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## Calhoun-Isles Lagoon Water Enthusiasts: Enjoy It While You Can!

By Michael Wilson

The lagoon connecting Lake of the Isles and Lake Calhoun will close temporarily during the week of Sept. 24 as part of the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services' (MCES) Calhoun-Isles Sewer Improvements project. According to the MCES, the start of this phase of the construction project was scheduled for late September, when the season for water activities on area lakes is on the wane. The lagoon will reopen to watercraft in the spring of 2013.

The closure of the lagoon will mark the first time since July 1911, just over a century ago, that boaters will not be able to travel between Lake of the Isles and Lake Calhoun by water (apart from periods of drought, such as two years in the late 1950s, when the channel water level was too low for boating).

For the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) and the citizens of Minneapolis 1911 was a landmark year. Park Board holdings expanded dramatically and several major capital projects were completed.

According to *Parks, Lakes, Trails and So Much More: An Overview of the Histories of MPRB Properties*, compiled and written for the MPRB in 2008 by David C. Smith, the "marriage" of Lake Calhoun to Lake of the Isles was celebrated in July 1911 with a full week of festivities throughout the city that featured canoe races, fireworks at Lake Harriet, and a play about the city's history that ran for three nights at Loring Park to crowds of 25,000 each night. A cartoon in a Minneapolis newspaper depicted the event as a wedding of the lakes, Smith writes, and indeed water from both lakes were mixed in a "loving cup" and poured into the canal to symbolize the union of the lakes.

The connection of the lakes with a canal was the culmination of at least 20 years of planning. Smith writes that from the time the Park Board first began negotiations with the Dean family, completed in 1891 for \$22,000, to acquire the land between the eastern shores of the lakes in the 1880s, the possibility of linking the lakes had been mentioned. But it wasn't until 1905, in response to petitions from citizens to connect the lakes at a depth that boats could pass between them,



Calhoun-Isles Lagoon

Photo by Michael Wilson

## GROUNDBREAKING AT PARADE PARKWAY



Photo by Dorothy Childers

From left: Commissioner Bob Fine, EIRA President Dan McLaughlin, Commissioner Anita Tabb, Lowry Hill Representative Jean Deatrck, and Commissioner Scott Vreeland.

## FINALLY....road construction begins at Parade!

By Park Board Commissioner Anita Tabb

After what seemed like years of waiting, reconstruction of Parade Parkway kicked off on September 10 and, weather permitting, work should be substantially complete by mid-November. The groundbreaking ceremony was held on September 6 with representatives from the Park Board, East Isles, Lowry Hill, Bryn Mawr and Blake School in attendance. The construction design calls for the road to move slightly so that it abuts the soccer/football field. This design will allow for one unified parking area next to the Parade Arena minimizing the number of users who have to cross the road in the dark.

that the Park Board made its first commitment to proceed with the project.

Park Superintendent Theodore Wirth, hired in 1906, presented the first plans for a Lake of the Isles-Lake Calhoun water connection in the 1907 annual report.

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## The Case of the Stolen Gate



A Kenwood resident wrote "We have had this gate for over 10 years and Thursday evening it was lifted up out of its hinges and carried away!" If anyone knows its whereabouts; please contact Hill and Lake Press.

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## Lunch with Lisa

No lunch with Lisa in September due to Jewish Holiday. The October 31 meeting will have an election-related topic.

**"One Minneapolis One-Read"** program is reading Spirit Car: Journey to a Dakota Past by Diane Wilson. The City's "book club" will be Sept. 24 at 7 p.m. at Mpls Convention Center with Garrison Keillor and Diane Wilson. Visit [www.ticketworks.com](http://www.ticketworks.com) for \$10 tickets.

**Twin Cities Birth & Baby EXPO**, Saturday, October 13, 2012, 10am - 3pm at Midtown Global Market. [www.twincitiesbirthandbaby.com](http://www.twincitiesbirthandbaby.com)

This Expo is free and offers exhibits and events that promote healthy birth and parenting from diverse perspectives. Presented by ICAN of the Twin Cities in partnership with the Childbirth Collective and Blooma.

## Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral Fall Arts Festival!

The Mosaic That Shows Us the Face of God  
From Bread for the Journey by Henri J. M. Nouwen  
The mosaic is not just a collection of many different individuals, but a collection of many different cultures. While these cultures are different from each other, they are joined to be one. Saint Mark's invites you to celebrate a weekend of cultural diversity!

### Events Schedule

**Thursday, September 27th - 7:30 p.m.**

Music for Choir and Organ featuring the St. Thomas Choir of Men and Boys from New York City, directed by John Scott. Tickets \$15/\$10. (St. Mark's is offering free tickets for youth through high school to the concert for St. Thomas Choir of Men and Boys (adults are standard prices), but suggest ordering tickets in advance.)

**Saturday, September 29th - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Fall Arts Festival Day includes a full day of workshops, art fair, music, performances, food and activities for all ages.

**Sunday, September 30th 10:30 a.m.** Celebratory Festival Eucharist will encompass the range of arts in a special service. We will also have the regularly scheduled 8:00 a.m. service and 9:15 a.m. Education Hour. Meet on the lawn by 10:15 a.m. for a joyous procession!

12:00 p.m. Grand Buffet following the service - tickets available through September 23rd. Prices: \$15 Adults, \$10 Teens/Students, \$5 Children (ages 7-12)

5:00 p.m. Dedicatory Organ Recital with renowned international concert organist Jeremy Filsell. Free to public.

Concert and Buffet tickets available in the Cathedral Book Shop, and on Sunday Mornings in the Fireplace Room. [www.ourcathedral.org](http://www.ourcathedral.org)

## Birchbark Books Reading Series

Readings will resume in September. Birchbark Books is located at 2115 West 21st Street, Minneapolis, MN 55405. (612) 374-4023.

## Minneapolis Uptown Rotary

[www.clubrunner.ca/mplsuptownrotary](http://www.clubrunner.ca/mplsuptownrotary)

Uptown Rotary meets at the Minikahda Country Club 7:30 to 8:30 am on Thursdays.

September 22, 9-10:30 East Isles Rain Garden Basics, 2781 Humboldt Ave S October 6,

9 am -3 pm East Isles Rain Garden Installation, 2781 Humboldt Ave S October 23, EIRA

## RAKE IT

Improve your health while helping a senior citizen in remain independent in their home! You choose the date and time to rake. Perfect for individuals, groups, and families. Seasonal: October - November (depending upon the weather). This is a one-time fun, flexible activity on weekdays or weekends. Feel free to sign up multiple times! Supplies needed: rakes, gloves, brooms, and compostable bags.

Exact location TBD, depends upon where the senior citizen resides. Ongoing opportunities are also available. Please contact Jeanne the NIP Seniors Program, Volunteer Coordinator at [srvolunteer@neighborhoodinvolve.org](mailto:srvolunteer@neighborhoodinvolve.org) or call 612-746-8549 for more information. Our website is [www.neighborhoodinvolve.org](http://www.neighborhoodinvolve.org) Thank you!

## HELPING SENIORS IN

Seniors Program of Neighborhood Involvement Program assists elders aged 60 and over with a variety of services so that they can remain safely in their home or apartment. Our services are specialized for each resident and we strive to provide as much as possible via the assistance of volunteers. To be eligible for seniors' services, people must live within the following boundaries: in North Minneapolis, in , 35W on the east, and France Avenue on the west. For information about NIP Senior Services email [seniors@neighborhoodinvolve.com](mailto:seniors@neighborhoodinvolve.com) or call 612-374-3322. Our website is [www.neighborhoodinvolve.org](http://www.neighborhoodinvolve.org) Thank you!

Izaak Walton Chapter. Lee Barthel 6128727516  
Neighborhood Monthly Meetings  
IWLA 3rd Tuesday 7:9pm, Linden Hills Park Rec



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## CORRECTION

Hill and Lake Press apologizes for omitting a very important donor to National Night Out. Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church provided water and watermelon for 400 people at The Woman's Club at Loring Park National Night Out. Thank you.

## HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Sept. 22, 9-10:30 am East Isles Rain Garden, 2781 Humboldt Ave S

Sept. 22, 10:30am Walker Library closing day

Sept. 23, 5-8pm WAMM silent auction St. Joan of Arc

Sept. 24, 7pm Minneapolis One-Read Mpls Convention Center

Sept. 27, 7:30pm St. Thomas Choir, St. Mark's Cathedral

Sept. 29, 10am - 4pm Fall Arts Festival, St. Mark's Cathedral

Sept. 30, 10:30 Worship and Brunch after, St. Mark's Cathedral

Oct. 6 Rain Garden installation at 2781 Humboldt Ave S

Oct. 9, Design charrette, Public Visioning open house, see page 4.

Oct. 13, 9-11am Public Concept Review, see pg 4

Oct. 13, 10 to 3pm TC Birth & Baby Expo Midtown Market

## Neighborhood monthly meetings:

**CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday 6pm at Jones-Harrison**

**EIRA: 2nd Tuesday 7pm. Semi-Annual Members Meeting 2nd Tuesday at Grace-Trinity Church, October meeting will be 6-7:30 pm**

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Friday, October 12, 2012 1 p.m. John Moriarty, Natural Resources Specialist with Ramsey County Parks and co-editor of My Life in Natural History: an autobiography by Walter J. Breckenridge, will speak on Minnesota Reptiles and Amphibians. Please join us for the program and refreshments.

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**CORRECTION** In the August issue of Hill and Lake Press, the Thomas Lowry Park article mentioned the assistance of Teenwise (a wonderful organization) volunteers in the park. Their name was reported incorrectly. They were from Teen Teamworks, a summer employment opportunity for teens to assist the Park staff during the summer months. We regret the error.

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# MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR, DAVID MOTZENBECKER

Craig Wilson interviews David Motzenbecker, President of the Minneapolis Planning Commission, about the profession of landscape architecture and how it can better our City and world.

You have been asked to contribute a new column about 'landscape architecture' in the Southwest Journal. How did this come about?

I was inspired to write the column by an opening paragraph of a recent article on the new MoZaic development in Uptown:

"The vines on the east wall of MoZaic, Uptown's newest and tallest building at Lagoon & Girard, have undergone a Darwinian experiment. About four different plant species crawled up the mesh screen that veils the parking garage, so the architects (emphasis mine) could learn which one could best survive the microclimate 10 stories off the ground."

It was a fantastic opening! I loved the images that the phrases "Darwinian experiment" and "crawled" conjured in my mind. As the professional who carefully selected the plant species for the aforementioned green wall experiment, I was secretly excited to see the how the writer would describe my work. Yet I was dismayed when I read that my work was being credited to an architect, which is another design discipline. It was a clear reminder to me that there are many who do not know what landscape architects actually do. It got me thinking about the myriad ways in which – historically and still today – landscape architecture is misrepresented. I could have just written a letter in complaint and gone about my business. Yet, I started thinking that how we tell our story matters. If I could only find a place to articulate why my profession is so unusually prescient, it would help people understand and value what landscape architects right here in Minnesota are accomplishing. So instead, I asked the editor if I could write about my profession on a regular basis. And guess what? She said yes.

## What is landscape architecture?

It is the most diverse of all the design professions - Science and art sit side by side in this occupation. As I said in the Journals, someone practicing this craft must be equally versed in design thinking, public speaking, ecology, transit, engineering, horticulture, zoning policy, and the political arts. My fellow colleagues are connectors of people, ideas, and molders of consensus. We understand the inertia of being comfortable and the necessity for progress.

## What are great examples of landscape architecture in our city?

The Grand Rounds are my obvious first choice. They are simply one of the best examples of citywide connectivity, recreation, and respite via green space. I think Target Plaza is a great front door to the stadium, as well as a space that succeeds just as well when there isn't a game going on. I have hope that many of the RiverFirst and Gateway projects can bring more prominence, visibility and value to the profession.

## You are the President of the Minneapolis Planning Commission? What does the Planning Commission do?

The City Planning Commission takes action on all development applications in the city. We are charged with the stewardship of the comprehensive plan, and ensuring zoning ordinances are in place that support the comprehensive plan's vision.

## How does your background in landscape architecture help you in your role?

Landscape architects are trained to synthesize many disparate scenarios and/or distinct components into a viable and functional solution. I like having the ability to listen to public testimony, staff presentations, and applicant presentations; and weigh those against the framework of the zoning code, comprehensive plan, and the context of each individual project to arrive at a thoughtful solution. My training in understanding the complexity of the urban environment, its ecosystems,

and how materiality, location, setbacks, and more can affect the city is critical to assisting me in the difficult decisions we make week after week.

## From your vantage point as an urban designer and Commissioner, how do you hope to see Minneapolis evolve in the next 40 years?

I hope to see Minneapolis truly embrace forward thinking. We currently pay a lot of lip service to big ideas, but we don't walk the walk. We kind of tiptoe – we do enough so that it seems we're moving forward, but we need the City (and I'm speaking to more than elected officials, I'm speaking to the residents of Minneapolis first and foremost) to take leadership in, as noted British philosopher and mathematician Alfred North Whitehead inferred, "preserving order amid change and change amid order." Let's set up a standard for street trees – the way they are planted, the size/quality of the tree – so that they can actually thrive, not just survive. Let's make green space required for downtown development – if anywhere in Minneapolis needs green space more than the CBD I don't know it. It's required everywhere else, why should downtown be exempt? Let's push for green stormwater infrastructure as the norm instead of the exception. Let's allow curbside stormwater gardens to be counted towards developer's stormwater credits downtown, even though they're in the public ROW. And that's just the beginning of the ideas...

## Apparently Council Member Lisa Goodman introduced you to your lovely wife, Kathleen Houlihan Motzenbecker, at the conference in Britain. What's the story?

Just a little clarification there...CM Goodman felt I'd be a good candidate and nominated me for the British American Project – a leadership group dedicated towards continuing the unique relationship between the US and the UK. During my first conference in Los

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“Steve Kotvis is working on an article about one of our neighbors who’s taken on a new teaching challenge. He needs a little more time to work on it, so look for it in next month’s issue of Minneapolis Minds.”

## CALHOUN-ISLES LAGOON FROM PAGE ONE

The Board approved plans and cost estimates of about \$100,000 to create the channel between the lakes, and dredging began soon thereafter.

One of the great challenges—and expenses—of the water link between the lakes was building the bridges over the canal for railroads and streets. A design competition, with a first prize of \$800, was held for those bridges, which drew entries from around the country. The bridges, icons of grace and beauty, still stand.

The current sewer construction project, part of the first phase of capital improvements included in the Hopkins System Improvements Project Facility Plan, will replace outdated portions of the existing Hopkins-St. Louis Park-Minneapolis Regional Sanitary Sewer to improve reliability. The project encompasses the area between Dean Parkway and East Calhoun Parkway in Minneapolis, generally following the Midtown Greenway.

According to the MCES, the closure of the lagoon is needed in order to maintain safety and minimize environmental impacts during MCES construction. Floating silt barriers will be installed at the north and south entrances to the lagoon to keep the lakes clear of silt pollution and not impact spring fish hatching. The silt barriers will likely be left in place through winter 2012-2013, but they should become sufficiently covered by ice and snow to allow cross country skiing and other winter activities on the lagoon.

For more information and updates about the sewer construction project go to [http://www.metrocouncil.org/environment/Construction\\_Updates/index.htm](http://www.metrocouncil.org/environment/Construction_Updates/index.htm).

To download David C. Smith’s comprehensive and

## Park Board Design Charrette to Study Isles-Calhoun Connections

By Michael Wilson

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) officials have announced a multi-day community design charrette to take a fresh look at the overlapping uses and the tangled, congested, and often dangerous connections which mark the landscape between Lake of the Isles and Lake Calhoun.

The land between the two lakes remained essentially unchanged from July 1911, when the channel between Lake of the Isles and Lake Calhoun was completed, until August 2000 when Phase One of the Midtown Greenway was opened along the abandoned former Milwaukee Road railroad corridor.

During the past century, and particularly since 2000, recreational use of the area has increased exponentially. MPRB planners see the area between the north shore of Lake Calhoun and the south shore of Lake of the Isles as the place within the Chain of Lakes where changing usage patterns are having the greatest impact. They note that

- the Midtown Greenway is carrying hundreds of thousands of cyclists each year;
- the Calhoun Sailing School has grown to be the largest between the coasts;
- Tin Fish has become a wildly-popular restaurant destination; and
- private redevelopment is bringing ever greater urban density to the park edge.

Park Board planners have established four primary principles to guide the charrette:

- respect and enhance all current uses;
- solve problems, such as usage conflicts at the sailing club/boat launch/Tin Fish area and pedestrian/bike circulation and safety issues between Isles/Greenway/Calhoun;

engrossing history of each of the MPRB’s 182 properties, go to

<http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/default.asp?PageID=1152>.

envision a positive interrelationship between park and development – for example, how could Lake Street be re-envisioned as a great street through a park? How can future redevelopment at the vacant site adjacent to the Calhoun Beach Club be leveraged to enhance the park experience and vice versa?

• reweave the landscape. Charrette organizers plan to ask how this scarred and disjointed landscape might be re-envisioned as a coherent and ecologically-healthy landscape that simplifies and clarifies the inherent connections between these two celebrated lakes.

MPRB officials note that the charrette is focused on public spaces and the interactions between public spaces and adjacent private development. They stress that the charrette will not explore height, density or massing of possible private development adjacent to public spaces; will not contemplate land swaps between the Park Board and private land owners; and is not intended to address traffic issues. They add that it is not related to the Southwest LRT Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Bruce Chamberlain, MPRB assistant superintendent for planning, reports that the Park Board has earmarked \$3.7 million (2015-2016) for improvements to the Chain of Lakes Regional Park, which includes the charrette study area.

The Park Board plans to hold a site walk on Oct. 6. The charrette will include two public events:

### Public Visioning Open House

Tuesday October 9, evening (exact times and location to be announced)

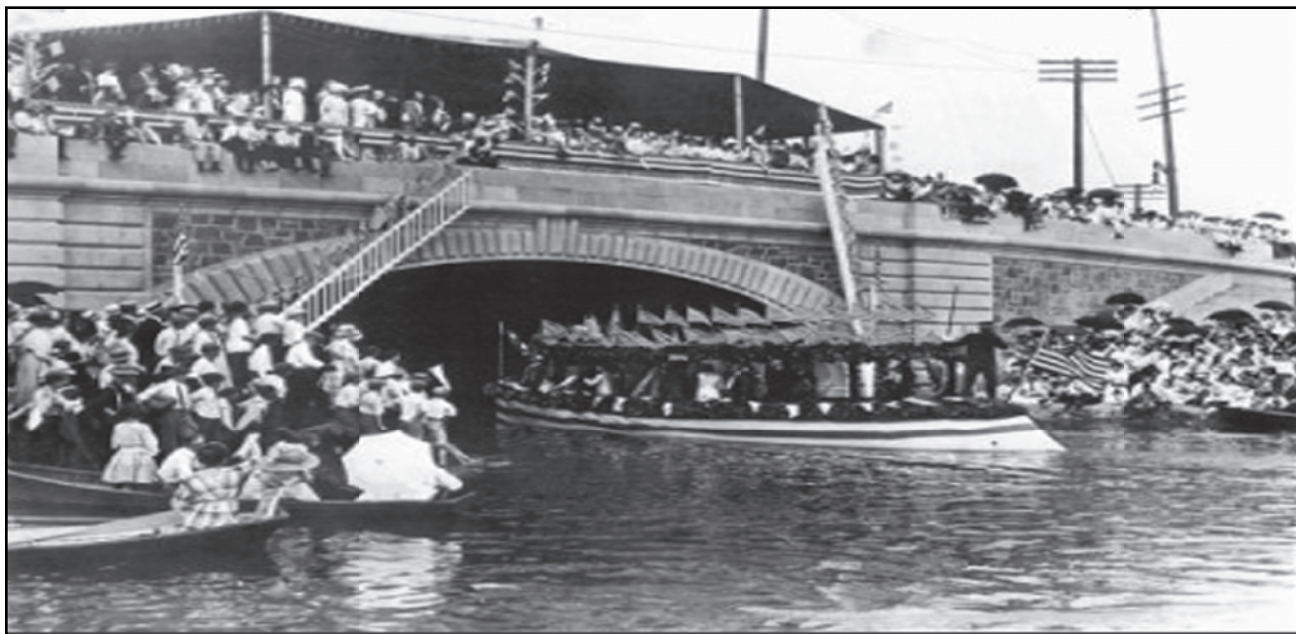
Intent: Share with the community the analysis of the study area conducted by the design team. Hear from the community about their ideas, values and issues that should be considered in design concepts. (No design concepts will have been prepared at this point in the process.)

### Public Concept-Review Open House

Saturday Oct. 13, 9:00-11:30am (location to be announced)

Intent: Provide the community the opportunity to view and offer feedback on preliminary design options prepared by the design team over the preceding 3 days.

For updates on the charrette process, including times and locations of the two public events, go to [www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org) or call MPRB at 612-230-6400.



Official opening of the lagoon linking Lake Calhoun and Lake of the Isles, 1911. (Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board photo) Wilbur Decker, 1911 annual report



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## Greenway, Kenilworth, Cedar Lake Trails Restriping Scheduled

By Michael Wilson, CIDNA & Midtown  
Greenway Coalition Boards

The recently resurfaced Midtown Greenway, Kenilworth, and Cedar Lake trails are slated to receive vibrant new lane markings during the week of Sept. 17.

According to Simon Blenski, bicycle/pedestrian planner with the Minneapolis Public Works Department, the restriping will be done by Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) crews using Park Board equipment. MPRB maintains many miles of pedestrian and bicycle trails throughout the city, Blenski explained, and thus has much experience with the precision needed for applying trail markings. The cost of the work will come from City funds.

Blenski said that the number of symbols painted on the pavement will be reduced somewhat. Planners felt that the number of symbols previously painted on the trail pavement was redundant. There will be still be plenty of symbols, he added, to ensure clarity and safety.

No closures are planned during the restriping, Blenski said the crews use a fast-drying paint and will mark the fresh paint with cones.

Lace up your walking shoes, hop on your bikes, and enjoy our newly resurfaced and repainted trails during these weeks of glorious fall weather!

## sand upon the waters

By Tom H. Cook

On most Saturday mornings I wander around looking to see what my neighbors wisely or foolishly have put out for sale. Some weeks it is stained Hello Kitty sheets, a three (formerly four) legged particle board laminate table, a used possum trap, a scratched Tijuana Brass album, a Kelvinator (I don't know either but it requires 220 current), a collection of vintage margarine tubs, a not that clean stretched out plumbing snake, a Chevy muffler, a pile of enmeshed bamboo blinds, a mostly complete game of Sorry!, and a water-stained collection of Danielle Steel novels. But some weeks there is nothing but junk!

Every collector has a "great find" story, told with the same gleeful chortle as Bain Capital executives over drinks at the club as they recount outsourcing an orphanage and shipping 900 children to be raised in India. The wily dealer came upon a pair of autographed Elvis socks for a dime and is later besieged with offers in the thousands. Why he is still driving a rusted out, twenty year old Dodge van is never explained. My tale is not of stealth, deceit, or enormous gain, but rather impulse, regret, acceptance, and inconvenience.

A few months ago at a nearby apartment building I was early enough to witness the beginnings of an interesting looking sale. A nondescript but pleasant accountant type in his 40s was bringing out boxes of model trains. I have many weaknesses, but fortunately Lionel trains are not among them. I asked if he would be bringing anything else out, and he replied that he would be selling his baseball cards. I believe the term is feigned nonchalance and I am not very good at it.

Soon he began to bring out boxes of neatly organized baseball and football cards. These were not the

valuable Topps cards of my Ted Williams/Stano Musial childhood. This younger neighbor collected in the 1980s-90s after other companies joined the "hobby" and proceeded to flood the market. So this is not going to be a gloating, how I got rich story. In truth, I was ambivalent. The owner of the cards was selling under a stress that I did not yet understand. He was such a meek, likable guy, I did not want to take advantage of him. Additionally, there were suddenly more shoppers; the hint of a real bargain can make an already unattractive crowd to turn ugly.

A sensible person might have said, "I'll take one complete set." That would be about 770 cards in pristine condition, in number order, smartly boxed, and easy to carry. I could look forward to many hours of reminiscing and did I mention the easy to store box? Instead I heard myself saying, "How much for all of them?" The now-crowded sale grew quiet. People clutched their train sets and gasped. "The crazy guy is going for it," said one. "He doesn't know what these trains are worth," said another.

In this bush league Las Vegas, I was "the most interesting man at the sale," going all in with a pair of 7s showing. Motioning me aside, he led me behind a four foot tall potted plant. His lips barely moved as he said quietly, "Look, I have a lot more cards. We just got married and it's a small apartment, and she wants my cards and trains gone."

I was picturing my new best friend's spouse: also early 40s, glasses, quiet, mousy, cautious, practical. I imagined the quiet dinner where she summoned her courage and tentatively at first broached the subject of his collections. She may have suggested that giving up

baseball cards and model railroading, pursuits of a solitary man, might be a testament of their commitment to a new life together. Perhaps she had coquettishly suggested other things they might do...

As if on cue the bride awoke and came out to the sale sputtering, "What are you doing talking to one guy in the corner when people are ready to buy the trains?" She immediately struck me as someone who had not seen 7:00 AM in many years. Braless, in very tight jeans, she may have lived forty years, but she had not spent her evenings setting up train switches or studying the Baltimore Orioles roster. She made Janis Joplin look like a Junior Leaguer. She had a very large eagle tattoo on her upper chest and many other tats on her forearms. I believe her sleeveless T-shirt said something about being property of the Hell's Angels. Her boots, black leather belt and chains suggested that she was not the software designer I originally imagined. I felt like asking her about John Belushi, and what it was like partying with Keith Richards.

Instead I held my tongue as she stormed off. I watched him for reaction. All I saw was love. "Whatever she wants," he shrugged. He again asked if I wanted all the cards. I assured him I did and we agreed on a price of \$70.00. As I loaded the 60,000 baseball cards into my car, I couldn't help but wonder if I would ever love someone that much.

Only kidding, JoAnne.

**Tom H. Cook is a formerly local writer. His collection, discreetly covered by a tablecloth, occupies a corner of the living room.**

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## Bike commuting counts with ZAP Twin Cities by Craig Wilson

Hill Lake commuters will soon benefit from an innovative new program—ZAP Twin Cities—designed to encourage and reward individuals for commuting by bicycle. Get Tagged. Get Zapped. Get Rewarded. It's that simple!

ZAP Twin Cities is a free, completely automated, biking incentive program that uses radio frequency identification tags and readers to log participants' biking trips into downtown Minneapolis, downtown St. Paul and the University of Minnesota campus. Bike commuters are rewarded for reaching trip milestones, earning prizes like bike accessories and gift cards to local businesses.

Bicyclists can join the program by getting a ZAP tag attached to their bicycle. Bicycle trips are automatically logged when a cyclist rides past one of several ZAP readers placed along key bike routes into downtown St. Paul, downtown Minneapolis and the University of Minnesota campus. Cyclists hear an audible beep when they pass a station, and ride data is automatically uploaded to the ZAP Twin Cities website. Visit [www.ZAPTwinCities.org](http://www.ZAPTwinCities.org) for information about how to get tagged and where to ZAP your ride.

In addition to earning rewards, participants can log on to the ZAP website and view their trip data, miles biked, calories burned, carbon dioxide reduced and gallons of gas saved. These bike commuters save on car-related costs like gas and parking, improve their health and get rewarded in the process.

ZAP Twin Cities' goal is simple: More bike trips more often. The new program is a cooperative project of Commuter Connection, St. Paul Smart Trips, the University of Minnesota and Dero Bike Rack Company. ZAP Twin Cities promotes, encourages and rewards bike commuting to change how people in the Twin Cities choose to get around, helping reduce congestion and improve air quality in the region.

The program was launched at the University of Minnesota in January and already has more than 1,000 participating faculty, staff and students. In addition to earning prizes for reaching trip milestones, U of M employees receive health and wellness credit, a trend that ZAP Twin Cities would like to see implemented at other businesses through the Twin Cities Region.

Upcoming Tagging Events in downtown Minneapolis:

Thursday, September 20th - Nicollet Mall Farmers Market in front of the IDS Center - 7:00AM - 5:00PM

Thursday, September 27th - Nicollet Mall Farmers Market in front of the Young Quinlan Building - 7:00 AM - 5:00PM

For more information visit [www.zaptwincities.org](http://www.zaptwincities.org)

## Grand Opening of Joanne Levine Triangle Park



Photo by Dorothy Childers

On a beautiful August 16 evening, the Park Board held its grand opening of the Joanne Levine Triangle Park in conjunction with the East Isles Residents Association Annual Ice Cream Social. In addition to hundreds of happy residents and excited children, Park Commissioners Anita Tabb, Bob Fine and Scott Vreeland, Council Member Meg Tuthill and Representative Frank Hornstein were in attendance. But the real guests of honor at the event were members of the Joanne Levine Family, some of whom had flown in from Chicago to be with the neighborhood for the event as we all honored the woman who had been instrumental in making the park a reality.

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### Door-to-door Sales License Now Required

On Friday, July 20th the Minneapolis City Council unanimously approved new rules for door-to-door sales that will protect consumers and make it more difficult for out-of-state companies to exploit youth workers. Under the new rules, door-to-door salespeople and transient merchants will be required to wear a City-issued photo identification card, will only be able to door knock from 8am-9pm (or sunset, whichever is later) and must leave your property if you ask them to do so. To make things easier for schools and youth groups doing fundraising, the City will approve group identification cards at no cost.

These ordinance revisions are intended to create reasonable rules that protect youth and consumers while supporting the rights to freedom of speech, religion, and interstate commerce. The photo ID rule does not apply to canvassers, including people who advocate for religious, social, or political causes.

If you think a company is exploiting youth, call 911 so the City can take action! Some companies create dangerous situations for young people by taking youth across state lines to sell magazines door to door. If a youth comes to your door to sell magazines and does not have a City ID card, offer them the 24-hour phone number for Parent Watch at 917-579-4641 or the National Runaway Switchboard at 1-800-786-2929.

### 5th Precinct Garage Burglaries Update

As many of you already know, during the week of July 16th-23rd, the 5th Precinct reported a sharp increase in the amount of burglaries. There were 38 garage burglaries alone with a total of 60 burglaries overall. The total number of burglaries includes businesses, homes, apartments, and storage units or laundry rooms in apartment buildings.

The 5th Precinct saw a large drop in burglaries during the week of July 24th-30th with only 9 garage burglaries with a total of 23 burglaries overall.

The officers and investigators at the 5th Precinct have been working tirelessly to analyze evidence and develop suspect information that will lead to the arrests and convictions of these parties. We are very happy to report in the past few weeks that nine adults and a juvenile have either been identified (investigation on-going), arrested, or charged in regard to burglary.

Thank you to all the investigators, officers and staff for all of their hard work on this!

### Three Blocks to Implement Critical Parking

The City Council has approved adding three blocks to Uptown's critical parking areas. The critical parking areas on Knox Ave. S. and Girard Ave. S. became effective at the end of August. Residents who need to park in this area can apply for a permit from the City. Any vehicle parked on these streets without a permit during the critical parking hours will be subject to a ticket and tow.

Uptown already has critical parking areas in effect. They cover both sides of Fremont Ave. S. and Emerson Ave. S. between Lake St. and 31st St. W., and also the north side of 31st St. between Fremont and Emerson. Parking is not allowed on these streets from 9am to 2am, Monday-Sunday, except by permit.

The two new critical parking areas are:

Girard Ave. S., from 31st to 32nd St. W – No park-



## Kenwood School Fall Activities Underway

By Nicole Valentine

Photos by Dianne Bell and Nicole Valentine



First Graders gather to start their trek around the park at the Kenwood Crawl.



Parents Lisa H.-C., David C., Mike P., and Ken B. provide musical accompaniment to the activities at the Crawl

Principal Cheryl Martin reports, "The Kenwood School year is off to a great start." Both the welcome back BBQ and Open House August 23rd and the first few weeks of classes went smoothly. Martin reports that the popular neighborhood school currently has about 460 students enrolled.

While first grade is currently six students under the District's projection, most grades are full or slightly over their projected numbers. Martin said, "Our strong student numbers reflect the community's support of our programming and teachers. On behalf of all Kenwood staff, I want to thank our families for their continued support and partnership." With the addition this year of a third classroom and teacher for the fourth grade, "those classrooms are now comfortable with class sizes of 24 or fewer students each," according to Martin.

Kenwood's Curriculum Night is coming up Thursday, September 27 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. After a welcome from Principal Martin and reports from the school's "specialist" teachers (physical education, music,



Kenwood's new Community Liaison Chris Madden

art, media), parents will have an opportunity to visit their children's classrooms and hear specifics from their teachers regarding classroom procedures, homework policies, curriculum pacing, and academic goals. Two sessions will be scheduled during the event to accommodate families with more than one child at the school.

This is the school's second annual curriculum night. The event was developed in response to parents' requests for more information about academic content. Feedback from last year's event indicates it was effective in answering initial classroom questions and as a result, October conferences could be more focused on children's academic goals and growth.

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ing on either side of the street from 9am to 2am, Monday-Sunday, except by permit.

31st St. W., from Girard Ave. S. to Fremont Ave. S. – No parking on the south side of the street from 9am to 2am, Monday-Sunday, except by permit.

Knox Ave. S., from Lake St. to 31st St. W. – No parking on either side of the street from 9am to 10pm, Monday-Sunday, except by permit.

Meters are planned to be installed along the north side of 31st St. W. between Fremont and Hennepin Ave.

#### Walker Library Closing September 22nd

Join neighbors, library staff and local officials as we prepare to start construction on the new Walker Library! The event is taking place on Saturday, September 22nd at 10:30am at the Walker Library (2880 Hennepin Ave). Hennepin County Commissioner Gail Dorfman will lead a family story time so don't forget to bring the kids!

Walker Library will officially close at 6:00pm on September 22nd. Construction of the new library will begin this fall. The new library will open in 2014. Nearby libraries include Linden Hills and Minneapolis Central.

For more info, visit [www.hclib.org/pub/info/newsroom/?ID=497](http://www.hclib.org/pub/info/newsroom/?ID=497).

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

This fall, Kenwood welcomed its new Community Liaison, Chris Madden. Madden, who has lived in Lowry Hill since 1996, is the parent of a current "Kenwood kid" and with two students at Kenwood's pathway school, Susan B. Anthony Middle School in southwest Minneapolis. Madden replaces long-time Community Liaison, Sue Payne, who retired last spring.

When asked what drew her to apply for the position, Madden says, "I love this school and this community and I wanted to do something to support the school and its kids." She says she is looking forward to getting to know the families and the teachers better. Madden, who is married to former Minneapolis School Board Chair Tom Madden, has a background as a graphic designer, and has been active on the school's PTA for many years.

The beautiful weather Saturday, September 8th provided a great backdrop for the school's 16th Annual Kenwood Crawl. This first community building and fundraising event of the school year brings kids, teachers, and families together while promoting fitness and healthy exercise. Students walk by grade the one-mile (approximately) perimeter of Kenwood Park and raise donations through sponsorships. For the past several years, the event has raised over \$11,000 for the school's PTA, which supports arts residencies and classroom needs. Prizes, such as extra recess and the "Kenwood Walking Stick," are awarded to the classrooms that collect the most donations and have the highest participation rate.

Event co-chair and Kenwood resident, Matt Allen, said, "This is such a great event to kick off the school year. Our new families can participate and begin to feel a part of this wonderful community. The children can visit with their teachers and friends outside of the classroom. And we can raise funds to support our school's mission, while emphasizing fitness and getting outdoors on a beautiful fall morning."

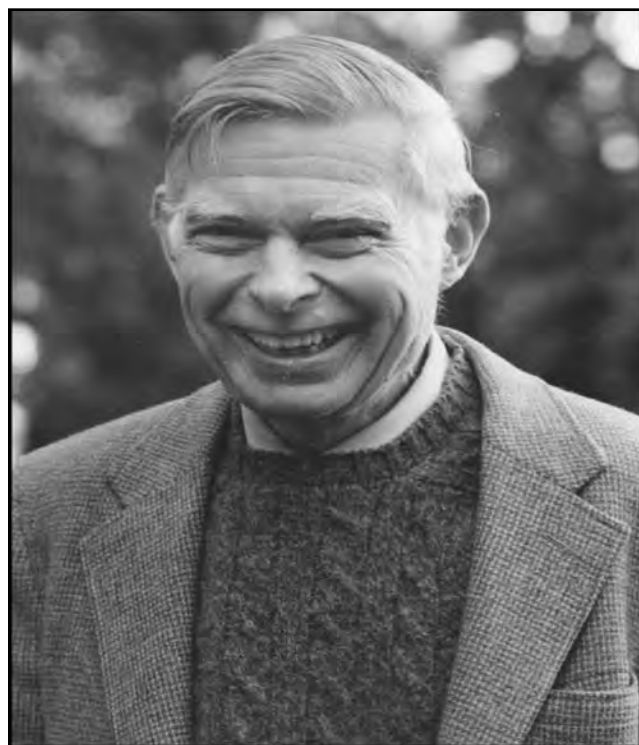




Photo by Dorothy Childers

Frederick Charles Goetz, M.D., highly esteemed and beloved longtime resident of Lowry Hill died August 28, 2012. Dr. Goetz devoted his medical career to diabetes research during his long and distinguished affiliation with the University of Minnesota. His love of sailing on Lake Superior led him to help found the Apostles Islands Yacht Club. He was a member of the Basilica of St. Mary for over 45 years. Dr. Goetz is survived by his loving wife Mary Rose, children Frederick James (Anna), Laura, and Thomas (Whitney), grandchildren Samuel, Micah, Rex, and Buckminster, and nephews John Charles and William Goetz. He was preceded in death by daughter Cecilia. Visitation will be held at the Basilica of St. Mary on September 28, 2012 at 10:30 am, followed by a funeral mass at 11:30am. In lieu of flowers, please send memorials in his honor to the Basilica Landmark Foundation, the American Diabetes Association - Minnesota, or organization of donor's choosing.



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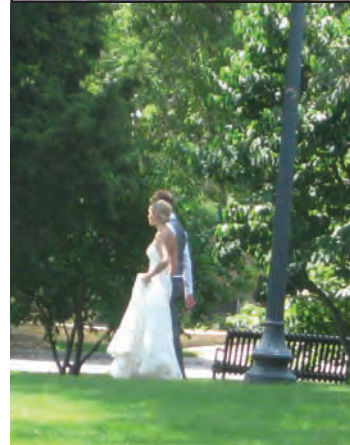
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# Scenes from the Long, Hot, Summer of 2012 at Thomas

Yes, it was indeed a long, hot summer! In fact it was the third warmest summer on record in Minnesota history! However, that did not deter the activities at our lovely neighborhood oasis, Thomas Lowry Park. The refreshing pools were cleaner and fresher than ever and ran vigorously all summer and to date, still flowing until winter shut-down in October. People came from everywhere this past season, and not just from the immediate neighborhood, to enjoy the Park's amenities, whether it was yoga class on the west lawn, Bocce Ball on the north lawn, or baseball on the south lawn. The weddings and bachelorette parties continued to entertain us all, and some people just came for the reflective quality of the Park's zen-like structure. Whatever the reason, these are scenes from the summer of 2012.



Fogel grandchildren



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# s Lowry Park

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An elegant bachelorette party in the pergola.

Friends (Barb and Barry) having fun!



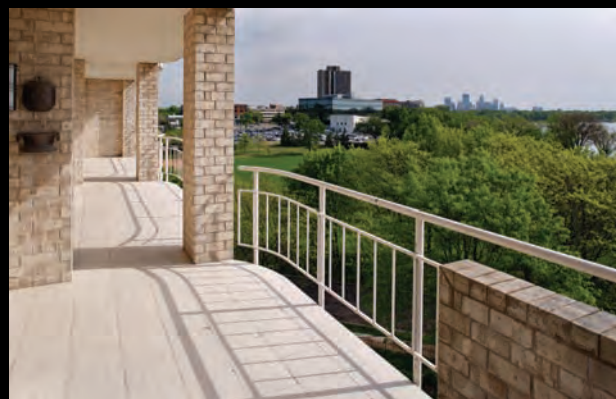
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## EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EIRA)

By Monica Smith, Recorder

Below are abbreviated minutes from the August 14 and September 11 EIRA Board meetings. The complete minutes can be found at [www.eastisles.org](http://www.eastisles.org).

### EIRA Board of Directors Meeting August 14, 2012

Board members present: Dan McLaughlin (President), Linda Schutz (Vice President), Richard White (Secretary), Sue Durfee, Vaughn Emerson, Tina Frontera, Renee Gust, Carla Pardue, Michael Rossini, and Jane Schommer. Alternate Donna Jansen and other East Isles residents were also present.

#### Open Forum

##### Janet Hallaway, The Bridge for Youth.

Ikea donated \$10,000 worth of goods to transform the group space to feel more like home.

The Bridge is asking for community support for their annual fundraising dinner and is seeking partners to fund new musical instruction initiative for the youth they serve.

##### Henry Reimer, Assistant Director of Inspections, City of Minneapolis

Council Member Tuthill invited Henry Reimer to address problem properties in East Isles.

The City's Vacant Building Registration (VBR) program aims to monitor and manage nuisance vacant properties; the problem properties program focuses on the worst cases, engages in periodic inspections, issues work-orders, and sometimes citations and hires contractors to ensure maintenance occurs.

Program is funded by fees charged against owners who must register vacant properties (fees are \$7,000/year/vacant structure).

Few other options besides entering into a "restoration agreement" or tear down a structure.

One property of concern is 2208 Irving Ave S. Mr. Reimer indicated it's been assessed over \$17,000 in fees/fine this year (and \$29,000 totally since the property's been vacant), and the owner is paying property taxes and fines; this year not many "311" calls received about it. Residents present: (1) indicated nearby residents have expressed concerns repeatedly over many years about the deteriorating structure, etc. and have done work to clean up the property. Reimer suggested neighbors not clear rubbish, not mow, but instead any one concerned should call "311" to help the City build the record; (2) inquired why the owner who is also developing a large residential project near the Greenway, citing recent article in Star Tribune, is given the go ahead to proceed by the City, without the City insisting the 2208 Irving structure be remedied; (3) offered ideas such as (a) looking at "best practices" of other cities; (b) offering draft language for a letter that EIRA BOD could send to owner; (4) wondering about nuisances and hazards. Among EIRA Board of Directors (BOD) members present, consensus was that an EIRA BOD member, who offered to call the property owner to elevate awareness of the condition of 2208 Irving Ave. S., do so, and that the EIRA BOD review the property's situation in six

months.

#### REPORTS

##### Amy Sanborn, Social Committee

The Ice Cream Social on Thursday, August 16, at Levin Triangle Park (1600 W 26th St) will be a combined East Isles and Park Board event to celebrate the grand re-opening of the park.

Thank you to the volunteers for the East Isles pop booth at the Uptown Art Fair.

##### Harvey Ettinger, Zoning Committee

Smith Triangle surveys: 19 have been returned to date.

Melissa Anderson-Rossini will be the point person to coordinate and share information regarding possible mass transit on the Greenway. She will report through the Zoning Committee.

Wiring for the new lighting on the Greenway has begun. Letters will go to nearby residents to inform them about the project.

##### Monica Smith, NRP/Staff Report

A summary of the Community Participation Program expenditures for the program ending June 30 was distributed

East Isles' application for the 2012-13 Community Participation Program was approved.

##### Green Team

Green Team was awarded a grant from the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization for a demonstration rain garden at 2871 Humboldt Ave.

The EIRA Board approved \$175 of general funds to be used to purchase food and beverage at upcoming Green Team events.

##### Board Review

Take Back the Air sent a revised resolution for the EIRA Board to consider regarding wood-burning recreation fires. Dan McLaughlin will write a more general resolution for review.

The Board unanimously approved expenditures for the Strategic Planning session.

Monica Smith's contract is expiring September 6th. The Board authorized Dan McLaughlin to negotiate a new contract.

Candidates for political office will not be offered time on EIRA Board meeting agendas. Elected officials are invited to address the Board. Comments of some present included: a variety of events and forums already exist for candidates to make contact, concern with multitude of candidates running for assorted offices, desire of EIRA to remain nonpartisan, constraints of tight monthly BOD meetings, etc.

### EIRA Board of Directors Meeting September 11, 2012

Board members present: Dan McLaughlin (President), Linda Schutz (Vice President), Richard White (Secretary), Al Rodriguez (Treasurer), Tina Frontera, Renee Gust, Carla Pardue, Michael Rossini, and Jane Schommer. Alternate Donna Jansen and other East Isles residents were also present.

### Michael Mechtenberg, Transit Planner, Metro Transit

Mr. Mechtenberg attended the meeting to discuss the Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis. This study will determine the benefits, costs and impact of implementing a transitway along either the Midtown Greenway or Lake Street to improve East/West transit. Metro Transit is just beginning the study, which is expected to take approximately two years and result in a recommendation for a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) transitway.

Modes of transportation being studied: enhanced bus, dedicated busway, streetcar, and light-rail transit (LRT) on both the Midtown Greenway and Lake St (between the Hiawatha LRT and the proposed W. Lake Street station of the future Southwest LRT).

Stakeholder Working Group will be formed to work with the Technical Advisory Committee (staff from city, county, MnDOT, Metropolitan Council and Metro Transit). EIRA will be invited to have representation on the working group.

The Midtown Greenway bike path will remain.

Contact Monica Smith, [nrp@eastisles.org](mailto:nrp@eastisles.org) to receive an electronic version of the presentation.

#### Open Forum

Walker Library closing event: Saturday, Sept 22 at 10:30 a.m. Construction of the new library will begin this fall.

Dan McLaughlin and Harvey Ettinger represented East Isles at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Parade Road. Construction to be completed in November 2012.

### Robert Thompson, Neighborhood & Community Relations (NCR), City of Minneapolis

The City of Minneapolis provides funding to neighborhood organizations through the Community Participation Program (CPP). NCR is requesting some revisions to EIRA's bylaws to better comply with the CPP requirements relating to increasing open participation of East Isles residents, and since EIRA is a resident-driven neighborhood association, to enhance EIRA's efforts to provide residents with greater opportunities for influence, inclusion, involvement, and sharing of information. Proposed language changes will be reviewed by EIRA BOD and committee chairs and made available to EIRA members 10 days prior to the final vote at the Semi-Annual Members' Meeting on October 23. EIRA also needs to resolve its status with the IRS regarding 501(c)(3) vs 501(c)(4).

#### Members' Meeting

The Semi-Annual Members' Meeting will be October 23, 7 p.m. at Grace Trinity Community Church, 1430 W. 28th Street. Agenda will include guest speaker Minneapolis parks historian David Smith, Smith Triangle survey results, and voting on bylaws revisions and neighborhood priorities. The Board approved funding for refreshments.

#### REPORTS

##### Harvey Ettinger, Zoning Committee

The next meeting of the Zoning Committee will be Tuesday, September 18, 5 p.m. at Grace-Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th St. Agenda items will include: new home construction at 2449 Girard Ave S; renovation of property at 2225 E. Lake of the Isles Pkwy (a locally designated individual historic landmark) and the related public hearing on September 24, 4:30 at

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# CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

By Monica Smith

## CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES, September 12, 2012

The September meeting was held at the Jones-Harrison Residence. Board members in attendance: Chair Craig Westgate, Vice Chair Michael Wilson, Treasurer Ed Bell, Secretary Ryan Fox, Ed Ferlauto, Stephen Goltry, Rosanne Halloran, Art Higinbotham, and David Lissauer. Committee Chairs: Gail Lee, Bob Corrick and Elaine May. Staff: Monica Smith

Chair Craig Westgate called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

### Leslie Foreman, Aide to Council Member Meg Tuthill, Ward 10

Garrison Keillor will host the discussion for the One Minneapolis One Read book "Spirit Car: Journey to a Dakota Past" by Diane Wilson. Monday, September 24, 7 pm at Minneapolis Convention Center.

Street sweeping is scheduled to begin in October. Check

[www.minneapolismn.gov/publicworks/streetsweeping/](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/publicworks/streetsweeping/) to look up the schedule for your block.

The Mayor released his recommended 2013 budget. Let you Council Member know if you have budget suggestions.

Closing events for the Walker Library will be Saturday, September 22, 10:30 a.m.

The next Meet with Meg is Tuesday, October 9,

noon at the 5th Precinct. Guest speaker will be David Herberholz, Director of Solid Waste & Recycling for the City of Minneapolis.

Watch for road closures related to the Calhoun Isles Area Sewer Improvement Project.

### Kenilworth Freight Rail Replacement

Guest speakers: Mark Wenger & Tim Jeske, Twin Cities & Western Railroad and Phil Eckhart, Hennepin County. The Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA) is replacing a two-mile stretch of freight rail track within the Kenilworth Corridor from Interstate 394 to just east of Beltline Boulevard.

The current freight rail track is aging and wasn't designed for modern freight operations. To ensure ongoing safe operations within the corridor, the HCRRA will replace the track instead of doing ongoing repairs.

The 1,600-foot replacement rails are scheduled to arrive by train the week of September 18, when they will be removed from the train cars and placed parallel to existing track. In mid-October workers will begin cutting and welding the track into place. Installation is expected to take one month, with work taking place M-F 7am-7pm. Train service will continue during the evenings. Crossings are not being replaced so roads will not be closed. Once the new track is installed, trains will continue to operate at reduced speeds through the area.

Mr. Eckhart stated that it is prudent to replace the rails now for safety reasons since LRT engineering is still at least 2-3 years away. He reiterated that HCRRA is opposed to co-location of freight and LRT along the corridor.

Hennepin County will communicate with CIDNA as the construction progresses.

### Anita Tabb and Bruce Chamberlain, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board

Levin Triangle Park renovation is complete and the park reopened in August.

Parade Road is closed for construction and expected to reopen in November.

A land survey was recently completed at Park Siding Park to verify the property lines. Upon request of a resident, the Park Board will explore options (such as fencing) to separate the park property from the nearby town homes.

The Park Board LRT Community Advisory Committee continues to meet and will prepare a response to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

The Park Board is planning a design charrette (intense period of design activity) for the landscape between Lake Calhoun and Lake of the Isles. A Public Visioning Session will be held on October 9 with a follow up Open House on October 13 (locations to be determined). This process will be the foundation to

launch a strategic plan for the area. The Park Board has \$3.7 million for improvements to the Chain of Lakes for 2015-16. CIDNA and surrounding neighborhood boards are being asked to contribute \$2,000 each toward the cost of the charrette.

Reconstruction of trails on Dean Parkway is scheduled for 2013.

Commissioner Tabb will check on the status of the Park Siding easement.

### Fall Festival

Co-chairs Elaine May and Steve Goltry provided an overview of their plans for CIDNA's Fall Festival, September 16, 1-4 p.m.

### NRP/PPP Committee Report

NRP Committee Chair Gail Lee gave the following report:

The ping-pong table was installed in Park Siding Park.

The committee will solicit feedback at the Fall Festival to dedicate funding to establish LRT as a Neighborhood Priority Plan.

Fall clean up at Park Siding is September 15 beginning at 9 a.m.

Next NRP Committee meeting is September 26 at 3:30 p.m.

### MCES Sewer Update

Efforts continue to reach a resolution for a new sidewalk along Sunset Blvd.

### Transportation Committee

The DEIS workshop on August 22 focused on how to write an effective response to the DEIS. A follow up session will be held on September 15, 10 a.m. at Jones-Harrison to share LRT-related issues and discuss how neighborhood organizations can reinforce common concerns.

The DEIS is now expected to be released on October 12.

The Southwest Light Rail Transit (LRT) CAC meets September 13, 6 pm at St Louis Park City Hall.

The federal government won't fund transportation projects until 50% of the funding is in place. SW LRT may be delayed if the state doesn't provide adequate funding for the project.

Peter Wagenius, Mayor Rybak's representative to the SW LRT Corridor Management Committee, spoke to Kenwood Isles Area Association and stated that Minneapolis opposes co-location.

Preliminary engineering for SW LRT has been deferred to 2013.

### Midtown Greenway Coalition (MGC) Report

Progressive Dinner fundraiser is Sunday, September 23. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at [www.midtowngreenway.org](http://www.midtowngreenway.org).

Mike Wilson will check on the schedule for striping

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City Hall, 350 S. 5th St, Room 317; and possible development at James Ave and Lake St (1618 & 1620 W Lake, and 2915 James).

Zoning Committee members met with Central Bank and City staff regarding the BP site at 2700 Hennepin Ave S. The bank has a potential buyer interested in developing the property for retail space. The buyer was not identified.

Smith Triangle survey results will be presented at the Oct 23 Members' Meeting.

### Richard White, Membership Committee

75 membership forms have been returned to-date.

Monica Smith, NRP/Staff Report

Thank you to Amy Sanborn and the Social Committee for a successful Ice Cream Social.

The new lighting on the Greenway has been installed.

The Park Board is planning a Design Charrette for the landscape between Lake Calhoun and Lake of the Isles. A Public Visioning Open House will be held in the evening of Tuesday, October 9 (time and location to be announced).

The next meeting of the NRP Committee will be Monday, November 5, 7 p.m. at Grace-Trinity Community Church, 1430 W. 28th St. (no meeting in Oct).

Watch for road closure for sewer construction on East Calhoun Pkwy (between The Mall and Lake of the Isles) and the westbound lane of The Mall,

### Green Team

The September 8 Super Sale was a success with 39 households participating.

Upcoming Green Team events (RSVP to [nrp@eastisles.org](mailto:nrp@eastisles.org)):

Joint Uptown Green Team meeting on Sept 12

Lighting Workshop, Sept 17, 7-8:15 pm at The Bridge for Youth, 1111 W 22nd St

Rain Garden Basics, Sept 22, 9-10:30 am at 2781 Humboldt Ave S

Rain Garden installation, Oct 6 at 2781 Humboldt Ave S

Upcoming EIRA meetings: BOD meeting Tuesday, October 9, 6-7:30 p.m. (note the time change) and the Semi Annual Members' Meeting, Tuesday, October 23, 7 p.m. at Grace-Trinity Community Church, 1430 W. 28th St.

## Join your neighbors for these East Isles events!

For more information or to register for an event, please contact Monica Smith at [nrp@eastisles.org](mailto:nrp@eastisles.org) or call 612-821-0131.

The East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA) invites and encourages participation by every resident to each event organized by EIRA. Should you require an accommodation in order to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please contact us at [nrp@eastisles.org](mailto:nrp@eastisles.org) or 612-821-0131 or at least five days before an EIRA sponsored event.

### Rain Garden Basics

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 9- 10:30 am**

Side yard of 2871 Humboldt Ave S

A demonstration rain garden is coming to East Isles — thanks to a Mississippi Watershed Management Organization grant. Join us for morning coffee and learn about rain garden benefits, design, plantings, and upkeep.

### EIRA Board of Directors Meeting

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 6-7:30 pm \*\*note time\*\***

Grace-Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th St



**Agenda will include:** Meg Tuthill, Ward 10 City Council Member, proposed amendments to EIRA's bylaws, and review of donations/expenses.

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### Rain Garden Installation

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 9 am - 3 pm**

Side yard of 2871 Humboldt Ave S

**It's time to build our rain garden!** Be part of a spirited team creating and prepping the site and planting the garden. Stay all or part of the day. Volunteers needed! Lunch included. Register by Thursday, October 4th.

### EIRA Semi-Annual Members Meeting

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 7:00 pm**

Grace-Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th Street

**Agenda will include:** guest speaker David C. Smith, Minneapolis parks historian to discuss the history of Lake of the Isles and The Mall parkland; results from the Smith Triangle survey; and voting on proposed amendments to EIRA's bylaws and neighborhood priorities. Refreshments will be served.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Residents may, if they wish to vote, become a member at the meeting.

## KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION

By Amy Lucas

### September 2012 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA Board met September 10, 2012 at Kenwood Rec Center.

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

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

Others present: 7th Ward Council Member Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis Policy Director Peter Wagenius and approximately 35 residents of Lowry Hill, Kenwood and CIDNA.

### 7th Ward Update-Council Member Lisa Goodman

The next "Lunch with Lisa" at University of St. Thomas will be Oct. 31 and will feature Casey Carl on the Voter ID vote.

The new restaurant at Hennepin and Franklin, Burch's, will be opening (dinner only) in late 2012. Restaurant will have capacity of 200 seats with 17 off-street parking and valet parking for 100 autos. CM Goodman met with residents at the Kenwood Rec Center to discuss the restaurant and potential increased parking and traffic issues. Discussed potential for on-street parking along Franklin.

Two miles of the Kenilworth freight rail tracks are being repaired and replaced this fall from 394W to St. Louis Park. This is unrelated to the proposed Southwest LRT.

Fall Street Sweeping starts Oct. 23. Visit [www.minneapolis.gov](http://www.minneapolis.gov) and enter your address to check date of your street cleaning.

City's budget process has begun. Two public hearings on tax levy and budget are scheduled for: Wednesday Nov. 28, 6 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 12, 6 p.m. in City Hall. Visit [www.minneapolis.gov/finance/budget](http://www.minneapolis.gov/finance/budget) for more info.

There are currently 186 open positions on Minneapolis boards and commissions. Visit [www.minneapolis.gov/boards](http://www.minneapolis.gov/boards).

"One Minneapolis One-Read" program is reading Spirit Car: Journey to a Dakota Past by Diane Wilson. The City's "book club" will be Sept. 24 at 7 p.m. at Mpls Convention Center with Garrison Keillor and Diane Wilson. Visit [www.ticketworks.com](http://www.ticketworks.com) for \$10 tickets.

### LRT Update – Peter Wagenius, Policy Director for Mayor Rybak

Peter specifically focuses on city budget and transportation/transit issues. He represents the City of Mpls on the Southwest LRT Corridor Management Committee.

While Hennepin County has focused transit policy on ridership numbers, the City of Mpls has focused transit development along transit corridors. While the City didn't initially support the location of the Southwest Corridor they have moved to support the alignment along Kenilworth. Met Council manages the Southwest Corridor development.

City of Mpls isn't supporting "park and ride" lots in city limits. A station in Kenwood may not warrant enough ridership to be built. If a station is built, it is



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## CIDNA FALL FESTIVAL



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Ed Ferlauto grilling hot dogs.



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Facepainting at the CIDNA Festival.

More CIDNA Festival photos on page 16

### Big Turnout for 16th Annual CIDNA Fall Festival

By Elaine May

At 10:00 a.m. on September 16, the sound of mallet striking tent post rang out in the usually quiet Park Siding Park as former CIDNA board member Matt Dahlquist led the tent raising effort that marked the beginning of the 16th annual CIDNA Fall Festival. CIDNA Board Chairman Craig Westgate and CIDNA Secretary Ryan Fox as well as long-standing volunteer Charlie Elowson were also there to help prepare for the festivities.

The beautiful weather led to a fantastic turnout at the festival. First-time volunteer Ted Axt and his wife Ying had their hands full with the line of kids who couldn't wait to spend some time bouncing on the brightly colored moonwalk. Former Park Board Commissioner Vivian Mason and her daughter Katy, and valued festival volunteer Ardis Elowson also took

important to balance noise, such as implementation of speed limits and a "quiet zone" where trains would not use horns.

Peter noted that other noise-dampening measures include landscape berms and tree plantings. These can be used whether or not there is a station at 21st St. They add maintenance costs however.

The Southwest Corridor was not funded in the MN state budget this year, but planning for the LRT line continues.

The Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS) has not been released, but interested parties will have the opportunity to respond to the Southwest Corridor issues when released. A City working group made of up technical and policy people has met and is preparing to respond.

A You Tube video "Southwest LRT Alignment" captures the experience of riding the corridor.

Meeting participants expressed concerns about the crossing at Cedar Lake Parkway and the impact on the housing near the corridor. They raised questions about

their turns assisting the eager bouncers.

The food at the festival this year was spectacular! The Jones-Harrison Residence graciously donated hot dogs, which were expertly grilled by Board Member Ed Furlauto and his wife Rochelle. Once again the Urban Eatery provided their delicious chicken wings and Caribou provided the much-appreciated coffee. This year we were also lucky enough to have trays of wonderful deviled eggs from Tryg's and a tantalizing baked goods table courtesy of CSM bakeries hosted by Board Member Rosanne Halloran.

In addition to the moonwalk, children enjoyed face painting (with sweet yet ghoulish Halloween faces) and a scavenger hunt and autumn art project led by Board Member Amanda Vallone of Artrageous Adventures. Later in the afternoon there was a great rush to meet the firefighters from Station 22 as they pulled up to let the children explore their shiny red rig. The end of their fun-filled day was marked by a drawing for Halloween and Thanksgiving-themed prizes and toys led by CIDNA Coordinator Monica Smith. The adults had a drawing of their own, which included gift cards and prizes from generous neighborhood restaurants and stores.

While the children played, the adults enjoyed visiting with local dignitaries including Council Member Meg Tuthill, Senator Scott Dibble, Park Board Commissioner Anita Tabb, and Representative Frank Hornstein. In-coming Festival Co-chairs Steve Goltry and Elaine May were happy to see our Festival Chair predecessor Judy Berge stop by to see how we were doing!

Board members, including Vice-Chair Mike Wilson and his partner Scott Abbott, as well as neighbor Alex Dietz were on hand to tear down the tent and tables. The park will return to its idyllic state — until we invade again next year!

### CIDNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11

the newly re-paved Greenway and Kenilworth trails.

#### Land Use & Development Committee

Chair Bob Corrick continues to follow the activity for potential development at 2622 W. Lake St. The site is being leased to MCES as a construction staging area through 2013.

#### Treasurer's Report was presented.

#### New Business

Monica Smith's contract was renewed through December 31, 2013.

CIDNA's issues relating to LRT were discussed. A list created by Calhoun-Isles Association (Calhoun-Isles condos & townhomes) will be sent to all CIDNA Board members. Further comment may be sent to Ed Ferlauto.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

#### Next meeting

Wednesday, October 10 at Jones-Harrison, 6:00 p.m.

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# LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

By Janis Clay, Secretary

## Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board Minutes

Tuesday, September 4, 2012, Kenwood Recreation Center

Present - Board Members: David Weinstein, President; Maureen Sheehan, Vice President; Janis Clay, Secretary; Dan Aronson, Treasurer; Tom Huppert; Mark Brauer; Phil Hallaway; Jimmy Fogel.

Present - Guests and staff: Lisa Goodman, Seventh Ward Minneapolis City Council Representative; Ed Kodet; Adrian Ho; Tracy Hudson; David Morris; Buddy Scroggins; Emily Beugen; Craig Wilson; Steve Manhart; Julie Kenfield; Chris Madden, LHNA Administrator.

The meeting was called to order at 7:19 p.m. by President David Weinstein, noting a quorum was present.

**Approval of Minutes and Agenda:** Edward Kodet asked to add to the agenda the rush hour parking restriction near 15 Groveland Terrace. Mark Brauer moved and Tom Huppert seconded approval of the August 14, 2012, minutes and tonight's agenda. All approved.

**Community Announcements - Seventh Ward City Council Representative Lisa Goodman:** In October, Lunch with Lisa will have an election-related topic. Minneapolis has begun the budget process. Fall street sweeping will begin Tuesday Oct. 23rd and last four weeks. This fall, a two mile stretch of freight rail track in the Kenilworth Corridor will be replaced. This is a maintenance issue, and not related to the Southwest Light Rail Transit line. Minneapolis has many open seats on Boards and Commissions. One Minneapolis One Read, a city-wide program where everyone is invited to read and discuss the same book, features Spirit Car: Journey to a Dakota Past. Patrick Sadler will be here for Lisa next month. Ground breaking is scheduled to begin this week for renovation work on Parade Road.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dan Aronson reported that we are in good shape financially.

**Planning for Board Officer Elections:** The Board discussed planning for electing new Board officers. Maggie Thurer has indicated she will be stepping down from the Board, which will open up a seat.

**Committee Reports:**

**Zoning and Planning Committee:**

Immediately before this Board meeting, Councilmember Lisa Goodman hosted a public meeting concerning traffic and parking issues near the intersection of Hennepin Avenue and Franklin Avenue. The Board discussed the renovation of the Burch Building, and the related parking and traffic issues. Steve Manhart, a transportation engineer at RLK, Inc., engineering firm, discussed the possibility of the Association doing our own traffic study. We could do an independent study or an analysis of an existing study. This is a future possibility, but we will hold off for now.

**Environment:** Because the bids we received all exceeded the amount budgeted for the Kenwood Park Landscaping Plan, we looked into a trees-only version of the plan. David Weinstein asked Craig Wilson to interface with the Park Board to monitor this process.

**Crime and Safety:** Maggie Thurer and been handling this committee. Rebecca Graham has volunteered to take this on. There have been many break-ins lately. Jimmy Fogel said leaving a porch light on helps deter crime.

**Rush Hour Parking Restriction near 15 Groveland Terrace:** Ed Kodet requested that the Board support removal of the rush hour no-parking restriction, arguing that the restriction is unnecessary, catches people by surprise, and results in unnecessary tows and confrontations. After discussion, Mark Brauer moved and Dan Aronson seconded that the board support removal of the parking restriction. All approved.

**Status of Eblast and Website:** These have made great strides due to LHNA Coordinator Chris Madden.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

## Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Special Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 14, 2012, Kenwood Recreation Center

Present - Board Members: David Weinstein, President; Maureen Sheehan, Vice President; Janis Clay, Secretary; Dan Aronson, Treasurer; Raj Dash, Sherie Tazelaar, Jimmy Fogel; Mark Brauer; Thomas D. Huppert, Ann Seltman.

Present - Guests and staff: Lynn Pirner, Don Pirner, Fran Davis, Sonja Elias, Nancy Kleeman, Mike Jameson, Toni D'Eramo, E. Switzenberg, Bob Hinck, Marvin Sullivan, Chris Goble, Pat Thomas, Ben Hertz, Dick Geyerman, Merrie Sjogren, Michael McLaughlin, Fran Davis, Craig Wilson, Pat Strandness, Chris Madden, LHNA Administrator.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Vice President Maureen Sheehan, noting a quorum was present.

**Tear-down of 1925 Colfax Avenue:** The developers of the Burch site propose tearing down the existing structure at 1925 Colfax Avenue to make way for additional parking near the Hennepin and Franklin intersection in connection with the revitalization of the Burch building. The LHNA Board met on July 31, 2012 concerning the issue, and was inclined not to oppose the tear down. No resolution was passed because a quorum was not present.

Merrie Sjogren presented information and took questions on behalf of the Nolan Company, owner and developer of the site. A public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 19, 2012, concerning the proposed tear-down. After discussion and questions, Jimmy Fogel moved and Sherie Tazelaar seconded the following:

The Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association does not oppose the demolition of the structure at 1925 Colfax Avenue. All approved.

**Traffic and parking near the Hennepin and Franklin intersection:** A public meeting hosted by Councilmember Lisa Goodman is scheduled for Tuesday, September 4, 2012, concerning traffic and parking issues near the intersection. Councilmember Goodman suggested the following five options to ameliorate the situation:

Installation and time limits for parking meters on Franklin (between Hennepin and Dupont);

Installation and time limits for parking meters on Colfax (between Franklin and Lincoln);

Parking on Hennepin (between Lincoln and Franklin);

Altering the hours and/or days of operation for the Critical Parking Area north of Lincoln. (Times in the existing area can be changed administratively. We do not recommend considering an alteration to the area itself because that would require 75% agreement by all parties in the affected area);

Ingress and egress routes for the valet drivers once the cars are dropped off, we do have the ability for example to say they have to turn east or west at Lincoln for example and prohibit their route from going further north on Colfax.

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tunneling, trenching, or simply depressing the train through dense areas. Peter responded that there is a need to be realistic about the financial and political constraints.

The Met Council's goal is to begin operation of Southwest LRT in 2018. Construction will take 3-4 years, but will be done in sections so no area will be impacted for the full construction period.

KIAA Organizational Issues - Larry Moran Bob Tennesen was elected to the KIAA board.

KIAA September Treasurer's report was reviewed.

Ed Pluimer is meeting with Mpls Park Police on how the KIAA funds for additional patrol at Hidden Beach were specifically allocated.

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

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

A letter was reviewed from Isaac Becker, Nancy St. Pierre, and Ryan Burnet, developers of the Burch Steak house, the primary tenant for the renovated Burch building. The Board and attendees discussed traffic, parking and other issues in connection with the development.

**Upcoming important dates:**

Thursday, August 16: Planning Commission of the Whole re Tear-Down 1925 Colfax (no opportunity for testimony)

Tuesday, September 4: Councilmember Goodman's office is hosting a public meeting regarding street parking in and around the Hennepin/Franklin intersection from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Kenwood Rec Center

LHNA Board meeting at 7:00 to 9:00 in the Kenwood Rec Center

Wednesday, September 19th: Planning Commission public hearing regarding the tear-down of 1925 Colfax Ave. with the Planning Commission (opportunity for public testimony)

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

**LHNA's next Board meeting will be held Tuesday, October 2, 2012, at the Kenwood Rec Center. All residents are welcome.**

Everyone is encouraged to visit the LHNA website at [www.lowryhillneighborhood.org](http://www.lowryhillneighborhood.org), where they can sign up to receive LHNA's monthly E-Blast about events in the neighborhood.



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## LETTERS

Dear Hill and Lake Press Editor,

As a mother of Minneapolis Public School children, a MPS teacher, and a community member of the 4th district, I was deeply disappointed by Steve Kotvis's article, "Loyalties in District 4 School Race" in which he questions Patty Wycoff's qualifications as a school board candidate. I have known Patty Wycoff since our children attended preschool together. I have witnessed firsthand her commitment and passion for education and our community.

It appears Steve believes that if you are not attending the meetings he attends, you are not active in your community. I strongly disagree. As a teacher, I value and celebrate the parents who devote their time and energy to schools. Patty chose to spend her time in the school working on behalf of the children at Bryn Mawr Elementary, of whom 81% receive free or reduced lunches. Patty also recruited volunteers for the Strong Schools, Strong City campaign, and performed the thankless job of phoning for the referendum. While Steve attended many district meetings, Patty was where the children were, that's how I met her.

Having lived here for 20 years, Patty has had the opportunity to not only experience the same frustrations that many parents have had, but to hear a variety of problems that parents have faced. She has experienced the fear and frustration of having a child placed in a Kindergarten class of 30 children. She has experienced a principal forced to choose between cutting the band program or resources for additional classroom support to meet the needs of students who arrive for Kindergarten with enormous learning gaps. In the past 13 years, Patty has had conversations with parents who were frustrated by decisions that MPS administrators made on behalf of children, without ever engaging parents in the decision making process. She will make a thoughtful board member with the perspective of years of commitment to our schools and families.

My concern regarding the other candidate is that he has yet to demonstrate his commitment to our schools or the community. I have two children in Minneapolis. They are early in their school career. I want to be represented on the Board by Patty because she has demonstrated her commitment. The other candidate moved into the district May 1, 2012 to run for school board. He taught for two years, simply fulfilling the program obligation for his "leadership training" as a teacher. The other candidate seems only to commit long enough to establish a track record for a resume. Patty's choices were made from an active role in the lives of her children and their classmates, not with plans to run for office.

Patty Wycoff has demonstrated her commitment and tenacity for quality school choices for fourth district families. I believe she will make a thoughtful school board member. One who will actually see the results of what is decided in the boardroom in the classrooms, where the children are.

Julie Sabo, Kenwood

### Memorial Tribute To Natalie Westreich By Diane Woelm

On August 16, 2012 a group of Natalie Westreich's friends gathered to pay tribute to her at a special luncheon at The Woman's Club of Minneapolis. Natalie's husband Dr. Gilbert Westreich was the guest of honor, and Jan Prescott proposed the toast to Natalie. Present at the luncheon were Bette Jacobs, Dorothy Childers, Joyce Murphy, Diane Woelm, 10th Ward Council Member Meg Tuthill, Arlene Fried, Harriet Horwitz, Former Speaker of the Minnesota House, Dee Long, and Sally Anson,

We call ourselves the Nutmegs because we used to meet at the Balloon Emporium which was then owned by Meg Tuthill and her husband Dennis. Tuthill's Balloon Store once had a lunch counter where we enjoyed lunch while monitoring Park Board activities. Arlene Fried from Park Watch gives us monthly reports because she attends all the Park Board meetings. After lunch many of us walked over to Loring Park to say a final farewell over Natalie's memorial brick.

Memorials should be sent to The Student Scholarship Fund at Temple Israel.



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### 2013 Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board Budget Request Submitted to Superintendent by Anita Tabb

Lake of the Isles Maintenance: In the years prior to my move here, MPRB embarked on a major LOI restoration. We completed 90% of the work but the final 10% remains either incomplete or poorly done. One of the major shortcomings is the turf, which was installed to a lower standard than we probably should have used. On about 2/3 of the lake, it is so compacted that it never grew properly and came up in "tufts" which give it a very bumpy appearance. There is no real maintenance schedule so the bank plantings can sometimes get to 15 feet high – and you wouldn't even know that a lake existed there as you walk along it. Several of the beds are in very poor condition. In fact, an older one at the entrance to LOI from Calhoun has turned into an overgrown mess for the past two years. There are other issues detailed in the joint neighborhood taskforce report. We just need to put some money toward actually doing something – and we need a plan as to what should/can be done on an on-going basis. (Lisa Beck, Bruce Chamberlain and Cliff are all familiar with these issues.)

The Citizens Joint Review Committee for the Lake of the Isles Renovation Project (2001--2009) wishes to thank our Park Board Commissioner, Anita Tabb, for her continuing support for additional improvements and improved maintenance at the Lake. Harvey Ettinger (chair) East Isles, Pat Scott/Kathy Low Kenwood-Isles, Marty Broan Lowry Hill, Art Higginbotham/Cedar-Isles-Dean, Robert Corrick.



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Left to right: Joyce Murphy, Gil Westreich, Harriet Horwitz, Penny Jacobs, Diane Woelm, Sally Anson, and Jan Prescott.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR FROM PAGE 3

Angeles 2008, I met my wife while I was outside waiting to head to our black tie event. We hit it off, dated long distance between Chicago and Mpls for a year, and I then proposed to her before the conference in Edinburgh 2009. We were married in 2010 and we joked that Lisa is the reason we met in the first place.

**Congratulations to you and Kathleen with the recent birth of your daughter. How has parenthood affected your urban design perspective?**

Good question. I think the thing I think about most related to babies and urban design is connectivity and walkability. When you want to take your child for a walk in the stroller – how easy is it to get to the lakes or the river without driving there first? Are there things we can do to improve the lighting and safety of those connections? Most of all, it has made we want to continue to shape the city in a positive way so that my daughter is a true urbanite and lover of cities.

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**Memorial Tribute To Sol Jacobs**

By Diane Woelm

On August 17, 2012 at 4:00 P.M. family and friends of Sol Jacobs gathered together for Kaddish at the Jones Harrison Home to pay their respects to Sol Jacobs who served Minneapolis for 41 years in the Department of Inspections and 20 of those years as Director of Building Inspections for the City. Kaddish was organized by Sol's daughter Robin Jacobs and his son-in-law Jay Arneson. There was a reception following the memorial tribute at Robin and Jay's house where there was more sharing of memories.

Bette and Sol have four children: Robin, Leslie, Paul, and Robert, and four grandchildren: Rachel, Leah, Liza, and Sophia.

Memorials should be sent to The Salvation Army.

**Lawn Boy**

By Madeleine Lowry



It's hard living next to the man with the perfect lawn. But even harder than that is having the care of said lawn placed into your twelve-year old's previously sprinkler-free hands.

You see, my neighbor, Bill, has raised taking care of his lawn to a high art. He sprinkles it lovingly by hand in a semi-nightly practice that is probably akin to a kind of meditation. If you've ever wondered why his grass always looks perfectly mowed, it's because he cuts it every third day with mind-numbing regularity.

For some reason Bill decided to go on vacation this summer. Several times. While the lawn was growing. You can see the problem here.

This lawn, which he tends to like an infant child, is a big job for any person to take on, and especially for the new crop of tweens on our block from whom Bill decided to seek watering help.

The first time he called to see if one of my progeny could be employed as a lawn waterer, I was thrilled to be able to say that we were going to be out of town for most of the duration of his trip.

Phew! I just knew we'd dodged a bullet there.

Let me tell you that it would not be conducive to neighborly relations if our child was the cause of Bill's lawn's demise.

Oh no—if we hadn't already planned to be away, it would certainly have been tempting to buy plane tickets. Anywhere.

I was even surer of this when we returned from our trip and observed Janet and her twins hauling out hoses and sprinklers in a valiant, almost daily attempt to keep Bill's lawn green in the hottest days of June.

I gave Janet a little hug. "You're very brave to take this on," I said. And better her kids than mine, I thought. For one thing, they live at least five houses away, which affords a much needed buffer zone in case there was to be bad karma over lawn care.

I wasn't the only neighbor noticing their efforts. Sherwood, Bill's neighbor to the south, offered his advice when he heard Janet fretting over a dry spot, "Why not turn on the sprinklers and let them run night and day?"

"Don't worry," my husband, Phil, chimed in, "it's nothing that a few hours of standing around with a hose won't cure."

We retreated into our house and sighed with relief. "Thank goodness that isn't us!"

Relief was short-lived. A few weeks later Bill was again asking for my son's help with his lawn. It was for a two-week period when we weren't traveling and

Westie had no other plans. I briefly considered buying plane tickets, but quickly decided that paying to re-sod Bill's lawn would probably be less expensive.

I cringed mentally as I approached Westie with Bill's request. Did he want the job?

"Yes!" he said, "I really do."

Spoken like a twelve-year old who wants to earn some dough. He was blithely unaware of the greater consequences that seemed so obvious to me. Clearly, if he did a bad job for Bill, we were going to have to move.

Bill gave Westie a crash course in lawn care and a one page single-spaced sheet of typed directions. Poor Westie had never handled a sprinkler in his short life and now he was entering the Sprinkler World Championships. Was he ready?

On the first day of Bill's vacation I reminded my son that he was enrolled in the camp of standing-around-with-a-garden-hose. "Do everything Bill told you to do—to the letter!"

I didn't want to move. I like our house.

Somewhat paradoxically, I had promised myself that I was not going to be hauling hoses at Bill's on my son's behalf. If Westie wanted the job he was going to have to carry it out all by himself.

My resolve was tested five days before the Van Susterens' return when Westie had been away for most of the day. It was a bright warm day and according to the every-other-day watering schedule he should have been manning the hoses at Bill's house.

Phil and I were trying to read the newspaper on our front porch, but both of us could feel the grass turning brown over at Bill's. I tried to remain calm and keep my breathing regular. Phil broke first and before I knew it, he was setting up a sprinkler on our neighbor's front lawn. I guess he didn't relish the idea of putting our house on the market either.

The last five days passed quickly. I tried to help by giving Westie helpful hints like, "Psst... the boulevard is looking dry." But, ultimately we knew it was his battle to win or lose.

I think he was worried too, because he composed a contrite note about his failings as a lawn waterer and slipped it under Bill's door the morning of their return. We held our collective breaths.

Surprise, surprise! Bill pronounced the lawn-watering experiment a success! Westie was ecstatic. (And so were his parents.)

Phew!

We weren't going to have to move after all.

**Where we are Now!**

By Jean Deatrick

The monthly minutes from our four neighborhood associations take up a lot of space each month. Please take time to read them because they are quite informative. We learn what is happening in each of the neighborhoods. And we read about their problems. This month I read about EIRA's concern about uninhabited properties where debris accumulates and neighbors feel frustrated. I also learned that new limited parking areas have been proposed on streets near Uptown. I live on a street with two hour parking limits. Residents need to buy parking stickers if they want to park on our street for a lengthy period of time or they will be ticketed. The reality is that only rarely does a traffic monitor come by and as a result, often the same cars including block residents are parked daily for hours at a time. I occasionally call 311 and cars are then ticketed. Because I call often, a 311 operator asked me why I called so frequently. I replied that if I have to pay for parking stickers so should my neighbors. She replied, "Oh." I hope the new restricted streets have better luck.

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