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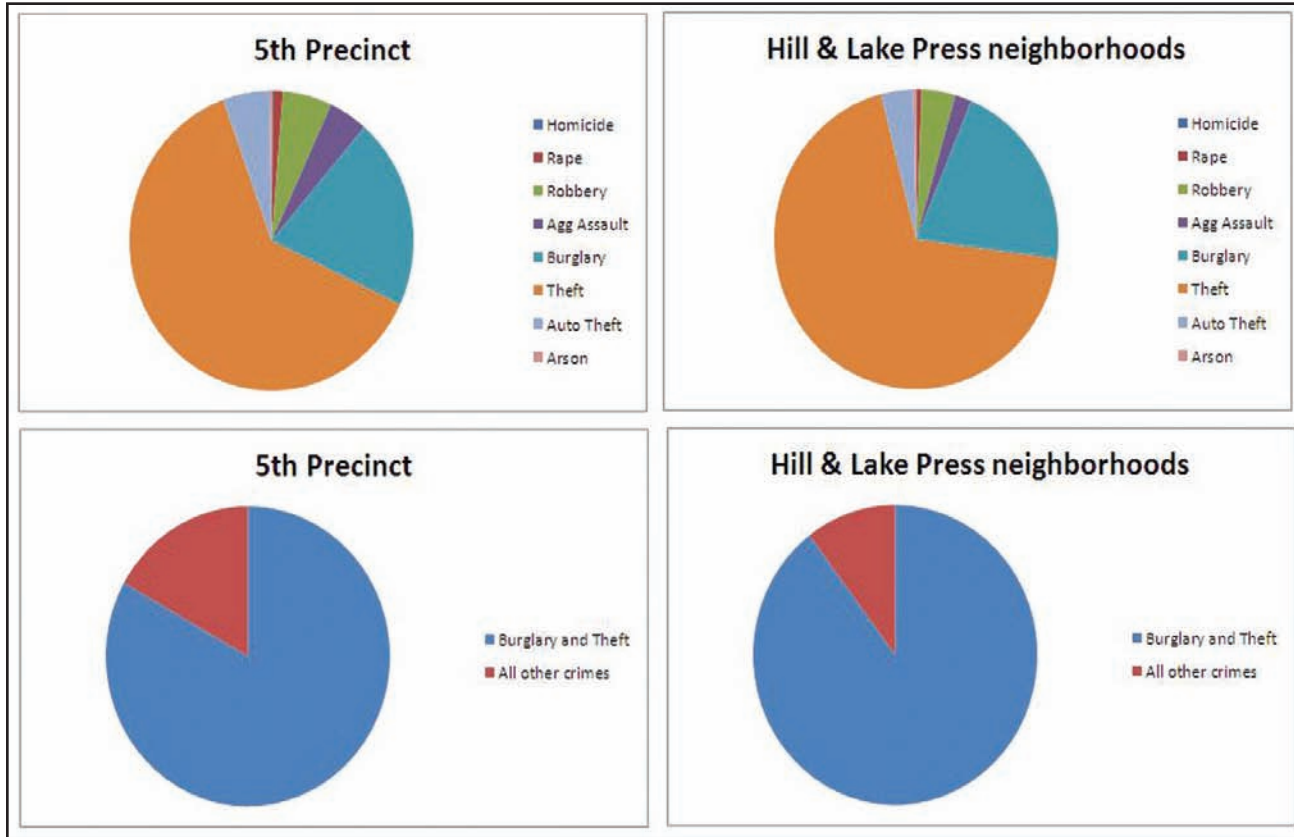
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## Crime Prevention Tips

By Chelsea Adams, Crime Prevention Specialist, Fifth Precinct Minneapolis Police Department.



Sun Tzu once wrote that if you know your enemy and know yourself, you can win a hundred battles without a single loss. If you know only yourself, and not your opponent, you may win or lose. And if you know neither yourself nor your enemy, you will always endanger yourself. In crime prevention there's certainly something to be said about seeing the world from the criminal perspective in order to protect yourself.

Part One crimes are divided between property crimes (burglary, theft/larceny, auto theft, and arson) and violent crimes (homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault which includes domestic assault). In reported Part One crimes in Fifth Precinct for 2013, the overwhelming majority was property crimes at 89%, with violent crimes at 11%. But the astounding piece is if you look at the numbers of our major issues: larceny was 62% of all crime, and burglary was 21%. No other individual crimes (including robbery) crested 6%.

Burglary is when someone enters a premise they do not have permission to be in with the intent of committing any crime (although generally it's a theft). It does not require actual force for the entry. Typically we see this as burglary of homes or garages, oftentimes through an unlocked or open window or door, and sometimes by

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## Luminary Loppet's behind the scenes machines.

By Hal Galvin

Everyone on earth went to see the Luminary Loppet this year, or so it seemed. Lake of the Isles was packed to capacity, and beyond, as over 7000 participants skied, walked, or snow-shoed their way along the three-kilometer lighted trail around the lake. People came, they stayed, they oohed and aahed, and the candles didn't blow out – phew. It was great.

During the event we Luminarians usually hang around to see how it's going. It is fun for us to listen in to the casual conversations among the skiers as they look at the features and wonder how they are made. There are lots of opinions, some right, some wrong and – the best – the wrong opinions stated with an air of absolute certainty. We love those!

To be fair, it is hard to tell how the Luminary features are made. You can't tell by looking, but the looking raises the same questions year after year. Questions like:

How do they make those tall cylinders? (Long story).

How do they space these out so evenly on the course? (Described in story).

Where do they get all these luminaries, are they made

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Blustery Ice Skating Party at Lake of the Isles

Collage by Dorothy Childers

The temperature rose out of January's deep freeze to entice neighbors to brave a windy day and enjoy exercise, camaraderie, and treats at the annual Ice Skating Party at Lake of the Isles. Thanks to the event organizers and volunteers. Special thanks to Isles Bun & Coffee for their generous donation of "puppy dog tails" and hot beverages. The Skating Party is sponsored by East Isles Residents Association, Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association, and Kenwood Isles Area Association.

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**Lunch with Lisa Monday, February 26, Noon**

University of St. Thomas Downtown, Opus Hall, Room #201. Speaker will be Patti Weber, a CIA retiree and specialist on security issues.

**Polar Bear Plunge – February 28 and March 1**

The Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge festivities will once again be held on the South side of Lake Calhoun. This year the event starts on Friday, February 28. Games, food and Special Olympics expos will be held that afternoon at Thomas Beach. There will be fireworks that evening to kick off the event in style at 7 p.m. at Thomas Beach.

Numerous activities will take place on March 1. The Plunge 5k - starts at 9 a.m. on the morning of March 1 and goes around Lake Calhoun. Please go to [plungemn.org](http://plungemn.org) for registration and 5k event details.

The Polar Bear Plunge will be held all day March 1, with brave souls plunging from 11 a.m. through 4 p.m. A variety of entertainment and activities will take place that day -- from ice sculptures to bounce teams, food trucks to fire breathers -- there is something for everyone!

If you have any questions related to the event, please go to [plungemn.org](http://plungemn.org) for more details.

**Friday, March 14, 2014 1 p.m.**

Our March meeting will be "Northern Exposures" with Ron Winch, wildlife photographer. The Bryant Square Neighborhood Center, just one block south of Lake Street, is easily accessible via the #4 bus, which runs every 15 minutes. For more information call 763-533-8381.

**The Kenwood Retirement Community** was recently presented with a SeniorAdvisor Excellence Award for receiving consistently high ratings from residents and their families in 2013.

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Uptown Rotary meets at the Minikahda Country Club 7:30 to 8:30 am on Thursdays  
3205 Excelsior Blvd, Mpls MN 55416

**The Bridge for Youth to Host Neighborhood Meeting**

The Bridge for Youth invites neighbors to attend a public meeting at its main facility on Wednesday, Feb 26 at 5:30 p.m. In 2014, the Board of Directors approved a new strategic plan for the 43-year old organization. The plan, aimed at improving services for runaway, homeless, and abandoned youth, has prompted innovative changes in operations, programming, and facility use.

Of note, was the relocation of the Emergency Shelter. Operating from a white house at the corner of 22nd Street since 1975, the Shelter has now relocated to the organization's larger brick building on the opposite corner of the street.

Board members Tim Bechtold and Searcy Lillehei, will join Executive Director, Dan Pfarr, to present the organization's strategic plan and lead a discussion about options for how the vacant house might be used to best support The Bridge for Youth's mission of serving youth in crisis. Neighbors are encouraged to attend.

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[www.bridgeforyouth.org](http://www.bridgeforyouth.org)

**Walkability study needed now!**

Submitted by CIDNA resident Ryan Fox on behalf of a resident who wishes to remain anonymous.

Improved safety for pedestrians near the confluence of Lake St. and Excelsior Blvd could be a living memorial to a young woman killed in a traffic accident there last week.

This was a repeated theme in remarks by more than 75 residents and elected officials who gathered Monday evening to remember Caitlan Barton, 25, who was fatally injured when struck by a right-turning truck while crossing Lake St. at Market Plaza.

Mourners gathered in the parking lot of the Calhoun Executive Center to share remembrances, then led a candlelight procession to an informal memorial to Caitlan in a large snow bank near the accident site.

Friends and community members spoke about "an angel" who enjoyed fitness, dedication to self, and hard work. They encouraged those gathered to engage the community for improvements, because that is what she did in life.

Elected officials urged mourners to stay involved in efforts to improve walkability in a congested area that has seen several traffic related deaths in recent years. Among those who spoke were Park Commissioner Meg Forney, State Sen. Scott Dibble, State Rep. Frank Hornstein, and outgoing County Commissioner Gail Dorfman, all of whom represent this area. City Council Member Linea Palmisano was also present.

The gathering was organized by the Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association (CIDNA), which includes the area north of Lake St., and the West Calhoun Neighborhood Council, which covers points south. Officers of both organizations said a meeting

**HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

FEB. 24, 7PM TRANSITION TOWN GRACE TRINITY  
FEB. 26, NOON LUNCH WITH LISA  
FEB. 26, 5:30 THE BRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD MTG  
FEB. 28, 4:30 CITY HALL CONSERVATION DIST MTG  
FEB. 28 & MARCH 1, POLAR BEAR PLUNGE  
MARCH 6, 7PM BIRCHBARK BOOKS READING @ LAKE OF ISLES LUTHERAN  
MARCH 6, 7PM PLYMOUTH CHURCH FORUM  
MARCH 14, 1PM AUDUBON SOCIETY

**Neighborhood monthly meetings:**

CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday 6pm at Jones-Harrison  
EIRA: 2nd Tuesday 7pm at Grace-Trinity Church  
[www.eastisles.org](http://www.eastisles.org)  
KIAA: 1st Monday 7pm Kenwood Rec Center,  
LHNA: 1st Tuesday 7pm at Kenwood Rec Center



Neighbors, friends, and community leaders gathered to honor Caitlan Barton who was fatally injured while crossing Lake Street.

would be called as soon as possible to begin a process of identifying short- and long-range changes to improve walkability. Please look for meeting information at [CIDNA.org](http://CIDNA.org) and [WestCalhoun.org](http://WestCalhoun.org) in the days ahead.

Concern about safety issues near the confluence of Lake and Excelsior are not new, but have been heightened by the prospect of increased congestion from proposed apartment developments on the site of the Tryg's Restaurant and the vacant lot just east of the Calhoun Beach Club, as well as the possibility of a light rail station behind the Whole Foods Market.

Late last fall the City's Pedestrian Advisory Committee rated the Lake/Excelsior area as one of the top priorities for improved pedestrian safety in Minneapolis, saying that "narrow sidewalks and wide, multi-lane streets make walking uncomfortable and dangerous for pedestrians."


Since last week's accident, there has been a flurry of e-mail discussion about possible improvements, ranging from increased police vigilance (for speeding, running red lights, and improper turns) to adjusting traffic signals to give pedestrians a head start crossing streets before the green light for vehicles, to creating a pedestrian overpass or underpass connecting the Calhoun Village and Calhoun Commons shopping areas, to improving traffic flow by bridging east-bound Lake St. traffic over west-bound Excelsior Blvd. by the BP gas station. See the Public Works for Public Good website (<http://pwpg.org>) for preliminary studies of many potential Lake St. improvements.

Finding solutions is complicated by the fact that many different government agencies are involved. The state would be a possible source of money, the county has jurisdiction over Lake and Excelsior as county roads, the city has responsibility for traffic signals, the Park Board has jurisdiction over nearby and heavily used parkland, and the Metropolitan Council is responsible for any light rail station.

At a recent CIDNA meeting, it was noted that there will be a primary April 29 and a special election May 13 to fill the County Board seat being vacated by Gail Dorfman. Voters were urged to quiz candidates about their positions for dealing with traffic and pedestrian safety in the area.

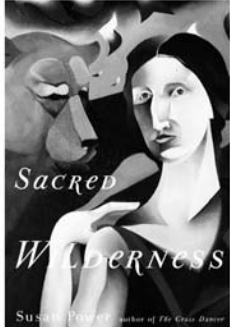
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## Meet your Neighbor, Cecily Sommers

Craig Wilson interviews author and speaker Cecily Sommers about what it means to be a Futurist and what trends to look for in the early 21st century. You can learn more about Cecily at [www.cecily-sommers.com](http://www.cecily-sommers.com). You can purchase her book *Think Like a Futurist* anywhere they sell books or online at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

**So as a Futurist do you look into a crystal ball?** I know, I know, it's hard to resist the association of "futurist" with crystal balls, tin-foil hats, and Star Trek conventions. I also know that these images may be the only reference you have for a futurist; people simply don't know what a futurist does. My hope is that, by the end of this discussion, you'll think of a futurist as someone who tracks long-term trends and helps people prepare for (big!) changes coming our way. I assure you that the tools of my trade are far more analytical than magical, and more disciplined than divine. The reason "Futurist" makes us think of fortune-tellers and psychics is that, for so much of human history, people believed the future was controlled by gods and supernatural forces. To get a glimpse of the future, people would consult mystics, oracles, and soothsayers—people who claimed to have a privileged view of the 'other side'—for guidance. Today, we understand that economic, environmental, and political systems have a strong hand in shaping the future. These systems are designed by humans, and dictated not by the gods, but by the decisions we make. Being human, our decisions can only be as good as the thinking that goes into them. My role as a futurist is to help people think things all the way through before making important decisions. I help them pause, step back, and see their issue from a big picture view, to understand how all the systems work together. From this perspective, we consider factors (trends) affecting change, and entertain possible consequences (scenarios) of a particular decision.

**What does your process look like?** Before I go on to tell you about how I engineer this process, and the not-so-psychic-style tools I use as a futurist, I want to back up one step further and tell you a little about the basis of all my work: the science of thinking. My job is to make sure the quality of thinking that goes into making a big decision is as considered as possible. Consequently, I think quite a lot

about thinking. I do geeky things like study research in cognitive neuroscience for insights about how we make decisions, perceive change, form biases, learn, and think about the future. Different parts of the brain are used for different types of activities. I care about this because, when I'm conducting trend research, I want to engage the part of the brain that analyzes information about our surroundings. On the other hand, when I want people to "experience" future scenarios, see things from a new perspective, or generate ideas, I want to engage the parts of the brain associated with imagination. The activities that stimulate analytical thinking (objective inputs: reading, number crunching, idea mapping, brainstorming) are different from those that stimulate the imagination (subjective inputs: anything with a sensory component, play, arts, daydreaming). Basically, you have to use the right tool for the job, and in the right order. Here's your take-away: if you want to get a new perspective on an issue, or come up with a big idea, the meeting is the wrong tool for the job.

**What's the difference between a trend researcher and a futurist?** It's like the difference between your friendly meteorologist and a climate scientist. A meteorologist gives you a short-term weather forecast that helps you know whether to wear shorts or a sweater, play golf or go skiing. A climate scientist, on the other hand, tracks slow moving forces that will have big impact on our way of life: economy, migrations, and more. Weather and climate science are related; weather is a fleeting reflection of shifts in the climatological system. In this analogy, the trend researcher is the meteorologist, and the futurist is the climate scientist. A trend researcher studies current behaviors in the market. Trends reveal what people care about and how culture is evolving. A futurist studies forces that are shaping those markets. To get a sense of what the future might look like, I use an examination of what I call the Four Forces of Change: Resources,



Technology, Demographics, and Governance. This model is based on what I see as the basic elements that form every society, and determine its future (a fuller discussion in my book, *Think Like a Futurist*). The four forces are constant. They're universal. They're structural. And, because they're predictable, the four forces give direction for research and scenario development. It's the most reliable way to suss out what's coming your way—and what to do about it!

**What are the qualifications of a futurist?** I'm a member of the Association of Professional Futurists (APF), an organization dedicated to forming and supporting standards of practice. These standards are (mostly) based on the curricula of graduate programs in Foresight (there are only a couple, University of Houston and University of Hawaii). I have a different point of view on this, however. I see foresight (a futurist's practice) not as an exclusive profession and expertise, but as a general competency that we all need. I call it Change Literacy. You may have heard, the rate of change is ever increasing, exponentially so. What does this mean? It means that volatility is the new normal. In this environment, the only way to achieve stability is to be as dynamic in your thinking as the world around you. As a futurist, you have to be prepared to explain yourself and your work again and again, and to hear jokes about magic owls and tarot cards. Futurists need thick skin!

**What are future trends in the 21st century?** There are a number of important trends we need to think about, but I'm narrowing it down to the two technologies that will have huge economic impact. As with all things, each holds promise and peril in equal amounts. What tips it is what we decide to do about and with, the changes that are coming (all roads lead back to making good decisions): 1) Internet of Things (IoT). This is what's behind a "smart home," where appliances can be programmed to turn on or off when triggered by certain conditions. They can be programmed to communicate with one another (alarm clock to coffee maker), triggered by events (thermostat goes up when you're flight lands), or status (milk is added to virtual shopping list when it registers as 2/3 empty). These are just the simplest examples. It has the potential

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breaking a door or window.

Larceny is a conglomeration of many crimes, but essentially all cases wherein something is taken without the intention of returning it, in a location that is public or the person has permission to be. This accounts for everything from shoplifting to stealing lawn ornaments to theft from motor vehicle or bicycle theft in public/common spaces, and even incidents where an acquaintance steals something from a home they were allowed to visit. A key distinction between larceny and burglary is location and permission; a bike stolen on the street is a theft, but taken from a wide open garage it's a burglary.

If we break the numbers down further for the Hill and Lake Press neighborhoods, we see that collectively, 94% of reported Part One crimes are property crimes. In fact, 90% of all reported Part One crimes are comprised only of burglary and theft.

In crime prevention, we often tell you "do this" and "don't do this." But what is the reason for our recommendations? Consider for a moment when you buy gifts. For many people, buying multiple items in one place is ideal to minimize hassle. If you are not a criminal, your plan is to locate items for sale and pay for them with your own money.

From the viewpoint of people who commit property crimes, the shopping centers are their residential neighborhoods. They don't look for items for sale; they take what other people own, and make money by selling it to someone else. They don't look for items or money only during the holidays; they do this any time of the year, any time of the day. They are called "career criminals" because being a thief is their career.

For people like that, Fifth Precinct in Southwest Minneapolis is a goldmine. We have what is considered a target-rich environment. Valuables like phones, wallets, purses, laptops, and more are often left visible in vehicles; doors and windows are left unlocked or open in homes or garages; and bicycles are left minimally locked indoors and outdoors. We see this behavior repeatedly both in residents as well as visitors.

For the average property criminal, finding something to sell is as simple as walking down the street or alley, trying doors until they inevitably find one unlocked. For this reason, the vast majority of the crimes we see are what we call "crimes of opportunity." These criminals don't want to invest that much effort into stealing items, so if something is locked, or there isn't anything visible inside, they aren't going to bother to break in. They're going to go to the next block, or next neighborhood, or next city.

Thinking in those terms, consider the items you leave out in your vehicle, your garage, or inside your unlocked home. When you look at an item, think of the money you spent on it, and replace that item in your mind with that amount of cash. Would you leave \$1500 in cash lying on your passenger seat? \$200 in cash on the dashboard? Most people would hesitate to leave large piles of cash lying around but they don't think twice about leaving their purse, wallet, phone, laptop, iPad, iPod, GPS unit, aftermarket stereos, and more items visible inside their vehicle. Next time you're in your garage, tally up the cost of everything inside. If we were to assume you have a

lawn mower, snow blower, a single bicycle, and nothing else inside your garage, you could easily have \$1500 or more worth of items inside, and most likely the lock you have on your garage security door is a generic \$20 lock at best. And if you are like many people, that lock isn't even always used.

When you look at the crime statistics and see that 90% of **ALL** Part One crimes reported in your four neighborhoods are burglary and theft alone, you can see the impact that property criminals have on your neighborhood. The good news is, since so many of our crimes are opportunistic that means there are simple steps you can take to hugely impact that number.

What you can do:

Call 911 on suspicious activity at the time you see it

Lock your doors and windows.

Record your make/model/serial number on your valuables.

Don't leave valuables visible inside your vehicle and if you must have valuables inside, put them in your trunk **BEFORE** reaching your destination.

If you often forget to lock your garage security door, consider upgrading to a keypad that automatically locks when the door closes.

Pin your windows so you can stop them from opening more than 6" (buy window vent stops for double hung).

Watch out for your neighbors' properties.

If you don't have a block club, start one.

Keep in mind:

Think of bags as valuables. Thieves see a bag in your car and think there could be diamond necklaces inside even if you know it's just socks. They also think empty laptop bags could have the laptop inside.

The mount for a GPS unit on the dash tells them the GPS unit itself might be hidden in the vehicle

A garage door opener left visible in a vehicle (or hidden in an unlocked vehicle) parked in a driveway is the same as a key left out to enter the garage or home.

Sometimes thieves open unlocked doors if there is change visible (they don't typically break a window to access, but it has happened).

We've been seeing more warm clothes stolen lately from vehicles as well.

Removing opportunistic crimes could conceivably cut crime by 50% or higher. But crimes of opportunity can only be prevented by the residents. The next time you feel concerned or worried in your own home, remember to lock your doors and windows.

Visit [cityofminneapolis](http://www.cityofminneapolis.com) on Youtube at <http://www.youtube.com/user/cityofminneapolis/featured> for a number of helpful videos, including:

"You and the Minneapolis Police" at <http://youtu.be/qtLqFnqnRqE>

Minneapolis 911 at [http://youtu.be/fCPMyqpV\\_DM](http://youtu.be/fCPMyqpV_DM)  
burglary prevention at <http://youtu.be/E7KZKUfj0bU>

Watch a video with an interview of a career burglar talking about how he determines which place to burglarize through St Louis Park PD's site at [http://vimeo.com/moogaloop.swf?clip\\_id=18643268](http://vimeo.com/moogaloop.swf?clip_id=18643268).

For a copy of a pdf or powerpoint which goes more in depth on home security tips, email me at [Chelsea.Adams@minneapolis.gov](mailto:Chelsea.Adams@minneapolis.gov)

Many crime prevention tips are at <http://www.minneapolis.gov/police/crimeprevention/index.htm>.

Minneapolis is ahead of the rest of the nation in the amount of information we make accessible to residents for crime and safety. There are several ways to get information, depending on your interest and whether you get involved.

Weekly precinct crime maps, monthly neighborhood statistics, and more can be found here: <http://www.minneapolis.gov/police/statistics/index.htm>

Subscribe to receive overarching crime trends, crime prevention event notifications, and more at [http://www.minneapolis.gov/police/crimealert/police\\_crimealert\\_signup](http://www.minneapolis.gov/police/crimealert/police_crimealert_signup) (you sign up by neighborhood and can choose as many neighborhoods as you like in Minneapolis, as well as subscribe to various alerts from other city departments).

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### Block leaders get additional perks:

Receive automated alerts of most crimes that occur in a 1.5 block radius around your home (alerting you to crimes like burglaries, auto thefts, and robberies). This is much more detailed and timely information than anyone else receives, and this is something that almost no other police department in the nation offers residents.

First dibs on the Minneapolis Police Citizens Academy

([http://www.minneapolis.gov/police/about/training/police\\_about\\_citizens-academy](http://www.minneapolis.gov/police/about/training/police_about_citizens-academy), contact Luther Krueger at [luther.krueger@minneapolis.gov](mailto:luther.krueger@minneapolis.gov) for more information)

New in 2014: block leaders will be able to attend the Rental Property Owner Workshops offered by the city. For those of you with rental on your block, this could be invaluable information to learn what constraints landlords might have, but also how they can work with the block to address any concerns at their property.

### What does it mean to be a block leader?

All we ask is that you create a contact list of your neighbors and make the information we send you available to them. Most people make an email list and forward alerts. Some people make a Facebook page or a private Nextdoor.com group. Ideally, you would meet in person at least once a year for something social/fun (like National Night Out) but that isn't a strict requirement as long as you have a way to connect during the year if it's ever needed. To learn about becoming a block leader or see if there is one on your block, contact [Chelsea.Adams@minneapolis.gov](mailto:Chelsea.Adams@minneapolis.gov) or 612.673.2819.

Thank you to everyone who is already taking simple precautions in their home/vehicle, and for all of you who are considering it after reading this article. You do a huge service not only for yourself, but also your neighbors and the Minneapolis Police Department. We cannot praise your efforts enough.

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# THE SUPERBOWL OF SUNSHINE

By James P. Lenfestey

Our two daughters paid us a visit this week from Seattle. Yes, that Seattle, the dour, rainy, caffeinated sea-coast metroplex that just trounced the Denver Broncos in the Superbowl and turned out three quarters of a million people for the downtown celebration. Go ‘Hawks!

Both our daughters, otherwise sensible women, are eager members of the fabled Twelfth Man, the mad fan enthusiasm that has snatched that city from under its perpetual raincloud.

Think of it. Seattle today is one of the major go-to cities on the continent, booming home of grunge and Microsoft and Costco and Starbucks and Amazon and the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, gaining Fortune 500 companies as fast as Minneapolis loses them. Seattle is also bigger than we are, Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton ranking 13th in the nation with 3.5 million ecstatic Seahawks fans, The Twin Cities metro area with 2.9 million despairing Vikings fans.

Also, Seattle has a new Rock and Roll museum. And a waterfront undergoing striking reclamation, tearing down the waterfront freeway in favor of a multi-billion dollar tunnel, freeing up views and real estate values the way San Francisco did two decades ago when it reclaimed the Embarcadero. Go ‘49ers.

Meanwhile in Minnesota the Vikings fired one losing coach and hired another amid a blizzard of low expectations, admitting they are sticking with Christian Ponder another year. Have they no shame? Go Vikings?

But before we allow the ascendant Seattlehawks to screech too loudly their superiority, let’s consider the rest of the evidence.

In the time we have raised four children here, the eldest now somewhere north of forty-five, the Minnesota Twins won not one but two World Series. The kids still pull out the old VHS tapes and watch Jack Morris mow them down and Kirby Puckett “Touch ‘em all.”

And Minneapolis has already reclaimed its industrial riverfront, now vibrant with busy bike trails, expensive condominiums and the spectacular Guthrie, beginning with far-sighted Mayor Don Fraser way back in 1980.

And two weeks ago tens of thousands of Minnesotans skied and strolled the Loppet Luminaria on Lake of the Isles, citizens glowing not with football enthusiasm but with wonder. Did you see the illuminated polar bear this year?

And as our daughters make clear, the Minneapolis art scene – the MIA, the Walker, the Weisman and more – is far superior to Seattle’s. Case in point. I attended a lecture last week at the MIA by Maxwell Hearn, curator of the Chinese galleries at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. He stated, clearly and for the record, that after the Met with its 50 rooms of Chinese Art, the MIA has the best Chinese art collection in the country.

You know the rest of the litany of Twin Cities superlatives: The second most Fortune 500 companies per capita (after Connecticut, next to New York City so it doesn’t count; we’re next to Fargo), the most literate population in the nation (we are practically Canadian!), the most and best live theater per capita, consistently the smartest K-12 students versus other states (vying with

Massachusetts), and a population with the second longest life expectancy in the nation (after Hawaii, which also doesn’t count). And public radio, our daughters exclaim, don’t forget public radio, so good here, so lame in Seattle!

And whenever I want to put an exclamation point on the fundamental superiority of Minneapolis, I cite one telling stat: an average of 196 sunny and partly sunny days a year, versus 58 sunny days in Seattle, and 155 rainy ones!

Today, as our eldest daughter prepares to fly back to Seattle to her growing, moldy brood, she and my wife sit in our kitchen, the outside temperature a sparkling zero degrees F, the inside temperature warm and bright, sunlight radiating through the south-facing double pane glass like a hearth fire. They sit with their backs to the windows basking in solar heat like seals.

OK, Seattle has Mt. Rainer, Minneapolis the Polar Vortex. But only rarely can one actually see Mt. Rainer as it is buried in a constant scrim of hissing clouds. We Minnesotans not only get to see the glorious white quilt of winter shining around us under blue skies, but get to feel it too. The sun warms not only our backs and faces but our spirits as we watch it rise ever higher in the sky, higher than Mt. Rainer on a clear day, higher even than the screams of the soaring Seahawks Twelfth Man.

Abundant sunlight is Minnesota’s 12th Man against Seattle, that advancing Bigfoot of the Pacific Northwest, where the hoodie sweatshirt is a fashion statement because you need to wear one every day against the misty inclemency. Now if we could only draft the next Russell Wilson at quarterback!



Photo by Dorothy Childers

The City of Lakes Loppet Skijoring event is described as "Ski with your best friend - your dog." This year, for the first time, Skijoring teams raced on the ice of Lake Calhoun. Mike Christman, #9028, of Neenah, Wisconsin, placed first in the 10 km race.

The League of Women Voters will hold a public forum called : “Interrupting the Prison Pipeline: Partnerships, Prevention, Advocacy, and Intervention”, on Thursday, March 6 at Plymouth Congregational Church, Nicollet and Franklin Avenues in Minneapolis at 7 P.M. preceded by a resource fair and light buffet beginning at 5:30 P.M. The forum will address the laws that have been or need to be enacted to restore equity to our justice system. The event is free and open to the public.

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## Luminary Loppet's behind the scenes machines.

somewhere else? (They are made on the lake).

How can they make so many of them – it must take months (Takes a few hours).

How did they get the candles in this big luminary (The box of stars in the forest) (Not telling).

I'm writing this article to address some of these questions by describing a few of our techniques and specialized equipment that we have invented for this event. I am going to cover three unique home-made machines or techniques; the Water Cow, the Pantoozelator, and finally, though not a machine, how IceHenge is made.

### The Water Cow

The Luminary Loppet uses about 1300 luminaries. To make 1300 luminaries you get 1300 buckets, fill them with lake water, let them freeze (but not solid), drill a big hole in the top and dump out the water and behold – you have a luminary.

Simple, right? Yes, simple if you are making two, or 10. It is not simple to make 1300. The first time we tried it, eight years ago, it was a mess. It took 4 hours, everyone was soaked, frozen and exhausted. For the second year we made a machine that fills the buckets with the right amount of water and allows us to fill 1300 buckets in less than 1.5 hours – and no one gets wet!. This machine is called the Water Cow. It is a sight to behold and the perfect example of necessity being the mother of invention.

The Water Cow works as follows: High volume pumps move water from the lake and fill the top section



Water cow on the lake filling buckets.



### Nuclear?

(the reservoir) of the Water Cow to its brim. The pumps work continuously, making the reservoir constantly overflow and drain back into the lake. This reservoir is the source of water for filling the buckets. The Water Cow has four filling stations, two on each side. Each watering station is supplied by a pressurized metering chamber (the dark cylinders shown in the picture) inside the body of the Cow, and a hand operated water valve. When the valve is thrown over to the left, water is routed from the reservoir to the metering chamber. When the operator throws the valve to the right, water is diverted from the metering chamber to the spigot where another volunteer will be holding a bucket that will be filled with 4 gallons. When the flow stops the process starts all over again.

The water cow needs no power to function. It does however use a battery that powers small indicator lights to tell when the operator should throw the valve and also to power some decorative lights that give the Cow an eerie florescent blue glow – which serves no function at all, but gives it a really cool look, reminiscent of the glow of a nuclear fast-water-breeder-reactor (what else could it possibly be?). The metering of the water within the metering chambers of the Cow works according to Pascal's principal of hydrostatics, commonly paraphrased as "water seeks its own level". The volume that is contained in the metering chamber is determined by air pressure building up in the chamber, and by the level of the

reservoir on top of the box. The Cow is actually a great demonstration of principals of hydrostatics and fluid dynamics and would be a great fun-learning demonstration of these principles in any high school physics class.

We have used the Water Cow for six years and there is no question that it has literally revolutionized the process of making large volumes of luminaries. We are a little surprised that the world has not contacted us to buy Water Cows. You can't buy a Water Cow anywhere else



Water filled buckets freezing on the lake.



Luminaries made and ready to be placed.

on earth. They are made in my garage.

### The Pantoozelator

When we did the first Luminary Loppet we were faced with the challenge of distributing the luminaries along the course at precise intervals. For our first attempt to measure 20 foot intervals we tried to use a GPS. This was a disaster. The second attempted method was to simply use the distance that was natural for two strides of a cross country ski motion. Every two strides we marked the snow with paint and the result was pretty close to 20 feet. This had some problems though, like maintaining even speed. We needed a robust solution that was fast and easy - and so we created the Pantoozelator – a luminary spacing machine. This is an amalgam of parts sourced from auto parts stores, plastic suppliers, and a baby jogger left on the curb in Kenwood with a "Take Me" sign on it. Add a little ingenuity and some home-made electronics and you have this crazy looking



Hal Galvin marking ice with the Pantoozelator.

machine:

The Pantoozelator is named for its visual similarity to the Dr. Seuss Christmas gifts in *The Grinch That Stole Christmas*. It seems to fit right in with Flu Floopers, Jing Tingleers and Zu Zitter Carzay.

Simply stated, the device rides in the ski track and is pushed down the trail by a skier. The device counts the rotations of the trailing wheel to determine distance. Every 20 feet the device squirts red ink to mark where a luminary is to be placed. Following every group of 50 red marks the device squirts a blue ink mark to identify trail sections for assigning candle lighting teams.

We are surprised that the world is not clamoring to find out where to buy a Pantoozelator. They are not available commercially. Like the Water Cow, it was made in a garage – like many similar break-through technological products. Apple was started in a garage, for example.

### IceHenge

Making a vertical rectangular solid monolith of ice is really difficult. When IceHenge was first envisioned by the Luminary Team we all recognized that it could not be made by simply filling a rectangular form with water and letting it freeze. That wouldn't work. Our team was stumped, until a new member, Erik Wardenaar, had an idea. Erik proposed making the monolithic slabs of ice in a horizontal mold, then, when the ice was a solid block, they could be tipped up and fused into the surface of the Lake ice. We thought Erik was crazy. That sounded too complicated and these slabs would weigh thousands of pounds. To sell his idea, Erik made a cardboard mockup of the approach. We were really impressed.

Erik built the ice forms out of plywood and the plan was to fill them with water, like a bathtub. The forms had to be filled with 3 inches of water at a time. As each 3 inch layer froze, we added another layer. This allowed each successive water layer to correct for the expansion heaving and deformation of the previously frozen layer. We are of course very pleased with the results and Erik's technique of making new features using this horizontal-to-vertical technique has been used on another feature this year – The Easter Island Heads.



Cardboard mockup by Erik Wardenaar



Erik Wardenaar showing ice fused to the lake.

These are just three examples of tips, trick, and technologies that have been developed over the eight years of the event to make production easier, and in some cases, possible. This is what makes it fun for US, and of course it's fun to talk about.



IceHenge forms are removed. The ice is lit by candles.



IceHenge

Ice fused to lake photo and Ice Henge photos by Dorothy Childers. Other photos by Steve Kotvis.



### Winter in Thomas Lowry Park

By Suzanne Payne

*"Nature gives to every time and season some beauties of its own"*

Charles Dickens

While it seems quiet in the park during the depths of winter, a few undercurrents persist. There are signs of walkers, dogs, rabbits, and even fox tracks in the snow.



Many residents have observed the hundreds of black crows who descend on every available branch from time to time, making an ominous sight as they tarry on their way to Loring Park and beyond.

Thanks to the generous contributions by friends and neighbors of TLP volunteer extraordinaire, Barbara Fogel, a memorial fund in her name has been established and will be available to improve the park in the near future. While many ideas for use of the fund have been generated, the decision is postponed until the MPRB (Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board) estab-

lishes new guidelines this spring for memorial gifts to its parks. Please send any ideas you may have to TLP board chair, Barry Lazarus, who is heading up the memorial fund.

Again this year, the MPRB will supply our volunteers with several flats of colorful annuals to plant and enjoy in the upcoming months. A profusion of blooms, including, coleus, snapdragons, verbena and other donated annuals will add to the beauty of the park. Friends of Thomas Lowry Park are very grateful for this generous gift to our neighborhood.



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## KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION (KIAA)

By Jean Deatrick

### February 2014 KIAA Minutes

KIAA Board of Directors met February 3, 2014 at Kenwood Rec Center.

Chair Larry Moran called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Board Members present: Chair Larry Moran, Angie Erdrich, Kathy Low, Jack Levi, Bob Tennesen, and Ed Pluimer.

Others present: Council Member Lisa Goodman, Jean Deatrick, and 30 Kenwood residents:

### 7th Ward Update-Lisa Goodman

SWLRT: Town Hall meetings focused on the independent consultants' draft reports take place on Monday, February 10, 2014 6:00 - 9:10 p.m. Dunwoody College of Technology; also Wednesday, February 12 6:00 - 9:10 p.m. St. Louis Park Senior High School.

SWLRT: Accommodation of all three transportation modes (freight, LRT, and bike trail) would be challenging. The City's locally preferred alternative is no "co-location." The City continues to push for grade separation at Cedar Lake Road with freight rail moved out of Kenilworth as previously planned and expected.

Lunch with Lisa: The January Lunch with Lisa on the topic of the Nicollet Mall renovation was successful with 55 people attending. The next Lunch with Lisa will be held on Feb. 26 with Patti Weber, a CIA retiree and specialist on security issues.

Rain barrels available: Rain barrels and compost bins are available at a discount. Order now and pick up in the spring: [www.recycleminnesota.org/ram-store/ram-sale-events](http://www.recycleminnesota.org/ram-store/ram-sale-events). The City is committed to composting in one year's time with a mandate from Hennepin County.

Record breaking construction, (3500 projects), occurred in 2013: Mayor Hodges wants a three-fold future increase in construction projects.

### Peter Wagenius Mayoral Policy Aide on Transportation: SW LRT Update

Moving freight from Midtown to Kenilworth was supposed to be temporary. The City initially preferred that LRT go through Uptown, but that option was more expensive and Nicollet businesses didn't want LRT

because of the disruption to their businesses during construction. Kenilworth was accepted as an alternative in 2009 provided that the bike path was preserved and the freight trains were removed.

In 2013, the Met Council proposed eight options for the freight traffic currently in Kenilworth, eventually retaining two options: a two-story berm for trains if relocated to St. Louis Park; or "co-location" in Kenilworth with two shallow tunnels and LRT surfacing over the Kenilworth Channel.

As anticipated, the new draft report indicates that freight would be viable on Kenilworth. It also concludes that freight could be routed onto the MN&S route in St. Louis Park using both new and existing track. This would be significantly less expensive than the Met Council's proposal and would not require a two-story berm.

If freight is not relocated, the impact area would be 94 feet wide, versus less than half that for LRT alone. If freight were relocated, 400 fewer trees would be removed from Kenilworth and revegetation would be more effective. If "co-location" tunnels are constructed, the entrance and exits would create noise reverberation and would require permanent 8-foot crash walls. Construction of tunnels would be much more disruptive with noise from pile driving and a huge number of trucks to remove soil. The bike trail could remain open during construction of LRT if the trains are relocated, but the trail would be closed for two years during construction if freight remains.

The 21st Street station could be built if freight is relocated.

Lisa Goodman added that moving freight long term through populated areas could be a potential environmental disaster regardless of where the trains run.

Mayor Hodges' position is that freight must be relocated. A federal funding grant won't be approved until the freight issue is resolved.

Phase Two of the groundwater study is still to come. The Met Council plans to decide whether to re-route or co-locate freight, and to ask the cities to grant municipal consent, several months before the Supplemental Draft

Environmental Impact Statement is complete.

Mr. Wagenius suggested that it would be helpful if Minneapolis residents would make it simple and insist: "Keep promise and get rid of freight."

### Park Board Update, Commissioner Anita Tabb

The City and the Park Board jointly commissioned Barr Engineering to review the hydrology study that was done by Met Council, which indicated no water issues would arise if a shallow tunnel were to be built in the corridor. Because this is a very important asset to the area, we wanted independent confirmation. The final report is not complete at this time.

### Updates

If you are interested in receiving monthly email updates, please email us at [KIAA@gmail.com](mailto:KIAA@gmail.com). Also please visit our website at [kenwoodminneapolis.org](http://kenwoodminneapolis.org) to learn more.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

**Reminder: The next Kenwood Isles Area Association Board meeting will be held on March 3 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.

## EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EIRA)

By Monica Smith, Recorder

Minutes from the EIRA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting February 11, 2014 Grace-Trinity Community Church

Board members present: Dan McLaughlin (President), Vaughn Emerson (Vice President), Candace Dow, Nicole Engel-Nitz, Bill Elwood, and Linda Schutz. Other East Isles residents were also in attendance.

EIRA President Dan McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

Lunch with Lisa is Wednesday, February 26, noon at St Thomas, Opus Hall. Guest speaker is Patti Webber, former CIA to speak about national security.

Watch for temporary No Parking signs to allow city crews to plow the streets from curb-to-curb.

A special election for the Hennepin County Commissioner, District 3 will be held on May 13th.

The Police Department is introducing a comprehensive crime map data system to make accessing crime information easier and more transparent. To access, go to [www.minneapolis.gov/police](http://www.minneapolis.gov/police).

Community Connections Conference is March 22, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

There are 40 positions open on city boards and commissions. Details on the City's website: [www.minneapolis.gov](http://www.minneapolis.gov).

The City is offering great prices on rain barrels (\$69) and compost bins (\$55). Order online at [www.recycleminnesota.org](http://www.recycleminnesota.org) and pick up on April 26th.

Property Tax Valuations will be mailed this month. This is your opportunity to ask for an adjustment if you think your property is overvalued.

Goodman does not think that the Conservation District ordinance is workable as currently written.

Southwest LRT: new studies show that there is a viable option to move freight to St Louis Park. Minneapolis will not support co-location of freight and LRT in the Kenilworth Corridor.

### REPORTS

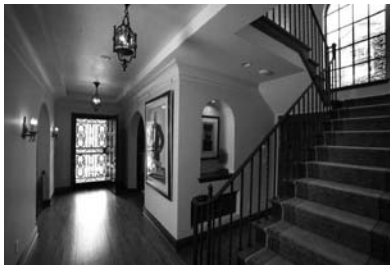
#### Transportation Committee, Candace Dow

Midtown Greenway Alternatives Analysis: The locally preferred alternative (LPA) will be selected by the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) on February 12th. The staff recommends both enhanced bus on Lake St and rail on the Midtown Corridor. Project funding has not been identified at this time. EIRA's resolution was sent to the PAC prior to the decision (the resolution is posted on our website: [www.eastisles.org](http://www.eastisles.org)).

The Transportation Committee is seeking a new Chair and does not plan to meet in February or March.

#### Zoning Committee, Allan Amis

The January 21st meeting included a discussion with Green Team member Dave Bryan about sustainable



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building standards. Minnesota has a goal of 80% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. More stringent building codes are being implemented. Bryan documented a number of green items that the Zoning Committee could ask to see included in renovation/new development projects in the neighborhood.

The next meeting of the Zoning Committee is February 18 and includes: Lake & Irving Restaurant (1513 W Lake St) to discuss their application to change their license to include live music of up to five musicians; and a revised proposal for 16Twenty, the development on the NE corner of Lake and James (1618 – 1620 W Lake St and 2915 James Ave S).

**Social Committee, Amy Sanborn**

Neighbors came out for the annual Ice Skating Party despite the cold and windy day. Thanks to Isles Bun & Coffee for their donation of food/beverage and all to the volunteers.

EIRA received \$1100 from the door sales of the Wine Tasting Fundraiser.

**Green Team, Bill Elwood**

The next event is Transition Towns-The Future is Now, a presentation about self-reliant communities. February 24, 7 pm at Grace.

The team is working with an owner of multi-unit buildings to implement composting and increase recycling rates.

Representative Frank Hornstein will meet with the Green Team to discuss his legislation for organics composting.

Earth Day Clean Up is April 26th. The EIRA Board approved \$25 for food/beverage for volunteers.

**Parks Committee, Monica Smith**

The first meeting was held February 3rd and was a joint meeting with the NRP Committee to discussion ideas for parks projects in the neighborhood.

Donna Jansen will chair the Smith Triangle Subcommittee.

The Park Board retired the email distribution lists for the following projects: Levin Triangle Park and the Mall/Library project.

Public hearing for Kenwood Community Center building improvements will be February 19, 6:30 p.m. at Park Board headquarters.

**NRP Committee, Monica Smith**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 7, 7 p.m. at Grace.

**Staff Report, Monica Smith**

The Bridge is hosting a meeting on February 26, 5:30 p.m. to discuss the fate of their vacant building at 2200 Emerson Ave S. Options include renting, renovating, or selling the property. Linda Schutz will attend the meeting on behalf of the EIRA Board.

Minneapolis is recruiting businesses and organizations to grow food for local food shelves through a program called Giving Gardens. Informational meeting: February 27, 9:15 a.m. at East Phillips Park Cultural & Community Center.

USI Wireless will be invited to a future meeting to discuss their plans for implementing fiber optic service in East Isles.

The IRS confirmed that they received EIRA's application for 501(c)(4) status. They are reviewing the application and will respond within 180 days.

Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) has drafted a proposal for a Neighborhood Relief Fund that would provide additional financial support for neighbor-

**LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

by Janis Clay

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board Minutes Tuesday, February 11, 2014

Present - Board Members: Maureen Sheehan, President; Dan Aronson, Treasurer; Janis Clay, Secretary; Mark Brauer; Jimmy Fogel; Michael Cockson; Phil Hallaway.

Present - Guests and staff: Lisa Goodman, Seventh Ward Minneapolis City Council Representative; Anita Tabb, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board; Robert Thompson, City of Minneapolis Neighborhood and Community Relations Department; Chris Madden, LHNA Administrator.

President Maureen Sheehan called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. Since a quorum was not present, motions will be renewed and approved at next month's meeting.

**Approval of Minutes and Agenda:** Dan Aronson moved and Michael Cockson seconded approval of

minutes during times of crisis. Public comments are being accepted through March 21st.

Nominations Committee, Linda Schutz

The committee is seeking new board members (someone with financial skills is especially needed to fill the Treasurer position). Interested individuals should contact Monica Smith at nrp@eastisles.org.

**BOARD REVIEW**

Board members will help recruit new board members by posting ads in local businesses and forwarding the ad to neighbors/friends.

The Spring Annual Meeting will be held on April 8 at the Uptown Diner. The board approved the budget to provide a chili dinner. The agenda will include Council Member Lisa Goodman, Park Board Commissioner Anita Tabb, committee reports and board elections. Michael McLaughlin from the Lowry Hill District business association will be invited to be the guest speaker.

The EIRA Board approved the annual report for the 2013 CPP program.

The EIRA Board will meet the second Tuesday of the month in 2014 with two exceptions: The May meeting will be moved to the third Tuesday (May 20th) due to special election for Hennepin County Commissioner on May 13 and the August meeting will be moved to the third Tuesday (August 19th) due to the primary election on August 12.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

**The next meeting is Tuesday, March 11, 2014, 7 p.m. at Grace-Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th Street.**

**Note new website: [www.eastisles.org](http://www.eastisles.org)**

tonight's agenda and the January 7, 2014, minutes. All approved.

**Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Update**

**(Anita Tabb):** A public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the MPRB Board Room, 2117 West River Rd., Minneapolis, on the concept design for Kenwood Rec Center modifications. The modifications are primarily for ADA compliance. Cold weather has diminished emerald ash borer numbers, but not eradicated them. This may provide additional time for tree replacement. The draft Urban Agricultural Proposal has generated a great deal of interest. Finding the right balance will be important. The CIDNA neighborhood association has been very active regarding the development proposed for the Trig's site. Phil Hallaway will be LHNA's point person, and will follow up with CIDNA to learn more about the neighborhood's involvement in development near the Chain of Lakes. As a follow up to Loppet weekend, organizers are planning to reach out to nearby neighborhood associations to increase information and neighborhood involvement. The Park Board is doing an independent water study in connection with SWLRT. The Board adopted a resolution calling for tunneling under the Kenilworth channel as part of the Shallow Tunnel Option. Renovation of one ice sheet at Parade Stadium has been completed. Work on the south rink and the studio rink will begin after March.

Neighborhood Priorities Survey Working Group/Community Participation Program: Robert Thompson, Neighborhood and Community Relations Department, discussed the Neighborhood Priority Survey, required by the City for LHNA to access Community Participation Program funds. Mr. Thompson discussed options for the survey, including use of the City's Survey Monkey account, and processing of information gathered. The purpose is to identify priorities as a first step in developing a Neighborhood Priority Plan. The survey can also be a good promotional tool. Mr. Thompson will send examples of other Neighborhood Priority Plans that have been approved. David Weinstein prepared a draft Equal Employment Opportunity Policy. The board will discuss this at next month's meeting. Mark Brauer moved, seconded by Michael Cockson, to proceed with sending out a post card mailing, and use of Survey Monkey. All approved. The survey results will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

**Events:** Mark Brauer reported that the Ice Skating Social was a success, although windy conditions prevented the customary fire pit. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 20. We need to finalize a topic. Theatre Pro Rata is seeking sponsors for a proposed Shakespeare in the Park performance in Kenwood Park on June 20 and

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- Elections will be held at the East Isles Residents Association Annual Meeting on April 8, 2014 at the Uptown Diner, 2548 Hennepin Ave S. Social hour and dinner at 6:15 pm Meeting starts promptly at 7 pm

**Want to learn more?** Contact Monica Smith, at 612-821-0131 or nrp@eastisles.org.

\*East Isles boundaries: south side of W 22nd St to the north side of W Lake St, and E Lake of the Isles Pkwy to the west side of Hennepin Ave S

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**EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**





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21st. Mark Brauer will do some investigation and report back to the Board.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dan Aronson gave the Treasurer's Report. LHNA has \$26,500.00 in the bank and no liabilities. Reimbursement funds should be received from the city once the Community Participation Program request is completed.

**Environmental:** this topic was covered in Anita Tabb's Park Board update.

**Zoning and Planning:** David Weinstein, Michael Cockson, Maureen Sheehan, and Dan Aronson will attend a meeting Monday, February 24th to give neighborhood input on the first phase of the Hennepin/Lyndale Reconstruction project.

**Crime and Safety:** Minneapolis Police Department Neighborhood Crime Prevention Specialist Chelsea Adams will attend next month's meeting. (We were notified post-meeting that the guest will be Inspector Todd Loining, new Commander of the Minneapolis Police Department Fifth Precinct.)

**Community Announcements.** Lunch with Lisa will be February 26th, Opus Hall #201, University of St. Thomas. The speaker will be Patti Weber, formerly with the CIA Senior Intelligence Service. Watch for temporary "no parking" signs as crews remove snow. There is a chance that winter parking restrictions may need to be imposed. Draft reports have been completed in connection with SWLRT following additional study on: Freight Rail Alternatives; Construction/Environmental Impacts of the Shallow Tunnel Option; and a Tree and Vegetation Inventory. After a public comment period ending February 21st, final reports are expected in early March. A public meeting on the Nicollet Mall project will be held Wednesday, February 19 at the Minneapolis Central Library. A special election is scheduled to fill the seat vacated by Hennepin County Third District Councilmember Gale Dorfman. The primary will be Tuesday, April 29, and election Tuesday, May 13th. Comprehensive crime data is available to citizens via cell phone or computer from the Minneapolis Police Department. The second annual Community Connections Conference will be Saturday, March 22 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. A number of positions are open on Minneapolis Boards and Commissions. The Mayor, City Council, and department leaders are meeting to develop new goals and strategies for Minneapolis, and plan to have these before the City Council in March. Compost bins and rain barrels are available for spring pick up. Look for property tax statements and property valuation notices in the mail. 2013 was a record breaking year in Minneapolis for construction projects. The 2014 Adopted Budget is available online.

**LHNA's next Board meeting will be Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at the Kenwood Rec Center.** All residents are welcome. Everyone is encouraged to visit the LHNA website at [www.lowryhillneighborhood.org](http://www.lowryhillneighborhood.org), and sign up to receive LHNA's monthly E-Blast about events in the neighborhood. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

## CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

by Monica Smith

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES, February 12, 2014

The February meeting was held at the Jones-Harrison Residence. Board members in attendance: Chair Craig Westgate, Lowell Berggren, Ryan Fox, Stephen Goltry, Ray Greco, James Reid and Amanda Vallone. Land Use Committee Chair Bob Corrick, NRP Committee Chair Gail Lee and several residents were also in attendance. Staff: Monica Smith

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

### Land Use and Development, Bob Corrick

Tryg's site: Trammell Crow has presented two designs for an apartment project on the site of Tryg's Restaurant (3118 W Lake Street). The Land Use Committee has



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311 Kenwood Pkwy #409	150,000	0	58	147,052	C	1/1	800	125,000	2,251	1966	
52 Groveland #415	169,900	5,097	78	169,900	C	1/1	773	140,800	2,168	1966	
2716 Humboldt S #201	181,900	4,133	71	155,000	C	2/1	818	145,000	2,602	1926	
52 Groveland Terr A104	224,900	6,000	170	221,000	C	2/2	1,055	208,000	3,745	1966	
52 Groveland Terr A105	245,000	0	1	237,000	C	2/2	1,085	212,500	3,826	1967	
2950 Dean Pkwy #2205	374,900	0	40	375,000	C	1/2	1,160	297,000	5,648	1972	
1210 W 22nd St	425,000	6,700	93	380,000	H	3/2	2,492	335,500	5,998	1913	
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2840 Sunset Blvd	789,000	0	2	782,000	H	4/3	3,233	678,000	12,871	1929	
1128 Kenwood Pkwy	1,199,000	0	313	837,500	TWN	4/5	5,242	975,000	19,253	1993	

opposed the designs and asked the developer to respect the 56' high restrictions (the committee is awaiting a reply). The Loop Calhoun Condominium board opposes the height of the designs.

Weisman site: Greystar Investment Group is interested in developing an apartment project on the Weisman property. The negotiations with the Land Use Committee are just beginning.

More information about these projects can be found at: [www.cidnalanduse.wordpress.com](http://www.cidnalanduse.wordpress.com).

### NRP/PPP Report, Gail Lee

The raingarden project has been approved. CIDNA will promote the program on our website, e-newsletter, and an ad in the Hill and Lake Press. Applications will be accepted in June/July; planting days will be in September.

The committee is drafting a memo to MCES and the Park Board outlining work that needs to be completed at Park Siding Park.

The next NRP Committee meeting is Wednesday, February 19, 3:30 pm at Rustica.

### Sunset Boulevard Construction, Ryan Fox

In Spring/Summer 2014, the blacktop on Sunset Blvd will be removed and replaced with the permanent concrete roadway. The sidewalk will be installed.

### Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis

On February 12, the Policy Advisory Committee for the alternatives analysis selected the dual option of enhance bus on Lake St and rail on the Midtown Greenway as the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA).

### Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

The next Lunch with Lisa is Wednesday, February 25, noon at St Thomas, Opus Hall. Guest speaker is Patti Weber, former CIA to speak about national security.

CM Goodman provided a copy of voluntary construction guidelines for CIDNA for review and updating as necessary.

Construction alert in Brownie Lake Basin as the pedestrian bridge is installed (February 17-24).

Public meeting for Nicollet Mall redesign ideas: February 19, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Central Library.

Watch for temporary No Parking signs to allow city crews to plow the streets from curb-to-curb.

Call 311 to report unshoveled sidewalks (including in commercial property).

Property Tax Valuations will be mailed this month.

This is your opportunity to ask for an adjustment if you think your property is overvalued.

### Southwest LRT, Peter Wagenius, Policy Director for Mayor Hodges

Peter Wagenius attended the meeting to discuss Minneapolis' position on Southwest LRT.

Background: When the routes for Southwest LRT were being explored, the Mayor Rybak favored a Midtown/Nicollet route. This proved unworkable because of issues with a tunnel on Nicollet Ave, at-grade LRT on Nicollet Mall, and because the route couldn't connect with the Central LRT line. In 2009, the City accepted the Kenilworth route for Southwest LRT with two conditions: 1) remove freight from Kenilworth and 2) the bike/pedestrian trails need to remain in Kenilworth.

In July 2013, the project office offered three options to deal with the freight issue: \$330 million deep tunnel, \$160 million shallow tunnels, \$200 million to relocate freight to St. Louis Park.

In January 2014, the project office announced an independent consultant's option for a new freight relocation to St. Louis Park (\$112 million).

The City of Minneapolis is pushing to relocate freight for the following 10 reasons: 1) with shallow tunnels, LRT will surface and cross the channel with freight (at grade co-location); 2) the impact area will be wider with LRT and freight in Kenilworth; 3) more trees need to be removed to accommodate freight and LRT; 4) tunnels will have a greater construction impact (pile driving for tunnel construction); 5) huge retaining/crash walls needed for tunnel portals; 6) potentially unknown environmental impacts of the shallow tunnels; 7) 21st St station could be built to give the community access to LRT; 8) Park Board's plan for grade separation at Cedar Lake Pkwy could be implemented; 9) maintenance costs lower if they don't need to maintain tunnels; and 10) predictability - we know what we are getting. If they pursue tunnels, we could end up with both freight and LRT at grade because the Legislature and County may not fund the shallow tunnels.

Regarding deep tunnel: Wagenius doesn't believe that the deep tunnel has any chance of being funded because out-of-area legislators and commissioners think it is too

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# A World without Google

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By Madeleine Lowry

In the eyes of my children, I was born sometime after the age of dinosaurs and before the invention of the microwave oven. And they cannot believe how I have survived.

My son has been grumbling about how he has to wait until his fifteenth birthday to receive the funds to purchase a cell phone. "Fifteen, that's too long," he moans, "I'm the only freshman at Southwest without one."

Really? Is that his definition of deprivation? I had to wait until I was thirty-five to get my first cell phone. It was a slick Nokia model, the kind that made phone calls and stored your phone numbers and that was all. The kind where you had to press the 8 key three times to type "r". My kids can't imagine the world that we grew up in where you had to carry quarters in your pocket and hunt down a payphone that worked.

They can't comprehend a world without Google. A world where we used this thing called the Yellow Pages to look up restaurants and stores and we actually had to call them to inquire about their hours of business. A world where you had to ask a real person for directions which would invariably include nebulous instructions like, "Turn right at the second stop sign," that would lead you astray and then you'd have to pull over and ask a perfect stranger how to get to your destination.

They look at me in abject horror when I explain that we used the encyclopedia as a reference in writing papers in junior high school. A printed encyclopedia? Why?

Yes, and we used books too, and reference librarians were an extremely valuable resource since library catalogs were incomprehensible sets of index cards crammed into little wooden drawers, each one laboriously typed out by some librarian.

Remember typing? We wrote our papers using a typewriter! Imagine that! And you were a lucky duck if you had a typewriter with a correcting ribbon so you could go back over your mistakes and white them over without having to pull out your trusty bottle of White Out (although it often came to that) and dab the offending error and wait for it to dry before you could re-align the page and carry on. It could take most of a weekend to type up a 10-page paper. My mother, who was a secretary, could type 70 words a minute with almost no errors and that was a seriously marketable skill at the time.

Spelling was another necessary skill, for minimizing your errors during the laborious endeavor of typing (see above), since the concept of a spell checker had not even been a glimmer in anyone's mind way back then.

The first time I used a computer to type a paper was in college. I went to a college with a huge endowment where we had a state-of-the-art computer lab where they had twenty or thirty Macs (virtually no one had a computer at home at that time) and we could bring our handwritten drafts and type them up and then print them. Multiple copies even! That was called Word Processing and we thought it was a huge leap over a typewriter and bottle of White Out. Note that we did

not use the computer to actually research our papers. That is because: There. Was. No. Internet.

We ferried our files to and from the computer center on hard square disks that were a huge improvement over floppy disks. And we had to do this because it was forbidden to save our files to the hard drive. Why? Because those early Macs, as au courant as they were at the time, did not have enough memory to save a single copy of Flappy Bird.

I began my working life and used PCs regularly for word processing. We would type up correspondence to clients and put it in the mail. Important stuff that could not wait a week was sent by Fedex and that was expensive. After a few years a new thing called File Transfer Protocol (FTP) was invented which I supposed used some nascent version of the World Wide Web (which is what the Internet was called at the time when the Artist Formerly Known as Prince, was actually called Prince.) I remember FTPing files. We had a single terminal in the office from which we could relay files. It had a black screen and a blinking C prompt that looked like this "C>" and that, quite literally was all that appeared on the screen. You had to type some arcane string of characters called Commands to make something happen. Many lines of commands were needed and they had to be typed in precisely the same way every time or else the process would stop and you'd have to start all over again. Let me be clear—the reason we went through all these machinations was because: We. Had. No. Email.

When I entered graduate school I again had access to a computer lab. We could word process and print there and each of us was given a new thing: an email address. Email was a wonder. Now you could attach a file and send a draft round to the rest of your contributors on a group paper. No, we still weren't using the Internet to do research. It was still too early and information on the web was mostly very technical and not visually interesting, also use of hyperlinks hadn't taken off yet and, oh yeah, search engines hadn't been invented. There was no such thing as surfing and the computer was not an entertainment, it was a productivity tool.

Google wasn't even invented until the end of the 1990s, and didn't become popular until after the year 2000. And then I got my first cell phone around 2004, and the reason it only made and received calls is because data networks did not yet exist. No, we would have to wait until the first generation iPhone was released in 2007 for smartphones to take off and with it the demand for data networks that makes them as useful as they are today.

So, yes, Westie, you will have to wait until your fifteenth birthday to get a smartphone. And that marvel which you covet will put in the palm of your hand more computing power than was available in my college computer lab, a facility that serviced 2,000 undergrads.

And the reason that we are making you wait is not to deprive you, but so that you learn the lesson that was given for my generation and those before.

And it's just this: All good things are worth waiting for.

expensive.

Wagenius urges everyone to contact Governor Dayton to express your opinion on the project.

**MSP FairSkies Coalition, Steve Kittleson**

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is planning to implement RNAV at Minneapolis/St. Paul airport in 2014. Currently, departing airplanes fan out from the airport; RNAV is a navigation technology that will focus flight departures onto tighter flight paths (7 super highways in the sky) and increasing the number of departures over SW Minneapolis neighborhoods (17% increase in flights over CIDNA = 100 flights/day).

The FAA has not factored in the impact to neighborhoods and there has been no environmental study of the impact of RNAV in Minneapolis.

MSP FairSkies Coalition is a group of Minneapolis residents who are working to ensure that the community has a say in airport issues that impact levels of airplane noise and air pollution in the neighborhoods. FairSkies is working with local, state and federal elected officials to push for transparency, more local authority and an environmental study.

What can you do?

Learn more at [www.mspfairskies.org](http://www.mspfairskies.org); follow them on Twitter and Facebook "MSP Fair Skies".

Sign their online petition.

Contact elected officials and ask for an environmental study for MSP Airport activity.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**Next meeting**

**Wednesday, March 12, 2014 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).**

**"Rock the Cradle" Returns March 2nd, 11AM to 5PM at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and the Children's Theatre Company Campus.**

Admission is free and open to the public. Register for the event and get important updates about Rock the Cradle by visiting [thecurrent.org](http://thecurrent.org). By registering, you can enter your child for a chance to be "Kid DJ for a Day" with host, Barb Abney!

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# sand upon the waters

By Tom H. Cook

I don't want to achieve immortality through my work...I want to achieve immortality through not dying.  
—Woody Allen

Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people.

—Eleanor Roosevelt

Walking with a much younger friend the other day, I shared the news that I am developing a web presence. My sister Nanci, a web designer visiting from British Columbia, was organizing my HLP columns and composing a website. "I never thought of you as narcissistic" was my friend's response. It gave me pause.

Granted, I subject old friends and former neighbors to my struggles and missteps on a monthly basis, but my portrayals rarely cast me in a positive light. Of the seven deadly sins I mostly exhibit sloth, impulsivity, and a tenuous relationship between cause and effect. I do not crave attention, but rather serve as a cautionary tale. I hope for, if not universality, at least a faint recognition. My goal is to write about the important issues of the day, like garage sales, the conspiracy of objects, and what happens if you have nine dogs over for Christmas dinner. Heady stuff.

Do my columns merely serve as a buffer between real estate ads in a community newspaper, or are they, as one reader suggested, a desperate cry for help? The real question is "Are they worth preserving?" Am not talking Smithsonian, but JoAnne is tired of the boxes of newspapers that I seem incapable of discarding or organizing. (An aside: the word fire hazard is tossed around entirely too blithely in contemporary culture.)

I have written more than three hundred columns since 1980 and a compromise seems to be storing them in "The Cloud," not in the basement, which we don't have. Nanci to the rescue. She has searched for themes, added photos, and put together through wizardry and hard work a web site. Might a book publisher or Hollywood literary type decide that my collected columns would make a best seller and a vehicle for Ben Stiller? I am more likely to attract a bored actuary from

Dayton.

As to the original charge of self absorption, I fear my motives are even more grandiose. I do not paint, sculpt, or create in any meaningful way. My website may be more like a futile grasp for immortality. I get no money for clicks or visitors, but humor me and check it out at sanduponthewaters.net.

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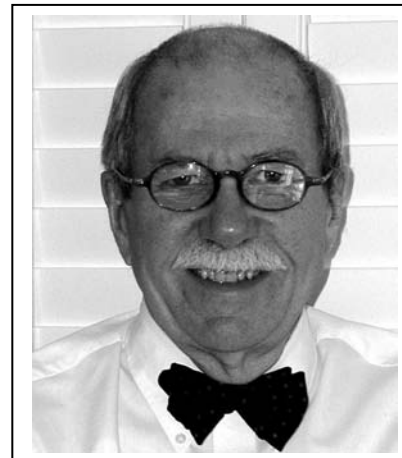
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