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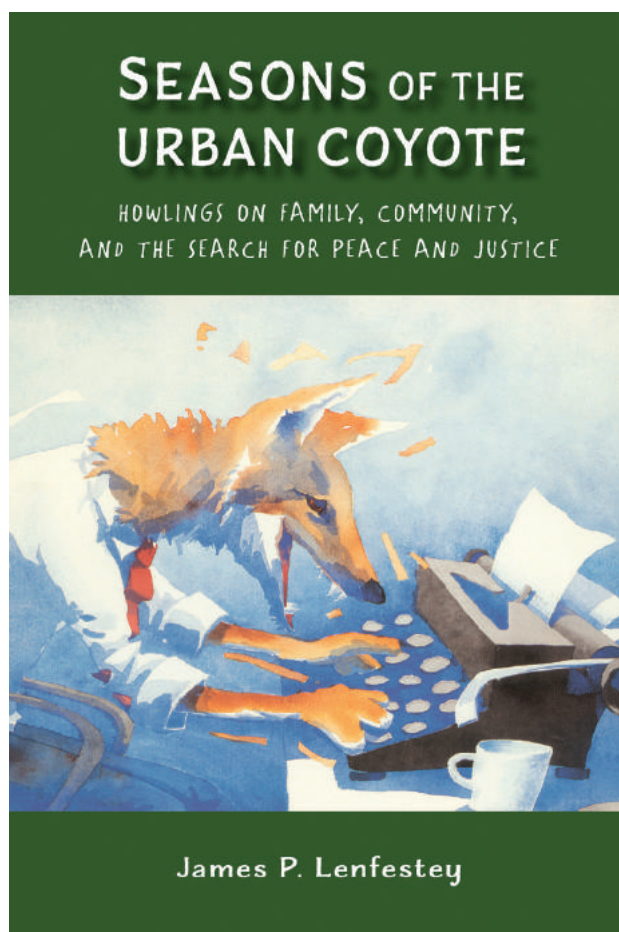
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THE NEW URBAN COYOTE COLLECTION:  
“A CHRONICLE FOR OUR TIMES.”



On Saturday, October 23 at 2pm in Kenwood Park, howls of joy will emanate from Kenwood Park near Kenwood School, signaling publication of SEASONS OF THE URBAN COYOTE: Howlings on Family, Community and the Search for Peace and Justice, by our own James P. Lenfestey, AKA The Urban Coyote, brought to you by Birchbark Books and Nodin Press. It is a collection of 75 essays first published in the Hill and Lake Press (with a smattering from the StarTribune), plus four seasonal poem-prayers originally published in a limited edition.

All are invited to the celebration. Look for signs among the oaks. Sponsored by Birchbark Books, Lenfestey, along with his pet coyote, will sign enough books for the multitudes. And if a sighting of this second URBAN COYOTE collection isn't exciting enough for you, there will be FREE ICE CREAM from Sebastian Joe's! If rain, Lenfestey will sign books at Birchbark Books from 2pm on. For updated information, contact birchbarkbooks.com, 612-374-4023.

Seasons of the Urban Coyote is the second selection of Urban Coyote columns beautifully published by Nodin Press. This collection covers years 2012 through the eventful spring of 2021. Although all the selected columns arise from neighborhoods covered by the Hill and Lake Press, they speak to and for readers everywhere.

Prepublication comments have been raves. MacArthur “genius” winner Patricia Hampl, former Regents Professor of Creative Writing at the University of Minnesota, says, “It’s a wonderful book, and it does something most column “collections” don’t manage—achieves its own narrative trajectory. I read with eagerness to see what would happen next. It’s partly the wise choice of the seasons, four “movements” like Vivaldi. Also the super-local, even civic, commitment, moving deftly into the national and global. Finally it’s the voice, so winning! Laced with a glinting thread of humor, this is a chronicle for our times.”

Eric Utne, founder of the Utne Reader, says, “These



The Urban Coyote James Lenfestey

Photo by Dorothy Childers

essays by James Lenfestey record ‘the full catastrophe of life’ (as Zorba put it) heartily embraced, family and nature deeply savored, social conscience thoroughly engaged. This essay collection adds up to a field guide for living and creating vital communities. Their generosity makes the rest of us grateful.”

And Duluth’s Bart Sutter, the only writer to win Minnesota Book Awards in all three categories of poetry, fiction and essays, writes, “Boy, did I enjoy this book! I laughed out loud. I wondered. I shook my head in admiration. I vowed to change some things. There may be readers who could treat themselves to just one of these essays a day, but I couldn’t keep from reading one after another. “Seasons of the Urban Coyote” answers the call in Wendell Berry’s counsel: Be joyful /though you have considered all the facts.”

If for some reason of ridiculous conflict, readers and their family members are unable to attend the publication party, pre-signed SEASONS OF THE URBAN COYOTE will be available at Birchbark Books after October 23, unsigned copies at bookstores around the region, and, at the very end of the day, on Amazon.

In the book’s Acknowledgements, Lenfestey expresses deep gratitude to editor Jean Deatrick and the board of directors and of The Hill and Lake Press “who allowed me to wander back into monthly publication in the fall of 2012 after a minor hiatus of a decade or so in pursuit of other projects.\* Without them, and the four volunteer neighborhood organizations that support the

paper and its home, ours would not be ‘one of the five best communities on planet earth.’ One that takes care of its people but never fails to look outward to the health of the larger community, including Mother Earth. As Paul Ylvisaker wrote in ‘An Agile Servant:’ ‘COMMUNITY is a word of elastic meaning. It stretches constantly, simultaneously moving in opposite directions: downward, to the individual neighborhood, and outward, to embrace the entire world...’ And so does the Urban Coyote.

After a career in academia, marketing communications and journalism, where he won several Page One awards for excellence, Lenfestey has also published seven collections of poems, edited three poetry anthologies and co-edited Robert Bly in This World, University of Minnesota Press. His haibun memoir, Seeking the Cave: A Pilgrimage to Cold Mountain (Milkweed Editions), was a finalist for the 2014 Minnesota Book Award. His sixth poetry collection, A Marriage Book: 50 Years of Poems from a Marriage (Milkweed Editions), was a finalist for two 2017 Midwest book awards. For fifteen years he chaired the Literary Witnesses poetry program at Plymouth Congregational Church and led a summer poetry program on Mackinac Island. In 2020 he received the Kay Sexton Award for significant contributions to the Minnesota literary community. He lives at the corner of Girard and Lincoln with his wife, the political activist Susan Lenfestey, and thoughts of his distant grandchildren.

### Lunch with Lisa: Wednesday, September 29, 2021

This will be an in person event at the University of St. Thomas, downtown Minneapolis campus  
**MASKS ARE REQUIRED!**

Please join us as we welcome Casey Carl, City Clerk and Chief Elections Official for Charter Amendments 101. Casey will share an unbiased, impartial explanation of the upcoming charter amendments that will be on the ballot.

Wednesday, September 29, 2021 (12:00 – 1:00)  
Opus Hall; Room 201

Lunch will be available to purchase for \$10. We need to submit our lunch count to the University by this Friday, September 17. Please RSVP to Judy Sherin ASAP if you'd like to partake in the lunch option. (contact information below)

### Saint Paul's Church on Lake of the Isles Outreach Collection Saturday 25 September 2021 – 10:00am-4:00pm future date: Oct 23

There are only 2 more Collection Saturdays in 2021! We hope you can join us on Saturday, September 25th and/or Saturday, October 23rd. We have been so blessed to have the support of our neighbors and parish members. Through their generosity we have been able to deliver many wonderful donations to our outreach partners listed below.

We will again be checking all donations at the curb so please check the list below carefully before gathering your donations. Thank you for thinking of your neighbors -locally and throughout the world.

Joyce Uptown A vessel for cash donations will be

### Neighborhood Meetings

Because of the coronavirus, we are staying home, staying safe, and ofte meeting by the internet, telephone, Zoom, and other virtual meetings. Please check for changed meetings times for KNO, LHNA, EIRA, and CIDNA on their websites or in monthly minutes. We can again socialize, but please be careful and wear masks when indoors.

on-site to support their bulk purchasing efforts.

Saint Nicholas Episcopal Church Food Shelves no used, opened, or expired items, please! • cereal • peanut butter • granola bars • rice • dried and canned beans • canned meats • tortillas (flour or corn) • salsa • sugar • tapioca • spaghetti or pasta • marinara sauce

Youth Link and Saint Stephen's Outreach • 1-2 person tents • adult sleeping bags • tarps • backpacks • ponchos/rain jackets • adult shoes • full/queen "bed-in-a-bag" • towels, sheet sets (labeled with size) • diapers/pull-ups (newborn to adult) • bus passes/tokens • gift cards for fast food, gas (\$5-10 preferred) • cell phones, calling cards • packs of bottled water • new travel-sized toiletries • new household supplies, cleaning products • new packs of plain t-shirts, socks, and underwear

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For used items such as housewares, linens, and clothing, please consider donating to Central Lutheran's Free Store. ([www.centralmpls.org/community/free-store/](http://www.centralmpls.org/community/free-store/)) Please make sure donations are clean and in good repair.

### October Webinars about Genocide

#### Genocide of the American Indians: From 1492 to Today

World Without Genocide will host a webinar on October 12, 2021 about the Genocide of American Indians and its legacy today. The speakers are Senator Mary Kunesch, sponsor of a bill that established the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force; and Christine Stark, co-author of Garden of Truth, an investigative report on the sex-trafficking of Native American women in northern Minnesota and Task Force member. This event will be held online through Zoom on Tuesday, October 12, 7:00-9:00 pm CT. Event details: The program is open to the public. Registration is required by Monday, October 11 at [worldwithoutgenocide.org/american-indians](http://worldwithoutgenocide.org/american-indians)

Afghanistan: Genocide, War Crimes, and the International Criminal Court

This program defines the crimes of the past twenty years in Afghanistan that are under investigation at the International Criminal Court, examines the conflict in Afghanistan, and analyzes its impact on women, girls, targeted minority groups, and refugees. The speakers are Ellen J. Kennedy, Ph.D., Executive Director of World Without Genocide; and Caitlin Schweiger, J.D., Benjamin B. Ferencz Fellow in Human Rights and Law. This event will be held online through Zoom on Sunday, October 24, 1:00-2:30 pm CT.

Event details: The program is open to the public. Registration is required by October 23 [worldwithoutgenocide.org/afghanistan](http://worldwithoutgenocide.org/afghanistan)

\$10 general public, \$5 students and seniors. lawyers. Space is limited; early registration is recommended.



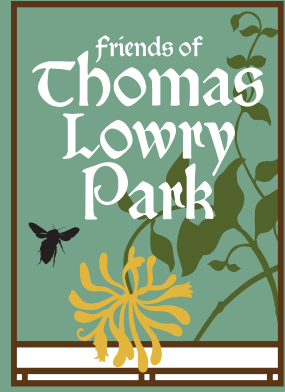
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Meet Your Neighbor, PERIS Hill and Courtney Cushing Kiernat

Craig Wilson interviews Courtney Cushing Kiernat, PERIS Foundation Executive Director and Kenwood Resident, about PERIS Hill, an affordable housing project located near Hennepin Avenue and Franklin Avenue in Lowry Hill.

**What is Peris Hill and who will be living there starting in late 2021?** PERIS Hill is a new intentional affordable housing community located in historic Lowry Hill at 1930 Hennepin Avenue, the former site of Bradstreet Restaurant. It will have 45 studio and one-bedroom units of affordable housing with 30 units for adults who qualify for 50-60% area medium income (approximately \$36,000-\$44,000 annual income for a single person). PERIS Hill is unique because it includes 15 units of supportive housing for young people, ages 18-21 years, aging out of foster care in Hennepin County. Supportive housing services will be provided by The Link, a well-respected organization founded by former Vikings players Jim Marshall and Oscar Reed. The Link has a strong track-record of working with youth to overcome poverty and social injustice in the Twin Cities. A Youth Advisory Committee has been engaged throughout the project, helping to guide program services, PERIS branding, tenant criteria and the layout of the first-floor community spaces. PERIS will have 24/7 Link front desk staff. Volunteers of America (VOA) will serve as property manager, bringing deep experience managing affordable housing across the country.

Who was behind its inception? The Graves Family Foundation, specifically Denise Graves, one of the founders, has been instrumental in making PERIS a reality. Denise's experience as a Hennepin County Guardian Ad Litem with youth in foster care led the Graves Foundation to invest in the incubation, development of the PERIS project. Graves Foundation has committed long-term funding for The Link on-site support services creating stability for PERIS and the young people who will call it home.

**Why is it needed?** Affordable housing across the board is in short supply in the Twin Cities. Affordable housing for young people at risk is even more scarce. According to a study by Chapin Hall, University of Chicago, "Predictors of Homelessness during the Transition from Foster Care to Adulthood," 36% of young people aging out of foster care experience at least one episode of homelessness by age 26. Locally, the Wilder Research Center's 2015 Study on Homelessness found that 54% of the homeless youth surveyed had been in an out-of-home placement. While foster youth are more likely to experience homelessness, Minnesota lacks appropriate housing options and supportive services for these young people to find stability and future success. "Many youth aging out of foster care not only contend with the effects of their childhood adversity... , but also with the additional stress that a lack of social and financial support from families affords." Adverse Childhood Experiences Among Youth Aging out of Foster Care: A Latent Class Analysis

**Why Lowry Hill?** Lowry Hill was chosen as the location for PERIS Hill because of its access to public transit, parks, multiple educational and cultural institutions, jobs, libraries, grocery stores, Uptown, Downtown, the list goes on and reflects why neighbors choose to live in the area. All of the units have large windows and a number of them have a great view of the Minneapolis skyline.

**How can the community engage with and support PERIS Hill residents?**

There are three main ways community can support PERIS Hill residents in the immediate future:

Donate to the PERIS Foundation, led by Board Chair and Lowry Hill resident, Kristi Pearson, is the non-profit entity that raises awareness, engagement, and financial support for PERIS Hill. Immediate needs for PERIS young people are funds to support them in purchasing home items. For many of the youth aging out of foster care, this will be the first time they get to choose

Courtney Cushing Kiernat



their own furniture and décor. We will share more detailed information on opportunities to support PERIS as we get closer to opening. In the meantime, folks are welcome to reach out to me directly, courtney@PERISHousing.org or 612-865-5048.

Spread the word about PERIS including potential eligible tenants for the 30 adult units. Application are being accepted by VOA at 612-767-2447 or [https://www.voam-nwi.org/housing\\_properties/peris-hill](https://www.voam-nwi.org/housing_properties/peris-hill) .

Welcome PERIS Hill tenants as they move and settle-in starting mid-November 2021.

**What is your role and how did you get involved?**

I am leading the PERIS Hill project which includes everything from developing and strengthening social service partnerships to construction decisions and communication with surrounding neighbors. I proudly wear my hard hat and neon vest and enjoy sitting in on the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association meetings to update and answer questions. When I was approached about this opportunity, I quickly recalled my early childhood days when I would walk from my Humboldt home to spend my allowance at Burch Pharmacy and Kenny's Market. Growing up through age 12 in Lowry Hill was wonderful. The chance to build affordable housing in historic Lowry Hill with a clear focus on providing stable, supportive housing for young people who have experienced foster care was an opportunity to give back to the neighborhood that gave me so much as a child and provide a stable and supportive place for young people. Once the building is complete, I will transition to a volunteer board position

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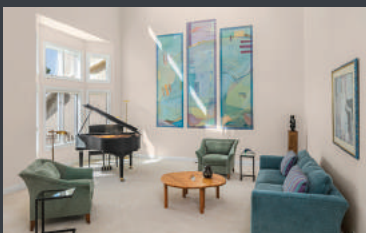
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## MPRB Races: Who's Running At-Large? By Jeanette Colby

After four years of mission creep, dysfunction, and pursuit of personal agendas, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation board is poised for renewal in the upcoming election.

In addition to voting for a District 4 commissioner (Elizabeth Shaffer vs. incumbent Jono Cowgill), Hill & Lake Press readers will have the opportunity to vote for three at-large commissioners.

Of the three currently serving, two at-large commissioners are seeking re-election. One of these has long worked productively with other commissioners and professional staff: Meg Forney. She has a lifetime of support for all Minneapolis parks — and their users. Among many other accomplishments, Meg has helped lead the MPRB's RiverFirst Initiative and contributed to the development of the Equity Matrix that now guides MPRB investment priorities.

Also up for re-election, Londel French's tenure has been less laudatory. While sincere and compassionate, his communication style tends toward the adversarial and political. He supported park

encampments until their problems became too obvious to ignore, and led the effort to oust the State Patrol from their small office at MPRB headquarters because they were “at the heart of putting down unrest,” in Minneapolis last June (StarTribune, 4/22/21). Mayor Jacob Frey vetoed that move.

Two new candidates approach the Park Board with more experience and civility. Mary McKelvey's bona fides are strong. She has coached cross-country skiing, mountain biking, and outdoor adventuring at Wirth Park for more than 10 years. Working with the Loppet Foundation, she has brought many new families into these sports. She has followed the Park Board closely as a member of two community advisory committees — the Minnehaha Creek Regional Trail System and Parks for All Comprehensive Plan. She also helped Meg Forney with her 2017 race. (I met her then, and have helped her with her campaign this year.)

Another excellent choice for an at-large seat, Alicia D. Smith holds an M.A. in Organizational Leadership from Augsburg University. Raised in North Minneapolis, she is now the executive director of the Corcoran Neighborhood Association in South

Minneapolis. Her career has focused on youth development and community building, and she understands how parks fit into a network of positive supports for kids. Her long experience in programming at the North Community YMCA will add to the board's expertise in supporting and encouraging relevant park programs.

Several other candidates will be listed on the ballot, but the only other active candidate is Tom Olsen, who works for the Minnesota House DFL. Like Meg, he lives near Bde Maka Ska. In his run for the MPRB, he advocates for “managing encampments,” closing parkways to car traffic to make room for pedestrians, and allowing alcohol in city parks — which he says will “help to boost tourism, business, and the reputation of Minneapolis as a destination city” (candidate website). A park user, he otherwise seems to have very limited experience with the parks system.

This election year offers Minneapolis residents a chance to return to civility and positive progress across the city. Let's move to end divisiveness by voting for qualified at-large candidates for Park Board.

## Accountable City Government Through A Chief Executive/Legislative Council

By Margit Berg

Minneapolis voters have an opportunity to make a significant change to the structure of city government in this fall's election. By passing Charter Amendment #1, voters will be accomplishing something that “good government” groups have been trying to do since Minneapolis adopted its Charter in 1920.

The Charter that was adopted in 1920 was simply a codification of all state laws that applied to Minneapolis—in other words, no one sat down and designed a structure that would be efficient, responsive, and effective. Instead we have a system of executive and administrative functions shared by the Mayor and the Council, a system that ends up with everyone being accountable, yet no one having the authority. The buck stops nowhere.

The Charter Commission, a 15-member body that serves as a think tank for city government, and mandated by the State Constitution and statute, is proposing a fix. It is fashioned after our federal and state governments in that it designates the Mayor as the chief executive officer and the City Council to be the legislative body and provider of constituent services as it does now.

The Commission had long heard concerns about accountability. This became particularly evi-

dent during the civil unrest following the killing of George Floyd. Another concern was above average turnover of department heads. Minneapolis has lost 8 important department heads in the past two years.

To lay the groundwork for proposing this change the Charter Commission did considerable study. A committee of the commission interviewed current and past mayors and council members as well as current and former department heads, and you can link to the reports of these interviews at [charter4changempls.org](http://charter4changempls.org). What the Charter Commission found is the Minneapolis indeed has a 14-boss problem. Both the Mayor and 13 City Council members at times tell department heads what to do and it can create confusion, conflict, and chaos. We have lost considerable talent because of the complexity of our government structure.

### What is being proposed:

The Mayor appoints the heads of Charter departments with the approval of the City Council. Those department heads serve for the same term as the Mayor. The Mayor also can fire the department heads. The

Mayor and department heads are responsible for administering city government and implementing ordinances. This new structure could enable reform of public safety.

The City Council passes ordinances and has new authority and staff within the Audit Department to do performance audits of city departments along with financial audits. It appoints the City Clerk that is the chief election officer. And it retains its ability to provide constituent services by providing new resources to do so.

Charter amendments pass when 51% of those voting on the amendment vote yes. Charter amendments take effect 30 days after passage (Dec 2). Among the groups that support the amendment are the League of Women Voters. They have recognized the need for Charter change since 1921 and have worked intermittently since then to make clear the lines of authority and responsibility. To learn more and read the relevant reports written by the City Charter Commission, log on to [www.charter4changempls.org](http://www.charter4changempls.org).

## Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board

Here is the protocol as agreed upon between the City and MPRB :  
Important information provided by Harvey Ettinger.

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and Carla Godwin who is an experienced leader with strong communication and partnership skills will take on the lead staff role for PERIS Foundation. Carla is already involved and very familiar with PERIS so the transition will be smooth.

How has the community responded? Like anything new, there were many questions, concerns and comments about affordable housing going up in Lowry Hill. Many of the questions concerned the materials and appearance of the building in relation to the surrounding areas. We have worked hard to listen to neighborhood concerns and incorporate changes where possible based on budget and tax credit funding restrictions. I can't say enough good things about our immediate neighbors and Council Member Lisa Goodman who have been patient and responsive throughout the construction process.

When is the grand opening? PERIS Hill is slated to be complete the second week of November. We are planning a COVID safe Open House for neighbors and all supporters on Tuesday, November 16th, 4:00-7:00 p.m. More details to come next month.

Residents must call the City first, at 311, regardless of where the graffiti is located in Minneapolis (Nicollet Mall, Hennepin County Government Center, or Mpls Parks – it doesn't matter).

All of these calls go to the City of Minneapolis Graffiti Hotline. Their team goes out to the site and photographs the graffiti. They keep a file so that when they catch the tagger, they can pin more of his/her work on that person, as the styles are often quite unique. Then they notify either their own City Paint shop to go repair the damage, or they email a batch of paint orders to MPRB and we sort them out by the various areas of park land, where one specific person has the responsibility of assigning it in order of priority. If the graffiti is something offensive, then the paint shop staff go out there right away. Otherwise they put in a service request to the Paint Shop just like any other job. Sometimes it is just tagging on a garbage can, for example. Then a park keeper can take along a can of spray paint on their normal rounds and quickly paint over it. But if it's a wall or something, that needs more careful painting, then that may take a while.

Chalk on the sidewalks? We don't hose it off. It will rain on Friday. ( Bet they didn't write anything on the

sidewalk in front of their home). Anyway, our park keepers have too much to do already with the numerous tents that pop up daily all over the parks and the amount of debris that these folks leave behind, including needles that our park keepers have to carefully pick up. Add to that, mowing almost 7000 acres, picking up garbage from the bins, and the endless other responsibilities that they must do in a day's work.

You are a good park patron and I so appreciate your attentiveness as we can't be everywhere. If you see more graffiti, please call 311 directly and ask for the Graffiti Hotline.

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AMONG THE PRIUS PEOPLE

By James P. Lenfestey

AS the glorious sunny days of September slip into the rearview mirror, I am happy I live among the Prius people. As I write this, the window of my office is open to the cricket night, lovers sawing their violin legs back and forth. While in the distance of Lake Street, I hear the occasional roars of fractured mufflers and hyper-revved motorcycles, as if Lake Street were again on fire. The draggers and the noisemakers are at play but at some distance from the cricket heart of the neighborhood.

Who are THE PRIUS PEOPLE? Those who consider an automobile not only an item of transportation but one that can also send a green message: saving gasoline and saving the planet.

In the Sixties, that car was the Folks Wagon, AKA the VW bug or vanagon, designed to save space and money in a European post-war constrained economy, eagerly adopted by my generation as a beginning step in our efforts to constrain the advances of the giant Bulgemobiles proliferating around the country.

A VW Vanagon was the one and only vehicle we ever owned in our marred life. Easy to park, economical to drive, circa 30 mile per gallon, and we could camp in it too, with a brood of 3 children. When one Vanagan wore out, we replaced it with another.

Until a 4th child appeared in our bedroom. Not

only were van camping days over, but the engine block had a crack wide as the Grand Canyon, the driveway a Colorado River of oil.

Of course Susan could not junk it. Instead, she contracted with a West Coast VW Vanagon recycler to take it for parts. When the giant car-carrier pulled up on Franklin Avenue to pick it up, we quickly poured three quarts of 10W-30 into the block and Susan zipped it the three block to the idling car carrier. As the driver cranked the van up onto the bed of the truck, he cried out, "Damn, a bleeder!" when he saw the oil cascading between the rear tires. He remanded it to the lower level of the rig, cranked it in, and drove off toward sunny California, tears in our eyes.

And soon enough a Prius in our garage. Susan's idea, of course. I had thought for sure another van in our life, all we had ever known. But she knew, as did many of you (this was 20 years ago), that the new VW was the era's economical and environmentally wise product from Toyota, the Prius.

The Pius pioneered hybrid engine technology on mass-produced scale, running on both electricity and gasoline seamlessly, averaging in our experience about 45 miles per gallon. That was the major intermediate step forward in the consumer climate battle before Elon Musk single-handedly pulled the global auto industry



Photo Illustration by Dorothy Childers

into the full electric epoch, never to go back. Our neighborhood is now graced with some sleek Tesla Model 3s and a few Models S, E, X and Y. But until the Biden infrastructure plan passes, which super-electrifies the country with wind and solar power and charging stations wherever needed, the appropriate image for our neighborhood remains the compact, efficient, affordable fam-

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# LISA GOODMAN

7th Ward City Council

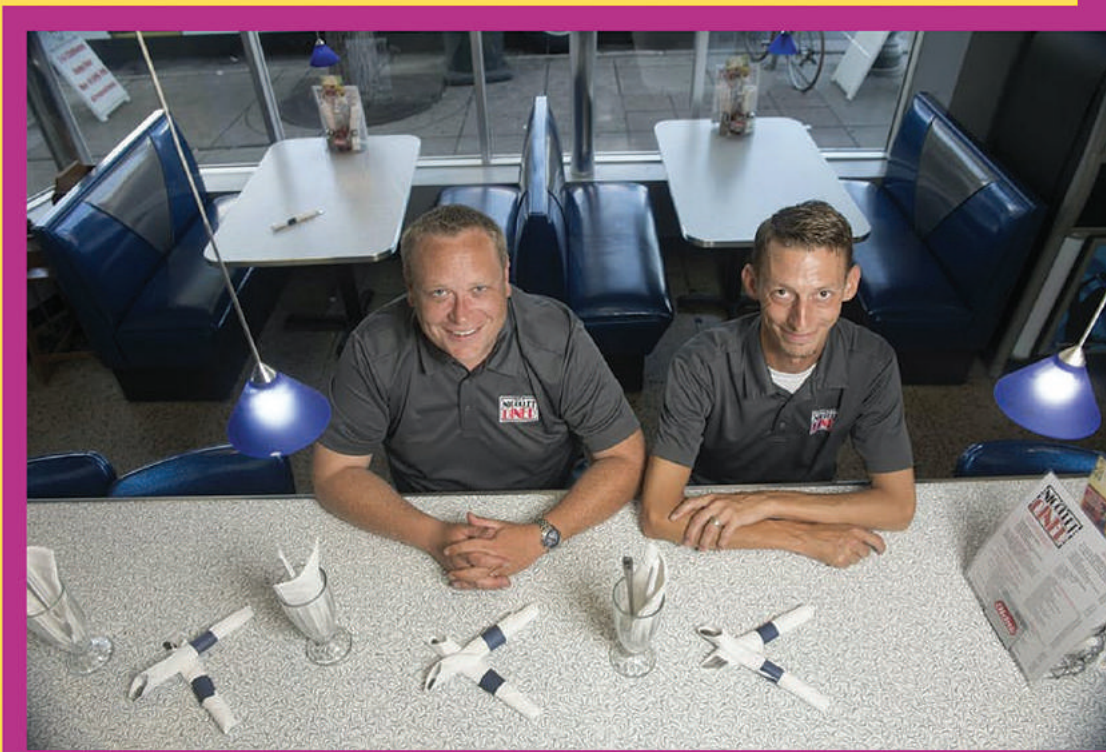
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**K**enwood Retirement Community resident Sally Howard is a go-getter. She's friendly, energetic, and a great listener. During the pandemic, when social isolation was the norm, an attentive housekeeper at The Kenwood noticed that Sally and another resident had the same painting, a scene from Puerta Vallarta in Sally's beloved Mexico. The housekeeper asked Sally to pay a socially-distanced visit to the other home-bound resident. Sally was thrilled to be able to chat with a new friend.

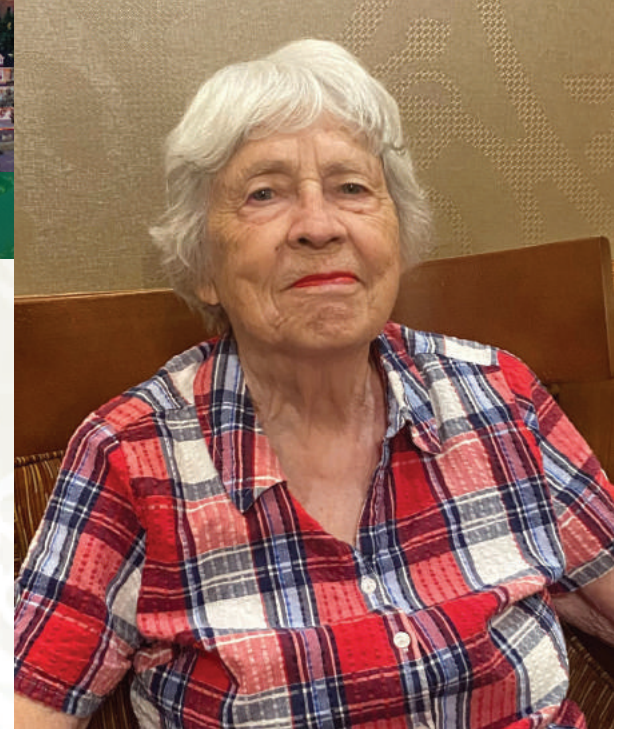
Sally is a graduate of Macalester College. She majored in sociology and English, but also participated in many extra-curricular activities such as choir and the tennis team, a habit that has continued through her life. Sally says she has a short attention span when it comes to her career, as she changed jobs every five to ten years when she wanted a new challenge. With each assignment she learned and grew, stayed connected to many interesting people along the way, and helped others reach their potential while reaching her own.

In all her work, Sally got people to work together and cooperate. Sally talks fondly of her first job with Yteens, working with girls 15-18 through the YWCA. As Volunteer Director for Abbott Hospital, Sally worked with hundreds of volunteers who improved the quality of the patients stays by delivering mail, reading letters, staffing the gift shop and coffee shop, and generally provided another friendly face for the patients. After Abbott merged with Northwestern Hospital, Sally took a position in Community Relations.

Throughout her life Sally has been politically active and in the late 1970s decided to run for Minneapolis City Council and was the city council person for Ward 10 for six years. She used her skill as an avid listener to work with neighborhood groups and businesses to bring amenities such as Calhoun Square to fruition.

After deciding not to run again, Sally took a vacation in Mexico to refresh herself. Her friends back in Minneapolis heard about a perfect job for her in public relations at the University of Minnesota's new Academic Health Center. She got the job. It was a fun job, it was a new challenge, and a chance to expand her horizons. She used her talents of listening, getting everyone to work together, and highlighting the achievements of the Health Center.

Sally is enjoying life at the Kenwood. She credits the leadership and staff at the Kenwood with keeping everyone safe during the pandemic. Ever the traveler, Sally was in Mexico in 2020 when the pandemic hit and was relieved to get back to her Kenwood home safely. She takes part in the exercise classes five days a week. She credits the Activities Director with finding great movies. She hopes you may not see Sally when you visit The Kenwood. She is always moving fast, on to the next activity, chat, or challenge.



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**Southwest LRT Construction Update: September 10, 2021****Web:** [swlrt.org](http://swlrt.org)**Twitter:** @SouthwestLRT**Construction Hotline:** 612-373-3933**Upcoming Highway 62 Closures**

Work will begin Friday, September 10 to restore Highway 62 to its final condition. This activity will involve temporary closures as follows:

- September 10 at 7:00 PM:
  - o All eastbound lanes on Highway 62 between Highway 212 and Shady Oak Road in Eden Prairie will close until Monday, September 13 at 5:00 AM.
  - o One westbound lane on Highway 62 will also close and remain closed until Monday morning, September 27.
  - o Work will be ongoing throughout the weekend. Expect construction lighting and noise during evening hours. See Eden Prairie detour information.

A full closure of the westbound lanes is also anticipated from Friday, September 24 in the evening through Monday morning, September 27. We anticipate additional westbound lane closures on Highway 62 through October. More details to follow about these upcoming closures.

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## Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association

Submitted by Amanda Vallone and Michael Jon Olson

DRAFT Minutes of the September 8, 2021 Board Meeting (held via Zoom)

Submitted by Amanda Vallone and Michael Jon Olson

### Attendance

Board Members Present: Laura Cederberg (Chair), Laura DeMarais, Stephen Goltry, Rosanne Halloran, Dean Kephart, Mary Pattock, Claire Ruebeck, Tim Sheridan (Vice Chair), Mike Siebenaler (Treasurer), Amanda Vallone

Others Present: Lisa Goodman (City Council – Ward 7), Michael Jon Olson (CIDNA Coordinator), Robert Thomson (accountant), Mike Wilson (former resident)

### Preliminaries

Meeting was called to order at 6:00.

The agenda was approved without changes.

The minutes of the August 11 board meeting were approved.

### Reports

Ward 7 Office. Councilmember Goodman wished everyone a Happy Rosh Hashanah and reported that:

The next Lunch with Lisa is Wednesday, September 29 at the University of St. Thomas. City Clerk Casey Carl will present on the three proposed Charter Amendments.

The City has received a demolition permit request for 30 Park Lane which is currently being reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission.

September is National Preparedness Month (see [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov) for more information).

The City of Minneapolis is seeking feedback on funding priorities for the second round of American Rescue Plan Act funding. The survey will be open through September 24.

Minneapolis residents can request litter cleanup supplies from the City. [Click here for more information.](#)

**Treasurer.** Mike and Robert Thomson reported that: they are working to fix issues related to online

access to the bank account; a payment request has been submitted to the City; there was a little hiccup with the request to the IRS to change in the fiscal year to run concurrent with the calendar year and consequently this year's Annual Report to the State of Minnesota will need to be for the old fiscal year, ending on May 31. The board will discuss the budget at the upcoming retreat.

**Governance Committee & Coordinator.** Laura C. and Michael Jon reported that they began work on a draft of CIDNA's Equitable Engagement Plan. The plan will go to the Communications Committee for review. Michael Jon has started work on the applications for the Equitable Engagement Fund and the Neighborhood Network Fund, which are due October 15.

**Communications Committee.** Dean reported that he needs to step down as chair of the committee. Mary has agreed to take over as chair. See action item below.

**Social Committee.** Amanda reported that Tai Chi on Dean Green has not yet had the attendance hoped for. It has been and will continue to be promoted in the e-news and Facebook. The day and time may be a problem. Planning for the Fall Festival (1:00 – 4:00pm on Saturday, October 9) is underway. This year there will be live music as well as more kids activities including a bike decorating station and kids bike parade.

**Environment Committee.** Claire reported on upcoming dates for gardening at Park Siding Park (9:00am – 12:00noon, September 18 and 5:30 – 7:30pm on October 6). Claire also reported on some troubles with MPRB staff mowing over the natural restoration areas at Cedar Lake South Point.

**Joint Safety Committee.** Stephen reminded everyone about the upcoming Safety Walk with West Maka Ska, coming up at 4:30pm on September 15.

**Transportation Updates.** As early as September 20, 2021, Cedar Lake Parkway at the Kenilworth Trail

will close to vehicle traffic for two weeks. Pedestrian and bicycle access will be preserved for the duration of this closure. Also, MPRB has closed the Cedar Lake Channel for the duration of the fall to conduct shoreline stabilization work between Cedar Lake and the Burnham Road Bridge.

### Actions

**Moved:** To approve CIDNA visual identity (logo, typography, color palette, etc.) as proposed by Woychick Design and recommended by the Communications Committee. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

**Moved:** To approve plan for charter amendment education - a CIDNA-sponsored presentation by City Clerk Casey Carl on September 23 and a contribution of up to \$150 to the joint SW neighborhoods charter education effort - as recommended by the Governance Committee. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

**Moved:** To authorize the Environment Committee to negotiate a contract with MPRB for a public art installation at Cedar Lake South Beach and select an artist, with a total project budget of up to \$10,000, including a maintenance fund. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

### Discussions

**Upcoming Calendar.** Laura C. recapped the upcoming CIDNA calendar, including the forum on SWLRT construction issues on September 16. She also provided an overview of the draft agenda for the upcoming Board Retreat, scheduled for September 25.

**Archive Project.** Rosanne updated the board on the archive project. The board discussed establishing criteria for what to keep, what to destroy, and what to donate.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

## Kenwood Neighborhood Organization

KNO Board Meeting Minutes

Sep 13, 2021

Online Meeting

\*\*\* Draft, not yet approved \*\*\*

Present: Mark Brown (Chair), Jim Barnett (Vice Chair), Jeremy Nichols (Treasurer), Matt Spies (Secretary), Will Stensrud, Evelyn Turner, Melinda Platt, Jack Levi, Jack Levi

Absent: Angie Erdrich, Lana Baggentos

Guests: Amanda Vallone (Artrageous), Lisa Goodman (City of Minneapolis), Jono Cowgill (Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board), David Davies (Southwest Light Rail Project Office)

1. Approval of July Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Courtney Kiernat to approve August Meeting Minutes, motioned passed.

2. City of Minneapolis Councilmember Lisa Goodman Update: The next Lunch with Lisa on Sep 29 from 12pm to 1pm. The focus is on the charter amendment process. Minneapolis police chief will be speaking at the October Lunch with Lisa. Visit [Ready.gov/plan](http://Ready.gov/plan) for information on planning for emergencies. Early voting starts soon. Redistricting process is underway, but will likely not have an impact to Kenwood. The city is providing free gloves and graffiti removal solutions to help clean up the city. City is surveying residents on ways to spend \$50mm of the American Rescue Plan that has not been allocated in the Mayors budget. See the City of Minneapolis website for more information. <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/budget/american-rescue-plan/>

3. Southwest Light Rail Update from SWLRT Project Office's David Davies. Cedar Lake Parkway

closure moving to Monday, September 27, 2021. The parkway will be closed for two weeks. Landscaping plan for Kenilworth is still in the project. The plan includes landscaping all along the LRT route in Minneapolis. Marketing for the SWLRT will ramp up as we get closer to the opening.

4. Park and Recreation Board Update from Park Board President Jono Cowgill. Like many organizations, the Park Board is actively looking for staff of all working ages. The tennis courts at Loring Park are being resurfaced and will be open next spring. This may relieve some of the pressure on the Kenwood Courts. Youth employment program has helped remove buckthorn around Cedar Lake. The park board will be voting on the comprehensive plan...Levy request by the Park Board includes funding the gap in funding for various initiatives focused on youth.

5. KNO Coordinator Update from Amanda Vallone. We have 365 active subscribers to our newsletter, we are targeting 400 by year-end. Kenwood mugs purchased by neighbors have been delivered. Amanda has reached out to several neighbors who have inquired about helping KNO. The next newsletter will be sent out shortly.

6. Hidden Beach update from Will Stensrud. Positive season on Hidden beach. Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles Master Plan Community Engagement Summary can be found via the link below. <https://www.minneapolis-parks.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/2021-08-31-Cedar-Isles-CE-Summary-Final.pdf>

7. Kenwood Activities Update from Jim Barnett. Preliminary planning for a community engagement event for summer of 2021.

8. KNO Equity Plan from Mark Brown. Mark shared an update on the development of the KNO engagement plan to ensure we stay in compliance with new requirements from the City of Minneapolis. Mark will share additional information with the board and welcome feedback.

9. Meeting Dates for next 12 months (Matt Spies). Board meetings for the next twelve months. A motion was made to approve the scheduled meeting dates listed below. The motion passed unanimously.

2021

- i. Aug - No Meeting
  - ii. Sept 13 (sep 6 is memorial day)
  - iii. Oct 4
  - iv. Nov 1
  - v. Dec 6
- 2022
- vi. Jan 10 (new years is observed on Jan 3)
  - vii. Feb 7
  - viii. Mar 7
  - ix. Apr 4
  - x. May 2
  - xi. Jun 6
  - xii. Jul 11 (first monday is July 4)
  - xiii. Aug 1
  - xiv. Sep 12 (first monday is Labor day)



# East Isles Residents Association

Minutes submitted by Jenna Egan

EIRA Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, August 10, 2021, 7 pm

Online via Zoom MINUTES

Board members present:

Emma Erdahl (President), Erik Anderson (Vice President), Andrew Degerstrom (Treasurer), Laney Barhaugh (Secretary), Becky Accettura, Natasha Dockter, Mike Erlandson, Larry Lamb, Rod Lauture, Peter Mason, Brian Milavitz

Staff present:

Jenna Egan, Coordinator

Welcome

President Emma Erdahl called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

### Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda contained the following items: Approval of the minutes of the July 2021 EIRA Board Meeting.

### Approval of the August 2021 Finance Report.

The following action was taken regarding agenda item 2:

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion by Erlandson, seconded by Dockter. Motion carried with 11 ayes and 0 nays.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Andrew Degerstrom reported that EIRA received a notice from the IRS assessing penalties in excess of \$5,000 for failure to file its 990-EZ for 2019. EIRA did file, but it is sitting in the IRS mail backlog, and these notices are generated and sent automatically.

EIRA's attorney is responding to the notice on EIRA's behalf.

### Strategic Planning Update

President Emma Erdahl presented the updates to EIRA's strategic planning process, highlights include:

The Executive Committee met with Mary Kay from INspiring SIGHT to adjust the contract due to the additional session the Board had for strategic planning. Some hours designated in the contract to be used for coaching will instead be used for the additional strategic planning session.

The Board will create a process on how to move forward and work on the strategic planning sections.

### Ice Cream Social

Neighborhood Coordinator Jenna Egan presented the following updates for the Ice Cream Social, scheduled for August 18:

Final event details are being coordinated, including cooler rental, ice cream pick-up, finding attendants for the bounce house, help with set-up and clean-up.

Last minute letters will be distributed house to house along Irving & Euclid reminding residents that those street will be closed for the event.

Mailing will arrive later this week or this weekend.

Outreach and Engagement Committee will hold one final planning meeting on Sunday, August 15.

### Logo Redesign Update

Board Member Becky Accettura reported that she and Board Member Larry Lamb had a meeting with Brandography regarding taking a step back and reassess-

ing the work that has been done. Brandography is going to come back with proposed next steps after discussing internally.

### Outreach and Engagement Committee

Outreach and Engagement Committee Chair Becky Accettura presented the following report:

EIRA has received a request for assistance in organizing and running an East Isles Halloween Party and Parade in October. Several East Isles residents and parents organized this event last year. This proposal would make this an official EIRA event.

EIRA will be holding a Fall Membership Meeting, tentatively scheduled for October 12. The main purpose will be to amend EIRA's Bylaws so that they meet City of Minneapolis funding requirements, of which the deadline to be in compliance is the end of the year. EIRA will need to make a decision on whether to hold the Fall Membership Meeting in-person or via Zoom.

### Open Forum

The following was discussed in open forum:

Board Member Larry Lamb attended eight National Night Out parties and received 25 contacts to be added to the EIRA newsletter email list.

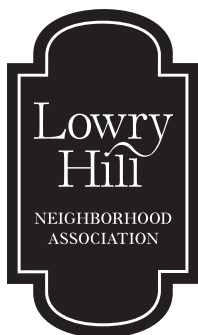
Board Member Mike Erlandson shared that Park Board Commissioner Cowgill will follow up regarding the shade structure for Triangle Park.

Erlandson also reported that he spoke with the MPD 5th Precinct commander and they are happy to attend any Board or neighborhood meetings and speak about public safety and share statistics.

President Emma Erdahl asked Board members to attend and bring their families to the Ice Cream Social.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



## DON'T MISS THE NEXT LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING

The Next LHNA Meeting is Tuesday, October 5 at 7 pm

All residents are welcome to join via ZOOM. Details on how to attend will be on the website. If you have a question or wish to be on the agenda, please email us at [lhna@lowryhillneighborhood.org](mailto:lhna@lowryhillneighborhood.org).

### Join Us at Thomas Lowry Park to Celebrate!

September 25th and 26th, 12 pm – 4 pm

Please join us at the park to celebrate the completion of the Seven Pools restoration. There will be food, games, live music and the water will finally be running!

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We are a volunteer Board, and currently have two open seats. Consider volunteering to work on behalf of your neighbors and community. We welcome both homeowners and renters. Visit [lowryhillneighborhood.org](http://lowryhillneighborhood.org) to learn more & fill out an application.

### Safety Tip – Know Your Neighbor

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

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

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## Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes

Date: August 30th, 2021

Location: Zoom

(7:00 P.M.-7:41 P.M.: Meeting Preceded by Charter for Change Presentation Video with questions and answers by Jay Kiedrowski and Margit Berg. Crime Update by 5th Inspector Katie Blackwell, Introduction of new 5th Precinct Lt. Chuck McCree (previous supervisor MPD K-9 Unit), and Farewell by Jessica Kawas (outgoing 5th precinct Crime Prevention Specialist, CPS)

Time to Call to Order after Quorum: 7:42 P.M. by President Charles Scheiderer

Board Members Present: Chas Scheiderer (President), Thomas Regnier (V.P), Toni D'Eramo (Treasurer), John Lillehei, MD (Secretary), Tyler Ecklund-Kouba, Robert Hinck, George Montague, Sue Westerman, Craig Wilson, Jennifer Wirick Breitingner

Other Attendees: Jacquelynn Brown, Courtney Cushing Kiernat (Peris Hill)

Minutes of May 20, 2021 LHNA Board Meeting  
Motion carried to approve the minutes

### Treasurer's Report

Toni D'Eramo presented the Treasurer's Report. She stated that our new accountant has started, has recently filed his report. Toni will share this new report with Board Members, with any questions directed to Toni. CPP Fund balance (Community Participation



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District. 2. To reduce the reverse corner front yard along Irving Ave S. 3. To increase the maximum height of a dwelling from 2.5 stories/28 feet to 3 stories/36.166 feet, and 4. To increase the size of a curb cut for a property served by a public alley.

The second variance is for 1927 Logan Avenue South. The Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet on Thursday, September 9, 2021. St. Paul's Episcopal Church was built attached to the Church donated 12,000 square foot Searle Mansion. There is a setback zoning request to subdivide the mansion from the church, although they will remain physically attached. The house is under a purchase contract. The buyers are planning to live in the house and may share space with the church.

In general, the LHNA can approve, oppose, or remain silent on a variance request in Lowry Hill. In the past, the LHNA Board has also worked proactively with neighbor variance requests to aid in keeping proposed changes within the aesthetics of historic Lowry Hill homes.

### Peris Hill Update

Courtney Cushing Kiernat presented progress with Peris Hill, a supportive housing environment for 15-year-old youth aging out of foster care with 24/7 on-site youth support staff. Sidewalks on Hennepin and Colfax have been completed. Interior punch lists are in progress, there is now a model unit for viewing as well as marketing video on the Peris Hill Facebook page. Courtney stated there are plans for a neighborhood

LHNA concluded on page 11

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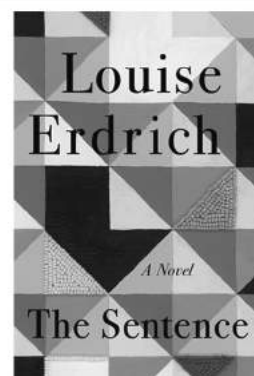
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**LHNA from page 10**

**Update from Ellen Iwarden**

open house sometime in mid-November before occupancy.

**Lowry Hill and East Isles Neighborhood Super Sale/Seven Pools Opening**

Jackie Brown stated the deadline for participating in Super Sale is September 1, 2021. Thirty neighbors have already registered. The date is set for Saturday, September 11, 9:00 A.M – 3:00 P.M. There is signage in the neighborhood promoting the Super Sale.

Craig Wilson stated that the Friends of Thomas Lowry Park will host a Seven Pools Grand Opening Saturday & Sunday, September 25-26, 2021 from 12:00 P.M-4:00 P.M. There will be food and ice cream provided by Lowry Hill Meats and Sebastian Joe’s, music, activities for children along with signage thanking contributors. A permanent Century Club plaque will thank donors to Seven Pools of \$10,000 or greater, including the LHNA whom contributed in excess of \$300,000.

**LHNA Board Membership**

Craig Wilson updated the LHNA Board Roster. There are 3 open positions for the Board. Kathleen Bottini and Justin Baylor are not seeking reelection as their terms expire with this meeting. Janet Hallaway is resigning for personal reasons.

Motion carried to elect Jacquelynn ‘Jackie’ Brown as new LHNA Board Member. There now remain 2 open Board positions with Jackie’s election.

Craig discussed that we need to balance Board Member terms. He will work on a recommendation for the next Board Meeting. It was discussed that anyone with ideas for potential new Board Members should steer applicants to the LHNA website to complete an application.

The LHNA Bylaws allow only 3 yearly absences of individual Board Members from Board Meetings. More than 3 absences can result in termination from the LHNA Board. It was endorsed that Toni explore that the expectation of meeting attendance and participation on committees to be added to the LHNA Board application.

**CPP (Community Participation Program) Committee Report**

A motion passed at the June 1, 2021, LHNA Board Meeting to form a committee to present a budget and list of CPP projects and Equitable Engagement projects for the year, as well as plan for CPP funds that must be utilized before the end of 2021. Committee Chair Thomas Regnier stated that the committee has met a few times this summer regarding the use of CPP Funds. He discussed that they were exploring the cost of purchasing branded materials such as tablecloths, signage as well as LHNA social media presence on Instagram, all to increase our awareness. He did not have actual costs tonight.

The committee discussed partnering with the neighborhood schools for use of CPP funds. One is North Community high School that Lowry Hill students can now attend through recent school redistricting and rewritten boundaries.

Mauri Friestleben, Principal of North Community High School, joined the Zoom meeting. She is progressive, inspiring and has brought meaningful change in

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9/23 Proposed Public Safety Department Charter Amendment (Ballot Question 2)

Hear Jane Lansing and Jennifer Wilson, the LWVMpls co-chairs of the Reimagining Public Safety Committee, discuss the League’s public safety study, its conclusions, the LWVMpls’s new public safety positions, and how the complicated provisions of the proposed Public Safety Department charter amendment align, and do not align, with League positions.

Link to join Webinar

<https://lwwmn-org.zoom.us/j/88093383421>

9/30 Proposed Government Structure Charter Amendment (Ballot Question 1)

Learn all about the proposed Government Structure: Executive Mayor - Legislative Council charter amendment from two LWVMpls experts, Patricia Kovel-Jarboe and Catherine Shreves. The LWVMpls has been working for almost 100 years to improve the government structure in Minneapolis and has endorsed this proposed charter amendment.

10/5 Hear experts on both sides discuss the proposed Rent Control charter amendment (Ballot Question 3).

The League will have the recordings of the presentations on its website,

<https://lwwmpls.org>, where we also have posted

video of our Mayoral forum on September 13 and the answers to our questions to all candidates for Mayor,

her 3 years as North’s Principal. She has been an educational practitioner in Minneapolis Public Schools for 25 years.

In the 30-minute meeting with Mauri, the salient use of CPP funds that were discussed included replacement of North’s antiquated track and field equipment, supporting school events, mentoring, and providing a direct bus route to North Community High School as current students must transfer by bus in downtown Minneapolis. She emphasized the need for using our social and political capital as LHNA Board Members to advocate for North Community High School.

After the meeting with Mauri, President Scheiderer reiterated the importance for the Committee to meet soon to prioritize and finalize use of CPP funds by year’s end.

There was also strategizing for the Equitable Engagement Fund.

**Communications**

Tyler Ecklund-Kouba volunteered to help Toni D’Eramo (Communications & Outreach Chair) on the LHNA Communications Committee.

October LHNA Zoom Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 5, 2021, 7:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned by President Charles Scheiderer at 9:11 P.M. by a carried motion.

Minutes submitted by John Lillehei, M.D.

**MPRB had a contractor on site at Lake of the Isles and Bde Maka Ska this morning to conduct Phragmites treatments today.**

As you are likely aware, Invasive Phragmites is listed under the “control” category of the Noxious Weed List, meaning that MPRB is legally obligated to manage it.

The MPRB is following the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC) recommended management approach of mowing and herbicide application. Three sites near Lake of the Isles and Bde Maka Ska were mowed in summer 2021. The non-restricted herbicide Habitat (which is not harmful to humans or animals) was administered by a licensed applicator using a backpack sprayer this morning. The applicators monitored the wind speed and were able to conduct applications successfully before the wind increased. We should see the plants turn brown in the next several days, and we will likely need to mow again in late fall or over the winter.

Follow-up mowing and herbicide treatments will occur in 2022 and 2023. Left unmanaged, Invasive Phragmites can overtake shoreline areas and create unsuitable habitat for desirable plant and animal species. Invasive Phragmites can also grow to 15 feet tall or more and block our view of the lakes from surrounding park spaces.

“Invasive Species Removal” signs were posted on-site during and after application. FYI, the MPRB created a new web page to help park users learn more about Phragmites and our plan for management Invasive Species special projects. Check it out when you get a chance.

Debra L. Pilger, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board  
Director, Environmental Management

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I applaud the efforts of tiny Wabasso, Minn. (pop. 765), to push back against Dollar General and the corporate assault which threatens the viability of small towns, including my hometown of Blooming Prairie, Minn. (pop. 1,916). The long, enduring fight to force corporate restructuring of rural America started years ago — one corporate factory farm at a time. I should know — our family farm in rural Dodge County is surrounded by 11 swine factory farms in a 3-mile radius. The act of forcing factory farms into rural areas is part of the coordinated, deliberate and intentional corporate effort to force corporatization of rural areas and secure a new corporate order. In the process, farm families have been pushed off the land, hollowing out neighboring small towns desperate to survive.

This devastating hollowing-out is nowhere more evident than rural Minnesota. During my youth, my hometown was a bustling community, sharing an attitude of abundance and kinship. When bread was broken, there was enough for everyone. The town boasted two grocery stores, local banks, two drugstores, a dime store, several restaurants and implement dealers, a furniture store, two clothing stores, local barber shops, a doctor's office, a dental office, a liquor store, a pool hall, local accounting firms and other businesses on the lively Main Street as local dollars circulated in the small community.

A healthy interdependence permeated the community as residents bought local products and supported local businesses — long before corporate giants aided by Republican-aligned Farm Bureau operatives constructed factory farms and extracted wealth from the rural area, divided the farming community and created a sick dependency upon industry giants. Succumbing to the corporate takeover that shuttered Main Street in a single generation, local businesses eventually closed their doors.

One by one they closed — schools, churches, restaurants and stores.

In this void, corporate chains such as Hog Slat, Inc., the largest construction contractor and manufacturer of hog production equipment in the United States, opened a retail store to support neighboring swine factory farms on the south end of town. And, coming soon on the north end of town — a Dollar General Store to extract the last remaining dollars in the small town. My hometown — like many other hometowns — is relegated to a corporate outpost to support corporate giants.

I watch, in angst, as my hometown withers and dies. Thanks to corporate greed, dollars that once circulated in Blooming Prairie and other small towns have been stripped, the profit landing on the corporate balance sheet. Dollars have been funneled to multinational corporations such as Hormel, with corporate headquarters just 15 miles to the south and that enjoys billions in corporate profits. Never content with corporate performance, "man is the only animal whose desires increase as they are fed; the only animal that is never satisfied."

Tragically, the latest business to open in many rural towns is a funeral home. When small towns are done burying the dead, who will bury the towns?

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**Mary Clare Schultz**

By Holly Lewis

**Changing of the Guard**



Photo from November 5, 1994 Hill and Lake Press

Susan Kettering (r.), the new editor-in-chief of the Hill and Lake Press, presents outgoing editor, Mary Claire Schultz, with a gold basket and a certificate of appreciation for her many contributions to the paper.

Mary Clare Schultz was a vibrant, loyal, and energizing friend. We worked on many projects together, including the Hill and Lake Press, the establishment of the first College and Career Center at Southwest High School, various endeavors at Jefferson Elementary School, and the planning of several group trips. Once when we both happened to be in Los Angeles at the same time, she battled thick traffic and (pre-GPS) very uncertain road directions to find me at our son's house, from which we proceeded to a great restaurant dinner. She was always full of stories and had an enormous capacity for being amazed.

Mary Clare could be a bit meddlesome. Once she took it into her head that I should be invited to join a long-standing Kenwood book club that she belonged to. I told her that was nice but I had other book clubs and was not inclined to join another. I

don't think she heard that, because she proceeded to lobby for me, even, I think, telling them that I was desperate to be included. A couple months later she sorrowfully reported to me that they were not taking new members and I had not been voted in. Her effort was admirable but somewhat dispiriting.

We were part of a couple of different female groups which developed traditions and travelled together. She was always ready for anything and could be counted on to facilitate planning and follow through on any details. However, we were all aging and it was tough to watch her begin to lose her talents. I saw her last at her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party. It was not clear that she grasped the whole affair, but she was enthusiastic, grateful, and vibrant, as always. A unique bright light has gone out.



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### Preserving Our Parks and Environment By Elizabeth Shaffer

Spending the summer in our Minneapolis parks, listening to residents, and working together has continued to inspire my decision to run for park commissioner this November.

After my community event in Bassett's Creek Park, I received a phone call from Carter Casmaer, a Bryn Mawr resident. Carter is an ER doctor who often volunteers his time picking up trash in the neighborhood and parks. Recently Carter became very concerned about solid waste accumulating at long abandoned encampment sites as well as several areas of illegal dumping in Wirth Park which were posing an environmental liability for Bassett's Creek. He had been working on the removal since fall of 2020 (hauling refuse out himself) and was disappointed in the lack of response from his park commissioner. MPRB staff had been out one time to review the site in the early spring but no action was ever taken.

Carter encouraged me to visit the location. It was alarming (see picture) to see needles and garbage among other trash seeping into the soil for almost a year and endangering the creek. Additionally, we all know letting trash sit encourages more dumping. As I continued to explore the area east of the creek and west of the tracks (that run under Glenwood Ave bridge and towards Utepils Brewing), I also noticed an occupied camper along the tracks and an active encampment on the creek.

On July 27th, MPRB Street Reach team met six community members onsite to assess the situation and together we started to pick up some trash. It was determined MPRB needed to survey the exact property lines between their land and Canadian Pacific Rail to assess how much of the trash we could legally remove. Street Reach staff also engaged with the two men in the tent and camper to connect them with appropriate shelter services. Soon after, MPRB surveyed the site and removed three trash piles, including an illegal dumping area containing tires, refrigerators and multiple propane

### Encampment Trash at Bryn Mawr



Photo by Dorothy Childers

tanks. This action left only one large trash site on the CP Rail property.

I reached out to Nikol Daniels, Manager of US Real Estate for CP Rail, to arrange a chance to visit the site on August 20th and meet with Carter and several other community members. CP Rail then took a GPS location of the refuse and as a next step set up a meeting with Superintendent Bangora, Park Police Chief Ohotto and other MPRB staff to discuss and finalize removal.

Small, committed communities of people can work together and drive positive change. I have had the privilege to meet many of them this summer, people like Anna Peterson and Ryan Atwell's buckthorn team in

Bassett's Creek Park, Robert Skafte and company at Stevens Square Overlook Garden, the Seven Pools team in Lowry Hill, Steve Kotvis and team on west Cedar Lake and Will Stensrud, Angie Erdrich, Keith Prussing and team on east Cedar Lake, Claudia Callaghan and Soo Line Garden team working to protect their acre of paradise, Elliot and Nancy Gross from East Isles cleaning graffiti around Lake of the Isles and of course Carter, to name a few.

You all are an inspiration and what we are building is about so much more than just an election.



Photo by Sheri Ettinger

### The Kenwood Restaurant Brunch is BACK!

The long awaited brunches at The Kenwood have returned EVERY Saturday and Sunday. Doors will open at 9:30am for coffee, granola and banana bread. The full brunch menu will be served from 10am to 2pm. Reservations are available for parties of six or more.



Lowry Hill resident Sandra Gunderson won a ribbon at The Minnesota State Fair for Garment Making-Dress category. It was her first try. Sandra renewed her Junior High sewing skills during down time this past year and calls it her "Covid Win."

By Suzanne Payne



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## 10th Annual East Isles and Lowry Hill Neighborhood Super Sale by Ellen van Iwaarden



East Isles Super Sale



Lowry Hill Super Sale

Photos by Dorothy Childers

Hundreds of shoppers enjoyed the thrill of hunting for gently used goods at the 10th annual East Isles and Lowry Hill Neighborhood Super Sale. The sale, held this year on Saturday, September 11, also marked the fifth year the two neighborhoods have worked together on the sale. The Neighborhood Super Sale Committee, made up of board members and volunteers from both neighborhoods, expected another big day of individual sales throughout the neighborhoods. Last year, even in the thick of the pre-vaccine pandemic, there were 50 sales. This year there were 68 sales stretching from Groveland Terrace in Lowry Hill south to 28th and Irving in East Isles and everywhere in between.

The Neighborhood Super Sale, now run jointly by the East Isles and Lowry Hill neighborhoods, began as an idea of the East Isles Green Team. Betsy Allis and Jenika McGann were the creative team behind getting the sale started to help neighbors re-use and recycle their unwanted stuff. Each year the population of the United States generates millions of tons of municipal solid waste. In 2018 residents of the United States generated 294 million tons, or 4.9 pounds per day per person. Of that, approximately 94 million tons is recycled or composted. The rest is trash, ending up in incinerators or landfills. Buying used items reduces that total and also reduces the use of natural resources to create and move consumer goods around the globe. There is nothing more local than buying your neighbor's unwanted treasures!

Shelly Itman of East Isles, who organized the sale for seven years, remembers how the two neighborhoods originally got together. "You know how neighbors talk to neighbors. Some neighbors in Lowry Hill saw what a great event the East Isles sale was and wanted to have a sale, too." On sale day there were some blocks where the crowds, decorations, and festivities made it feel like a block party. Food, candy, drinks, and music were available. One sale even offered up a Biffy on the boulevard for shoppers.

Of course there was lots of great conversation, too, as neighbors met and introduced each other to friends. Shoppers of all ages come from the neighborhoods, metro area, state, and region. Whether you were looking for a Rainforest Jumperoo for your baby, coolers or canning jars for yourself, or a how-to book on watercolor painting for your newly retired mom, you could find it. The Neighborhood Super Sale was a success both in sales and in building community. Seller Andy Wright of Lowry Hill summed it up this way, "We sold most of



EWMS Pickup Unsold stuff from garage

Photo by Dorothy Childers

what we put out there and met a whole bunch of interesting people along the way."

This year, like last year, we are grateful to Lowry Hill resident and Coldwell Banker Burnet realtor Barb Davis for arranging the pick-up of unsold items on the Monday after the sale. Last year, the COVID pandemic meant that many non-profits that formerly picked up gently used goods did not have their trucks on the road. Barb made arrangements for the unsold goods to go to The Arc Minnesota's Value Village Thrift Stores and even recruited Matt Sunderman, from EWMS Moving Company, to do the pick-up. She did the same for the neighborhoods this year.

The generosity of sellers in donating their unsold goods has become an important feature of the Neighborhood Super Sale. This year, 43 of the 68 families having sales donated their unsold goods, meaning

three full truck and trailer loads for Matt and lots of great stuff that went to help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Other Lowry Hill Neighborhood volunteers to thank are: Jackie Brown-Baylor, Justin Baylor, Toni D'Eramo, Thomas Regnier, and Charles Scheiderer. A special thank you to Toni, who created the catchy promotional signs, flyers, sale signs and advertisements. East Isles volunteers included Becky Accettura, Andrew Degerstrom, Emma Erdahl, and Ellen van Iwaarden. Jenna Egan, the East Isles Neighborhood Coordinator, also provided outstanding promotion before, during, and after the event. And finally, Mark Sloo of East Isles produced the beautiful maps in an incredibly short period of time.

If this all sounds fun, it is! Join us at the East Isles and Lowry Hill Neighborhood Super Sale next year on

# Meet Clint Conner - your neighbor and candidate for Mayor of Minneapolis.

By Matthew Boos

I have known Clint and his family for years and have great respect for Clint’s work as a lawyer and volunteer for those in our community who cannot afford legal services. Clint is a 47-year-old father whose passion and concern for Minneapolis led him to run for Mayor.

Clint was born here and has a large extended family in the Twin Cities and outstate. He graduated from the University of Michigan and then moved to Chicago to lead a team of engineers at the company that invented the transistor. There, he met and got married to Christine. They embarked on a journey through North Carolina, New York City, Silicon Valley, and Tokyo. The journey involved Clint graduating law school, working as an attorney at prominent law firms, and becoming the father of three girls.

In 2013, Clint’s family put down roots in our neighborhood. Clint joined a downtown law firm, where he received national and international recognition for his work leading teams in high-profile patent litigation. He resigned from partnership to file his candidacy for Mayor on August 9.

I interviewed Clint about his ideas for Minneapolis.

## Why are you running for Mayor of Minneapolis?

I am running for Mayor of Minneapolis because I love this city and Minneapolis should be leading on the global stage. Yet, the city is spiraling downward with violent crime skyrocketing as the world is watching. If I am elected, we will rediscover our city’s potential together.

I want to use my background in law and engineering and my volunteer experience to propel Minneapolis forward.

## What issues are top of mind for your campaign?

My vision is to restore the cornerstones of what makes a city great: safe streets, affordable and livable housing, and a vibrant small business economy.

## What is your position on the ballot question about replacing the police with a public safety department?

Regardless of whether ballot question 2 passes, I commit to hiring mental health professionals and social workers as a supplement to the police department, such that they work together on all mental health and domestic issues involving the threat of violence.

I will be voting against ballot question 2 because (1) there is no plan for the police department’s replacement; (2) the vague “if necessary” condition would very likely be the focus of frequent political fighting and lawsuits regarding proper policing staffing levels; (3) the proposal would take power away from the Mayor, who currently has “complete power over the establishment, maintenance and command of the police department”; and (4) it would remove the chief of police from the City Charter and I think Chief Arradondo is the best chief of police in America for dealing with the issues we face.

## How can we improve safety in our city?

So far this year, 30 children have been shot in our city. That is completely unacceptable. At the same time we are arresting far fewer people and 88% of crimes are going unsolved.

Under our current City Charter, our Mayor has unique authority over the police department —

“complete power over the establishment, maintenance and command of the police department.” The Charter also provides that the Mayor “may make all rules and regulations and may promulgate and enforce general and special orders necessary to operating the police department.” My top priority as Mayor is to use that authority to its fullest extent to make a better police force.

Regardless of the outcome of ballot question 2, I commit to the following:

Resetting the narrative about our good police officers by sharing their stories with the public so our officers know their service is appreciated and so our community understands their sacrifice and dedication to safety.

Advocating for a sufficient number of good police officers. More than 200 police officers have left since George Floyd’s murder. The current number is way too low. I also think that the number our current Mayor has called for is too low. I will lead efforts to recruit enough good officers who want to be a part of Minneapolis to facilitate an unprecedented level of community-centered programs to build strong relationships and trust in the community.

Hiring mental health professionals and social workers as a supplement to the police department, such that they work together on all mental health and domestic issues involving the threat of violence. There are numerous benefits associated with involving these professionals at the front end, including that they would be witnesses to police and criminal behavior and would be sources of valuable data regarding police practices and interaction.

## How do think leadership in our city can be improved?

We need leadership to put aside political expediency and infighting and work together grounded in common sense. We need to come together to take bold action for the well-being of our city. We need to govern based on facts and evidence, not emotions of the moment. As Mayor, I will be persistent in resetting the narrative based on facts and evidence whenever we get to the point where emotions take over.

## How would you bring more justice to policing in Minneapolis?

You can have the best policies in the world, but if you do not adequately monitor and enforce the policies, they are meaningless. I commit to actively monitoring the police and persistently enforcing current policies directed toward treating people fairly.

I will do what it takes to change our approach to policing from an offensive mentality to a proactive, service-based mentality.

I will aggressively investigate the problems within the police force, bring to light what is holding us back, and fix what is broken.

I will identify and promote the best civil servants within the force - those who believe in the beauty of multiculturalism and our city - and create an environment in which they thrive. And I will ensure that our best police officers are training others.

I will incentivize recruits from Minneapolis to join

the force and will incentivize officers from outside to relocate here.

I will provide an unprecedented level of transparency about police practices. I commit to communicating frequently and regularly with Minneapolis residents about current efforts and plans, bringing detrimental practices and mindsets to light so they can be appropriately understood and addressed, and using data analysis to track results, identify weaknesses, and propose holistic solutions.

## How can you be reached if people have questions or want to connect with your campaign?

You can reach me at TogetherAsOne@clintconner2021.com or visit our website at <https://clintconner2021.com/>

We also have a Facebook page where we post new content regularly at <https://www.facebook.com/ClintConner2021/>

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## What would you tell voters to consider when they vote for Mayor of Minneapolis?

Consider what you love about Minneapolis, our vision for the future and the facts and data regarding the shrinking number of police and rising violence. Consider that other candidates are not doing a convincing job in confronting these realities in the policies they are promoting.

Lastly, I would have voters consider that we have ranked choice voting (RCV). You can list your top three candidates and if your top choice drops out, your vote goes to your second choice, unless they have also dropped out, in which case your vote goes to your third choice. Voting ends November 2. I would grateful if you put your trust in me and cast your first choice vote for Clint Conner.

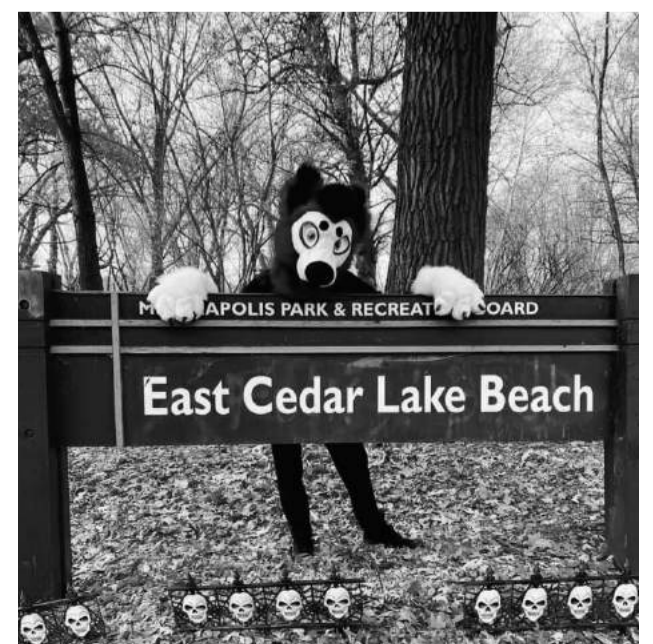
## East Cedar Lake Beach

By Amanda Vallone

As we welcome in the fall season here is a glimpse of the wonderful summer memories we had down at East Cedar Lake Beach this year.

The Kenwood Neighborhood Organization, Cedar Lake Park Association and ARTrageous Adventures have strived to continue to keep positive family fun programming happening down at East Cedar Lake Beach for the past 5 years.

This summer some of the highlights included the Hidden Acoustics musical series featuring a variety of talented musicians. A Midsummer Night’s Dream performed by the Classical Actors Ensemble and a family fun beach Pirates and Mermaid beach pARTy that featured a strolling Pirate and a beautiful chalked mermaid.



Urban Coyote from page 5

ily-friendly Prius.

Because here in HLP land people have many things to do, but do not take our eyes off the bigger picture around us. We care about city government and refuse to allow it to go crazy. We care about national government and remain deeply rooted in the fact-based universe, which is why we are Democrats. Our wards consistently deliver the highest voter turnout in the city in a state that records the highest voter turnout in the country. We pay attention and we participate. The Prius, and soon maybe the Tesla, is our symbol.

In these neighborhoods, we raise ourselves and our children as citizens eager to move our city forward in a safe and secure path, without tragic gunfire and children dying, in the company of serenading crickets, not enraged mufflers. Which is why the land of the Prius people is "one of the five greatest neighborhoods on planet Earth." A neighborhood that takes care of its people but never fails to look outward to the health of the larger community, including Mother Earth.



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