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Ash Tree Emerald Ash Borer Inoculation News and Happenings in Thomas Lowry Park

Ash Tree EAB

By Craig Wilson

INOCULATION THIS SATURDAY MAY 22ND

The Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Environment Committee and Friends of Thomas Lowry Park will be hosting an ash tree inoculation demonstration as part of an Arbor Day celebration at Thomas Lowry Park this Saturday May 22nd at 11:00 AM at Thomas Lowry Park (Douglas and Colfax). Come learn how you can protect your ash trees from the emerald ash borer.

Emerald ash borer (EAB), *Agrilus planipennis* Fairmaire, is a destructive exotic beetle that was discovered in southeastern Michigan near Detroit in the summer of 2002. It has spread rapidly killing over 40 million ash trees in: Wisconsin, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Kentucky, Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, and Maryland; and Ontario and Quebec, Canada. EAB was confirmed in St Paul, Minnesota on May 13, 2009 and in Minneapolis on February 25, 2010.

"The insect is a tremendous tree-killer", says Steve Katovich, US Forest Service in St. Paul. The larvae (the immature stage) feed on the inner bark of ash trees, disrupting the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients. Once attacked, mortality approaches 100% and trees die in about 3 years.

In Minnesota there are over 870 million ash trees, the second highest in the nation with 3 million of those trees in boulevards and lawns. 200,000 trees or 21% of Minneapolis's urban forest consists of ash trees with 38,000 ash trees on public boulevards. As a result of EAB and the loss of tree canopy and root infrastructure, there will likely be a dramatic increase in stormwater runoff and decrease in watershed water quality—as well as a variety of other environmental side effects—within Minneapolis and other Minnesota communities. Boulevard tree canopy stormwater interception can exceed 20% of total annual precipitation. There is a



Emerald Ash Borer



EAB D Hole



Ash Leaf

higher rate of interception and mitigation in smaller rainfall events; on average 90% of Minnesota rainfall are smaller events of 1" or less. As a result of EAB there will be a dramatic increase in runoff within the City of Minneapolis and an increase in urban heat island effect. According to the EPA, "the term 'heat island' describes built up areas that are hotter than nearby rural areas". A reduction in shade from tree canopy makes cities—streets, sidewalks, buildings, home, parking lots—hotter and more expensive to cool during warm months.

The current policy of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board is to remove diseased ash trees and replace them with new trees. However, should EAB infect Minneapolis ash trees in a similar manner as in other areas, the magnitude of removing, disposing and replacing 200,000 trees is unknown.

There are insecticide treatment options that are proven by experts at Michigan State University to effectively inoculate ash trees from EAB such as the insecticide TREE-age™ which uses emamectin benzoate as an active ingredient to treat ash trees. The treatment frequency is every 2 years through truck

injection and is said to effectively kill EAB and protect ash trees for up to 3 years. The chemical is reported to remain persistent in tree tissue and relatively immobile in the environment, breaking down after 7 years. However, there is little research on the effect of the chemical on wildlife. Woodpeckers, for example, have been observed feeding on EAB larva and it is unclear how emamectin benzoate affects them.

Many other Eastern cities, such as Milwaukee and Chicago, are inoculating their ash trees with emamectin benzoate as a way to mitigate the effects of EAB. While inoculation may be a viable alternative for Minneapolis, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and City of Minneapolis know little about the real costs, both environmentally and economically, associated with ash tree removal and tree replacement versus inoculation. A proposal to further study EAB effects on Minneapolis has been submitted to the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization and Minnehaha Creek Watershed District.

THOMAS LOWRY PARK

By Barry Lazarus

Be careful out there! (Who knows who said this and on what show?). With Spring arriving, kids and dogs are darting into the streets and alleys, pollen surrounds us, and temperatures are unpredictable. First, let us review plans for Thomas Lowry Park by Lowry Hill, Kenwood, Lake of the Isles, and CIDNA residents, and Friends of Thomas Lowry Park. By the way, please enjoy TLP's urn's spring outfit as "tailored" by TangleTown Gardens.

On May 22, from 9 to 11am the neighborhood will celebrate Arbor Month in the Park. Please bring your children, dogs, and spouse/partner to say hello to old friends and meet and make new friends. Friends of TLP will provide coffee, cookies, puppydog tails (as only Isles Bun & Coffee can prepare), water, and dog treats.

Also, the MPRB forestry crews will demonstrate how to plant a tree. Friends extends a big thank you, to representatives of People for Parks for donating 11 trees to the park (thanks to a donation from Carl Remick of over \$2000). Board members of People for Parks are Jeff Winter, Sylvia Fine, Felicity Britton/Thomas Braun, Myles Johnson, and Heidi

Rich. If no fires are pressing, the Minneapolis Fire Department will send a fire truck for inspection by our j-junior "firefighters". Sara Peterman's father will serenade us with accordion music. Tangle Town Gardens, a park benefactor, will offer opportunities to purchase plants and scrubs from its garden center, buy into a vegetable coop, and offer advice on the selection and planting of a tree or trees in your yard. TangleTown will donate 15% of sales to Friends.

Friends of TLP is devoting its time, energy, and dollars to assist the MPRB in creating a first rate park which is also user friendly. Friends needs your help. Please donate U.S. currency/checks/precious metals/, and gemstones in order that Friends may continue to improve your park. Friends also asks that you volunteer to help clean and maintain the park on the second Saturday of June, July, August, and September from 10am to Noon. For those of you who like to garden, the park offers a summer's delight for your green thumb. Please contact Barbara Fogel, Suzanne Payne, Sara Peterman, or Barry Lazarus for gardening projects.

Friends also extends its thanks to the many residents of Lowry Hill and Kenwood who participated in the

Spring in Thomas Lowry Park



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Thomas Lowry Park's planter has a new spring outfit.

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HAPPENINGS:

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

Tuesday, May 25 Hennepin County will host an open house from 5 to 7 p.m. on , at the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board headquarters, 2117 West River Road, Minneapolis, to update community members on planning efforts for The Interchange in downtown Minneapolis, a multi-modal 21st century regional transportation hub.

Sunday, June 6, 4pm, Choral Evensong, St. Paul's.

Thursday, June 10-Sunday, Sept. 5, "The Art of Aging" exhibit, Cargill Hall at Hennepin County Library - Minneapolis Central, 300 Nicollet Mall.

July 17-Sept. 12. History Center exhibit "The Beatles! A One-Night Stand in the Heartland,"

Registration deadline for Piano Camp II at MacPhail Center for Music is May 28. Piano Camp II will hold two sessions, June 14-18 and June 28- July 2, both running 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the MacPhail Minneapolis location, 501 South Second St. Students must be 10-14 years

MacPhail Center for Music is looking for 12 students to be a part of its newly formed Teen Advisory Council. The students must be between the ages of 13-18 and be incoming freshmen, sophomores, juniors or seniors. Application deadline is June 30, with meetings to begin in September.

For more information or to get an application, contact Aaron Keith Stewart at 612-767-5388 or email stewart.aaronkeith@macphail.org

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Botany Illustration Class Offered in Garden of the Seasons in Loring Park

By Diane Woelm, Board Member
Friends of Loring Park

Introduction to Botanical Illustration for Adults Class. Instructor: Susan Boeckmann. Cost: \$60.00

Location: Garden of the Seasons, Limited to 12 participants. 6 Sessions on Wednesday mornings.

Dates: July 14, 21, 28, and August 4, 11, 17, from 9:30 am -12:00pm.

A \$5.00 materials fee payable to the instructor should be brought to the first class.

This class is open to students of all levels, from interested beginner to experienced artist. Professional artist Susan Boeckmann will lead the class through the basics of botanical drawing; composition, light, shading, texture, and color. This class will be held and will utilize the beautiful plantings in the Garden of Seasons for its subject matter. In case of rain, the class will be held in the Loring Art Center.

Susan Boeckmann is a noted visual arts educator. She has been a Continuing Studies Faculty Member at Minneapolis College of Art and Design since 2004, Minneapolis Community and Technical College since 2004, Art Residencies as Minnesota State Arts Board Roster Artist since 1999, K-12. You may register for this unique opportunity at the Loring Arts Center or call 612-673-5395.

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The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) is seeking Request for Proposals (RFP) for highly qualified operators to assume management of the concession operations at Lake Harriet. RFPs are due at 4 p.m. Friday, July 9, 2010, with the contract executed Oct. 15, 2010, and the facility open to the public by April 2011.

SURLY SERVES IT UP ON THE GREENWAY

By Mary Sellke

On April 20th, 50 Surly volunteers, rolled up their sleeves picking up garbage, hand plucking invasive weeds such as Burdock, Motherwort and Garlic Mustard and uprooted a tremendous amount of Buckthorn. In honor of Earth Day, 95 percent of the

Surly on the Greenway to page 13



Surly volunteers uprooted buckthorn on the Greenway

Photo by Mary Sellke



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MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS, SCOTT ENDRES AND DEAN ENGELMANN

Craig Wilson interviews Scott Endres and Dean Engelmann, co-owners of Tangletown Gardens, about forming their unique urban garden center and landscaping service business, their effort to give back to the Hill Lake community by beautifying Thomas Lowry Park and their sponsorship of an upcoming Arbor Day event for the Thomas Lowry Park on May 22nd.

How did you meet and decide to found Tangletown Gardens? We met as horticulture students at the University of Minnesota where we became friends. Our friendship grew over the years—even after college. After a number of years managing other plant related businesses, it was time to join forces and build a nest for ourselves. We had a clear vision for what we wanted to create—an urban garden center that focused on the unusual—a place unlike any other the Twin Cities had. We looked for a perfect urban location and ultimately found it in the form of a 1939 Pure Oil Station on 54th and Nicollet in Minneapolis’ Tangletown neighborhood. We renovated the property, built inventory and produced our first crop over the winter of 2003 and opening that spring.

What are your horticultural backgrounds? We are farm boys who grew up on our families’ farms where we developed a love and appreciation of plants and growing things while preserving the land for future generations.

What type of services and products do you offer at Tangletown Gardens? In addition to our garden center on 54th and Nicollet in South Minneapolis, we also offer garden design, consultation, and implementation services. We combine the finest materials, experience, and design sense as the base ingredients in all of our projects. Our plant palette consists of over 3,000 Tangletown Gardens-grown perennial and varieties, along with the most diverse group of unusual and hard-to-find woody plants in the upper Midwest. We work with the best hardscape specialists and artisans in the



Dean Engelmann and Scott Endres

industry, making even the most complex projects well within our reach. Our maintenance and detail crews’ offer the final touch and ongoing care as needed. We also offer a fresh farm market at our store in the summer and fall featuring Tangletown Garden’s grown vegetables that are brought in daily from our farm.

So you have a farm where you raise many of the plants you sell at your South Minneapolis store?

Yes. We wouldn’t be able to do what we do without our ‘elbow room’ 40 minutes west of Minneapolis in rural Plato, Minnesota. Fresh material is brought in from the ‘farm’ several times a week. We use about 40 acres there to produce the diverse mix of plants you find at our garden center with our production greenhouses, tree and shrub beds, and vegetable fields. Not to mention a place to call home for our Highland Scottish cattle, miniature donkeys, happy chickens, and ducks.

How did you come to volunteer to help beautify Thomas Lowry Park?

Part of our business philosophy stems from how we were brought up. Being part of a vibrant community includes giving back. What goes around comes around. Other projects have included restoration of a magnificent bronze Japanese urn for the Minneapolis Park Board, scholarships through the Minnesota Nursery and Landscape Association, sponsorship of Minnesota Public Radio, and garden partner-

ships with the Minnetonka Center for the Arts, The Museum of Russian Art, the city of Minneapolis, the Minneapolis Park Board, the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and Department of Horticultural Science at the University of Minnesota and countless other charities and non-profits. We’ll also be involved in giving Peavey Plaza a bit of a horticultural facelift this summer.

What is the plan for Thomas Lowry Park?

Phase 1: The scope of the first project involved the revitalization of the triangular boxwood garden in Thomas Lowry Park. Tangletown Gardens installed a scale appropriate weather cast iron planter on a concrete base in the spring of 2009 that was donated by Lowry Hill. The container was filled with seasonal arrangements designed to celebrate the beauty of every season. Seasonal infusions evolve from one season into the next. Tangletown Gardens gave in-kind design, and provided plantings within the perimeters of this garden using a sophisticated combination of appropriate plants, while honoring the principles and elements of design and the rich history of the park.

Phase 2: This season, Tangletown Gardens will implement the second phase of a planting plan approved by the Friends of Thomas Lowry Park, The Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association and the Minneapolis Park Board. The new garden will be composed of hardy, site appropriate perennials and shrubs at the corner of Douglas and Mount Curve. An irrigation system will be installed to ensure success for new and existing plantings. We also worked with the Minneapolis Park Board’s Forestry division to choose new trees to be planted this spring. Future Phases: With additional fundraising and support from neighbors, businesses and citizens, more garden areas could be adopted—specifically the gardens and plantings renewed along the seven pools and along Mt. Curve. No hardscape or changes will be made to the master plan of the park, but rather a renewing of the existing bones, the structure of the park with appropriate plants

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Thomas Lowry Park from page one

April 17 clean up of Lake of the Isles and Kenwood Park, sponsored by LHNA. What a nice thing to do for our community and to greet neighbors and kinder who have been hibernating this past winter. Friends hopes for the same good cheer and benevolence for TLP.

Second, Friends also has good news to relate on the irrigation project being developed in the park. Thanks to the many hours of follow up by Suzanne and Barb on behalf of Friends, and Craig Wilson and Janet Hallaway, on behalf of LHNA, a plan is nearly in place, Friends and LHNA are working with Carefree Lawn and a major irrigation company (whose name is not to be disclosed until the deal is completed) to set up a state-of-the-art water-efficient system. Tangletown and Carefree will meet to set out a basic plan which will then be refined by the irrigation company. Once the MPRB approves the plan, Carefree will install the additional irrigation system needed in the park. The new system will not exceed the bid previously submitted by Carefree.

Fun Fact: The area now known as Thomas Lowry Park was used primarily for pasture land in the years around 1900. Smells were offensive and complaints were frequent from nearby neighbors. The triangular parcel was purchased by a prominent group of residents who lived adjacent to the park around 1908 and was later donated to the Minneapolis Parks System. Next month, more facts about the Thomas Lowry statue currently situated in Smith Triangle Park.

Suzanne has a remembrance book from Charles Loring, compiled by his wife of his favorite Tree Poetry. The last stanza of Planting A Tree by Richard Watson Gilder:

"What does he plant who plants a tree?
He plants, in sap and leaves and wood,
In love of home and loyalty,
And far cast thought of civil good
His blessing on the neighborhood
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A nations growth from sea to sea
Stirs in his heart who plans a tree."



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Great Expectations. Great Opportunities MINNEAPOLIS MINDS

By Steve Kotvis

The late afternoon spring sun yielded a rose colored sunset on two high school baseball fields last Friday. The aroma of hot dogs barbecuing just beyond the cheering section wafted about. Both diamonds were lined with their share of moms, dads, grandparents and fellow students who cheered on each pitch.

Photographing each of these games, something I do on a regular basis as a sports photographer, I'm captured by the idyllic scenes at these two parks on opposite sides of the city. The first game paired up North and Edison high schools at Minneapolis' North Commons Park. The second game was played at Neiman Fields at Fort Snelling. While both of these games were played between Minneapolis high schools in the City Conference, the conditions of the fields could hardly be more different.

Neiman Field is a beautifully manicured ballpark. Fresh lines are chalked between games. Columns of lights stand in waiting as dusk turns to nightfall. Tonight, Senior Night, the mobile PA system brought in by the boosters, blares sports jams. Lineups are announced. A fellow student sings the Star Spangled Banner.

Conversely, the field at North can barely be called a high school ball field. The small un-netted backstop is set so close to the edge of the park that foul balls fly into the street and do damage to street side parked cars. White topped dandelions and tall grass make finding and fielding balls a challenge. A drain hole manhole cover dangerously recedes the field topography along the first base foul territory. And a small panel of aged and rutted plywood covers some other grounds impair-

ment in a warm-up area. There are no chalk lines. No home run fence. And every few innings, timeout is called to shout out to unbeknownst park patrons to tell them they're on the field. They quicken their pace to get off.

I can't help but keep asking myself, what messages do we send to the athletes at each game? Child development expert Erik Erickson wrote extensively about how adolescence and young adulthood is so much about the formation of self-identity. Kids are highly receptive to their social environments at this stage of development. They're watching and listening, working to organize all the information that surrounds them, and finding their place in the world ahead. These points could not be more clearly illustrated in the current book, "The Other Wes Moore," a story about two individuals who grow up sharing much in common, but largely because of expectations and opportunity, end up in two very different places, one a Rhodes Scholar, the other a prison inmate.

Expectations and opportunity. These two factors keep jumping out as two critical elements to how our youth learn, grow and develop their positive self-identity.

Considering our two games and their ball fields, I think about the very different expectations we're setting. The quality of opportunities offered is strikingly different. Must we limit high expectations and quality opportunities only to those who can afford it? I've come to realize that use of Neiman Field doesn't come cheap, something like \$120 per game. Those are funds raised by boosters from parents who have the financial ability to attend fundraisers and donate.

But don't all of our ball players, regardless of which Minneapolis high school they attend and regardless of their families' financial ability equally deserve to play on ball fields that express high expectations and opportunities for quality experiences? I hope so.

Steve Kotvis, a Kenwood resident can't seem to keep himself out of the MPS Boardroom, its schools and ball parks and offers a monthly perspective in the Hill & Lake Press "Minneapolis Minds" column. He can be reached at stevek@elemenop.us.

LAKE OF THE ISLES UPDATE

Summer 2010 By: Harvey Ettinger

STATUS: Lake of the Isles Parkway

The plan is still to seal coat LOI Parkway with a pink chip this summer. The tentative start date for summer 2010 seal coating is July 7, and will be completed by mid August. That's the best estimate at this point. This is a very fast moving operation that will require very temporary closings of segments for only hours at a time. Mike Kennedy, Mpls Public Works Dept of Street Paving

STATUS: Lake of the Isles Lighting

Minneapolis Public Works has been allocated about \$300,000.00 for lighting repairs/improvements in 2010. Approximately \$150-175,000.00 should be available at

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THE CEDAR LAKE TRAIL WILL BE COMPLETED TO THE RIVER THIS CONSTRUCTION SEASON!

By Ruth Jones

The Cedar Lake Park Association has received an update from Jack Yuzna of Minneapolis Public Works on the timetable for the scheduled completion of the Cedar Lake Trail through downtown to the Mississippi.

(1) The Federal Reserve has signed off on needed agreements for access to the River through their property. Final costs in connection with this access are now being finalized.

(2) The proposal for construction bids has been sent out and bids are scheduled to open on May 17th.

(3) Once a contractor is aboard, the city and the contractor will confirm when construction will start, but no later than mid-July. Meseret Wolana (Meseret.Wolana@ci.minneapolis.mn.us) will be the city's construction engineer for the project

(4) The city will require substantial completion of the project in time for its opening for use by mid-November.

(5) Public Works is working towards keeping the City's web page as current so that trail users can monitor construction progress.

City Staff have expressed their gratitude to the leadership of the Cedar Lake Park Association for their herculean efforts over many years in envisioning and helping to raise the funds to make possible this third and final phase of the Cedar Lake Trail project. Please feel free to forward this report to interested trail users.

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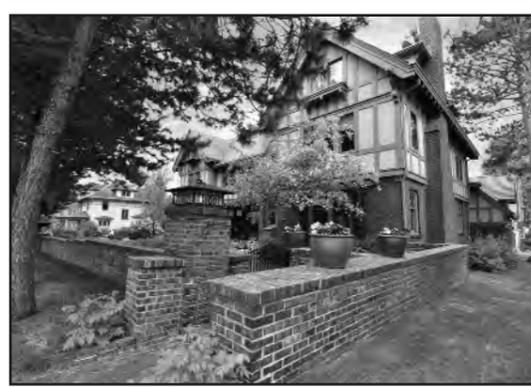
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that complement the rich history of the park. Funds for this project will be procured from the Friends of Thomas Lowry Park, the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association and Tangletown Gardens. For every dollar contributed toward materials or labor to Tangletown Gardens, Tangletown Gardens has agreed to match another dollar in materials or labor.

You are sponsoring an Arbor Day tree planting event on May 22nd with proceeds from gift certificates to Tangletown Gardens benefiting Thomas Lowry Park? Yes. It comes back to what we mentioned earlier. What goes around comes around. We wanted to give our customers a chance to support both the park while getting great things from our store. At the tree planting event, Thomas Lowry Park supporters can purchase special \$20 Tangletown bills for \$20. For each one sold, we will donate 10% back to the Friends of Thomas Lowry Park. The



Tangletown Gardens

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various locations this summer including a remaining section in East Isles beginning at West 28th St. This project is considered a "high priority" by the City and our department with the ultimate goal of ensuring continuity of appearance along the entire LOI parkway.

Source: William Prince

Mpls Public Works – Street Lighting Division

Status: Lake of the Isles:

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Artist Paints at West Lake of the Isles Boulevard



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Artist Michael Vrudny is shown painting a landscape at Lake of the Isles on a beautiful spring day in April. More of his images are on exhibition at the Kenwood Café, 2115 West 21st Street, through the end of May. His work, along with work by Artist Antoni Beltowski, who has been Vrudny's mentor for the past few years, is now being featured at the Kenwood Café.

Earth Day in Thomas Lowry Park



Representatives from the Minneapolis Park Board, Tangletown Gardens, Friends of Thomas Lowry Park (FTLP), and the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association (LHNA) Environment Committee met on Earth Day in Thomas Lowry Park to finalize plans for spring tree planting culminating in an Arbor Day celebration and fundraiser for the park on May 22nd. From left to right: Park Board Commissioner Anita Tabb, Paul Domholt of the Park Board, Scott Endres of Tangletown Gardens, Jackie Mattingly of LHNA, Barb Fogel of FTLF, and Craig Wilson of LHNA. (Photo by Nancy Schned: professional photographer, neighbor and happenstance passerby who stopped to take the photo while on a dog walk with Sam Schned, her poodle in the far left of the photo.



May Day Traditions alive in Kenwood

By Amanda Vallone

Downtown Kenwood Corner was bustling with the colors, sounds and traditions of May Day festivities.

ARTrageous Adventures offered families a chance to create their own May Day baskets filled with chocolates and flowers while listening to Feather the Fairy tell stories and face paint. The festivities continued outside with children dancing and weaving the ribbons around the Maypole lead by parent and dancer, Laura Mitchell.

A visit from the Braggart's Morris Dancers provided lots of entertainment for the community enjoying lunch at the Kenwood Café and book lovers browsing Birchbark books.

A surprise visit from Minneapolis Mayor, R.T. Rybak and his wife, who were biking the neighborhood was a delight.

Our Kenwood community loves to celebrate the change of seasons and create delightful events that honor past traditions that will lead to wonderful memories of our little Kenwood corner. Keep a look at for upcoming events and celebrations!



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BURCH PHARMACY

For readers interested in Burch Pharmacy history, there's a well written account at online magazine, Spy Twin Cities - Web address: spytwincities.com. Click on 2010/vanishingMinneapolis the end of Burch pharmacy.

Thank you for the warmth, friendship and sense of neighborhood you have provided all these years.

By Judith McElhatton

Burch Pharmacy closed April 30, ending a neighborhood dynamic after nine decades. It was a place where generations of residents and visitors shopped, touched base with friends and many held their first jobs.

Burch's filled thousands of prescriptions and sold everything from clocks, cameras, magazines, groceries, hardware, greeting cards, reading glasses to a zoo of stuffed animals. At various times It also had a soda fountain, photo processing, delivery service, gift wrapping, key-cutting, battery recycling and a beloved postal station.

This final week refreshments were served to customers saying goodbye and shopping for the last time. Tears were shed on both sides of the counter. Staff who worked there many years never thought much about working anywhere else.

Everything was for sale and discounts rose from 25% to 90%. Products flew from shelves and even the basement was mined for treasures. Fixtures and furniture were hauled off and one neighbor purchased the post office facade, unsure what he'd do with it. Prescription-filling ceased Thursday and files sent to Walgreen's, now prepared to serve Burch's customers.

Now empty, 8,100 square feet of open space was revealed, stimulating visions of days gone by (personnel in white uniforms, a fountain serving malts and Mr. J's famous PBJ's.) Wrap-around windows looked on Hennepin and Franklin showcasing the neighborhood once served which now had to live without it.

Final notes and cards left behind by patrons carried sentiments expressed by many:

A thousand thanks for making this a real neighborhood with your warmth, care and friendship; for information, medication and ability to drop in knowing we'd always find someone there; Thanks for the wonderful service in a cheerful place. You are wonderful people with hearts of gold and will be sorely missed!



Closing Signs at Burch

Photos by Dorothy Childers



Bennett Russo buying a stuffed alligator from Tony Corbit.



Gene Johnson at Burch's for 60 years; with Wendy Bigalow, Jerri Phyle, Cal Mathieson. Photo by Susan Lenfestey



Dave Moore and Jean Stomberg



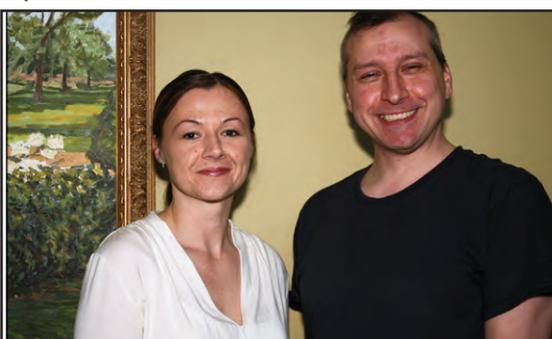
Chris Von, Gene Johnson, Jerri Phyle, Wendy Bigalow with longtime customer Roland Minda.



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Wendy Bigalow with her animal window display.



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CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (CIDNA)

BY GAIL LEE

MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING May 4, 2010

President Art Higinbotham called the Annual Meeting of CIDNA to order at 6:02 p.m. The meeting was held at the Jones-Harrison Residence, 3800 Cedar Lake Avenue, Minneapolis.

David Shirley made a motion, Ed Bell seconded, to approve the minutes of the 2009 annual meeting was made. The motion was approved.

John Erwin, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Commissioner at Large and newly elected President, reviewed 6 PB goals: 1) become a greening leader in Mpls. One initiative is to look for grant money to facilitate greening more aggressively, 2) work with other state, city, business, non-profit and neighborhood groups more collaboratively. 3) study how to more effectively move operating revenue so as to not be so dependent on property tax, 4) create more openness and transparency on the Board through more community meeting, 5) refocus on neighborhood parks. \$1 million budget has been earmarked for small capital improvements, 6) hire a new superintendent

The MPRB has also committed to being proactively involved in LRT mitigation. A community relations committee, with the MPRB as lead, will be established. The historic Grand Rounds and work with DNR will create leverage to help the community with mitigation. On Wednesday, May 5, the MPRB will vote on a 100% or partial smoking ban in Mpls parks.

CIDNA Treasurer Ed Bell reported that CIDNA has a net worth of approximately \$20,284.54, including a recent \$12,868.49 Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) payment.

NRP Committee report – Ed Bell, Committee Chair, reviewed the background and current status of CIDNA NRP activities. Go to www.cidna.org/NRP for full report. Next steps for the committee are: 1) determine committee leadership and composition, 2) complete membership survey analysis, 3) evaluate need for any further action on Phase I strategies, 4) draft Phase II action plan. Ed called for both participation and input from the community.

Land Use & Development Committee report – Stephen Goltry, committee member, briefly reviewed the status on a proposed Small Area Neighborhood Plan (SANP). Go to www.cinda.org/land_use for a full report. Further action on the SANP has been put on hold. Next steps for the committee are to 1) review the Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS) regarding LRT impact due out in August, 2) monitor progress on the Henn Cty Station Area Plan, 3) work with and develop a common voice with other impacted neighborhoods

David Rubedor, Director of the Neighborhood and Community Relations Dept (NCR), reviewed four key

focuses for the newly created department. 1) continuing neighborhood support, 2) establish an access and outreach team, 3) promoting more effective community participation in boards and commissions through appointments and communicating vacancies and, 4) providing services to the city.

The new funding stream starting in 2011, is estimated to be approximately \$53 million for the next 10 years. The Neighborhood Community Engagement Committee (NCEC) will help design programs. NCR intends to meet with each of the 72 neighborhoods to hear ideas as to how this process should work. Mpls City Council will review guidelines in Sept or Oct. While NRP Phases I and II will stay in place, NCR and NRP will consolidate all admin functions by 2011.

Ward 7 Councilwoman Lisa Goodman spoke about the City's 4-year goal setting process. Included in the City Council and Mayors approved goals and strategic directions are: supporting "a safe place to call home", a new commitment to eco-focused efforts and to use arts as an economic development tool. Quarterly results are posted on Results Minneapolis: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/results. People are encouraged to contact the Councilwoman's office with feedback.

Ward 10 Councilwoman Meg Tuthill made several announcements: 1) the City is out replacing worn out and damaged sidewalks, 2) it's bike to work day on June 10, 3) the City is asking people not to prune trees with emerald ash borers, but to report to 311, 4) also dial 311 to report potholes. Meg encouraged people to call her office with any questions, comments or input.

Meg was asked to comment on the ongoing air conditioner work at the Calhoun Beach Club. The update today is that the city has been there and is working with the CBC. Meg's group will contact everyone who has called into her office to alert as to when it will be completed. The CBC has assured the City that noise-baffling structures will be put back up no matter what.

Brian Elliott, District Director for U.S. Representative Keith Ellison, announced the community newsletter is coming out next week with info about what to do to help and how to get involved. He encouraged people to contact Keith's office (612)522-1212. Rep Ellison's focuses over the last year include the new Healthcare bill, which he sees as a starting point to better coverage for all. Other issues have been jobs legislation, financial regulation and consumer credit protection. Representative Ellison also serves on the Foreign Affairs Committee and led a trade delegation to Saudi Arabia.

A slate of candidates for the 2010-11 CIDNA Board of Directors, including holdovers Judy Berge, Ed Bell,

Charlie Elowson, Steve Goltry, Steve Gove, Art Higinbotham, Ken Moritz and David Shirley was put forward on a motion. Judy Berge nominated Glenna Case from the floor. The motion to approve all of the nominated candidates for membership on the board was approved.

Transportation Committee report – Committee Chair, Matthew Dahlquist, stated that the Kenilworth option has been selected for recommendation to the FTA by Hennepin County. Nothing more will happen until the DEIS is completed and the Met Council moves forward.

Matthew also made note that during the Bush administration, the cost effectiveness index (CEI) was the determining factor in transit development. The Kenilworth line was selected during this time. Subsequently, the Obama administration made a change in that the CEI would no longer be the key factor. Among others, environmental factors and historical significance must be considered as well. This change does allow for further mitigation efforts to be considered.

Greenway Coalition update – The Xcel energy power line issue is currently before a judge to determine whether the new high voltage power line can be put on the Greenway. The Coalition is hopeful the lines will go on 28th street.

Sewer Improvement Project - Bob Harding, CIDNA resident, reported on the Met Council Environmental Services sewer improvement program. Go to the Issues page at www.cidna.org/issues to see a Met Council ppt used at a January public meeting. Subsequent to the meeting, Bob passed on the information that the proposal for a new back-up line along Sunset Blvd. has been postponed for at least 5 years. They still plan to submit an application to the Pollution Control Agency for the rehabilitation of the line along St. Louis Ave. sometime this summer. Construction would not start until sometime in 2011 at the earliest.

Senator Scott Dibble, District 60, spoke about current issues at the MN legislature. Senator Dibble spoke about the 2nd year of 2-year biennium budget cycle, protecting LGA, and the GAMC program.

Gail Dorfman, 3rd District Hennepin County Commissioner began her update by speaking about the GAMC situation and the ongoing negotiation with HCMC. Work will continue in trying to come up with a fix to the program.

The Commissioner went on to talk about the plan for the new Walker library, which started last summer. Community advisory meetings occurred last fall from which a vision document was developed. An RFP is

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being issued on Monday for the library's design.

The Southwest LRT proposal is now at the Met Council. A vote is scheduled on the locally preferred line on May 26. Application for funding will then go to the FTA. If approved the project will move in entirety over to the Met Council. The DEIS is nearing completion. Its purpose is to inventory of every impact; then figure out what the options are for mitigation. This DEIS document cannot be released to the public until the FTA has approved; at which time a 45-day public input period will start. Henn Cty will be reaching out to neighborhoods to review and to make sure all areas of impact are included.

Station Area Planning is underway as well. Henn Cty is about to hire a consultant and meetings will start in June. Community committees will be set up to work on each of the 5 stations slated for Minneapolis. A study with another consultant is being done on the relocation of the freight rail to St Louis Park.

Anita Tabb, District 4 MPRB Commissioner added additional comments regarding projects at the Park Board: 1) search process underway for a new Superintendent, the current Superintendent term will end June 30, 2) a Citizens Advisory Committee is working on Wirth Park revitalization, 3) Brownie Lake improvement are under consideration, 4) budget cut implications and decisions, 5) the PB is looking to park users for input on how LRT will effect park usage.

Art Higinbotham, CIDNA Board President reported on several projects the board has worked on over the past year: 1) success in changing and revising zoning upgrades, 2) passing a mitigation resolution and forwarding to other effected neighborhoods as a model, 3) providing input and direction on SW LRT, 4) donation to Kenwood School playground and area improvements, 5) participation in NCEC District 2 council, 6) development of neighborhood NRP survey,

KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION (KIAA)

By Amy Lucas

May 2010 Annual Meeting Minutes

KIAA Annual Meeting was held May 3, 2010 at the Kenwood Café.

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

Board Members present: Michael Bono, Chair, Terry Campbell, Jeanette Colby, Ellen Doll, Jordan Hart, Eric Lind, Amy Lucas, Martha McLaughlin, Josine Peters, Ed Pluimer, Pat Scott, Kathy Williams, and Roy Williamscvfszx.

Others present: Maggie Mercil, Kenwood Rec Center Director; Kenwood resident; Kristi Pearson, Lowry Hill resident and Kenwood School parent; Marion Greene, 60A MN House of Rep candidate; and approximately 20 additional Kenwood residents.

Treasurer's Report – Roy Williams

April expenses include Hill and Lake Press fee (\$750). \$925 received in membership dues.

Roy presented preliminary 2009 fiscal year financial report (for the fiscal year ending June 1, 2010). Income is expected to exceed expenses by \$2600 compared to a loss of \$300 last year. Income was up this year due to two Citizen Participation grants and member donations. The biggest expenses were for newsletter printing and the donation to the Hill and Lake Press. The final report will be available mid-June.

Board Member Elections – Mike Bono, KIAA Chair
Mike Bono, Terry Campbell, Jeanette Colby, Eric

7) consideration of SANP RFP, 8) input in Lake of the Isles restoration projects, 9) participation with Midtown Greenway Coalition, 10) another successful Fall Festival.

Marion Greene, a candidate for 60A State Representative, introduced herself to the neighborhood. Marion stated she is running for office because she is concerned that MN is at a crossroads in terms of transportation, education, healthcare and other issues. See www.mariongreene.org for more information.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35. The next CIDNA Board meeting will be on Tuesday, June 1, 6:00pm, at the Jones Harrison Residence.

Lind, Amy Lucas, Sam Murphy, Josine Peters, Ed Pluimer, Pat Scott, Kathy Williams and Roy Williams were all elected for another year on KIAA board. Others elected to the Board: Kathy Low, Larry Moran and Eric Sjoding. Retiring Board members, Jordan Hart, Ellen Doll and Martha McLaughlin, were thanked for their 2009-2010 service to KIAA.

KEIP Update-Kristi Pearson, Lowry Hill resident/Kenwood School parent

Kristi Pearson is chairing Phase II of the Kenwood Environmental Improvement Project (KEIP), and announced the new plans as follows:

Replacing the existing chain-link playground fence with new aluminum fencing to match the KEIP Phase I metal fence along W. 21st St. A second brick pillar featuring engraved bricks will be built at the north end of the playground. This proposal envisions the sale of 200 personalized bricks @\$150 to offset the cost of the \$30,000 project. Please contact Kristi at: kpearson1920@comcast.net.

A student garden is proposed along W. 21st St to replace the current blacktop between the two school exit doors. Kristi is also seeking donations for the garden.

Annual Meeting Prizes/Drawing

Many thanks to Birchbark Books, Framestyles and Kenwood Café for their donations for the Annual Meeting door prizes.

Also a huge Thank You to the Kenwood Café for creating a special venue with yummy food (savory scones hit the spot!) and great conversation among neighbors.

Community Supported Agriculture – Beth Dooley, noted author and Kenwood resident

Visit Beth's website/blog: www.seasonalappetites.com. Beth also suggests reviewing the CSA Farm Directory. Go to: www.landstewardshipproject.org/cas.html.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EIRA)

ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 6, 2010, Grace-Trinity Community Church. Our Website is: www.eastisles.org

Everyone is welcome at our neighborhood meetings; you do not have to be a registered "member" to participate. If you would like to join and become a member, please send an email to: marklofstrom6@gmail.com

The meeting was opened by President Nancy Johnston with a greeting, announcements, and around the room self-introductions. Also, many local neighborhood businesses contributed items to Nancy to give away after the meeting as door prizes.

Attending: A quorum of East Isle Residents Association (EIRA) members of the board of directors and roughly a dozen or more area residents were present.

The minutes of the March 2, 2010 meeting of the EIRA board of directors were approved unanimously and published in the Hill & Lake Press newspaper. These and all previous meeting minutes are available for public viewing on our website.

Invited Speakers:

Brian Elliot, from Congressman Keith Ellison's office, discussed the Congressman's role on the Financial Services Committee. He shared some news about a WPA-style jobs bill to employ 750,000 people, and he strongly emphasized the Census and how important it is for every person to get counted; Minnesota is 1,100 people below what is necessary to maintain our 8th Congressional Seat in the House. Call the office: (612) 522-1212

Anita Tabb, District 4 Commissioner for the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, shared news of a storage pod being located near the Tin Fish from June 1st through the summer to store extra equipment from the very popular sailing classes on Lake Calhoun. Anita discussed the ash tree infestation and plans for maintaining some of our trees; it is impossible to treat all of our trees. Those marked with a green ring will be removed. Ash represents 20% of the Minneapolis

tree canopy

Marion Greene, candidate for State Representative, District 60A, inquired of the group about those issues that were currently relevant to our neighborhood; she heard zoning is very significant. Marion discussed the important elections coming up in November 2010.

Meg Tuthill, City Council Member from Ward 10, reported that the noise problems from the Calhoun Beach Club are being resolved with a sound barrier being restored to its original location. Meg cautioned that Local Government Aid money (LGA from the State) will no longer be supplementing city budgets; a tough year is ahead with pension obligations due in 2011 also. Dave Fisher has stepped in to help the Park Board until a permanent leader can be identified: great news for that organization. Meg proudly announced Minneapolis was ranked #1 for Bicycling Friendly City. The Star Tribune reported that the new issue of Bicycling magazine, published Tuesday, ranks Minneapolis ahead of 49 other large and medium-size cities in accessibility to bicyclists. Meg will assist our neighborhood to get an East Isles resident representative onto the Walker Library task force. Contact Meg at: ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/ward10/

Michael T'Kach made a motion to appoint as a resident representative of East Isles to the Walker Library Design Selection Committee Christina Melloh; seconded by Harvey Ettinger, the vote passed unanimously.

Annual Summary of EIRA Activities

President's report – Nancy Johnston

Nancy presented a published a multi-page list of accomplishments and activities; please ask to see a copy.

The Board expressed their thanks for your service to our neighborhood Nancy!

Treasurer's Report – Peter Levine

Peter presented a final year-end report showing EIRA balances:

Checking \$3,023; NRP Checking \$3,031; Savings \$2,902; and a CD \$7,120.

Zoning committee – Karen Carney and Sue Durfee, co-chairs

Karen and Sue published a list of activities; please ask to see a copy.

The Board expressed their thanks for your service to our neighborhood Karen and Sue!

Activity Committee: Amy Sanborn

The Board expressed their thanks for your service to our neighborhood Amy!

Elections - Vote by all EIRA members present

Linda Schutz performed diligent work with President Nancy to develop a slate of candidates to be elected to four one-year terms. Linda invited each person to supplement the information she provided in a summary she gathered. Each candidate for the Board stood and shared their interest in being elected to represent the neighborhood.

The slate of Board of Directors was presented, and nominations from the floor were solicited. There were

no changes presented.

Peter Levine made a motion to approve the entire Slate of Board of Directors in one vote; seconded by Mark Lofstrom, the vote passed unanimously.

Michael T'Kach made a motion to nominate Mark Lofstrom as President of the Board of Directors; seconded by Ginna Portman Amis, the vote passed unanimously.

Michael T'Kach made a motion to nominate Peter Levine as Treasurer of the Board of Directors; seconded by Jerome Ryan, the vote passed unanimously.

No motion was made to nominate a Vice President.

No motion was made to nominate a Secretary.

Ginna Portman Amis made a motion to accept the change in the bylaws as read out loud (and available in print for viewing) to change the length of possible elected term for board members (to four one-year terms from the current three one-year terms); seconded by Peter Levine, the vote passed unanimously.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

The next EIRA Board of Directors meeting is Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at 7:00pm Grace-Trinity Church, 1430 West 28th Street (between Hennepin and Humboldt Avenues).

A motion to adjourn our meeting was made, seconded, and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael T'Kach, Board Secretary

MINUTES FROM THE EIRA BOARD MEETING MAY 4, 2010 Grace-Trinity Community Church

Board members present: Jane Schommer, Michael T'Kach, Mark Lofstrom, Rosita Acosta, Peter Levine, Al Rodriguez, Harvey Ettinger; alternate Helen Ackerman

Others present: Dylan Thomas, (Southwest Journal), Linda Schutz, Anthony Waldera, Kristi Pearson, Breanna Patsch

President Mark Lofstrom called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Guest Speakers:

Kristi Pearson, spoke on behalf of the Kenwood Environmental Improvement Project (KEIP). The project was conceived to address several problems at the area along the south end of the Kenwood School playground from the corner of Penn Avenue South and West 21st Street to the south building entrance. Phase One of this project was completed September 2009. A second phase has been developed to complete the transformation of the school grounds, with a target for completion of Phase 2 by September 2010. The scope of this work was explained and an appeal made to the Board for funds for the project. Because EIRA has not developed its NRP plan, a donation from those funds is not possible at this time. Kristi will contact the NRP Steering Committee in the next few months. No decision about funds for the project was made at this time.

Breanna Patsch, Associate in Council Member Meg Tuthill's Office. CM Tuthill will have a regular

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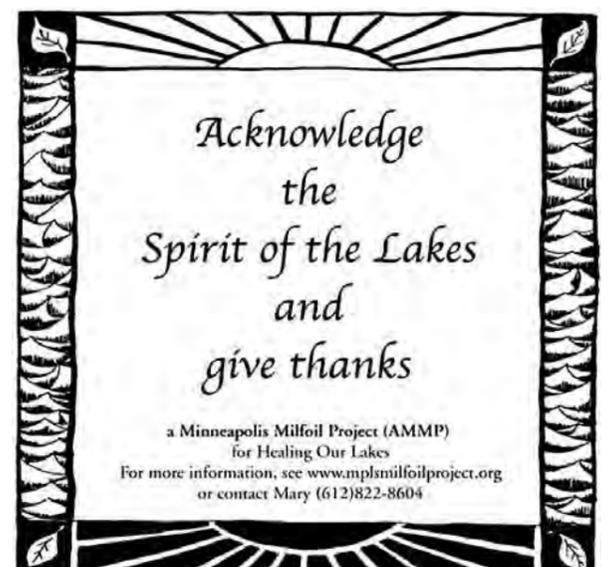
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lunch meeting for Ward 10 residents the second Tuesday of the month at the 5th Police Precinct community room. Everyone is invited. People can bring their own sack lunch.

Sidewalk repairs are underway from now until August or September. Sidewalk replacement is indicated by white dots on the sidewalk. People are asked to phone 311 or CM Tuthill's office if they are aware of sidewalks that need to be replaced. People are also asked to phone if they know of potholes in city streets that need repair.

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board is asking that ash trees not be pruned from now until after Labor Day because pruning could spread the ash borer beetle.

CM Tuthill has organized a meeting to address late night noise from restaurants and clubs with outdoor and roof top seating in Uptown. It will be Wednesday May 12th, 6-7 PM at Joyce Methodist Church, 31st St and Fremont Avenue South. If you want to attend or have concerns you want addressed, call Leslie Foreman, Aide to CM Tuthill, at 612-673-2210.

EIRA Treasurer's Report, Peter Levine Treasurer

Peter reported that there is little change in EIRA (East Isles Residents' Association) funds since last month. A \$500 donation was made to Grace Church for use of their meeting rooms, and the EIRA P.O. Box at the UPS store was renewed for one year for \$264.

President Lofstrom is checking on the status of EIRA's Directors' and Liability Insurance as NRP (Neighborhood Revitalization Program) has recommended a change in insurance carriers.

Committee Reports:

Zoning Committee:

Nancy Johnston reported that the application for demolition of the house at 2841 East Lake of the Isles Parkway was approved by the Heritage Preservation Commission this afternoon by unanimous vote. The next step is the Minneapolis Planning Office's staff review of the demolition and new construction plans.

There was also discussion of a meeting of neighbors to consider a garden in the empty lot, owned by Anthony Waldera, at 26th Street and Lake Place. It has not gone forward at this time due to objections by some neighbors. Mr. Waldera is willing to consider other pro-

posals by neighbors for use of the lot; people with ideas can call him. (Contact Mark Lofstrom for Anthony's cell phone number if you would like to be in touch with Mr. Waldera and were not at the meeting.) "Contact Mark Lofstrom at marklofstrom@yahoo.com

NRP Committee:

President Lofstrom is in the process of preparing a slate of people to serve on the steering committee, which will require EIRA member approval.

An applicant was interviewed last week to fill the position of NRP consultant. After discussion, a motion was made by Peter Levine, seconded by Michael T'Kach, to hire the candidate at a maximum hourly rate for 10 hours a week until the project is completed or the Board ends the contract. The motion passed unanimously. Nancy Johnston and Jerome Ryan have both sent messages to our NRP representative to ask if it is possible to offer a salary above the advertised maximum of \$18/hour at this time but have not heard back from NRP; discussion of the EIRA board resolved that the offer should probably be made at \$18/hour with evaluation in two months to consider a higher rate.

Membership Campaign:

Shanti Mittra, Membership Chair (not present) had meet with Peter Levine and others and plans to repeat the mailing (in June) to members and neighbors in the same way it was done last year for membership dues. She is also working on getting block captains involved.

Other Business:

The Winetasting Event may not take place this summer, although people are working on possibly scheduling a similar event in September. EIRA and other neighborhoods have received considerable funds from selling tickets to the event in past years.

Board Rotation Schedule: President Lofstrom is preparing a chart of the terms of Board members that will reflect the change in the By-Laws from a maximum of 3 yearlong consecutive to a maximum of 4 yearlong consecutive terms. He will be contacting Board members about their preferences.

Vice President position: There was discussion of the Board position for Vice President of the Board, which is not yet filled. Two EIRA board members have volunteered: Jane Schommer and Al Rodriguez. After discussion of their interests, Al proposed that he chair the Crime and Safety Committee and drop out of the vice president slate. A motion was made by Peter Levine, seconded by Al Rodriguez, to elect Jane

Schommer as Vice President. The motion passed unanimously.

President Lofstrom also asked people to consider volunteering to chair the Zoning Committee and Traffic Committee, and to be Secretary of the Board.

President Lofstrom discussed a possible neighborhood yard sale during the Uptown Art Fair as a fundraiser for EIRA. He will contact other neighborhoods that have done this. No decision was made at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Reporter, Nancy Johnston

Surly on the Greenway from page 2

volunteers walked, biked, or took mass transit to the event. Surly Brewing Company, in Brooklyn Center, has been brewing amazing beer for the past four years. Within that short time frame, their offerings have increased, along with their fan base and their desire to give back to the community.

From that desire, Surly Gives a Damn was born. Surly Gives a Damn is the public-spirited side of Surly. The Surly Gives a Damn program is two fold: 1. Surly donates beer and swag to local businesses and charitable organizations in need. 2. Surly provides ongoing opportunities for volunteers to participate in community service projects throughout the year.

Surly teamed up this year with the Midtown Greenway Coalition and adopted a section of the Greenway. Adopting a portion of the Greenway means volunteers pitch in to beautify it twice a year—and this means more than picking up garbage. Surly was put in touch with Ruth Jones, a neighborhood volunteer, who helped identify all the invasive plants and organize how best to attack them.

But of course it's not all work and no play. Surly Gives a Damn volunteers finished their digging April 20th and headed to Burger Jones for an ice cold Surly, on Surly.

"We had a wonderful group of people come out who truly care about keeping our Greenway beautiful and it certainly doesn't hurt your recruiting efforts when you get to end the night with an ice cold Surly," said Surly Gives a Damn Coordinator, Mary Sellke.

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Council Member
 Meg Tuthill

Nicollet Avenue Repaving Project

A steering committee has been formed to guide the planning process for the repaving of Nicollet Ave in 2012-2013. The first public meeting will be held late May or early June. Watch for more info next month or contact the Lyndale Neighborhood Association at www.lyndale.org.

Minneapolis named America's best bike city

The new issue of Bicycling magazine names Minneapolis as the bike friendliest city the the country! Way to go Minneapolis! Progress is being made on two bike projects in the 10th ward, the Bryant Ave Bike Blvd and the Blaisdell and 1st Ave Bike Lanes. Public comments have been reviewed and final designs are being drawn up. For more information contact Shaun Murphy, Project Coordinator, at shaun.murphy@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

New hours for Minneapolis 311

As of April 12th, Minneapolis 311 will be changing their hours to Monday-Friday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. They are not open on weekends. In order to accommodate to the shortened hours, 311 will be improving their online services. You can check out all these new services at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/311.

It's Sidewalk Inspection and Repair Season!

Sidewalk Inspectors have been out identifying sidewalk sections that need to be replaced. Letters will be sent in the next couple of weeks to affected property owners. The cost of the repairs will be assessed to the property owner. If you have any questions, please call 311.

Calhoun Beach Club Update

This spring the Calhoun Beach Club (CBC) began work to replace the HVAC (Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning) units on both their old and new buildings. When the sound mitigation materials were removed from the existing units Council Members Tuthill and Goodman began receiving phone calls!

As we checked into the situation, it was discovered that the CBC had not obtained building permits prior to beginning the work.

CBC will be required to provide sound attenuation on the new units. Also, the units will be required to be screened visually, either by the building façade or a screen. City staff is very committed to having the CBC meet these requirements.

Several current city staff members in zoning and inspections worked on the agreement with CBC about 10 years ago to put noise mitigation materials on their HVAC units. These are the units that are now being removed.

We do not have a timeline for this work to be completed, but we are keeping an eye on this situation. We have appreciated your calls. Thank you.

-Leslie Foreman, Aide to CM Tuthill, 10th Ward



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MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

By Janet Hallaway

A couple of stray socks. A rusty hacksaw. A squirrel's tail. These seemingly unrelated items unearthed in and around Kenwood are not clues in a mystery novel.

Just like the two bottles of organic beer and the pair of fishnet stockings (!) these items are just a sampling of treasures picked up by volunteers for the Earth Day Watershed Cleanup.

The citywide event, held on a breezy yet sunny Saturday in mid-April, drew a sizable group of volunteers from the Lakes area thanks to Kenwood resident Amy Lucas who helped coordinate the event. Handing out bright yellow trash bags and oversized work gloves to all volunteers, Amy routed teams to various destinations to begin the spring cleanup.

New Jersey transplants Barbara and Tom Kelly were

among the first to arrive. Though they've lived here for less than a year, the couple was eager to help in the cleanup effort, having developed a strong affection for the parkland and lake. Along with Bill Van Sustrren and Jackie Mattingly and groups of other volunteers, the couple retrieved lots of litter along the shoreline at Lake of the Isles.

Brownie Troop 13239 combed the hills of Kenwood Park along with Cathy Virnig and sons Sam & Joe, Lowry Hill resident Barry Lazarus, and the always-energetic Barbara Fogel, who looked like she was going to rake all 35 acres of the park before noon!

The community service project drew a fair number of families. Marty Broan and his two children, Cathy and Ellie Puzak, Annika & Jill Fedje, Matt Allen & Sarah Vernon, Heidi & Dan Niziolek and kids Nick &

Where we are Now.

By Jean Deatrck, Editor

It is a tragedy that the beautiful large home at 2853 West Lake of the Isles is now being demolished. Shameful! A desecration of our neighborhood and of our history and an environmental tragedy. We need historic designation for our neighborhood. Why some people believe that with historic designation we would lose our ability to paint our houses the colors we want is shortsighted and selfish and ignorant. A historic district would preserve and protect our beautiful area. We would be protected from the folly of owners who are more interested in personal gain than in architectural integrity. We would be protected from an owner who destroyed a house in Kenwood and another in East Isles and who now wants to make a garden of the vacant lot. Why did he destroy the houses? Cannot he at least build houses on his vacant lots?

Recently a local resident said that if we don't stop this destruction our neighborhood will lose its historic significance and look like a 7 yr old with missing teeth.

Earth Day Cleanup from page 14

Madeleine, and Phil and Westy Lowry all logged a few hours collecting trash of all sorts.

DFL-endorsed candidate Marion Greene went to work quickly. "With a name like Greene, of course I had to come!" St. Paul Academy students and their families, led by Ed and Libby Llavka, scoured the shores of Hidden Beach. (The number of cigarette butts on the beach is a public disgrace. Is there any way to get smokers to stop tossing butts in the sand?)

Another Girl Scout troop, including Sophie Nall and Maya Larson followed the train tracks along the Cedar Lake Bike Trail gathering up litter along the way.

By noon, bags of trash were deposited across from the Rec Center awaiting pickup by park board staff. Free passes to Jim Lupient (courtesy of Anita Tabb) were awarded to winners of the raffle and all volunteers vowed to return to next year's cleanup.

WORLD FAMOUS

By Madeleine Lowry

It was a Sunday and not yet Mother's Day when my ten-year-old son, Weston, sat me down to breakfast. The snow still lay thickly on the ground outside and we were having a lazy morning at home. My husband was working at the hospital. My daughter slumbered.

Weston had made breakfast on this morning for no discernable reason. He was hungry, I guess, and I had been otherwise occupied. I think he rather enjoyed cooking.

He had prepared a spread of blueberry pancakes, yogurt, and bacon. The table was set. Everything was hot. He had even boiled water for tea. (No, this was not a dream.)

I complimented him on his cooking. He smiled a self-satisfied smile. I helped my younger son into his seat. And then Weston asked me his probing-question-du-jour, "Mommy, have you ever been world-famous for something?"

I hesitated for one microsecond—long enough to consider every facet, every phase, and every pathway of my life.

"No," I had to admit.

I was about to launch into a spiel on how very few people ever become world famous for anything, and how this should not be the ruling aspiration of his life, but he continued in his train of thought.

"That's okay," he nodded reassuringly, "you're still important."

(Wow! Really!)

"Oh?" I said nonchalantly, hoping for more. I took a bite of pancake and tried to keep a greedy look off my face.

"Yeah, you're raising three kids and a dog."

"Ah." Pop! went the little bubble of hope that had been sprouting in my heart. I guess every mother hopes for something grander than that.

He continued, "Sure—think of how many bad situations you've saved us from with your Mommy-power." (I have Mommy-power?!)



Madeleine Lowry

I was reluctant to taint the delicate atmosphere that had settled over the breakfast table. But, I plunged ahead anyway, "Are you referring to my role as patrol officer, prosecuting attorney, judge, jury and prison warden over you and your siblings when you fight or do other things that you know you shouldn't?"

(Which is a daily occurrence, I might add.

These are real children, after all.)

"Yes," he agreed easily, poking his bacon with a fork. "And think of the number of times you've saved our lives—William from drowning, twice, and me from suffocation."

This was true. I had pulled William out of a hot tub when he'd tumbled in at age two. The next year I plucked him out of a swimming pool. And Weston really had nearly hung himself from Venetian blind strings when he was three.

Golly, I am a hero.

"It would be chaos here without you," he went on blithely, not noticing my piercing interest in every word, the way I was trying to record it all on the hard drive of my mind. I figured it could be forty years until we had another conversation like this.

"And you also write a column for the paper, do things for the neighborhood, and help business owners with their problems."

My goodness, the kid could have been writing my epitaph.

I looked around at the dirty dishes, the clothes waiting to be folded, the blueberry stains on William's face. I thought of the shower mildew that needed scrubbing, the artifacts in the fridge requiring excavation, the funny smell in my car that begged for professional investigation.

All of that could wait.

I had just been given my Mother's Day present a few months early.

Who needs to be world famous?

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sand upon the waters

By Tom H. Cook

I have always considered myself a good and responsible dog owner: I feed, walk, play, pet, and clean up after. My smart, devoted border collie, Hannah, and her clueless boxer brother Cowboy help me keep our two cats at bay. Modesty aside, we seemed to have the whole dog and master thing down. Our balance took an interesting turn when I agreed to provide a week's care for my friend Catherine's two dogs, (Prince) Henry, a pugle, and Jane, a sweet young border collie.

To say that Catherine is Henry and Jane's owner is like saying that Napoleon didn't like Russia, or that Michael Jordan was a basketball player. She is playmate, consoler, mentor, master, and mamma to these very lucky dogs. As a mutual friend remarked, "If there is reincarnation, I want to come back as Catherine's dog!" Catherine has scheduled her work and social life around Henry and Jane's well-being.

It was only the prospect of a cruise along the Mexican Riviera that allowed her to even consider leaving her babies. I was honored to be chosen as the temporary caregiver on the basis of this platform: frequent walks, twice daily dog park visits, timely but not excessive feeding, and a promise to sleep at Catherine's house during her absence to provide her dogs as much normalcy as possible. What follows is my scrambled memory of the licking, scratching, barking and good times we had.

My Week With Dogs

Outnumbered four to one, I opted for total emersion in the dog culture. I needed to go in as the pack leader. My weaknesses are poor hearing and sense of smell, as well as being slow, clumsy, and too big. Under strengths are my uncanny ability to find food and the ability to drive a car to the dog park. I believe it was the food thing that clinched my election as alpha dog. There were licks all around, some barking and chasing, and of course treats for all!

Now that I was top dog, I readily gave up my undoglike pursuits, such as television, computers, telephones, and newspapers. Dogs do not see technology

as bad, or confusing (like your Aunt Clara does); they just see it as taking valuable time away from sniffing, chewing, and resting. The five of us ate, walked, wandered, and slept together. Baths and me shaving were voted down by acclimation.

A week is not sufficient time to turn into a canine Jane Goodall, but I did my best to live at a dog's pace. We awoke with the sun and after a quick trip outside (I did not go full dog), it was time for breakfast, a truly momentous occasion worthy of dance and joyful noise. The rest of our day was filled with time at the park, wrestling matches, long walks, basking in the sun, cooling off in the shade, and imagining the next meal.

Each of these dog's life activities has a function. While the park provides needed exercise and play with others, it also solidifies our pack. At home our seemingly random play skirmishes reinforce our position in the pack. Our walks are fact-finding missions and a way to sniff out anything that would challenge the established order. We need considerable resting time because a car door slamming, the passing of an unneutered Lab, a fire engine siren, a boor blabbing on a cell phone, or a noisy squirrel must all be investigated.

The gang brought me, the alpha dog, all dangers, real and imagined. I maintained final say on what action was necessary. Our pack was Tea Bagger conservative and hyper-reactive to any perceived change. The troops were able to return to sleep instantly; not so their leader.

Hannah initiated most of our activities. She was second in command and, like Radar O'Reilly, seemed to know my plans before I did. At home she usually watches over me, but the new order seemed to suggest that I had been delegated to Henry's care. We spent the week being guys, each of us clearly relishing hanging out together. We cuddled and took frequent naps.

Cowboy had come to us as a rescued dog, as was every dog in the pack but Henry. Cowboy's traumatic early years have left him timid and afraid, despite his impressive physique. The slightest noise startles him

and frequently starts a chain reaction of barking that rumbles through the house. What is very sad is that he does not know how to play. He watches the rest of us fetch, tug, and chase but he does not know how to join in. Still, the pack accepts him.

Jane is the wild card, smart and ambitious, a lizard-chasing hunter. She and Hannah are "The Girls," indefatigable, curious, running in and out of the dog door and upending poor Henry. Jane enjoys being mentored and chewed on by Hannah, but since she leapfrogged over Cowboy and Henry in the hierarchy, she may have bigger plans. ("Yon Cassius has a lean and hungry look.") I feel like telling Hannah to beware the Ides of March.

I read while others licked, but that aside, I tried to stay in rhythm with the pack. The days had a natural flow, and our week ended too soon. Looking back, I feel myself going over to the dog side. I loved my life as a dog, and I still feel the call of the canine.

Tom H. Cook is a no longer local writer. He has grudgingly returned to working and interacting with humans, although he will never view corgis the same.

MPRB adopts expanded Tobacco Use policy

Starting July 1, 2010, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) stipulates there will be no smoking or use of any tobacco product as follows:

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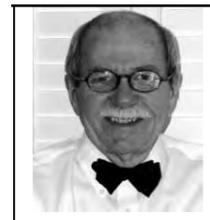
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