ Through parks programming and design education, innovation and implementation the Minneapolis Parks Foundation hopes to:

- Inform and inspire park enthusiasts and cultivate future stewards of the park system
- Lead the discussion about, and be a catalyst for, “what parks could be”
- Provide expertise and facilitate partnerships to implement new parks projects

As an independent 501c3, we work closely with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and other major public and private institutions.

What is happening at the newly restored 1897 Schutt house on the Summer Solstice?

Mark Addicks & Tom Hoch are hosting a Summer Solstice Celebration benefiting the Minneapolis Parks Foundation. Guests will spend the evening at Mark and Tom’s newly renovated, historic Schutt house, originally built in 1897, over-looking Lake of the Isles. Cocktails, heavy hors d’oeuvres and award winning desserts by Cupcake will be served. The event will be held Wednesday June 20, 2012 6:09 pm til dark. The address is 2107 East Lake of the Isles Parkway or 2100 James Avenue South in Lowry Hill. Valet parking is available.

Tickets are \$150 per person (\$100 is tax deductible)

***We just announced a surprise for the event, we will now feature the National Cupcake Champion—Minneapolis’ own Kevin Van Deraa! Sunday night Kevin and his Minneapolis Cupcake shop won the

Championship of Cupcake Wars on The Food Network! Kevin and his creative staff will be catering our event and will be providing exclusive cupcakes that you can only taste at our Summer Solstice benefit. ***

Where can Hill Lake residents RSVP to attend the event and see this spectacular house?

Community members can sign up now:
Online – Go to mplsparksfoundation.org/donate, use the green Razoo form > Under donate now column > Choose ‘OR’ for dollar amount > Enter ticket amount (\$150/person) > Click the “Donate Now” button > Enter your billing details > Click “Card Details” > Enter your credit card information > Click “Pay Now”.

By Email Info@MplsParksFoundation.org In the body of the email, please give us your name, phone number and the best time to call you to complete your registration.

By Phone—612.822.2656 , Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

If you can’t attend please show your support for the Next Generation of Parks™ by making a donation to the Minneapolis Parks Foundation.

What is Water Works?

Water Works is a proposed Next Generation of Parks on the central riverfront. Dubbed “Water Works” (former Fuji-Ya Restaurant site) because the city’s first water supply and fire-fighting pumping stations were located there in the 19th century, the site encompasses Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board owned land between Portland Avenue South and the Third Avenue Bridge, and between First Street and the Mississippi River. The study area is an important convergence of multiple Riverfront destinations and physical features, including Mississippi National River and Recreational Area, St. Anthony Falls, the Stone Arch Bridge, lock and dam, the Mill City Museum as well as parkway, trails and



2100 James Avenue South, Minneapolis

Photo courtesy of Laurel Ulland Architecture.

Mill Ruins Park.

The Minneapolis Parks Foundation (MPF) is leading the project in partnership with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB), for which it is also a forerunner to the Central Riverfront Regional Park Update master planning process.

What are the next steps?
While the MPRB engages in the Central Riverfront Master Planning process, the MPF will be developing a strategy for and initiating next steps to realizing Water Works Park. These steps include:

- Define the partnership**
Integrate Water Works with existing planning processes
- Secure technical information
- Develop design concept
- Identify resources

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PEAVEY FOUNTAIN RENEWED



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PEAVEY FOUNTAIN

By Anita Tabb and Steve Goldsmith.

For many decades Peavey Fountain has been surrounded by lawn and a mixture of annuals and perennials. Neighbors were therefore surprised when the Park Board removed the turf and flower beds, replacing them with sprigs of a native prairie grass. The Park Board is moving toward a “sustainable” model that focuses on environmentally sound practices while reducing maintenance costs. But this new approach has a very different aesthetic which can be a shock to the eye! To several neighbors, the result appeared to create a monolithic ‘sea’ of long grass without color which would be highly unattractive when dormant, with just mulch around it. The much-loved triangle is frequented by many visitors who stop by to provide a cool drink for pets or take photos using the fountain as a splendid backdrop.

Emails and phone calls to Park Board member Anita Tabb yielded a sympathetic and creative response to these concerns. Neighbors and Park Board staff met on a cold day in April to review pictures of the mature plantings and discuss ways to jointly provide the extra pizzazz needed to brighten this sustainable garden with

some perennial color. And everyone agreed that a pathway to the fountain would enhance the visitor experience. But public budgets being what they are, the neighbors generously stepped up with both labor and money to beautify this lovely piece of our world!

Neighbors have responded generously by volunteering to do all additional planting and mulching, as well as maintenance work, once the new perennials are purchased by the Park Board. On Saturday, May 19, the fountain “surround” was freshly mulched, a pathway to the fountain created, and new perennials added by a group of volunteers under the direction of Park Board staff member extraordinaire, Sherry Brooks.

And out of this situation, the new “Friends of Peavey Fountain” was born – a group of neighbors who came together to make this a better place for all of us. Efforts like these are indicative of why Minneapolis is such a strong and healthy community – we all chip in to make a difference. So next time you walk by Peavey Fountain, stop and pull out a weed or two or thank that person who is doing it.

Much ado about endorsement

MINNEAPOLIS MINDS

By Steve Kotvis

The DFL City Convention was conducted last month where about the only topic on the agenda was the endorsement of Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) School Board candidates. In the Hill & Lake Press readership area, that meant two races were of relevance; one for the citywide at-large seat, and one for sub-district 4, an area that stretches from Kenwood to downtown.

Carla Bates ran for endorsement uncontested, earning a unanimous voice accord. The sub-district race pitted three candidates, former MPS teacher Sara Meile (Loring Park), city staffer Darrell Washington (Whittier) and recent Minneapolitan and Teach for America teacher Josh Reimnitz (Elliot Park).

Washington, with the supposed power of the Minneapolis Federation of Teachers at his flank presented himself as the candidate with the establishment behind him. But outsider Josh pushed the voters to three ballots before Washington eventually gained the needed 60 percentage of delegate votes to gain DFL endorsement.

But in the end, I had to ask, what does DFL endorsement actually mean? For one, in talking with delegates, I heard several, if not most, of the delegates reasoning to not support Josh because he was not going to abandon his campaign if he did not receive DFL endorsement. All other candidates, even others in other sub-districts, agreed to abide by the DFL endorsement. They said they would not challenge a fellow candidate if they were endorsed.

But School Board members are not party affiliated. At least they are not supposed to be. Why is it that non-party affiliated candidates behave so differently when it comes to the DFL? Why is it not okay for candidates to treat the DFL endorsement as they do other potential endorsing organizations? I don't see candidates abandoning their campaigns if they don't receive the good housekeeping seal of approval by organized labor and the such.

After much ado, the DFL Party endorsement was all for naught. Darrell Washington just recently decided to not file for candidacy. As a city employee there may be a conflict of interest that could be challenged under a federal Hatch Act. Up to the final day of filing, Josh was the sole candidate on the ballot for the School Board race for our sub-district.

A last minute twist occurred in sub-district 4 on the final day of candidate filings when two late-comers, William Lange and Patricia Wycoff, registered their candidacies. Believing that competition brings out the best in all of us, it seems sub-district 4 may at least be a preferable option to voters in sub-districts just north and south. Today, only single names remain as ballot options to voters in sub districts 2 and 4. The party endorsement process seems to have expired potential candidates there.

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. Please feel free to share your comments, opinions or insights with him at stevek@f-go.us.

The Woman's Club of Minneapolis will be open to the public for Sunday brunch on Sunday June 3rd through Sunday August 21.

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paction was inhibiting normal turf growth. Not only is the north arm of the lake heavily used by visitors, but it was also replanted with trees at the end of the project requiring trucks to drive over the area for planting with two years of watering. The normal aerators could not penetrate the hard surface. So the Park Board demo'd a more advanced piece of equipment last fall to test its effectivity in penetrating the surface and loosening the soil. We are currently in the process of purchasing this new equipment which will be shared throughout the system.

Quality of the turf is also affected by the lack of water (there is no irrigation at the lake) and our desire to limit chemical use. Lake of the Isles after all, is a lake. We don't want to be using harsh chemicals that will affect water quality in Lake of the Isles and in the entire chain of lakes. We also have a policy against using many types of chemicals in our natural areas that require visitors, including humans, their pets and wildlife, to stay off of the turf for any period of time. Most chemicals require a certain period of time after their application to dry to the extent that they are safe. As a result of our greening efforts, the Park Board uses these chemicals only in very contained and formal gardens – and not throughout the system as had been done in the past before the effects of these chemicals were fully understood. We do have a few options with a mild, granular weed and feed option and will be testing this product's effectiveness over the next several months to establish better turf. Through its Environmental Operations Group and the watershed district, the Park Board is looking into what types of soil amendments can be used to improve turf conditions. Actions being considered are top dressing, soil remediation, and overseeding. Expect to see some or all of these activities occurring this spring and fall as we address the turf issues. This process is a real balancing act and we understand that it may continue for several years to bring the turf up to our desired standard.

And other things are happening at the lake too. You may have noticed that the lights are being changed out so that one uniform fixture will be used around the entire Lake of the Isles Parkway. We are also reviewing the plantings to see how their heights affects the viewing from the existing benches. A more advanced mower will be allowing us to better cut back the vegetation around the lake that stabilizes the shoreline. So be on the lookout for the park staff as they work to address these concerns!

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and inclusion of LGBT students, staff, and families. That's a giant step forward. According to the National School Climate Report, 9 out of 10 LGBT students report having been bullied based on issues of sexuality.

Arriving at the Guidance Counselor's office, David spies an LGBT Safe Place sticker on the door. The "signpost" puts David at ease. In an honest discussion about his feelings of sexual identity, David senses the counselor listening with kindness and openness. Later, David reads literature about coming out. This helps him understand his feelings.

After connecting with his school's gay/straight alliance group, David meets allies and other kids like

Hello there ARTrageous Families-

The summer heat is here and what better way to help make it a bit cooler than to sign up for an ARTrageous Adventures in June. There are a few different camps to choose from for preschool children and school aged children. The camp flyer & registration are attached.

There are also a few VERY COOL special events that ARTrageous Adventures will be hosting and participating with. Below are a few highlights in June:

FRIDAY NIGHT ART N' AROUND Pizza Party

THIS Friday, June 15th 5:30-8:30pm

Ages 6-11 Cost: \$35 includes pizza dinner and art supplies

Drop your kids off at the studio for a fun night of creative socializing while you get a chance to enjoy a dinner or get some errands done without the kids. At the studio they will enjoy a pizza dinner and a chance to make some really cool art gifts to give to their dad and or grandpa for Father's Day on Sunday. Paint, sculpt and collage two unique gifts that will leave wrapped in dada inspired wrapping paper.

FUNKY FRIDAYS & MARVELOUS MONDAYS

Every Friday camp is based off an 80's cartoon and Every Monday camp is based on an art technique and seasonal fun. For ages 5-11. Choose AM Session (9-12) \$30 PM Session (1-4) \$30 or full day (9-4pm) \$55 Extended care available upon request. Upcoming June themes include:

- June 15 - Pac-Man & Friends
- June 18 - Solstice Sunshine
- June 22 - Smurf Spectacular
- June 25 - Artful Journal
- June 29 - Rainbow Brite

Paws at the Park (At McRae Park on 47th & Chicago Ave.)

Wednesday, June 20th 6:30-8:30pm FREE with some activities small fee donations

Bring your family including your dog out to McRae Park for a very fun canine party. Doggie crafts, obstacle course, canine swimming pools to cool down in, frisbee & ball fetching, face painting, henna tattoos, hot dog meals, caricatures, and dog product vendors along with an off leash play area!

ARTSY DIGS & POUT Birthday Bash!

Thursday, June 28th 5:00-9:00pm

4760 Grand Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55419

ARTrageous Adventures is happy to help celebrate



Photo by Amanda Vallone

Kids painting at Artrageous Adventures

these two unique little shops celebrate their 1 & 2 year anniversary with a fun Creation Station. Check out their newest finds and stock up on a unique gift or two for family or friends. Refreshments, snacks and face painting will be part of the festivities! Shop Local; It Matters!

Hope your summer is off to a great start!

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This is an effort to maintain the momentum generated by the public enthusiasm for and desire to realize the proposed Water Works Park.

What is Water Works Temporary?

Water Works Temporary is a summer-long exhibition of innovative landscape and architecture elements on display through August. The site is located at Portland Avenue South and West Mississippi River Road Between Mill Ruins Park and the Stone Arch Bridge.

Community members can explore this future park site and experience the fascinating and layered geography, architecture and history of the riverfront Water Works site and view:

- Native horticulture landscape installations, designed and maintained by ASLA-MN master landscape architects.
- Recycled industrial and driftwood bridge cladding, created by University of Minnesota architecture students in collaboration with RiverFirst architects KVA.
- Proposed Water Works Park concepts

What's in store for the popular Next Generation of Parks™ lecture series?

We are currently in the planning phase of the Next Generation of Park lecture series, working with our partners the Walker Art Center, University of Minnesota College of Design and the American Society of Landscape Architects – MN. Sign up for e-news letter and stay tuned! MplsParksFoundation.org

What's 'Minne'—our beloved lake creature—up to this year?

Minne will grace Wirth Lake through 2012! This is the first time that Minne has cruised Wirth Lake, a popular swimming, fishing and canoeing destination at the heart of Theodore Wirth Park, which straddles Minneapolis and Golden Valley and draws visitors from throughout the region. Also a first in 2012: Minne will moor in a single lake for the entire season. In previous years, Minne has visited two or more Minneapolis lakes (there are 16 total); this year, her summer-long stay in



Water Works Site

Wirth Lake will offer the thousands of people who experience Wirth Park a chance to really connect with the Loch Nessie look-a-like.

What's the future of Parks in Minneapolis and the role of the Foundation?

It is clear that Minneapolisians love their parks, have

a passion for the Mississippi River and a desire to be inspired by great city building. Minneapolis' identity is inextricably linked to its parks — and as we focus on and help create the Next Generation of Parks™, we help solidify our shared identity as a forward thinking city. As we help create parks that aren't just turf and trees, but multi-functional places that serve social, economic and environmental purposes, we contribute to sustainable local and regional amenities that meet the needs of our community today and provide for future generations.

What's up with Downtown parks and greening efforts?

The downtown parks and greening scene is complex and dynamic, with many public and private interests taking a serious interest in parks and city building.



Minne, our beloved lake creature.

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What's New in the Kenwood Garden

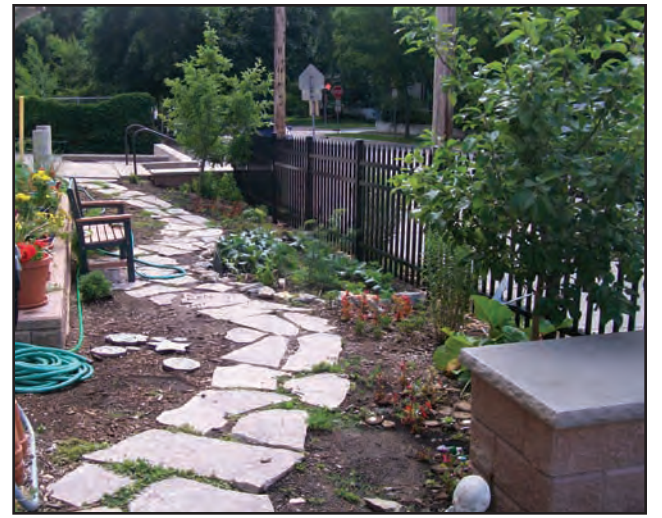
By Amanda Vallone

The Kenwood Garden was very lucky to receive a surprise donation of limestone rocks and flowers from Tracy Nordstrom. A special thanks goes out to Heidi Niziolek who worked very hard (hauling, planting, potting) to beautify the green areas of the school. Many other volunteers have taken time to create this garden space that is maintained and funded by the Kenwood Green Team that is

lead by Matt Allen and Angie Erdrich. The veggies are all planted, mostly by seed or by starting the seeds indoors with the help of the kids. 50+ students had a hand in planting the garden.

Growing now: basil, carrots, asparagus, many varieties of peppers and tomatoes, broccoli, cabbage, cucumbers,

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Kenwood Garden

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KENWOOD SCHOOL STAFF LOUNGE

By Dorothy Richmond

How do you repay a group of people who have meant the world to you – indeed, in many ways who have been your world – for years? As a parting gift to the teachers and staff of Kenwood Elementary School, the fifth-grade parents banded together to give the staff lounge a makeover.

The renovation was led by Dorothy Richmond whose two daughters, Daisy and Lily, have enjoyed a combined ten years at Kenwood. Few schools are so inviting as Kenwood, with its well-maintained and shiny hard-wood floors, cheery classrooms, top-notch library and gymnasium, and a music & arts program hard to outrank. Oh, but that staff lounge. . . .

It is neither a secret nor a surprise that when an area belongs to everybody, usually nobody tends to it. Unlike the rest of the school, the lounge was in a decidedly tired and sorry state. Think of a frat house circa 1985 filled with mismatched, uncomfortable furniture, countless items abandoned and consigned to oblivion, appliances that barely worked (or not at all), grime, dust, and cabinets filled with a collection of vases that would make Roger Beck blanch. The only thing missing was a keg (this is a public school after all).

As with any remodeling project, money, design, and talent are essential. Dorothy first contacted Emilie George, a former Kenwood parent, who now is a professional real-estate stager with Astute Transformations in the Twin Cities. Emilie agreed with gusto to take on this project, surveyed the lounge, and came up with brilliant suggestions for a big job with a small budget.

Next, Dorothy sent an e-mail to the parents of fifth-grade parents, pitching the idea and soliciting money and talent. Both came forth. With roughly \$2,500 and twelve hard-working parent-volunteers, in less than twenty-four hours the long-ignored, helter-skelter lounge was transformed into what it should be: a functioning and appealing retreat free of clutter, muck, and distraction.

On Friday afternoon, May 18, volunteers painted, cleaned, and cleared out years of overwhelming accumulations, including a refrigerator which no longer emitted cold. Early Saturday morning new carpet was laid in the gathering room, new furniture installed – including a large table from the Kenwood Café – curtains were hung, the kitchen was outfitted with a new microwave and coffee-maker, and parents dropped by with special touches: coffees, teas, cleaning products, new flatware, current magazines in an attractive basket – even a candle to match the new walls, now a soft blue-gray covering the former severe yellow that could best be described as “Journey to the Surface of the Sun.” Finally, Emilie provided accessories, the type only a stager would think of, and voilà, the lounge was renewed. Buddha himself would kick back here.

On Monday, May 21, Kenwood’s teachers and staff were summoned to the lounge “for an early-morning meeting” by the school’s principal Cheryl Martin where they were greeted by their new hideaway and with cake.

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OFF LOUNGE MAKEOVER

Richmond



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Some of the Kenwood Parents who volunteered their time and energy, left to right, Matt Allen, Daniel Slager, Emilie George, and Courtney Kiernat.



Office Lounge before renovation



Renewed and beautiful staff lounge at Kenwood School

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KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION

By Amy Lucas

June 2012 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA Board met June 4, 2012 at Kenwood Rec Center.

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

Board Members present: Chair Larry Moran, Jeanette Colby, Angie Erdrich, Ed Pluimer and Michael Bono.

Others present: Lisa Goodman, City Council 7th Ward; Kathy Williams, out-going KIAA Communications Committee Chair; Roy Williams, out-going KIAA Treasurer; Dylan Thomas, Southwest Journal; Mark Johnson, KIAA Crime and Safety Committee Chair; Amanda Vallone, business community member; Brian Thorton, Kingfield Neighborhood and candidate for the Neighborhood Community Engagement Commission, District 6.

KIAA Officers Elected

The following positions were filled through nominations and unanimous vote:

Larry Moran, Chair

Michael Bono, Vice-Chair

Ed Pluimer, Treasurer

Amy Lucas, Recording Secretary

7th Ward Update – City Council Member Lisa Goodman

The city's Regulatory Services Committee will hold a public hearing for The Kenwood's application for a charter beer and wine license on Thursday, June 21st at 5:45 p.m. at the Kenwood Rec Center. Neighborhood residents may attend and speak. The Kenwood is the new restaurant moving into the former Kenwood Café

space.

"Lunch with Lisa" will be held on August 29th featuring Jance Harteau, nominee for Minneapolis Chief of Police.

Single-sort recycling is coming to Minneapolis, probably next spring. Test projects in two neighborhoods saw recycling increase from 18% to 32%.

Three household hazardous waste collection events will occur this summer. See <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/> for details.

Several months ago, the Minneapolis City Council amended its original resolution on the Southwest LRT "locally preferred alternative" route to explicitly oppose co-location of freight and light rail in the Kenilworth corridor.

Crime and Safety Report-Mark Johnson

Mark will contact crime prevention specialist Chelsea Adams to discuss the usefulness of a neighborhood meeting to address the many break-ins we have experienced this spring.

Mark will also explore whether a Facebook page would be a helpful communication device for crime and safety issues.

Neighborhood Community Engagement Commission – Brian Thorton

Brian Thorton is running for the District 6 NCEC seat. He is visiting as many of the District 6 neighborhoods as possible to explore points of commonality and concern. The NCEC is the successor to the city's NRP program. Voting occurs on June 28th at Minnehaha North with a panel moderated by the League of Women Voters.

LRT Update and Resolution– Jeanette Colby

Jeanette Colby proposed a resolution opposing co-location of freight and light rail in the Kenilworth corridor. Some changes were suggested and the resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.

KIAA Organizational Discussion – Larry Moran

KIAA meetings occur on the first Monday of each month, with some exceptions. The 2012-2013 meetings will be held on July 16th, no August meeting, September 10th, October 1st, November 5th, December 3rd, January 7th, February 4th, March 4th, April 1st, and May 6th (unless the annual meeting format is changed).

Kathy Williams will continue to write the monthly e-newsletter for a few months. Angie will take over the welcome kits, and Kathy Low and Mike Bono will maintain the website.

Further discussion of committee assignments was tabled to July's agenda.

A motion was passed unanimously that Larry Moran, Chair, and Ed Pluimer, Treasurer, be authorized individual signers of KIAA checks. This motion was requested to give to our current community bank.

The KIAA Board thanks Roy Williams for his many contributions to the neighborhood as Board Member and Treasurer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Reminder: The next KIAA Board meeting will be July 16th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Rec Center. The public is welcome to attend these monthly meetings.

EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By Monica Smith, Recorder

Due to publication deadlines, the minutes from the June 12th EIRA Board meeting will be published in the July edition of the Hill and Lake Press. The June meeting minutes will be available at www.eastisles.org by Monday, June 25.

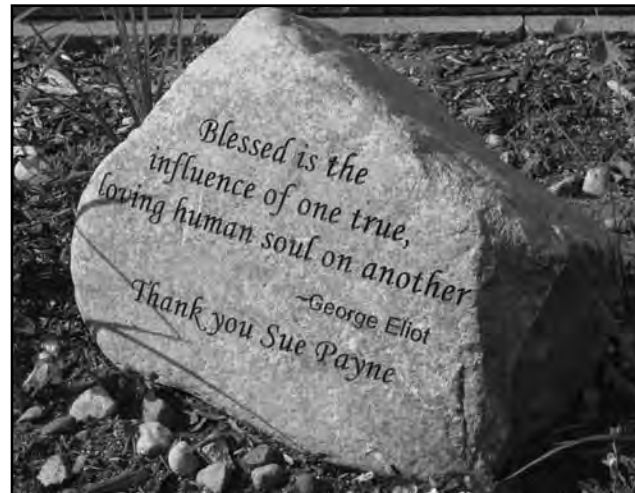
Attention East Isles residents: Save the Date!

East Isles Ice Cream Social will be held on Thursday, August 16, 6-9 pm at the newly redesigned Levin Triangle Park at W. 26th St and Irving Ave S. www.eastisles.org for more information.

CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

"Due to publication deadlines, the minutes from the June 13 CIDNA Board meeting will be published in the July edition of the Hill and Lake Press. Don't want to wait until July? The June meeting minutes will be posted on www.cidna.org on Monday, June 18."

Many Activities Lead Up to the End of a Successful Year at Kenwood Elementary.



This boulder was a gift from the school's PTA and Site Council to retiring Community Liaison, Sue Payne. Sue was active as a parent leader in the school when her children attended in the 1980s. Then she worked as the Community Liaison from 1992-1994 and again from 2000 through the end of this school year. The rock was placed in a garden on the south side of the school's playground

Kenwood School Photos by Nicole Valentine



Fourth and fifth grade students lead the singing for "Circle of Peace."

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eggplants, beans, kale, stevia, fennel, dill, beets, parsley, apples, zucchini, potatoes, many types of flowers and radishes. Here is a wish list of supplies if you care to donate or have extra: shepherd's poles, tomato cages, a couple of watering wands, and mulch. Also, the Green Team has paid for the garden and other projects through an ongoing fundraiser of selling used DVDs and CDs. If you have any to donate they can be dropped off on my porch at 2217 Oliver Ave S.

Check out the Facebook Page called Kenwood School Garden. Please like it and we will start posting photos of the garden. We hope that within a year, the school will be able to build a rain garden under the trees at Kenwood corner so that this very dry area will catch all the run-off from the playground and we can help educate kids and the neighborhood about removing chemicals and decreasing organic material in the watershed that feeds the nearby lakes through the use of rain gardens.



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LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

By Janis Clay

LHNA 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes

Walker Art Center Tuesday, May 15, 2012

President David Weinstein called the annual meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Seventh Ward City Council Member Lisa Goodman thanked the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Board members and gave a brief presentation on city issues.

Minneapolis Police Department Fifth Precinct Inspector Matt Clark gave a presentation on the crime situation in Lowry Hill, including recent statistics and actions individuals can take to help prevent criminal activity in the neighborhood.

Phillip Bahar, Chief of Operations and Administration at the Walker Art Center, welcomed the membership to the Walker, and gave an update on upcoming events at the Walker, including Rock the Garden, the Walker Open Field, the Gather restaurant, and upcoming exhibits.

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Treasurer Dan Aronson presented the Financial Report. The Association spent \$25,798 this year. The biggest expenditure was \$23,572 in NPR funds allocated to the Spring Lake Biohavens project. The Association has a little over \$30,000 in the bank.

President David Weinstein presented an update on the neighborhood. Plans are moving ahead for a Hennepin Avenue median planting project, which will involve installation of a raised planter bed in the asphalt area between Groveland Terrace and Douglas. For the first time, the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association will have a part-time staffer, made possible by a

Community Participation Program Grant identified by Board member Marty Broan. The position will be held by Chris Madden, a graphic designer and Lowry Hill resident. There are a number of newly opened and planned restaurants in the neighborhood, including the Rye Deli, the Lowry, and a new development planned for the now-vacant Burch Pharmacy building.

Vice President Maureen Sheehan gave a presentation on the steakhouse restaurant planned for the Burch Pharmacy space, the project of well-known restaurateur Isaac Becker and partners. Office space will occupy the upper two floors. The design will be sensitive to historic character of the building. Careful attention will have to be paid to handling traffic and parking.

Craig Wilson gave an update on the Spring Lake Biohavens project, which involved installation of seven floating islands in Spring Lake to remediate water quality and provide habitat. Spring Lake, located between 394 and Kenwood Parkway, was originally acquired by the Park Board as a wildlife refuge in 1893, but its water quality had become severely impaired.

Anita Tabb, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board, talked about Park Board related projects, including the Hennepin Avenue median planting project. The Park Board has agreed to be the responsible government unit on the project. The long deferred rehab of Parade Road should take place this summer. The outdoor music festival proposed this summer for Parade Park will not take place this year.

Board of Directions Election

Six members of the Lowry Hill Neighborhood

Board are in the middle of their two-year terms, and will be returning to the Board: Jimmy Fogel (second term); David Weinstein (second term); Ruth Shields (first term); Maureen Sheehan (first term); Sherie Tazelaar (first term); and Rebecca Graham (first term).

With no nominations coming from the floor, Dan Aronson moved, and Jimmy Fogel seconded, that the following incumbent Board members and new candidates be elected: Dan Aronson (incumbent – second term); Mark Brauer (incumbent – second term); Marty Broan (incumbent – third term); Janis Clay (incumbent – second term); Raj Dash (incumbent – second term); Maggie Thurer (incumbent – second term) Ann Seltman (new); Phil Hallaway (new); and Tom Huppert (new). The motion passed.

Michael McLaughlin gave a presentation on a program funded by the South Hennepin Business Association to rebrand the business area along Hennepin Avenue from 28th Street to Douglas as the Lowry Hill District. A website has been set up and metal banners installed on light poles along that stretch of Hennepin Avenue. Information can be found at www.lowryhilldistrict.com.

Joe Ring, Prospect Park East Improvement Association Historic District Committee Chair, discussed Conservation Districts and Historic Preservation Districts as tools for preserving the historic character of neighborhoods, highlighting the differences and similarities. He took some questions. Following the presentation, President David Weinstein adjourned the meeting.

IS GREEN ALWAYS GOOD?

By Joyce Murphy

I grew up in north Minneapolis or to put a finer point upon it, the south side of north Minneapolis on and around Glenwood Avenue. Glenwood Avenue was located about three blocks from one of the city's dumping grounds. The dump was bisected by a rail line and the rail line was the separation line between north Minneapolis and south Minneapolis.

There was a lumber yard/wrecking company located on Girard and Glenwood Avenues called the Rose Brothers lumber yard and Cleveland Wrecking Company. And Rose Brothers and the Cleveland Wrecking Company formed a dumping area for some parts of the city. The Glenwood neighborhood was the recipient of the detritus of not all, but some of Minneapolis' trash. When a home/building was torn down in south Minneapolis the building materials and lumber would go to the Rose Brother's lumber yard, Cleveland Wrecking site.


About once a year the lumber yard would catch fire and the neighborhood would be filled with smoke. The word went out, the fire sirens sounded, and fire trucks sped by announcing what was happening. The neighborhood kids including me would drop whatever play we had going and run to look. I recall the fence around the lumber yard becoming a wall of flame with heat radiating from the fence across the street from where I was standing. At that point I turned tail and left.

Now fast forward to the present. I don't know if the dump is still in existence and operating or not, but one day as I was driving east along Glenwood Avenue near Colfax I noticed huge, high piles of broken stone and cement chunks. They formed a small hill. I'm not particularly good at estimating heights, but I think they were the height of three or four story buildings. So where did all of this come from?

Fast forward again to the present trend of tearing down older homes to build new houses and buildings plus the Viking's stadium, and one has to ask is the past being repeated? Where are all the detritus and chunks going? The Teflon top material alone would create a vast pile of used fairly new Teflon, not to mention fifty thousand plus folding seats where the sellout crowds sat. And then there are the restroom faucets, toilets et al. Some of these projects of course will be building new and green. Add to this the Metrodome and you get one part of the city going green and the non green winding up in other

parts of the city. "Green is good" as they say. Unfortunately these new green homes come with an environmental price. Once again the question needs to be asked, where does the old non green wreckage go? Are these teardowns creating a non green area in one place to support a green area in another? The old must go somewhere. I just hope it isn't back to the nearby handily located Glenwood Avenue area north of south Minneapolis. Old homes shouldn't be going anywhere.

We must preserve the old as much as possible because an old home is stored energy in the form of its building materials. The lumber is one less tree cut down, the glass is one less heating process used. The other parts contained in the structure that will not require new manufacturing process are there already waiting for a little sprucing up. We need to start thinking about how to reuse what one has and improve upon it. I recall the words many years ago from a long ago head of the University of Minnesota College of Engineering, Athelstan Spilhaus who said, "there isn't any away anymore." A prescient fellow ahead of his time to whom no one listened. If it was true then it is even truer now.

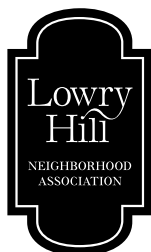


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Thomas Lowry Park Recent History of Seven Pools Park

By Bill Payne

In January and February I wrote of the early history of Thomas Lowry Park: the acquisition of the site was initiated by citizen petition, and a unique, naturalistic design, substantially intact today, featuring a water cascade (Seven Pools) and distinctive pergola, was provided by pioneer landscape architect Phelps Wyman and implemented by Superintendent Theodore Wirth.

Little was said in Minneapolis Park Board annual reports after that, although pictures of the park were published occasionally. When I arrived in Minneapolis in the summer of 1968, the park appeared unkempt, but attracted neighbors. A picture in the Minneapolis Star that year shows the planting of annuals by volunteers.

In preparation for this article, I looked at a few years of Hill & Lake Press. References were made to the annual ice cream social. Others wrote fondly of Seven Pools Park. An article highlighted a Victorian garden in the park that won the Minnesota State Horticulture Society's 1994 Community Garden Award.

In 1984, the park was renamed "Thomas Lowry Park" (it had been Mount Curve Triangle, although there was no signage to indicate a name for the park and it was referred to by the descriptive "Seven Pools"). The demolition plans for the 1997 renovation, discussed below, showed various plantings added through the years.

Neighborhood Revitalization Program

In the late 1980s the City of Minneapolis created the Neighborhood Revitalization Program, intended to benefit all neighborhoods by funding the needs identified by residents. Through 2011, it had made available \$290 million to city neighborhoods. To participate, a neighborhood was required to submit an agreement, and Lowry Hill Residents, Inc. did so in February 1992, calling for broad community input. Lowry Hill planned a survey, various meetings, workshops, and other events, all designed to develop a list of projects for the neighborhood's allocation.

The response rate to the survey was an unheard of 30%. By 1993 various issues had been identified and group leaders identified. Parks appeared to be only a minor concern. By spring of 1994 early action funds for planning were being utilized, including, in the case of the parks, hiring a landscape architect and vacating Bryant Avenue South between Douglas and Mt. Curve Avenues. As it turned out, Thomas Lowry Park received the largest allocation of any program in the Lowry Hill neighborhood.

By early 1997 planning had been completed, and the Park Board began construction in the summer. Improvements included repair, signage, lighting, benches, walks, plant removal, trimming, and landscaping. By mid-August the improvements were substantially complete. While the landscape contractor was to maintain the perennial beds for two years, it was then to become

the responsibility of the neighborhood.

The Cascade Shut Down

In the spring of 2003, faced with financial constraints, the Park Board announced it would not turn on water in Seven Pools or other "fountains" in its system. That action galvanized the neighborhood, and \$9,000 was raised to turn the water on in mid-June and keep it on throughout the summer.

In the fall of 2004 a circulation pump was installed for the cascade; previously the water had simply flowed down the drain.

Friends of Thomas Lowry Park

An informal organization calling itself "Friends of Thomas Lowry Park" had existed at least since the 1990s, sponsoring various gardens in the park. It began maintenance of perennial beds in 1999.

A nonprofit organization by the same name was incorporated in 2008. It has raised money toward projects described below.

Recent History

After the work in 1997, improvements have continued to be made, funded in part by the balance of allocated NRP funds. Some plantings envisioned in the NRP planning process were not included in the 1997 work, although given the unallocated funds, it is not known why.

In 2003, the name of the park in incised letters was added to the gateway wall. The prior brass letters had been continually stolen by vandals.

Soon after the 1997 installation, the irrigation system for the perennial beds failed for unknown reasons. In 2005, a replacement irrigation system, including additional sprinklers for the rose beds, was installed.

From 2007 Park Board personnel completed plantings of shrubs around the rocks walls lining the cascade. Some replacement plantings have been made through the years.

In December 2007, large, unsightly electrical boxes were removed, leaving only a small box on the Mt. Curve Avenue side of the park.

In 2009 a large, cast-iron planter, for showcasing seasonal arrangements, was installed in the triangular bed at the entrance to the park at the corner of Douglas and Colfax Avenues and, through a partnership with Tangletown Gardens, the plantings in that bed were supplemented with other perennials.

In 2010 Parks for People donated 21 trees that were planted throughout the park. Also in that year the entire park was irrigated and, again through a partnership with Tangletown Gardens, the gateway perennial garden at Mt. Curve and Douglas Avenues was significantly expanded.

Issues Faced

The Park Board contributes significantly to the park, maintaining grass, making repairs, operating the cascade,

and providing irrigation. But its resources are limited. No staff gardeners are currently assigned to the park, meaning that spring cleanup, weeding, mulching, planting, pruning, and fall cleanup have been done by a diminishing group of neighborhood volunteers. The walls of the cascade and the brick walks are deteriorating. Some plants added in 1997 have died, probably due to drought before the entire park was irrigated, and have not been replaced.

Some stories of Thomas Lowry Park that have appeared through the years have contained errors. Do you have a comment on or correction to what I've written? Do you have pictures or stories to share? Email me at paynewbwb@yahoo.com. (I would be happy to scan any printed photos.) See <http://www.facebook.com/ThomasLowryParkGardens>.

Meg Tuthill Council Member 10th Ward

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Rash of Garage Burglaries

The Fifth Precinct has seen a spike in the number of garage burglaries recently. The general area surrounding Lake of the Isles has been particularly hard hit in the past month. The garage burglaries appear to mostly occur in the late afternoon or overnight.

In many cases, entrance to the garage was via an unlocked or unsecured service door. In a few cases the door was pried open. In some cases, a vehicle parked in the driveway was entered via unlocked door or broken window and a garage door opener was used to gain entrance to the garage. Once inside, in some cases the unlocked vehicle was rifled through and any wallets, purses, electronics, or personal items were stolen. In all the cases, the main loss has been bicycles.

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By Tom H. Cook

Franklin Avenue Improvement Plan

Improving biking and walking conditions on Franklin Ave from Hennepin Ave E to Minnehaha Ave was the topic at a recent meeting by Bike Walk Twin Cities. Improvements would be made within the existing road width. Some of the changes to be considered include adding bike lanes, adding or removing left turn lanes and the removal of parking.

Currently there is not funding for the project. Public input is being gathered for a preliminary engineering plan that would allow the project to be quickly implemented as funding becomes available.

If you travel on Franklin Avenue please consider sending your thoughts. Submit comments or questions to Steve Clark, Bicycling and Walking Program Manager, Transit for Livable Communities, at: stevec@tlcminnesota.org, or 651-789-1419. Please include "Franklin Ave Project" in the subject line.

To follow progress on this project visit the Bike Walk Franklin Ave Project webpage at www.bikewalk2012.com/projects/franklin-avenue.

Rental Property Owner Workshops

Free workshops designed for rental property owners in Minneapolis will be held on June 19th, July 18th, October 17th and December 12th at the 5th Precinct, 3101 Nicollet Ave from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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The ABC's of Rental Property Management

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Legislative updates and resources available to owners and managers of rental property owners

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Be a Good Neighbor When it comes to Recreational Fires

It's the time of year when many Minneapolis residents like to enjoy a small outdoor recreational fire. Residents who like to have a fire in their yards should keep these City ordinances in mind so that they can be a good neighbor and keep Minneapolis safe and livable:

Outdoor fires are permitted between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. Keep fire small, less than three feet in diameter and two feet high. Burn only untreated, unpainted, dry wood. Never burn cardboard, trash or debris, because the smoke can be toxic. For more info, visit www.minneapolismn.gov/environment/air/airquality.

Fire must be at least 25 feet away from a structure or combustible material and in a fire ring or pit with edges more than six inches high. Have a hose or fire extinguisher present. Postpone the fire when wind exceeds 10 mph. Fires must be constantly attended by someone 18 years or older and completely out before being abandoned.

Meet with Meg!

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

Toronto is like New York, as run by the Swiss.

—Peter Ustinov

"We're just back from Tokelau. Jack prepped with "Freddie" at Choate a hundred years ago. Anyway, Freddie's the Royal Imperial Emperor now. We told him not to make a fuss, but apparently he stayed some executions, closed the banks and schools, and put on this amusing little festival for us. The kids enjoyed it. And you, are you still out in the West somewhere?"

—Imaginary voice of a globetrotting Kenwood

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It is particularly difficult for me to write about travel, knowing the sophistication of the Hill and Lake Press readership. That many of you do not make it to the back page is some solace, but it is still intimidating. I must adopt the proper world weary, bemused, detached tone of a seasoned travel writer. Toronto was a gnarly, way cool, itchin' time, and I cannot wait to chill there again as it is awesome to the max!!!

My son-in-law, Daniel Gillies, is working in Toronto for a few months on Saving Hope, a medical drama for NBC. He brought the family's yellow lab, Cooper, for company. With a place to stay and "Coopie-Coopie" for a tour guide, we walked most of the city. Having a large dog brands me as more likely a local, rather than an L.A. tourist.

We were pleased to learn that dogs are permitted on subways, trains, and city buses in off-peak hours. In Toronto patio is a verb. In the summer weather, people

love to patio outside with a meal and drink. Cooper enjoys a bowl of water just the other side of the railing. The city feel is European right down to the smoking on the street. Very few people fit my antiquated stereotype of square jawed mounties and blonde farmers' daughters from Saskatoon. Toronto is the largest city in Canada and fifth largest in North America. One half of the population was not born in Canada.

Toronto is multicultural, racially diverse, and in a big hurry. The downtown seems to stay up late. Cooper and I saw hundreds of mostly 20 to 30-somethings out after midnight. Seeing as how Toronto is a sophisticated and cosmopolitan cultural center, Cooper and I fit right in. What you rarely see are law enforcement officers. It appears to be a city that polices itself. It does not hurt to have a 75 pound lab with you, but I never felt intimidated on any of our walks.

"The Beaches" is an Uptown-like neighborhood with shops, a boardwalk, swimming areas, and a well defined dog beach, all fronting Lake Ontario. Like Target Field, the Blue Jays' retractable roof stadium is great for baseball, and it is right downtown. On Daniel's day off the three of us went to Kensington, a hip neighborhood right next to Chinatown. Toronto has a Minneapolis feel with parks and greenery everywhere. The city is vibrant, almost despite local government officials.

Torontons seem to be amused rather than incensed by their own political scandal. Mayor Rob Ford was once arrested for threatening his wife. He famously warned the city that the Asians are taking over. Currently he is in the news for trying to buy and annex city park land adjacent his home. He is an obese man, well over 300 pounds, who looks like he could swallow Rush Limbaugh. Months ago Ford vowed to lose at least 50 pounds. Ballyhooed as a charity fund raiser, there was promise of twice-weekly weigh-ins at City Hall. He appears to have gone AWOL and gained weight, not only abandoning the project, but ceasing to come into his office for any reason.

Toronto, a doggone good city.

Tom H. Cook is back in the States plotting his next trip, a return to the Twin Cities in the fall.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor's note: the following letter was inadvertently misfiled. It should have been published in March.

To the Editor:

Tom Cook's musings are often worth a glance. But the level and quality of his (sometimes too gentle!) satire in this issue (Volume 36 No. 2) (February) need to be roundly commended.

Chuck Gribble, Kenwood

In the April issue of Hill and Lake Press, we invited readers to share memories of Burch. The following letters are from residents and former residents.

To the Editor:

I read with great interest your article on Burch. I was first in the drugstore in 1940 as a 5-year-old. My grandmothers lived in the Belmont and took me over for ice cream at the soda fountain. When you talk about the soda fountain, which alteration are you discussing? I think there were at least two. The first was along the south wall, just west of the front door. I think Ben Cohen, the owner, hired one of the first female pharmacists in town – Helen Knick (sp?). When Burch opened, the Belmont had not been built— just trees in that corner.

Nice article.

Amos Deinard, Lowry Hill

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To the Editor:

I went to Burch Pharmacy once a week or more. The post office was my link for the work I do and when it closed it made my life very complicated. I would bring up a little as 10 letters to over 2000 letters or mail of some type to Burch. I have worked at Temple Israel in the mail room for over years. Over the years I was told by some of the employees that they knew one day that the Pharmacy would close and they would then need to find other work. It was the little Post Office that kept them going. It is great that it is going to have a new life.

Sincerely, Glen James Hausfeld



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To the Editor:

Great article on Burch! I wrote the following letter in April 2010 during the store's death throes. We are now living in a high-rise condo overlooking the Mississippi and the football field of De LaSalle. I pick up Hill and Lake at Sebastian Joe's. The chocolate malted is an epic (like Burch's used to be).

You can now cover my blog octogenarian life at www.retirement-dance.com

Roland Minda: longtime Hill and Lake Press area resident, now a downtown resident.

To Starttribune.com

...I am commenting on the major role Burch's played in the early years of the 20th Century. I started going to Burch's about 1930 at age 5. We lived a couple blocks away on 19th and Dupont and I attended Douglas school, built in 1891, at Franklin and Dupont.

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Where We are Now

By Jean Deatrck

I hope you enjoy the Burch-related letters from residents and former residents of our Hill and Lake Press neighborhood. How could a neighborhood drugstore be so important to many of us? Perhaps we felt a connection with the owner and with the staff members who had been there for a long time. Perhaps we valued the convenience. Perhaps we liked having a drugstore in our neighborhood, just as we like having a bookstore, a frame shop, an art gallery, a pet care center, and a tailor shop in Kenwood, and not the chain stores that we find in every neighborhood in every city in the United States. These stores are our stores and we feel loyal.

I related in my April article about the new ownership of Burch about how one of my daughters would hang out at Burch with her friends...at the soda fountain of course. And we know from Roland Minda and Judy Dayton that the first location of the soda fountain was along the south wall, just inside the front door. I moved to Lowry Hill in 1977 and the soda fountain was then located near the pharmacy counter. My family and I felt loyal to Burch as did many of the people in the neighborhood. It didn't matter if the prices were higher (and they often were not higher). We were going to patronize Burch. When one of my daughters was in first grade, she found \$20 in my billfold and she and her

friends made a trip to Burch. They bought candy and more candy. Later when I visited Burch, one of the employees kindly asked me why I had allowed my little daughter to spend so much on candy. My young grandson Earl doesn't live in the neighborhood but often visited with his mother and employees would remember him and greet him, "Earl, how are you?" He thought going to Burch was special.

I am fortunate to have a large and loving family. There is never a day when my husband and don't hear from one of my four children whether by phone, email, text message, or one of them walking in the door and shouting "Is anyone home?" Many readers have inquired about my husband's health. He has had a difficult year, but someone is always available to help him and provide support. If I am away from home, my children coordinate so he isn't alone. Having a son and three sons-in-law is terrific because these big strong males are available for yard work, installation of air conditioners, moving furniture, etc. And we have wonderful caring friends and neighbors. We are blessed and John's health is improving. And we hope to soon visit our vacation home in Bayfield, if not for a sail, at least to enjoy the beauty of Lake Superior.

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Minneapolis Recycles

By Madeleine Lowry

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My parents came to Minneapolis in 1922 and the store already existed, although under a different name. Ben Cohen, a bachelor, bought it in the 1920s. I think the name was Dix's but am not sure. For many years it was the only drug store between downtown and Lake Street and it drew from a large Kenwood neighborhood. Kenwood had been developed by Tom Lowry starting in the 1880s and for a good 50 years it was a prosperous neighborhood attracting business leaders, professionals, etc. Many years later my wife, Merle, and I owned an 1895 house on the corner of Mt. Curve and Emerson. Across the street was the Dunwoody mansion which was finally torn down around 1985 and where the Mt. Curve townhouses are today. The "Mary Tyler Moore House" is on Kenwood Parkway. There are many pre-1900 houses on Kenwood Parkway because, early on, Lowry built the street car line in that direction.

All of this activity meant that Ben Cohen had a thriving business. It is hard to imagine that at one time the owner of a drug store spent much of the day greeting customers before turning them over to his many employees. And what a soda fountain! The counter was packed for the lunch trade. I remember that in 1946, and just back from WW II, I would partake of an enormous chocolate malt for \$.25.

Ben Cohen died around 1975 and one of the employees, a Mr. Johnson, bought the store. He in turn much later sold it to Cal, the present owner. Johnson is still around and both can speak to the "glory years" of Burch's.

In my early years my grade-school buddies and I would hang out there and I still think back on it with considerable nostalgia. It is sad to see it go.

Roland Minda **Downtown Minneapolis,**
formerly of Lowry Hill

James Lileks is quite possibly the most humorous columnist to grace the pages of the Star Tribune. In a recent column he invites the reader to consider what our efforts at recycling say about us.

Right now, he tells us, less than 20 percent of Hennepin County recycles. The goal is 35 percent. And so Minneapolis is considering a new program called single-sort recycling which means that we'll no longer have to parse paper from plastic or cans.

Only 20% of residents in Hennepin County recycle? That's astonishing and yet I can understand why that might be so—recycling takes time. It also takes space to store all of your recyclables for a two-week period. (Four weeks if you have an ill-timed vacation.) And it takes smarts to remember what you can and cannot recycle.

Plus, you also need at least one member of the family to act as the 'designated recycler.' Duties include obsessive garbage surveillance, the strength of character to pluck potential recyclables from the trash, and the moral conscience to reassign non-recyclables from the recycling bin back to the trash.

In our house, I am the designated recycler.

Now, most of us 'designated recyclers' don't have the time to earn a Masters degree in Recycling. We're self taught. And it takes some commitment to keep up with the ever-changing rules. Until recently, for example, Hennepin County only accepted plastic bottles that came to a neck in the home recycling program. Now, according to their website, they have expanded their list to include yogurt, margarine, pudding, deli and take-out containers and plastic berry boxes.

I must have missed the memo. I had been on the straight and narrow "plastic bottles that come to a neck only" plan for years now and cringe at the thought of all the yogurt containers and berry boxes our family has been recklessly relegating to the trash. Plastics are a challenging category with all those mysterious number markings indicating suitability for recycling. I was glad to have a simple rule like 'bottles that come to a neck' to guide me.

Glass is a simpler category. For those of you that are new to recycling, I'd recommend starting with glass and working your way up to plastics. Glass is easy: any kind of jar associated with food or beverage except for actual glassware (dishes, drinking glasses, vases and the like) can be recycled. Just rinse them out and toss the lids in the trash. (Yes, you can leave the labels on.)

The procedure for cans is the same, just remove any sharp-edged lids. (Three categories down, and only two

more to go. You're halfway to earning your certificate as a designated recycler!)

Paper is an interesting category requiring a moderate level of skill, somewhere between glass (easy) and plastic (advanced). For those of us dinosaurs that still receive a daily newspaper, this will make up the bulk of the paper recycling. To this we can add office paper, old phone books, and junk mail (tear off any plastic wrapping, but window envelopes are fine). It's the food-related paper that requires some thought.

Soiled food cartons, and indeed any papers that are soiled with food cannot be recycled. Sorry. However, clean and dry cartons that were once associated with pantry items can be recycled. Cartons that housed frozen or refrigerated items cannot be recycled. I know this is confusing, but I think it must have to do with the special coatings they apply to packaging to make it refrigerator or freezer-worthy.

Paper boxes and cartons associated with toiletries can be recycled. Cardboard gift boxes, toy boxes, shoe boxes and boxes from electronics can all be recycled. Just crush them flat and put them out with your other paper recyclables.

In another stunning example of how swiftly things can change, I note that the Hennepin County recycling website indicates that they are now accepting paper cartons from milk, juice boxes and even soup, broth and boxed wine containers. Heavens! Our garbage can is going to be only half full!

Large cardboard boxes, however, are handled differently. They have to be flattened and tied in bundles no greater than three feet in any dimension. What happens if your bundle exceeds the size limits? Well, they'll leave it at your curb and you'll have to haul it back to your garage, retie the bundle and store it for another two weeks. Take it from me, this is something you want to get right.

Then there's lawn and leaf compost, another kind of recycling. Minneapolis now only accepts paper bags and marked garbage containers less than 40 pounds. Attention ladies and gentlemen: plastic leaf bags are now history.

It seems that we designated recyclers have taken on a task that requires the time and dedication of a mini part-time job. But, maybe that's a small price to pay for trying to save the planet.

Single-sort? C'mon fellow Minneapolitans —let's give it a whirl!

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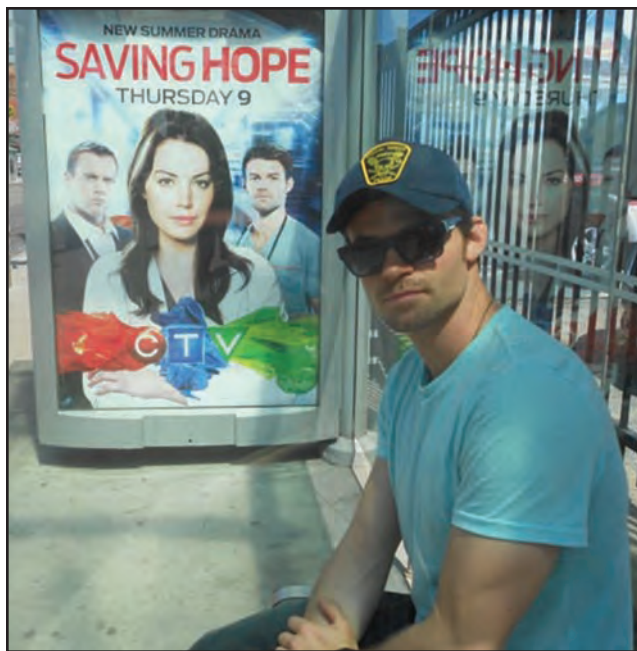
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Cooper and a new friend at a park in Toronto.



Son-in-law Daniel Gillies.

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