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## Neighborhood schools, neighborhood parks: New occasions teach new duties

By Michael Wilson

Our four Hill and Lake neighborhoods surround some of the crown jewels in the Metropolitan Regional Park system – the Chain of Lakes Regional Park and the Grand Rounds National Scenic Byway. But as our December Hill & Lake Press article pointed out, we are also blessed with a bounty of neighborhood parks as well, ranging from 46-acre Parade Park and 33-acre Kenwood Park to several parklets and triangles measuring a quarter-acre or less.

Following several decades of underfunding our Minneapolis neighborhood parks have limped into the 21st Century showing increasing wear and tear. On Wednesday the Park Board voted to move towards placing a referendum question on the ballot next November, asking us to approve a property tax increase over several years in order to address a long list of neighborhood park needs and hand our neighborhood parks off to future generations in better condition than we find them now.

Both our neighborhood parks and neighborhood schools have had to change over the decades to accommodate challenges and evolving community needs. As Thomas John Williams’ hymn tells us, new occasions teach new duties. Not only our parks but also our schools have faced challenges over the decades – a fact to which Kenwood School and Lowry Hill’s Douglas School can attest.

### Breakneck pace of growth.

The first public school on the Minneapolis side of the Mississippi opened in 1851. Over the next three decades several schools opened either in rented space or in build-

ings erected specifically as schools. The first Jefferson School, for example, was built at Hennepin and 10th in 1868, burned to the ground in 1876, was rebuilt a few blocks away in 1877, and closed in 1910. School planning was rather catch-as-catch-can, with funding coming in part from City coffers and in part through direct voter approval at the ballot box.

As Minneapolis found its legs and began to grow rapidly during the latter years of the 19th Century, however, siting and building schools became more purposeful. The 1880 Census fixed the city’s population at 47,000, making Minneapolis the 38th largest city in the country. By the 1890 Census the population had more than tripled, to 164,700, and Minneapolis soared to 18th place among the country’s largest cities.

The city’s public school system grew apace. The Board of Education’s Fourteenth Annual Report, for the 1890-91 school year, reported that enrollment soared from 6,720 students in 1880-81 to 21,996 students in 1890-91. The teaching staff grew during that period from 135 to 540 and the number of schools from 14 to 49.

In 1890-91 the school system was being starved of revenue. According to Board President A.T. Ankeny, the City Charter provided the schools with a 4 mill tax levy but the Board of Tax Levy was allowing only 2.8 mills. “When a similar curtailment has been made in previous years,” Ankeny wrote, “the City Council has generously donated the proceeds of a portion of its bond issue. This year we are without any such aid. So far, therefore, in the

present season the Board has not seen its way clear to provide a single new school building, nor even an addition – something without precedent in our history. This increase can only be provided for by renting stores and churches, always both expensive and unsatisfactory.” One shudders to think what class sizes must have been.

Reminding citizens and city officials that new occasions teach new duties, Ankeny then threw down the gauntlet. “The question then presents itself,” he wrote, “Can the City of Minneapolis afford to invite immigration, and then close the doors of the public schools against it when it comes?”

The sheer pressure of numbers forced a resumption of investment in the city’s schools. By 1900, when the city’s population topped 202,700 people, school enrollment had increased to more than 36,000 students attending 60 district schools. Minneapolis never looked back. The city grew astoundingly to 301,400 residents in 1910, to 380,500 residents in 1920, and to 464,300 residents in 1930.

### Douglas and Kenwood Schools linked.

The first Douglas School, built in 1880 on the northwest corner of Dupont and Franklin, lay outside the city limits in Minneapolis Township. The school was named for Stephen A. Douglas, Democratic senator from Illinois who engaged Republican challenger Abraham Lincoln in 1858 in a series of seven formal debates. After losing the election, Lincoln edited the texts of all the debates and had them published in a book. The widespread coverage

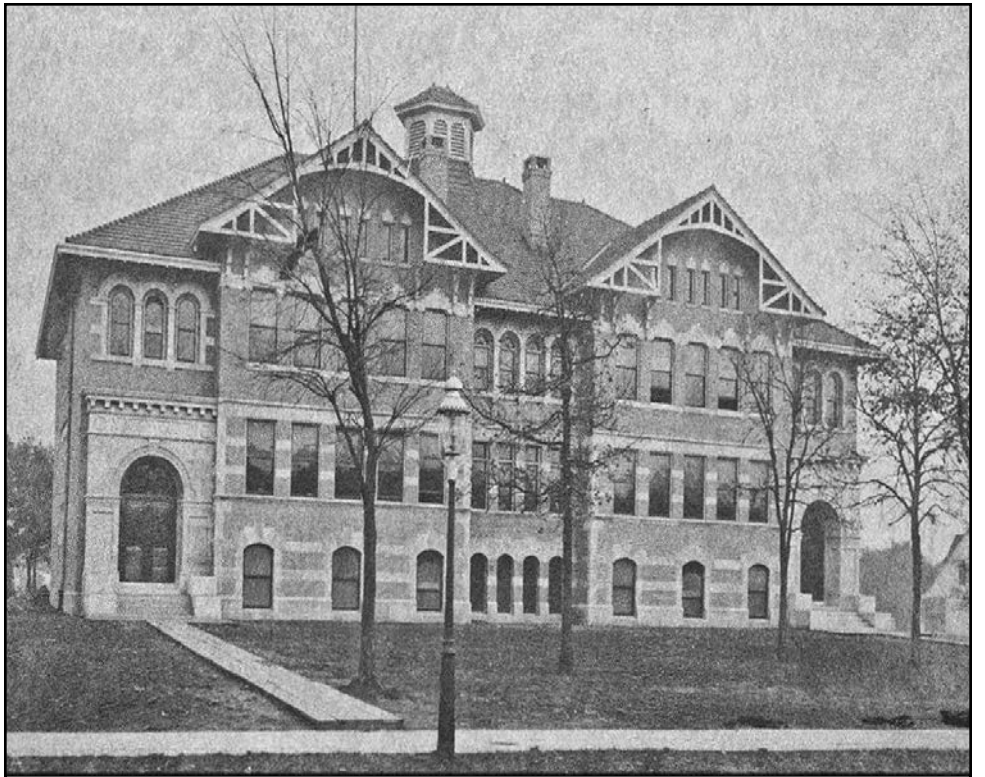
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### DOUGLAS SCHOOL



The second Douglas School, built in 1894 and closed in 1974, on the northwest corner of Dupont and Franklin Avenues. (All photos courtesy of Hennepin Public Library’s Minneapolis Special Collections Department.)

### KENWOOD SCHOOL



The third Kenwood School, opened in 1908 and still proudly educating children from our Hill and Lake neighborhoods and across the city today. The first Kenwood School opened in 1888 and consisted of one room in a rented dwelling. It was replaced in 1894 when the first Douglas School, built in 1880, was moved down the hill and renamed Kenwood. That building was razed in 1908 to make way for today’s Kenwood School.

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#### HYMN SING WITH GARRISON KEILLOR Feb. 22

Revival Hymns selected by Garrison Keillor, with Plymouth organist-choirmaster Philip Brunelle and Senior Minister Carla J. Bailey; join in congregational singing. Monday, Feb. 22, 7pm. Free. Plymouth Congregational Church, 1900 Nicollet Ave. Minneapolis, 612-871-7400, [www.plymouth.org](http://www.plymouth.org).

#### East Isles Green Team WINTER NOTES & EVENTS

**COMMUNITY SOLAR SIGN-UP\*** —Thursday, February 25 (7-8:30 pm). Learn more about the “best deal in town” sponsored by the Lake Street Energy Challenge (members include East Isles and 16 other neighborhoods along the Lake Street corridor). A high quality program that lowers your electricity bill with no up-front costs. Register by February 22.

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#### HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Jan. 27 noon, Lunch with Lisa  
Feb. 2, 6pm St. Paul's, SWLRT Meeting  
Feb. 5-7 City of Lakes Loppet  
Feb. 13, Valentine's Dance Linden Hills  
Feb. 25, 7-8:30, Community Solar Sign-up  
Feb. 22, 7pm Garrison Keillor hymn sing at Plymouth church  
Neighborhood monthly meetings  
CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday 6pm Jones-Harrison  
EIRA: 2nd Tuesday 7pm Grace Community Church  
KIAA: 1st Monday 7pm Kenwood Rec Center  
LHNA: 1st Tuesday 7pm Kenwood Rec Center

#### Lunch with Lisa

Lunch with Lisa at St. Thomas Minneapolis Opus Hall 202 is on Wednesday January 27th at noon; the topic is a preview of the 2016 state legislative session with Senator Scott Dibble, Rep. Ray Dehn, and Rep. Frank Hornstein. Please contact Lisa's office if you plan to attend. 612-673-2207

#### SWLRT MEETING with Marion Greene

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1917 Logan Ave S, from 6-7 PM on Tuesday, February 2nd. Community Update on SWLRT: What 2016 Holds.

All are welcome; we anticipate this meeting being of greatest interest to people who live in the area of the West Lake, 21st Street, or Kenwood side of the Penn Avenue Stations, who want to know how the project will move forward in 2016, and ways to get involved.

673-2917.

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East Isles Green Team Solar Leader, Bill Elwood, moderates “Community Solar: Ready for SignUps” on January 13 at Grace Trinity Community Church. Over 18 residents from three neighborhoods attended.

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## Meet your Neighbor, Amor Hantous & Rinata Restaurant

Craig Wilson interviews Amor Hantous of Rinata Restaurant located at 2451 Hennepin Ave South Minneapolis (612-374-8998) about what brought him to Minnesota from Tunisia, his experience winning the James Beard award and what makes Rinata such a satisfying dining experience.

**Where did you grow up?** I was born and raised in Tunis, Tunisia located in northern Africa right across the Mediterranean Sea from Italy.—where Italian cooking has a big influence on Tunisian cuisine based on seasonal, local and fresh ingredients.

**How did you make your way to Minnesota?** When I was 17 years old I moved to New York City and got a job working in a café, and that is what got me hooked on the restaurant business. I worked almost every position in the restaurant (front or back of the house) from dishwasher to manager. After meeting my wife, who was from Minnesota, we decided to start a family and there is no place better than Minneapolis to do that! Shortly after moving to Minneapolis I worked at a few restaurants and opened a couple small breakfast cafes. I later went on to manage the Bayport Cookery, which was at the time one of the top restaurants in Minnesota—even winning the highly regarded James Beard award. After my time at the Cookery, the opportunity presented itself that Giorgio's was for sale, I always liked the location and thought it was a great opportunity and from there I started Rinata.

**What's your approach to Italian food at Rinata?** Our approach at Rinata is based on fresh, local and seasonal ingredients, Very simply prepared in a cozy and casual atmosphere for the neighborhood. Everything made from scratch from bread to pasta and everything in between.

**Do you have any specials this time of year?** The menu changes seasonally with availability. We offer a date night menu featuring a four course meal for 20\$ per person every Sunday night excluding Sunday Feb. 14th which is Valentines Day. We also offer half price



bottles of wine Mondays and Tuesdays all night, and Wednesday Thursday and Friday until 6pm. Our happy hour menu is available Monday-Friday from 4:30-6:00.

Where are you located and what are your hours of operation? We are located at 2451 Hennepin Ave south Mpls MN 55405. Our hours are 4:30-10:00pm Sunday-Thursday and 4:30-11:00 pm Friday and Saturday. Our number is 612-374-8998.

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of the original debates and the subsequent popularity of the book led eventually to Lincoln's nomination for President in 1860.

The Board of Education took over the Douglas School building when the city expanded in May, 1883. In 1894 this first Douglas School was moved to the other side of Lake of the Isles and re-opened as Kenwood School. A new Douglas School opened on the Franklin and Dupont site in November, 1894. The school closed in 1974.

Meanwhile, following the platting of the Kenwood addition just outside the Minneapolis city limits in 1887, Kenwood School opened in November, 1888, on Kenwood Parkway and 21st Street. This school, a single rented room, was replaced in 1894, when Douglas School was moved to the current site at Franklin and Penn.

By 1907 the School Board had decided to build a new Kenwood School. The former Douglas School building stood in the way of the new building, so the Board advertised for bids for its removal or destruction. According to the 1907 Board of Education Report, "through the assistance of the Kenwood Improvement Association a bid of \$700 was made by the contractor for the new building. He demolished the building, using some of its parts in the new building." The new Kenwood School, initially a four-room schoolhouse, opened in September, 1908. Additions were built in 1923 and 1966.

### Kindergarten too costly – but Kenwood got one.

Until the advent of the junior high school movement in the years following World War I, elementary schools encompassed Grades 1 through 8. Kindergartens were rare before 1900. School Board President Ankeny wrote in the 1890-91 Report, "The Board should always patiently hear suggestions in the interest of better schools but it is not easy to determine just how far these may be accepted. [Recently] a large and respectable delegation of citizens urged the adoption of the Kinter-Garten [sic] sys-

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Students from Douglas School proudly display the results from a 1922 newspaper drive. (Remember those?!!)



Douglas School student Timothy Flynn stitched a dashiki while Kelly Drongeson and Bryan Sekerka checked his progress in this 1973 Minneapolis Star photo. As part of a black studies unit at Douglas, 28 first graders made costumes appropriate to their study. The students also studied black literature and famous black leaders

tem, beginning at five years instead of six, the present limit. ... It is estimated that there are in the City between the ages of five and six years not less than 7,000 children. To accommodate these as requested would require twenty new school buildings at a cost of \$600,000, and two hundred additional teachers at a cost of \$150,000. It is urged that such schools be opened only here and there."

Then as now, Kenwood residents knew how to lobby. Kindergarten was introduced in Kenwood School in September, 1897.

Carole Zellie writes in the Minneapolis Public Schools Historic Context Study (2005) that "by 1898, most schools were supplied with indoor plumbing. Fire-prone, heavy timber-frame construction was standard, as were a succession of additions and remodelings. A. M. Radcliffe, Long and Haglin, W. B. Dunnell, W. S. Pardee, and E. S. Stebbins were among architects hired by the Board of Education, and their designs included Italianate and Richardsonian 'palaces' with multiple towers and complex rooflines, as well as simple frame and masonry buildings."

Kitty-corner from the 1894 Douglas School Warren H. Hayes' and Harry Wild Jones' magnificent neo-Romanesque Fowler Methodist Church (today's Scottish Rite Temple) opened in 1896 and was greatly expanded in 1906. One can imagine generations of girls and boys standing at the corner of Dupont and Franklin, staring open-eyed at their own beautiful Douglas School and the magical crenellated quartzite and red sandstone castle across the street and dreaming of becoming architects — or architecture critics.

### The wrenching era of desegregation.

The racial complexion of Minneapolis changed little over the first half of the 20th Century. The 1950 Census reported that only 1.6 percent city residents were non-Hispanic non-whites. But by 1970 that proportion had increased to 6.4 percent, with most of those non-white citizens living in a handful of neighborhoods.

According to a 1977 report by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, "The 1975-76 enrollment for the city schools amounted to nearly 55,000, down from the system's peak in 1968 when almost 70,000 students were in attendance. The Minneapolis schools are roughly 21 percent minority in enrollment; for 1975-76, black students made up about 7,500 (13.6 percent) of the total and Native Americans amounted to about 2,800 students (5 percent). Other minorities were present in only limited numbers." (The report is at <[www.law.umaryland.edu/marshall/usccr/documents/cr12d459.pdf](http://www.law.umaryland.edu/marshall/usccr/documents/cr12d459.pdf)>.)

The process leading to desegregation actually began in 1967 when the Board of Education adopted its first human relations guidelines and announced a voluntary urban transfer program. In 1970 the State of Minnesota issued desegregation guidelines which set a per-building 30 percent ceiling on minority student enrollments. In April, 1971, 17 Minneapolis schools were found out of compliance with that guideline, and the State ordered the district to develop a desegregation plan.

In August, 1971, the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP sued the Minneapolis School District, charging racial segregation. In May, 1972, U.S. District Court Judge Earl Larson found unlawful segregation and required implementation of a plan prepared by the board of education which included provision for semiannual reports to the court on the district's progress.

Heading the district at that time were two giants: Superintendent Dr. John B. Davis Jr. and as Board president the legendary civil rights leader W. Harry Davis Sr. Once again new occasions taught new duties.

Turmoil was felt across the city, nowhere less so than in the Lowry Hill, Kenwood, Bryn Mawr, and Harrison neighborhoods. The district's plan called for Douglas and Jefferson Jr. High to be closed at the end of the 1974 school year. Harrison School, one of the buildings exceeding 30 percent non-white enrollment, and Kenwood would start out as K-3 centers in 1974-75, becoming K-4 centers by the 1975-76 school year. Kenwood and Harrison students would funnel to the newly-acquired St. Margaret's Academy building (now Anwatin) for Grades 4-6 in 1974-75 and Grades 5-8 in 1975-76. Some students from the Harrison neighborhood would be bused to Kenwood to help fill classrooms previously used by 4th and 5th graders.

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A deeply divided school board voted in January, 1974, to reject this West Area Reorganization plan and to implement a plan of its own, one feature of which was keeping Douglas School open. The Minneapolis Star reported that Superintendent Davis “[appeared] dismayed and angered by the board’s decision.” Black parents in the Harrison neighborhood charged that their children would be unfairly penalized by having to be bused in greater numbers to desegregate Kenwood and Douglas schools. The fact that Harry Davis was the lone person of color on an otherwise all-white school board did not help matters.

In the end the board reversed its rejection of the administration’s plan, which with some tweaks went ahead.

### A sad final Douglas School open house.

“The open house should have been a happy occasion,” Linda Picone wrote in the Minneapolis Tribune on June 3, 1974, “but Sunday’s open house at Douglas School was the last for the brick building, constructed in 1894, and it was far from happy. For the parents of Douglas students and for the Douglas graduates of the past, the destruction of the old school is difficult to understand.”

Many former Douglas pupils came back to the open house for one last look. “They walked up and down the stone steps, worn into curves by thousands of children’s feet,” Picone wrote. “They looked at the worn but beautiful wood floors. They gazed out the windows, which stood wide open. ... In the basement the PTA auctioned off its accumulated dishware acquired over 80 years, including two coffee urns from the 1920-21 PTA.

Some were more than sad. They were angry, Picone reported. “They didn’t see why their neighborhood should lose its school. They asked, couldn’t it be saved for a community building or something?”

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•• We’re still hoping to contact people who attended Alcott School, West 29th Street and St. Louis Avenue, between 1921 and 1940. We’d also like to hear stories and memories from former Douglas School students. Email us at <hillandlakepress@gmail.com>.

•• For information on every Minneapolis school building 1855-2000, go to <<http://www.electiontrendsproject.org/lists/inventory>>.



## Santa arrived! We have proof!

By James P. Lenfestey

The cab arrived right on time at 7:15am, the first Christmas day in 48 years of parenthood that we beat Santa out the door on Christmas morning. We were off to see if he would descend as diligently in rainy Seattle to enchant a brace of eager grandchildren and as he had here in snow country designed for sleigh and reindeer.

We were packed and ready in spite of an unusually sleepless Christmas Eve. At three in the morning we heard a strange noise. In the bedroom. Maybe in the wall. Maybe under the bed. A plaster rattling noise.

This is a familiar sound to many from countless nights in drafty summer cabins, cheap motel rooms, and our ancient Volkswagen camper when a raccoon gnawed on the sink drain as we tried to sleep.

A mouse? A rat? A chipmunk? Squirrel? Another Raccoon?

I swept my iPhone flashlight under the bed, but it revealed only a pile of ancient Christmas wrapping paper. As we scouted the rest of the room my wife had a sudden blast of ingenious clarity: “Its reindeer!” she exclaimed.

Of course! How could we have forgotten? What else makes mysterious noises on Christmas Eve? With that comforting thought, we flipped off the lights and

fell into a deep sleep for the next three hours.

How far our imaginations atrophied since our children left the house a couple decades ago, and grandchildren spend the holidays in mysterious, distant lands (really, why would anyone live in rainy Seattle or drought-plagued California?).

Now instead of Santa visiting our house, it is easier to bring the bearded Mr. and elegant Mrs. Geezer to the grandchildren, and so this year we were the ones who flew, and apparently our imaginations flew away with us.

In the end we were exhausted but pleased that Santa and his reindeer made their presence known by gnawing on the plaster, or the wiring, or both. We had failed to put out cookies, carrots and eggnog. They had a right to be hungry.

In the airport, we sat with other bleary-eyed grandparents with bulging shopping bags filled with gifts at their feet. Ours was filled with gifts for four grandchildren ages twenty to seven. Books of course, from Birchbark Books, a vintage book from Magers and Quinn, and iPhone cases from the Uptown Apple store to repay the geniuses at the Genius bar who spent an hour and a half with me on Christmas eve cleaning out vast quantities of junk from my beloved MacBook Air. It, and I, felt lighter as we flew, peering out the window the whole way, watching Santa and his reindeer gallop their merry way westward over the clouds right along with us.

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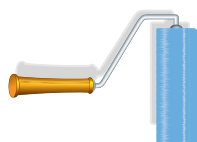
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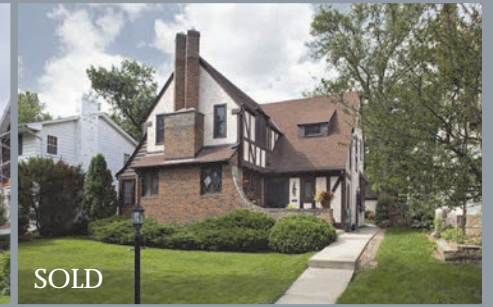
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The East Isles Residents Association (EIRA) and Metro Blooms are discussing a partnership to install raingardens in East Isles. It's a great deal! Property owners (residential, business, and churches) would pay for 50% or less of the project with EIRA applying for a grant to cover additional costs. Garden design and installation would be coordinated by Metro Blooms, leaving only the planting to the property owner. Interested and want to learn more? Contact Betsy Allis from the East Isles Green Team at [erallis@aol.com](mailto:erallis@aol.com) or Laura from Metro Blooms ([laura@metroblooms.org](mailto:laura@metroblooms.org)).



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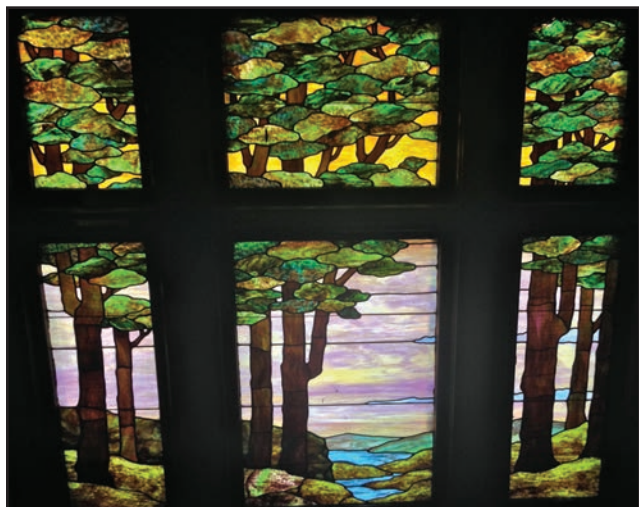
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By Patricia Trebnick

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## CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

By Monica Smith

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES, January 13, 2016

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

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

#### Announcements

Applications are being accepted for Paint-a-Thon 2016. For more information, go to [www.gmcc.org/paintathon](http://www.gmcc.org/paintathon).

The Park Board is considering a referendum on the November 2016 ballot to close the funding gap for neighborhood parks.

#### Ice Skating Party

The annual Ice Skating Party is on Sunday, January 24, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Lake of the Isles ice rink. The CIDNA Board approved the expenditure of \$295 for a half-page ad in the Hill and Lake Press to promote the event.

#### NRP/CPP Report, Monica Smith

The City hired a consultant to conduct an evaluation of the Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) department and its programs (CPP and NRP).

NCR is revising the draft of the Blueprint for Equitable Engagement, which will be presented, to the City Council in February.

Barbara Lunde reported that she is working with the Park Board on the contract for one or two new benches at Cedar Lake South Beach.

The next committee meeting is Wednesday, January 27, 3:30 p.m. at Rustica.

Transportation Report, Craig Westgate

The Corridor Management Committee did not meet in January.

A group continues to meet with legislators about Southwest LRT.

Section 106 (historic preservation) meetings continue. Mitigation for the Grand Rounds continues to be an issue.

Southwest LRT lawsuit: A federal magistrate ruled

that the Met Council must share documents related to the selection of the route with the Lakes and Parks Alliance.

#### Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

Lunch with Lisa, Wednesday, January 27, noon at the University of St. Thomas, Opus Hall #202. The topic is a legislative preview with Senator Dibble and Representatives Hornstein and Dehn.

The variances requests for 2631 Sunset Blvd were approved on January 7.

A variance request for a tandem garage at 2770 Thomas Ave is being submitted.

Sign up for organics recycling by February 1st to receive your cart in the spring.

Listening sessions are being held for workplace regulations. Contact CM Goodman's office for more information.

#### Land Use & Development Committee, Bob Corrick

The Connector Trail is included in the Calhoun/Harriet Master Plan process, which is expected to conclude in May or June.

The Greystar project is proceeding on schedule.

The Trammell Crow project is about one year behind schedule.

Volunteers are needed to serve on a Variance Committee. Contact Craig Westgate at [chair@cidna.org](mailto:chair@cidna.org), West Lake Multimodal Transportation Study, Nathan Koster and team

The team presented highlights of the study's final recommendations. The study recommendations are a framework to implement projects as funding becomes available from various partners (such as city, county, Park Board).

Recommendation are rated by the following categories:

Green Line Design – items that will be implemented by the Southwest LRT Project Office during construction of light rail.

Near-term – projects that are expected to be completed by the opening of Southwest LRT in 2020.

Long-term – more complex projects that will take longer to fund and implement.

Planning Horizon – even larger projects that will

take even longer to fund and implement.

The complete recommendations will be posted on the project website by mid-January. Go to [www.minneapolis.gov](http://www.minneapolis.gov) and search "multimodal transportation study".

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

The next meeting of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting will be February 16, 6:30 p.m. at Jones-Harrison Residence. Suggested plans for five focus areas of Lake Calhoun will be discussed. The CIDNA Board will review the suggestions at its February meeting to provide feedback to the CAC members.

#### Midtown Greenway Coalition, Mike Wilson

The Coalition is participating in a design charette with the Whittier Alliance for a neighborhood-based vision for the reopening of Nicollet Ave and development of the Kmart site. The final meeting is January 26, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at City of Lakes Waldorf School, 2344 Nicollet Ave S.

#### Lake Street Energy Challenge

Rosanne Halloran is learning more about this program and will share with the board at the February meeting.

Pedestrian Safety Committee, Steve Goltry

Cost estimates were presented for printing a flier that has tips for reducing traffic congestion at Market Plaza.

#### New Business

Mike Wilson shared an article that he wrote for the December issues of the Hill and Lake Press about Alcott Triangle and Alcott School.

Amanda Vallone reported that the Community Connections Conference will be held on April 2nd and that Neighborhoods USA is accepting applications for its annual awards for neighborhood work.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next meeting

#### The next meeting is Wednesday, February 10, 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](mailto:info@cidna.org).

## EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By Nicole Engel-Nitz, Secretary of the EIRA Board

### Minutes from the EIRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) Meeting January 12, 2016

#### Grace Trinity Community Church

Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis City Council

Ward Seven

The next Lunch with Lisa is scheduled for January 27th and will focus on a legislative preview (Scott Dibble, Frank Hornstein guests).

The demolition of 2505 East Lake of the Isles Parkway was approved, and 1700 W 26th is undergoing a historic review. The reconstruction of Hennepin & Lyndale intersection continues, with the upcoming closing of Oak Grove and additional sewer work.

Council member Goodman met with agents for the

owners of 2701 E Lake of the Isles Parkway, who have expressed interest in demolishing the residence. Lisa indicated she would be unlikely to support demolition; however, if the demolition comes before the City Council, CM Goodman will weigh all the findings of fact presented as part of the public record before making a final decision. The house meets three criteria for designation of an historic property, including being designed by a famous architect, built by a famous person, and being 1 of 25 most historic structures as part of previous study for historic district designation. A pre-determination letter of historic significance has been written.

Mike Erickson, City of Lakes Loppet

#### Operations and Race director.

Organizers are hopeful for ice and snow this year. Changes for the 2016 Loppet include having musicians inside a tent, with an open side and spectators outside the tent.

The Luminary Loppet is this non-profit organization's most important fundraiser. The charity, which focuses on youth-based outdoor activities, has taught 5000-6000 children how to cross-country ski. Programs include children from 9 schools in North Minneapolis, with participants skiing in the Minne-Loppet. The organization is working on plans for developing an adventure center.

Thin ice signs remain on the Lagoon between Lake Calhoun and East Lake of the Isles; please be cautious.

#### Open Forum

The City's has revealed the final version of the NRP Funding Policy; EIRA will have an NRP Phase 2 review in July 2018, by which time 95% of the funds should be contracted.

#### Board Review

The board members and an EIRA resident discussed the formation of a Crime and Safety Committee. Amy Sanborn reported that several block captains met with Chelsea Adams (police neighborhood liaison). Several Uptown-area neighborhoods have discussed meeting quarterly to discuss Crime & Safety, with some neighborhoods sending a representative rather than setting up a committee; example quarterly meetings were a personal safety workshop hosted by CARAG, and a garage security workshop hosted by ECHO. The board

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discussed general concerns about recruiting sufficient volunteers to maintain a Crime and Safety committee, and whether some work could be done through the block captains (Amy Sanborn estimated that approximately half or fewer blocks had block captains); Nicole Engel-Nitz noted that a benefit of the specific committee projects could be funded by EIRA funds. The attending resident expressed interest in participating on the Board and the Crime Committee. The board voted to authorize President to appoint representative to attend the joint-neighborhood quarterly meeting. A suggestion was made that the next EIRA newsletter include advertising for members of the Crime and Safety Committee (only requirement is that members be residents of East Isles), as well as a reminder about the availability of grants for security lighting.

### REPORTS

**NRP, Zoning, Transportation Committee.** The next NRP meeting is scheduled for Monday February 1, at Grace Church; the chair may have met with Anita Tabb regarding the Park Benches project.

**Zoning Committee.** The next Zoning committee meeting is Tuesday January 19, 5-7 pm at Grace Church. Topics will include an update on 2505 E Lake of the Isles; 1700 W 26th; the proposed demolition of 2701 E Lake of the Isles Parkway; and a review of strategy on committee structure.

**Transportation Committee.** The next meeting is Thursday January 21 6:45 at Dunn Bros at 25.5 and Hennepin; the committee is planning another winter walking tour focusing on businesses on Hennepin, especially snow clearing/accessibility at bus stops. Call 311 to report overhanging trees and other issues.

**Social Committee.** The Wine Tasting fundraiser raised \$475. The Ice Skating Social is scheduled for 1-3 pm Sunday Jan 24th at E Lake of the Isles. Uptown business association annual meeting will not take place this year.

**Green Team.** The board approved the proposed budget for the first 3 months of 2016 (total \$250). Upcoming events include the Community Solar Sign-up for participants (January 13, February 25), and environmental legislative update (proposed March). The Spring Garden Party (February 15 or 18, Grace Church), will include presentations on native plants and pollinators, container gardens, microgreens, and vertical gardening, with Master Gardener guest speakers.

**Greater Uptown Community Partnership**—is scheduled to meet January 13th, and Carla Purdue will report next month.

**President's report.** Andrew Degerstrom took over a number of coordinator tasks during the interim period.

### Board Review II

The Board scheduled a retreat for board members on Saturday February 20, 9-2 pm. The board reviewed the 2016 Board meeting schedules and made a correction. The board briefly discussed whether to amend the bylaws to remove the requirement for a semi-annual membership (October) meeting, and suggested the discussion be reviewed with other ongoing efforts on updating the bylaws. The annual membership meeting will be held at Grace-Trinity Community Church on Tuesday April 12, 6:30-9 pm.

In accordance with EIRA Bylaws, Article 5, Section 15, the remainder of the meeting was held in closed session for the purpose of discussing the Search Committee's recommendation for the hiring of a new Coordinator. The EIRA Board approved the recommendation to hire Donna Sanders effective January 13.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. If consistent with EIRA Bylaws, and where the availability of a public document or report in electronic forms exists, copies of EIRA Board agenda items may be obtained by an EIRA member by contacting coordinator@east-isles.org

**The next meeting is Tuesday, February 9, 2016, 7 p.m. at Grace-Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th Street.**

## LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

BY JANIS CLAY

### Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board Minutes Tuesday, January 5, 2016

Present - Board Members: Phil Hallaway, President; Michael Cockson, Vice President; Dan Aronson, Treasurer; Janis Clay, Secretary; Tom Huppert; Raj Dash; Clint Conner; Sarah Janecek; Mark Brauer; Emily Beugen; Susie Galiano; Rebecca Graham.

Present - Non-Board Members: Lisa Goodman, Seventh Ward Minneapolis City Council Representative.

President Phil Hallway called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Community Announcements:** Seventh Ward City Council Representative Lisa Goodman presented community announcements. Lunch with Lisa will take place on Wednesday, January 27th at St. Thomas University-Minneapolis, featuring a legislative preview of the 2016 session. The Hennepin Lyndale sewer repair project is proceeding slowly. The work will move to the Vineland intersection soon. Soil issues have slowed and complicated the project. A massive project is scheduled for Hennepin Lyndale starting this summer. There has been an uptick in inquiries about potential teardowns.

**Approval of Minutes:** Dan Aronson moved and Tom Huppert seconded approval of the minutes of the December 1, 2015, Board meeting. All approved

**Treasurer's Report:** Dan Aronson presented the Treasurer's Report. LHNA has spent about \$9000 on communication and outreach-related activities, much of which will be reimbursable by the City. He will submit the paperwork soon. The Tax Form 990 is due after the end of LHNA's fiscal year, April 30, 2016.

### Committee Reports:

**Environment:** There was nothing new this month.

**Zoning and Planning:** Lisa Goodman has already presented information on the increase in teardown requests in Lowry Hill and surrounding neighborhoods.

**Crime and Safety:** Rebecca Graham presented the Crime and Safety Report. It has been a quiet month, likely due to the colder weather.

**Events:** The Lake of the Isles Ice Skating Social will be Sunday, January 24, 2016. An ad will be placed in the Hill and Lake Press. Tom Huppert and Raj Dash will see that a fire is in place and tended. The Annual Meeting will be held in May. The Board discussed May 17th as a possible date, and began discussing format and topics. Construction at the Walker could be an issue. Mark Brauer will put together a calendar of recurring events in Lowry Hill and the surrounding neighborhoods. Regular events include the January Ice Skating Social, May Annual Meeting, June Shakespeare in the Park, July Ice Cream Social, September Kenwood Carnival, October Thrill Kenwood, Thanksgiving Pie and Ice Cream for the 5th Precinct, and perhaps the October Palio. The Palio, a parade, music, and food event held in October in Kenwood Park was modeled after an event held in Siena, Italy, and put on for many years by neighborhoods surrounding Kenwood Park. It has been dormant for a few years, but someone may be interested in reviving it.

**Neighborhood Priorities Survey Working Group/Community Participation Program:** Sarah

Janecek reported on neighborhood priorities.

The Board discussed the possibility making Colfax Avenue South into a one-way going north. Sarah Janecek will seek feedback from local businesses. Sara Janecek presented the following resolution: Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association is interested in exploring the possibility of turning the 1900 block of Colfax Avenue South into a one-way going north from West Franklin Avenue to Lincoln Avenue. Michael Cockson added an alternative to be explored if the one-way proposal looks problematic, that left turns be prohibited from Colfax Avenue South onto West Franklin Avenue. Sarah Janecek accepted the amendment. Mark Brauer seconded the motion. All approved.

Crosswalks remain a priority. The Board discussed possible crosswalk locations, including the base of Franklin Hill, from St. Paul's Episcopal to Lake of the Isles; Colfax Avenue South and Franklin Avenue; Fremont Avenue South and Franklin Avenue; and Mount Curve Avenue and Waverly Place. Phil Hallaway will continue to work on this.

Phil Hallaway presented information on sidewalk repair. Lowry Hill is scheduled for a neighborhood-wide sidewalk project in the spring and summer of 2017. The City will inspect sidewalks, and mark areas in need of replacement with a white dot. The homeowner will be assessed for replacement costs. The base cost is presently \$195.00 for a six by six foot section. This could be higher if the sidewalk has unusual features. If a homeowner ends up with a large assessment, the City will spread it over five years if between \$150 and \$1500, or ten years, if greater than \$1500. A sidewalk can be replaced sooner if the homeowner hires an independent contractor. This could be considerably more expensive. Phil Hallaway and Michael Cockson will put together a "Sidewalks 101" article for the Hill & Lake Press.

Baygan Hartzheim has been researching options for replacing the Historic Lowry Hill signs. Marcy-Holmes Neighborhood has some signs that look good. The Board would be interested in supporting additional grooming of the cross-country ski trails on and around Lake of the Isles. Janis Clay will look into this. Sarah Janecek will follow up on the possibility of picnic tables in Thomas Lowry Park.

**Communications:** Phil Hallaway and Chris Madden will meet to discuss ways to improve the website. The Board discussed preparing articles for submission to the Hill & Lake Press, on topics such as sidewalks, boulevard trees, home teardowns, and the Scottish Rite Temple. Phil Hallaway will contact Jean Deatrick.

**New Business:** Emily Beugen is interested in investigating the process of having a home designated as historic.

**LHNA's next Board meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, at the Kenwood Rec Center.** All residents are welcome. Everyone is encouraged to visit the LHNA website at [www.lowryhillneighborhood.org](http://www.lowryhillneighborhood.org), and sign up to receive LHNA's monthly E-Blast about events in the neighborhood. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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## KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION

BY SHAWN SMITH

### January 2016 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA Board met January 4th, 2016 at Kenwood Rec Center.

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

Directors present: Chair Jeanette Colby, Vice Chair Larry Moran, Treasurer Ed Pluimer, Jim Gilroy, Matt Spies, Jack Levi, Josine Peters, Shawn Smith (Recording Secretary). Absent: Angie Erdrich, Mike Bono. Also present CM Lisa Goodman, Jean Deatruck

#### The Agenda was Approved Unanimously City Council Update – Lisa Goodman

A body was found frozen in the ice in the channel between Lake Calhoun and Lake of the Isles on January 4th. It is not known to be a crime related situation and there is no danger to the public. Residents are encouraged to demonstrate caution before proceeding to go out on the ice, especially areas that are not designated for winter recreational use.

Lunch with Lisa is on Wednesday January 27th, the topic is a preview of the 2016 state legislative session. Senator Dibble among other elected officials are expected to attend. Please contact Lisa's office if you plan to attend.

Hennepin/Lyndale utility work continues. Sewer work will be necessary on Vineland Place near the Walker and Sculpture Garden. Construction updates and road closures are available via Lisa's office in her email updates.

Residents are advised that there needs to be a minimum 5 foot clearance on either side of alleys and driveways. Neighbors are having difficulties accessing driveways and alleys when visitors or residents are parked within 5 feet of one. This has been a challenge particularly at Kenwood Corner. If access is blocked, neighbors can call 311 for assistance.

#### Financial Report – Ed Pluimer

Ed updated KIAA that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District paid KIAA for the 15 neighborhood Raingarden projects. KIAA will in turn pay MetroBlooms with these funds, as well as the KIAA share of \$1134, approved at the December Meeting.

#### Noise Issues

Local businesses are advised to ensure that their garbage and recycling services are observing local noise ordinances. Garbage and recycling are not to be picked up prior to 6AM. We love our local businesses. Neighbors observing violations are encouraged to speak to the business owner first, and if unresolved then take a photo of the truck and email KIAA or Lisa Goodman's office and we will contact the refuse service.

#### East Cedar Lake Beach (ECLB)– Matt Spies

Matt updated KIAA that the next ECLB Committee Meeting will take place on Tuesday Jan 26th at 7PM at the Kenwood Community Center. All are welcome.

Matt will invite Park Police Chief Ohotto to the February meeting to start the dialogue on the strategy for the summer of 2016.

#### Southwest Light Rail Transit Project – Jeanette Colby, Shawn Smith

Jeanette reported that the SWLRT environmental impact statement will not consider impacts of freight rail changes in the Kenilworth Corridor funded by the project, according to a recent email from the Southwest Project Office. These changes include moving the rail much closer to homes, upgrading the tracks, building a bridge across the Kenilworth Canal, and removing many trees and green spaces. Further, although the SWLRT project will spend tens of millions of dollars to "co-locate" freight and light rail, the Met Council says it "is not making freight rail permanent" in the Kenilworth Corridor. KIAA is concerned that the upgraded freight rail infrastructure could encourage more trains at higher speeds, and create additional noise



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and safety concerns. KIAA believes the SDEIS is flawed because it does not treat freight as a permanent condition, and therefore adverse impacts are understated.

Jeanette attended the section 106 meeting on December 3rd. Section 106 protects historic properties impacted by federally funded projects. The Kenilworth Channel is protected by section 106. With input by Michael Schroeder of the MPRB, a bridge design has been agreed upon and the historic WPA retaining walls on the east side of the proposed bridge are now under consideration. A memorandum of understanding will be developed in the coming months, and KIAA will decide whether or not to sign it when the time comes.

Shawn, on behalf of KIAA, contacted each member of the Minnesota Senate and House Transportation Committees to surface the board's continued concerns with co-location. KIAA asked that the \$135M of the state portion of the funding be put on hold. This is to be voted on in the upcoming legislative session. KIAA maintains that in a time of increased concern over rail safety, co-location of light rail and ethanol trains will pose a continual and sustained danger to the Kenwood neighborhood should there be a derailment, and we remain opposed to co-location. The Minneapolis City Council, knowing of this risk, has nonetheless approved co-location, so KIAA is appealing to the state level.

County Commissioner Marion Greene is planning a public meeting on Wednesday, February 3rd. KIAA will post time and place to NextDoor Kenwood.

#### New Business - All

Angie Erdrich will post in Next Door Kenwood a notice to invite neighbors to determine interest for the MetroBlooms Raingarden program for 2016

Lake of the Isles Skating Party is Sunday, January 24th.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Jeanette Colby at 8:38 p.m.

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The next Kenwood Isles Area Association Board meeting is Monday, February 1st 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](mailto:kenwoodminneapolis.org)

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## Where we are Now

By Jean Deatruck

December brought gifts. Miriam Segall sent Hill and Lake Press a generous gift. Miriam is a longtime resident of Lowry Hill and we thank her for her support.

Stephen Alderson also sent a generous gift to Hill and Lake Press. Steve lives in South Minneapolis and reads Hill and Lake Press each month. He reports that he enjoys reading about the SWLRT issue. He is a cousin to my late husband John Gridley and has always provided interest and support for our neighborhood newspaper. Thank you, Steve. We are grateful.

Regarding SWLRT, Commissioner Marion Greene is hosting a meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 6pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church to provide a community update on SWLRT, and a sketch of what 2016 will look like in terms of project goals and opportunities for community input. The SWLRT Project Office will be joined by staff from the City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County.

## LETTER: MPRB COMMISSIONER ANNIE YOUNG

I want to do a shout out, especially to Mike Wilson, in thanking you all for keeping me abreast of Park Board history and issues that you print in the Hill & Lake Press. I especially enjoyed the Dec. 18, 2015 edition on Neighborhood Parks.

I cannot thank you enough for keeping me informed.

Again, thank you for the good job that you all are doing.

Annie Young  
[anniey@visi.com](mailto:anniey@visi.com)

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# Soup Trio

By Madeleine Lowry

After the culinary excesses of the holidays I feel that a week of soup is needed to start the New Year off right.

For Christmas I was given a copy of My Pantry by Alice Waters which has a lovely Lebanese-inspired lentil soup recipe. I immediately decided to make it for my soup extravaganza. Although the yogurt is optional in this recipe, I would suggest trying it because the tangy smoothness complements the lentils perfectly.

## Lebanese Lentil Soup

From My Pantry by Alice Waters

4-6 servings

1½ cups lentils

2 Tbsp. olive oil

1 onion, diced

1 carrot, sliced

1 stalk celery, sliced

3 garlic cloves, minced

1 tsp ground cumin

¾ tsp ground coriander

¼ tsp cayenne pepper (optional)

2 quarts chicken or vegetable stock

Salt and pepper

1 bunch spinach, rinsed and torn

Lemon juice from ½ lemon

½ cup fresh cilantro, chopped

Plain yogurt (optional)

Rinse the lentils in cold water and discard any floating husks.

Heat the oil in a large heavy soup pan, such as a Dutch oven. Add the onion, carrot, and celery and sauté until tender 5 to 10 minutes. Add the garlic, cumin, coriander and cayenne.

Add the lentils and stock and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to a simmer, partially cover and cook until the lentils are soft, about 35 minutes.

Add the spinach and allow to wilt. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Just before serving, add a generous amount of lemon juice and the cilantro. Garnish each bowl with a dollop of yogurt.

Another soup I included in my soup fest was a thick pumpkin and mushroom bisque. This is a soup I like to make in the winter. I love the color and the texture, plus you can make it with a can of pumpkin. What could be easier?

## Pumpkin Mushroom Bisque

From the Knack Soup Classics cookbook

Serves 4-6

3 Tbsp. butter

1 onion, chopped

1 Tbsp. minced or grated ginger root

2 cups sliced crimini mushrooms

1/2 tsp salt

1/8 tsp pepper

1/2 tsp curry powder

1/2 tsp pumpkin pie spice

2 Tbsp. brown sugar

1-15 oz. can of pumpkin

3 cups chicken stock

1 cup water

2 egg yolks

1 cup half and half

1 Tbsp. cornstarch

In a large heavy pot, melt butter over medium heat. Sauté onions, ginger and mushrooms for 10 minutes.

Add salt, pepper, curry powder, pie spice, brown sugar and pumpkin. Cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Gradually add chicken stock and water. Stir constantly until well-blended. Simmer 15 minutes.

In a bowl, beat egg yolks, half and half and cornstarch. Slowly add to soup. Heat through but do not let the soup boil. Adjust seasonings and serve.

To complete the trio, here is a soup that comes together quickly with things you probably have in your pantry. Americans call this Potato and Leek soup, but I like the French name—Potage Parmentier. The original recipe makes a nice plain white soup. However, I usually add two carrots which ups the vegetable quo-

tient and gives it an attractive orange color.

## Potage Parmentier

Attributed to Julia Child

Serves 4-6

1 lb. potatoes, peeled and diced

3 cups leeks, thinly sliced

2 carrots, sliced (optional)

2 quarts water or vegetable stock

1 tablespoon salt

4-6 tablespoons heavy cream

2-3 tablespoons minced parsley or chives

Brown the leeks in a mixture of oil and butter. Add the potatoes and carrots and sauté gently for a few minutes to develop the flavors.

Add the stock and salt and cook, partially covered, 40-50 minutes until vegetables are tender.

Mash the vegetables in the pot with a fork or potato ricer, then puree with an immersion blender. Adjust seasonings.

Off heat and just before serving, stir in the cream by the spoonful. Serve in soup bowls garnished with the herbs.

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2407 Girard S #1	335,000	-	23	325,000	C	3/1	1,480	252,500	3,732	1913
3120 Dean Court	347,900	8,500	79	339,000	TWN	3/3	1,540	364,500	5,119	1982
3116 W Lake St #416	339,900	-	80	335,000	C	2/2	1,254	272,000	4,206	2007
3453 St Louis Ave	339,900	5,860	126	330,000	TWN	2/2	1,799	324,500	4,357	1985
1972 Sheridan S	399,700	-	306	395,000	H	2/1	1,200	410,500	6,792	1900
2836 Kenwood Isles Dr	424,900	2,500	123	400,000	TWN	3/2	1,918	397,500	5,979	1986
3522 W 29th St	459,900	-	6	472,000	H	3/3	2,060	433,500	7,221	1925
1726 Irving S	545,000	-	210	505,000	H	4/3	2,598	581,000	9,969	1916
3106 W Lake St #133	574,900	-	42	560,000	C	2/3	2,380	461,000	7,121	2007
2728 Ewing S	575,000	-	459	525,000	H	4/3	3,036	681,000	10,534	1929
2848 Sunset Blvd	825,000	-	103	755,000	H	3/4	3,062	569,500	9,736	1928
2441 Sheridan S	800,000	-	191	782,500	H	3/4	2,960	650,000	10,705	1913
64 Groveland Terrace	1,250,000	-	76	1,057,583	H	3/4	3,089	836,500	15,176	1906
2735 E Lake of the Isles	1,595,000	-	329	1,380,000	H	3/6	4,918	1,426,000	27,347	1905
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# sand upon the waters

By Tom H. Cook

Don't worry; it gets worse.  
—Barbara Amram (on aging)

Young women get changed in front of me.  
—Jay Leno (on being old and invisible)

Why do seniors get a discount? They've had more time to make the money.  
—anonymous (possibly Homer)

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“Are you comfortable?”

“I make a good living”

My very young dental hygienist (fresh from a small town in Idaho and trying to catch on in the glam world of L.A. dentistry) directed me into her chair and asked me the question. Granted, it's funnier with a Yiddish accent, but it helps to be of a certain age to really sell the line. My response made her giggle and then laugh hard. There is a new audience, a whole generation that has never heard the classics. It is small recompense for getting liver spots, but too much is written about the downside of the whole aging process.

What is under-reported are the perks. I am no longer asked to help people move, (“We're gonna have pizza and beer, it's just a few things, it'll be fun...”) I used to feel ethically challenged by party invitations. I was clumsy and awkward declining or accepting as I would almost always prefer to spend a quiet evening with dogs. Marginally interesting activities would torment me. I could go and be miserable, or stay home and feel guilty because I was not really too busy. Now I get far fewer social invitations and it is much easier to reject them. I politely but firmly say I am not coming, it is too far, too late, or I don't want to.

Another advantage of aging is perspective. I was too often impulsive and short sighted throughout much of my life. I gnashed my teeth and lost sleep over roads



Son Ben's baby! With help from wife Erin. Grandchild three. Elliot Amelia Cook (8 lbs 2 oz) 1/12/16

not taken, mistakes I have made, hunches I did or did not follow, and decisions that, in hindsight, would have been better left to a ouija board. I am no Leo Buscaglia (how is that for a name from the past?) but I stress less

and am more accepting. I did not get rich, but I never had to do hard time. The good news is that at a certain age it doesn't much matter. My habits are set and more money would not appreciably improve my life. It is delightful to not be looking for a job, or answering to anyone.

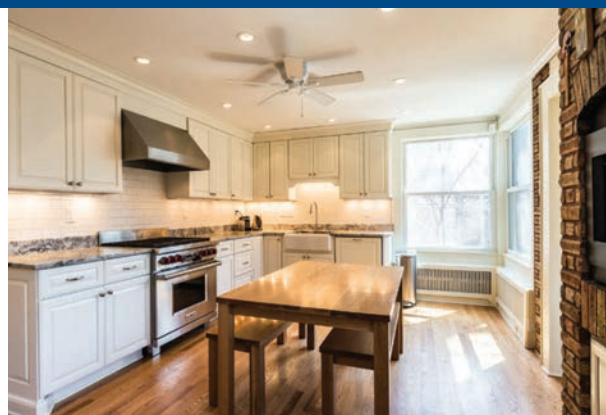
People would rather be naked in front of each other than discuss their finances and I will not do either here, but the question that drives us most of our lives is “Why is there no parking at Trader Joe's?” Oops I meant “How much money do I need to be able to live out my days warm and indoors?” I had always hoped that one of my splinter skills (writing, public speaking, standup comedy) would thrust me into the public eye. I was never discovered but it's nice not having to spend all that time in the harbor waiting for my ship to come in.

It is interesting to watch a coach who has prepared and practiced maniacally, forsaking friends, family, food, and sleep for a supreme effort in the big game. A close contest is more exciting but there is a melancholy bittersweet relief in a lopsided blowout. Up or down by thirty points in the waning moments, the contest is decided. It is time to be magnanimous: play the scrubs, avoid injury, don't argue calls, congratulate your opponents, and let your players know how proud you are of them. My wins and losses have not been as dramatic. I never caught the brass ring, found the pot of gold, made it to Easy Street or [insert your favorite cliché here]. I hope to have many years left but I feel myself letting go of needing to keep score or watch the clock.

Tom H. Cook will likely have a third grandchild by the time you read this. He listens regularly to The Tony Kornheiser Show podcasts and is a “loyal little.”



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