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## Eleventh-Hour Postponement Gives SW LRT a Needed Breather

By Michael Wilson

Gov. Mark Dayton on Tuesday, Oct. 15, told Met Council officials to postpone their vote on moving the highly contentious Southwest LRT line on to the municipal consent phase of project development. He recommended a delay of 60 to 90 days so that planners can further scrutinize the potential environmental impacts of the two shallow tunnels proposed for the Kenilworth Corridor and explore other options for routing the Twin Cities & Western freight trains which now use the Corridor.

Dayton's intervention came after several weeks of fast-paced developments and escalating tension over the project. "This is on a collision course with the opposition that exists now and the emotions as high as they are," Dayton said. "We need to step back and everybody take a deep breath."

Dayton met on Tuesday with Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak, Met Council Chair Susan Haigh, Minnesota House Speaker Paul Thissen, Senate Transportation Finance Committee Chair Scott Dibble, House Transportation Committee Chair Frank Hornstein, Hennepin County Commissioners Peter McLaughlin and Gail Dorfman, and others. McLaughlin chairs the

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Photo by Michael Wilson

An eastbound Twin Cities & Western freight train enters the Kenilworth Corridor north of Lake Street through the "pinch point" between the Cedar Lake Shores townhomes and the Calhoun-Isles condominium tower. This particular train sat in the corridor south of the Cedar Lake Parkway crossing for over 14 hours on Oct. 10-11, from 6 pm to 8:30 am, awaiting clearance to proceed onto the BNSF tracks near I-394.

### CIDNA Fall Tree Planting Canceled Due to Drought

Current severe drought conditions have forced postponement of the CIDNA Fall Tree Planting, which aimed to put in several dozen new trees where the June 21st Solstice Storm took out so many big old trees in and around Dean Park. The Tree Planting is now scheduled for next spring.

CIDNA resident Donald Willeke reported that the Minneapolis Park Board and University of Minnesota officials thought it was just too risky to plant this fall, since many of the planned trees are rare varieties. Willeke said that based upon excavations in Dean Park and surrounding areas there is almost no sub-soil moisture down to at least 8 feet. The soil is just "powder dry," he said. The recent rains have been minimal, providing only about 0.3 inch of moisture in all.

Willeke urged every Hill and Lake resident to water their presently existing trees, especially every kind of evergreen, or the losses of trees will be much greater over winter. Evergreens must go into winter adequately hydrated, he said, and at present that is definitely not the case.

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Photo by Dorothy Childers

### CIDNA HOLDS FALL FESTIVAL IN NEWLY-RENOVATED PARK SIDING PARK

By Elaine May

The gods smiled in many ways on Sunday October 13 to make the 17th annual CIDNA Fall Festival a great success. The festival had been delayed for a month from its usual September date because of sewer renovation through Park Siding Park, and from the park's state of disarray a few days before the festival it was hard to imagine how a gathering could take place there

in just a few days. But park crews worked diligently and on Sunday morning the sun rose on pristine new playground equipment and freshly laid sod. And the day itself was as beautiful as anyone could imagine, a sunny, warm day blossoming like a flower in the midst of cool, cloudy fall weather.

The day started with CIDNA Chair Craig Westgate pulling up to the park in his pick-up truck with the two charcoal grills that neighbor Scott Abbott would use to

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**LUNCH WITH LISA OCTOBER 23.**

Lunch starts promptly at noon for \$10. Discuss Minneapolis Park Board At-Large candidates for Park Board.

**Minneapolis Uptown Rotary**

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

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

**Audubon Society**

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The Minneapolis Audubon Society will meet Friday, November 8 at 1 p.m. at the Bryant Square Neighborhood Center. Carrol Henderson, Nongame Wildlife Program Supervisor for the Minnesota DNR, will share his Cuban Bird Studies from a recent trip to the island. 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 call 952-926-4205.

## ZOMBIES IN THE HOOD!

*By Amanda Vallone*

THRILL KENWOOD is planning its 5th year. The event is scheduled Saturday, October 26th from 4pm-8pm and is part of a worldwide simultaneous dance of Michael Jackson's Thriller. This event is about engaging the community to do something seasonally fun, active and creative. This year we want the community to choose from one of three local charities that some of the money raised at this event will benefit. More details to follow on these charities...

Activities at this year's event will feature a costumed pet parade hosted by the Kenwood Pet Clinic, a Creation Station and Zombie Make Over Station hosted by ARTrageous, a live DJ hosted by KIAA, cookies & hot cider brought to you by The Kenwood Restaurant, Spooky storytelling hosted by Birchbark Books, Thriller dance rehearsals during the month of October hosted by Kenwood Park, and a door prize drawing hosted by Framestyles. You may also catch a glimpse of some amazing performing strollers to entertain you on the corner of Penn & 21st.

If you would like more information about getting involved in this year's THRILL KENWOOD please contact Amanda Vallone at (612)423-7554 or check out the Thrill the World (Kenwood, Minneapolis) facebook page. You can also get THRILL KENWOOD information at [www.be-artrageous.com](http://www.be-artrageous.com) We are looking for people to learn the dance and participate as well as zombie volunteers to help us set up and work the event in short shifts. Zombie volunteers will be paid in brain food sponsored by the Lowry.

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Exact location TBD in , depends upon where the senior citizen resides. We offer unpaid volunteer opportunities year-round. Please contact Jeanne the NIP Seniors Program, Volunteer Coordinator at [svolunteer@neighborhoodinvolve.org](mailto:svolunteer@neighborhoodinvolve.org) or call 612-746-8549 for more information. Our website is [www.neighborhoodinvolve.org](http://www.neighborhoodinvolve.org)

**Give to the Max ON NOVEMBER 14**

**By Christy Kujawa, neighborhood resident and Kenwood parent**

Kenwood School asks for your Support!

Starting at midnight on November 14, local residents will come together to help support Kenwood School - a diverse community serving the children of our neighborhood and families who live in downtown Minneapolis - by donating online as part of the annual Give to the Max Day ([www.givemn.org](http://www.givemn.org)). Give to the Max Day is a massive one-day regional online fundraiser that unites local communities to support nonprofits in their area.

Our generous and caring community has a strong history of supporting Kenwood community school. This year, all of the money raised will go into an academic fund to help teachers meet the diverse needs of their classrooms, whether it be tools for enrichment or new technologies to address disparities in learning.

We encourage neighborhood residents to consider giving to Kenwood on Give to the Max Day to help Kenwood continue to deliver the wonderful education that it does year after year, making our neighborhood an even better place to live.

**The Bridge Named a Top MN Non-Profit**

This week Minnesota Philanthropy Partners, Philanthropedia, and Guidestar named The Bridge for Youth one of the Top 15 non profits having the greatest impact in the area of educational support for at-risk youth. The Bridge for Youth earned the number two spot on the list.

Dame Antonia Susan Byatt (A.S. Byatt) will be the next speaker in the **Pals Pals Author Lecture series**. Held at the Hopkins Center for the Arts, Pen Pals benefits Friends of the Hennepin County Library. Pen Pals with A.S. Byatt: Monday, November 4, 2013, 7:30 PM; Tuesday, November 5, 2013, 11 AM

**HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

**OCT. 18, 5-7 BOCKLEY GALLERY CLOSING SHOW**

**OCT. 20, 11-2PM PUMPKIN PAINTING, ATRAGEOUS**

**OCT. 23 LUNCH WITH LISA, NOON**

**OCT. 23 6:30-8:30 LEGACY WRITING WORKSHOP**

LAKWOOD CEMETERY RECEPTION ROOM

**OCT. 26 4-8PM THRILL KENWOOD**

**OCT. 29 6:30 EIRA FALL MEMBERS MEETING**

**OCT. 30 WINETASTING FUNDRAISER**

**OCT. 31 HALLOWEEN PARTY KENWOOD REC**

**NOV. 2, 7PM SW HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC**

FUNDRAISER

**NOV. 2, 1-3 CARAG ART OUTSIDE THE BOX TOUR,**

**BRYANT SQUARE PARK**

**NOV. 4 & 5, A. S. BYATT AT PEN PALS IN HOPKINS**

**NOV. 8, 1PM AUDUBON SOCIETY**

**NOV. 14, GIVE TO THE MAX**

**Neighborhood monthly meetings:**

CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday 6pm at Jones-Harrison

EIRA: 2nd Tuesday 7pm. The Bridge for Youth

KIAA: 1st Monday 7pm Kenwood Rec Center,

LHNA: 1st Tuesday 7pm at Kenwood Rec Center

LHNA will meet Nov. 12, a week later than usual because of the election.

Meet with Meg is held the third Monday of every month from 6-7pm at Bryant Square Park (3101 Bryant Ave S).

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**Pumpkin Painting Party at ARTrageous**  
Sunday, October 20th 11-2pm

**THRILL KENWOOD at 21st & Penn Ave.**  
Saturday, October 26th 4pm-8pm

**Kenwood Park Halloween Party at Kenwood Rec Center** Thursday, October 31st

**LEGACY LETTER WRITING WORKSHOP**

Free event, brought to you by Lakewood Cemetery and Hospice of the Twin Cities. WEDS, OCTOBER 23, 2013 - 6:30-8:30 PM

Learn how to create and preserve a legacy letter, a heartfelt expression of what truly matters most in your life, as a gift to yourself and/or loved ones.

A hands-on writing workshop led by Legacy Navigators Becca Frohart and Elizabeth Giffin from Hospice of the Twin Cities. They are specially trained to help you frame your thoughts for writing and sharing your life lessons, memories, faith, hopes and values.

Invite your adult children/family members to join you. Coffee & dessert will be served.

LAKWOOD CEMETERY, HENNEPIN AVE. S. & 36TH ST., UPTOWN MINNEAPOLIS

The workshop will be held in the new Lakewood Garden Mausoleum reception room.

# Meet Your Neighbor, Marion Greene

Craig Wilson interviews former District 61A State Representative Marion Greene, who represented the Hill and Lake community from 2011-2012, about life after the legislature.

**Due to redistricting, which put you in the same district as your friend and colleague Representative Frank Hornstein, now serving his 6th term, you did not continue another term. The circumstances must have been difficult for you, how did you cope?**

Timing has to line up in myriad ways in order to be successfully elected. So, when redistricting did not go my way, I reminded myself that timing doesn't always go your way. Pretty soon thereafter my husband and I went canyoneering in Utah, which is something we love. Rappelling and rock climbing make me feel strong and powerful. I also threw myself into other political battles of the year—campaigning against the constitutional amendments, and Linda Higgins' election to the county board.

**And since then what have you been up to?**

To suddenly have time on my hands was a treat, which I decided to fully exploit! I traveled in Cambodia and Laos for almost a month. I've had extended visits with my family on the East Coast. This spring I was conveniently available to serve as chaperone on a trip my stepdaughter Mia and her college roommate took to Southern California. I've also caught up on my People magazine, and read some wonderful novels - favorite authors are Jennifer Egan and Jonathan Safran Foer. This summer Bart and I took his younger daughter on her first trip with a passport! We did the sights of Paris, and then went hiking hut-to-hut in Switzerland.

**What was something unusual you saw in Cambodia or Laos?**

In Laos I made it to some remote spots like the Plain of Jars. Thousands of megalithic stone jars, about as tall as I am (5'11") are scattered across an enormous northern plain. The jars are clustered in groups, and each group has it's own unique features. My favorite was one reached by hiking through a farm and across several tiers



Marion Greene in Laos

of rice paddies. The rice harvest was taking place, and it was all colors of gold, with a clear blue sky, and mountains in the distance. The area was a visual landmark to American pilots during the Vietnam War, and the Secret War in Laos. Now, by the way, the area (and much of the rest of Laos) is covered in unexploded ordnance from that time, something that is hindering Laos' economy and wellbeing. Check out MAGinternational.org for more information.

**And now that you are back from being on the road, what are you up to?**

Three things are occupying my time and passion - I hope you don't mind that I provided some websites!

(1) I serve on the board of OutFront Minnesota, the statewide organization leading Minnesota to full LGBT equality. Just last weekend we had our annual gala at the Walker Arts Center. It was all about momentum—so many people engaged with the Minnesotans United campaign for marriage equality (OutFront was one of the co-founders of Minnesotans United, and now carries on its work). We want to carry that energy and success forward to work towards equality in all ways. out-

front.org

(2) I'm also on the board of ADT KIDS, a non-profit in its first year. ADT KIDS has established a partnership with Jefferson Elementary (just across Hennepin Avenue from the readership of this paper) and is working to provide dental education and preventive services to students. Our ultimate mission is to prepare and empower all children in our community to care for their oral health. Because of my background in healthcare, and my interest in the wrap-around service model, it's tremendous to be involved in this fledgling organization - one of only two like it in the entire U.S. You read it here first! adtkids.org

(3) I wasn't sure how soon I'd want to get back into politics, but Mark Andrew for Mayor inspired me. Mark has an amazing history of collaborative accomplishment, and I love the idea that we could have someone with his vision leading Minneapolis, and carrying forward the brand that RT has developed. Many of the jewels of our city - the Greenway, Stone Arch Bridge, were projects Mark conceived of and led to completion while a Hennepin county commissioner. So, I'm working on Mark's campaign, too. markforminneapolis.com

**What do you miss most about being in office?**

Well, besides the unbridled power (haha) ... Truly, what I miss is the constituent contact. My life will always be richer for having gone through two campaigns and a term of service. I met wonderful people, with enormous passion and great ideas for our state and community. I've tried to stay in touch with as many as possible. If you are reading this—please don't be a stranger!

**Do you have future plans to serve the public in office at the State or another level of government?**

I would love to serve in public office again. Rancor has overwhelmed productivity at the federal level, but this is an exciting time in state, county and municipal government. As I mentioned before, though, so much needs to line up—the right opening, the right time in your life to campaign properly, and so on. In the mean time, I will remain involved in some way, shape or form. I love connecting to our community in this way.



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five-county transit board which is expected to pay for 30 percent of the project's cost, now estimated at \$1.55 billion.

Dayton said they reached a consensus that the project wasn't ready. "We have questions that need to be answered," he said. He stressed that the public needs assurance that "this is the best ... for the region and the only option."

Dayton indicated that sticking to the Met Council's announced approval timetable without answering key questions raised by Minneapolis officials could jeopardize the project. He said that unless the project gained acceptance in Minneapolis, its prospects for advancing in the Legislature were "slim to none."

The governor's recommendation was a setback for Haigh, who has pushed aggressively to move the project forward. At the Sept. 25 Corridor Management Committee (CMC) meeting she bluntly told Rybak's delegate Peter Wagenius that no further analysis of freight reroute possibilities would be done following the abrupt withdrawal of a consulting firm that the Met Council had agreed to hire at the request of Hennepin County commissioners. But after the meeting with Dayton Haigh backpedaled and said, "We want to ... bring in another expert to look at the work that's been done and see if in fact there is anything we missed."

The decision to further explore freight reroute options was also a setback to St. Louis Park residents and officials who opposed a plan to put freight on two-story-high berms and vigorously disputed that they had agreed in the 1990s to take the freight following a Hennepin County-funded cleanup of the polluted Golden Auto site. They managed to include a clause in the CMC resolution on Oct. 2 stating, "...the CMC recommends that the [Met] Council direct the Southwest Project Office to discontinue all work related to freight rail relocation, effective immediately."

At the Oct. 9 CMC meeting Hennepin County commissioners stated that the language of this clause was unduly harsh. Gail Dorfman moved that the clause be stricken from the resolution. The suburban CMC representatives voted unanimously to retain it, with the language slightly toned down. Only Dorfman, Rybak, and Commissioners McLaughlin and Jan Callison voted for its removal.

Dayton's chief of staff, Tina Smith, said Tuesday that leaders hope the decision to delay the project in the short term will pay off down the road. "All the people in the room today agreed it's just responsible and wise



Photo: Michael Wilson

Eastbound TC&W freight cars head north towards 21st Street after passing under the Burnham Road bridge through a stretch of the Kenilworth Corridor which was open water prior to 1913, when the opening of the Channel caused the water level of Cedar Lake to drop 5-7 feet. City and Park Board officials are demanding comprehensive studies of possible environmental impacts arising from construction of two shallow LRT tunnels through the Corridor.

to take the time it's going to take to get those questions answered," Smith told Finance & Commerce.

Disapproval of Dayton's action was swift in coming. The heads of the Minneapolis Regional and St. Paul Area Chambers of Commerce released a statement saying, "We are disappointed in Governor Dayton's decision. This delay imperils ... federal support and could mean tens of millions of dollars in increased costs." They also suggested officials were paying too much concern to residents in the Kenilworth corridor who object to the light-rail. "Our leaders are going to have to think in terms of the entire region, not just one neighborhood," they said in a stern rebuke.

According to the StarTribune, House Speaker Thissen and others at the meeting made it clear that they will explore new options for rerouting freight trains, not just ideas rejected at earlier steps in the process. Smith added that it was unlikely that talks would reopen about rerouting trains on berms through St. Louis Park. "There was nobody in the room who thinks that was a good idea," she said.

Water quality issues also loom large in the city's opposition to the two-tunnel plan, which they assert have not been sufficiently studied. The level of spring-fed Cedar Lake was five to seven feet higher than it is today when the Kenilworth Channel was opened in 1913. The northern half of the Kenilworth Corridor used to be open water; early photographs show freight trains traversing the corridor on wooden trestles. The corridor has been "drying out" for only 100 years, a mere eye blink in terms of geologic time.

The Minneapolis Park Board has signaled that it intends to commission a geohydrological study of the area. Rybak insists that rigorous analysis is crucial because when the integrity of Minneapolis' prized lakes is at issue, "there is no room for error."

Many citizens have asked why LRT can't be routed through Uptown, an option initially favored by Rybak and 7th Ward Council Member Lisa Goodman. Planners note that while a route through Uptown may make intuitive sense, getting LRT from Uptown through downtown and into the regional transit hub being constructed behind Target Field would be difficult. Boring tunnels under Nicollet, Lyndale, or Hennepin would be enormously costly, while building LRT at grade would virtually eliminate the chosen street as a major vehicle corridor.

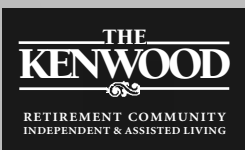
Rybak has stressed that the city believes building a streetcar system, including one in the Midtown Greenway corridor, would service more people and provide a greater spur to transit-oriented development. Smith said that it isn't clear whether the delay would include study of new routes for the Southwest LRT, but that option was discussed at the Tuesday meeting.

According to the StarTribune, Dayton stressed at Tuesday's meeting that months of additional studies on environmental impact and reroute options might leave light-rail planners with no practical alternatives to the tunnels. "If there's only one viable option and this is it, then people will have to understand that's the reality," he said.

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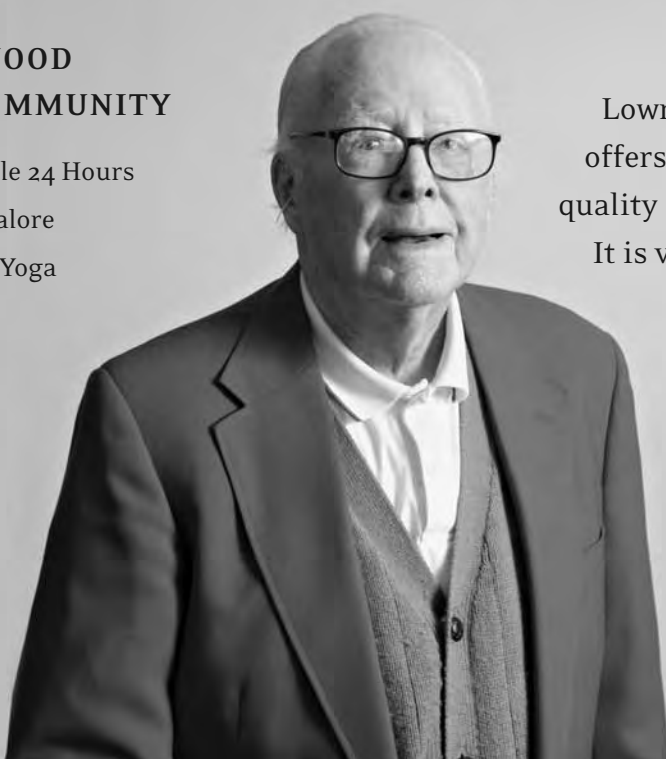
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**SWLRT Project Office Open House at the Kenwood Rec Center**

by Jeanette Colby

On Thursday, October 10th, the Metropolitan Council SWLRT Project Office held an open house at the Kenwood Recreation Center to answer questions about their proposal to “co-locate” freight rail with light rail in the Kenilworth Corridor. A number of Met Council members attended, including Chair Susan Haigh, along with about 80-90 community members.

As most Hill & Lake readers know, the SWLRT Project Office has recommended that two tunnels be built: one starting just north of Lake Street, continuing under Cedar Lake Parkway, and surfacing just south of the Kenilworth Channel; and a second starting just north of the Kenilworth Channel and continuing to about 1000 feet past 21st Street. Between these tunnels the LRT and freight trains would cross the Kenilworth Channel on separate bridges.

Individual stations were set up around the room at the open house, each staffed by a member of the Project Office. Attendees asked lots of questions and expressed many concerns about the tunnels proposal, both detailed and big-picture. Unfortunately participants were unable to hear each other’s questions or experts’ answers because of the format. Some called this “the divide and conquer” method of public engagement; the Project Office staff, however, may have thought this was the best way to allow everyone to ask their questions.

Some of the key questions overheard were: How could the Met Council guarantee that the north and south tunnels will actually be built since the true costs are still unknown and other bodies hold the purse strings? Is it fair to ask the City Council to vote without even knowing the scope of the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement, let alone its findings? If the tunnels are built, how would area residents access the SWLRT if the 21st Street station were eliminated? Could there be an underground station at 21st Street? What about noise from train horns as they enter and exit tunnels?

Perhaps the most critical concern expressed was about the process. Rerouting freight rail had been a key component of building the SWLRT for more than a

decade (see, for example, the Alternatives Analysis of 2005-2007). Yet the cost and complexity of doing so were never factored into the decision to make the Kenilworth Corridor the “locally preferred alternative” alignment. If this expense and difficulty had been included, many wonder, would another route – one that better serves Minneapolis residents – have been chosen?

It was evident that attendees appreciated the Met Council’s efforts to address concerns, but this open house underscored that fact that many issues remain to be resolved before the community can feel comfortable with any new SWLRT proposal. The process going forward will likely continue to be messy and controversial.

**CIDNA Fall Festival from page one**

grill the day’s hot dogs. The tent was handily raised by Craig and Board Member James Reid with Board Member Ryan Fox and neighbor Charlie Elowson also there to help.

Soon more board members began to trickle in and take their places at informational tables with Board Secretary Rosanne Halloran at the popular baked goods table. This year’s festival also included representatives from Your City Your Vote who were there to inform neighbors about ranked choice voting, and a representative from the Metropolitan Council whose informational table on Southwest light rail transit garnered much interest.

By one o’clock the festival was in full swing, with children lining up for their favorite festival activities including a moonwalk, face painting, and an art table and scavenger hunt hosted by Board Member Amanda Vallone of Artrageous Adventures. The moonwalk this year was supervised by neighbors Vivian Mason, Maria Jordan, and Ted Axt, who rested his amazingly well-behaved nine month old son Geo on his shoulder as he skillfully managed the enthusiastic jumpers. Attendees paused to watch a brief park re-opening ceremony where Park Board Commissioner Anita Tabb joined by other officials and neighborhood children cut the ribbon on the beautifully renovated playground.

As the idyllic Indian summer afternoon drew to a close, drawings were held, with gift certificates from neighborhood merchants for the adults and toys, games, and books for the children. After the last hot dogs were served, board members stayed to take down the tent and tables. As the sun set on our beautiful new Park Siding Park only memories of a happy neighborhood afternoon remained.

**VOTE ON NOVEMBER 5**


**MINNEAPOLIS- CALHOUN-ISLES**  
**MARKET PACE COMPARISON**

**AUGUST 2012 & AUGUST 2013**      **+ 23.3%**      **+ 15.6%**      **+ 11.2%**  
Change in New Listings      Change in Closed Sales      Change in Median Sales Price


	Median Sales Price			Days on Market Until Sale		
	8-2012	8-2013	+/-	YTD 2012	YTD 2013	+/-
Bryn Mawr	\$266,750	\$315,000	+ 17.2%	\$246,000	\$305,500	+ 24.2%
Calhoun (CARAG)	\$65,000	\$266,500	+ 215.9%	\$163,750	\$253,500	+ 54.6%
Cedar-Isles-Dean	\$292,500	\$659,000	+ 125.3%	\$305,500	\$315,000	+ 3.1%
East Calhoun	\$460,750	\$423,500	- 8.1%	\$437,500	\$415,000	- 5.1%
East Isles	\$800,449	\$795,000	- 0.7%	\$469,000	\$311,250	- 33.6%
Kenwood	\$766,750	\$1,115,000	+ 45.0%	\$700,000	\$766,180	+ 12.3%
Lowry Hill	\$750,324	\$1,450,000	+ 93.2%	\$479,000	\$596,500	+ 24.5%
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## 'Plain Language' Amendments Offer Much-Needed Revision to Outdated City Charter on Nov. 5

By Michael Wilson

Did you know that our Minneapolis City Charter covers the cleaning of tanneries and stables and the width of all tires used in the city? That it contains regulations concerning the size and weight of bread and the weighing of hay and straw?

Barry Clegg can list these and dozens more archaic provisions in our City Charter, many rarely if ever enforced. He points out that the charter governs the construction of gasworks to supply gas for street lights and contains provisions for the administration of the Minneapolis Library Board, which hasn't existed since 2008.

Clegg, chair of the Minneapolis Charter Commission, has spearheaded the labors of his fellow commissioners and many other civic-minded volunteers who for the past 11 years have worked closely with elected officials and professional staff to give our City Charter its first rewrite in almost 100 years. The revised charter goes before city voters on Nov. 5 in the form of two proposals which have been dubbed the Plain Language amendments.

"Plain language" puts the city's need for a streamlined, simplified, updated charter mildly, and not just because the present charter uses the Shakespearean word "doth." Clegg points out, for example, that the charter currently contains four separate provisions about appointing officers, three of which are wrong when read in isolation and are inconsistent with each other. Time and dollars are thus wasted while city staff and attorneys research appointments on a case-by-case basis, trying to avoid violating any of the charter's overlapping provisions.

So how did we reach this state of affairs? Lowry Hill resident Barry Lazarus, a Charter Commissioner from 2003 through 2012, notes that our charter was adopted in 1920. Minneapolis residents of that era had rejected several previous draft charters. Different factions eyed each other warily. Labor was often suspicious of the proposals advanced by reformers allied with business interests. Finally a charter was cobbled together out of all existing State laws and municipal ordinances covering the city. According to Lazarus, the charter has been amended more than 100 times since then, by the City Council, the voters, and the legislature.

If you haven't read the current charter, Steve Brandt said in a 2011 StarTribune article, don't bother. It's complex, cross-referenced, and confusing. It runs to almost 71,000 words, or 15 times as long as the U.S. Constitution. The proposed revision is less than one-fifth the charter's current length, though even that is considerably longer than the State's model municipal charter. Exhaustive review by city lawyers and various interest groups, including the Park Board and labor, has resulted in a longer document than the Charter Commission had initially hoped for.

That's all aimed at avoiding unintended consequences. "You're talking about a document that has



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Minneapolis Charter Commission Chair Barry Clegg (far left) discusses the Plain Language amendments in City Council chambers with (from left) West Calhoun resident and current Commissioner Jeff Peltola and former commissioners and Lowry Hill stalwarts Barry Lazarus and Brian Melendez. After 11 years of work, the complete overhaul of the century-old Minneapolis City Charter goes before the voters on Nov. 5.

developed all these case law interpretations," lawyer and Council Member Elizabeth Glidden told the StarTribune. The lengthy review process has aimed to ensure that all ramifications of the proposed changes are known as completely as possible. Clegg points out, for example, that city and Park Board lawyers painstakingly examined every word and line of the proposed charter before signing off on the version going to the voters.

All parties involved in the 11-year process express particular gratitude to Lowry Hill resident Brian Melendez, a lawyer, former state DFL chair, Charter Commissioner from 2002 to 2005, and to use his term, "a plain-language nut." The StarTribune noted that although commissioners divvied up sections of the charter for review, Melendez and a succession of city attorneys did the heavy lifting. Melendez estimates that by 2011 he had spent about 1,000 hours on the pro bono work, staying with it even after he left the commission, producing 12 drafts.

Clegg asserts that the proposed charter amendments contain no substantive changes to the current structure and functioning of city government. "It's about time Minneapolis had an up-to-date, readily understandable charter," he says, noting that the St. Paul Charter was modernized and completely restated in the 1970s, as was the Minnesota Constitution itself. "That left the

Minneapolis Charter as the only one in the state that deals with horse manure and steam locomotives," he states wryly.

Clegg says that he hasn't heard of any organized opposition to the charter revision amendments. But even a relatively non-controversial charter change can be a hard sell. The StarTribune's Brandt wrote that the 2010 proposal to make redistricting of city wards less partisan drew no organized opposition but nevertheless passed with only 55 percent of the votes cast.

There will be two ballot questions on Nov. 5, Clegg points out, both at the bottom of page two. The first, regarding the complete revision of the charter, requires 50 percent plus one vote for approval. The second addresses City Charter liquor-licensing provisions and, by State law, requires 55 percent plus one vote for approval.

Clegg can be seen discussing the Plain Language amendments with Minneapolis' revered former mayor Don Fraser at <vimeo.com/73494460>. The League of Women Voters endorses the changes.

Elected officials and civic-minded residents across the board ask Minneapolis residents to support the revision of the city charter. We can express our thanks for a job well done by voting "Yes" on both Plain Language amendments on Nov. 5.

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## Rybak Explains His ‘No’ Vote at SW LRT Corridor Management Committee

(Editor’s Note: Mayor Rybak posted his remarks to the October 9 Corridor Management Committee on <themayorblog.wordpress.com>. His was the lone “no” vote opposing moving the project forward to a vote by the Met Council.)

As one of the strongest supporters of the Southwest Corridor LRT line in the state, this is a day I have looked forward to for many years. It is especially significant to be here with some of my fellow mayors: we have worked hard to pass transportation amendments, elect people who will fight for transit and make the case to everyone that our region needs to invest more in alternatives to congested freeways.

In every way possible, I want to be able to join you today in a unanimous alignment vote, but, sadly, I cannot do that. I will be voting “no” today, but intend it to a constructive no from someone who will stay at the table and continue to do what we can to get this line built right.

I have said that I would be willing to take a tough vote for my city if the key questions we had were answered, and if all other options had been exhausted. I am voting no because questions do remain and I do not feel we have completely exhausted alternatives.

The concerns that remain have been outlined in depth by me and [by Peter Wagenius] my representative at this committee. As mayor of the City of Lakes, one of my and my city’s most important concerns is that with this project, we are proposing to build tunnels in the middle of a sensitive wetland without proper assurances that it will not impact the water in the Chain of Lakes, which surrounds this piece of land in almost all directions.

A second, extremely important remaining concern is whether promises made on mitigation can be kept. If tunnels are proposed, we cannot see that promise value-engineered away at a later date. I do not feel we have that assurance yet.

I also cannot yet tell my constituents that this alignment is necessary because all other options have been exhausted. We were promised three weeks ago that there would be one more hard look at options for relocating freight, but when the selected firm withdrew, there was not an attempt to find another. Making a commitment one week, then withdrawing it one week later, is not going to help build the trust we will need in my community, or any community along this line.

I fully understand that the staff and many of you on the committee have already concluded that there is no other way to get the railroads to explore options. I

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## Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Celebrates the Gateway between Dunwoody and Kenwood



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Left to right, Bryn Mawr Resident and Park Watch Co-founder Arlene Fried, Conservation Corps member Chris Mukina, MRPB Commissioner Bob Fine, MRPB President John Erwin, MRPB Commissioner Anita Tabb, East Isles Zoning and Land Use Committee former-Chair Harvey Ettinger, Bryn-Mawr Neighborhood Association Area 6 Representative Vida Ditter, and Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association President Maureen Sheehan.


Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB), MPRB Commissioner Anita Tabb and community members gathered on Thursday, September 18, at the Parade Sports Complex for a special ribbon cutting celebrating the repaved Parade Parkway, a bustling connector between Dunwoody Boulevard and Kenwood Parkway, and the newly repaved Parade Ice Garden parking lot.

“I am excited that construction is completed to the parkway and the parking lot – since the parkway’s completion we at the MPRB have received numerous compliments about the improved condition of the road,” said Anita Tabb, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) Fourth Park District Commissioner. “It is clear to me that these improvements will not only benefit the neighborhood, but also the thousands of community members that use Parade Stadium and Parade Ice Garden. This is really the result of many, many people who came together to make this happen – it really means a lot to those that live in the area. Thank you to the residents and the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association, the MPRB Planning department, the Conservation Corps and a special thank you to my fellow commissioners for their support.”

The parkway and parking lots were in dire need of reconstruction. Improvements to the parkway and parking lots were included in the MPRB 2011 Capital Plan for Parkways and Parkway Lighting, with additional funding added for parking lot reconstruction in the 2012 budget. Construction on Parade Parkway began in September 2012, the trees were replanted in spring 2013, the parking lot re-opened in August and rain gardens are nearly completed.

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## AN INSIDE LOOK at THE SOUTHWEST LIGHT RAIL PROJECT

by Mark Wegner, President,  
Twin Cities & Western Railroad

I appreciate this opportunity to offer my perspective on TC&W's role in the planning of the Southwest Light Rail Transitway (SLRT) project. Having been with the railroad since 1991, I have been aware of the project since its beginning, with more direct involvement since I became President of TC&W in 2007.

It is important for your readers to know that those who say that we have reneged on a past promise to relocate to St. Louis Park are just plain wrong. And those who say that the TC&W is trying to enhance its economic fortunes are even more wrong. We have repeatedly told light rail planners that we have only one requirement: a safe and efficient rail connection between Western Minnesota and St. Paul, which serves as our customers' rail gateway to national and international markets.

To recap history briefly, TC&W was operating in the Midtown Greenway area in 1991. In

1997, state and county officials asked us to vacate the Greenway route and move to the Kenilworth Corridor on a temporary basis, pending development of a permanent freight reroute through St. Louis Park. We agreed to the move. Unfortunately, no one had done any engineering to determine whether a reroute through St. Louis Park was actually feasible.

TC&W is too small to have its own engineering staff, so we contracted with an independent engineer to do a preliminary survey of possible reroutes in St. Louis Park. That report told us that, from an engineering and physics standpoint, relocating our freight operation to St. Louis Park would be very challenging.

In 2005, SLRT discussions began in earnest. While most of the agencies involved knew that freight rail would have to be considered in the planning process, the planners decided to exclude the cost of freight rail relocation from their budget projections. They feared that the cost of relocating our freight rail operations would drive the price tag of the project so high that federal agencies would not fund it.

The planners simply assumed that TC&W operations could be relocated to St. Louis Park, based on earlier assumptions. Again, no engineering work was done to validate those assumptions, and planning proceeded without a clear answer to the freight rail question.

It was not until 2008 that Hennepin County and TC&W began serious discussions on the St. Louis Park reroute. We worked with engineers engaged by the County, who came up with a preliminary design that we felt might be workable if modified to address some obvious safety issues (this was before we contracted with an engineer who made us aware of the effect of reverse curves on long freight trains).

However, before a detailed engineering analysis of

## Rain Garden Anniversary and Celebration



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To celebrate the first anniversary of the East Isles demonstration rain garden, members of the East Isles Green Team (left to right: Rich Harrison, Jenika McGann, and Judy Enenstein) were on hand to welcome neighbors with light refreshments and to answer questions about this thriving and beautiful rain garden. The group meets on the second Monday of the month at Grace-Trinity Community Church. All residents are welcome to attend. For more information, go to: [EastIsles.org](http://EastIsles.org).

that design could be done, Hennepin County switched engineering firms. In 2010, the new engineers presented a reroute proposal that featured much steeper grades and significantly sharper curves. This design never would have worked for freight rail operations hauling more than 5 rail cars per train. TC&W rejected this design, expressing serious concerns about its safety and efficiency, but we were assured by the engineering firm that the design was only preliminary and there was plenty of time to address those issues.

Then, in 2011 the Federal Transit Administration approved the SLRT with the condition that the cost of freight rail relocation be factored into the total project budget. That's when the project cost rose dramatically.

That's also when it became necessary for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to include the required plan freight rail relocation. Imagine our shock when the DEIS released in late 2012 proposed the very same 2010 reroute design that TC&W had already rejected as unsafe and unworkable for trains longer than five cars.

Our response to the DEIS made it clear that we were not asking for improvements or enhancements to our situation. We simply needed to maintain the essential safety and economics of our current operation.

On January 1, 2013, the Metropolitan Council took over the SLRT planning process from Hennepin County. Since then, we have been working closely with them to evaluate various freight rail options, with the goal of ensuring that the final plan will enable the safe passage of a 123-car unit train at 25 mph (even though we normally travel at 10 mph through the Kenilworth Corridor as a courtesy to the neighbors).

TC&W supports the development of light rail in the southwest metro, but our primary obligation must be to protect the interests of our customers, who rely on us to ship more than \$1.5 billion annually of agricultural and commercial products from rural Minnesota and South Dakota businesses to destinations around the world.

As always, we welcome the input of our neighbors. We have especially appreciated the comments from the founders of [lrrtdoneright.org](http://lrrtdoneright.org). Please feel free to visit our website ([www.tcw.net](http://www.tcw.net)) or share your thoughts with us by email ([mwegner@tcw.net](mailto:mwegner@tcw.net)).

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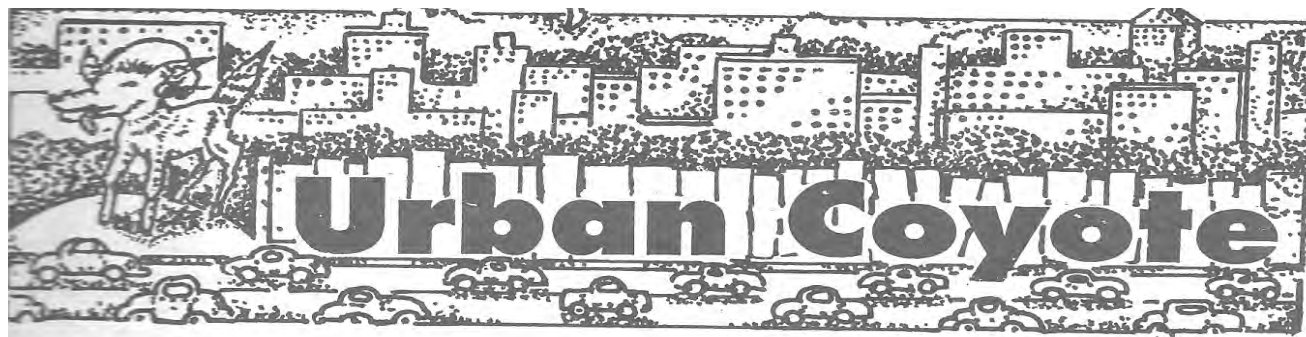
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**EAGLE OVER LAKE CALHOUN**

by James P. Lenfestey

Dateline: Lake Calhoun, September 26, 2013.

To give myself an excuse to sip a delicious afternoon latte at Rustica, I booked an appointment next door at Calhoun Vision to cover my tracks. Dr. Granville Lawrence, mad motorcyclist and neighborhood comedian, has been feeding me jokes and providing me glasses since the Pleistocene. After we discussed the script of his new play (in which men who begin as boors end as boors) and handicapped the mayor's race (why are we not running along with everyone else, he wondered), he checked my eyes, upped my prescription to a level appropriate to my age, which continues to advance, and eased me out the door. After which I loitered over a delicious latte at Rustica and read a long, involved article on Somalia in The New Yorker.

In a state of informed, caffeinated bliss, I drove home along the south shore of Lake Calhoun. The late September day was as warm as late August, with gusty winds whooshing through the cottonwoods, raising foot tall whitecaps on the lake. Two sailboats heeled to the rails and a brace of colorful windsurfers skittered along the surface in the ideal conditions. Impulsively I pulled into the parking lot to watch them. I walked across the pedestrian path and busy bike path to the shore.

Fresh wind in my hair and sun warming my face, I watched master sailboarders rocket back and forth at 20 knots I'm sure (although I am not sure what a knot is). As I watched, I reminisced about the days when I was mad for the combination of wind and lake, sailboard beneath me, boom in my hands, the more wind the better. And for the first time in a decade I regretted giving away my sailboard gear, antiques now in the face of these racy America's Cup-style sails and ever shorter, ever lighter, ever faster boards. What a joy to watch them, balanced gracefully against wind and water. It felt like I was watching an America's Cup race or a flock of excited water birds.

A perfect afternoon, I said to myself. Then I looked up. A bald eagle rode the wind not thirty feet above me, nearly still. I watched as he navigated the gusts, white tail wide and ruddering, wings steady, wing tip feathers fingering the details of the wind. His head was white like mine, his golden beak hooked like my golden nose, his sharp eyes (like mine after I get my new prescription) scanning the shoreline below. I imagined what he saw from his high angle, without glare from the surface of the water, a clear window open above unsuspecting fish. As I watched, he lowered his claws, like golden landing gear, then raised them, head sweeping back and forth. Then lowered them again and swooped suddenly toward the

lake, and scooped up a small fish in his claws. For the first time he flapped his broad, dark wings, wheeled downwind and settled down to eat in a cottonwood at the northeast corner of the lake not far from customers doing the same at Tin Fish.

I remember when there was no Tin Fish, and no eagles in the city, and few in the Midwest. They had been extirpated by the ravages of the pesticide DDT that bioaccumulated in their eggshells, making them collapse under the weight of brooding, baffled parents. Because the use of DDT is now restricted, we see eagles windsurfing with us and eating fresh fish in Uptown just like one of the locals.

For those who despair that we will never solve the current environmental crisis of climate change, eagle recovery reminds us that solutions are possible, tempered by the facts of how it came about.

President Kennedy read the work of pioneering ecologist Rachel Carson in the pages of The New Yorker, then in her book Silent Spring, and set his science advisory committee to study and regulate DDT. He did it himself, against the dire warnings of economic collapse and the advice of nearly everyone except those who value the findings of science and the presence of wildlife.

President Obama faces a similar executive decision this year - denying the permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline. This is in not an easy choice, as our friendly neighbor Canada desperately desires this oil outlet to the sea, and it will create some jobs in America. But the harsh reality is that the pipeline will allow much more of Alberta's viscous tar sands - a "carbon bomb" - into rich world markets, something the Canadians cannot accomplish in their own country given the spirited and spiritual opposition of native nations and many others.

Whatever President Obama chooses, I will continue to support him, as he clearly understands the calamity of climate change (Google the United Nation's IPCC report just released on Sept 27, 2013), and has acted vigorously to limit emissions given seamless Republican opposition. But I will commit civil disobedience, and go to jail if necessary, to make sure that that pipeline never strikes the sea and multiplies the frightening carbon burden my children and grandchildren already carry into the future.

So when we see eagles along our lakes, remember Rachel Carson, the courageous scientist who proved conclusively, in spite of a chorus of denials, that DDT was crippling bird populations in the world. And remember President Kennedy, who acted with the courage of science, not fear of reprisal, to ban it. So that today men and women and bald eagles can race together over Lake Calhoun in inspiring winds.

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understand, but I disagree.

While the railroads clearly have significant rights, it sounds a lot to me and to my constituents what we were often told about our challenges with the airport. If we had accepted what we had been told in that case — that airports and the FAA can make and break promises without any recourse — we would never have fought for and won airplane-noise protection for about 10,000 homes in Minneapolis. I cannot say confidently that in this case we will get the railroads to be more flexible, but I do feel we owe it to those we represent to fight hard.

This is important because I feel that Minneapolis and St. Louis Park are in untenable positions because the railroads have taken the untenable position that they would not negotiate. I know St. Louis Park well: my first job was as editor of the St. Louis Park Sun, and having spent a lot of time in the area that would be affected, I do not think it would be right to have an alignment with massive berms through the city. I do feel, however, that if the railroads were more flexible, we could have a better option on the table to put against Kenilworth.

I have spoken with many of you on this committee and I am very convinced that this is a group of individuals with good motives. We simply see this situation differently.

I also want to say how much I respect those who have raised concerns about this alignment. There are those who have made irrational statements, but the overwhelming majority of those who have questioned this alignment have been transit advocates who want their questions answered and other options exhausted. Their name says it: they just want LRT Done Right.

We will now enter the municipal-approval process. I cannot predict how this will fare at Minneapolis City Hall but I will stay at the table, try to get our concerns fully addressed and our questions answered, and try to assure my constituents that we have exhausted other options. If so, am prepared to vote yes and be a strong champion. I just want to see LRT done right.



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# Finally...stump removed!

by Jean Deatrick



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## Tree stump removal in Lowry Hill.

When a large tree fell and hit our house during the June 21 storm, we were fortunate that Park Board crews removed it within days. The damage to my house remained however, and is still being repaired. The huge stump of the tree caused part of the drive to pop up along with a large piece of sidewalk. Skateboarders and bicyclists enjoyed using the concrete as a ramp, usually in the middle of the night unfortunately. Inquiries were made about having the stump removed in time for the October issue of Hill and Lake Press. And we were surprised and delighted when it was done. It was quite an effort. After many tries, a large crane lifted the enormous tree stump from the ground and carried it high into the air gracefully, and placed it gently into a large truck. I assume tree stumps are being removed all around Minneapolis. And the storm of June 21 will soon be forgotten.

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## Book Signing at Birchbark Books



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Brian Lucas, author of *Here Comes the Sun*, signing copies of his book at Birchbark Books. *Here Comes the Sun* is the story of a young family's journey through cancer. It offers a clear and honest look at what happens when an illness throws life off track, and how a combination of science, love, and serendipity helped put things right. Betsy Holtzman Lucas grew up on Irving Avenue South in the East Isles neighborhood of Minneapolis. Left to right: Brian Lucas, Betsy Lucas, Julia Lucas, Molly Lucas, Barb Davis, and Fran Davis.

## Bockley Gallery in Kenwood

Bockley Gallery is pleased to announce it will be representing the work of Lauren Roche. Lauren is a 2012/13 recipient of the Jerome Foundation Fellowships for Emerging Artists. Her work is included in the Jerome Fellowship Exhibition at MCAD that opens this Friday, October 4 and continues through November 10.

We will be hosting a closing event for our current exhibition Stuart Nielsen: recent work 2008-13 on Friday, October 18 from 5 to 7 pm. If you haven't made it in to see Stuart's show (closes October 19), please do, it is worth the visit.

Gallery Hours: Wednesday through Saturday, Noon to 5 pm

Bockley Gallery, 2123 W. 21st Street (west of Lake of the Isles, near Franklin), Minneapolis

## A Bee Tragedy

By Katherine Sill

Did you know there are urban beekeepers in Minneapolis neighborhoods? These beekeepers tend honeybees. They are amenable creatures that are essential pollinators and provide honey to boot. Without bees, we would not have many of the fruits and vegetables we enjoy eating every day. Keeping bees is a fascinating hobby. They are so easily handled that when I go into my hive every two weeks, I don't use gloves or a big suit, just a veil. That's because they aren't interested in attacking humans, as some people feel, they are just busy collecting pollen and nectar, making honey, tending their queen, and keeping their hive tidy. It's captivating to watch.

A few weeks ago three beekeepers, myself included, in the Lowry Hill and Kenwood neighborhoods lost thousands of our honeybees in one day due to someone's use of a pesticide called Fipronil. The use of this product is a problem because the intended insects are not the only insects wiped out by an event such as this. And contrary to what some people think, bees are our pollinators, not our pests. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, honeybees pollinate 80 percent of our flowering crops, which constitute 1/3 of everything we eat. Losing them could affect the availability of foods such as apples, strawberries, nuts, asparagus, blueberries, broccoli, cucumbers, by some accounts 100 different foods. A lot has been written in the general press about the loss of honeybees and the cost to all of us if we can't turn this situation around. Everyone one can help. There is link below to a TED talk with Dr. Marla Spivak from the University of MN about simple things anyone can do.

On the day our bees were writhing and dying we all contacted the University (I am part of their Bee Squad mentoring program). That day the bees were collected and sent off for testing by the University of MN and the MN Department of Agriculture. The response from the University and Dept. of Agriculture shows how serious this event was. The test results came back last week. Fipronil is a pesticide that is often used by spraying foundations to get rid of ants, yellow jacket wasps, termites, and other insects. The unintended consequence of using it also kills honeybees and other useful pollinators. The spraying was done in such a random manner that many flowers (possibly sedum as it was flowering at the time) were covered with the pesticide. The bees collected the nectar from the sprayed plants and were poisoned. Mine tried to make it back to the hive. I went out to the hive that day only to see thousands of my bees dead and dying. It was a horrible sight. When University personnel came that day they also swabbed the outside of my hive as a control to check for sabotage specifically of my hive. That result was equally disconcerting. My hive was covered in a fungicide called Carbendazim. By some accounts a carcinogen. This is also a story about drift. That is when someone sprays on a windy day, the pesticide, fungicide, or herbicide can travel in the air and land anywhere. My hive is behind a 7 foot fence. Whoever sprayed that fungicide, sprayed so much that it went over our fence and covered my hive. All summer long I have been munching on the fruits and vegetables in my urban (fenced in) garden. Now I know I was eating fungicide every time I plucked a cherry tomato or raspberry. I'm fairly certain whoever did that spraying did not intend for my garden to be contaminated. But it was. That is why we have to rethink our use of these seemingly easy remedies. There's nothing easy about them.

**For more information:**

**TED Talk - Why bees are disappearing by Marla Spivak of the University of Minnesota**

[http://www.ted.com/talks/marla\\_spivak\\_why\\_bees\\_are\\_disappearing.html](http://www.ted.com/talks/marla_spivak_why_bees_are_disappearing.html)

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**Questions?** Contact Monica Smith at 612-821-0131, [nrp@eastisles.org](mailto:nrp@eastisles.org) or go to [www.eastisles.org](http://www.eastisles.org).

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## CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

By Monica Smith

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES, October 9, 2013

The October meeting was held at the Jones-Harrison Residence. Board members in attendance: Chair Craig Westgate, Vice Chair Michael Wilson, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Lowell Berggren, Ed Ferlauto, Ryan Fox, Stephen Goltry, Art Higinbotham, James Reid, and Amanda Vallone. NRP Committee Chair Gail Lee and other residents were also in attendance. Staff: Monica Smith

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

#### Announcements

There have been recent reports of a male going door to door in the Fifth Precinct asking for contributions for Habitat for Humanity. This is a scam, Habitat for Humanity does not solicit funds door to door.

Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) is holding an Open House on October 24, 4-7 pm at 105 5th Ave.

#### Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

The next Lunch with Lisa is October 23, noon at the University of St. Thomas. The event will include a discussion with the candidates for Park Board At Large Commissioners.

Street sweeping begins the week of October 21st. Go to [www.minneapolismn.gov](http://www.minneapolismn.gov) to look up the specific date for sweeping on your block. Reminder: do not rake leaves into the streets.

2014 Budget Public Hearings: November 19 and December 11, both meetings begin at 6:05 pm in Room 317, City Hall.

Election judges are needed for the November 5th election. A two-hour training session is required. Contact Lisa's office if you are interested.

Lisa is meeting with MnDOT representatives to address sight line/safety concerns regarding the utility

### Trains in Kenilworth Corridor

**Editor's Note:** The arrival of the trains in 1998 presaged the LRT disputes of today. Articles in Hill and Lake Press of April and September of 1998 describe the unease residents felt about the trains. HLP wasn't on the web at that time but yellowed copies told the story with a photo of the "Operation Lifesaver" locomotive. **Excerpts from my 1998 stories follow describing what we were told!** "LOOK CLOSELY! THERE'S A TRAIN ON THE HORIZON.

If you thought talk of building a bridge over the north end of Lake of the Isles was a hot issue, try trains. Freight trains. Freight car after freight car rumbling through our neighborhoods. Sort of brings back the good old days for some of you doesn't it? Makes you want to rock on your porch swing and reminisce - perhaps enjoy a glass of lemonade while you listen to the clanking of the freight cars making their way slowly down the Kenilworth tracks.

But there are others and you know who you are. The mere thought of trains returning to the Kenilworth tracks near Cedar Lake makes you shudder in horror. You want to call in your children and cats and take cover while you contemplate your real estate losses. The idea that not everyone opposes trains in the 'hood' is incomprehensible. You tear your hair, you look for kindred souls, and you refuse to believe that the trains cannot be stopped from coming...

As most residents know by now, the trains are returning because the 29th Street corridor track is going to be severed at Hiawatha for the planned highway upgrade of Hiawatha. The 29th Street corridor will be converted to the Midtown Greenway for biking, jogging, and walking from the Mississippi river to the western lakes area. The Twin Cities & Western Railroad Company trains that now run on the 29th Street tracks need to be rerouted. St. Louis Park has agreed to allow the trains to go through that city, but site development and construction of the rail connection are likely to take from two to six years. The trains will use the Kenilworth tracks during that time. According to Rhonda Rae of the Minneapolis Department of Public Works, the Midtown Greenway construction can't be delayed while the St. Louis Park rail connection is being established because federal funding will be jeopardized if work on the bike portion isn't begun this year..."

**Editor:** Sounds familiar doesn't it!!

Train photo on page 19

box on the Kenilworth corridor at Cedar Lake Pkwy.

LRT update: The Corridor Management Committee (CMC) voted to support the co-location of freight and shallow LRT tunnels in the Kenilworth Corridor. Mayor Rybak was the lone "no" vote. The Met Council will seek municipal consent by the end of the year. Lisa believes that the City Council will oppose the shallow tunnel. The Park Board is also strongly opposed to the shallow tunnel option.

#### Fall Festival/Park Siding Park

Festival Chair Elaine May discussed details of the Fall Festival, Sunday, October 13, 1-4 pm at Park Siding Park. In addition to the fun and festivities, a brief ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 1:45 pm.

Gail Lee reported on construction at the Park Siding Park. The poured-in-place (PIP) resilient surfacing under the play equipment was not completed in time for the Fall Festival. The playground area was temporarily filled with sand for use at the Fall Festival. The remaining flowerbeds will be replanted on October 10th.

#### NRP/CPP Report

Chair Gail Lee reported on the following:

The application for the next three-year CPP cycle was sent to board members prior to the meeting for review. CIDNA's allocation is \$22,366 per year. Staff expenses will be paid out of NRP funds to save CPP funds for future Neighborhood Priority Plans. The board voted to approve the application and budget as presented.

The NRP Committee is implementing a Tree Grant Program for residents. The program is offered on a first-come, first-served basis and retroactive to June 21, 2013 (solstice storm). Applications will be available at the Fall Festival and on the website. Program details:

Reimbursement of up to 25% of the cost of licensed professional removal of dead, diseased or hazardous trees from private property. Maximum grant of \$250.

Reimbursement of up to 25% of the cost of tree treatment. Maximum grant of \$100. Programs require licensed professional treatment of Dutch Elm Disease, Emerald Ash Borer, and/or Two-lined Chestnut Borer for trees on the boulevard and/or on the owner's private property.

Reimbursement of up to 25% of the cost of planting new tree(s) on private property. Maximum grant of \$100.

Reimbursement of up to 25% of the cost of licensed professional removal of buckthorn on private property. Maximum grant of \$100.

#### Dean Parkway and West Cedar Lake Trail Improvements

Construction is expected to be complete by the end of October. Mike Wilson and Gail Lee met with Deb Bartels from the Park Board to discuss better directional signage on the trails.

#### Dean Parkway Reforestation

The tree planting event has been postponed until spring 2014 due to the severe drought.

#### Sewer Construction Update

Ryan Fox reported that the contractors are completing the last of the concrete work on Xerxes, 29th and

29th Streets. Construction continues on Sunset Blvd. Due to the approaching colder temperatures and longer cure time needed for concrete restoration, temporary asphalt paving will need to occur in areas where concrete restoration has not started (Sunset Blvd. between Drew Ave. S. and France Ave., and driveway aprons along westbound Sunset Blvd.). Permanent concrete restoration work will occur next spring.

#### Transportation Committee

Earlier today (October 9), the CMC voted to support the co-location of freight and shallow LRT tunnels in the Kenilworth Corridor. The Metropolitan Council is expected to approve the project scope and budget on October 16th.

Met Council is holding an Open House for the Minneapolis segment of Southwest LRT on October 10, 5:30-7:30 at Kenwood Community Center.

Chair Ed Ferlauto reviewed a draft of a resolution reiterating CIDNA's opposition to the shallow tunnel and advocating for better access from Cedar-Isles-Dean to the West Lake Station. The board approved a motion to have Mike Wilson and Ed Ferlauto further refine the resolution and have board members sign off on the revisions at the Fall Festival. The resolution will be sent to Minneapolis City Council and the Southwest LRT project office.

#### Midtown Greenway Coalition (MGC) Report

Mike Wilson reported that the MGC board will hold a retreat to address governance issues and adding At Large representatives to the board. MGC continues to work on the Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis.

#### Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis

Open Houses will be held from 6-8 pm on November 20 at Intermedia Arts, 2822 Lyndale Ave S and November 21 at Colin Powell Center, 2924 4th Ave S.

#### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2013 was presented. The IRS filing of the 990 e-postcard is due October 15.

#### Wine Tasting Fundraiser

The wine tasting fundraiser is October 30, 6-9 pm at Calhoun Square. 100% of advance tickets sales go directly to CIDNA. This is CIDNA's only fundraising event. Board members are encouraged to sell tickets. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the Fall Festival.

#### Commissioner Anita Tabb

Park Board Commissioner Anita Tabb was scheduled to attend tonight's board meeting but she was delayed at another meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting

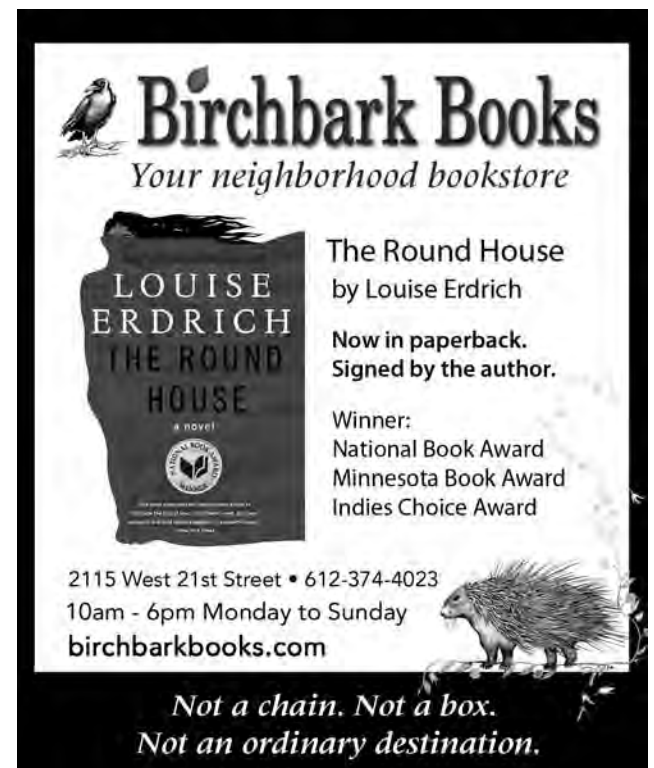
Wednesday, November 13 at Jones-Harrison, 6:00 p.m.

**Note to CIDNA residents: sign up for our monthly e-newsletter by sending a request to [info@cidna.org](mailto:info@cidna.org).**



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## EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EIRA)

By Monica Smith, Recorder

Minutes from the EIRA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting October 8, 2013 Grace-Trinity Community Church

Board members present: Vaughn Emerson (Vice President), Ramon Ramirez Quintero (Treasurer), Candace Dow, Nicole Engel-Nitz, Donna Jansen, Carla Pardue, Michael Rossini and Linda Schutz. Alternate Rosita Acosta and other East Isles residents and guests were also present.

EIRA Vice President Vaughn Emerson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

The developer of 1800 Lake (Lake & Knox) submitted their plan for a solution to the groundwater discharge into the lagoon. City staff is examining the plan to see if it meets the criteria and timeline.

2014 Budget Public Hearings: November 19 and December 11, both meetings begin at 6:05 pm in Room 317, City Hall. The City is proposing a 0% property tax levy. Individual property taxes may go up/down depending on changes in property value. Comments directed to CM Tuthill's office are encouraged: 612-673-2210 or email Meg.Tuthill@minneapolismn.gov meg.tuthill@minneapolismn.gov. See also www.minneapolismn.gov/finance/budget

Election judges are needed for the November 5th election. A two-hour training session is required. Contact Meg's office if you are interested.

The 5th Precinct is hosting a 911 and Burglary Prevention Presentation, on October 22, 6:30 pm, 5th Precinct, 3101 Nicollet Ave. Public invited.

Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis Open Houses: 6-8 pm on November 20 at Intermedia Arts, 2822 Lyndale Ave S and November 21 at Colin Powell Center, 2924 4th Ave S.

CM Tuthill is hosting a 10th Ward Neighborhood Get Together on October 21, 6-7:30 pm, 5th Precinct, 3101 Nicollet Ave S.

The City Council approved both the density ordinance and the feral cat ordinance.

### Aaron Hanauer, East Isles resident

Aaron Hanauer discussed his idea for pursuing a farmers market in the neighborhood to complement the community events such as the Ice Cream Social. He met with the representatives from the Kingfield Farmers Market and learned that the operation is a larger undertaking than he had imagined (among other things, requiring 8-12 volunteers per week). In general, the board did not feel it has the volunteer capacity for a market at this time.

### REPORTS

#### Amy Sanborn, Social Committee

The Wine Tasting Fundraiser is October 30, 6-9 pm at Calhoun Square. It's a major fundraising effort for the neighborhood because EIRA retains 100% of the proceeds from its tickets sales (tickets are \$25 in advance/\$30 at the door). Volunteers are needed and get free admittance. To volunteer or buy tickets contact Amy at events@eastisles.org The event features over 400 varieties of wine, snacks by Chef Tim McKee and a fantastic mingling opportunity. Buy a ticket for your-

self and/or as a gift for a friend.

#### Allan Amis, Zoning Committee

The September 17th Zoning Committee meeting included a presentation by Peterssen/Keller Architecture and CPM (developer of 1800 Lake) for a proposed new four-story mixed-use building (two floors of office space and two floors of residential – 2 condos per floor) on the northeast corner of Lake and James (1618 W. Lake St., 1620 W. Lake St., and 2915 James Ave. S). They provided massing and shadowing studies. They are requesting variance for setback on three of the four sides and to increase the height of the building. The site is zoned C1 and is in the Shoreland Overlay District, both stipulating a maximum height of 35'; they are requesting 47', plus rooftop pergolas that add another 8' to the height, resulting in a height of 55' for a portion of the building. Off street parking is provided on the main level (no basement in the building). The committee did not take any action and will discuss again at their next meeting.

Daniel Oberpriller, CPM shared their plans to deal with the dewatering issue at 1800 Lake. They are proposing adding injections wells that will pump the water deeper into the ground and back into the aquifer.

The changes to the density ordinance were also discussed but no action was taken.

The next meeting is Tuesday, October 15, 5 pm at Grace-Trinity Community Church.

#### Candace Dow, Transportation Committee

The committee has changed their regular meeting date to the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7 pm at Grace-Trinity Community Church. The next meeting is October 15.

EIRA's Fall Meeting on October 29th will include feature speakers focusing on Midtown transit alternatives.

Reminder to attend the Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis Open Houses (see details above, under Leslie Foreman's report).

#### Monica Smith, Green Team

A successful September Rain Garden Celebration attracted about 30 people.

On November 18th, 7 pm at Grace Trinity Community Church will be a presentation by East Isles resident and solar-entrepreneur Gerardo Ruiz and a short film about solar energy.

The team may write a grant for social outreach to multi-family buildings.

#### Monica Smith, Staff Report

The next NRP Committee meeting is November 4, 7 pm at Grace.

Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) is holding an Open House on October 24, 4-7 pm at 105 5th Ave.

The Minneapolis History Collection and Archives at the Central Library contains resources on home and building history. Monica Smith to send copies of The East Isles Historic Context Study there, and to the Hennepin History Museum, and Walker Library when reopened.

Urban Agriculture Mayoral Forum, October 23, 7-9 pm at Sabathani Community Center, 310 E 38th St.

### BOARD REVIEW

Community Participation Program (CPP)

The application for the next three-year cycle is due by November 15th. The budget per year is \$25,859 (3% increase over current year). A draft of the application and budget was sent to board members prior to the meeting for review. The board approved a motion to approve the application and budget. Expenses from the 2013 Ice Cream Social will be discussed at the November meeting.

#### Fall Members' Meeting

The new date for the Fall Member's Meeting is Tuesday, October 29th. The evening begins with refreshments and social time at 6:30. The meeting agenda: 7 pm committee reports, 7:30 pm presentation about the new Walker Library and 8 pm presentation about the Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis. An ad will be in the October issue of the Hill and Lake Press and fliers will be sent to EIRA board members for sharing with neighbors.

10th Ward Neighborhood Get Together: Donna Jansen will represent EIRA at the event on October 21st.

501(c)(4) application: Monica Smith and Ramon Ramirez Quintero continue to work on the application.

#### Open Forum

An idea was proposed to celebrate centennial structures in East Isles, which may require funding for items such as research on properties in the neighborhood, speaker fees, and design fees for creating 100-year certificates. The board was supportive of exploring the idea.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

**The Fall Members meeting is October 29 6:30 pm and the next EIRA Board of Directors meeting is Tuesday, November 12, 7 p.m. Both meetings will be held at Grace-Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th St**

### Hennepin Lake Community Wine Tasting Fund Raiser Wednesday October 30, 2013 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

What: This is the BIG ONE ~ The 30th Annual Hennepin-Lake Community Wine Tasting with over 400 varieties of wine available for sampling. Appetizers/snacks by renowned Chef Tim McKee of Parasole, proud sponsor of the event, with chef Steve Hesse of Uptown Cafeteria & chef Tyge Nelson of Chino Latino. This is the community fund raiser where ALL PROCEEDS go directly to the nine residential neighborhood organizations of Uptown. Location Calhoun Square

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## KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION (KIAA)

By Amy Lucas

### October 2013 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA Board met October 7, 2013 at Kenwood Rec Center.

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

Board Members present: Chair Larry Moran, Mike Bono, Jeanette Colby, Angie Erdrich, Jack Levi, Kathy Low, Amy Lucas and Bob Tennessen.

Others present: Council Member Lisa Goodman; Dylan Thomas, Southwest Journal; Park Police Chief Jason Ohotto; Amanda Vallone, Artrageous Adventures; Mike Fadlovich and Jim Gilroy, Kenwood residents.

### Proposed parking Change on Oliver Avenue South

Parents of Kenwood students have requested approval of one-hour of parking along the east side of Oliver Avenue South during Kenwood School afternoon pick-up.

Mike Fadlovich, resident of Oliver Avenue South, spoke about concerns re: necessity, enforcement and signage.

KIAA will monitor/observe afternoon pick-up issues and will talk to the school principal regarding the parking issue.

### 7th Ward Update-Lisa Goodman

The next "Lunch with Lisa" will be Oct. 23, at Opus Hall, University of St. Thomas. There will be a discussion with the 10 Park Board at-large candidates.

Street sweeping is starting this week. It is illegal to sweep leaves into the street. Visit [www.minneapolis.gov/publicworks/streetsweeping](http://www.minneapolis.gov/publicworks/streetsweeping) to see your scheduled date of street sweeping.

The 2014 Budget hearings for property tax levy and budget will be Nov. 19 and Dec. 11 at 6:05 in room 317 of City Hall.

The City of Mpls is still short 175 election judges. Visit [vote.minneapolis.gov/judges/index.htm](http://vote.minneapolis.gov/judges/index.htm) for more info.

Minneapolis Emergency Response Team responders

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- Leave your front door lights on ALL night (& back porch/ yard lights too), every night. For our neighbors who are renters, ask your landlord or building manager to leave these lights on.
- If you have a security system, arm it while away during the day and at night. Consider installing a security system if your residence currently does not have one.
- Call 911 to report any suspicious activity in the neighborhood.
- Get to know your neighbors, especially those directly next to or across from you, where you can easily observe any unusual activity.

are needed. Visit [www.minneapolis.gov/health/preparedness](http://www.minneapolis.gov/health/preparedness).

The "Minneapolis One Read" program is underway and this year's book is A Choice of Weapons by Gordon Parks. Visit [oneminneapolisonearead.com](http://oneminneapolisonearead.com) for more info.

The American Planning Association (APA) has chosen Kenwood as one of the top ten neighborhoods and APA representatives are planning to present the award.

CM Goodman explained the policy for feral cat colonies in Minneapolis.

CM Goodman discussed SWLRT issues. The City of Mpls official position agrees on Kenilworth location, but not co-location of freight and LRT.

Update Minneapolis Park Police Chief Jason Ohotto

KIAA previously approved NRP funds for additional police patrol of East Cedar Lake Beach (Hidden Beach).

Park Police provided 36 additional hours in July and 24 additional hours in August. Park Police tried to make a stronger presence during weekends and from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Hidden Beach.

Between June 1-Sept 1, there were 100 offense reports.

Park Police typically work shifts from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and 4 p.m.-midnight. Minneapolis Police Dept covers midnight-8 a.m. shifts in Minneapolis parks.

KIAA plans to extend the NRP contract to use remaining funds for extra policing at East Cedar Lake Beach next summer.

### Kenwood Corner-Thrill Kenwood-Amanda Vallone

Amanda Vallone of ARTrageous is requesting funds for the annual Thrill Kenwood event on Saturday, October 26. The global Thriller dance will be at 4:00 p.m. and the spookier (Zombie) Thriller dance will be at 7:00 p.m. Activities include a costume pet parade, Zombie make-up station, and live DJ. Local businesses (Bockley Gallery, Birchbark Books, Framestyles) will provide funding and The Kenwood is providing cookies and cider.

Free Thriller Dance lessons will be held Oct. 9 at 7:00 p.m.; Oct. 12th at 4:00 p.m.; Oct. 20 at 4:00 p.m.

A portion of the event proceeds will go to The Bridge for Youth.

KIAA approved \$500 for the event.

Visit [www.artrageousadventures.com](http://www.artrageousadventures.com) for more info.

### KIAA Staff discussion-Kathy Low

Kathy provided a draft job description to KIAA

board.

KIAA approved: 1) entering into a contract with NCR to use up to \$5,000 of KIAA's Neighborhood Priority Plan (NPP) funds for the services of an independent consultant to assist KIAA with communications and other duties and 2) retaining the services of an independent contractor for outlined duties and entering into a consultant contract for a fee up to \$5,000 per year, with the potential for renewal, to be paid from NPP funds or other KIAA funds.

### SWLRT Update

Jack Levi sees a need for KIAA to provide more "facts" to the greater public and neighborhood and also try to discover the interests of Kenwood residents. Residents may be unclear about sound issues and shallow-tunnel designs.

Met Council vote on SWLRT is expected in the next month. Minneapolis City Council will be voting on SWLRT before the end of the year.

### Updates

The 5th Precinct is offering a free presentation on 911, Burglary Prevention and Property Crimes investigations on Oct. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at 5th Precinct Community Room, 3101 Nicollet Avenue.

Minneapolis Charter Revision on November Ballot- There will be two amendments regarding the "Plain Language Charter Revision" on the November ballot. One amendment proposes that the Minneapolis City Charter, originally written in 1920, be revised with simplified language and removal of outdated information. For example, the word "doth" will be removed and rules regarding horse manure in the streets will be removed. The second amendment proposes that the language regarding the liquor-licensing provision in the Minneapolis Charter also be revised through the "plain language" revision.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

**Reminder: The next Kenwood Isles Area Association Board meeting will be held on November 4 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Recreation Center. KIAA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event organized by KIAA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at [kenwoodminneapolis.org](http://kenwoodminneapolis.org) or by calling 612-673-6483.**

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## LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (LHNA)

By Janis Clay

### Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board Minutes Tuesday, October 1, 2013

Present - Board Members: Maureen Sheehan, President; David Weinstein, Vice President; Dan Aronson, Treasurer; Janis Clay, Secretary; Jimmy Fogel; Rebecca Graham; Phil Hallaway; Tom Huppert; Mark Brauer; Michael Cockson; Ann Seltman; Raj Dash; Marty Broan; Sherie Tazelaar.

Present - Guests and staff: Lisa Goodman, Seventh Ward Minneapolis City Council Representative; Anita Tabb, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board; Amanda Vallone, Ian Evans; Nash Meeker; 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:** Jimmy Fogel moved and Tom Huppert seconded approval of tonight's agenda and of the September 10, 2013, minutes. All approved.

**Introductions:** Board members and guests introduced themselves.

**Community Announcements - Seventh Ward City Council Representative Lisa Goodman:** Lunch with Lisa, on October 23rd, will feature the at-large Park Board candidates discussing the future of the Minneapolis Parks. Street sweeping will begin soon. It is illegal to sweep leaves into the street and to use excessively loud leaf blowers. The City is planning a significant enforcement effort this year. The budget process is beginning. Public hearings will be held on November 19th and December 11th at City Hall. Absentee voting has begun. Many election judges are still needed. There was a brief LRT update. Work is continuing on storm cleanup, including tree stump removal.

**Park Board Update - Park Board Commissioner Anita Tabb:** The reconstruction of Parade Road has been completed, including plantings and a rain garden. Renovations to Parade ice rink are well under way. The north rink will open October 7th. Work will begin on the other two rinks in March, following the hockey season. There is a lot of road work in the Dean Parkway area. The road will include a new off-street bike lane when the work is completed. Work continues in the Brownie Lake area on the bike paths and to fix erosion issues. Efforts continue to slow damage from the Emerald Ash Borer and to remove diseased and weakened ash trees. Park Board policy is to plant a variety of trees rather than uniform plantings on blocks, as was done in the past. Anita Tabb has set up meetings with residents near the Walker to discuss the Walker's proposal to expand Rock the Garden into a two-day event.

**Thrill Kenwood (Amanda Vallone of Artrageous) -** Amanda Vallone discussed Thrill Kenwood, part of a global simultaneous dance to Michael Jackson's Thriller, planned for Saturday, October 26, from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. Plans are to close off 21st street from Penn to Oliver for a Halloween theme block party, with dance performances at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The Bridge for Youth will be a partner. Kenwood Restaurant will provide cider and treats. Practices will be held on October 9th, 12th and 20th. David Weinstein moved, seconded by Raj Dash, that we contribute \$500.00 to support the event. All approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dan Aronson reported that donations have continued to come in over the past cou-

ple of months, and we are in good shape financially.

#### Committee Reports:

**Environment:** Anita Tabb already addressed many Environment Committee issues in her update. Marty Broan remarked on the intense interest in trees he has seen from Lowry Hill residents during his years on the Environment Committee. He described a disturbing trend toward replacing large shade trees with small ornamental trees, and the effect this trend has on the City's tree canopy. We might consider a campaign to counter this trend. Marty has been part of the reporting process for the Lake of the Isles Renovation work. The work took ten years, and the reporting process has gone on for years. Marty has met with Michael Cockson to acquaint him with Environment Committee issues. Nash Meeker and Sherie Tazelaar are also willing to serve on this committee.

**Zoning and Planning Committee:** There is not much new to report about the parking situation at Hennepin and Franklin, which continues to be a problem due to the high demand for parking. Turning left from Colfax onto Franklin Avenue is difficult and dangerous. Raj Dash made a motion, seconded by Phil Hallaway, to support asking to City to examine this situation and possible options. All approved. David will follow up with the City on this. The Burch office space may be leased to several small tenants rather than a large tenant. A tenant will soon go into the small retail space. Applications have been submitted to designate 1729 Morgan as a historic landmark and to replace a two-car garage with another two-car garage at 1023 Mount Curve. It was unclear whether the garage application was for a change in height or materials. Jimmy Fogel and David Weinstein will work on clarifying this.

**Crime and Safety:** Reports of crime were high this summer. We will renew work on the block leader program.

**Events:** In past years, the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association has provided Thanksgiving dinner to the Fifth Precinct police station. Mark Brauer will check with the precinct to see if they would like us to do this. There was no interest in selling tickets to the Hennepin Lake Liquor wine tasting event this year. Mark will reach out to other neighborhoods to get a date for the ice-skating social.

**2013 - 2014 Priorities:** The Board discussed priorities for 2013 - 2014. To receive Community Participation Program dollars, we need to adopt an ADA policy and an Equal Employment Opportunity Policy. The Board received sample policies for review. David Weinstein will take a look at these. An ad hoc committee, comprised of Raj Dash, Maureen Sheehan, Phil Hallaway, Michael Cockson, and Ann Seltman, was formed to discuss possible projects. Please email ideas to Maureen.

**LHNA's next Board meeting will be Tuesday, November 12, 2013, at the Kenwood Rec Center. This is one week later than usual due to Election Day. 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.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

## Little Libraries



### Little Free Libraries

By Claire Auckenthaler

A delightful, charming, uplifting community movement, Little Free Libraries, is sprouting up in the United States and worldwide. Known also as community book exchanges, as of February 2013 all 50 states and 40 countries worldwide have participated in this literary program. Presently there are between 5000 and 6000 Little Libraries worldwide.

An estimated 1,650,000 books were donated and borrowed from 2010-2013. The idea began and took hold in Hudson, Wisconsin by founder Todd Bol. There is a website [littlefreelibrary.org](http://littlefreelibrary.org) where owners can create their own library box or purchase one from the website. Libraries may be registered for a fee and assigned a number at the organization's website. Libraries can be found through GPS coordinates. Owners receive a sign that reads "Little Free Library" that often have the phrase "Take a Book. Leave a Book."

In the Uptown area the following addresses have one, 2100 Emerson Street, 2507 Humboldt, 2697 East Lake of the Isles Parkway, 1629 25th Street, 2500 25th Street and another on Dean Parkway.

Check em' out....every pun intended.

### Alphabet Aliens have landed in Minneapolis!

Julie White, longtime Kenwood resident, and her writing partner, Susie Preston, who lives in the Lynnhurst area, have recently published the first three in their series of Alphabet Aliens Adventures for 3-8 year olds.

Each book is its own adventure, focusing on a unique alien character and a particular letter of the alphabet. And each story is written with alliteration: Alphie has an ant eater who's allergic to apples; Bebe was born to bounce, but not on the bed; and Coco can change color, just like her pet chameleon.

"We wanted to create a series of books that were not only fun to read aloud, but were designed to foster a love of language among young children," said White. "We did this through the fun alliteration and the introduction of a few challenging but interesting words. It's just amazing how quickly the kids start using the new vocabulary."

The books are small enough to be easily thrown in an a bag or even a pocket, and the illustrations have a bold retro look that kids seem to love.

The Alphabet Aliens are currently available on the web at [www.alphabetaliens.com](http://www.alphabetaliens.com), on Amazon, and right here in the neighborhood at Yum! and Birchbark Books.



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### Fall Street Sweeping

Don't get towed! Street sweeping will begin mid-October through mid-November. Watch for "No Parking" signs. The City will post the first streets on Monday October 21, for sweeping (and enforcement) to begin on Tuesday, October 22. Street sweeping will take the usual 4 weeks to complete.

To find out when your street is scheduled for sweeping, visit [www.minneapolis.mn.gov/publicworks/streetsweeping](http://www.minneapolis.mn.gov/publicworks/streetsweeping). Look up your address or view a map of your neighborhood. If you will be out of town ask a friend or neighbor to move your vehicle.

Do not rake leaves into the street. Remember, it's against the law and bad for our lakes. Yard waste will be collected through November 18th. Questions? Call Solid Waste and Recycling at 612-673-2917 or visit [www.minneapolis.mn.gov/solid-waste](http://www.minneapolis.mn.gov/solid-waste).

### Storm-Tipped Tree Stump Removal and Sidewalk Repairs

The Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board began the process of removing storm-tipped tree stumps last week. Once stumps are removed, Minneapolis Public Works will repair the sidewalk and curbs at no charge to residents. All stump removal and sidewalk repairs are expected to be completed by November 1st, 2013.

Over 800 stumps have been inventoried throughout the City. The stump extraction requires the use of large machinery and may temporarily close some streets while work is being done. Please watch for No Parking signs!

### Boards and Commissions Fall Openings

The City of Minneapolis's fall cycle for boards and commissions is happening now! There are 12 boards and commissions with a total of 74 open seats. The application review process will begin on Friday, October 18th. Seats are open until filled. To see the list of open boards and commissions and to apply for an open seat, visit [www.minneapolis.mn.gov/boards/openings](http://www.minneapolis.mn.gov/boards/openings).

### CERT Seed Grants Available for Energy Efficient/Renewable Energy Projects

The Clean Energy Resource Team (CERT) seeks to provide seed grants to support the labor costs for clean energy projects that spur community development in Minnesota. Project proposals should be for a community-based energy efficiency or renewable energy project that also provides a forum for community education about energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies and their economic, ecological, and community benefits.

The official Request for Proposals (RFP) and Application, as well as other details and supporting tools are available at the MN CERTs webpage at [www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/rfp](http://www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/rfp).

CERTs offers many tools and resources to help you plan your project, so get started today! Proposals must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 18th, 2013.

For more information, visit [www.minneapolis.mn.gov/sustainability/](http://www.minneapolis.mn.gov/sustainability/) or contact [sustainability@minneapolis.mn.gov](mailto:sustainability@minneapolis.mn.gov). Funding for these projects is provided through the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources.

### Polling Location Change

Residents who vote in Ward 10 Precinct 2 (Lowry Hill East south of 26th Street) will have a new polling location for the November 5th general election. Due to a lack of space, the location has moved from the VFW to the Jefferson Elementary School lower gym. The additional space will allow for more voting booths and room for people to wait inside.

## sand upon the waters

By Tom H. Cook

The game I play most frequently is, "Where are my keys? I just had them! They were right here!!!" As amusing as that can be for neighbors and casual passers-by, the activity I much prefer is referred to as "If I could see me now, then." I certainly did not invent it and most of us do it, often without giving it a name. In my version, I am an "Our Town"-like observer, able to witness but not influence events. The scene of my present to be viewed in my past only lasts for a minute or two. It is an opportunity for my much younger, more judgmental self to get a peek at who I have become.

The present me will often smile at how the teenage me would roll his eyes at how I have sold out. I take a perverse pleasure at getting my old self in situations that would totally baffle my early self. To play the game you must find yourself in an incongruous spot, and conjure the age you were when you would find the event/activity the most confusing or vexing.

If my editor (JoAnne) is with me and we are not in harm's way because of a wrong turn I made, taking us from a dicey/sketchy neighborhood into one where people are actually exchanging gunfire, she will often play along. We had a game just last month. My college self is watching for clues to his future. I am driving a very large Jeep vehicle. A much older woman is with me. It is JoAnne. On closer look, I have aged a bit also. JoAnne and I are yawning as we leave the city of

Atlanta by highway at dusk. We are in a massive traffic jam and somehow lost at the same time. My young self, after getting over the short hair, decides that I/he must have moved to Georgia, which was never in any of my five year plans, if I had bothered to construct any. JoAnne is waving around something about the size of a deck of cards, but it looks like a cross between a television and a scrap of one of those free roadmaps from the gas station. She is urging me to move three lanes to the right in the next eleven feet. Now the scene changes and I am sound asleep in a hospital atrium. I am wearing the same clothes I had on in the car, but now it is morning. I have become way too comfortable in the lobby, which is showing signs of life. The day people have come to visit patients and watch insipid cartoons, or they would if I were not sleeping on the remote. JoAnne wakes me. I follow her into a room where we must know the young woman in bed. She looks tired, but beautiful and happy. A young man by her bed smiles and hugs me.

I need to ditch the old hippie and be totally in the present. It is September 28th and our daughter Rachael has just given birth to our first grandchild.

**Tom H. Cook is a formerly local writer. He cannot wait to show Lake of the Isles to a little girl named Charlotte Easton Gillies.**

If you are unsure what precinct you vote in, visit the Secretary of State's Poll Finder at <http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>. For more information on the upcoming election and on ranked choice voting, check out <http://vote.minneapolis.mn.gov/>.

### Meet with Meg

The next Meet with Meg is Monday, October 21st, 2013. I will be hosting a neighborhood event for October's Meet with Meg. More details to follow via email and on my webpage ([www.minneapolis.mn.gov/ward10](http://www.minneapolis.mn.gov/ward10)). If you are not signed up for my e-newsletter, you can call my office at 612-673-2210 or email me at [meg.tuthill@minneapolis.mn.gov](mailto:meg.tuthill@minneapolis.mn.gov) and my staff will get you on my email list.

Meet with Meg is held the third Monday of every month from 6-7pm at Bryant Square Park (3101 Bryant Ave S).

### Uptown Association Project to Combat Graffiti in Uptown

"Art Outside the Box" will feature walking tour of CARAG neighborhood art installations & community Graffiti and Safety Summit

The Uptown Association is proud to host "Art Outside the Box," a walking tour of the new graffiti-detering CARAG art installations, as well as a community Graffiti and Safety Summit.

Tour of artistically wrapped utility boxes throughout the CARAG neighborhood. Door prizes for all attendees (Including the grand prize 42" x 42" piece of artwork donated by Bobiam)

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**Q: “I’ve read that the Hennepin County Library system is adding hours at some of its branches. Will this affect our beautiful new Walker Library when it reopens next Spring?” – Arlene Fried, Bryn Mawr**

Erica Skinner, HCL Library Communications Manager, responds:

“Indeed it will! Hill and Lake neighborhood residents as well as residents of all the other neighborhoods served by the Walker, will be happy to know that the new Walker will be open on Mondays as well as Tuesday through Saturday, as in the past. This increase from 40 hours to 48 hours of service per week at the new Walker is supported by the Library’s 2014 budget request. We’ll know in November what the actual daily closing and opening times will be.”

**Q: “What kind of brown surface treatment will the “second story” of the Walker Library have? Will it be reflective? Will it ‘age’ over time? Will it be illuminated in any way?” – Robert Kittle, East Isles**

Lois Lenroot-Ernt, Coordinating Librarian in HCL’s Capital Projects Office, and Jennifer Yoos, VJAA Architects, respond:

“The new Walker Library is clad in stainless steel metal tiles with a bronze patina. The bronze color was chosen because it relates well to many of the stone and masonry colors along Hennepin Avenue. The material will not visibly change over time except for softening in color. The panels are faceted like a cut stone to catch light and give the exterior a finely textured appearance complementing the glass windows on the street.

“The material selections for both the façade and the rooftop light monitors will heighten the awareness of the subtle changes in ambient light from dawn to dusk, throughout the seasons. Because the intersection at Hennepin and Lagoon is experienced in motion, the surface will glimmer and subtly change color and respond to the passing movement of pedestrians, bikes and cars. The rooftop light monitors are oriented in three directions to accentuate the exterior and interior of the building through the motion of the sun. On the interior, the light monitors animate the reading room by changing throughout the day depending on the sun’s orientation.”

**Q: “Has one-sort recycling begun to have an impact on recycling collections in Minneapolis?” – Natalie Martin, Lowry Hill**

Kellie Kish, recycling coordinator in the city’s Division of Solid Waste and Recycling, responds:

“It absolutely has! By making it easier to recycle and providing larger carts for residents to store recycling, the one-sort program has resulted in an additional 894 tons of recycling being collected in the first full month of citywide one-sort. The 57.75% increase in recyclables collected in July this year resulted in the City increasing its overall recycling rate from 16.4% in July 2012 to 24.4% in July 2013.

“The City is very pleased with initial results of the one-sort program and encourages residents to find additional items to recycle in your homes. Please make sure items placed in your recycling cart belong in the recycling cart. Recycling crews are finding non-recyclable items such as plastic bags, expanded polystyrene (more commonly known as Styrofoam™), and sharps (needles and syringes) in the recycling carts. These items are NOT recyclable in the one-sort program.

“If you have questions regarding the recyclability of a particular item visit <[Minneapolismn.gov/onesort](http://Minneapolismn.gov/onesort)> or call 612-673-2917.”



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## TO THE EDITOR:

The word that describes the candidate I support for mayor is “champion.” Mark Andrew has always been one of our city’s most passionate champions for economic, social, and environmental justice.

Mark is the proven progressive leader Minneapolis needs to keep our city great, and he has always made our common fight for equality an important part of his fight for the well being of everyone who calls Minneapolis home.

Since the early 90s when I was president of the KIAA Neighborhood Association, Mark was the one leader I could count on to focus on what was best for our neighborhood. He has an uncanny ability to work with people from diverse backgrounds and interests and find common ground. He creates solutions.

We need Mark’s leadership because he gets results. As Hennepin County Commissioner, Mark was the prime mover in passing a resolution to extend health and other benefits to same-sex couples the same way they were extended to straight couples. He was instrumental in addressing youth homelessness and working with local LGBTQ organizations to combat HIV/AIDS discrimination, and he was the first local politician to take a public stand for LGBTQ rights back all the way back in 1982.

We need Mark’s bold vision to keep us moving forward in a way that benefits everyone in Minneapolis. He’s going to bring everyone to the table to improve our schools and make sure every student can graduate prepared for tomorrow’s jobs. He’s going to create new jobs and create an environment where businesses and

workers can thrive. And he is committed to pushing the state legislature to pass an anti-bullying bill in the upcoming session.

I stand behind Mark because he champions me and everyone in Minneapolis. He’s going to be my first choice for mayor on Election Day, and I hope you’ll make him your first choice, too.

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## TO THE EDITOR:

### RE: Minneapolis Mayoral Election

On Election Day, we’re going to look down at our ballots and see 35 choices for mayor. The question we have to ask ourselves is, “Who is the best person to lead our incredible city?”

We need a talented leader who can build on our many accomplishments and who can bring innovative solutions to the challenges we face. Mark Andrew is the right choice to keep Minneapolis on a strong and vibrant path.

Mark is a proven progressive leader with an impressive record for getting things done. He has a long history of successfully collaborating with our community’s business and civic leaders and with a wide array of interest groups.

Mark has consistently been one of our city’s most passionate champions for the environment. He was instrumental in creating both the much-admired Midtown Greenway and the county’s recycling program.

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52 Groveland Terr A103	132,900	2,500	17	129,976	C	1/1	610	107,500	1,521	1966	
52 Groveland Terr A309	164,900		66	160,000	C	1/1	745	131,000	1,977	1966	
1901 Emerson S #207	164,995		20	152,500	C	2/1	990	152,500	2,737	1964	
1425 W 28th St #608	188,700	500	144	179,000	C	1/1	1,020	121,000	1,780	1986	
2829 Kenwood Isles Dr	319,000	5,000	105	300,000	TWN	2/2	1,350	269,500	4,931	1986	
2407 W 21st St	429,500		176	410,000	H	3/2	2,336	350,000	6,191	1950	
2732 Irving S	649,000	16,439	75	569,000	H	7/4	4,265	796,500	15,570	1907	
2717 Drew S	725,000	5,000	147	665,000	H	4/3	3,146	535,500	9,706	1938	
57 Groveland Terrace	2,499,900		706	640,000*	H	4/5	4,683	971,500	19,471	1914	
2544 Upton S	1,249,000		32	1,234,085	H	4/3	3,928	1,082,000	21,712	2007	
2424 W Lake of Isles Pkwy	4,300,000		221	5,000,000*	H	4/7	8,460	3,249,500	69,404	1930	
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**Letter from page 18**

As mayor, he will implement his "Next STEP" Solar Technology Expansion Plan and install solar panels on public buildings, enabling our city to produce clean, local energy while saving costs.

Mark has also started three successful businesses and has contributed to the vitality at the State Fair by operating two booths there for many years. He understands what small business owners need to create jobs and to thrive.

Mark went to public school in Minneapolis and his kids went to public school in Minneapolis. He understands what we need to do to make our public schools every parent's first choice and what it takes to prepare students for the demands of the workplace.

Mark Andrew is the leader we need if we want Minneapolis to continue to be one of the best places to live in the nation. Mark Andrew is my choice for mayor because no one will work more effectively or with more energy and enthusiasm to keep Minneapolis moving forward.

**Karin Birkeland Lowry Hill**

**Operation Lifesaver locomotive story from page 13**



Twin Cities and Western Railway "First run in Kenilworth Corridor". HLP 9-05-1998 Scanned newspaper photo by Dorothy Childers

**Parenting by Post-it® Note**

by Madeleine Lowry



In my tenure as a parent Post-it® Notes have come to my aid more times than I can count. I'm quite sure that when Art Fry invented the Post-it in the 3M labs forty years ago he didn't anticipate their usefulness a parenting device. Rather he had set his sights a great deal lower, as he was only seeking a solution to marking pages of interest in his hymnal.

While 3M has made many millions on Post-it Notes in the intervening decades, I have profited in the form of keeping myself and my children organized and in check.

A typical day might find me applying Post-its to the back door after my teenage children have left for the day and before I leave for work. I find that it is essential to catch their attention with a well-placed Post-it before they enter the haze of snack foods and electronic devices within. And that perfect moment is before their key has clicked into the lock on the back door.

"Don't forget to mow the lawn," or "Practice before your lesson," might adorn our door until they return from school that afternoon. The problem with this method is that the occasional rain storm or windy day can

interfere with my best intentions. Fortunately, there are now Super Sticky Post-its for these exterior applications.

When the state of their bedrooms becomes a hazard, I post a flurry of notes calling out their infractions. "Fold your clothes," "Make the bed," "Clean out the closet," or "Bring the dishes to the kitchen," might be part of this drill. If I feel like shouting, as is often the case, I can count on my selection of Post-its in a suitably loud neon hue to broadcast my frustration.

Using Post-its makes up for a weak memory, both mine and theirs. In order to keep everyone on task, we'll post notes on their bedroom doors listing the days of the week they are expected to practice their instruments, the days they must go to swim practice, the days they have regular assignments and tests, or even the days they must change the pet litter. Before each of my older kids had their own laptop, we used to have a Post-it Note on our home computer with a schedule of the allowed-hours-of-use for each child based on how I'd set up their user accounts.

We post notes that keep everyone on the same page about cash bonuses for certain achievements like getting good grades in school or scoring high on standardized tests. And also to levy fines for tasks not completed on time.

Post-it Notes also keep me in line. I stick notes on my phone to remind me to write checks for tuition, or field trips, or extracurricular fees. I use them to plan the menu for the week and to mark intriguing recipes in cookbooks and magazines. I lay claim to juicy morsels in the fridge with a canary yellow Post-it Note warning: "Mom's Lunch—Do Not Eat!" I use them in the car to post my directions on the dash so I can follow them while I drive. (Siri and I are not well acquainted.) I also use them in the car to mark down where I am in my audio book and also which track we are on in my son's audio book.

Come to think of it, you and I should probably purchase some shares of 3M stock before this column gets widely published. Raging demand for Post-it Notes could soon push their stock price through the roof!

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