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KENWOOD/CIDNA BUS SERVICE IN JEOPARDY

By Adam Platt

A week after Labor Day, Metro Transit made substantial cuts to Kenwood/CIDNA bus service, eliminating nearly half the trips that serve the neighborhood. The net result leaves Kenwood and CIDNA perilously close to being without bus service.

Metro Transit officials say the cutbacks are a response to modest cuts in state funding and an ongoing decline in route 25 ridership. They peg metrowide service cuts at only 2 percent, but that's little solace to riders of a line that as recently as two decades ago boasted Saturday service and hourly weekday service from sunup to evening. Long-held suppositions about the influence of the neighborhood's bigwigs and heavy-hitters has failed to stave off any previous service cuts, and cannot be relied on to save what service remains.

The current 25 line is the successor to a streetcar line that traversed Douglas Ave and terminated at 21st and Penn. This "streetcar node" created the retail cluster at the intersection. The Kenwood line was one of the earliest to convert to bus service; the last streetcars visited Kenwood in the 1930s. Sometime between then and Metro Transit's inception, the line was extended to Lake and France on the west end and connected with a line on Stinson Blvd. and designated route 1 Kenwood/Stinson. Early this decade, during a Metro Transit service reorganization, the line was designated route 25 and shifted from Hennepin Ave to Nicollet Mall downtown.

Service cuts are nothing new here, as Metro Transit has been whittling away at the route every few years, maintaining service to Northeast Minneapolis (which still sees Saturday buses), but dismantling the south end.

Route 25 in Kenwood/CIDNA, prior to the September cuts, consisted of six morning trips and seven afternoon ones, spaced over rush hour and slightly beyond. The latest cuts eliminate early morning trips in and out of Kenwood and afternoon/evening trips at the beginning and end of rush hour. Thus, 13 trips becomes eight, with four buses bunched in a tight 90 minute AM window and a two-hour window of afternoon service (though only two of those buses will then carry passengers back downtown).

Metro Transit Manager of Route Planning, Cyndi Harper, says 25 line ridership is down 6-10 percent since 2008 and that the buses being eliminated carry just a few passengers. Harper says ridership is greater in the morning than afternoon (evidence that riders may be using other bus service to get home) and even well-patronized buses are only carrying passenger counts "in the mid-teens."

Harper acknowledges that service cuts beget even less ridership, as passengers seek out options that offer

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Riverfront Development



View of RiverFIRST team proposal from the south, with the Scherer Park site in the foreground and 'Knot Bridge' at Plymouth Avenue.

VISION FOR THE UPPER RIVERFRONT

By Craig Wilson

With the change of seasons comes the prospect of a change of Upper Riverfront scene, as New York-based finance consultants HR&A and the Berkeley/Boston-based design team TLS/KVA return to Minneapolis, September 19-21, to present the Minneapolis Riverfront Development Initiative's (MR|DI) draft report to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, MR|DI committees and the public:

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Monday, September 19, 7 pm, Free, Reception to follow, University of Minnesota College of Design, 100 Rapson Hall, 89 Church Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

The MR|DI is a design-based strategy, lead by the

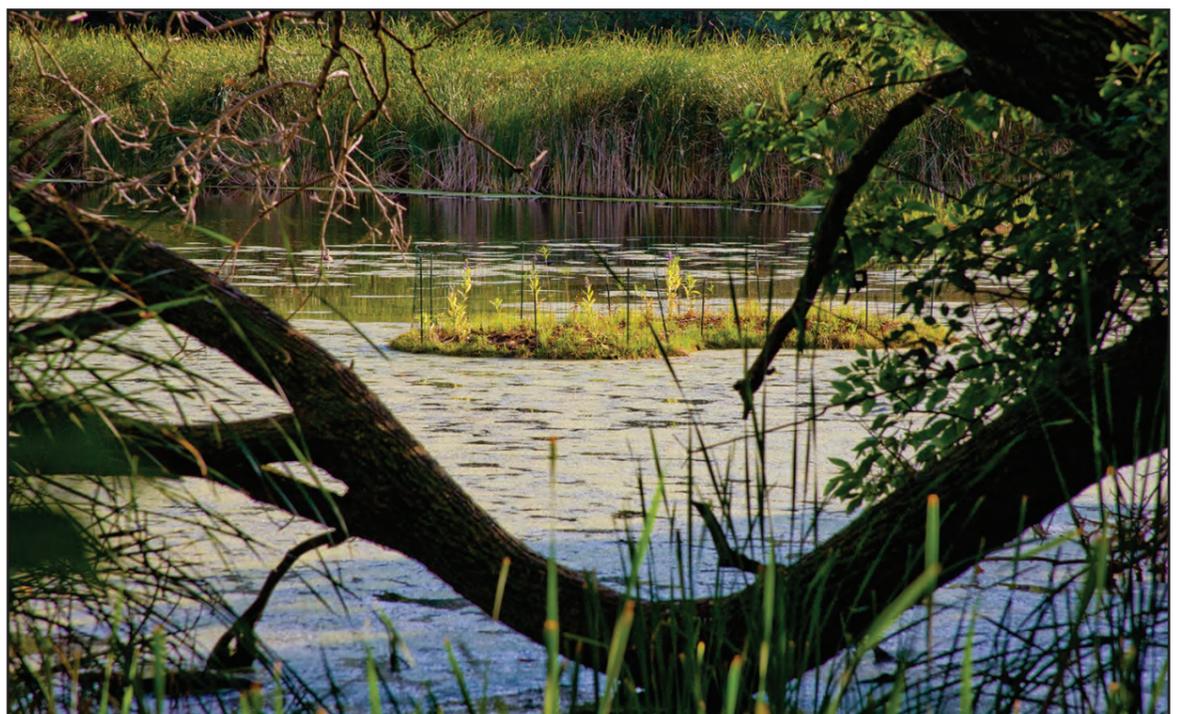
Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board with public and private input, to leverage parks as the engine for sustainable recreational, cultural, and economic development along the riverfront, reclaim the Mississippi – one of the three great rivers of the world and America's "fourth coast" – as the source of our regional identity, and establish our region as a leading river community for the 21st century.

The MR|DI is the successor of the Minneapolis Riverfront Design Competition, the largest landscape architecture and urban design competition in state history, which built on the award-winning Above the Falls master plan to address 5.5 miles of the Mississippi River and adjacent neighborhoods stretching from the Stone Arch Bridge to the city's northern border.

HR&A, TLS/KVA, and the MR|DI project team will

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A FLOATING ISLAND AT SPRING LAKE



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Photo by Dorothy Childers

CIDNA FALL FESTIVAL

The annual neighborhood Fall Festival will be held on Sunday, September 18, 2011, from 1:00 PM—4:00 PM. in Park Siding Park, West 28th Street and Dean Court, just off the Kenilworth Trail.

All CIDNA residents are encouraged to attend. It is a totally free event. It is a wonderful way to meet your neighbors and have a great time. Don't miss it!

GRAND OPENING: ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL EXPANDED BOOKSTORE.

The fifteen-year old gift and bookstore at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral has expanded and moved upstairs. To celebrate the grand opening of the new space, on October 2 local artists have been invited for an Art Fair. You will meet a local potter, a painter who teaches at MCAD, a Northfield maker of exquisite Anglican rosaries and other items, a Minneapolis silversmith, a recently discovered glass jewelry artist whose work will be displayed for the first time at St. Mark's, a Minneapolis ceramicist who makes angels and crosses, and perhaps there will be a few surprises. St. Mark's bookstore carries books of all types including best sellers as well as jewelry and cards.

Sunday, October 8:45 – 1:30

The Cathedral Book Shop is open Monday – Friday from 10 – 2 and Sundays from 8:45 – 1:30. Wednesdays open to 6:30 pm. bookshop@ourcathedral.org 612 870-7800. St. Mark's is located at Oak Grove and Hennepin Avenue. Come and visit and shop! The bookstore is not just for Saint Markans. All are welcome.

September 7 to 23 at Hopkins Art Center

Joyce Aprea Murphy former artist and editor for the Hill and Lake Press has gone "Off the Wall," at The Hopkins Center for the Arts. "Off the Wall" meaning the title the Hopkins Art Center uses to describe a small art space on their second floor where artists can display their work. All an artist has to do is bring her work and hang it in the small gallery after gaining permission to do so.

The Art Center provides a wonderful opportunity for artists in the local community. This month from September 7 to September 23 four drawings by Joyce Aprea Murphy are displayed for your perusal and viewing. Go and have a look! Observe what Joyce has been up to since retiring from the Hill and Lake Press. The Art center is located at 1111 Main Street in Hopkins.

Evan Mehlenbacher, a practitioner and teacher of Christian Science healing will present a talk titled, "Family and relationships united in love." In this lecture he shares healings of loneliness, a marriage falling apart, painful disease, drug addiction and alcoholism.

Saturday, September 17, 2011 11:00am,
Burroughs Community School Auditorium,
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The Lowry Photo by Dorothy Childers

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HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

September 17, 11:00am, Burroughs School, Family & Relationships United in Love

September 18, 1-4pm CIDNA Fall Festival

September 18 Bike Tour

September 24, Greenway Challenge

September 27, 6:30 Open House Walker Library

October 26, noon, Lunch with Lisa

October 26 6-9pm Calhoun Square winetasting

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

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**THE LOWRY**

By Barbara Fogel

It appears as if the owners of Blue Plate Restaurant Co. Have another hit on their parade of eateries. The newest kid on the block is The Lowry, which opened August 15th in the Hollywood Video spot on Hennepin Avenue at 2112. The Lowry's motto is "Beer, Whiskey, Oysters and Eggs". Come for breakfast, lunch, cocktails, or dinner at this modestly priced modern diner with a sleek wood, chrome and leather look. You won't leave hungry and you won't be disappointed.. Don't forget to check out the sweet potato fries! Delicious!

Floating Islands from page one**A BIG THANK YOU!**

By Craig Wilson

The 08.17.11 Floating Island Project in Spring Lake was a resounding success. As has been said, "it takes a village." Well here are our 'villagers' who made this amazing project possible (in no particular order):

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association (LHNA); American Society of Landscape Architects Minnesota Chapter (ASLA-MN); Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board; City of Minneapolis; Blake School; Minneapolis Parks Foundation; Midwest Floating Islands; Minnesota Native Landscape; Our beloved Commissioner Anita Tabb, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board District 4; Park Board Assistant Superintendent + Landscape Architect, Bruce Chamberlain; Park Board Water Quality Specialist, Rebecca Crabb; Mary deLaitre coordinator of the Park Board's RiverFIRST initiative and early project supporter and advocate; The Honorable and Amazing Council Member Lisa Goodman, City of Minneapolis Ward 7; Landscape Architect Lois Eberhardt, City of Minneapolis; Jack Whitehurst, City's Neighborhood Revitalization Program Jack Gleason, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources; Joseph Yanta, St. Paul District of the Army Corps of Engineers; Irene Jones, Friends of the Mississippi River; Cecily Hines, Minneapolis Parks Foundation; Jeff Lee, Barr Engineering + Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission; Bob Cooper, City's Community Planning and Economic Development division; Long-term Spring Lake activist and neighbor Rob Reul; Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board Member and environmental champion Marty Broan; The Blake School's Environment Studies teacher

and technology wiz, Dan Trockman; Floating Island designer and landscape architect-extraordinaire, Chris Behringer of ASLA-MN; Arlys Freeman, founder of St. Paul-based Midwest Floating Islands; Kathy Aro, ASLA-Minnesota Executive Director; Our project guardian angel, invasive species removal prodigy Ed Juda; Ted Gattino and Wetland Scientist Kevin Hedge, of Baltimore-based Bluewing Environmental Solutions—the Eastern sister company of Midwest Floating Islands.

Joe Schaffer and the stellar staff of Minnesota Native Landscapes; Rebecca Reed, Pete Loeffler and Kim Havey of Sustology; Directors Carrie Christensen, Cindy Zerger, Anna Claussen, Erica Christensen and the board of directors of the American Society of Landscape Architects Minnesota Chapter; Dan Greenberg of Champ's in St Paul – for feeding us!

The many amazing volunteers who were an invaluable help in the installation of the islands from St. Paul-based Brotex company, a local company that has literally been in the recycling business since 1923:

Roger Greenberg; Ed Freeman; Jorge Lozano; John Markus; Bruce Hamm; Chris Kiesling; Loren Klausen; JoAnn Sparkman; Jessica Lavalley; Becca Freeman. The many landscape architects and ASLA-MN members who so generously donated their talents: Solange Guillaume; Emily Lowrey; Sarah Weeks; Colleen Odell; Joslyn Wood; Laura Lyndgaard; Amber Hill; Aaron Kraemer; Nancy Snouffer; Marjie Pitz; Joe Collins; Liz Hixon.



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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR, MARY DELAITTRE

Craig Wilson interviews Mary deLaittre about growing up as a fourth generation in the Hill Lake community and her passions for City Building and the Next Generation of Parks.

You have deep roots in the Hill Lake Neighborhood? I'm a fourth generation Kenwood kid, my first eight years were spent on Oliver and the next 10 were on West Lake of the Isles Parkway. My father grew up on Knox and my grandfather and great grandfather lived on east Lake of the Isles Parkway in a house my great grandfather built. I was a Montessori kid for pre-school and attended what was then Northrup and later became Blake Schools for grades 1-12.

What was life like growing up then? Kenwood was a generationally mixed neighborhood; it was not unusual for parents and children to own houses in the same neighborhood if not on the same street. I have vivid memories of sledding in Kenwood Park, skating on Lake of the Isles, and making the almost daily trip to the drug store across from Kenwood School. There were a lot of kids on Oliver and we all knew one another – summer kick the can games were legendary!

Where did you attend college and what drew you to architecture? I attended Brown University in Rhode Island and studied Art History with an emphasis on Architectural History. I was drawn to Architecture in high school when my family built a house on the St. Croix River. I completed a Masters of Architecture at the University of Minnesota. It was there that I met the famous urban designer William Morrish, who at the time was running the Design Center for the American Urban Landscape. He sponsored a research trip up the entire length of the Mississippi River, studying all the towns, river infrastructure and cultural sites – the final publication of the Walker Art Center Design Quarterly was devoted to our trip. It was this trip – a boat trip from the Gulf of Mexico up to Lake Itasca - where I was introduced to Urban Design, developed a lifelong interest in the Mississippi River, and discovered my love of city building.

Your husband is a sculptor originally from Britain. How did you meet? I met my husband, public artist Andrew Leicester, right after returning from the 2 ½ month boat trip. Of course, being a charming artist with

an English accent, he invited me to his studio to see his work, and we have been together since – we just celebrated our 20th anniversary.

What did you profess at the University of Minnesota? I taught at the University of Minnesota College of Design for nine years, primarily first year first semester undergraduate design with a focus on The City – mainly teaching students how to see their environment, understand the complex systems that make up a city, and communicating complex city building ideas simply.

You're the founder of Groundwork: The Foundation for City Building, what is your mission and what prompted you to create it? I founded Groundwork five years ago. Groundwork operates at the often-murky intersection of design and public policy – bringing together various stakeholders, and providing expertise to help realize complex city building projects. It developed out of 15 years of city building experience in a variety of settings, from design firms to community development organizations to think tanks. My interest was in not only what gets built, my interest was in getting design and design thinking to the table from the beginning, along with economic and political decisions, in an effort to make great projects.

What are examples of some of the projects Groundwork has undertaken over the years? I cut my teeth in the area around the new Target Field. What started as a conversation with a politician about the need to look at the larger neighborhood, create connections and identify economic development opportunities turned into a four year consultancy. I co-founded an organization, 2020 Partners, with Kenwood resident Mark Oyaas and local developer Chuck Leer and consulted to the organization. The goal was to facilitate the transformation of an industrial neighborhood into a new urban center that has entertainment, multiple modes of transportation, a waste to energy facility that provides enough energy for 25,000 homes and can heat and cool a neighborhood and the

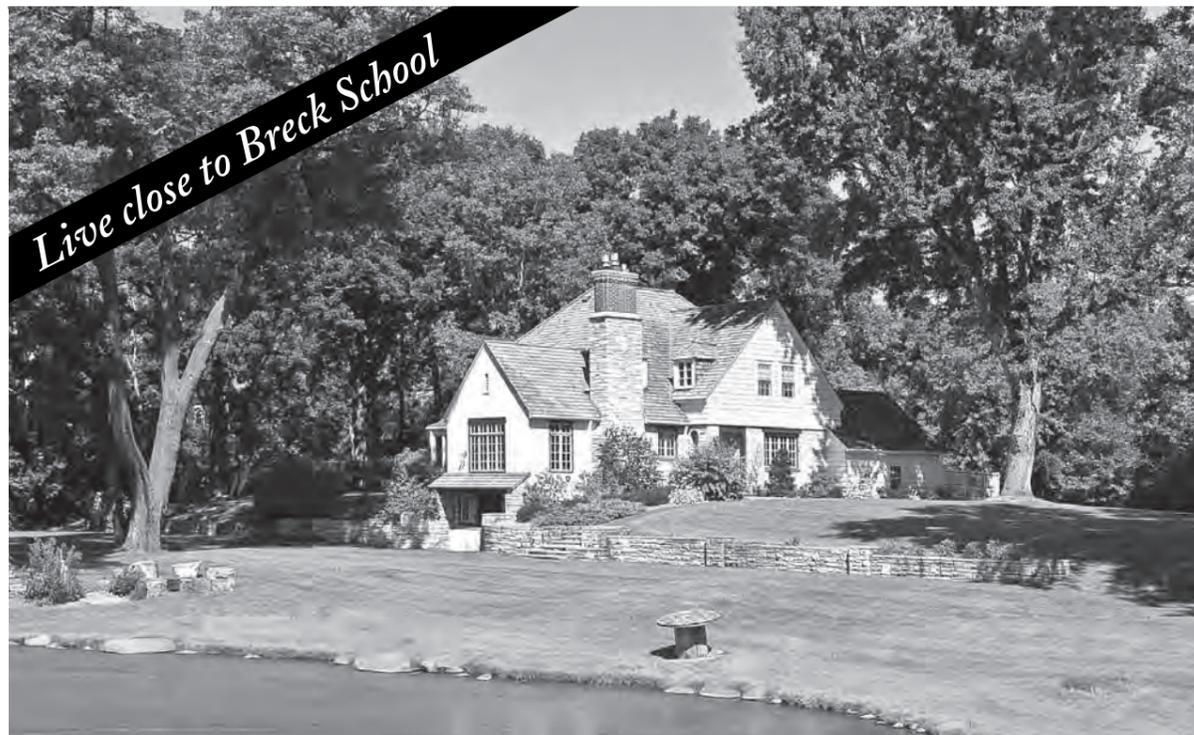


Mary deLaittre

Farmer's Market. From there I consulted with the Minneapolis Parks Foundation (MPF) – collaborating with MPF President Cecily Hines - on the creation of the Next Generation of Parks concept – which led to becoming the project manager for both the Minneapolis Riverfront Design Competition and Minneapolis Riverfront Development Initiative.

What is the Minneapolis Riverfront Development Initiative? In September 2010, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and the Minneapolis Parks Foundation announced an international design competition to address the Upper Riverfront. Four award-winning landscape and urban design teams were selected as finalists. In December, the four teams – Ken Smith Workshop|New York City, Stoss Landscape Urbanism|Boston, TLS/KVA|Berkeley, and Turenscape|Beijing – made a four-day research visit to Minneapolis. The competing design teams submitted their design proposals in January and made a public presentation of their work at the Walker Art Center on January 27. The winning team was announced on February 10. More information can be found at www.MinneapolisRiverfrontDesignCompetition.com. In April 2011, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board established the Minneapolis Riverfront Development Initiative as a special project to carry through the promise of connecting people from near and far with new multi-functional Upper Riverfront parks along “America’s fourth coast.” This fall, Park Board Commissioners will decide the scope and timing of the first RiverFIRST projects, to be enjoyed by the community within five years.

What is happening this Monday with the Next Generation of Parks™ lecture series? The NGP series was established by the Minneapolis Parks Foundation to introduce cutting edge international landscape design projects to the Metropolitan Area. On Monday the 19th, the winning design team of TLS/KVA will share project highlights from their creative work outside the Twin Cities and discuss the next phase of the MRDI project. The lecture is at 7pm at Rapson Hall 89 Church Street at the University of Minnesota. The event is free and open to the public. Please join us!



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jointly author the draft report, which is scheduled for release on September 20. In it, the authors will summarize the RiverFIRST vision for Upper Riverfront parks development, along with research, engagement and other steps taken to gather relevant information; detail recommendations for priority sites and projects, timing, and funding; and suggest steps and structure for maintaining project momentum.

On Tuesday, September 20, the Minneapolis Park Board invites the community to join Advisory and Technical committee members to a 6-8:00 PM briefing on the draft report at Park Board headquarters, 2117 West River Road. HR&A, along with TLS/KVA and Project Manager Mary deLaitre, will present to the MR|DI Steering Committee on Wednesday, September 21, beginning at 7:30 am, at Park Board headquarters.

Minneapolis Park Board Commissioners will hear the MR|DI team's formal presentation during the regularly scheduled board meeting on September 21 at 5:30 PM in the board room at Park Board headquarters. At that meeting, Park Board planning staff anticipate asking Commissioners to authorize a 45-day comment period on the MR|DI draft report. For timely information regarding news and developments, community members are encouraged to sign up for the e-newsletter

<http://minneapolisriverfrontdevelopmentinitiative.com/newsletter> or subscribe to the blog at <http://minneapolisriverfrontdevelopmentinitiative.com/feed>.

"These two intensive days of briefings and presentations represent the apex of a six-month collaborative effort to transform a brilliant-but-conceptual design for city-building into a visionary blueprint that will guide the near- and long-term future of Upper Riverfront parks development," says Mary deLaitre, Project Manager for the MR|DI, who notes that an exhaustive list of participating individuals and organizations will be recognized and thanked in the draft report. "But our preparation and presentation of the draft report is by no means the culmination of this project, which began long before the MR|DI and includes the work of so many. Following public comments on the draft report, Park Board planning department staff will set the pace when they present recommendations to Park Board Commissioners later this fall."

In April 2011, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board established the Minneapolis Riverfront Development Initiative as a special project to carry through the promise of connecting people from near and far with new multifunctional Upper Riverfront parks along "America's fourth coast." The MR|DI was charged with transforming the winning parks design of the renowned Minneapolis Riverfront Design Competition, called RiverFIRST, from a visionary concept to a workable plan for short- and long-term development. Beginning in April, TLS/KVA went through a three-month in-depth editing process led by the MR|DI project team and involving the public and Steering, Advisory and Technical committees. From June through August, the MR|DI implemented a multidimensional community engagement process that

MINNEAPOLIS MINDS

Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) has a good problem: growth. Enrollment has been growing, particularly at some schools in south and southwest Minneapolis, over the past few years and is expected to continue to

A Good Problem

By Steve Kotvis

grow. The growth, just like enrollment declines in the past, is in partially explained by demographics, to the extent that the city is still a desirable place for people with kids to live and raise a family. And it's due to growing confidence in the quality and stability of our public schools. In some neighborhoods it's also because unchecked promises of Charter Schools aren't quite panning out to be what they had hoped.

The problem with growth is some schools have become unbearably overcrowded. Some overcrowding has been addressed and occasionally caused, as in the case of Kenwood students being routed to Anthony instead of nearby Anwatin, by the delineation of attendance boundaries. But further redrawing of attendance boundaries is not a solution. Its ripple affect only creates widespread instability that has proven to scare families away from Minneapolis public schools.

Overcrowding and the need to invest capital to expand some schools, within the context of the need to maintain and repair the district's 54 school buildings, is on the School Board's radar. Three school capital projects and the Facilities Capital Planning were on the September 6th School Board working session meeting agenda.

Overall, there is a need for about \$286 million (\$71-\$72 million per year) to fund capital projects over the next four years. About 70 percent is planned to address projects that have been deferred for lack of funds. These are important projects to ensure facilities don't

go into disrepair leading to more costly damages, such as leaky roofs, aging boilers, and the like. Another \$13 million per year, or 18 percent, is dedicated to ongoing facility maintenance and repairs. That leaves only \$8 million per year, or 11 percent, for investment in capital expansion. Under consideration in order of their likely approval, are expansion projects at three schools: Lake Nokomis (south), Lake Harriet (southwest) and Pratt (southeast).

Funds to support the \$286 million in capital projects come from a debt service levy that is paid through property taxes. Sensitive to local taxpayers, the plan to finance the facilities capital needs will keep the levy below the present 85 percent of the debt capacity and will not increase property taxes. Moreover, capital expenses do not tap into operating budgets and will not affect the number of teaching or other staffing positions. They generally do not increase, and potentially reduce operating costs when they replace aged equipment.

Even with growing enrollment in some areas, State funding for public education continues to be at risk for Minneapolis schools. It can't manage that. But it can manage enrollment growth with reasonable certainty. And that turns what might be considered a problem into an opportunity. An opportunity to further strengthen our public schools and serve those who call Minneapolis home, whether or not they have school aged children.

Steve Kotvis, a Kenwood resident for 26 years, has written this monthly column *Minneapolis Minds* about public education since January 2008. He is an active volunteer in community and public education issues. Please feel free to share your comments, opinions or insights with him at stevek@f-go.us.

included a community input survey taken by more than 600 people, participation in more than 30 community events, three public meetings, more than 40 solo presentations and meetings by the MR|DI project manager, and the debut of "River Is," a gathering of people's thoughts about the Mississippi today and for the future.

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The Hill Lake Community is encouraged to participate in this exciting endeavor.

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Thomas Lowry Park

By Barry Lazarus

As you read this, Friends will have had its first, annual fundraiser. However, Friends thanks the many of you who did send in a donation even if you could not attend. It is not too late to send in a contribution. Funds can be sent to Friends, c/o of Sara Peterman, 1801 Irving Ave So, Minneapolis, MN 55403.

A fashion photo shoot took place in the Park on Wednesday, August 31, sponsored by The Foursome, a fine men's apparel and shoe store located at 3570 Vicksburg Lane, Plymouth, MN. Stop in and tell them that you thought the setting for their ad in front of the urn in the Park was most beautiful—maybe you'll even buy something.

Once again, please thank our neighbor Bill Payne who has meticulously overseen and perfected the irrigation system in the Park in order to keep the grass green and the plantings flourishing. All of us have enjoyed the dividends of beauty in the Park by his, and many others, efforts. Check out the gateway to the Park and the blooming flowers. Mother Nature again demonstrated that sun, water, weeding and Bill Payne work miracles even on the ugly duckling we all saw this spring.

We are pleased to print an article by Dr. Jen Holm, DVM, DACVECC.

Ask the Vet:

Q: My 8 year old Labrador retriever seems stiff at times in his hind legs and it looks like he is painful. Could he have arthritis and is it ok to give him an aspirin?

A: Osteoarthritis is common in older, large breed dogs so arthritis certainly could be the cause of the hind limb stiffness you notice. However, there are potentially other causes of hind limb stiffness which should be ruled out by your dog's veterinarian. The cornerstones of managing osteoarthritis in dogs are weight control, strength training and pain control. Aspirin use in dogs is not recommended because of the significant risk of gastrointestinal ulceration and bleeding. Your veterinarian can perform a thorough exam and any diagnostic tests needed to determine the presence of arthritis and recommend a treatment plan. There are many pain control drugs similar to aspirin that are approved for use in dogs that present less risk of gastrointestinal ulceration when compared to aspirin.

Q: My 12 year old cat seems to drink a lot of water. The water bowl is usually empty when I come home from work in the evening and she drinks like she is thirsty immediately when I fill it. There are also large amounts of urine in the litter box. She seems ok otherwise. Is this a problem?

A: Healthy cats don't tend to drink large amounts of water as cat kidneys are very good at concentrating kidney waste products in the urine. There are many potential causes of drinking a lot of water in cats, especially older cats. Diabetes, kidney disease, and hyperthyroidism are common in older cats and can cause them to drink larger than usual amounts of water. Your veterinarian can perform an exam and other diagnostics to determine the cause of drinking larger than usual amounts of water. In

THE NOT FAMOUS PERSON'S HOMES TOUR

By Beth St. John

Late this past Saturday night I had the pleasure of sitting at King's Wine Bar at 46th & Grand with a new friend of mine. We shared a drink and some spicy french fries and chatted about the Kenny Neighborhood Summerfest that just ended — The Buzz played escaping the torrential rains that had plagued the bands of the last several years. There was food from Famous Dave's, fake tattoos, your customary bouncy inflatable obstacle course, the fire engine, and a water balloon launcher where kids got to aim at some crazy guy standing in a wading pool 50 yards away.

Yep, it sounded like your standard neighborhood festival with its own distinct personality.

We started talking about neighborhoods and the ones that I had lived in — East Harriet, Lowry Hill, East Isles, Lowry Hill again, and now Fulton. Each one has its own personality with its own perks and flaws; its own good, bad and ugly. We talked about the PALIO festival which made me nostalgic for days gone by . . . that one October day I woke up in East Isles to "Lowry Hill Green Turtles Rock" written on my driveway. Or maybe it was "East Isles Blue Raccoons Stink" I can't remember. Either way I got a kick out of it. I love that stuff.

My Lowry Hill buds thought they had written it in washable paint. There were also friendly combative phrases written at the East Isles parade meeting place, Triangle Park, which all ultimately had to be removed by the City's graffiti-removal task force since the ink turned out to be not exactly all that washable.

We talked about the houses — the duplex with the awesome landlords, the haunted one, the one I hated with the fabulous view, the beautiful brick one, and the 1500 square-foot one I live in now. Then we decided to take the inaugural "St. John Homes Driving Tour" which is probably the "One and Only, First and Last St. John Homes Driving Tour" actually . . . since it probably wouldn't have quite the draw of a Homes of the Hollywood Stars bus tour.

First stop: East Harriet, 43rd block of Aldrich, white duplex, forest green trim, as cute as ever. Interesting historic revelation: A girl named Frances pulled away the veil of my friend's innocence on the 4500 block of Fremont Ave S on a sweltering summer night in 1984 while "When Doves Cry" played on the radio. Java Jack's was the place to go and I thought my future children would end up going to Clara Barton Open School. . . little did I know how things would pan out. I was 25 when I lived there.

many cases early diagnosis and treatment of diabetes, kidney disease, and hyperthyroidism can slow progression of these diseases and their complications.

Q: Someone recently told me grapes are toxic for dogs. I feed my dog grapes as treats and my dog has never become sick. Are grapes toxic for dogs?

A: In the last 10 years or so, grapes and raisins have been documented to cause acute kidney failure in dogs with some cases being fatal. The toxic compound in grapes and raisins has not been identified. Based on cases report-



Beth St. John

Next stop: Lowry Hill, told the story of the ghost lady who haunted the house but thankfully liked my decorating skills. Talked about how I should have just stayed there and never moved to Lake of the Isles.

3rd stop: Lake of the Isles (a.k.a. "The Booby Prize" for not being able to move to Manhattan in early 2000s).

Talked about not having enough money to fix it up. Warned friend that the new owners might not like me too much as he boldly walked up their front steps at midnight in order to take in the fabulous view.

"Those trees weren't there when we lived here." I said.

Then I proceeded to tell the story about how I searched the internet for rare beetles that I might be able to mail-order purchase in order to kill the small baby trees the city just planted across the street by the lake that would ultimately grow up to block the lovely view of the lake and stone bridge that goes over to Lake Calhoun. Forgot to tell him about the fantasies I used to have about "accidentally" driving my car full-speed off of Lake of the Isles Pkwy across the grass and "unintentionally" taking down three trees in one fail swoop without harming any humans or small animals.

4th stop: 1900 block of Irving Avenue. Short stop. I got a lump in my throat. Told him that I used to be a part of a ladies'-night-out group that meets the second Monday of the month to drink, and catch up, and gossip. Divulged that there was one hosted by the lovely new owner of my beautiful old brick house that I couldn't bring myself to attend. I loved that house. . . and that neighborhood.

Last stop: 50th block of Queen Avenue South, Fulton Neighborhood — my current, and I'm 100% sure not last, house. It's as cute as a button from the outside. Kind of messy on the inside with toys everywhere. And, even though it might smell like a large dog, small cat, and hundreds of kids shoes piled up near the front door, it's perfect. It's mine.

We "did good by the dog" and gave her a quick walk then parted ways. The tour was over. I stole a quick five hours of sleep then met another old friend for coffee at Turtle Bread on 44th. Made it home by 9:30 a.m. before the kids got home from their dad's.

Life is good in the new hood.

ed, there does seem to be a toxic dose of grapes and raisins based on body weight. It is possible your dog tolerated the small amount of grapes as treats but may become ill with a larger amount. Grapes and raisins should not be given to dogs as treats and if your dog ingests grapes or raisins, you should seek veterinary attention immediately.

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It's Back to School at Kenwood Elementary

By Nicole Valentine

School bells rang early the morning of Monday, August 29 at Kenwood Elementary School, marking the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year for the Minneapolis Public School. The year got off to a smooth start as the teachers and staff welcomed 470 students to the neighborhood school, which houses grades Kindergarten through Fifth. "Our school remains a very popular choice among neighborhood

families, as well as those outside of our bussing area, so once again we are at building capacity. And this is a good thing since we want families to choose our school and students to return for their entire elementary school education," said school Principal Cheryl Martin. "The dedicated staff and tremendous parent support make this a wonderful school at which to teach and learn."

Kicking off the year was the school's annual Back-to-

School BBQ organized and sponsored by the PTA. The popular event, held Thursday, August 25 on the school's playground, is a great opportunity for children to see friends they may have missed over the summer and for families to eat a delicious BBQ dinner with their community. The highlight for the children each year is being able to meet their new teachers, visit their new classrooms, and drop off the bags of school supplies gathered over the

summer break. "This event is so much fun for the kids and it really helps to get our minds focused on school after a long summer," said parent, Kenwood resident, and PTA Board member Michelle Smith. Over the course of the evening, almost 700 dinners were served to families, teachers, and school staff members.

At this year's event, a bench was dedicated to the memory of long-time Kenwood School volunteer Doris Battenberg. Doris, who volunteered at the school weekly for 40 years, and who sent the five youngest of her eight children to the school, passed away last spring. Her family donated her memorial funds to the school. Principal Martin dedicated the wooden garden bench to Doris' memory and thanked her family for their support. Additional memorial funds will be used to establish a field trip fund for the school. Several of Doris's family members were in attendance at the event.

The PTA also hosted a welcome coffee on the playground for Kindergarten parents the morning of Wednesday, August 31 to mark their first day of classes. PTA Co-President and Lowry Hill East Resident Ann Do said, "we've found that many Kindergarten families put their Kindergarteners on the bus the first day, then race to the school to make sure they got here safely and to take pictures as they walk into the building. A few years ago we decided that this would be the perfect time to welcome these families to the school community and to create an opportunity where they can socialize with new families like themselves." ECCO resident and new Kenwood School mom, Karen Abel said, "[My son] was so excited at the bus stop this morning, it's me that is a mess." There were some tears on the playground that morning, mostly from moms, but overall, children and parents were excited to begin their school year. "My son is so ready for this. And he's visited the school so many times with his older sister that he is very comfortable here," said Kenwood resident Stephanie Bell.

Neighborhood residents may have noticed changes to the morning and afternoon drop off and pick up procedures due to safety concerns. Full-sized busses now drop off and pick up students on Franklin Avenue along the

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It's Back to School at Kenwood

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north end of the school. Special Education busses now pick up and drop off on 21st Street, along the south end of the playground. Parents or guardians of "walkers" or students who are driven to school may park their cars and pick up their charges along Penn Avenue. "We are hopeful that this new procedure will be safer, less congested, and less chaotic for parents and students," said Principal Martin. And as always, volunteer Fifth Grade Safety Patrol members act as crossing guards at the corners of Franklin and Penn and Penn and 21st Street. Families are encouraged to cross only at the corners.



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EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EIRA)

By Monica Smith, Recorder

Minutes from the EIRA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting September 6, 2011, Grace-Trinity Community Church

Board members present: Dan McLaughlin (Vice President), Ginna Portman Amis, Sue Durfee, Tina Frontera, Jane Schommer, Linda Schutz, and Joe Sinnott. Dan McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Open Forum:

A resident reported that the fire hydrant on the SE corner of Humboldt and 27th froze this past winter. Council Member Tuthill to investigate.

Suggestion to print coupons for area businesses on the back of the new parking meter receipts.

Concern about the cutting of vegetation on the south side of Lake of the Isles. Commissioner Tabb will be asked to address at the October Members' meeting.

Meg Tuthill, Ward 10 Council Member:

80 positions are open on City boards and commissions.

Mayor's 2012 budget presentation: Sept.12, noon, Grain Exchange Building, 4th Floor.

Grand opening of the Bryant Ave Bike Blvd: Sept 22, late afternoon.

Meet with Meg: Sept 13, noon-1 p.m., 5th Precinct

Minneapolis Development Review Customer Service Center will be closed for business on Sept 22. It will reopen at 8 am on Sept. 23

The Planning Commission is considering eliminating CUP for buildings with 5+ stories. Public Hearing: Sept 19, 4:30 p.m. Room 317 City Hall.

5th Precinct crime year-to-date: Violent crime up 11%, property crime up 1%. Burglaries are up. Secure first floor window AC units to prevent easy access.

New liquor stores being proposed for East Isles. Planning Commission will review two applications on Sept 19. Only one will be allowed: restrictions requiring 2,000 ft door-to-door between liquor stores, and 300 ft from churches and schools.

Bob Kowalski, Kowalski's Market

Bob Kowalski and architect George Johnson presented a proposal to add a liquor store to Kowalski's Market at 2440 Hennepin Ave S. to offer one-stop shopping for customers. 1,000 sq ft addition on east side of existing building using matching materials. Liquor store and market will have separate doors but will share a vestibule (shopping

center designation). Liquor store will be 1,500 sq ft with 80% wine, + specialty beer and liquor. The patio, green space and bike racks will be accommodated and parking will remain as is. May need to reduce glazing below City standard of 30% to protect wine from UV rays. Hours: M-Th 9 am to 9 pm and F-Sat 9 am to 10 pm. Qualified security for the liquor store will be added. If approved, Kowalski's would like to start construction soon. Neighborhood feedback will be considered.

Proposed Liquor Store at 2700 Hennepin

Paul Abdo was scheduled to present his plan for redeveloping the current BP gas station at 2700 Hennepin as a liquor store. Mr. Abdo did not attend the meeting. The BOD discussed details provided by Abdo in advance of the meeting and independent research by board members. Complete redevelopment of the existing site, 6,000 sq ft one-story stucco building situated on the corner of 27th and Hennepin. Parking to the west and south of store. One-way car entrance from 27th St and two-way on Hennepin. Abdo would be the property owner, with Hoyt Properties developing the site and Cellers Wine and Spirits operating the store. Concerns were expressed about: traffic and delivery vehicles on 27th St., noise, adequacy of fencing, buffering, type of lighting and security given nearby residential, windows, building materials and texture, sustainability, disposition of underground storage tanks, environmental remediation, etc. Issue was raised that if a liquor store is not approved at this location, the property may be redeveloped for another purpose and the neighborhood may want to have input on the development.

The EIRA BOD voted to support the Kowalski's proposal (6 yea, 1 abstention). The EIRA BOD unanimously voted to disapprove of the proposal for 2700 Hennepin based on the information at the disposal of the BOD. Dan McLaughlin to send an email to CM Tuthill stating the BOD decisions. Individuals are encouraged to send comments to CM Tuthill as well.

Walker Library Update

Christina Melloh, EIRA's appointee to the Walker Library Community Advisory Committee (CAC). The next CAC meeting will be Sept 8 at 6:30 p.m. On Sept 13, The Park Board will hold the last of three public meetings regarding the Mall/new library. Design options showing integration of the library and the Mall are available on the Park Board website. There is no current plan to integrate the space with the Midtown Greenway. Public comments are encouraged at this phase. Request to maintain a walkway from the Mall to the transit station during construction of the site.

Triangle Park Renovation

The public hearing for the proposed renovation of Triangle Park is Sept 7, 5:45 p.m. at Park Board admin office, 2117 W. River Rd.

Social Committee

Thanks to sponsors and volunteers for a successful Ice Cream Social, and to Art Fair pop booth volunteers. The annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser will be Oct 26 at Calhoun Square. 100% of proceeds of tickets sold in advance by EIRA go directly to East Isles.

EIRA Zoning Committee

No additional zoning committee action. No meeting Sept 13.

NRP Report, Monica Smith

The EIRA BOD unanimously approved submitting ads in the Hill and Lake Press (Sept and Oct).

The CPP guidelines for 2012 funding will be available soon.

East Isles Phase II funds have been approved at 66% of allocation. Fund available: \$255,653.

The NRP Steering Committee presented plans for implementing the following:

Send Request for Proposals to two agencies to administer home improvement loan program (\$72,600):

Below-market interest rate loans for energy efficiency upgrades and exterior repairs.

Loan amounts \$2,500-7,500, 5-year terms

Four or fewer dwelling units

Home Security Grant (\$10,000)

Maximum grant: \$250 per household for exterior lighting of residential properties. Energy efficient equipment preferred.

One-month application period, if interest exceeds funding, a lottery will be held. If not, ongoing first-come, first-served basis.

Affordable Housing Loan to Nonprofits Assistance Fund (NAF) - (\$72,600)

NAF has similar loans with Lowry Hill and CIDNA.

NAF would loan to Urban Homeworks

5-year loan, 1-1/2% interest rate. Once repaid, the money can be used for other East Isles priorities.

If Urban Homeworks defaults on the loan, EIRA will be repaid by NAF funds.

Lighting on the Greenway (\$12,000)

Install low-level light fixtures on Greenway at Irving and Humboldt. Currently no lighting between James and Humboldt.

Form an East Isles Green Team. The committee is working to leverage Park Board and Hennepin County funds to make improvements to the Mall as the new library is being built. Volunteers are needed to help implement additional strategies. The EIRA BOD unanimously voted to approve the proposed implementation plan.

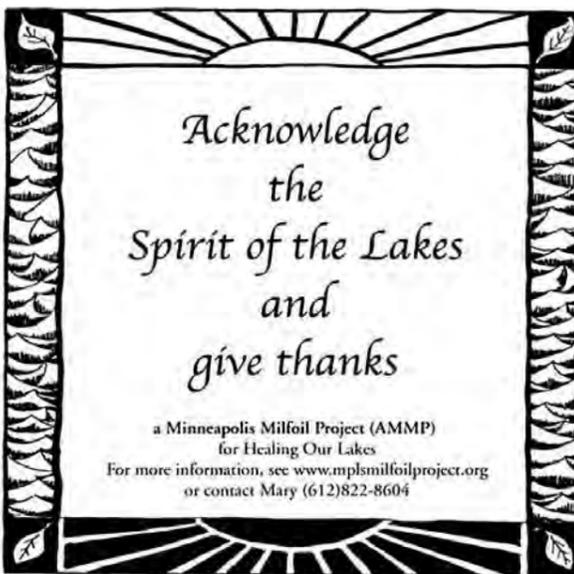
Discussion Items

Conflict of Interest forms need to be signed by all Board and committee members.

For next meeting: Information about speed display box on 2800 block of Irving; Follow up on 24th St and Fremont intersection; Strategic planning for EIRA.

Board members are requested to tour Smith Triangle in advance of the next BOD meeting.

Monica Smith's contract renewal was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.



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CIDNA FALL FESTIVAL

By Judy Berge

The annual neighborhood Fall Festival will be held on Sunday, September 18, 2011, from 1:00 PM—4:00 PM. As always, it will be in Park Siding Park, West 28th Street and Dean Court, just off the Kenilworth Trail.

15 years ago the first Fall Festival was held to celebrate the completion of the park, which was funded with NRP funds and spearheaded by Anna Jean Lee and Jan Burke. The area was transformed from a run down, weedy corner into the beautiful, much used park it is today. We will be honoring Jan and Anna Jean with a cake at the Festival!

All CIDNA residents are encouraged to attend. It is a totally free event with a face painter, moonwalk,

and prizes for the kids, and tables with information about issues such as light rail and the forced main construction on Sunset Boulevard for adults. There will be lots of food provided by neighborhood businesses and CIDNA. Wakabe is providing sushi— what other neighborhood picnic has fresh sushi?—MGM and Caribou are donating soda and coffee, Urban Eatery is donating food, and Ed Bell and Ed Furlato will be grilling hot dogs.

Jones- Harrison Residence has been a wonderful neighbor to CIDNA, countless times throughout the year. The Fall Festival is no exception. We thank them so much for all of their help, both in donations and in their assistance in so many ways. We know we can always count on them! Other organizations, such as the Midtown Greenway, will be there to answer questions also. Joyce Food Shelf volunteers will be there to accept monetary donations too. It is a wonderful way to meet your neighbors and have a great time. Don't miss it!



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New City Web Name – www.minneapolismn.gov
Our email addresses will also change. Our new email addresses are as follows:

- Council Member Meg Tuthill – meg.tuthill@minneapolismn.gov
- Policy Aide Leslie Foreman – leslie.foreman@minneapolismn.gov
- Associate Breanna Patsch – breanna.patsch@minneapolismn.gov

Please note that both the website and email with the previous domain name – www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us – will continue to work indefinitely.

Bryant Ave Bike Boulevard and the 1st and Blaisdell Bike Lane projects. In spite of the delay, the projects should still be completed this year. Opening celebrations for both projects are being planned. Tentative dates are mid-September for the Bryant Ave Bike Boulevard celebration and early October for the 1st & Blaisdell Bike

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KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION (KIAA)

By Amy Lucas

September 2011 KIAA Meeting Minutes
Chair Sam Murphy called the September 12, 2011 KIAA meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Sam Murphy, Chair, Jeanette Colby, Kathy Low, Amy Lucas, Larry Moran, Ed Pluimer, Pat Scott, and Kathy Williams.

Others present: Patrick Sadler, 6th Ward council aide; Russ and Mary Horsch, Kenwood residents; and Dylan Thomas, Southwest Journal.

6th Ward City Council Update – Patrick Sadler, aide to CM Lisa Goodman

Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED) Dept has issued new reports on healthy housing indicators and Mpls socioeconomic and housing trends. CPED also working on 5 year goals and 2020 vision report.

There are 80 open positions on Mpls boards and commissions including positions on the City's new Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC). Visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/boards-and-commissions.

Sept 18 Bike Tour around Mpls will close many parkways.

Sept 19, 7:00 p.m. U of M presentation on Vision for Revitalization of Upper Riverfront, Rapson Hall at U of M School of Architecture

Feb 11, 2012 Mpls Neighborhood and Communication Connectiveness Conference

Mr. Sadler explained the City demolition process for the house located at 2380 W. Lake of the Isles Pkwy, recently purchased by Russ and Mary Horsch, 25-year residents of Kenwood. The Board was told that all houses on Lake of the Isles will be subject to a potential Historic District review in case of proposed demolition, and we discussed why and how this should be made known to property owners and buyers.

Southwest LRT Update – Jeanette Colby

\$100 million Request for Proposal (RFP) out for engineering of SW Corridor

Hennepin Community Works Projects will continue work on station-area planning

DEIS-issued date not announced yet

Jeanette will ask Mayor's aide, Peter Wagenius, to speak to KIAA on City's SW LRT position

KIAA Website and Newsletter – Kathy Williams

Kathy continues to work with Bruce Camp on KIAA website design

KIAA newsletter scheduled to be delivered in Oct. with requests for donations/membership, and with news of updated website.

Parade Ground Resurfacing– Kathy Williams

Park Board has \$700,000 budget for repaving; still considering design of road

Road around Parade Stadium will not be paved this year

Lake of the Isles Restoration Committee Report– Kathy Low

Pat Scott, Kathy Low and Harvey Ettinger (EIRA) met with Park Board planning staff including Bruce Chamberlain, and Anita Tabb, Park Board Commissioner, to discuss the report on Lake of the Isles Renovation Project (April 2011), produced by the Citizens' Joint Review Committee.

The report addressed lake plantings and maintenance, light poles, turf conditions, benches, kiosk location, and general oversight of the lake by the Park Board

KIAA approved an expenditure of \$87.12 for report production to be paid through the Citizen Participation Fund

Kathy Williams is working with neighborhood residents to adopt and maintain garden plots around Lake of the Isles

NRP Policy Board Elections–Pat Scott

NRP will continue into 2012 as neighborhoods complete their Phase 2 plans

KIAA appointed Pat Scott to represent KIAA at the NRP policy board elections

Walker Library Update–Pat Scott

Current meetings have discussed the Park Board land around the Walker Library

Open House on Sept 27, 6:30 p.m. at Walker Library will review the schematic plans of the proposed library

\$12 million for new library remains in capital budget

Wine Tasting Event–Sam Murphy

Oct. 26 at Calhoun Square from 6-9 p.m.; \$25 in advance, \$30 at door

400 wines will be presented and Tim McKee cooking demos

All proceeds from the event are donated to the surrounding neighborhood organizations

To purchase tickets in advance, contact Sam Murphy at smurphy@msn.com.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Reminder: The next KIAA Board meeting will be Monday, October 3 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Rec Center. The public is welcome to attend these monthly meetings.

Join your neighbors for these East Isles events!

EIRA Semi-Annual Members Meeting
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 7:00 P.M.
Grace-Trinity Community Church, 1430 W. 28th Street

Agenda will include updates from elected officials and reports on community concerns. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Residents may, if they wish to vote, become a member at the meeting.

Contact Dan McLaughlin, EIRA Vice President at president@eastisles.org with questions.

Hennepin Lake Community Wine Tasting
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 6:00-9:00 P.M.
Calhoun Square, Lake Street and Hennepin Avenue

Support your neighborhood by buying a ticket! 100% of the proceeds from East Isles ticket sales are donated to the neighborhood.

Featuring 400 varieties of wine. Food by Chef Tim McKee. Sponsored by Calhoun Square, il Gatto (Parasole), Great Clips and Hennepin Lake Liquor. Ticket prices: \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door

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greater flexibility. She grants that the professional, white-collar line 25 rider, who does not work a factory schedule, may not find enough flexibility to continue to use the bus.

Although Harper would not speculate, the thrust of her comments implied that ridership on the remaining line 25 trips was marginal and that a transit funding crisis or continued passenger losses could put the neighborhoods' remaining bus service in jeopardy.

As a regular rider of the 25 for 14 years now, I know several neighbors who abandoned the bus to bicycle to work. It's good for them and good for the environment, but it shaves the 25 line's razor-thin margins even further. I use the line less frequently because the chronically tardy status of the bus between 5 and 6 p.m. means I can't pick up my kids on time.

Ironically, while Kenwood and CIDNA work subtly to impede an LRT stop in the Kenilworth Corridor that portends a huge increase in transit service to a portion of the neighborhood, we are in real jeopardy of losing the remaining sliver of transit service we currently have.

The neighborhood's one ace in the hole may be its relative isolation. Metro Transit's Harper said the agency likes to structure service so no city resident is more than a mile from a bus line, but the elimination of route 25 service would do just that in the areas near Kenwood Parkway and Cedar Lake.

Still, Hanson says that consideration can be trumped by other factors, including a neighborhood's relative transit-dependence (ours could not be lower on that scale) and the need for scarce resources elsewhere. Meaning Metro Transit will not leave passengers standing on Hennepin Avenue for want of a bus with available seats so it can send comparatively empty buses into Kenwood eight times a day.

Unfortunately, many of those passengers who can't find room on a Hennepin Avenue bus are there because two decades of cuts to Kenwood/CIDNA service have rendered it too infrequent and inflexible to suit today's complicated lifestyles and schedules. And the vicious cycle rolls on.

Adam Platt is Executive Editor of MplsStPaul Magazine, a daily transit user, and a longtime Kenwood resident.

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2300 Girard S # 303	179,550		76	170,000	C	2/1	830	180,000	2,790	1916	
48 Groveland Terr #B106	282,900	3,950	440	217,675	C	2/2	1,200	209,800	3,511	1967	
2715 Girard S	235,000		28	233,500	H	3/2	1,405	210,000	3,318	1909	
2950 Dean Pkwy #1906	275,000		84	235,000	C	2/2	1,160	274,000	4,568	1978	
1928 Drew S	350,000		64	250,000	H	2/1	1,070	363,500	6,269	1941	
1925 Dupont S #10	273,000	9,625	120	275,000	C	2/1	1,550	238,500	3,818	1912	
3441 St Louis Ave	379,950		288	287,500	TWN	3/2	1,847	328,000	5,391	1985	
2845 Irving S	320,000		111	315,000	C	2/2	1,245	318,500	5,310	1912	
2950 Dean Pkwy #1002	375,000		206	320,000	C	2/2	1,625	360,500	5,985	1978	
1918 Cedar Lake Pkwy	580,000		301	449,900	H	2/1	922	451,500	9,366	1901	
2012 Drew S	489,000		32	460,000	H	2/2	2,700	424,000	7,272	1954	
2005 Girard Ave S	499,000	10,000	30	465,000	H	4/3	2,950	568,000	9,836	1900	
1948 Shendan S	565,000	8,000	180	558,000	H	3/3	1,927	606,500	10,431	1900	
2740 Drew S	679,000		248	580,000	H	4/2	2,898	586,000	10,082	1940	
2405 Shendan S	749,000		353	582,450	H	5/4	2,663	695,000	12,306	1913	
2416 Shendan S	649,900		110	588,500	H	4/3	2,610	752,000	13,452	1908	
1729 Logan S	549,900		5	600,000	H	6/3	2,804	572,000	10,299	1900	
2115 Humboldt S	624,900		33	600,000	H	5/2	3,472	540,000	9,274	1901	
1900 Knox Ave S	890,000		53	700,000	H	4/5	4,244	1,126,500	21,220	1941	
2424 Humboldt S	860,000		52	755,000	H	5/4	3,669	863,500	15,887	1907	
1624 W 26th St	1,050,000		347	675,000	H	5/5	4,155	1,002,000	18,711	1908	
2416 W 24th St	1,135,000		263	935,000	H	4/4	3,576	833,500	15,108	1910	
1632 W 26th St	1,349,000		668	945,000	H	5/5	4,481	854,000	15,693	1913	
2572 W Lake of Isles	2,195,000		41	1,950,000	H	5/5	4,384	1,750,000	33,780	1909	
301 Kenwood Pkwy #501	2,700,000		831	2,150,000	H	3/3	4,335	2,158,000	42,184	2002	
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Where we are Now

I've often reminded readers of how fortunate we are to live in such a beautiful area, the lakes, the trees, proximity to shops and downtown, but mostly because of the people who live here. My husband has been ill, very

By Jean Deatruck, Editor

ill, since May. He has days when he feels healthy, but more often, days where he can hardly get out of bed. He is receiving excellent care at the Fairview University medical system. And we have spent happy days this summer in Bayfield where we have a cottage and a sailboat. We have, however, neglected our Lowry Hill garden and yard. Bushes needed to be pruned, weeds had overtaken the garden and stand tall with the phlox, the hydrangeas, and the lilies, and mulch was nonexistent.

Imagine our surprise when Barb Fogel rang the doorbell with news that neighbors had committed to our yard cleanup with an additional gift to the new Lowry restaurant on Hennepin. And what a job they did. They brought in bags of mulch, trimmed up trees and bushes, recreated the garden, and carted out weeds and debris. This extraordinary gift of time and money was from our dear friends and neighbors: the Lazarus', the Fogels, the Paynes, the Petermans, and the Schneds.

John and I were grateful, thankful, and overwhelmed. This is the kind of neighborhood we live in. Neighbors who watch and who care about others.

August's issue of Hill and Lake Press brought more emails and phone messages than any issue I can recall. Many readers enjoyed hearing about Spring Lake and the floating islands so we placed another photo in this issue.

And nearly everywhere I go in our Lake of the Isles

Library's Most Wanted

By Madeleine Lowry

Though everything we were doing was perfectly allowable, I have to admit that it smacked of, um, hoarding.

We were at the self-checkout at the children's section of the downtown library. My five-year old was expertly checking out a stack of easy readers, DVDs, magazines, audio books, children's fiction, travel guides, paperback mysteries and some random non-fiction. It was just an ordinary trip to the library for family Lowry.

Until the librarian spotted us.

When we hit the 100 item limit on my library card (a regular occurrence) we smoothly switched to my eleven-year old's library card and kept going. My daughter had already checked out a tote bag's worth of teen fiction on her own card.

Everything was on the up and up.

And yet.

The gaunt, balding librarian squinted at us and took a step in our direction. He had a look of either approval or disapproval, I couldn't tell which. I started to scoop our checked items into a large canvas bag with a practiced air of nonchalance. Was he going to scold us for not leaving more books behind for the other patrons?

"Well, hello," he said, "I recognize you and your family. You're here...often."

Was there an accusatory note to his tone? I decided not. Fortunately he didn't know the half of it. We're actually at the Walker Library much more often. And we periodically visit the suburban libraries as well, when we feel the need for fresh materials to browse. In a given week I usually hit the library two or three times and have even been known to visit more than one branch a day.

(I know, I know. It's a disease.)

"You have some voracious readers there, eh?" He stepped toward me again.

I nodded and licked my lips nervously as I started to fill a second bag with books. He didn't know that he was dealing with a hardened library over-user. I got through a very boring childhood by reading up to six books a day courtesy of the New York Public Library.

Whenever I want to learn about something new, I head

for the library and my kids do the same. We own relatively few books and, frankly, when I need to get my hands on a particular title, it is often easier to search the online library catalog and put it on hold than to dig it up around the house. (By the way, there's an app for that now. Putting things on hold, I mean. Not digging around your house.)

I started to fill a third bag. Was there a flashing light over my head indicating "library maximum exceeded"? Was my headshot being plastered on a Most Wanted poster in the staff room even as we spoke?

He tapped his chin thoughtfully, "It must be a challenge to keep all the books together."

"Ah, yes, I guess it is," I replied blandly trying not to make eye contact. Where was he going with this? It was true that we lost a couple of items every year and had to pay for replacements, but I figured that was just the cost of doing business. And far cheaper than buying all of our reading material.

I turned to go. My older two were blithely making their way towards the exit. My youngest was playing with some arty contraption on the wall. Would they notice if I was detained for questioning or shackled to the library stacks?

He stepped toward me again. "How do you do it?" My heart rate picked up a bit and my mouth went dry. Do what? Borrow several hundred items at a time? Sneak them past the security guard? Extract a reluctant five-year old from the children's section?

He seemed to sense my confusion. "How do you keep track of the books once you get them home?"

Oh.

"Well, we keep bags of books in the back hall and the kids take them from there to their rooms and then back down again." Which is not a bad system, except for the aforementioned few that get lost along the way.

He seemed underwhelmed. "I suppose one could set up a mini-library in one part of the house and each person could check out items from there."

Spoken like a true librarian and not, I would like to point out, a parent of three children in a chaotic house-

hold. I had to suppress a chuckle because clearly he was suggesting that we were making off with a mini-library. And he was right.

He nodded, seemingly satisfied that I could be trusted with a significant portion of the library's collection. He gave a little wave. "Have a good weekend."

I smiled, waving being beyond my abilities since both arms were loaded down with books, and aimed for the door with relief. And I thought, how prescient he is! Because, with this many books, we just might have enough reading material to make it through the weekend.

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Lanes celebration. Watch for more information!

One Minneapolis, One Read aims to bring people together

Later this year, folks all over Minneapolis will have something in common: a book. One Minneapolis, One Read aims to bring people together and spark conversations by having everyone read

"The Grace of Silence" by Minneapolis native and National Public Radio host Michele Norris. Her memoir describes the experience of the Norris' as the first black family on their block in a south Minneapolis neighborhood. Read more this community read at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/communications/20110803OneRead_newsletter.asp.

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sand upon the waters

By Tom H. Cook

We have now done 12 separate studies measuring empathy in every way imaginable, social behavior in every way, and some work on compassion and it's the same story. Lower class people just show more empathy, more pro-social behavior, more compassion, no matter how you look at it.

—Dacher Keltner PhD
University of California-Berkeley

It's no shame to be poor, but it's no great honor either.

—Zero Mostel in "Fiddler On The Roof"

This is not an attempt to glamorize poverty and the "noble poor." Yet how can a class of people be so powerless and yet responsible for much of our economic collapse as many politicians would have us believe? The carousel of life is picking up speed and more of us are being tossed roughly to the side every day. That is why I found Dacher Keltner's research so interesting. It goes against the alarming undercurrent of blaming the victim and demonizing the most vulnerable members of our society.

To be poor is to be reminded every day of the need to lean on others. Their survival is based on reading other people's emotions. People in poverty lack social buffers and the luxury of independence. Perhaps realizing the fickleness of the future, they are more willing to share today's small good fortune. According to Keltner, individuals from a lower-class background ask for help and provide help to others more frequently. "When poor people see someone else suffering, they have a physiological response that is missing in people with more resources." Keltner sees a strength in lower class identity: greater empathy, community, more altruism, and finer attunement to other people.

As we get wealthier, Keltner suggests, we are able to insulate ourselves from others. A country squire with a fleet of cars will be unlikely to join a carpool or need to call a neighbor for a last-minute ride to work. Finding a babysitter is not left to the whims of neighborhood teenagers (no, I am not still bitter). Wealth grants us independence, and according to Keltner, diminishes our

empathy for others. The wealthy have the freedom to focus on the self, and consider their opportunities to be earned. In psychology experiments, wealthier people often miss the nuance, and don't read other people's emotions as successfully. As we rise in the classes we become less empathic and more likely to hoard resources.

Keltner's work legitimizes what I have felt to be true, anecdotally, for many years. If I needed a favor, or a rule bent in the name of common sense it was often someone laboring for minimum wage who would go out of his way to help me. Our family has felt deep connections with compassionate home healthcare workers during vulnerable times. When I have needed a break, like a difficult home repair or roadside assistance, individuals without very much have helped me and on occasion refused payment. Invariably I have been impressed by folks with a good heart and a feeling that we are all in this together.

A number of years ago my daughter Rachael, inheritor of the Cook gene for sense of direction, was driving late at night and found herself lost in south central Los Angeles. Panicked, tearful, and in need of a bathroom, she walked into an all night diner and began to cry. The counter man wanted to shoo her along, but the cook came running from the kitchen. This saintly woman calmed her, gave her directions, and made her promise to call when she arrived home safely. Rachael called. Fortunately it was years before I heard the story, but it has always stuck with me.

There are benevolent empathic people of means, as there are cold, selfish poor people. The wonder is that there are not more of each.

Tom H. Cook is a formerly local writer. He is performing, if you can call it that, at The Black Forest (26th and Nicollet) with four really talented spoken word artists September 17th, at 7:30 PM.

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neighborhoods, friends ask me about Jane Johnson. As many of you know, she and her husband Tim moved to England after living in Lowry Hill for well over 30 years. She was a capable editor and business manager for Hill and Lake Press over many years. Jane and Tim are happy in their 14th century home and are busily restoring their house while trying not to incur the wrath of the bureaucrats overseeing such endeavors.



And happily, my youngest daughter Katie and her husband Martin have a lovely daughter, Eve Marie Trimble, who was born on 9/11. I ws fortunate to attend the birth and hear baby's first cries. She is truly a gift to our family.

It's time for Doug's update...(Doug Kress)

I submitted a request to be a team member of a group heading to Israel to learn about politics in the Middle East. I will be leaving Boston and meeting up with a group from MN including Lisa Goodman and Frank Hornstein. I think this will be an amazing learning opportunity for me and others joining me. We will land in Tel Aviv and our time will be spent with political elected, appointed, and policy leaders from a variety of sources. I will be returning to MA and Provincetown later in the month and head back to Town Hall to experience a "Town Meeting".

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