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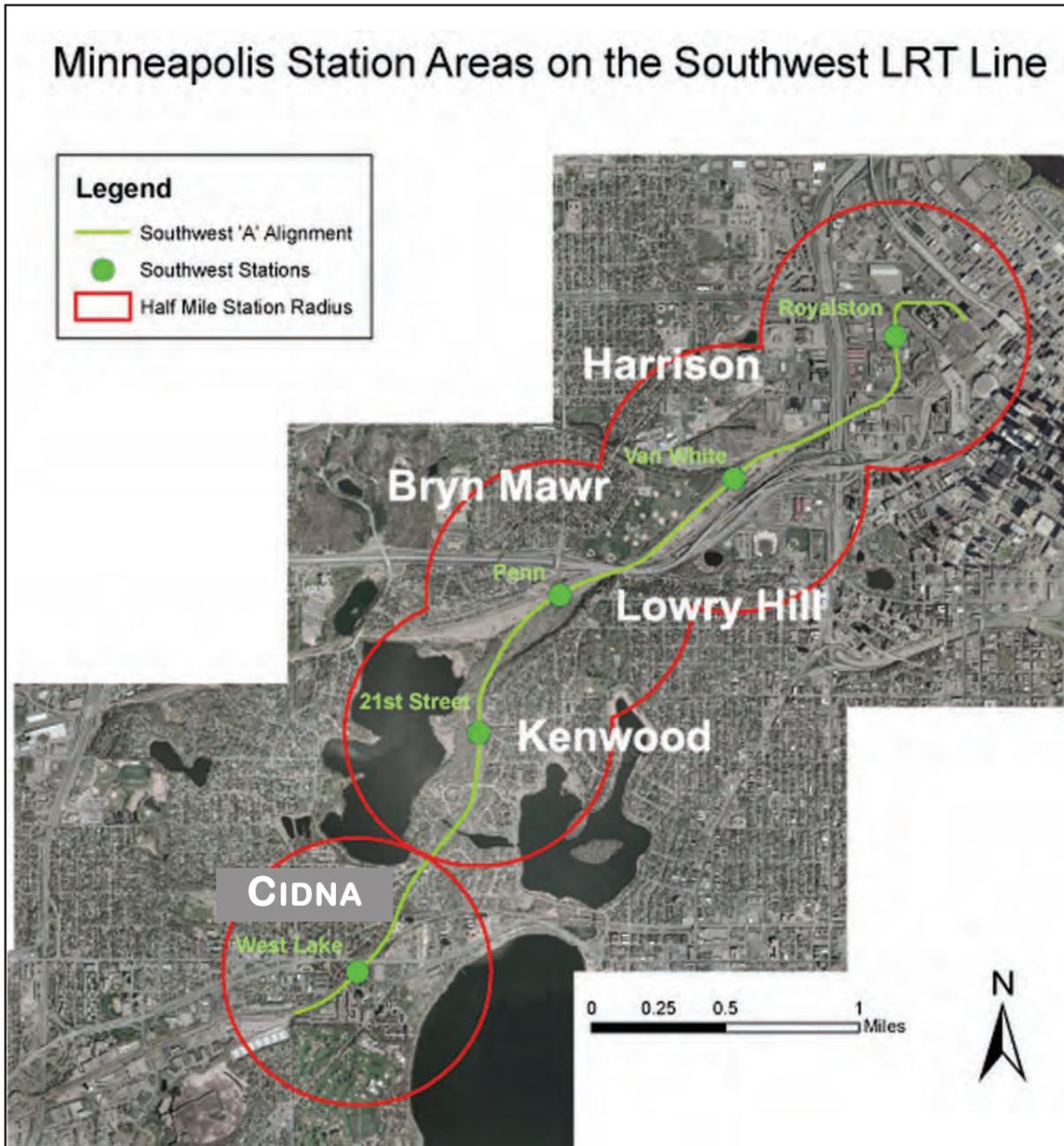
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Hill & Lake LRT Station Area Planning Begins

by Craig Wilson



Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis launched a station area strategic planning process in June including the Van White, Penn, 21st Street, and West Lake Street stations along the Hill & Lake portion of the proposed Southwest LRT line. The planning process will begin with a multimodal access analysis and an intensive market study which, together with input from area residents, businesses, and community groups, will form the basis for conceptual designs for each station, a detailed land use plan for a half mile radius around each station and an implementation plan for each station area. The plans will build on previous land use studies and inform future rail design and land use decisions.

The public input process began in late June and will continue throughout the strategic planning process, which is expected to be complete by the end of 2010. Six public open houses will be held throughout the planning process. Open houses will be held in July, September, and November 2010. The first open houses were held on July 13th at Bryn Mawr Elementary School and July 14th at Kenwood Recreation Center where residents expressed their desires for and concerns about new stations. Community members interested in attending future open houses should check the Meetings & Events page on the Southwest Transitway website at <http://www.southwesttransitway.org/events.html> for times and locations.

Additionally, a Community Members' Working Group (CMWG) composed of members appointed by neighborhood associations, business associations, local organizations, and owners of property adjacent to stations, has been convened to raise local issues as plans are formulated, and act as liaisons with their representative group. The CMWG will meet four times and meeting topics will correspond to the planning process work being done at the time. The first meeting was held on June 22nd. CMWG meetings are open to the public. Hill Lake neighborhood representatives include: Art Higinbotham of CIDNA; Jeanette Colby of KIAA; and Craig Wilson of LHNA. Station notes from the June 22nd CMWG meeting are available online at <http://www.southwesttransitway.org/station-area-planning.html>.

At the June 22nd CMWG meeting, representatives generally expressed their desire to minimize parking and traffic and other visual or auditory nuisances, provide appropriate accessibility and maintain neighborhood character. Representatives also expressed a gen-

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GOOD NEWS!



One of two milfoil machines from subcontractor MIDWEST WEED HARVESTING removing weeds from Lake of the Isles. See related letter from Commissioner Anita Tabb on page 14.

Photo by Dorothy Childers

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CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICIANS WANTED!

Every year on the third Sunday in September, CIDNA hosts the annual Fall Festival. Held at Park Siding Park from 1:00—3:00, hundreds of neighbors gather to eat, play and have a great time. We are looking for some local musicians—groups or individuals—who like to entertain and show off their talents! If you would like to play for the event, about 15 minute sets, please contact us—we would love to show you off.

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Proceeds from the sale support Temple Israel programs, youth scholarships, and community programs including the Harriet Tubman Women's Shelter, Minnesota AIDS Project, the Neighborhood Involvement Program (NIP), Habitat for Humanity, the Jeremiah Project and more.

Temple Israel is located at 2324 Emerson Avenue South in Minneapolis, MN. For more information, please call Aviva Weisberg @ 612.702.4726 or Denise Fogel @ 612.889.1669.

Lunch with Lisa Resumes July 28

St. Thomas University Terrence Murphy Hall 252, 30 South 10th Street. \$10 lunch offered. Come early to get your lunch and a good seat.

Phil Donahue (AKA Doug Kress) will be moderating questions to Council Member Lisa Goodman and Park Commissioner Anita Tabb from the audience members. This is your chance to ask!

PARK BOARD UPDATE

The MPRB has a new superintendent. Former Park Board Superintendent David Fisher is returning for a four-month stint as interim superintendent while the Park Board conducts a search for a permanent superintendent. Mr. Fisher's first day was July 1. Jon Gurban's last day was June 30.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Free Block Party for the second annual year in The Woman's Club Parking Lot at 410 Oak Grove Street. Live band, brats and burgers, cotton candy, popcorn, Jeremiah Face Painters, and many neighborhood vendors, Police and Fire service units, and nonprofit organizations. Come and enjoy! This is a Citizens For Loring Park event. August 3, 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

Also, Neighborhood Night Out on Nicollet Avenue in the Music Box Theatre on 14th and Nicollet with popcorn and light refreshments served in the Lobby of The Music Box. There will be a drill team plus gifts from the neighborhood business as prizes. There is plenty of meter parking nearby. Time: 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. For more information call Diane Woelm 612-872-8284.

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HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

July 28: Lunch with Lisa,

August 3: National Night Out. Check website or your neighborhood for details.

August 4: Temple Israel Garage Sale

August 6-8: Uptown Art Fair, www.uptownartfair.com

August 10: Primary Election. For absentee ballots or information: www.sos.state.mn.us

August 22, MPRB Homegrown experience that promotes local, sustainable and organic food. Nicollet Island Pavilion. www.thehomegrownexperience.com

September 19: CIDNA Fall Festival

LRT future open houses: Check Meetings & Events page on the Southwest Transitway website at <http://www.southwesttransitway.org/events.html> for times and locations.

Neighborhood organization meetings: See pages 10 and 11.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2010 IS COMING UP ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2010.

National Night Out is an annual nationwide event that encourages residents to get out in the community, hold block parties and get to know their neighbors as a way to encourage crime prevention. Whether it's your first time planning an event or you're continuing a tradition of years on your block, you can register your event through 311. **Remember! If you want to block your street, you can do so for free before July 21. Note that the deadline has been extended from July 14 to July 21!** Not all streets can be blocked, depending on traffic flow. After July 21, there is a fee. For registration and more information go to www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us



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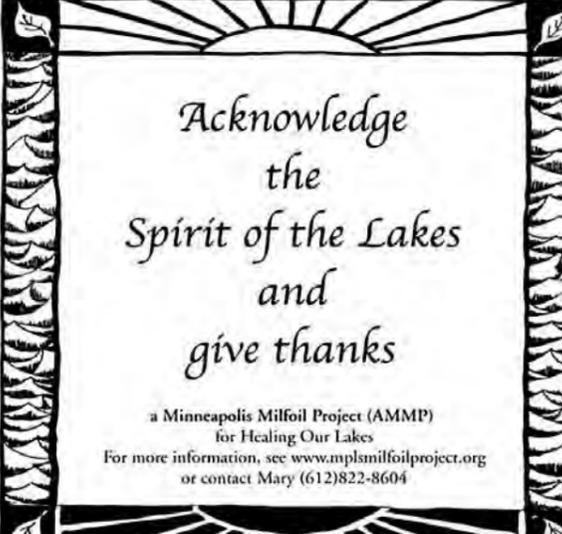
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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR, WENDY VAN KERKHOVE

Craig Wilson interviews Hill Lake dog trainer Wendy van Kerkhove about her love for Minnesota, her obsession with public radio and what's on your dog's mind.

You're a New Jersey transplant who vows to never leave Minnesota. What is it about Minnesota that you love so much and what brought you here? My partner got a job offer here and when we came to visit we fell in love with the city. The idea of not having to ride my bike between parked cars and buses or jogging on streets without sidewalks was very appealing. The city was clean, there were lakes all over the place and a lot of fun things to do both inside and outside.

How did you come to found Fresh Air Training? Is it true you named it after Terry Gross' Fresh Air? Yes! I named my business after the NPR show Fresh Air. At the time I was trying to come up with a business name that fit me and my training philosophies. "Fresh Air" felt right because I believe that my training methods offer clients a "breath of fresh air" and not the same old stuff. Prior to becoming a dog trainer I sold municipal bonds, gourmet food and hydrotherapy equipment found in hotel and resort spas. I've always been an animal fanatic and knew my calling was working with animals, so I just took the plunge!

So you really are a public radio zealot. What are your favorite shows? Total zealot! Besides Fresh Air, I love "This American Life", "Wait Wait Don't Tell Me", "The Story", "Midmorning" - there are just too many to list. My iPod is filled with podcasts from these shows.

What types of services do you offer at Fresh Air training? I do private, in-home training to address all of the "naughty dog" behaviors that drive dog owners crazy: Not coming when called, jumping up, pulling on the leash, house training (or lack thereof!), barking, counter surfing. We also offer a "basic manners" class at UrbAnimal. Other specialties include a "Bark, Snark & Growl" class specifically for dogs that are very dog-aggressive. If you're the person who walks your dog at

5:00 AM to avoid running into other dogs, then Fresh Air Training is the place for you! Additionally we run small dog play sessions that we call "Pint Sized Play". These are trainer supervised play sessions for dogs under 20 pounds and a big hit amongst small dog owners looking for safe ways to socialize their dogs. Our newest classes are called "Nose Work" and are strictly for fun - no obedience training is necessary. Think of this class like an intro to Search & Rescue, we're teaching dogs to search for and find a very specific object hidden amongst a huge amount of searchable objects. It's amazing to watch dogs learn the game and get better and better. It is very impressive!

What's on most Hill Lake dog's minds? What's really going through their heads? Walkies, walkies, sending "pee mail" (marking every bush, telephone pole or fire hydrant), going to the dog park and barking at strangers and strange dogs that pass by their house! My dogs seem most happy sticking to a routine.

Is this common? Yes. Dogs, like people, develop a comfort zone and a big part of a dog's comfort zone is the predictability of the daily routine.

Can you share a success story of a wayward pet? Most of my favorite success stories involve working with dog-aggressive dogs. Watching them go from Cujo to being able to control themselves when encountering another dog on a walk is fantastic. Not only that, the owners are so grateful that it makes all of the hard work so worthwhile.

Do you work with other animals? Only my own parrot, Hedwig, which is hands down, the most challenging training endeavor I've ever had.



Buffy and Wendy

Is it true that lesbians make better trainers? Only if you are talking about me! Honestly, I wouldn't necessarily say that, but I can tell you that women make up a huge percentage of all dog trainers. There are good ones and bad ones amongst all of us.

You can contact Wendy at 612-377-4770 or wendy@freshairtraining.com

FORMER HILL AND LAKE PRESS EDITOR FINDS STAYING CLOSE TO HOME IS EASY

By Anne Ulseth

It used to be not so unusual for people to live in the same place their whole lives. Even those who married and moved away from their parents' homes typically stayed within miles of their original birthplace.

But nowadays, the trend is to move around. Whether it's because of school, work, or retirement, chances are most people have decided to try new stomping grounds. Many adult children don't live in the same city as their parents, much less their grandparents.

But that's not the case for lifelong Minneapopolitan Rhoda Lewin who grew up on the Northside, went to college at the University of Minnesota, settled on the shores of Cedar Lake, and now resides in the Kenwood Retirement Community in the Lowry Hill area. That's probably a living radius of five miles!

After she married Tom Lewin, they bought a house on 26th and Irving Ave South, but after six years in that wonderful house, they bought a house on Park Lane, one of the 14 houses that have Cedar Lake in their back yards where they had a dock and a diving board, a sailboat, and several canoes. After their children left home, they moved downtown to a condominium and then later, to the Kenwood Retirement Community where they are making new friends and getting used to a new way of life.

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Although 81-year old Rhoda and her husband Tom are snowbirds in the winter, (they spend winters in Tucson, Arizona in Tucson's historic Fort Lowell neighborhood,) Minneapolis is her real home where their four children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild live. Rhoda said that's she one of the only people she knows whose children all live within 10-15 minutes. "It may mean more babysitting," she joked, "but it's worth it."



Tom and Rhoda Lewin

Hill and Lake Press readers may remember Rhoda as a reporter and editor for the paper. A community volunteer and historian, Rhoda was also a columnist for American Jewish World, taught at the University of Minnesota, wrote articles on the Minneapolis Jewish community for Minnesota History and other publications, and is an elected member of the American Jewish Historical Society's Academic Council. A successful editor, writer and publicist, Rhoda continues her work on a more personal level. Much of each day is in front of her computer as she spends time on a labor of love – her own family history. Last, but not least, Rhoda is the author of three books: Witnesses to the Holocaust: An Oral History; Jewish Community of North Minneapolis; and Reform Jews of Minneapolis.

The Lewins have found that having a retirement community near where growing up has its own benefits. Since moving into the Kenwood a couple months ago, they have become reacquainted with former neighbors who now also live in the senior living complex. "It didn't take long for this place to feel like home," Rhoda said.

Referendum Funds Living to their Promise MINNEAPOLIS MINDS

By Steve Kotvis

At the June 30th Minneapolis School Board meeting, Jay Kiedrowski stepped up to the podium made a statement to the Board. The substance of his statement of the accomplishment was followed by a brief Board discussion. There was no fanfare, no releasing of balloons in celebration. Akin to a jetliner upon touchdown, much of what gets accomplished at the school district isn't considered a big deal. It's just what we expect.

Kiedrowski presented the statement that affirmed the Minneapolis Public School district is spending Referendum funds as promised. He stood before the Board as co-chair of the independent Referendum Oversight Committee (ROC). The ROC was established as a part of the 2008 Strong Schools Strong City (SSSC) Referendum with the purpose of providing outside public eyes on the spending of the taxpayer approved \$60 million per year. The ROC was considered an important component of the 2008 referendum because the previous referendum was sold with the promise to lower class sizes. Class sizes rose, for many reasons beyond the means of referendum funds, and credibility and integrity of the district was brought into question.

As State funding of our public school districts decline, "shift" (with a promise to be paid at a later date yet to be determined) and get reformulated, the time is never more important for public transparency. So in the interest of public transparency, the use of the SSSC

Referendum to address class size could use a bit more illumination.

Class Size is considered one of the district's greatest challenges. While there is conflicting academic evidence behind optimal class sizes, it's easy enough to understand that when class sizes or class loads of teachers rise, our teachers' ability to develop connections, relationships and learning has the potential to diminish. As a result, the Referendum committed to continue to fill a shortfall in State education funding by rededicating \$30 million per year to continue to manage class size. Notably, the SSSC Referendum did not promise class sizes per se. The past referendum taught us, the district cannot control the average cost of teachers (as staff reductions occur, cuts are most often at the bottom and average salaries paid out rise, though individual teachers don't see increases). Lesson learned: If it can't be controlled, don't promise it.

What is not being talked about, but what the ROC reviewed figures illustrate is that in addition to the base of \$30 million in funds dedicated to manage class size, another \$6 million to \$12 million in SSSC Referendum funds saw their way to lowering class sizes by funding teachers in the classroom for the 2009-10 school year. (The range of \$6 million is explained by the fact that Reading and Math Specialists both teach and coach teachers. Without having the exact figures at hand, I assumed a range of 0-100% of classroom teaching to arrive at the range.)

Stated otherwise, between \$36 and \$42 million in SSSC Referendum funds saw their way to classroom teachers in the 2009-10 school year. And they are planned at between \$42 and \$47 million for 2010-11. So while SSSC Referendum resisted the urge to promise class sizes, the district is living to the letter and intent of the agreement to get referendum funds to where they most directly touch our students, into our classrooms.

Steve Kotvis, a Kenwood resident who refers to himself as a "graduate parent" having two children attend K-12 and graduate from Minneapolis Public Schools serves on a number of boards and committees relative to public education, including serving as a community member on the Referendum Oversight Committee. He offers a monthly perspective in the Hill & Lake Press "Minneapolis Minds" column and can be reached at stevek@elemenoP.us.

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The very first weekend after our house was put on the market, Kevinn held an open house and continued to do so the next weekend. The house sold in 16 days! Kevinn and Jim are one of a kind: driven, organized, responsible, and most of all, their ideas are beyond anything I have ever seen out there!!!

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National Night Out Registration!

Join the fun and meet your neighbors during this year's National Night Out! National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 3rd. The event is coming up fast so now is the time to start making preparations! The City of Minneapolis asks that you register your event as it helps them track the success of the event. If you would like to block off your street, you can do so for free if you apply by July 14th. You will need permission from 75% of your neighbors (names and addresses, no signature required). Please visit the National Night Out webpage to get information on the event and what you need to do to be a part of it!

RoseFest!

The festival is held at Lyndale Farmstead Park on Saturday, July 17th from 12pm-7pm. This a great family event and has many fun activities like a moonwalk, pony rides, a dunk tank (last year's tank featured dunkable MPR personalities), grilled food, and a live music stage featuring local performers. Those looking for a bit of history can take a tour through the Theodore Wirth house. Other tours include a self-guided tour of the small community garden in the area, and the Rose Garden, the second-oldest garden of its kind in the United States.

For more information, call 612.824.9350 or visit www.eastharriet.org.

Bryant Square Park Concerts

Enjoy summer with live music, popcorn and your neighbors. Concerts will be held every Tuesday and Thursday at 7pm through August 19. Check out the Bryant Square Park concert schedule on Minneapolis Park Board's webpage.

Bryant Ave Bike Blvd Update



Meg Tuthill

We would like everyone to know that we will be doing a median test on June 14th at the intersection of Bryant Avenue South and Franklin Avenue West. This test will last for 30 days and will help us understand how the traffic and bike flow might go if a permanent median were to go in.

Nicollet Ave Reconstruction update

The planning process is underway. Several community meetings were recently held. Check out Lyndale Neighborhood Assn's Nicollet Ave Reconstruction webpage for planning documents and meeting notes.

The project page on the city's website should be up soon. Stay tuned...

Participants needed for the RENEW program

RENEW (Renewable Energy Networks Empowering Workers), a collaborative project between the City of Minneapolis and Ramsey County Workforce Solutions, prepares jobseekers for "green careers," and recruits job candidates from high-poverty neighborhoods which ensures that low-income communities are strategically connected to the job creation and environmental returns of the emerging green economy. In total, 500 project participants will select from more than forty training opportunities, offered at twelve training sites, throughout the metropolitan area. RENEW focus areas include construction/deconstruction, manufacturing, building systems, and renewable energy with a focus on solar power.

Qualified candidates:

Live within the city limits of Minneapolis or St. Paul
Are over age eighteen

Meet at least one of nine high-barrier criteria including unemployed, underemployed, veteran or disability status, over age 55, Indian or Native American, limited English proficiency, a criminal background, or lack of a high school diploma or certificate.

To learn more about RENEW, go to www.RENEWMN.com

Meet with Meg for Lunch!

Meet with Meg for lunch on Tuesday, July 13th from 12 pm to 1 pm at the 5th Precinct's Community Room (3101 Nicollet Ave S). Meet with Meg is a time for you to talk with her, ask questions, and voice concerns. Bring your sack lunch! Cookies and lemonade will be provided! Meet with Meg will be held the second Tuesday of every month.

We would like to start inviting local and city officials to Meet with Meg and we need your help! If you have any ideas of whom you would like to hear from or of a topic that is of interest to you, please email 10th ward associate Breanna Patsch at breanna.patsch@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

Lighten your carbon footprint!

To encourage clean air, Minneapolis has an ordinance specifically relating to car idling. "No person shall allow a motor vehicle to idle for more than three (3)

consecutive minutes in any one-hour period." Remember to turn off your car's engine if you are waiting for someone or something. Let's keep our air clean!

Watch out for Aggressive Door-To-Door Solicitors

There have been some reports recently regarding aggressive door-to-door solicitors. As a reminder, solicitors must be licensed with the city and cannot solicit to you if they are not. When a solicitor comes to your door, the best way to handle the situation is to ask if they have a Minneapolis Solicitors License with them. If they are licensed with the city, they will carry it with them and are legally allowed to solicit at your door. If they do not have a license, send them on their way, call 911 and give the 911 operator your address and what block the solicitor is on. This way they can track them down and take appropriate action.

Safety Tips for Summer

As the warm weather hits and we spend more time outdoors, we would like to remind everyone of a few safety tips that will make sure your summer both happy and fun.

Lock your doors at home and in your garage. When working in the back yard, make sure the front door is locked.

Do not leave valuables in your car! Put your purse, bag, etc. in the trunk of your car prior to arriving at your final destination.

Write down the serial numbers on your GPS units, laptops, ipods, etc. Keep this list in a safe place as it will be extremely helpful in getting items back should they be stolen.

Remind friends and family coming to visit our wonderful lakes and parks to follow the above rules as it will help make their experience here a joyful one.

Free Wireless Spots in the 10th Ward

USI Wireless has been providing WiFi to paying customers in Minneapolis for some time now. We are now happy to inform you that the City of Minneapolis and USI Wireless have worked together to come up with over a hundred free WiFi hotspots that anyone, residents or visitors, can use.

Visit the Wireless Minneapolis webpage to get more information or check out the WiFi Hotspots map to see where your closest hotspot is.

Invest in trees, not insecticides, to fight emerald ash borer

The City Council recently passed a resolution encouraging residents not to apply insecticides to their trees to guard against emerald ash borer. Insecticides can cause a lot of damage to our urban environment. This kind of treatment is not expected to be successful in the long run. Results in other cities indicate that all ash trees in the region are likely to die from the beetle even when insecticides are used. Plus, insecticides sprayed on trees can eventually wash off trees and end up in our lakes, creeks and the Mississippi River, affect-

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ing people and wildlife.

Instead of using insecticides, the Council urged residents to focus limited resources on growing the next generation of trees and preserving the long-term health of the ecosystem. Do your part by planting diverse tree, bush and native grass species, and replacing both infested and non-infested ash trees with other tree species.

Roberts Bird Sanctuary

This past spring the Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis (ACM) adopted Thomas Sadler Roberts Bird Sanctuary through the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's (MPRB) Adopt-a-Park program. The ACM adopted Roberts because they wanted to work with the MPRB to enhance the environment at the sanctuary. While the adoption program is limited in scope, the ACM hoped that by completing their adoption tasks successfully, they could show the MPRB they are committed to Roberts. With this commitment established, they wanted to start working with the MPRB on a project that will have a huge beneficial impact on Roberts: the development and implementation of a management plan. We're pleased to report the management plan process has begun.

The ACM recently met with MPRB staff to review the adoption agreement and to discuss the next steps. They agreed on two major steps. First, they are going to work with the MPRB's volunteer coordinator to set up a program to allow registered, trained volunteers to work independently on their own adopted section of Roberts. The program will be modeled after the Legacy Stewards program at the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden in Theodore Wirth Park.

The second major step for the ACM is going to be setting up a series of meetings to gather input from the birding community and the public at large about their vision and goals for Roberts. Gathering this input is the first step in a long series of steps towards a management plan. Some of the other steps involve technical and funding considerations.

For more information on the bird sanctuary, please

visit the ACM's Thomas Sadler Roberts Bird Sanctuary webpage.

For information on the ACM's Conservation Committee, please visit their webpage.

Also, check out the Audubon Society's bird call phone app. It's amazing!

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Light Rail Transit proposed locations

21st Street



The 21st Street Station is proposed to be located south of 21st Street along the Kenilworth Trail near popular Hidden Beach on Cedar Lake.

Penn Avenue



The Penn Avenue Station is proposed along the near the confluence of the Cedar Lake and Kenilworth Trails at a location below where 394 and Penn Avenue meet. Bryn Mawr residents would access the station via stairs, an escalator or public elevator that would connect to Penn Avenue above. Lowry Hill and Kenwood residents would access the station from an existing access spur linking Cedar Lake Trail and Kenwood Parkway along the freeway wall.

West Lake Street



West Lake Station is proposed to be located behind Whole Foods south of Lake Street near the confluence of the Kenilworth Trail, Midtown Greenway and Southwest Trail."

Van White



While the exact location has not been determined, the Van White [SW LRT] Station is proposed to be located east of the future Van White Memorial Boulevard (Van White). The station will be located on the northside of Cedar Lake Trail and south of the BNSF Railway tracks. Traveling northward, Van White will connect Dunwoody Boulevard in Lowry Hill, which currently terminates at Hwy. 394, to the Bryn Mawr and Harrison neighborhoods north of the westbound freeway entrance ramps. Van White will connect to Fremont Ave North through a bridge over the City's Impound Lot. Construction on the last segment of Van White is scheduled to begin in 2011."

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eral desire to fully implement the Basset Creek Valley Master Plan that was adopted by the City in January 2007 (<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/basset-creek.asp>) at the VanWhite station and to minimize the impacts of a proposed train storage facility near the VanWhite and Penn Avenue stations. One suggestion was to locate the train storage facility under a possibly relocated farmers market at VanWhite. Additionally, representatives expressed concern about how the proposed LRT line would cross at Cedar Lake Road along the Kenilworth Trail. Representatives described the current Cedar Lake

Road crossing as a congested and hazardous. A proposed 'flyover' option for the crossing was largely poopooed by area representatives.

Hill Lake LRT Station Area Strategic Planning work is being conducted as a collaboration between Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis. The County and the City have selected a consultant team led by AECOM to carry out the planning activities. AECOM and its subcontractors are described as having extensive experience working on LRT projects, urban design, and transit oriented development.

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Lake of the Isles Dragon Vacation

Drawing and story By Jolie Anne Vallone, Age 8

Amanda Vallone: "My daughter wrote this story after I had her read the story in the HLP about the whereabouts of the Lake of the Isles Dragon. My family is from Florida and after I sent my mom pictures of the dragon here in Minnesota, months later she informed me that the Dragon had been relocated to one of Florida's attractions, Fairchild Gardens in Miami.

I researched and went online to obtain some concrete proof and sure enough there was Cameron Gainer, Minneapolis born artist's depiction of the Loch Ness Monster, now in the Fairchild Gardens.

The only question now is, will the Lake of the Isles Dragon reappear this summer to enjoy our beautiful Minnesota weather?"

Where did the Lake of the Isles Dragon go? Well I know the answer to that! The sunny days in Florida is where he went to spend the winter months.

"Brrr, its cold! I think I need a vacation to Florida.

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The Kenwood Café Awaits its Customers



The Fresh Start :: Kenwood Café A new name brings new endeavors to neighborhood cafe.

Photos by Dorothy Childers

By Karrah Anderson

A famous neighborhood cafe and staple in the community, changes its name, spices up their menu {even on the go} and adds exciting events that are musts for any music and literature enthusiast.

The tantalizing aroma of dark Italian roast coffee and freshly baked "Puppy Dog Tails" will tickle the interest of any passerby of Kenwood Café. This cozy shop is famous for their freshly baked cinnamon twists {aka, puppy dog tails}, daily-sliced deli meats and in-season menu. For many years, this little sidewalk cafe has been known as Isles Market & Deli, but cafe owners Catherine and Jeff Veigel wanted to give the place a new name to capture its essence.

"We wanted to identify the shop as a cafe rather than the market, the small grocery and deli it was before," says Catherine. "We chose Kenwood Café to associate it with this neighborhood."

Catherine explained that the shop was no longer viable as a small grocery, but remains an integral part of

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EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By Mark Lofstrom

MINUTES FROM THE EIRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

July 6, 2010, Grace-Trinity Community Church

Board members present: Ginna Portman Amis, Sue Durfee, Harvey Ettinger, Tina Frontera, Peter Levine (Treasurer), Mark Lofstrom (President), Al Rodriguez, and Jane Schommer (Vice President).

Other residents and guests: Karen Carney, Scott Dibble, Mark Hines, Nancy Johnston, Matt Mossman, Matt Perry, Linda Schutz, Monica Smith, James Trice, and Meg Tuthill.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

EIRA board member Tina Frontera acted as time-keeper.

EIRA (East Isles Residents Association) Treasurer Peter Levine presented a printed report and commented on the neighborhood association's finances. After revenue from membership and a reimbursement from NRP (Neighborhood Revitalization Program) for the insurance premium paid by EIRA last fall and expenses paid including for advertisements, box rental, a donation for meeting space, and a small reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses, EIRA's available cash stands at \$5,311.88 with additional amounts held in a less liquid certificate of deposit (at a very low interest rate) and the restricted NRP account. However, EIRA has already approved summer expenses that will draw on its general account and does not have the revenue usually provided by the summer wine tasting (which may still occur this fall or next spring). Additional revenues will likely result from the forthcoming membership mailing and the Uptown Art Fair pop stand that EIRA will staff with volunteers. Peter also reported that procedures for submission of EIRA's NRP-related expenses have been worked out.

Community Speakers

State Senator Scott Dibble

Highlights of the legislative session were presented, including ways of dealing with the difficulties presented by the Governor's refusals to approve bills containing previously supported options and the deficit, enhanced by the Supreme Court's decision declaring the Governor's unilateral allotments unconstitutional.

The state's low debt-ratio is a plus for the government.

During the recent legislative session, \$16m was allocated to Orchestra Hall.

In response to a question from a resident, Scott indicated that a bill to enhance shoreland protection measures statewide had been killed but more could be done to bolster the resolve of local governments and to get them to better enforce existing provisions.

Ward 10 City Councilmember Meg Tuthill

There are a total of three new wireless Hotspots (providing free Internet service) in East Isles. They are at James Avenue South and The Mall, at East Lake of the Isles Parkway and West 25th Street, and at

Emerson Avenue South and West 24th Street.

There will be a meeting at Bryant Square Park from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 22 regarding Stella's Fish Cafe's application to expand its business license by building and opening a rooftop deck atop its existing rooftop deck.

Artwork placed by a private party near the intersection of East Lake of the Isles Parkway and James Avenue South is on city property. The City will be talking with the owner.

A concern has been the failure of many motorists to observe the ordinance allowing idling of vehicles for a maximum of three minutes.

The recent state Supreme Court ruling in *Krummenacher vs. City of Minnetonka*, placing the onus on a variance seeker to show there is nothing else that can be done with the property, seems to use a much more restrictive standard than the prior one.

Reports

Mark, co-chair of the EIRA Zoning and Land Use Committee, reported that the group met in the community room at The Bridge and intends to meet once a quarter as well as on an as-needed basis. The committee recommends that EIRA submit a letter of support about the application for a conditional use permit and that for a variance filed in connection with the property at 2885 James Avenue South. Karen reported that the owner of the apartment complex at the 2885 address had applied for a permit after discovering an unregistered apartment (leased for 7 years) and for a variance to enable installation of a bicycle rack on the premises. Karen also reported that developers of the property at Lake Street and Knox Avenue had not gotten financing in order to build on the property, which currently contains six houses; they expect the financing to be in order by fall. A motion to submit a letter of support was made and seconded; the motion was approved without a dissenting vote.

Al Rodriguez reported on the Crime & Safety Committee, which plans to begin meeting on a monthly basis in the Lund's community room. He has met with both Jordan Hart from the Lowry Hill neighborhood association and Chelsea Adams, EIRA's liaison with the Police Department, and has been in touch with summer interns affiliated with the 5th Precinct Police Station who are available to help EIRA (and other neighborhoods). National Night Out occurs August 3, and July 14 is the deadline to apply to the city for a street closing; residents are encouraged to meet and party with their neighbors. It was suggested that the interns might assist EIRA in recruiting block captains; Al will explore this.

Mark announced that Shanti Mittra is getting a quote for handling the EIRA membership mailing, which EIRA hopes to have ready by July 12.

EIRA activities this summer include volunteering for the Uptown Art Fair pop booth on The Mall (contact Amy Sanborn at amysanborn18@gmail.com) and the Ice Cream Social to be held in Levin Triangle Park on August 19 (alternate date, if needed, is August 20).

Monica Smith reported on the EIRA NRP meeting held June 29. Ideas for use of EIRA's NRP Phase II funds were brainstormed. The advisability of preparing changes to the EIRA NRP Phase II Participation

Agreement was discussed, and those present wanted to expand the class of people who can vote on and be members of the EIRA NRP Phase II Steering Committee (SC) to include non-resident East Isles property and business owners.

EIRA's NRP Phase II SC will meet again July 20 beginning at 7:30 and then on the second Tuesday of each month beginning August 10 from 7 to 9 o'clock; both meetings will be noted in the next issue of the Hill & Lake Press (appearing monthly on the third Friday) and in announcements in the neighborhood section of the Southwest Journal. Meetings are scheduled to facilitate participation of those who are busy during work hours. SC meetings prior to the EIRA members' meeting in October will be on an ad hoc basis. Residents as well as non-resident East Isles property and business owners are invited to attend these meetings. Anyone who cannot attend but has an interest in serving on the SC or any of its subcommittees should contact Monica by email (nrp@eastcalhoun.org) or by phone (612) 821-0131. Cutoff to be on the SC slate to be presented at the October meeting is August 15.

Harvey Ettinger, EIRA's representative on the Lake of the Isles Citizens Review Committee, reported on the Lake of the Isles Renovation Project. Tall growth of plants in the area is a concern, as many plantings already exceed recommended heights and obscure views of the lake. Quality of soil used for fill in various areas around the lake may be the source of concerns relating to unevenness of ground cover (mainly grass) growth in many areas. Some areas along the path around the lake are without park benches. Installation of the Victorian-style lighting that replaced '60s-era fixtures needs to be completed in several spots.

NCR Presentation

James Trice led a discussion regarding the new neighborhood engagement office. The merger of NRP and NCR (Neighborhood and Community Relations Department) later this year will not diminish NRP funds allocated to the neighborhoods. A new program providing all 72 city neighborhoods with \$3m per year for 10 years (about \$40,000/neighborhood annually) and the announcement next year of details regarding both community and neighborhood initiative programs will allow associations to begin considering creating administrative staffing positions to assist with their operations and enhance their performance. James was joined by Matt Perry and Matt Massman, as well as Mark Hines, in the ensuing discussion based on questions they presented from which ideas are being collected as to how the funding should or can be structured. Autonomy of neighborhoods and the value brought to the city (as opposed to the need-based allocation system for NRP funds) were stressed in this meeting. Communication-related programs and maintaining the character of East Isles while serving both homeowners and tenants were also mentioned.

Discussion Items

Proposed changes to the EIRA NRP Phase II Participation Agreement (discussed at the March 2010 meeting) were reviewed. The prior document has not undergone full review by NRP, so changes can be made relatively easily. Proposed changes were distributed in advance to board members, and copies showing the changes were available at the meeting. Dates have been updated in the new document, and the class of people who can vote on and be members of the SC has been expanded to include non-resident East Isles property and business owners. A limitation of 25% has been EIRA to page 11

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KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION (KIAA)

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By Amy Lucas

July 2010 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA meeting was held July 12, 2010 at Kenwood Rec Center.

Chair Sam Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Sam Murphy, Chair, Michael Bono, Terry Campbell, Jeanette Colby, Eric Lind, Amy Lucas, Larry Moran, Pat Scott, Eric Sjoding, Kathy Williams.

Others present: Dylan Thomas, Southwest Journal; James Trice, NCR Staff; Billie Imhoede, NCR Staff; Gao Vang, NCR Staff; Roman Gonzalez, NCR Staff; Matt Perry, Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commissioner.

Treasurer's Report

KIAA approved payment of \$45 to cover Kenwood Rec Center staffing costs incurred by our July Board meeting. The usual summer closing time for the building in 2010 is 6 p.m.

KIAA Committee Assignments-Sam Murphy

Communications Committee-Kathy Williams, chair; Kathy Low, Bruce Camp, Michael Bono.

Events and Special Events-Amy Lucas, chair; Jeanette Colby, Terry Campbell

NRP Committee-Pat Scott, chair; Roy Williams, Kathy Low, Jeanette Colby

Zoning Committee-Larry Moran, chair; Pat Scott, Sam Murphy, Eric Sjoding, Michael Bono

Crime and Safety Committee- Jordan Hart, chair; Pat Scott, Kathy Williams, Roy Williams

LRT Committee-Jeanette Colby, chair; Eric Sjoding, Terry Campbell, Roy Williams, Larry Moran

NCR Program- James Trice, Neighborhood Community and Relations (NCR) Department of Minneapolis and Matt Perry, Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commissioner (NCEC).

NRP is gradually phasing out; by 2011 the Community and Neighborhood Relations Department will take over some NRP functions and expand the department's focus. The department is seeking citywide input on the distribution of a \$3 million administration fund-to be distributed among the 72 neighborhood organizations.

The Community Access and Outreach Team Specialists from the City of Mpls, Billie Imhoede, Gao Vang, Roman Gonzalez, introduced themselves.

Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) member, Matt Perry, explained the role of the city commission, NCEC. It has 16 members: 8 are elected, 8 are appointed (5 are appointed by City council, 2 are appointed by Mayor and 1 is appointed by Park Board).

NCR staff provided a set of questions regarding the distribution of the upcoming admin funds and announced upcoming community meetings.

To learn more about NCR and NCEC and upcoming meetings visit: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nrcr.

NRP Phase 2 Housing Funding – Pat Scott

As requested at the June KIAA meeting, the board delayed discussion of additional NRP funding decisions to the July meeting. Phase 2 of NRP has recently provided KIAA with an unexpected additional \$10,000 specifically for housing initiatives. KIAA's approved NRP plan included funding to transitional housing for youth and for supportive housing for people with special needs. Clare Housing and The Bridge for Runaway Youth were recipients of KIAA's earlier housing allocations. Clare Housing has recently announced a funded expansion in its HIV-specific housing. In contrast, The Bridge has suffered during this economic slump. KIAA member Josine Peters did not attend the KIAA meeting, but asked via email that discussion be tabled so other affordable housing initiatives could be researched. The Board discussed options. Modifying an approved NRP plan is time- consuming and the Board was interested in putting the funds to work quickly.

KIAA Board approved the allocation of \$10,000 of NRP funds to the Bridge for Youth; Terry Campbell and Larry Moran abstained from the vote. Josine Peters indicated via email her vote against any NRP funding allocation at the July meeting.

SW LRT Update – Jeanette Colby

KIAA approved a motion to request the historic survey report completed as part of the DEIS and to formally ask to be a consulting party in the Section 106 review process.

The next CAC meeting will be July 21. Station Area Planning open house meetings will be held July 13 and July 14. Visit southwesttransitway.org for more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Reminder: The next KIAA Board meeting will be Monday, September 13 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Rec Center. The public is welcome to attend these monthly meetings.

placed on EIRA board members and non-resident East Isles property and business owners to prevent "commandeering" of the SC by these groups. A budget required as an addendum to the document will be prepared and circulated separately. A resident asked about reporting on any grievances. Changes and comments can be sent by email to Mark (marklofstrom@yahoo.com) by July 17. The board will vote on the document electronically shortly thereafter.

Following an explanation of the contract at the time of her hiring and discussion, EIRA's NRP consultant Monica Smith's salary was raised from \$18/hour (the rate at which she was hired) to \$22/hour. There have been no complaints about Monica's work, and several comments praising her performance and service for EIRA to date have been received.

Alternate meeting locations for EIRA have been explored. Regular meetings of the board and members as well as of the Zoning and Land Use Committee will continue to be held at Grace-Trinity, especially given the fact that the location is well-known to residents and to board and committee members. The Kenwood seniors' center has AV equipment available and charges a fee for use of its facilities, factors that can be kept in mind in the event of a need for a technological presentation. The Bridge for Youth has a comfortable and large meeting room that can be accessed for meetings needing a more formal character. The Lund's community room is available on a first-come first-served basis and affords ample parking; it will be utilized for initial meetings of the Crime & Safety Committee.

The main community media avenues in the neighborhood are Hill & Lake Press and the Southwest Journal, the latter being published more frequently and containing a regular neighborhood events column.

Updating the East Isles website is being pursued. Also, in an exploratory phase, is obtaining a better idea of the cost of "structural" changes to the existing website or creation of a new one that will be an ongoing resource to residents.

A motion to make a small contribution to KEIP (Kenwood Environmental Improvement Project) from EIRA funds was not seconded after discussion revealed

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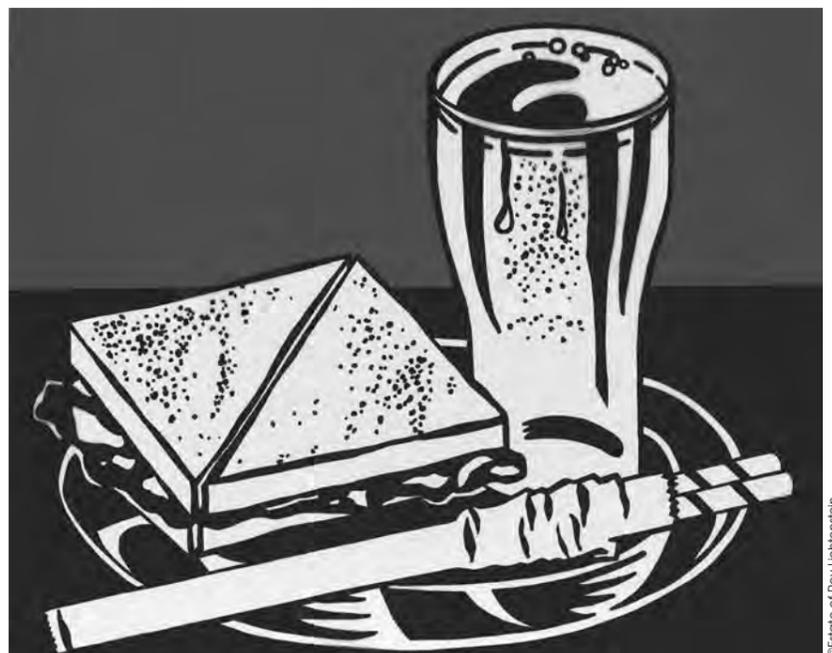
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THOMAS LOWRY PARK

By Barry Lazarus

Suzanne Payne reports a news bite from Thomas Lowry Park. On Sunday, July 25, a group of members from the First Unitarian Society, 900 Mount Curve, will once again work on a community service project in Thomas Lowry Park. For the seventh year, approximately 20 members will arrive with garden tools and good spirits to prune, weed, plant, deadhead and cajole the vegetation into healthy and pleasant shape. Neighbors of all ages are invited to join this lively group around 10:30-noon in the general cleanup of the park. Friends of Thomas Lowry Park are most grateful for this annual infusion of physical assistance. Through the years, members of the Society, and the Society itself, have also made financial donations to support the park. Thanks to the Society, Beth Gohdes, Chair, and Rev. Dr. Kendyl Gibbons Minister, for their good citizenship and neighborly care and support.

The irrigation project is moving forward through the approval process at the MPRB. Thanks for the hard work and diligence of Janet Hallaway, Craig Wilson, and Sara Peterman in shepherding the application through NRP and the MPRB and the drafting by Sara, Craig and Janet. Friends of TLP hopes for final approval at the July 21 MPRB meeting.

Friends of TLP wants to give a special thanks to L. Paul Burd, Esq., a long time resident on Lake of the Isles Parkway and a pioneer of patent law in the Twin Cities, for donating a biography of Karl Bitter and three old newspaper articles about Thomas Lowry to Friends of TLP. For those of you interested in Minneapolis history, Steve Kaufman in the November 21, 1979 issue of Skyway News reviewed a book by Thomas Lowry's



First Unitarian Society at work in Thomas Lowry Park.

Photo courtesy of Suzanne Payne

grandson, Goodrich Lowry, entitled Streetcar Man. Kaufman states the book details early Minneapolis history, architecture, business and social history and the building of the Lowry transportation empire. The book was published by Lerner Publications. Perhaps the next column can provide more history of Minneapolis when discussing what it took to raise funds for the commissioning of the Thomas Lowry statute which was sculptured by Karl Bitter. As you may know, the Lowry mansion, built on a seven acre site, was located at the corner of Hennepin and Groveland where the now torn down North American Life building stood. The cost to build the mansion was a staggering \$40,000. Friends hopes you all are enjoying the summer weather and the flowers and trees in the park.

EIRA from page 11

that no NRP funds are currently available or can be made available this summer for the project. Discussion did reveal that the board would welcome an objective affecting Phase II funds to allow distribution of EIRA NRP Phase II funds to public schools serving the neighborhood.

EIRA will join with the ECCO (East Calhoun Community Organization) in its neighborhood yard sale the first weekend of June 2011. The sale will allow participants to register in advance and receive association-generated publicity; it is meant to be a service to area residents. EIRA will piggyback on volunteer efforts in ECCO that go back more than 20 years. Sales will be at participants' locations, and typically have drawn buyers from cities outside Minneapolis as well as from various neighborhoods.

EIRA is also exploring the idea of a Garden/Home tour organized with ECCO. This event, to be more of a fundraiser, is meant to appeal to both men and women. Right now, "research" is being conducted. Mark, Amy, and ECCO President Nancy Ward met about this idea and the yard sale recently.

Electronic votes regarding the July minutes and revisions to the Participation Agreement were authorized.

The EIRA board does not meet in August. The next meeting of the EIRA board will be on the first Tuesday of September (September 7) beginning at 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05.

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Kenwood Café from page 9

the Kenwood community. Tucked away in the Kenwood neighborhood, sandwiched between Birchbark Books and Bockley Gallery, the cafe is a gathering space for friends, families and members of the community. Many members of the community have also utilized the space after hours. 60th birthday parties, school dinners and other private events rented Kenwood Café for important moments in their lives.

Kenwood Café prides itself in its menu and daily offerings, most of which is prepared daily from scratch. They have their staples, "Puppy Dog Tails," organic and locally roasted fair trade coffee, and {giant} deli sandwiches. And then there's their new stuff, in-house roast beef, sliced fresh daily, seasonal salads, soups made from scratch {warm and cool}, and a daily hot sandwich special, all available TO GO.

"It's a place people come back to," Catherine says. "Many people express how important this place in their history and have welcomed us into this community."

Along with their name change, they've added new events for regulars and the local passersby to soak in some Minneapolis culture. June kicked off their Summer Supper Club, a delicious marriage between local music and the cafe's seasonal menu. Every third Sunday the community is invited to dine with local

music. Visit their website kenwoodcafe.com for menu details and upcoming artists.

Book events shared with Birchbark Books will pepper the schedule throughout the summer and into the fall months, featuring live-book reads, good conversation and yummy treats and there has been mention of a "Cabin Fever," event series to debut during the winter season. Cozy events with food and activities to warm you up during cold nights.

The change in the name was a big shift for the shop, but much needed. Kenwood Café reflects the character of the business and their offerings, while still preserving the stable foundation that has evolved historically in this location. "We will continue to support and build the sense of community that is so important," says Catherine.

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Andra Suchy - September 19

Dear Constituents:

Thanks for your continued input and support on the issue of milfoil at Lake of the Isles. I am delighted to let you know that the Park Board has come to a solution for this year. We have hired a private contractor who will begin harvesting in the permitted areas. We expect that the work will begin by the middle of next week. At this point, I am not sure whether the harvester will be able to come through the channel or whether it will need to be positioned by crane at Lake of the Isles – that will probably be dependent upon the channel depth. Also, in the past, we have offloaded the milfoil at another lake. Again, depending upon channel depth, it may be necessary to offload the milfoil on the shore of Lake of the Isles. I will keep you posted as I have additional information but I wanted to get the latest word to you as soon as I had it!

We will continue to work on long term solutions to the continued harvesting needs at LOI and those discussions will be an integral part of our budget process this year. Though there will be an official press release about the milfoil harvesting at LOI, you are welcome and encouraged to pass this message on to others who may be interested.

Again, I appreciate your continued support and faith in MPRB!

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Where we are Now.

By Jean Deatruck, Editor

Summer is half over and that means we need to think about elections. Primary election is August 10. Please remember to vote so that your choice will be on the ballot in the fall election.

We are fortunate to have writers who give us information about our lakes and the forthcoming LRT. Although our many fine writers are unpaid, without them we could not publish a free newspaper that purports to cover our four neighborhoods around Lake of the Isles. Be sure to thank them for their service.

And again I emphasize, please patronize our advertisers.

Dragon from page 8

First I need to borrow a pair of sunglasses from Mr. Walleye, then a hat from Mrs. Northern. Now I am ready to go! One hour later. I'm here in the sunny warm weather of Florida. Where shall I go first, hmmm? Oh, maybe the beach.

"Mommy, look a sea monster, AHHHH!" said the little girl on the beach. "Don't be afraid." said the Lake Dragon. "Oh well now I have the beach all to myself. I think I will make a sandcastle."

Well spring is here so I shall be heading back to my lake home in Minnesota, it's a long journey back. Good bye sunny Florida!

Cameron Gainer is an American film and installation artist. He earned two significant public commissions in New York City in 2006 and 2007 that enabled him to create the two sculptures that will be displayed at Fairchild. In 2008 he was appointed Resident Artist at the University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida. Subsequently, he returned to Minnesota where he currently lives. For the exhibition at Fairchild he explores the presence and power of photography in contemporary sculpture. Specifically, he chose famous photographs that turned out to be hoaxes to demonstrate how a photo can catalyze belief and disbelief, thus affecting human perception and cognition.

WELCOME TO HALLAWAY TRAIL

By Madeleine Lowry

A lot can happen while you are out of town. Last year we returned from a trip to find a dinosaur prowling the waters of Lake of the Isles.

This year we returned to find Hallaway Trail paved, a momentous occasion every bit as exciting as spying a dino in the drink.

Hallaway Trail is what I call the new stretch of pavement extending along the north side of Franklin Avenue along Kenwood Park. It provides a connection between the Lowry Hill neighborhood and the Choo-Choo Park, the Kenwood Rec Center and Kenwood School. More importantly it makes obsolete a bad crossing on Franklin Avenue.

(Do I hear cheering in the background?)

The old crossing was a disaster waiting to happen. This is what the experience used to be like for families going to the park or school from Lowry Hill: there you were walking down the big hill on Franklin Avenue. You and your crew crossed at the stop sign intersection at St. Paul's Episcopal Church to the corner of Kenwood Park. Then you ambled past the soccer fields to the stand of crab apple trees, kids streaking ahead of you on their bicycles, happy chatter in the air. All was well. Suddenly the sidewalk swerved and ended dumping you unceremoniously into the street.

I can remember doing this routine the first time and being dumbfounded. What happens now? I thought. The crossing, if it can be called one, is unmarked and there is a curve in the road which prevents a person from seeing oncoming cars very well. Keeping a sharp eye out for traffic you yell, "Run for your lives!" and hope that all of your progeny make it safely across.

It did add a little drama to every visit to the park.

That the trail exists at all is due to the efforts of

Janet Hallaway. Though many of us recognized that something needed fixing, only Janet was willing to take on the project, connect with all the important groups (neighbors, City, Park Board) and shepherd it to completion.



Madeleine Lowry

She brought the project to the attention of the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Board and periodically updated us on the progress. In the beginning the Park Board was less than enthusiastic. They really did not want to extend a sidewalk that would have to be maintained and plowed. They really did not have any budget for extra paving work.

No matter. It only took a couple of years for Janet to win them over.

Well, they finally decided, once they were under her spell, maybe it would be alright if it was a 'trail' and not a sidewalk. And well, if NRP funds and grant money could be raised to pay for it that would be good too. They drafted plans for the trail and the landscaping. Estimates were obtained.

Federal grants were applied for, under the Safe Ways to School program, and Janet had her man, Phil, tasked with working the Feds. We were all hopeful, but the grants did not come through.

Finally, almost a year ago, Janet saw a way to fund the paving with some NRP funds that had been set aside for park improvements years before her tenure on the Lowry Hill Board. And the City came through with a cost-effective bid for the cement work.

Presto, sidewalk! (I mean, trail.)

Thanks Janet!

Agent Brown



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Interesting factoids from the County...

In an average week, all vehicle miles traveled in the metro area total more than three times the distance to the sun, 93 million miles away. (Metropolitan Council)

Every gallon of gasoline we burn produces about 19 pounds of carbon dioxide. The average car traveling around 12,000 miles per year emits 5.2 metric tons of CO2 emissions. (Environmental Protection Agency)

Metro area commuters waste an average of 43 hours a year stuck in traffic congestion. (Metropolitan Council, Texas Transportation Institute)

MN/DOT predicts that the number of miles of congested roadways will increase from 183 in 2000 to 491 in 2025.

In 1990, 30 percent of the region's freeway lanes were congested during peak periods; by 2000, the figure had grown to 60 percent. (Metropolitan Council 2003 Survey)

No. 1 - In a survey of metro area residents, traffic congestion ranked as the top concern, above crime, education, and housing. (Metropolitan Council Survey)

By 2030, the metro area is expected to add nearly 1 million residents and 560,000 jobs, generating 4 million more daily trips, a 37 percent increase. (Metropolitan Council)

Since 1995, mass transit ridership has grown by 20 percent. (American Public Transportation Association)

It is estimated that the average person going to work in the Twin Cities wasted 54 hours in congestion in 2000. This contributed to a per commuter loss of \$1,000 in time and fuel, which equates to \$1.2 million for the region. (Minnesota Department of Transportation)

By 1999, U.S. public transit systems were carrying more than 9 billion trips, representing the highest level of ridership in nearly 40 years. (American Public Transportation Association)

Of the total mass transit growth, major rail transit modes totaled nearly 5.5 billion passenger miles or approximately 84 percent of the total. (American Public Transportation Association)

In the past 20 years alone, the number of vehicle-miles traveled (all vehicles on all trips) on the region's freeways has increased 127 percent. Congestion is

sand upon the waters

By Tom H. Cook

You make things harder than they need to be. You think you are saving time, but you're not.

—JoAnne Cook

You never see him standing on the hay, straining to lift himself."

—Robert Frost "Death of the Hired Man"

For argument's sake, let's say JoAnne was referring to me. She was alone in the kitchen when I returned from the supermarket. I was carrying a gallon jug of milk in each hand, a large cottage cheese in my right armpit, and two 32 oz. yogurt containers nestled in the crook of my left arm and pressed against my ribcage. She opened the door and half listened while I raved about my bargain hunting coup. She was gone before hearing my epistle on the virtue of shopping on discount dairy day.

In hindsight it would have made sense to put all of my purchases on the kitchen counter, cleared space in the refrigerator and then calmly (perhaps after I went to the bathroom) shelve my purchases. I can never tell when I will be overcome by The Challenge. Suddenly before me was the belief that I could hold onto all of my shopping and somehow use my patella and chin to pry open the refrigerator. After considerable struggle, I was actually able to accomplish that. I peered inside. The fridge was more crowded than I remembered. The cottage cheese was falling fast, and the bathroom trip was rising on my priority list. I began to sweat and perform contortions not seen since the 1950s game show Beat The Clock. It occurred to me that I was putting myself through this with no chance of winning a new washer and dryer.

worsening at a faster rate than in the past. VMT is expected to increase faster (+38 percent) than the population (+28 percent) over the next 25 years.

(Metropolitan Council)

The average American consumes more than 500 gallons of gasoline each year. At \$3.50 a gallon, that's an average of \$1,750 each year. (Energy Information Administration)

The Challenge makes you do crazy things. In haste, I managed to half flip, half nudge the cottage cheese into a prime real estate location on a lower shelf previously reserved for a milk gallon. The center could not hold; both lemon yogurts, balanced briefly against each other before their inevitable tumble, landed in a manner that somehow broke their protective seals. I may have stepped on one of the cartons as I completed a spin move, designed to prevent (unsuccessfully, as it turned out) a large, not quite sealed Tupperware container of gravy from hitting the floor. Surprisingly the newly cleared space was not roomy enough to accommodate even one upright milk carton.

The noise brought JoAnne back to the kitchen, and while she did not slip on the gravy, I do not believe that cheered her. She witnessed with a look that was not awe, my attempt at squeezing two milk gallons into a spot that already contained a large pot of soup stock. The sides were drawn. To put the milks down (take a minute to go to the bathroom) and rearrange things would have meant that the gravy, yogurt accident had been in vain. I yearned to be finished with this task. As it turned out, replacing the fallen yogurt (before it went off sale), and cleaning up a surprisingly pervasive gravy spill took longer than it might with a more conventional approach. I am not one to assign blame. Let's just say, the job became more complex than it initially appeared.

Why go through all of this? If workaholics are driven by fear of their inner sloth, then I live a corollary. I seek short cuts and will go miles and hours out of my way in pursuit of one. I will labor tirelessly (albeit at cross purposes) for hours to steal an opportunity to nap. Freud be damned, my most basic drive is to lie down, either on a couch or a backyard swing. I curse The Challenge, because it exposes my inner laziness.

Tom H. Cook may still be paired with LeBron James and offered in a package deal to The Minnesota Timberwolves. If not, he will remain a columnist living in a far away land writing about stuff.

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