



‘Where the biggies leave off...’

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Council Member Lisa Goodman

As I sit here writing these thoughts to share with the community, I'm in my den overlooking a quiet street in Bryn Mawr, and I'm reminded of the slogan I've seen and heard so many times over the past month: Alone - Together. It is true that we are being asked to stay at home and that has been hard but through this situation we have discovered new and creative ways of connecting and by embracing the stay at home order we are truly helping ourselves and our community.

As we go through this scary and uncertain time and when we come out the other side, we know that things are going to be different. There are friends, family, neighbors and colleagues that will be affected directly or indirectly by the physical disease as well as the horrible economic impacts associated with this pandemic. We will be challenged to figure out how to comfort and support those we care about, even if we are not able to be with them in person.

Despite our best efforts, we are going to lose some of our local and beloved small businesses. Even with the extra financial assistance government is providing, there are those that will not have the necessary reserves to weather the storm. This is a definite source of sadness for many of us and at every level we will feel and experience the loss of favorite restaurants, small businesses, arts organizations, nonprofits and even neighbors who fall ill or loved one that succumb to this disease. The days and months ahead will be a time of adjustment, mourning, and allowing ourselves time to grieve these losses.

For me the biggest loss is the loss of time and important experiences that bind us together. Not being able to gather over the Passover Seder was particularly hard for me. We are also missing out on the other important life events like Easter, graduation, prom, neighborhood annual meetings, the opening of theatre productions, even fundraisers to help our favorite organizations. These are the things that bind us together and create memories when times are hard.

In the darkness there is also light. Daily I see people stepping up to do the right thing and to do what they can to care for other people. I see this in big ways through the work of the staff and leadership in the City of Minneapolis and at the State of Minnesota. I see and appreciate the commitment of our health care workers and first responders as well as our front-line workers in grocery stores including our local Bryn Mawr market. I see the small and significant ways neighbors are stepping up to help the person down the street that needs a helping hand, sharing a hot meal or a homemade mask. There are also the anonymous donations of food to hospital workers and the passionate support of local restaurants still offering food and those that are buying gift certificates to help provide a source of income, so they care for their employees.

We know that our state and community has done a really good job with social distancing to help keep the infection rate low, all the while just wanting to hug those we care about. We embraced social distancing early and now we up the ante by choosing to wear face coverings when we go out in public. We do this knowing this

When Winter Interrupts Spring



Caption this. Send in your meme to the Hill and Lake Press and it may be printed in an upcoming issue!

Photo by Dorothy Childers

doesn't to protect us but those around us. This is yet another simple and selfless action I see people take to show they care for their neighbors and their community.

I find inspiration in our collective actions, seeing businesses able to continue operating due to community support and in the ways we all continue to work to ensure the safety and needs of our neighbors and the lives saved due to flattening the curve.

We are in a unique and interesting time in our history and in the midst of the upheaval and the feelings of isolation we get to see the goodness of people and to practice kindness by caring for those around us. My wish to you all is that you continue to take care of yourselves and those around you.

Lisa

p.s. If you would like to be added to our office email list to receive direct updates on a weekly basis, please email: judy.sherin@minneapolismn.gov.

Below are resources you can utilize to get your questions answered or to just stay informed:

RESOURCES

City of Minneapolis: <http://minneapolismn.gov/coronavirus/index.htm>

Impacts to Services: How Coronavirus is impacting City Services.

*** NOTE: This link has links to dozens of city departments and services ***

<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/coronavirus/impacts>

FAQS on Coronavirus (COVID-19)

<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/coronavirus/faqs>

FAQS for Businesses
<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/coronavirus/businesses-employees/business>

Contact the Minneapolis Small Business Team:
612-673-2499 (BIZZ) or SmallBusiness@minneapolismn.gov.

Community Support
<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/coronavirus/community>

Housing
<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/coronavirus/housing-coronavirus>

Resources in multiple languages
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/materials/index.html>

Minnesota Department of Health
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html>

Center for Disease Control
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

State of Minnesota Dedicated COVID-19 Hotlines:
Community (schools, child care, business) questions
651-297-1304 or 1-800-657-3504 (7:00 am – 7:00 pm)

Health questions
651-201-3920 or 1-800-657-3903 (7:00 am – 7:00 pm)



Geese near Cedar Lake



HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD
 Because of the coronavirus we are staying home and meeting online, by phone, or by the internet. Please check for changed meeting times.

- Usual Neighborhood monthly meetings**
CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday 6pm Jones-Harrison Wednesday, April 8, 6:00-8:00 p.m., location to be determined.
EIRA: 2nd Tuesday 7pm Grace Community Church
KIAA: 1st Monday 7pm Kenwood Rec Center
LHNA: 1st Tuesday, 7pm Kenwood Rec Center

Where we are now!
by Jean Deatrick

Many people responded to my plea for contributions. Along with contributions, I received touching notes of support. We are stable for now. But of course, you may still make contributions to Hill and Lake Press. Checks can be mailed to Hill and Lake Press, 1821 Dupont Ave S, Minneapolis 55403. As expected, advertising is down this month due to the coronavirus. We are grateful for your support. As I said last month and I will say it again, we live in a wonderful neighborhood. Unbelievable!!

Thank you Janet and Ross Kimmerle and Janis Clay.

And friends, neighbors, advertisers, and readers of Hill and Lake Press.

But now many people and businesses need help. Our friends at Southwest Journal also need help. We aren't competitive with SWJournal. Hill and Lake Press focuses on our four neighborhoods surrounding Lake of the Isles, but SWJournal covers the entire southwest area of Minneapolis which includes us as well as South Minneapolis, Linden Hills, and beyond. And we all awaken to find SWJournal delivered right to our front doors. Recently, Andrew Hazzard wrote a fine article about Hill and Lake Press that told of our struggle to keep publishing. He sympathetically reported our history of 43 years and reported historical details that many of us may have forgotten. We were fortunate to read his writing.

Now, SWJournal needs help. Small newspapers are going down all over the country, thousands have died. We get a lot of information from the internet, sometimes good, occasionally bad, but we need to value our neighborhood and city newspapers. We hold them in our hands and read. Our neighborhood newspapers share information about what is going on at City Hall, but also, tell what is happening in the neighborhood...traffic issues, zoning problems, recreation centers, politics, schools...all the many things that are important to our lives in our neighborhoods.

I hope that Hill and Lake Press readers won't forget us...we are on a small budget, but please don't forget our friends at SWJournal. We need them too.

Go to SWJOURNAL.COM/DONATE to submit a recurring or one-time donation.

Isles Do IT!



2012 photo by Dorothy Childers

Street sweeping is scheduled to begin Tuesday, April 21.

Public Works crews are gearing up to start the City's comprehensive street sweeping program to clear away what had accumulated in the streets over the winter. The City has scheduled Tuesday, April 21 for the first day of sweeping. Beginning Monday, April 20, drivers should watch for temporary "No Parking" signs.

Check out the interactive map to see which week your street is scheduled to be swept: <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/publicworks/streetsweeping/index.htm>
<http://news.minneapolismn.gov/2020/04/14/get-ready-street-sweeping-5/>

Tina Fronterra, who serves on the East Isles Residents Association (EIRA) Board cheerfully helped clean up Lake of the Isles on Earth Day. There were 30 to 40 Volunteers at Lake of the Isles despite a cold day (with even a little rain at end). A couple from South St. Paul also came to help because "we often come to walk around Lakes of the Isles." City-wide there were 2,000 volunteers at 40 sites who collected 9000 pounds of trash/recycling.

Because of the coronavirus restrictions, Earth Day 2020 wasn't often celebrated so we are publishing this fine photo taken on Earth Day of 2012.



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Meet Your Neighbor, the “Injured Bat” posted on Nextdoor

By Craig Wilson

Craig Wilson explains the infamous “Injured Bat” post that he shared on Nextdoor earlier this month that trended as one of the most read stories on Nextdoor. So many neighbors have inquired about it, we thought it would make an interesting story.

How did you find the injured bat? I came home to Minneapolis after socially isolating at my cabin in Wisconsin for a few weeks to find a tiny bat in my kitchen sink. At first glance I thought it was a brown leaf. It moved and I stumbled backward, almost falling over. I went back to the sink and couldn’t make out what it was. One thing for certain, it looked emaciated. Was it a toad...a mouse...an exotic lizard? I recruited my neighbor Auron, who grew up on an Amish farmstead, to see if he could help me identify it. Auron determined that it was a tiny bat whose wings were covering its little body in such a way that made it shapeshifting and difficult to identify.

How did you get the injured bat outside? Fortunately, my neighbor Auron was willing to help move it outside. Auron had experience working with wildlife in Oregon years ago. We used a large empty yogurt container—the kind that many of us like to keep on hand for storing leftovers—to scoop the little bat out of the sink and escort it outside safely, without touching it. We lay it in a safe part of the yard and monitored its movement. Our neighbor Jody enquired what we were up to and she joined in the effort. Auron departed and Jody and I watched as the little bat used its wings to hobble though the leaves, trying to find a comfortable and safe place to roost. It eventually found a cobblestone along a small garden bed to hang upside down on—its little feet like tiny suction cups at the top and its wings wrapped like a cocoon around its body. Although it was an unusually warm day, it was still early April and I became concerned with its survival overnight. I found

some rags and old blankets that I gently put around its little body as well as a storage container to protect it from snow and wind. I used the back of a “Save the Seven Pools” sign and wrote “Injured Bat. Please Leave Alone” on it.

What made you post “Injured Bat” on Nextdoor? It was early evening and I needed to get back to Wisconsin. I knew that the bat really needed help. Auron thought that it may have injured one or both of its wing(s). At the very least, it seemed very vulnerable. I’ve had success getting good advice on Nextdoor—albeit with some pathetic trolling—so I posted the following on April 10th, “...Hello neighbors, I found an injured bat. I tried to set up a makeshift place to keep it safe and warm. If anyone has any experience with wildlife rescue, bats in particular, and you are willing to help—could you please private message me? Thanks!”. I posted it before I departed Minneapolis. By the time I reached my cabin, there were dozens of neighbors with advice. The most common advice was to call the “Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Minnesota” (WRC) in Roseville. I called the WRC but they were closed until the following morning, so I posted a second time requesting “Can Someone Take an Injured Bat to the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center.”

What is the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center (WRC)? According to their website, “WRC was founded at the University of Minnesota in 1979 as a student club of the Veterinary College. From those humble beginnings of just a few dozen animals a year, the WRC has grown into one of the nation’s busiest wildlife hospitals, admitting approximately 15,000 patients annually. We are known for our work with Trumpeter Swans and lead toxicity; consulting worldwide on these beautiful birds. Approximately 188 species will come through our door this year. You can follow along with our admis-



sions on our live Critter Ticker (streaming across our homepage) and subscribe to our emails for notices on events and patient news: Learn more: www.wrcmn.org

So, what happened to the little bat? Despite some ridiculous trolling (eyeroll), my efforts on Nextdoor were fruitful. Chris from the Cedar-Isles-Dean neighborhood contacted me and volunteered to help. The next morning, her husband Trent called and I described the bats exact whereabouts. My neighbor Jody greeted Chris and Trent at a safe distance and Trent used special bite resistant gloves to move the bat into a cardboard box and took it directly to the WRC. Chris reported that all went well and that the WRC said that they would likely release the bat when it recovers. So, a happy ending. THANK YOU Chris, Trent, Auron, Jody, Nextdoor and the WRC for your efforts!

Please consider making a charitable donation to the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Minnesota by visiting www.wrcmn.org. Chris and Trent made a charitable donation to WRC when they dropped off the little bat, which I plan to do as well.

Well my friends,
This isn't the end-
We just get a breather
Coming around Easter!

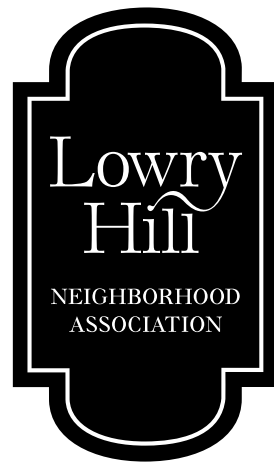
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Lowry Hill Annual Meeting

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In light of the ongoing COVID -19 situation, the LHNA board has decided to postpone the Annual Meeting. Look for updates on our website lowryhillneighborhood.org, in our LHNA email newsletter, here in the Hill and Lake Press and on NextDoor.

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LHNA Monthly Board Meeting: May 5, 2020 7p.m.

This meeting will be held on ZOOM. Details to come. Check the LHNA website for the agenda and information on how to attend.
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LHNA reminds you to
"Leave A Light On"
to help deter crime
in our neighborhood.

More about the neighborhood...

Find event and meeting details, and subscribe to our monthly e-news at lowryhillneighborhood.org

Reading THE BOOK OF TEA

by James P. Lenfestey

While removing books from shelves to repaint our family living room a few weeks ago, I rediscovered what was my mother's copy of the Charles E. Tuttle Company 1956 edition of *The Book of Tea*, originally published in 1906. Mother was a skilled gardener and flower arranger. I saved the book from her library for its beautiful design and feel, but had never read it. I decided I would mail it to a new friend to give to his friend, a traveling tea master. But first I sat down to glance at its contents. I slid the book from its sleeve wrapped with Japanese paper, a light moss green. My fingertips glanced along the woven silk binding to the wrapped Japanese paperboard covers, the creamy endpapers, the almost stiff paper pages, the ink-brush illustrations. All these drew me slowly into Okakura Kakuzo's succinct descriptions of a two-tradition/two-continent history of philosophy, poetry, art, botany, religion, architecture, tea ceremony practice and flower arranging art, which ended only with the satisfying sadness of completion after several mornings alone with his thoughts. The book's stillness and understanding, useful in 1906 and after two World Wars, seem to me helpful now in coping with the unfolding dimensions of our Age of Climate Crisis and now of COVID-19. The quotations below were especially arresting to me, texts I have set beneath each chapter heading centered in boldface, as in the original. Enjoy. Best perhaps with seven cups of tea.

THE CUP OF HUMANITY

On "Teaism"...

Teaism is a cult founded upon the adoration of the beautiful among the sordid facts of everyday existence

...when we consider how small after all the cup of human enjoyment is, how soon overflowed with tears, how easily drained to the dregs of our quenchless search for infinity, we shall not blame ourselves for making so much of the tea-cup. Mankind has done worse.

Why not consecrate us to the queen of the Camelias, and revel in the warm steam of sympathy that flows from her altar? In the liquid amber within the ivory-porcelain, the initiated may touch the sweet reticence of Confucius, the piquancy of Laotze, the ethereal aroma of Sakyamuni himself.

Those who cannot feel the littleness of great things in themselves are apt to overlook the greatness of little things in others.

You may laugh at us for having "too much tea," but may we not suspect that you of the West have "no tea" in your Constitution?

Let us stop the continents from hurling epigrams at each other, and be sadder if not wiser by the mutual gain of half a hemisphere. We have developed along different lines, but there is no reason why one should not supplement the other. You have gained expansion at the cost of restlessness. We have created a harmony which is weak against aggression.

Re. expansion of tea usage into the West beginning in 879 or so...

Colonial America resigned herself to oppression until human endurance gave way before the heavy duty laid on tea. American independence dates from the

throwing of tea-chests into Boston harbor. p. 13

... a subtle charm in the taste of tea.... It has not the arrogance of wine, the self-consciousness of coffee, nor the simpering innocence of cocoa.

Charles Lamb, a professed devotee, sounded the true note of Teaism when he wrote that the greatest pleasure he knew was to do a good action by stealth, and to have it found out by accident. For Teaism is the art of concealing beauty that you may discover it, of suggesting what you dare not reveal.

... Teaism is the art of concealing beauty that you may discover it, of suggesting what you dare not reveal. It is the noble secret of laughing at yourself, calmly yet thoroughly, and is thus humour itself — the smile of philosophy.

The heaven of modern humanity is indeed shattered by the Cyclopean struggle for wealth and power. The world is groping in the shadow of egoism and vulgarity. Knowledge is bought through a bad conscience, benevolence practiced for the sake of utility.

The East and West, like two dragons tossed in a sea of ferment, in vain strive to regain the jewel of life... Meanwhile, let us have a sip of tea. The afternoon glow is brightening the bamboos, the fountains are bubbling with delight, the souging of the pines is heard in our kettle. Let us dream of evanescence, and linger in the beautiful foolishness of things.

THE SCHOOLS OF TEA

Tea is a work of art and needs a master hand to bring out its noblest qualities.

With Luwuh in the middle of the eighth century we have the first apostle of tea. He was born in an age when Buddhism, Taoism and Confucianism were seeking mutual synthesis. The pantheistic symbolism of the time was urging one to mirror the Universal in the Particular. Luwuh, a poet, saw in the tea service the same harmony and order which reigned through all things.

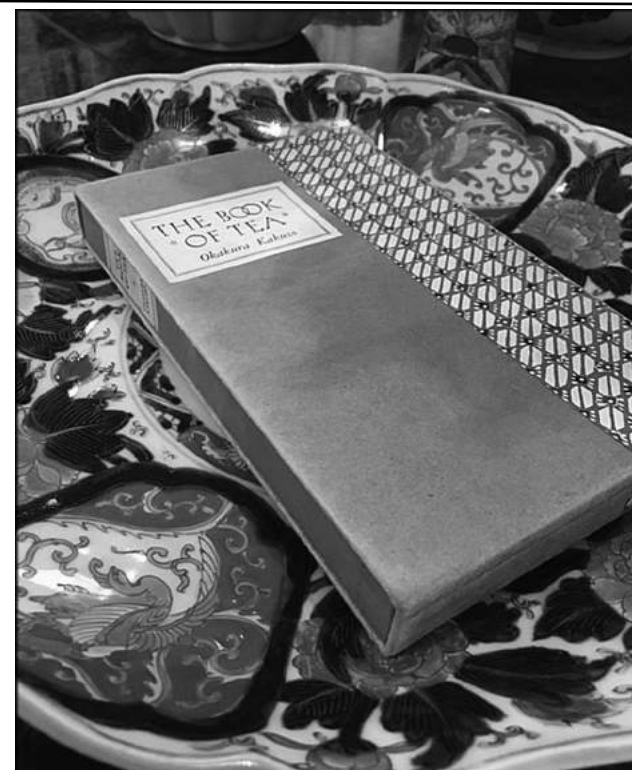
Lotung, a T'ang poet, wrote of the 7 cups...

The first cup moistens my lips and throat, the second cup breaks my loneliness; the third searches my barren entrails but finds therein five thousand volumes of odd ideographs. The fourth cup raises a slight perspiration — all the wrong of life passes away through my pores. At the fifth cup I am purified; the sixth cup calls me to the realm of the immortals. The seventh cup—ah, but I could take no more! I only feel the breath of cool wind that rises in my sleeves.

Among the Buddhists, the southern Zen sect, which incorporated so much of Taoist doctrines, formulated an elaborate ritual of tea. ... It was this Zen ritual which finally developed into the Tea-ceremony of Japan in the 15th century.

Latter-day Chinese man "has become modern, that is to say, old and disenchanting. He has lost that sublime faith in illusions which constitutes the eternal youth and vigor of the poets and ancients."

In the Sung dynasty, "man came thus face to face with nature. The tea began not to be a poetical pastime, but self-realization.



All this was destroyed by the "Mongol eruption," followed by the Ming Dynasty.

In Japan, "tea with us became more than an idealization of a form of drinking; it is a religion of the art of life. The tea-room was an oasis in the dreary waste of existence where weary travelers could meet to drink from the common spring of art appreciation.

TAOISM AND ZENNISM

Teaism was Taoism in disguise.

Re. the Tao Te Ching —

Translation is always a treason, and as a Ming author observed, can at its best be only the reverse side of a brocade — all the threads are there, but not the subtlety of color or design. But after all, what great doctrine is there which is easy to expound? The ancient sages... spoke in paradoxes, for they were afraid of uttering half-truths. They began by talking like fools, and ended by making the hearer wise.

The Tao is in the passage rather than the Path. It is the spirit of cosmic change.... It recoils upon itself like the dragon, the beloved symbol of the Taoists. It folds and unfolds as do the clouds.


Taoism, like its legitimate successor Zennism, represents the individualistic trend of the southern Chinese mind in contra-distinction to the communism of Northern China which expressed itself in Confucianism.

Chinese historians have always spoken of Taoism as "the art of being in the world," for it deals with the present — ourselves.... The art of life lies in a constant readjustment to our surroundings.

Taoism accepts the mundane as it is and, unlike the Confucians and the Buddhists, tries to find beauty in our world of worry and woe

In art the importance of the same [Taoist] principle is


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Sidewalks, Inc.

By James P. Lenfestey

After a nearly seventy-degree spring week, snow arrived Easter Sunday, followed by a week in the cold cellar. Still, the Monday after Easter, seven AM sharp, the trucks arrived, marked “Standard Sidewalk, Inc., founded 1888.” Week after “spring” week, the remarkable employees and supply chain of Standard Sidewalk have produced fresh sidewalks and curbs before our eyes.

The sidewalks were needed because a lack of coordination among the various utilities that run our lives had led not to one but two recent sidewalk disruptions. The first was to redo the gas mains down the middle of the street and the connections under sidewalks to our houses, then to fix the sidewalk they'd disrupted.

And now 5G. Whether you like it or not the neighborhood is sprouting brown tree-like metal trunks which will be the source of our putative 5G bliss: The God of Streaming Everything. Beneath these trunks lies the cables that connect them, laid last fall, which required tearing up the sidewalks once AGAIN to drill cable tunnels, and then, when winter closed in early, a quick patch of asphalt to get us through the winter.*

Certain “sheltering-in-place” neighbors were not entirely enthusiastic about this work schedule, to wit the 7am opening curtain signaled by the piercing “beep beep beep” as loaders and trucks backed up and rolled in and out. But I was impressed.

Every workday, right on time and in order, arrived...

- a) The truck with the blinking hazard signs
- b) The truck with the wooden forms
- c) the truck with the sand
- d) The truck with the gravel
- e) The truck with the ready-mixed concrete
- f) The truck with the metal curb inserts
- g) The truck with the black dirt
- h) The truck with the grass seed and brooms to clean black dirt from the sidewalk
- i) The truck picking up the blinking hazard signs, moving them down the block.

As many of us worry about the health of supply chains for food and beer and wine and toilet paper, the workers and managers at Standard Sidewalk Inc. demonstrated before our eyes (and ears) a comforting persistence, as if the COVID-19 spring of 2020 were just another normal work year.



And so the men, trucks and front-end loaders of Standard Sidewalk, Inc. marched on down Lincoln Avenue all the way to Hennepin, clean new sidewalks and curbs in their purposeful wake, and it is not yet May. No wonder the company has been in business since 1888. Can many other businesses can say the same? Leaves this neighbor solidly hopeful.

• A certain member of my household disputes this chronology. Send corrections to me at jimfest@aol.com, or call for detailed disputation at 612-730-7435.





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Uptown Theatre



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GREATER TWIN CITIES UNITED WAY EXPANDS COVID-19 RELIEF EFFORTS

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Responds to 300 Percent Increase in Needs via its State-wide 211 Resource Helpline

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Greater Twin Cities United Way announced it has raised \$3.25 million to date via its Greater Twin Cities COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund, and \$1.75 million directly will benefit the Twin Cities region. Several national corporations based in the Twin Cities are partnering with Greater Twin Cities United Way to distribute the remaining \$1.5 million to other United Ways in markets where they have a presence.

“COVID-19 will continue to impact individuals, the nonprofit community and our local economy, which is why we’re distributing funds to local nonprofits in waves to meet both short and longer-term needs,” said John Wilgers, President & CEO of Greater Twin Cities United Way. “We’re so grateful for the generosity of many, including 25 companies and 497 individuals.”

Distribution of Second Wave of Funding

In addition to the \$200,000 United Way distributed in March, the organization announced it is distributing a total of \$315,000 in its second grant round to support 56 of United Way’s nonprofit partners. This round of funding will address critical community needs, including:

- Early childhood education
- Support for people most impacted by layoffs in the hospitality industry
- Support for organizations led by and predominately serving black, Indigenous and people of color:

These organizations often operate as cultural centers – yet are under-funded – and are well positioned to provide holistic, culturally responsive support as well as enhanced life outcomes for the people they serve.

Third and Fourth Funding Waves

The third wave of funding is open to eligible nonprofits through a competitive application process. United Way will distribute a minimum of \$400,000 before the end of May. United Way will distribute its fourth wave of funding to nonprofits later this summer.

“We are committed to targeting our resources to the areas of greatest need, especially during crises,” said Acooa Ellis, Senior Vice President of Community Impact at Greater Twin Cities United Way. “As we seek to foster a region where all thrive – regardless of income, race and place of residence – our COVID-19 funding strategy is mindful of both existing disparities and the nimble ingenuity that is inherent in the nonprofit sector.”

Calls Surge to Greater Twin Cities United Way’s Statewide 211 Resource Helpline

Compared to the same time last year, United Way’s 211 operators are providing a 300 percent increase in referrals to services for people in need across Minnesota. Food, housing and clothing/household items are the top three needs.

Specifically, United Way has seen an increase in need compared to last year in: • Food: 1,283 percent increase

• Housing: 286 percent increase, particularly rent assistance. Call volumes have increased significantly not

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And the people stayed home.
 And the people stayed home.
 And read books, and listened, and rested.
 and exercised, and made art, and played games,
 and grew gardens full of fresh food,
 and learned new ways of being, and were still.
 And listened more deeply.

Some meditated, some prayed, some danced.
 Some met their shadows
 And the people began to think differently.
 And the people healed.

And, in the absence of people living in ignorant,
 dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways,
 the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed,
 and the people joined together again,
 they grieved their losses,
 and made new choices,
 and dreamed new images,
 and created new ways to live and heal the earth
 fully,
 as they had been healed.

Kathleen O'Meara (1839-1888), pen name Grace Ramsay

NorthStar Neighbor is a new nonprofit organization matching volunteers with seniors or those at high risk of COVID-19 who need remote companionship and conversation and help with delivery of food or prescriptions.

The program matches healthy, low-risk Minnesotans who are under 60 with a senior in their community who is 60 or older or otherwise high-risk. Once the connection is made, the matched individuals take complete ownership of the process and their relationship, but the volunteer is encouraged to talk via phone or electronic means on a regular basis with his or her match and inquire about needed deliveries of supplies, food or prescriptions.

The initiative was founded by a group of volunteers and is not part of any government program. Jeff Johnson, a Hennepin County Commissioner, is leading the effort.

"Minnesotans are generous and caring and we all want to find a way to help someone else right now," Johnson said. "I have no doubt we will see an outpouring of those who want to volunteer – the challenge will be finding those who are isolated and disconnected and need a little companionship or help."

Anyone wanting to volunteer or needing a match can apply at www.NorthStarNeighbor.com or by calling 612-430-8899.

"This program is a two-way street," Johnson added. "Those who volunteer are providing a gift to someone in need, but it's important to recognize that those who are receiving help are also providing a gift to someone who desperately wants to help a fellow Minnesotan in this time of social isolation."

Hello Friends,

When we sent our first update in September of last year, there were 144 donors to the Save the Seven Pools campaign. Now there are 274 donors, coming from ten different states! Thank you again for your support! Due to your generosity, we have raised \$275,000. This has all been accomplished by people like you simply sharing the story of our beloved neighborhood park with others. Thank you also to everyone who has donated in memory of Jean Clark this spring. Jean attended an informational meeting at The Kenwood Residences last year and was a donor herself. Very special.

The Friends of Thomas Lowry Park board recently held a project update that we wanted to share with you via video. Michael Schroeder, Assistant Superintendent of Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board speaks first and Carlos (CJ) Fernandez, of Aune Fernandez Landscape Architects (who is working with MPRB in overseeing portions of the rebuild) speaks second. If you don't listen to the whole thing, you won't want to miss the computer simulation of the park around 9:22.

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1r9Tt4SOiP-oDDatsn23hPkPBhffxb2sW>

We can still receive donations until the beginning of August, when demolition and reconstruction are slated to begin. Any funds we receive above what is needed for the pools will be used for capital improvements in Thomas Lowry Park, hopefully redoing portions of the brick path in partnership with MPRB.

Again, **we are thankful for you.** Please check out our Friends of Thomas Lowry Park Facebook page for recent happenings in the park(the pergola had a needed pruning!).

Keep sharing the story,

Elizabeth Shaffer
 and the Friends of Thomas Lowry Park board
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Cedar Isles Dean Neighborhood Association

By Deb Jessen



CEDAR-ISLES-DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES, April 15, 2020

The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

Board members attending: Chair Mary Pattock, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Treasurer Clem Foltz, Evan Carlson, Stephen Goltry, James Reid, Claire Ruebeck, Amanda Vallone

Coordinator: Deb Jessen

Absent: Gabriel Andrews

Chair Mary Pattock called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The board approved the minutes from the March 2020 board meeting and approved the agenda with the addition of guest speaker Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) Senior Planner Emma Pachuta.

City Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

The April Lunch with Lisa is cancelled.

CM Goodman's office is sending out its newsletter bimonthly and its traffic report bimonthly.

Yard waste collection began on April 6 and street cleaning begins on April 21.

Property valuation notices have been sent to property owners. The appeals process will be virtual.

Comment periods on Neighborhoods 2020 and the Minneapolis Transportation Plan have been extended until July 15 and May 22 respectively

MDH has released a COVID-19 emergency fund RFP for Minneapolis nonprofits, including neighborhood associations. Priority will be given to organizations serving communities of color and low-income communities.

There still are openings for residents on two City committees

Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Aging

Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities

Chair's Report, Mary Pattock

Mary attended the virtual April 2 Neighborhoods 2020 meeting. The comment period is extended until July 15, 2020.

The CIDNA Annual Meeting has been postponed until further notice due to COVID-19. Deb will write a first draft of an annual report to share with the community.

Some form of Board retreat — whether in person or virtual — will be held to reflect on progress on annual goals and how to proceed in the future.

CERT planning has been delayed due to COVID-19. Claire said May 4 is International Firefighters Day and CIDNA recognition would be appropriate.

Regarding CIDNA's COVID-19 response, CIDNA will post Jones-Harrison's appeal for neighborhood help on the CIDNA website and on Facebook, and link to it on the next e-newsletter. The newsletter will list local restaurants, businesses and nonprofits that would like neighborhood patronage during the pandemic, and will invite other CIDNA-area small businesses to submit their names for listing in the next newsletter. The City is accepting applications to fund emergency COVID-projects. Deb will contact Jones-Harrison to ask if CIDNA could help them with such a project.

Coordinator's Report, Deb Jessen

Deb thanked the board for its patience with changing procedures due to COVID-19.

MPRB is asking CIDNA to revise any parts of our Community Collaborator grant proposal that would be impacted by COVID-19 restrictions. Deb and the Environmental Preservation Committee will make such changes and resubmit the proposal.

Neighborhood associations are adapting to virtual

meetings across Minneapolis. NCR has acknowledged the inability to hold in-person meetings

Deb will send out additional e-newsletters, as needed, relating to COVID-19.

Claire suggested including a new feature to the e-newsletter, a CIDNA volunteer and resident spotlight. Board members are encouraged to send suggestions to Deb.

Treasurer's Report

Clem has been able to write checks as needed using our new PDF format for check requests and signatures.

Transportation Committee

Dave Davies, outreach coordinator for the Metropolitan Council, spoke about SWLRT construction issues and concerns.

The first virtual meeting of the all five cities of the Construction Information Workshop (CIW) was held in March.

Dave is committed to communicating the longer view of construction impacts even if clarifications will have to be made one to two weeks before the actual timeline due to changes in schedules.

Dave responded to questions and concerns from board members. He said that as freight tracks are relocated, soil and ballast are being brought in to create a suitably strong support.

Environmental Preservation Committee, Claire Ruebeck

Emma Pachuta, senior planner with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board gave a PowerPoint presentation on the development of its Comprehensive Plan: Parks for All. She said the plan does not start from scratch, and in response to a question, said it would not entail a shift in balance between preservation of natural resources and recreation. She said an important goal would be to identify measures of success. She suggested that our association attend the April 21 CAC meeting and the May Summit meeting, and comment on the draft plan when it is published.

Claire emailed the board a report on Park Siding Park stewardship agreement & gardening dates, Cedar Lake-Lake of the Isles Master Plan community listening session, and collaborative opportunity with Cedar Lake Park Association. It will be posted on the CIDNA Google Drive

Social Committee, Amanda Vallone

The board voted to adopt a conflict-of-interest protocol suggested by Jess Birken, an attorney retained by the City to assist neighborhood associations.

Following that protocol, Amanda proposed that CIDNA purchase from her company, ARTrageous Adventures: an art box for use by 22 Jones-Harrison residents in assisted-living (\$100), and May Day Baskets for each of the 182 Jones-Harrison residents (\$500). The cost is higher this year because, due to COVID-19, volunteers cannot be used and the local florist, Indulge & Bloom, is not able to donate flowers. Amanda exited the Zoom meeting for discussion and vote on the project. The board decided that the projects would benefit its Jones-Harrison residents, especially during this time of social isolation, and voted to approve both projects. Amanda rejoined the meeting.

Land Use and Zoning Committee, Evan Carlson

There are no updates as most work on the Calhoun Beach Club project and other projects are idle due to COVID-19.

Neighborhood Safety Committee, Steve Goltry

Work at 3100 W. Lake Street will continue into September.

The new traffic island at the intersection of Minnetonka Blvd. and Excelsior Blvd. will be planted with five hackberry trees.

Damon Farber is the landscape architecture firm for 3100 Lake Street and the traffic island.

Steve will investigate whether sale of the BP Station at the intersection of Minnetonka Blvd. and Excelsior Blvd. has actually been completed.

Old Business, Mary Pattock

New Business:

Rosanne reported on the Census 2020 grant. The

East Isles Residents' Association

Submitted by: Debbie Gold, Secretary, EIRA Board of Directors

Minutes from the EIRA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting Tuesday, March 10, 2020, Grace Trinity Community Church

Board members present Ellen van Iwaarden (President), Mike Erlandson (Vice-President), Andrew Degerstrom (Treasurer), Debbie Gold (Secretary) Becky Accettura, Emma Erdahl, John Grochala, John Morrow, Molly Simmons

Board Members not present: Julia Curran, Steve Havig. Alternates not present: John Erlandson, Eric Hausman. Guests: Council Member, Lisa Goodman, Resident, Josh Leibfried

Welcome & Call to Order: Ellen van Iwaarden, EIRA President 7:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker, Council Member Lisa Goodman, City of Minneapolis

Guest Speaker, Council Member Lisa Goodman notified the neighborhood that Minneapolis has set up an emergency operation to respond to developing circumstances related to COVID-19. She assured residents that—as a result of the 35W bridge collapse—Minneapolis is ahead of the curve for emergency preparedness. The City is still recruiting for two open positions to represent the 7th Ward. The Advisory Committee on Aging and on The Advisory Committee on Disabilities are both in need of representatives. These positions help advise the city as to specific needs related to those constituencies. If you are interested in serving on either of these committees or know of someone who might be, please contact Lisa Goodman's office Lisa.Goodman@minneapolismn.gov.

This month's Lunch with Lisa event will feature speaker Robert Lilligren from the Native American Community Development Institute (NACDI) and will be held on March 25th. Lilligren is an executive at the NACDI and previously served as CEO of the Little Earth United Tribes. He served on the Minneapolis City Council from 2001 to 2014, including as Council Vice President for 12 of those years, and as a leader on several city commissions and collaborative groups. He also served on the Metropolitan Council's Transportation Advisory Board for 12 years while a local elected official.

REMINDER: Please remember to complete the 2020 Census.

President's Report

Ellen reported that the Outreach & Nominations Committee has been planning the Annual Meeting for Tuesday, April 28 [now rescheduled to Tuesday, May 12]. The neighborhood will be participating with the Minneapolis Park & Recreation (MPRB) board in the annual Earth Day clean-up along Lake of the Isles on Saturday, April 18 [cancelled by the MPRB]. The annual Ice Cream Social will be held on Tuesday, July 21, with

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Minneapolis Foundation is administering grants to support Minnesota's Complete Count Committees, working to achieve a complete and accurate count of Minnesota residents during the 2020 Census. CIDNA will use the money to encourage participation among renters and seniors.

The board voted to authorize CIDNA's Complete Count Committee to spend up to \$400 of the \$750 grant funds.

Mary thanked Rosanne for her work on the project, suggested Walgreens as a possible partner, and suggested encouraging further participation in CIDNA events by CIDNA-area renters who will be contacted in the grant outreach.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting will be held virtually on:

Wednesday, May 13, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Those who wish to participate should email: info@cidna.org.

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

Kenwood Neighborhood Organization

By Shawn Smith

East Isles Residents' Association

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April 6th 2020 Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Meeting Minutes

KNO Board met via GoTo Meetings Online

Chair Shawn Smith called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. Motion to approve the agenda was granted.

Directors present: Chair: Shawn Smith Treasurer: Matt Spies, Angie Erdrich, Evelyn Turner, Vice Chair Jeremy Nichols, Will Stensrud, Kyle Leier, Marc Brown, Jack Levi, and Melinda Platt. Absent: Marc Holtey Also present: CM Lisa Goodman, Amanda Vallone (minutes), Park Board President Jono Cowgill and Park Police Captain Calvin Noble.

City of Minneapolis Update – CM Lisa Goodman

No Lunch with Lisa this month

Yard Waste Collections started on April 6th and will continue through November, weather permitting. It is collected by a special truck, not your regular garbage truck. Street Sweeping will begin the week of April 21st and go through May 11th.

Property Notice Valuations have been mailed and cover values from 2019. 2020 valuations for 2021 will be impacted by COVID and SWLRT Construction. Contact CM Lisa Goodman if you have questions on your valuation. This is the time to file an appeal if you feel your property tax evaluation does not represent your property actual value.

Extending the comment deadline to May 22nd for the Public Transportation Act.

Tree Trust – There are still trees left at \$25 if you would like to purchase one. Order through <https://mpls-tree-sale.myshopify.com/>

COVID Weekly Newsletter is available from the City of Minneapolis.

The City is working on how elections will be conducted if the COVID situation continues.

Parks Update: Discussion on social Distancing in parks & trails

Park Board has been meeting with MN Health Dept about guidelines and practices. Also looking at what other cities are doing as well. Two main priorities include: #1 Health and Safety #2 Public space for people to go to exercise and be outdoors.

Beach closures could change as new data is evaluated. The Park board is taking steps to prevent congregating and virus spread, and has cancelled all public events in the parks such as Rock the Garden. The closures were announced now to avoid hiring summer workers that would not be needed, such as lifeguards.

Closures include beaches, sport courts, buildings, splash pads, and pools. Restroom and water fountains will remain closed. An ambassador program is being created to manage increased usage of trails and public park spaces, and to educate the public on social distancing. Staff will be transitioned over to these duties....

Capt Noble – Chief Ohotto's duties 100% focused on COVID; Captain Noble has taken on Park Police staff responsibilities. People are permitted to use outdoor spaces even with Stay at Home Orders. Many calls were coming in about ignoring Social Distancing. Citations are not currently being issued and the police are just providing education and encouraging safety measures.

Park Police are re vamping a new 2-week training program to focus on the basic operations of park properties. Park Police will not displace homeless on park properties as long as crimes are not being committed and the mental health of a person seems stable.

Signs to be posted to announce that beaches are closed.

Closed park areas will not be staffed. People may continue to use the spaces and there will be need some patrol to ensure basic safety.

East Cedar Beach Planning

KNO has made significant progress on cleaning up the beach and creating family programming. There is concern that progress will be set back if we cannot program and rely solely on policing.

Jono Cowgill acknowledged concerns about losing

progress but recommended cancelling KNO programming through June. KNO will keep the community informed if cancellations are extended.

KNO will continue a Morning Beach crew to maintain the space through the season.

Capt. Noble reported: 108 incident reports in 2018 and 78 in 2019.

ECB sub-committee will work with Park Police to determine if the \$2500 set aside for overtime needs to be increased by transfer of programming funds.

KNO encourages local residents to help keep the beach free of trash if walking the beach.

LOI Parkway Partial Closure

The Park Board recently took action to extend closures to sections of Lake of the Isles Parkway and Cedar Lake Parkway. These closures will still allow emergency and delivery access to all sections. Barriers will need to be removed by emergency services to allow access to closed sections.

(Post Meeting) Fire Chief Fruetel confirmed that his department can operate with the new closures.

Concerns were expressed for the Park Board to work with the City of Minneapolis to ensure there are safe and signed detours through neighborhoods. Some community members have expressed frustration over increased traffic through neighborhood streets.

Nice Ride

Concerns were expressed for the Park Board to re-evaluate how Nice Ride will prevent virus spread on the bike sharing program. The Nice Ride website has some information on this and what they are doing.

President Cowgill shared 2019 Nice Ride Results for Kenwood stations. The average rides/year of any station in the city is 1700. The Horse Fountain station generated 1400 rides, as did the station by Lake of the Isles Church. The dog park station generated 1250 rides. The station at Kenwood Pet Clinic generated 500 rides.

Nice Ride's website announces a free 30 day membership for Healthcare workers.

Neighborhoods 2020 Funding Response

Tabled until the May Meeting. KNO stands to lose a significant portion of its city funding in some of the 2020 models. The comment period was extended till July 15.

May Annual Meeting Discussion

KNO is required by its bylaws to elect its 2020-2021 Board of Directors at the annual meeting, scheduled for May 4th.

KNO is planning to conduct this meeting on GoTo, and not in person. 15 Kenwood Community Members must be present to vote in the new board. The only requirement is that they live in Kenwood.

Treasurer Update – Matt Spies

The board approved payment to Contractor Amanda Vallone at the start of the quarter vs at the end of the quarter.

Southwest Light Rail Construction

SWLRT was not discussed during the meeting, however an update was provided by David Davies, Outreach Coordinator.

The Construction Information Workgroup had its first meeting on March 24. The CIW has neighborhood representation and will identify and address concerns relating to construction.

Vibration in the neighborhood will continue as the Channel Bridge and soil compaction, and will be monitored.

Current Trail Detours are being reviewed, adjustments may be made in April. Community Members are urged to stay out of the fenced construction areas.

Metro Transit and SWLRT have a hotline to call for updates: 612-373-3933 or you may sign-up for email updates at www.SWLRT.org

Chair Shawn Smith announced he will not be running for re-election for the 2020-2021 board. A new Chair will be needed. He then adjourned the meeting at 8:57PM.

Kenwood Board Priorities 2017-2020

KIAA Board Priorities 2017-2019 (standing topic

the rain date on Wednesday, July 22.

Ellen participated in the selection of the new Community Advisory Committee (CAC) to advise the MPRB on the redesign of the Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles parks. She reported that the process was a good one and she believes the selection group made excellent choices. The roster of the new CAC members will be available on Friday, March 13 [now available on the MPRB website]. Finally, the public comment period for the Southwest Service Area park redesign plans, which will impact The Mall, Joanne Levin Triangle Park, and Smith Triangle, will be open until April 25. Interested neighbors can comment on-line on the MPRB website.

Secretary's Report

The board approved the minutes from the February 11, 2020 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Andrew reviewed the current status of EIRA's finances by presenting a monthly transaction report. Andrew presented newly developed EIRA Financial Policies and Procedures for the BOD to review. The BOD voted to approve the new procedures.

Board Acts to Recommend Bylaw Changes

The board approved the recommendation to the neighborhood for changes to the EIRA bylaws. Changes include: Requiring voting procedures for EIRA's elections, requiring the board to decide annually on what rules of order it will use in conducting meetings, establishing an executive committee on the BOD, allowing non-EIRA residents to participate on board committees, and removing archaic language referencing the NRP Steering Committee. The neighborhood will vote on these changes at the upcoming annual meeting.

Committee Reports

East Isles Farmers Market

Debbie Gold, Co-Chair, informed the board that the new market manager, Jenny Breen, was introduced at the March committee meeting. The committee is actively seeking sponsors for the 2020 market. The market is scheduled to open on Thursday, June 18th. A permit was received from the MPRB. For more information, contact director@eastislesfarmersmarket.com.

Search Committee

Andrew updated the Board on the Search Committee's progress on finding a coordinator. Ellen, Emma, and Andrew will begin conducting interviews. The position has been vacant since September 2019.

Outreach and Nominations

Outreach and Nominations Chair, Emma Erdahl, presented a list of suggested election procedures compiled by the Outreach and Nominations Committee at their last meeting. The board voted to approve them. Discussions regarding the annual meeting continued with the meeting set for April 23 [This meeting is now scheduled for May 12th due to recommendations from the CDC on the COVID-19 pandemic] at Isles Bun and Coffee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

The next EIRA meeting will be at 7 pm on Tuesday, April 14th, 2020, at Grace Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th Street. [This meeting will now be held virtually]. The East Isles Residents Association invites and welcomes participation by all East Isles residents to every program, service, committee, and event. Please sign up for our newsletter at info@eastisles.org

and reminder)

- Address Southwest Light Rail Issues
- Protect our Lakes/Parks/Environment
- East Cedar Lake Beach Safety
- Support Kenwood Rec Center, School, and Neighborhood Events
- Contract consultant to assist with communication/c

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illustrated by the value of suggestion. In leaving something unsaid the beholder is given a chance to complete the idea and thus a great masterpiece irresistibly rivets your attention until you seem to become actually a part of it. A vacuum is there for you to enter and fill up to the full measure of your aesthetic emotion.

...on "Zennism"...

One Zen master defined Zen as the art of feeling the polar star in the southern sky.

To the transcendental insight of the Zen, words were but an incumbrance to thought.... 52. the whole idea of Teism is the result of this Zen conception of greatness in the smallest incidents of life. Taoism furnished the basis of aesthetic ideals, Zennism made them practical.

THE TEA ROOM

The Abode of Fancy. The Abode of Vacancy. The Abode of the Unsymmetrical.

The simplicity and purity of the tea-room resulted from emulation of the Zen monastery. ...

...the roji, the garden path that leads from the machiai to the tea-room, signified the first stage of illumination – the passage into self-illumination. The roji was intended to break connection with the outside world, and to produce a fresh sensation conducive to the full enjoyment of aestheticism in the tea-room itself. ... p. 61. Enshiu said the idea of the garden path was to be found in the following verses:

"A cluster of summer trees,
A bit of the sea,
A pale evening moon."

What Rikiu demanded was not cleanliness alone, but the beautiful and the natural too.

Zennism, with the Buddhist theory of evanescence and its demands of the mastery of spirit over matter, recognized the house only as a temporary refuge for the body. The body itself was but a hut in the wilderness, a flimsy shelter made by tying together the grasses that grew around, - when these ceased to be bound together they again became resolved into the original waste.

Art, to be fully appreciated, must be true to contemporaneous life. It is not that we should ignore the claims of posterity, but that we should try to assimilate them into our consciousness.

We can but weep over the senseless imitations of European buildings which one beholds in modern Japan. We marvel why, among the most progressive Western nations, architecture should be so devoid of originality, so replete with repetitions of obsolete styles. Perhaps we are now passing through an age of the democratization in art, while awaiting some princely master who shall establish a new dynasty. Would that we loved the ancients more and copied them less! It has been said that the Greeks were great because they never drew from the antique.

Thus it will be seen that the system of decoration used in our tea-houses is opposed to that which obtains in the West, where the interior of a house is often converted into a museum. ... It calls for a mighty wealth of appreciation to enjoy the constant sight of even a masterpiece, and limitless indeed must be the capacity for artistic feeling in those who must exist day after day in the midst of such confusion of color and form as is often seen in the homes of Europe and America.

In the tea-room the fear of repetition is a constant presence.

The simplicity of the tea-room and its freedom from vulgarity make it truly a sanctuary against the vexations of the outer world.

ART APPRECIATION

Kakuzo tells the Taoist tale of the taming of the Harp of Lungmen. The story concludes, told by Peiwoh, who was the only one who could play it, "others have failed because they only sang of themselves. I left the harp to choose its theme, and knew not truly whether the harp had been Peiwoh or Peiwoh were the harp."

Our mind is the canvas on which the artists lay their colours; the pigments are our emotions; their chiaroscuro the light of joy, the shadow of sadness. The masterpiece is of ourselves, as we are of the masterpiece.

"Approach a great painting as you would approach a



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tion of the flowers, and leaves them to tell their own story.

TEA-MASTERS

In religion the Future is behind us. In art the Present is eternal.

He only who has lived with beauty can die beautifully.

(all quotations from THE BOOK OF TEA, by Okakura Kakuzo, Charles E. Tuttle Company, Rutland, Vermont-Tokyo, Japan, ©1956. Originally published in 1906. Illustrations at head of each chapter taken from ink drawings of Sesshu (1420-1506), the greatest of Japanese painters in the same Zen tradition that inspired the tea ceremony. Typography and book design by Kaoru Ogimi. Printed in Japan. My copy is from the 23rd printing, 1973.)

James P. Lenfestey

great prince." In order to understand a great masterpiece, you must lay yourself low before it and await with bated breath its least utterance." ... A master always has something to offer, while we go hungry solely because of our own lack of appreciation. ... The masters are immortal because their love and fears live in us over and over. It is rather the soul, than the hand, the man than the technique, which appeals to us, - the more human the call the deeper our response. FOR ZARA

Nothing is more hallowing that the union of kindred spirits in art. At the moment of meeting the art lover transcends himself. At once he is and is not. He catches a glimpse of Infinity but words cannot voice his delight, for his eye has no tongue. Freed from the fetters of matter, his spirit moves in the rhythm of things. It is thus that art is akin to religion and ennobles mankind. It is this which makes a masterpiece something sacred.

It is much to be regretted that so much of the apparent enthusiasm of art in the present day has no foundation in real feeling.

We are destroying art in destroying the beautiful in life. Would that some great wizard might from the stem of society shape a mighty harp whose strings would resound to the touch of genius.

FLOWERS

In joy or in sadness, flowers are our constant friends. ...

We have even attempted to speak in the language of flowers... It frightens one to conceive of a world bereft of their presence.

When we are laid low in the dust it is they who linger in sorrow over our graves.

... the supreme idol, ourselves! Our god is great, and money is his Prophet! We devastate nature in order to make sacrifice to him. We boast that we have conquered Matter and forget that it is Matter that has enslaved us. What atrocities do we not perpetrate in the name of culture and refinement!

Tell me, gentle flowers, teardrops of the stars standing in the garden, nodding your heads to the bees as they sing of the dew and the sunbeams, are you aware of the fearful doom that awaits you?

Why were the flowers born so beautiful yet so hapless?... The only flower known to have wings is the butterfly; all others stand helpless before the destroyer. (for RM PYLE)

The ideal lover of flowers is he who visits them in their native haunts, like Taoyuen-ming who sat before a broken bamboo fence in converse with the wild Chrysanthemum.... (FOR DAVID ASTIN)

Change is the only Eternal, - why not as welcome Death as Life?

Why not destroy flowers if thereby we can evolve new forms ennobling the world idea? We only ask them to join in our sacrifice to the beautiful. We shall atone for the deed by consecrating ourselves to Purity and Simplicity. Thus reasoned the Tea-masters when they established the Cult of Flowers.

The tea-master deems his duty ended with the selec-

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VOLUNTEER LEADS

SWLRT – Evelyn Turner
East Cedar Lake Beach – Will Stensrud
Recruiting/Diversity – Aria Christenson
Kenwood Schools – Marc Brown
NRP/ CPP – Amanda Vallone
Neighborhood Parks 2020 CAC – Larry Moran
In need of LOI/Environmental Protection

Updates: Please visit our website at kenwoodminneapolis.org. If you are interested in participating on the Board, please contact us via our website.

The next Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Board meeting is on Monday, May 4th at 7PM and will be an online meeting via GoTo. Monthly meetings are held on the first calendar Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. KNO invites and encourages participation by every resident, including renters to each program, service, and event organized by KNO. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, please let us know by contacting us at kenwoodminneapolis.org

Sand Upon the Waters

By Tom H. Cook

LETTERS

To the Editor:

With Mr. Wilson having departed for dryer (if not greener) pastures, don't know if anyone is working on anything related to SWLRT right now. Wanted to bring this to your attention anyway. SWLRT has laughably been qualified as an "essential business", so the work here continues while the rest of us try to keep a safe distance from each other. The SWLRT project office had done a copy/paste of this language in their regular updates for the last couple weeks...

"The civil contractor is practicing working environment protocols (asking employees to stay home if they are sick, social distancing, etc.) as outlined by public health agencies. Essential Met Council staff continue to monitor and review construction activities and conditions through our field inspectors and their on-site reporting."

Before they even added that language, we were concerned about the regular, close gatherings of construction workers we were witnessing and had sent the project office pictures documenting that this was obviously not true. As far as we can tell, the crews have taken no action to alter their behavior, and the project office hasn't offered any explanation or promise of action beyond the copy/paste language above. Therefore, we are bringing it to the attention of local media.

Matthew Dahlquist

To the Editor:

COVID-19 & Factory Farms

COVID-19 data for the state of Minnesota shows that Martin County in the rural, southern part of the state has the highest rate per capita for those affected with coronavirus. Martin County also has more hogs raised on factory farms in the state than any other county. The world of science sees a correlation between factory farms and pandemics. Last November, the American Public Health Association advised federal, state, and local governments and public health agencies to impose a moratorium on all new and expanding Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs); aka: factory farms. The time to take action is past due.

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only from callers in Minneapolis and St. Paul, but also the suburbs, including Dakota, Washington and Anoka counties.

- Clothing/Household: 610 percent increase
- Legal Services/Government Assistance: 205 percent increase
- Mental Health: 189 percent increase
- Healthcare: 72 percent increase

Given school closures, United Way 211 is partnering with school districts to provide reliable information to parents related to childcare, meal programs and other services.

United Way Advocates for State Funding and Policy to Support Children and Nonprofits

As conveners of the Start Early Funders Coalition – a collaboration of more than 20 members of Minnesota's philanthropic community – Greater Twin Cities United Way helped provide financial support to a grassroots effort, resulting in \$30 million in state-wide, emergency child care grants for child care providers. The Coalition's mission is to advance affordable, accessible and high-quality care and education so all children in Minnesota have a healthy start and are prepared for lifelong success.

Additionally, in partnership with local and statewide nonprofits, United Way is activating hundreds of Minnesotans to urge legislators to take emergency action in support of the nonprofit sector – critical frontline partners in Minnesota's crisis response and recovery. Areas of focus include increased investment in the Family Homelessness Prevention Assistance Program and the creation of a nonprofit recovery fund.

Faced with crisis, the man of character falls back on himself. He imposes his own stamp of action, takes responsibility for it, makes it his own.

— Charles de Gaulle

COVID-19 has reached crisis level in Alaska. Government officials have urged citizens to work from Nome.

— Tom H. Cook

Not only does COVID-19 terrify me, but I am already starting to worry about the Apple upgrade COVID-20.

— Ibid

Every time I read an article about the virus and the deleterious effects it is having, particularly on seniors and the elderly, my heart goes out to them. Then I remember that I am no longer fifteen, or thirty-five or even fifty-five. (A New Yorker cartoon features middle aged couples mingling at a very staid cocktail party. One man, balding and be-speckled in coat and tie indistinguishable from the rest, stands slightly apart, a thought bubble above his head reads, "Yikes, grownups!")

Nano seconds later I remember I am not simply a baby boomer but also a charter member of most every risk group. I need to pay attention. This stuff is on the final! This is not a drill although projections and possible outcomes are ever changing. The crisis is way past hand washing, masks, and keeping a distance. Hunkering is hard as I have weak ankles, but I am all in.

VERY RANDOM THOUGHTS

Some fall asleep counting their blessings. The other night I got stuck on my regrets, like recently investing heavily in a start-up speed dating app.

In my daydream I'm seated in the exit row of a plane. There is turbulence. I have been comfortably faking it for many years. Now I must immediately familiarize myself with the material in my seat back pocket, which appears to be written in Gujarati, French, and Hebrew. I panic trying to recall the video and the flight attendant's words. I am a row captain; lives depend on me. I am startled awake, safely at home, under my bed. I enter the kitchen and greet JoAnne (the editor) as I whistle the theme from The High and Mighty (John Wayne 1954).

I live in a haze. I imagine standing in a parking lot afraid to enter a local market. There is a group of young skateboarders coming and going from the store. I approach and ask if they will buy me a gallon of milk. They rebuff me angrily. The leader of the youths snarls that I was the dude who refused to get them beer some weeks ago.

A crowd of sixty or more is waiting for the super-market to open. Finally the store manager comes out and explains the ground rules. The crowd is pensive and tense but in line. She asks for questions and the game of

Go Fish begins. (In the kids' card game you may ask for the card you need. For example, "Do you have any 7s?" If the other player has none, you draw a card or go fish) This is the adult version being played at 6:00 am with a worried and anxious crowd. Someone starts, "Do you have toilet paper?" "How about bread?" asks another. "Eggs?" asks a third. Next someone calls out "Have you any shrimp forks?" I got a big laugh and bid a hasty retreat. (True story)

Remember the old joke about the optimist falling from a very tall building? Passing the 20th floor, he calls out, "So far so good." It's like that.

Then there was the fitful nightmare. I am one of many terrified souls perched on the ledge of a burning building. Manning the net below are Moe, Larry, and Curly, historically known as Individual One, his son-in-law, and The Man From Glad. Moving slowly back and forth, defying directions from the WHO and the CDC, The Three Stooges appear to be concerned about the Fox camera optics, as opposed to saving any of us.

My best advice is to stop listening to R.E.M It's The End Of The World As We Know It. If you have a Google machine, blast out Gloria Gaynor's I Will Survive.

Tom H. Cook has almost completed rearranging his sock drawer. There are 843 little mosaic tile pieces in his bathroom. He really, really hopes to be back with you soon. In the words of Sargent Philip Esterhaus on Hill Street Blues, "Hey...let's be careful out there!"

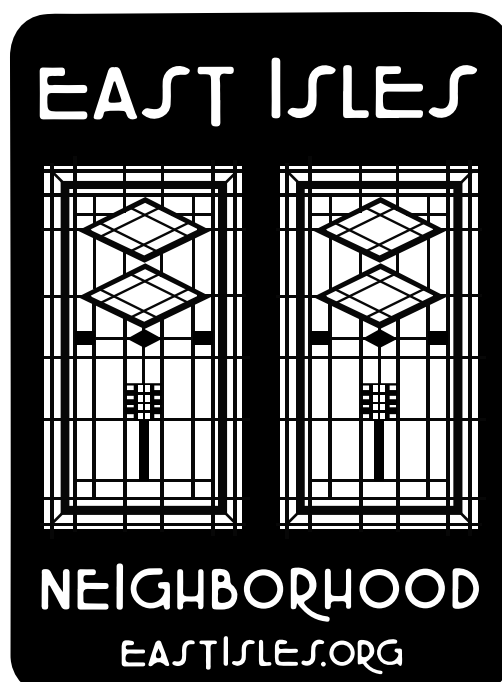
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ARTrageous Adventures had to close its doors as many other small non essential businesses did. In order to keep its art instructors employed they went to a different business model within one week's time. They are now creating ARTrageous BOXED Adventures and delivering to homes throughout the Twin Cities to keep kids at home creating art with their families.

ARTrageous currently offers a preschool, school aged and teen box with many different seasonal themes such as the recently released eARTh Day box and upcoming May

Day box. There is even a Birthday Box for that special day, since so many birthday parties had to be cancelled. Each box comes with the supplies and an instructional booklet to create up to 5 projects. You will also receive a fun follow up email that has a video link with a DIY on how to turn your ARTrageous box into something special for each theme.

Some community members asked how they could help ARTrageous during this time if they did not have any children. This led to the idea for a Donation Box that

could be purchased by any community member to be delivered to a Senior Facility, Foster Home or family in need. Just recently the National Kidney Foundation reached out requesting a donation from ARTrageous to be able to deliver boxes to their families who have children with chronic kidney disease who are in isolation.

If you are able to make a donation or would like more information about purchasing a box for your family or for another please go to www.ARTrageousAdventures.com and help our one of our small businesses in our community.

Amanda Vallone
Owner, Artrageous Adventures



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