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Canoes on Lake of the Isles on July 4th.

Photo by Dorothy Childers

Vandalism at Cedar Lake

By Sharon Locke



This van was torched late Saturday night (actually into Sunday 1 am). Two fire trucks arrived, plus a police car and a fire inspector. The van belongs to Marty Fustgaard who lives at West Franklin near the woods. As you can see, the pine trees over the van have been burned. We are very concerned about this vandalism that has been taken to a new and more dangerous level.

Proposed Adult Shop



Hennepin near 24th Street in theWedge

Photo by Dorothy Childers

A large crowd met at Common Roots Cafe on Lyndale and 26 on Monday. Word of Larry Flynt’s Hollywood Hustler proposed porn store spread quickly around the neighborhood. Residents from around Lake of the Isles, Uptown, and the Wedge gathered to express their dismay that it would be located near Jefferson School, Temple Israel, and private homes. The neighborhood may not be able to stop this unfortunate business, but it can express anger and then try to change zoning rules so businesses of this nature cannot be operated in areas with residences and schools and churches. Attendees at the meeting expressed concern about safety and the type of individuals who might patronize this business and were shocked to learn that businesses of similar type were already in the neighborhood. Residents are concerned about about ownership, zoning rules, and signage. Is the name of the taxpayer the owner of the building? Is someone purposely concealing the name of the real owner from the permit? Rumors abound.

Council Member Meg Tuthill is opposed to the store, but cautions that the store has constitutionally guaranteed free speech and it plans to abide by City ordinances. Only 15% or 500 square feet of pornographic type items will be allowed, which is the same as other stores of similar nature. She said that City zoning gets to control the windows and signage, which will mean that the windows are covered up to six feet. She emphasized that we are giving the store free publicity through our coverage in Hill and Lake Press.

Notice of Permit Issued May 3, 2011, to Elder Jones. Work: Remodel First Floor Retail Tenant Elder Jones, 1120 East 80th Street #211, Bloomington, MN 55420. App. Phone# 952-345-6040. Another document posted on the window of the storefront: APN 3302924130217 2405 Hennepin Ave S, Tax Payer: Felix Development LCC, 1549 University Ave W, St. Paul, MN 55104

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9th Annual Bastille Day Block Party Sunday, July 17 at Barbette, Irving and Lake Street

The annual free block party will take place rain or shine on Sunday, July 17th from 2pm-10pm outside at Barbette. A portion of the event proceeds will benefit People Serving People. Bastille Day Website: www.bastilledayblockparty.com

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Uptown Art Fair

Minnesota's No. 1 ranked art festival, the Uptown Art Fair, is quickly approaching! This year's festival runs August 5-7 in Uptown, Minneapolis, and will feature works from over 350 professional artists and the 2011 Commemorative Artist, former Minnesota Viking Matt Blair.

Ranked the No.1 art fair in Minnesota by the Harris Guide, the three-day event has grown into a nationally recognized fine arts festival attracting more than 375,000 people throughout the weekend. More information about the Uptown Art Fair can be found at www.uptownartfair.com.

Temple Israel Sisterhood's Annual Family Garage Sale

Sunday, August 1-Wednesday, August 4, 2010 Voted "Best in the Twin Cities Garage Sale"

Temple Israel Sisterhood's annual Family Garage Sale will run Sunday, August 1 through Wednesday, August 4, 2010.

Garage Sale hours are:

- Sunday (Preview Day) noon to 6 p.m.
- Monday (Sale continues) 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Tuesday (1/2 Price Day) 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday (Bag Day) 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

On Sunday's Preview Day, admission of \$5 will be charged for the best selection.

Tuesday is Half Price Day with all items half price with the exception of books (\$5 per bag) and designer clothing, jewelry and collectibles which are 25% off the regular price.

Wednesday is Bag Day with bags that can be bought to fill in price increments of \$8, \$10, and \$20. Designer clothing, jewelry and collectibles are 50% off the regular price.

The "Best in the Twin Cities Garage Sale," organizers say Temple Israel's Garage Sale continues to attract crowds with its quality merchandise and low prices. Items include adult and children's clothing, jewelry, household items, books, antiques, toys, electronics and sporting goods. Also, a Collectible's Corner.

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 Garage Sale information, please call Aviva Weisberg @ 612.702.4726 or Denise Fogel @ 612.889.1669.

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HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

July 21-23 Hazardous Waste pickup at Dunwoody.

July 26 6:00-8:30pm Lowry Hill Ice Cream Social

August 1-4 Temple Israel Garage Sale

First Tuesday in August, National Night Out

August 2, Colfax/Dupont National Night Out

August 5-7 Uptown Art Fair

August 17 EIRA Ice Cream Social Triangle Park

August 25; September 13 Mall development meetings

Neighborhood monthly meetings:

CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday 6pm at Jones-Harrison; no meeting in August

EIRA: 1st Tuesday 7pm at Grace-Trinity Church

KIAA: 1st Monday 7pm except for July 11, Sept. 12, & Jan 9. Kenwood Rec Center, No mtg in August

LHNA: 1st Tuesday 7pm at Kenwood Rec Center

Minneapolis/Henneping County hazardous waste pickup at Dunwoody Parking lot, July 21-23.

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Meet Your Neighbor, Michael Pellizzer, of Sebastian Joe's

Craig Wilson interviews Michael Pellizzer, one of three brothers who founded Sebastian Joe's, about growing up in South Minneapolis, the origin of their famous ice cream company, the real identity of "Sebastian Joe" and the upcoming annual Lowry Hill Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, July 26, 6:30 – 8:00 pm at Thomas Lowry Park.

You're a full-blooded Italian American from South Minneapolis. Where exactly did you grow up and what was life like? I was born and raised in South Minneapolis, a few blocks from Lake Nokomis. I grew up in the restaurant business. My dad owned and ran the Happy Host Café, a small neighborhood restaurant next to the Riverview Theatre, for 33 years. I have memories of working as an 8 or 9 year old washing dishes and helping to clean up the café at the end of the night. He worked six days a week, 7am to 8pm, so our whole family spent a lot of time there. I have two brothers and two sisters and we all worked there in some capacity. My mom was a fill in waitress and every night she would pull out a big old black L.C. Smith typewriter and pound out the next day's specials. I went to a variety of Catholic schools and my wife likes to tease me that I am the only person she knows who still goes to elementary school reunions. I still have a lot of close friends from the neighborhood.

Is there anything stereotypically Italian about your family? Well, my mother Nida makes a mean spaghetti sauce. We are a family of good cooks and the recipe that we use at the stores for our biscotti is one that I grew up eating. After church on Sunday we would all gather at my mom's table and have a great Italian meal with the grandparents, attendance was always mandatory. We are known to use our hands a lot when we talk and my dad Matteo was a notorious jokester.

Since opening your doors in the mid-1980s, Sebastian Joe's has been synonymous with all things South Minneapolis—the Chain of Lakes, Harriet Bandshell, Spoon and Cherry sculpture, Uptown Theater.... Sebastian Joe's. What's the his-

tory of your iconic business? We started out in Riverplace in 1984 under the name Fratelli, which means brothers in Italian. In 1986 we opened the store on Franklin Avenue changing our name to Sebastian Joe's. We opened the Linden Hills store in 1988. We used to make the ice cream at the Franklin store upstairs in the main room; the back part of that room was a kitchen. When that space became too small we moved ice cream production to the basement of the Franklin store, and then in the early 90s we moved all of our ice cream making to a building on 43rd and Nicollet which remains our commissary production site today.

What was Hennepin & Franklin like in 1984? What business occupied the storefront prior to Sebastian Joe's? The corner where we are located had a Kenny's grocery store, a dry cleaner (which is still there), and our space was a realty office. And of course, Steve the barber at Kenwood Barber has remained a constant.

How has life changed over the years? In the beginning it was a quiet business and we worked from open to close every day. We baked, worked the counter, served ice cream, and cleaned before we locked the door. Over the years we have been fortunate to hire excellent employees who have stayed with us for many years, allowing us to focus our energies on new flavors and other parts of the business. My brother Tim has become a roaster and he can be found in the store a few times a week roasting coffee. This last year we were very proud to become the first kosher ice cream parlor in the Twin Cities.

Over the past decade Sebastian Joe's has seen many changes, like the introduction of internet kiosks, but has remained grounded in making high quality ice cream.

What does the future hold for Sebastian Joe's? The most important thing going into the future is for us



Michael Pellizzer

to continue to produce the best ice cream in the Twin Cities. Also important for us is to keep current community partnerships and form new ones going into the future. I'm always looking to make new exciting flavors to surprise and satisfy our customers. We will always value providing excellent service in our stores and make coming to our shop a pleasant experience for our customers. It's always fun to partner with restaurants and work with chefs and owners to help them create unique flavors; we hope to do more of that. And looking ahead, I'm hoping my two teenagers will help us stay current with new technologies.

So what's the 'scoop' on the real Sebastian Joe? Who is this mysterious man? My grandfather Sebastiano came over from Italy by himself when he was 14 years old. The foreman he worked for couldn't pronounce his name so he called him Joe. The name stuck and he felt as a good American he should continue to go by an American name. When it came time to name our business we wanted to honor our grandfather and the rest is super premium ice cream history. Sebastiano lived until he was 93 years old and he was able to see his name in neon light before he died.

Sebastian Joe's has generously donated ice cream to the annual Lowry Hill Ice Cream Social for years. In all seriousness, what flavor would you be most excited to see at the upcoming Social on July 26th at Thomas Lowry Park? In the past year the flavor that has been gaining steady momentum is Nicollet Ave Pothole. It has a loyal and growing following that has made it hard to keep up with production. Another new flavor in the last few weeks is Golden Valley Sunflower. It's a honey vanilla ice cream with roasted and salted sunflower seeds in it.

What is your favorite ice cream flavor? Coconut cream pie was one of our first flavors and it is still one of my favorites, along with candy cane ice cream covered in hot fudge during the holidays. But it's a little like asking which child of mine I love the best, it's impossible to say, I love them all!



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Just Like Riding a Bike

By Beth St. John

The summer after 8th grade I lied, said I was sixteen, and landed a job at the local Dairy Queen. To this day, I still love some Dairy Queen. If there are two things that working at DQ taught me, they are: how to make that perfect little soft serve swirl; and that I have some sort of natural immunity to DQOD.



Beth St. John

After DQ I sold fluorescent-colored Esprit clothing at Marshall Fields; carted legal documents to the court to get them signed by a judge; flipped burgers in the basement snack shop of my dorm; made copies at the on-campus Kinko's (If you ever have a paper jam, call me). Then, I said "Good Morning, Levenstein & Resnick how may I direct your call?" until I graduated from undergrad and got my first "real" job.

And by "real" I mean really low-paying with a real lot of work. I walked into 401 N. Michigan Ave every day and had a cube with a window looking directly out at the Wrigley Building clock tower . . . okay, actually, I had to look over the girl's cube next to me to see out the window but, I could see the view just fine. Who cares that I worked like a dog and made no money? I was a P.R. Assistant, with accounts like The Society for Information Management. I had made it.

At that time, these I.T. executives were discussing what to name the amazing new web of computer networks . . . should it be called "The Information Highway?" . . . "The World-Wide Web?" . . . or what? I know they settled on "The Information Highway" because I remember that highway graphic being on one of our newsletters.

We all know how well that one stuck, right? Because we all Google things on the "Information Highway" every day, of course. Come on, really? Information Highway?

After a few years, I got married, moved to Minneapolis and less than half-heartedly embraced my new husband's insanely obsessive study habits to prepare for the GMAT. He had me sign up for some math

MINNEAPOLIS MINDS

Steve Kotvis: School's out for summer. School's not out forever. Please look for "Minneapolis Minds" in the Hill and Lake Press next month.

courses at the U since my undergrad communications degree, did not call for much math study. (Okay, I admit, it didn't call for any math study whatsoever.)

At any rate, at 25, I took College Algebra, Algebra II, Calculus and (here's where the insane part comes in) Calculus II for Physics Majors. I ended up with straight A's because I was no longer drinking 32oz beers at a bar called The Jungle, cheerleading, dating, flipping burgers or making copies. . . and I was actually awake during class.

As a result of my new mathematical super powers, I accidentally got accepted into a few MBA programs that I previously had thought were only open to those with a different color blood from my own.

Armed with my very special MBA, I began working at General Mills, and that is what I did for a while. I enjoyed it so much that when I was preparing for my maternity leave for my second child I told them that I would be back in the office in six weeks. I even added that "I probably won't even actually stop working and I could easily keep up to speed from home" . . . given the fact that I had "Information Highway" access from home and all.

Then, at the stroke of midnight on her due date, ever the efficient and reliable daughter decided to begin her entry into the world and we rushed to the hospital. Exactly 7 minutes after they told me I was progressing normally and would have this child in probably 5 or 6 hours, Ashlyn was born. I whispered into her little ear "Welcome to planet Earth" which is what I feel compelled to say to all my children for some reason. She looked up at me as if she could actually focus. Her wide open hazel eyes held their gaze on mine. . . and that was it . . . an immediate cosmic shift in my priorities.

I quit my fabulous, special MBA required, job.

I bought a Mac.

I was going to be an artsy, non-corporate type.

Then I blinked my eyes, 10 years had passed, I was divorced with four kids, and it was time to get back into

the game.

Now, after staying home for 10 years, you kind of get used to muddling about at a certain pace, without an agenda, while wearing pajamas for extended amounts of time. My wardrobe purged itself down gardening apparel and extremely fancy benefit-going attire, with a large gap in the middle. I wore Ugg moccasin slippers 95% of the time and extremely high-heeled trendy shoes the rest of the time because — who needed professional pumps?

Now, I'm back at General Mills. I am so all about fruit snacks and Pillsbury biscuits. Fruit snacks and biscuits are my life, I swear. It's all the same except that the company is twice as large since they bought Pillsbury, I am sitting in a building that didn't exist 10 yrs ago, they have a Caribou on the internal "Main Street" and they have coordinated, strategic frameworks for everything whereas before we sort of flew by the seat of our pants. I had to buy cheater-bifocals because I was having trouble reading my spreadsheets, and I also realized that I need to take a refresher course in PowerPoint which has changed somewhat dramatically in the past decade.

But the biggest differences are on the home-front. Instead of leaving my one infant home with his personal nanny, having a cleaning lady to help me out, and a husband I can beg at 5:30 p.m. to leave his office to go home to relieve that nanny . . .

I get up at six to let my big fat dog out, feed her, throw in a load of laundry, put away the clean dishes, load up the dirty ones, deal with whomever is awake, remind my 10-year-old to feed her hamster, write out 15 Pump it Up invitations so I can mail them from work, swiffer up all of that gosh darn dog hair, write out the complicated schedule for the day filled with the ins and outs of four young people's busy schedules, throw on some sort of outfit that doesn't involve ironing and that won't look too ridiculous with my stockpile of extremely high-heeled trendy shoes. . . and I'm out the door at 7:30 a.m.

People tell me "Don't worry, you'll do fine . . . It's

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OPEN HOUSE HELD TUESDAY JULY 12 AT THE WALKER LIBRARY

By Jean Deatrick

The community room of the Walker Library was crowded as residents gathered to hear about the plans of Hennepin County and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board for the Mall adjacent to the library. An open house at 6:30pm allowed guests to chat with Park Board staff and look at the many displays of drawings and photographs.

Park Board Commissioner Anita Tabb welcomed guests at 7pm and Park Board staff members with Powerpoint presentations gave us a clearer understanding of what the Mall may look like after the new library is built. Two keys are integral to the design: restoration and concept.

Residents are encouraged to send in comments about how they think the Mall should look and be used in the future. For example, what would be a better use of the space? Who is using the Mall? We were reminded of when the Mall and busy Hennepin Avenue intersected and we could drive down the Mall. Perhaps a footbridge would be an option for Hennepin.

The Mall's connections to Uptown, the Midtown Greenway, the Uptown Transit Station, and Hennepin Avenue provide an opportunity for enhanced connections to all.

Two additional meetings to discuss the future of The Mall are anticipated August 25 and September 13. Ideas generated at these meetings, as well as concerns that surface, will inform the development of the plans for The Mall. A webpage will be up soon.



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Jean Garbarini, from Close Landscape Architecture, and Resident Jerome Ryan discussing details of some of the plantings.



A Special Thank You to Lunds and Kowalski's!

We would like to send a HUGE thank you to Lunds and Kowalski's for donating bottled water and food to help out our neighbors in North Minneapolis. They stepped up when the community needed it most. We truly appreciate their generous donations.

Bryant Square Park Events: Concert Series Summer is here and live music at the Bryant Square Park outdoor performance space has already begun! Concerts occur every Tuesday and Thursday at 7pm through August. For more information and to see who is planning at upcoming concert nights, visit the Bryant Square Park Concert Schedule webpage at www.mplsmusicandmovies.com/. Come check it out and enjoy a warm summer evening with friends, family and neighbors!

Ice Cream Social

Bryant Square Park is also holding their annual Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, July 13th from 6-8pm. Come on out for some ice cream, food, games, live music and a chance to get to know your neighbors!

East Harriet's Annual RoseFest

RoseFest is an annual East Harriet neighborhood festival for family, friends and neighbors. This year's event is taking place on Saturday, July 16 from noon to 6 pm at Lyndale Farmstead Park. RoseFest includes a variety of live music, tasty food and beverage, classic car show, inflatables, kids carnival games, face painting, a magician, dunk tank and more! The event is both a community building activity and a fundraiser for the neighborhood and its programs. All money raised goes directly back into neighborhood programs! Many volunteers are still needed - if you can help, please contact Deb at info@eastharriet.org.

Exciting Bike Project Updates:

Bryant Bike Boulevard
Construction work to create the Bike Boulevard on Bryant Ave South began at the end of May. The Franklin Avenue median and the bump outs at 26th and

28th Street are nearing completion.

1st and Blaisdell Ave Bike Lanes

The construction of the 1st/Blaisdell Avenue bike lanes began this past Monday, June 13th. Work is expected to be finished in a matter of weeks. This will be a mobile operation with no road closures. However, there will be temporary lane closures at times. To get more info on this particular project, visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/bicycles/1stBlaisdell.asp.

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With Love to Doug Kress

By Jean Deatruck

I can say for certain that I love Doug Kress. And doesn't everyone who knows him love him? What's not to love? He is handsome, intelligent, hard working, resourceful, thoughtful, kind and a lot of fun...and if you need something done, he will do it. And you don't need to ask! Doug knows, and he cares about his friends. And he makes new friends quickly because we learn that he listens and will help if needed.

We are lucky that Doug was Lisa Goodman's right hand person, her City Council Policy Aide. Every event, fundraiser, and party was a little more organized, a little more fun. And all of us Seventh Ward constituents know that if we emailed or called Doug, he would respond...immediately. Of course, Lisa does that too so either he learned from her or she learned from him. Both of them use their time wisely, represent their constituents, and seem to have endless energy.

We will miss Doug. As most of you know, he left for Boston at the beginning of July after being feted at countless events: the June Lunch with Lisa at St. Thomas where he was honored and friends said goodbye; at City Hall where staff and friends again toasted and praised him; at his home where many friends gathered to enjoy his hospitality and cheer him on; and probably many other events where I wasn't invited. But that is o.k. because Doug has such a special gift that he has friends in many circles.

Last fall one of my daughters was married at St. Mark's Cathedral with the reception at our house. When Doug learned of the wedding, he immediately said he would take over because I had no one managing the reception. I had hired several servers and a bartender, but I was in charge. Doug politely said that this was not going to work well since I was still recuperating from surgery. But I was naively confident because I had hosted many receptions in the past. Doug arrived with his friend James hours before the wedding. He and James redecorated and fine tuned that reception into a seamless work of art, doing everything from beautifully redesigning the dining room and all the accoutrements to supervising the help and plating all the food and hors



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Lunch with Lisa farewell party for Doug Kress at St. Thomas, left to right: Doug Kress, Council Member Lisa Goodman, and Ruth Hamann Weakly.

d'oeuvres. All while he remained a charming guest and chatted with other guests, many of whom he knew. He made it seem so easy, yet he refused any tip, no remuneration. What a gift! What a marvelous friend.

Doug Kress is the deserving recipient of a 2010 Bush Leadership Fellows award. He delayed his departure for Boston by one year so that he could participate in last year's governor's race. His plan is to obtain a master's degree in public administration at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government followed by research and documentation on successfully passing same-sex marriage legislation.

His goal is to be a leader who affects positive community change as a city manager or in an executive appointed position.

Congratulations Doug. We hope you return next year.

Patrick Sadler has replaced Doug Kress at the City Council's office. We wish him well.

Lunch with Lisa will resume on October 26th at St. Thomas University-Minneapolis, 252 Terrance Murphy Hall.

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just like riding a bike."

And to that I say "I have never ridden a bike quite like this. . . right now I feel like I'm riding a tricycle, on a real highway . . . in four-inch heels."

Beth St. John is our former columnist and formerly known as Beth Kehoe.

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By Barry Lazarus

“Hello Mr. and Mrs. America and all ships at sea.” (We will find out who is oldest if you can identify the person being quoted and when the quote was used. Please write to Friends of TLP on our website or to Hill & Lake Press with your answer together with your contribution of \$10,000 or more.)

Let us all welcome Dr. Eric Schned as the newest member of the Board of Directors of Friends.

Friends hopes you have been to the Park this past month. Thanks to the devotion of Bill Payne, who has spent many, many hours weeding and detailing the Park, the Park looks manicured and detailed simultaneously for the first time in many years. Others also involved in Park upkeep were Barb Fogel, Suzanne Payne, Craig Wilson, Carefree Lawn, Tangletown Gardens, Pete Engelen and his crew, Commissioners Erwin and Tabb, and the staff at the MPRB.

Most of you reading this article have no idea of the difficulty involved in keeping the Park looking good and enjoyable to use. Here are two examples. First, two mystery pine tree were planted in the flat area where children from the Child Garden Montessori School play. A MPRB worker in the Park did not know who did the planting. Neither did LHNA or Friends. These trees were not part of the MPRB Master Plan for the Park. As it turned out, the MPRB did plant the trees because they did not arrive in time to plant last year and the persons who ordered the trees to be planted last year no longer are employed by MPRB. Friends made inquiry of the MPRB and the issue rose to the attention of John Erwin, President of the MPRB. It was he who figured out what happened, directed MPRB staff to remove the trees, and hereafter to coordinate with Friends on new plantings. Many different people from Friends and MPRB were involved in this process. Had nothing been said the trees would still be there. Second, the newly installed irrigation system had problems. There was a leak, a broken pipe, and poor water delivery to the newly planted garden area at the east entrance to the Park. After many phone calls, emails, and Park visits, and countless hours consumed in the process, by and among the persons and entities above set forth, the irrigation system problems have been or are in the process of being remediated.

Don't forget the ice cream social on July 26 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm in the Park. The social is co-sponsored by LHNA and Friends. Making a special appearance will be Eric the Juggler. He will perform and give lessons. Take a walk after dinner and have a delicious dessert just for the asking.

In recent years, one of the most dedicated volunteers to help maintain the Park and to donate to Friends has been the First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis and its congregation. Suzanne and Bill Payne have worked with the Society and suggested the Society and its congregation deserve more of an accolade than a mere thank you. When Reverend Kendyl Gibbons accepted her position in 1998, she recalled that the Park had an “unkempt look”. In 2000, the Society began a “service Sunday” in July or August to help organizations it supported. Some members thought the Park needed help and just walked across the street to do general maintenance and clean up. When the MPRB proposed to turn off the water in the seven pools in 2003, Barb and Jimmy Fogel did a fundraiser at Sebastian Joe's. The Society elected to donate money to support this cause. (This effort worked and the water was not turned off.) After that the Society became more active in Lowry Hill and started attending the LHNA annual meeting. After Friends was formed in 2008, the Society commenced its support of Friends. When Friends is in the Park doing maintenance, the Society makes their rest rooms and water available to the volunteers.

In 2010, the Society choose to use the cash raised at one of its soup lunches for a donation to Friends. It also set one Sunday in July of each year to have congregation members volunteer for clean up and maintenance work in the Park which is coordinated with Friends. Reverend Gibbons indicated if Friends does a fundraiser by selling bricks (if authorized by MPRB), it

Neighbors cleaning flower beds at Lake of the Isles



Photo by Jan Heasley

From left to right are Patty Sander, Mary-Claire Schultz, Mark and Jennifer Johnson, and Peggy Pluimer.

By Jan Heasley

Early Saturday morning, June 18th Mary-Claire Schultz sent out an email requesting help from her neighbors. She was tired of walking around Lake of the Isles every morning and seeing the sad state of the small gardens. She had been excited about the gardens when they were planted last year. But the weeds seemed to have taken over. She asked neighbors to join her at 10:30 at the garden close to the Horse Monument.

Armed with garden gloves, yard tools and bags several friends descended upon the garden and within an hour, the garden had perked up considerably. Almost every person walking around the Lake that morning expressed such gratitude. It wasn't really all that much effort or time. The group has decided to tackle other gardens around the Lake. If you would like to join the group, look for us around 10:30 Saturday mornings. If you would like to contact Mary-Claire directly, please feel free to email her at Schultzm@macalester.edu

would be a donor. She also suggested a big neighborhood party in the Park for its congregation to meet their Lowry Hill neighbors. (Why not have the other religious institutions in Lowry Hill encourage their respective congregations to do the same. Are any of you out there

willing to volunteer to make this happen?)

All of us in Lowry Hill should be grateful to the Society for being such a good neighbor--I can assure you Friends is.

That's all folks-have a wonderful month.

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EAST ISLES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (EIRA)

By Monica Smith, Recorder

Minutes from the EIRA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting July 5, 2011 Grace-Trinity Community Church

Board members present: Linda Schutz (Chair Pro Tem), Dan McLaughlin (Vice President), Ginna Portman Amis, Sue Durfee, Harvey Ettinger, Ramon Ramirez Quintero, and Joe Sinnott.

EIRA Chair Pro Tem Linda Schutz called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Amy Sanborn, Chair of the Social Committee:

The Ice Cream Social will be August 17 at Triangle Park. Kowalski's and Isles Bun are donating food and Peterssen/Keller Architecture and Lakes Area Realty are donating printing of an invitation.

The Board approved an Ice Cream Social ad in the July Hill and Lake Press.

EIRA Zoning Committee

Schutz asked Dan McLaughlin to serve as Chair Pro Tem during the Zoning Committee report. Schutz reported a possible conflict of interest when she received two free slices of pizza while visiting the Dinkytown location of Mesa Pizza. To avoid any concerns, Schutz paid Mesa Pizza partner David Hathaway for the pizza.

On June 14, the Zoning Committee met with Mesa Pizza. Co-chair Harvey Ettinger forwarded information from that meeting to EIRA BOD prior to this evening's meeting. The committee unanimously approved the following motion: "Based on Mesa Pizza's presentation outline, the Zoning Committee does not have any objections to the request for extended hours. One concern is noise and crowd control from occasional lines outside of the restaurant. Mesa Pizza has provided assurances that staff will provide active crowd control to manage these concerns as they have successfully done at their other locations."

Information provided July 5 by Dave Hathaway, co-owner of Mesa Pizza included: in business since 2006 (Dinkytown and Iowa City locations). Oct. 1 planned

opening date at new Uptown site (1440 W. Lake St); lease is signed; blueprints submitted to City, minor changes requested; met with Council Member Tuthill, Minneapolis Police, and others.

Need licenses for extended hours for a facility not serving alcohol, and for the restaurant itself. Zoning allows closing at 1 a.m. To serve bar closing customers, want to stay open until 3 a.m., especially Thurs-Sat.

Features: 15-seat quick service, take-out, delivery; offer salads, broad variety pizza toppings by the slice; late night peak hour crowd control employees; daily litter pickups; no alcohol. If more revenue needed in future, maybe beer until 9 p.m. Four parking spots for delivery vehicles in large rear parking lot; require licensed drivers with own insurance; extra business liability policy. Invite questions via email (answers to be shared with BOD).

Additional BOD input: enhance safety measures given uptick in Uptown area crime; balance Uptown excitement with comfort of those living there; Activity Center location; good Dinkytown operation and products, corrected over-crowding there.

Board Action: The BOD asked Mesa Pizza to limit the extended hours to Thursday-Saturday for the first year of operation and reevaluate at that time. The BOD unanimously approved the motion that EIRA does not oppose the extended hours for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

The Zoning Committee cancelled its July 12 meeting. Co-Chairs Ettinger and Havig will meet with a resident requesting a new garage variance; committee member Sue Durfee volunteered to join them. (Addendum to minutes: address is 1423 W. 27 Street). The committee will make a recommendation to the BOD on September 6.

Zoning Committee processes, how it addresses zoning requests and makes recommendations to the BOD, were briefly discussed.

Open Forum

Resident Michael T'Kach announced two public meetings for the new Walker Library. The Community Advisory Committee will meet July 26 at 6:30 p.m. An Open House to develop plans for The Mall as it relates to the new library is July 12 at 6:30 p.m. Meetings will be held at the Walker Library and are open to the public.

Linda Schutz resumed the Chair Pro Tem responsibilities.

Monica Smith, NRP Coordinator distributed a Treasurer's report prepared by Al Rodriguez. Smith worked with Rodriguez to prepare a financial update of EIRA and NRP expenses for Jan-June, 2011. They recommend that \$8220 of expenses (both EIRA and NRP) go toward the new Community Participation Program (CPP) funding. East Isles has \$20,000 in CPP funding for 2011 expenses related to administration and community engagement.

East Isles Phase II NRP plan was approved by City Council on 6-17-11 at the full allocation with spending restricted to 50% (\$193,000). We can begin implementing Phase II. The Steering committee will meet on July 12 to set priorities for implementation and submit a proposal at the September BOD meeting.

Community Energy Services workshops continue to be offered. Residents are encouraged to participate.

The Steering Committee drafted a letter of support for the NRP staff recommendation to evenly distribute \$2.68 million in previously frozen Phase II money to the neighborhoods restricted to 50% of allocation. The letter will be revised to include support from the EIRA Board and will be signed by EIRA VP McLaughlin and NRP Chair Jerome Ryan.

The EIRA Board will not publish an ad in the August Hill and Lake Press.

Dan McLaughlin will serve as back up for communication via Constant Contact.

Membership Drive

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Kenwood Isles Area Association (KIAA)

By Amy Lucas

July 2011 KIAA Meeting Minutes

Chair Sam Murphy called the July 11, 2011 KIAA meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Mike Bono, Jeanette Colby, Kathy Low, Amy Lucas, Larry Moran, Sam Murphy, Pat Scott, Eric Sjoding and Kathy Williams.

Others present: Linda Bergstrom, Minneapolis Park Board Police Chief; Dylan Thomas, Southwest Journal; and Bruce Camp, website designer.

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) Police Chief – Linda Bergstrom

Chief Bergstrom discussed Hidden Beach complaints-similar issues as years past

23 Park Police patrolling over 6,000 acres; they patrol from bikes and four-wheel vehicles also.

Jumping from Lake of the Isles-Lagoon Bridge is illegal.

Call 911 if you see illegal activity in the parks.

Lake of the Isles (LOI) Committee Report – Kathy Low

The committee met with Anita Tabb, Park Board Commissioner, and forwarded the committee report. The committee report, which was completed by representatives from the four neighborhoods surrounding the lake, reviews problems with the LOI renovation project.

Cmmr Tabb toured the lake with the new director of MPRB Planning, Bruce Chamberlain, and discussed the committee report. Cmmr Tabb is organizing a meeting to discuss the report with the committee and MPRB reps.

A copy of the report will be available for review at the Kenwood Recreation Center starting July 30. KIAA approved funds to pay for a color copy of the report.

KIAA Website – Kathy Williams

Kathy introduced Bruce Camp, KIAA website designer.

The main issue is to create the ability to regularly update the KIAA website and present it as a neighbor-

hood information resource.

Bruce will re-design the website and train KIAA members as administrators of the web page.

NRP Update – Pat Scott

KIAA Board approved concurrence with NRP staff's recommendation to NRP Policy Board re: specific allocations of recently released NRP funds to neighborhoods that were most adversely affected by the Dec 2010 NRP funds-freeze by the City Council. Pat will communicate KIAA's position to NRP staff and Policy Board. As expected, KIAA will receive \$0.

Minneapolis City Council is updating the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts guidelines; Pat and Eric Sjoding will learn more about the proposed policy changes and update KIAA.

Walker Library Update-Pat Scott

Park Board is sponsoring a meeting July 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Walker Library and connection to Midtown Greenway. Pat Scott will attend the meeting.

Citizens Advisory Committee meets July 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Walker Library. The architect, Vincent James, will be presenting the new library design.

Other Business

Larry Moran will attend the neighborhood meeting on July 11 at 8:00 regarding an adult video store opening on Hennepin Avenue.

Kenwood Park Playground rehabilitation is almost complete.

City of Mpls-Henn County Hazardous Waste Pick-up at Dunwoody Institute parking lot is July 21-23 from 9-4. Visit www.hennepin.us/collectionevents for accepted items.

KIAA Board Members have been asked to recruit new members. National Night Out and block parties are a great opportunity to recruit board members and gather resident emails for KIAA newsletter updates/crime alerts etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

CIDNA

"Due to publication deadlines, the minutes from the July 13 CIDNA Board meeting will be published in the August edition of the Hill and Lake Press. Don't want to wait until August? The July meeting minutes will be posted on www.cidna.org on Monday,

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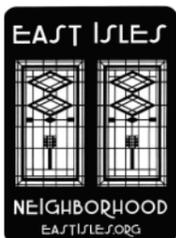
National Night Out TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

Plan an event for your block! Register by calling the City of Minneapolis at 311 by July 28, 2011.

Note: The EIRA Board will not meet in August due to National Night Out. Join us for the next meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 7:00 p.m. at Grace-Trinity Community Church, 1430 W. 28th St.

Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter! Send a request to nrp@eastisles.org.

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Ice Cream Social

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 6:00- 9:00 P.M.*
Levin Triangle Park, W 26th St and Irving Ave S

East Isles residents are invite to the annual Ice Cream Social. Petting zoo, face painting and a bounce house for the kids. Ice cream and lemonade for all East Isles neighbors! *Free!*

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*Rain date: Thursday, August 18.

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Prodigy in the 'Hood

When our friend, Barb, asked us to host a Chinese piano student coming to town for the Minnesota International Piano e-Competition in July, we said, "Sure."



Madeleine Lowry

Her name was Peng Lin. She was seventeen and had requested special permission to travel to Minneapolis without a teacher or parent, unlike the other young contestants. She was studying at Juilliard for the year and would be coming from Aspen where she was attending the Music Festival.

I thought I knew what to expect—a younger female version of Lang Lang; someone disciplined and driven, someone with a Tiger Mom or Dad who had pushed her to play the piano from an early age.

Peng, it turned out, was petite, soft-spoken, humble and extremely polite. We liked her right away.

"Do your parents play the piano?" I asked trying to figure out how she got her start.

"No," she said with a tinkly laugh, as if I'd suggested something amusing, "but my mother loves to listen to music."

"And, how much do you practice each day?"

"Oh," she smiled mildly, "I like to practice at least five and up to eight hours a day."

She explained that she was from a tiny island in the southeast of China, near Xiamen. "It's known as 'Piano Island' in China," she said, "because many Chinese pianists come from that island." (This I found amusing, since I regarded the whole of China as Piano Country.)

Her island is so small that you could walk around the perimeter in an hour. It has a population of 5,000. In my mind, that makes it about the size of Lowry Hill. Remarkably, of the twenty-five contestants at this event, two were from this dot of an island.

But this was the most surprising thing we learned about her: no one had forced her to play the piano. She played simply because she loved music and, at age four, had found something she liked to do more than anything else.

By Madeleine Lowry

She mentioned that the previous winner of this competition had trained with her at the Conservatory of Music in Beijing and was now in her class at Juilliard, studying under the same teacher.

Egad! We thought. She's a shoo-in!

Was she nervous? We wanted to know.

"No," she admitted. She was never nervous at competition. The only thing that made her nervous was selecting the lot numbers that determined the order of play.

Peng did not have to worry.

We did all that for her.

The competition was an emotional rollercoaster for us. She practiced at our house on the day before the contest started, the only time she was allowed to use a piano outside of the Hamline practice rooms according to the rules (unless she was eliminated), and we were convinced that we were hosting the brightest young star of the competition. How could she not make it to the final round of five winners?

On the first day we went to hear several of the first round performances. I watched a very poised seventeen-year-old from Virginia who played with precision, power, and sensitivity. The next day I heard a twelve-year-old Canadian who was equally sensational. My husband heard Peng and two others and all gave fantastic performances. How were the judges going to eliminate half of this field?

We fretted while waiting for the results of the first round to be announced. What if Peng didn't make it past the first round? Would she be crushed? What were we going to do with a depressed pianist at loose ends for the next week?

At Sundin Music Hall we waited with baited breath for the jury to break deliberations. It was a great relief when Peng's name was called from the stage along with eleven others. Her only response was a small, "Oh," as she stood to receive the applause.

She was cool as a cucumber. But my eleven-year-old son looked like he was on the brink of cardiac arrest. "Wow," he said as we left the auditorium, "I'm glad she

made the cut." He patted his heart frantically, "But now we're going to have to go through this all over again in a couple of days."

We heard Peng and several others play their second round pieces. This time we were certain that she would make the cut. After all, they were only cutting three out of twelve this time. Surely there were three who played with less finesse than Peng that day?

We were stunned when her name was not called to advance to the next round.

Peng took the news much better than we did, despite receiving frustratingly conflicting comments from the judges afterwards. She gave herself a two-day holiday from practicing and focused on catching up on emails and sleep. To keep her from holing herself up in her dorm room, we invited her to a dinner party we were hosting.

We had offered Dinner at the Lowrys' at a silent auction for my son's school fundraiser this past spring. It sold for a sizable amount to our friends the Otnesses. Their donation gave them the privilege of bringing six guests to our house for a dinner of their choice. The date we chose was the only day of the summer that worked for the four couples involved.

We planned a nice little summer menu of chilled cucumber soup, lamb chops, tiny potatoes, sautéed mushrooms, crisp green salad, French wine and crème brûlée. But none of that mattered.

What did matter was that Peng offered to play a few pieces for us after dinner. We said, "Oh, yes, yes, play us your favorites." She played Stravinsky's Etude Op. 7 No.4. She played Chopin's Ballade No. 3 A-flat major, Op 47. She played Rachmaninoff's piano concerto No. 2. Our ecstatic guests whooped and cheered. Unlike the judges, they heaped praise upon her.

It was the dinner party of the decade at Chez Lowry. And it had nothing at all to do with the food.

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By Tom H. Cook

An amazing invention, but who would ever use one?

President Rutherford B. Hayes

The smell of Fourth of July fireworks is still wafting in the air, and the last black chunk of ice gunk in a Fridley parking lot has been vaporized by the heat. Bring on summer, the season of rampant hedonism, too loud music, coconut sunscreen, and burnt burgers. Winter is a time for introspection. In July if there is navel gazing to be done, it is other peoples'. Fall, around Thanksgiving, is a time for reflection. Sitting around a campfire with a bunch of wholesome, toothy, jocular people, that is when you count your blessings. Nestled in a woodsy cabin trying to figure out who these people in expensive sweaters are, and what they have done with my friends is the more typical time to be thankful.

My seasonal clock is off kilter. Despite the blur of fast cars, painful sunburn, and a record heat index, I feel grateful. I want to thank those of you who wade through my column regularly, and friends and family who put up with my tortured logic in person. If you know me in print, you may notice a certain circuitous line of reasoning that does not always find its way to the point. Even after skillful editing (thank you JoAnne) I can begin a column with the perils of skiing and end up on Rutherford B. Hayes, the first president to make a phone call.

In real life I begin too many conversations with obscure references and fractions of sentences posing as questions. I am likely to begin out of context with a question. "Who's the guy? You know, the one in the film about the woman. She's in love with her doctor, or her landlord. He may not be in that one, but you've seen him. He always plays a corporate type. He was in cahoots with a counterfeiter. You said you thought he was real scary... Come on you know it!"

Thank goodness for family and old friends who understand the thin connection I often have between disparate ideas. Someone (sane) not schooled (subjected) to my way of processing the world is likely to back away from my stream of (un)consciousness. Citing a forgotten heart surgery appointment they must run off to, an untied shoelace that may require considerable attention, or a sudden need to convey something to a passing squirrel, many strangers become very busy just when I am getting to the good part of an anecdote.

Ideas, information, and media (social and otherwise) are swirling around. We all continually have more to take in, and later attempt to recall. I remember fragments of things and my links are often tenuous. Thank you for continuing to make the effort.

Tom H. Cook is a law abiding citizen who still practices making up fake names for when he is stopped by the police. His latest is Hal Lester, a conveyor belt salesman from Ripple Creek, Illinois.

Ask Diane about Minneapolis Homeless Connects

Minneapolis Homeless Connects was held at the Minneapolis Convention Center on Monday May 23, 2011. Thank You to Pam Lehan, General Manager of The Woman's Club of Minneapolis, who donated her time on Monday the 23rd of May to this event.

Another neighborhood donation was made by Kevin the Barber who donated his time on that day to giving free haircuts to the Homeless. The space was sponsored by Aveda. Kevin is from Uppercut Barber Shop on 1422 Nicollet Avenue. Uppercut Barber Shop

was also the destination point for donations of personal hygiene and hair care products for the Homeless.

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