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SPEAKING FOR THE TREES — ON KENILWORTH CORRIDOR

By Mary Pattock

On a bright and beautiful Sunday morning in November, tree-lovers of all ages turned out on the Kenilworth Corridor. Their mission: “to speak for the trees” — tie green ribbons around as many trees as possible in the 44 acres of the Kenilworth Corridor that the Met Council has slated for clear-cutting. The proposed deforestation would clear the way for Southwest LRT.

The November 7 event was organized by the Lakes and Parks Alliance of Minneapolis to demonstrate the sheer magnitude of the proposed clear-cutting. The swath would start at Lake Street and continue past 21st Street.

LPA projects the number of trees to be lost at 5,000, dwarfing the number lost in the catastrophic summer solstice storm of 2013.

The Met Council, however, cites a much lower figure — 489, which is thought by many to be incredibly low. They arrive at this figure by counting only trees that measure more than 12 inches in diameter at breast-height.

The event attracted a rolling attendance of some 150 people, based on the number of rolls of green tape distributed.

Fewer trees? More CO2

Light rail is often described as an environmentally preferred mode of transportation. But clear-cutting one of Minneapolis’ largest urban forests would significantly and permanently damage Minneapolis air quality.

According to the Arbor Environmental Alliance, in one year a single acre of trees absorbs the amount of CO2 produced by driving a car 26,000 miles. The loss of 44 acres of trees in the Kenilworth Corridor would mean they would no longer be there to absorb — every year — the amount of CO2 produced by cars driving 1.14 million miles.

The densely vegetated area designated for clear-cutting is also habitat for a wide variety of wildlife, including deer, turtles, geese and ducks, loons, egrets, herons, great horned owls, and lately, eagles.

Although the event was a protest, it had the feel of a celebration. The Tree Huggers, a pick-up band of local parents, plus the cider and chocolate chip cookies donated by Barquette restaurant, had people smiling and toe-tapping,

Lorax to the Rescue

The event, approved by the Lorax Project, featured John and Liam Gunsbury in a dramatic reading from Dr. Seuss’ beloved book, The Lorax. It’s a story about the plight of the environment and the Lorax, who speaks for the trees against the greedy Once-ler, who wants to cut them down.

The Gunsbury boys apparently touched hearts; one woman was seen wiping away a tear.

(The Lorax Project is a national effort to protect the forests and endangered species of our planet. See www.seussville.com/loraxproject for information,

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Hands of the World by Greg Froehle

New Bronze bell to be rung on Sunday



Photo by Dorothy Childers

The new bell was blessed by Pastor Arden Haug

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church Rings in Thanksgiving

By Pastor Arden Haug

After 90 years, the architect’s design is finally complete. In 1925, the prestigious architectural firm of Hewett & Brown, who had drawn both the Cathedral of St. Mark and Hennepin Avenue Methodist, sketched the blueprints for the Lake of the Isles Church. The church was drawn to enhance the pastoral beauty of the wooded neighborhood and for its

image to reflect like a mirror in the lake’s water. Its stately steeple adorned with soaring eagles and winged angels was to be fitted with a proper bronze bell. The architects intended that the bell’s resonant tones would flow through the tower’s louvered panels out over the lake and surrounding neighborhood. Unfortunately,

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Neighborhoods: Up Close and from Afar, an exhibition of new paintings by Minneapolis artist, James Conaway, opens December 5 at the Groveland Annex. Conaway is a former Hamline University professor who taught studio art and art history for over three decades. He is now a full-time artist with a studio in the Traffic Zone building, a restored warehouse cooperatively owned and shared by 25 local artists. He has been represented by Groveland Gallery for over 15 years, and has exhibited his work extensively throughout the United States, including the Walker Art Center, the Milwaukee Art Museum and the Scottsdale Center for the Arts.



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Later with Lisa December 14, 2015

No Lunch with Lisa in November. Plan to attend Later with Lisa in December, a fun event from 4:30 to 6:30 at the Normandy where you will see your friends and neighbors and have an opportunity to chat with Council Member Lisa Goodman.

Please RSVP to 612-673-2207 or ruth.weakly@minneapolismn.gov

Prepare + Prosper Needs Volunteers for Upcoming Tax Season

Twin Cities nonprofit relies on volunteers to prepare taxes, offer financial products and services.

Prepare + Prosper (P+P) is looking for volunteers to assist 13,000 taxpayers in the 2016 tax season. Volunteers work one-on-one with low- to moderate-income individuals and families to provide free tax preparation and financial services at eight locations in Bloomington, Hopkins, Minneapolis, and St. Paul.

“We could not do what we do without volunteers,” said Tracy Fischman, P+P executive director. “Volunteers are core to our work, and provide vital services that help hard-working families make ends meet, save for a rainy day, and build for the future. They see immediate and significant results from their volunteer experience.”

Last year, more than 500 volunteers helped return \$27 million in refunds, of which over \$1.6 million was saved for the future. There are opportunities for various abilities, interests, and areas of expertise. Previous tax experience is not required for all positions.

Volunteer positions include:

- Tax preparer
- Tax reviewer
- Financial advocate
- Tax site specialist
- Interpreter

HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Fix-it Tech Nov 21 Hennepin Methodist

ArtMart Nov. 22, 3-7pm Jones Harrison

Groveland Gallery Opening, Dec. 5, 2-5pm

Later with Lisa, Dec. 14, 4:30, Normandy

Lake of the Isles Skating Party Jan. 24, 2016

LHNA will provide pie, coffee, & ice cream on Thanksgiving Day to the Fifth Precinct.

Neighborhood monthly meetings

CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday 6pm Jones-Harrison

EIRA: 2nd Tuesday Grace Community Church

KIAA: 1st Monday 7pm Kenwood Rec Center

LHNA: 1st Tuesday 7pm Kenwood Rec Center

All volunteers receive training, and those preparing and reviewing taxes must pass an IRS-certification test.

P+P also needs volunteers for its financial coaching program, Money Mentors, to work long-term with an individual or couple to help them reach their financial goals.

P+P is holding volunteer orientations from October 27 through December 12. To sign up for an orientation, visit <http://www.prepareandprosper.org> or email Kayla Norman at volunteer@prepareandprosper.org or call 651-262-2172.

About Prepare + Prosper: Prepare + Prosper (formerly AccountAbility Minnesota) is a robust organization focused on poverty alleviation, financial capability, and economic mobility for low-income households. It does so by providing free tax and financial services, building the capacity of other organizations providing these services, and by utilizing its experiences to advance policies and practices that directly benefit the people it serves.



Exciting Watershed Learning at Kenwood School. The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District has awarded an educational grant to Kenwood School. 5th grade students enjoyed hands-on learning about the lakes including this field trip to speak with Cedar Lake Park Association President and volunteer, Dr. Keith Prussing shown here demonstrating storm water that goes directly from street gutters into Cedar Lake. Curriculum consultant, educator and Master Water Steward, Joan Freese, arranged for students to plant a Raingarden at Kenwood Corner, go on a field trip to Minnehaha Falls and hike to the mouth of the creek at the Mississippi River. **By Angie Erdrich**

Meet your Neighbor, Steven Lewandowski

Craig Wilson interviews Lowry Hill resident Steven Lewandowski about his business and political consulting business Belfry and his online piano lesson site Pianu and what sets Millennials apart as a generation.

Where did you grow up? I grew up in Mosinee, WI, a town of about 4,000 in Central Wisconsin.

You started working at an early age, what did you do? When I was twelve I worked for the local youth softball association as the scorekeeper and scoreboard operator, which was an excellent opportunity to see parents at their worst. At fourteen I started work at the local grocery store stocking and bagging groceries. When I worked nights I'd have the cashiers teach me to use the registers, and eventually the owners moved me to the front end. At sixteen I became the Frozen & Dairy Department Manager and at seventeen became a Junior Store Manager.

What's been your career journey? After attending the Carlson School at the University of Minnesota, I began a career in marketing information & analytics consulting—basically assessing consumer behavior to inform the marketing and sales strategies of marketing and retail organizations. I spent five years with two companies doing that work, and supported Unilever, General Mills, then Target. Next, I took on a role that connected my business experience with my passion for educational equity as the Associate Director of STEP-UP Achieve. Most recently, I've been focused on two startup adventures. First, as business partner in Pianu, which is a revolutionary way to learn piano. It's essentially an interactive piano instructor in your web browser (pianu.com). Second, I founded Belfry, which provides marketing, public relations, and communications solutions to small businesses and local political cam-

paigns (belfrystrategy.com).

What is Belfry and why did you launch it? Belfry works with small businesses and local political campaigns to bring the kind of insights and cutting-edge marketing strategies that are available to Fortune 500 companies to small organizations. The idea for Belfry came after talking with small business owners who have great ideas but who aren't sure how to reach customers or make the most of their marketing efforts. I saw an opportunity to help them focus on the most valuable activities or, in a lot of cases, to take the first steps toward developing an actionable, effective marketing plan. Belfry Business Solutions works to take the guesswork out of marketing and to focus the limited time and money available on the most effective strategies. On the political side, I've worked with a lot of local campaigns and have seen that the greatest challenge tends to be time. In many cases, campaigns realize that they need a cohesive messaging strategy and fully formed web presence when it's already too late. Belfry Campaign Solutions works to move those activities from reactive to proactive, to develop messaging that is formed from strategy rather than time-pressure, and to focus the campaign's energy where it should be—not building websites or designing logos, but talking directly to voters.

What's essential to effectively managing campaigns in 2015? Effective campaigns get out and talk with voters about what's important to them. What has changed is the number of ways to make those connections - and that has the effect of muddying the waters for a campaign manager, who needs to assign time and effort to each method. Door knocking is still the most effective way to gain support and, I suspect, always will be. However, campaigns are now focusing a disproport-



tionate amount of time on web and social media strategies, often while neglecting their fieldwork. Websites and social media don't win elections, but when they're poorly formed, mismanaged, or off-message, they can lose them.

What draws you to local politics? Decisions made at the local level have the most direct impact on our daily lives. When Congress passes a spending bill, most of us won't notice the effects of it beyond people yelling at each other on CNN. But when local government moves to, hypothetically, route a train through your neighborhood, it's going to have an effect on your day-to-day, either positively or negatively.

Millennials will dominate the workforce by 2020. What are their values and what are they looking for? I generally reject the notion that Millennials share a unified set of values as a variation of "kids these days."

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Make Dinner, Not Waste

By Betsy Allis

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the beginning of the Great Depression in 1929 delayed the completion of the architect's design, and the congregation soon after abandoned the church building.

In 1935, a new congregation had begun to gather in the vacant church and had proposed that their Lutheran synod buy the foreclosed property. The following year, Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church was established, and the completion of the architect's original design was rekindled. The first attempts to mimic a bell were noble, but weak. The pastor's own son installed speakers in the steeple to broadcast bell-like sounds. Later, he located a steel school bell on a farm and placed it in the church. The sound, however, was never quite what the architects had imagined.

Earlier this May, the congregation launched a campaign to complete the historic design, and commissioned a new bell to replace the tinny steel bell that had served the church for several decades. They selected the Christoph Paccard Company of Charleston, South Carolina to produce the bell. In late August, the 570 pound bronze bell was poured at the Paccard Foundry in Annecy, France. This is the same foundry that produced France's largest bell for the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Paris.

The inscription on the bell includes the logo of the church, as well as the Latin phrase, Soli Deo Gloria. The composer Johann Sebastian Bach included this annotation S. D. G., Soli Deo Gloria, on most of his religious works.

The new bell at Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church will be rung for the congregation's Thanksgiving worship service on Sunday, November 22nd at 9:30 a.m...90 years after the blueprints were first drawn.

More than ever, people are turning to composting to reduce waste and retain soil. Although composting works beautifully, it's far more energy efficient for us to eat our food before it goes to waste. A 40 percent per month wastage rate is commonly reported. On November 11th, a Eureka Recycling expert offered useful tips for preventing food waste at a special program sponsored by the East Isles Green Team. Examples are listed below.

Store apples, bananas, citrus and tomatoes away from other produce. Why? Because they give off ethylene gas that hastens spoilage.

Keep herbs fresh longer by removing ties and either refrigerating herbs in a jar with a small amount of water or chopping and flash-freezing (with a little olive oil) in ice cube trays and transferring the cubes to an airtight container. See A-Z Storage Guide at Eureka's website (below) for information about basil.

Be safe—use more glass and less plastic to store food to prevent contact with toxic chemicals. Go with

glass containers that are clear, airtight, and rectangular in shape.

You can freeze dairy products—like milk, butter, cream, and hard or semi-hard cheese. Strategies vary by product.

Store stalk veggies (e.g., celery, carrots, asparagus) upright in a jar of water (amount varies).

Attending to food storage is a key way to prevent food waste. Three other techniques work too: keep a food inventory (include your refrigerator, freezer and pantry); plan meals; and track food waste. Find more details about tips and tools at Eureka's website: www.MakeDirtNotWaste.org.

Great tips to keep in mind as the holidays approach.

Food Waste Party



Photo by Betsy Allis

Terese Hill from Eureka Recycling provides tips for reducing food waste at a November 11th house party sponsored by the East Isles Green Team.

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Community Wine Tasting Fundraiser

By David P. Shirley, Volunteer-Volunteer Coordinator for the 31st WT event

“Volunteerism is the thread that holds the fabric of society together” and “the rent we pay for living on the Planet Earth”.

The 31st Hennepin Lake Community Wine Tasting was a great success with nearly 500 tickets distributed for the bargain pre-event price/donation of \$25.00, a figure that has remained unchanged for about 20 years. About \$330,000 of unencumbered funds for neighborhood associations has been raised during the 31 events, which is a tremendous accomplishment. Having served on the CIDNA Board for 26 years (13 as president), I know that unencumbered funds are an often needed resource for a neighborhood association when holding their own celebrations, meetings, etc. Please keep supporting this fundraising effort, which is also quite FUN!

Aside from the four neighborhoods and corresponding neighborhood associations represented by the distribution area of the Hill & Lake Press (Cedar-Isles-Dean, East Isles, Kenwood & Lowry Hill); the Calhoun Area (CARAG), East Calhoun (ECCO) and West Calhoun (WCNC) neighborhoods were participants in the fundraising, coordination, and volunteering to make the event a success. Almost 70 volunteers registered on the evening of the event to help make things flow smoothly. Thank you!

Pat Fleetham has been the go to person for most of the event's 31 occurrences, which have been rotated among several venues. This year's event was held at Calhoun Square and the Ackerberg Group with its Calhoun Square Management Team did a wonderful job of ramping-up the look and amenities of the event, which doubled as a kick-off for the revamped Calhoun Square (looking good CS!). If you have not been in Calhoun Square lately, you should check it out!



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Dale Peterson of Bourget Imports pours wine at the 31st Hennepin Lake Community Wine Tasting, a successful fundraiser for our neighborhood organizations that was held at Calhoun Square.

Hennepin Lake Liquor has been the event sponsor since the first Wine Tasting Fundraiser and should be thanked (you probably need some beverages for the upcoming holiday season!). Parrella Restaurant provided delicious appetizers, while Great Clips was once again a sponsor.

Thanking and supporting these businesses is appropriate and greatly appreciated.

Please support the 32nd Hennepin Lake Community Wine Tasting Fundraiser next year, and have an excellent holiday season!

Minneapolis City Council Transportation and Public Works Committee Passes Freight Rail Safety Resolution

Citizens Acting for Rail Safety - Twin Cities (CARS-TC) commends the Minneapolis City Council Transportation and Public Works (TPW) Committee for passing a freight rail safety resolution today. Given recent ethanol and oil train derailments in Alma and Watertown, WI on November 7 and 8, 2015, this action by the City is especially timely and important.

The city-wide resolution urges enhanced safety requirements from state and federal governments and the implementation of such by the railroads to reduce the risk from trains carrying crude oil, ethanol and other hazardous materials to those living and working in Minneapolis. Among numerous requests, the resolution asks the federal government to approve a feasibility study for the reroute of freight trains away from populated areas. The Council is pushing for better communication protocols between railroads and local emergency responders and is also asking for mandated insurance liability requirements. Most railroads, if they carry insurance at all, only insure their trains, rolling stock and rail infrastructure and have no coverage for potential damage to surrounding communities and ecosystems.

The Minneapolis City Council resolution also includes asking railroads to share information regarding the condition of existing infrastructure and expansion plans. Earlier

this fall, without notice to adjacent property owners, the BNSF expanded its tracks in a Northeast Minneapolis neighborhood. The result was the leveling of a thick tree buffer and the tearing down of structures in people's backyards. BNSF claims that they (BNSF) own the right of

way, which is currently in dispute.

The City of Minneapolis Freight Rail Safety Resolution advances on the same day Governor Dayton and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) are

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The verdict is in: We *love* the new Burnham Road bridge!

Story, photos, and captions by Michael Wilson



The new Burnham Road Bridge looks attractive to folks using the Channel as well as to walkers, bikers, and motorists up above.

Cedar-Isles-Dean and Kenwood residents who regularly navigate the skein of streets in our two neighborhoods are still remarking on the beautiful new Burnham Road Bridge across the Kenilworth Channel, officially opened on September 21.

The new bridge is the third to cross the channel connecting Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles, which opened on November 8, 1913. The first vehicle bridge, a quaint wooden structure which looked better suited to an area of rural gravel roads than to a major metropolitan area, was built in 1926 and lasted until 1961, when the city replaced it with the bridge which was taken down earlier this year.

Burnham Wood residents and city Department of Public Works officials all agree that construction went remarkably smoothly and that the new bridge will be an asset to the neighborhood for decades to come.



Under a hot bright sun and a brilliant blue sky on September 21 a ribbon-cutting marked the official opening of the new Burnham Road Bridge. From left: Capt. Joe Hadzima, Minneapolis Fire Dept. Station 22; Hassan Nur, DPW engineering technician and construction inspector; Burnham Wood residents Fred and Gloria Sewell; CIDNA Board Chair Craig Westgate; Council Member Lisa Goodman and Sadie; Meseret Wolana, DPW project engineer; KIAA Board Chair Jeanette Colby; and City Bridge Engineer Jack Yuzna. The 50 people in attendance were grateful for the lemonade and delicious baked treats generously donated by Isles Bun & Coffee.



The city's Department of Public Works was well represented at the bridge reopening. From left: Abdi Ahmed, bridge safety inspector; Hassan Nur, construction inspector; Jack Yuzna, city bridge engineer; Meseret Wolana, project engineer; and Kent Madsen, bridge safety inspector.



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LOOKING FOR THANKSGIVING

By James P. Lenfestey

How did it get so hard to bring the family together for Thanksgiving? When the job, the purpose, the hope of the day is simply to express thanks for the harvest and the family?

OK, we have to stuff the turkey, discuss the giblets, debate the stuffing, mash the sweet (and white) potatoes, pudding the corn, burn the corn bread, clean the beans, smoke the ham, whisk the gravy, warm the plates, uncan the cranberries, melt the butter, find the napkins, select the wine, set the table, assemble the crib, unfold the chairs, and, for all the vegetarians, vegans and non-paleo health nuts now in the family, massage the kale.

And while we wait, or before, or after, go for a hike,

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demanding revised oil train disaster prevention and response plans from five railroads since their earlier submissions were not fully compliant with state requirements. The United States Environmental Protection Agency has given Minnesota the power to regulate in this arena. However the railroads have a history of noncompliance with state law. Another recent example of the railroad industry's disregard of pertinent regulations is their failure to install the federally mandated positive train control (PTC) braking system. PTC automatically slows trains when speed thresholds are exceeded or when approaching a track impediment too quickly. In spite of the existence of positive train control since the mid 1980s, and a five year timeline to implement the PTC mandate, the railroads recently threatened to cease service unless given an extension to the December 31, 2015 deadline. In response to this railroad industry non-compliance and threat, the federal government granted a three-year extension on the mandated PTC installation.

City Council member Kevin Reich, chair of the TPW committee said, "These issues aren't abstractions. The problem of hazardous freight is not new but what is new is the volume of this activity and the nature of the stuff moving through. The best way to move forward is to move forward as partners and co-problem solvers with the rail companies. This is an invitation for sincere peer to peer conversations."

Council member Linea Palmisano said, "This role is shared across different levels of government. Planning mitigates risk and helps us to be more resilient. That is the role we play at the city level. Enhanced communication

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watch some football, play some football, dish the gossip, sing the family song, drink the family grog, recite the family poem.* What could be so hard about that?

OK, I'll tell you how hard it has become.

All of our children now live Out West, the very unhappy accident of jobs and spouses. So we plan to meet at my sister's house every two years, in Utah, where she moved for her husband's business a couple decades ago. Utah? Do the Mormons even celebrate Thanksgiving? Don't they just conduct plural marriages, knock on doors, prosper in business, and grow an infinite number of presidential candidates?

We fly there, flapping our wings and offsetting our carbon emissions through the Nature Conservancy website (don't forget!) Other family members straggle in, four from New Mexico, one "grandbaby" now coming home from college, the other with her driver's license, both reluctant to tear themselves away from friends to trek over the mountains to Park City. The only group eager to visit Utah is the Seattle contingent, apparently hoping that while they are away they'll miss the forecast 9.0 earth quake and tsunami.

But the Utah attractions are huge, and I don't mean mountains. My sister is the Perle Mesta of the West, the hostess with the mostess.

Her daughter runs a gourmet cooking school in San Francisco, and, insanely, loves gets up early to cook on her day off! Another niece, who lives in Park City, inherited the family party organization gene, so we are in doubly good hands. And, get this, her baby son is now a sommelier in Sonoma! There will be no whining this Thanksgiving.

Still, after two years of planning, the following details remain unresolved as I write this two weeks before The Day.

1) Our SoCal kids sadly not making it, the baby too new to travel.

2) My sister's new bathroom, long planned for Thanksgiving completion, remains fully under construction, now "planned" for Christmas! She recently backed her car into the dumpster in the driveway, her bumper now affixed with duct tape. The dinner plates, are they under the sawdust pile or just coated with it?

Don't worry that the new bathroom doesn't have a shower curtain, it doesn't have a shower either, or a mirror to assess the damage. Where ARE the air mattresses?

How much easier were the old days. Or were they?

Every Thanksgiving my parents stuffed our family of five into Dad's dusty car for the drive from DePere, Wisconsin to Appleton, an interminable distance of 30 miles. HOW could ANY trip take so long?

To pass the time in the car, my family loved to sing, my father's resonant baritone vibrating the windows, my mother and sisters adding perfect alto harmonies, while I sat surly and soundless, fearing a froglike croak. When we arrived, forty unknown relatives patted me on the head while quietly thinking to themselves, "Oh oh, a mouth breather."

Still a mouth breather but now a grandparent, I pat unknown children on the head while they look at me quizzically, then I sing with gusto the family song:

"Over the River and through the woods, to Grandmother's house we go.

The horse knows the way, to carry the sleigh, through the white and drifted snow."

Wait a minute, "white and drifted snow?" OK, this is also a Christmas song, but I remember snow on Thanksgiving always back then. Now it is rare. And bird flu decimated the Minnesota turkey population, though we are assured plenty of kale.

Well, the distances, the climate, the food, the times they are a changing.

But family Thanksgiving gatherings, traditions and songs delightfully limp along: "It's grandmother's cap I spy..." Well, her lovely silver tresses these days. "Hurrah for the fun, is the pudding done...?" Pudding? Who turned down the oven? Why did u open the tin foil? Where is the platter, the hard sauce?

"Hurrah for the pumpkin pie!" I couldn't agree more, since pumpkin pie is what I contribute to the feast. I use an old family recipe fortunately spelled out on the back of the can of pumpkin pie filling. Do everything it says, but when it comes to spices, double them, except the cinnamon.

Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends, if you can pull it off.

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Speaking for the Trees from page one

games, and curriculum ideas.)

Our unique heritage

To highlight the precious nature of the Kenilworth area, George Puzak, an LPA board member and former Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board commissioner, cited a comment by renowned landscape architect James Corner. Corner, who designed the famous High Line parkway in New York City, was in town in his role as designer of the new Nicollet Mall.

Corner told Puzak that after biking the trail between Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles, his entire design team said they wanted to move to Minneapolis.

“Many cities have light rail,” concluded Puzak. “But no city has the natural resources of lakes, parks, and greenways like Minneapolis.”

The Lawsuit that Speaks for the Trees

In September of 2014, the Lakes and Parks Alliance of Minneapolis filed suit in U.S. District Court against the Met Council for violation of environmental law. Last August, Judge John Tunheim denied LPA’s request for a summary judgment against the Met Council, but contrary to the Met Council’s request, did not throw the case out.

Instead, in his August opinion, Tunheim had sharp words for the council: “Through much of this process, the Met Council has had a clear favorite route for [Southwest light rail] — at the expense of other alternatives. ... [T]he Met Council has come dangerously close to impermissibly prejudicing the ongoing environmental review process.”

LPA’s legal team, Tom Johnson of Gray Plant Mooty, and Lew Remele of Bassford Remele, is now preparing the case for trial.

Contributions to LPA’s legal fund can be made on the LPA website: www.lakesandparks.com.

George Puzak’s Remarks at Speak for the Trees Rally 11-7-2015

Thank you Mary and ALL of YOU who are here this morning. 100 Years ago, Theodore Wirth, described the Kenilworth Channel and these woods as the most fragile and sensitive area in our park system.

Today, these trees connect the Grand Rounds to Bassett’s Creek Valley in north Minneapolis and to The Midtown Greenway to the south. Over 600,000 people bike, walk, jog and paddle around these trees each year.

We speak for the trees because they give us natural beauty, A canopy and habitat for wildlife. Look and you will see soaring eagles, a hidden fox den and slow moving turtles. Trees clean the air and give us oxygen. They save water and cool our streets. Trees help our city breathe. What will this greenway look like without these 5,000 trees?

Now, because of poor planning and co-location of LRT and hazardous rail cargo, we’ll be left with a concrete and steel corridor.

Raise your hand if you’ve heard of James Corner? I’m sure our friends in the media have. A world-renown landscape architect, Mr. Corner designed the world famous High Line in New York City and is designing the NEW NICOLLET MALL in Minneapolis. The core of the project—PLANTING TREES.

Mr. Corner and his design team biked this greenway. He told me, “we biked the trail out of downtown and passed between those two lakes, then came across more lakes. And immediately my entire design team wanted to move to Minneapolis.”

Many cities have light rail. But no city has the natural resources of lakes, parks, and greenways like Minneapolis. How can we destroy these trees and this world-class urban greenspace?

WE CAN DO BETTER!



Photo by Dorothy Childers

The Lorax is a children's book written by Dr. Seuss and first published in 1971. It chronicles the plight of the environment and the Lorax, who speaks for the trees ... Reading from the Dr. Seuss book, *The Lorax* are left to right: Cedar-Isles-Dean residents John and Liam Gunsbury

New Gallery in the Neighborhood



Photo by Dorothy Childers

When Kenwood Pet Clinic remodeled their entrance, they created a new art gallery. The first artist to be featured in the gallery is Chris Childers, shown here with Sally and John Westby, who stopped by to see his landscape oil paintings. His exhibit will run until May, 2016 and new paintings will be added periodically. Often times, Childers can be seen around the Kenwood area delivering mail.

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EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EIRA)

John Louis, Recorder

Minutes from the EIRA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting November 10th, 2015 Grace-Trinity Community Church

Board members present (9 of 11): Andrew Degerstrom (President), Carla Pardue (Vice President), Brian Milivitz (Treasurer), Nicole Engel-Nitz (Secretary), Pete Mason, Bill Elwood, Bruce Larson, Nancy Johnston, and Mike Erlandson.

Other East Isles residents and invited guests were also in attendance.

Andrew Degerstrom called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Social Committee

The Annual Hennepin-Lake Community Wine Tasting had great attendance and was a big success. The total amount raised will be available at the next EIRA Board meeting.

The Annual Ice Skating Party is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, January 24th.

The Board approved a motion for a budget of \$200 for the Annual Ice Skating Party.

Green Team Committee

The Green Team is continuing its work around solar energy. EIRA is taking part in the Lake Street Energy Challenge, and the Green Team will be presenting to the neighborhood about opportunities to participate in upcoming community solar conversations. There will be a Solar Updates event on Tuesday, November 17th.

There will be a Food Waste house party on Wednesday, November 11th. Eureka will be presenting.

Transportation Committee

Consideration of a resolution of support for removing stop signs along the Midtown Greenway at Humboldt & Irving Aves.

There are over 3,100 bikers on the Midtown Greenway each day. The National Association of City Transportation Officials says having a clear right-of-way for intersections with bicycle facilities is the safest option. Having a clear right of way for bikers would have a very minimal impact on vehicle traffic. Bikers would only have to look for pedestrians. Vehicle traffic law states that at every intersection pedestrians have the right of way. Signage or street marking would be a good way to designate that pedestrians always have the right away. There have been no accidents at James, which does not have a stop sign.

The Board approved a motion for the following resolution:

Whereas, the Midtown Greenway is a former railroad corridor across South Minneapolis with bicycle and walking trails, and,

Whereas, the Midtown Greenway has three at-grade crossings in the East Isles Neighborhood at Humboldt Avenue South, Irving Avenue South, and James Avenue South, and,

Whereas, the intersections at Humboldt Ave South and Irving Ave South have all-way stop signs, and,

Whereas, the intersection at James Avenue South has two-way stop signs with bicycle and pedestrian traffic along the Midtown Greenway having the right-of-way, and,

Whereas, all-way stop sign intersections, especially where a bicycle and pedestrian trail intersects with a traffic street, often cause confusion due to a lack of a clear right-of-way making such the intersections unpredictable and less safe for all modes of travel, and,

Whereas, intersections are safer when the more vulnerable modes of transportation have the clear, unambiguous right-of-way,

Therefore, be it resolved that the East Isles Residents Association supports converting the intersections of the Midtown Greenway at Humboldt Avenue South and Irving Avenue South into two-way stop signs, giving bicycle and pedestrian traffic along the Midtown Greenway the right-of-way. In addition, East Isles Residents Association would like the installation signs or road markings at each of the three intersections stating that cyclists should yield to pedestrians.

The Transportation Committee has conducted two very successful walking tours that have identified and reported some very serious sidewalk and cutback issues. The City has been very responsive, and has fixed many of the reported issues.

NRP Committee

EIRA staff presented on the organization's NRP Phase II housing dollars. Currently, these dollars are contracted with the Nonprofit Assistance Fund and will be up for recontracting in June of 2016. The EIRA Board will be brainstorming ideas over the coming months of how to best engage the neighborhood in this discussion.

The NRP Committee will be electing a new committee chair at their next meeting (Monday, December 7). For information on how to apply, or information about how to join the committee contact EIRA President Andrew Degerstrom at president@eastisles.org.

Staff Report

The Board approved a motion to adopt the same CPP budget for 2016 that it adopted for 2015.

President's Report

EIRA received a public hearing notice for 2505 W Lake of the Isles Pkwy. The notice listed six variances, and the original resolution adopted by the Board last May only addressed three. After contacting Peterssen/Keller Architecture, they confirmed that they made minor changes to the design so that the additional three variances would no longer be required. The EIRA President then sent a letter recommending approval of the three variances that were discussed last spring.

Board Review

EIRA Semi-Annual Meeting

47 residents attended the meeting. Board members thought the safety presentation by 5th Precinct Inspector Todd Loining and Crime Prevention Specialist Chelsea Adams was well received and helped to increase attendance. The Board discussed the possibility of only having an annual meeting, with the option of special members meetings as needed. The Board will discuss this change at the December Board meeting.

Discussion of further amendments to EIRA Bylaws

The Board discussed creating a committee at the December Board meeting that would be tasked with reviewing the EIRA Bylaws and reporting back on any conflicting language.

EIRA and the Greater Uptown Community Partnership

The Greater Uptown Community Partnership is currently focusing on transportation related issues. Other Uptown neighborhoods have contributed money to fund a transportation coordinator. The Board will send a representative to their next meeting to gather more information and report back.

Closed Session: Creation of a Special Search Committee for the hiring of a new Coordinator

The Board approved a motion that:

The Board of Directors for the East Isles Residents Association appoints a Special Search Committee for the purpose of hiring a new Coordinator. The Special Search Committee shall consist of the following members: Nancy Johnston (Chair), Nicole Engel-Nitz, Bruce Larson, Peter Mason, Carla Pardue, and Andrew Degerstrom (ex-officio). The Special Search Committee shall present its final recommendation to the Board of Directors by no later than its January meeting.

Further, the Board of Directors of the East Isles Residents Association grants the Special Search Committee the following authority to act on behalf of the East Isles Residents Association:

- To create an official job description for the Coordinator position, including desired qualifications, pay range, and hours per week
- To determine the closing date for applications
- To advertise the job opening on various websites and in various publications as the Committee chooses

- To select up to 5 qualifying candidates from the list of applicants

- To conduct interviews with qualifying candidates
- To select and present a job offer to a final candidate, including the pay rate, based on the candidate's qualifications and experience, contingent on final approval of the EIRA Board of Directors. The job offer to the final candidate will be for 6 months, after which the Executive Committee will recommend to the Board whether or not to extend the candidate's contract.

The Board approved a motion to authorize the EIRA President to hire a consultant to help with miscellaneous administrative tasks until a new coordinator is hired.

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 contacting president@eastisles.org.

The next meeting is Tuesday, December 8, 2015, 7 p.m. at Grace-Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th Street.

Calls from Your Own Phone Number—How is it Possible?

From the Office of Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson

"Shelly" and her family sat down to dinner when the phone rang. Before she answered the call, Shelly looked at the caller ID and saw her own name and phone number! She answered the call and heard a recording that offered to lower her credit card interest rate. Shelly hung up and reported the call to her phone company.

Scam artists now use technology to make a person's caller ID show their own name and phone number—making it appear as though a person is calling him or herself. These scam artists are falsifying—or "spoofing"—caller ID information. Spoofing scams are often perpetrated by criminal gangs located outside the state or country attempting to mask their identity and evade law enforcement.

Under the Federal Truth in Caller ID Act of 2009, using caller ID spoofing to defraud someone is a crime. Scam artists who use spoofing technology perpetrate so-called card services scams, medical alert device scams, and a number of other scams. These scams are usually designed to steal money or personal information, so it is very important to be wary of calls that appear to come from your own name and phone number. You should never provide your personal or financial information to unknown callers. Theft of personal and financial information is a crime and should be reported to local authorities.

It is generally a good idea not to answer a phone call that appears to be from your own phone number. There is typically no legitimate reason for a person to receive such a call, and by answering, the scam artist is notified that your number is active, often leading to more scam calls. Unfortunately, scammers who use caller ID spoofing to steal money or personal information ignore established means of stopping unwanted calls, such as the National Do Not Call Registry, and are not dissuaded from calling by the fact that a person's number is on the no-call list.

If you receive a call that appears to come from your own name and telephone number, you should take the following steps:

Report the call to your phone company, which may be able to offer calling features that block unwanted calls.

Report the call to the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") and the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"). These agencies have the authority to enforce federal laws that regulate caller ID spoofing, as well as autodialed and prerecorded message calls. The FCC can also impose fines on individuals and entities that violate those laws. You may contact these agencies as follows:

Federal Trade Commission
Consumer Response Center
600 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest

CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (CIDNA)

By Monica Smith, Recorder

BOARD MEETING MINUTES, November 11, 2015

The meeting was held at Jones-Harrison Residence. Board members in attendance: Chair Craig Westgate, Vice Chair John Wessinger, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Treasurer Roger Klimek, Ed Bell, Lowell Berggren, Leila Brammer, Steve Goltry, Barbara Lunde, Sarah Kennedy McCoy, Elaine May, James Reid, and Mike Wilson. Staff: Monica Smith

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

Mark Wegner, President, Twin Cities & Western Railroad

Twin Cities & Western Railroad Company (TC&W), which operates the railroad through the Kenilworth Corridor (which is owned by Hennepin County Region Railroad Authority).

Loitering trains: TC&W uses BNSF track after it leaves the Kenilworth Corridor toward downtown. TC&W needs permission from BNSF to proceed. They need to be as close as possible to the BNSF tracks so they can pass within the given timeframe. If they are told that the wait will be longer than an hour, they can back the train to Hopkins and wait there. If a train is in corridor longer than an hour, please report it to Mr. Wegner.

The Kenilworth is a 25-mile-per-hour track; TC&W chooses to run at 10-miles-per-hour. They serve two ethanol plants and run seven 80-car ethanol trains per month. Coal trains are the longest at 123 cars; grain trains have 110 cars.

Re: Southwest LRT - TC&W needs to provide the same level of service to their customers pre- and post-LRT. TC&W has an independent engineer working with SWLRT Project Office to ensure that the design is safe for freight rail to operate (including during construction of LRT).

Mr. Wegner encouraged residents to contact him about any problems with the railroad at mwegner@tcwr.net or 320-864-7204.

Lake Street Energy Challenge, Elizabeth Henley

The 17 neighborhoods that border Lake Street are organizing around an effort to reduce energy consumption. Efforts will include things such as Home Energy Squad visits, speakers on energy issues, promotion of community solar garden, etc. Four neighborhoods are hosting events in December. The Lake Street Energy Challenge is funded by the Midtown Community Works Partnership and Xcel Energy. The CIDNA Board will make a decision on participating in the program at the next meeting.

Transportation Report

Craig Westgate and others have begun meeting with state legislators to better understand LRT funding.

Trammel Crow Construction Update, John Wessinger

The drilling phase of the Trammel Crow project has been completed. They are now doing foundation work. The damage from the construction process is estimated at \$150,000 for the Loop Condominiums and nearly \$30,000 for Calhoun Isles. The November 5-18, 2015 issue of the Southwest Journal included an article about the damage and the implications for Southwest LRT construction.

Lake Calhoun Lake Harriet Master Plan, John Wessinger and Mike Wilson

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for the master planning process is moving into the concept phase. The CAC is focusing on ecology and recreation. The October 27th CAC meeting featured options for Lake Calhoun. The next CAC meeting is November 17, 6:30 p.m. at Jones-Harrison Residence.

Attorney General Annual Report

The annual report will be presented for approval at the December 9th CIDNA Board meeting.

NRP/CPP Report, Monica Smith

The committee is exploring pricing to add two park benches at Cedar Lake South Beach. A list of committee accomplishments was created and the committee continues to discuss objectives for its work. The next meeting is Wednesday, December 2, 3:30 p.m. at Rustica.

Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) published the 2014 annual report of neighborhood programs.

Blueprint for Equitable Engagement

NCR published a revised draft of the Blueprint for Equitable Engagement (a tool to help the city better engage with a growing and more diverse resident base). The board passed a motion to electronically review and vote on a letter providing feedback for the revised draft.

Pedestrian Safety Committee, Steve Goltry

The community is working on a flier that will be distributed to businesses in Calhoun Village and Calhoun Commons. The flier will include tips for better traffic flow in and out of the shopping areas to help reduce congestion. The committee's next meeting is November 12, 7:00 p.m. at Caribou Coffee.

Midtown Greenway Coalition, Mike Wilson

Developers of the Greystar project are also interested in having the fence removed that separates their property from the Midtown Greenway.

Correction from last month's minutes: East Isles will

be considering the possible removal of the stop signs for Greenway users at the intersections with Irving Ave and Humboldt Ave and will reach out to the Greenway Coalition for support if they decide to pursue it.

The city will be voting on purchasing a portion of the Kmart site on Lake St to work toward reopening Nicollet Ave. The Whittier Alliance and Midtown Greenway Coalition are hosting a workshop for a neighborhood-based vision of reopening Nicollet.

The McKnight Foundation is matching donations to the Midtown Greenway Coalition on Give to the Max day (November 12).

Wine Tasting Fundraiser

Special thanks to all who supported the Wine Tasting Fundraiser by volunteering, selling, or purchasing tickets. CIDNA raised \$1500 from the event.

Art Mart

The Art Mart is Sunday, November 22, 3:00-7:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison Residence.

New Business

Setback variances are being sought for a new home to be built at 2631 Sunset Blvd. The home will include an accessory dwelling unit.

The Lake of the Isles Ice Skating Party date has been set for January 24, 2016.

A representative from the City of Lakes Loppet requested to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss their plans for 2016.

Kenilworth Landscape Design Project Community Meeting for Southwest LRT is November 18, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Dunwoody College of Technology

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Next meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday, December 9, 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.

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Report the call to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ("MPUC"), which has authority over local telephone services like caller ID. The Minnesota Attorney General's Office previously asked the MPUC to require phone companies that sell caller ID technology to the public to take action to stop spoofed calls, but the MPUC declined to do so. It is very important that the MPUC hear from citizens affected by caller ID spoofing. You may contact the MPUC as follows:

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St., MN 55101
(651) 296-0406
Toll-free: 1-800-657-3782 www.mn.gov/puc

If you lost money to a criminal scam, report the matter to your local police or county sheriff or the FBI. These agencies have the authority to investigate and prosecute criminal matters.



Watershed Learning at Kenwood School.

By Angie Erdrich

Job Opportunity

East Isles Residents Association (EIRA) seeks a Coordinator to perform various services and administrative duties and provide support for its projects and community engagement initiatives.

Candidates should have strong communication skills (both verbal and written); a working understanding of the City of Minneapolis (including programs: Neighborhood Revitalization Program and Community Participation Program) and Park Board; experience with community engagement and working with volunteers; strong organizational skills; event coordination; website support and administration; and the ability to build partnerships with various groups including city departments and other neighborhood associations.

This is a part-time contract position, 10-15 hours per week at \$22 to \$28 per hour, depending on skills, experience, and qualifications. There are no benefits attached to the position. Coordinator will be expected to have their own workspace and computer.

See the EIRA website, www.eastisles.org, for job description, information on how to apply and other information on EIRA.

Deadline for application: must be received by December 2, 2015.



KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION (KIAA)

By Shawn Smith

November 2015 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA Board met November 2nd, 2015 at Kenwood Rec Center

Chair Jeanette Colby called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

Action Taken Since October Meeting

KIAA sent a response to the SWLRT project office regarding SWLRT Section 106 meeting Sept 23rd, as it relates to concerns over the traffic study. There is a discrepancy in the ridership numbers vs SDEIS.

Variance Request for Peterson Residence, 2432 Sheridan Ave S

Request made in person by owners to enlarge the structure, extending a less than six foot variance along the property line. A second variance was requested to extend the garage by five feet closer to the street, which is still within the set back. Angie motioned to support, Matt to second, passed unanimously.

Changes to Bylaws, Articles – Ed Pluimer

Ed proposed changes to KIAA bylaws to modernize them, having consulted with Robert Cooper of the City of Minneapolis legal department. For example, serving information via email vs paper mail, yet preserving multi modal communication which would include an annual newsletter or mailings at the discretion of KIAA. Ed moved that KIAA approve the rewritten bylaws which would then be filed with the state, and stored on KIAA's website. Passed unanimously.

Ed then moved to change articles of incorporation to update the registered office of KIAA to the Kenwood Rec Center. Matt seconded, passed unanimously.

Rain Gardens – Angie Erdrich

Angie moved to pay \$1134 for KIAA cost share to Metro Blooms (or up to \$1200 in case of minor variance in the final invoice). The costs increased due to decreased participation due to untenable soil conditions or other issues that were not able to be mitigated. Motion seconded by Jim, passed unanimously.

The raingarden at Kenwood Corner was paid for by the private donations and the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District. In order to finalize funding, a sign is needed. The sign will be reviewed as action taken outside the meeting.

East Cedar Lake Beach (ECLB)– Matt Spies

ECLB committee met in October to debrief the year and start planning for next year. Residents that have ideas for activities for 2016 are encouraged to contact Matt Spies. 2015 saw a tremendous amount of success and KIAA is excited to build on this success but needs continued neighborhood engagement even if there was an increase in usage via activities and a decrease in criminal activity.

Engagement with Anita Tabb and the Minneapolis Park and Rec Board was also discussed as an offline action.

Southwest Light Rail Transit Project – Jeanette Colby, Shawn Smith

KIAA discussed whether to continue to engage in SWLRT via writing letters to state and federal officials addressing co-location concerns in the Kenilworth

Corridor as KIAA was unable to gain support at the city level. Specifically, to petition state and federal officials to withhold funding due to continuing and increasing concerns over the danger of the co-location of ethanol trains and SWLRT. Further action to be taken between meetings, but accountability of individual public officials will be the focus, specifically, their knowledge of the risks, and how they plan to vote, is the plan of action via written correspondence.

Hennepin County Commissioner Marion Greene has proposed a neighborhood general community update. Jeanette will encourage CM Greene to have the meeting, KIAA will not formally participate.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Jeanette Colby at 8:43 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, December 7th 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

Free Tech Support

Residents can come on Saturday, Nov 21 from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm for free tech support, repairs, advice and to learn about various technology training programs in the area – from computer basics to high tech.

Fix-It Tech Events

A free community technology education event providing computer hardware repair, education and tech support.

Saturday, November 21, 10:00 - 1:00

Hennepin United Methodist Church in collaboration with the Dignity Center and IT Ready. 511 Groveland Ave, Minneapolis, 55403

Have a Computer Question or Issue?

- If your computer or laptop is slow, not working, or seems to have a virus, bring it in for free tech support!

- Our volunteers will teach valuable repair skills, answer questions, and give technical advice about your device.

Details & What to Bring:

- First come, first served. Labor is FREE. Volunteers can offer advice on purchasing parts online or at local repair stores

- Bring your laptop, and/or desktop tower and power cord.

- Volunteers will help with smartphones and tablets based on capacity.

Free Workshops and Resources

- Short sessions will cover basic computer maintenance and Internet safety. Pick up resources, learn about technology education programs and careers.

- More about Fix-It Tech Workshop topics

Fix-It Tech Event Goals

Community education: offering hands-on technical experience that helps residents get their items fixed; provides a place to get tech questions answered and get tips on how to maintain and protect personal devices;

IT workforce development: IT students gain experience in tech support alongside IT professionals and connect with residents concerning their technology needs;

Raise awareness of technology programs: the event provides a venue to promote free digital literacy training resources, low cost computer and Internet options,

LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (LHNA)

By Janis Clay

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board Minutes Tuesday, November 10, 2015

Present - Board Members: Phil Hallaway, President; Janis Clay, Secretary; Susie Galiano; Clint Conner; Emily Beugen; Jennifer Bickett; Baygan Hartzheim; Tom Huppert; Raj Dash; Sarah Janecek; Michael Cockson; Rebecca Graham.

Present – Non-Board Members: Sandra Gunderson. President Phil Hallway called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes: Michael Cockson moved and Tom Huppert seconded approval of the minutes of the October 6, 2015, Board meeting. All approved.

Community Announcements: Later with Lisa will take place on Monday, December 14th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Normandy.

Treasurer's Report: Phil Hallaway presented the Treasurer's Report. The only change from October is a payment of \$500.00 made to support the Thrill Kenwood event. The City pays for Directors and Officers insurance. The carrier has changed, but coverage will remain the same.

Committee Reports:

Environment: Susie Galiano reported that the "floating islands" in Spring Lake, which had drifted to shore, have now been secured in place.

Zoning and Planning: Zoning and Planning Committee Co-Chair Michael Cockson reported that

there is nothing new regarding zoning this month.

Crime and Safety: Rebecca Graham presented the Crime and Safety Report. It has been a rather quiet month. A series of ten classes will be offered by the Minneapolis Police Department Citizens Academy from January through March of 2016. Space is limited, and priority will be given to block club leaders.

Events: LHNA will provide pie, coffee and ice cream to the 5th precinct on Thanksgiving. The Lake of the Isles Ice Skating Social will take place on January 24, 2016. We will place an ad in the Hill and Lake Press.

Neighborhood Priorities Survey Working Group/Community Participation Program: Sarah Janecek reported on neighborhood priorities. The deteriorating state of neighborhood sidewalks is an issue. It might be helpful to prepare and submit an article to the Hill and Lake Press to inform people about how the City handles sidewalk repair and replacement and describe options for homeowners. She would be interested in working on this. The Board discussed other possible priorities, which could include replacing the Historic Lowry Hill signs in the neighborhood, tree replacement, adding child-friendly park space in Lowry Hill, crosswalks, brighter bulbs in streetlights, and motion activated lighting. Sarah encouraged the Board to work on developing a plan for presentation and approval at the next Annual Meeting.

Communications: It was suggested that a line be added to ads the LHNA places in the Hill and Lake Press encouraging people to visit the LHNA website. More links have been added to the LHNA website. The Nextdoor Lowry Hill website may be a good place to post LHNA events and other information.

New Business: There was no new business.

LHNA's next Board meetings will be at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, and Tuesday, January 5, 2016, at the Kenwood Rec Center. All residents are welcome. Everyone is encouraged to visit the LHNA website at www.lowryhillneighborhood.org, and sign up to receive LHNA's monthly E-Blast about events in the neighborhood. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

local IT education programs, and IT careers.

IT is developing the Fix-It Tech events with community partners in response to the Minneapolis Community Technology survey results and our experiences working with residents on their technology needs. The 2014 survey results show that residents overall are not very comfortable troubleshooting computer problems, installing software or backing up files, or protecting themselves online.

Meet your Neighbor from page three

That said, Millennials are the most connected generation in history and grew up with access to every piece of information ever collected by the human race. We tend to be portrayed as distracted and overly idealistic, but I think that is a natural extension of the fact that we are used to processing incredible amounts of information from varied sources and are exposed to the challenges facing people and communities at home and across the globe. People, whether they're Millennials or otherwise, want to be valued at work and in their communities. That might look a little different for a

Millennial vs. a Boomer, but at the end of the day it's deeply personal and should be approached as such. Pro tip: a ball pit in the office is not the best or only way to appeal to Millennials.

What will Minneapolis look like in 2040? You only get involved in politics or the aspirations of a local business owner if you're profoundly optimistic, so my views on this are shaped by what some might describe as irrational optimism. I think Minneapolis in 2040 will be a place where people like me, who have experienced tremendous opportunity and privilege because of their

background, have realized that systems set up in the past—systems that institutionalize the gaps in employment, income, education, violence—don't work for society at large. I believe in 2040 we will have made changes to business-as-usual in order to include the full spectrum of residents of this city and that our community and our economy will be significantly better for it. My belief that we can, and are obligated to, make the world a better place also means that I know we will have a lot of work to do in 2040, and I look forward to it.

READING PARTNERS

Reading Partners seeks 350 volunteers to tutor in Twin Cities' elementary schools. Reading Partners, a national nonprofit that trains volunteers to provide literacy tutoring to elementary school students, is actively seeking community members to join its efforts. The literacy organization has been providing proven volunteer-led, one-on-one reading support to underserved public elementary schools since 1997. The program is expected to serve more than 240 students in six schools in the Twin Cities in its debut year. Reading Partners is looking to recruit and train over 350 community volunteers to support the proven, evidence-based program.

According to 2014 statistics from the Minnesota Department of Education, fewer than 4 in 10 Twin Cities third-graders are meeting key benchmarks for success in reading and reading comprehension. Reading Partners is working closely with both St. Paul and Minneapolis school districts, as well as with other local nonprofit organizations, in their efforts to ensure more students are achieving grade-level reading skills.

"All students in Minnesota have the right to obtain a high quality education. Reading proficiency is the critical first step on the path to future educational success," says Karen Casanova, executive director of Reading Partners Twin Cities. "Reading Partners has a tremendous track record and a proven, evidence-based curriculum that will make a meaningful and measurable difference for our students in Twin Cities."

Reading Partners Twin Cities is looking for volunteers to commit to at least an hour a week to work individually with children who struggle with reading at one of six schools in the Twin Cities:

- In Minneapolis - Cityview Community School and Lyndale Community School
- In St. Paul - Benjamin E. Mays International Magnet School, Hamline Elementary School, Maxfield Elementary School, Phalen Lake Hmong Studies Elementary School

Email volunteerTC@readingpartners.org. For more information: Christy Dobbs, 510-830-3080, christy.dobbs@readingpartners.org

About Reading Partners:

Reading Partners empowers students to succeed in reading and in life by engaging community volunteers to provide one-on-one tutoring. The national nonprofit organization will provide individualized literacy tutoring to more than 10,000 elementary school students in schools in low-income communities across nine states and the District of Columbia in 2015.

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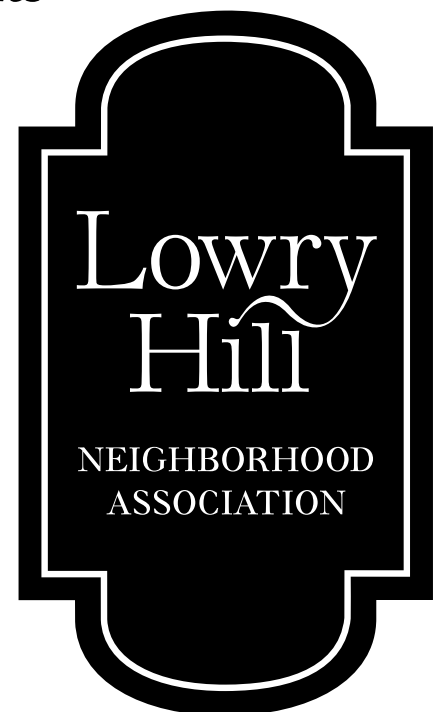
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To the Editor:

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John Cordes himself performed our cleaning efficiently, leaving the area around the fireplaces as clean as he found them. His diagnostic inspection of the chimneys was helpful and reassuring.

Neighborhood newspapers in Minneapolis have been dropping like flies in recent years, yet our doughty Hill & Lake Press, approaching 40 years of service to our four neighborhoods, keeps perking along. A major reason for our paper’s continued existence is the revenue which ads bring in. So please “patronize our advertisers” and thank them for supporting our neighborhood newspaper. We’re glad we did – it’s a win-win all around.

Scott Abbott and Michael Wilson, CIDNA



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October 2015

STREET ADDRESS	ORIGINAL PRICE	Seller Contrib	DAYS MKT	SALE PRICE	TYPE	BED BATH	SQ FT	TAX VALUE	PROP TAX	YR BLT
1425 W 28th St #T02	89,900		0	89,900	C	1/1	665	72,500	1,215	1986
1425 W 28th St #406	122,900		115	118,000	C	1/1	760	100,500	1,412	1986
1770 Bryant S #106	135,000	5,000	108	127,000	C	1/1	782	138,000	1,948	1968
2519 Humboldt S #B	169,900	3,200	80	164,000	C	1/1	841	145,000	2,074	1922
3141 Dean Court #302	247,500	5000	81	244,000	C	2/3	1,208	242,500	3,741	1983
1945 Fremont S #6	279,900		14	279,900	C	2/1	1,410	210,000	3,498	1913
2950 Dean Pkwy #606	309,000		29	309,000	C	1/2	1,160	298,550	4,823	1977
3116 W Lake St #126	314,900		28	307,000	C	2/2	1,428	217,000	3,361	2007
2950 Dean Pkwy #905	339,000		0	312,500	C	2/2	1,460	343,500	5,631	1978
209 Penn S	349,900	7,040	15	352,040	H	4/3	1,967	296,500	4,621	1912
44 Oliver Ave S	359,900	10,700	13	370,600	H	3/2	1,520	263,500	4,168	1902
1774 Girard S	449,000		71	375,000	H	5/3	2,480	495,500	8,254	1900
2721 France S	439,900	3,500	26	439,900	H	3/3	2,000	377,000	6,232	1946
212 Newton S	439,900	12,300	18	410,000	H	5/3	2,835	376,000	6,173	1903
2532 Sheridan S	499,900		26	492,400	H	3/2	1,840	441,500	7,354	1957
2744 Ewing S	579,900	650	131	525,000	H	3/2	2,550	591,500	9,717	1928
2204 Humboldt S	595,000		84	520,000	H	5/2	3,576	651,000	11,515	1900
2606 Irving S	560,000	5,000	81	504,000	H	6/3	3,754	645,000	11,782	1908
2618 Irving S	639,900		18	641,000	H	5/2	3,285	716,000	12,700	1909
2950 Dean Pkwy #2402	660,000		11	645,000	C	2/2	1,625	482,000	8,118	1977
1206 Mount Curve	675,000		0	675,000	TWN	2/3	2,100	581,000	9,993	1977
1701 Irving S	899,900		207	875,500	H	6/6	6,203	1,474,500	28,052	1921
301 Kenwood Pkwy #702	2,250,000	correction	0	2,200,000	C	3/4	4,162	1,371,000	41,097	2002
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Hill and Lake Press thanks Augie Rivera for his generous contribution to our neighborhood newspaper. We very much appreciate his support.

Please consider contributing to Hill and Lake Press. We are a non profit organization that exists to serve the neighborhood by publicizing issues that are important to our neighborhoods.



Kenwood Elementary School students have been enjoying the apple harvest from the school garden. Several people have declared these apples the best tasting apples ever! Honey Crisp and Honey Gold, packed full of apples, some of which were covered in baggies as an organic method to prevent worms.

Photo by Angie Erdrich

Thriller Kenwood 2015



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Halloween fun began in Kenwood when beArtrageous sponsored an event filled day. The highlight was the Thriller flash mob dance performed on the Kenwood School playground.

Train Safety Resolution from page 7

(with railroads) is greatly needed. This isn't just a Minneapolis issue."

CARS member Gayle Bonneville emphasized, "This is not about pitting communities against one another. Instead, this resolution is an opportunity to collaborate to improve conditions for all. Unless and until we can make progress on increasing freight rail safety and ensure that transparency by railroad corporations is a reality, we need a moratorium on the transport of hazardous materials via rail."

CARS praises the Minneapolis City Council TPW committee for introducing a resolution that both seeks to strengthen federal and state laws and makes the reasonable expectation that railroads comply with these laws and regulations. The resolution will go before the full council on November 20, and the committee expects that it will pass. "We are working toward a similar resolution for St. Paul and other Minnesota towns and cities," said CARS member Cathy Velasquez Eberhart. Communities are best served when a resolution such as this is treated as a dynamic document that is revisited and strengthened on a regular basis and as conditions change.

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Novtober

By Madeleine Lowry

"You jinxed us," my youngest child said when I mentioned that I'd taken my car in to have the snow tires mounted. It was the middle of November after all, and one had to prepare for winter. Right?

I was taking nothing for granted. Last time I checked, we were living in Minnesota.

And yet. There has been a weather pattern during October or Novtober, which have kind of become the same month, of clumps of warm days followed by a cool down. With each imminent cold spell, there's the feeling that we've just seen the last warm patch. At first we called it Indian Summer, then we called it a long fall, now it feels more like aberrant weather patterns due to global warming. Whatever you call it, it's hard not to feel like a misguided squirrel while continuing to pack away your nuts, but we all know that winter comes back. Every year.

At least it used to. After the first cool down I pulled out my herb garden and put away the pots on my deck. And we raked. After the second, I put away the hoses, drained the fountain and raked. After the third, which included a wintry mix just to make sure we were paying attention, we raked again.

I'd just put away the family sandals and rain boots and replaced them with clompy snow boots when a monsoon arrived. It's so hard to get the footwear right with climate change. Then another weekend of 60 degree highs followed. Was it my imagination or were the tomatoes on the vines still trying to ripen? Also, the mums seemed to be looking a little less frostbitten.

A glance at the calendar tells me that it's high time to pack up the short-sleeve shirts and bring out the turtlenecks, wool socks and long underwear. But then I look outside and see the gorgeous fall weather, and a few more leaves to rake, and think: Maybe next week-end.

What if winter never comes, or worse (gasp) a winter without snow? Some study was just published about how one third of Sweden will not have winter temperatures conducive to snow cover by the end of the century. What if that happens to Minnesota? This year?


I've never been a fan of the long winters, but it still gives me a chill to think of the possibility that we may not have one at all. What will we do with the stacks of firewood? The cross-country skis? The ice skates? Will we have to come up with all new winter sports? Extreme paddle-boarding on skis, perhaps? Biking with ice skates? Firewood Jenga?

I can only imagine the angina my friend, John Munger, gets as he tries to anticipate the likelihood of snow cover for the Loppet Ski Race each year. Or that of our friends up at Lutsen Resort and the ski areas whose livelihoods depend on snow, or if not snow, then cold weather for snow-making.


Worry not, friend John! The jinx is complete! The snow tires are on my car. The parkas are in their proper place in the closet. We have brought the skis in to be sharpened, on faith.

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sand upon the waters

By Tom H. Cook

Every year at this time the secret Hill and Lake Press offices buzz with good cheer. The floor to ceiling fireplaces cast images that are heightened by the elaborate chandeliers. Kenny G serenades each employee as they enter the opulent lobby. (I take the back stairs.) The second through sixth floor offices are furnished in Louis XIV decor with intricately patterned crushed red velvet wallpaper, gold statues, fountains, eighteenth century art, and yak skin carpeting.

Very few of us have seen the seventh floor offices of "The Board." The smell of fish and saltwater is unmistakable. The rumor is there is at least one pool which may or may not contain between one and three dolphins. There are whole wings of the compound I lack the security clearance to enter. I have been allowed to visit what the board laughingly refers to as the "Rube Room" located in a deep basement annex. Furnished from garage sales and dumpsters, the space is arranged to look like a dining room where plucky "community" members are hard at work doing paste-up. The homey touch is a front for a media empire that makes Rupert Murdoch look like a newsy working out of a kiosk.

Since Editor Jean Deatricks edict for December is "Pump up the schmaltz!" Star photographer Dorothy Childers must use her rose colored lens and capture

locals in ski sweaters drinking hot chocolate eggnog with buttered rum while playing a multigenerational game of crack the whip on freshly frozen Lake of the Isles. There will also be classic pictures of a fairly famous person lured to the neighborhood and appearing to enjoy dinner at the home of a successful HLP couple and a few hangers on who promise to behave and not mention the uranium car they are designing.

Other stories feature nuptials of fresh faced young couples off to teach long division in Botswana for a year before buying an Amway franchise in Cedar Rapids. There are cautionary tales of HLPers who left the grid, moved to Patagonia or the north of France, played frisbee with the most interesting man alive, but will now be

living on Colfax. The issue rounds out with a collage of puppies frolicking in the snow, kittens by a cozy fireplace, neighbors caroling, children sledding, and decked out real estate listings that extoll the many virtues of HLP Land.

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Tom H. Cook embraces the holiday rituals except for the Hobbesian football and its bastard offspring, Fantasy.

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