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## Help in on the way for Penn/Oliver in Kenwood

Community meeting Tuesday, April 25th

By Michael Wilson

You'd have to live in Kenwood to know that Penn and Oliver are actually a single street between Douglas and West Lake of the Isles Parkway. And you'd have to live in Kenwood — or be passing through to and from Cedar-Isles-Dean — to know how badly that stretch of roadway needs repair.

“Potholes have riddled Penn and Oliver since I've been on the KIAA board,” says KIAA board chair Jeanette Colby. “The city diligently fills the holes with asphalt when we ask, but the patches later come out in big chunks during subsequent freeze-thaw cycles. The potholes and stray asphalt boulders are bad enough to be dangerous.”

Help is on the way, though, thanks to a novel and budget-friendly concrete rehabilitation program developed by Department of Public Works engineers and championed by our 7th Ward council member Lisa Goodman.

“Since CM Goodman always comes to our neighborhood association meetings, she understands the problem,” continues Colby. “We were all delighted when Lisa announced to us a couple of months ago that a solution is in the works. We are grateful that these streets will be repaired using a new method that's less expensive than removing and replacing the concrete, but more permanent and safer than semi-annual patches.”

### Repair concrete streets, but be fiscally prudent

The purpose of the Concrete Streets Rehabilitation Program is to extend the life of some concrete city streets in a fiscally prudent manner. The goal is to target concrete streets that with proper concrete repair will extend the street's life to improve ride quality and support neighborhood livability.

Concrete lasts longer and bears loads better than asphalt and typically doesn't need a lot of maintenance, according to Larry Matsumoto, Department of Public Works paving construction engineer. But the condition of underlying soils is critical. Since concrete is rigid, unlike asphalt, which is flexible, it requires a strong, consistent substrate.

Concrete generally deteriorates over time as water and salt enter joints and cracks. Poor drainage, underlying soil conditions, and higher traffic volumes can accelerate the deterioration. Total reconstruction of concrete streets is much costlier than reconstructing asphalt streets, however, by as much as a factor of two. So in 2013 Public Works engineers identified two small sections of the city's 160 miles of residential concrete streets for a pilot program of rehabbing the concrete instead of totally reconstructing it.

“We learned a lot,” Matsumoto says, “and this year we're able to start an extensive concrete rehab program throughout the city. The Penn/Oliver project will be the first.”

The repair of concrete primarily consists of saw

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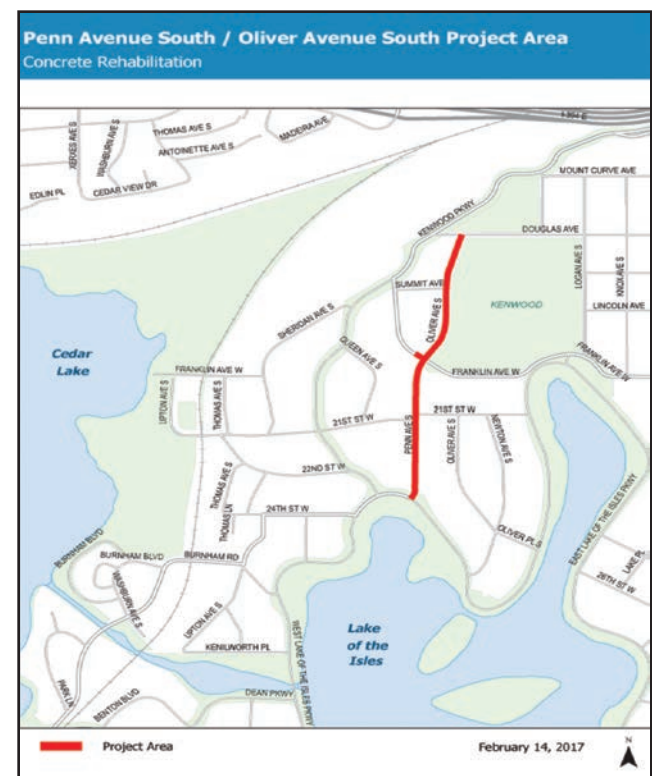
Photo and caption: Michael Wilson.

Kenwood residents (from left) Jack Anderson, Riley White, and Mae Gutterfelder cross Penn Avenue at 21st Street on March 14 on their way home after school. Thanks to the diligence of the Public Works Department's street maintenance crews, none of the potholes in the 42-year-old pavement has gotten deep enough to swallow a kindergartener. Help is on the way, though, thanks to Council Member Lisa Goodman and Public Works' engineers.



Photo and caption: Michael Wilson

Public Works engineer Elisha Langat and paving construction engineer Larry Matsumoto, PE, with a display of the many materials which have been used over the decades to pave Minneapolis streets, including pink quartz, large rose granite, Purington clay pavers, granite pavers, and sandstone. Missing is Matsumoto's collection of creosote-soaked wood blocks, widely used in the late 1800s because they were easier on horses' hooves. Come to the community meeting on Tuesday, April 25, at 6:30 to see this display -- and the collection of old wood blocks.



Graphic: Minneapolis Department of Public Works

Minneapolis has developed an Influence Area Assessment Method to determine the portion of each property on a given block to be assessed for street improvements. There are two tiers: residential and non-residential/commercial. Park Board and school district property is exempt. (Graphic: Minneapolis Department of Public Works.)

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**Lunch with Lisa  
March 29, 2017**

Council Member Lisa Goodman welcomes Consultant Peter Hendee Brown and the design team for an "Update on Peavey Plaza." \$10.00 lunch is offered. Come early to get your lunch and a good seat. Discussion starts promptly at noon. Please RSVP to Ruth by the 21st@612-673-2207  
Next lunch is April 26.

**Art in Bloom at MIA**



After a long (or even a short) winter, we are all looking for sure signs of spring. Art in Bloom at the Minneapolis Institute of Art is one of my sure signs of spring. Every year Friends of the Institute at the Minneapolis Institute of Art hosts this terrific event. This year, Friends welcomes all Thursday, April 27th through Sunday, April 30th. We have more than 160 floral enthusiasts creating outstanding arrangements of fresh flowers inspired by many of the wonderful works of art in the museum. During Art in Bloom, the museum teems with the winter-wearied enjoying signs and smells of spring with fresh flowers and many wonderful events to engage all ages.

There is so much to do at Art in Bloom. There are lectures, workshops, a fashion show, luncheons and docent lead tours. There are even volunteer opportunities. But my favorite thing to do during Art in Bloom, is to stroll through the museum to enjoy all the fresh flowers and beautiful art.

For more information about how to be involved or just enjoy the flowers and art, check out our web site at: [new.artsmia.org/art-in-bloom-2017](http://new.artsmia.org/art-in-bloom-2017)

**HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD**  
March 25, Ladyslipper Ensemble at St. Mark's Cathedral.  
March 27, 6:30, Walker Library preservation  
April 3, 7pm Literary Witnesses Plymouth church  
April 25, 6:30 PM. Kenwood Rec Center, Penn-Oliver Project community meeting.  
April 29, noon to 6. Uptown Clay Pottery sale.  
**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

**DFL Caucus will take place on April 4 beginning at 6:30, at the Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church.**

**Republican Caucus will be held at Burroughs School, 1601 W 50th St.**

**Uptown Clay** has an upcoming event. Pop-up Pottery Sale! April 29th, from Noon until 6 PM. At Uptown Clay located at 2845 Harriet Ave. South.

Learn to preserve photographs, letters and emails, video recordings and more as staff from the Hennepin County Library's Special Collections Department guide you through the process of home archiving. We'll cover organization, storage, preservation and access.

Monday, March 27th, 6:30-7:30pm  
Walker Library, 2880 Hennepin Avenue  
Call 612-543-8203 for more information.

**The Woman's Club of Minneapolis**

**Annual Estate Sale:  
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**Join your neighbors**  
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**East Isles Residents Association**  
Annual Meeting  
**Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30p Social Hour**  
**hors d'oeuvres**  
**7:00p Program**  
Grace Trinity Community Church  
1430 W 28th Street

Talk with your neighbors  
Provide your input on priorities  
Discover volunteer opportunities  
Meet and vote for Board Members  
Learn about projects in your neighborhood  
Get updates from City Council Member Lisa Goodman

EIRA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event organized by EIRA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, please let us know by contacting us at [info@eastisles.org](mailto:info@eastisles.org) at least five (5) days before an EIRA sponsored event.



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# Meet Your Neighbor, Sarah Dietman

Craig Wilson interviews Sarah Dietman about her passion for foreign studies and learning and her effort to fundraise for a local Gospel Choir's cultural immersion program to Kenya via the High School Recording Arts (HSRA) program (tickets are only \$20!)

**Where did you grow up and attend school?**

I spent most of my life so far living in St. Joseph, Minnesota, which has about 7,000 people living there. It's a small agricultural community and college town where the College of St. Benedict is located. I grew up only about four blocks from St. Ben's and then went to school there. I studied Hispanic studies, psychology and communication.

**What brought you to Minneapolis?**

For four years, I lived in Ecuador and taught English. After spending that much time away, it just felt like it was time to come back. Being abroad for a while made me appreciate many things about Minnesota that I hadn't in the past. In Ecuador, I lived in the capital city of Quito and after that, living in a small town did not feel quite right. I wanted to live in a more urban environment to explore and have easier access to the cultural scene.

**How was it making the transition to Minneapolis?**

The apartment search was overwhelming at first because I didn't know the personalities of the different neighborhoods. I originally wanted to live in St. Paul because I was looking to live in a historic area. However, I decided on Lowry Hill because it had the best of everything – close access to the lakes and nature, proximity to my office downtown and historic charm, not to mention the neighborhood shops and good food.

**What do you do for a living?**

Right now, I basically have two jobs. I launched my own coaching business after completing Martha Beck's life coach training and certification program. With that I predominantly focus on working with women who are in transition either professionally or in their relationship. I am also the English Program Manager at Xperitas, which is a non-profit headquartered in the North Loop neighborhood in Minneapolis. Xperitas offers international language and cultural immersion



programs in 19 countries, giving me the opportunity to use my international experience on the job every day.

**What do you like most about your new job at Xperitas?**

The Xperitas values of immersion, connection and transformation align with my own values. The main focus of my position is to invite students from abroad to our English programs in the United States and find host families for them. We also have a scholarship program where we raise funds to help student groups participate in our programs abroad. Currently we are planning the United Voices Concert with the High School of Recording Arts (HSRA) and the Twin Cities Gospel Choir. The funds raised will help send the HSRA students, as part of an Xperitas Global Learners Scholarship Program, on a cultural immersion program to Kenya. While there, the students will have the opportunity to share their music with the Maasai people and work together with community members to help renovate classrooms in the local school.

**Tell us more about the United Voices Concert.**

The concert is the evening of Friday, April 14th at the High School of Recording Arts – 1166 University Avenue, St. Paul and will feature a unique collaboration of the Twin Cities Community Gospel Choir (TCCGC), led by Artistic Director David Hurst, and the HSRA student vocal ensemble with instrumental back up from some fabulous local musicians. Together, the choir members and leaders will create original music

that will be performed live for the first time at the event.

**Tell me more about HSRA.**

HSRA began as a pilot program developed by Studio 4 Enterprises in December 1996. After a recording career with Rock and Roll Hall of Famer, Prince, David "T.C." Ellis started Studio 4 as a recording production facility. Eventually, youth from the community who were at significantly high risk for dropping-out of school began exhibiting an interest in the studio and recording their music. David had the idea to build an educational pilot program recognizing the need to address the drop out crisis in his community. Enrollment in the program, which began with fifteen learners, grew quickly through word of mouth. In March 1997, Studio 4 developed a relationship with St. Paul Family Learning Center and Designs for Learning in order to build the program to a point where it could exist independently. High School for Recording Arts was born in July 1998 with its approval as an independent charter school district by the Minnesota Department of Education. In 2001, HSRA was approved for a three-year renewal of its charter by the St. Paul School District, HSRA's sponsor. The charter was renewed again in 2004 and 2008. In the summer of 2008, High School for Recording Arts, with the support of the Minnesota Commissioner of Education, amicably moved authorization of its charter from St. Paul Public Schools to Pillsbury United Communities (PUC). Today student enrollment has stabilized at just over 200 students. The student population is 92% below the poverty line and 30% homeless, which is why they were a candidate school for Xperitas's scholarship program.

**What are you asking of people?**

We'd like everyone to attend the concert! Tickets are only \$20. If people can't attend, then we're asking for them to go online to Xperitas.org and donate tickets so the kids in the HSRA student choir can have more of their friends and family in attendance. We're also looking for companies and organizations to sponsor the concert. If anyone is interested in sponsoring or has questions about donating, they can contact Amy Litman at Amy@xperitas.org or 612-436-8290.

**Walker Library  
Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN  
The Not Fighting Workshop**

Grades K-2 and their adults. 45 minutes separated, 45 minutes together.

In this 90-minute workshop parents learn to address conflict with their children in a playful way that both supports the child and helps set boundaries. Parents will learn how to do an "instant replay," a playful strategy that can minimize tension by fully engaging kids and speaking in their language.

At the Walker Public Library, March 25th from 10 - 11:30 a.m.

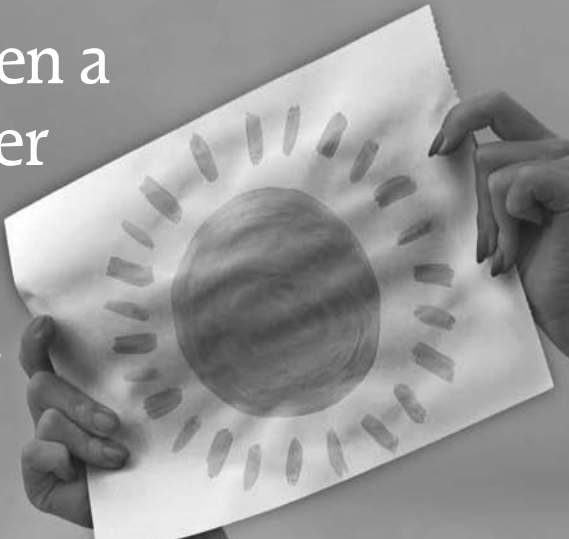
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## Help in on the way for Penn/Oliver continued from page one

cutting, removing, and replacing concrete joints that have deteriorated. Some concrete panels are removed and replaced full-depth if it's determined the condition of the concrete does not warrant salvaging the panel pavement. Other improvements within the project limits include upgrades to select pedestrian ramps, replacement of select curb and gutter, and a diamond-grind resurfacing of the street pavement.

Concurrent with the street work, utility improvements will be completed associated with gas, water and sewer.

### Street special assessments uniform city-wide

The current construction estimate for the 2,442-foot Penn/Oliver project, which includes a short stretch of Penn going up to Kenwood Parkway, is \$1,000,000. Funding includes \$903,750 in net debt bonds and \$96,250 in proposed assessments. The street special assessments are determined by applying the 2017 uniform assessment rate for pavement resurfacing to the land area of benefited parcels located within the street influence area along the improved streets. For 2017 the resurfacing rates are \$0.22 per square foot for residential property and \$0.65 per square foot for non-residential. Park Board and school district property is exempt.

For those who don't fully understand the process for determining assessments — and that probably includes most of us — Matsumoto explains that a uniform per-square-foot approach results in uniform assessment calculations throughout the city. Your property may be worth more if you live on Oliver with a great view of Kenwood Park, but you won't pay more per square foot than any other property owner in the city.

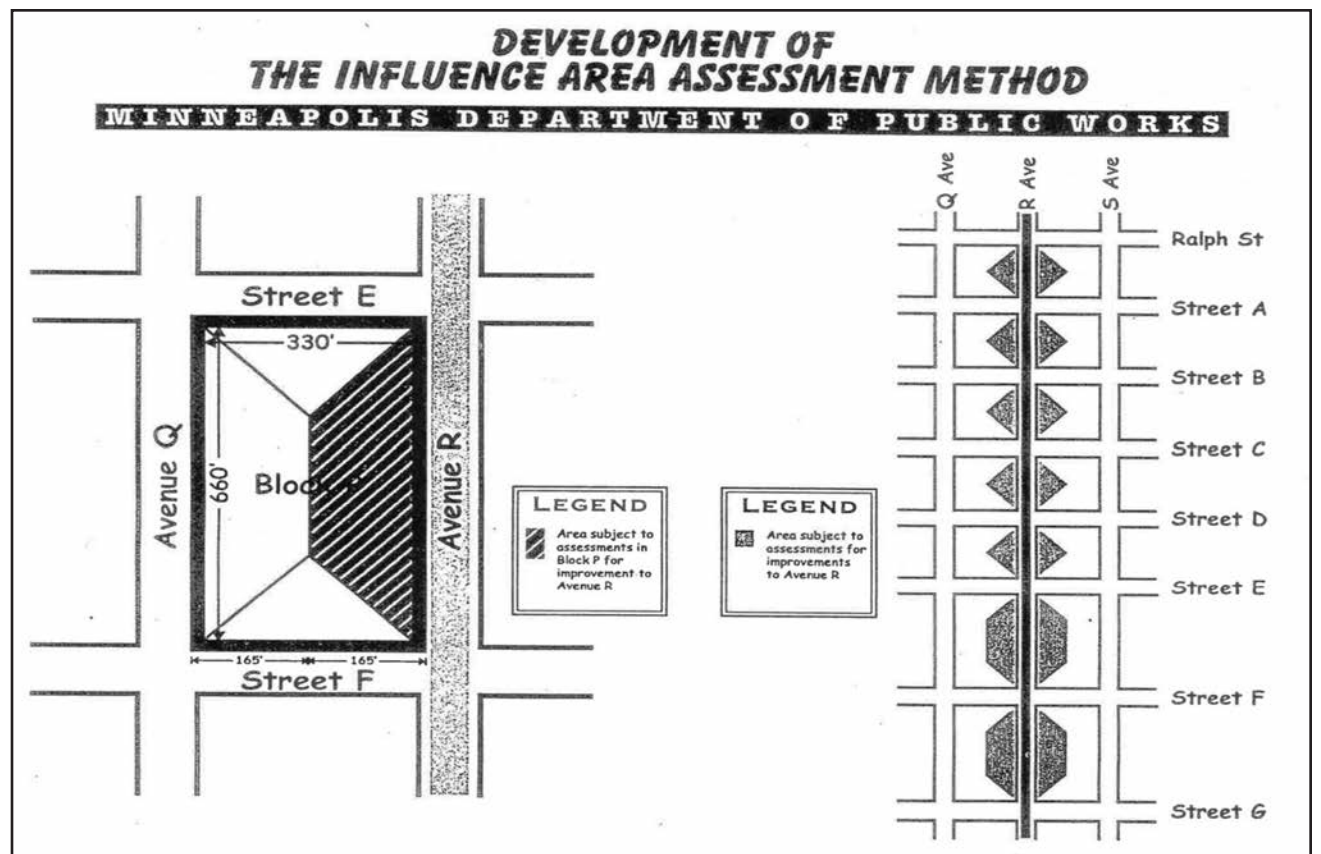
Matsumoto also points out that in addition to getting Penn/Oliver addressed sooner because of the concrete rehab program, property owners are getting a real break financially. The assessment calculation for the Penn/Oliver project uses the "Resurfacing" rate, the lowest of the three. The 2017 "Renovation" residential rate is \$0.44 per square foot, while the "Reconstruction" residential rate is \$0.87 per square foot.

### CM Goodman: tackling infrastructure needs is exciting

"Paving projects are not the exciting infrastructure investments that elected officials like to brag about getting done in their wards," says our indefatigable Council Member Goodman. "That being said, however, I am not your ordinary elected official. For years Penn and Oliver have needed considerable attention. Every season it's the freeze thaw cycle over and over again that has taken a toll on this section of roadway, making it feel more like a road in a third world country than in the middle of Minneapolis. I had asked, lobbied and even begged public works to repave this segment of the street for years and was always told concrete is a much more expensive surface and the city didn't have a long-term plan to fix these streets other than patching yearly."

In 2013, Goodman continues, it became obvious that this section of road wasn't the only one in the city that needed concrete work, and so a pilot program was started. "Based on my ongoing work to convince public works that the city needed to do something on a large scale to address our concrete street problems while remaining fiscally responsible, Kenwood is now the first 'beneficiary' of the city's concrete rehabilitation program."

How do you feel about this kind of nuts-and-bolts attention to running the city, Goodman was asked. "This kind of advocacy for a less-than-glamorous project is what the job of a council member is all about to me," Goodman replies. "I get excited to see infrastructure repaired and replaced in our ward. A new bridge, great news, a new concrete rehab program, let's do it on our ward, this section really needs it. Being a great city council member is not just about advocating for things, it's about doing things and working to support a new infrastructure program like this one and then testing it in an area of our ward that really needs some attention. To me, that's exciting."



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Photo: Public Works Department archives, courtesy Larry Matsumoto.

Caption: Michael Wilson and Larry Matsumoto.

These are the members of the Public Works Department's big slab crew in 1975, its last year of operation, the year they laid the concrete on Penn and Oliver avenues. All are retired, most still alive. Included in this photo, taken in the shadows of the old coal-fired NSP electric plant on Marshall Ave. NE, are foreman Charles Altmeyer, foreman Kenny Smith, and cement finishers/laborers Bruce Baron, Steve Johnson, Charles Running, Tom Vescio, Gary Johnson, Bruce Berry, Skip Lieuf, John Miller, Doug Rick, Sunny Sang, and Charles Cline.

**Come to the community meeting on Tuesday, April 25, at 6:30 in the Kenwood Rec Center to learn more about the Penn/Oliver project, talk to Larry Matsumoto, Elisha Langat, and CM Goodman, and look at that collection of old wooden paving blocks.**

### Blaisdell YMCA Hosts Community Open House March 30-31, 2017

The Blaisdell YMCA, a leading nonprofit dedicated to strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility, will host a community open house March 30-31.

Community members can access the Y for free during the open house period to learn more about programs that serve kids, teens, families, adults and seniors. Visitors will have access to group fitness classes for all ages and abilities, high-quality aquatics programs, state-of-the-art fitness equipment, free supervised activities for kids while parents work out, and more.

In addition to free access to the Y, community members can receive a blood pressure check and body composition test to begin the path toward health and wellness. Visitors must present photo identification to enter the Y. To learn more about the Y, visit [ymcamn.org](http://ymcamn.org).



Literary Witnesses presents legendary China traveler and poetry translator Bill Porter, AKA Red Pine, at 7pm Monday, April 3, at Plymouth Congregational Church.



Bill Porter, AKA Red Pine, will read ancient Chinese poems and discuss his latest book, "Finding Them Gone: Visiting China's Poets of the Past"

(Copper Canyon Press) at 7pm Monday, April 3, at Plymouth Congregational Church, 1900 Nicollet Ave (at Franklin). Co-sponsored by RainTaxi Review of Books and the Loft Literary Center, the event is free, with plenty of free parking.

Porter is an American Buddhist who has become a legendary China traveler and, as Red Pine, an equally legendary translator of ancient Chinese poetry and Buddhist texts. In 1970 he dropped out of Columbia University to enter a Buddhist monastery in Taiwan. After four years living and practicing Zen, he left the monastery, married and eventually was hired by Taiwanese and Hong Kong English-language radio stations to record stories of his mainland travels. He delivered over a thousand, from the borderlands of wildwest drug smugglers to windswept mountaintop Buddhist hermitages. Among his discoveries along the way were poets and Buddhist and Taoist monks and nuns still living the hermetic tradition thought eradicated in the Cultural Revolution. In 1993 he returned to the States with his family and settled in Port Townsend, Washington.

His business card reads, "translator." He was the first to translate the "Collected Songs of Cold Mountain," first to translate the entire ancient anthology, "Poems of The Masters," first to translate the poetry of fourteenth century Buddhist recluse Stonehouse, and many others, all accompanied by his detailed geographical, historical and literary commentary. He has also translated Buddhist sutras, including Heart Sutra, Diamond Sutra, and Platform Sutra. His memoir of visiting the ancient hermits of China, "Road To Heaven," has been translated into Chinese.

His latest book from Copper Canyon Press, "Finding Them Gone: Visiting China's Poets Of The Past," describes his extensive visits to the shrines and territories of China's most revered poets, a travelers literary encyclopedia like no other.

Literary Witnesses, a program of Plymouth's Fine Arts Board, hosts poets whose work draws on and illuminates the life of the spirit, and has included four U.S. Poet Laureates and both MN Poet Laureates.



## ODE TO THOMAS LUX

By James P. Lenfestey

What should good neighborhood citizens do during the reign of Mad King Donald? Well, we could begin by remembering it could be worse. I have been reading Chinese history. In the late 4th century CE, when the poet Hsieh T'ao was in his twenties, nine potential successors to the Ch'i throne were murdered, one after another, along with their families and supporters. Hmmmm.

The great American poet Thomas Lux, who died at 70 of cancer last month, echoed that theme in the poem below, when he wrote, "then I read a few thousand history books."

### BLUE WITH COLLAPSE

The devil's in my neck.  
Everything I hear is overviolined,  
even the wind, even the wind.  
It's like walking in nurdles up to my chest,  
squeaky and slow.  
It's spring, the blooming branches  
nearly hide the many dead ones.  
A squirrel, digging for a nut, upends my frail  
tomato plant and fails  
to replant it, even though he has the tools.  
I find this kind of squirrely oblivion everywhere.  
I was a man filled to the top  
of my spine, filled to the lump  
on the back of my head, with hope.  
Then I read a few thousand history books.  
Little, and nothing, perturbs me now.  
Even the beheadings, even the giant meat hooks  
in the sky, more frequent each day,  
bother me not  
a tittle, not a jot.

We could be miserable, but why bother. Soon we get to nominate citizens to the park board, city council and mayor, good people willing to put their heads in the public guillotine to make our parks and city even better than urban paradise it is. Right now neighbor is pitched against neighbor over light rail and high-rise development, for which there are right answers but no easy ones. The people we elect get to decide, while half of us go away mad. So it goes.

So I'll give wise old Tom Lux the last word. Tom Lux, who is dead, but whose poems live on, maybe forever.

### ODE TO THE UNBROKEN WORLD, WHICH IS COMING

By Tom Lux

It must be coming, mustn't it? Churches  
and saloons are filled with decent humans.  
A mother wants to feed her daughter,  
fathers to buy their children things that break.  
People laugh, all over the world, people laugh.  
We were born to laugh, and we know how to be sad;  
we dislike injustice and cancer,  
and are not unaware of our terrible errors.  
A man wants to love his wife.  
His wife wants him to carry something.  
We're capable of empathy, and intense moments of  
joy.  
Sure, some of us are venal, but not most.  
There's always a punchbowl, somewhere,  
in which floats a...  
Life's a bullet, that fast, and the sweeter for it.  
It's the same everywhere: Slovenia, India,  
Pakistan, Suriname—people like to pray,  
or they don't,  
or they like to fill a blue plastic pool  
in the back yard with a hose  
and watch their children splash.  
Or sit in cafes, or at table with family.  
And if a long train of cattle cars passes  
along West Ridge  
it's only the cattle from East Ridge going to the abattoir.  
The unbroken world is coming,  
(it must be coming!), I heard a choir,  
there were clouds, there was dust,  
I heard it in the streets, I heard it  
announced by loudhailers  
mounted on trucks.

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## A tale of two homes and two families at the intersection of West Lake and Excelsior

By Michael Wilson

The stately, three-dormered home gazes down, dignified and a bit forlorn, on a busy intersection, framed by telephone poles and the wires strung between them. The house clearly has a story to tell, but what is it?

The photo, which appeared in a newspaper story on January 23, 1952, pops up every now and then on one of the old-photo sites. One recent post identified the house as standing on the southwest corner of Lake Street and Calhoun Blvd, adding that it was turned into the “St. Vincent Day Orphanage.” The writer said that he was sent there in 1945 and that it was demolished in the 1970s.

### Close, but no cigar.

The house actually was built in 1907 by Charles and Rosamund Purdy for their growing family of four young children at 3100 West Lake Street (the north side). Ministers Life Insurance bought the property in 1951 and gave the house to Hennepin County on condition that the County move it, which the County did in April 1952. After traveling across West Lake and Excelsior Blvd., the Purdy house came to rest beside the Warner mansion, which had been converted to the county-owned Vince A. Day Center.

The Purdy house was slated to become a juvenile detention facility – yes, that’s right: a juvie lockup on the shore of Lake Calhoun. Meanwhile, Ministers Life built their new office building at 3100 West Lake, whose new owners, Brickstone Partners, hope to replace with a mid-rise apartment building. (See Bob Corrick’s front-page stories in the December-February issues of Hill & Lake Press.)

### Purdy? Warner? Vince Day?

You can be forgiven if you’ve never heard of Charles Purdy and Ellsworth Warner, or the way their lives and homes shaped the southern edge of Cedar-Isles-Dean and northwest corner of Lake Calhoun. No one else has, either. Determined sleuthing has brought to light the interesting story of the Purdy and Warner houses and, even better, the fascinating story of the two families. The two-part story will conclude in the April Hill & Lake Press.

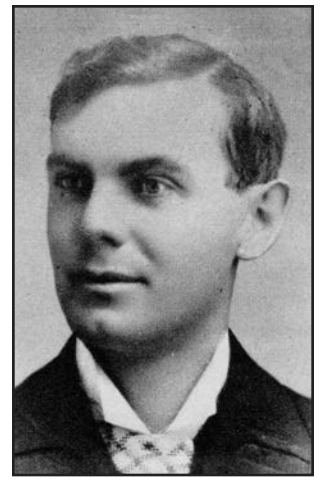
Charles E. Purdy moved to Minneapolis in 1887 to enroll at the University of Minnesota Law School. He was born in 1865, grew up in Winona, graduated from the Shattuck School as valedictorian, and then continued a long family tradition by attending Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut.

Charles lived with his parents, the Rev. Edward and Charlotte Purdy, at 2916 Portland Ave. Edward had moved to Minneapolis the previous year to serve as rector of All Saints Episcopal Church. His grandfather Lucian had also been an Episcopal priest. Charles graduated from the U in 1890 and was admitted to the Minnesota bar that same year. He went into partnership with the much older Edward Savage, an 1860 graduate of Dartmouth, and commenced what would be a distinguished 50-year legal career.

In February 1895 Charles brought his new bride, Rosamund Stewart Von Schrader, back to his parents’ home at 2916 Portland. The Purdy home had been filling up with other Purdy relations, and Charles and Rosamund contributed four more, starting with Stewart in 1897, Harold in 1899, Beatrice in 1904, and Charles in 1906. By 1906 Charles was 41 years old, had had a successful law practice for 16 years, and had been living with his parents for almost 20 years. He and Rosamund were ready to move on.

### Streetcars to school, shopping and work

Always prudent and judicious, Charles undoubtedly considered several sites carefully. West Lake Street just beyond Lake Calhoun had numerous advantages. It was



(Photos: HCL Special Collections.)

Ellsworth C. Warner in 1924 (left) and Ellsworth C. Warner (right)

Judge Vince A. Day, 1936 (left) and Charles E. Purdy in 1888



Photo: HCL Special Collections.

### Warner family 1895

“country” – there were no other dwellings nearby – but close to the bustling area around Hennepin, Lake, and Lagoon. The St. Louis Park Streetcar Line had been operating since 1892, and in May 1907, after a change in ownership, the line began providing through service all the way to downtown. According to Aaron Isaacs, co-author of “Twin Cities by Trolley” and volunteer with the Minnesota Streetcar Museum, the streetcars ran every twenty minutes off-peak, with extra service provided during rush hours. The fare: one nickel.

Calhoun School was nearby, and the long-planned West High was projected to open just when oldest son Stewart would be ready for secondary school. Uptown stores then as now provided almost everything a family might need to buy.

In November 1906 Rosamund closed on the purchase of a comfortable-sized lot on the north side of West Lake Street from the United Real Estate Corp. – Alfred Dean, president, and George Dean, secretary. Nine months later, in August 1907, a permit was issued for a 44’ by 32’ brick and stucco dwelling costing \$7000 (\$172,000 in 2017, although keep in mind that materials and particularly labor were far less expensive back then). Over the following six years the Purdys pulled permits for an additional \$1695 in improvements.

Were Charles and Rosamund careful with their money? In January 1908 they signed a promissory note for \$5000, due (with six biannual interest payments) three years hence, in January 1911. They paid it off in July 1910, six months early.

Peter Purdy, Charles Jr.’s son, tells Hill & Lake Press that his grandparents were avid horticulturalists who planted a wide variety of trees and shrubs around their new house. The Purdys belonged to the Minikahda Club, which had been founded in 1898, but it’s a good bet that the Purdy kids made a beeline for the Thomas Avenue beach at Lake Calhoun, especially after the grand new bathhouse opened in 1912. The family was well tended-to by their two Norwegian maids, Clara Harberg and Constance Amundsen.

Life for the Purdys, in their beautiful new home atop a hill at 3100 West Lake, was good.

### Ellsworth Warner’s magic word: linseed oil

Ellsworth C. Warner was a man on the move. His parents moved to Garden City, Minnesota, in 1851, where Ellsworth was born in 1865 and grew up. After attending high school there, according to a 1914 “biography compendium” of the leading citizens of Minneapolis and Hennepin County, he taught in a country school during the winter months and worked at various occupations during the summer. He was appointed a register of grain receipts, “but there was that within Mr. Warner which called aloud for expression in a larger field of action, and could find it only in a business of his own, which he could expand and develop to its largest possibilities.” And did he ever!

Warner took a job in 1887 with the Mankato Linseed Oil Co. in order to learn the ropes, and in 1889 he



**A tale of two homes and two families from preceding page**



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**Aerial photo 1947 showing Purdy Warner**



**Photo: Minnesota Historical Society**

The Charles E. Purdy house, 3100 West Lake Street at the intersection of Excelsior Blvd, in January 1952. Built in 1907, the Purdy house was moved across Lake and Excelsior in April 1952 to serve as a juvenile detention center. The Ministers Life building was constructed on its site.

bought a linseed oil mill in LaCrosse. A year later he sold it to the National Linseed Oil Co., where he stayed until 1897, managing several mills and “receiv[ing] a very large salary for his services.”

In 1890 Warner married Melvina “Mellie” Bisbee. Born one year earlier than her husband, Mellie was a staunch Presbyterian and the daughter of “a wealthy Chicago linseed-oil family” — quite a catch for the 25-year-old up-and-comer. In 1898 Warner and his brother-in-law Edgar Bisbee started the Midland Linseed Oil Co. By 1914 Midland was processing six million bushels of seed per year, more than one-fifth of all the linseed made and consumed in the U.S. At its 1911 reincorporation as the Midland Linseed Products Co. the firm was capitalized at \$10 million (\$2017 = \$247 million). (Not to get ahead of our story, but in case you’re wondering, this company would shortly become the “Midland” in Archer-Daniels Midland.)

Ellsworth and Mellie moved to Minneapolis in about 1900 with their three sons – Ellsworth Bisbee, born in 1891; Maurice, born in 1893; and Harold, born in 1896. Wendell joined the family in 1902. They lived in homes befitting their status at 1613 First Avenue S. and then at 221 Clifton Avenue while Warner catapulted himself into a dizzying series of business ventures, joined the boards of several banks and became president of many other businesses, took out memberships in numerous clubs, and in general courted the rich and powerful.

**Warner fires Purcell and Elmslie**

While 221 Clifton was hardly a two-room bed-sit, Warner clearly felt that it was time to take a step up. In about 1907, as Charles and Rosamund Purdy were buying their homesite at 3100 West Lake, Warner acquired seven prime acres at the southwest corner of West Lake and Calhoun Blvd. I suspect Warner was keenly aware that all the Minneapolis elite would have to look at and admire his new mansion on their way to and from the Minikahda Club where Warner, like Purdy, was a member.

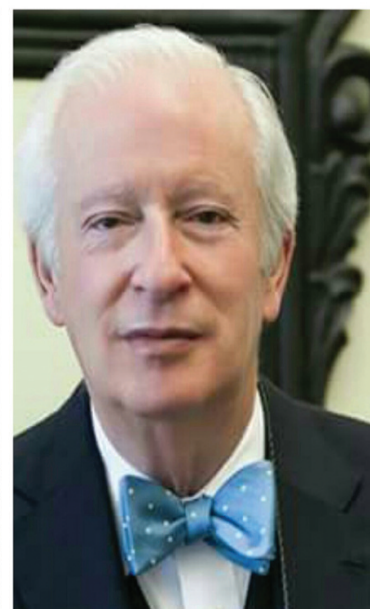
Wanting only the best, Warner in 1908 hired William Gray Purcell of the esteemed Purcell and Elmslie firm in 1908 to design a show-stopper of a house. Purcell designed a beautiful home, plans and drawings of which survive, but it was not what Warner had in mind.

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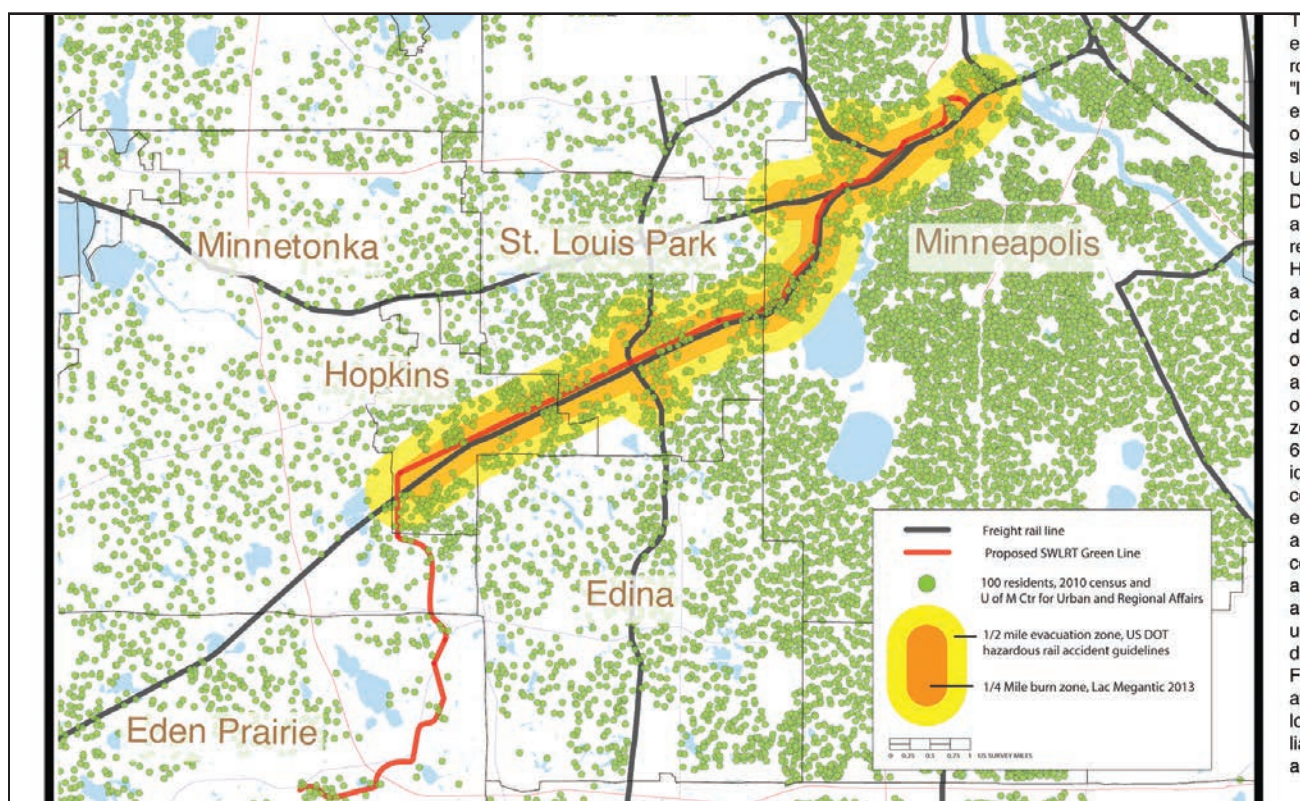
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MN rail lines and SWLRT map.

**By Mary Pattock from NextDoor Kenwood.**

TC&W railroad is trying to pass legislation that would put Minneapolis and St. Louis Park neighborhoods at enormous risk!

HF2229 and SF2019 would relieve them of any liability over \$3 million in case of an accident in the SWLRT co-location area — in our neighborhoods. They say a catastrophe would bankrupt them; insurance would be too costly.

We need to tell legislators and Governor Dayton to stop this appalling piece of legislation.

**Catastrophic risk**

TC&W tracks already carry ethanol, which is as explosive as Bakken crude. It often moves in mile-long “unit trains” of 100 or more cars, which are, in effect, slow-moving bombs that, if exploded, could obliterate everything within a quarter-mile. That includes, for example, all the apartments and condos along the line, Kenwood School — and the Twins Stadium (about which Fire Chief John Freutel has told us he is most concerned).

TC&W carries insurance for its already hazardous operations. But the risk rises alarmingly if SWLRT — with its electric-sparking overhead catenary wires — is built only 10 feet way from the freight tracks, as the Met Council wants to do.

In fact, the risk is so great that TC&W doesn’t want to insure against it, and is asking the legislature for immunity.

Catastrophic damage costing many lives and hundreds of millions of dollars could be caused by an ethanol tanker that leaks or gets punctured, or by a derailment of either the freight train or the one of the 225 daily light-rail trains just 10 feet away.. Ethanol vapors would escape, ignite, and explode.

Victims Would Pay (that would be us).

Under this law, we, the victims, would be left to pay the price of a catastrophe — the families of the deceased, the people with the burns, scars, lost limbs, lost jobs, lost homes, lost businesses. We would have no recourse.

Taxpayers would also pay — for clean-up (think environmental damage, including to the Chain of Lakes), damaged city infrastructure, and extraordinary efforts by first-responders.

Please note! The law would apply not only to the SWLRT situation, but also anywhere in the metro area where there would be co-location.

**It Happens**

It’s not as if these accidents don’t happen:

- Earlier this month, in Iowa, three ethanol train cars burned for three days. The fire was so hot that fire-fighters couldn’t get near it for 18 hours.
- The TC&W itself derailed in our neighborhood in 2010 because of a flaw in the track. Inspectors missed it because it couldn’t be detected by the naked eye.
- In the U.S. there have been 19 train derailments since 2015, five in the last 2-1/2 months.
- In 2013, in Lac-Mégantic, Canada, 47 people were incinerated, and half the downtown destroyed when

a train carrying Bakken crude derailed.

Our neighborhoods are already endangered by the mere presence of these “bomb trains.” Building SWLRT would greatly increase the risk of catastrophe, and this legislation would make us responsible if one happened.

**Status**

Currently opposing the bill are legislators from both parties (mostly DFL, but also some GOP), LRT Done Right, CARS-MN (Citizens Acting for Rail Safety), and the Trial Lawyers Association. The City of Minneapolis and the Park Board have also expressed grave concern.

But as things stand now, it looks as if the legislation will pass, perhaps as part of an omnibus bill. If that happens, we must look to Governor Dayton to veto it.

**What you can do**

Contact decision-makers about HF2229 and SF2019; tell them this legislation granting railroad immunity is unconscionable and they must stop it.

- State legislator and representative: “Vote against this bill!”
- Find your legislator at: <http://www.gis.leg.mn/iMaps/districts/>
- Governor Dayton: “If this legislation reaches your desk, veto it!”
- Mayor Hodges or Mayor Spano, and your city council member: “Fight this legislation!”
- Your Park Board representative: “Stay strong against this legislation!”



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Two members of Lake of the Isles Ensemble meeting with patrons after their recent concert.

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## KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION

By Shawn Smith

### March 2017 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA Board met March 6th, 2017 at Kenwood Rec Center

Chair Jeanette Colby called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Directors present: Chair Jeanette Colby, Vice Chair Larry Moran, Treasurer Matt Spies, Jack Levi, Josine Peters, Mark Brown, Will Stensruud, Secretary Shawn Smith. Absent: Mike Bono, Angie Erdrich. Also present CM Lisa Goodman.

The Agenda was Approved Unanimously

#### City Council Update – Lisa Goodman

Penn/Oliver Avenue will be ground, patched, and resurfaced, as part of the Concrete Streets Rehabilitation program, and will extend the life of the street for 15 years. The area to be reconstructed is from Douglas Ave to Lake of the Isles Parkway. There will be an assessment of .22 cents per sq/ft per property owner, representing 7% of the total cost of \$1M. There will be a public information meeting held during the month of April, an announcement will be sent out on Next Door. There will be a public hearing in May regarding the assessment.

The March 29th Lunch with Lisa will be an update on Peavey Plaza renovations.

Unspent and frozen NRP money will be returned to neighborhoods. Kenwood received \$1000 back. The amount received by Kenwood for NRP was mostly spent in support of our neighborhood priorities.

I-94 will be under construction from the Lowry Hill Tunnel to Brooklyn Center, starting in May. An example of an impact to Minneapolis is that I-94 will be reduced to two lanes from May to November. One side of the Lowry Hill Tunnel will be closed. The project website is [www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i94brooklyncntr](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i94brooklyncntr).

#### Financial Report – Matt Spies

KIAA donated \$750 to support the Kenwood School auction.

The board discussed the importance of managing the budget on a three-year cycle, tied to the funding cycle from the city. Also discussed was ensuring that the budget would address reimbursable expenditures vs non-reimbursable expenditures that depend on neighbor contributions.

#### East Cedar Lake Beach (ECLB)– Matt Spies, Mark Brown

Matt submitted a proposal to define objectives for the 2017 season, focusing on the implementation of 3 recurring activities such as puppet shows, yoga, log rolling, etc. Additionally, how to engage the Park Board to implement improvements to the beach prior to SWLRT operations.

KIAA will continue to take the lead on planning the programming. Options will be discussed for future seasons to fund an intern to manage the programming and community outreach. For 2017, a subcommittee will be formed to develop the action plan and report to the board at the April meeting. Larry noted that it is important to share the plan at the annual neighborhood gathering on May 1st.

#### Annual Gathering – Jeanette Colby for Angie Erdrich

The gathering is May 1st. Angie put together a to-do and sign up list for tasks that need to be completed to have a successful event. The biggest issue to finalize is food. KIAA is exploring different options that can reduce cost. An option is to identify any neighborhood caterers or restaurant owners to support the event with food.

As the board elections are held during the gathering, any residents of Kenwood that are interested in joining the KIAA board are encouraged to contact [ssmith288@me.com](mailto:ssmith288@me.com) and indicate interest.

#### Southwest Light Rail Transit Project – Shawn Smith

Jeanette attended the January Citizens Advisory Council meeting. The Project Office is developing a website to share updates related to construction of SWLRT.

The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District voted unanimously to permit SWLRT for construction through the waters that it manages. Cedar Lake and the Kenilworth Channel drain into the creek and the Mississippi River, which MCWD manages.

On March 8th, County Transit Improvement Board voted to disband, clearing the way for Hennepin County to implement a 50 cent sales tax to fund SWLRT state share and ongoing operational costs. However, because Dakota County voted against disbanding, there will be a process to follow where either CTIB will have one county member, or increasing the buyout to the county to gain their vote.

Full federal funding grant of \$900M, if awarded, will happen by the end of June.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Jeanette Colby at 8:35 p.m.

**Updates: Please visit our website at [kenwood-minneapolis.org](http://kenwood-minneapolis.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, April 3rd, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Recreation Center. Monthly meetings are held on the first calendar Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. KIAA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service, and event organized by KIAA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at [kenwoodminneapolis.org](http://kenwoodminneapolis.org)

## CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

By Monica Smith

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES, March 8, 2017

The meeting was held at Jones-Harrison Residence. Board members in attendance: Chair Craig Westgate, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Stephen Goltry, Barbara Lunde, Karen Stublaski, Amanda Vallone, Vern Vander Weide, and Mike Wilson. Staff: Monica Smith

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

#### City Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

Lunch with Lisa is Wednesday, March 29, Noon at the University of St. Thomas. The topic is Peavey Plaza.

Minneapolis is offering trees for \$25 (to be planted on private property). Residents of Wards 3-7 and 10 were able to order trees beginning on March 6. Ordering for residents citywide opens on March 13. Details at [treetrust.org](http://treetrust.org).

The annual Community Connections Conference will be held on Saturday, April 1. Register by March 24.

The City Council voted to reinstate frozen NRP funds. \$78K of frozen funds will become available to CIDNA over a two-year period.

Minneapolis is working on revised the City's Comprehensive Plan (Minneapolis 2040).

CM Goodman is not supportive of a building taller than 8-stories for the Brickstone project.

#### Land Use Committee, Craig Westgate

There is no update on the Brickstone project.

New apartments and commercial spaces are being built along W Lake St (just west of France Ave) that will add automobile traffic in the area.

#### Announcements

The CIDNA Gardeners won the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board's (MPRB) "Volunteer of the Year" award in the Group category. An award ceremony will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 5:00 p.m. at the Park Board Headquarters, 2117 W River Road. RSVP by April 14 to [sbrooks@minneapolisparcs.org](mailto:sbrooks@minneapolisparcs.org).

The MPRB is hosting a Volunteer Appreciation

Open House on Tuesday, April 4, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Bryant Square Park, 3101 Bryant Ave S. RSVP by March 31 to [sbrooks@minneapolisparcs.org](mailto:sbrooks@minneapolisparcs.org).

CIDNA is renewing its Directors & Officers insurance policy.

#### NRP/CPP Report, Monica Smith

Neighborhoods 2020 is a group working on the future of neighborhood organizations beyond 2020 when the current funding for neighborhoods expires. A meeting for Southwest Minneapolis neighborhoods will be held on Monday, May 8, 6:00 p.m. (dinner) 6:30-8:30 p.m. (program) at Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 4055 Nicollet Ave. Free dinner and childcare provided.

An annual report for the 2016 Community Participation Program is due on March 31. The board discussed highlights to feature in the report. The report will be drafted and electronically approved by the CIDNA Board in advance of the deadline.

The next committee meeting is Tuesday, March 28, 3:30 p.m. at Rustica.

#### Cedar Lake South Beach, Monica Smith

The MPRB will approve the \$250K anonymous donation and the landscape architect's contact at their March 8 meeting and the \$75K NRP contract at their March 15 meeting.

A community meeting to review the revised design for South Beach will be held on Monday, April 17, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison Residence.

The MPRB will hold a public hearing for the project on Wednesday, May 3. The MPRB will vote on the final project approval on May 17. Construction will begin on September 1.

#### Transportation Committee, Craig Westgate

The final Southwest LRT Community Advisory Committee meeting was held on February 28. New committees will be formed that will be more neighborhood specific as the project moves forward.

The Southwest LRT Project Office reports that they are on track for heavy construction to begin Fall 2017. Funding continues to be an issue for the project.

At the request of California's Republican congressional delegation, the Trump administration is withholding a \$647 million federal grant for Caltrain, a new electric trainway between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

#### Calhoun-Harriet Master Plan, Mike Wilson

Feedback for the draft of the Calhoun-Harriet Master Plan was accepted through March 4.

Hennepin County rejected the idea of removing one automobile lane on Lake St (between Thomas Ave and East Calhoun Pkwy). The revised plans are to narrow the vehicle lanes and widen the off-street shared trail from 12' wide to 16' wide.

#### Annual Meeting Planning

The CIDNA Annual Members' Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 10. The evening will begin with a social time from 5:45-6:15 p.m. The board approved \$200 for light snacks. Guest speakers include: elected officials, MPRB representative to report on Cedar Lake South Beach, Southwest LRT engineer, and the MPD 5th Precinct Inspector.

#### Bylaws, Rosanne Halloran

The Bylaws Insight will no longer be a regular report to the CIDNA Board.

#### New business

Amanda Vallone is working on a May Day basket-making event. More information will be available next month.

A developer is interested in building a spec house on the vacant lot at 2924 Chownen. No variances are needed.

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

#### Next meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday, April 12, 2017, 6:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison Residence.

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 (EIRA)

Diana Schleisman, Administrator

### Minutes from EIRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) Meeting February 14, 2017

#### Grace Trinity Community Church

Board members present: Andrew Degerstrom (President), Julia Curran (Vice-President), Brian Milavitz (Treasurer), Peter Mason, Bruce Larson, Mike Erlandson, Amy Sanborn

Board members absent: Nicole Engel-Nitz (Secretary), Nancy Johnston, John Grochala, Steve Havig

Staff: Diana Schleisman

Guests: Meg Forney (Mpls Park and Rec), Brad Ash (EIRA Board Candidate), Janne Flisrand (City Council Candidate)

EIRA President Andrew Degerstrom called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm with a quorum.

#### Guest Speaker

Meg Forney explained how the City froze funds during a previous budget crunch. These funds were created from Tax Increment Financing (TIF). Initially the proceeds were to pay off the priority of Target Center debt. Since that has been refinanced, the secondary priority of repaying frozen funds took effect.

There is a call for artwork submissions to honor Cloud Man's Village and utilize a \$225,000 grant for the SE corner of Lake Calhoun.

Meg provided a draft of the Calhoun/Bde Maka Ska-Harriet Master Plan. Rather than looking at temporary fixes, it considers long-term solutions. Lake Street traffic is among the highest in Hennepin County as well as the state. Lake Calhoun is the second most visited area in the Twin Cities besides the Mall of America. As such, the draft proposes building a bridge to cross over Lake Street by the NE corner of Lake Calhoun to improve pedestrian safety. Concern for the elaborate plan was mentioned, and various lower cost ways to reduce high speed traffic were discussed - such as narrowing lanes and creating a boulevard. Public comment is open through March 4th. The link for the plan, for more information, and to comment is:

[https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/park\\_care\\_\\_improvements/park\\_projects/current\\_projects/calhoun-harriet\\_master\\_plan\\_\\_improvements/](https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/park_care__improvements/park_projects/current_projects/calhoun-harriet_master_plan__improvements/)

#### Open Forum N/A

#### Reports

#### Outreach & Nominations Committee

There will be 2 openings on the EIRA BOD and 2 candidates are interested. The 2 prior alternates are unable to fulfill their roles again. The BOD was encouraged to reach out to people who may want to serve as alternates.

#### Social Committee

The Ice skating party was rescheduled, but cancelled again due to warm weather. Neighboring organizations are discussing the possibility of a March event.

#### NRP Committee

There was no NRP meeting held in January.

The deadline to get Park Board approval for benches originally requested has passed (Jan 31st). No word has been received on the update. As such, the contract for the benches the Park Board suggested may be signed and submitted so that benches may be installed in 2017 and the project comes to completion.

In an inquiry at Bruegger's Bagels, chess players expressed excitement at the chance to play chess on the Mall.

The Park Board confirmed the Stewardship Agreement for Mark Addicks to maintain Mall plantings and other areas.

Approximately \$100,000 in NRP Phase II funds were unfrozen for EIRA, consisting of two segments: \$50,000 to be released in 2017 and \$50,000 currently planned for 2018. The funds need to be committed - not necessarily spent - in relation to the programs they were initially set aside for. No action is needed from EIRA at this time.

#### Zoning Committee

There was no meeting held in January. At the upcoming meeting on Feb 21, 2017, construction at 2701 East Lake of the Isles Parkway will be discussed.

In a separate issue, there was a conditional use per-

mit requested to increase height for 3020 East Calhoun Pkwy. However, the project is on hold since CPM pulled out.

#### Staff Report/Attorney General Report

The annual MN Secretary of State renewal is complete.

Quickbooks review has begun. Only 18 months of bank data was available to download online. While 2016 review is complete, some entries need to be discussed with the Treasurer at a meeting next week. At that time, previous bank statements will be requested to finish the 2015 review - that information is required to complete the Attorney General report. This will be done before the next BOD meeting.

The website has not been updated recently due to an upload error. In addition, website and hosting services are being transferred so EIRA may make changes directly. Prospective board member, Brad, offered to help, which was welcomed.

#### President's Report

A secured credit card was obtained for EIRA expenses. The President and Treasurer have access.

#### Committee merger

It was motioned for the Parks Committee to be dissolved, inviting all Parks Committee members to be welcomed to join the NRP Committee. The motion passed, but not unanimously, with one objection.

#### NCR Policies on Political Activity

Review of policy was discussed, specifically that EIRA must refrain from campaign related comments, and that either all or no candidates must be invited to events - albeit no campaigning is allowed.

#### 2017 Annual Meeting

Due to scheduling conflicts, the annual meeting will be held the 3rd Tuesday, April 18th. Donations will be sought for food and beverages. It was mentioned that Kingfield has provided wine at former annual meetings. It is not known if Grace Church allows this, if so it may be a consideration.

Topics of interest brought up were information for renters, elected officials engagement, police department speakers, local history buff presenters, Hennepin County traffic proposals, and park board goals. Any other ideas to excite and engage EIRA Residents should be sent to [info@eastisles.org](mailto:info@eastisles.org).

EIRA President Andrew Degerstrom closed the meeting to order at 8:40 pm.

**Reminder: The next East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA) Board meeting will be held at 7 pm on March 14, 2017 at Grace Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th Street.**

EIRA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event organized by EIRA. 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 [info@eastisles.org](mailto:info@eastisles.org) at least five (5) days before an EIRA sponsored event.

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Board members absent: Bruce Larson

Staff: Diana Schleisman

Guests: Council member Lisa Goodman, Brad Ash (EIRA Board Candidate), Debbie Gold (EIRA Board Candidate)

EIRA President Andrew Degerstrom called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm with a quorum.

#### Guest Speaker

Lisa Goodman mentioned that Tree Trust is open early to residents from for Wards 3 through 7 to purchase trees.

Lunch with Lisa is March 29th at noon in Opus Hall, the topic is Peavey Plaza. The April Lunch with Lisa will center on the Walker Art Museum's new Sculpture Garden. May suggestions are being considered, ideas for unusual places to tour or attend are encouraged.

Lisa was an author to a proposal prohibiting landlords to discriminate against source of income including Section 8. She explained that 27 other cities have enacted such requirements in the hopes of equaling lower income rental disparities, and making more homes available to Section 8 recipients. Concerns regarding bureaucratic problems were raised. The city is streamlining the inspection process and creating a damage deposit fund to offset overages.

#### Open Forum N/A

#### Reports

#### Outreach & Nominations Committee

Nancy and Nicole are leaving the EIRA Board. Both new candidates are in attendance. Currently there is no opposition but someone could decide to run at the annual meeting in April. Carla has agreed to be an alternate and there is room for another alternate. While alternates are welcome at meetings there is no obligation to attend.

#### NRP Committee

The meeting was comprised of EIRA board members. No one from the former Parks Committee attended though all were invited.

Since there was no progress made on getting city approval on the original bench design, the Park Board approved benches were ordered. However, in the meantime the city changed the bench order process and now only one design may be purchased with city funds. It is still black wrought iron but not as ornate. Diana will request installation for these benches on the mall and will also look into getting the chess tables as well.

The Bridge for Youth requested \$20,000 in support to cover exterior landscaping and signage. The committee unanimously voted to approve this, as it is the only public housing entity in EIRA. This motion was

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## EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EIRA)

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brought to the EIRA BOD, and approved unanimously with the stipulation that the project would move forward and with financial support contingent upon The Bridge for Youth securing funding for the remainder of the \$200,000 project.

Ideas for NRP project funding are being welcomed. The annual meeting will be a great time to solicit suggestions from residents on how to spend the money in the neighborhood.

### Zoning Committee

Tim Alt, Architect for 2701 E Lake of the Isles Pkwy, requested a variance in order to connect the garage to the house. Neighbors attended the meeting and there was no opposition. No action was taken as it was deemed unnecessary.

Since Walgreens opened it has been discovered that the entrance on 27th Street is non-functional, operating as an emergency exit only. This is in clear violation of condition 10 of the site plan review (see below) approved by the Planning Commission. A zoning inspector has sent a notice of violation and Walgreens will have 10 days to come into compliance before fines are levied.

10. The primary entry (and tower element) shall be relocated to within 25 feet of the intersection of Hennepin Ave S and 27th St as measured from the property lines.

### Staff Report

The Attorney General annual report is done in draft form. The 2015 financial data was sent to Amy to complete, but with only a few hours before the meeting, it will have to wait until the next voting session in May.

Quickbooks review has continued. 2015 is done with only a few adjustments needed. 2016 has begun, and while there are some discrepancies, nothing has been found of material importance. The Attorney General 2016 report will be finished for the BOD to approve in May along with the 2015 submission.

Website issues are arduous but being worked through. Brad Ash has been helpful with his IT expertise and will continue to guide the process. Hopefully the domain and hosting transfer will be complete within a few weeks.

### President's Report

The Community Connections Conference is in April. Former attendees include Betsy and Monica. Staff and Board members are welcome. Information will be emailed with details.

After much thought, and due mainly to demanding Graduate School, Andrew will not seek reelection as President, yet will remain on the EIRA BOD. He will stay active in the role until the BOD Officer elections in May, and will help with the transition.

### EIRA Rep to Greater Uptown Community Partnership

Carla was the representative to this organization that makes improvements in the area. Diana will learn more about what has been done and what projects are proposed so an appropriate representative can be found.

### EIRA Rep to Midtown Greenway Coalition

Deb Kermeen was the representative. Peter Mason volunteered to replace her. The EIRA BOD unanimously approved.

### 2017 Annual Meeting

The reservation for the sanctuary space has been confirmed by Deb. It is still uncertain if wine and beer will be allowed. Diana and Amy will be the Annual Meeting Planners.

Reminder: The East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA) Annual meeting will be held at 7 pm on April 18, 2017 at Grace Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th Street.

EIRA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event organized by EIRA. 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 [info@eastisles.org](mailto:info@eastisles.org) at least five (5) days before an EIRA sponsored event.

## LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

BY SUSIE GALIANO, TREASURER

### Board Meeting March 7, 2017 7 to 9 p.m.

#### Kenwood Recreation Center

1. Present Board Members: Susise Galiano, Toni D'Eramo, Baygen Harzheim, Jennifer Bickett, Jimmy Fogel, Thomas Huppert, Emily Beugen, Even Stern, Sarah Janacek.

2. Guest Members and Staff: Lisa Goodman, Jeff Bertch, Leone Medin, Vin Graziano, Jeanette Colby.

3. Call to Order: Secretary Susie Galiano called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

4. Approval of Minutes – Jimmy approved, Tom second.

5. **Community Announcements (Council Member Goodman)** The next lunch with Lisa will occur on on March 29 12 pm – 1pm at St. Thomas to talk about Peavy Plaza. The only things left are trees, furniture and lights

Residents may sign up for Lisa's weekly email, which discuss traffic, street closures, and construction. [Lisa.goodman@mplsmn.gov](mailto:Lisa.goodman@mplsmn.gov)

The Tree Trust tree sale started March 7. Trees are \$25. [www.treetrust.org](http://www.treetrust.org)

6. Treasurer's Report. There were no updates to the Treasurer's Report at the meeting.

#### 7. Committee Reports

i. Environment (Beugen, D'Eramo) – the committee had nothing to report.

ii. Zoning and Planning (Cockson, Conner, Shaffer) – The committee had nothing to report.

iii. Crime and Safety (Bickett, Shaff, Fogel) – Monthly report by Jennifer Bickett

Need to make sure reports concern Lowry Hill only. The crime reports not coming through properly. Reports are showing incidences in other neighborhoods.

Apparently they are only sending reports to block leaders.

Jennifer will send email to Luther Krueger to be sure that we are receiving the right information.

Residents should leave their lights on to prevent crime.

Lock doors. Don't leave anything in cars.

Call in every single time there is a break in or otherwise

Neighbors have seen more patrols going through the neighborhood

Re-emphasize all of the above at the Annual Meeting

Need an up-date on block-leaders

8. **Events (Huppert, Stern):** Annual Meeting at Temple Israel on May 16th. Social hour and tours at 6 – 7 pm, meeting at 7 – 8 pm.

9. **Neighborhood Priorities:** The city will give us the presentation on the cost on what amount we need for the Lowry Hill Median next month following Lisa Goodman.

**Paint the Pavement:** Tabled until April meeting. Scott Shaeffer reporting.

Communications outreach: toni has info she needs for next round of blasts. Checking to see if the neighborhood could be a specific entity in order to answer NextDoor requests from the LHNA as a whole.

Need to reschedule April meeting due to Caucus day the first Tuesday of April. There was a motion made by Ms. D'Eramo to move the meeting to April 11th. The motion was seconded by Jimmy Fogel. All board members were in favor, none opposed.

#### 10. New Business:

Resident Danny Levy spoke about – 715 Kenwood Pkwy, right across from Spring Lake. Photos were shared of trash, homeless tents left by Spring Lake. Infested by buckthorn, snow piling off of 394 and drains into lake. Mr. Levy has cleared a good portion of the buckthorn on his own. City picked up buckthorn last year after cleared. Hauling more wood and trees and branches and hoping park board will pick up.

Mr. Levy wants to do something about the drainage. The board suggested that he approach the park board with a plan. It also suggested that Dan Levy to contact Friends of Thomas Lowry to learn how to create a group to help with a plan on Spring Lake.

11. Meeting Adjourned. Upon motion duly made by Ms. Bickett and seconded by Ms. Janacek, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

## A tale of two homes and two families from page 7



Photo: HCL Special Collections

After rejecting a design by the now-famed firm of Purcell and Elmslie, linseed-oil tycoon had this imposing mansion built at 3030 West Calhoun Blvd. in 1912 at the then-staggering cost of \$175,000. The mansion became the county-run Vince A. Day Center for dependent or neglected children in 1945 and was razed in 1953. The Calhoun Executive Center now occupies the site.



## A tale of two homes and two families concluded

Purcell's own words and their acid tone convey what happened next:

"E.C. Warner had made a fortune in flaxseed and was busy making it larger. Three mistakes in judgment were made by us in approaching this prospect. First, it was assumed that he wanted a beautiful, comfortable, practical home to live in, and that he wished to obtain it at a reasonable price. Second, we accepted at its face value his statement that he didn't want to spend more than \$40,000. Too late, it was plain that his sole object in building the house was to create an impressive and magnificent social and business front and that the \$175,000 which he spent on his house when he finally built it was not more than he was glad to pay for what he wanted."

The third mistake, Purcell wrote, was to assume that Warner would desire to be consulted and participate in the design process, which, it turned out, "Warner was disinclined to enjoy." Purcell wrote that what Warner wanted was not a collaboration but rather "an architect whose opinion carried 'authority'" because "it made [Warner] feel good to see authority exercised — towards someone or something other than himself."

### Four generations of service start at 3100 W. Lake

After Purcell and Elmslie got the axe, a firm of young architects, Bell, Tyrie and Chapman, "made a most beautiful, complete, and distinguished set of drawings, with every detail fixed." A construction permit was pulled in June 1912 for a 63' by 114' foot residence. The following year Warner was listed as vice-president of the Minikahda Club, and by 1916, when Minikahda famously hosted the U.S. Open, the Warners were comfortably ensconced in their imposing stone mansion at 3030 West Calhoun Blvd., entertaining not just *le tout Minneapolis* but also important visitors from across the country, in town to watch Chick Evans set a new U.S. Open scoring record and edge out Jock Hutchison for the title.

If life on the northwest corner of Lake Calhoun was good over at the Purdys, it must have been terrific at the Warners, right, with all their success and money?

The Purdys went on to lead lives of outstanding civic service and accomplishment. Among his many contributions Charles Sr. served as president of the Minneapolis Bar Association and general counsel for the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota. Charles Jr.'s wife Helen Purdy Webster, who died in 2004 at age 97, served on many nonprofit boards, including Jones-Harrison. Charles Jr.'s and Helen's younger son Peter has dedicated his career to improving the lives of women and children in the developing world as director of the Margaret Sanger Center and through his work with the United Nations Population Fund. And Charles E. Purdy IV, a prominent business lawyer in San Diego, tells Hill & Lake Press that he keeps his great-grandfather's "Savage & Purdy" business card under the glass on his desk to remind him of the distinguished footsteps in which he's following.

Sadly, Melvina Warner's "Presbyterianism" would prove to be her — and Ellsworth's — undoing. The ensuing decades, clear up to the 21st Century, would see a procession of bitter lawsuits over inheritances. There would be jet-setting out of the Warners' Palm Beach mansion "Windsong," one mile up the coast from Mar-a-Lago. There would be the scandalous remarriage of 88-year-old Ellsworth Bisbee Warner and his 25-year-old nurse. And that's just for starters.

The next time you see that 1952 photo of the lonely, three-dormered house sitting above the intersection of West Lake and Excelsior Blvd., you'll know the first part of the story. Watch for your April Hill & Lake Press to read the rest.

(Special thanks to the staff at HCL Special Collections, Minneapolis parks historian David Smith, streetcar historian Aaron Isaacs, Cedar-Isles-Dean resident Len Goodman for photo restoration and retouching, Jennifer Emery at FedEx Uptown, and HC property description technician Teri Gillis.)

### First Lake Street bridge



Photo: Minnesota Streetcar Museum, courtesy Aaron Isaacs. Photo restoration: Leonard Goodman.

Workers begin the task in 1916 of dismantling the first Lake Street bridge over the Minneapolis & St. Louis RR tracks, near today's Chowen Avenue. Date of construction of the wooden structure is unknown, but probably prior to the 1892 opening of the St. Louis Park Streetcar Line, which ran west from Lagoon and Hennepin. Passengers exited the streetcar (visible in the distance) during construction, walked across the bridge, and reboarded another waiting streetcar to continue their journey. The Purdys undoubtedly used this streetcar line. The Warners -- unlikely.

### Purdy House Move

**The Problem: How to Move 14-room House**

House movers today studied the problem of how to get the two-story, 14-room house at 3100 W. Lake street across one of Minneapolis' busiest thoroughfares to its new location near the Vince A. Day center on Lake Calhoun. The brick and stucco structure was given by the Ministers Life and Casualty Co. to the Hennepin county board to serve as a juvenile holding center. It is estimated moving costs will total about \$4,000. Another \$11,000 will be spent to put the big house in shape after the moving job, sometime before April 15. The house is the former home of C. E. Purdy.

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## Where we are Now!

By Jean Deatruck

Please plan to attend your precinct caucus on April 4th where you will have an opportunity to vote for your preferred candidates for the fall elections.

Lowry Hill DFL Caucus will take place on April 4 beginning at 6:30, at the Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church. DFL District Convention will be held April 22 at the Hennepin Avenue United Methodist church at 9 am.

Republican Caucus will be held at Burroughs School on West 50th Street.



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## LETTER

Dear Hill & Lake Press,

I enjoy reading your paper but have noticed an interesting bias regarding winter. I often find messages such as "I have luckily spent the winter in the sunny environs of Florida." "...we've enjoyed record setting warm temperatures the past two weeks.." "suffering through" "putting up with"... regarding what is a normal & wonderful season that we experience here in THE NORTH.

Many of us who chose to live here love winter: ice skating, skiing, walking, snow shoeing, fat tire biking, The Loppet Festival and much more. James P. Lenfesty recently penned about the wonders of ice. Many of us have been rather disappointed with the winter of 2016-2017 that was so mild. It also scares many of us regarding the environmental signals & the future of winter.

Many could not afford to leave for the winter, and many of us would not leave if we could afford this luxury. We like winter!

I understand winter present special challenges for all of us, some more than others, but please understand that winter is not the same as suffering.

There is much talk & planning about the 2018 Super Bowl and how our region is planning on showing off how special and wonderful a Minnesota winter can be.

Enjoy all the days  
Sincerely, David Rhude

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2212 Fremont S #2	349,900	9,480	138	316,000	C	2/1	1,433	306,500	4,574	1900		
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## Your Legal Rights: Beware of "Can you hear me?" Scam Calls

From the Office of Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson

"Can you hear me?" "Are you there?" "Is this you?" Most people have been asked these questions in a phone call. News outlets and organizations across the country report that people are receiving calls from individuals who ask questions designed to get a "yes" answer. But responding "yes" may leave people on the hook for more nuisance calls and maybe even unauthorized charges. This new scheme is called the "Can You Hear Me?" Scam.

The calls go like this:

"Chris" received a call while he was eating dinner. He answered the call, and a person asked, "Can you hear me?" Chris replied "yes." He then heard a recording that claimed he had won a free cruise. Chris realized the call may be part of a scam and hung up.

### How the scam works

The details of this scam vary, but it always begins with a call, usually from a telephone number that appears to be local. When the person answers the call, the scam artist tries to get the person to say "yes"—most often by asking, "Can you hear me?" "Is this the lady of the house?" or a similar question. By responding "yes," people notify robo-callers that their number is an active telephone number that can be sold to other telemarketers for a higher price. This then leads to more unwanted calls.

In some cases, the caller may record the person say-

ing "yes." Scam artists may be able to use a recorded "yes" to claim that the person authorized charges to his or her credit card or account. How can scammers access your account? Some companies share their customers' information with third party companies or allow third parties to charge customers' accounts (called "cramming") in exchange for payment. Scam artists may also obtain financial information from data breaches or leaks or through identity theft.

### How to protect yourself

Whether the "Can you hear me?" calls are simply nuisance calls or something more sinister, there are steps you can take to avoid falling victim to phone scams.

- Check phone numbers closely. Scam artists spoof calls to make them appear to be from a local telephone number. Even if a number appears to be local, it is best to avoid calls from numbers with which you are not familiar.
- Hang up. If you answer a call that seems suspicious, hang up. Remember, "Minnesota Nice" does not apply to scammers. It is not rude to hang up abruptly on a suspicious caller. In fact, the more time you spend on the phone with a scam artist, the more likely you are to be roped into a scam...and to get even more nuisance calls down the road.
- Carefully review your financial statements and

telephone bills. Whether or not you have been targeted by a scam, it is a good idea to review your bills line-by-line for unauthorized or fraudulent activity. The law provides some protection for people to dispute unauthorized charges to their credit cards and bank accounts, but these laws generally impose time limits. It is important to check right away for charges you did not make or approve so you have time to file a dispute.

### Reporting unwanted calls

If you receive a call that may be part of a "Can You Hear Me?" scam, you should report it to the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC"). The FTC has the authority to enforce federal laws regulating nuisance calls and interstate fraud over the telephone. The FTC may be reached as follows:

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## Tea Nazi

By Madeleine Lowry

Do you remember the Seinfeld episode about the Soup Nazi? Seinfeld and his friends are enamored of the soup at a lunch counter where the cook is persnickety about ordering procedures. To be a customer in good standing you must abide his rules. Spunky Elaine pushes her luck and is sentenced to one year with no soup!

I have to chuckle when I think about that episode because there is an underlying truth to it. About 20 years ago I recall getting the treatment from the proprietor at La Société du Thé. He was imperious, but informative, and my husband and I were permitted to purchase a selection of his inventory. Unfortunately we were too intimidated to ever return.

My recent visit to Spyhouse Coffee brought the Soup Nazi back to me clearly. On that day I was looking for a coffee shop with good wifi because the Internet service was on the fritz at our North Loop office. A couple of colleagues and I tramped over to Spyhouse on Washington Ave. We picked a table and I went up to the counter to order an herbal tea. The smiling cashier pointed to a menu and I selected a spiced rooibos called Montana Gold.

I drink rooibos tea just about every day. I usually brew a whole pot from one tea bag so that I have tea to last all day. And I often leave the tea bag in the pot for just as long. Okay, so not exactly a tea master.

Having ordered hot tea in many cafés, I know what to expect. Either they hand you a mug and a tea bag and point you to the hot water spigot, or they fill a mug with hot water, dunk in a tea bag and hand it over.

Not so at Spyhouse. The guy behind the counter asked for my name and told me to return in four minutes. I blinked. Were they going to the store to buy tea bags?

I dutifully unpacked my laptop and got to work. A couple of minutes later, I looked over at the drink pickup counter and noticed a small teapot. That had to be mine!

I trotted right up to the barista and asked for my tea. He peered down at a timer set in front of the tea tray. "Come back in 2 minutes," he commanded.

I was stupefied. On the one hand it was cute that they were timing the steep and all, but really, I was fully capable of handling my own tea bag. I didn't much like the idea of having to leave my laptop alone to return for a second time, but it was clear from his demeanor that he wasn't going to take any nonsense from me. It felt a bit like they were holding my tea hostage.

I went back to my table.

I got some more work done.

After two more long minutes I again went to claim my beverage. This time he checked the timer and was satisfied. He pulled the tea sachet out, poured a cup of tea into the waiting china mug and let me have my hot morning drink at last.

I ferried the small wooden tray with the pint-sized metal teapot carefully back to my seat. I admired the dark mahogany color of the tea in the cup. It was not the weak-looking beverage I produced at home. I took a sip. The flavor was rich and cinnamon-y with a hint of cloves. It was just the right temperature, hot but not scalding. I had not tasted tea this good in, well, ever.

I sipped happily knowing that another aliquot was being kept piping hot in the teapot. I cupped my hands around the mug and inhaled deeply. They had gotten it exactly right – the ratio of tea leaves to water, the temperature, and the steep time. It was impressive since most coffeehouses don't give much thought to tea. I immediately decided that giving up control of the tea bag was a small price to pay for admission to tea heaven.

Thank you, Tea Nazi!

my imperfections  
were always self inflicted  
until I got old.

Saw a butterfly  
on November seventeenth  
in Minnesota

rolf bolstad

### MN Bicycling Awards Seek to Recognize Bike-tastic Leaders Statewide

Towns, cities, universities, and businesses across the state are working to become more bicycle-friendly. Hundreds of dedicated bike educators and passionate advocates are quietly working to spread bike-friendliness in Minnesota's towns.

To spotlight some of the individuals and organizations working especially hard and making incredible progress to support bicycling, the Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota (BikeMN) is asking people from across the state to nominate people in their lives who are making biking easier, safer, and more fun so they can be celebrated and thanked for their work. The submission deadline is April 5 and the list of nominees will be reviewed by a panel of bicycle educators and advocates. The winners will be announced at the Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota's Annual Meeting on April 29. Submit nominations at [www.bikemn.org/awards](http://www.bikemn.org/awards).

The Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota (BikeMN) is working to make Minnesota a place where bicycling is a easy, safe, and fun for everyone. The mission of BikeMN is to unite and strengthen bicycle advocacy, provide education, and work for a more bicycle friendly Minnesota.

### Roxane Battle to speak 3/29 at The Woman's Club of Minneapolis "Transition: Your Path Towards Happiness"

Strictly Social is a fun, low-key social networking event for women of all ages and stages of life.

Enjoy a presentation by Roxane Battle on "Transition: Your Path Towards Happiness." Best known for her humor and masterful storytelling, Roxane is a gifted writer, video producer and speaker, and frequently talks to corporate audiences on the topics of finding joy and work-life balance. Networking with hors d'oeuvres, dessert and a cash bar will follow the speaker.

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

5:00 pm Speaker Presentation

6:00 pm Informal Networking

#### About Our Speaker

Roxane Battle is long-time Twin Cities journalist and author best known for her work as former co-host of the KARE-11 Today show. Her memoir, Pockets of Joy: Deciding to Be Happy, Choosing to Be Free and the Pockets of Joy Journal (both 2015) became best-sellers, hitting #1 and #2 in their category on Amazon. Now in its second printing, Pockets of Joy is also the winner of the Midwest Independent Publishing Association's (MIPA) Midwest Book Award.

Members: \$15.00, inclusive; Nonmembers: \$30.00, inclusive. Members register through the Front Desk: [frontdesk@womansclub.org](mailto:frontdesk@womansclub.org)

Nonmembers register through Eventbrite: <https://strictlysocialwomansclub.eventbrite.com>

After 4:00 pm on March 28, please pay at the door.

## Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association News

### Don't miss the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 16th at Temple Israel.

Join us at 6:00 p.m. for social hour with complimentary snacks, cocktails(cash bar) and tours of the building followed by our annual meeting with Board updates & elections at 7:00 p.m.

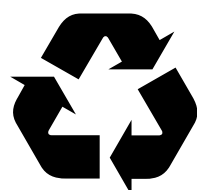
### Upcoming LHNA Board Meetings: Tuesday, April 11th and Tuesday, May 2nd — 7:00 p.m. Kenwood Rec Center.

Your neighborhood Board is committed to serving you. All residents are welcome.

### Safety Reminders:

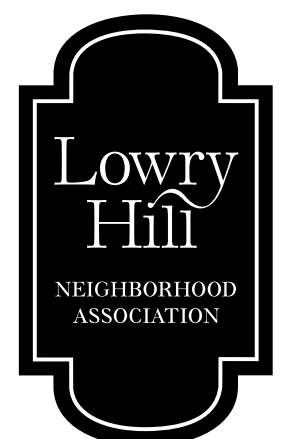
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A recent addition to Walker Library programs sponsored by Friends of the Walker Library includes studies in photography. Extended from last summer's composition classes, The Picture Maker Sessions feature further explorations in composition on the second Saturdays of the month from 1:00-4:00 p.m. through May. Shown here: Sessions instructor Deborah Meyer conducting a class. Coursework includes conversation, instructional guidance, hands-on image making and viewing work of the makers. Advance registration is recommended. For additional information on this and other offerings at Walker Library that seek to engage and inspire the community it serves, visit [www.hclib.org](http://www.hclib.org) or call 612.543.8400.



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