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BURCH PHARMACY ENDS ITS 80-YEAR RUN AT FRANKLIN & HENNEPIN

Burch Pharmacy's Forlorn Empty Windows April 2010



Franklin Avenue windows

Photos by Dorothy Childers



December 2009, a different scene, a holiday wonderland at Burch.

CALLING ALL FRIENDS AND PATRONS OF BURCH PHARMACY.

By Judy McElhatton

This month Burch Pharmacy will soon close its doors, thus ending its long and valued relationship with the community. Discounted non-drug merchandise is already on sale.

A week-long open house will run from April 26 through 30. Light refreshments will be served and staff will be present to visit with its cherished patron family. Discounted merchandise will continue to be sold during that last week.

Please stop by to say hello and goodbye. If you have a story, memory, or photo to contribute to the scrap book being compiled for the staff, please bring them with you

If you prefer to email your memory pages, please send them to: burchfarewell@Q.com.

We want to send our pals off knowing how much they have meant to us over the years.

The Burch windows for years gave us a vibrant array of seasonal celebrations. Cheerful stuffed animals, hand made props, things that sparkled, moved, or lit up, harkened the beginning of summer, the end of winter, the start of school and the holidays.

Hours of thought, care, and hard work wrapped around the corner at Franklin and Hennepin year after year.

They will remain in our collective memories and will be sorely missed.

Thanks to Wendy, the tireless mastermind, who created more good feelings, smiles, and renewed interest than she will ever know.

Her creativity and faithfulness have been a true gift to the neighborhood.

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EARTH DAY 2010: SATURDAY, APRIL 17 FROM 9:30-NOON.

TRASH TALKIN' AT LAKE OF THE ISLES

Get prepared for some serious trash talkin' at Lake of the Isles. That's right. On Saturday, April 17 there'll be trash talkin' teams scattered around the lakes area.

Cover your ears? Hide your eyes? No, c'mon down and help. Kenwood Park, Lake of the Isles, Hidden Beach could all use some personal grooming this time of year.

Join the force. Broan's LitterBusters from Humbolt

Avenue are ready for the challenge. The FAIR Force, a talented team of trash takers from the arts-based school in Crystal, will show their stuff. Kenwood's Green Machine, led by the fearless Matt Allen, will fan out across Kenwood Park, scouring for litter. Even the girl scouts will be there. Amanda Vallone and the Whirling Cyclones will put girl power to work bagging litter. There's even a kayaking team lined up to tackle trash along the water's edge.

Anyone is welcome to assist in this effort.

Need incentive to show up? All participants can register to win 4 free tickets to Jim Lupient Water Park in

northeast Minneapolis. Summer's around the corner and this park boasts three hair-raising water slides, a test-your-strength-and-agility log walk, and comfortable, shady seating. Odds are pretty good you might be a winner!

The Minneapolis Recycle Run (5K) and Kid's Half Mile Run around Lake Harriet will be on Sunday, April 19. Visit www.minneapolisparke.com to register.

CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPENINGS:

Saturday April 17 Lake of Isles Earth Day Cleanup, 9:30 - 12 Noon, Kenwood Park

Saturday April 17 Red Eye Theater performance & fundraiser 6PM

Wednesday April 21, Lecture, Author Paul Loeb, "The Soul of a Citizen". First Unitarian Society. 7-8:30PM

Wednesday April 21, Adult Bridge. Kenwood Recreation Center, 7-10PM

Thursday April 29, 7PM Birchbark Books Reading
Monday May 3, 6:30PM KIAA Annual Meeting, Kenwood Deli

Tuesday May 4, 6PM CIDNA Annual Meeting, Jones Harrison Home

Saturday May 8, 10AM Thomas Lowry Park Cleanup
Wednesday May 12 Adult Bridge, Kenwood Recreation Center, 7-10PM

Saturday May 15 11AM Kenwood Carnival,
Sunday, May 16, Dandelion Day, Ard Godfrey House, University & Central Ave. SE.

Tuesday May 18 LHNA Annual Meeting, Ralph Seivert, Director of Forestry, MPRB., Walker Art Center, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Friday May 21 10-4, Kenwood Pet Clinic Blood Drive

Saturday May 22 9-11AM Arbor Day Spring Social at Thomas Lowry Park

Park Board seeks public input regarding qualities of next superintendent

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) is conducting a search for a new superintendent and is providing the public with several opportunities to give input on what they think are important qualities to seek in a new superintendent.

The following public input opportunities are available:

Survey – An online survey is available April 14-28 at www.minneapolisparcs.org (click on the 2010 Superintendent Search button on the left side of the home page). Survey documents are available weekdays at the MPRB customer service area: 612-230-6400 or 2117 West River Road. Surveys are also available at all 49 MPRB recreation centers. Surveys in Spanish, Somali and Hmong will be available by Friday, April 16.

Public Input Sessions – Public input sessions are scheduled for 5:45 p.m. Wednesdays, April 21, and May 5, as part of the regular scheduled Board meetings. The sessions will be held in the board room at MPRB headquarters, 2117 West River Road.

Phone Line – A 24-hour phone line will be available from April 14-28 at 612-230-6591 to leave comments via voicemail.

Last month, Park Commissioners selected a search firm to conduct a national search for the next superintendent. Superintendent Jon Gurban will be leaving the Park Board at the end of his contract on June 30, 2010.

Additional information about the superintendent search process and schedule are available at www.minneapolisparcs.org.

Lunch with Lisa

Lisa announced the next Lunch with Lisa will take place April 28th at 12:00 PM at the City Hall. Attendees will tour and learn about the City's 911 center. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP with the Ward 7 office at 673-2207.

Red Eye Theater's MARIA/STUART Opens

Looking for something different this weekend? How about LIVE THEATER!

8 PM • Friday, April 16 • \$18 (\$8 students w/ID)
6 PM • Saturday • April 17 • Show + 8:30 PM Soiree, \$35 (\$20 students w/ID)

7 PM • Sunday, April 18 • \$15 (\$8 students w/ID)

7 PM • Monday, April 19 • pay-what-you-can

Next Week: 8 PM • Thursday, April 22 • \$15 (\$8 students w/ID)

8 PM • Friday, April 23 • \$18 (\$8 students w/ID)

8 PM • Saturday, April 24 • \$18 (\$8 students w/ID)

7 PM • Sunday, April 25 • \$15 (\$8 students w/ID)

Following Saturday's (April 17th) performance, is the Red Eye's annual fundraiser! An opportunity to bid on many fantastic behind the scene tours at a silent auction, as well as wine tasting, coffee tasting, and nibbles from Crave.

\$35 per person \$50 for two. The event is being held on the top floor of Marquette Place with a spectacular view of Minneapolis.

The Birchbark Books Reading Series presents

The Reading Series is sponsored by Birchbark Books and Kenwood Cafe 2115 West 21st Street, Minneapolis, MN 55405 (612) 374-4023 <http://birchbarkbooks.com>

Chet Meyers - Came to Believe

Thursday, April 29 @ 7pm

Birchbark Books and Kenwood Cafe

Refreshments will be served

Chet Meyers is a Minneapolis writer and retired professor from Metropolitan State University. In *A Guide to the Second Step: Came to Believe* he focuses on how it is that anyone can believe in a transcendent source of goodness given all the bad news we are bombarded with every day. While rooted in the perspective of Twelve-Step Programs, the book draws on a variety of spiritual traditions and is readily accessible to anyone struggling with "God issues." Join us for a reading and discussion with the author.

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Danielle Thibeault

Kenwood Pet Clinic, 2107 Penn Ave. S, Minneapolis, MN will be holding its 3rd annual blood drive on Friday, May 21, 2010 from 10:00-4:00 in memory of Danielle Thibeault. Danielle was Dr. Craig Turino's cousin and she passed away tragically on March 11, 2008 after sustaining injuries in a car accident. Danielle fought bravely and it was the pints and pints of blood that helped her during that fight. Her father's one request in his eulogy was that everyone "Please...give blood."

Although Danielle was born deaf, she did not let that prevent her from achieving many of her goals. She was an inspiration to many people, if not all who came to know her. Danielle was extremely athletic and participated in numerous sports. Most recently she worked at a boarding facility and had a special connection with all the dogs.

Please spread the word to community members to participate in this event. Kenwood Pet Clinic needs to meet the minimum requirement for the drive so if people are interested in donating, please go to www.mbc.org. Thank you for considering donating the gift of life.

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR, ERNIE AND SALLY LEHMAN

Craig Wilson and Jim Lenfestey interview Ernie and Sally Lehman about their passion for geology, bargain home-hunting in Lowry Hill in the 1960s, and a lifetime of giving.

You have lived in the Hill Lake area for more than 43 years, in two different houses. What brought you here, and why did you move from Lowry Hill to Kenwood? I was transferred by my then employer, Kennecott Copper, from Missouri to the Twin Cities, Sally's home area in 1957 and moved to Plymouth, MN. By 1966, what with four children of disparate ages and sexes, we needed a much larger house than our little suburban rambler. We also found, because of the lack of suburban sidewalks, we were driving to Lake of the Isles, Calhoun, and Harriet to take walks with our kids. Large, 5 bedroom suburban houses were unaffordable for us. Lowry Hill houses by contrast were bargains. We made several offers and finally bought the house at 1705 Emerson and moved in in the fall of 1966.

Again, in 1986, our kids all out of school and out of the nest, it was time to downsize (partially), but we wanted to stay in the area and were not ready for apartment living, so the search area was limited to the Hill and Lake Press distribution area. We were fortunate to find a duplex on Kenwood Parkway.

As a geologist, Ernie has worked around the world. Tell us some of your most interesting projects. It's been interesting, diverse, and fun, beginning with working underground as a gold miner when I was 21. Since then, among my activities has been exploring and, pleased to say, helping to discover economically important lead deposits in Missouri, gold deposits in Argentina and Montana, copper in Wisconsin, limestone in Kentucky. I have managed a fluor spar mine in southern France, evaluated cobalt and potash in Africa, lead-silver in Indonesia and worked at many places and on many commodities on five continents.

However the most interesting project for me, right now, is the copper-nickel-platinum group metals deposit discovered by my firm in 1985 at Birch Lake just a few



Ernie and Sally Lehman

miles east of Babbitt, Minnesota. Franconia Minerals Corporation, a company I helped found, is hoping to develop this deposit in an environmentally responsible manner over the next few years. This will mean about a thousand high-paying direct and indirect jobs to northern Minnesota for probably at least two generations. It will result in important tax revenues to the state and the local communities and several hundred million dollars in royalties payable to the State School Trust Fund. It will also help the US balance of payments by reducing US import dependence of these important strategic metals.

Do you have a favorite geological phenomenon or location in the world? Perhaps, from a physical and scenic aspect, my favorite area is the high Andes of southern Peru and northern Chile and Argentina with their vast, semi-barren landscapes, local snowfields and glaciers. They are breathtaking!

How were you able to sustain such a practice from a city in the Upper Midwest? Since much of my geologic practice was "away", Minneapolis was a reasonable base with good air connections to almost anywhere in the world. The fact that Sally's family lived in St. Paul was an important consideration in locating here in view of my frequent long absences. However, the location did require an extra effort to maintain industry contacts which, in the beginning were mainly with companies and clients based in New York and later

in Denver, Toronto, and Vancouver.

You have been local activists for a variety of causes over the years. What were the big issues you found facing the Hill Lake community and how did you deal with them? Sally and I were both active in Plymouth, she on the Plymouth Voter newsletter and I as a member of the Plymouth Planning and Zoning Commission. In contrast to Plymouth's challenges as a new suburb, we found the Lowry Hill neighborhood facing challenges as an older and somewhat neglected neighborhood: rooming houses; traffic issues; enforcement of building and zoning issues. The greatest zoning issue challenge was to defeat the attempts by a developer to build a high rise on Dunwoody property, over four acres in size, which is now the site of the Mount Curve town houses.

To meet these challenges following World War II, Louise McCannel led the way and the Lowry Hill Homeowners Association was formed. In about 1960 a group of neighborhood associations formed the Council of Community Councils which gave them more political strength. The Lowry Hill neighborhood successfully defeated initial attempts to re-zone the Dunwoody property. The group also successfully promoted restoration of rooming houses to single family homes.

On moving into the neighborhood, we joined and actively participated in the neighborhood association. We also found ourselves facing a new effort by the Dunwoody owners to construct the high rise with the closest point of the Dunwoody property a scant 106 feet from our property.

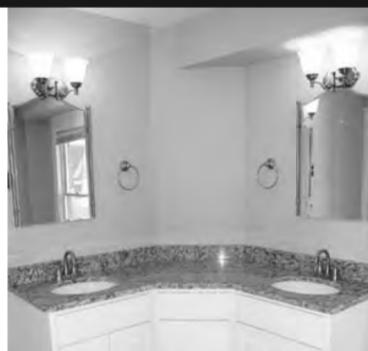
Our involvement resulted in my becoming chairman of the homeowner's association, and attendance at numerous City Council and Planning and Zoning Board meetings. With the help of then Senator Tennessee, legislature passed a bill that made it more difficult for the developers of the Dunwoody property to circumvent the zoning process.

During our involvement with the neighborhood

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Education and the Political Process MINNEAPOLIS MINDS

By Steve Kotvis

Whether or not to invest in improved central office facilities for Minneapolis Public Schools was the topic of discussion at the April 6th School Board discussion meeting. Discussion meetings are open to the public; on this night gallery was packed and the discussion went long. Two questions were on the table. First, do we invest at this time in a new or renewed headquarters facility? Second, if the first question yields a yes, what location/development proposal is best?

Three development proposals were on the table. One is to rehab the existing headquarters building at 807 East Broadway in Northeast. The second is to build a new facility at 1250 West Broadway on the Northside. And the third, which already seemed dead in the water, is to rehab the Valspar building adjacent to downtown.

On this night, the gallery is filled. Extra chairs have to be pulled from the closet to accommodate the standing room only crowd. While I nod greetings to a number of regulars, education geeks like me, tonight's room is filled with all sorts of folks with whom I'm less familiar with or whom I know are not specifically involved with public education per se. I admit to mixed feelings, from being thrilled to witnessing interest, to almost being annoyed. They're showing up only when it serves their political or business interests, or maybe both. I see all the political will surrounding me, supporting either the Northeast or the Northside. I can't help but think about how we can bring these folks together to join forces and together address our most pressing educational needs. It seems everyone's got their thing going but what if we could bring them together to virtually all row in the same direction? And at the same time, I can't help but hear echoes of some of these same folks, throwing disparaging words around about the failure of MPS. Tonight, however, they're here to try to get a piece of it.

For me the first question is a no-brainer. Doing nothing and is wasteful. The existing facility is too big, too inefficient, and too wasteful to operate. Like others, I've been in offices at "807" in the middle of the winter when windows had to be opened because the heating system is so wacked. And being someone who loves old buildings (Our home turns 100 years this year!), this old light bulb factory circa 1914 does not function for our school district. For me, walking away from this building reminds me when I knew I had to part with my aging

1974 Monte Carlo. That 8-cylinder gas-guzzler with constant needs for repair just became an unbearable burden. The VW Rabbit was a better fit for the times.

The district's management team presented their recommendation to move forward with the 1250 West Broadway development. Among the many "rational" factors discussed included financial, the real estate market, and how resalable 807 may be, the lower risk of new construction versus rehab. The Board conversation eventually addressed the politics of one location versus another. Admittedly, this is a zero-sum deal. Picking a winner will result in their being a loser. Politics are in play. To believe anything else is naïve. Having worked in the corporate location business as a management consultant, I realized that all business location decisions are in the end personal and/or political. With each of the site assessments I participated in performing to relocate back office facilities and headquarters, in the end I learned the rational factors take you only so far. In the end, it's still an individual decision based on "softer" considerations, personal or political.

I realize I sat down at this meeting first feeling a bit concerned that these kinds of rational business decisions came to the board to decide. After all, our School Board primarily exists to consider policy and how we will best educate our youth. Locating a headquarters is not a policy decision. It's a business decision. I kept thinking, why is our management team pushing this decision up to the Board? I realize now, with all rational factors being relatively equal, it becomes a political decision. And political decisions, not just those related to policy, need to be made at the Board level.

There are rumblings amongst the public who advocate that we should not have a school board at all. That the School Board is dysfunctional because it's merely a slave to politics. They suggest schools are better operated out of the mayor's office. It makes me chuckle and think how is that less political? On this night I witnessed politics in its truest form. Sure it's a bit messy, but it seems to provide open access and it seems to be functioning as needed.

Steve Kotvis, a Kenwood resident serves on a number of boards and committees relative to public education and offers a monthly perspective in the Hill & Lake Press "Minneapolis Minds" column. He can be reached at stevk@elemenop.us.

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association, the association was instrumental in promoting ordinances and programs relating to other major issues including mansion house zoning, group homes siting, and finding a use for the use of the former Douglas School site that was compatible with the neighborhood. Many of these were done in association with other neighborhoods through the Council of Community Councils and through the Calhoun – Isles Planning Committee which I chaired and which also developed the redevelopment plans for Uptown.

What future challenges do you predict for Hill Lake neighborhoods? There will be continuing pressure for higher density development at the margins of the neighborhood, especially on the east and south margins. Traffic and especially parking will be continuing issues as will the demolition of older dwellings and replacement by architecturally questionable "Mac mansions." The proposed light rail system will have impacts on the western part of the area.

You raised your children here. Where did they go to school and what are they up to now? Our older son, Fred, went to Jefferson Junior High and West and is now a remodeler and developer in the Twin Cities. Kate, number two, went through Douglas, Jefferson, West, and Smith College. After a career in television, radio and film production she is now a chemical dependency counselor. Charlotte went to Douglas and then to St. Paul Academy, graduated from Mount Holyoke, and completed a Masters at the University of Maine. After many years as a geologist in the academic world she is now studying at Meadville Theological Seminary in Chicago. Our youngest son, Walter, also went to Douglas and St. Paul Academy, attended Williams, and received a law degree from William Mitchell. He and his family live in Lancaster, PA where he and his wife practice law.

You both have contributed so much to our community. What local and Twin Cities institutions have sustained you in that long and generous effort? Probably most important to us was the sense of community that we felt on moving into the Lowry Hill neighborhood in 1966, much of igvbhfrt through the existence of a local neighborhood school (Douglas) and its PTA that unfortunately no longer exists. That sense of community was supported by the Lowry Hill Residents Association, which again was influenced by a larger sense of community in the Twin Cities evidenced by the Council of Community Councils and by originally, a supportive city government environment.

Sally grew up in St. Paul and feels that the arts and cultural offerings of each city combine to provide an especially accessible, varied, and enriching environment. Volunteer organizations such as the Young People's Symphony Concert Association and Junior Great Books discussion groups have provided structure and fueled continued learning from music and books. Her being part of the MIA as a docent for 45 years has been a continually enriching and challenging endeavor. Her involvement in the Plymouth Church also challenged and inspired connections through its programs in the greater community.

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10TH WARD NEWS

From Council Member Meg Tuthill

Contact Meg: 612-673-2210
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 Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9 am to 5 pm
Spring Sweep

Public Works will begin the 2010 Comprehensive Street Sweep in April. No Parking signs will be posted by city crews beginning April 12th. Street sweeping will start on April 13th.

Please watch for the No Parking Signs. Don't get a ticket!

Early Start on Patching Potholes!

Thanks to good weather and the early availability of asphalt and other materials, the City of Minneapolis has already started permanently filling potholes. This is several weeks earlier than normal.

Residents who want to report potholes can call 311 or go online to www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/311. Calling in potholes will help Public Works better understand and prioritize pothole repairs. Initially, crews will focus their work on major arterials, and will later in the season move onto residential streets.

Two exciting bike projects are currently underway in the 10th Ward.

Bryant Ave S. Bike Boulevard Update

After the public meeting in February, comments were gathered and read by Shaun Murphy and other staff from Public Works. A draft plan has been drawn up.

See it here! <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/bicycles/BryantAveBikeBlvd.asp>

Blaisdell Ave S. & 1st Ave S. Bike Lake Project

On March 17th a public meeting was held at the Lyndale Neighborhood Building to present the draft proposal to add bike lanes on 1st and Blaisdell Avenues between 15th and 40th streets.

See the draft plan at: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/bicycles/1stBlaisdellLayout.pdf>

Contact Shaun Murphy at 612-333-2450 or shaun.murphy@ci.minneapolis.mn.us with any questions or comments.

Nicollet Mall Opens to Bicycles 24/7 and Offers Free Bus Rides

Nicollet Mall is becoming a lot more bicycle friendly! As of March 20th, bikes will be allowed on the street any time of day, every day of the week. Until now, bicycles could not be on the street weekdays from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The change is being made now that transit improvements along Marquette and Second avenues are complete. Dual bus lanes make it possible for those two streets to handle more bus traffic. As a result, the express buses that serve Minneapolis and surrounding suburbs are moving off of Nicollet Mall to Marquette and Second.

The only buses that will remain on Nicollet Mall will be serving local routes, and most of those buses will be cleaner, quieter hybrid buses. Eventually, all Nicollet Mall bus routes will be hybrids.

Also, beginning on March 20, local buses will offer free rides along Nicollet Mall. You'll be able to jump on any bus that has a "free ride" marquee displayed and ride it from Washington Avenue to the Minneapolis Convention Center, and anywhere in between.

For more information on these changes, go to www.metrotransit.org.

Rain garden workshops

Would you like to create your own rain garden? Metro Blooms is offering workshops to Minneapolis residents on creating and designing your own rain garden. Cost per workshop is only \$10. Rain gardens have many benefits. For more information or to register visit: http://www.metroblooms.org/workshop_signup_A.php

The Annual City Tree Program has Started!

More than 1,000 trees are being made available to Minneapolis residents for planting this spring. The trees cost \$25 each, and are approximately six feet tall with a one-inch trunk. Residents can order one tree per house-



Meg Tuthill

hold, and all trees are available first-come, first-served. Last month, emerald ash borer was found in Minneapolis. It poses a special threat to the 200,000 ash trees in Minneapolis. Planting a new tree now will help start the next generation of trees.

Varieties of trees available are Fat Albert spruce, pagoda dogwood, Kentucky coffee tree, blue beech, Merrill magnolia, regal prince oak, Canada select chokecherry, Redmond linden and burgundy belle maple.

Folks who order trees will need to pick them up on one of three days at the Minneapolis Impound Lot, 51 Colfax Ave. N.

Saturday, May 8, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunday, May 9, 8 a.m. to noon

Monday, May 10, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

To order trees visit www.treetrust.org or call 651-644-5800 or pick an order form up at your local library. In previous years the trees have sold quickly, so place your order early.

Serve on a Minneapolis Board or Commission!

The City of Minneapolis has streamlined its process for selecting individuals to serve on volunteer boards and commissions. Appointments will now be made to city boards and commissions two times per year through formal City Council and Mayoral processes. It is now easier for residents to learn about volunteer opportunities.

Minneapolis has more than 50 volunteer-based boards, commissions and advisory committees, which advise the city on current issues and assist in policy development and administration of services. A full list of positions and descriptions as well as current vacancies can be found at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/boards-and-commissions/>.

For questions or more information about open positions, email cityclerk@ci.minneapolis.mn.us or call (612) 673-3358.

CM Tuthill Participates in Panel Discussion on Development

On March 11th, Council Member (CM) Tuthill participated in a panel discussion at Magers & Quinn

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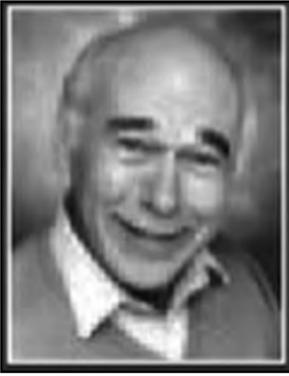
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UN SOUND SCIENCE: POETRY BY ROBERT SONKOWSKY

UN SOUND SCIENCE contains a selection of poems the author has been writing since the second grade where his wonderful teacher had her students compose poems from their spelling lists and read them aloud to the class. He remembers two lines he wrote then about a MONSTER and uses them seventy years later as an epigraph to the title poem of the book (p.11):



Robert Sonkowsky

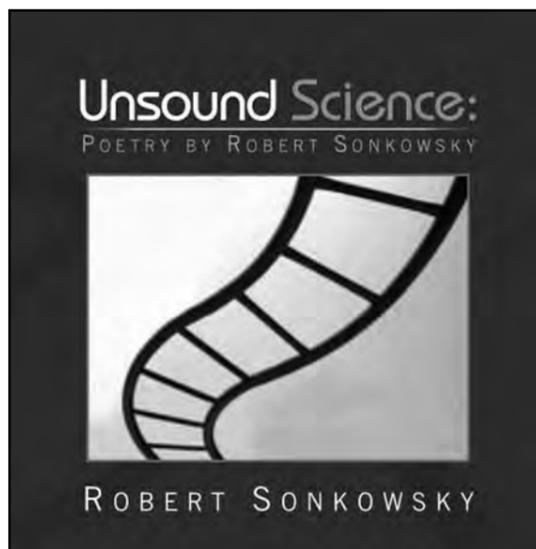
Unsound Science

"In a laboratory dim/ a mad scientist created him."
There once was a time
when insana scientia,
except for Adam and Eve
and except for Prometheus,

did not exist.

Today, however,
Mad Science

has come into its own:
the rest is refuse.



Besides poems like this with unusual rhyme schemes, other forms include the sonnet, villanelle, free
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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Gary Thaden, Gthaden at Gmail dot Com

LIBRARIES AROUND THE COUNTRY

Like the rest of us, libraries are under financial pressure, including some library closing and staff cut backs in other parts of the country, including Boston and Los Angeles. Yet, library use is up and we rely on our public libraries more and more.

Every day 300,000 Americans get job-seeking help at their public library.

Borders and Barnes & Noble provide wireless access in 1,300 locations, Starbucks at 11,000 locations, but public libraries provide free Wi-Fi at nearly 12,000 locations.

RedBox vending machines rent 1.1 million DVDs every day, Netflix rents 2.2 million DVDs, and U. S. public libraries lend 2.1 million DVDs.

Every year, Americans visit libraries more often than we go to the movies (1.4 billion vs. 1.3 billion) and six times more often than we attend live sporting events (218 million, includes professional and NCAA football, baseball, basketball and hockey).

U.S. public libraries circulate as many materials every day as FedEx ships packages (U.S. libraries circulate 7.9 million materials vs. 8 million FedEx shipments worldwide).

Two-thirds of Americans have a library card.

Every day, our public libraries deliver millions of dollars in resources and support that meet the needs of our communities.

Phone forwarding for Minneapolis libraries ends 5/2/2010

May 2, 2010 is the last day of phone number forwarding for the 612-630-6xxx numbers that were in the Minneapolis libraries to their new 952-847-xxxx numbers. On May 3, the phone server that is still in place in Minneapolis Central Library will be shut down and the phone service will be cancelled that was providing those 612-630-6xxx numbers. As of May 3, anyone calling a 612-630-6xxx number will not be forwarded to a new number. For the new numbers go to <http://www.hclib.org/pub/info/locations.cfm> or call 952/847-8500

Talk of the Stacks: All Events are free at the Pohlrad Room, Central Library

Barbara Graham, Sandra Benitez, and Judith Guest: Eye of My Heart on Thursday, May 6, 7 PM

Barbara Graham is a playwright, journalist, and frequent contributor to O: The Oprah Magazine. Her new anthology, Eye of My Heart, is a collection of twenty-seven essays by acclaimed women writers that explode



Gary Thaden

the myths and stereotypes about being a grandmother in today's world. In celebration of Mother's Day, Graham will be joined by local contributing authors Sandra Benitez and Judith Guest to discuss this fascinating collection and life as writers and grandmothers. Benitez, recipient of a National Hispanic Heritage Foundation of Literature Award, is the award-winning author of four works of fiction and the memoir, Bag Lady: A Memoir. Author of five novels and several screenplays, Judith Guest's best-selling first novel, Ordinary People, won the Janet Heidegger Kafka Prize for best fiction and was made into an Academy Award-winning movie.

Krista Tippett: Einstein's God: Conversations about Science and the Human Spirit on Tuesday, May 18, 7 PM

Krista Tippett, creator and host of Speaking of Faith from America Public Media, is currently heard on over 230 public radio stations across the U.S. and globally via the web. A journalist, theologian, and former diplomat, Tippett's first book, Speaking of Faith — Why Religion Matters and How to Talk about It, combines autobiographical writing about her own spiritual journey with questions of faith pursued with others on her show. Her new book, Einstein's God, examines the changing way we think about science, medicine, and belief.

"In a day where religion—or, rather arguments over religion—divide us... Tippett is exactly the measured, balanced commentator we need." —Elizabeth Gilbert, author of Eat, Pray, Love

Pen Pals Lecture Series: Hopkins Center for the Arts (\$35-\$45)

William Kent Krueger: Thursday, May 13, 2010, 7:30 PM Friday, May 14, 2010, 11 AM

The north woods of Minnesota are the setting for William Kent Krueger's eight-book mystery series, featuring Cork O'Connor - the part Irish, part Ojibwe, part-time P.I. A resident of St. Paul, Krueger has received numerous awards, including four Minnesota Book Awards and the Loft McKnight Fiction Award. Before becoming a full-time writer, Krueger logged timber, worked construction and, he says, got himself kicked out of Stanford University for radical activities. Krueger does his writing in Booth #4 at the renowned St. Clair Broiler in St. Paul.

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Bookstore in Uptown about the planning of future development in the Twin Cities. The book of topic, titled *Regions: Planning the Future of the Twin Cities*, was written by Myron Orfield and Tom Luce and focuses on how we, as a community, create successful

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verse, prose poetry. If you would like to see samples of them, go to the following link:
http://www2.xlibris.com/book_excerpt.asp?bookid=72612

The first of these is actually the back cover of the book with a photo of the author and a quick explanation of the title and contents. "The image on the front cover of this book represents the "Twisted Ladder" or double helix of the DNA molecule. It also looks like equipment from a children's playground, or from a terrorist training camp."

Copies can be ordered from the publisher Xlibris.com, Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble, and almost any other bookstore, including St. Mark's Bookshop (519 Oak Grove St., Minneapolis, MN 55403. 612-870-7800). Bookshop hours Tuesday-Friday from 10-2 and on Sunday mornings.

Book signings will be held this month in the latter location and at Waverly Gardens, 5919 Centerville Road, North Oaks, Minnesota 55127 – where the author can be reached by mail in Apartment 207.

integrated neighborhoods and job growth within the region. The turn out was excellent with nearly 100 people attending and many of them participating in the public forum.

You can find more information about the book at:
http://www.upress.umn.edu/Books/O/orfield_region.html

The book can be purchased at the above website or at your local bookstore!

Walker Public Library Update

The process of creating a new Walker Public Library in the Uptown area is moving right along. Currently, a Community Advisory Committee is being formed. A proposal and architect are expected to be chosen by this fall. For more information, contact Hennepin County Commissioner Gail Dorfman office at gail.dorfman@co.hennepin.mn.us.

Nature Valley Bike Race

Summer may seem like a long way off but it will be

here before we know it. The Nature Valley Bike Race will be held in Uptown again this year on Friday, June 18th.

Race organizers are looking for host families for approximately 150 of the riders. Hosts would provide bed & bath (or shower!) for several days. Hosts would not be expected to provide meals or bike storage. If you would like to host a rider please click the link below and fill out the form.

<http://www.minnbikefestival.com/Volunteer/HostHousing/tabid/139/Default.aspx>

Property Valuation notices

Property owners should receive valuation notices by the end of March. If you think your assessed value is incorrect, the city has a process to contest the valuation

For more information: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/boe/>

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Kenwood School

By Cecilia Michel

Greetings of “Hi, how are you?” from children in the fall are sprinkled with a daily dose of hugs for Cheryl Martin this spring as she continues her first year as Kenwood Elementary School’s principal. Her ever-present smile reflects her assessment of the year so far: “I’m happy to be here.” Judging from the quota of hugs Principal Martin receives every day, the students are happy to have her here also.

A seventeen-year elementary school educator, Principal Martin undertook her assignment at Kenwood this past fall after serving at Bethune Elementary School for sixteen years. Her educational career took off in a hurry in 1993 as she was hired as a kindergarten teacher on the very day she applied for a teaching position in the Minneapolis School District. Since that time she has served as a first grade teacher, Curriculum Coordinator and Reading First Literacy Coordinator, as well as Assistant Principal.

Now she tends to the education of 460 Kenwood students and leads an enthusiastic faculty and parent community. Three characteristics Ms. Martin has noticed about Kenwood students are: their excitement about learning and interest in their neighbors as well as the larger global community. “They are heartfelt peaceful partners who take good care of each other as they problem solve and help each other on a daily basis.”

One surprise at Kenwood for Principal Martin was the amount of parent involvement at the school. “I was pleasantly surprised by the number of parent volunteers. I appreciate their involvement as well the

involvement of the surrounding community at Kenwood,” comments Principal Martin. “This is truly the way a school should be, supported by involved parents, community members and children coming to school ready to learn in classrooms staffed by extremely dedicated and passionate teachers.”

Ms. Martin is a parent of four children; all were Minneapolis Public School District students attending Jefferson Elementary School, Anwatin Middle Schools and Southwest High School. Ms. Martin was raised in South Minneapolis with three siblings, after living in her birth state of Missouri for her first three years. She attended the University of Minnesota for two years. She completed her degree at Augsburg College sixteen years after marrying and then raising her four children as a single parent for many years. Principal Martin credits her hardworking parents with enabling her to complete her education at Augsburg’s weekend college program. Presently, Ms. Martin’s parents live with her as she joyfully juggles her educational career and care of her parents.

Principal Martin continues to receive parental support both at home and at school. Her father prepares her lunch for the school day. On days that Principal Martin hosts “Lunch with the Principal”, her father packages her lunch in four containers just so she can open a new one during each of the four lunch sessions with students. Ms. Martin initiated the program to provide an opportunity to get to know students individually and to hear from them directly about what students



Kenwood School Principal Cheryl Martin

Photo by Cecilia Michel

are learning. Each month, Kenwood students are chosen to eat lunch with Ms. Martin. The event is a huge success and students look forward to the day when their turn comes.

With the spring quarter remaining, Ms. Martin looks forward to gardening and planning for the next academic year at Kenwood. Principal Martin appreciates her opportunity to serve as the instructional leader at Kenwood and will continue to contribute to the positive culture and learning climate at Kenwood.

With all due respect to our neighbor and friend, Madeleine Lowry, I wish to express an alternate viewpoint.

By Natalie Westreich

As the sun moves higher in the sky and the snow banks disappear, my psyche goes into slow motion. Of course I enjoy working in the garden, bicycling and even hanging laundry out, but, after not too long at these activities I feel the need to find a cool spot in the house, drink some ice tea and really “chill out”.

Autumn is my dancing time. I will do a soft shoe dance across the leaves finally piled on the remnants of the garden-while awaiting the time to do a snowshoe dance in the northern end of Kenwood Park! My husband and I will walk through the sparkle of fresh snow into Uptown for dinner-probably including a good hot soup. And, if it’s a really good winter, I will make snow angels in my front yard!

So all you lovers of the hot and sultry-and I know there are more of you than there are those like me-enjoy your tap dance! I will wait patiently because I know my time is coming.

KENWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO CELEBRATE KIDS, COMMUNITY AND CRAZY FUN AT ANNUAL OUTDOOR CARNIVAL MAY 15, 2010

Young musicians to noise-up the ‘hood with inspiring marching band performance down Penn Avenue

Kenwood Elementary School will give kids, parents and the community a chance to play games, groove, get wet and get glam at the school’s annual fund-raising carnival scheduled for 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Saturday, May 15. All events and games are offered at family-friendly prices and held on the school’s playground located at 2013 Penn Avenue South, Minneapolis. In case of rain, the carnival moves indoors, just around the corner, to the Kenwood Park and Rec Center, 2101 Franklin Avenue West, Minneapolis.

Back by popular demand, this year’s line-up features many giggle-raising, BFF (best friends forever)-bonding, stomach-pleasing activities including:

- Idol Stage
- Dunk tank
- Pie eating contest
- Kenwood Salon (beware of neon hair colors)
- Great games and prizes
- Favorite foods

A sure highlight will be the Kenwood student

marching band comprised of fourth and fifth grade students traveling down a usually staid Penn Avenue.

BACKGROUND: Kenwood Elementary School (its motto: “Smarts + Arts”) is a K-5 Minneapolis public school with approximately 460 students. It is one of the district’s oldest and most beloved schools. Last year, it celebrated its 100th year at its current beautiful, historic building. For details, go to kenwood.mpls.k12.mn.us.

Contact:

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THOMAS LOWRY PARK

By Barry Lazarus

HI EVERYONE. Spring is in the air and Thomas Lowry Park will begin another season to offer its serenity and beauty to all Lowry Hill and Kenwood residents (and all the many visitors from all parts of the Twin Cities). This article will set forth what Friends of Thomas Lowry Park is planning in April and May; there will also be an interesting fact #3.

Barbara Fogel and Suzanne Payne will again head up the second Saturday of every month park clean up. Please join them on Saturdays, April 10 and May 8, from 10am to noon, to lend your hands in raking, pick-up, weeding, and the like in the park gardens and flower beds. On MAY 22, from 9am to 11am, Friends of Thomas Lowry Park invites you to join with them in celebration of arbor month. Friends will host a Spring Social where you, your children, and dogs can greet old friends and meet new neighbors. Friends will serve puppy dog tails, cookies, coffee, dog treats, and water to attendees. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board will demonstrate how to plant a tree and care for it thereafter in demonstration. If available, a fire truck and crew will be present for children and children wannabes to examine, with narrative from firepersons. If Sara Peterman's father is available, he will play his accomplished accordion selections. A representative from People for Parks, which donated 11 trees to the park, will relate how important parks are in the quality of life to park users. Tangletown Gardens, a benefactor of the park, will offer the opportunity to purchase gift certificates for your purchase of plants and garden accessories, its advice on how to select and plant a tree in your yard and schedule the planting, and the chance to belong to a coop, raising and selling organic vegetables. (Tangletown will donate 15% of all sales to Friends.) WITHOUT SHAME, FRIENDS WILL ASK ATTENDEES TO MAKE A DONATION TO ENABLE FRIENDS TO CONTINUE TO ENHANCE THE PARK BY ASSISTING THE PARK BOARD IN MAINTENANCE AND PLANTINGS.

Friends is very grateful to Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association for directing \$3000 and \$9767, respectively, from its NRP funds to improve the gateway area (the area in front of the brick wall and Lowry Hill Park lettering) and to pay for the irrigation of the areas within the park not already irrigated. Friends will also contribute \$4233 to these projects from donations it received last year. Tangletown has committed \$5000 for flowers, bushes, shrubs, and labor to the improvement of the gateway area. Friends also has agreed to raise funds needed to create a reserve fund to be used for maintenance of the irrigation system or repairs which the Park Board is unable to undertake.

Being a good neighbor to LHNA, Friends also requests Lowry Hill and Kenwood residents to assist LHNA on APRIL 17 from 9:30am to noon in the cleanup of Lake of the Isles. Please meet in the SW corner of Kenwood Park playground.

Finally fact #3. Last month, Friends related it would someday like to move the statute of Thomas Lowry from Smith Park to Thomas Lowry Park. Who was Smith? Thanks to the research of Suzanne Payne,

Black Dirt Isn't Always Black Dirt - *The Importance of Soil Tests for Making Your Garden Productive and Environmentally Safe* By Kathy Carlson

Do you know what's sitting in your garden under your flowers and vegetables? Knowing the type of soil you have in your garden is the most important step to making your garden beautiful and productive. Ideally, it is best to have a soil test performed before the soil is even transported to your garden. The most effective soil for your garden will have the nutrients and composition required for the types of plants you plan to grow. While all soil may look similar in color and composition, there are subtle differences that could make a huge difference in the success of your

garden. Soil isn't just a mix of minerals, it is alive! A handful of soil from your garden contains millions of living organisms and must be treated as a living substance.

A specialized landscaping or gardening center is the best place to buy soil. However, it is important to only buy soil that has been tested and carries a "Clean Soil" designation. According to Marty Long, President of Minnesota Mulch & Soil, "No standards are being applied to the soil industry. Landscapers are buying soil from suppliers without requiring soil tests. Where is this soil coming from? What is in this soil? The industry has changed. Contractors are trying to get rid of black soil from dredging projects which may be contaminated. Just because soil is black doesn't mean it's proper for garden use. A soil report will tell you that the soil you are purchasing is free of contaminants and has the organic foundations required for plant growth."

According to Tom Halbach, Professor and Extension Educator with the Department of Soil, Water, and Climate at the University of Minnesota, "Homeowners need to know what's in the soil, the nutrients needed by the growing plants, and how to meet those needs. An accurate soil test will avoid any guess work and help gardeners understand the materials and the measurements needed."

To emphasize the importance of soil tests, Long sighted an example of some soil that was presented to the University of Minnesota for testing prior to being used on a large construction project for the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT.) The soil appeared to be high quality, structured black soil with no distinctive smells. The soil report came back with a salt content of over 7% and a phosphorus content of approximately 1%. MnDOT, the contractor on the project, rejected the soil because plants can't grow in soil with very little phosphorus, and a high salt content will kill most plant life. Where did this soil go after it was rejected by MnDOT? It is highly possible that it went to a landscaping or gardening center and was then sold for use on yards, playgrounds, or any other place soil is found. Calls to local landscaping and gardening centers in the Twin Cities metro area confirmed that these businesses are not requiring soil tests on the soil they receive.

we will be enlightened. Charles Axel Smith, aka C. A. Smith, was born on December 11, 1852 in Sweden. He and his father and sisters emigrated to Minneapolis in 1866. He attended public schools and enrolled at the University of Minnesota. Because of failing health, he quit the University, and worked in a hardware store owned by Governor John S. Pillsbury until 1878. With Mr. Pillsbury as a partner, he formed the C. A. Smith & Company in Herman, MN to sell elevators and farm implements. With other partners, he opened three lumber yards in rural Minnesota cities. In 1884, he and Mr. Pillsbury went into the cutting and sawing business. By 1893, it was said he had the most complete and best equipped sawing business. In 1901, he sawed 112,000 feet of lumber. Mr. Smith was the Vice President of the National Lumber Manufacturers Association, and was a member of the Minneapolis Club, Commerce Club, and the Automobile Club. He was known as a Republican, and was a delegate to the 1900 Republican Convention which nominated McKinley. He was prominent in charitable work supporting churches and schools in the northwest. Mr. Smith was honored by the King of Sweden as a Commander of the First Degree in the Order of Vasa. He was married with three boys and three girls. He lived at 2324 Emerson Ave. South, Minneapolis in 1910. That home was on the present site of Temple Israel and across the street from Smith Park - the land for the small park being donated by Mr. Smith.

See you next month if not sooner at one or more of the above events.

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CIDNA CONTINUES WORK TOWARD LRT MITIGATION

By Gail Lee

The CIDNA Board of Directors met on Tuesday, April 6th, 2010, at the Jones Harrison Residence.

Amanda Arnold, City of Mpls and Adele Hall and Katie Walker, Hennepin County were in attendance to update the neighborhood regarding the Southwest Transitway development progress. Current work includes developing a Station Area Planning study; working on the Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS); and transitioning work and development of the LRT line to the Met Council.

Station Area Planning: The Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA, in cooperation with the City of Minneapolis, is reviewing proposals for the development of Strategic Plans for the five proposed Minneapolis stations along the proposed Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA – 3A Kenilworth route) for the Southwest Light Rail Transit line: Royalston, Van White, Penn, 21st Street, and West Lake. This work is considered to be part of the project development process not the environmental process for the Southwest LRT line.

Concurrent with the Station Area Planning process, the HCRRA is developing the DEIS. The DEIS is an environmental study required for major transitway projects seeking federal funding. The purpose of the DEIS is to better understand the benefits and impacts of the proposed LRT line on the surrounding community and natural environment including natural and water resources, noise / vibration, hazardous / contaminated areas and historic / cultural properties.

The DEIS is slated to be sent to the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) in June. The FTA will then open a 45-day public comment period in August. The public will be able to comment through the Web site and at least one public meeting. All input and comments will be collected and addressed by the FTA. See <http://www.southwesttransitway.org> for more information.

It is the intent of CIDNA to ensure constructive dialogue and participation between the effected neighborhoods and the HCRRA, City of Mpls and the Met Council in the attempt to produce needed mitigation.

Other points of discussion at the April meeting included:

Emerald Ash Borers: Ash trees in CIDNA are concentrated on Drew and Chown Aves. If you suspect EAB infestation, please go to: <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/eab>

Car break-ins are again on the rise in the neighborhood, this time concentrated around the lakes and on the parkways and boulevards. Please report all crimes and theft to 911. This will ensure our neighborhood receives adequate police patrol.

CIDNA ANNUAL MEETING!

TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2009

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Spring means street cleaning and repair – look for potholes and curb damage and report to 311.

Tuesday, May 4, is the CIDNA Annual Meeting at 6:00pm at the Jones Harrison Residence. The next regular CIDNA Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 1 at 6:00pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION (KIAA)

By Amy Lucas

APRIL 2010 KIAA MEETING MINUTES

KIAA meeting was held April 5, 2010.

Chair Michael Bono called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Michael Bono, Chair, Terry Campbell, Jeanette Colby, Jordan Hart, Amy Lucas, Josine Peters, Pat Scott, Kathy Williams, and Roy Williams.

Others present: Lisa Goodman, City Council 7th Ward; Maggie Mercil, Kenwood Rec Center Director; two Kenwood residents; Janet Hallaway, Pres. Lowry Hill Neighborhood Assoc (LHNA); Dylan Thomas, Southwest Journal.

Treasurer's Report – Roy Williams

Recent expenses include KIAA newsletter printing (\$942), Newsletter mailing (\$264), Twin Cities Loppet (\$200), KIAA web site (\$120), Ice Skating Party (\$81). Annual contribution to Hill & Lake Press (\$750). KIAA received a Citizen Participation Program Grant of \$2000 from the City.

City Council 7th Ward Update –

Lisa Goodman

Due to his recent award of a Bush Fellowship, 7th Ward City Council Aide Doug Kress, will leave his position in June. Kress has been the council aide for seven years. A goodbye party will be announced later in the email "7th Ward Newsbites." If you would like to receive Newsbites contact Lisa.Goodman@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

Sidewalk repair will occur in a very small segment of Kenwood this summer; property owners with damaged/uneven sidewalks abutting their property will be directly assessed by the City for repairs. Property owners have the option to hire bonded qualified contractors to do the work. For more info contact Sidewalk Division: 612-673-2420.

As of April 2, only 59% of Kenwood residents had returned their census forms. Please return your forms ASAP. The Census Bureau staff must visit homes that did not complete forms.

LOWRY HILL ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR MAY 18

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association invites all Lowry Hill residents to attend the annual members meeting at the Walker Art Center on May 18. The meeting takes place from 7:00 -8:30PM and will include a presentation by Ralph Sievert, Director of Forestry for the Minneapolis Park Board. Sievert presentation, "Emerald Ash Borer: The Twin Cities Uninvited Pest, will address residents' growing concern about the potential decimation of our urban canopy.

The meeting will also include a presentation about

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The question gardeners should ask themselves is "If the soil isn't good enough for MnDOT ditches and boulevards, why would I want it in my yard? Sod, trees, bushes, and annual and perennial flowers are very expensive. Why would I put them in poor quality, possibly toxic, soil?" Barb Kirkpatrick, a master gardener with beautiful perennial gardens in North Oaks, is very particular about what she puts in her gardens. "I never buy bagged soil because you don't know what you're getting. It could be full of pathogens. I only buy mulch from a supplier I trust. The microorganisms in the mulch break down into a high quality soil."

For the first time, soil carrying a "Clean Soil" designation will be available next spring. If your garden is already in place and you are interested in making it more productive, the first place to begin is by requesting a Soil Test Report from the University of Minnesota. This is easy to do. The forms are online with instructions for obtaining a sample and a mailing address. The analysis costs between \$15 and \$70 depending on the number of tests requested. This report will tell you the fertility status of your soil and provide information to improve the mineral nutrition, such as the rates of fertilizer and lime to apply.

To request a list of retailers carrying "Clean Soil" or for a soil analysis contact Minnesota Mulch & Soil at mnmulchsoil@comcast.net or the University of Minnesota Soil Test Laboratory at soiltest@umn.edu.

Kenwood Park Sidewalk Connector – Janet Hallaway

Janet Hallaway of LHNA provided information and background about the proposed Kenwood Park Sidewalk Connector.

LHNA residents have pursued the sidewalk since 2005; have enlisted help from city traffic staff to evaluate the situation; and have applied unsuccessfully for federal grants.

In 2009, LHNA allocated \$30K in NRP funds to build the sidewalk. The proposed project has an estimated cost of \$35,000.

Lowry Hill requests KIAA to partner in the project and contribute \$5000 in NRP funds.

Annual Meeting May 3rd – Mike Bono

The KIAA Annual Meeting will be held Monday, May 3 from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Kenwood Café on W. 21st St. The café will provide a soup/salad/bread special for \$10.

Social period and dinner will be from 6:30-7 p.m. followed by election of board members for 2010-2011. Kenwood businesses have donated gift certificates for a raffle and well-known food columnist, author and Kenwood resident, Beth Dooley, will speak about her involvement with Community Supported Agriculture (CSA). Kenwood residents are encouraged to attend this very special annual neighborhood event.

Kenwood Rec Center Activities/Budget Cuts – Maggie Mercil

The Kenwood Rec Center budget from April to Dec must be cut \$7000.

Mercil proposes to close the Rec Center (including restrooms) at 6:00 p.m. during the summer (June, July, August); closure will save approximately \$3500. She also proposes closure on Fridays and weekends.

A running club has offered a \$500 donation to keep the Kenwood Rec Center bathroom on Saturdays. Mercil will investigate prices of portable toilets.

KIAA approved a \$500 allocation for the Ice Cream

neighborhood issues and projects, election of new board members, and an update on developments at the Walker Art Center. City Councilwoman Lisa Goodman will provide an update on key issues from City Hall. A social hour with cash bar will take place from 6:00 - 7:00 PM. Residents can chat with Park Board Commissioner Anita Tabb, Neighborhood Police representative Chelsea Adams, County Commissioner Gail Dorfman, and Lowry Hill board members.

This year LHNA is also recruiting block club leaders in an effort to improve community and deter crime. Sign up will take place during the social hour.

Social or two movie nights per the discretion of Mercil. Movie nights have been scheduled for July 13 and August 10.

Mercil will provide a budget and fund request to KIAA.

Park Playground Improvements –Pat Scott

Paul Hokeness, Manager of the Park Board's Lakes District, estimates the cost of Kenwood playground "tot lot" repair at \$12,000. Vendors will provide equipment and Park Board staff will install/repair. New sand will go in some play areas and shredded wood fiber will replace sand in other areas to reduce damage to the equipment.

KIAA Board approved \$12,000 in Phase 2 NRP funds; after this expenditure \$2000 remains in the KIAA NRP budget.

Emerald Ash Borer Information –Pat Scott

Vulnerable areas include: Oliver Ave to 21st Street and Penn to Douglas, West 21st from Kenwood Parkway to railroad tracks; Upton Ave from Kenilworth to Burnham Bridge.

The formation of a Kenwood Tree Inventory Task Force will be proposed at the May 3 Annual Meeting.

Ash trees marked with green rings will be removed by May 1 because they are considered vulnerable to Ash Borer pests due to age or disease.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Reminder: The next KIAA Board meeting will be the Annual Board Meeting on Monday, May 3 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Kenwood Cafe. Please see the announcement above. Kenwood residents are encouraged to attend!

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LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (LHNA)

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board Minutes

Tuesday April 6, 2010

By Craig Wilson

Attendees: Madeleine Lowry, Kathy Bryn, Melissa Townley, Marty Broan, Janet Hallaway, Brian Hols, Brian Meeker, David Weinstein, Jimmy Fogel, John Gridley, Anita Tabb, Craig Wilson.

Excused Absences: Brian Austin, Jolane Jones.

Guests: Council Member Lisa Goodman; Barry Lazarus, President Friends of Thomas Lowry Park.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President, Janet Hallaway, noting a quorum was present. The agenda was approved (Broan, Meeker). Introductions followed.

Announcements: Walker Library, now part of the Hennepin County library system, is considering expansion again and has assembled a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) for input. A developer has proposed a hotel for the current Walker Library site, a new parking ramp for the Uptown YWCA and a new library spanning the Midtown Greenway adjacent to the Hennepin Avenue overpass. It is important that Lowry Hill have representation on the CAC as well as other forums like those pertaining to the Southwest LRT line. If you are interested in serving, please contact Janet Hallaway at jhallaway@comcast.net. Hennepin County is looking for a temporary hazardous waste drop-off location in Lowry Hill to incent residents to dispose of hazardous wastes responsibly. In the past the Scottish Rite Temple hosted the event in their parking lot. Hennepin County is looking for a site. Marty Broan volunteered to help identify a site.

Honorable Council Member Lisa Goodman: Lisa announced the next Lunch with Lisa will take place April 28th at 12:00 PM at the City Hall. Attendees will tour and learn about the City's 911 center. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP with the Ward 7 office at 673-2207. Lisa also passed out the March Newsbites, with current Ward 7 and Minneapolis news and events. If you would like to subscribe to "Newsbites", please contact Councilmember Goodman's office at 673-2207. With both sadness and pride, Lisa announced that her Aide Doug Kress received a Bush Fellowship to attend Harvard and will be leaving his position effective July 1st. Lisa is looking for a new Aide. Sidewalk repair and replacement will begin soon for Lowry Hill; the City is on a 10 year cycle. Property owners will be assessed for sidewalk replacement. Craig Wilson volunteered to contribute an article to the May Hill and Lake Press regarding the issue. It's census time again. At the time of the meeting Lowry

Hill had a 51-60% response rate. Historically Lowry Hill has had a 69-74% response rate (2000). Filling out census forms is required by law. Accounting for residents also brings resources to our community. Please fill out your 2010 census forms.

Treasurer's Report: John Gridley reported that LHNA has \$28,790 in its accounts. LHNA received \$55 in income and had \$340 in expenses (service charges and a \$270 National Register of Historic Places plaque).

Committee Reports:

Annual Meeting—The annual meeting will be held May 18, 2010 from 6:00 – 8:30 PM at The Walker Art Center. The evening begins with a social hour from 6:00 -7:00 with the meeting taking place from 7:00 -8:00 PM. A cash bar will be available.

LHNA Annual Meeting Agenda

Welcome

Election of New Board Members

Treasurer's Report

Message from LHNA President Janet Hallaway

Message from Honorable Council Member Lisa Goodman

Emerald Ash Borer Presentation by Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Director of Park Forestry Ralph Sievert, with audience q&a following

This meeting is an opportunity for Lowry Hill residents to learn more about what's taking place in our neighborhood. Ralph Seivert, Director of Forestry for the Minneapolis Park Board, will be our keynote speaker. He will address resident concerns about the impact of the Emerald Ash Borer in Lowry Hill and the park board's response plan.

Zoning and Planning – The Heritage Preservation Commission unanimously approved historic designation for 1900 Colfax. Many Lowry Hill residents and LHNA board members contributed enumerable time and energy to this aim. The final step is for the City Council to consider designation in early summer 2010. Burch Pharmacy will be closing, adding another 8,000 square feet of vacant retail space on Hennepin Avenue (additional vacant spaces include former Hollywood Video, Auriga, Minneapolis Floral, etc). The space will likely be subdivided into smaller spaces. Discussion ensued about parking constraints in the vicinity and a desire to attract a sound retail mix. CM Goodman reminded people that the spaces are in close proximity to transit and density and will likely attract sound retail and pedestrians. Marty Broan will work with the Walker Art Center and other partners to consider installing "art installations" in the storefront windows. Board members expressed much nostalgia for Burch's seasonal win-

dow displays.

Environment – LHNA is partnering with Friends of Thomas Lowry Park on an Arbor Day event on May 22nd at Thomas Lowry Park. The family event will celebrate Arbor Day with tree planting, food and festivities. Learn how to properly plant a tree! Gift certificates to Tangletoen Gardens will be available with proceeds benefiting Thomas Lowry Park. Lake of the Isles Earth Day clean up is scheduled for Saturday April 17th from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. LHNA volunteers will meet in the playground area in across from the Kenwood Rec Center and then will head out. Gloves and bags will be provided. Kenwood Trial planning continues. Janet Hallaway is meeting with stakeholders and will report to the board at the next meeting. Thomas Lowry Park request for NRP funds:

Motion: To allocate \$12, 767 in NRP funds for irrigation and gateway enhancements as proposed by the LHNA Environment Committee and Friends of Thomas Lowry Park (FTLP) (Wilson, Gridley).

The Environment Committee and FTLP have been developing a plan to enhance and better maintain Thomas Lowry Park since Summer 2009. Input from eight Environment Committee meetings, five LHNA board meetings, a community meeting and a design charrette contributed to an LHNA approved Planting Plan (passed March 2010) and the proposed motion to allocate NRP funds. FTLP submitted a report and spreadsheet of proposed enhancements. The enhancements are divided into 4 phases. The first phase was completed in 2009 with the purchase of the urn and garden planting at Colfax and Douglas. The second phase, the subject of the proposed motion, is to fund irrigation and gateway enhancements in 2010. The third and fourth phases are for additional plantings along seven pools (which will still enable people to access the water) and new and refurbished beds throughout the park (2011-12). The proposed allocation for the second phase will leverage a match from FTLP for a total investment of \$25,000. Included in the proposal is a "maintenance fund" for any future repairs to the irrigation system. LHNA Board Members expressed support for the project and hope that as FTLP matures as an organization, it will have broader reach and will be able to self fund projects.

Motion carried (11-1, Weinstein).

The date of the next meeting is May 18 at the Walker Art Center. Please visit us at www.lowryhillneighborhood.org and contact us at lhna@lowryhillneighborhood.org.

Upon motion duly made (Broan) and seconded (Wilson), it was voted (12-0) to adjourn at 9:00 pm.

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By Tom H. Cook

A sense of humor is a measurement of the extent to which we realize that we are trapped in a world almost devoid of reason. Laughter is how we express the anxiety we feel at this knowledge.

— Dave Barry

I happened upon this Dave Barry quote recently and continue to chuckle over its wisdom. I immediately related to the notion of being trapped and powerless. Despite good intentions, many of us are, if not undone, at least dispirited by seemingly arbitrary and capricious rules, social customs, unreadable instruction manuals, faceless corporate entities, or the blatant wrong-headedness of fools in high places.

Reading the Barry's comment again, my favorite word is "almost". There are malevolent and self-serving forces of greed, unfeeling enough to strip us of our civil liberties, natural resources, and our pursuit of happiness. Failing at that they will inconvenience, insult, and, like ducks, peck us to death. Barry suggests that the imps and scoundrels seeking to undo our lives are not quite up to the task. Other times they just go too far. Their naked ambition and self righteousness causes even the more obtuse of us to gasp and laugh at their audacity. Barry's "almost" allows for a blind squirrel to find an occasional acorn or the better angels of our nature to make an appearance.

We are not living in the "Bizzaro World" where everything is the dialectical opposite. Life is not pie in the face slapstick, or broad farce. There are rules, but they are often at cross purposes and contradictory to what we profess to believe. We carry with us and have thrust at us a laundry list of "shoulds" and unrealistic self expectations. A sense of humor is being able to identify and appreciate the gap between our mission statement and our practice. Sometimes the difference

is subtle and requires a sharp ear and a keen sense of the absurd. The slick societal veneer that covers many value laden pursuits, whether it is patriotism, religiosity, or jingoistic community activism, can feel daunting to those who do not demonstrate the appropriate zeal.

Why do public figures assume their audience has the intelligence of an ottoman? Seeing through the clumsy sleight of hand and the diversionary foreign policy classic "Look over there!" is a mark of sanity. Sometimes there is no pea under any cup. Laughing and mocking "our betters" is positively cathartic. If I am in a meeting or gathering of pointless solemnity, I will often throw out a harmless irreverent remark and see if there are any takers. A stolen eye roll exchanged with a fellow heretic can seal a conspiratorial friendship.

Much of the humor in everyday life is not intended to be funny. Are you squeaky Christian clean enough to withstand the next sex scandal? Is your blue suit blue enough, and your lapel pin large enough to ward off a jihad of infidels? Is a \$40,000,000 bonus too paltry for a CEO who has laid off thousands of workers and steered his company into the rocks? Humor is all

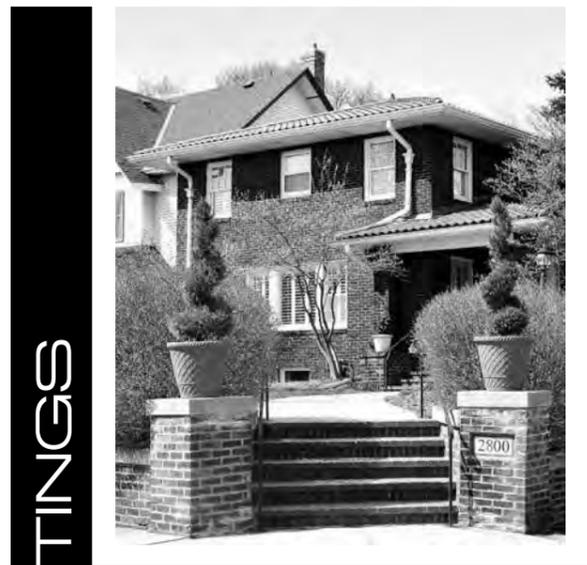
around, often coming from the gallows. Watch the speed of the wheels of justice in pursuit of an obviously guilty multimillionaire. Where is the compassion for heretics by those who profess to be on the saved list for the coming rapture?

Humorists are like the poor street urchins of a hundred years ago, throwing snowballs at the top-hatted bankers. It is amazing how little has changed since the heyday of J.P. Morgan. In the end we may get skewered, but we need not buy the self righteous pap being doled out.

Dave Barry invites us into the funhouse to see the distorted, the grotesque, the comic. His genius is that the mirror is regular glass.

Tom H. Cook is one of the seven people not attending opening day of Target Field. Having skipped the past winter, he feels undeserving.

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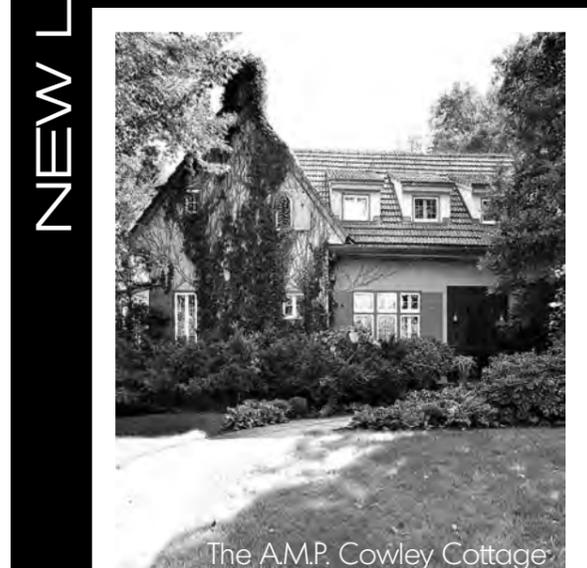
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LETTERS

To the Editor:

The March 19th edition of the Hill & Lake Press featured a photo of the house, and comments from the editor about the property, at 2841 E Lake of the Isles Parkway. The incomplete information presented could cause the reader to assume that there has been no attention given nor deliberation by the East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA) or neighbors about the proposed demolition of this property. On the contrary, the EIRA Zoning Committee and the EIRA Board of Directors have met numerous times with the owner of the property and have studied the reports of the architects and engineers that have appraised the property for renovation or demolition. The EIRA Zoning Committee and adjacent neighbors also were invited by the owner to inspect the property and spent an afternoon doing so. It was our judgment, based on these studies, discussions, and first hand observations of the current condition and past renovations, that the property owner is justified in demolishing the house and rebuilding a home on his lot.

Reaching the decision to recommend demolition of a house is never easy. We all appreciate the older homes in our neighborhood and would prefer they could be with us forever. But in this case, the evidence seemed clear to a number of people that this house could not practically or reasonably be renovated. As noted in the EIRA Board Minutes for our March 2 meeting, published in the Hill & Lake Press, the EIRA Board voted to recommend to the City Planning Commission that we support the application for demolition of 2841 East Lake of the Isles Parkway contingent on review and approval of the demolition plan by the immediate neighbors. The owner has subsequently provided the plan from the demolition company and a schedule of the next steps before demolition begins, including working with the Green Institute about donating recyclable material and identifying items for re-use in the new house, the meetings of the Heritage Preservation Commission and the City Planning Commission, and notification before the demolition actually begins. (The last step is important as neighbors have not always in the past had prior notification before actual demolition started, despite the fact that notification is required by the city.) The adjacent neighbors also are in the process of hiring an engineering firm to establish the condition of the retaining walls that border their properties and the lot at 2841. This assessment will be discussed with the owner and the demolition company before the demolition begins.

The EIRA board and neighbors have appreciated that the owner has proactively involved them since purchasing the property a year ago. The house has been reviewed by the Heritage Preservation Commission, which found the house not to be of historic significance. As a resident on East Isles Parkway, I personally can attest to the fact that the property has been a neglected and then abandoned eyesore for several years. We look forward to having new neighbors in a house that promises to be of a design compatible with our neighborhood.

The involvement of the owner with the neighborhood and EIRA and the information provided at every step of the way could act as a model of what should happen when an owner proposes to demolish rather than renovate a home. As the outgoing president of the EIRA board I have been impressed with the time and energy that EIRA members and neighbors have devoted in response. Our neighborhoods are stronger because people are willing to volunteer their time and talents to deliberating about historic preservation, new development, and the many other issues that affect us all.

Nancy Johnston, East Isles



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To the Editor:

Reading your commentary regarding the potential demolition of the two houses on Lake of the Isles left me discouraged.

Specific to the house in Kenwood, the KIAA Board invested a fair amount of time over the past year. We talked through the project with the homeowner, researched zoning and historic preservation processes with city staff, solicited input from neighbors and hosted an open meeting to allow the homeowners and their architect to explain the project to the neighborhood. In the end, the project (as outlined) did not require any zoning variances and the city did not find the current house to have historic importance meriting protection so the Board did not take a stand. That may not be the outcome some neighbors desire, but I don't think it is fair to say "the neighborhood associations apparently don't care", we do.

More broadly, I am discouraged by the lack of participation of my fellow Kenwood residents in managing the affairs of our neighborhood. I always hear how much residents love the area, but yet we are lucky to have a handful of people come to our KIAA Board meeting (the first Monday each month at 7 at the Rec Center). This organization plays an important role in supporting and representing the interests of the Kenwood Neighborhood. A small sample of activities includes: representation in planning about potential Light Rail, increasing police presence at Hidden Beach and representing the neighborhood view on any zoning variances. KIAA also plays an important role in funding activities from Palio to the winter solstice party and projects from new trees on Lake of the Isles to the new garden across from the Kenwood Cafe. Please, if

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you love it here, get involved. Make a donation to KIAA, come to some Board meetings or join a committee. A perfect venue is the upcoming annual meeting at the cafe at 6:30 on May 3rd. Come join us for a bite to eat and learn what is going on at the grassroots of your neighborhood.

Sam Murphy, Chair, KIAA Zoning Committee

Letter to the Editor:

So this is April Fool's Day, but what I want to speak about is no joke. My husband and I have a one year old dog, Benjamin, the light of our lives. We were happy to get a pass to the off leash dog parks in town so as to give our dog a safe, wide open but fenced in place to play with other dogs. We found a lot of dogs, but it was not safe.

The Lake of the Isles dog park has been a place where my dog has encountered many dogs whose owners allow them to play so rough that our dog has been bitten twice (and caused bleeding both times) and had his leg badly hurt as well. There is no one to help when that happens.

Don't get me wrong, there are a lot of wonderful pups who come to play, but those owners who do not stop their dogs from wounding or hurting others are as much to blame as the Park Board is for not having enough supervision of off leash dog parks that are supposed to be self run. Who helps us then? Where do we go for sure to let our dogs play where we know they are protected, at least by individual pet owners whose

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dogs are known to play “rough” and “aggressive.” We love our pets as we love our children, but in order to secure these parks we need help. The Park Board has answered no letters of mine, nor have they supplied any supervision for the parks. They say they have no man power to run the parks, when I call to complain. I have called “311” to complain and still no help. I am my dog’s human, and it is my job to keep him safe.

Doesn’t your dog deserve the same? I don’t know how we can change things. Supposedly our taxes cannot cover more help in these “owner’s own risk” parks. Maybe we can write our City Council. Maybe we can each write to the Park Board to let them know what is happening in our parks. Maybe there is nothing we can do, but I am not prepared to believe that. If you feel as I do and want to take back the parks, help me write letters, make calls to whomever you feel might try and help us, and let’s see what can be done to keep our dogs safer. There must be something we can do. Won’t you help me try?

I have to protect my dog. Lets see what we can do. Lets try and take back the parks and get them safer for all our pups.

Linda Zuckman, Benjamin’s Mom, Lowry Hill

Where we are Now.

By Jean Deatricks, Editor

Our cat Socks escaped from our house ten years ago and thanks to a photo in HLP along with flyers on light poles, a neighbor found and returned him. Bad Kitty! He escaped again last week when furniture was being moved through the front door. This time he became locked in a neighbor’s garage. We thank our dear neighbor who saw our flyers and brought him home. Again, Socks says thanks! And because Socks’ rescuer declined to accept our reward, we are donating to Friends of Thomas Lowry Park.

We are pleased that The Heritage Preservation Commission unanimously approved historic designation for 1900 Colfax South. Momentum for protecting our historic houses seems to be escalating.

And we are sad that Burch Pharmacy is closing. All these years, Burch was there when we needed something, and now it soon will be history. My little grandson says that Burch is the best store in town with the very best toys. And if all the people who are crowding the store for 50% off had shopped there regularly, perhaps Burch wouldn’t be going out of business.

FOR THE LOVE OF A PARK

By Madeleine Lowry

I know what you’re all wondering. Well, we all want to know, don’t we? What is Barbara Fogel’s secret? How does she stay so trim? How does she keep that spring in her step, that twinkle in her eye?

Well, your guess is as good as mine. But, I’ve attended a number of Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association (LHNA) meetings with Barbara and I’ve developed my own theory about this.

No, I don’t think it’s a new-fangled elixir of youth. Not a cream, nor a rinse. Not the result of sudden spiritual enlightenment, energy boosting drinks, or scads of personal trainers.

It has more to do with hauling forty-pound bags of mulch. You see, Barbara is in love with a park—Thomas Lowry Park.

For those of you new to the neighborhood, you will find the Park on Douglas Avenue at the corner of Colfax, a wedge of green in front of First Unitarian Society. It’s a little gem of a park with charming brick paths, benches, an arbor, planting beds and seven cascading pools of water.

My husband (who lived at 1712 Humboldt as a child) says that he can remember swimming in those pools many years ago. Did you know that they’ve been there since the 1920s?

Our children love them now too. A couple of times each summer we pack a picnic, some bathing suits, towels and head over. (The “No Wading” signs which sprouted a few years ago are a complete mystery to me. Aren’t those pools made for wading?)

Not until I joined the neighborhood board did I appreciate how much this park has depended on the efforts of a small group of dedicated neighbors. People like Barbara, Suzanne, Barry, and Sarah. Oh, and let’s not forget Jimmy.

The Park Board does what their budget allows – mainly mowing and paying the water bill. Improvements have been funded by significant NRP



Madeleine Lowry

dollars appropriated by the neighborhood board and, more recently, private donations.

Still the Park would not be what it is today without the commitment and vision of Barbara and her posse. And all the other “Barbaras” that have come before her over the years.

For those of you who have never been in love with a park, let me tell you—a park is a taskmaster. And tending to a park is the mother of all work-outs.

Through the gentle seasons, Barbara rallies the troops for Saturday morning planting and weeding sessions. They weed, haul mulch, transplant cuttings from their own gardens, and drag their hoses across the street regularly to keep everything watered.

When snow covers the ground, she is still in action, toning her arms with ten reps a day with the telephone: Park Board, Lowry Hill Board, Tangletown Gardens, lawyers and others. She calls for funding, resources, forms partnerships, and finalizes legal mumbo-jumbo.

Her efforts are bearing fruit. You may have noticed the beautiful new planter that is carefully tended to by Tangletown Gardens as an in-kind donation. Stay tuned for new planting beds and an expanded irrigation system this spring.

So, if you aim to be svelte and trim like Barbara—not to mention very, very tan—mingle with your neighbors this spring and dig in the dirt. Join the latest exercise craze that’s overtaking the neighborhood. (Psst—gardening.) You’ll have biceps to die for and abs of steel. Best of all—it’s absolutely free.

How? Check in with Barbara at friends@thomaslowrypark.org.

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The Dragon of Lake of the Isles

By Natalie Westreich



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The Dragon of Lake of the Isles

An article in the March H&LP questioned the whereabouts of the Dragon of Lake of the Isles when we don't see him/her on the frozen lake. I propose that our beloved dragon summers on one of the islands for which Lake of the Isles is named, while waiting for the return of winter and resuming his/her favored site on the lake.

Clearly our dragon prefers, as I do, the winter months. One can tell that by his/her shining green eyes above a coy smile while snuggled up in the snow on Lake of the Isles - all noted by our celebrated photographer, Dorothy Childers.

So - if our dragon really inhabits one of the islands,

why, you may ask, can we not see him/her? Since no one is allowed to set foot on the islands (younger readers; please don't challenge this!), no one could possibly go there searching for the dragon!

Besides we all know of other elusive or otherwise hard to spot dragons...

Some of you may have seen a tomato dragon, but they are indeed few and far between. The almost transparent dragonfly is an example of another "dragon" that is hard to spot. Dorothy-do you think you could spot OUR dragon in your zoom lens on one of the islands and confirm my presumption that he/she indeed is alive and well on one of the islands????

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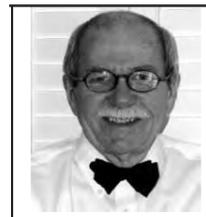
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