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## Hennepin Avenue - Lowry Hill and East Isles



A Quilt for George Floyd

Dorothy Childers





**Saint Paul's Church on Lake of the Isles You are not alone.**

Saint Paul's Church on the corner of Franklin and Logan Avenues may have the doors closed, but our services and programs continue! For us, God is most alive as we experience the fellowship of community with one another and then are sent out to do the work God has given us to do. We are here for our parish and our neighbors during these very trying times. We welcome all to join us online each Sunday at 10am and Wednesdays at 8pm for a time of gathering and prayer.

We are working on our summer programs now which will include appropriately distanced gatherings on our patio, food collections to support our neighborhood food shelves, online programs around racial reconciliation, and online Bible studies. Check out our website for ways to join us! [stpaulsmpls.org](http://stpaulsmpls.org)

**Hello Friends!**

Searcy Lillihei, a Seven Pools donor, wrote in March of this year, "Peaceful places to sit are more necessary than ever." Little did we know how the truth of that statement would grow in the days ahead. An oasis, a quiet place to reflect and rest...Thomas Lowry Park has been this and more this spring. As a safe place to be "socially distant," the park has hosted a myriad of activities: strength-training classes, weddings, families doing yoga, picnics on the lawn, much needed face-to-face conversations between friends, haircuts, hammocking, extensive volunteer gardening and even the regular Friday recording of a podcast. Your commitment to support the reconstruction of Seven Pools is being validated every day.

We are excited to announce that the Seven Pools reconstruction is slated to begin in mid-July! The project is currently out for bid and Michael Schroeder, Assistant Superintendent of MPRB, is optimistic the bids will come in near the projected budget number. The park will remain open during the construction, with a chain link fence around the work site. Truck traffic will primarily enter the park off Douglas Avenue, near the east corner of the park. Project completion date is November 1st. We will be posting project updates and pictures on our website, [thomaslowrypark.org](http://thomaslowrypark.org) as the work begins.

As we all know, there are sacrifices that come with making improvements. Friends of Thomas Lowry Park is encouraged that Aune Fernandez Landscape Architects was able to reduce the number of trees being lost, due to requiring rigorous protection measures to be put in place during the reconstruction. One tree that cannot be saved, without compromising the entire project itself, is the Mugo pine that overhangs the top of the pools. The tree is currently in decline and the roots have grown into the pool walls itself. Most of the trees lost will be replaced except for those who location is damaging the functionality of the pools (overhanging crabapples) or planted too close to the pool walls. Additionally, the demolition and reconstruction will be noisy. We will be alerting neighbors near the park when we have an official start date.



Overall, we are thrilled the project is on track! This is a huge accomplishment for our community and we could not have done it without the support of everyone involved...which means you! We can be proud of the fact we helped pass on to future generations the beauty of the Seven Pools...a special landmark of Minneapolis history in our very own neighborhood

If you know of others who would still like to participate, it is not too late. The majority of our gifts have been \$100 or \$50, but we do have four spots left in the Seven Pools Century Club (combined gifts of \$10,000 or more). These families or group names will be honored on a bronze plaque placed in the sidewalk at the headwaters of the pools for the next 100 years. If we receive funds beyond what we need for the pools, they will be used for repairing portions of the brick paths. Donations can be made online at <https://www.thomaslowrypark.org/donate> or checks mailed to Friends of Thomas Lowry Park, c/o E. Shaffer, 1776 Colfax Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55403.

We are humbled by your gifts to this campaign and believe it is a testimony to what we can accomplish together.

Grateful,  
The Friends of Thomas Lowry Park board  
Kathleen Bottini, Shirley Cardozo, Kathy Gaskins, Barry Lazarus, Suzanne Payne, Paul Pender, Jeanne Scheiderer, Elizabeth Shaffer, Mark Tierney, Tom Trondson, Craig Wilson



**Subject: Amazing wildlife on Lake of the Isles...Mother turtle just finished hatching eggs. and baby . Photos by Carly & Sheri Ettinger**

**HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

Because of the coronavirus we are staying home and meeting online, by phone, or by the internet and Zoom. Please check for changed meeting times in ads and in neighborhood minutes and websites.

**Where we are now!  
by Jean Deatrick**

Many people responded to my plea for contributions, and I have received touching notes of support. People like Hill and Lake Press because it is our neighborhood newspaper and we report on what is happening in our neighborhoods, sometimes good and sometimes not so good. 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. We are grateful for your support. As I said last month and I will say it again, we live in a wonderful neighborhood. Unbelievable!! And now everything has changed.

Considering that many businesses are closed and boarded up, this is such a difficult time. We need to continue to be observant of racial inequities. It is so easy to forget and not notice. We need to help and to heal.

On the worst weekend of the protests and vandalism we awakened to find that fires were set on our Lincoln Avenue sidewalk and a large bush in our back yard was burned. A pile of partially burned Cub grocery bags was also found nearby. We were sleeping so it was frightening to see this in the morning. I have been vigilant since. My daughter has joined the peaceful protesters. We need to be vigilant and help erase the terrible racial inequity that exists in our country.

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

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### Meet your Neighbor, Sheila Delaney

Craig Wilson re-interviews Sheila Delaney about her background as an organizer at the Longfellow Community Council, witness to the George Floyd protests and homeless advocate in the wake of the riots. (disclosure, Craig Wilson worked for Sheila Delany at the Longfellow Community Council over 20 years ago as a community organizer).

**What's your affiliation with the Longfellow neighborhood?** I was a community organizer and then Director during the focused redevelopment of the Lake & Minnehaha and Cedar & Lake intersections, or Hi-Lake master planning process, and planning for the Midtown Greenway and Hiawatha LRT. Infact, Craig Wilson and I coordinated a Street Festival at Lake and Minnehaha and hung the ornamental street lights and historic photos across 27th Avenue in collaboration with area businesses and organizations such as the 3rd Precinct, Patrick's Cabaret, Minnehaha Liquor, t h e Resource Center of the Americas and many other organizations. An area that was rioted, burnt down and no longer exists as it once did. 'Streetfest' started as a celebration of the closing an area massage parlor that was known for prostitution.

**What were things that you worked on at the Longfellow Community Council?** We worked in engaging the entire community on strategies ranging from the redevelopment of East Lake Street and Minnehaha Avenue that was inclusive of the entrepreneurs from Minneapolis as well as Northern Mexico, Somalia, Ethiopia and even Japan to bettering the RiverGorge and local housing stock. At East Lake Street we worked hard together to engage in development that respected the history of the area and celebrated the emerging diverse small businesses.

**What was your experience with the George Floyd protests?** Well, the first night I went down sort of grudgingly, feeling so heartbroken and defeated. I left early that night but then woke up to discover that our Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) were gassing and firing rubber bullets at my neighbors. The next day I hurried to the Third Precinct to find that the peaceful protesters who were bearing witness to their grief and rage and then just a few kids started throwing open plastic water bottles. I was in awe of the collective passion of my neighbors who were peacefully trying to calm these young people who were justifiably enraged. While our hands were up, MPD Officers--some of them that I know personally--fired bullets from the roof of the precinct and then gassed us with tear gas. I was shot with rubber bullets twice (I saved one!) and tear gassed twice. I was blinded the second time and young people threw their arms around me and guided me to a relatively safe spot so they could wash my eyes out with milk.

**You witnessed the Third Precinct and neighborhood burning, what was it like?** I watched the precinct burn and thought of my great Uncles who were founding members of the Irish Republican Army (IRA) who bombed the Londonderry Bridge in Ireland fighting the oppression of 800 years of British colonialism. That's what I thought of.

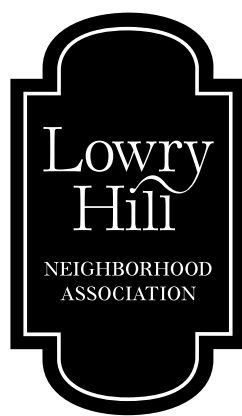
**What made you get involved with the Sheraton Hotel and Powderhorn Park shelters?** I was asked to buy a few hotel rooms and quickly saw that people were working together to shelter each other during one of the most dangerous moments our City has experienced. I like to find solutions and I'm committed to fighting for dignified, culturally appropriate housing for all. I am now working in partnership with Powderhorn Park neighbors to provide sanctuary for unsheltered people until there is housing for each resident of the Powderhorn Park sanctuary campsites and all campsites.

**What are politicians and local governments doing to help?** So far, Angela Conley, Jono Cowgill, Lisa Goodman, Jeff Hayden, Londel French are the only elected officials who have even bothered to respond to our pleas for collaboration and support. What could they do more to help? We simply cannot tolerate that our neighbors sleep on the ground. All of us need to hold politicians accountable to create the housing that is desperately needed. Call the entire Minneapolis and Hennepin County Delegation and demand that we do better to support our fellow neighbors and Minneapolitans.



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### POSTPONED UNTIL OCTOBER



# Lowry Hill Annual Meeting

will be postponed until October 2020

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](http://lowryhillneighborhood.org), in our LHNA email newsletter, here in the Hill and Lake Press and on NextDoor.



### Cancelled: Lowry Hill Ice Cream Social

Due to COVID-19 food safety guidelines, we are unable to have ice cream social this year.

### LHNA Monthly Board Meeting: Sept 1, 2020, 7p.m.

The Board is on hiatus for July and August. Meeting details will be posted at [lowryhillneighborhood.org](http://lowryhillneighborhood.org) a week prior to the meeting.



LHNA reminds you to "Leave A Light On" to help deter crime in our neighborhood.

### Support neighborhood businesses...

This summer, please support our local Lowry Hill neighborhood businesses. They need you!



## Stretching for Optimism- In Not so Optimistic Times- Ode to Tina Starring Tina the Turkey

By Megan Bacigalupo

As if things weren't strange and peculiar enough in March and April of 2020, the spring our country faces a pandemic and everything as we know it stopped, closed, and or went out of business. Our lives are on hold and for many our jobs were lost, we wait and we hope. The political climate is ugly. We question our sanity, are we living in such surreal times that we are suddenly thrust into a Stephen King novel or miniseries made for television-turned movie?

My reality suddenly became even more surreal as a wild turkey started showing up every day. I live on a block off one of one of the most busy intersections in Minneapolis, between uptown and downtown. I would see a turkey in the city on occasion but this year and this turkey is something else. She not only came the week that the economy closed but she came to stay. It was as if she was plucked from another dimension and plopped into the streets and parking lot behind my apartment building. There is a house next to the parking lot with grass and two huge beautiful pine trees that shed needles and cones. These are some of the trees that keep me grounded in city living.

This inner-city turkey mingled with all the people coming and going from my building and all the neighborhood people on their daily walks. She would strut down the sidewalk as if she belonged, people walking would reach out a hand to her as if they were greeting a dog on a leash. But she was a free wild roaming turkey. She held her own and nobody messed with her. She was in charge. Her presence never went unnoticed and word got out on the street about her. People came by with their children and would come back daily to see her. She loved the parking lot. She spent the majority of her time walking around slowly in the parking lot. A very dangerous place for a slow moving, strutting, and stubborn bird. A bird with attitude and guts. She wasn't budging for anyone easily. The young people who are renters in the house behind my building got into her daily visits; they too were becoming very attached to her. I would see her in the morning looking up into the windows. She stretched her long neck, and the young man who lived there would stare out at her. She longed for people in this time of social distancing and we longed for her presence. They would hang out on the front porch on a nice day, and have their morning coffee and cigarette: Ah to be twenty something again... they would drink a beer later in the day. The turkey was very involved with their daily happy hours. I talked to them about the turkey. A young woman living in the house informed me that they named her Tina. I said Ah perfect TINA THE TURKEY!

I discovered later after observing Tina, that she must have been laying eggs in the yard of the neighbor's house. She would squat and wiggle her rump in the same place in the grass every day. One day she paraded with five other wild turkeys through the parking lot.

They walked as a flock and proceeded to jump up the and then they partied in the yard in the grass. I watched in awe six wild turkeys up to something only nature understands. One had her feathers ruffled. I think it must have been Tina. This was her place. Her territory. I had to do a little research of course. The females travel with females. They lay (4 to 17 eggs known as clutches). They lay one clutch per year one egg at a time until all eggs are laid. It can take two weeks if she lays 14 eggs. So Tina was here every day for a while, my guess she had several eggs to lay. The female returns until all eggs are laid. There were so many days where Tina would stand behind a car and would refuse to let a driver move out or leave. I watched people who live in my building get out of their cars and kindly work with her. She would put up a fuss and make funny turkey noises. She was getting territorial and nasty and ultimately she was guarding her ground nest in the house next door to the parking lot. She paid close attention to the people who parked underneath her nest- only a cement wall a few feet tall was the barrier. She aggressively at times would try to stop cars from coming or going.

This became a show to watch. My cat sat in her perch fixated on Tina every day. The parking lot was the stage and Tina was the main character. Everyone else and the other turkeys had much smaller roles. One day a new and visually stunning character appeared on stage. He was eerie, sad and beautiful all at the same time. He had a dance with Tina. The famous Prince song 'When Doves Cry' a line of lyrics describes what I saw. 'animals strike curious poses' This image will be stored in my memory for the rest of my life. A haunting image. Due to shutdowns people you normally don't see in the neighborhood came out of the woodwork. It made the stay in shelter more surreal seeing odd people and behaviors new to the streets. Homeless people were displaced and explored new territory. My neighborhood has a group of homeless and mentally ill people. You see them everyday and they have their corners and spots. I'm talking about people that never have passed through these places.

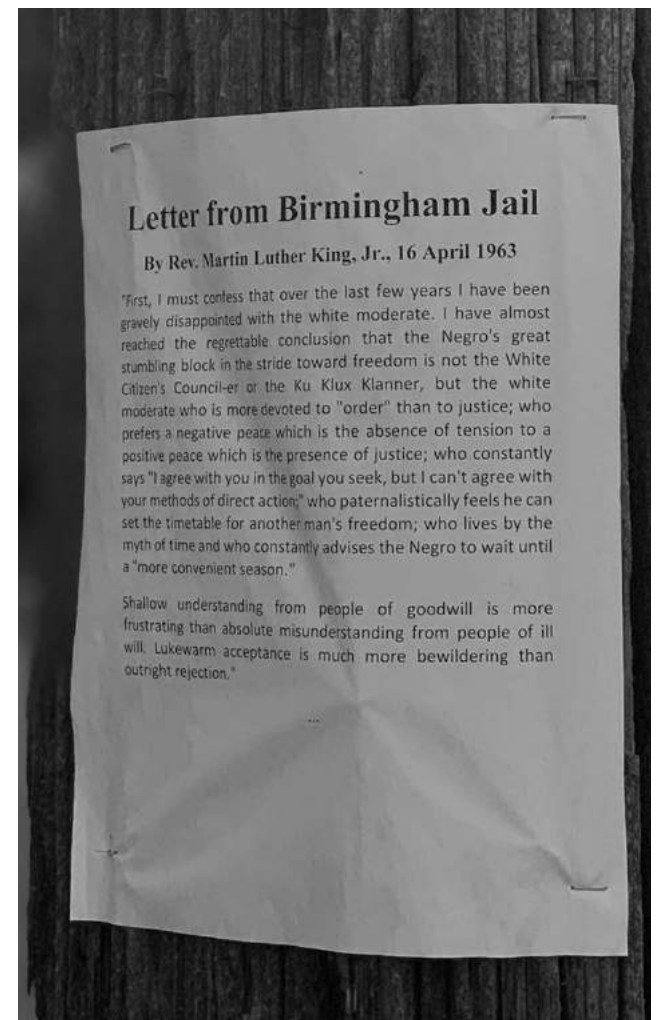
This man who appeared who looked like a caveman long black hair, covered in dirt his posture was somewhat catatonic, obviously a stereotypical statistic of a homeless mentally ill person. Yet he was art in motion, holding frozen postures with matted hair in a trance-like dance with Tina the turkey. Tina engaged with him in this dance. It looked like he moon-walked at one point and then he looked under all the cars for Tina. A man came the day before and clearly he too was a newcomer. I believe that among the homeless population word hit the street to go and see the turkey. Tina brought an interesting form of entertainment to a community of people in a time we desperately needed to escape from daily briefing and the amount of deaths due to Covid19. I'm sure she annoyed some people that had a hard time



getting their car out or into their parking spot. But people tolerated her and enjoyed her. My front row balcony seat from up high watching the whole show was wonderful. I hardly missed a scene because of the stay at home order. I saw Tina the Saturday before Easter. It snowed on Easter. She stayed away for awhile-but eventually returned. It's later in May now... she is not around- I wonder if a fox or raccoon got her eggs? I learned in my little bit of research that many predators dig up ground nests and eat the eggs. I also learned that the eggs all hatch at the same time and hit the ground running. That would have been some sight! I will always remember this turkey when thinking back on the Coronavirus pandemic. She was the best entertainment! She brought a lot of joy to a neighborhood. My neighborhood. I'll keep watching to see if her eggs hatch!

Megan Bacigalupo is sensitive, an empath and intuitive. She has explored many shamanic journeys with the help of her guides. She has always considered herself a solitary eclectic and a seeker. She has a degree in Human Services. Megan is a survivor of a hemorrhagic stroke. She loves to write. Contact her at [bacigalupo@yahoo.com](mailto:bacigalupo@yahoo.com).

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## Zen and the Art of Spindle Painting

By James P. Lenfestey

Our old house has many ins and out, many porches, many spindles. So what does one do during a social lockdown of a pandemic nature, with nights of rage and flame, but take up painting spindles. It is meditative work. Scrape, sand, brush, dip, paint.

I start with spindles few ever see, hidden behind the overgrown hedge of yew. The others are front and center on view to all passers-by. All desire their fresh coat. And so I meditate, head down, dip and paint, mind floating away on the wind.

Dip the brush, another spindle ahead.

The yew snags me in the back as I work spindle to spindle. Twenty percent unemployment so far in the pandemic, including some in my family. Dip and brush.

The yew and the juniper at the porch corners are overgrown, the porch a cave of solitude, lovely I think. The next owner will probably take them down. Dip and paint. Helicopters overhead.

Practically a jungle, the neighborhood this spring, plentiful rain and sun, elm saplings suddenly tall bursting trees. Norway maples tower over our side yard, a green blanket. Our backyard bur oak will outlive all res-

idents of this house by two centuries. Today it claps its giant green paws above us, hungry for light.

Dip the brush, another wooden spindle ahead.

The house was built in 1902, a comfortable home on a corner lot. A plain and easy wooden house to care for. And then, in the Twenties we believe, when people had money before they lost it in the Depression, owners whose names we do not know moved the entrance around the corner from Girard to Lincoln, added neo-classic details and two porches, each with sets of spindles. Thirty-nine years ago those spindles became ours. Dip, turn, another spindle ahead.

I wear white painter's gloves bought for the pandemic. They help clean the curved spindle surfaces and protect my hands. A mystery how my hands still end up covered with paint. I suspect my itchy nose, requiring glove removal. There is paint on my eyeglasses too. Dip, turn, another spindle.

The paint seems good quality, one coat primer and cover it says. A medallion on the side notes I will not be poisoned while using it. And it cleans up with water, not the volatile turpentine of my youth. I thank environmentalists and policymakers and paint formulators who

got the lead out of paint. Dip, turn, another spindle.

Fast drying too. I notice that once the coat is applied, the ants immediately walk upon it without sticking or marking. I admire ants, busily seeking and finding. The few in the way of my work I brush off the railing into the yew. Ants can fall very far with no injury as they weigh practically nothing, with a durable body covering. If an ant were dropped from the Leaning Tower of Pisa, it would stroll right off. Ants will be here long after we are gone. Dip, turn, another spindle.

Not so the leaning tower of Pisa. It was built on a flawed foundation from the start. Construction was interrupted several times for wars and rebellions, then back at it. But no way to make it straight. If I were thinking metaphorically, George Floyd, this could be about you. But I am painting spindles. Dip, turn, paint.

My friend the jumping spider arrives right in front of me, eight bright eyes and a beard like a Chinese philosopher. I nod with my brush, and we pass by.

I have developed painter's elbow, a form of tennis elbow. Yet I can still do the painting motion, but switch hands on occasion, as sirens run up distant streets, more

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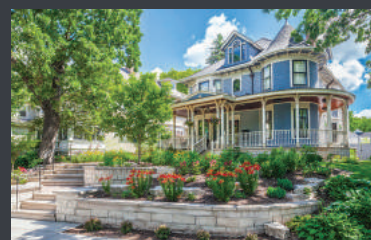


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## The Long Arm of Coincidence

By Jane Johnson

Jane and family lived many years in Lowry Hill. She was a writer and business manager for Hill and Lake Press.

In the Tenterden Town History Museum in The county of Kent in England is a bust of an American named Samuel Tilden displayed quite prominently in the foyer. I am sure that just about everybody who enters is unimpressed by his presence and perhaps wonders why on earth a bust of a governor of New York from 1875-1876 is featured in our town museum. To be honest, there might only be two residents of this town who have any connection with this man.....

We moved to Tenterden from the USA in 2010 after Tim's retirement, and we acquired Little Westwell Farmhouse, a lovely old hall house on the edge of the town, reputed to be the second oldest house in Tenterden, dating back to the 15th century. We knew very little about the property and were delighted to find a photo of the house from 1911 in the Tenterden History book. The byline stated that a Nathaniel Tilden lived in the property. Nathaniel was a leading light in the Tenterden community, he was a wealthy farmer, a mayor

of the town and a Puritan and a warden of St. Mildred's Parish Church which stands magnificently in the heart of the town. His Puritanism overtook him however and he uprooted his wife, 7 children and 7 servants, subjecting them to a long uncomfortable journey in 1634 on the 'Hercules' from Sandwich, Kent sailing to a colony in the New World. Apparently Nathaniel became quite a force in setting up government in Massachusetts although he didn't live much more than 10 years after arriving in his new territory.

One of his descendants was Samuel Tilden, a wealthy man who had an illustrious legal and political career. His big claim to fame, amongst well educated Americans, (i.e. not Donald Trump!) is that in 1876 Samuel Tilden ran as the democratic presidential candidate and sadly lost the election to Rutherford B. Hayes by one electoral vote, having won the majority of the popular vote. I suspect poor Sam was a bit miffed by the decision of the specially convened Electoral

Commission gathered to resolve the much-heated dispute, having worked so hard to win the majority of the votes.

Samuel Tilden graduated from New York University (NYU) law school and as one of their esteemed graduates the University set up a full ride scholarship in his name, together with another esteemed graduate named Elihu Root. According to Wikipedia the Root-Tilden scholarship is 'the most prestigious public interest scholarship for law students in the country'....and you guessed it! In 1968 my husband Tim Johnson became a Root-Tilden Scholar along with 19 other lucky law students from all over the USA, enabled him to go to law school and pursue his legal career, and...more importantly...earn enough to retire back to the U.K. and become the steward of the house of the ancestor of his great benefactor! Not a fact we were aware of until we pieced together the connection between the Tenterden Tilden name with the Tilden in Root-Tilden scholarship.



Jane Johnson



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## Cedar Isles Dean Neighborhood Association

By Deb Jessen



### CEDAR-ISLES-DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES, June 10, 2020

The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

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

Coordinator: Deb Jessen

Absent: Gabriel Andrews, James Reid

Invited guests: David Davies, Met Council's SWLRT outreach coordinator

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

The board approved the May 2020 board meeting minutes and today's agenda.

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

Council Member (CM) Goodman said she has received 30,000 calls and emails since the murder of George Floyd and has responded to nearly all of them.

By law, the City must negotiate with the Minneapolis Police Federation, and by City Charter "must fund a police force of at least 0.0017 employees per resident and provide for those employees' compensation."

Lisa did not sign the pledge to defund the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) signed by nine Minneapolis City Council members on June 7, 2020; she does not believe in signing a pledge to any specific group, since as an elected official she is sworn to serve all Minneapolis citizens.

She believes that the MPD culture must be changed, and although working with the Federation is a big problem, the City has no union "busting power" and must negotiate in good faith.

She wants to avoid divisive language such as "defunding the police" and work to address and eliminate the racism in the MPD through systemic change and reimagining what policing looks like. The City needs to recognize how communities of color are treated by the police.

The City faces a \$175,000,000 budget deficit for the current year, which may mean younger, more diverse, and better trained MPD officers may be the first to be laid off as a result of budget cuts.

She acknowledged guest and board member concerns regarding the protests, needed changes to the MPD, and the need to listen, use careful language, and acknowledge all positions.

#### Chair's Report, Mary Pattock

There are several ways CIDNA can assist community rebuilding and healing after the civil unrest. Deb said we could donate undesignated funds to a nonprofit or give CIDNA Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) or Community Participation Program (CPP) funds to the City to give in turn to either Lake Street Council or West Broadway Area and Business Coalition for NRP/CPP-fundable activities. More possibilities are under development and will be considered at the next board meeting.

There was discussion about how to combat racism. We could start by educating ourselves, by reading Black authors (for example, Bill Green, Professor of History at Augsburg College, perhaps in a book club), or listening to invited speakers. Amanda and Clem will research studies and documents regarding racial history of Minneapolis and bring the research and suggestions to the next board meeting. Based on that learning, we could plan long-term action. There was additional, extensive discussion of this topic under "new business."

#### Treasurer's Report

Clem met with Deb and CIDNA accountant Robert Thompson to review CIDNA City contracts and cur-

rent financial status.

The Governance Committee will recommend to the board what CPP funds should be used to cover current CIDNA costs.

#### Coordinator's Report, Deb Jessen

At Mary's request, Deb presented a six-month review of the Coordinator responsibilities and activities.

The coordinator role is to connect – be an information hub. So far, the largest part of Deb's work has been communication, especially emergency communication about COVID-19 and the curfews and unrest following George Floyd's murder. COVID-19 has ushered in a whole new form of working, communication, and meeting.

The coordinator gathers suggestions and ideas from CIDNA area residents and uses them to pursue neighborhood priorities. Since May 27 she received nearly 400 emails from board members, residents, and partners, which she distills and disseminates to the neighborhood and board as emails, e-blasts, e-newsletters, and website and Facebook updates.

She executes board work, for example: meetings with CIDNA's accountant on City contracts and plan modifications, check requests, writing a draft of CIDNA's annual report, helping prepare board meetings, research (e.g., on possible response to the violence of the past few weeks), staffing committees, representing CIDNA at and following up on meetings with the City, park board and other agencies (e.g., on blue-green algae infestation), working on grant applications and administration, collaborating with other neighborhood associations (for example, on COVID-19 work; she noted that a Google doc on that work is posted on CIDNA's Google Drive).

The board responded with appreciation of her work.

#### Environmental Preservation Committee, Claire Ruebeck

The 2020 Park Siding Park gardening began in May with six volunteer gardeners who wore masks and practiced social distancing. The next session is June 20, 9:00 a.m. to noon; all are welcome.

An inquiry was submitted to Colleen O'Dell with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) regarding the status of the Southwest Service Area Master Plan. No reply as of yet.

The only public notification with the Cedar-Isles Master Plan since the Listening Session on April 14 is the promotion of an online mapping tool where community members can post ideas, memories, and concerns about parkland around Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles. The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) has not met.

The MPRB's Parks for All Virtual Park Summit was postponed due to Mr. Floyd's murder and the protests. Members of the community collaborator grant committee shall plan to attend planning sessions when the project resumes.

The MPRB removed signs warning of blue green algae in Cedar Lake because they believe the algae is gone. Meanwhile, water testing lab results are delayed. The committee would like MPRB to develop a protocol for more regular water testing and post results on their website.

The MPRB Ecological System Plan comment period is extended until June 15.

NRP Phase II funds on loan to Propel for Nonprofits to support housing are earmarked for eventual SWLRT impact mitigation. The committee recommends preserving the funds for that purpose and waiting until we know what the SWLRT area will look like before planning for mitigation.

SWLRT outreach coordinator David Davies has committed to providing the consultants' reports used for the environmental impact studies (EIS) on dewatering/pumping the Kenilworth Channel as these reports aren't online. There is no prevention or mitigation plan for the dewatering in the MCWB permit issued.

#### Transportation Committee

David Davies apologized for not having answers to

questions about water quality or an in-depth analysis of the EIS available for this meeting. He plans to work on those issues. Claire said a supplemental EIS on water quality could be requested. David said water quality is an issue corridor-wide not only in our area.

David thanked the board for feedback on the upcoming closure of Cedar Lake Parkway. It will last for 16 days, beginning July 6, with no weekend work. The work will be noisy.

They are preparing for a shift of the freight rail to its new alignment.

There was a lot of noise and disruption at Depot Street and W. 28th St. due to the relocation of the sewer pipe, as reported to David by Jocey Hale.

The corridor was not targeted during the protests except for graffiti. Graffiti was and can be reported to the Met Council, which will clean it up.

More needs to be reported about the Transit Power Sub Station, but David did report that there will be trees planted and a split rail fence erected at the site.

#### Social Committee, Amanda Vallone

Amanda said planning for Summer Solstice was yet not complete due to the unrest in the City. The board moved to spend up to \$100 for family chalk and sun-catcher kits for Summer Solstice crafting and chalking on June 20 for a Pop Up CIDNA table. A volunteer is needed on June 20 at Cedar Lake to hand out the kits.

Amanda and Cindy Iverson of Jones-Harrison (JH) met and Cindy approved having Art Mart artists donate one piece of their art to be put into a weekly raffle giveaway for JH staff as a staff morale booster. Beginning in August, the weekly drawing winner and the artist will be featured at JH.

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

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, it is quiet on the construction front. Evan expects work to recommence as restrictions are eased.

#### Neighborhood Safety Committee, Steve Goltry

Construction crews keep sidewalks and crossings in good shape, including managing erosion from hard rain-falls.

Walgreens at Calhoun Village sustained damage during the protests but is cleaned up and now open.

#### Communication, Mary Pattock

Mary and Amanda invite residents to post photos on the theme of "Gardens of CIDNA" on our Facebook. Themes will change through the year.

#### Old Business, Mary Pattock

Rosanne reported that Census 2020 is extended until October 31.

#### New Business:

The board held a robust, hour-long discussion on how to address the systemic racism in the MPD and in Minneapolis.

CIDNA suffered minor damage during the unrest; we will reach out to other neighborhood organizations (NOs) in damaged areas to see how we can help them. Amanda will contact Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association and Evan will contact Whittier Alliance.

NOs must be at the table to help the City reimagine policing. Mary will ask CM Goodman how NOs can be part of that discussion and suggest that she hold a community forum on MPD and the protests.

Mary will draft and circulate a CIDNA board statement on the MPD.

Clem noted that parts of CIDNA were developed with red-lining covenants. He and Amanda will research Minneapolis racial inequity studies.

The board will hold a special meeting on June 24 to continue this discussion.

#### Next meeting will be held virtually on:

**Wednesday, June 24, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

**To participate, email: [info@cidna.org](mailto:info@cidna.org).**

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



## Kenwood Neighborhood Organization

By Amanda Vallone

### June 1st 2020 Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Meeting Minutes

KNO Board met via GoTo Virtual Meeting.

Assistant Chair Jeremy Nichols called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Directors present: Assistant Chair: Jeremy Nichols, Treasurer: Matt Spies, Angie Erdrich, Evelyn Turner, Jack Levi, Mark Brown, Melinda Platt, Shawn Smith, and Will Stensrud Absent: Marc Holtey, Kyle Leir; Also present: Lisa Goodman (CM), Amanda Vallone, David Davies (SWLRT), Jenny Kriha, and Ron W.

#### KNO Board Officer Elections

Nominations were for Mark Brown for Chair, Jeremy Nichols for Vice-Chair and Matthew Spies for Treasurer. There were no nominations for Secretary. Angie Erdrich made motion to elect the slate of nominees and Will Stensrud second. The slate was elected unanimously.

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

Under the current affairs of our Community with the killing of George Floyd and concerns around the safety of our City, Lisa opened the discussion up to questions.

Why has the City been slow to respond to calls? The City was cyber attacked and the City has had difficulty responding to calls. Please email your concerns and call using the numbers provided for specific issues. Lisa is not the person to connect with on the current crisis.

Is the City giving business owners and residents guidance on how to protect themselves and property? The City is not providing guidance to businesses as to whether or not board up. The City has provided tips on how to secure and offer safety tips on your property.

Consider how to support each other if there were no police and National Guard. Being more vigilant will be the new forward path to public safety, as the City will be changing drastically.

National Guard will be pulling back slowly.

Amanda Vallone, Kenwood Business Owner met earlier in the day with other business owners on the corner of Penn Ave & 21st to discuss whether or not to board up the businesses. The decision was to not board, as they felt if targeting were to happen with arson it would happen regardless of boards. Discussion of other ways business owners could be pro active on protecting this corner were: 1.) Exchanging phone numbers to keep communicating suspicious activity 2.) Looking into security options 3.) Bringing on a hose in case the fire hydrant would need to be accessed and Fire Dept was

not able to respond quick enough.

Can private security be out past curfew? Yes, they can.

The City is not enforcing curfew arrests, only State Patrols and National Guard are.

Should KNO continue with their scheduled Art ROCKS Installation in the midst of our City's crisis? Discussion: There is a sense of despair and so creating uplifting activities such as this socially distanced collaboration event with Kenwood School, the Kenwood Neighborhood Organization and ARTrageous Adventures may be something families need right now during these very stressful times.

Is there a plan for another mass testing of COVID? Not at this time. The City has completely shifted to the unrest of the community and police reform.

Masks in all indoor space in the City are highly encouraged. PLEASE CONTINUE TO WEAR MASKS during this pandemic.

CM Goodman reminded everyone to complete their Census form.

#### SW LRT Construction Update – David Davies

Contractor is meeting regularly for safety concerns relating to the current affairs near construction sites.

Closure of Cedar Lake Parkway – Proposed a short term closure for vehicles to remove abandoned freight rails to install the sheeting beginning July 6th 12 – 16 days. Provides flexibility for Contractor to be able to continue progress of tunnel construction to north

Option 1 – Involves weekend work, 12 days, anticipated to begin Monday July 6 to Friday July 17; weekend work hours are proposed for 9am-6pm

Option 2 – Without weekend work, 16 days anticipated to begin Monday July 6 and end Tuesday July 21. Normal construction hours would apply; 7am-6pm

Affected area of closure: Intersection of Sunset to just west of Xerxes Ave S.

Pedestrian and bike access would be preserved for duration of closure

Closure would be noticed to general public as early as Friday June 5 in order to provide 30 days of notice to community

BNSF seems to have tightened up security on

their tracks in response to recent unrest.

David Davies will inquire with City staff as to status of dumpsters for residential properties on Sheridan & other streets during Cedar Lake Parkway closure in order to make street as safe as possible for sharing between bikes and cars.

Other Kenwood construction update: freight track alignment shift at Cedar Lake Channel is upcoming in June.

#### Cedar Lake Water Quality

The Algae Bloom is starting to recede from Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles.

As the construction work is happening that intersects with any watershed district, the City, the park board, the state, DNR have national regulations for permits.

Testing of water quality has been ongoing. Pumping water and erosion control are the two main activities that are being done with this project.

SWLRT feels quite confident that the bloom was not due to any construction activity.

Is the water quality testing available to the public on a regular basis? David Davies will be looking into this.

#### East Cedar Lake Beach

Adjusting expenses from 2k to 4k for Park Patrol this summer.

We will continue to create engagement at the Beach. The two family events will include the Pirates & Mermaids Scavenger Treasure Hunt and Kenwood Art ROCKS that families can participate in a socially distanced responsible way.

Will would like to keep the budget at the 9k to be flexible on what type of engagement activities.

On Wednesday the Park Board will be voting to re adjust the Park Patrol and not using the MPD for future Park events.

#### Treasurer Update

Preliminary Budget will be sent out to the Board for fiscal year, which ended on May 31st. We will discuss next meeting to develop next year's budget.

We can roll forward what was not spent last year with the CPP.

Amanda Vallone was reimbursed for expenses for the Art Rocks Installation.

BOARD VOTE: Jeremy Nichols, brought forth motion to continue to compensate Amanda Vallone \$50 per meeting to record meeting minutes and submit to HLP. This will continue until a Secretary is voted onto KNO and can take over those duties. Matt Spies, 2nd the motion and all of KNO board was in favor. Motion passes.

Website Update – Please visit our new website at [www.kenwoodmpls.org](http://www.kenwoodmpls.org)

The meeting was adjourned by new KNO Chair at 8:41pm.

#### Action Between Meetings - All

KIAA Board Priorities 2017-2019 (standing topic 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

**Updates:** Please visit our website at [kenwoodminneapolis.org](http://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 July 13th 2020, from 7:00-8:30 p.m due to the holiday. via GOTO video streaming. Our 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](http://kenwoodminneapolis.org)

## Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association

By Chas Scheiderer

### Board Meeting Minutes, June 2, 2020

Internet Enabled Remote (Zoom) Meeting

Called to order at 7 P.M.

Board members present include Jennifer Warick Breitingner, Bob Hinck, Fran Davis, Toni D'Eramo, Thomas Regnier, Jody Lichtor, Kathleen Bottini, Justin Baylor, Sam Ellingson, Craig Wilson, Chas Scheiderer

Board Members not present include Tom Huppert, Lee Switzenberg, William Rylts

Others present: Minneapolis City Council member Lisa Goodman and Sue Westerman.

Minutes from May were approved.

Instead of having a usual city council update Lisa Goodman entertained questions concerning the city,

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association members who wish to financially help local businesses are encouraged to contact the Lake Street Council or the Minneapolis Foundation.

The Dept. of Public Works is seeking input for the Hennepin Avenue reconstruction project from Douglas to Lake Street which is in the capital budget for 2023. Rebecca Hughes of the city staff will organize stakeholder meetings. LHNA board member Craig Wilson has volunteered to be a LHNA representative. All Lowry Hill residents are encouraged to make their pref-

erences known to Rebecca Hughes. More information is available on the city web site at [MinneapolisMN.gov](http://MinneapolisMN.gov).

#### Treasurer's Report (Toni D'Eramo)

Bills are current. LHNA has paid \$2500 to the Hennepin-Lyndale Crossroads Project. This is the third installment of a three year commitment. Further board action is needed if we are going to make a payment next year.

Most committees did not have an update due to the unusual circumstances. Events planned including the Ice Cream Social and Annual Meeting are postponed until further notice. We will have the annual meeting in October and elect board members. When we meet in September we will determine how we will be able to conduct the meeting consistent with CDC guidelines at that time; it may be a virtual meeting.

The following board members terms expired this spring, they are eligible for another term and they have agreed to stay on the board until confirmed by election at the annual meeting: Justin Baylor, Kathleen Bottini, Fran Davis, Toni D'Eramo, Chas

Scheiderer, Jennifer Warick-Breitingner.

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## LHNA from page 9

Fran Davis made a motion to help fund the Hennepin-Lyndale Crossroads.

Motion was made to use \$5,000 of Neighborhood Revitalization Funds for future Planning of the Hennepin-Lyndale Crossroads over the next two years (2021, 2022).

Motion was seconded and passed.

All committees are encouraged to meet this summer. Residents are encouraged to contact board members with their concerns.

We will reinvigorate the Crime and Safety committee with additional members including, Craig Wilson, Jennifer Breitinger and Sue Westerman.

Regarding Crime and Safety all residents are encouraged to be alert to suspicious items in the neighborhood such as Cars with no license plates, piles of rocks and or firewood. Everyone is encouraged to be on Next Door Neighbor. Keep a light on!

The next scheduled meeting of the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association board is Tuesday September 1, 2020.

Meeting Adjourned at 9 P.M.

## EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Jono Cowgill, President: Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Board

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Dear Editor:

All affected by the tragic death of George Floyd are in our thoughts and prayers.

Minneapolis, please pray the Litany of Saint Joseph every day to atone for this tragedy and, give a listen to "Wish You Were Here" by Pink Floyd.

Thank you.

Sincerely, **Matthew R. Dunnigan**

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P.S.: Jean, a holy hug and kiss for you! - of course with latex gloves and a face mask on!! - Matt

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This virtual shopping experience will also feature links from some of our festival entertainers.

If you are looking for new ways to stay connected to your community we invite you to get involved in virtual volunteerism through committee and board service with us. Please reach out to [director@eaganartfestival.org](mailto:director@eaganartfestival.org) anytime.

We plan to be part of Art Block in September 2020 and the festival will return June 26 & 27, 2021! Stay tuned to the next steps by watching the website and following us on Social Media. @artineagan on FaceBook, Twitter, and Instagram!

"This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund."

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## Statement from The Woman's Club

Over the last two weeks, we have watched and listened as stories of sorrow and anger within the Minneapolis community have come to the forefront. The Woman's Club of Minneapolis stands with the community. We are saddened by the innumerable tragic and violent events that have taken place both in our hometown and on a global scale towards the Black community. We collectively mourn the deaths of George Floyd, Philando Castile, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and countless others. The recent protests have created a call to action, increased awareness, and amplified the need for significant change—change that is recognized as long overdue.

### Change is The Woman's Club's calling.

Throughout our Club's 113-year history, we have faced many challenges: The Great Depression, two World Wars, a presidential assassination and several pandemics. Through it all, The Woman's Club of Minneapolis has stood strong and acted as a community advocate—tackling major issues and working to improve the lives of women and children throughout the Twin Cities metro.

Over the last decade, we are proud to have worked with truly amazing local nonprofits that work in part to highlight and overcome racial disparities in this community and city. These nonprofits, such as Lyndale Neighborhood Association, Southside Family Nurturing Center, and Voice of East African Women, Inc., provide a much-needed role within our wonderful Minneapolis community. We are glad to have been involved in such work, however, we as a Club can do more to be part of the answer.

Today, we state our commitment to be a part of the solution of systemic racism, strengthening our community in our desire to learn, to listen and to become a steadfast advocate for marginalized communities that face injustice and inequality on a daily basis. Moving forward, The Woman's Club will be focusing Community Outreach endeavors towards fighting inequality and systemic racism by giving support and donations to local nonprofits that specialize in raising awareness on those subjects. In addition, we will schedule and promote education programs at The Woman's Club that delve into these important topics. Lastly, we will actively engage our Members in discussions in the coming weeks about how The Woman's Club can make an impact in the community towards achieving equality.

We invite you all to explore a few nonprofit organizations that we've supported throughout our history and join us in being a catalyst for change in our community. Stay strong and keep looking forward.

Lyndale Neighborhood Association; Tubman; Southside Family Nurturing Center; Voice of East African Women, Inc.; Minnesota History Center.

**Thank you. Gloria Sewell, President of The Woman's Club of Minneapolis. Board of Directors**



**A Musical Diversion at Cedar Lake**



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Friends gathered at the Park Lane home of Fred and Gloria Sewell to listen to an outdoor concert of cello duos performed by their daughter, Laura Sewell, and Alex Chambers-Ozasky. Music of Vivaldi, Bach, Gliere, Bartok, and Elgar was performed for those on the lawn, as well as boaters who paddled close to shore on Cedar Lake.

**Subject: Alley Project Sheridan Ave S**

By Mark Oyaas

"Councilmember Goodman (and Karen): I meant to cc you both on the original email to Larry Matsumoto, the head of Paving. Lisa you know how much we appreciate your persistence in making this happen. We have had two hard rains since the main sections were poured and darn, isn't drainage and no mud a wonderful thing!

This was a group of professionals working as hard and smart as any crafts persons I have ever seen.

I have been posting photos on Facebook of the magnificent work that the paving crew has been doing on a project very near and dear to me, paving the mud alley next to our home. Below is an email I sent to Nathan Kemmer and Peter Behnk last Thursday. It pretty well sums up my feelings."

"I am going to send a 'final' report later but I want you two to know this crew that has been laying the concrete has been nothing short of fantastic. They are all very pleasant, hard working and take pride in the project. Nick, who I believe is the crew chief, waved to me through the window as I was working yesterday and came up and knocked on the back door. "Good morning sir I'm Nick and if you have a minute we have a few questions." Together we walked the alley looking at odds and ends where the alley butts up to our property (I also helped him with the Alwins on the north side as they are gone.) Nick said something that blew me away, "We want to make this as right as we can for you guys. You have to live with this and we want to leave with this project as an improvement for you."

This morning the person that set the forms in the back caught my attention and wanted to show me how drainage is being managed and some other adjustments they made from the plans to the conditions on site.

Each day they have left the entire site spotless, picked up and organized. As disappointed as I was about my experience with the first crew I am thrilled to tell you about this superb professionals. This is top shelf work!

Attached are photos that makes me proud to be a Minneapolis resident for every reason!"

Mark Oyaas



Final Alley



Alley Crew

**Urban Coyote from page 5**

helicopters overhead.

I miss one spot or another. Then splash of white where it should not be. The second color will cover it. Dip, turn, another spindle.

I begin to feel elation as I paint, as if I were in the process of something... heroic. Say Ulysses sailing home on his paintbrush, a bubble of hope and pride riding in his chest. To get on, he stopped his ears between two dangerous whirlpools, Scylla and Charybdis, in the narrow Strait of Messina between Italy and Sicily. Yes, heroic, this painting of spindles.

One more array of spindles to go. And another lovely afternoon ahead. Glad I'm not flaying chickens that soar down the processing line at 175 miles per hour, I've heard.

Thinking of lunch. I recall last week's with my friend Peter the architect. We met at his warehouse office. I brought the soup. Peter takes the long view, which is beginning to make more sense as I paint. He quotes paleontologist Stephen Jay Gould: The three ways of making a living in our world are well represented in plants (production), fungi, (reduction), and animals (consumption). And as another nail in the coffin of our self-importance, I hasten to point out that the major circle of life runs between production and reduction. The world could get along well without the consumers. That's us, he says.

Dip, turn, another spindle.

These wood spindles have suffered a long time, nearly a hundred years. We and others have replaced a handful along the way, toenailed in. Funny expression, "toenailed." A few more will need replacement, but this paint will hold them another year.

Maple seeds spin down around me, the ants, the spiders, trees above and fungi below, two-winged helicopters quieter and longer lasting than the war machines of the National Guard overhead.

Dip, turn, another spindle. Another day allowed to breathe.

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**Kenwood Art Rocks!**

In the Spring of 2019 the woods by East Cedar Lake Beach we're officially declared a "Minnesota DNR School Forest" in collaboration with Kenwood Community School and the Cedar Lake Park Association.

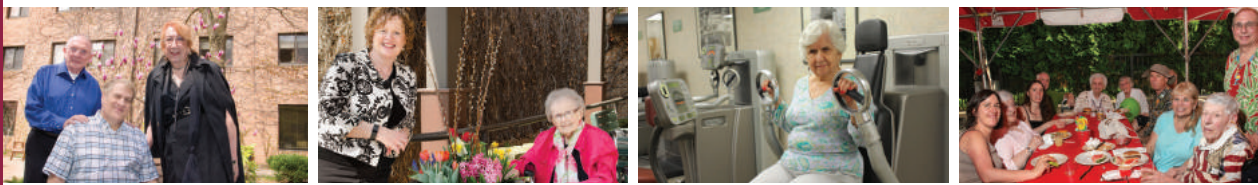
This art-walk was designed to safely engage the community through art-work created by Kenwood Elementary students.

If you missed this nature meets art exhibit in the woods please check out the photos on the KNO Facebook page. Over 100 rocks were painted by Kenwood students and placed along the wooded trails. This project was put together by Kenwood Neighborhood Organization in collaboration with ARTrageous Adventures and Amanda Vallone.



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