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THE URBAN COYOTES RIDE THE EARTH TRAIN TO WASHINGTON

By Jim Lenfestey

By the time you read this, the Urban Coyote and Mrs. Coyote will have returned from the largest rally against global warming in American history, on the National Mall in Washington DC on February 17. We sincerely hope that you have heard, seen, and read a great deal of publicity about this event, because the unfolding global catastrophe called "climate change " is the biggest challenge humanity has faced in modern history since the terrifying depredations of Fascism, racism, and military expansionism today called World War II.

Which is not what the Urban Coyote is musing about for the Hill and Lake Press this snowy Monday morning. Instead, he wants to thrill you with the news that our conveyance to the nation's capital is Amtrak's first ever EARTH TRAIN, conceived and organized from beginning to end by the redoubtable Mrs. Coyote. She who is fierce as a dog with a steak bone when she gets her teeth into a project addressing some major deficiency in the body politic.

She attended with me a rally last November with Bill McKibben, author of many books on climate change and the founder of 350.org, citizens organized to confront the climate crisis. His recent article in Rolling Stone, "Global Warming's Terrifying New Math."

http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/news/globalwarmings-terrifying-new-math-20120719, sent an urgent wakeup call even to those of us who pay careful attention to the growing alarms of climate science.

Here are the three numbers McKibben said we all need to know:

1) 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees F), agreed upon by all national governments as the upper limit before earth's climate spins out of control. We are already at .8C (1.5F).

2) 565 gigatons - the amount of carbon that, if burned, still gives us a 4 in 5 chance of holding the earth's fever at or below 2 degrees C.

3) 2795 gigatons - the amount of carbon already on the books of coal, oil, and gas companies around the world, including petrodictatorships that act like oil companies, FIVE TIMES MORE than the amount that leaves a possibly livable planet.

McKibben announced the Feb. 17th "Forward on Climate" rally in his Minneapolis speech to bring light to the dark politics of this unfolding catastrophe. Note that his article was written before the hottest days of last summer. One day last summer, the hottest place on planet earth, including the equatorial region was Moorhead, Minnesota, 94 degrees F with an 80 percent dew point, a stifling heat index far off the charts and heretofore considered impossible in Minnesota. Sometime after that November rally, Mrs. Coyote began to hear the tune "Peace train," a hopeful old song by Cat Stevens (Yusef Islam) in her head. She changed one word, to "Earth Train," and an idea was born with national ramifications. At the planning meeting for the departure of the Earth Train on Sunday, Feb. 10, the national coordinators announced that the Earth Train, leaving the Amtrak Midway station at 7:50AM on Friday, Feb 15, had become the signal to kick off the rally culminating two days later in Washington. And all Mrs. Coyote did was sing an old peace song. Oh, and work 14 hours a day, nearly seven days a week since December, overcoming mountainous hurdles, to make the wondrous Earth Train come true. OK, she had help. Lots of it. From 350.org and the Sierra Club. From the neighborhood, including the Emmel family, some of whom are known by the last name Erdrich, who jumped on board right away (and in fact

EARTH TRAIN



Photo by Dorothy Childers

The Midway Amtrak station rocked with music, speeches, and cheers as the Earth Train crowd waited for their 7:50 AM departure from St. Paul, first leg of their trip to Washington DC to rally against global warming.

Louise helped spark the original train idea). As did Prudence Johnson, famous crooner who daylights at Birchbark Books. As did Nate Pederson, who efficiently orders all the books at Birchbark. As did Marian Moore, including daughter Maeve, senior at South High, and son Eamon, taking a year off from UCSF to solve global problems with the rest of us. So HLP land was proudly and plentifully represented on the Earth Train, carrying the climate change story, and its implications with us wherever we went, and wherever we shall farther go.

So – let's hope, when you read this, the Earth Train departed on time, or near on time, that the send-off before departure at the Midway Amtrak station rocked with music and heart and hope and plenty of TV cameras, and that all the passengers recruited and organized were on board. Let's hope the rest of America is on board too, for global warming is the global challenge of our time, and we have time – but not much — to get the politics and hence the policies right. For in the end, we are all, aren't we, passengers on the Earth Train? And it is our job to



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Louise Erdrich and Susan Lenfestey being interviewed at the Earth Train event.

keep it on the rails.



LUMINARY LOPPET 2013 AT LAKE OF THE ISLES

Photo by Dorothy Childers

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Lunch with Lisa

March 27 St. Thomas University-Minneapolis

201 Opus Hall, \$10 lunch is offered. Come early to get your lunch and a good seat. discussion starts promptly at noon.

CONTACT: Barbara Franklin Minneapolis Audubon Society 763-657-1907

bbfrankli@gmail.com Friday, March 8, 2013 1 p.m.

Karl Tinsley, a graduate student in Conservation Biology will speak on "Urban Turkeys". The Bryant Square Neighborhood Center, just one block south of Lake Street, is easily accessible via the #4 bus, which runs every 15 minutes. Please join us for the program and refreshments! For more information 952-926-4205.

Walker Art Center

Kids Film Festival, Saturday March 2: 11am, 1pm, 3pm, Free

25 Groveland Terrace, 612-377-7800, www.grovelandgallery.com info@grovelandgallery.com

March-April 2013 Exhibition at Groveland GalleryExhibition: Charles Lyon - Openings Dates: March 16 – May 4, 2013

Opening Reception: Saturday March 16 from 5-8 p.m. Gallery Hours: Tuesday through Saturday 12-5 p.m. A solo exhibition of new paintings by artist Charles Lyon opens March 15 at Groveland Gallery. Lyon settled in in 1994 after spending over a decade living in the high desert where he taught photography, rock climbing and kayaking. spent much of his artistic career as a

photographer, concentrating on black and white images of the natural world. Lyon will be present at the opening reception on Saturday, March 16 from 5-8 pm. This exhibition and opening run concurrently with Land & Sea, an exhibition of new paintings by Andrew Wykes in the Groveland Annex.

MEET WITH MEG

Due to a scheduling conflict, I will miss my monthly lunch in March. Please enjoy Lunch with Leslie, my Policy Aide, on March 11th, 2013 from Noon-1pm at the 5th Precinct Community Room (3101 Nicollet Ave S). It will be 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.

Minneapolis Uptown Rotary

www.clubrunner.ca/mplsuptownrotary Uptown Rotary meets at the Minikahda Country Club 7:30 to 8:30 am on Thursdays.

The Minnehaha Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America presents Lois Norrgard, Of the Alaska Wilderness League March 19, 2013 7:00 pm—9:00 pm Alaska Wilderness League's mission is to lead the effort to preserve Alaska's wild lands and waters by engaging citizens and decision-makers with a courageous, constant, victorious voice for Alaska. Lois will talk about America's Arctic Ocean, the Alaska National Wilderness Refuge, and National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska.

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-PLEASE JOIN US AND BRING A FRIEND!!!

Linden Hills Rec. Center, 3100 W. 43rd Street.

For information about this event or the Minnehaha Chapter, please contact Rose

Ramsey at ramseyrosie@gmail.com or Lee Barthel at leebarthel@me.com. Izaak Walton Chapter. Lee Barthel 6128727516. Neighborhood Monthly Meetings IWLA 3rd Tuesday 7:9pm, Linden Hills Park Rec

2013 City Election

Forum for 10th Ward City Council Candidates March 12 at First Universalist Church, 34th & Dupont. Participants: Incumbent City Council member Meg Tuthill, Lisa Peterson Bender, Kendal Killian, and Ken Bradley.

The Cedar Lake Park Association (CLPA) will hold its annual meeting Tuesday, April 2, 2013 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at Jones-Harrison Residence, 3700 Cedar Lake Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55416. For further information, please call (612) 377-9522 or visit the CLPA website at www.cedarlakepark.org.

Register for Spring and Spring/Summer Sports Leagues Beginning Feb. 19 at 9 a.m.

Gather your friends and form a team - registration for adult spring and spring/summer sports leagues in Minneapolis parks begins Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 9 a.m.

Spring and spring/summer sports leagues include basketball, dodgeball, indoor soccer, kickball, sand volleyball and softball. Looking to be placed on a team? Free agent registration is also available for select leagues.

To register or learn more about adult sports leagues, visit www.minneapolisparks.org/adultsports.

EARTH DAY 2013

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) and the City of Minneapolis will host the 19th annual Minneapolis Earth Day Cleanup on Saturday, April 20, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. to noon in neighborhoods and parks throughout the city.

The Earth Day Cleanup has become the largest community service project in Minneapolis and takes place at nearly 40 cleanup sites. It's free to participate and the public is encouraged to participate by volunteering to help pick up trash in parks, neighborhoods, and watersheds. No registration is needed - just choose a site and show up to help. For more information about the event and a list of cleanup sites, visit www.minneapolisearthday.com or call 612-230-6479.

HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

MARCH 2 KIDS FILM FESTIVAL, WALKER ART CENTER MARCH 6, PK BD MEETING, CAC REPORT ON DEAN

AND CEDAR LAKE TRAIL RECOMMENDATIONS

MARCH 6-9 POETRY SLAM

MARCH 8, 1PM, AUDUBON SOCIETY

MARCH 11, MEET WITH LESLIE

MARCH 12 PARK SIDING INFO MTG. SEE PG 7

MARCH 12 FORUM FOR 10TH WARD CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

MARCH 16 GROVELAND GALLERY OPENING

MARCH 19, IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE

MARCH 27, LUNCH WITH LISA

APRIL 2, 7PM CLPA ANNUAL MEETING

APRIL 20 EARTH DAY

APRIL 21, 2013, FROM 8 AM TO 1 PM ROOSEVELT **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

MAY 22-25 The Neighborhoods USA conference in Minneapolis. Visit www.nusa.org

Neighborhood monthly meetings:

CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday 6pm at Jones-Harrison EIRA: 2ndTuesday 7pm. Grace-Trinity Church, KIAA: 1st Monday 7pm Kenwood Rec Center, LHNA: 1st Tuesday 7pm at Kenwood Rec Center

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+ March 6 @ 8pm: Last Chance Slam and Opening Night Party

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Kieran's Irish Pub, 601 N. First Av., Minneapolis Institute of Production and Recording (IRP), 300

N. First Av., Minneapolis

+ March 9 @ 7pm: Championship Finals Aria at Jeune Lune, 105 N. First St., Minneapolis

Tickets: \$5-25 (Festival passes \$40-50)

Box office: Preliminary tickets available at the door; Finals and festival passes available online

at www.wow.poetryslam.com (beginning Feb. 8).

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The CAC voted on recommendations for trail improvements at its February 12 meeting. The recommendations will be presented for approval to the Park Board's Planning Committee at a public hearing on March 6, 6:30 pm at Park Board headquarters (2117 W River Road). CIDNA residents are encouraged to attend.

> THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF MPLS. ANNUAL ESTATE SALE – APRIL 13 410 Oak Grove St. 9am – 4pm

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR, TOM HOCH

Craig Wilson interviews Tom Hoch, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hennepin Theatre Trust, about the historic renovation of his Lake of the Isles home, his role in the historic Hollman Consent Decree, how he transformed a once derelict Hennepin Avenue into a thriving theatre district and his bold vision for a 21st century Minneapolis as a possible mayoral candidate.

You and your partner Mark Addicks, Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer of General Mills, have transformed your Lake of the Isles residence in Lowry Hill into a stunning property by preserving its historic integrity and updating it for the 21st century. What is the history of the home and its gardens and how did you approach its renovation?

Our home was constructed in 1897 as wedding gift from Mendon Schutte to his new bride. The story is that she did not see the home until it was completed. The home stayed in the Schutte family until we purchased it in 2009. At one time, the home had lovely gardens; Elizabeth Schutte, one of two daughters, was a friend of Eloise Butler's and we understand that perennials from the gardens at our home were shared with her. Unfortunately, when we acquired the house, there was almost nothing left of the gardens, which afforded us the opportunity to reimagine the outdoor garden areas. We were very interested in a restrained approach to rehabilitation of the home. We selected Laurel Ulland as our architect. We ended up doing a lot more work to the house than we had expected. Once we accepted that the interior needed to be gutted, we were able to reconfigure the interior to make it much more livable while also preserving the look and feel of an older home. We are both gardeners and have doneand continue to do as it's never 'over'—all of our outdoor design and gardening. We can't wait for spring to see how plantings wintered.

Ensuring people have quality affordable housing is a deep value of yours. What is the Hollman Consent Decree and what was your role in its development?

While I have been overseeing the Hennepin Avenue theatres for the last 17 years, previously I spent six years as Deputy Executive Director for the City's public housing agency, which was the 21st largest in the country. It was incredibly satisfying to improve the quality of so many people's lives across the city. During that time, we led a coalition that secured a change in the law from Congress to permit us to provide high-rise housing exclusively for seniors. This was and continues to be a huge benefit to low income seniors in Minneapolis. Resolving the Hollman litigation was a milestone, both locally and nationally, in addressing the pockets of poverty and racial isolation created by shockingly bad public policy. In settling Hollman, we were bold, stepping outside the lawsuit 'process' to reach a resolution. Former Congressman Martin Sabo and HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros were among those I worked with to reach our resolution, which ultimately transformed the near Northside, removed blighted and unsustainable housing, and brought over \$100 million to our city to address many vestiges of racially discriminatory housing practices. I am immensely proud of what we were able to achieve in this complicated situation.

As a board member of the Animal Humane Society (AHS), you must be passionate about animal welfare.

I believe in serving our community without expectation of financial reward. Being an AHS board member



Photo by Craig Wilson Tom Hoch

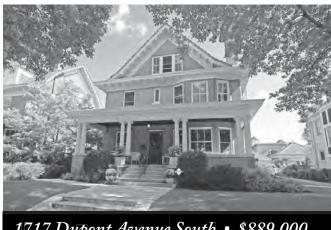
enables me to meld my desire to serve with my concern for the welfare of animals, especially companion animals. Humans are so frequently the cause of suffering among these creatures, how can we not assume responsibility for them?

You have given so very much to the people of Minneapolis over the years. What career path ultimately lead you to envision, develop, and lead Hennepin Theatre Trust?

My career 'path' zigzags a bit. I was a teacher for Minneapolis Public Schools for three years, headed to law school, practiced and subsequently became interested in 'city building.' I joined the City's development agency where I was a development project manager. In that capacity I oversaw the acquisition and restoration of the State Theatre, and acquired and started operating Orpheum Theatre. I then moved to the City's troubled public housing operations and worked on establishing a

Tom Hoch to page 4





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free-standing public agency. The last year I was there, HUD recognized the agency as a top performer. I then returned to the theatres, which the City then owned and led an effort to save and restore the Pantages Theatre and gathered property owners to finance new streetscape improvements. While the City then owned the three historic theatres, eight years ago I formed the Trust as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit to assume the perpetual ownership, maintenance, capital improvements, and programming of the facilities. In addition to programming a wide range of theatre, music, and variety entertainment, we operate an incredible array of arts education programs, including our SpotLight Program which currently includes 56 high schools with musical theatre programs. The Trust also assumed the \$20+ million in restoration debt on the buildings. So, I believe Hennepin Theatre Trust has served the City very, very well. We now bring over 500,000 people downtown each year. For facilities under 5,000 seats, the Orpheum Theatre is now rated No. 6 globally in ticket sales. Now we're building a 'cultural district' through downtown which enables us to realize our mission: arts-inspired community development.

In addition to creating a theatre district with the State, Orpheum, Pantages, and New Century Theaters, you have helped to greatly enhance Hennepin Avenue's streetscape with enhanced lighting, seating and boulevard trees. How did you come to realize that sound urban design and landscape architecture are important ingredients for a thriving theater district and downtown Minneapolis?

This was easy. We got the theatres restored and began attracting patrons. But the streets and sidewalks were so unbelievably bleak! I gathered the support of property owners and together we designed and financed the new sidewalks, lighting and planters on ten blocks. It was incredibly complicated and took forever, but I knew we had to provide a much better experience for our patrons starting OUTSIDE the theatre lobby doors.



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Photos by Craig Wilson

The beautifully restored home of Tom Hoch and Mark Addicks in Lowry Hill.

You are also involved with bettering downtown by serving on the boards of the Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District and Minneapolis Downtown Council. What is the 2025 Plan and what has been your contribution to its development?

I've served for the past two years as the Chair of the Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District (DID). The DID as it is called, is a \$6 million dollar per year business-financed and directed effort focused on making our Downtown public spaces cleaner, greener, and safer-it has been an undeniable success! Kudos to our neighbors David Sternberg and David Wilson for helping to lead this incredible effort! 2025 is a plan that was developed by a huge number of people and facilitated by the Minneapolis Downtown Council, where I serve on its Executive Committee. 2025 envisions the future of our central city-better connected, greener, more residential, exciting, and welcoming-and includes action steps to achieve this. Our new plan for the Hennepin Cultural District is really an extremely important strand of 2025 for it envisions a greener, more residential, and better-connected Downtown from the Walker Art Center to the Mississippi Riverfront. The 'connection' is through arts and cultural activities, greening, and a range of activities that support a more engaging, pedestrian experience. Actually, the focus on 'connectivity', which is displayed in the 2025 Plan, is an overarching theme for our entire city for the next decade. Physically connecting places, offering people incredible opportunities to come together and socialize, and creating and sustaining a welcoming city and beautiful environment are key to our success in retaining and attracting diverse people. If we can do this, we will have a city that is economically successful as well.

Rumor has it that you are considering a run for Mayor of the City of Minneapolis. Are you officially running?

I am officially listening to what people want for their city, what they want in their next Mayor, and I'm balancing that with where I can best contribute to our future.

KENWOOD 5TH GRADERS HEAD OUTDOORS

Text and photos by Nicole Valentine

Earlier this month, Kenwood's fifth graders went to Eagle Bluff Environment Learning Center in Lanesboro, MN for their annual four day/three night class trip. Goals of the trip include enhancing teamwork and learning about environmental stewardship.











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At Jones-Harrison's festive 125-year celebration: Lowell Berggren President/CEO, Sharon Aadalen Board Chair, Jennifer Anderson Board member, Julie Ditzler Board member, Lesley Novich Board member, Delores Fletcher Board member, Jeff Carroll Foundation Chair, Marcia Diracles Board member, Mary Killian Board member, Barb Louis Board member.

Jones-Harrison celebrates 125 years!

By Rosie Viaz

Since 1888, Jones-Harrison has been a visionary in the world of services for older adults. From our commitment to progressive care and therapies to our belief in celebrating the full circle of life, we are thriving now more than ever. This year marks our 125th Anniversary and we are excited to celebrate all the wonderful memories made over the years and to thank those who've supported us with their time, talents and resources. Their dedication has made it possible for us to maintain our high level of care.

Our year of celebration kicked off on Friday, January 25th with our Winter Warm-up event held at Jones-Harrison. Attendees participated in a scavenger hunt that creatively guided them through the building, gaining wonderful gifts along the way. Great food and entertainment was enjoyed by all. The evening also featured a silent auction of fabulous, donated items from current residents and supporters of Jones-Harrison. It was a great way to kick-off a fantastic year of celebrations.

Colfax redevelopment proposal By Trilby Busch

In October, the Lander Group presented a redevelopment proposal to the Zoning and Planning Committee of the Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association. The developer's plan involves demolishing two houses, 2316 and 2320 Colfax Avenue South, and building a four-story, 45-unit apartment building on the site. The house on the corner, 2320 Colfax, was designed and built in 1893 by master builder T. P. Healy,

and was the larger twin of the Healy house at 1712 Dupont Avenue South. At this and subsequent meetings, the main bone of contention has been the demolition of 2320 Colfax.

On January 16th, the LHENA Zoning and Planning Committee met to vote on the proposal. Asked why developer Michael Lander was not present, architect Peter Keeley reported that Lander had moved to London. Council member Meg Tuthill added that Lander had told her that he would never again attend a neighborhood meeting. After a lengthy discussion, including a debate on the historical importance of the house, the committee voted against the proposal 3-2, with 3 abstentions.

A week later, the Lander Group brought the proposal before the full LHENA Board for a vote. During a half hour of tense, back-and-forth discussion of the pros and cons, a motion to approve the proposal was made. The Board split 3-3 on approval, and the motion failed. The proposal will go before the Minneapolis Planning Commission.

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Dean Parkway, Cedar Lake Trail Improvement Recommendations Go To Park Board

The Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Wants You To Leave A Light On To Help Deter Crime In Our Neighborhood.

We are encouraging all in our community to LEAVE THE FRONT LIGHT ON all night.

If you have a back porch/yard lights, we encourage you to leave those on as well. Light is a BIG deterrent to criminals. It will not cost you more than a few dollars increase in your monthly electric bill.

Some other tips we encourage are as follows:

- Make sure your **alarm system is armed** at all times.
- If you don't have an alarm system, **consider adding a home security system** to your residence.
- Make sure all first floor or easy access **windows** are locked.
- Close and lock all garage doors and do not leave valuables on porches or in yards.
- Get to know your neighbors and watch out for each other.



By Michael Wilson CIDNA and Midtown Greenway Coalition Boards

Improved safety at intersections. A continuous bike/pedestrian trail along the entire length of Dean Parkway, from Lake of the Isles to West Lake Street. Removal the bike lanes from either side of Cedar Lake Parkway south of the railroad tracks, where it slopes steeply down to Dean Parkway. Improved signage. Preservation of the remarkable urban forest along Dean Parkway.

These were a few of the recommendations approved by the Dean Parkway/Cedar Lake Trail Improvement Project's Community Advisory Committee (CAC) at its February 12th meeting at the Kenwood Community Center.

The CAC, convened in January by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB), operated on a fasttrack planning process so that final planning documents could be submitted to the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDoT) by April 15th, the deadline for qualifying for federal Transportation Enhancement dollars, the bulk of which are earmarked for improvements along Dean Parkway.

Improvements are also in line for the trails on the west side of Cedar Lake as well, although available funding will allow only a start on the CAC's recommendations. Members were enthusiastic about proposals to eliminate the unsafe, bulbous route around the two parking lots which the trail currently takes, which often puts bikers on a collision course with lake users heading from their cars over to the Cedar Lake shoreline. Planners suggested eliminating one of the double entries at each lot and having the bike/pedestrian path follow the roadway.

Safety was a major focus for CIDNA and Bryn Mawr residents along Cedar Lake's west side. Motorists often speed down the long stretch of parkway despite its many sharp curves and 25-mph speed limit, placing residents at risk as they cross the parkway.

The two bike paths which form part of the roadway as Cedar Lake Parkway drops down to Dean Parkway should be eliminated, the CAC recommended, replaced by a bike trail on the east side of the roadway between the curb and the pedestrian sidewalk.

Full details of all the CACs recommendations can be seen at

<www.minneapolisparks.org/DeanCedarTrails>.

The MPRB Planning Committee meets to take action on the CAC's recommendations on Wednesday, March 6th, at 6:30 pm at Park Board headquarters, 2117 West River Road (just north of Broadway). All area residents are strongly encouraged to attend and voice support for these neighborhood improvements. The Planning Committee's decisions will be sent on to the

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Subscribe to our monthly e-mail blast by visiting our website at lowryhillneigborhood.org full MPR Board for final approval in late March.

At the request of CAC members, the MPRB has scheduled an additional meeting for March 26th from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Kenwood Community Center, 2101 W. Franklin Ave. The impact of the proposed SWLRT on the project area, including South Beach at Cedar Lake, will be discussed and a CAC position will be developed. Residents are urged to attend.

The Preferred Concept Plan for Dean Parkway was approved at a Feb. 12th Community Advisory Committee meeting. For an enlarged view and details about other parts of the project area, go to <www.minneapolisparks.org/DeanCedarTrails>.

Illustration: courtesy Tyler Pederson (MPRB) See page 16 for illustration.



CITY OF LAKES LOPPET 2013 AT LAKE OF THE ISLES



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Loppet Snow Sculpture

Public Input Needed for Park Siding Park Restoration and Playground Redesign: Public Information Meeting Scheduled for March 12

Work has begun on the restoration and playground redesign at Park Siding Park, located on 28th St. W. near Xerxes Ave. S., in the CIDNA neighborhood. Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES), in conjunction with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, has scheduled the second of three public information meetings to receive input from residents on alternative playground designs. The public information meeting will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, in the meeting room at Jones-Harrison, 3700 Cedar Lake Ave., Minneapolis. Families with children are welcome to attend. The meeting will be an open house format with project staff on hand to answer questions.

The public meeting will serve as an opportunity for



Skiing in the 10 K REI Touring Loppet, Kenwood residents Ben and Lindsay Graves entered Lake of the Isles from the Kenilworth Channel where they were greeted and cheered on by their children. They stopped and took some photos, documenting the special event.

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residents to provide feedback on park design alternatives. Illustrated plans and project schedule information will be available. Residents' feedback about the design alternatives will assist the project team in finalizing design plans. The park restoration is anticipated to be completed in early July.

The restoration of Park Siding Park is part of the MCES Hopkins-St. Louis Park-Minneapolis Regional Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project. More information is available at www.metrocouncil.org/sewerconstructionupdates. Meeting materials and questionnaires will be available at the website by the meeting date. Project questions can be directed to Adam Gordon, MCES Project Manager: Adam.Gordon@metc.state.mn.us 651-602-4508.

CEDAR LAKE PARK ASSOCIATION

The Cedar Lake Park Association (CLPA) will hold its annual meeting Tuesday, April 2, 2013 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at Jones-Harrison Residence, 3700 Cedar Lake Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55416. For further information, please call (612) 377-9522 or visit the CLPA website at www.cedarlakepark.org.

Hard-cover copies of Cedar Lake Park Association: A History are now available at the Hennepin County Public Library, the Minnesota Historical Society, and the Hennepin County Museum. A PDF version of the book is available on the Cedar Lake Park Association website:

http://www.cedarlakepark.org/pdf/CedarLakeScre enRes.pdf.

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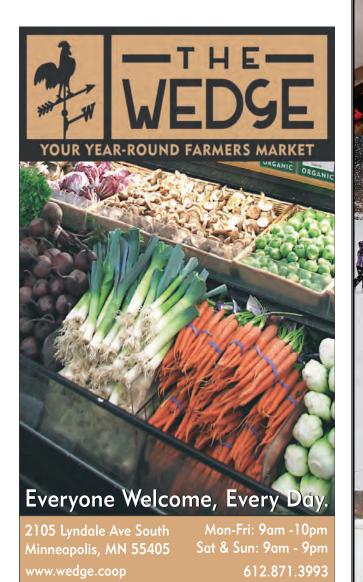


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Ice Skating Party at Lake of the Isles





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Ice Skating Party at Lake of the Isles

By Janet Hallaway

Rain. Sleet. Snow. The weather could not stop locals from turning out for yet another successful Ice Skating Social at Lake of the Isles. Fire-tenders Tom and Chris Madden kept the blazing fire well-fueled in spite of the precipitation.

Monica Smith, Amy Sanborn, Jemma, supplied hungry skaters with warm puppy dog tails, turning a blind eye to those children who seized the opportunity to take more than their fare share. No one complained. With extra tubs of that fat-laden, extraordinarily delicious frosting on hand, who could complain?

The Lowry Hill, East Isles, and Kenwood neighborhood associations hosted the January 27 gathering, a favorite for so many people. "Skating gives you a free feeling, said 10-year old Lexi Dietz. "I liked the fact it was snowing. I could make designs on the ice."

Kenwood resident Wynne Allen, 9, commented, "I like the puppy dog tails and coming down and seeing all my friends." Allen skated for an hour and 30 minutes until he had to go home and let his dogs out.

City Councilor Meg Tuthill, up for re-election, talked shop with area residents. East Isles Board President, Dan McLaughlin and Lowry Hill Board President Maureen Sheehan were spotted mingling with the crowd. Hockey players kept to the West side of the lake while tee shirt clad broomball players owned center rink. As the snow came down, shovelers couldn't clear the ice fast enough, though Sonja Elias was a clear contender for the Fastest Shoveler award. Also attending, Belgian born Francois Gason — a good sport as a first-time skater! He took to the ice, graciously accepting advice from adults and children alike.

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Neighborhood newcomer Linda Singh expressed a shared sentiment shared by many: "What a great event this is. We've moved into an idyllic neighborhood."



The Burch Reopens!

It was a sincere pleasure this past week to witness the Burch reopen its doors on Franklin and Hennepin. The former pharmacy, a Lowry Hill icon, has been reimagined as a potent dose of 21st century funk, fun and foo-di-ism by the wunderteam of Isaac Becker, Nancy St. Pierre, and Ryan Burnet-the genius behind Minneapolis' beloved and renowned 112 Eatery and Bar La Grassa. Paying homage to the old Burch not just in name, the team preserved its history by revealing its honeycomb tile floor, stone and brick walls, and street views. The Burch's foodfare is a Euro-mix cuisine ranging from fine dumplings and exotic pizza to gourmet vegetarian sides and a raw bar. This is all pretty remarkable for a self-described 'steakhouse' that, while the steaks were absolutely mouthwateringly first rate, the sides were what my friends were talking about-I mean, when was the last time you went out for dinner and your table was raving about the 'kale'? This is truly a 21st century steakhouse that even a vegan will love. The restaurant officially opens on Tuesday February 19th. Valet parking at the Colfax Ave entrance is recommended, as is the 'kale' (and everything else).

ARTrageous Adventures Celebrates its Anniversary



ARTrageous Adventures celebrated its 4th anniversary with a Chinese New Years party in honor of the Year of the Snake on Saturday, February 9th. The Family event featured storytelling, face painting, a snake puppet Creation Station, balloon artist, door prizes and birthday cupcakes provided by Bliss.

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EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EIRA)

Minutes from the EIRA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting February 12, 2013

Grace-Trinity Community Church

Board members present: Dan McLaughlin (President), Linda Schutz (Vice President), Richard White (Secretary), Vaughn Emerson, Tina Frontera, Renee Gust, Carla Pardue, and Michael Rossini. Other East Isles residents and guests were also present.

President Dan McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

31st Street will be resurfaced from Hennepin Ave to Nicollet Ave in May 2013.

Step-Up is a summer job program for Minneapolis youth ages 14-21. More information at: www.minneapolismn.gov.

Three teens were caught and charged in a recent robbery spree (13 robberies in one weekend). One suspect remains at-large.

Lunch with Leslie: March 11, noon- 1 pm at 5th Precinct, 3101 Nicollet Ave S.

The consultant's report is expected soon regarding the apartment building, 1800 Lake, which has been pumping groundwater from the parking garage into the lagoon (the channel that connects Lake of the Isles with Lake Calhoun).

The City Council will be voting on a process whereby the City can unilaterally impose conditions on business licenses for problem businesses.

Nolan Properties Group, 2700 Hennepin Ave S

John Nolan and Katelyn Murray from Nolan Properties Group presented plans to redevelop 2700 Hennepin Ave S (BP site). The site has complexities from the previous use as a gas station and deed restrictions that limit the development options. Plans include a one-story, 6,000 sq ft building for 1-4 tenants, on the NE corner of the site with parking lot on the west and south sides of the building and a drive-through feature. Plans also call for eliminating some curb cuts to add more street parking. A variance is being requested for the front yard setback requirement along Hennepin Ave to allow a parking stall.

Concerns were raised about: the drive-through (hours of operation and noise, especially amplified); traffic exiting the lot and going west onto 27th (currently there is a No Left turn policy from the property onto 27th St to discourage traffic through the neighborhood); ensure use of quality building materials; sufficient perimeter landscaping/screening particularly on the west and south sides of the property that border apartment buildings; appropriate lighting; proper handling of discharges, drainage, including stormwater, pipes and venting, snow storage and snow and ice removal; greater transition to the building, perhaps some outside seating along W 27th St; and ensuring wide enough sidewalks that are pedestrian and handicapped-friendly and safe.

The EIRA Board unanimously approved a motion to endorse the project and requests: No Left Turn policy onto 27th St be maintained; minimize the activity of the

By Monica Smith, Recorder

drive-through (limiting hours and noise abatement); and properly direct the lighting on the property to lessen impact on residential neighbors. A public hearing will be held by the City Planning Commission on February 19.

Open Forum

The EIRA Board will send a letter of support for the Uptown Association's Great Streets grant application.

REPORTS

Harvey Ettinger, Zoning Committee

The next meeting is February 19, 5 p.m. at Grace-Trinity Community Church. Agenda includes proposed changes to the fence ordinance.

Linda Schutz, Outreach & Nominations (O&N) Committee

Recap of committee meeting on February 9:

Actively recruiting for new BOD members. Deadline to declare candidacy is March 15th.

The following will be sent to interested candidates: BOD job description, EIRA's mission statement & strategic goals and three questions about serving on the BOD.

Actively recruiting chairpersons for these committees: Transportation, Parks & Open Space, Zoning, and possibly a Crime & Safety Committee, along with committee members.

Recommending adoption of committee guidelines and universal sign in sheet (postponed to March EIRA BOD meeting).

Recommends that the membership form be revised to include eligibility requirements and information about how personal information is used by EIRA.

Recommends that the membership roster be maintained by staff. Any requests for access to the membership roster needs to be made in writing outlining the need/use for the list. Use of the roster must be consistent with EIRA's purpose and bylaws. Only names and addresses will be provided (for member privacy reasons, email addresses and phone numbers will not be included).

While recognizing the bylaws indicate advance notice of committee meetings should be provided and include the time, date, place, and subject, the O&N Committee does not recommend a "high level" of detail needs to be provided for all committee agendas (will likely vary given the volunteer base of the association).

After Spring BOD elections, and recruitment of a new committee chair, the timing would be conducive to schedule a guest speaker on land-use and zoning; one on conflict-of-interest seems unnecessary.

Next meetings: March 12, 6:30 pm and April 6, 9:30 am. Location: Grace-Trinity Community Church.

Green Team

The Green Team did not receive the Hennepin County grant but plans to move forward on the community organizing effort.

Zero Waste Uptown received a grant to improve recycling rates in two apartment buildings in each Uptown neighborhood.

The Green Team requests help from board members to promote events.

Upcoming green events (all held at Grace-Trinity Community Church unless noted). Register by contacting Monica Smith at nrp@eastisles.org or 612-821-0131:

Green Meet-Up: February 23, 9:15 am at Spyhouse Coffee, 2404 Hennepin Ave S Meet others interested in exploring the idea of green block clubs in East Isles. Register by February 16.

Discussion: The Story of Climate Change & The New Normal: March 5, 7:00 pm Small group discussion led by Paul Densmore from MN350.org. Register by February 26th.

Uptown Green Team Meeting, March 6, 7:00 pm Guest speaker, local environmentalist and sustainable developer, Curt Gunsbury.

Raingarden Primer, March 9, 9:30 am Landscape ecologist, Dan Shaw, will discuss raingarden plants and design. Register by March 1.

Green Film Series, March 18, 7:00 pm

Amy Sanborn, Social Committee

The Ice Skating Party was a success despite sleet and snow. Thanks to Isles Bun for providing treats and beverages at a discounted rate. The event is a hosted by East Isles, Lowry Hill and Kenwood.

Amy Sanborn will investigate options for EIRA to participate in the City of Lakes Loppet.

Monica Smith, Staff Report

NRP Steering Committee meeting on January 10 including a presentation on Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) threatening the City's 210,000 ash trees. EAB was recently found at Lakewood Cemetery. Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board foresters are working on a plan to deal with EAB.

Nonprofits Assistance Fund will be drawing on our NRP affordable housing loan.

The next meeting: March 4, 7 pm at Grace-Trinity Community Church.

Board Review

The EIRA Board elected Candace Dow as the delegate and Ron Fergle as the alternate to serve on the Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis Community Advisory Committee (CAC). The delegate/alternate will serve as a liaison between the neighborhood and the CAC for Metro Transit studies implementing a transitway along the Midtown Greenway or Lake Street.

The annual EIRA Members Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9 at the Uptown Diner, 2548 Hennepin, a chili dinner will be served.

Carla Pardue and Sue Durfee represented EIRA at the Uptown Association's annual meeting. Carla reported that it was great exposure for the neighborhood association. Monica Smith was nominated for a Community Leadership Award (congratulations to winner Harvey Zuckman of FirstTech).

Moved to the agenda for the March 12 EIRA BOD meeting: operating procedures, Neighborhood Priority Plan, and board member attendance at the NUSA Conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Submitted by: Monica Smith, Recorder

Next EIRA BOD meeting: Tuesday, March 12, 7

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



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By Amy Lucas

KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION (KIAA)

February 2013 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA Board met February 4, 2013 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, Jack Levi, Amy Lucas, and Bob Tennessen.

Others present: Jack Whitehurst, Mpls CPP staff; Reid Sebion, All Energy Solar at 26th and Lyndale; Mark Johnson, Kenwood resident and chair of Crime Committee; Mark Holtey, Director of Kenwood Rec. Center; and Dylan Thomas of Southwest Journal.

7th Ward Update

"Lunch with Lisa" on Feb. 20 will feature "How do they do that? Recycling and Water Treatment."

Burch Steak restaurant at Hennepin and Franklin in Lowry Hill is expected to open at the end of Feb. The liquor license was recently approved.

The Neighborhoods USA conference will be in Minneapolis in May 2013. Visit www.nusa.org to learn more.

Nominations for 2013 "one read" book are due Feb. 11. Visit oneminneapolisread.com to learn more.

The 2012 Minneapolis Crime report and stats are available. Visit www.minneapolismn.gov/police/statistics for more info.

CPP Update – Mike Bono and Jack Whitehurst of Community Participation Program (CPP)

Jack Whitehurst, City of Minneapolis CPP staff (612-673-5143, jack.whitehurst@minneapolismn.gov), provided an update of the City's Community Participation Program, which handles community engagement, outreach, neighborhood planning and community funds. Neighborhood Priority Plan will help neighborhoods move their initiatives forward. Jack provided a spreadsheet of KIAA's spending history and will be the KIAA contact for future CPP spending.

Approved resolution: KIAA approved the 2012-2013 CPP application for 2013 budget. The CPP allocated Budget is \$17,140. This includes \$3000 for communications/outreach, \$140 for supplies/materials, \$4000 for festivals/events, Neighborhood Priorities for \$10,000.

Approved resolution: KIAA authorizes the issuance of a check to the City of Minneapolis in the amount of \$854.55 to repay the unused portion of the CPP advance from the 2011-2012 CPP contract.

Treasurer's Report – Larry Moran

Approved resolution: Reimburse Angie Erdrich of \$157.34 for neighborhood welcome kits.

LRT Update-Jeanette Colby

KIAA submitted individual comments on DEIS as well as a combined comment with the surrounding neighborhoods.

Additionally, a few CIDNA and KIAA residents individually hired Tom Johnson, attorney with Gray Plant Mooty, to provide a response to the DEIS. This group continues to seek LRT tunneling in CIDNA and Kenwood areas (Penn Station to Lake Street).

Some residents are investigating LRT along the north side of Cedar Lake to the West End area then south on Hwy 100. KIAA Board member Jack Levi will look into this option and report back to KIAA on the issue.

Jeanette will meet with landscape designer and planning consultant, Steve Durant, to discuss design options around LRT and costs for design.

Crime Update-Mark Johnson

There were 8 crimes (all robberies) in Kenwood in December and 2 incidents in January. No arrests were made in response to these incidents. Residents must

Poetry and Music at Plymouth Congregational Church

remember to lock garages and doors.

Mark will talk to Mpls Park Police about spring activity and "buy back" program.

Kenwood Park Update-Mark Holtey, Director of Kenwood Rec Ctr

A Bluegrass/Ukulele group meets twice a month (2nd & 4th Mondays of month)

Rec Center needs a summer volunteer to garden the front plot

An Improv Workshop for Youth (with Brave New Workshop) will be at Rec Center on March 13, from 3:30-4:30. Potentially a summer program.

"Movie in Park" may return this summer. Costs are around \$200 per movie and looking for funding

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

The March 4 meeting will include:

1. Discussion on KIAA's spending priorities and budget for 2013. KIAA will be soliciting spending priorities from neighborhood residents.

Reminder: The next KIAA Board meeting will be Monday, March 4 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Rec Center. The public is welcome to attend these monthly meetings.



Photo by Dorothy Childers

The Sutter brothers from Duluth appeared together in harmony at the Plymouth Church in Minneapolis, at an event sponsored by the Literary Witnesses program. Award-winning poet and writer Bart Sutter and multi-talented musician

> and singer Ross Sutter highlighted the ancient connection between poetry and music to an enthusiastic audience. Shown here, from left, Bart Sutter, Jim Lenfestey, and Ross Sutter. Lenfestey chairs Literary Witnesses.

Join your neighbors for these East Isles events

All events will be held at Grace-Trinity Community Church, 1430 W. 28th Street unless otherwise noted. **To register for events**, please contact Monica Smith at nrp@eastisles.org or 612-821-0131.

Green Discussion: The Story of Climate Change & The New Normal TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 7-8:30 P.M. Small group discussion series led by MN350.org **EIRA Board of Directors Meeting TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 7-9 P.M.** Special guest Park Board Commissioner Anita Tabb. *Contact nrp@eastisles.org for more information.*



climate activist, Paul Densmore. Series continues on March 19, April 2 and April 16. Register by Feb. 26.

Uptown Green Team Meeting WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 7-8:30 P.M.

Meet and hear from Uptown areas green advocates. Guest speaker, sustainable developer Curt Gunsbury, will talk about the green buildings he's created, including Solhem at 3021 Holmes Ave. Includes refreshments.

Raingarden Primer with Dan Shaw SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 9:30-11 A.M.

Dan, a landscape ecologist and vegetation specialist, will share his wisdom about raingarden plants and design. Includes coffee and rolls. Register by March 1.

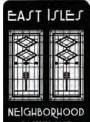
Green Film: The Waterkeepers MONDAY, MARCH 18, 7 P.M.

This powerful documentary chronicles the heroic efforts of river, bay and soundkeepers from Alaska to North Carolina. Register by March 11.

Chili Dinner & EIRA Members' Meeting TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 6:15 P.M.

Uptown Diner, 2548 Hennepin Ave S

Enjoy a chili dinner on us! Get to know neighbors, the community and your East Isles Residents' Association. Elect the new EIRA Board.* *Contact nrp@eastisles.org for details.*



*WANTED: East Isles residents interested in joining the EIRA Board. Want to learn more? Contact Monica Smith at nrp@eastisles.org or 612-821-0131. www.eastisles.org

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 or 612-821-0131 at least five days before an EIRA sponsored event.



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CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

By Monica Smith

CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES, February 13, 2013

The February 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, Ray Greco, Rosanne Halloran, Art Higinbotham, and David Lissauer. Land Use Committee Chair Bob Corrick was also in attendance. Staff: Monica Smith

Chair Craig Westgate called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Announcements:

The Park Board will be plowing the lake paths to make them wider to accommodate additional snowfall. The work will be done at night and is expected to take two or three nights to complete.

The Treasurer's Report was presented.

Transportation Committee

Ed Ferlauto gave a summary of the January 26th meeting of the Joint Neighborhood Task Force for LRT.

Ed reported that the task force has divided into subgroups to work on station planning, route alternatives, and media. He said that thirty percent of pre-engineering work is to be completed by September 2013.

The group is focusing on:

Researching the feasibility of a tunnel through the Kenilworth Corridor.

Researching the feasibility of rerouting LRT from the Kenilworth to a route parallel to Highway 100.

Organizing against co-location of freight and LRT.

Mike Wilson is working on a LRT article for the February 22 issue of the Hill and Lake Press. The article will show "before" and "after" pictures of the Kenilworth corridor. The "after" picture is an illustration of two LRT train plus a freight train in the corridor.

The City of Minneapolis' response to the DEIS was presented to the Southwest LRT CAC and reiterated that the City is opposed to co-location. The CAC has asked to meet with LRT engineers. The CAC will also be working on station planning and maintenance facilities.

The Kenilworth Preservation Group will lobby for a tunnel (from Lake St station to the 21st St station) if colocation is selected.

Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

The City voted in favor of adding a sidewalk and parking bays to Sunset Blvd. CM Goodman congratu-

lated Ryan Fox and the citizen participation effort for accomplishing this neighborhood goal.

CM Goodman stated that the City is firmly against co-location of LRT and freight rail.

Lunch with Lisa: February 20, at University of St. Thomas. The topic is: "How do they do it?" (solid waste, recycling and water treatment).

Lifetime Fitness will be doing a \$5-6 million renovation of their club in the Target Center (privately funded).

Recycling rates have more than doubled since the City began offering one-sort recycling.

The City Council will be voting on a process whereby the City can unilaterally impose conditions on business licenses for problem businesses.

Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis

The CIDNA Board appointed Mike Wilson as its delegate to serve on the Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis Community Advisory Committee (CAC). The delegate will serve as a liaison between the neighborhood and the CAC for Metro Transit studies implementing a transitway along the Midtown Greenway or Lake Street. The first meeting will be held February 19, 7-9 pm at the Colin Powell Center of Cristo Rey High School, 2924 4th Ave. S. The public is encouraged to attend.

Park Siding Update

The second of three public information meetings regarding the restoration and playground redesign of Park Siding Park will be held from 6-8 pm, Tuesday, March 12 at Jones-Harrison. Residents will have the opportunity to provide feedback on park design alternatives. Children are welcome.

Adam Gordon from Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) will attend the next meeting of the NRP Committee (February 27, 3:30 pm at Calhoun Executive Center) to discuss the park restoration project, the planting bed redesign and the crosswalk.

MCES Sewer Update

Ryan Fox reported that MCES will be installing a sidewalk on Sunset Blvd on the north (lake) side of the roadway. Parking bays will be added for additional traffic calming.

MCES is planning a public meeting for the Sunset Blvd project (date to be determined).

Dean Court roadway realignment is scheduled to begin February 15. Calhoun Isles residents will use a temporary roadway to exit Dean Court at W. 28th St.

Construction along W. 28th Street, Xerxes Avenue S.



and W. 29th Street is currently anticipated to begin in late March and be completed in early July.

Depot St. between Sunset Blvd. and St. Paul Ave is closed for excavation of the tunneling pit under the Kenilworth Corridor. The closure will remain in place for approximately five months.

Midtown Greenway Coalition Report

The Greenway Glow will be held June 29. Northern Spark is moving to St. Paul this year.

The CIDNA Board unanimously approved a \$400 donation for a one-year membership to the Midtown Greenway Coalition. The Board also approved participating in the Adopt-a-Greenway program for one year. Mike Wilson and Scott Abbott will lead the effort.

Dean Parkway and West Calhoun Lake Trail Improvements CAC Report

The CAC voted on recommendations for trail improvements at its February 12 meeting. The recommendations will be presented for approval to the Park Board's Planning Committee at a public hearing on March 6, 6:30 pm at Park Board headquarters (2117 W River Road). CIDNA residents are encouraged to attend.

The funding proposal for the project is due to MnDot by April 15, construction would start begin Fall 2013.

Cedar Lake South Beach and the Kenilworth/Cedar Lake Parkway intersection will be discussed on Tuesday, March 26th, 6:30 pm at Kenwood Community Center.

Detailed information can be found at: www.minneapolisparks.org/DeanCedarTrails.

Land Use & Development Committee Report

MCES is leasing the Weisman property (2622 W. Lake St) for sewer construction through 2013. Mr. Weisman intends to develop the site in 2014. The committee expects activity on this project this year but has not received any information at this time.

The committee may explore options for upgrading the lighting along Lake St (between Dean Pkwy and E Calhoun Pkwy).

New Business

Registration for the NUSA Conference being held in Minneapolis, May 22-25 will be opening soon. More information at www.nusa.org.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting

Wednesday, March 13 at Jones-Harrison, 6:00 p.m.

STEP-UP Program

Now is the time for youth, and employers, to sign up to be a part of City's STEP-UP internship program. The STEP-UP program prepares youth for future employment by offering summer work experience and training at Minneapolis businesses. The program is focused on serving youth from low-income families or youth that have risk factors making it challenging to find employment on their own. Minneapolis youth ages 14 to 21 can apply for a summer internship with STEP-UP until March 4th, 2013. This year, all applications must be completed online. You can fill out the application by visiting https://stepup.iapplicants.com/application.php. If you need assistance with your application, call 612-673-5041.



By Ruth Shields, Board Member

LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (LHNA)

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board the proposal. All approved. Meeting

Tuesday, February 5, 2013, Kenwood Recreation Center

Present - Board Members: Maureen Sheehan, President; Phil Hallaway: Marty Broan;

Thomas D. Huppert; Jimmy Fogel; Rebecca Graham; Mark Brauer; Ruth Shields; David Weinstein.

Present - Guests and Staff: Lisa Goodman, Seventh Ward Minneapolis City Council Representative; Anita Tabb, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board; Chris Madden, LHNA Administrator.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Maureen Sheehan, noting a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda: Phil Hallaway moved and Jimmy Fogel seconded approval of tonight's agenda and of the January 8, 2013 minutes. All approved.

Community Announcements: Seventh Ward City Council Representative Lisa Goodman: Lunch with Lisa will be February 20, 2013. The topic will be "How Do They Do That?" and explain the trash recycling and water treatment processes in Minneapolis. The Burch Steak liquor license was approved January 28, 2013 and the expected opening date is February 18, 2013. Minneapolis "One Read" book nominations are due on February 11, 2013 and can be submitted on line at www.oneread@minneapolismn.gov. The Neighborhood USA Conference will be hosted in Minneapolis, May 22-25, 2013. The NUSA Conference includes award, tours and workshops and all neighborhood associations are welcome to participate. available Additional information is at www.NUSA.org/conf.aspx. Minneapolis is now recycling container types 1 - 7. The recently reported threeteenager crime spree was not just in Lowry Hill, it was city wide; the criminals were apprehended by police in

LHNA Insurance: LHNA is now covered by the city's Directors and Officers Liability policy. LHNA obtained event-specific General Liability coverage for the skating party as well. The city will pay for the D & O coverage, but we will need to reimburse the city a small sum for the event-specific General Liability coverage.

Committee Reports:

Lowry Hill.

Zoning and Planning Committee: David Weinstein reported that the multiple family dwelling at 1937/ 1941 Fremont Ave S., which currently contains 6 apartments in each building, is proposing adding an additional 2 bedroom basement apartment in each building. They currently have 9 parking spaces for the two buildings and are requesting both a lot line variance and a parking variance. The Board discussed the tight parking situation already existing on Fremont versus the desirability of a growing and thriving neighborhood. David Weinstein proposed that we call the city and owner to make sure we understand the variances being requested, but assuming that they are as described above

Environment: Maureen Sheehan presented a treesonly landscaping plan developed by Minneapolis Park & Recreation for the Kenwood Park sidewalk. This plan costs \$7,000 (approx.) and includes 2 years of watering. After discussing the history of this project as well as the diverse opinions of the numerous stakeholders, Marty Broan moved that we reallocate the remaining \$12,000 (approx.) of NRP funds allocated for the path to the Kenwood Neighborhood Association and Park Board to be used for the Kenwood sidewalk landscape project. The affected neighborhood can then determine the optimal planting scheme to insure visual mitigation of the path in conjunction with those stakeholders most impacted -the Franklin Avenue neighbors and the Kenwood Neighborhood Association. The motion was seconded by David Weinstein and approved by all. Maureen Sheehan agreed to follow up with the Kenwood Neighborhood Association and Park Board. Marty Broan reported that the First Avenue Music Event is scheduled for this summer at Parade. Marty will contact the organizers to insure that the contract contains the same provisions as last year, including the \$1 per ticket contribution for the beautification of Spring Lake. Marty also volunteered to spearhead an ad hoc committee to develop the Spring Lake beautification plans. Marty will contact the Park Board about the possibility of installing an outside dome over the football and soccer field at Parade and discuss how that might benefit both the Park Board and LHNA.

Crime and Safety: Various Board members reported receiving the "Leave a Light on" postcard. Chris Madden displayed the newspaper ad and will work with Tom Huppert on flyers and postcards for rental buildings.

Events: The skating party was well attended. Mark Brauer reported that the Walker is booked for May 7th and May 14th, so he will take the next available date, Tuesday, May 21st. Proposed programming for the Annual Meeting includes presentations from the Mayoral candidates, a speaker to explain Instant Runoff Voting and a report on the LRT. Maureen Sheehan will contact the League of Women Voters and George Puzak for help with these three items. Chris Madden will handle the Annual Meeting mailing and the ad for the Hill & Lake Press. Mark Brauer encouraged Board members to start recruiting new Board members to fill upcoming vacancies.

Projects and Goals for 2013: Maureen Sheehan reviewed the list of potential projects: 1) involvement in the Hennepin Avenue strategic plan and redesign; 2) a "Museum of the Street" historic walking tour of Lowry Hill; 3) continuing the "Leave a Light on" initiative; 4) a Pavilion in Kenwood Park; 5) a neighborhood rain garden; 6) a "Sister Neighborhood" initiative with our street addresses on the north side. The Board responded to the Kenwood Park Pavilion proposal with enthusiasm and Marty Broan volunteered to call the Park Board to explore the possibility. Maureen Sheehan reported that the Park Board does not have the staff

Park Boards' contracts and policies governing snow removal. Marty Broan suggested that he broach the subject again with Anita Tabb.

LHNA's next Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 5, 2013, at the Kenwood Rec Center. All residents are welcome. Everyone is encouraged to visit the LHNA website at www.lowryhillnighborhood.org, where they can sign up to receive LHNA's monthly E-Blast about events in the neighborhood.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Southwest Lakers Win 2013 MN **State Table Tennis Consolation** Title

By George Puzak

The Southwest Lakers won the consolation title of the 2013 MN State Table Tennis Tournament on February 10, 2013, at Eagan High School. After competing in a 4-team preliminary round, the Lakers won three close matches-8-6 versus Cretin Derham Hall, 8-7 against Orono, and 8-6 over Lakeville North.

Senior captains Dan Black and Charlie Aubart won the deciding doubles match against Orono to put the Lakers in the consolation final. In the finals, the Lakers led Lakeville North 6-4 after singles. Senior Vince Puzak and his 8th grade brother, Will Puzak, won in doubles for the seventh point and juniors Ben Eccles and Carl Vaughn clinched the consolation title by winning their doubles match. Other team members playing in the tournament included seniors Dan Mejia, Jacob Rosenbaum, Peter Schroedl, Ben Kurschner, and Patrick Conlon-Kvale.

Southwest's team featured one baseball player, 4 tennis players, and 6 soccer players. They competed against players who developed their skills in their school's racquet sports gym classes. At many schools, 40-100 players vied to play on their school's 10-member coed team. Seventeen teams competed in the 2013 tournament. The Lakers will lose 8 seniors to graduation. They are looking forward to adding new players and competing in next year's state tournament.



we send a letter supporting the lot line variance and resources to shovel the sidewalk and that LHNA cannot opposing the parking variance. Jimmy Fogel seconded

hire a private service to shovel the sidewalk due to the



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LETTERS

To the Editor:

I met Mike Wilson at Rustica as he was discussing a future article with a friend. I have always enjoyed reading the paper and he suggested I write you to let you know how much I enjoy reading the paper at my home.

The stories are researched, current, and appropriate for our neighborhood. Thanks for your hard work and keeping the neighborhood current for our residents.

Ruth Schneider CIDNA

To the Editor:

I am writing this at 3 AM because I am awake. Two guys were going by my house fighting and threatening to kill each other. I made my usual 911 call so that the fight wouldn't move into something worse. I don't think they had any guns, but one can never tell. This situation of shouted threats to kill has been repeated many times in the time that I have lived here

I am totally against any guns because I see that as the only solution in our nation. We have three hundred million people living in our society and three hundred million people cannot be controlled by any regulations. It is too much and too many. Someone will always slip through the so called gun regulation safety net to kill again.

Even now as I am writing there is a school bus driver dead and a little 5 year old boy held hostage by a mentally unbalanced person who sees small children as his enemy in a small town in Alabama. This is going on while those in Washington who have the opportunity and power to do something luxuriate in safety and sit and argue and discuss and disagree about what to do. In other nations where there are no guns this kind of situation never arises, only here in America

We cannot get rid of our gun loving and needing mentality, but we can get rid of guns. I would like to not have that as the only solution, but that seems to be the only workable solution if we want to stop all the killing. Making nice with the gun people does not work and so the gun

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Where we are Now

By Jean Deatrick, Editor

The Hill and Lake Press area welcomed another new restaurant, Burch Steak. Residents have watched as the old Burch Pharmacy building has been given a makeover: new windows, bricks tuckpointed, with an endless array of workers transforming our fusty old pharmacy into a stunning restaurant with food to match. Readers, it is definitely worth a visit.

And what do you think of Susan Lenfestey, supreme neighborhood activist? She spent the last few weeks as a community organizer and a travel agent as she successfully organized the large crowd who traveled to Washington D.C. by the Earth Train to demonstrate about global warning. Dorothy Childers and I joined the group at the Amtrak Station at 7am to observe and take photos. Our enthusiasm grew as we watched the crowd at that cold early hour. It brought back happy memories of demonstrations during the 60s and 70s. A very successful effort by Susan and her band of merry helpers for this critical global issue. We thank her. And yes, the train departed on time. I returned recently after a week in Los Angeles where I enjoyed seeing Garrison Keillor perform a show at Haugh Performing Arts Center. My son Steve grew up in Lowry Hill. He is the sound engineer at Haugh and we were invited backstage after the show to meet Garrison Keillor who was friendly and talkative even though his luggage was lost on his flight. As a longtime fan of A Prairie Home Companion. I was delighted to be able to chat with him. We talked about Louise Erdrich's award winning book The Roundhouse and about independent bookstores. We are fortunate to have Louise's Birchbark Books in our neighborhood. And I suspect most readers know that Garrison Keillor has an independent bookstore in St. Paul called **Common Good Books.**



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To the Editor:

We've recently returned from out of town, but have had you in our thoughts and prayers. Don't know how you managed to produce such an excellent Hill & Lake Press last month. You're amazing! Bill and I thought it a stellar issue filled with interesting articles on every page. In particular, it was wonderful to have the excellent articles reflecting on John from Craig and Lisa. I'm also so glad you talked Jim Lenfestey into contributing again. I really appreciated your article on Elmer Hankes. Not only was it insightful about this brilliant man, but we wouldn't have known of his passing otherwise. He was always so sweet to the volunteers in the Thomas Lowry Park. At the beginning of the season, he would spy us working and walk over and hand one of us some cash to go to the Farmer's Market and buy some annuals. It was so kind of him.

Suzanne Payne, Lowry Hill



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Jean Deatrick, Garrison Keillor, and Steve and Diane Deatrick after the performance of An Afternoon with Garrison Keillor.

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Rare and Wonderful

My middle child returned from a visit to Blake High School saying, "Mom, did you know that they have a Foucault's Pendulum there?"

Why yes, I did.

"And there are only three in the state," he continued, "That's rare."

Rare, yes. And also wonderful (more on that later).

Which got me to thinking about the other rare and wonderful things we have in this neighborhood. Like the Walker Art Center, full of rare art, and the very wonderful Sculpture Garden with the famed (and rare) Spoonbridge and Cherry. And, of course, the wonderful glass-fish-adorned Cowles Conservatory.

There's the wonderful neighborhood Palio event each fall, inspired by a similar celebration in Italy. There's Grand Rounds: over 50 miles of walkable, bikeable paths and roadways encircling and connecting the green spaces in our city including our wonderful Chain of Lakes. This is rare for an urban area, no?

How about the Basilica of St. Mary? A wonderful example of Beaux Arts architecture. Or the Memorial Chapel in Lakewood Cemetery which was modeled after the rare and wonderful Hagia Sophia in Istanbul? If you have never stepped inside, you really should. The mosaic-work is stunning.

And what about the wonderful snow sculptures that appear in the heart of winter? The snowy sea serpent on the west side of Lake of the Isles, or the sturdy snow animal (this year it's a rhino, if I'm not mistaken) that springs up from a front vard on West 21st St?

And there's the Loppet Cross Country Ski Festival held the first weekend of February. The event is only ten years old, but already such a wonderful addition to our community. Though it started as a ski race, it soon in the same day-once in the morning and again sever-



expanded to include a social skiing event, the Luminary Loppet that may well be Lake of the Isles finest hour each year. Even if you don't ski, it's a wonderful opportunity to walk around and take in the sights. Each

year they seem to outdo themselves. Last year there was Ice Henge and this year a magical enchanted forest with flickering candles in the trees.

By Madeleine Lowry

Also rare and somewhat wonderful is the Loppet Gangnam Style video on YouTube which has yet to go viral with about 3,639 views to date. (It just needs a little help, people! Show some interest!) It features a parade of hardy Minnesota types shaking some booty in the snow. Prominently featured is John Munger, the father of the Loppet Festival (and husband of my childhood friend, Diana) in some kind of tight herringbonepatterned ski pant attire that probably cannot be purchased legally in our state. And therefore it is hopefullv rare.

But back to Foucault's Pendulum and its wonderfulness.

In 1851 French physicist Jean Bernard Leon Foucault demonstrated the use of a pendulum to show the rotation of the earth at the Pantheon in Paris. The pendulum rotated its plane of oscillation 270 degrees in 24 hours, just as he had predicted.

And now, a mere 162 years later, you can witness the same thing by taking a walk over to Blake High School. Just inside the double glass doors of the eastern entrance and under the stairs to the left is our very own Foucault's Pendulum.

The best way to experience it might be to visit twice

al hours later. Notice the circle inscribed on the floor under the pendulum. Now follow the direction of the pendulum's line of swing in relation to the floor and make note of it so you can compare when you return.

While the pendulum seems to change its path during the day, it is actually the floor beneath it that is moving with the rotation of the earth. Repeat after me: the pendulum's path has not changed.

Now, that wonderful phenomenon is enough to make anyone's head spin.

CORRECTION

In January's issue, Madeleine Lowry's last paragraph was cut off inadvertently. Please go to our website to read her entire column on page 15: www.hillandlakepress.com

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killing will go on.

I grew up in a time and place when no one had guns, only my uncle Ralph who was a hunter with a "bad" temper. Probably not a good person to have a gun. It was the Glenwood Avenue neighborhood and we were all poor and but there was no crime because there was nothing to steal. As far as shooting each other it was not an issue. We lived near the back door of a saloon so plenty of fights ensued as the imbibing increased throughout the evening. People would fight with each other, but used other weapons like a violin. Yes a violin! The lady who lived in the basement of the fourplex where we lived used to hit some fellow over the head with it, but that's another story. My Mom was aghast at the waste of a musical instrument. She was a musician and could play the piano and sing so musical instruments were precious.

Joyce Murphy Lowry Hill



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sand upon the waters

Teresa, JoAnne's mother, was a very pure soul. Upon meeting her a friend of ours exclaimed, "Edith Bunker!" Teresa was a first generation Italian, and her stories were involved, intricate, and exasperating. Any interruption, request for clarification, or even affirmation would require starting over. You could be maddeningly close to the conclusion of a tale about why Aunt Emma never married, and someone walking by on their way to the kitchen would make a comment about Uncle Rudy and it was back to square one. The art of conversation with my mother-in-law was a game of Chutes and Ladders.

Teresa saw the best in others. This is a familiar cliche applied to many, particularly those no longer living. She could find a kernel of beauty and humanity in a surly and incompetent super market checker. Teresa would ignore the lip piercings and coo admiringly to the woman about her hands. Soon, I am left to bag the groceries as they are holding hands and earnestly discussing how regal this young woman's fingers are. I leave with beer and goat cheese, Teresa with a new friend, and the clerk has a new view of herself. If I wasn't married to her daughter, Teresa would have made a great wing man.

This is a bit of a long way around describing an incident that happened about two years before Teresa's death. She would have been in her early 80s and her wittiness had dovetailed nicely into a generally benign dementia. One day, cutting through the haze, she declared, "Tom, I need to make a list of everything I have broken." Even then I knew she didn't mean hearts or promises. She was referring to china, glassware, and perhaps a few porcelain figurines from her younger, wilder days. Clumsily breaking a few knickknacks while dusting is not listed in the Seven Deadly Sins. Still it was the worst thing she could remember doing.

JoAnne and I talked her through the feeling and laughed about it later. Irreverently we wondered if she wished to have the inventory read at her memorial. "May 12, 1929: butter dish cover; October 3, 1947: salt

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shaker; November 7, 1964: crock pot lid"

Now, years later, I understand her impulse.

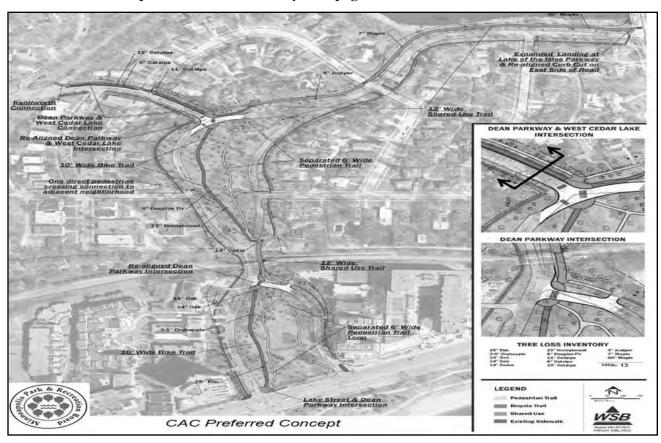
My transgressions are of a different sort, but of late I find myself thinking of mistakes I have made and feelings I may have hurt. Paul was a neighbor when I was nine. We were both baseball card collectors. I remember us chatting happily and trading cards in his living room while his mother busied herself in the kitchen. I picture her as joyously content that a kid who lived six houses away was playing with her developmentally delayed son.

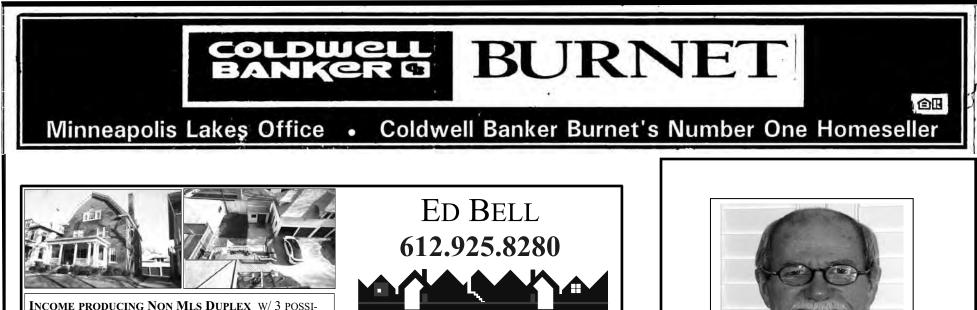
Paul had a Duke Snider card. He called him Duck and had no idea of its playground value at Roosevelt Elementary. Feigning ignorance, I also called him Duck although I knew the Dodger's center fielder's batting average to the third decimal point. When Paul was in the kitchen with his mom I took "The Duke" and hid him under a carpet. We searched futilely for the card that somehow found its way into my collection. I am sure Paul's mom figured out what happened. She never told my parents, but I was too guilty to return or ever see Paul again. Lately I find myself imagining what she told her son.

I have had better moments, acts of charity, humanity, and occasional selflessness. Why don't they come to me in the middle of the night?

Tom H. Cook is a no longer local writer. His dogs must have eaten his January column.

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