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Road, lane closures leave CIDNA ‘hung out to dry’

By Michael Wilson

For the people of Cedar-Isles-Dean the week of September 9 was a nightmare – six infuriating, scary days of feeling effectively trapped in their own homes, unable to run their accustomed errands and get to their usual destinations.

The simple reason was the concurrence of two projects: the closures of Burnham Road and Cedar Lake Parkway at the freight-rail crossing for the SWLRT project, and the restriction of eastbound Lake Street to one lane for Hennepin County's redesign of its intersection with Excelsior Blvd.

The actual and more troubling reason was the appalling lack of coordination among government agencies, including the SWLRT Project Office – coordination which these bodies have promised repeatedly would happen – which should have prevented these road and lane closures from happening all at once.

Cedar Lake Parkway was closed for six days so that a new freight rail track could be installed, part of the process of moving the track over to the edge of the Kenilworth Corridor right-of-way so that excavation of



Photo and caption: Michael Wilson.

Eastbound traffic on West Lake Street was backed up far into St. Louis Park during the week of September 9-15 due to a round-the-clock lane closure at the intersection with Excelsior Blvd. According to official traffic counts, over 25,000 vehicles pass through this chokepoint every day. This photo shows drivers nearing end end of delays as long as 45 minutes on Tuesday, September 10, at 4:15 pm.



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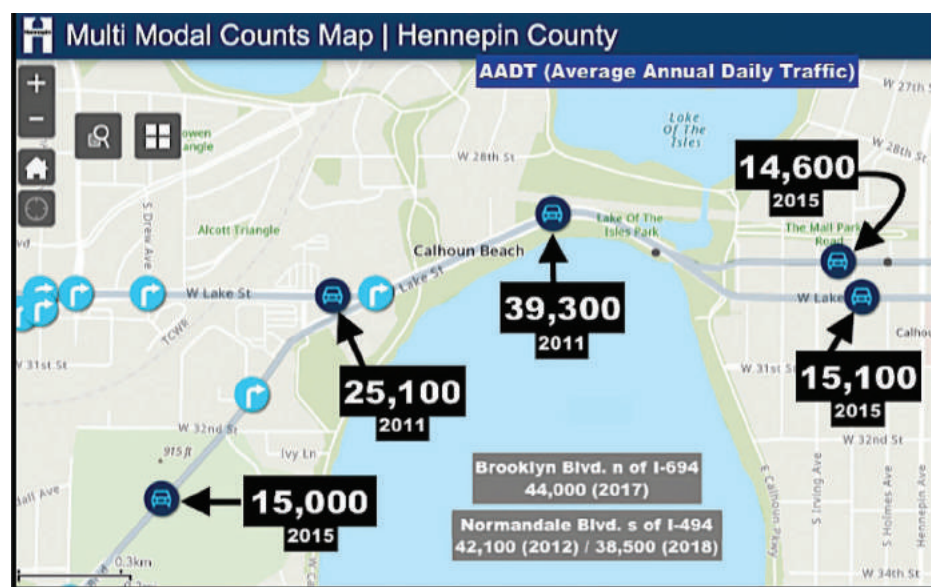
An ambulance with lights flashing and sirens blaring struggled to thread its way between two lanes of eastbound vehicles, caught in a mile-long backup with nowhere to go, at the West Lake Street bridge on Tuesday, September 10.

the LRT tunnel can commence. Burnham Road was closed because SWLRT work crews ruptured a recently installed water main, leaving the entire neighborhood without water. Repairs include rebuilding a section of the Burnham roadway, which will take until early October.

Then on Monday, September 9, seemingly out of the blue, up went construction signage and in moved machinery and work crews to rebuild the intersection of West Lake and Excelsior, where the BP gas station will soon give way to a ten-story hotel-condo building. (See the July Hill & Lake Press for details.) This first stage of the two-stage project required restricting eastbound traffic on West Lake Street to one lane.

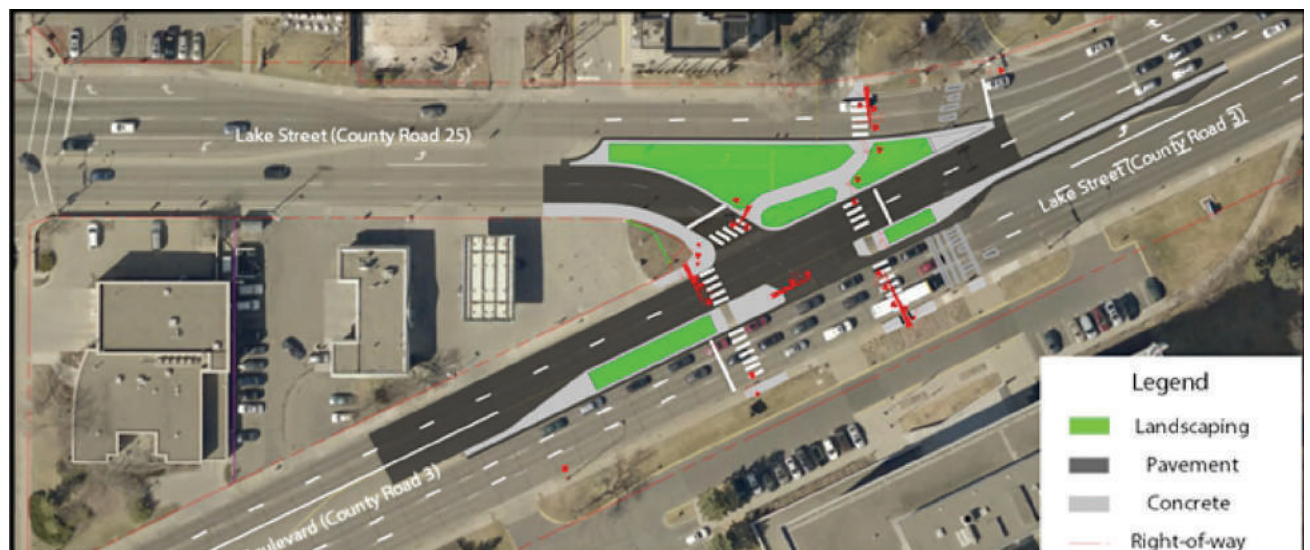
The easily foreseeable result was traffic backups

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Map: Hennepin County Transportation Department. Annotation. Caption: Michael Wilson.

There are 571 miles of Hennepin County roads and 750 traffic data collection points. The second heaviest traffic load in the entire system occurs at West Lake Street and Thomas Avenue.



Project graphic: Hennepin County Highway Department.

Caption: Michael Wilson.

The realignment of West Lake Street (County Road 25) and Excelsior Blvd. (County Road 3) will take place in two stages, with completion in Spring 2020. The project will bring huge safety improvements for pedestrians, bikers, and others at this dangerous intersection.

We are thrilled to announce who will be reading at our special 10 year anniversary of the **Birchbark Books Reading Series on Saturday, October 5, 7pm.** The lineup will include: James D. Autio, Deborah Keenan, Ed Bok Lee, Ronald P. Leith, Eric McKendry, Anna George Meek, Carter Meland, Susan Power, Sun Yung Shin, and Morgan Grayce Willow. The celebration will be at Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church 2020 W Lake of the Isles Parkway.

Woman's Club Events

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Overheated Car Lead to Dogs' Deaths While in Daycare

By Craig Wilson

Pets are not only beloved family members but also amongst our most intimate relationships. With busy work and lives, many families have turned to dog walking and daycare services to provide additional exercise, stimulation and socializing for their pets. People trust these services to provide professional care for their treasured "fur babies".

That's what motivated Lowry Hill mother and daughter, Pamela Diamond and Kathryn Rozin, to seek out professional care for their dogs, Jasper and Simba. To this end, they entrusted local business owner Cathy Menard with caring for their family dogs, also owned by Michael Rozin, Kathryn's husband, and Michael Brenner, Pamela's husband. Ms. Menard's business is known as The Urban Dog and is reportedly located at 2312 Fremont Avenue South in Lowry Hill across from Temple Israel according to several online sources, such as Facebook and Yelp. The Urban Dog also has a location at 6610 West Lake Street in St. Louis Park where dogs are boarded. According to a Facebook post by Ms. Rozin, Cathy Menard had cared for the dogs all their lives but that something seemed off about the service recently. The dog owners planned on hiring a different service after an upcoming family event but that never happened due to Jasper and Simba's untimely deaths while in Ms. Menard's care.

Minneapolis has been experiencing a heat wave this week with temperatures in the upper 80s and high humidity unusual for late September. According to Ms. Rozin, on Thursday September 19th, Ms. Menard gathered the dogs in the morning in her car like any other day but returned to their home with an empty car. She explained that she had forgotten the dogs in her vehicle and that they had died due to extreme heat. Ms. Menard informed the grieving Ms. Rozin and Mr. Brenner, whom were home at the time, that the dogs' remains could be picked up at a particular location. Instead Ms. Rozin and Mr. Brenner requested that the bodies be taken to Kenwood Pet Clinic where they could be examined. According to Ms. Rozin, the veterinarian staff who performed the examinations were emotionally shocked by the state of the bodies and suffering that the dogs must have endured for an extended period of time. Due to the state of the bodies, the veterinarian discour-

aged the families from seeing the bodies of the deceased dogs.

According to a local veterinarian, dogs can die in 10-15 minutes from overheated cars. Unlike humans, dogs cannot sweat and perspire. Therefore, the only way dogs can cool themselves is through breathing in cooler air. This is why dogs pant when they are hot. Apparently, a car left in the heat on an 80-degree day can become over 100 degrees after only 10 minutes. The body temperature of dogs typically ranges from 100 to 102.5 degrees Fahrenheit. As a car heats up dogs will excessively pant, and their tongues will swell with fluids trying to cool their bodies. When a dog's body temperature increases above 105 degrees, they experience internal damage to their organs from blood clots, free bleeding and bacteria movement.

Attempts were made to contact Cathy Menard and The Urban Dog but there is no website for the business other than a Facebook page and an inoperable telephone number. The official business address on Fremont Avenue South and the boarder center on West Lake Street were visited on September 20th. The Fremont Avenue South location appeared to be residential home and the West Lake Street location was a storefront filled with dogs running around and barking. Ms. Menard put the dogs away and came to the door. When asked about the dogs' deaths she said that she could not make a comment at this time but possibly in the future. According to a FOX 9 interview, Ms. Menard said she forgot the two dogs in the car when unloading four others at the facility. The dogs were trapped in the car in extreme heat for at least two hours and died. She claims it was the first time this has happened in the 21 years she has been in business.

Reviews of The Urban Dog on Facebook and Yelp average 2.0-2.5 stars out of 5.0, with polarized feedback ranging from animal negligence and former employees complaining of lost wages to very pleased customers. Ms. Rozin and her family want to warn others of what happened to Simba and Jasper. Their hope is that this will never happen again to other dogs and their families.



CIDNA Fall Festival Still Going Strong After 23 Years

By Elaine May

In 1997 a group of neighborhood moms lobbied the Park Board to create a playground for their young children in the tranquil little Park Siding Park on 28th and Xerxes. In celebration of the opening of the playground, the moms put together the first CIDNA Fall Festival in 1997. With the children for whom the playground was created all grown up and moving along with


their lives, and after many changes in the park (including a total renovation after the park was uprooted by a sewer construction project in 2013) a new generation of toddlers frequents a beautiful new playground. On Sunday September 22 these toddlers and their families, along with neighbors old and young, gathered in Park Siding Park for the 23rd Annual CIDNA Fall Festival.

The festival proceeded with the usual favorites for the kids (a moonwalk, face-painting and a Creation Station by Artrageous Adventures) as well as informational tables for the grown-ups hosted by the

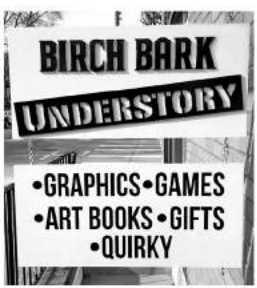
Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, Southwest Light Rail Transport (with updates on construction) and the CIDNA Board. Lorrie Sandelin from Joyce Uptown Food Shelf hosted a very informative display and visited with neighbors about opportunities to help those in need.

This year's festival ran especially smoothly thanks to many conscientious volunteers. Neighbor Steve Cap and Board Members Rosanne Halloran and Claire Ruebeck, along with Claire's husband Dave, got an early start setting tables up and stocking food and drinks.

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which stretched deep into St. Louis Park on both West Lake Street and Highway 7, at times reportedly as far as Highway 100. There were no detours available for the tens of thousands of drivers who pour through this area daily except for creative wayfinding up to I-394 or through the south side of St. Louis Park and southwest Minneapolis.

The scary part was that first-responder vehicles – ambulances, fire trucks, police – couldn't get through either. A St. Paul Avenue resident reported at the September CIDNA meeting that an ambulance required 18 minutes to respond to a neighbor's emergency call instead of a more-typical two minutes. Those 16 minutes can make the difference between life or death, between a house being saved or burning to the ground.

West Lake is second-busiest Hennepin County road.

Everyone knows that the West Lake-Excelsior-Dean Parkway area is heavily congested, but let's put some numbers to it.

Hennepin County maintains 570 miles of roads, about 90 percent of them County State-Aid Highways (CSAH) eligible for partial state funding support, according to Jason Pieper, Hennepin County traffic engineer. Traffic counts are collected regularly at 750 points throughout the system. The second-highest count in the entire system – the second most heavily-travelled point – is at West Lake Street and Thomas Avenue: 39,300 vehicles per day.

And more is coming. The 200-unit LakeHaus (now under construction) and the 100-unit hotel/20-unit condo Elevage building will bring more traffic to the area. Then comes the massive 744-unit expansion of the Calhoun Towers complex. More density will no doubt come since most of the area is a Transit-30 district (30-story towers allowed by right) under the new Minneapolis 2040 comprehensive plan. Those Average Annual Daily Traffic count figures are bound to skyrocket.

The first and third most heavily travelled points in the Hennepin County road system – Brooklyn Blvd. just north of I-694 and Normandale Blvd. just south of I-494 – are wide commercial/office suburban corridors with multiple turn lanes and broad shoulders. The West Lake-Excelsior corridor is densely urban, largely residential, and tightly constricted by curbs and sidewalks with no room to grow. Its AADT of 39,300 vehicles far exceeds that of every other roadway in the city of Minneapolis, surpassed only by the interstates and state highways 55 and 62.

Google "Hennepin County transportation planning" for more information.

BRT buses will be added to the mix.

The area is trapped by the long-standing refusal of Hennepin County commissioners to even consider routing the mass-transit SWLRT line through high-density Uptown and Midtown Minneapolis where masses of people live and work. They insisted instead that a route through the minimal-density Kenilworth Corridor and Cedar Lake Park area was a better way to spend over two billion transit dollars because it shaved a minute and a half off suburbanites' commute times.

To encourage people along the Uptown-Midtown corridor to use SWLRT, Metro Transit recently amended its plans for the B Line BRT (bus rapid transit) route. Initially slated to run from downtown St. Paul and the Uptown Transit Center along Lake Street and Marshall Avenue, the high-frequency B Line buses are now planned to continue on to France Avenue, stopping at the top of the Lake Street bridge. The B Line will more than double the number of buses in the West Lake-Dean-Excelsior area since there will be no reduction in the number of Route 17 buses, which serve a wide area of St. Louis Park and Hopkins.

The intersection redesign begun on September 9 will bring significant safety improvements for pedestrians, bikers, and others. Whether it will help the flow of vehicle traffic remains to be seen. Go to <hennepin.us/lakeandexcelsior> to learn more about the project and sign up for updates.

Cedar-Isles-Dean and West Calhoun residents, and indeed everyone who traverses the West Lake-Excelsior corridor, no doubt wish for better solutions to the area's

A Journalist's Journal: Starting in Kenwood

By Gary Gilson

When I was a rookie reporter for The Minneapolis Star I lived at 1315 Mount Curve Avenue, in a stately brick house that the owner had broken up into studio apartments. From my second-floor perch I could look right across the street at the mansion occupied by Stanisław Skrowaczewski, conductor of the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra.

Now, decades later, after a long career in television documentary work in New York, Los Angeles and back here in the Twin Cities, I live in the East Calhoun neighborhood, just one block from St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, where on selected Saturday mornings I do my own conducting: a single-session workshop on the craft of clear writing.

I'd love to see you there. www.writebetterwithgary.com

It's also what I do in an every-other-Sunday column in the Star Tribune's Business section. It's great fun to write it, and even better when language mavens contact me with their enthusiasms and gripes.

I was honored to get the opportunity to succeed a master writing coach, Stephen Wilbers, who wrote columns for the Star Tribune for more than 25 years.

My three years at the Minneapolis Star gave me a lot of joy, along with a few painful but invaluable lessons. I once wrote a two-part series on juvenile delinquency that, upon re-reading, I consider interminable and unreadable. It undistinguished itself (and me) because I

traffic problems. Better solutions certainly are possible, but they'd be expensive. The 2014 Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis proposed a Greenway streetcar line connecting the West Lake and East Lake LRT stations, but interest in that idea seems to have died.

There is a funding source for a comprehensive West Lake-Excelsior redesign and rebuild: Hennepin County's half-cent **Transportation** sales tax, which has been raising \$135 million annually since October 2017, assigned by law to county road and bridge improvements and transit projects. It is the Hennepin County commissioners' choice, however, to spend this entire amount on SWLRT.

Will officials learn from this debacle?

As soon as she learned about the dimension of the problems created by the concurrent road and lane closures, Hennepin County Commissioner Marion Greene began making calls. She found multiple points of responsibility, with the city handling scheduling and permitting even though Excelsior and West Lake are county roads. Simply ordering the intersection work to stop, as aggravated residents and drivers might have hoped, was not an option. What the city's Public Works department did do was to modify the timing of the signal at the intersection – which didn't seem to make much difference, since the signal at Market Plaza did not appear also to have been changed.

"I made sure staff understood that I was interested in exploring all options with the City to reduce the current and future impacts to everyone traveling in this general area," Greene says. "Last week county staff met with city staff to identify modifications for the county intersection work and a new permit has been approved by Minneapolis."

The September 9-14 debacle was just a prelude, a dress rehearsal, for much bigger and longer challenges to come when Cedar Lake Parkway is closed for six months in the spring and summer 2020 – exactly when Hennepin County plans to resume work on the West Lake-Excelsior intersection and construction on the Elevage hotel-condo building should be fully underway.

As a result of the failure of the promised inter-agency coordination during the week of September 9, new promises of even more coordination, collaboration and consultation have been made. Will it happen? Will 45-minute traffic backups be just a bad memory? Will emergency vehicles and first responders have rapid, reliable access to Cedar-Isles-Dean residents? Or will they once again be left hung out to dry.

filled the space with self-serving palaver from corrections-department bureaucrats, and I failed to interview a single juvenile delinquent.

With the patience and demands of my editor I gradually got better.

A phone call from a Columbia School of Journalism classmate led to my moving to the public TV station in New York City and then a succession of jobs in both public and commercial TV, all of them rewarding; great stories to cover, great teammates to work with and learn from.

One of my bosses hired me for jobs at three different places, giving me the opportunity to become terrified at the prospect of having to produce, on deadline, my first one-hour documentary for national public TV, on the causes and effects of the 1967 uprising of black citizens in Detroit, protesting against police brutality.

The power of the people I met in the five months my crew and I spent in Detroit made the film powerful. Once it aired, in 1969, it was never shown again until 45 years later, at the Detroit Documentary Film Festival; 900 people filled a theater to watch it, some who had lived through the carnage, others who hadn't been born by then.

I was invited to take part in a panel discussion, and a couple of people who had appeared in the film were in the audience; it was a thrill to reconnect with them. Has a lot changed in Detroit in all these years? One of them said, "Not a lot. But one thing that's good: there are a lot of black cops now, where there were hardly any before, and they are trying to keep things straight in the neighborhood."

One year after the Detroit uprising Martin Luther King, Jr., was murdered. The Kerner Commission Report on Civil Disorders implored the news media to reverse course and hire people of color, to add a different perspective to coverage and analysis of news.

I had begun teaching at Columbia Journalism, one day a week, and I became faculty director of the Summer Program in Broadcast Journalism for Members Minority Groups, which produced the first wave of journalists of color to enter the news business. That led to one of my greatest thrills: a graduate of that program who became an NBC News reporter, phoned me seven years after she left Columbia and said, "I want to hire you to work for me."

I'll bet there are few thrills greater than being hired by a former student. I took the job and moved to Los Angeles, which was a great place in the 1970s, because there still existed such a thing as a non-rush hour. Now? Forget it.

During the 17 years I had been gone from Minneapolis I visited here almost every year, and I had a pretty good idea of what was going on. That helped me when, during a vacation visit in 1981, I auditioned to become host of Channel 2's "NightTimes Magazine" series. I got the job – best I've ever had, with a marvelous producer/editor, Georgianna Day, best I've ever worked for.

My wife, Trish, and I moved into a house at 27th and Humboldt, before moving to the south end of Lake Calhoun, and then to our home at 35th & Humboldt. All this time I have had the joy of teaching writing-intensive journalism courses at various colleges – Yale, Columbia, Minnesota, Macalester, St. Thomas, Cornell College of Iowa, and for the past 22 years, one month a year, at Colorado College.

As I wrote in a recent column, one Colorado College student challenged my emphasis on precision: "How come you always look for errors?"

"I don't look for errors," I told him. "They leap off the page at me. I look for excellent writing, and when I find it I promise to share it with you."

I love to share enthusiasm about language. My introduction to language came with my mother's teaching me to read, phonetically, from the label on a bottle of ketchup. Now I indulge myself in such pleasures as the New York Times acrostic puzzle, on alternate

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GRUMPY URBAN COYOTE TURNS 75

By James P. Lenfestey

The Happy Birthday greetings kept rolling in. Some the morning after, from far away. Thank you all. But I am DONE WITH BIRTHDAYS!!! Seventy-five is ENOUGH, NO MORE! OK, maybe one more, when/if I make it to 80. But I'm already tired this morning before washing the two dozen wine glasses leftover from the joyous feast my children and wife lovingly prepare for me and my friends, including the ONLY cake I like: Susan's carrot cake with cream cheese frosting. Unashamed to report I found a cup of leftover frosting this morning and devoured it. Bliss!

But throughout the morning, as the risen SUN once again casts shadows over my fingers as well as light to illuminate the keys (my wife horrified to discover only recently that I peek at the keys as I type), I feel compelled to declares my truce with Time. Because, at age 75, I have but two tasks remaining on my agenda in this life. They are, in no ranked order:

1) Love and care for my family of four children,

various spices and close friends and eight grandchildren, and my HLP community, and do for them anything they ask without question.

2) Solve the global climate crisis.

Re. the latter, I used to work on several problems at once, like most of us, multi-taskers all. Health care reform – WHY do I keep getting pieces of mail saying, "THIS IS NOT A BILL!?!?" Racism, that's a big one. Repairing the system of phosphates and other fertilizers running of into nearby lakes, and preventing new invasive species from colonizing same lakes. Worthy. Or supporting this community newspaper by loving our community, and vice versa. Plus publish a few more collections of poems because that is my art and, like any and all artists when asked why we do what we do answer one CANNOT NOT do it, in my case almost every morning, fingers expressing ever greater WONDER at CREATION.

But the climate crisis is a game changer. In fact, THE ONLY GAME, the one that defeats every other because if we lose this game, we lose the cozy planet Earth as it has been known through the entire run of the human project. Should the American experiment in

democracy collapse under the DT/Putin administration, no permanent loss, from the point of view of the fiery hot sun or the cold indifferent moon. But if you are a human with nine active brain cells you know a rapidly hotter earth is the #1 misery imaginable, growing toward an "uninhabitable" earth for humans and our many cousin species, therefore the #1 problem to further address before I retire/expire.

So this is yet another column about retirement, but this retirement is not FROM something but FOR something – family, community, and Mother Earth as we have known her and been loved by her

God and patient editor Jean Deatricks willing, I will still on occasion spill my thoughts and ineffective tactics onto the pages of the Hill and Lake Press. Because to endure the frightening climate crisis, for which I have had a horrified front row seat for 30 years as a journalist, nothing is more important (aside from politics and science) than family and community.

Now let's join the Global Climate Strike Sept 20-27!

LETTERS:

To the Editor

This is the Summer of our discontent. The giant machines are silent for the moment It's Labor Day. Peace and quiet reign on my deck, 200 feet from the destruction. The giant steam shovels remind me of the miniature kind in Park Siding Park, I used to move sand with my little grand daughter back in the day. On Tuesday the noise pollution will begin again and we'll have to close the windows. And then they'll close Cedar Lake Pkwy in addition to Burnham Rd. And then they will dig and we'll feel the house shake, maybe even pick up the tab if the FTA backs out. Who destroys trees? Bolsonaro in Brazil? Met Council in Mpls? Who takes out a bike trail I've been using to get downtown for 30 years (even before it was paved)? As a neighbor of mine said, "now I won't have to take a train to Eden Prairie as well as not drive to Eden Prairie."

Michael Rothman, CIDNA

Hi Friends,

Thanks for much for your excellent summaries of the Southwest Parks planning issues. Your articles are very well written and will help people understand what's being discussed -- and how.

The August 2019 presentation with three columns and relevant photos was attractive and increased readability. Really looked great!

Thanks to you all for your continued work on the community's beha

Jeannette Colby, Kenwood

CIDNA Job Opportunity

Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association, Minneapolis, is looking for a coordinator. The person must be a self-starter, reliable, detail-oriented, and a team-player. The position involves administrative, financial and volunteer management. This is a part-time, hourly, contracted position.

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Sundays.

And I take pleasure in urging people to find excellence in the nonfiction book "The Devil in the White City," by Erik Larson, his exquisitely researched story of the 1893 Chicago World's Fair and the simultaneous activities, in the same neighborhood, of a serial killer.

Larson's writing had me gasping with delight. Language lovers, let's all join in a gasp-along.

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Update on our progress to Save the Seven Pools.
By Elizabeth Shaffer, President, Friends of Thomas Lowry Park

In July, the 3D modeling and survey work of Seven Pools was completed. We have \$170,000 committed, but still need to raise \$80,000 for a total of \$250,000. If additional funds are raised beyond what we need for the pools, they will be spent on capital improvements in Thomas Lowry Park. We hope to work with MPRB and redo the brick paths after the pools are complete. The next step is to take a boring through the pool and into the ground below. Through this, MPRB will obtain

important information about the condition of the soil beneath the pools, as well as details about the composition of the pool material. Construction is planned for spring or early summer of 2020, assuming fundraising goes as planned.

For those of you who are local, look for a Friends of Thomas Lowry Park receipt box at Kowalski's coming on or around October 1st (24th and Hennepin). Near the exit, you can place your receipt in our marked box. Kowalski's splits a few thousand dollars quarterly between the organizations with the most receipts.



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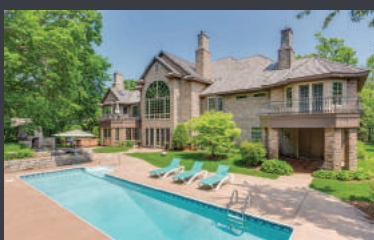
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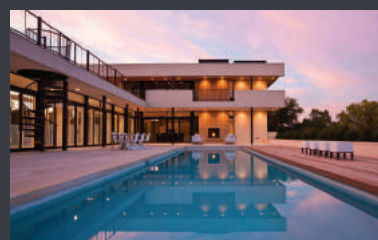


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Respectfully Submitted by Ellen van Iwaarden President, East Isles Residents Association

EIRA Board of Directors Meeting Wednesday, 9/18/197:00 p.m. Grace Trinity Community Church 1430 W 28th Street

Minutes

Board members present: Ellen van Iwaarden (President), Mackenzie Nelson (Vice President), Andrew Degerstrom (Treasurer), Mike Erlandson, John Morrow, John Grochala, Emma Erdahl, Steve Havig, and Julia Curran

Board Members not present: Debbie Gold (Secretary)
Alternates not present: Kate Svitavsky and John Erlandson

Guests: Elizabeth Shaffer, President, Friends of Thomas Lowry Park, Craig Wilson of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC), and East Isles resident Eric Hauseman.

Welcome & Introductions: 7:00 by Ellen van Iwaarden, President

Guest Speakers: Elizabeth Shaffer, President, Friends of Thomas Lowry Park

Elizabeth Shaffer gave a report on the fundraising efforts of Friends of Thomas Lowry Park. The group intends to raise \$250,000 in order to reconstruct the Seven Pools water feature and historic fountain. The full project, a public/private collaboration, will cost \$750,000 and include a complete replacement of the pool masonry, new underground plumbing, a new pump vault and a recirculating pump. The work will be done by the Park Board. They hope to begin work on the fountain in the spring of 2020. Elizabeth Shaffer distributed flyers indicating where one may donate to the Friends of Thomas Lowry Park.

Craig Wilson, the Bryn Mawr/East Isles/Kenwood-Isles/Lowry Hill neighborhood representative to the Community Advisory Committee (CAC), gave a report on the status of the CAC's recommendation process for the Southwest Area Parks Master Plan. He reported that the previous night at

the CAC's meeting a recommendation regarding The Mall park in East Isles was voted on and passed. The official board comment to the CAC and the Park Board was read aloud at that meeting. That comment can be found on the EIRA website eastisles.org. The plan that the CAC will recommend to the Park Board will include the plaza, play area, Midtown Greenway connection, shared use woonerf/flexible market street, gardens, and pedestrian crossing improvements. It will not include sand volleyball or multi-use playing fields. The plan proposes eliminating some of the east-west roads and the parking in the park between Irving and East Bde Mka Ska Parkway to create more passive green space.

Craig expects the final plan the CAC will recommend to the Park Board to be available after the CAC's next meeting on October 7. Any future comments or feedback on the design the CAC is recommending for The Mall park should be directed toward our Park Commissioner Jono Cowgill and the official Park Board comment website (link). The EIRA board will keep the neighborhood informed of the plan that is recommended and of comment opportunities through emails, the website, and social media.

President's Report: Ellen van Iwaarden thanked everyone for their participation and help in getting the neighborhood to comment on the proposed changes to The Mall park. She also proposed that the board consider a retreat this fall or winter to discuss some of the governance issues that the comment process tested. The board will begin work to schedule that retreat immediately. At the next meeting she will lead a discussion to determine our process and the job description for hiring a new neighborhood coordinator.

Committee Reports

NRP Committee: Mike Erlandson gave a quick update on the effort to add a shade structure to Triangle Park. Community members are invited to attend the first planning meeting for the shade structure on

Monday, September 30 at 5:00 p.m. at Grace Trinity Community Church. He also gave a brief introduction to the topic of using some NRP funds to purchase security cameras for the police to use in the neighborhood, a project that the NRP Committee has been working on.

Social Committee: The board discussed the recent Ice Cream Social and Super Sale and thanked Michael Gold who organized the Ice Cream Social, Shelly Itman who organized the Super Sale, and all the volunteers who helped put on those successful events.

Farmers Market: no report

Built Environment & Transportation Committee: Andrew Degerstrom presented a request from The Bridge for Youth, asking the board to support their application for a conditional use permit to increase the number of youth they can serve. They are planning a remodeling project which will allow them to serve 21 additional youth. The board discussed and voted to support their permit application. Andrew will draft a letter of support for Ellen to sign and send to the City.

Nominations & Outreach Committee: Emma Erdahl informed members present and guests that the next meeting will be October 3rd. Those interested in participating should email info@eastisles.org and request information.

Open Forum: No discussion

Action Items

The board voted to hire an independent contractor to help with accounting and bookkeeping needs.

The board voted to appoint Kate Svitavsky, an alternate, as a new member of the board to fill an open board position.

The board voted to support The Bridge for Youth's conditional use permit to increase the number of youth they can serve, allowing them to serve 12 additional youth.

September 2019 Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Meeting Minutes

KNO Board met September 9, 2019, at the Kenwood Recreation Center.

Vice-Chair Jeremy Nichols called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Directors present: Vice-Chair Jeremy Nichols, Secretary Amy Noble, Treasurer Matt Spies, Will Stensrud, Angie Erdrich, Evelyn Turner, Jack Levi, Marc Brown, and Kyle Leier. Absent: Chair Shawn Smith and Aria Christenson. Also present: CM Lisa Goodman, Amanda Vallone, Marc Hotley, Jono Cowgill, and Elizabeth Shaffer

It was proposed to add Kenilworth Corridor train horn noise to the agenda. This item was added and the agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

City of Minneapolis Update – CM Lisa Goodman

Judy Sherin is Lisa's new associate; new office hours are 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Lunch with Lisa is scheduled for September 25, 12 – 1PM, Terrence Murphy Hall, Rm 252; Ward 7 constituents that serve on Boards and Commissions for the City of Minneapolis will be featured

311: no longer open for calls on the weekends, week-day hours are 7AM – 7PM; if needed, can also text (31189) or email after hours

Fall Street Sweeping will begin on Monday, 10/21, and will take 4 weeks to complete; residents can look up service times and dates online and search by street address

Please call 311 or report to Lisa's office if you see landscapers or homeowners pushing leaves or grass clippings into the street, this is a violation of city ordinances and will create significant public safety, flooding, and pollution problems.

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

Park Board Update, Neighborhood Parks, Nice Ride Stations – Comm. Jono Cowgill

Master planning for the next 20 years is being led by a committee advisory process; there is no funding at this time to initiate any of the master plans

The park board has been receiving feedback from the

community on the draft plans and will want further feedback after the final draft plans have been released

There are two upcoming community meetings: 9/17 at Whittier Community Center and 10/7 at Martin Luther King Park, both 5:30 – 8:30

To be environmentally conscious, the park board has an initiative to eliminate all single use plastics at large events held in the parks

The park board is working with Tree Minneapolis to maintain and enhance the tree canopy in the city

The budgeting process will be taking place this fall and Mayor Frey has increased the city's level of service commitment to the parks by a 5.7% levy increase

Development of a master plan for Cedar Lake has been funded but the process has not been initiated

Nice Rides: Commissioner Cowgill reviewed the collaboration and contracts between the city, University of Minnesota, and the park board; moving forward, stakeholders should be notified prior to stations being located on adjacent/nearby public property

Seven Pools – Elizabeth Shaffer

Elizabeth Shaffer, President of the Friends of Thomas Lowry Park, presented information on the organization's history and present efforts to "Save the Seven Pools"

The seven pools need to be completely reconstructed and the park board does not have the estimated \$750,000 to complete the work; the proposal was to fill the pools with sand

The organization has pledged \$300,000 towards the reconstruction, the park board followed with a pledge of \$200,000, and private donations collected are at \$170,000; the organization is seeking donations to meet the pools reconstruction funding needs

The goal is to raise an extra \$100,000 so the brick pathways and other infrastructure within the park can also be repaired and upgraded to meet current safety standards

Please go to www.thomaslowrypark.org to donate to "Save the Seven Pools"

KNO board will discuss a possible donation at the next board meeting

Kenilworth Corridor Train Noise – All

A concern was brought to the board by area residents that freight trains have been sounding their horns more frequently at all times of day/night

Although Kenilworth corridor is a designated "quiet zone", the trains are now required to sound their horns due to the SWLRT construction zone and when construction workers are present

SWLRT community outreach coordinator, David Davies, responded to resident's concerns with the following information:

According to our rail coordinator, the freight rail does not change the volume of their horns. They operate their horns at the volume required by law and by their adopted code of operating rules. You will have to contact the respective freight companies such as TC&W to engage them on the volume of their horns.

Met Council/Metro Transit cannot make the freight trains lower the volume of their horns. Freight train horn volumes are determined by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). I'm looking through rules to see what the minimum volume should be.

Similarly, the FRA dictates the conditions under which train horns are used. In this case, train horns must be blown whenever construction workers are present.

Evelyn Turner will research this further to find out if the trains are required to sound the horns at all times (even when workers are not present), or only when workers are present

Presentation by US Solar – Kaleb Lindsey (Community Solar Garden Proposal/Awareness)

This agenda item was not addressed during this meeting; Kaleb Lindsey was not present.

Treasurer Update – Matt Spies

The City will conduct an audit sometime this year of KNO's financial records

There are no outstanding bills at this time

Environmental Project with Lowry Hill – Angie Erdrich

Cedar Isles Dean Neighborhood Association

By Monica Smith

CEDAR-ISLES-DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES, September 11, 2019

The meeting was held at Jones-Harrison Residence.

Board members attending: Chair Mary Pattock, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Gabriel Andrews, Evan Carlson, Stephen Goltry, James Reid, Claire Ruebeck, Amanda Vallone, Michael Wilson.

Coordinator: Monica Smith

Absences: Treasurer Taylor Pentelovitch, Clem Foltz.

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

The board approved the minutes from the August 2019 board meeting.

City Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

The next Lunch with Lisa will be Wednesday, September 25 and feature four Ward 7 residents who serve on city boards/commissions.

Two new projects have been proposed in the neighborhood:

2820 St. Louis Ave – planning a three-unit building (currently zoned R1 but once 2040 zoning is approved, a three-unit building will be allowed).

2828 Benton – replacing existing home

311 is no longer staffed on weekends. Hours are weekdays from 7am – 7 pm.

Street sweeping will begin on October 21 and will take four weeks to complete.

Residents have expressed frustration with traffic issues due to the concurrent closure of Cedar Lake Pkwy and road construction at Lake/Excelsior. Council Member Palmisano has told the developer of the project on the BP site that they will not get much use of the public right-of-way for their project once that construction begins.

After September 16, the City of Minneapolis will no longer grant permits for SWLRT work on evenings/weekends.

CM Goodman and Rep. Frank Hornstein are working to schedule a Southwest LRT public safety meeting in October for all stakeholders.

Chair's Report, Mary Pattock

CIDNA is awaiting a response regarding our letter to MPRB President Brad Bourn asking him to reappoint Don Willeke, CIDNA resident and tree expert, to the Tree Advisory Commission.

CIDNA and Kenwood Neighborhood Organization held a Southwest LRT Safety meeting on August 27. The purpose of this meeting was for the community to identify what concerns they want to be brought to the City meeting mandated by the new state law, and being planned by CM Goodman and Rep Hornstein.

The board needs a vice chair and new treasurer.

The Governance Committee will work on a financial plan for CIDNA's future.

A search committee was established to find a replacement for the CIDNA Coordinator.

Land Use and Zoning Committee, Evan Carlson

The committee is communicating with the developers of the two projects outlined in CM Goodman's report (see above) and is scheduling a meeting with the developer of 2820 St. Louis Ave.

Coordinator's Report, Monica Smith

The Community Connections Conference will be Saturday, February 1, 2020.

A proposal was submitted to the board to shift NRP Phase II funds that are uncontracted into the administration contract. Board notice is required to make this modification. The board will be asked to approve next month. The board approved a motion to transfer \$3,182 to staff and communications in the Community Participation Program (CPP) contract.

The loan to Propel Nonprofits is set to expire at the end of the year. Propel would like to extend the contract for at least two years. The board will review next month.

Neighborhoods 2020: The Tax Increment Finance district that funds neighborhoods organizations is set to expire in 2020. Mayor Frey has included funding for neighborhood organizations in the Five-Year Financial Direction. The City Council will be deciding on the program components. CURA has been hired as the contractor to help draft the final phase of Neighborhoods 2020.

City staff will be invited to our October meeting to present Vision Zero, a program that seeks to eliminate all

traffic fatalities and severe injuries nationwide. Park Board staff will be invited to present Parks for All and the Cedar-Lake of the Isles Master Plan process at our November meeting.

Park Board Commissioner Jono Cowgill, District 4

In recent weeks, at least 1,000 trees have been cut down to make way for SWLRT. Meanwhile, the Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan, will cause additional loss of trees because it promotes larger building footprints to achieve greater density. But trees are one of the most critical tools available to fight climate change and reduce the harm done by urban heat islands. In Minneapolis, the Park Board is responsible for the urban tree canopy. Commissioner Cowgill shared his concerns about the urban tree canopy in Minneapolis. The goal of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) is to achieve 40% tree canopy. But the percentage of tree canopy has fallen from 31% in 2009 to currently less than 28%, due to tree disease, tree disasters such as tornadoes, and development. MPRB plants 9,000 trees per year and relies on residents to support their growth. The species of the new trees will be more diverse, disease-resistant and resilient. MPRB is working with researchers at the University of Minnesota for guidance on this matter, and has added a part-time Tree Coordinator position to its staff; the Tree Advisory Committee is asking the MPRB and the City to make the position full-time. The Met Council has committed to replacing 10% above the 1,000 trees that were removed for Southwest LRT. However, the land above the SWLRT tunnel will be too shallow to sustain trees, so only shrubs with shallow roots will be planted there.

Crowd funding for loss of trees

Stuart Chazin is organizing a crowd funding effort to replace plantings/tree for residents along the SWLRT construction site. He was encouraged to work with the Environmental Preservation Committee.

Neighborhood Safety Committee, Steve Goltry

Steve Goltry shared a copy of the access point for the 3100 W Lake St development. Nancy Nikora continues to work on solutions to the dangerous Market Street intersection, where there have been accidents, one of them fatal.

Social Committee

Elaine May gave an update on plans for the Fall Festival to be held on Sunday, September 22, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Park Siding Park. The board approved a motion of up to \$50 to hire Park Board staff to oversee the bounce house. A call for volunteers will go out via e-blast and NextDoor.

The 2019 Wine Tasting Fundraiser is Thursday, October 10, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed; contact info@cidna.org. The board approved \$70 to place a promotional ad in the Hill & Lake Press (shared ad with East Isles). Tickets are available for purchase; contact a board member, info@cidna.org or purchase online at HandLWine.eventbrite.com. The proceeds from tickets sold by CIDNA will go to support CIDNA.

Amanda Vallone reported that vendor registration will open soon for Art Mart on Saturday, November 23, 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison.

Environmental Preservation Committee, Claire

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The MN Board of Water and Soil Resources has received state funding to develop a grant program that focuses on planting native vegetation and pollinator friendly forbs and legumes in residential lawns

The plan is for funds to be distributed to local conservation partners (Metro Bloom) so they can then distribute to individual landowners for implementation in the spring/summer of 2020

Funding will be targeted in priority areas to benefit the Rusty Patched Bumblebee and other at-risk species

Angie Erdrich presented this information to the KNO Board to seek if area residents would be interested in supporting this effort and be designated as a critical neighborhood habitat

Discussion tabled until next board meeting

Jeremy Nichols adjourned the meeting at 8:36.

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

VOLUNTEER LEADS

SWLRT – Evelyn Turner

East Cedar Lake Beach – Will Stensrud

Recruiting/Diversity – Aria Christenson

Kenwood Schools – Marc Brown

NRP/CPP – Amanda Vallone

Neighborhood Parks 2020 CAC – Larry Moran

In need of LOI/Environmental Protection

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

The next Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Board meeting is on October 7th at 7PM at the Kenwood Recreation Center. 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

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Ruebeck

The committee is forming and will hold their first meeting later this month.

The Park Siding Park gardeners will meet on Saturday, September 21, 9:00-11:00 a.m. All are welcome.

Transportation Committee, Mike Wilson

Southwest LRT work includes shifting the railroad tracks.

Cedar Lake Pkwy will reopen but close again around the end of October for tunnel construction.

The subcontractor providing flaggers to notify construction workers of oncoming trains has been fired for failing to notify workers. No one was injured but the safety of the workers was at risk and could have caused a derailment or collision. The TC&W railroad will be hired to provide the flagging service, at an additional \$9 million to the total cost of SWLRT.

Paul Junek, Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC), District 2

Paul Junek was elected to the NCEC for District 2. He will be sworn in later this month.

NCEC is a 16-member board that advises the City on community engagement and oversees the city-funded neighborhood programs. The NCEC is to be dissolved within six months and replaced with two different groups that will be defined in the Neighborhoods 2020 process.

Junek wants to stay involved to make sure the concerns of neighborhood organizations are included.

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

Next meeting

Wednesday, October 9, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Jones-Harrison Residence.

Notes to CIDNA residents: Contact info@cidna.org To sign up for our monthly e-newsletter

If you are interested in serving on one of our new committees,

If you are interested in being a board member (there are four open seats).

The CIDNA board has provisionally approved these minutes, and will give them final approval at the next board meeting.

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association

By Bob Hinck

Board Members Present:

William Reyelts, Jody Lichtor, Thomas Regnier, Fran Davis, Tom Huppert, Sam Ellingson, Toni D'Eramo, Evan Stern, Jennifer Breitinger, Justin Baylor and Bob Hinck.

Board Members Absent:

Chas Scheiderer, Craig Wilson, Lee Switzenberg and Kathleen Bottini

Others Present:

Minneapolis Councilwoman Lisa Goodman, Erik Sather, Molly Maass and Elizabeth Shaffer.

Meeting called to order 7pm

Approval of Minutes from June 4, 2019 MSP to accept (previously accepted with online vote)

Community Announcements, Lisa Goodman: New office manager is Judy Sherin, office hours are 8:00am-4:30pm. Invited people to attend the Lunch with Lisa is scheduled for September 25, topic is Boards and Commissions with board members. Vacancies for Boards and Commissions will be accepting applications to 10/18/19. 311 will be changing hours to include weekends and extend weekday hours to 7am-7pm. Hennepin Avenue bus lanes are open (signage and marking in process).

Treasurer's Report, Toni D'Eramo:

Donations continue to come in, some for garage sale. MPRB meeting tomorrow to approve contracts on funding for Thomas Lowry Park.

Committee Reports

Neighborhood Priorities/Environment (Craig Wilson, Jody Lichtor) Craig had an article submitted to Hill & Lake Press, 8/30/19 issue, regarding Parade park

Historical (Bob Hinck, Thomas Regnier)

No report at this time



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Zoning & Planning (Lee Switzenberg, Sam Ellingson)
Brief discussion regarding the demolition of the home at 1910 Knox Ave S and pending construction.

Crime & Safety, William Reyelts
Bike thefts are up in the area. Looking for block leaders, may start door knocking or distributing some advertising. MSP to allow up to \$100.00 for advertising.

Events (Justin Baylor, Tom Huppert)
Ice Cream Social went well on rescheduled date. Need to have help lined up for servers to lessen the wait and melt. Upcoming - Garage Sale, September 7. Need to get signage for next year. Justin will forward map to 'Toni for this years'. Will recap at next meeting. Annual Ice Skating event, looking for a formal proposal from a group that would like to work within this.

Communications (Toni D'Eramo)
Coming up ad, will include looking for block leaders

Other Business:
2040 Plan/Parks Update (Craig Wilson)
Upcoming meeting on 9/13, 6-8pm, Kenwood Recreation Center

Friends of Thomas Lowry Park, Elizabeth Shaffer. 9/4 MPRB meeting to accept our commitment(s). 3D imaging has been done, the day following

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the Ice Cream Social. Sample boring will be done next. The city will be retaining the services of the landscape architects who prepared the assessment report that was done. This fall public bids will be sought. Approximately \$150,000 has been raised from 128 neighbors/stakeholders. Nearing 100% participation from boards. The Kenwood has contributed as a group. Kowalski's will be adding TLP beginning October for donations.

Proposed City Council Ordinance Update Ordinance passed last week

New Business
Lowry Hill Meats, Erik Sather 9/17 city meeting for licensing for beer/wine permit. This board has consented to their request. They plan on continuing with current events such as classes in sausage making and butchering.

Items listed are for neighborhood concerns, comments and action.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm

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LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATION

HALLOWEEN NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY
Thrill Kenwood, our Halloween block party will be Saturday October 26th at the Kenwood Rec Center. This 11th Annual "Zombies in the Hood" event is hosted by ARTrageous and Kenwood Park. Activities include: zombie make overs, live music, treat bags, and culminate in a Global Simultaneous Thriller Dance at 5 p.m. This FREE event is sponsored by LHNA, KIAA, CIDNA and local businesses.



UPCOMING LHNA BOARD MEETINGS:
October 1st, November 5th and December 3rd at the Kenwood Community Center from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. All residents are invited. If you have a concern, question or wish to be on the agenda, contact us at lhna@lowryhillneighborhood.org

To learn more about LHNA, visit us at lowryhillneighborhood.com



CIDNA Fall Festival from page 3

After Lowell Berggren of Jones Harrison arrived with his generous donation of hot dogs and buns, neighbors Art Green and Alex Dietz fired up their grills and soon the enticing aroma of sizzling hot dogs began to waft through the park. This year we were lucky to have two very friendly hostesses, Nancy Green and Jolanta Tibebu to serve up the hot dogs to our neighbors and to welcome them to the festival. Festival Chair Elaine May's cousin Scott May was kind enough to appear to back up the grillers later in the day and neighbor Mary Harlow was on hand to help with the beverages and to keep things running smoothly.

The fun and fellowship continued, and before we knew it, it was time to draw names for prizes for kids and adults. Then right at 3:30 the children were delighted by the appearance of the fire truck with several friendly firemen to show them around the rig. As things were wrap up, a light rain began to fall and a hasty tear-down began with the help of neighbor Charlie Elowson, and Board Members Amanda Vallone, Mary Pollack, Coordinator Monica Smith and others. We all went home with good memories of another happy afternoon in our beloved Park Siding Park.



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CIDNA Fall Festival Still Going Strong After 23 Years

Where we are now!

By Jean Deatrck, Editor

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As most of our readers know, we have excellent reporters and writers who cover the issues in our neighborhoods and they receive no compensation, but we also need financial support from our neighborhood.

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Sand Upon the Waters

By Tom H. Cook

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—Erich Fromme

This spring I was honored when a close friend asked if I would serve as the officiant at her August wedding. I never turn down a gig, even a non-paying one, and this one promised to be special. The setting would be the rooftop of a fine Redondo Beach hotel overlooking the marina and the Pacific Ocean at sunset. After much thought I offered the couple two options:

Plan "A"

My opening, a solemn weighty tome heavy on Calvinism, the responsibility of marriage and the need for a partner to help shoulder the yolk. The classic Kahlil "The Prophet" Gibran, then a little Erich Fromm, slide into Zarathustra, tease with some Rod McKuen, and slam it home with Rudyard Kipling. All present are not mere attendees, but witnesses to a celebration of a true love which will burn for eternity. Their burden will be lightened and soaring eagles will valiantly carry the fullness of the couple's love to a nest on the highest peak of Olympus. This union formed by a crucible of caring will stand them together against the slings and arrows of an unfeeling world. Their love, a beacon of hope to affirm and reach out to the better angels in those of us who have stumbled from the path of virtue. (At this point some guests may be stabbing themselves with tiny cocktail forks...)

Plan B:

Me unfiltered/unplugged. A gentle roast with ribbing, humorous anecdotes, stories of our decade together. A few things I have learned since JoAnne (the editor) and I were married in an open field semi-hippie



Catherine, Father Tom, and Andrew.

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wedding in Upper Black Eddy, Pennsylvania forty-nine years ago. Then a focus on the couple who wish to remain nameless (Catherine and Andrew). A celebration of their strengths, joy, spirit, and vision for their lives together, closing with our love and best wishes

P.S. They chose Plan B and we all shared laughter, tears and a wonderful time.

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