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BURNHAM ROAD BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION MOVES FORWARD; OCTOBER 1 COMPLETION POSSIBLE

By Michael Wilson

Progress on the \$814,000 rehab of the Burnham Road Bridge took a large and visible step forward on Tuesday, July 21, with the pouring of 112 cubic yards of concrete for the bridge deck and sidewalks of the new structure.

Originally targeted for completion in late October or early November, the project is currently on track for a grand opening date as early as October 1. The bridge and its approach panels should be done around the middle of August. After that, Department of Public Works crews will repave the roadway to Park Lane on the west and Washburn Avenue on the east.

According to DPW Engineering Technician Hassan Nur, city paving crews will be ready to go as soon as the bridge is completed. The concrete they pour requires 28 days to cure, however, so during most of September the spanking new bridge and roadway will be tantalizingly off-limits to drivers.

On July 10 workers for Kraemer North America set

five prestressed concrete beams in place across the Kenilworth Channel. The presence of overhead power lines required a deft maneuver of rolling two of the beams into place below the level of the bridge deck and then jacking them up to their resting place. The other three beams were hoisted into place via crane.

Wood frameworks were then constructed between the beams to hold the rebar in preparation for the pouring of concrete. After the concrete cures for seven days or so, the wood frameworks will be removed. Dale Murphy, labor foreman for Kraemer NA, is planning on his team being able to remove the wood frameworks without closing the Kenilworth waterway underneath.

Neighbors supportive, pleased with project.

Cedar-Isles-Dean residents along Burnham Road, Park Lane, Washburn Avenue, and Burnham Blvd. have adjusted well to the bridge closure and the occasional construction noise and heavy truck traffic. Dave Anderson, who lives on Burnham Road a few feet from

the bridge, is happy to see the old bridge replaced. Anderson says he has welcomed the quiet this summer resulting from the lack of through vehicle traffic but will be happy to see the project completed. He notes that the work crews have always been courteous if their trucks have made it difficult for him to use his driveway.

Vivian Mason, who lives on the northeast side of the channel, allows that the project has caused some noise and occasional inconvenience, such as the heavier-than-usual traffic on Dean Parkway caused by drivers accustomed to using eastbound Burnham Road as a shortcut. She also has found the workers to be very respectful of the neighborhood and seeming to be working as quickly as they can to finish the job.

Park Lane residents Gloria and Fred Sewell note that they miss their usual short trip to Kenwood, but they're glad to see a bridge near the end of its lifespan being replaced. "This is progress, this is good," they

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Lowry Hill Ice Cream Social!



Photos by Dorothy Childers

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The Buzz about Buzz by David Lebedoff

Reviewed by Patricia Hoolihan

There deserves to be a lot of buzz about David Lebedoff's just released novel, aptly titled Buzz. A neighborhood writer, Lebedoff's sixth book showcases his storytelling abilities in a page-turning mystery set mostly in Minnesota. It is a departure from his earlier books, nonfiction narratives that revealed his ability to blend deep research with human story. With his current book he proves himself a versatile writer indeed.

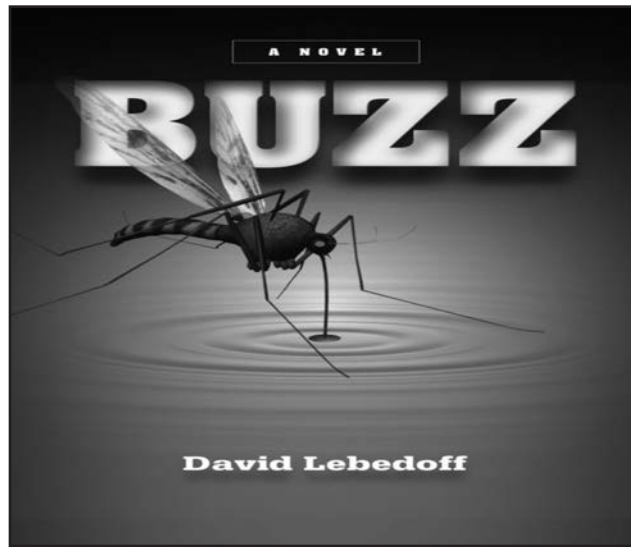
Lebedoff imagines and unravels a line of mystery and intrigue and yes, even terror, from the unlikelyst of suspects: the Minnesota curse, the mosquito. The mosquito is transformed from conveyor of mundane irritation to deadly arrow, so much so that as I swatted a mosquito or two while reading I felt an eerie, unsettled sensation.

Lebedoff's story makes the possibility that real. He has created characters that resonate: the diabolical but determined fanatic who is behind the terror-infested mosquito, his misguided henchmen and best of all, a smart puzzle-solving mosquito expert and doctor – refreshingly a female heroine.

The overall target is huge: the U.S., its military, its citizens. Lives are lost, real and potential horror is unleashed. Where and when will the next batch of infested mosquitoes be released? This terror drives the story and it is full of surprising twists and turns. What is the origin of the deadly poison? Where are they gathering, hiding and infecting those mosquitoes? Who are "they"? Without giving too much away, I will say that the BWCA plays a role here. Familiar Minnesota landscapes are a visual and enjoyable backdrop and integral part of this story.

An engaging read, Buzz creates an imaginative and authentically believable dilemma. And as with all exceptional whodunit narratives it draws you in from the very first scene and holds you captive till the very surprising and dramatic finish.

Lebedoff's first book, Cleaning Up took a close look at the legal aftermath of the Exxon Valdez spill and the complex consequences created for everyone from the Alaskan fishermen to the Minneapolis attorneys who represented them. His other nonfiction narratives include The Same Man: George Orwell and Evelyn Waugh in Love and War and The 21st Ballot: A Political



Party Struggle in Minnesota. One senses the research behind this current tale as well – there is enough scientific data here to make every bit of the action believable.

But by the book's end, as I swatted another mosquito, I was very happy to remind myself that this is indeed fiction. Right now, it is an excellent summer read and come winter, it will be a great reminder of summer's splendor and, well, hidden potential dark side. The story makes one almost grateful for the sheer peskiness of the Minnesota mosquito. That is one of many reasons why this book is one to put at the top of your list. Order yours now! It is available on Amazon.com.

How did your neighborhood look decades ago? Find out with online historical aerial photos

Minneapolis has changed a lot since the 1930s, and now you can see those changes for yourself.

As part of a collaborative effort with the City of Minneapolis and the Minnesota Historical Society, the University of Minnesota Libraries has digitized more than 4,500 historical aerial photos of Minneapolis. All of the large-scale, detailed aerial photos, dating back to 1938, are free and available to the public at www.lib.umn.edu/apps/mhapo/index.html#mpls.

The Minneapolis photos were added to the library's existing Minnesota Historical Aerial Photographs Online collection, which includes more than 121,000 aerial photographs from around the state that date back to 1923.

HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

JULY 25, TOUR DE FAT
 JULY 28, 6:30 CAC MEETING
 JULY 30, 6:30 CAC OPEN HOUSE
 JULY 30, EIRA ICE CREAM SOCIAL
 AUG. 4, NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
 AUGUST 16 LINDEN HILLS DANCE CLUB ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
 AUG. 20-22 HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION
 SEPT. 12 SUPER SALE EAST ISLES
 SEPT. 13 RUN FOR THE PARKS LAKE HARRIET
 OCT 11 CIDNA FALL FESTIVAL

Neighborhood monthly meetings:

CIDNA: Second Wednesday, 6pm Jones-Harrison.
 KIAA: First Monday, 7pm. Kenwood Rec Center
 LHNA: First Tuesday, 7pm, Kenwood Rec Center
 EIRA: Second Tuesday, 7pm Grace Church

Park Siding Park Gardening Days Fourth Saturday of each month through summer. 9am start.

The 2015 Minneapolis Aquatennial runs through Saturday, July 25, 2015.

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Calhoun-Harriet Master Plan meetings on July 28 & 30

The six-month-long Calhoun-Harriet Master Plan and Improvements initiative got off to an excellent start on July 21 as the 25 appointed Community Advisory Committee (CAC) members and about 40 residents gathered at Jones-Harrison Residence to discuss what they like best about Calhoun and Harriet, what issues and concerns they have, and what improvements they would like to see.

The Minneapolis Park Board is asking for guidance in spending \$3 million in Met Council Regional Parks funds during 2016-17. Perhaps more importantly, the Park Board wants to develop a 25-year Master Plan for future improvements.

A major concern for Hill and Lake residents is the congestion at the north end of Calhoun, particularly the dangerous and wholly inadequate connections across Lake Street to Lake of the Isles, Dean Parkway, and Cedar Lake. A new connector trail crossing Lake Street at Thomas Avenue South and passing under the Midtown Greenway is a high priority.

The next CAC meeting is on Tuesday, June 28 at Jones-Harrison Residence from 6:30-8:30. Residents will be given time to address the group at the end of the meeting.

The project's first Open House will be held on Thursday, July 30 at St. Mary's Event Center, 3450 Irving Avenue South. This will be a major opportunity for public input. See you there!

– Michael Wilson



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Questions? John Louis, coordinator@eastisles.org

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Meet Your Neighbor, Bradstreet

Craig Wilson interviews Benjamin Graves, the head of Graves Hospitality Corporation, about the opening of Bradstreet Neighborhood Crafthouse bar and restaurant in Lowry Hill, which was recently relocated from Downtown into the former Rye Deli and Auriga Restaurant building at 1930 Colfax Ave S (www.bradstreetcrafthouse.com).

Who was John Scott Bradstreet? John Scott Bradstreet was the Minneapolis-based, turn-of-the-century decorative arts legend, credited with bringing Japanese and Moorish influences to the Arts and Crafts design movement. He's known for his creative melding of the beautiful and globally exotic, and his career, which spanned from the mid 1800's to 1914, revolutionized design principles both across America and abroad. He was christened a "minister of the Beautiful" and an "apostle of good taste." Bradstreet was a founding member of Minneapolis' Fine Arts Society, which fueled the inception and creation of our Minneapolis Institute of Arts – that alone is pretty awesome. He traveled extensively and brought his favorite pieces back to his "Craftshouse," which was located downtown in a turn of the century mansion. There he had some of the most talented immigrant craftsman who replicated the pieces in small number for sale. The Craftshouse served not only as a retail design display space but also as a social hub and gallery space for traveling and local art exhibits.

Why did you chose to name your bar and restaurant after him? The more I got to know about Bradstreet, the more and more I admired him. I fell in love with him while touring the Glensheen Mansion as a teenager. His green tile "breakfast nook" room is iconic as is the "smoking lounge" he designed right off the main entry. I was hooked. Over the years, I learned that his interior design work is stunning but his personality, philosophy, convictions, and interests, I just really



identify with him. By the time he died in 1914, he'd become renowned as Minneapolis' first true tastemaker, and I believe that needs to be remembered. This restaurant is one way to keep his memory – not just alive even but hopefully revitalized. Bradstreet had this unwavering belief in what he called the "fellowship of all things good." My wife Lindsay and I thought the philosophy fit so perfectly as a restaurant – the design, the food, the drinks, the revelry and companionship of dining with friends and loved ones – it's just so beautiful as a conceptual whole.

Did he design residences in the Hill Lake area? Absolutely, Bradstreet's design legacy remains today in some of the finest homes, buildings and museums in Minnesota and across North America, but nowhere is his work as prevalent as it was here in Minneapolis – especially homes in Lowry Hill. He also designed frequently for the owners of mansions of Duluth and out around Lake Minnetonka. One of the Minneapolis Institute of Arts "Period Rooms" is a stunning example of Bradstreet design. During his career he collaborated



with the greats of his time - the likes of Louis Tiffany, Rookwood Pottery and Grubey Tile. The results are breathtaking. The room at the museum was installed piece by piece after it was taken from a mansion near the Glensheen in Duluth. If someone wants to learn more about John Scott Bradstreet, the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul and the downtown Minneapolis Library Special Collections have excellent information on his life and his work.

What is the culinary and mixology focus of Bradstreet? Bradstreet's philosophy that the American designer is fortunate heir to all good concepts from every school of design is the basis of our culinary conviction. It's back to that fellowship of all things good philosophy. Our menu is best described as upscale yet approachable American comfort food, but - still in keeping with Bradstreet's design aesthetic - we've incorporated Asian and Moorish influences just as he did. Exceptional drinks are a given as always, but we've dropped the pretension that's become ingrained in the

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Burnham Bridge Construction from page one

A pleased Council Member Lisa Goodman has told the CIDNA board that her office has received zero complaints about the project. CIDNA board chair Craig Westgate praises Engineering Technician Hassan Nur and Project Engineer Meseret Wolana for their availability and responsiveness to neighborhood concerns.

New bridge replaces two previous spans.

The Kenilworth Channel connecting Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles was officially opened on November 8, 1913, but the first vehicle bridge over the channel wasn't built until 1926. That bridge, a quaint wooden structure which looked better suited to a rural gravel road than to a major metropolitan area, lasted until 1961 when the city replaced it with the bridge which was taken down earlier this summer.

Much of what is now called Burnham Road was for several decades known as Cedar Lake Avenue, no doubt complicating the task of area residents trying to give visitors directions to their homes. The City Council passed an ordinance on May 11, 1934, changing the names of 25th Street west of Sheridan Avenue to Burnham Blvd. and Cedar Lake Avenue west from Burnham Blvd. to the Kenilworth Channel to Burnham Road. A small part of Xerxes west of the channel was included in the name change.

The Burnham Road Bridge over the freight tracks and the Kenilworth Trail has been two-way during construction this summer and will revert to one-way east-bound once the new channel bridge opens. Public Works officials say that although the freight/trail bridge is well able to handle two-way traffic, there are no plans under consideration to do so.



Hassan Nur (second from right), Department of Public Works engineering technician, met with Park Lane residents Fred and Gloria Sewell for an update on the Burnham Bridge replacement while Dale Murphy (left), Kraemer North America labor foreman, and DPW intern Bassam al-Mohamadi, a senior Civil Engineering student at MN State University/Mankato, listened in. Pleased with the bridge replacement, the Sewells said, "This is progress. This is good."
(Photo: Dorothy Childers. Caption: Michael Wilson)

(To read a history of the opening of the Kenilworth Channel, go to November 2013 on the "Past & Present Issues" page of <hillandlakepress.com>. For pictures of the two previous spans as well as some history of the Burnham Wood area, go to November 2014.)



Workers took advantage of perfect summer weather on July 21 to begin pouring 112 cubic yards of concrete onto the prestressed concrete beams and rebar of the deck of the new Burnham Road bridge. The concrete will require about seven days to cure. Kraemer NA hopes to complete the bridge by mid-August so that city crews can begin to rebuild short stretches of the roadway on both sides of the bridge. If all goes as planned, Public Works officials say the bridge could reopen October 1.

(Photo and caption: Michael Wilson)



Workers chatted with canoeists and paddle-boarders on the Kenilworth Channel while waiting for the next cement truck to arrive. Channel closures during construction have been minimal, and workers hope they can remove the wood framework supporting the rebar without closing the channel.

(Photo and caption: Michael Wilson)

Activity resumes at 3118 West Lake apartment site, but concerns soar over LRT south tunnel construction plans.

By Michael Wilson and Paul Petzsckke

Foundation work has resumed on the planned six-story, 164-unit Trammell Crow apartment building at 3118 West Lake Street, site of the former Tryg's restaurant in the southwest corner of the Cedar-Isles-Dean neighborhood. Construction was halted on May 18 when the high-frequency vibratory hammer sheet-pile driving technique was found to have caused significant damage to the Loop Calhoun condominiums next door and lesser – but more worrisome – damage to the Calhoun Isles Condominium towers on the other side of the Midtown Greenway.

The experience of Trammell Crow and its construction partners Big D, American Engineering Testing, and Braun Intertec is being watched closely because Southwest LRT engineers plan to use the same vibrato-

ry hammer sheet-pile driving technique to construct the LRT tunnel a few feet from the base of the Calhoun Isles towers and as close as 30 feet from the Cedar Lake Shores townhomes.

Loop Calhoun and Calhoun Isles residents and Cedar-Isles-Dean neighborhood officials have complimented Trammell Crow and its construction partners for responding immediately to reports of damage and for communicating collaboratively with nearby residents and the neighborhood. "In all honesty, they have been really cool about it," Loop homeowners association and CIDNA board vice-chair John Wessinger told the Southwest Journal.

The Met Council, on the other hand, adopted a dismissive attitude towards damage claims from residents

on and near Sunset Blvd. during the recent sewer force-main replacement project until a protest from the CIDNA board led them to relent. The Council's and the Southwest Project Office's current approach of community disengagement and their we-know-best attitude have made Kenilworth residents uneasy and alarmed about long-term impacts as well as construction harm resulting from SWLRT.

Vibratory hammers drive sheet pilings.

Big D, Trammell Crow's principal contractor, drove a limited number of "H" piles in early April before commencing trials using high-frequency vibratory hammers to install sheet piles 25 feet deep for the building's foundations – in a sense, wiggling them down into

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UP TO THE LAKE, AND MANAGING IT

By James P. Lenfestey

I write this on an island at the intersection of three of the five Great Lakes. Mackinac Island is generally pronounced mack-in-naw – a legacy of French speakers who didn't have the "ack" sound of the Anishinabe word Michillimackinac, Great Turtle, snapping turtle in real life. So I am on Turtle Island, as, metaphorically, are we all.

Before arriving here I visited my sister at the old family cottage on Green Bay. Some of the young neighbor kids went fishing as I did as a boy, for perch and "jumbo perch." They brought home instead a stringer of Round Gobies, a nasty invasive that eagerly takes bait, making it hard to catch good-eating game fish. (Do NOT throw them back!)

Here in the upper reaches of Lakes Michigan and Huron the delicious whitefish are getting smaller and smaller. A fish that has sustained human communities in this region for centuries is losing the war with zebra mussels, those half-inch razor blade invaders from the Caspian Sea (delivered inadvertently by freighters in ballast water, same as the goby) that filter out nutrient at the base of the food chain. Good news of sorts, Round Gobies eat zebra mussels (though sadly not enough to affect the population).

On the plus side, Coho salmon thrive in the deep, cold waters. Coho are not native, nor invasive, but planted by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in a desperate attempt to control the invasive Alewife, a small Atlantic herring that swam up the

Welland Canal in the 19th century and found plenty of food and few predators. They prospered, dying in 30 mile long rafts of bodies visible from the air when I was a boy, washing up in reeking dunes in Chicago and Milwaukee. Coho salmon love alewives, and now balance the population, creating a billion dollar sport fishing industry to boot.

Now if we can only keep invasive Asian carp out of the Great Lakes, which will destroy that balance.

Which reminds me of the sea lamprey, the terror of my childhood growing up on Green Bay. It also swam up the Welland Canal – which breached the natural barrier of Niagara Falls between the Atlantic ecosystem and the Great Lakes west of Lake Ontario. The Lamprey consists of a giant circular buzz saw mouth attached to an empty sock of a body. It grinds its teeth into the side of a fish (or human) and sucks the fluids, a super efficient killer. When I was a boy we buried dead fish up and down the bay shore with telltale circles on their sides. Once one fastened to the leg of a neighbor girl swimming in the bay.

Then in the 1950's the wizards at the Wisconsin DNR developed a species specific poison administered in the headwaters of streams where the eels spawn. The population plummeted and has been controlled ever since. Until now. The lamprey has developed a breeding population in the fast-flowing St. Mary's River connecting Superior and Huron. The war continues, now

with helicopters and GPS.

So what should we humans learn from these invasions and modifications of our Great Lakes? "Nature" does not exist. Only managed ecosystems – managed nature - exist.

So our human job is to manage ecosystems... the bison in Yellowstone, the wolf in northern Minnesota, the deer in the north woods, the forest invaded by Dutch elm beetles and the emerald ash borers, the waters infected with zebra mussels and gobies and alewives and sea lampreys. And the atmosphere, invaded by carbon dioxide, mercury and sulfates from the burning of fossil fuels.

We can do this. We have done it before.

The Abrahams among us will remember the sixth day as reported in the Book of Genesis: And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

The authors of Genesis got it right. There is no longer a creature on our beloved planet earth whose life is not in the palm of our hands. Yours and mine. We must take on this responsibility.

We have learned to manage the Great Lakes. Now we must manage the atmosphere. We can do it, if we will, if we believe.

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ACTIVITY RESUMES AT 3118 WEST LAKE SITE

place. The vibrations were felt immediately at Loop Calhoun, where a standard preconstruction “pre-existing conditions” survey had been done. “We felt the effects of construction in our space,” Loop Calhoun resident Greg Hoyt told the Southwest Journal. “The counters literally were vibrating.”

The preconstruction survey, however, had been thought unnecessary at Calhoun Isles, where the buildings sit about 180 feet from the construction site. Overlooked was the fact that the towers are converted 90-year-old grain silos with unusual ultra-thick concrete walls. The parking garage sits on deep concrete foundations. And concrete is a very effective vibration transmitter.

On July 6 Trammell Crow/Big D announced revised foundation plans using an “H” pile structural piling system. Under this method a 24-inch diameter hole is drilled with an auger and then filled with structural concrete as the drill bit is removed. The “H” pile is then hydraulically pressed into the structural concrete, which is then allowed to harden. The process repeats approximately every eight feet. Once the structural “H” piles are in place, additional drilling will be done between the piles to install a 24-inch concrete slurry piling so that below-ground construction can proceed.

Big D expects this approach to go on well into September before completion. Cedar-Isles-Dean residents familiar with construction management confirm that the project will cost Trammell Crow significantly more than anticipated because of construction delays and because the “H” piling system is considerably more expensive than the vibration sheet-piling system they started with – and which Southwest Project Office engineers plan to use for the south tunnel.

When questioned, top Project Engineers confidently assert that tunnel construction details are well in hand and guaranteed to be safe, with little likelihood of unforeseen costs. Residents are not so sure. The condo towers are covered with panels of stucco which heavy construction vibration could shake loose. The structural integrity of scores of balconies attached to the silos during conversion is another concern. And Project engineers can do little more than guess at what the underground footings of the towers look like since the original construction drawings no longer exist.

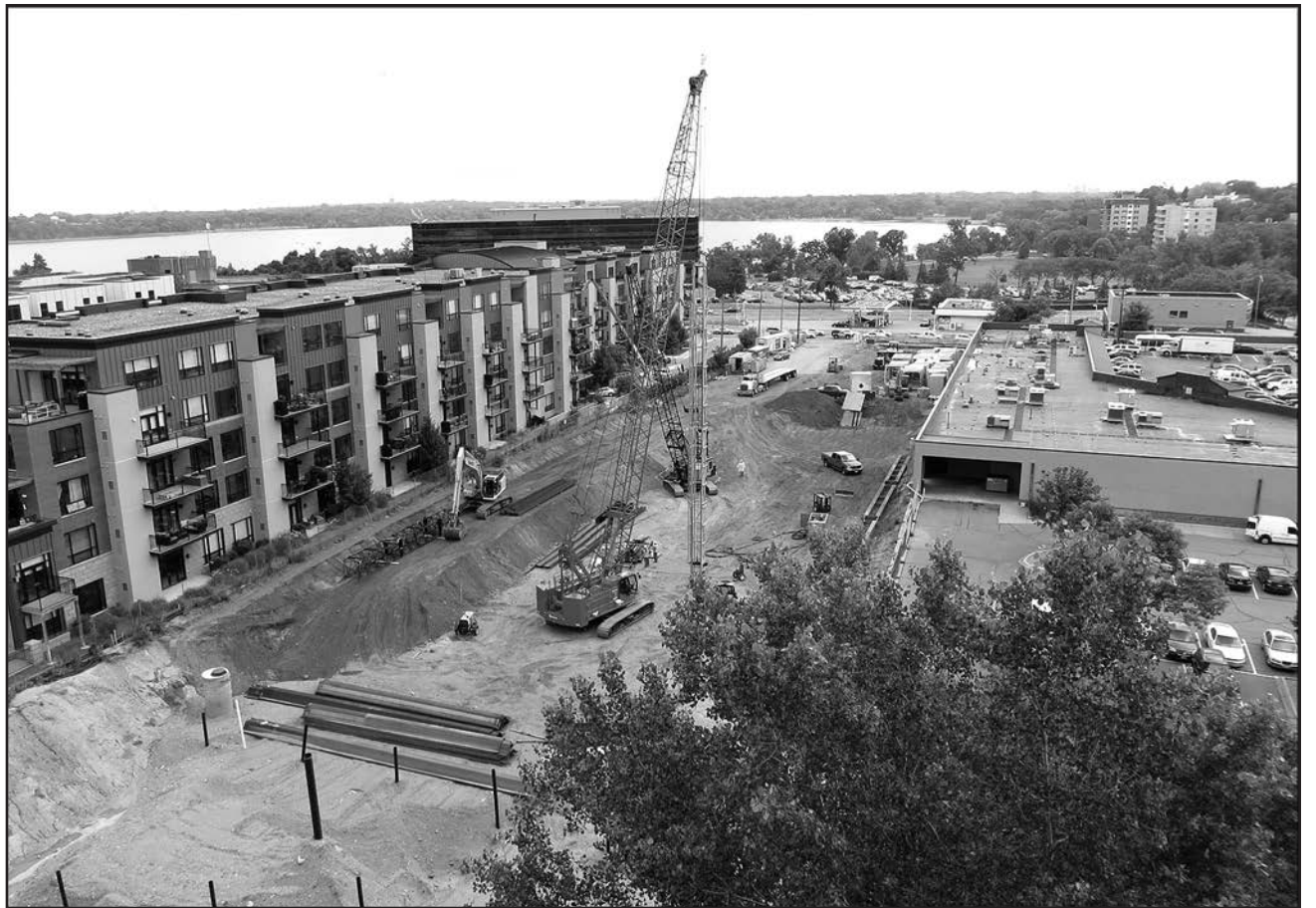
Current plans call for the freight track to be moved three feet closer to the Cedar Lake Shores townhomes during construction, coming as close as 16 feet from some units. The railroad, which is not under the thumb of the Met Council or Hennepin County, decided in late 2012 that the planned reroute through St. Louis Park was unsafe, and that determination resulted in freight remaining in Kenilworth. The railroad will no doubt cast a wary eye on the safety of the Project Office’s tunnel construction plans.

As an alternative to the high-frequency vibratory hammer technique, Project engineers state they could use a hydraulic “press-in” device to force the sheet pilings into the ground. Engineers from Trammell Crow’s construction partners indicate, however, that this “press-in” technique is more typical for harbor or waterway projects or for soft-soils conditions – none of which apply to the south tunnel site.

“A billion here, a billion there...”

After two months of sharpening pencils and looking under rocks for savings, the Met Council on July 8 voted to approve a slimmed-down Southwest LRT project pegged at \$1.74 billion – \$250 million less than the almost \$2 billion revised budget revealed in late April which left Gov. Mark Dayton “shocked” and “appalled” but still \$90 million more than the \$1.65 billion pre-April budget which planners had been told to get back to.

Almost all the cost-cutting occurred in the four suburbs through which the line will run. Project planners talked variously about cutting the Royalston, or Penn, or 21st Street stations, or eliminating vertical circulation at the West Lake station. Minneapolis officials took a hard line, forcefully reminding the Met Council and suburban members on the Corridor Management Committee that Minneapolis had already put \$30 million back into the project by agreeing last summer to elimination of the north tunnel, not to mention the enormous burden



Work is slowly resuming on the new Trammell-Crow apartment building on the former Tryg's restaurant site, here seen from the 10th floor of the Cedar-Isles Condominium towers. Construction methods used initially to drive sheet metal pilings caused significant vibration and some interior damage to nearby buildings, in particular to the Loop Calhoun condominiums immediately to the east. Residents of the Cedar-Isles Condominium towers and the Cedar Lake Shores townhomes are troubled Southwest LRT engineers plan to use the same construction methods on a far greater scale to construct the south tunnel in the Kenilworth Corridor.

(Photo and caption: Michael Wilson)

the city has been forced to shoulder due to co-location of freight and LRT.

The one hit which the city took was elimination of the \$12-million bike-pedestrian bridge over the TW&C and BNSF freight rail tracks and the SW light rail tracks at the north end of the Kenilworth Trail where it merges into the Cedar Lake Trail. Riders on the Cedar Lake Trail, a heavily-used bike commuter thoroughfare into and out of downtown, will need to wait for trains to pass, just as motorists need to do several times daily on Cedar Lake Parkway.

Two major funding hurdles loom for SWLRT. Staring planners in the face is the need to secure the state’s ten percent share of the now-\$1.74 billion project. Anticipating that the 2016 legislative session, with the House controlled once again by Republicans, will be no more receptive to vast new outlays for transit and transportation than the 2015 or 2014 sessions were, the Met Council is talking about issuing “Certificates of Participation” as a fallback measure. This maneuver – a financing mechanism to receive funds in exchange for future revenue, similar to bonding – has been vigorously challenged by Rep. Tim Kelly (R-Red Wing), chair of the House Transportation Committee and an opponent of SWLRT.

A second challenge is bound to occur as the project reaches and passes the 40% engineering mark and additional cost overruns inevitably emerge. The challenge of safely constructing the south tunnel and the cost of cleaning up extensive soil and groundwater contamination along the Kenilworth rail corridor and at the site of the former Cedar Lake Yards (see Hill & Lake Press, June 2015) are but two examples. Suburban and county officials and project planners appeared to be scraping the bottom of the barrel to deal with \$341 million in cost overruns during May and June. Where additional revenue or cuts would come from is anyone’s guess.

Hill and Lake residents of a certain age will remember Everett Dirksen, the silver-haired, golden-throated liberal Republican senator from Illinois and minority leader of the Senate in the 1960s, who famously said, “A billion here, a billion there,” adding (as tradition would have it), “pretty soon you’re talking real money.” At \$1.74 billion Southwest LRT has surpassed the combined \$1.645 billion cost of the new Twins and Vikings stadiums, with enough left over to cover most of the cost of a new MLS soccer stadium. And the New

Horizons spacecraft’s astounding three billion mile trip to Pluto has cost a mere \$700 million.

Supplemental DEIS responses submitted.

Several neighborhood groups as well as individual Hill and Lake residents submitted detailed responses to the Supplemental Draft Environment Impact Statement by the July 21 deadline, as this issue of Hill & Lake Press was being sent to the printer. Collectively and individually the responses reflect an astounding level of commitment and knowledge on the part of many of our friends and neighbors who have chosen to examine and challenge this project’s assumptions and assertions, often finding along the way that the project rests on some shaky foundations.

Go to the following websites in the next several days to read your friends’ and neighbors’ SDEIS responses. You’ll be impressed!

Cedar-Isles Dean: <cidna.org>

Kenwood: <kenwoodminneapolis.org>

LRT Done Right: <lrtldoneright.org>

Minneapolis Park Board: <minneapolisparcs.org>.

The Met Council announced on July 8 that a new round of municipal consent votes will be held in the five cities along the route as well as in Hennepin County. Hill and Lake activists plan to use the public comment sessions as yet another venue for highlighting the many questionable underpinnings of this project. Go to any of the websites listed above for details on municipal consent hearings and on ways to get informed and get involved.

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Meet your Neighbor from page three

sand upon the waters

By Tom H. Cook

current cocktail scene. Whatever your drink of choice, whether a craft cocktail, classic Aviation, dirty vodka martini, craft brew or decadent wine, it's delivered quickly in a kind and welcoming environment.

Any favorite food and beverage items that are a must-try? Our Executive Chef Blake Meier is so amazingly talented, one really can't go wrong, but if I was forced to pick, my favorites are the Chickpea Batter Cauliflower Fritters in dill feta sauce, the Beef Carpaccio with miso grain mustard, the "Blackened" Salmon Panzanella and without a doubt, the Ricotta Cheesecake with honey, spiced hazelnut, phyllo and orange blossom. For drinks, the Amazing Cactus and House of Hard Knox are two of my go-to favorites.

Where did you originally open Bradstreet and why did you move it to the Hill Lake area? We originally opened Bradstreet in the Graves 601 back in 2009. We're proud to be known for bringing the craft cocktail movement to Minnesota. When the hotel sold last summer, I insisted we keep the Bradstreet brand because it was so near and dear to my heart. The Lowry Hill location is perfect, because it allows us to expand our neighborhood focus with seating for nearly 130, and a much larger kitchen allows for a stronger focus on food and an expansive dining menu.

Do you have outdoor seating? Yes! Thank God, right? We're Minnesotans after all. Our patio opens at 3:30 everyday. It has been so popular additional tables have been ordered so that the space can be expanded.

What are your hours? 3:30 pm - 2:00 am daily with Happy Hour food and drink specials from 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm and 10:00 pm - 1:00 am daily

Blessed are the forgetful, for they get the better even of their blunders.

—Friedrich Nietzsche

If you wish to forget anything on the spot, make a note that this thing is to be remembered.

—Edgar Allan Poe

Right now I'm having amnesia and déjà vu at the same time. I think I have forgotten this before.

—Steven Wright

I am not perfect. As an opening line this is not up there with Dickens' "It was the best of times," Melville's "Call me Ishmael" or even "It was a dark and stormy night," but it did get your attention. My follies, foibles and slothful habits are well documented (see HLP 1985-present) or have a brief conversation with JoAnne (wife/editor) or any of the dwindling number of people who grudgingly admit to some shared level of friendship.

Around the house I have always considered myself a gazelle, frolicking from room to room, not creating a stir or upsetting the order of things. In my mind I put the top back on the toothpaste, refold the newspaper after reading, and place my empty tea cup in the dishwasher. I see myself as a good person because my religion preaches that while we are all God's children, He/She grades on a curve. As long as I can stay ahead of the troubled people who appear on reality television or hold political office, I am fine. I do, however, have a

quirk known as "The Glitch."

"The Glitch" is a lifetime malady not related to being in the prime of my senility. It is this: I clearly imagine myself completing a simple task, such as making a peanut butter sandwich. I picture myself replacing the lid on the jar. I have done this literally thousands of times. (I am old and I really like peanut butter.) When someone, usually the editor, finds the open jar, I am baffled and at a loss to explain why it is missing.

Sitting at my desk, I see a wadded up Visa bill under a chair on the other side of the room. I distinctly remember the shot I launched with 00:04 seconds left in the half (a rainbow sky hook from 9 feet out) that nestled into the wastepaper basket. The crowd went wild, and then I returned to bill paying. However, there on the floor is the balled up paper mocking me. I also imagine and remember putting dirty clothes found under the bed into the hamper, shutting open cupboards, and turning off lights before bed. The Glitch tells me I have done these things because on countless occasions I have.

Never mind my carbon footprint; someone is leaving muddy ones on the living room carpet although I distinctly remember checking my shoes before coming in. My "come to Jesus" moment came a few weeks ago when the editor was in Minneapolis for a weaving conference. With no one to blame, I began to notice how many jobs were partially completed despite my clear recollection to the contrary. Dinner dishes I washed carefully took on grease and chunks of food overnight!

The Internet, a fairly good resource for many questions, is strangely silent on "The Glitch." After ruling out that I am distracted, lazy, careless, or preoccupied, what remains is a mystery.

Tom H. Cook still feels like a Minnesotan. If everyone who visits him in southern California brings the TSA-permitted three ounces of liquid, his lawn will still die.

Go green, go paperless and fall into fun! Recreation center activity guides offers details about activities, leagues and events. **Registration begins July 29 at 12pm. More than just something to do.** Give your kids the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive! Kids will create a lifetime of memories, actively engage in activities and exercise, expand interest, meet friends and have fun in the summer sun! **Build your bucket list**The options for adventure are endless...Field trips to your kids favorite destinations>Create a gingerbread house*Brush up on art history with a hands-on program*Party yourself in shape at Zumba*Learn a new instrument*Make it a playdate at Preschool Drop-In Playtime*Register for everyone's favorite classes. **Registration for fall activities begins July 29 at 12pm.** For more information stop in or call your local [recreation center](#).

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THE SCHUTT HOUSE GARDEN PARTY
By J Pam Weiner, Friends' Board president

On Thursday June 25th, the Friends of the Wild Flower Garden held a fundraiser in the lovely James Avenue home and gardens of Mark Addicks and Tom Hoch. Multiple perennial beds, flowering shrubs, water features, and colorful annuals and vegetables delighted the gardening crowd. A delicious buffet and elegant beverages were also much enjoyed. While the Friends have been the support and advocacy group in service to the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary in SE Wirth Park for over 60 years, Mark and

Tom's beautiful property has an even older historical connection to the Wildflower Garden and the first Gardeners.

In 1897, Mendon Schutt built the house for his bride Clarissa, who was a friend of Eloise Butler. The Schutts are known to have supplied the 'Wild Gardener', as EB was referred to in the press at the time, with plants for her "Botanic Garden" from their farm in Eden Prairie Township near the confluence of Purgatory Creek and the Minnesota River. Later, during Martha Crone's tenure as Gardener, their daughter Elizabeth Schutt was an early Friends' member and volunteer at the Garden. Upon her death, the Friends were included in her will as recipients of an annual gift from the family foundation. This generous act was like a prediction of the very magnanimous hosting provided by Mark and Tom for the lovely evening enjoyed by 235 people last month. Tickets and auction items brought in funds for Garden

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projects, and many people were introduced to the Garden and the Friends for the first time.

The 15 acre Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary, the oldest public wildflower garden in the country, is owned and operated by the MPRB. Open and free from April into October, it is comprised of cultivated but naturalistic woodland, wetland and prairie environments, 2/3 mile of wood-chipped pathways and the rustic Martha Crone Shelter where educational programming and materials can be found. It is a wonderful place to learn about Minnesota's native plants and natural environments while enjoying a respite from the nearby city. Guided walks, tours and classes on plants, birds and ecology are offered by trained naturalists. More information and background on the Garden and the Friends can be found at our website: www.friendsofeloisebutler.org. There you will also find plant profiles, archives of our publication The Fringed Gentian and information about our projects, volunteer programs and membership options.

Presently at the Garden, Phase I of the new Wetland Boardwalk is just completed, affording visitors safe and attractive passage through this fragile and precious part
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Guests at the Schutt House Garden Party listen to remarks from Susan Wilkins, Garden Curator of the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden & Bird Sanctuary. Photo by Dorothy Childers



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EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EIRA)

By John Louis, Recorder

East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA)

Minutes from the EIRA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting July 14th, 2015 GraceTrinity Community Church

Board members present (6 of 11): Andrew Degerstrom (President), Nicole EngelNitz (Secretary), Pete Mason, Nancy Johnston, Bill Elwood and Jasna Hadzic. Other East Isles residents and invited guests were also in attendance.

Andrew Degerstrom called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

- Lunch with Lisa will not take place in July. It will resume August 26th
- Giordano's Pizza will be opening at 2700 Hennepin Ave on July 15th.
- Proposed changes to the Late Night Entertainment policy would let businesses with special late-night food licenses continue offering entertainment after 2 a.m. Council Member Goodman does not believe that this will cause any problems, or that many businesses are actually interested in the proposed changes to the current policy.
- The City of Minneapolis is going to begin posting information on Nextdoor.com. This site is a great neighborhood resource for a wide variety of things.

Open Forum

- A resident inquired whether or not a permit was needed to have a storage pod on the street, and if so, how long can storage pods be on a city street? Staff will look into this and report back next month.
- The City passed its Parking Reform measure. The EIRA Board does not see this as immediately affecting East Isles neighborhood.
- The annual East Isles Ice Cream Social will take Thursday, July 30th from 6-9pm in Joanne Levin Triangle Park. It will feature treats, bounce house, petting zoo, face painting, live music from East Isles resident Michael Gold Jazz Trio and more! Volunteers are needed for short shifts. Please contact Amy Sanborn at events@eastisles.org to help.

Nominations Committee

The committee is looking for more members. Please email the EIRA Coordinator John Louis, coordinator@eastisles.org if you would like to get involved.

President's Report

The new EIRA Treasurer has been added to the bank accounts. The accounts are now up to date.

Quickbooks online is now being used, the President, Staff and Treasurer are currently testing out how best to use it.

EIRA has not switched over to Google Apps yet.

The ownership of the web domain needs to be switched over to EIRA staff. Staff is working on this.

The EIRA public storage unit cost has increased, and needs to be paid on a month-to-month basis. The storage company ownership has changed over in the past year. The EIRA Board will look into the possibility of finding a new, cheaper option.

Portions of a statement given by the Board President were recently featured in the SW Journal relating to NCR's recent Draft Proposal for Unspent NRP Funds. Below is his statement in full:

"The City is doing the right thing by moving forward with this review of NRP funds. City funding of neighborhood organizations is a privilege. It is up to the neighborhood organizations to spend that money in a timely manner that best advances city and neighborhood goals, and that benefits the community as a whole. There are extenuating circumstances that are making it difficult for some neighborhoods to spend their NRP funds, and these guidelines for the most part take these into consideration. Since our Phase II plan is less than seven years old, East Isles will not be required to submit any plan to the City or complete a neighborhood review to reevaluate our strategies. However, we can do a better job on spending down our funds, and it is something that we have been making progress and will continue to work on in the next year."

Board Review

Comments on "Blueprint for Equitable Engagement" draft report from Neighborhood & Community Relations

An EIRA meeting was organized in early May to discuss the NCR "Draft for Equitable Engagement." NCR has extended the comment period for the plan to August 15, and the Board would like staff to organize another meeting to discuss final comments that will then be presented for approval at the August EIRA Board Meeting.

Attorney General Annual Report

The AG Report was reviewed by the Board before being submitted. The Board approved AG Report.

1800 Lake HVAC Upgrade and Installation

The tenant of what was formerly JJ's would like to remodel and rebrand. They previously had a limited menu, but would like to introduce a full menu into the space. They are planning to update to a professional kitchen and need to install an HVAC system to be up to code. The HVAC ducts would run up east side of the building and would be clad in the same materials that are currently on the outside of the building. The HVAC ducts would run up above the current stairwell tower on the roof by 58 inches, but would still be shorter than the elevator shaft, which is near the center of the roof.

The Board approved to support the HVAC Upgrade and installation.

Membership Requirements

The Board is looking into updating EIRA's membership requirements and process to be more inclusive accessible. Changes do require amending the bylaws. This discussion will happen over the next few months. Staff has been directed to look into other Minneapolis neighborhood organization membership requirements and report back to the Board next month.

Policy Granting EIRA President authority to approve expenditures of \$500 or less

The President gave the history of the policy, and noted that it is reviewed on a yearly basis. The Board approved the renewal of the policy and that it continue to be renewed on a yearly basis.

SemiAnnual Meeting

The Board discussed locations for the EIRA Semi-Annual Meeting in October, and possible speakers and agenda topics. The Board is looking into the possibility of having the Theater of Public Policy perform at the event.

EIRA Social Media

The President has set up an EIRA Twitter account and is seeking Board approval to activate it. The Board approved activating the EIRA Twitter account.

Board Retreat

The Board is looking to schedule a Board retreat during the fall. The President will send out a Doodle poll to Board members to sign up.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p. m.

If consistent with EIRA Bylaws, and where the availability of a public document or report in electronic forms exists, copies of EIRA Board agenda items may be obtained by an EIRA member by contacting coordinator@eastisles.org. The next meeting is Tuesday, August 11th, 2015, 7 p.m. at GraceTrinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th Street.

East Isles Green Team Super Sale '15

Want to do some "clearing and cleaning" of closets, attics and garages? Get started by organizing your "stuff" for the 4th Annual East Isles Super Sale on Saturday, September 12 from 9 am to 3 pm. Last year residents hosted over 40 yard sales. This is a great opportunity to have fun, mingle with neighbors and make a little cash too. Submit your Super Sale Registration Form by August 14 for our \$5 early bird special. The Super Sale team will do all the rest to promote, organize, and draw customers. This includes your own yard sign, a listing in this year's shopper's map, and free pickup of unsold items after the sale. Cut out and complete the sale registration on page two of this issue of the Hill & Lake Press or go to the East Isles Residents Association website at <http://eastisles.org/EIRA/>. Return instructions are included in the form. In addition, download "Ten Tips for a Super Sale!" Questions? Contact EIRA's new coordinator, John Louis, at coordinator@eastisles.org or 612-743-6882.

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of the Garden. At the northern portion of this installation, nearest to Eloise's beloved Mallard Pool, is the new bridge-like walkway, which will be dedicated in honor of Cary George, the fourth Gardener, who served from 1987-2003 and whose devotion to the Garden's wetland was similar to that of the founder. On Sunday September 20th from 3-5 pm there will be a Boardwalk Celebration at the Garden with short speeches and light refreshments. Directions, parking information and more details can be found on the website. And remember, just 15 minutes from Isles there's a native plant preserve that conveys the experience of being deep in the natural world. Do come visit!!

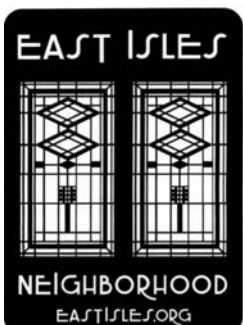
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The East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA) invites and encourages participation by every resident to each event organized by EIRA. Should you require an accommodation in order to fully participate please contact us at coordinator@eastisles.org or 612-743-6882 at least five days before an EIRA sponsored event.

CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (CIDNA)

By Monica Smith, Recorder

CIDNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES, July 8, 2015

The meeting was held at Jones-Harrison Residence. Board members in attendance: Chair Craig Westgate, Vice Chair John Wessinger, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Leila Brammer, Barbara Lunde, Sarah Kennedy McCoy, James Reid, and Mike Wilson. Land Use Committee Chair Bob Corrick was also in attendance.

Staff: Monica Smith

Chair Craig Westgate called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Announcements

Planning Commission public hearing: July 20, 4:30 pm at City Hall to amend regulations to convert existing buildings to single- and two-family homes in high density zoning districts.

Community Development & Regulatory Services Committee public meeting: July 14, 1:30 p.m. at City Hall to consider amending the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances related to special late night food licenses. If approved, restaurants with on-sale liquor, wine or beer license may provide entertainment after 2:00 a.m. if they have a special late night food license.

NRP/CPP Report, Monica Smith

CIDNA's tree grant program has been revised to better align with city policies.

The raingarden project has been completed. The grant from Minnehaha Creek Watershed District was received. CIDNA's total expenditure for the program was \$2,485.

The next committee meeting is July 17, 3:30 p.m. at Rustica. The next gardening day at Park Siding Park is July 25, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Midtown Greenway Coalition, Mike Wilson

The Greenway Glow on June 20 was very successful. The Midtown Greenway Coalition is working with the city to remove the black chain link fence on the south side of the Greenway to allow better access.

Tour de Fat will be held on July 25 and is the Coalition's major fundraiser of the year.

Land Use & Development Committee, Bob Corrick

The Planning Commission approved the Ackerberg Group's Registered Land Survey to re-divide the existing tracts within the building located at 3100 W Lake St.

Greystar project: The pile driving is now complete, as is the groundwater pumping from the construction of the elevator shaft.

Trammel Crow project: Construction is expected to resume soon with a new construction technique ("H" pile structural piling system). Trammel Crow is working to fix damage caused to the Loop Condominiums.

CIDNA will work on a resolution regarding construction methods for Southwest LRT in light of the damage caused by Trammel Crow.

Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

Lunch with Lisa is not held in July. The next event is August 26.

A variance was approved to reduce minimum front yard requirements at 3404 St Paul Ave to allow a deck.

Hennepin County is offering Hazardous Waste Collection Events: July 9-11: 340 27th Ave NE and

August 20-22: Public Works Garage, 3607 44th St E. Details at www.hennepin.us/collectionevents

The city will be using the social network website NextDoor to disseminate information to residents but will not be taking feedback on the site (use 911 or 311 to communicate back to the city).

Cedar Lake Parkway will be resurfaced this summer. The parkway will be closed between Brownie Lake and I-394 for a 10-day period in late summer.

I-394 will be resurfaced between Hwy 100 and downtown Minneapolis (in both directions). Construction begins July 10.

Hennepin/Lyndale reconstruction: utility work begins this summer.

Transportation, Craig Westgate

On July 8th, Metropolitan Council approved the scope and budget for the revisions to Southwest LRT. Municipal consent will be needed for all cities along the line and Hennepin County. All of the Minneapolis stations will be built but the bicycle bridge at Penn Station was eliminated. The landscaping in the Kenilworth Corridor remains in the budget because it was included in the Memorandum of Understanding.

Section 106: the SWLRT Project Office has broken down the Grand Rounds into individual components and is asserting that LRT will not impact the Grand Rounds as a whole.

Comments for the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) are due on July 21. CIDNA's comments for the SDEIS are not yet complete. The CIDNA Board approved a motion to electronically review and approve CIDNA's comments before the deadline.

CIDNA will also work on a resolution regarding connectivity and construction methods for Southwest LRT.

Pedestrian and Bike Safety Committee, Barbara Lunde

The committee is working on scheduling a public

meeting with elected officials to address concerns about pedestrian and vehicle safety around Lake St/Excelsior Blvd. Barbara Lunde requested comments on when the public meeting should be scheduled.

Construction projects on Lake St are encroaching on the public sidewalks making it difficult for pedestrians. CIDNA's Land Use Committee will address the issue with developers of current and future projects.

Cedar Lake South Beach Redesign

The second meeting for future improvements to South Beach was held on June 16 and three design options were presented. Feedback was also received via an online survey. The final meeting will be July 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Jones-Harrison Residence and will feature the preferred concept, materials and costs. Go to www.minneapolis.org and search "Cedar Lake South Beach Improvements" for more detailed information.

Calhoun/Harriet Community Advisory Committee

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) to create a new master plan for Lakes Calhoun and Harriet will begin meeting this month. CAC meetings: July 21 and July 28, 6:30 p.m. at Jones-Harrison Residence. The first Open House will be July 30, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, 3450 Irving Ave S.

Uptown Community Engagement, Monica Smith

Neighborhoods and business associations are coming together to find ways to address common issues in the greater Uptown area. The Uptown Association hired a facilitator to lead a series of three meetings. The final meeting will be July 29 to plan next steps. Rosanne Halloran will attend on behalf of CIDNA.

Blueprint for Equitable Engagement, Monica Smith

Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR)

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issued a draft policy to clarify the role and expectations of neighborhood organizations with measurable performance standards. Informational meetings will be held on July 14 and August 11. Comments on the policy are due August 14.

Bylaws Insight, Rosanne Halloran

The IRS and the city have policies for neighborhood organizations relating to elections of public officials. Neighborhood organizations may not act in ways that support or oppose a candidate. Neighborhoods may organize candidate forums, take positions on ballot initiatives and work on voter registration. For more information about the policies, go to:

www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/www/groups/public/@ncr/documents/webcontent/wcms1p-128284.pdf

New Business

The 2015 Fall Festival will be Sunday, October 11.

Park Board meetings continue for two topics (for more information, go to www.minneapolisparcs.org/closingthegap):

RecQuest – Vision for the next generation of Park Board's recreation centers (facilities and programming) to form a 30-year investment strategy.

Closing the Gap – Reviewing funding gaps specifically for neighborhood parks.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday, August 12, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison.

Note to CIDNA residents: sign up for our monthly e-newsletter by sending a request to info@cidna.org.

Learn to Swim

Being able to swim is an important skill for every child to have. Thanks to local non-profit People for Parks' generous \$5,000 swimming lesson scholarships, Minneapolis youth in need can take swimming lessons for only \$5!

Scholarships pay for \$45 of the \$50 class price for low-income families and are available on a first come, first served basis. Classes are held at Lupient Water Park, Wirth and Nokomis Beaches and are available for the July 6-17, July 2-31 or Aug. 3-14 sessions.

Interested families can call 612-767-6892 or email swimlessons@peopleforparks.net for more information and to register.

Individuals interested in providing a swimming lesson to a youth in need can donate online at the www.peopleforparks.net website. Click on the red donate button. Scholarship Specifics: Dave Cowan, Executive Director, People for Parks, dave@peopleforparks.org 612-767-6892

CIDNA Resident Exhibits at JCC



An exhibition titled "The Waters of Creation" is now on display at the Jewish Community Center, 4330 South Cedar Lake Road, until the closing reception and event on August 16 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. The works of over 30 artists are represented in this show. Shown here: Carolyn Light Bell with her photograph of the blue Pacific Ocean titled "My Sister Taught Me to Swim." For more information: www.sabesjcc.org Photo: Dorothy Childers

KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION

by Shawn Smith

July 2015 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA Board met July 6th, 2015 at Kenwood Rec Center

Chair Jeanette Colby called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Jeanette Colby, Larry Moran, Jack Levi, Mike Bono, Jim Gilroy, Ed Pluimer, Josine Peters, Angie Erdrich, Shawn Smith (minute taker).

Others present: Lisa Goodman, Matt Spies (ECLB Subcommittee and KIAA Board Member-Elect), Jean Deatrack, and 2 other neighbors

Opening Business

Jeanette Colby nominated Matt Spies to the board and his appointment was approved unanimously.

City of Minneapolis Update – CM Lisa Goodman

The next Lunch with Lisa will be August 26th. Topic is TBD and Lisa is seeking input on ideas of broad interest to the ward.

NextDoor Kenwood will be increasingly used by the city for announcements and crime alerts, so neighbors are encouraged to sign up for the site.

There was a general discussion regarding street paving and repair. Lisa encourages neighbors to call 3-1-1 to report any potholes in need of fill. Major repaving for roads in need of repair could result in a potentially significant tax assessment for property owners on the street repaired.

Because of the buffer zone around parkland, it was emphasized that feral cats are not allowed in much of the Kenwood neighborhood, and should be reported to animal control.

Financial Report/Bylaws – Ed Pluimer

Year end financial recaps were circulated to KIAA board members prior to the July meeting. The balance sheet will be attached to the CPP annual report to be sent to the city. KIAA fiscal year runs from June 1 to May 31 due to the timing of the election of the board in May.

KIAA bylaws have not been updated in several years. Ed offered to chair a subcommittee to review where updates should be made to allow more relevant communication methods, eg allowing electronic communication vs by US Mail.

CPP Annual Report – Mike Bono

Jeanette moved that the KIAA 2014 CPP Annual report be approved and sent to the city, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Dinkytown Historic Commercial Preservation – Jeanette Colby

The city is voting July 10th regarding preservation of the Dinkytown business district. KIAA will circulate the letter from the preservation group should Kenwood residents wish to show support. KIAA will not file a formal support with the city but voted to send a state-

ment to the City Council in support of the Marcy Holmes Neighborhood Association (Dinkytown) in its adherence to its neighborhood small area plan. Small area plans are developed with broad community input and may put parameters on developers to preserve neighborhood history and aesthetics.

Uptown Neighborhoods Working Group (UNWG) – Josine Peters

Per UNWG request, Josine attended the recent meeting of the working group and will provide input into the decisions and discussions related to the Uptown neighborhood.

Kenwood Raingardens Project – Angie Erdrich

The installations of raingardens in Kenwood continue to have interest in the neighborhood and Angie will continue to provide input and updates to Metro Blooms and KIAA. 20 Residences are approved to be funded by Metro Blooms and KIAA.

East Cedar Lake Beach Update – Matt Spies

Log Rolling continues to be a popular event – future dates will be announced on NextDoor Kenwood. Open Water Swimming, sponsored by YWCA, is rolling out this summer.

Pledges have been raised for \$1350 to fund a pop-up Adventure Park, 3 events to occur this summer. Matt requested \$750 in funding from KIAA to reach the goal of \$3000 and for a fund to be established to be administered by KIAA to house the funding as it is collected. Jeanette so moved and the motion passed unanimously.

Crime and Safety – Chief Ohotto provided an update in advance of the meeting that crime is down from prior years. There are still some incidents that have required police response but of less frequency and severity vs prior summers. Ed Pluimer reminded the board that \$8K was allocated for increased police patrols this summer. KIAA will continue to evaluate the effectiveness of the expenditure.

The next ECLB subcommittee meeting will be July 14th at Kenwood Rec Center and will be published on NextDoor Kenwood.

SWLRT Supplementary Draft EIS Response – Shawn Smith

The SDEIS response was submitted to the board for review prior to the meeting. There was a general discussion regarding edits related to construction impacts, property values. Angie moved to approve the response with amendments, and the motion passed unanimously. The amendments to increase the focus on the response relating to construction short term impacts (noise, vibration, road damage). The KIAA response will be submitted to the Met Council, and a response will be requested, by the July 21st deadline.

Investing in Neighborhood Parks/Closing the Gap – Josine Peters

The Minneapolis Park and Rec Board is conducting neighborhood hearings through late September to discuss the current state of Minneapolis Parks and those in need of repairs that may have been deferred. Please see the Minneapolis Park and Rec Board for dates on upcoming hearings. You can also email closingthegap@minneapolisparcs.org for information and input.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Jeanette Colby at 8:30 p.m.

Updates: If you are interested in receiving monthly email updates, please email us at kiaa55405@gmail.com. Also please visit our website at kenwoodminneapolis.org to learn more. If you are interested in participating on the Board, please contact us.

The next Kenwood Isles Area Association Board meeting is Monday, August 3rd from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Recreation Center. Monthly meetings are held on the first calendar Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. 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

LRT-DONE RIGHT RESPONSE COVER LETTER

2782 Dean Parkway Minneapolis, MN 55416, July 21, 2015. Nani Jacobson, Assistant Director, Environmental and Agreements Metro Transit — Southwest LRT Project Office 6465 Wayzata Blvd, Suite 500, St. Louis Park, MN 55426.

Dear Ms. Jacobson:

LRT-Done Right is a grassroots organization of some 500 Minneapolis residents and taxpayers who have conducted exhaustive research and advocacy on the effects of light rail transit and freight lines on community wellbeing. We hereby submit to you our comments on the Southwest LRT Supplemental Draft EIS. They are the product of literally thousands of volunteer hours of research, analysis, and writing. As citizens of Minneapolis and the Metro area, we hope and expect that they will receive appropriate respect, attention, and response.

The 2012 Draft Environmental Impact Statement clearly recommended that the best course of action was to relocate freight out of the Kenilworth Corridor.

This position was reversed in 2013, and the Metropolitan Council's recommendation is now to "co-locate" freight and light rail in the Kenilworth Corridor. We consider this a significant breach of public trust and the low point of a deeply flawed planning process. We are an organization that seeks to represent concerns of those most impacted by this unfortunate decision.

The current Supplementary Draft Environmental Impact Statement is partly intended to assess the impact of co-location in the Kenilworth Corridor. It fails to do so on many levels, summarized in the following points:

First, it considers the temporary freight rail part of the existing condition. Freight rail service that runs through the corridor would be both upgraded and made permanent; this is a new project that needs a full analysis. Because new permanent freight infrastructure is being added to the corridor, all visual, noise, vibration, safety and other environmental impacts should be measured from a basis of no freight and no light rail.

Second, this SDEIS is silent on the safety implications of locating freight trains carrying hazardous materials through an urban environment within feet of homes, parks, trails, passenger trains, and live overhead electrical wires. The new and serious impacts created by this situation would continue to grow as transport of

ethanol and other volatile materials expands and freight trains grow longer.

Third, this SDEIS is significantly flawed in its findings regarding environmental impact, safety concerns, and disturbance of

livability, if not outright danger, to those living within a half mile of the route, which we will refer to as the "Blast Zone." This is a real issue that was not as prevalent in the news when the alignment was first proposed. In the context of current discussions regarding the increased number of freight accidents across the United States and Minnesota, we are seriously concerned about the safety of families and loved ones who would live in a Blast Zone surrounding ethanol trains and sparking LRT wires.

Fourth, we are disturbed by the promises of unspecified remediation activities found throughout the SDEIS. As the Department of the Interior says in its Handbook on Departmental Review of Section 4(f) Evaluations: "Reviewers are alerted that a general statement indicating that the sponsor will comply with all federal, state, and local standards and specifications to minimize harm is not acceptable.... Reviewers should make sure that all possible site-specific planning has been done to identify and list the measures which will be undertaken, at project expense, to minimize harm to Section 4(f) properties." Such general promises are not acceptable to the federal government. Nor are they acceptable to us.

Finally, the SDEIS fails to address the significant costs associated with the many design and construction, safety, and environmental remedies that it will, based on our assessment, be required to implement — the relocation of a sewer force main that the Met Council installed only months ago, and sound and vibration remediation measures for area residents are but two. Nor does it recognize long-term costs of lost property tax revenue that would erode the tax base of the City of Minneapolis in perpetuity. We estimate that these combined costs would initially total at least \$13 million to \$24 million, and much more over the years.

When Hennepin County and the Met Council chose the present route for SWLRT between the Chain of Lakes through the Kenilworth Corridor — including "co-location," thus making the temporary freight rail permanent — they accepted the responsibility to respect the natural and built environments that it travels through as well as the people who bicycle, walk, recreate, and live there. LRTDR does not see evidence that this responsibility has been taken as seriously as necessary and the following pages, which respond to specific elements of the SDEIS, articulate some of the reasons why.

Mary Pattock, On behalf of LRT-Done Right

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LETTERS

To the Editor: City Council and Soccer

After a bruising budget fight in our legislature recently, it was disturbing to read that the Minneapolis City Council has put together a group to study the prospects for, and give a boost to, a Soccer Stadium. Gee, must be nice to be a billionaire and have total access to the powers that be. As a tax paying citizen I sure wish I had that. As that tax payer, I watch the autism program get cut, \$30,000 cut from the deaf program (chump change really) education barely getting what it needs, Minnesota health insurance struggling to survive, seemingly endless fights over financing progressive transportation needs while preschool education is unachievable, and on and on. The U.S is presently suffering from the least amount of revenue collection in 60 years. It is pure greed and insanity to propose that 3 billionaires be allowed to take prime city land, build a stadium on it and then pay NO TAXES on that land in perpetuity, depriving city and state residents of the desperately needed revenue. Any one of these billionaires could build this stadium by himself and not make a dent in his portfolio. That these three men want tax subsidies from the citizens is reprehensible. You know of course, there's a simple way to achieve this stadium: all costs and taxes are to be paid by the billionaires. Now that's not hard, is it? They're going to reap all the benefits of profit so let them pay for all of it without a nickel of desperately needed city and state revenue.

Claire Auckenthaler, Uptown and former East Isles resident.

Dear Jean:

Thank you for being so generous with the column inches given to friends of Thomas Lowry Park and the remembrance of Barb Fogel. Your kindness is much appreciated.

Barry Lazarus Lowry Hill

Dear LHNA,

Thank You for the opportunity to feel just like I did in fifth grade, walking into the dance by myself.

The gym (The absolutely gorgeous park) was lovely. The band rocked (such a cute little trio playing by the water)! Good choice on the food (Ice Cream). The guests were all there ahead of me (family stuff you know....) and I had forgotten how special it is to enter a place where everyone knows someone else.

My kids are so funny and smart, I am funny and smart, I bring people's lost dogs home to them, I keep my yard and garden neat, I love Halloween and decorating, I call the Police when I see suspicious things. How do I explain to my kids that people are "just too busy to say Hello"? Nor do they look like they want me interrupting their conversation.

I have met some wonderfully nice people out in their yards-Susan the Gardener on Emerson and many terrific Doggie Moms and Dads out walking.

But drop the "N" from Minnesota Nice and you get something which will help keep your lemonade cold. It was a big disappointment to live in such a diverse neighborhood and have such a chilly experience.

Carrie Thompson. Lowry Hill

To: SWLRT@metrotransit.org and To one and all whose seats and power rest on unelected office

I am writing to ask those in power to reconsider your decisions about where to locate the SWLRT line. Minneapolis is a beautiful and unique city. It is probably one of the few cities in the world that still has so much wilderness and natural beauty left within its borders. And there are the unique lakes for the use of our citizens for pleasure from walking to playing to swimming and fishing.

I am asking you to consider this when you make use

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311 Kenwood Pkwy #203	159,900	0	333	109,900	C	1/1	800	135,000	2,142	1966
48 Groveland Terr #112	149,900	0	41	149,900	C	1/1	610	109,500	1,828	1966
3104 W Lake St #206	299,900	0	524	295,000	C	2/2	1,271	239,000	3,852	2007
2868 Kenwood Isles Dr	319,900	0	8	319,000	TWN	2/2	1,350	278,000	4,556	1986
2950 Dean Pkwy	330,000	0	109	305,000	C	2/2	1,500	289,000	4,877	1977
1909 Humboldt S	359,900	0	0	360,000	H	2/1	1,352	326,000	5,317	1956
2950 Dean Pkwy #1602	375,000	10,000	7	375,000	C	2/2	1,625	379,500	6,525	1978
2520 Burnham Rd	379,000	7,500	57	379,000	H	2/1	1,164	365,000	6,041	1948
2019 Fremont S	499,000	0	25	513,000	H	5/2	2,782	387,500	6,595	1908
1901 Penn S	500,000	0	0	500,000	H	4/2	2,350	462,500	7,704	1901
3104 W Lake St #411	529,900	0	158	495,000	C	3/3	2,072	446,000	5,860	2007
2785 Dean Pkwy	565,000	0	16	565,000	H	3/2	3,021	646,500	11,448	1924
2808 Irving S	570,000	0	111	568,000	H	4/3	2,755	640,000	11,245	1908
2950 Dean Pkwy #2001	599,900	0	0	590,000	C	2/2	1,980	511,500	9,067	1977
2021 Queen S	699,000	19,000	41	625,000	H	5/3	3,307	692,500	12,224	1900
1776 Fremont S	725,000	0	192	650,000	H	5/4	5,044	626,500	11,001	1886
3348 St Paul Ave	695,000	0	42	685,000	H	3/3	3,520	660,000	11,567	1925
142 Groveland Terrace	749,000	0	256	647,746	TWN	3/4	2,935	550,000	9,416	1986
1917 Irving S	799,000	0	143	660,000	H	5/3	3,827	710,500	12,752	1904
2854 James S	749,500	8,000	67	710,000	H	3/3	2,730	658,000	11,574	1900
1715 Logan S	745,000	0	2	733,000	H	5/4	3,179	714,500	12,670	1907
1611 Dupont S	839,900	0	171	817,500	H	3/3	2,592	768,500	13,796	1900
2740 Ewing S	799,900	4,500	169	765,000	H	4/3	2,906	662,500	11,717	1929
1807 Colfax S	1,095,000	0	154	826,000	H	4/4	4,089	796,500	14,734	1900
2675 E Lake of Isles Pkwy	1,249,000	0	22	1,175,000	H	4/4	3,630	1,195,000	22,395	1903
1805 Logan S	2,350,000	0	53	2,004,500	H	5/7	7,485	1,555,500	20,299	1925
2405 E Lake of Isles Pkwy	2,395,000	0	11	2,300,000	H	4/4	5,056	2,266,500	45,843	1887

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Joyce Aprea Murphy, Penny Bette Jacobs, and Arlene Fried
Local author tackles the "one per cent" problem

Photo by Dorothy Childers

Penny Bette Jacobs, local author's latest book, "Stop Screwing the Middle Class," concerns the income imbalance that is occurring in our nation's economy in these times. The book recounts how one percent of our population owns ninety percent of the wealth in our economy. The average yearly income for the bottom 90% of our U.S. working population and middle class is around \$31,000 dollars a year in our present economic system. Her book also points out that this destructive imbalance is destroying our democratic form of government because those in power only listen to the money crowd and act in their interest rather than answering the will of the people. A most worthwhile read for all who care about where our nation and its economy is going.

The book is for sale directly through Penny Bette Jacobs at twenty dollars a copy and can be ordered through her at, Penny Jacobs 2200 Drew Avenue South, Minneapolis MN 55416

Where we are Now

By Jean Deatrick

Last week the Lowry Hill neighborhood celebrated the season and welcomed friends and neighbors with an ice cream social in Thomas Lowry Park, still called Seven Pools Park by many residents. The Park looked beautiful thanks to all the work done by the Friends of Thomas Lowry Park. It was a perfect place to relax on a warm summer evening. I chatted with many friends including Council Member Lisa Goodman with her dog Sadie and Park Board Commissioner Anita Tabb. Sebastian Joe's donated several flavors of delicious ice cream and we enjoyed rootbeer floats with ice cream donated by The Lowry. Jimmy Fogel, Tom Huppert, and Mark Brauer served the ice cream. Approx. 225 people were at the event.

Watching the many dogs and children scamper around was a delight as was the lovely music played by a trio by the water. And as usual, signs forbidding going into the water were ignored as young children splashed from pool to pool and climbed into the trees overhanging the pools.

I nearly missed this wonderful event. Although it was on my calendar, I had forgotten and was sitting in my back yard when President Phil Hallaway of Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association walked by with a friendly reminder to get on over to the park. Did he walk all over the neighborhood to remind residents? I don't think so, but from the size of the crowd, it seemed likely.

My daughter Heather and my two little grandsons and I enjoyed the evening at the park. The boys loved the ice cream, and the pools and were reluctant to leave. Heather didn't know anyone, but she said she met many friendly people. It was that kind of event, but not for everyone unfortunately.

We regret that a visitor didn't feel welcome and we hope that next year she will join us and give us another chance to show how friendly we usually are.

Jam Time

By Madeleine Lowry

At this time of year my thoughts turn to jam. Walking to Kenwood Park, I spy a few crabapples and a sour cherry tree laden with fruit: jam. My son comes home with reports of ripe mulberries close to where he works as a camp aide. Jam. Strawberries for \$1 a pound at the Minneapolis Farmers Market. Jam.

Blame it on the rhubarb. After an early wet spring, our rhubarb plant grew heavy with stalks. Stalks that threatened to grow still thicker and more fibrous if not used right away. We made rhubarb bars, rhubarb sauce, and rhubarb crisp and still the remaining stalks taunted me. The solution, clearly, was jam.

Now, I don't know if you've ever noticed, but when you cook rhubarb down by itself, the greenish interior overcomes the red pigment in the skin and the result is an unappetizing greenish-grayish color. This, I suspect, is why most traditional recipes for rhubarb jam call for a combination with strawberries to create a pink jam. (There is also the tartness thing.)

But, I wanted my jam to be red, really red.

What I found when searching online for recipes is that savvy cooks were incorporating other ingredients to enhance the color. For example, Martha Stewart

advocates the addition of blood oranges for a rich red jam. However, since blood oranges were no longer available in local markets, I had to come up with other natural food-coloring candidates. Raspberries, beets or pomegranates were feasible substitutes. But, what I had on hand were these: dark red cherries.

I am happy to report that pitted dark red cherries will give you a fabulous deep red color to your strawberry rhubarb jam every time. And you only need about a dozen per batch to do the job.

This recipe is for a simple pectin-free jam. The quantity below can easily be doubled. I like to use 14-ounce Luminarc working jars with white lids (sold at Whole Foods).

Strawberry Rhubarb Cherry Jam
Makes 3 (14-oz) jars
Adapted from Allrecipes.com

- 3 cups rhubarb, cut into 1/2" pieces
- 4 cups sugar
- 3 cups strawberries, cut into quarters
- 12 dark red cherries, halved and pitted
- 1/8 cup lemon juice

Mix the rhubarb and sugar together in a large heavy pot and let stand for at least 2 hours or overnight. Afterwards, stir in the strawberries, cherries and lemon juice. Bring the mixture to a boil over medium heat, stirring frequently to dissolve sugar. (Careful, this mixture tends to over-boil.)


Continue to boil the jam until thickened, stirring often to prevent scorching, about 30 to 35 minutes. An instant read thermometer inserted into the center of the pot should read 220 degrees Fahrenheit when it is ready. Keep monitoring the temperature to make sure the jam holds at 220 degrees for at least a full minute.

Remove the jam from the stove top and stir for 3 more minutes. Skim off any foam and let cool slightly. Transfer warm jam to jars, cover with lids, label and store in the refrigerator.


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of your power to make your decisions about destroying these historic attributes You may not even have the right to make these decisions. Once they are gone they are gone Why should a few people have the right to make this decision for the future citizens of this city. Another reason not to locate this rail line and trains across the street from a public swimming beach where there will be small excited children running across the line to get to the beach. This is an accident or death waiting to happen and then the tears will flow and hand wringing begin but it won't matter nor bring back lives. Right now you do have that opportunity to do the right thing and locate the SWLRT line in a less dangerous, destructive, and expensive location.

Minneapolis lover and citizen, Joyce Murphy



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