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## Kenwood residents and allies continue long tradition of advocating for Kenilworth Corridor

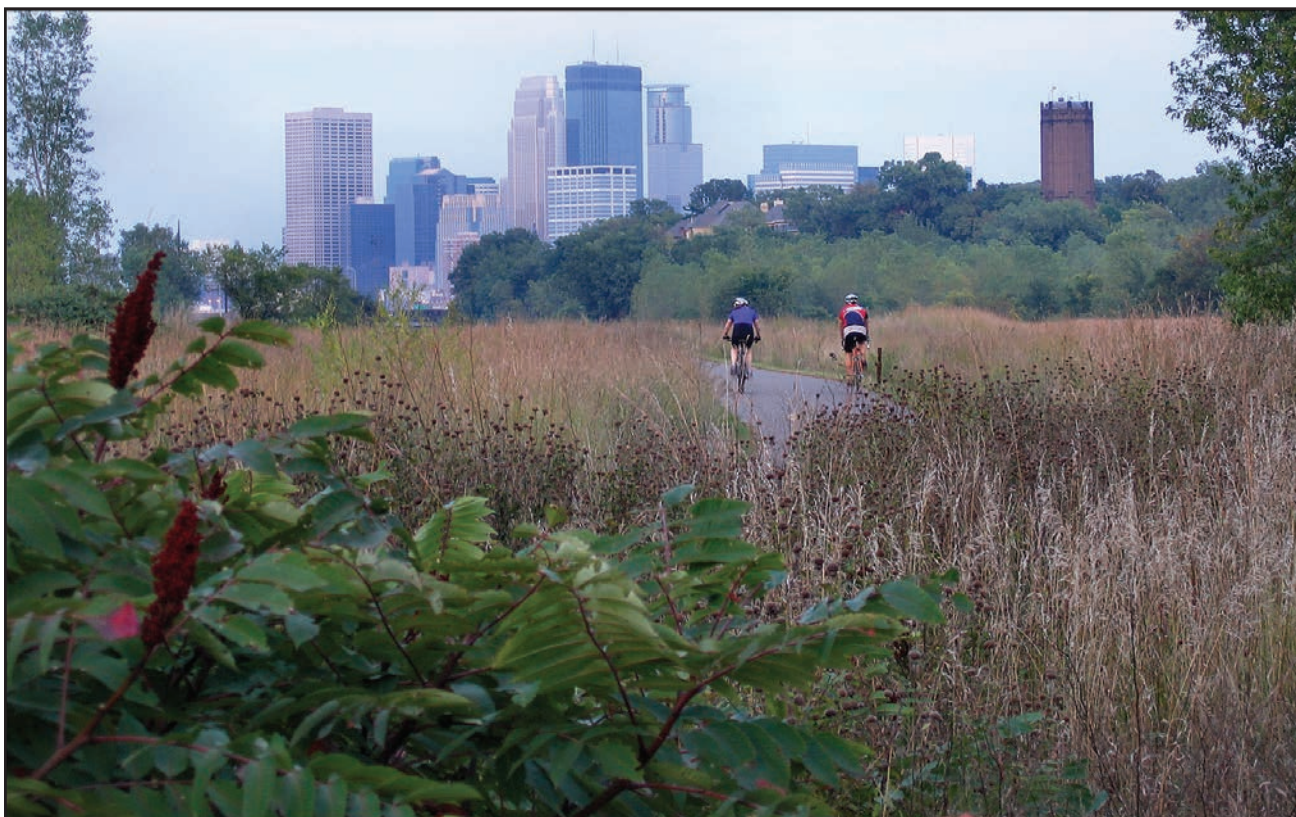
1972 Aerial Shot



The Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad Cedar Lake massive complex of shops and switching yards dominated the landscape beneath the Kenwood bluffs for one hundred years. The buildings included a 28-stall roundhouse for repairing and rebuilding steam engines, a diesel maintenance shop, and blacksmith and paint shops. As many as 58 tracks blanketed the area at one point for making up freights headed west and south from Minneapolis, a round-the-clock operation that made sleeping difficult for Kenwood residents. In this dramatic aerial photo taken on May 20, 1972, well after the heyday of freight rail, the Cedar Lake Yard still looms large. Highway 12 and the much smaller Great Northern (now BNSF) yards are in the foreground. The tracks and yards are gone but extensive soil and groundwater contamination remain.

Photo: Greg Smith (<rrpicturearchives.net>)

Cedar Lake Trail Today 2005



In the mid-1990s the heavily industrial Cedar Lake Yards site was transformed into Cedar Lake Park and the Cedar Lake Trail through the determined efforts of the Cedar Lake Park Association, Hennepin County, and many volunteers and donors. Today tens of thousands of bikers and walkers cherish this extraordinary stretch of trails, parkland, and restored prairie, minutes away from the skyscrapers of downtown Minneapolis. The current challenge: retain this jewel and minimize the encroaching impacts of Southwest LRT. For more information: <cedar-lakepark.org>.

Photo: Meredith Montgomery (2005)

By Michael Wilson

If Kenwood residents seem unusually vigilant when it comes to protecting the Kenilworth Corridor, it's because they've had lots of practice – 125 years' worth, in fact.

The first families, including the William Wollofs, who moved into the new Kenwood addition in the 1890s and built homes near the corridor, knew full well that the railroads and their maintenance yards were a dominant presence. These Kenwood residents and succeeding generations were drawn by the beauty of the area and the proximity to Cedar Lake. Rail activity could not be challenged – the city's and the region's economy depended on it, and the railroads got to the corridor first – but Kenwood residents could, and did, make their voices heard when they felt industrial use of the corridor was encroaching on the residential areas that bordered it.

The Lake of the Isles and Kenwood Improvement Association, the forebear of today's Kenwood-Isles Area Association (KIAA), was active early on in protecting the interests of the neighborhood. "Kenwood Is Aroused," reported the Minneapolis Journal on September 29, 1904; "Lowering of Lake Level Will Be Opposed Most Bitterly." The newly-formed association with C.W.T. Turner as president and John Cogan as secretary obtained a district court injunction preventing the Park Board from taking arbitrary action that would "greatly increase the low, swampy areas in that part of the city."

Fast-forward 110 years. residents of our Hill and Lake neighborhoods and untold thousands of others can be

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### Met Council finally releases Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Southwest LRT

By Michael Wilson

It shouldn't even have been necessary, and it took an excruciatingly long time to arrive, but the Southwest LRT Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement finally hit the newsstands on May 22.

The original Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), published in October, 2012, was predicated on what had been promised and assumed for years: that the freight route through the Kenilworth Corridor was temporary and would be relocated to St. Louis Park. When that plan was scotched, however, angering many Hill and Lake residents, major design changes had to be made to the project. The Supplemental DEIS (SDEIS) analyzes the potentially adverse impacts of those changes.

With co-location of freight and LRT the new reality for the Kenilworth Corridor, project planners called for a tunnel through the south end of the corridor where the 59-foot right-of-way was far too narrow for freight, LRT,

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### Bryant Lake Bowl Presents the Uptown Pride Block Party on Friday, June 26th

The unofficial kick off to Pride weekend is back on Friday, June 26th outside of Bryant Lake Bowl from 6-10:30pm. A portion of the event proceeds will benefit OutFront Minnesota. Their mission is to create a state where lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people are free to be who they are, love who they love, and live without fear of violence, harassment or discrimination. [www.outfront.org](http://www.outfront.org)

**Local Dancing Club Celebrates 100 Years**  
Sunday, August 16, 2015 celebrates the 100th Anniversary season conclusion of the Linden Hills Dancing Club. This historic summer event will take place at the equally historic Como Lakeside Pavilion in St. Paul. All dancers of every skill level are welcome to attend a social hour from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Guests will then enjoy dancing under the stars from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Anyone who loves to dance can learn more and make reservations for this special hundred-year celebration at: [www.lindenhillsdancingclub.org](http://www.lindenhillsdancingclub.org).

### Barbette Presents the 13th Annual Bastille Day Block Party July 12th

The free block party will take place rain or shine on Sunday, July 12th from 3pm-10pm outside at Barbette. Serving organic picnic foods, cold beverages, and featuring a local artist market with Light Grey Art Lab and live screen printing from Burlesque of North America.

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6 p.m. - Midnight this Saturday, June 20th.

The arts festival is free and open to everyone, while the bike ride helps raise funds for the Midtown Greenway. Registered Greenway Glow bike riders get FREE appetizers and treats plus drinks from New Belgium Brewing, glow lights, the chance to compete in the Arty-Cat Scavenger Hunt, and much more!

AfterGlow: Everyone is welcome to join us at the new Soo Visual Arts Center on Bryant from 8 p.m. - Midnight. There will be live music, gallery exhibits, and you can purchase tasty hot dogs and sausages from Prairie Dogs and drinks from bartenders from Bryant-Lake Bowl. Free admission

### CORRECTION:

**EIRA Ice Cream Social is July 30, NOT June 30.**

### Blessing of the Bikes



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Grace Trinity Community Church sponsored its first-ever Blessing of the Bikes, in an event organized by Kelsey Maddox, Director of Spiritual Formation. Reverend Daniel Vigilante blessed bikes and other human-powered vehicles for a crowd of over thirty participants. Following the event, the bikers rode around Lake of the Isles and returned to the church for quality fellowship.

### Textile Artist Presented Work at Walker Library



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Friends of the Walker Library sponsored a fashion show featuring wearable art by East Isles resident Gini Corrick, left. She talked about her lifetime love affair with art-garments. She described shibori, a Japanese dying technique, and sun printing, used to dye fabric for some of her creations. The model on the right holds a pipe that Gini used to dye fabric with the pole-wrapping shibori technique. A long coat won Best of Show from the American Quilt Association. Models wearing her outfits walked among the appreciative audience.

### HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

JUNE 15, 4:30 CITY PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC MTG. CHANGING MULTI DWELLING PKNG RULES

JUNE 20, GREEN GLOW 6PM

JUNE 26, 6PM BRYANT LAKE BOWL PRIDE KICKOFF

JULY 12, 3-10PM BASTILLE DAY AT BARBETTE

JULY 30, EIRA ICE CREAM SOCIAL

AUGUST 16 LINDEN HILLS DANCE CLUB ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SEPT. 12 SUPER SALE EAST ISLES

OCT 6 CIDNA FALL FESTIVAL

### Neighborhood monthly meetings:

CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday, 6pm Jones-Harrison.

KIAA: First Monday, 7pm. Kenwood Rec Center

LHNA: First Tuesday, 7pm, Kenwood Rec Center

EIRA: Second Tuesdays, 7pm Grace Church

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

# Meet Your Neighbor, Katherine Sill

Craig Wilson interviews Katherine Sill about her outstanding beekeeping and activism, traditional European-style furniture restoration at W. A. Brown Arts (Katherine@wabrownarts.com) and why dandelions are good for our planet's co-dwellers and us.

**Where are you from?** I grew up in Duluth. When I graduated from college, I moved to NYC where I lived and worked for 11 years. I met my husband there. After NYC we had a farm in Ohio for a while, where our two children were born, and then we moved to Europe. We lived in Antwerp, Belgium for 12 years and raised our children there.

**You restore furniture?** While I was in Europe I studied furniture restoration, first in Belgium and later in the UK. I was able to do an amazing program at a Master Upholstery school in Cornwall in England. When we moved to Minneapolis about four years ago. I joined the Upholsterer's Association here. Because my only training was in Europe, I assumed that all upholsterers did hand stitched seats with coir (coconut fiber) and animal hair on antique pieces. Actually, I haven't met one upholsterer here that does it. So I have a little corner on the market of antique furniture restoration. In my courses we had to strip very worn antique upholstered chairs down to the frame and then take the frame apart, repair and reassemble them. We had to build the seat, back and arms by hand and then upholster the chairs. We were taught old-time homemade wood restoration techniques, had to study fabrics, styles of furniture and write a thesis. At the UK school we had a number of projects that had to be completed in a limited time and all were evaluated and graded by a Royal Upholster, who came to the school just to appraise our work. The school in Cornwall only takes seven students at a time. I learned a lot! I also do regular upholstery on more modern pieces.

**How did you become a beekeeper?** I studied the Dutch all 12 years in Antwerp (the schools that I studied upholstery and wood restoration in Belgium were all in Dutch). Every week on my way to Dutch class, I passed a



Katherine Sill

beekeeper. He intrigued me, but I really knew nothing about beekeeping. When we moved to Minneapolis, my husband was working at a non-profit in Haiti and there was a fundraiser with a silent and live auction. In the live auction there was a hive, smoker and a how-to book, everything I needed to get going. Out of the blue, I turned to my husband and said I want the hive. It wasn't much of a bidding war, so we got it. Then came the steep learning curve of what it meant to be a beekeeper. At the time I started here, you had to get a permit and the process included getting signatures from many neighbors giving permission. Since we were new to Minneapolis it was great to meet so many neighbors. Almost all were incredibly supportive. I took the outstanding beekeeping course at the Arboretum and signed up for the mentoring program through the U of M called the Bee Squad. My first summer, everything was going really well. By September the bees had 100 lbs. of honey and pollen to get through the next winter, and we had two boxes (called honey supers) of honey to harvest on top of that. A few days before I

was to extract our honey I took the supers to the Beez Kneez where there's a warming room to loosen the honey in the frames and bicycles to extract the honey centrifugally. A few days later, I came home with my sticky empty boxes and a bucket of honey. Normally after harvesting, the supers are put back on the hive for the bees to clean the sticky remainders out. As I was walking to the hive in my garden, I saw thousands of dead and dying bees. I ran in the house and called the Bee Squad. They came that day along with the MN Department of Agriculture (MDA). They took samples of dying bees put them on dry ice and sent them off to be tested. On the same day two other beekeepers, less than a mile from us, also had kills. When he results came back we came to learn that all of our bees were killed by a pesticide called Fipronil, which is not supposed to be sprayed on flowering plants. It's meant to be sprayed on foundations to get rid of termites, ants and wasps. Who ever sprayed it, sprayed enough flowers to take out thousands of bees and other pollinators. Bees fly 2 -5 miles from the hive so between the three hives it's a pretty large area. Because of our kill, a group of us formed and worked with local and state politicians. We testified on our kill in the House and the Senate. Two Bills came out of it and one was the nursery Bill. We referred to it as the truth in advertising bill, that plants cannot be labeled as pollinator friendly if they have been treated with systemic pesticides. This is the Bill that was reversed this year. The second Bill, last year, gives remuneration to beekeepers for pesticide kills.

**What have you accomplished though your bee advocacy and activism at the Minnesota Legislature this year?** As I started thinking about this year and my bees, I realized that I needed to do more to make sure that what happened two years ago, didn't happen again. I was shocked to learn from the MDA that Fipronil is legal to buy online in Minnesota, which is why, it turns out, they couldn't find out who the culprits of our kills were. I con-

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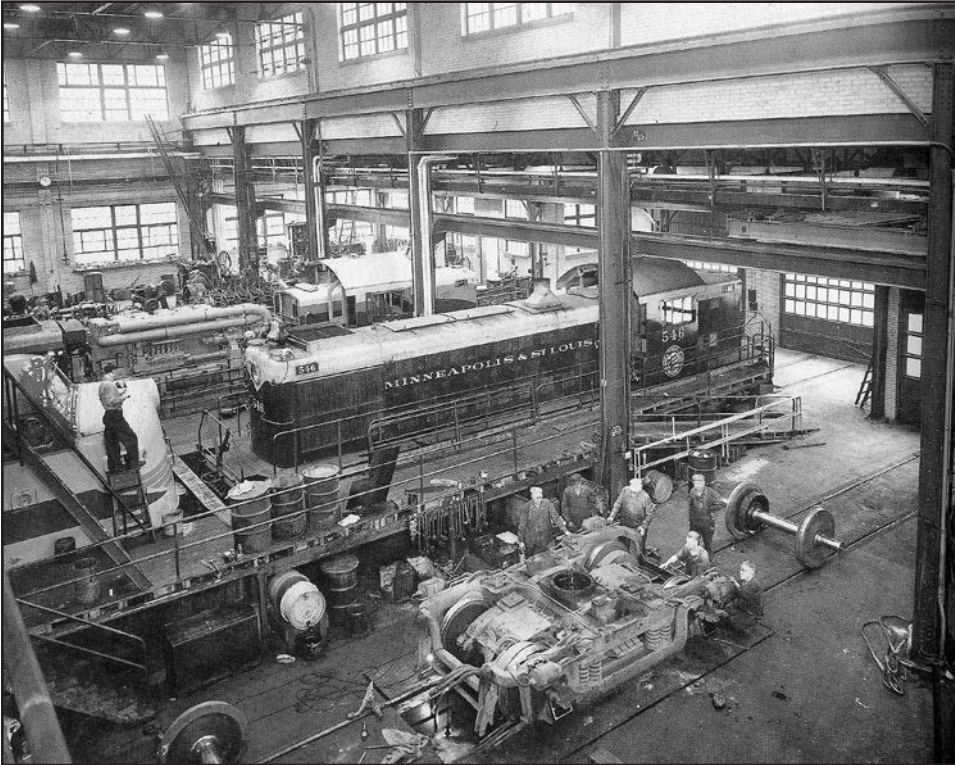
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## Kenilworth Corridor advocacy

### Inside Machine Shop



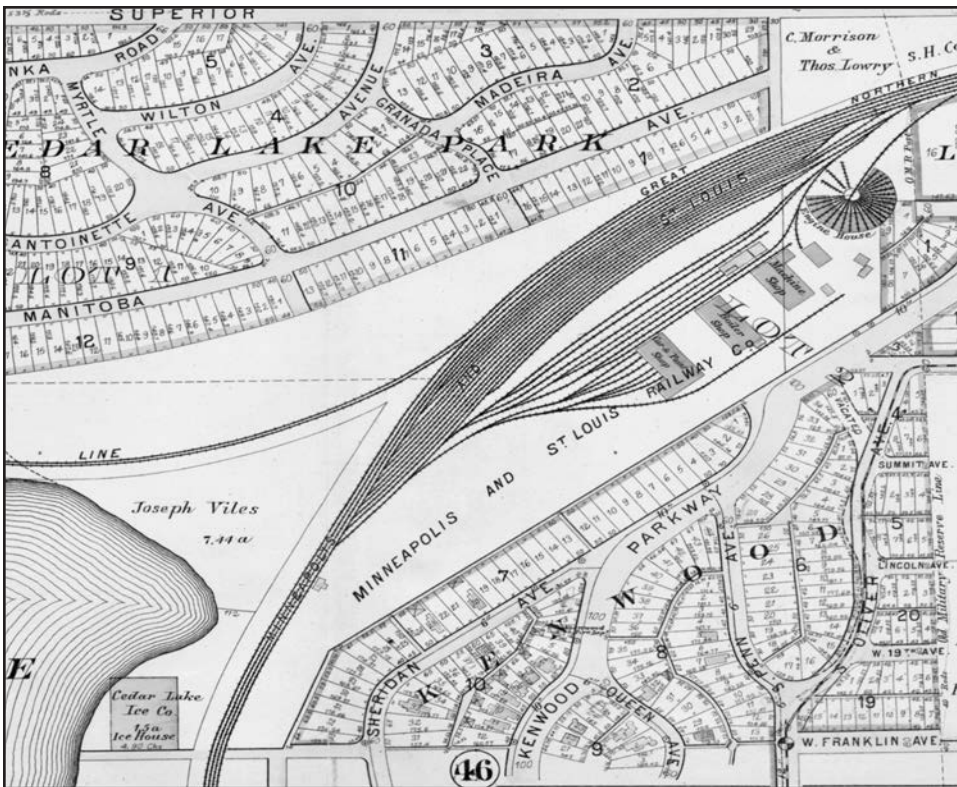
The diesel locomotive repair and rebuilding shop at the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad's Cedar Lake Yards replaced a 28-stall steam engine repair and rebuilding roundhouse built in 1884 and torn down in 1952. The diesel shop is now gone but high-risk environmental concerns remain, including petroleum hydrocarbons in the soil and significant petroleum contamination of groundwater. **Photo: "Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway: A Photographic History," by Don L. Hofsommer**

### Tracks Looking East



For 100 years the M&SL's complex of switching yards and heavy industrial shops blanketed what is now Cedar Lake Park, the Cedar Lake Trail, and the north end of the Kenilworth Corridor. The Kenwood water tower stands watch over the round-the-clock activity below in this view looking east towards a haze-shrouded downtown Minneapolis. Historian Don Hofsommer notes that M&SL was justly proud of its Cedar Lake facilities. **Photo: "Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway: A Photographic History," by Don L. Hofsommer**

### North Cedar Lake 1898 Map



Detail from an 1898 plat map of the northeast corner of Cedar Lake. Note the Minneapolis & St. Louis RR's Cedar Lake Yards comprising, among others, a Car & Paint Shop, Boiler Shop, Machine Shop, and 28-stall Steam Engine Roundhouse and the thick braid of through tracks and switchyard tracks. Kenwood Parkway snakes along the bluff atop the intense railroad activity. James J. Hill punched his Great Northern through the top of Cedar Lake in order to reach Lake Minnetonka a few minutes faster than the route around Cedar Lake's south end. He tore away the Bryn Mawr Bluffs to provide groundfill for his tracks. Manitoba Ave., named for a Great Northern predecessor line, the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba RR, was lost in the process. Great Northern's yards didn't come into being until somewhat later. Note the Cedar Lake Ice Co., a thriving business started in 1878. **Image courtesy Hennepin County Library Special Collections**

### South Cedar Lake 1898 Map



Detail from an 1898 plat map of the southwest corner of Cedar Lake. Note Cedar Lake's East Bay lapping up against the causeway which carried seven freight tracks along the marshy east shore of Cedar Lake. Farther south, the storied Minneapolis & St. Louis RR continued on through today's Kenilworth Corridor, paralleling St. Louis Ave. and the land which holds today's Cedar Lake Shores townhomes. West End Station lies at the foot of Depot Street. The Great Northern right-of-way runs on today's Sunset Blvd, with houses east of Chowen Ave. turning their back yards to the railroad. Manitoba Ave. was named for the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba RR, a Great Northern predecessor; it was later changed to St. Paul Ave. after the St. Paul & Pacific RR, the first railway in the area in the mid-1860s and itself a predecessor of the SPM&M. The Women's Home – today's Jones-Harrison Residence – stands near the Cedar Lake shoreline.

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grateful for the leadership role that KIAA and Kenwood residents have taken, along with the Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association (CIDNA) board and a great many activists, to challenge the Southwest LRT project, which has been in the works for upwards of 30 years. The citizen advocacy group LRT Done Right, formed in 2013 to confront the harms SWLRT poses to the Kenilworth Corridor, carries on the proud tradition of the Kenwood Improvement Association of 1904.

### 1860s: freight rail in Kenilworth Corridor

The St. Paul & Pacific (SP&P) Railway was the first to

introduce rail transit to Minnesota, traversing ten miles of track between St. Paul and St. Anthony on June 28, 1862. The SP&P pushed on around the east side of Cedar Lake soon afterwards, heading west over what is now Sunset Blvd. after it rounded the south shore of Cedar Lake. The SP&P was purchased in 1879 by the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba (SPM&M), whose properties were leased to James J. Hill's Great Northern Railway in 1890 and purchased outright by GN in 1907.

Buffered by the power of large Chicago and Milwaukee railroads and their St. Paul allies to set rates and control

shipping, a group of Minneapolis businessmen including William Drew and Cadwallader Washburn and Henry Titus Welles determined to form a locally-owned and Minneapolis-based railroad, no mean feat given the enormous capital outlay required for such a venture. Thus was born in 1870 the storied Minneapolis & St. Louis (M&SL) Railway – the "Tootin' Louie" – which began (in the words of premier railroad historian Don Hofsommer) a "colorful and not always profitable 90-year history" and a close,

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## TAR SANDS MARCH TO AND FROM THE 'HOOD

By James P. Lenfestey

On Saturday, June 6, my wife and I marched with 4000 other souls from the banks of the Mississippi River to the State Capitol, The first shrouded in morning mist, the second shrouded in construction scaffolding. We were rallying to say no to expanding the matrix of pipelines across Minnesota's northern border country bringing foul tar sands oil to southern refineries.

I drove my car to St. Paul in my fossil-fueled powered car to get there early to don my apron for MN350.org and gather petition signatures. My wife and Marian Moore did better, bicycling to the Green Line, although the Green line is powered by some fossil fuels.

So are we hypocrites? Wasting our time? Or both? You decide.

Start by googling photos of the Alberta tar sands. Read, for random example, this article in Business Insider. "These Pictures May Give you Nightmares about The Canada Oil Sands. It includes this sentence: "We're not saying the project is good or bad. We're just saying the scale and severity of what's happening in Alberta will make your spine tingle."

Or read this selection from Wikipedia: "The Athabasca River is the largest freshwater delta in the world but with Suncor and Syncrude leaking tail ponds the amount of polluted water will exceed 1 billion cubic meters by 2020."

We marchers in St. Paul were saying — this IS bad!

It gets worse. Climate change. Tar sands oil is 17 percent more carbon intensive than normal oil. As I write this, "In a rare, large consensus, more than 100 scientists unite to say expanding tar sands will be catastrophic for the climate and environment."

If any of you have children, be active, be very, very active. Imagine the hottest, most hideous humid day of a Minnesota summer, so hot you perspire freely sitting still. Now imagine two months of such days, then three, then four. As Dr. James Hansen has said, "the Southern half of the United State will be uninhabitable," while Minnesota becomes the climate of Missouri, then Louisiana, and after that...? Never mind the wildlife that can't adapt, how are you going to live on Lowry Hill?

HLP readers understand this story, and I am happy to report so do our local elected leaders. Lisa Goodman on the city council, Mayor Betsy Hodges, state senator Scott Dibble, State Rep. Frank Hornstein, US Rep. Keith Ellison and Sen. Al Franken are all leaders in the climate fight, as are many local businesses. For example, Golden Valley-based Mortenson Construction is the largest installer of solar and wind power in the United States, the fastest growing sector of the energy market.

Will we stop an uncontrollable climate storm in time? Yes, if three things happen simultaneously, all of which require your participation and support.

1) NO new fossil energy infrastructure is built, meaning no KXL pipeline and any of the other proposed multi-billion dollar expansions, many across northern Minnesota, sure to be stranded assets. That money must be diverted to green energy investment.

2) President Obama and other world leaders must adopt enforceable carbon limits at the global climate summit in Paris this December.

3) The hurricane force of capitalism must be harnessed all in one direction – toward green, renewable energy and away from fossil energy. This will take a car-

bon tax plus innovation.

To feel good about the possibilities for a global grassroots movement against fossil energy, particularly destructive tar sands, read Naomi Klein's This Changes Everything.

To feel good about capitalism's capacity to innovate us out of this mess, watch Tesla founder Elon Musk's 18 minute YouTube video about the new Tesla energy storage battery:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yKORsrlN-2k>.

To feel hopeful about a carbon tax, read the May 29 letter calling for a carbon tax sent by the CEO's of six of the world's largest oil and gas companies. Distressingly, American oil giants Exxon and Chevron were not signatories, but I believe they will be.

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All of this was on the table at the June 6 rally.

Most speakers were Native Americans who live with the direct impacts of these rapacious developments and are leading the charge against them. A star was Winona LaDuke, founder of Honor the Earth and the Indigenous Environmental Network who has worked for decades to call attention to better ways to manage our planet than tearing out its heart. (Send money!)

We also heard Bill McKibben, the Martin Luther King of Climate science. A former journalist, he founded 350.org as a grass roots climate advocacy organization

when he realized writing articles and books was not enough.

A surprise powerhouse was Alilah Sanders-Reed, a student at Macalester, who roused us all with a plea from and for her generation facing the brunt of the climate crisis.

We are in the midst of a great war. The old, extractive industries that built modern civilization must give way to the green energy system that will sustain it.

Can we adapt in time? The answer is up to us.

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and the recreational/commuter trail to run side-by-side at grade without demolishing 26 Cedar Lake Shores townhouses. The tunnel has raised a host of new issues, however, from noise and vibration impacts to breaching the water table and the need for dewatering of the tunnel on a permanent basis.

Ongoing project engineering since the original DEIS has contributed a wealth of new data about soil contamination and a multitude of significant environmental impacts. An accounting is also required of the project's major impacts on the Grand Rounds, which includes the Kenilworth Channel, under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act. Impacts on the area's cultural and historic resources need to be spelled out, and mitigation of those impacts also need to be described and agreed to as required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

### Chapter 3: the meat and potatoes

To read the SDEIS, go to <swlrt.org>." Under "Latest News" click on "Southwest LRT Supplemental Draft EIS Available for Public Review and Comment." Then click on "Supplemental Draft EIS page," which is highlighted in the first paragraph. Once you're on the SDEIS page you can view or download the document. Before tackling the SDEIS, however, you might want to download and read the "Guide to the Supplemental Draft EIS."

Alternatively, and particularly if you prefer paper copies over online PDF formats, the SDEIS is available at

both the Walker and Linden Hills libraries.

The SDEIS with its numerous appendices is a massive document. The section of greatest interest to Hill and Lake residents, though, is Chapter 3.

Chapter 3 opens (pp. 1-27) with an overview, background information, and structuring remarks. Section 3.4 – "St. Louis Park/Minneapolis Segment" – runs from p. 133 to p. 218 and focuses on the environmental categories that could potentially involve "new significant adverse impacts" not previously disclosed in the Draft EIS. A summary of the findings for each of the 18 categories is presented in Table 3.4-1 (pp. 134-6).

The section's 86 pages detail a sobering catalog of the challenges and hazards which project planners have learned they must confront in building Southwest LRT along their chosen Kenilworth alignment. The pages also raise by implication a host of concerns over what planners have yet to find out.

Starting on page 218, Section 3.5 sets forth the project's current draft Section 4(f) evaluation – their justification for building light rail through protected park, recreation, and historic properties, including but not limited to the Kenilworth Channel and the Grand Rounds. After a few pages of regulatory background and methodology, the draft 4(f) evaluation addresses affected Minneapolis properties from south to north, starting with Alcott Triangle (Lake Street and Chowen Avenue, p. 249) and moving on to Park Siding Park, the Cedar Lake Parkway crossing, Kenilworth Channel, Cedar Lake Park, and all

points in between. The documentation in this section commands the attention – and the written responses – of all Hill and Lake residents who care deeply about the Kenilworth Corridor and the neighborhoods that border it.

Comment period ends July 21

The Southwest Project Office is required to accept public comments on the SDEIS. Comments can be emailed to <swlrt@metrotransit.org> or mailed to Nani Jacobson at Metro Transit/SWLRT Project Office, 6465 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 500, St. Louis Park 55426. Following the close of the comment period on July 21, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Metropolitan Council are required to consider all comments and to provide responses to substantive comments in the Final EIS.

Hill and Lake residents may question what effect their individual comments on the SDEIS will have on the ultimate shape of the Southwest LRT project. They should keep in mind, however, the outsize impact that two citizen groups – LRT Done Right and Lakes & Parks Alliance of Minneapolis – have had in advocating for neighborhood concerns. And as one longtime SWLRT activist advises, it's always worthwhile to keep on writing to Gov. Dayton, our local legislators Scott Dibble and Frank Hornstein, Mayor Hodges, and our 13 City Council members.

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often uneasy, and sometimes acrimonious relationship with the residents of Kenwood.

In May, 1871, M&SL obtained leasing rights from SP&P to construct and operate a line parallel to the SP&P tracks along the east side of Cedar Lake as far as Cedar Lake Station on the south shore of Cedar Lake. (The Cedar Lake Station was at a different location from the West End Station, which lay at the end of today's Depot Street.) From Cedar Lake Station the M&SL veered southwestward through the rail corridor now traversed by Twin Cities & Western (TC&W) trains. St. Louis Avenue, named for the railroad, shows up in the 1887 plat books, with the land between the avenue and the tracks subdivided into building lots – the site of today's Cedar Lake Shores townhomes.

### Massive Cedar Lake Shops and switching yards

Railroads require servicing, storage facilities, and switchyards, and in the 1870s MS&L began construction on the Cedar Lake Yards, which would become a massive complex of switching yards and shops in the shadow of the Kenwood water tower. Hill's railroads constructed a smaller complex of switching yards and shops to the northwest of the Cedar Lake Yards underneath the Bryn Mawr bluffs – which Hill proceeded to tear down with impunity over several decades whenever he needed fill for his tracks heading west past Brownie Lake.

M&SL built an enormous roundhouse containing 28 stalls in 1884 to overhaul steam locomotives, which was torn down in 1952 and replaced by a diesel maintenance and rebuilding facility. Other buildings at Cedar Lake Yards over the decades included a paint shop, car shop, blacksmith shop, machine shop, and store house/office.

The most dramatic feature of railroad complexes are the switching yards, and the Cedar Lake Yards were no exception. Freight cars were loaded at manufacturing points such as the flour mills on the Mississippi and then

moved out to the switching yards at Cedar Lake, where trains were then "made up" in preparation for their outbound journeys to points west and south. Trains coming into Minneapolis also had to lay over at Cedar Lake Yards where they were "broken down" so that individual cars could be sent on to individual customers.

The daily shuttling of hundreds of freight cars went on around the clock, a very noisy business with straining steam and then diesel engines and the continual thuds and bangs of colliding freight cars – a din about which Kenwood residents repeatedly complained during summers when sleeping with open windows was difficult if not impossible. It should be noted that switching yards were also extremely dangerous places for workers, many of whom lost hands, limbs, and even their lives working the coupling mechanisms before safer components were developed.

### Nabobs and NIMBYs

Hofsommer writes that company-community relations were often at issue with "M&SL skirmish[ing] with nabobs of the Kenwood neighborhood.... Matters reached a fever pitch in 1910, when M&SL sought to expand operations very modestly." Kenwood residents protested that "smoke and gasses from M&SL's yard and shop were killing state-ly elms and maples; that their household furniture, curtains, carpet, and even food were being destroyed; and that their wash could not be hung out to dry without being ruined."

Moreover, Hofsommer continues, angry residents said "nocturnal slumber was impossible because of 'the ceaseless whistlings, the jarring of heavy cars, and ringing of engine bells' which, they claimed, made them 'ill and fretful.'"

By 1910 Kenwood residents had become used to being derided as "nabobs" – great-grandparents of today's NIMBYs – holding forth from their "expensive and handsome homes." The characterization no doubt rankled then as it does now, with St. Louis Park refusing to accept a freight reroute and Eden Prairie winning a \$300 million alternate LRT routing so their HCRRA recreational trails could remain undisturbed.

Tracks in switching yards were frequently extended, realigned, and rebuilt to increase capacity or efficiency. The Cedar Lake switching yards became so vast that if Kenwood residents had climbed to the top of the water tower in 1914 they would have been able to count 58 – yes, 58! – tracks side by side in the M&SL and Great Northern switching yards.

The M&SL did not ignore commuters. From the late 1880s until early 1934 the railway offered commuter service between downtown Minneapolis and Victoria, with stops in Kenwood, St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Deephaven, and Excelsior. Long-haul passenger service ended on March 21, 1959.

### M&SL ends its 90-year run

By the 1950s the glory days of railroads began to wane. With the lifting of severe wartime rationing of rubber and

gasoline, trucks and airlines captured an increasing share of the nation's freight traffic. Moreover, trucks and airlines operated on highways and from airports financed by taxpayers while railroads had to bear the full costs of their operations themselves – the same dynamic that led in the 1950s to the end of the Twin Cities' once-extensive street-car system.

The M&SL, enjoying a rare stretch of profitability, was gobbled up in 1960 by the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad and ceased to exist as a separate entity on November 1, 1960. Tracks were torn up and buildings torn down over the ensuing decades at Cedar Lake Yards and along the Kenilworth Corridor. On September 20, 1984, the Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority acquired the rail corridor from Hopkins to Minneapolis, according to Jessica Galatz, HCRRA principal planning analyst. Chicago & Northwestern was offered a \$1.5 million incentive to cease operations in the corridor by March 15, 1987, a condition they met in 1986.

From 1986 to 1998, Kenwood and Cedar-Isles-Dean residents enjoyed a first-ever, blissful stretch of quiet in their cherished Kenilworth Corridor. But on August 29, 1998, Twin Cities & Western freight trains – their freight route through the 29th Street corridor cut off by Hiawatha LRT and the rebuilding of Hiawatha Avenue – began to use the single track through the Kenilworth Corridor on what Hennepin County repeatedly promised would be a temporary basis. Hill and Lake residents know all too well the subsequent history of that promise.

What is still not yet fully evaluated by Southwest LRT planners is the extent of soil contamination and environmental degradation caused by 150 years of rail operation in the Kenilworth Corridor and in particular by the massive Cedar Lake Yards. The just-released Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) lists on pp. 3-188 to 3-193 a jaw-dropping litany of potential and actual results of heavy industrial railway use, including metals, pesticides, constituents of lubricating oil or diesel fuel, creosote from ties, and industrial chemicals and compounds which "thereby [present] high-risk environmental concerns."

The SDEIS also notes that "arsenic is commonly present in the soil along a railroad right-of-way as a result of old railroad ties dipped in an arsenic solution, arsenic weed-control sprays, and arsenic-laced slag used as railroad bed fill" as was likely done in creating the causeways over which the railroads ran when Cedar Lake was much larger than it is today and the ground of the east shore was marshy.

Southwest LRT may be a done deal, although the saga is far from over. One thing is certain, though: Kenwood residents and their allies in Cedar-Isles-Dean and beyond will continue work for the best interests of their corridor with vigilance and diligence.



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# sand upon the waters

By Tom H. Cook

Time, time, time see what's become of me  
 While I looked around for my possibilities  
 I was so hard to please  
 But look around leaves are brown  
 And the sky is a hazy shade of winter  
 —Simon and Garfunkel (A Hazy Shade of Winter)

But as long as something is never even started, you never have to worry about it ending. It has endless potential.  
 —Sarah Dressen (The Truth About Forever)

Potential has a shelf life.  
 —Margaret Atwood (Cat's Eye)

This is not one of those tedious mournful "I coulda been a contender" rants. I plan to live for many more years and continue to be a tiresome burden on my family, friends, and a slew of random strangers, all the while being a drain on the economy and an avid consumer of our finite resources. I am simply lamenting that it is becoming increasingly clear that I have more stuff than time.

Looking around my (let's be charitable and call it) "collections" of books, music, movies, and ideas, the math does not support me getting to around to everything. This is not about skydiving, climbing Mt. Baldy, or camping on the banks of Lake Okeechobee. My goals are more modest and less sweaty. I have been hoping to watch The Godfather trilogy I bought at a garage sale, and read the complete works of O. Henry (same sale). I have over twenty years of Mad magazines and National Lampoons that I am determined to pore over.

I began building up a war chest of amusements years ago, believing there would be no more new ideas or great music forthcoming. While I may have been onto something with the music, the medium has exploded. We do not have to hunker down and watch old Dick Van Dyke reruns; I mean have you seen Bloodline? There are podcasts, the iPad (phone, watch, anti-gravity

moss detector) and Netflix streaming. There is so much available and many of my old treasures are faded and available on You Tube.

The unexpected new stuff is colliding with my cherished possessions. Despite frequent donations to Salvation Army, I am falling further behind. My bookshelves can now breathe, but I have maxed my Kindle and cluttered my cloud. The DVR modem is near capacity and my iPad is screaming for more memory to contain the hundreds of apps. My son Ben knows how to access almost any program through a complicated computer hookup in Helsinki, and I am afraid that I will ask him to teach me how to retrieve The Gale Storm Show, Mr. Magoo, and then less essential stuff.

Scaling back and giving away things I will never get to is liberating. I do not expect a Mother Teresa award, but I have been leaving good books (primarily fiction — Kurt Vonnegut, Joseph Heller and Joan Didion) at bus stops, grocery stores and park benches. I feel like a subversive Johnny Appleseed as I leave a copy of Hubert Selby's Last Exit to Brooklyn in a coffee shop frequented by loitering millennial hipsters.

In the same spirit, I am ready to give away two ideas I am unlikely to develop. For years I have closely guarded but never patented a miracle shower head with a side panel option for soap capsules. The mere push of a button emits a delightful, bubbly, soap party! I may have been inspired by a trip to a carwash, but I believe there is a vast home market for "The Enchanted Shower."

My other idea is a two-clock microwave. In a rush and running late? It is maddening to keep glancing over and seeing only descending digital green numbers when you need to know the time as well as how many seconds 'til soup! I was in very preliminary discussions with a Mr. Hayward in the R&D department at General Electric. He does not have e-mail and between his time in Borneo and bad phone connections (I no sooner identify myself than the line cuts out), I have about given up, and am ready to take the idea back.

So use them. Get on the cover of Time magazine. As for me, I am too busy. After all, Season 5 of Homeland begins this fall.

*Tom H. Cook, a formerly local writer, is enjoying a modest retirement and his two (under two) grandchildren.*

## MPRB Lifeguards on Duty Beginning Saturday, June 13

Lifeguards will be on duty at eight of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's 12 authorized beaches beginning Saturday, June 13.

Beaches are open daily 6 a.m. – 10 p.m., with lifeguards scheduled June 13 to August 23 at the busiest beaches during peak use. MPRB beaches are located at Calhoun, Cedar, Harriet, Hiawatha, Nokomis and Theodore Wirth lakes.

Lifeguards are on duty beginning June 13 from 11 a.m.–7 p.m. daily at East Cedar, Cedar Point, Lake Harriet North, Lake Calhoun Thomas, Lake Nokomis Main and Theodore Wirth Lake beaches.

Lifeguards are on duty 11 a.m.–7 p.m. Thursday–Sunday at Lake Calhoun 32nd, and Lake Nokomis 50th street beaches.

On days when the temperature is 85 degrees or warmer at 6 p.m., lifeguard hours will be extended until 8 p.m. Lifeguards are not provided at Cedar South, Lake Calhoun North, Lake Harriet Southeast and Lake Hiawatha beaches.

Swimming docks are located at Cedar Point, Lake Calhoun Thomas, Lake Harriet, Lake Nokomis 50th and Theodore Wirth Lake beaches.

For more detailed information about the beaches visit:

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Hello neighbors. Friends of Thomas Lowry Park happily relates that the Barb Fogel Remembrance event at Thomas Lowry Park on June 6, 2015 was a successful celebration of Barb's contribution to the Park.

Approximately 65 persons and at least 17 dogs attended. Council Member Goodman and Sadie and Commissioner Tabb were among those present. All enjoyed puppy dog tails, cookies, lemonade, water, coffee, and dog treats.

The morning started out windy but as the remembrance commenced, the wind subsided. Was that Barb's doing? Jimmy Fogel thanked all those in attendance and all the donors, Friends, and Commissioner Tabb, Bill Payne for his work in the Park, LHNA, Pete Engelen and his crew, Isles Bun & Coffee, and Sebastian Joes for their respective contributions in having the plaque created and for making this celebration of Barb's life possible. He called everyone's attention to



Barbara Fogel.

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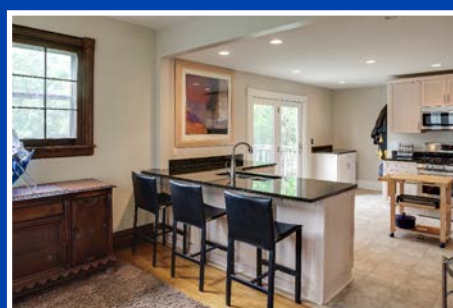
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the plaque attached to the planter in the SW corner of the Park. The plaque thanks Barb for the many years she worked in and for the Park. Friends hopes you all stop by the plaque this summer to also pay Barb your respects.

By the way, the Park looks absolutely spectacular. What a great place to read, sun, contemplate, appreciate the beauty of nature, and smell the roses. If you do and you enjoy the experience, please send in a tax deductible

contribution. The checks should be payable to "Friends of Thomas Lowry Park". Please send them care of Friends to this newspaper.

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See you in the Park.

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## EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EIRA)

By John Louis, Recorder

### Minutes from the EIRA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting June 9th, 2015 Grace-Trinity Community Church

Board members present (8 of 11): Carla Pardue (Vice-President), Nicole Engel-Nitz (Secretary), Brian Milavitz (Treasurer), Bill Elwood, Bruce Larson, Saleem Karmaliani, Pete Mason, and Amy Sanborn. Other East Isles residents and invited guests were also in attendance.

Carla Pardue called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

#### Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

Lunch with Lisa will not take place in June or July. It will resume August 26th

The owners of 2421 Humboldt Ave are asking for a larger garage. Michael Wee is the staff person to contact for more information.

A reminder to sign up for the City's Organics Recycling Program.

A reminder to water your trees during the summer months.

#### Soren Jensen, Executive Director of the Midtown Greenway Coalition (MGC)

The Greenway Glow Arts Festival and Night Bike Ride will be Saturday, June 20th from 6pm to Midnight. It is a free arts festival on the Greenway featuring 30 different artists, food trucks, beer and wine, and music.

There are new Trail Watch signs installed on the Greenway.

The City is installing brighter lights on the greenway.

The Greenway/Lake Street Connection Study is underway to find a way for the Greenway to better connect with Lake Street.

Midtown Greenway Coalition is looking to add 3 more gardens along the Greenway that would be a part of their adopt-a-garden program.

Midtown Greenway Coalition is trying to remove the black fence on the south side of the Greenway. The City owns the fence.

#### Open Forum

The City Planning Commission will hold a public meeting at City Hall Monday, June 15th at 4:30 p.m. One item of note is that the City is changing the parking requirement for multi-unit buildings from 1 space per bedroom to 0 spaces per bedroom.

#### Transportation Committee

The Board approved Peter Mason as the new Chair of the Transportation Committee

#### NRP Committee

Staff presented on the City's Draft Review of NRP Funds. The Board approved the following comments on the proposal:

Provide a pool of funds that neighborhoods with smaller CPP budget can utilize for help defray costs of robust community engagement.

Change the waiver language to be "within the last three years" instead of "the last year" with respect to program income.

The Board recommended that these comments also be sent to East Isles' NCEC representative Deborah Behrens to review.

The Board approved \$15,000 for the replacement of benches on the Mall.

The Board approved \$7,500 for the planting of 15 trees on the boulevard curb of the westbound lane heading north towards the Greenway, between Humboldt and East Calhoun Parkway.

The Board approved a one-year extension of EIRA's contract with the Non-profit Assistance Fund. The Board directed the NRP Committee to develop a long-term plan for the contracted money.

A Board member asked about the proposed warming house on Lake of the Isles. Anita Tabb will present more information at the September Board Meeting.

#### Green Team

The Green Team reported on the Plant Swap that took place May 31st at 2871 Humboldt. The weather was perfect for the event and it was well attended.

The 4th Annual Super Sale will take place Saturday, September 12th.

The Green Team presented information on the Lake Street Energy Challenge.

The Board approved participating in the Lake Street Energy Challenge to monitor and reduce electricity usage and to expand the use of renewal energy alternatives.

Update on the annual mailing, and changes that were made to the membership letter and membership form.

The social committee is looking for volunteers to staff the soda booth for the Uptown Art Fair. Contact [events@eastises.org](mailto:events@eastises.org) if interested.

The Board approved \$97 for the stuffing of the Green Team insert in the annual mailing.

A reminder to Committee Chairs to talk to Amy if they would like to table at the Ice Cream Social, July 30th, 2015.

#### Treasurer Report

The Board approved to move the association's financial management system from Quicken to QuickBooks online at a cost of \$12.95 per month.

The Board approved \$300 to reorder checks for the association.

#### Board Review

The Board approved a move to Google Apps for Business (\$10 per month) to better manage email administration.

The Board approved sending a letter of support for the Bridge for Youth's Emergency Solutions Grant application. The letter is as follows:

June 9, 2015 Tiffany Glasper, Senior Project Coordinator, Community Planning & Economic Development City of Minneapolis, Crown Roller Mill Building 105 Fifth Avenue S, Suite 200, Minneapolis, MN 55401

Dear Ms. Glasper,

The Bridge for Youth, located at West 22nd Street and Emerson Avenue South, has been a member of the East Isles neighborhood since 1975. In 2008, The Bridge opened a new facility on the southeast corner of this block. This building houses all of the Bridge's programs including the Emergency Shelter, Transitions long-term shelter, crisis hotline, youth and family counseling, support groups, and administration.

As an important member of the community, we support efforts to maintain the property, as it sits on a highly visible, well-trafficked corner at the gateway to the neighborhood.

The East Isles Residents Association has reviewed the scope of proposed physical improvements to the building.

We support these improvements and The Bridge for Youth's funding application for an Emergency Solutions Grant with the City of Minneapolis.

Sincerely,

East Isles Residents Association Board of Directors  
The Board approved a one-month extension of Monica Smith's services on an hourly basis to help with the transition of EIRA financials from Quicken to QuickBooks Online, and for other miscellaneous tasks.

The Board approved a motion to start filing with the State Attorney General's office.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p. m.

Submitted by: John Louis, Recorder

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@eastises.org](mailto:coordinator@eastises.org). The next meeting is Tuesday, July 14th, 2015, 7 p.m. at Grace-Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th Street.

## CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (CIDNA)

By Monica Smith, Recorder

### CIDNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES, June 10, 2015

The meeting was held at the Jones-Harrison Residence. Board members in attendance: Chair Craig Westgate, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Treasurer Roger Klimek, Ed Bell, Leila Brammer, Steve Goltry, Barbara Lunde, Sarah Kennedy McCoy, Elaine May and Mike Wilson.

#### Staff: Monica Smith

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

#### Announcements

Park Siding Park will be closed for up to two days this month for trail seal coating.

Upcoming Park Board meetings (in June/July for SW Minneapolis) will cover two topics:

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.

Upcoming meeting dates: June 23 at Linden Hills Rec Center, 6:00-8:00 p.m. and June 25, at Kenwood Rec Center, 6:00-8:00 p.m. (additional dates in other SW parks in July).

Off-Street Residential Parking: Proposed ordinance change to eliminate off-street parking requirements for multi-family dwellings of 5-50 units that are within 350 feet of a transit stop. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on June 15, 4:30 p.m. at City Hall.

The 2015 Fall Festival will be Sunday, October 11.

#### Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

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

Variance request to reduce setback for front yard deck at 3404 St Paul Ave.

Lake Calhoun City Apartments are seeking a registered land survey.

The Burnham Road Bridge over the channel is closed for renovation.

Cedar Lake Parkway will be resurfaced this summer. The parkway will be closed between Brownie Lake and -394 for a 10-day period. Dates have not been set.

Minneapolis' position is that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Southwest LRT is legally binding, therefore, the Met Council may not cut items identified in the MOU (such as the 21st St Station).

#### Election of Officers

Officers for the 2015-16 CIDNA Board were elected: Chair: Craig Westgate; Vice Chair: John Wessinger; Secretary, Rosanne Halloran; and Treasurer: Roger Klimek.

#### NRP/CPP Report, Monica Smith

Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) published a draft of a new policy for unspent NRP funds. The CIDNA Board will suggest a few edits to the make the policy more flexible for neighborhood.

NCR also published a draft of the "Blueprint for Equitable Engagement" that will lay out a plan to review the role of neighborhood organizations. CIDNA asked for an extension of the comment period so we have a more thoughtful review of the policy before commenting.

The next committee meeting is Wednesday, June 24, 5:00 p.m. at Rustica.

#### Midtown Greenway Coalition, Mike Wilson

The Midtown Greenway has been featured in recent articles in the Star Tribune and Southwest Journal.

The Greenway Glow on June 20th is a free art event (including a kids' festival) and features a bike ride fundraiser.

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.

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**Leash Laws, Tanya Cornelius**

ECCO Resident Tanya Cornelius attended the meeting with a reminder about leash laws. Dogs must be leashed and under your control at all times unless within a completely fenced yard. The law is being more strictly enforced and the tickets for violating the law are expensive.

**Land Use & Development Committee**

The Greystar project is going well. The piling driving should be completed in the next week.

The Trammel Crow project has experienced delays due to problems with the construction method for the foundation. Plans are being re-engineered and will be resubmitted to the city for approval. Residents from The Loop, Calhoun Isles and Cedar Lake Shore have reported damage from the original construction method.

**Transportation, Craig Westgate**

CIDNA has representatives serving on the Southwest LRT Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and Section 106 (historic preservation).

Southwest LRT is over budget and planners are discussing options for cuts. The Met Council is considering delaying the construction of the 21st St Station. Council Member Goodman stated that Minneapolis would view this as a violation of the Memorandum of Understanding.

The Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) was released on May 21. The SDEIS reviews changes to the project since the DEIS was released in October 2012. The comment period has been extended until July 21. CIDNA is working on a response to the SDEIS and volunteers are needed. Contact [info@cidna.org](mailto:info@cidna.org) to help. Residents are encouraged to attend the public hearings to give feedback. The Minneapolis hearing is Thursday, June 18, 2015, Dunwoody College of Technology, 818 Dunwoody Blvd (Open House at 5:00 p.m. and Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.).

**Pedestrian and Bike Safety Committee, Steve Goltry**

The committee is working on an executive summary of the observation sessions to be submitted to the city for consideration in the Multimodal Transportation Study. The Transportation Study is in the inventory and data phase; concept development will follow.

**Cedar Lake South Beach**

The first meeting for future improvements to South Beach was held on May 19 and focused on inventory and analysis. The next meeting is June 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Jones-Harrison Residence and will feature concept alternatives.

**Lake Street Energy Challenge**

The Lake Street Energy Challenge is an opportunity for residents and businesses along the Lake Street-Midtown Greenway corridor to impact the way energy is used and produced in the community. Neighborhoods that border Lake Street are being asked

**LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

Susie Galliano, Acting Secretary

**Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board Minutes Tuesday, June 2, 2015**

Present Board Members: Phil Hallaway, President; Thomas D. Huppert, Susie Galliano, Baygan Hartzheim, Michael Cockson, Clint Conner, Jennifer Bickett, Sarah Janacek.

Present- Guests and staff: Staff member Chris Madden, Suzanne Shaff, Roy & Kathy Williams, Craig Wilson.

President Phil Hallaway called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. A quorum was present to vote on all material matters.

**Election of Officers and Committees**

**Officers**

President Phil Hallaway was re-elected as President. Michael Cockson was elected as Vice President. Dan Aaronson was re-elected as treasurer. Janis Clay was re-elected as secretary.

**Committee Chairs**

Michael Cockson and Clint Conner will chair the Zoning & Planning Committee.

Susie Galliano will be one of the chairs of the Environmental Committee. The other chair is to be determined.

Mark Brauer and Tom Huppert will chair the Events Committee.

Sarah Janacek and Baygen Hartzheim will chair the Neighborhood Priorities Committee.

Discussion re: potential Outreach Committee which

will be deferred until the next board meeting (September 1, 2015).

**Approval of minutes.**

Michael Cockson moved and Sarah Janacek seconded approval of May 5, 2015 Board minutes. All approved.

Sarah Janacek moved and Tom Huppert seconded approval of May 12, 2015 LHNA Annual Meeting minutes. All approved.

Community Announcements: Council Member Lisa Goodman was unable to attend the meeting. In her absence, President Phil Hallaway presented a report provided by Ms. Goodman.

**Treasurer's Report.** President Phil Hallaway communicated on behalf of Treasurer Dan Aronson. All outstanding invoices have been paid.

**Committee Reports**

**Environment:** Michael Cockson communicated happenings to be condensed and summarized re: Lake of the Isles Renovation Project.

**Zoning and Planning**

Hennepin/Douglas Median (Craig Wilson) Mr. Wilson explained the history of the Hennepin/Lyndale Reconstruction project. He stated that he has been working on an application in conjunction with the Loring Park Neighborhood organization for grant money (in the amount of \$300K) for maintenance following the Hennepin/Lyndale reconstruction. Sarah Janacek moved and Jennifer Bickett seconded a motion that LHNA support the submission of a grant to the Community Innovation Fund to develop a long-term solution to the maintenance of green space, trash, lighting, etc. in the Hennepin/Lyndale Corridor. All approved.

Walker Art Center remodel (Craig Wilson) Mr. Wilson also asked for LHNA support for a variance to the Walker Art Center's obligation to provide additional seating along Vineland and Hennepin Avenues as part of its remodeling project. The Board deferred the matter

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to join the program. The CIDNA Board will discuss this further in August.

**Uptown Community Engagement, Rosanne Halloran**

The Uptown Association is facilitating a forum for neighborhoods and businesses to work together for a greater Uptown. Monica Smith will attend the June 24th meeting.

**Kenwood Elementary**

Ed Bell is exploring options to fund ceiling fans for Kenwood School's gym in partnership with other neighborhoods. More information is needed. CIDNA's NRP plans will be reviewed to see if this would be an allowable use of funds.

**Board Approval**

The board approved photocopying expenses for the Annual Meeting (using CPP funds).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

**Next meeting**

**The next meeting is Wednesday, July 8, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison.**

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until it could obtain a formal request from the Walker Art Center.

Tear down of 1909 Humboldt. Phil Hallaway reported that the home at 1909 will not be torn down, but will be moved to North Minneapolis. Work will begin June 9, 2015, with a new home to be built in its place and will be for sale at about \$1.6 million.

Future variance request (1611 Dupont). A variance request will soon be submitted to the Board and the city by the home owners.

The Board reviewed the plans for improvements to be made by The Bridge for Youth on their building located at 1111 West 22nd Street. The Bridge will submit a grant application to the City of Minneapolis to help pay for these improvements. Sarah Janacek moved and Michael Cockson seconded that LHNA provide a letter to The Bridge stating that it has reviewed the plans and supports these improvements including replacing windows, tuck-pointing, replacing the roof-top air-conditioning unit, replacing fluorescent lights with energy efficient LEDs, and replacing carpet. All approved.

### Crime and Safety

Discussion re: need for more police presence in Lowry Hill and traffic issues as a major concern of residents. President Phil Hallaway has communicated with Lieutenant Chiodo from the Minneapolis police department regarding traffic issues in Lowry Hill, such as speeding through residential areas, not stopping at stop signs, not yielding to pedestrians in crosswalks, illegal turns, exceeding 25 MPH limit on Parkways, and distracted driving due to electronic devices. The police department has requested that LHNA provide more information about when and where these traffic issues occur so that they can build a police presence during such times and locations.

Crime and safety report referred to briefly. Slight increase in reporting of crimes.

### IV. Events

Recognition for Barb Fogel

10:30 a.m. June 6, 2015 in Thomas Lowry Park.

### Ice Cream Social

Ice Cream Social will be held on July 14, 2015 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Thomas Lowry Park. Tom

## KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION

by Shawn Smith

### June 2015 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA Board met June 1st, 2015 at Kenwood Rec Center. Chair Larry Moran called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Others present: Matt Spies (ECLB Subcommittee) and Jean Deatrick, and 3 other neighbors

### City Council Update – CM Lisa Goodman

There will not be a Lunch with Lisa in June or July. The next will be August 6th, topic is TBD.

Lisa is sending out a weekly downtown event and construction alert including sporting and arts events and street closures. Future emails will include the reconstruction of Hennepin at Lyndale, Nicollet Mall Reconstruction, etc. Residents can sign up for the weekly Friday email by emailing Lisa's office. She is hopeful that the information will help residents and visitors get around town a little easier with all the construction and exciting downtown events.

Open Streets events are starting, sponsored by the city and the Bicycle Coalition. There will be road closures and roads will be open to pedestrians and bikers. Go to [www.openstreetsmpls.com](http://www.openstreetsmpls.com) for more information.

With the warm weather approaching, residents are advised to keep garages and homes locked when not home. This will deter crimes of opportunity. Also, keep valuables out of sight in your car, and keep your car locked even when it is in your garage. Residents are encouraged to call 911 if you see any suspicious activity. This will help control crimes of opportunity.

The City and the Park Board advise to water trees reg-

Huppert moved and Sarah Janacek seconded that up to \$200 be approved for acoustic music to be played at the social. All approved.

### V. Neighborhood Priorities

Sarah Janacek reported on the City's policy of continuing to make asphalt repairs instead of replacing concrete. Concern re: deterioration of neighborhood. Cost of replacement is believed to be \$1500/square. Discussion re: firm cost estimate and what is the amortization period for assessment to the home owner. Sarah Janacek will research this and report back to the Board at the September Board meeting.

### VI. Communications

Website. Discussion re: streamlining LHNA Website and adding helpful links. Chris Madden will assist with this.

### 8. New Business

Ms. Shaff noted that several ash trees that appeared to be healthy had been cut down in her neighborhood as a preventive measure and that this seemed unnecessary. She spoke to the City forester regarding this, but did not get a clear answer regarding City policy. Board discussed having an individual speak to the neighborhood group re: the procedure and replacement of trees.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

ularly, and advise against pruning ash trees, which can spread the Emerald Ash borer.

### East Cedar Lake Beach Update (ECLB, "Hidden Beach") – Matt Spies

Activities are being planned to increase resident usage of the beach. Activities will mainly be sponsored by a 3rd party, not the Park Board or City. Matt will submit an article to Hill and Lakes Press with more information in an upcoming issue.

The first log roll was held on Saturday May 30th with about 25 attendees.

Open Lake Swimming is in the planning stages, similar Lake Nokomis Open Swim. The intent is to give residents the opportunity to swim in open water for exercise and triathlon training. Also for trained swimmers that do not have access to a pool. The open swim events will be managed by the YMCA.

Other events are being planned, such as morning meditations, arts events, and more. Announcements will be shared via the NextDoor Kenwood website, so please sign up for the site for alerts on upcoming events.

Matt is working to see if a sign can be secured to post at the entrance of the beach area announcing the schedule of activities.

Matt is doing an amazing job leading the ECLB subcommittee and KIAA appreciates his dedication and effort to bring fun activities to ECLB for everyone.

### Neighborhood Priority Plan – Kathy Low

Kathy Low outlined the revised neighborhood priority plan that was drafted to direct activities and advise the expenditure of Community Participation Program funds. Changes to the former plan were advised in response to a recent survey of residents and ongoing KIAA priorities. Kathy did not seek re-election and was handing the work off to the board.

Included in the plan is SWLRT work, additional police patrols for ECLB, monthly newsletter, and neighborhood programming activities.

The final revised plan will be submitted to the city and put on record in the KIAA archives.

### SWLRT Discussion

The SDEIS is now published which reflects co-location of Light Rail and Freight Rail. LRT Done Right is drafting a response to the SDEIS (Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement). Jeanette Colby proposed that KIAA utilize the LRT Done Right as a foundation to the response for KIAA. The responses are due by July 6th unless an extension is granted. KIAA will draft a response representative of views expressed by residents and an evaluation of the SDEIS. Any resident can review the SDEIS at [www.metrocouncil.org](http://www.metrocouncil.org). Residents are encouraged to review environmental findings and mitigation plans and provide input to the Met Council directly. The City of Minneapolis and Park Board are each planning to submit a response to the SDEIS in addition to those of LRT Done Right and KIAA.

KIAA will continue to be involved with the Citizens Advisory Committee. KIAA did not support co-location of freight and light rail in the Kenilworth Corridor, but will focus the feedback on mitigation that is needed as determined by the board for safety, vibration, noise, light, and economic potential adverse effects on the neighborhood.

### Election of KIAA Officers

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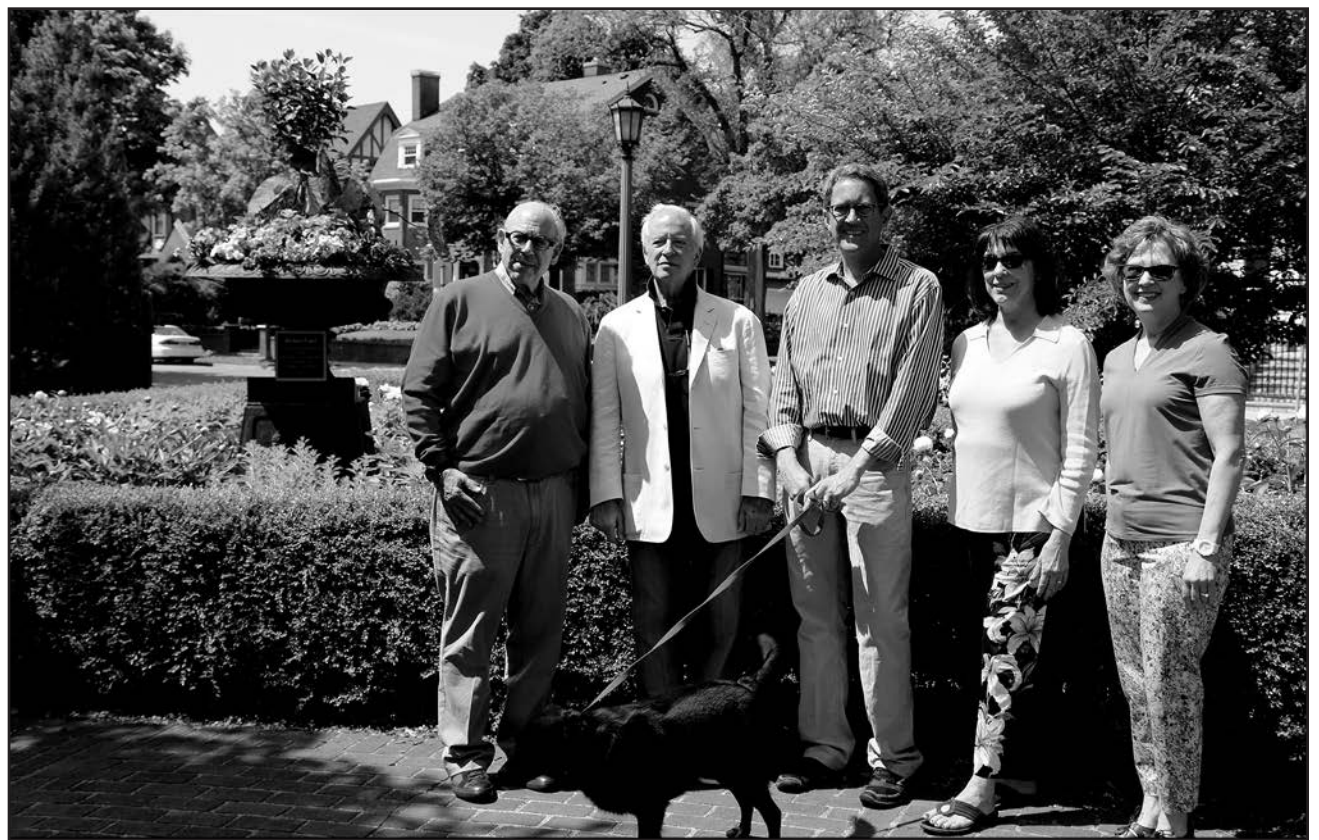
Jeanette Colby was elected to Chair of the Board. Ed Pluimer was re-elected as Treasurer. Larry Moran was elected Vice Chair, to help oversee that transition of the position of Chair to Jeanette. Shawn Smith was re-elected to Secretary. The website will be updated by Jean Deatrick to reflect the officers for the next annual period. It was noted that new members will be needed to continue the work of the board as some members have served for several terms and new resident participation is needed for succession planning.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Larry Moran at 8:50 p.m.

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The next Kenwood Isles Area Association Board meeting is Monday, July 6th 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](http://kenwoodminneapolis.org)

**Friends of Thomas Lowry Park June 6, 2015**



Barry Lazarus, Jimmy Fogel, Jeff Brown, Suzanne Payne, and Jeanne Scheiderer Photo by Dorothy Childers

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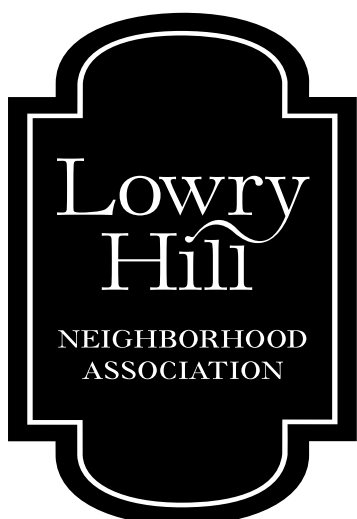
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## LETTER

### An open letter to the Grace Community

I have had the privilege to be the Director at Grace Neighborhood Nursery School for the past twelve years. It has truly been an honor.

This neighborhood treasure has been in the education building of Grace Trinity Community Church for the past 54 years.

I have met over 500 families and being a part of these families' lives, even for a short time, makes me smile. I think that I could walk down every block in the neighborhood and wave to someone that I know.

The Grace community has been, and will continue to be, the greatest cheerleaders for this nursery school. I am profoundly grateful for all of the helpful advice, insight, guidance and financial support.

The children are a joy and it is so much fun to see them come skipping down the sidewalk each morning. I will miss the happy smiles and hugs at the front door. If you ever walk down 28th Street, please stop and rest on the beautiful granite bench that has been placed in my honor in the children's garden. A thoughtful and lasting gift from the Grace community.

My loving thanks to you all.

Kathy Grossman



Jenr Koppen and Kathy Grossman



### "The Mystery of the Wandering Turtle from Lake of the Isles"

By Dr. & Mrs. Michael Paparella

Why would a pregnant sizeable "snapping turtle" leave the comfort of her home in Lake of the Isles? This voyager mother walked across a walking path, biking path, Lake of the Isles Boulevard, up Penn Avenue South, then turned into the alley behind the homes on Kenwood Parkway. She was looking for a site to lay her eggs.

Judy Bachman a Kenwood Parkway resident, encountered her and acted as a security guard, as she prevented cars from running over her.

"Mama Turtle" selected an unlikely corner of the alley.....behind the home of Michael and Treva Paparella. She dug a deep hole, deposited multiple eggs (upwards of 40 the size of ping-pong balls), covered them and started down alley.....where Treva joined the scene with Judy watching over "Mama Turtle's" safety. The nest is located



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Born Prince Adetomiwa A. Gbadebo in Abeokuta, Nigeria, an artist who paints, draws, and sculpts, was creating mural-type paintings at Lake of the Isles recently. His pieces were commissioned to be used as large back drops at the Ebony Fashion Show on May 21, 2015 at the History Center in St. Paul. Some of the artist supplies he uses are ordinary house paints, some acrylics, and added-on items. The Fashion Fair will be on view May 23-August 16, 2015. For information, go to: Inspiring Beauty: 50 Years of Ebony Fashion Fair | Minnesota History Center

at the backyard gate to the Paparella's home....a long ways from the shores of Lake of the Isles.

"Mama Turtle" then started wandering aimlessly down the alley, concerns again surfaced as to how she would find her way back to the lake without being harmed.

Judy felt strongly that she be helped back to the safety

of the water...she thought maybe they could pick her up somehow and carry her to the lake....but then, they both realized she was a "snapping turtle" and snap she did. Judy went back to her garage, found a large shovel....which they slipped under her - picked her up and started down the alley to Penn Avenue S, toward Lake of the Isles.....Judy

# Oh Boy!

By Madeleine Lowry

"I think they sang that better than we did!" my husband blurted after a stunned silence. As a member of the renowned adult choral group, VocalEssence, that was saying a lot. We had just heard 120 boys, ages 9 to 18, sing Nyon, Nyon on the stage of Ted Mann Concert Hall as part of the Minnesota Boychoir Spring Concerts.

Nyon, Nyon is a modern composition by local composer Jake Runestad. A song without words, it is an exploration of the sounds that can be produced with the human voice. It is absolutely thrilling to hear in concert and especially from this extremely talented group of boys under the exquisite control of Artistic Director, Mark Johnson.

Although that was the highlight of the program for me, it was far from the only fine musical moment of the evening. The choirs (there are five, divided by age) sang a memorable Shoshone Love Song, a Japanese children's song, Hotaru Koi, and a sprightly Swahili song called Jambo.

There were a few songs from musicals: Corner of the Sky from Pippin, No One is Alone from Into the Woods, and Make Them Hear You from Ragtime.

When in Doubt Tell the Truth featured tongue-in-cheek lyrics by Mark Twain who advises, "Always obey your parents, always obey your parents, always obey—when they are looking."

I will remember the first time we attended a Boychoir concert some years ago. Our friends' son had been singing with the group for about ten years at that time.

My husband and I were blown away by the performance, the musicality of the singers, and the confidence and stage presence of the older boys. This was not merely a comprehensive musical education, but a level of social competence that cannot be achieved by parents alone. When our youngest son started to sing around the house incessantly, we knew that Boychoir would be a worthy training ground for him.

The youngest choir, ages 7-9, looked very adorable and only slightly wiggly as they sang Happiness from the musical You're a Good Man Charlie Brown, I Love it When and My Shadow with words by Robert Louis Stevenson.

Until We Meet Again, a tribute to the loss of a parent written by Todd Price, the Boychoir accompanist, reduced most of the audience to sniffles. And a moving rendition of Tell My Father from the Civil War, An American Musical ensured that every eye was wet. A full range of genres was achieved with the inclusion of a few spirituals including a Kyrie and a Gloria.

Concerts are free and no tickets are necessary making this one of the best entertainment bargains in the Twin Cities. For more information about auditions, Sing MN summer camp, and the summer concert schedule, visit [www.boychoir.org](http://www.boychoir.org).

Minnesota Boychoir sang the same program in June at the Ordway Concert Hall. And yes, I was there in eager anticipation of hearing Nyon, Nyon once more!

## Minnesota Boychoir ends 2014-15 season on a high note.



The 155 boys and young men of the Minnesota Boychoir raised the roof at the new Ordway Concert Hall on June 14 as they sang through a long and varied program with energy and consummate artistry. Adding their voices were (from left) Cedar-Isles-Dean residents Jacob Kimberley, Aidan Kimberley, and Daniel Haakenson, with Henry Roach (East Calhoun) on the right. The Boychoir finishes out their 53rd year of "helping boys find their voice" with an eight-day, eight-concert East Coast tour. Auditions for the 2015-16 season take place on July 14 & 16 and August 25-27. For more information on this marvelous group: <[boychoir.org](http://boychoir.org)> or 651-292-3219. (Caption and photo: Michael Wilson)

### Meet Your Neighbor from page three

tacted Sen. Scott Dibble and Rep. Rick Hanson again and asked if they would author a Bill that bans online sales of restricted pesticides to unlicensed individuals in MN. They immediately agreed and took it on. The bill passed this year. Fipronil is banned in Europe and at least 6 other states in the US ban online sales of it to unlicensed individuals. Minnesota is the 5th largest honey producing state in the country. We have millions of bees summering here. To say nothing of all the pollinators we aren't watching.

Our state should be a leader in enforcing logical restrictions on these toxics products. It's hard to fathom why our regulations and enforcement had such a hole in it. The local pest control industry has been supporter of this quest to get these products out of the hands of people who don't handle them properly and give them a bad name. They wrote a letter of support for me to give the MDA and have been a very sympathetic ear. Now it all comes down to the MDA enforcing laws. My fingers are

crossed.

What can we do to help bees? One of the many problems bees come up against is a lack of food or forage. Planting a variety of flowers, plants and trees are a great help to our beneficial insect world. Even a pot on a patio is helpful in the big scheme of things. Also, ask your nurseries if the beautiful plants you are buying have been treated with systemic pesticides. If enough of us ask, hopefully, we can turn the tide on the unwarranted pesticide treated garden plant front.

Why do you allow dandelions in your yard? We are lucky enough to have a 7' fence around our backyard and it's there that I let dandelions and clover grow. I'm conscious of the fact that many people find dandelions ugly and a nuisance. But they are the first food of the season for many pollinators. They are totally edible and they are flowers. Clover forms the most beautiful green carpet and has a lovely sweet scent. I wonder why when we look at some wild flowers we see beauty and others we find ugly. A pristine lawn is a desert for pollinators, not very redeeming on the nature front. Why do we find that so beautiful? In the end, if it weren't for my kill, I wouldn't know half of what I know now. I guess if a silver lining is to be found, that's it! And now I'm ready to just be a happy hobby-beekeeper and professional upholsterer.

### Monet on Hennepin



Photo by Dorothy Childers

To celebrate MIA's Centennial and Minnesota's Museum Month, art surprises have been showing up in the community. "Grainstack, Sun in the Mist," a favorite of many, was placed outside the US Bank Branch at 2420 Hennepin Avenue South. It was one of several reproductions that were placed around the city. Shown here, museum docent Jean Ann Durades discusses the painting with William Binger.

and Treva took turns carrying this heavy "Mama Turtle". As they were ready to cross over Lake of the Isles Boulevard, Judy got the attention of a young man, and asked him to help put her back in the lake. He was most happy to help out.

"Mama Turtle" was safely put back into her environment, leaving her eggs deposited near the Paparella's backyard gate, where she knows Judy and Treva will watch over

her nest. (Once turtles lay their eggs they leave and never return). The biggest concerns will be keeping raccoons, foxes or other animals from disturbing the nest.

It takes upwards of 55- 125 days before "Mama Turtle's" babies are hatched.

And such is the story of the "Wandering Turtle from Lake of the Isles".



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