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## The Seven Pools Project Begins!



### CALLING ALL RESIDENT TEENS

ARTrageous Adventures received a grant from the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board as a Community Collaborator and is looking for a group of teens to assist with helping shape our future parks and create a community that values the voice of our youth. A series of 4 workshops that focus on a different area of the arts will be held for ages 10 - 17 to share your visions in a creative way of what you want Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles to look like in the future.

For more information and to get the details of how your teen can get involved please email: [ARTrageousAdventures.info@gmail.com](mailto:ARTrageousAdventures.info@gmail.com) to RSVP for the Pizza pARTy info session on Thursday, April 29th at 6:30pm. Location will be given at time of RSVP and we will follow Covid guidelines.

Come be a pART of this fun group that will also have an opportunity to volunteer for some meaningful and creative projects in the community in the coming year!

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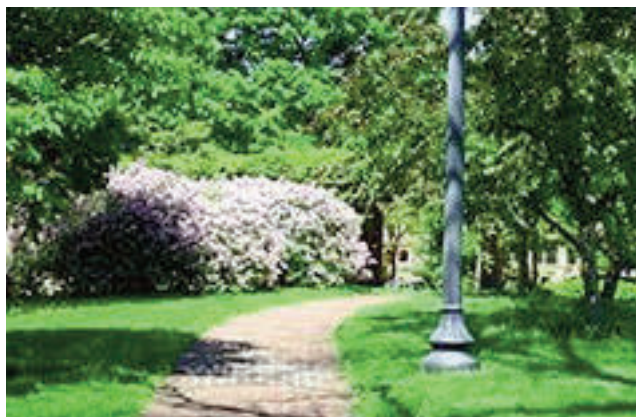


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If you haven't walked through Thomas Lowry Park recently, come for a visit, there is work afoot! Tree protection measures, fencing, a bobcat and backhoe were delivered to the park this past week and action will start the week of April 19th. A small gathering of community members met briefly to celebrate the beginning of the Seven Pools project.....FTLP and LHNA board members, neighbors, volunteers, MPRB commissioner Meg Forney, youth and pets! Elizabeth Shaffer shared a few words of thanks to everyone who has supported this project. "Together we have embodied the words of our park's namesake Thomas Lowry: "The `public-spirited life is as a tree ever-bearing new fruit." 100 more years!!!





**Lunch with Lisa**

**Lunch with Lisa will be held on Wed, April 28, Noon-1 p.m.,** featuring the AVIVO Village project in North Minneapolis, an interior, tiny home community alternative to outdoor encampments. (<https://avivomn.org/>). Contact Lisa's office if you have questions or want to attend.

**Saint Paul's Church on Lake of the Isles Continues Key Outreach Programs in 2021**

Outreach is a key missional focus at Saint Paul's Church on Lake of the Isles. In collaboration with the direction and vision of Saint Paul's Vestry and new Priest-in-Charge, the Reverend Ramona Scarpace, the Outreach Steering Committee leads the congregation in engaging God's mission in the world outside the walls of Saint Paul's Church. The committee does this with an emphasis on feeding and housing for those in need and improving the awareness to those needs through the power of education.

Saint Paul's will continue to provide a variety of opportunities in 2021 for the congregation and neighbors to be involved in outreach that aligns with their mission. Community events like Collection Saturdays (April's date and suggested donations announced below) and faith formation programs are planned. Saint Paul's outreach partners Books for Africa, Joyce Uptown and Saint Nicholas Episcopal Church Food Shelves, Youth Link and Saint Stephen's Outreach, and Southside Care Center are all amplified and provide a connection to our neighborhood. All neighbors are welcome to join in these outreach efforts which encourage community awareness and involvement. More details can be found in our weekly newsletter, Saint Paul's Epistle, posted on our website: [stpaulsmpls.org](http://stpaulsmpls.org).

**Outreach Collection Saturday**

**24 April 2021 / 10:00am - 4:00pm**

**Saint Paul's Church on Lake of the Isles**

Joyce Uptown and Saint Nicholas Episcopal Church Food Shelves no used, opened, or expired items, please!

- cereal • peanut butter • granola bars • rice • dried and canned beans • canned meats • tortillas (flour or corn)
- salsa • sugar • tapioca • spaghetti or pasta • marinara sauce

Youth Link and Saint Stephen's Outreach no used, opened, or expired items, please!

- 1-2 person tents • adult sleeping bags • tarps • backpacks • ponchos/rain jackets • new packs of white t-shirts • new packs of underwear • adult socks • adult shoes (men size 11-14, women size 9-11) • diapers/pull-ups (newborn to adult)
- hooded sweatshirts • large sweatpants/joggers/leggings • travel sized toiletries • new personal hygiene items • bus passes/tokens • gift cards for fast food, gas (\$5-10 preferred) • cell phones, calling cards • new cleaning products • new bathroom supplies • totes • full/queen "bed-in-a-bag" • towels • sheet sets (labeled with size)

Books for Africa and Little Library gently used/new, culturally sensitive books - no mildewed, dirty, or torn books, please!

- children's books • Young Adult books • popular fiction and nonfiction reading books • primary, secondary, and college textbooks (published in last 15 years) • no encyclopedias, please!

**Neighborhood Meetings**

Because of the coronavirus, we are staying home, staying safe, and meeting by the internet, telephone, Zoom, and other virtual meetings. Please check for changed meetings times for KNO, LHNA, EIRA, and CIDNA on their websites or in monthly minutes.

**MAY DAY BASKET MAKING TRADITION**

CIDNA will once again sponsor the annual May Day basket making for Jones Harrison Residence for the 6th year in a row. This year will look a bit different due to the pandemic but we plan to gather a small group of families to create these beautiful spring surprises. Indulge & Bloom will assist in providing some of the flowers to make these baskets come to life with color! If you are interested in volunteering please email [info@cidna.org](mailto:info@cidna.org). The JH staff will then deliver them to each of the 150 residents on the morning of May 1st.

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**Just in time for National Environmental Education Week, Como Park Zoo & Conservatory is launching two new, free, educational virtual programs for preschoolers thru 12th grade. An educational program from Como Park Zoo & Conservatory will enhance any curriculum.**

With Covid-19 limiting Como's ability to visit schools, Como's educators along with a few animal ambassadors, have come up with entertaining and educational ways to virtually visit students in their classroom.

The first new program, "Como Class Pass", enables schools with preschoolers – 12th grade the ability to enjoy the same multi-aged, multi-themed programs that would normally visit schools throughout the year. Programs will include pre-recorded presentations of live animal ambassadors; some topics include fun, virtual activities. Once reserved, you will receive access to the program you selected that will be active for 7 days

**NOTE:** We will be checking all donations at the door since we can no longer dispose of items that are not on this list, so please check carefully before you donate to save time as you drop off.

Thank you so much of thinking of your neighbors - locally and throughout the world- during this time of need! If you are unable to attend this month, plan to join us for one of our future Collection Saturdays, held the 4th Saturday of every month.

enabling you to show your class the video at a time that works best for you. The second program is a free virtual lesson series for all 2nd grade classrooms in the state of Minnesota called "Como Connections"

These lessons build meaningful connections between students and Como's plants and animals at a time when field trips are not feasible.

Interested in offering these free lessons to your 2nd grade students? Contact Bekah Hanes, Learning Experiences Coordinator at [bekah.hanes@stpaul.gov](mailto:bekah.hanes@stpaul.gov) for more information and to get on the email list.

**Where we are Now**  
**By Jean Deatrick, Editor**

Hill and Lake Press is doing well thanks to the outpouring of support from our community and our advertisers.

Hill and Lake Press has published only 12 pages monthly for quite some time. In the past we often went to 16 or 20 pages and would like to do so again. In the meantime however, we are staying focused on our four neighborhoods: Kenwood, Cedar-Isles-Dean, East Isles, and Lowry Hill and that has proven successful.

We are grateful for your contributions, your ads, your many kind and supportive emails and your phone calls. We want to keep our neighborhood newspaper alive during these difficult times for small newspapers and all newspapers. We are living in stressful times during this time of conflict. And please keep your articles, photos, and advertisements coming. Thank you.

And a special thank you to Barry Lazarus for his contribution. He and Mary moved to a condo downtown but he stays loyal to our neighborhood. We are grateful for his continued support.

And remember to caucus for Lisa Goodman. Our Seventh Ward Council Member has been a dynamic and hard working member of our City Council. She is always ready to listen and attend neighborhood meetings, and has offered balanced and thoughtful advice. We need her to continue her leadership for the Seventh Ward. We support Lisa Goodman.



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### Meet Your Neighbor Justin Baylor

Craig Wilson interviews Justin Baylor about growing up in Lowry Hill, owning a small business during a pandemic and his volunteer work managing events for the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association (LHNA)—including a trash pick-up along Hennepin Avenue this Saturday April 24th from 9 AM – 11 AM at Douglas and Hennepin in honor of Earth Day.

**What was it like growing up in Lowry Hill as a kid?** It was good. I always felt like Lowry Hill was the secret in plain sight—a lot of friends outside the neighborhood were always surprised of its proximity to things. My fondest memories were playing with neighborhood friends—cutting through adjacent yards to get to other friends’ houses or to the trails. There are a lot of little shortcuts and nooks and crannies around, so if you see some kids briefly encroach on your back fence, take it easy on them—they are just being kids!

**How has the neighborhood changed over the years?** Not sure how to answer that. I don’t know if the community has changed all that much or just my perspective. I know I had a few more options of places to bike to as a kid—that were kid friendly, like “corner stores” such as Burch Pharmacy, the Kenwood bodega style store and record stores like Tidal Wave. I remember many Lecann Chin and Blockbuster nights—if you know, you know! It is sad to see some the businesses struggle right now, even worse to see them exit. I know my family is making a conscious effort to double down in supporting local services, business and entrepreneurs.

**Why did you choose to return as an adult?** As I looked around other parts of the city, the Hill Lake’s natural amenities and proximity to things are unlike any other in the city. The lakes, parks, trails, and proximity to Uptown, Downtown and freeways are second to

none. Our kids were a driving factor as well. We wanted somewhere safe but also a place that could provide those vibrations of the city—2020 may have exceeded that expectation but I’m excited to see what things have been sparked in this next generation and chapter.

**You’re a small business owner, how has the pandemic affected your business?** The negative is similar to most, so I won’t harp on that. The positive is that it has made us more fluid and nimbler. It gave everyone a creative license to think outside of the box and level the playing fields on “expertise” because no one had the answers.

**You volunteer as the events coordinator for the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association, what are events during a typical year?** Historically we have had events such as neighborhood super garage sale in partnership with East Isles, an ice cream social at Thomas Lowry Park, family ice skating at Lake of the Isles, historic home tours, snow shoe tours around the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden and our LHNA Annual Meeting, usually held at the Walker Art Center.

**Are there any events in 2021?** We have been following the recommendations of State health officials around social gatherings with the Covid-19 pandemic, so our meetings have all been virtual Zoom calls. We want to stay active as a Board and continue to build community so “yes” we have some socially distanced events coming up: 1) Earth Day trash pick-up along Hennepin Avenue this Saturday April 24th from 9 AM – 11 AM at Douglas and Hennepin; 2) a virtual Zoom call LHNA Annual Meeting on May 20th; 3) Thomas Lowry Park’s grand reopening of the Seven Pools, which will coincide with the annual Ice Cream Social likely in August. Look for more events to come as the restrictions loosen with the pandemic. Thank you for the questions Craig—if readers have ideas for events,



Justin Baylor and his family

please send us an email with your ideas at [lhna@lowry-hillneighborhood.org](mailto:lhna@lowry-hillneighborhood.org). Not that we will be able to do them all but it’s helpful to get a pulse on what ALL Lowry Hill residents would like to experience and helps us determine where to put our energy toward.

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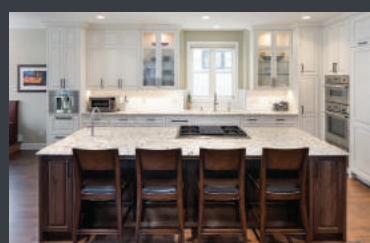
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### Minneapolis State Senators react to the guilty verdict in the trial of Derek Chauvin

SAINT PAUL, Minn – Today, April 20th, the jury in the Derek Chauvin trial released a verdict of guilty on all three counts of second-degree murder, third-degree murder, and second-degree manslaughter.

In response, the Minnesota State Senators representing Minneapolis released the following statement:

“This past year has been marked by the pain of so many in our communities and has united us all in the continued fight against racial injustice in Minnesota. We are committed to changing the current system to create accountability within our policing system and to hold police to the highest standard we should expect from those charged with enforcing the law and keeping us safe. Our BIPOC communities have been disproportionately impacted by police brutality and have demonstrated their resolution for achieving meaningful change to protect people of color within their communities.

“Minneapolis has gone through tremendous trauma within the past year. May the verdict bring some peace

to Mr. Floyd’s family, friends, and our community.

“In advance of tonight, we are calling on law enforcement officers to treat protestors with dignity and respect, and to not participate in any escalation of violence that may occur. With concerns towards the cross-jurisdictional support from outside Minneapolis and outside the state, we are stressing the need for reasonable and calm reactions to protestors and members of the media exercising their First Amendment Rights.

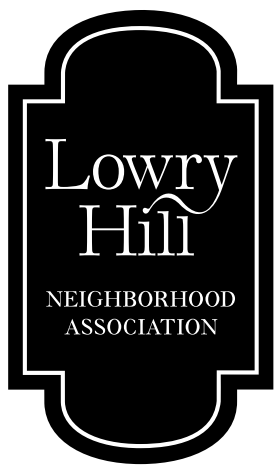
“We recognize the importance of safety and the work towards maintaining peace, and we implore state, county, and city officials to remember the world is watching and that their actions can either contribute to the continuation of violence that our community has faced or they can stop the cycle that has been occurring for centuries.

“The fight for justice doesn’t end with this guilty verdict - the verdict strengthens our resolve to enact real systemic change and end racial injustice. It is time

to once again come together and pass true police reform that will create impactful change to our current system. All people deserve to feel safe and secure within their own community, and we need to demonstrate as elected officials that we are making this a priority in the Minnesota State Senate.

“By working with our community, we can create a state where we all make it home safe at the end of the day, no matter our skin color or ZIP code.”

The city of Minneapolis is represented by the following: Sen. Kari Dziedzic, Sen. Patricia Torres Ray, Sen. Omar Fateh, Sen. Bobby Joe Champion, Sen. D. Scott Dibble.



## Don't miss the Lowry Hill Annual Meeting Thursday, May 20th 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

### All Lowry Hill residents are invited and encouraged to attend our Annual Meeting

Learn what LHNA has been up to this past year. Vote for LHNA Board Members, volunteer for a committee. Hear from your elected City Council, MPRB, county and state officials. Visit [lowryhillneighborhood.org](http://lowryhillneighborhood.org) to register for the meeting.

### Monthly LHNA Board Meeting

The next meeting is Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. All residents are welcome to join us. Details on how to attend will be on the website. If you have a question or wish to be on the agenda, please email us at [lhna@lowryhillneighborhood.org](mailto:lhna@lowryhillneighborhood.org) to register for the meeting.

### Safety Tips – Know Your Neighbor

Community collaboration is important in keeping everyone safe. The first thing you can do to improve neighborhood safety is simply get to know your neighbors.

- **Activate a neighborhood/block watch** to keep an eye on what’s happening on your street.
- **Share personal contact information** with each other for fast and easy communication.
- **Establish one contact per group** if needed for neighborhood alerts.
- **Notify neighbors** if you’ll be out of town. Consider swapping with neighbors for lawn mowing, sidewalk shoveling, or even parking in each other’s driveway.
- **Stay connected with neighbors.** If you notice a garage left open, packages, mail or newspapers left on the porch, let your neighbor know.
- **If there is a crime incident, let neighbors know right away.** They may have seen something or may have a surveillance camera that captured the crime on film.

Sign up for the LHNA email newsletter at [lowryhillneighborhood.org](http://lowryhillneighborhood.org)

We are celebrating Earth Day—  
 What would Mother Earth say?  
 Have we been able to play  
 In a healthy & sustainable way?


It is time to take a pass  
 On using all the gas—  
 We need to create a mass  
 Of people using alternatives at last!

The complications of combustion  
 Is a result of our compulsion  
 To NOT find a reasonable reduction  
 Of our continued consumption!

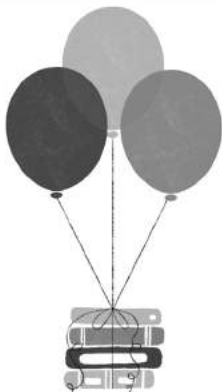
Think of ways to make a difference—  
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**THE URBAN COYOTE  
FORGETTING**

By James P. Lenfestey

At a recent gathering of the extended family, all adults vaccinated, grandson Oliver Lenfestey, age five, showed off his marvelous magic skills. Before the potluck final gathering he invited all to a magic show. Tickets, issued with Mom’s help, were little origami cups filled with popcorn. At the appointed hour, the curtain (a bath towel) dropped from the door before the assembled throng, revealing THE MAGICIAN!

His first trick succeeded masterfully. “Pick a card, any card. Queen of Hearts? OK, Place it back in deck.” Shuffle, shuffle, cut, shuffle, then the magician pulled a single card from the deck. “Queen of Hearts!” Cheers and claps all around!

Oliver was so excited, the response so appreciative, he developed a SECOND MAGIC TRICK ON THE SPOT! It went like this. “OK, Pick a card, any card. Three of clubs. OK, Show it to me and everybody. OK, now put it back in the deck. Now..., I am going to work really really really hard... to forget it!” Eyes scrunch, body spins, voice groans, knees bend, hands pull at hair, and he jumps up..., “King of Diamonds!”

And just like that, the genius of the child magician opened the door to wisdom on the calamitous year 2020-21 falling away behind us, what all of us can do. Work really really hard to turn a three of clubs into a

King of Diamonds. By forgetting.

As vaccinations rapidly spread, the pandemic? Forget it.

As the pathetic loser bumbles away from Twitter and the White House along with his deluded followers/insurrectionists, forget ‘em.

The calamitous burning and looting of Lake Street, forget it.

The homeless encampments in Powderhorn and Kenwood Parks and along Lagoon, forget it.

The Chauvin trial coming to a close, forget it.

Minneapolis and St Paul’s record year for crime and homicides, forget it. And the thoughtless “defund the police“ mantra, forget it.

The epidemic of guns in the streets, mostly illegal, forget it.

The proposed Hennepin Avenue redo including the mad hatter idea of including TWO bicycle lanes and NO parking stalls, forgetabouddit.

And forget the idea of moving away to Arizona, with more than 144 days above 100 degrees F last year, more than 53 above 110 F, and counting.

Ditto low tax, deeply racist Florida, the unforgiving ocean relentlessly eating away at its edges.

Ditto any other city and state. You think only we have race and class and climate problems! Forgetabouddit!

As scholar-philosopher Lewis Hyde considers in his latest brilliant book, “A Primer on Forgetting: Getting

Past the Past,” published in 2019, “We live in a culture that prizes memory—how much we can store, the quality of what’s preserved, how we might better document and retain the moments of our life while fighting off the nightmare of losing all that we have experienced. But what if forgetfulness were seen not as something to fear—be it in the form of illness or simple absentmindedness—but rather as a blessing, a balm, a path to peace and rebirth?”

Peace and rebirth. Remember those. As Mother Earth continues her voyage around the Sun, oblivious to the wandering ways of her human inhabitants, for now, for right now...

Bless the trees, they are budding! Great halos of buds. Angelic Afros of buds. Queen of Hearts and King of Diamonds and Ace of Spades of buds. Pick a bud, any bud. And rejoice!

**NOT THE END**

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*“The care of the Earth is our most ancient and most worthy, and after all our most pleasing responsibility. To cherish what remains of it and to foster its renewal is our only hope.”* — Wendell Berry

**SWLRT news**

Beginning this week, extended weekday hours from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM are anticipated for divers to inspect sheeting when tunnel excavation is occurring below the water line. This additional work is being conducted to avoid soil settlement and ensure tunnel excavation operations remain safe. Divers will be looking for potential separation between the supportive sheeting where soil could filter into the excavation site.

Should gaps in the sheeting be found, crews will work until the gap is sealed. Our commitment to this group is to provide real-time notifications when emergency repairs are needed that could extend past 8:00 PM.

This proposed schedule was made with community interests in mind. Diving inspections can be done with minimal noise for the surrounding community. Inspection work also slows excavation progress. By conducting inspections mostly after normal construction hours, the project can maximize the progress of excavation during normal working hours, minimizing the delay caused by this additional work.

No excavation activities will be allowed after 6:00 PM.

What to expect:

Extended hours from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on weekdays, includes these specific activities:

- Inspections of excavation by divers
- Emergency repair of sheeting as necessary
- Movement of personnel and equipment in and out of the site

Diving inspections equipment:

- Air compressor that the divers use for breathing underwater – causes low-level generator engine

noise

- Crane to lift divers in and out of excavation - low-level engine noise

Emergency sheeting repairs:

- Use of the same equipment as diving inspections
- Use of a generator to power welding equipment: low-level engine noise

We plan to revisit this schedule with the City in a week to confirm that these impacts have a minimal impact to the community. I would appreciate your assistance in spreading this information to others close to the excavation site.

As always, for urgent concerns please call the SWLRT Construction Hotline at 612-373-3933. You can always contact me with questions: 612-590-4429. More updates will be provided as this work progresses.

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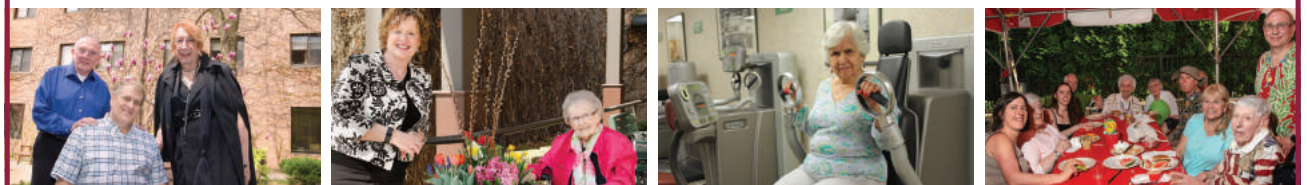
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IRENE PLEAS

“Stretch way up there, touch the ceiling!” the yoga instructor says, and Kenwood Retirement Community resident Irene Pleas reaches as far as she can, every day, and not just in yoga class. Since moving into the Kenwood in 2016, Irene has been stretching herself in many ways, learning new things, reaching out to her fellow residents, listening, getting them involved in projects, and cheering them on.

Irene was born in East St. Louis, Illinois, the eighth of ten children. She was a preemie, and when she cried it was a signal. “Stoke up the stove” her mother would say to her father, and shortly thereafter Irene would be comforted by a hot water bottle – a makeshift incubator. As Irene’s siblings left the family home, Irene stayed back and helped raise her eldest sister’s two children after that sister had a stroke. Several years later, her second sister, Pearl, who worked at Sister Kenny Institute, encouraged Irene to move to Minneapolis. Irene had honed her tailoring skills in East St. Louis, so it was easy for her to get a job in Minneapolis sewing in a factory. But Irene was ready for a stretch. Pearl encouraged her to find a job at a hospital, and Irene ended up working as an occupational therapist at St. Paul United Hospitals for 42 years. It was a job that she loved, and she did it well. It fed her need for helping other people.

Outside of work, Irene pursued her lifelong passion for music. She bought a piano and took lessons; she played piano at her church and sang in the choir. Music and church fed her spirit, and she credits her spiritual side for much of her energy and joy. When the MacPhail

instructor at The Kenwood proposed a resident cabaret, Irene jumped at the chance. She sat on a stool like a nightclub singer, in her best finery, sang songs, told stories, and held the other residents rapt.

Now at The Kenwood, Irene has organized blanket and pillow making sessions for people living in poverty, or for children who have been abused. And, during the gardening season, she is out on the Kenwood Terrace every day, deadheading flowers, tending her tomatoes, and weeding. She sees her work in the garden as a way to help herself and The Kenwood. She says about all of her passions and activities “dedicating myself to helping brought me a lot of joy, it’s fuel, like when you stoke a stove.” Just like Irene’s parents stoked the stove so their tiny daughter could survive and thrive.

Irene is often the first resident to welcome a new resident to The Kenwood. She will circulate in the Lowry Hill Dining Room, chatting with everyone along her way to the next learning opportunity, be it exercise, a music class, knitting, gardening, a movie, a TPT documentary, and back before the pandemic curtailed such activities, taking the van to do shopping or to the Minnesota Orchestra.

Someday, The Lowry Hill Dining Room will be open again for you outside neighbors to join us for a meal. Then you can come and meet Irene for yourself. And she will probably entice you onto the Terrace to show you her garden. And before you know it, she will probably get you weeding.

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### A Squadron of White Pelicans on Cedar Lake



Photo by Dorothy Childers

White Pelicans stopped on Cedar Lake as part of their annual northern migration from the Gulf of Mexico. Minnesota is the summer home for 20 percent of the North American white pelican population. This phenomenon was witnessed by people who gathered to watch them floating together from one end of the lake to the other.



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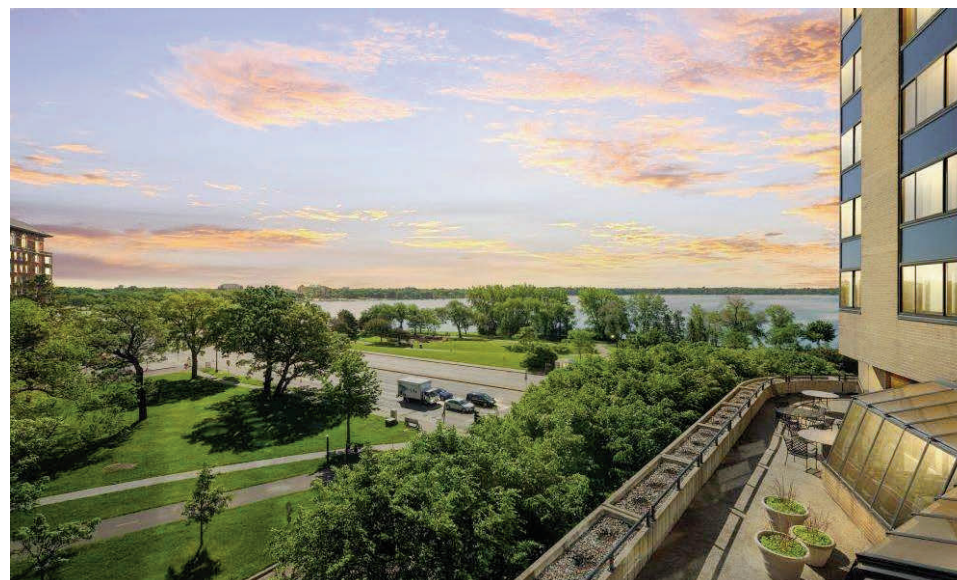


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## Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association

By Rosanne Halloran

### Board Meeting Minutes, April 14, 2021, 6-8 p.m. Online via Zoom

Board members present: Chair Mary Pattock, Vice Chair Tim Sheridan, Treasurer Kevin Johnson, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Evan Carlson, Stephen Goltry, Claire Ruebeck, Amanda Vallone, and CIDNA Coordinator, Michael Jon Olson.

Absent: Dean Kephart

Invited guests: Met Council SWLRT Outreach Coordinator David Davies and CIDNA accountant Robert Thompson. Several community members were also present.

#### Call to order: Mary Pattock, Chair

Mary called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. The board approved the meeting minutes for March 10, 2021. Mary welcomed our new CIDNA Coordinator, Michael Jon Olson, and community members.

#### Report: Minneapolis City Council Ward 7, Lisa Goodman

Racism, safety and community — Lisa spoke about the tragic death of Daunte Wright and suggested the names of various community organizations that could speak to CIDNA on issues of race and safety. The city initiated a Transforming Community Safety Learning Lab Series that will feature partners and national experts in violence prevention and other areas related to transforming community safety. The first lab, April 20, 2021, at 3:00 PM, will be led by Anthony Smith of Cities United and Sasha Cotton of the Minneapolis Office of Violence Prevention. Watch for details in Lisa's newsletter or by going to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84454199701>

**Lunch with Lisa will be held on Wed, April 28, Noon-1 p.m.**, featuring the AVIVO Village project in North Minneapolis, an interior, tiny home community alternative to outdoor encampments. (<https://avivomn.org/>). Contact Lisa's office if you have questions or want to attend.

Street sweeping starts April 20. Watch for street signs and remember to not sweep or dump yard waste into the street.

Local businesses — A community member encouraged residents to support local businesses on Hennepin Ave that recently suffered damage from civic unrest. Lisa said that although most want armed patrol, it isn't possible to do that for all businesses. There was discussion about law enforcement training and government action directed at current violence in the greater Twin Cities.

#### Chair's Report, Mary Pattock

Welcome — Mary welcomed Amanda Vallone back to the board and thanked her for having served as interim coordinator.

The CIDNA Annual Meeting will be Wednesday, May 12, 2021, 7-8:30 p.m., via Zoom. It will feature an annual accountability report to the neighborhood, results of the neighborhood survey, and accountability reports from Lisa Goodman, Ward 7 City Council Member; Marion Greene, District 3 Hennepin County Commissioner; and Jono Cowgill, Minneapolis Park & Recreation District 4 Commissioner and Board President. (Since the legislature will still be in session, CIDNA will ask Dist. 61 Senator Scott Dibble and Dist. 61 A Representative Frank Hornstein to report at the June 9 CIDNA Board meeting.) Also at this meeting, the membership will elect board members. CIDNA residents are invited to nominate themselves or someone else before or during the meeting. A link to a nomination form will be included in an upcoming E-News.

The board retreat will be held at the end of June. Mary asked board members to send her suggestions for a meeting facilitator.

Values — CIDNA needs to finish its foundational planning work by identifying organizational values; these values will be used in goal setting and in creating our new website. A special meeting of the board will be called for that purpose.

#### Treasurer's Report, Kevin Johnson

Robert Thompson, CIDNA's accountant, said that CIDNA is in a good financial position. Expenses are down, probably because major events were cancelled due to the pandemic, therefore revenues (from city funding) are down, too. The bank balance is \$26,341.

#### Coordinator's Report, Michael Jon Olson

Since starting in this role on April 1, Michael Jon has conversed with board members, community and city partners, and is becoming acquainted with CIDNA's organizational business.

#### Guest Report: Transportation Committee, David Davies, SWLRT Outreach Coordinator

Soil displacement — As the interlocking metal sheets that form the walls of the SWLRT tunnel are driven into the ground, they may hit boulders and cobble that cause them to bend out of shape. This creates gaps as much as two inches wide between the sheets. Because some of the construction is below the water table, water carries small amounts of soil from outside the tunnel through these gaps and into the tunnel. Over several days this displacement could cause dangerous soil settlement outside the tunnel. Crews are now inspecting the sheets as they excavate and repairing any gaps that they find. Since some gaps may be under the water table, qualified diving professionals will be hired to inspect sheets for gaps underwater. Gaps will be sealed by grout or a welding procedure. This means project work hours will be extended on weekdays from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Diving crews will work until any gaps are sealed; their work can be done with minimal noise. The Met Council will provide real-time notifications when emergency repairs are needed that could extend past 8:00 PM. The inspections will be done mostly after normal construction hours in order to maximize the excavation during normal working hours and minimize the delay caused by this additional work. No excavation activities will be allowed after 6:00 PM.

Emergency planning — Claire Ruebeck expressed concern about the Met Council's failure to establish an emergency preparedness plan for the community.

Train speed — A question was raised about the freight train now moves at approximately walking speed through the corridor. Risk of high-hazard freight train operations during construction and operation of SWLRT was called out in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) submitted by Citizens Acting for Rail Safety – Twin Cities (CARS-TC) in June 2016.

#### Safety Committee Report, Stephen Goltry

Near Lakehaus on West Lake St., a landscape crew is repairing ruts made by a mobile crane in the pedestrian area.

A second Nice Ride bike rental station has been installed at Dean and West Lake St.

#### Social Committee Report, Amanda Vallone

May Day — The board approved \$250 for the

## Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association

By Chas Scheiderer

### Called to order by president Jennifer Breitinger.

Board members in attendance: Jennifer Breitinger, Bob Hinck, Craig Wilson, Fran Davis, George Montague, Vickie Bennet, John Lillehei, Justin Baylor, Janet Hallway, Lee Switzenberg, Thomas Regnier, Sue Westerman, Chas Scheiderer

Also attending Lisa Goodman from the city council, Minneapolis Police Inspector Katie Blackwell and Police Liaison Jessica Kawas. In addition, Representing the city on upcoming street projects, were Amy Morgan and Rebecca Hughes. Courtney Kiernat represented the Peris Apartments project.

Jennifer Breitinger explained we had an unexpected opening on the board; George Montague will fill the position. Craig Wilson nominated George and made a motion for the board to vote. The board elected George to fill the open position.

Minneapolis City Council member Lisa Goodman provided a city update. Lunch with Lisa will occur April 28 via Zoom. Kelley Matter, CEO of Tiny Villages, will be the featured speaker.

The current owners of the Donaldson estate will be asking for a zoning variance so a proper driveway can be configured for the coach house.

Lisa discussed the upcoming Franklin Avenue and Hennepin Avenue road projects. She is happy with the street design for the Franklin Avenue project which is expected to be completed this summer. The two design options currently being considered for Hennepin, however, are not appealing to her. Lisa suggests that the project should be delayed for a year to allow more time to consider the design and allow businesses on Hennepin to get back to normal.

Minneapolis Police Inspector Blackwell provided an update. We are all pleased with the recent reduction of

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Annual May Day basket project. This year it will be a collaboration between CIDNA and Kenwood youth creating and delivering 150 baskets to Jones Harrison residents. Baskets will be created on Thursday, April 29 and Friday, April 30. Due to Covid restrictions, baskets will be delivered by Jones Harrison staff, although youth will be able to write personal notes to residents. To learn more, email: [info@cidna.org](mailto:info@cidna.org)

Take a Look at CIDNA (TLC) — Our April Facebook theme is "Beautiful Birds." Post your photos!

Garage sale — CIDNA member Kristin Dolphin

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violent crime incidents in the area. Inspector Blackwell thanked the the LHNA board for the treats provided at roll call. Sue Westerman, Kathleen Bottini and Elizabeth Sha er attended the roll call and served.

Police-Community Liaison Jessica Kawas described recent internet scam activity. If you think you have been scammed you can record your complaint on the government internet crime complaint web site at [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov).

Remember to call 911 if you see something suspicious. The tip line is active, but it is not monitored 24 hours per day.

Courtney Kiernat provided a Peris Project update. Additional site security has been put in place. Project is expected to be complete November 15.

Amy Morgan of the city sta provided an update and description of the lane markings and parking planned for Franklin Avenue with this summers construction. For questions you can ask Amy at [amy.Morgan@MinneapolisMN.gov](mailto:amy.Morgan@MinneapolisMN.gov).

Rebecca Hughes, also of the city staff, presented the two options being considered for the Hennepin Avenue street design. One option features a bikeway. Both options eliminate almost all of the on-street parking. Street construction is expected to start in 2024. Several questions were asked primarily concerning the need for a bikeway and the concern about parking. Several board members expressed concern for the businesses on Hennepin. Many thought it would be good to delay the finalization of the design until business recovers. Several businesses on Hennepin are still closed and some may not reopen, Eliminating on-street parking will be another hardship for the businesses.

To learn more about this project look at [www.minneapolismn.gov/government/projects/hennepin-ave](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/projects/hennepin-ave).

Treasurer's report was presented by Bob Hinck for Toni D'Eramo- The new accountant is continuing the transition. We expect to have new reports in May. We are still waiting to receive the new requirements for neighborhood associations from the city.

Events-The Annual Meeting is being planned. A committee being led by Bob Hinck is planning the event. In addition to Bob, the members consist of Sue Westerman, Fran Davis and George Montague. The annual meeting will be a virtual event May 20.

Justin Baylor is working with the Friends of Thomas Lowry Park to coordinate a park grand opening event we hope to have in late summer. Justin is working with the Friends on a budget and will present at the May meeting. The event costs are proposed to be shared by the two organizations. This event will replace our usual ice cream social. The Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association allocated city Neighborhood Revitalization funds which are crucial for the completion of the park project,

Next Meeting Scheduled for May 4 at 7 PM via Zoom.

Kenwood Neighborhood Organization

(KNO) Board  
April 5, 2021

Opening

The regular meeting of the Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Board was called to order at 6:32 pm on April 5, 2021 by Board Chair Mark Brown. The meeting was held via GoTo Meeting due to COVID-19.

Present

Board Members present: Chair Mark Brown, Vice Chair Jeremy Nichols, Treasurer Matt Spies, Evelyn Turner, Jack Levi, Angie Erdrich, Will Stensrud, and Melinda Platt.

Board Member not present: Kyle Leier

Others present: SWLRT Community Outreach Coordinator David Davies, KNO Communications Coordinator Amanda Vallone, Jim Barnett, Carissa Brown, Larry Matsumoto, Rebecca Hughes, Courtney Kiernat, Amy Morgan, Robyn Bruggeman, Nicholas Kor, Mary Schwanke, Elizabeth Shaffer, Jack Whitehurst

Approval of Minutes

Mark Brown requested a motion to approve the March 1, 2021, meeting minutes. Jeremy Nichols moved to approve the minutes, and Matt Spies seconded. Motion passed.

Updates from Council Member Lisa Goodman (provided via email)

April Lunch with Lisa will feature representatives from Avivo on Wednesday, April 28, 12-1

Hennepin South Reconstruction Project: Draft concept designs and comment form will be available for input through April 16 at <http://www2.minneapolismn.gov/cip/futureprojects/HennepinSouth>

City Trees Program allows Minneapolis property owners to buy a tree for \$25. Sign up available through April 16 (first come, first serve basis) at <https://mpls-tree-sale.myshopify.com/>.

Creating Resilient Yards: \$15 online workshops available at [www.bluethumb.org/events](http://www.bluethumb.org/events), or call 651-699-2426.

Twin Cities Region Solar Co-op helps homeowners get rooftop solar. Learn more at: [www.solarunited-neighbors.org/twincities](http://www.solarunited-neighbors.org/twincities).

April 12-16 is Severe Weather Awareness Week. Expect siren testing on Thursday, April 15. Sign up for wireless emergency alerts at <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem/weather-awareness-preparedness/>

Chauvin Trial Updates: Sign up to receive updates here:

<https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/trial-support-safety/>. Business and property owners can call 612-673-2499 with questions about business operations during the trial and general information about regulations and resources.

COVID-19 Vaccine Connector: <https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/connector/index.jsp>

Updates from SWLRT Community Outreach Coordinator David Davies

Kenwood-specific updates:

First concrete pour is complete and went as planned, a second pour will be scheduled in late April or early May

7-10 work days of pile driving on the channel will begin this month

Impact (in time and money) of recently discovered project delays is still being assessed.

Public comments

Jim Barnett asked about the Minneapolis Park Board's plan for potential encampments this summer, and Elizabeth Shaffer shared that she understands that the Park Police should be the first call for concerned residents related to park activities. Details regarding the Park Board's encampment policy is located at <https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/encampments/>.

Courtney Kiernat expressed a desire to think about how our neighborhood can proactively assist our unsheltered neighbors. Board member Will Stensrud encouraged Courtney to join the board and spearhead this working group.

Update regarding Franklin Ave. Resurfacing Project, Amy Morgan, Larry Matsumoto, Public Works Transportation Planning

Resurfacing of Franklin Ave. between Penn / Oliver and Hennepin: Funding to be split between assessments and city bonds. Formal public meeting for impacted residents is scheduled for June 9.

Safety upgrades: The goal is to improve safety and predictability for all modes of transportation while maintaining parking. The project will reduce lane width to allow for a dedicated bike lane where possible.

Update from Jack Whitehurst, Neighborhood Community Relations (NCR)

Neighborhoods 2020 program roll-out will likely be delayed until January 1, 2022, and NCR will provide organizations with templates for the documents and policies required for participation in the program.

Community Engagement, Events, and Activities

Angie and Melinda reported on their work with the Cedar Lake Park Association and Southwest High School students to schedule plantings of trees, bushes, native flowers, and ferns at East Cedar on May 12 and May 19. Angie requested that KNO support this project financially with purchase of gardening tools. The Board committed to contributing a portion of its landscaping budget to this project.

Will reported that May 1 will be East Cedar Lake

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Beach clean-up day, which he will publicize soon. Additional programming will be scheduled as the board begins a permitting process.

Matt Spies proposed moving our annual meeting to the fall to align with budgeting (and this year, would allow for in-person annual meeting). The board agreed to assemble a small group to plan the annual meeting and discuss further.

Mark reported that the board has received only 65 responses to its community survey. Amanda will initiate further publicity.

KNO Communications Coordinator Amanda Vallone reported the following to the board:

The April KNO news email will go out to residents this week.

The 2nd Annual Kenwood Art Rocks project (partnership with Kenwood School) is scheduled for May 22-31

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm by Chair Mark Brown. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on May 3, 2021, via GoTo Meeting.

Minutes submitted by: Carissa Brown  
Approved by: The Executive Committee

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offered to organize a summer CIDNA garage sale. Plans will be discussed at upcoming board meetings. If you're interested in helping, contact info@cidna.org.

### Environmental Preservation Committee Report, Claire Ruebeck

Stewardship — The board voted to provide communication support to a South Cedar Point stewardship project initiated by Cedar Lake Park Association.

Funding — The City requires that the \$20,000 earmarked by CIDNA for a Cedar Lake South Beach joint project with the park board, which was delayed by the park board, must still be put under contract for that purpose by Dec. 31, but need not be spent by then. There was discussion about using the funds for curbing to prevent shifting sands at Cedar Lake South Beach.

Save the Bees — The board voted to ask the Environmental Committee to look into creating a bee preservation neighborhood project, and to submit a proposal to the board. Claire abstained from voting. Mary noted that the SWLRT project resulted in the destruction of bee habitat in the area. Evan suggested that a solar component to the project be investigated.

### Communication Committee Report, Dean Kephart

So far, 67 CIDNA members have responded to the Neighborhood Survey. Many excellent neighborhood



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The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. The next meeting will be the Annual Member's Meeting held via Zoom on Wednesday, May 12, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Details will follow in an upcoming E-News.

Note to CIDNA residents: sign up for our monthly e-newsletter by sending a request to info@cidna.org. Please also submit comments, suggestions, or requests to help with activities reported from our meetings.


improvement suggestions were made. Results will be featured at the annual meeting.

### Land Use and Zoning Committee Report, Evan Carlson

Michael Jon will request more information about the variance requests at 2739 Dean Parkway and at 3311 Cedar Lake Avenue, for which there will be a public hearing on April 22.

Final construction plans for the BP station hotel site will be made public in May.

Old Business - none  
New Business - none



## Save the Date


**Monday, May 3rd 6:30-8pm**

### Kenwood Neighborhood Organization's Annual Meeting

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### The World Jubilee to Host Sale of Artisan Made Goods

By Sue Smukler

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed individuals can change the world. In fact, it’s the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead

Some 40 years ago two Minneapolis teachers, Laurelle (Mickey) Pearson and Jackie Williams, visited an isolated village in Guatemala. The villagers asked the women to help them get funding to send one of their young men to veterinary school. The villagers didn’t want a handout; they wanted a market so that they could be self-sufficient. So the friends began. First they sold the goods in their teacher lounges. Then they moved to their living rooms. After that they began hosting biannual sales in churches with other self-help and Fair Trade organizations. Thus The World Jubilee (TWJ) was created with the firm belief that shoppers would enjoy buying beautiful items with the goal of supporting people who were in economically disadvantaged positions. Over the years thousands of customers have validated their efforts.

Fast forward to spring 2021. Countless volunteer hours and hundreds of thousands of dollars later, TWJ will hold its spring sale on May 1, at the Minneapolis Farmers’ Market in an outdoor Covid safe manner. Come look for jewelry, baskets, batiks, clothes, household goods, art, masks, chocolate, coffee, olive oil, greeting cards, purses and countless other colorful goods from many many communities around the world.

And Mickey Pearson? She’ll be there, too. She continues to be an active member of the volunteer run TWJ organization. And Mickey still enjoys watching people help create a bit of economic justice as they “shop with their hearts”.



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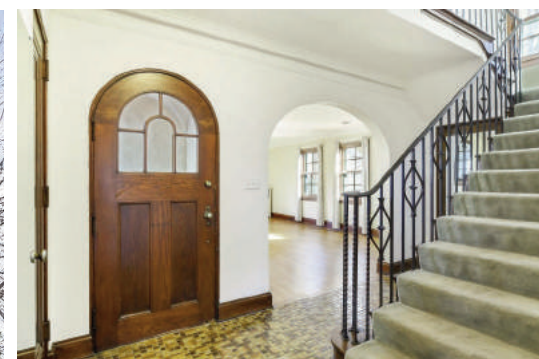
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