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## PUMPKIN-CARVER EXTRAORDINAIRE



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Greg Froehle, of Bryn Mawr, delighted his neighbors and friends to another year of fabulous pumpkin art. A two-week process, until the lighting of at least thirty creations, plus dozens of miniature pumpkins, Greg has been carving pumpkins for the past 25 years. In recent years, his wife, Mikki, his grandchildren, and some others have joined him with his project. Some of his magical creations are shown here.



Photo and caption: Michael Wilson

Dual-name signs around Lake Calhoun/Bde Maka Ska have been in place since October 2015.

### Lake Calhoun name-change decision goes to Hennepin County board for a final vote on November 28

By Michael Wilson

The fate of the name of Lake Calhoun will be discussed at a meeting of the Hennepin County Board's Administration Committee on Tuesday, November 21. The committee's recommendation will then go to the full board on Tuesday, November 28, for a final decision.

Following the board's decision, the matter will then go to the commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources in St. Paul for review.

(Hill & Lake Press has provided extensive coverage of the campaign to remove the name Lake Calhoun and replace it with Bde Maka Ska. Go to <hillandlakepress.com> to read the July 2017 and September 2017 issues.)

The campaign to change the name of Lake Calhoun started in 2015 during the meetings of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC), which was charged with making recommendations for updating the master plans for Lakes Calhoun and Harriet. As the issue began to heat up, long-serving Park Board Commissioner Annie Young reached for common ground in September 2015 by proposing that the preferred Dakota name of Bde

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Lisa Goodman at Pride Festival

### Goodman wins another term on City Council

By Michael Wilson

Ward 7 voters didn't have to wait long after the polls closed on November 7 to find out who will be representing us at City Hall for the next four years. Current Council Member Lisa Goodman won an absolute majority of the votes cast and was declared the winner shortly before 10 pm.

Goodman's supporters may have been biting their fingernails all day, and supporters of her challenger Janne Flisrand may have been sitting on the edge of their seats wondering if their candidate would pull off a major upset, but in the end, it wasn't even close.

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Happy Thanksgiving to the Readers of the Hill and Lake Press

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### Childers and Childers Garner Awards at Robbin Gallery



Photo by Hayden Farnham



Photo by Dorothy Childers

The theme for Robbin Gallery's 22nd Annual Juried Art Show was "Extremely Minnesota." Hill and Lake Press Photographer, Dorothy Childers, won an Award of Excellence for her image of Jensen's Holiday Visit. Her son, Kenwood Letter Carrier, Christopher Childers, was awarded a Merit Award for his oil painting "Prairiescape #2." The exhibition will be on display until Saturday, December 9th. Located at 4915 42nd Avenue North, in Robbinsdale. Gallery Hours are Tuesday and Thursday 5:30 to 8:30 PM, and Friday and Saturday 1:00 to 5:00 PM. For more information, go to [www.robbingallery.org](http://www.robbingallery.org).

### HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

- Sunday 2pm Isles Ensemble LOI Lutheran
- Healy Project Winter Party December 3rd Dec. 18 at 4:30 Later with Lisa
- 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



### Healy Project Winter Party December 3rd

By Trilby Busch

Last July the Healy Project held an open house at the Renaissance Revival mansion at 1300 Mount Curve, designed by William Channing Whitney and built by T.P. Healy. The Winter Party will be held in another architect-designed and Healy-built house of a very different style. Join Healy homeowners and supporters of the Healy Project at a party in the exquisite Châteauesque house at 2546 Portland Avenue South, designed by Edwin P. Overmire and built by T.P. Healy in 1900. Hand-carved Corinthian capitals and a gilded foyer domed ceiling are just two of the elegant interior features. Overmire began his career as a draftsman for Platt and Whitney before he became a celebrated architect in his own right. The suggested donation of \$20 will support the ongoing research on buildings by Healy and other master builders. Refreshments provided. Sunday, December 3. 1-4 p.m.



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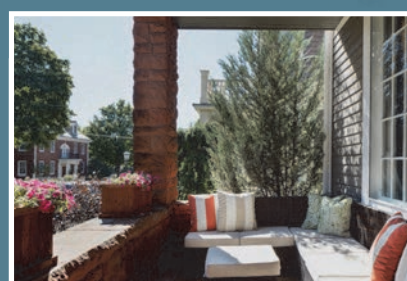
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## The Urban Coyote Wanders France

By James P. Lenfestey

Susan and I just returned from a visit with friends to Normandy and its World War II D-Day beaches. After airports and trains, we landed at the epic invasion site Omaha Beach at low tide, then took Pointe de Hoc at high tide, where Army Rangers scaled 100 foot vertical cliffs to take out a massive Nazi gun emplacement on June 6, 1944. We visited cemeteries with regimental rows of crosses and stars of David to the horizon, deeply moving but less so than photographic images of bodies fallen in heaps, held by their comrades.

A gentleman visiting from Paris asked to shake our hands, to thank us for "what we did." We were proud to be Americans that day, although of course "we" did nothing. It was heartening, given recent American dyspeptic overseas military adventures, to read General Eisenhower's D-Day letter to the largest invasion force ever assembled: "a great and noble undertaking," he assured them. They, the country, and the world, believed him, then and now.

We stayed in the medieval town of Bayeux, where we examined at length (literally, 230 feet long) the famous Bayeux tapestry, a crude 10th century cartoon in embroidery of William the Bastard's conquering of Harold the traitor in the Battle of Hastings in 1066, the D-Day of its day. And so ended, according to Brit environmentalist Paul Kingsnorth's recent essay, the reign of the Little Green Men, the original environmental souls of Angle-land. For my ancestors, the conquering Norman French, I apologize.

My second project in Bayeux involved a patisserie down a narrow street from our B&B, where a spike-haired young baker served up dreams. I visited her dawn and dusk, bearing gifts back to my family like gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Our last day in Normandy we drove down the coast in pelting rain to St. Malo, a lovely town fortified and crenelated from myriad earlier wars, eighty percent destroyed by WWII bombing. Fully rebuilt and charm-



ing, the ancient walls overlook gorgeous sweeping beaches silvered by massive Channel tides, the setting of one of the most poetic novels of recent decades, "All the Light We Cannot See." On the drive back to Bayeux we passed iconic Mt. Saint-Michel on the horizon. Swarmed with tourists, it has been bustling pilgrimage site from its birth in the 11th century, when jongleurs recited the epic Chanson De Roland and enterprising vendors touted as pilgrims passed by. Like pilgrims, we were awestruck by the soaring spire of archangel Michael spearing Heaven above miles of glistening tidal flats.

In Paris we visited Notre-Dame de Paris, of course, where a sculpture of my beheaded namesake the apostle James holds his head in his hands over a portal. Then the museum devoted of sculptor Auguste Rodin, a modern god to the poet Rilke and to me. The studio and garden bursts with Rodin's muscular bronze sculptures, once an artists' coop where Rodin worked, introduced to it by Rilke. In the formal garden, between manicured topiary, stands the epic "Gates of Hell," imposing and grievous and tortured as Heaven/Hell probably is, as we will all find out soon enough. Meanwhile the Hellish tragedies of Syria, Sudan, Niger, Yemen, Myanmar, Ukraine, North Korea, climate change and the Trump administration hold open their gates around us. But not today. Not on Omaha Beach nor Pt. du Hoc, nor Bayeux, St. Malo, Paris, or home,

where decent November elections portend better days.

Meanwhile, we do our art. I'm sure Rilke was thinking of Rodin when he wrote the poem below, translated by our neighbor Robert Bly. The "god" he circled was Rodin, devoted body and soul to art, while Rilke, like most of us, wrestled with the angel of uncertainty.

### "I LIVE MY LIFE"

I live my life in growing orbits,  
which move out over the things of the world.  
Perhaps I can never achieve the last,  
but that will be my attempt.

I am circling around God, around the ancient tower,  
and I have been circling for a thousand years.  
And I still don't know if I am a falcon,  
Or a storm, or a great song.

Wandering the streets of Paris alone the last morning, I entered a church on a side street, not an epic monument to the Virgin or St. Michael but a more humble scale. Beheaded Saint James would be comfortable there, I thought, and this James too. I left my head behind.

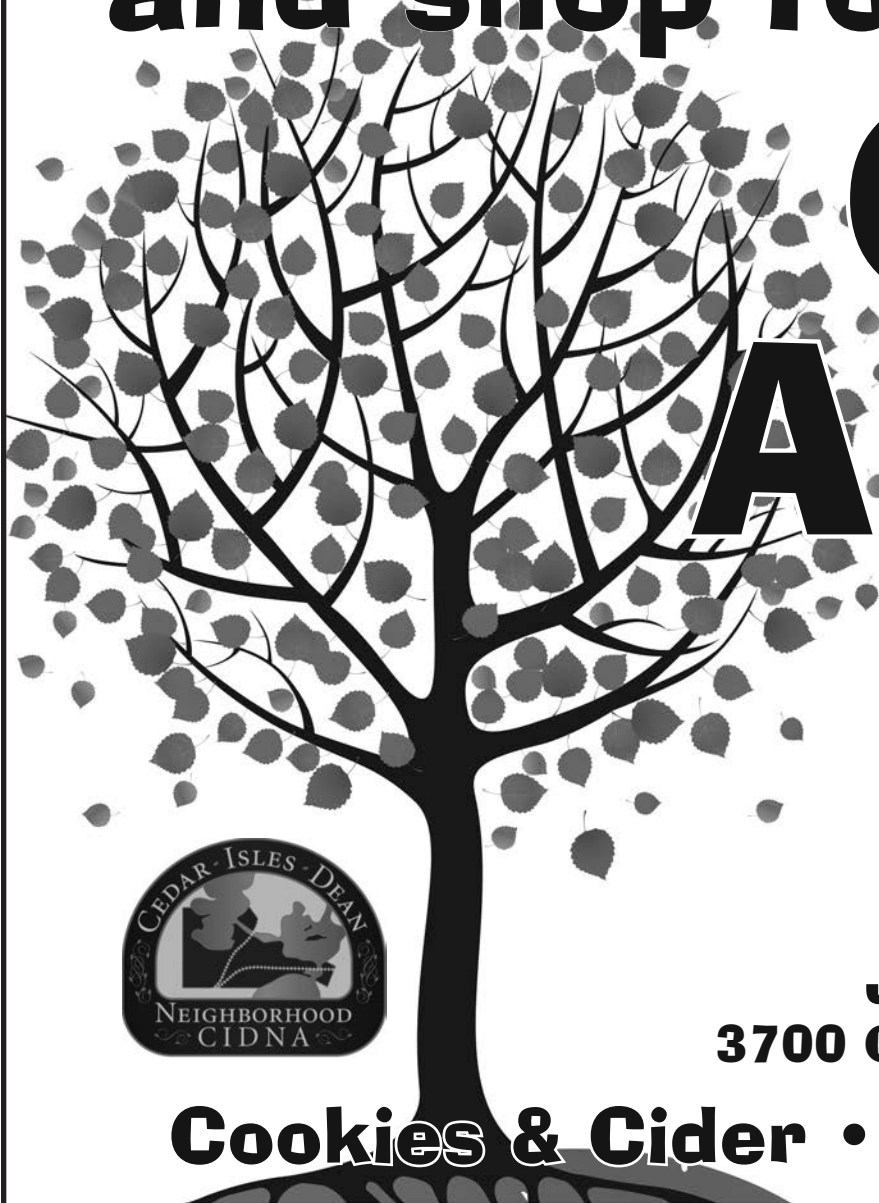
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## Election Information from page one

Goodman received 4742 first-choice votes (52.3%), while Flisrand received 2832 first-choice votes (31.2%).

Teqen Zéa-Aida, a Democrat, received 888 first-choice votes (9.8% of all ballots cast). Republican Joe Kovacs received 599 first-choice votes (6.6%). There were 13 write-ins, and 178 voters made no choice (undervoted) in the City Council race.

Although Zéa-Aida finished ahead of Kovacs in Ward 7 overall, Kovacs outscored Zéa-Aida in the four Hill and Lake precincts, 286 votes to 246.

Goodman carried nine of the ten Ward 7 precincts handily. Only in Precinct 10, a small precinct bounded by I-94 and Lyndale, Franklin, and Nicollet avenues, did Flisrand outpoll Goodman, 113 to 101.

Zéa-Aida's late entry into the race did not in the end change the outcome. Even if all the 888 voters who made Zéa-Aida their first choice had voted for Flisrand instead, Flisrand still would have been over 1000 first-choice votes short of Goodman's absolute majority.

### Hill and Laker voters like Lisa — a lot.

Voters in three of the four Hill and Lake neighborhoods (Kenwood, Cedar-Isles-Dean, and Lowry Hill) gave Goodman solid majorities of their first-choice votes. In East Isles Goodman's 531 first-choice votes were 47% of the total, still solidly ahead of Flisrand's 447 first-choice votes.

As the Kenilworth Corridor route for SWLRT and high-hazard freight trains becomes increasingly indefensible, voters in Kenwood and Cedar-Isles-Dean thanked Goodman overwhelmingly for her many years of standing with them arm-in-arm and battling to see LRT done right. A remarkable 72% of Kenwood voters made Goodman their first choice, followed closely by 67% of Cedar-Isles-Dean voters.

Both major candidates campaigned energetically and hard. Taken as a whole, 2017 was a tumultuous year in Minneapolis electoral politics, and we'll see a very different City Council come January. Flisrand had the challenger's advantage of being able to criticize Goodman's track record without having a track record of her own to defend. But in Ward 7 Goodman had the incumbent's advantage of being able to point to many years of accomplishments and excellent constituent service.

Voters clearly were more impressed by Goodman's achievements than by Flisrand's promises.

Cedar-Isles-Dean resident Glenna Case said that she voted for Goodman because Goodman is a highly experienced, responsible, and responsive representative. "Lisa is thoughtful, pragmatic, and committed to issues that are important to me, such as realistic affordable housing and the environment," Case says. "She understands the deep complexities of running a city and strives to meet and balance the needs of all its many constituencies."

Lowry Hill resident and community volunteer Kathy Spraitz says that she supported Goodman "without hesitation." In Spraitz's view, "Lisa is responsive, well-informed — and tells her constituents the truth. How refreshing. The city will continue to benefit from her experience and tireless dedication going forward."

Craig Westgate served as CIDNA board chair for several years, up to May of this year, and had many opportunities to see Goodman in action and close up. "I continued to support Lisa in this last election for many different reasons," Westgate says, "but what it comes down to is, she really does care about her constituents. This is a very diverse ward and she listens to all who reach out to her." Westgate notes that year after year Goodman attends virtually every neighborhood association board meeting throughout her ward.

"What I especially appreciate, and what I know Lisa prides herself on," Westgate continues, "is that Lisa actually gets things done — housing, parks, and so much more."

KIAA board chair Shawn Smith is pleased that Goodman was re-elected to represent the 7th Ward. "It is important with all the turnover at City Hall to have a Council Member who can provide continuity and expertise in the leadership of Minneapolis," Smith says. "I was pleased to support her with my vote, and I give her tremendous credit for her support of and involvement with KIAA and all the Ward 7 neighborhood boards."

Rich Heichert recently moved to Cedar-Isles-Dean and has gotten involved in neighborhood affairs, including serving on the CIDNA board. He looked at

the Council candidates with a newcomer's eye. "I decided that Lisa can bring the kind of non-partisan and non-political approach that we need when representing the concerns and issues of our unique urban community's broad socio-economic spectrum of residents," Heichert says.

### Jono Cowgill, new Park Board commissioner.

The result of the race for the District 4 Park Board seat was about as close as an election can be — a Nano margin, if you will. It was a straight-up contest with only two candidates, and a mere 185 votes separated Jono Cowgill from Tom Nordyke out of 13,488 votes cast.

As might be expected, the four Hill and Lake precincts were "home territory" for Nordyke, who received 2049 votes to Cowgill's 1295.

"I am very excited and humbled to be next Park Board commissioner for District 4," Cowgill tells Hill & Lake Press. "After a close race, I look forward to building trust and enhancing communication throughout our district. The Hill and Lake area has a storied history of deep civic engagement, engagement that has been critical in enhancing our parks and the livelihood of all Minneapolis residents. It is my distinct pleasure to learn from that wisdom. I pledge to be a responsive and transparent commissioner."

We can reach him anytime, Cowgill says, at 612-598-5157 or <jono.cowgill@gmail.com>. He also looks forward to talking with us at neighborhood meetings.

### Tom Hoch: our first-choice for mayor.

To know Tom Hoch is to like him, and Hoch was able to tap deep wellsprings of support in our four Hill and Lake precincts. Hoch's 1491 first-choice voices topped Jacob Frey's 1134 first-choice votes by a considerable margin. Betsy Hodges was the first-choice candidate for 698 Hill and Lake voters, followed by Ray Dehn with 539 first-choice votes and Nekima Levy-Pounds with 398.

### Ward 7 turnout — a mixed bag.

We may think of our part of town as highly engaged and civic-minded, but the facts say otherwise when it comes to voter turnout. Although Ward 7 has never approached the lofty heights of Ward 13, the perennial voter-turnout champion, we could perhaps accept also-ran status — if it were true.

In actuality, turnout in Ward 7 relative to the other 12 Minneapolis wards has been slipping for years. In the 2008 and 2012 general elections we ranked fourth. In the 2016 general election we ranked 5th. In the 2013 municipal election we ranked 6th. And this year the Ward 7 turnout percentage fell to seventh, midway in the pack.

This year in Ward 7 we had a hotly-contested City Council race and a colorful mayoral race with several candidates presenting clear choices. Lisa Goodman, Janne Flisrand, Tom Hoch, Jacob Frey, Jono Cowgill, and other candidates crisscrossed our neighborhoods. Their enthusiastic surrogates both young and old wore out our doorbells. Yet only 44.5% of Ward 7's registered voters cast ballots.

Among the four Hill and Lake precincts, Kenwood led the way with 58% turnout, followed by Lowry Hill with 51% and East Isles with 49%. Cedar-Isles Dean lagged the Ward 7 average slightly at 44%.

The bright news? Voters in the two Bryn Mawr precincts continue to go to the polls as if they were on steroids. Precinct 1 (Bryn Mawr-north) led the entire city, all 134 precincts, with a remarkable 64% turnout, while Precinct 7 (Bryn Mawr-south) came in second at 60%. Note to Bryn Mawr residents: please share your secret with the rest of Ward 7!

### For further information — lots of it.

Doing a deep dive into election results can be fascinating, and our state and city elections departments provide us with a wealth of data. Go to <vote.minneapolis.gov> and start exploring in the "Results" and "Data & Resources" drop-down menus. Go also to <sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/election-results> and dive in.

The coolest election website ever has to be the interactive story of the 2017 mayoral race at <vote.minneapolis.gov/results/2017/2017-mayor-tabulation>. You'll feel like you have a ringside seat as the next mayor of Minneapolis was determined on November 8.

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# Goodbye Lake Calhoun, you will be missed.



Next week, your elected officials are voting to rename the lake “Bde Maka Ska.”

Sadly, our county commissioners have chosen to ignore 80% of Minnesotans in order to appease extremist-political activists.

But it's our fault. We the silent majority stayed silent. How many of us attended the public hearing to protest? How many of us wrote a personal letter, or called our commissioner to voice our opinion?

It doesn't matter that for as long as there's been a Minneapolis, there's been a Lake Calhoun. It doesn't matter that, for our grandparents, and grandparents' grandparents, there's always been a Lake Calhoun.

It doesn't matter that everyone in Minneapolis, and throughout the state recognizes the iconic name of Lake Calhoun. It doesn't matter that the name is ubiquitous, a part of the names of scores of businesses, homes, buildings, and organizations.

Yes, the soldiers whom Secretary of War John C. Calhoun sent to Minnesota Territory in 1820 to build Fort Snelling surveyed and named the lake after him. But it doesn't matter that this was 200-years ago and that this connection has long been forgotten. Nor does it matter that the origin of the Lake Calhoun name is a forgotten footnote in the history books.

It doesn't matter that for 5.5 million visitors, that Lake Calhoun merely represents sunshine, vitality, beaches, picnics, recreation, sailing, volleyball, swimming, biking, running, walking, and great summer memories.

It doesn't matter that Lake Calhoun is ingrained in our history and our memories. It doesn't matter that Lake Calhoun is an urban jewel. It doesn't matter that it was a living, cherished, indelible part of our lives.

Goodbye Lake Calhoun, you will be missed.

And be sure to thank your elected officials for this.

This week is your **last chance** to tell our elected officials to stop this injustice.

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### Lake Calhoun name change from page one

Maka Ska be added to the seven brown signs around the lake. The dual-name signs appeared in October 2015.

The CAC's final report included a recommendation to create a space on the lake's south shore "to interpret the Native American, particularly Dakota, culture and history of the area and to memorialize Mahpiya Wicasta (Chief Cloud Man) and Heyata Otunwe, (Village to the Side)." Using a \$225,000 grant from the city's Art in Public Places program and \$250,000 from the Park Board for design work and site construction, the project got underway earlier this year.

The site today contains a striking, circular "gathering space" for social and ceremonial occasions, a gravel trail, and a realigned concrete walking path imprinted with traditional animals and plants with their Dakota names. An artist-designed ornamental rail will be installed next year, along with a multi-media piece to provide context. More features are being considered.

**Do names matter? Indeed they do.**

Inclusivity is an honorable goal, and most people can welcome the new recognition of the history of the Native peoples who lived near the lake they called Bde

Maka Ska nearly two centuries ago. Names do matter, and the inclusion of Bde Maka Ska alongside the name Lake Calhoun is a daily reminder of all the people who have lived near, enjoyed, and cherished the lake.

But the name Lake Calhoun matters too, to the millions of people who have made hundreds of millions of visits to Lake Calhoun over the past 150 years. The refusal of the name-change advocates to consider any compromise, to hold inclusivity as a goal, and to welcome the history and experiences of all has made the naming issue contentious and often bitter.

A well-organized group of name-change advocates has thus far skillfully carried the day, leaving thousands of people who oppose the elimination of the name Lake Calhoun feeling outmaneuvered and disrespected. The compromise of the dual-name signs is accepted by many, even welcomed, but the insistence of the name-change advocates on excluding the history of the past 150 years deeply troubles and angers many.

Deeply troubling to many also is the advocacy position taken by the area's Hennepin County commissioner, Marion Greene. Greene made clear her support for

the name change in early June, three months before the petition to do so was even received by Hennepin County and four months before the public hearing. Greene views her advocacy as an effort to help people understand the name change; people who oppose the elimination of the Lake Calhoun name simply need to be educated and won over. For their part, many people have come to view the public opinion-gathering part of this process as a charade with a pre-determined outcome.

An upcoming public forum organized by Greene, with speakers on Dakota history and language, aims to "celebrate the complexity of our community today." People frustrated by their inability to get *their* history with the place they know as Lake Calhoun recognized feel that exactly the opposite is being done.

Turning opposition into action is a key step that all too often is not taken. There is still time, though, to contact the seven Hennepin County commissioners before their final November 28 vote on discarding the name Lake Calhoun.

**'Gathering place' for reflection and celebration of Dakota history takes shape on south shore of Lake Calhoun/Bde Maka Ska.**



A Community Advisory Committee's report on future plans for Lake Calhoun/Bde Maka Ska included a recommendation to create a space on the lake's south shore "to interpret the Native American, particularly Dakota, culture and history of the area. The site today contains a circular "gathering space" for social and ceremonial occasions, a gravel trail, and a realigned concrete walking path imprinted with traditional animals and plants with their Dakota names.

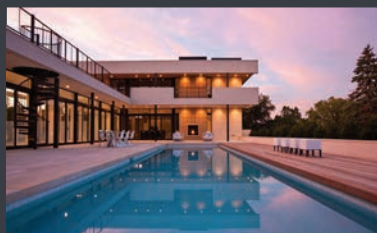
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The grass may not be green on Sunday, but the music inside Lake of the Isles Lutheran on November 19 will be lush. Photo and caption: Michael Wilson

Setting Sun Lighting the East Shore of Cedar Lake



Happy Thanksgiving to the Readers of the Hill and Lake Press

Photo by Dorothy Childers



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## CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

By Monica Smith

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES, November 8, 2017

The meeting was held at Jones-Harrison Residence. Board members in attendance: Interim Chair Amanda Vallone, Lowell Berggren, Steve Goltry, Stacia Goodman, Rich Heichert, Barbara Lunde, Taylor Pentelovitch, James Reid, Vern Vander Weide, and Mike Wilson. Staff: Monica Smith

Interim Chair Amanda Vallone called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Later with Lisa will be Monday, December 11, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Normandy Inn, 405 S 8th St.

The last yard waste collection date for 2017 is on your regular garbage day, the week of November 13.

Variances were approved for improvements to Cedar Lake South Beach.

Comment on the proposed 2018 City Budget on Wednesday, November 29, 6:05 p.m. at City Hall or Wednesday, December 6, 6:005 p.m. at City Hall. The budget will be adopted on December 6.

Reopening of Nicollet Mall is Thursday, November 16, Noon at 7th St and Nicollet Mall.

Snow emergency information was mailed to residents.

The Super Bowl is a national security event. Minneapolis Police are the lead agency with support from federal agencies.

Minneapolis 2040: the City is in the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan (the plan governs housing, land use, transportation, etc.). It is important to give feedback at upcoming public meetings (see Announcements).

#### Announcements

All are invited to an interactive open house for Minneapolis 2040:

Saturday, December 2, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Van Cleve Park, 901 15th Ave SE

Tuesday, December 5, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Fairview Park, 621 N 29th Ave

Saturday, December 9, 10:00 a.m. - Noon at Roosevelt High School, 4029 S 28th Ave

Monday, December 11, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Martin Luther King Park, 4055 Nicollet Ave S

For more information, minneapolis2040.com.

A Public hearings will be held by the Planning Commission on Monday, November 13, 4:30 p.m. at City Hall, Room 317, to modify occupancy regulations to allow more unrelated individuals to live in one house or apartment

#### NRP/ CPP Report, Claire Ruebeck

Mike Erlandson, chair of the East Isles Residents Association (EIRA) NRP Committee, gave an update on the Lake of the Isles warming house. Plans for a new warming house have not materialized. EIRA is moving forward with refreshing the existing warming house (painting, new roof, doors and windows). EIRA has committed \$25K for the project. The project budget is \$28K. CIDNA had previously committed \$1K in NRP funds toward a new warming house. The CIDNA Board voted to shift \$1K to support the refurbishment project.

#### Cedar Lake South Beach update:

The City approved the variances for the project.

The anonymous donor committed an additional donation of \$159K to meet the project budget.

The processing fee of \$5K for the anonymous donation will be sent to Minneapolis Parks Foundation. NRP Committee met with a long-time CIDNA resident with ideas for two projects. The resident was encouraged to pursue the ideas further.

The contract for the \$84K affordable housing loan is ending on December 31. The committee is reviewing options to extend the contract for one additional year or identify immediate uses for the funds.

The Community Connections Conference is scheduled for Saturday, February 10. More details to come.

The next committee meeting is Wednesday, November 29, 3:30 p.m. at Rustica.

Ice Skating Party

The annual Ice Skating Party, hosted by Lake of the

Isles neighborhoods, is scheduled for Sunday, January 21, 2018, 1:00-3:00 p.m. The CIDNA Board approved participating in the event and funding an ad in the Hill & Lake Press.

#### Renter Engagement

A small group will bring ideas for renter engagement to the December board meeting.

#### Art Mart, Amanda Vallone

Art Mart is being planned for Saturday, November 25, 12:00-4:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison. Promotion includes an ad in Hill & Lake Press, flyers, social media and yard signs. Interested vendors should contact AmandaVallone@live.com.

#### Land Use & Development

Concerns were raised about the Calhoun Village parking lot resurfacing.

Brickstone project: demolition of the existing building isn't scheduled until spring. Surrounding sidewalks are being marked for utility work.

#### Wine Tasting Fundraiser

The event on October 26 was a big success. A report of ticket sales will be provided next month.

#### Lake Calhoun Name Change, Mike Wilson

The Hennepin County Board held a public hearing on renaming Lake Calhoun on October 17. Next steps: the County Administration Committee is expected to vote on the name change on Tuesday, November 21, at 1:30 p.m. followed by the full County Board on Tuesday, November 28, 1:30 p.m. Meetings will be held at Hennepin County Government Center, Room A-2400, 300 S 6th St.

#### Transportation Committee, Mike Wilson

##### Southwest LRT:

A public open house for the Protection Wall will be Wednesday, November 15, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Bryn Mawr Elementary School, 252 Upton Ave S.

The FTA says the Protection Wall will adversely affect the historic rail district. Craig Westgate will represent CIDNA in the Section 106 (historic preservation) process.

Calhoun Isles Condo Association is challenging the easement process in court.

#### New Business

Agenda items for next month include approving the annual report to the Attorney General and renewing Monica Smith's contract for 2018.

Thrill Kenwood raised \$1200 for hurricane relief.

A large redevelopment is being planned for the Sons of Norway property on Lake St and Humboldt Ave.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday, December 13, 6:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison Residence. Jan Nielsen will serve as Interim Chair.

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

## EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By Debbie Gold, Secretary EIRA Board of Directors

Minutes from the EIRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) Meeting 10/10/17 Grace Trinity Community Church

Board members present: Brad Ash (President), Mike Erlandson (Vice-President), Debbie Gold (Secretary), Andrew Degerstrom, Peter Mason, John Grochala, Steve Havig, Amy Sanborn, Julia Curran

Board members absent: Brian Milavitz (Treasurer)

Guests: Lisa Goodman (City Councilmember), Nancy Johnston (Outreach and Communications Chair), Jonathan Beck (EIRA resident)

Welcome & Call to Order: Brad Ash, EIRA President

Guest Speaker, Lisa Goodman, City Council Member

Lunch with Lisa: Wednesday, Oct 25, 2017 (12:00-1:00), Opus Hall; room 202, Super Bowl Host Committee

Fall Street Sweeping: begins Monday, October 16, city will be calling leaving messages

2740 Humboldt Ave S: On 9/14 the Board of Adjustments approved a variance request to allow a 4th unit

Ballot Set for November 7 Minneapolis Elections

Early voting center is open. Voting is at Temple Israel. 4,000 election judges will be used, thanks to those who volunteer

East Lowry Hill (LHENA) will be doing a rank choice voting workshop, more info to come.

A Newsletter was created by an AmeriCorps volunteer and is available to residents, contact Ward 7 office.

Red light running issues were brought up at 24th, 27th, & 28th. If state would authorize red light cameras again it would help. Traffic enforcement presence to ticket offenders was suggested, Lisa will request

Bike lanes on 28th feedback: complaints heard regarding lack of community forum communication

Immediate area is not enough, more areas need to be included. Renters also need to be included, rental property managers and owners should be providing notices

#### President's Report, Brad Ash

Truncating meetings is a goal to lessen time commitments of board members and attendees.

To ensure an accurate agenda and minutes, EIRA Committee Chairs are reminded to provide a summary in advance of the agenda regarding events, activities, issues, etc.

David Bryan stepped down as the Zoning Chair after fulfilling more than his original one-year commitment. A new chair is being sought. A potential new Zoning Committee member may be interested in being Co-Chair. Since there are no current zoning requests the matter is not urgent yet.

Carla Pardue resigned from all Committees and the BOD. She still plans to help with the Wine Tasting. Her several years of experience have been appreciated.

John Beck, EIRA Resident, worked with Lisa Goodman and the city to replace signage at Humboldt and the Greenway to correctly direct traffic. He was thanked for his efforts.

A working group is looking into an award plaque to be hung in the neighborhood recognizing neighbors who volunteer above and beyond.

President Ash attended a Sons of Norway open house on 9/14 with Ryan Construction. Following are notes from the meeting that were shared with the BOD:

~320 premium, rental units including townhomes

2 first floor retail spaces for lease on Lake Street

75' on Lake with a zoning variance request to have 6 stories along 31st and Holmes. Seeking 6 stories to get the required density to make the project work without filling in the green space in the middle.

Parking for every unit with an assumed 15% vacant or carless (~270 stalls under building). Parking entrance will be on Holmes closer to the Lake Street side. Pedestrian cut through open from 31st to Lake with a public fjord/park in middle. Maintain and renovate existing apartment structure on Holmes. Shared pedestrian/service vehicle cuts through from Holmes to Humboldt with potential to have this closed off to vehicles outside of business hours

One concern for East Isles is added traffic cutting through from Hennepin down 28th and across Humboldt due to the one way on Lake Street

A traffic study will be conducted at several intersections including Humboldt and Lagoon. For more up-to-date information please refer to this recent article:

<http://finance-commerce.com/2017/09/ryan-weidner-release-images-for-sons-of-norway-site/>

#### Committee Reports

##### Social Committee, Chair Amy Sanborn

Super Sale feedback included positive comments about foot traffic, indicating marketing worked well. Shelly is wonderful at organizing the event and getting sponsors. Still, there is a lot to do and more volunteers are needed to ensure a successful event. This year \$937 was raised with \$406 in expenses, thanks to many sponsors who donated funds and in-kind services such as printing and more.

The Wine Tasting Fundraiser is Oct 26th. Neighborhood restaurants are donating food. Tickets



are \$25 in advance and \$35 at the door. Volunteers are needed to help with various duties. People who help for 1 ½ hours get a FREE ticket! For more information please contact [info@eastisles.org](mailto:info@eastisles.org)

Amy will not continue as Social Chair next year. She has coordinated several events and wants to share her knowledge. She will continue to work with the Wine Tasting this fall and the Ice Skating Party this winter. It would be best to find someone who could work with her to learn procedures, timelines, and tips. Perhaps with so much planning time consumed for events, there could be Event Leads instead of the Social Chair coordinating each one. Anyone interested should contact [info@eastisles.org](mailto:info@eastisles.org).

#### **Outreach and Nominations Committee, Chair Nancy Johnston**

The committee now consists of Chair Nancy Johnston and Andrew Degerstrom. Debbie Gold volunteered to join the committee. Help is needed to recruit volunteers for committees, the BOD, events, and special projects. After former President Bruce Larson moved out of the neighborhood, and former BOD Member Carla Pardue resigned, there is now a vacant BOD seat. Residents interested are encouraged to contact [info@eastisles.org](mailto:info@eastisles.org).

#### **Transportation Committee, Chair Peter Mason (no report)**

#### **NRP Steering Committee, Chair Mike Erlandson**

Chair Erlandson presented three action items for approval. All items had been previously discussed by both the NRP Committee and EIRA Board. It was also noted that EIRA resident Mark Addicks and his team of volunteers have completed the new gardens on The Mall. They look great and the EIRA Board and residents are very appreciative of all the work put in by Mark and others to make this community enhancement a reality.

Osmans Cleaners: The EIRA BOD previously approved a \$5,000 grant to remove the chemical PERC from Osmans Cleaners on Hennepin Avenue in East Isles. In order to facilitate the NRP grant it was necessary to modify EIRA NRP Phase 2 Plan. The following resolution was motioned and seconded: EIRA makes the following NRP Phase 2 plan modification. Shift \$1,600 of funds from Affordable Housing Loan Program (proceeds) to Sustainable Practices. After no further discussion it was unanimously approved.

East Isles Warming House: The EIRA BOD originally voted to put \$25,000 towards a new warming house on Lake of the Isles but that project has not moved forward. As such, a refresh has been proposed. The warming house has had few if any improvements made in several years although specific dates and projects are unknown. The Park Board has approved EIRA working with local architects and builders to refresh the building. The updates include making the building ADA compliant, replacing the roof, adding trim, carpet, paint, and more. The total initial project estimate was \$43,000 but it will be alerted to align with EIRA contribution of \$25,000 or additional funds will be secured. If more donations are received more aspects may be included. EIRA will contract directly for this work. Signage to invite people to enjoy it was suggested, to make it clear that it is a space open for public use. Another idea included a fundraising skating party to be held this winter. After the discussion, the following resolution was motioned and seconded: EIRA approves and supports the refresh of the Lake of the Isles Warming house and allocates \$25,000 for that purpose. The EIRA BOD approved it unanimously.

With the former resolution approved, the next step was motioned and seconded: EIRA makes an NRP Phase 2 plan modification to Shift \$25,000 of funds from 2.1.1 Affordable Housing Loan Program (proceeds) to 7.4.1 Public Space Improvements. It was approved unanimously.

#### **Open Forum (N/A)**

Open Forum is open to all East Isles residents. Public input shall not exceed a total of 15 minutes with up to three minutes allowed per person, with the time limit to be allotted by the President. Pending litigation

## KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION

By Jack Levi

### November 2017 KIAA Meeting Minutes

Prior to the public meeting, at 6:30pm, a closed pre-meeting was held where the current contractor/consultant role and candidates were discussed. No recommendation was made to the full board.

Also, a motion to approve up to \$75 for cookies for the winter ice skating party on Lake of the Isles was approved between meetings by email on 11/1/2017.

KIAA Board met on 11/06/17 at the Kenwood Recreation Center

Chair Shawn Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Directors present: Vice Chair Larry Moran, Treasurer Matt Spies, Secretary Jack Levi, Jeanette Colby, Angie Erdrich, Will Stensrud, Mike Bono, Carl Goldstein, Jeremy Nichols, Mark Brown.

Absent: Kyle Leier

The Agenda was approved unanimously

#### **City Council Update – Lisa Goodman**

- Street sweeping is ongoing; please remind neighbors not to rake the leaves from their yard to the curb. The last day for yard waste is Tuesday 11/14/17.

- Allina now is making grants available for their Neighborhood Health Connection program; KIAA falls into the category that makes it eligible for this grant and may want to apply to support East Cedar Beach activities.

- Wednesday, November 29 is the date for the City of Minneapolis budget hearing for 2018 at the City Council meeting; please call in advance if you want to come to the meeting to provide public testimony.

- A short term rental ordinance is forthcoming. It would apply to Airbnb or anyone who wants to rent their homes; if the sharing economy is the future, it must be fairly regulated. The regulation is summarized as follows: If you live in your house, there is no limit as to how many rooms you can rent and you pay no fee. If you don't live in the house, but you are there sometimes you pay a fee of \$46/year. If you don't live in the house and renting it, the property must be registered and a rental license is necessary.

#### **Community Oven – Rico Morales, Angie Erdrich**

Kingfield built a community oven and they keep it on the grounds of the communities' Center for

and personnel issues shall not be discussed during this time. Please contact [info@eastisles.org](mailto:info@eastisles.org) preferably 24 hrs before the meeting if you would like to speak.

President Brad Ash adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.

Closed Session

The next EIRA meeting will be at 7 pm on Nov 14, 2017 @ Grace Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th St.

EIRA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service, and event organized by EIRA. Should you require an accommodation 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.

Performing Arts Building; the purpose of this oven is to foster community building. It has been successful. Rico, who is behind the Kingfield project is suggesting that KIAA could have a temporary oven (one that can be assembled and then dismantled) to reduce the food expense for KIAA's annual meeting. However, this still puts the burden of the food as well as the labor to install and cook, on KIAA. After considering this possibility, KIAA does not believe that this is a viable option.

#### **Warming House on Lake of the Isles – Shawn Smith:**

A committee of East Isles Residents' Association is advancing a project to renovate and "refresh" the Lake of the Isles warming house. They would use about \$25,000 in NRP funds to paint, install a new metal roof, and replace windows and doors. EIRA's budget is not enough to fund other improvements, such as new carpeting or outdoor decking. These would bring the total cost of renovation to \$39,950. EIRA approached KIAA to ask if KIAA would consider funding part of these expenses.

Jeanette clarified that this is not the same project that had been presented to KIAA earlier; that planning group was not part of the EIRA group. The EIRA proposal is not a replacement of the warming house and does not address all the current structure's problems, such as the large expense of moving the building into place, removing and storing it. The EIRA design had not been shared with any other neighborhood, but a meeting was to be held on November 8th for anyone interested.

Shawn and Larry pointed out that this is a Park Board asset and should be maintained by the Park Board, especially since a significant tax increase passed last year to maintain and improve park properties. It was decided that KIAA is not in a position to fund these expenses.

#### **NRP/CPP – Shawn Smith:**

Based on the Neighborhood Priority Plan survey and subsequent planning, Shawn Smith and Matt Spies recommended the following allocation for KIAA's priorities:

SWLRT mitigation \$900

East Cedar Beach activities including police spending \$5,000

Lakes of the Isles landscaping or improvements \$2,000

Kenwood Park, Kenwood school \$3,000

KIAA communications and stipends, \$10,000

The board voted and approved this allocation unanimously.

Following the November meeting, on 11/14/2017, Chair Smith sent an email stating that KIAA has now officially filed its NRP/CPP stemming from our discussion at our November meeting. We are all set for the 2017-2019 "triennium".

Chair Shawn Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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Stilt-Walkers came to entertain at Thriller



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## THRILL KENWOOD 2017

By Amanda Vallone

If you were not at the Kenwood Recreation Center on Saturday, October 28th then you missed all the zombie fun in the hood! Back for its 9th year this event brought together people of all ages to dance Michael Jackson's Thriller as part of a Global Simultaneous dance to raise money for charity. This year the charity of choice was for the hurricane relief efforts in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands through Global Giving. A total of \$1,200 was raised thanks to all the people that came out to drink chai, dance Thriller, or participate in all the other fun activities throughout the event.

Kenwood Park (MPRB) and ARTrageous Adventures hosted the event which was sponsored by Kenwood Isles Area Association, Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association and Cedar Isles Dean Neighborhood Association. Participating businesses included The Lowry, Nicos Taco & Tequila Bar, Moxy Hotel Uptown along with the help of a group of amazing volunteers from Ever Island.

Some of the highlights this year included THE BIG EPIC SHOW and their Halloween CD Release show in the gym. They provided a comical hip hop show with dance contests and a mock grammy awards red carpet party. Chicks on Sticks provided stilt entertainment, Bryce Davidson provided zombie caricatures and the ARTrageous Adventures make-up artist crew provided zombie make overs and a Creation Station. On stage we had the MDC dancers, local musicians Ameet and Kurt as well as Jason Lardy as our rockin' zombie emcee.

If you have not ever participated in this annual event mark your calendar now for 2018, as it is always the Saturday before Halloween. (Saturday, October 27th to be exact!) You now have that long to practice the Thriller dance so YOU TOO can dance with us for a good cause. Be sure to check out the Thrill the World Kenwood, Mpls page on fb for photos and updates throughout the year.

## East Isles Warming House Refresh

By Mike Erlandson

The Lake of the Isles Warming House made its annual trek to the east side of Lake of the Isles on November 15. Those watching close may have noticed a new paint color. Even more exciting, the warming house will soon have a new roof, doors, windows and some external lighting for the first time. The front ramp will also be made ADA accessible.



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STREET ADDRESS	ORIGINAL PRICE	Seller Contrib	DAYS MKT	SALE PRICE	TYPE	BED BATH	SQ FT	TAX VALUE	PROP TAX	YR BLT	
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1425 W 28th St #417	154,900	0	2	160,000	C	1/1	780	113,725	1,800	###	
2706 Humboldt S #102	175,000	5,100	30	170,000	C	1/1	686	127,500	1,963	###	
821 Douglas S #301	219,900	0	12	231,000	C	2/2	1,023	172,180	2,758	###	
3151 Dean Court #B804	299,000	7,000	76	297,000	C	2/2	1,380	227,070	3,524	###	
2519 Humboldt S #107	439,900	0	57	384,000	C	2/1	1,332	348,620	5,378	###	
2208 Fremont S	635,000	9,286	26	620,000	H	4/4	2,696	387,315	6,038	###	
2225 Irving S #2	674,900	0	49	662,500	C	4/3	2,505	433,000	6,665	###	
2551 Burnham Rd	699,900	0	41	689,900	H	3/3	2,100	485,000	7,466	###	
1783 Humboldt S	895,000	0	18	895,900	H	3/4	3,798	783,500	13,113	###	
2441 Humboldt S	899,900	0	243	875,000	H	4/2	2,504	690,000	11,260	###	
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(Go to mplsrealtor.com for additional info)

The Warming House is a well-used Minneapolis community asset that was in desperate need of some TLC. The East Isles Residents Association (EIRA) and the EIRA's NRP Committee have had the Warming House on their priority community enhancement list for years. Initially EIRA allocated \$25,000 in NRP funds to support an effort that was underway to replace the facility. While the EIRA is still committed to working on long-term plans to replace this facility with an improved structure, it became clear that project was not going to advance in 2017-18 and thus the association made the decision to seek permission from the Park Board to refresh the existing facility.

Local resident Jim Smart's team at Smart Associates donated time to ensure the refresh would enhance the structure, not change it, while more appropriately blending in to the surrounding area. The EIRA was committed to preserving this community asset while providing the leadership necessary to complete the external refresh in time to welcome Twin Cities skaters and those who will visit Minnesota for the Super Bowl this winter.

EIRA approached some of the surrounding neighborhoods for additional financial support, including CIDNA that made a donation. Items that remain on

the to do list, but have yet to be funded, include new carpet and cleanup inside the warming house. And, some landscaping or similar that would allow the larger Warming House infrastructure (items that support the structure like portable toilets, a gas tank and metal storage sheds) to blend in to the surrounding area more appropriately.

As fall turns to winter and the surface of Lake of the Isles turns to ice the Warming House, open to the public at no charge, will open its new doors. But, more importantly it stands once again ready to warm the fingers and toes of those who will make memories on the frozen Lake – a young child skating for the first time, a couple on a date, a tourist from a land that lacks snow and ice venturing out after strapping on a pair of the Warming House's pile of free skates, countless regular skaters and hockey players competing for smiles if not the Stanley Cup.

Anyone interested in helping support the Warming House refresh or simply seeking more information can contact the EIRA at info@eastisles.org.

Mike Erlandson is a 19 year resident of East Isles, helped both of his children skate for the first time via the Warming House and currently serves as EIRA Vice President and NRP Chair.

Warming House  
Front elevation  
Lakeside elevation  
Side elevation

01 FRONT ELEVATION  
1/2" = 1'-0"

03 SIDE ELEVATION  
1/2" = 1'-0"

Warming House  
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**Headline: Share your Feedback on Minneapolis Growth**

The Minneapolis Department of Community Planning and Economic Development wants to hear from YOU! Join your neighbors in shaping our city to become a healthy, sustainable, and thriving place for all.

Minneapolis 2040 is an update to the City's Comprehensive Plan, a document that shapes how Minneapolis will grow and change. The plan will cover topics such as housing, job creation, the design of new buildings, and how we use our streets.

Over the past year, City planners have learned a lot from Minneapolis residents about the future of our city. We've heard that as the city grows, everyone must benefit from that growth. You told us that it can be difficult to access jobs that are not located nearby. We've heard concerns about the rising cost of housing, and that not everyone has access to the type of housing that meets their needs. We've also heard that people value well-designed and environmentally sustainable buildings, and that there is a desire for the city to be more walkable, bikeable, and mass transit-friendly.

Please attend one of the upcoming family friendly, interactive open houses in early December. Enjoy complimentary refreshments from local vendors. For more information and to sign up for updates at [minneapolis2040.com](http://minneapolis2040.com).

December 2nd from 10:30-12:30  
Van Cleve Park Gym  
901 15th Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414

December 5th from 5:30 – 7:30  
Fairview Park Gym  
621 N 29th Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55411

December 9th from 10:00 – 12:00  
Roosevelt High School Gym  
4029 S 28th Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55406

December 11th from 5:30-7:30  
MLK Park Multi-Purpose Room  
4055 Nicollet Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55409

A meeting is being scheduled for January 2018 in downtown Minneapolis. Details were not finalized before the publication deadline. Check [minneapolis2040.com](http://minneapolis2040.com) for the details of the January meeting.

For reasonable accommodations or alternative formats please contact the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department at 612-673-3737. People who are deaf or hard of hearing can use a relay service to call 311 at 612-673-3000. TTY users call 612-673-2157 or 612-673-2626.

**Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board considers new food vendor at Lake Calhoun/Bde Maka Ska**

Lola's on the Lake will offer seafood, wings, smoked products and more

A new food vendor lease for Lake Calhoun/Bde Maka Ska was approved at tonight's Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's (MPRB) Administration and Finance Committee. The five-year lease with Lola's Café to operate Lola's on the Lake from will go forward to the full Board for consideration at a future meeting.

Lola's on the Lake proposes offering a combination of seafood, "grab and go" smoked products, beverages and frozen treats from mid-April through mid-October.

# The Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association board is committed to serving you.

**The next LHNA Board Meeting is Tuesday, December 5th!**  
7:00 p.m. at the Kenwood Rec Center. All residents are welcome. Your neighborhood Board is committed to serving you. If you have a concern, question or wish to be on the agenda, contact us at [lhna@lowryhillneighborhood.org](mailto:lhna@lowryhillneighborhood.org).

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**The Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association is Providing a Thank You to Our Local Police and Fire Department Members on Thanksgiving.**

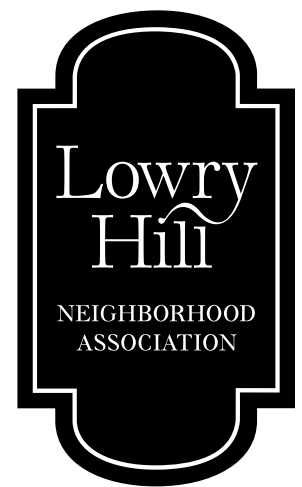
Our neighborhood police officers and fire fighters will enjoy pie and ice cream courtesy of your LHNA. Thank you to our board members who coordinate this effort.

**LHNA Reminds Residents to "Leave A Light On" and Help Deter Crime in Our Neighborhood.**

Light is a BIG deterrent to criminals and costs less than a few dollars on your monthly electric bill. Leave front and back porch and yard lights on all night.

**Other tips we encourage are as follows:**

- **CALL 911** if you see suspicious persons or activity – don't hesitate, make the call.
- **Lock all first floor or easy access windows.**
- **Close and lock garage doors and car doors.** Lock bikes with a U-lock in the garage.
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## sand upon the waters

By Tom H. Cook

You may remember last month in Sand Upon the Waters that the Twin Cities Film Fest included a screening of *A Midsummer Nights Dream*. Our daughter Rachael appears in the film, so we decided to return home for the event as a family. Jessie (nanny), grandchildren Charlotte (age 4) and Theo (age 2), with grandparents JoAnne (the editor) and Tom, and Rachael (mother/daughter/actress). The Film Fest folks were gracious and superb hosts, presenting Rachael with the North Star Award for achievement in entertainment (as well as validating my parking).

There was still plenty of time to explore. We wanted to buy out Great Harvest, as there are no comparable bakeries in southern California. The Walker Library is rooted in the 21st century and beyond! (Sorry, one of us is really into Buzz Lightyear). The blue chicken in the Sculpture Garden was a big hit. Alas, it was too chilly for "the littles" to enjoy Triangle Park. The lakes remain treasures and the Isles dog park I helped advocate is well used. The California mini-mansion craze is more moderate, in the Minnesota tradition. People are adding a larger mud room as opposed to a helipad and a three tier infinity pool.

As we drove around, the city felt warm, even with the horizontal sleet. It seemed like every third house had a lawn sign of welcome and acceptance contrary to the national mood of exclusion and greedy hunkering down. There is no brain drain of young talent scurrying off to the sun belt or the coasts. We saw countless young people dressed for but oblivious to the cold, with kids and dogs, navigating Uptown, striding purposefully and confidently. We drove all around the city and it seems there are more bike paths than ever. People are even friendlier than I remembered. No doubt the presence of young children in our party helped, but even when wandering alone (which I did a bit) I was struck by the upbeat mood and general cheerfulness of



JoAnne, Rachael, and Tom in Minneapolis

Photo by Dallas Smith

strangers.

Thank you Minnesota! It was fun to be home again.

### Stray Bits

Is it me or did the election last year kill off flash mobs, those seemingly serendipitous, painstakingly choreographed expressions of life and joy. Granted, fads have a life span, but is this a coincidence?

On the playground of our local elementary school here in Redondo Beach there is a mural of six people, each about seven feet tall. The work is undated and the kid artists are now likely parents with mortgages and peptic ulcers, but the painting is clearly an expression of youthful exuberance and optimism. The teacher (perhaps long retired) likely challenged the young artists to

portray positive traits for them to aspire to. I do not know how they chose the characteristics to display. The over-arching one is Responsibility. The figures, all colorfully dressed, are labeled Responsibility, Honesty, Truthfulness, Unselfishness, Integrity, and Compassion. My border collies and I have long sniffed around there after hours, but for the past year I have been struck by the irony of the times in which we live. I long for a return to these virtues.

**Tom H. Cook misses friends and the intellectual stimulation of the Twin Cities. He greatly enjoys his children, grandchildren (3), good friends, and the ocean. He should have nothing to whine about.**

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