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FIRST AVENUE MAY BE COMING TO PARADE

By David Weinstein

Next summer, the Parade soccer or football fields may be home to a new concert event to be produced by First Avenue productions. Both the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association (LHNA) and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board voted to support, subject to certain conditions, a proposal by First Avenue to host a concert event within Parade.

Concert Proposal by First Avenue

First Avenue, the downtown music club that is a pioneer within the Twin Cities' music scene, has proposed hosting a one or two day rock festival next summer. First Avenue would like to turn a portion of Parade into a concert venue to accommodate roughly 9,000 people, which is about the same amount of people who attend the Walker Art Center's annual Rock the Garden event. The concerts would feature both local and national artists, and the style of music would skew towards a somewhat older and more mature crowd than the Basilica Block Party attracts.

First Avenue has played host to countless music legends in its downtown club for decades, but has recently expanded into promoting events outside of its downtown club. First Avenue has hosted a few outdoor concerts around the City such as in the Caboose Outdoor Plaza. First Avenue has now set its sights on presenting a full-fledged festival somewhere within the City. First Avenue's management team, Dayna Frank and Nate Kranz, identified Parade as their ideal location for a concert festival because of its size, accessibility, and its location within the city and close to downtown. Frank and Kranz have also noted Parade's history of playing host to concerts in the 1970s and would like to revive that history.

How Will this Event Impact the Neighborhood?

For the past few months, First Avenue's management team has been in discussions with the Park Board about the feasibility of concerts within Parade. First Avenue then approached LHNA to seek the neighborhood's support.

Several neighbors expressed understandable concerns about the impact that the concerts would have on the neighborhood, and particularly on residents in the immediate area, such as noise, traffic, and the potential for littering and property damage. At the September 13 LHNA meeting, Frank and Kranz outlined certain measures that First Ave. would take to mitigate the impact on the neighborhood including:

- Facing the stage towards Dunwoody rather than

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MUCH MORE THAN PRETTY IN PINK



In October, The Basilica of St. Mary is participating in Light the Town Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. They are lighting their magnificent dome pink to honor and remember those touched by breast cancer.

Photo by Dorothy Childers

Steve, the Mystery Monster of Lake of the Isles



Photo by Dorothy Childers

A Story About Steve

By Joyce Murphy

There he sits, cool, calm, and collected munching away at a weed from the lake with the backdrop of the Minneapolis skyline framing his existence in the center of Lake of the Isles. He is a most lovable creature made to be admired from afar like the celebrity that he is. *"Steve," the mystery monster, for all of us Lake of the Isles habitués to enjoy.

Why is he here? Where did he come from? No, he did not come from the Park Board's winter storeroom. Not Steve! Nothing so prosaic for Steve. He is a mystery monster in the chain of lakes not to mention all of Minneapolis. So get yourself over to Lake of the Isles

to see him. There's not a minute to lose, and have a look see before he is goes to a warmer place. Monsters like Steve don't like being frozen into the ice surface of Lake of the Isles as winter approaches.

Later into the year he will be probably be replaced by his cousin from up north, Freddy the Frozen monster whose turn it will be to hold forth on the lake. He will be made of snow, fabricated by some creative Lake of the Isles neighborhood resident, but until then Steve is there waiting for you to see, so go already!

*Steve was named by a little boy named Bennett and the name stayed. Bennett said sometimes his friend is called by his nickname, Stevie.

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Lunch with Lisa October 26, 2011.

Discussion starts promptly at noon. Tom Oslund and Tadd Kreun of Oslund and Associates will present the Peavey Plaza design.

St. Thomas University-Minneapolis, Opus Hall 202.

\$10 lunch is offered.

This is the Last Lunch with Lisa for 2011. Look for Later with Lisa, December 19th at the Normandy.

The Birchbark Books Reading Series

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

Roseann Lloyd and Thomas R. Smith, Wednesday, November 9, 2011 7:00 p.m. curated by Michael Kiesow Moore

Roseann Lloyd will read from her forthcoming book, *The Boy Who Slept Under Stars: A*

Sister's Story (Holy Cow! Press), poetry and prose poems coming from the disappearance and

Thomas R. Smith is a poet and teacher living in River Falls, Wisconsin. His books include (with James P. Lenfestey) of Robert Bly in *This World* (University of Minnesota Libraries).

The Kenwood Cafe will offer a prix fixe menu that will include a soup and salad with bread. Beverages and sweets will also be available. The Cafe will start serving at 6 pm.

Uptown Association and the Fifth Precinct are hosting a personal safety workshop, Thursday, Nov. 10 from 6-7:30 pm at Bryant Square Park, 3101 Bryant Ave S.

Theatre Garage

"Chickens on the Freeway: film at 11...the musical," a locally written and produced musical drama of the real story behind the men, women, and the early days of Twin Cities television opens at Theatre Garage, 711 Franklin, Nov. 10 for ten performances. Tickets are \$22 and available at the door or by reservation at 612-201-1732. For details and contact information, visit <http://www.walkingboxes.com> or contact J.B. Eckert at ecker006@umn.edu or 763-559-2127

Anne Ursu - Breadcrumbs

Saturday, October 29th @ 2pm
Birchbark Books and Kenwood Cafe

Anne Ursu, the acclaimed author of *The Cronus Chronicles* trilogy, will be at Birchbark Books to read from and sign her new book *Breadcrumbs*. Inspired by the classic Hans Christian Andersen story "The Snow Queen", *Breadcrumbs* is in turn a remarkable middle grade fantasy, a dazzling ode to the power of children's books, and a heartbreaking meditation on how growing up is as much a choice as it is something that happens to us.

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HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

October 21, 6-9, Denomie at Bockley Gallery

October 26, noon, Lunch with Lisa

October 26 6-9pm Calhoun Square winetasting

November 9, 7pm, Birchbark Books reading series

Nov. 10, Chicken on the Freeway at Theatre Garage

Nov. 10, Personal Safety Workshop, 6-7:30

Bryant Square Park

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

Jim Denomie Works on Paper

Friday, October 21, 6 to 9 pm ,
Exhibition dates: October 22 through November 19, 2011

Gallery Hours: Wednesday through Saturday, Noon to 5 pm. Denomie will be giving an artist talk about the exhibition at the gallery on November 2 at 6 to 7:30 pm. For further information or press photos please contact Todd Bockley, 612-377-4669

Bockley Gallery, 2123 W. 21st Street, Minneapolis

a Halloweentide**Evensong & Concert**

Sunday, 23 October at
four o'clock in the after-
noon

Join us, if you dare, for ghoulish music befitting the season as Saint Paul's parish choir offers Herbert Howells' spine-tingling Gloucester Canticles, and Monte Mason's ghastly new work, *Halloweenies*: a suite for organ, tuned goblets, bowed gong, handbells, and assorted improvised oddments.

An eerie fireside Immaculate Reception of sherry and All Hallows' cheeses will follow in the ghostly, cobwebbed Parish House. Child-care will be provided, and a free-will offering will be received.

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR, MARTY BROAN

Craig Wilson interviews Marty Broan about what he has in common with Ted Haggard, his “Silence of the Lambs” basement, and why he has no intention of ever wearing a tie again.

I understand you grew up on the East Coast...of Wisconsin? Where did you live and go to school? I once had a t-shirt that said, “I’m from Milwaukee and that’s not funny,” that summarizes my feelings about my birthplace. I had a pretty typical childhood, but, as you might expect, more beer. Went to a fairly snooty school that had me in a tie every day. Few have seen me in a tie since.

You then ‘discovered’ yourself in Colorado? Yes, I studied at Colorado College, a great liberal arts school in the center of a town now best known for Ted Haggard. I went in planning on going into the music business and came out wanting to save the world. I took a class from Maurice Strong, founder of the UN Environment Program and author of “Our Common Future” – the book commonly credited for coining the term “sustainability” in its current context. I never looked back. For what it’s worth, I still credit my true “discovery” to a four-month solo hitchhiking trip from Nairobi to Cape Town. It was a hell of a way to grow up quickly and learn what your priorities are.

What brought you to Minneapolis? As much as I enjoyed growing up in Milwaukee, it had its limitations for a couple of people looking for nonprofit careers in the arts and the environment. My wife Siri (no, not the iPhone app) began working at the Walker almost immediately – and is now a very accomplished curator there. I started as an assistant to state environmental legend Willard Munger, who was then Chair of the House of Representatives Environment Committee. Certainly the loads of outdoor opportunities, culture and old friends were huge draws too.

What was being a renter like in Lowry Hill prior to purchasing your house? My wife and I rented four different places over 7 years in Lowry Hill prior to buying a house here. Our first place was the infamous 2000 Fremont house that has been boarded up in recent years. Living with four women, I was Jack Tripper, but he was never lucky enough to marry one of his roommates.



Marty Broan

Basement project just completed today! What a great, inexpensive way to add 1000 square feet of livable space to your house. We went from a classic Lowry Hill, or “Silence of the Lambs” basement to a place where the kids want to hang out 24/7. If you’re up for watching a Packer game on the big screen, taking me on in ping-pong or running or biking inside, give me a buzz and I’ll give you the 99-cent tour.

You are a very active community volunteer. What types of organizations are you involved with? I’m kind of a serial board member – always matching my choices with my passions, which are really the environment and children. I first got on the board of the Wedge Co-op and helped guide it through its expansion to its existing space. I also created the “Wedgshare” philanthropy, which gives away a portion of the coop’s profits to sustainability-minded nonprofits in the community – over \$70,000 last year. I was also on the original boards of the Minnesota League of Conservation Voters (now Conservation Minnesota) and the Minnesota Environmental Partnership (MEP), which are now two of the most robust and influential organizations in the state. Lately, I have focused my volunteer time more on locally focused organizations like the Minneapolis Citizens Environmental Advisory

Having been such a long-time renter in Lowry Hill, I like to think I’m a better advocate for renters on the Lowry Hill board. After all, 60% of our residents are renters.

How’s your home renovation project going?

Committee, Lake Country School, and of course, serving my second term on the Lowry Hill board.

What was your involvement with the Lake of the Isles plan? I was the Lowry Hill voice in a collaborative multi-neighborhood process to review the Park Board’s ten year, \$10 million renovation project. Though it took a labored three years to produce, the end result is a concrete list of suggestions for the Park Board to complete the lake renovation to our satisfaction. The report is now in the hands of very sympathetic Park Board staff and I think we’ll see some improvements in the near future!

But don’t you have to work for a living? Of course! I had a very good 14-year career in the environmental nonprofit world, having been founding staff of both MEP and Conservation Minnesota. I’m proud to have been a part of collaborative efforts that led to the passage of landmark legislation such as the Renewable Energy Standard, the Mercury Reduction Act, and most notably, the Legacy Amendment. I quit because, given the current economic and political climate, there isn’t much hope to reach more high-hanging fruit, or any other fruit, for that matter.

So what next? I hopped the fence from the nonprofit world to the for-profit sector, but I’m still deeply committed to the environment and sustainability. I just got my accreditation to do LEED consulting, with an emphasis on retrofitting old buildings to be more efficient. I’m also selling photovoltaic solar systems which are, thanks to a series of rebates, ridiculously affordable right now. Lastly, I have a long history of addressing clean water issues (see checkmylake.org) and I’m working with stakeholders to identify solutions to clean up their lakes.

Is there a silver bullet to our environmental problems in the 21st century? No, but there are a thousand silver BBs. Clearly, most of our environmental problems stem from energy use and we’re in desperate need of creative solutions for generating clean power and conserving energy. I’m tired of waiting for political solutions. I want to be at the forefront of implementing those solutions. Now. Thinking about a sustainability problem? Let me help you solve it! Find me at martybroan@gmail.com.



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Winona LaDuke to speak on “the Green Path” at Plymouth Congregational Church Monday, November 7, 7pm

Internationally known Native American activist and author Winona LaDuke will speak at Plymouth Congregational Church on Monday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. Her topic, “The Green Path: Land-base Economies and Future Generations,” will address economic



Winona LaDuke

choices in food and energy systems. Plymouth is located at 1900 Nicollet Ave. (at Franklin) in Minneapolis, with plenty of free parking. A reception and book signing will follow. The free event is co-sponsored by Westminster Presbyterian Church in downtown Minneapolis in support of Westminster's Free Trade Gift Fair on Sunday, Nov. 20.

Ms. LaDuke is the founder of the White Earth Land Recovery Project, one of the largest reservation based non-profit organizations in the country. She is also Executive Director of Honor the Earth, where she works on a national level to raise public support and funding for frontline native environmental groups. She is a leader in the issues of culturally based sustainable development strategies, renewable energy and food systems. She works nationally and internationally to protect indigenous plants and heritage foods from patenting and genetic engineering.

In 2007, Ms. LaDuke was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame. In 1997, she was named MS Woman of the Year, along with the singing group “The Indigo Girls”, and also won the Ann Bancroft Award for Women's Leadership. In 1994, Time magazine nominated her as one of America's fifty most promising leaders under age 40. In 1988 she won the Reebok Human Rights Award, with which she began the White Earth Land Recovery Project.

A graduate of Harvard and Antioch Universities, Ms. LaDuke has written extensively on Native American and environmental issues. She is the author of six books, including “Recovering the Sacred,” “All our Relations,” and a novel, “Last Standing Woman.” She is a former board member of Greenpeace USA and is presently an advisory board member for the Trust for Public Lands Native Lands Program and a board member of the Christensen Fund. An enrolled member of the White Earth Band of Anishinaabeg, she lives and works on the White Earth Reservation, and is the mother of three children.

For more information, see www.plymouth.org or www.ewestminster.org.

To the Root of the Issue

MINNEAPOLIS MINDS

By Steve Kotvis

Just about once a month, a group initiated by former mayor Don Fraser gets together in a basement of a church in the University neighborhood called “Committee on the Achievement Gap.” It's an interesting mix of educational and child-focused development professionals, active and former politicians and interested citizens like me. We're all there trying to understand and in some small way potentially solve the concerning, daunting and seemingly elusive challenge of the “achievement gap.”

Alternatively named the “opportunity gap” and the “experience gap”, the issue is that in our schools we have some of the best and brightest while at the same time, kids who are poorly educated and ill-prepared for their futures.

This past month's meeting was facilitated by Lisa Peterson de la Cueva of the online publication Twin Cities Daily Planet for a Bush Foundation sponsored project called “The New Normal.” The session included an audience discussion including the sharing of stories that reflected our experiences of the achievement gap.

I shared my personal story about written correspondence I get from high school students who often write to me as a sports photographer associated with covering their sporting events. Much of the correspondence is great. Others reflect a total lack of the most basic and essential writing skills. And these are coming from high schoolers.

Three optional macro approaches were on the table for discussion. Focusing on intensive intervention seems the most viable option. It's about focusing instruction and providing high quality early childhood education. If I were to describe it in medial model, it might look like triage, and intervening where and how it is most effective. But it was a comment expressed by audience member former Governor Al Quie that fit my

personal theory on ways to address the pressing achievement problem. He believes that teachers should be required to perform home visits. We talked after the meeting and agreed that teachers need to get outside of the four walls of the school and get into the community if they are going to truly reach families and accomplish gains among the most challenged students.

My personal theory is that we may wish to consider a “public health” model in addressing the root of the problems associated with the achievement gap. Today, it seems we are running schools as hospitals, waiting for kids to walk through the door in whatever their learning condition. We try to solve the problems inside the school and say we can't help what happens outside of the building. But if we had a public health epidemic, we wouldn't wait and throw our hands up in the air for more doctors and nurses and operating rooms. No, we would send a team into the community to discover and treat the issue at its root cause.

Teachers are wonderful professionals. But I wish teachers will step outside of their familiar classrooms and into the community. I wish we could look to teachers as professionals who as leaders work as and with allied teams to diagnose and treat the achievement gap challenges where they are rooted.

Steve Kotvis, a Kenwood resident for 26 years, has written 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.

THE KENWOOD'S BEST AMBASSADOR HAS 17 YEARS OF “ON-THE-JOB EXPERIENCE”

When Betty Weiblen moved into the Kenwood Retirement Community, Bill Clinton was President, a first-class stamp was only 29 cents and the Internet was just a new-fangled idea.

The long-time Minneapolis resident moved into the relatively new senior apartments in March 1994 and now, in her 17th year, has been there longer than any resident or staff member. “I feel like I'm part of the establishment,” said Betty.

Betty was born and raised in North Carolina, then moved to Minnesota in 1948. She and her husband, Richard, eventually bought a house in Linden Hills where they remained for 40 years – until they moved to take advantage of the Kenwood's assisted living services.

Richard passed away soon afterwards but Betty, who encourages friends to “make the move before they have to,” made the Kenwood her home. Being close to her two children and four grandchildren (and now a new great-grandchild!) were important reasons Betty chose the Kenwood.

Raising kids, church involvement and working kept her busy during the early years, but retirement hasn't slowed Betty down. She's happy that the Kenwood boasts an active events calendar to keep her going. She starts her day by meeting friends in the building for continental breakfast. “One of the pluses,” she said, “is opening the day with a social hour. It gets the morning off to a good start.”

Betty, who says she's “a grateful 84,” then usually attends a couple of the Kenwood's 16 weekly fitness classes, and every Wednesday she leads a class.

When she's not exercising, Betty enjoys the card and bingo games, the Thursday outings and the introducing new residents to life at the Kenwood. “I love being on the Greeter Committee,” she said. It's a good way for her to get to know all the Kenwood residents. “I'm most impressed with all the interesting people who live here. There's such a diversity in backgrounds. There's never a dull conversation.”

The Kenwood, a full-service rental community in the historic Lowry Hill neighborhood, is proud to have Betty serve as one of its most active ambassadors, and is proud have served seniors in the area for the past 25 years.

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Parade Update

By Anita Tabb, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Commissioner

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towards Lowry Hill to keep sound directed away from the residential portion of the neighborhood.

- Limiting all entrances and exits to the north side of the Parade fields to help minimize traffic on the residential side of the property.
- Closing down the concert by 9:30 pm and directing all traffic back towards downtown and to after-concert parties at First Ave.'s club.
- Providing incentives such as reduced price tickets for concertgoers to arrive by bus, bike, on foot, or in shuttle busses that First Avenue will run from its downtown club.
- Prohibiting guests from carrying any alcohol out of the concert venue.
- Utilizing First Avenue's in-house professional security team rather than contractors to oversee all security for the event.

In addition to efforts to mitigate the impact of a concert, First Avenue pledged to donate \$1 from each concert ticket sold to support environmental projects within Lowry Hill. At the LHNA meeting, the Board discussed the possibility of using such funds to help fund further improvements at Spring Lake, where floating islands were recently installed to improve the water quality of that often-overlooked neighborhood lake.

The LHNA Board voted unanimously to support First Avenue's proposal on the condition that First Avenue work directly with neighbors near Parade to help determine what additional measures would best protect neighbors from any negative impact from a concert.

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board then took up First Avenue's proposal at its October 5 meeting. The Park Board voted to support the proposal conditioned on First Avenue and the Park Board reaching an agreement on specific deal terms.

A Call for Volunteers

As First Avenue has pledged to work closely with both the Park Board and LHNA on planning its event within Parade, LHNA would like to solicit neighborhood residents, particularly those who live close to Parade, to participate in the planning process. LHNA will form an ad hoc group to help ensure that any event by First Avenue will be an asset to the neighborhood and that every measure will be taken to minimize the negative impact on residents. Anyone interested in participating in this process may contact LHNA at dwein-steinmn@gmail.com.

Don't despair! The Parade/Emerson Road repaving project is still a Park Board priority - though large construction projects require more planning, design and review than one might imagine. In late August, Park Board staff provided details about the road status and solicited input regarding construction timing at a neighborhood meeting. Though construction could be started this season, there were no guarantees that it could be completed before the onset of winter. So the community opted to commence construction in the spring of 2012.

Based on neighborhood input, the Park Board will continue to analyze the financial viability of replacing and consolidating the parking lots between the soccer field and ice arena to enhance safety. If the lots cannot be consolidated, safety will be improved with crosswalks. And given that the Parade is prime Minneapolis real estate, the community suggested an overall plan for the area. In response, the Park Board has included a master plan with an active community engagement process in its 2012 work plan. And stay tuned for some additional crosswalks between the two parking lots this winter to keep our young skaters and their fans safe.

For questions or further information about the Parade, Park Board Commissioner Anita Tabb welcomes your input about this or any other park matter at anita@minneapolisparks.org

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Former Lowry Hill Resident Participates in 2011 Twin Cities Marathon



Annie Meyer, who was born and raised on Humboldt Avenue South, ran in the 2011 Twin Cities Marathon. Shown here, she was greeted by her Dad, Neil Meyer, at approximately the two-mile-mark. Annie, who now resides in the Washington, D. C. area, finished the marathon in 4:01:33. She placed 3061 overall among the 8531 finishers.

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Beth St. John

We're in a cab and I spontaneously ask "So, where do people get tattoos around here?" Three women shoot me looks that somehow embody horror, surprise, and adoration all at the same time.

The driver says "King of Ink, it's right over there."

"Let's go."

The cab explodes with exclamations of disbelief and concern.

You see, I've admired tattoos for twenty years and the ladies with me didn't know this as of yet. In 1991 my friend Stacy showed up at my Chicago apartment sporting her tattoo which covered the expanse of her entire right shoulder-blade.

"It's a bird" she had to say because it was hard to discern exactly what it was, not because it's a poorly drawn bird but, because it's more of an abstract, cave drawing-esque kind of representation of a flying bird.

Very Stacy.

My first thought was "THAT is SO cool." Right then and there I knew that someday I would also have a tattoo.

Fast forward to my 30th birthday. I am still wanting a tattoo but, don't know what I would get if I got one. I settle on the Chinese character for "peace" but, am worried that with my flighty nature, I'll tire of "peace" and regret permanently marking myself with the word. And, quite possibly, someday I might become a right-wing, gun-toting, war-mongering, aggressive, violent type of person. You never know.

Move ahead to my 40th birthday. I still want "peace," however, am too preoccupied with my midlife crisis to ink

it.

So, here I am, almost 43, on the Strip in Las Vegas with good friends. I have the nerve. I have the money. I have the friends handy for moral support. I have birthed four babies and know I can handle pain. And, surprisingly, we're sober.

All systems go.

Mind you, I'm not much of a detail person. And when I say I wanted the Chinese character for "peace" for the last twenty years, I had never actually made the effort to look that little character up. I had no idea what it looked like. So, at some ungodly hour, we hop on King of Ink's computer, peruse their stockpile of suggested designs and can't find it. Someone brings out a Mac and we Google "Chinese Character for Peace" finding that it is actually a two-character word. Fine. Excellent. We print out a version that looks like it would make a dandy tattoo and we're ready to go.

"Technique," the tattoo artist whose real name was Zachary gets to work and the inside of my left wrist starts to fry. I would describe it as a few notches under unbearably painful. So, that makes it in the barely bearable range. But, if I extrapolate the four minutes it took to finish "peace" on my wrist, way out to the time it must have taken to get the intricate designs all over Technique's entire body and neck . . . well, that is just an impressive amount of tolerance to pain he must have.

A day later we're in the cab again but this time beleaguered and loopy. I realized halfway to the airport that I must still be buzzed from the night before. Julie looks at my wrist and says, "How come 'peace' is two characters? Shouldn't it just be one?"

My hand rises to my forehead and I say "Did I screw this up too?" There is laughter and Julie whips out her phone to do some research. After a minute or two she

says, "I think that says 'Peace Peace' Beth."

Now mind you, Julie is Korean and she actually lived in Korea for 9 years. And mind you, Korea is way over there by China, so I figured she would have been more helpful than this.

I bark "Well, way to think on your feet there Julie! Thanks for bringing this to my attention now rather than the other night when we were standing there searching the internet for an hour. . . like before I got my tattoo."

Then it started — the uncontrollable, loopy, hung-over, laughing. And it went on and on and on, all the way to the airport interspersed with comments like . . .

"Jesus, Julie, you're on probation from being our Asian friend," and

"What the @#\$% good are all of our master's degrees if we can't even figure out what the Chinese character for peace is?" and

"Maybe it's Mandarin and Cantonese." and

"Maybe it really says 'I'm stupid.'" and

"That's it, I'm finding a real Chinese friend."

All the while Julie is busting a gut along with her three blonde American-born friends because she knows we're just messing with her. I'm thinking "Only me. Only I would screw up a tattoo that I have been considering getting for twenty years."

We laugh all the way to the airport. The cabbie says he hasn't heard that kind of laughing since the Psychiatric Convention was in town, which makes us laugh harder.

My make-up is running. My head hurts.

Julie continues her research while we're waiting to board the plane and she comes to the conclusion that what I have on my wrist in fact says "harmony, calm" which together, in Chinese, means "peace."

Good to know.

10th Ward e-News

from Council Member Meg Tuthill

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Minneapolis Firefighters Local 82 Charities present donation to NIP!

Minneapolis Firefighters have had a long history of volunteering to help at local charities. This history continued on August 15th when the Minneapolis Firefighters Local 82 charities presented a check to the Neighborhood Involvement Program (NIP) at 2431 Hennepin Ave S.

Two years ago, firefighter Captain Mike Dahlberg was on the receiving end of Madison Fire Local 311's generosity. This sparked the idea for Minneapolis Firefighters Local 82 to establish their own charity.

The firefighters picked up the idea, filed for non-profit status and the Local 82 charity was born.

The Neighborhood Involvement Program (NIP) was one of the first to receive a check issued by the Firefighters of Minneapolis. 100% of the money that the active and retired firefighters give to L82 Charity will go back into the community or to help other Firefighters and their family throughout this great nation just as the Madison Firefighters helped one of Minneapolis firefighters.

In addition to their youth and seniors programs, NIP's Community Clinic offers medical and dental services. They also offer a wide variety of counseling including comprehensive services for adolescent and adult survivors of sexual assault and incest, specialized services for the GLBT community and individual therapy. Services are offered on a sliding fee scale based on family size and income. Contact NIP at www.neighborhoodinvolve.org or 612-374-3125.

Thank you to Minneapolis Firefighters Local 82 for supporting our community through your generous gift to NIP, one of our great community resources!

Save the Date for the Annual Wine Tasting!

The date has been set for the annual Hennepin Lake Wine Taster Fundraiser, Wednesday, October 26th, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Calhoun Square. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. The neighborhoods involved and selling tickets this year include CARAG, Cedar-Isles-

Dean, East Calhoun, East Isles, Lowry Hill East, Kenwood Isles, and Lyndale. 100% of proceeds of tickets sold in advance go directly to the neighborhood you purchase them from! This year's event is sponsored by Hennepin Lake Liquors, Il Gatto, Calhoun Square and Great Clips. With over 400 varieties of wine, this is an event you won't want to miss!

Applications are now being accepted for over 80 open positions on 16 boards and commissions that the City Council and Mayor will appoint this fall. The City is seeking applicants with a diversity of backgrounds and experiences to strengthen the work of the City.

Applications will be reviewed beginning September 30, 2011; however the positions are open until filled. For a full list of appointment opportunities and position descriptions, please visit www.minneapolis.mn.gov/boards-and-commissions/open/index.asp.

Fall street sweeping will begin Monday, October 24th and will take the usual 4 weeks. WATCH FOR TEMPORARY NO PARKING SIGNS! Also, please watch for more information in our October newsletter.

Residential Burglaries and How to Help Prevent Them
Residential burglaries within the 5th police precinct are up. The majority of these burglaries are crimes of opportunity, which means that taking a few simple steps can drastically reduce the chance of a crime occurring to you. As always, please remember to call 911 when you see any suspicious activity!

Many garage burglaries happen because garage service doors are unsecured or garage doors are open. Most burglars are entering (or reaching in) open windows. Some burglars are starting to push in A/C units to gain access to the home. Ground level apartments are being entered via open windows.

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Busy Fall at Kenwood Elementary School

By Nicole Valentine with photos by Leslie Nall

Beautiful weather was a welcome player in Kenwood Community School's 15th annual "Kenwood Crawl" September 10th. Almost 500 kids, teachers, and family members "crawled," or more accurately, walked, by grade around Kenwood Park as part of the school's first community building event of the school year. Students collected pledges for the walk, with the funds going to the school's PTA, which supports arts residencies and field trip expenses. Event co-chair and Kenwood resident Matthew Allen said, "I love that this event gets the kids outside on a beautiful fall morning and promotes healthy exercise, in addition to raising funds for the school's arts programming." The event raised over \$11,200.

Related activities at the Crawl included a treasure hunt for younger kids, a community mural project, and an acorn collection effort. In addition, as so often happens at Kenwood School events, a group of parents brought musical instruments and jammed, providing a musical backdrop. Kenwood alums from middle schools, including Anwatin and Anthony, acted as safety monitors at park corners. Refreshments were provided by Isles Bun & Coffee, Lunds, and Kowalski's.

Event co-chair and ECCO resident Brad Ehalt said, "Our community is so lucky to have this beautiful park available to us. We're pleased that we can utilize it for one of the school's most loved community building events."

Children who raised the most money and collected the largest number of pledges were given prizes. Also, the Kenwood Walking Stick, which Principal Martin uses for her treks around the park, was awarded to Mrs. Ferrell's second grade class for the highest participation rate (77%). Both Mrs. Ferrell's class and Mr. Lee's fifth grade class were awarded a special recess in the park for raising the most funds for the school.

For the first time, Kenwood hosted a "curriculum night" for parents as part of its fall PTA meeting. On the evening of September 27th, classroom and specialist teachers presented overviews of their curriculum and goals and expectations for the school year. Parents with more than one child at the school were able to rotate through different classrooms as the presentations were made twice. This new event, which resulted from parent input to the school's Site Council, brought in over 165 interested parents and family members. East Isles resident Andrea Duddingston said the overview was "very helpful" and that it "was good to see how the teachers and their classrooms operate. I was impressed." Principal Martin said she has received "numerous positive comments about the evening." And her "hope is that with this overview out of the way, parents will be able to speak more specifically about their child and their child's goals for the school year during our upcoming parent-teacher conferences."

Shortly after the school year began, the Site Council and PTA Board teamed up to support the school's current middle school pathway in a letter to the School Board. As part of its boundary changes in 2009, the District changed the school's pathway from Anwatin Middle School to Susan B. Anthony Middle School at 57th and Irving. In their letter, the Site Council and PTA Board praised the current pathway, noting that it has fostered more unity at the school as a vast majority of families are choosing to follow the pathway. "Last year, for the first time in at least seven years, 90% of fifth graders at Kenwood continued onto Middle School together, because Anthony Middle School was the pathway." The letter continues that parents are "delighted in the path that has been set out" by the District. Further, it says that this unity has created more stability for Kenwood as support for Anthony Middle School has encouraged more students to remain at Kenwood through 5th grade. A proposal for the District to address unforeseen increases in enrollment was released since the September letter to the School Board, and it does not include any changes to Kenwood's pathway school. A series of community meetings to discuss the proposal has been scheduled for this month and the proposal is to be formally presented to the School Board November 1. For more infor-



Kenwood First Graders get ready to "crawl" around Kenwood Park



Principal Martin with 4th Graders and the Kenwood Walking Stick



Kenwood students collect acorns at the Kenwood Crawl.

mation visit www.mpls.k12.mn.us.

Neighbors may have noticed that afternoon pick-up procedures have been modified since last month's article. Special Education buses continue to load on 21st Street on the south side of the building. However, regular buses have gone back to parking and picking students up along Penn Avenue. "Walker" pick up has been moved to the north side of the building outside of Door 8. These changes were suggested by the University of Minnesota's Safe Routes To School program. Principal Cheryl Martin thanks families for their "patience and flexibility" as the procedures were tweaked. "Our goal is to be sure that all of our students get home or to their child care settings safely. We think that these changes have allowed afternoon pick-up to flow more smoothly." As always, students and families are encouraged to cross the streets surrounding the building at the corners.

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especially serial numbers are very important information in the event of a theft. Find more information on the Home Inventory FAQ sheet, visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-prevention/docs/Home-Inv-FAQ.pdf. Record the serial number on your bicycle! Secure your garage service door. If the lock doesn't work, fix it. Install lighting around the main entrances to your home and garage.

Visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-prevention/docs/HSAPT.pdf.

Remind your tenants not to let anyone trail behind them into the building and check before buzzing people in. Remind your tenants not to prop the doors open.

For additional security on apartment doors, verify that there are at least 3" screws in the strike plate and that the screws are angled into the studs.

If you have a surveillance system verify that it's working and you know how to access it. For more information on surveillance systems, check out the Surveillance Systems Info sheet at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-prevention/docs/SurveillanceSystems1008.pdf.

Did you know nearly 32 percent of Minneapolis is covered by tree canopy? That is more than previously thought. Find out more from a new mapping study of the Minneapolis tree canopy now available online. The map can help neighborhoods strategically plan and target resources for the greatest return on our tree canopy, including reduced storm water runoff and reduced energy consumption.

Staff plans to update maps following events such as the May tornado in north Minneapolis. For more information and to see the map, visit www.minneapolis.mn.gov/trees.

Low interest loans to provide financing for energy efficiency upgrades to large (structures of 4 stories or more containing more than 10 dwelling units) multi-family rental properties are available from the City of Minneapolis' Department of Community Planning & Economic Development (CPED). CPED established the city-wide program to remove financial barriers to allow property owners to make energy efficiency improvements. For more information check out www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/multifamily_energy_loan_program.asp or contact Jessica Green at 612-673-5232.

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

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Friends of Thomas Lowry Park

By Sara Peterman Photos by John Peterman

What a luxury!...for a few hours we allow ourselves to enjoy those we see every day and socialize for a relaxed evening instead of our usual hurried wave to a neighbor as we rush off to the busy-ness of our lives. On September 10th, almost forty Lowry Hill residents gathered to eat, drink, visit, and simply enjoy themselves and neighbors to benefit Thomas Lowry Park.

Friends of Thomas Lowry Park hosted its first evening event to raise funds for the park. We extend many thanks to Anita and Rob Tabb for hosting the event in their historical home. The evening included a greeting from our President, Barry Lazarus, followed by a lively discussion of the history of the statue of Thomas Lowry, led by Dean Yerigan. The history was rich and the humor throughout the evening was even more so. We are very pleased to have enjoyed such a wonderful response to our first venture of this kind, and now we simply can't wait for the next one! In one evening we were able to raise \$3500 to benefit the park. Our goal is \$5000, and we look forward to reaching that goal with the donations that continue to arrive. We appreciate your consideration to send your donation to Friends of Thomas Lowry Park, c/o Sara Peterman, 1801 Irving Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55403. And, next time, please join us!

The entire evening was a perfect recipe for pleasure. The table was filled with gorgeous shrimp cooked to perfection using the Fogel's tested and true secret, beef tenderloin on crostini with horse-radish sauce by Mary Lazarus, grilled asparagus wrapped in prosciutto and drizzled with balsamic by Anita Tabb, couscous with roasted vegetables by Nancy Schned, carrot soup shooters garnished with feta and truffle oil by Sara Peterman, platters of artisan cheese and fruit along with lovely mini desert pies and cakes by Suzanne Payne... Since many guests requested the recipes of the dishes we served, we would like to share one with you...enjoy!

And, until next time, see you in the Park!

Carrot Soup

- 10-12 carrots – peeled and cut into button slices
- 1 med sweet onion – diced
- 2 Tbsp butter
- 4 cups chicken broth

Use the butter to sauté the carrots and onions on medium until softened and onions are clear – about 15 min. Add onions and carrots to broth on stove top. Simmer for approx. 30 minutes. Blend in small batches to consistency you like. Be careful to leave small opening in top of blender due to the hot contents or you will get a ceiling blast of orange without creating this vent!!!

Serve or freeze (ours never makes it to the freezer!) Garnish any way you like – few drop of truffle oil and feta crumbles, drizzle of cream and a sprinkle of dill, pine nuts and olive oil, dollop of pesto, salt and pepper....



Park Board Commissioner and fundraiser host, Anita Tabb



Suzanne Payne, Sally Anson, and Jean Deatrck

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Barb Fogel at FTLP party

CIDNA FALL FESTIVAL



Cool and rainy weather didn't spoil the fun at CIDNA's Fall Festival on Sunday, September 18th. Event Chair Judy Berge (center) with Festival founders Jan Burke (left) and Anna Jean Lee (right) celebrated the 15th anniversary of this beloved neighborhood festival.

Friends of Thomas Lowry Park event



Barry Lazarus and Bill Payne

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES, September 14 and October 12, 2011, Jones-Harrison Residence

Below is a summary of the Sep and Oct meetings. The complete meeting minutes are posted on www.cidna.org

September 14

Board Members in attendance: Chair Gail Lee, Vice Chair Art Higinbotham, Secretary Ryan Fox, Treasurer Ed Bell, Judy Berge, Ed Ferlauto and Craig Westgate. Staff: Monica Smith.

Announcements

Gail Lee has a new email: chair@cidna.org.

Patrick Sadler, Aid to Council Member Goodman

CPED issued: Healthy Housing Indicator and Minneapolis Trends.

A report was released tracking the City's performance toward its 5-year goals

80 positions are open on City boards and commissions.

NCR will host its first neighborhood conference on February 11, 2012.

Jeff Peltola discussed the follow-up on the 2011 Capstone study of Lake and Excelsior. Partnership with the West Calhoun on short-term recommendations was encouraged.

Peltola will work with two teams of students to study the long-term recommendations of an underpass at Lake and Excelsior and/or a ped/bike bridge across Lake Street. The teams will present to the CIDNA Board in December.

Ward 10 Council Member Meg Tuthill's Report

Wine Tasting Fundraiser is October 26 at Calhoun Square.

Street sweeping begins Monday, October 24th. Watch for No Parking signs.

The Mayor is proposing a 0% tax increase.

The police are ticketing for parking too close (less than 5 ft) to driveways/alleys.

Sunset Boulevard Reconstruction

Adam Gordon from MCES along with consulting firm HR Green gave a Sunset Blvd update. They are seeking consensus from the neighborhood. Workshops have been held to discuss options resulting in four design concepts. The team will attend the Fall Festival to gather feedback. Next community meeting is Oct 4 with the goal of making a recommendation to the CIDNA Board on Oct 12th.

Fall Festival

Thank you to Gail Lee for securing donations from: Caribou Coffee, Jones-Harris Residence, MGM, Urban Eatery, and Wakame Sushi. Thank you to Judy Berge for coordinating the event for the past fourteen years.

NRP/NCR Report

CIDNA's allocation for the Community Participation Program (CPP) was increased by \$2,000 based on 2010 Census data.

Phase II allocation is set at 66% or \$172,582.30

The Joint Powers that oversees NRP will expire on Dec 31.

The Park Board approved Park Siding improvements.

Southwest LRT

The FTA has approved preliminary engineering for Southwest LRT. The City of St. Louis Park filed suit seeking an Environmental Impact Statement.

Ed Ferlauto attended the Southwest LRT Community Works August meeting and shared information about the Capstone Project and the new W. Lake St business association.

Ferlauto presented a Draft Environmental Impact Statement review plan. Each board member would review one section. Additional volunteers are needed.

Treasurer Ed Bell presented the checkbook register.

Zoning

David Hovda presented plans to divide the lot at 3416 29th St W. A variance is needed for the 43½ ft lot. The Board voted no objection (6 yeas, 1 abstention).

Ed Bell presented plans for 3412 St. Paul Ave requesting a variance for a front yard setback of 14 ft. The Board voted no objection. (6 yeas, 1 abstention).

New Business

The Lake of the Isles Joint Review Committee presented an 81-page report to the Park Board

There have been a series of car break-ins in the neighborhood.

Next meeting

October 12, at Jones-Harrison, 6:00 p.m.

October 12

Board Members in attendance: Chair Gail Lee, Vice Chair Art Higinbotham, Secretary Ryan Fox, Treasurer Ed Bell, Judy Berge, Ed Ferlauto, Stephen Goltry, Craig Westgate and Mike Wilson. Staff: Monica Smith

Announcements

Gail Lee acknowledged the recent deaths of two past CIDNA board members, Jim Meger and Ken Moritz.

The 5th Precinct is planning a neighborhood safety meeting. Tentative date: Nov. 3rd.

New Board Member Nominations

Mike Wilson and Ray Greco were unanimously elected to the CIDNA Board. Mike will also be CIDNA's representative to the Midtown Greenway Coalition.

Ward 7 Council Member Lisa Goodman

Handouts were provided about the proposed 2012 property tax (public meetings: Nov 30 and Dec 4) and regarding a change in law to the homestead market value exclusion.

Minneapolis received a \$6 million federal grant to add 75 miles of bike lanes.

Lunch with Lisa is October 26.

Sunset Boulevard Reconstruction

Adam Gordon from MCES presented a report prepared by HR Green on the Sunset Blvd project recommending two alternatives for Section B (Concept B6 has a median multiuse path, Concept B9 has a multiuse path on one side).

The report will be sent to the City and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. The neighborhood needs to come to consensus on a design.

A few residents expressed concerns about the process used for the planning and were not satisfied with either of the alternatives.

CIDNA Board member Ryan Fox reviewed the process. Sunset Blvd was identified as a concern in the neighborhood-wide NRP survey. Knowing that replacing the sewer will require rebuilding the roadway, the goal is to improve the boulevard (MCES is only required to rebuild it as is). Invitation mailings were sent to residents for each of four public meetings held since June 2011 to solicit feedback. A survey was conducted with 2/3 of the 100+ respondents indicated that improvements are needed. Meeting announcements were also sent via e-blast and posted on the website.

Another neighborhood meeting will be held in early November to reach a consensus.

NRP/NCR Committee Reports

Ed Bell will represent CIDNA for the NRP Policy Board elections.

Thanks to the Park Siding volunteers for their dedication to the gardens. The irrigation system will be installed on Oct 24.

CIDNA is exploring the use of NRP funds for pedestrian countdown timers at Excelsior/Lake intersections.

CIDNA's loan to Nonprofits Assistance Fund will support affordable housing projects such as Urban Homeworks or the development at Franklin/Portland.

The NRP administration will be transferred to the Neighborhood and Community Relations on Jan 1.

The CPP program contracts were extended to June 30, 2012 with 50% more funding.

Fall Festival

Thanks to Judy Berge for her expert planning of many Fall Festivals. Steve Goltry and a CIDNA resident will co-chair the event next year.

Transportation Committee

The Board reviewed assignments for the DEIS review.

The cost of freight rail relocation may affect funding in other areas (possible elimination of stations).

The Southwest LRT Community Works Steering Committee identified concerns at many of the stations regarding safety, land use, and access.

Ed Ferlauto reported on the West Calhoun Stakeholders meeting. Retailers are defining what makes the area unique, plans for signage and special events.

Treasurer Ed Bell reported that the checkbook balance is \$14,900.

Zoning

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Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board Minutes

Tuesday, September 13, 2011, Kenwood Recreation Center

Attendees: David Weinstein, President; Janis Clay, Secretary; Craig Wilson; Sherie Tazelaar; Maureen Sheehan; Rebecca Graham; Marty Broan; Raj Dash.

Guests: Jack Whitehurst, NRP Staff; Patrick Sadler, Minneapolis City Council Staff; Nathan Kranz and Dayna Frank, First Avenue Productions; Jeff and Gracie Hohman; Anita Tabb, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by President David Weinstein, noting a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes: Craig Wilson moved and Marty Broan seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2011, Board Meeting. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

David Weinstein presented the Treasurer's report for Dan Aronson, who was unable to be present. LHNA received \$3300.00 in donations at the Annual Meeting. Cash should be slightly positive for the year.

Community Announcements:

David Weinstein introduced Patrick Sadler from Seventh Ward City Council Representative Lisa Goodman's office. Patrick replaced Doug Kress as Lisa's assistant.

Election of Board Officers:

Craig Wilson moved, and Marty Broan seconded, a motion that David Weinstein serve as President, Dan Aronson serve as Treasurer, and Janis Clay serve as Secretary. All approved.

Status of LHNA's NRP funding:

Jack Whitehurst, a staff member of the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program, discussed the status of LHNA's NRP funding, and presented a draft letter and spread sheet detailing a Plan Modification request to reallocate funds from strategies where they are not currently needed to a strategy where they can be put to effective use – "Neighborhood Livability." This reallocation would allow Lowry Hill to cover costs associated with the installation of seven floating islands (Biohavens), installed in August in Spring Lake to remediate water quality and provide habitat. After discussion, David Weinstein moved and Raj Dash seconded a motion to reallocate the funds in accordance with the draft letter and spread sheet. All approved.

Bike Rack Update:

Good locations have been secured for the installation of bike racks (originally scheduled for late spring). A contracting issue holding up City matching funds is responsible for the delay.

Liquor license application for Rye Delicatessen & Bar:

Due to David Weinstein's ownership interest in Rye, Craig Wilson led the discussion. David gave an

overview and passed around a floor plan. He plans to open in mid-November in the former Auriga space, empty since 2007. Marty Broan moved and Sherie Tazelaar seconded a motion to send a letter to Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis City Council, in support of Rye's application for a Class E liquor license. All approved (Weinstein did not vote).

Committee Reports and upcoming tasks:

The South Hennepin Business District's plan to place banners identifying the area from approximately 28th Street to Douglas as the Lowry Hill Commercial District has been delayed. Marty Broan discussed a potential \$22,000 Community Participation Program grant, which we could apply toward a part-time staff person. Marty will work on this, with the help of Maureen Sheehan. We will have tickets available at the next meeting for Board members to sell for the Hennepin Lake wine tasting event. The plans are unclear for this year's Palio. Craig Wilson moved and Marty Broan seconded a motion to allocate up to \$500.00 to support Palio. Our website and E Blasts are neglected. Marc Tomlinson was willing to help with these, but has accepted a job in New York, and will have to leave the Board.

First Avenue summer concert proposal:

Dayna Frank and Nathan Kranz of First Avenue presented a proposal to collaborate with the Park Board to produce an outdoor festival or concert in Parade Park during one weekend in the summer of 2012. They provided background on the project and the company's extensive experience and good track record, and detailed the benefits they see for the City, the neighborhood, the Park Board, and the local music community. They further detailed how they plan to mitigate potential problems in areas such as noise, trash, traffic, parking, and neighborhood security. Jeff and Gracie Hohman spoke against the proposal, citing the many summer weekends that already have events which tie up traffic and create noise and other problems in the neighborhood. Similar email communications by other neighbors were also considered. After extensive discussion, Marty Broan moved, and Raj Dash seconded the following:

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association supports First Avenue Production's Parade Park Concert Proposal, with the proviso that they work closely with affected neighbors to mitigate potential problems in areas such as noise, trash, traffic, parking, and neighborhood security.

Everyone is encouraged to visit the LHNA website at www.lowryhillneighborhood.org, where they can sign up to receive LHNA's monthly E-Blast about events in the neighborhood. LHNA's next Board meeting will be held Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at the Kenwood Rec Center. All residents are welcome. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board Minutes

Tuesday, October 4, 2011, Kenwood Recreation Center

Attendees: David Weinstein, President; Janis Clay, Secretary; Dan Aronson, Treasurer; Jimmy Fogel;

Maureen Sheehan; Ruth Shields; Mark Brauer; Maggie Thurer; Rebecca Graham; Kathy Byrn; Sherie Tazelaar; Marty Broan.

Guests: Lisa Goodman, Seventh Ward Minneapolis City Council Representative; Anita Tabb, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board; Sonja Elias.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President David Weinstein, noting a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda: Dan Aronson moved and Jimmy Fogel seconded approval of the June 7, 2011, minutes and tonight's agenda. All approved

Community Announcements

Seventh Ward City Council Representative Lisa Goodman. Fall leaf sweeping is starting soon, and Lisa reminded everyone to move their cars when indicated so as not to be towed. Lisa invited everyone to attend the monthly Lunch with Lisa, on October 26th and see the new Peavey Plaza design. She discussed the City budget, and noted that explanatory material had been mailed to city households. This week is Bike Walk Week.

Treasurer's Report:

Dan Aronson presented the Treasurer's report. LHNA received \$3300.00 in donations at the Annual Meeting. The organization is in good financial shape

Election of VP: The position is vacant. Some Board Members were interested in serving, but could not commit at this time.

Committee Reports:

Communication/Events: The Hennepin Lake Wine Tasting event will be held October 26, 2011. Tickets were distributed to Board Members to sell. Proceeds from tickets sold by each of the eight neighborhood associations involved go directly to benefit that association, so Board members were encouraged to sell their tickets.

Zoning and Planning: First Avenue Summer Concert Proposal: Anita Tabb, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board, reported that the Park Board would like more neighborhood input before voting on the First Avenue Summer Concert Proposal discussed at last month's meeting, where Dayna Frank and Nathan Kranz of First Avenue presented a proposal to collab-

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CIDNA from page 10

Public hearing on Oct 27 for a variance at 3412 St. Paul Ave.

The variance was approved for 3416 29th St W. New Business

Martin Richmond was appointed as CIDNA's representative to the Brownie Lake Citizens Advisory Committee.

Thanks to Surly Brewing for removing trash and invasives from the Greenway (Chowen to Dean Pkwy).

The Wine Tasting Fundraiser is Wed, Oct 26, 6-9 p.m. at Calhoun Square. 100% of tickets sold by CIDNA come back to the neighborhood.

Next meeting

November 9, at Jones-Harrison, 6:00 p.m.



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EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EIRA)

By Monica Smith, Recorder

Minutes from the Members Semi-Annual Meeting
October 4, 2011

Grace-Trinity Community Church

22 East Isles residents plus invited guests attended the meeting. EIRA Vice President Dan McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Representative Marion Greene, District 60A, Minnesota House of Representatives

Legislative update: the budget was not balanced; a marriage amendment will be on the 2012 ballot; and City pension funds will be merged into the state fund. No action was taken about a proposed downtown casino. Greene is co-authoring a bill to call for an impact study. Minneapolis legislators are focusing on the inequity of Minneapolis paying in more to the state than it receives in Local Government Aid.

Anita Tabb, District 4 Commissioner, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

Levin Triangle Park renovation plans are progressing. Permitting and construction documents are being prepared, and then the project will go out for bid. Construction to begin in Spring 2012.

Community meetings have been held about redesigning this parkland north of the Walker Library. The budget for redesign has not been identified.

Parade Road will be reconstructed in 2012.

The neighborhoods bordering Lake of the Isles completed a Citizens Joint Review Committee report on the renovation of the lake. The Park Board is working on their response to the report.

A new email service is available for Park Board projects and road closures. Follow the link on the Park Board website: www.minneapolisparcs.org

The Park Board is replacing boulevard trees that were destroyed in the N. Minneapolis tornado. Tree Trust is offering trees for use on private property at a discounted rate.

Meg Tuthill, Ward 10 Council Member, City of Minneapolis

The City Council is busy with 2012 budget presentations from each department. The Mayor is proposing zero tax increase for next year.

Fire hydrants are each inspected four times between Oct 15-April 15. Please report any leaking or frozen hydrants to 311 for immediate repair.

The speed cart that was on the 2800 block of Irving was not requested by the council member's office, the request must have come from a private citizen. No data was collected.

Traffic counts will be taken within the next few weeks at 24th and Fremont

Street Sweeping begins Oct 24. Watch for signs to

avoid being towed.

Reminder that 311 is to be used to report potholes, broken streetlights, etc. 911 should be used to report crimes.

The next Meet with Meg is Oct 11, noon-1 p.m. at the 5th Precinct.

Tuthill will follow up on a concern about work trucks that have been near the Greenway between James and Irving for the past few months.

The proposed plan to eliminate the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for 5+ dwelling units has been postponed. Council Member Schiff plans to visit each neighborhood to hear reactions to the proposal.

A resident raised the concern about the height of new buildings casting shadows on the Greenway and requested that the City Council be vigilant about making sure that any development along the corridor preserves and enhances the Greenway.

Kowalski's received the CUP for their proposed liquor store and will be applying for their liquor license. 2653 Hennepin also received a CUP for their proposed liquor store, only one will be allowed. If Kowalski's qualifies first, the other business will not be allowed to open.

Inspector Matt Clark and Crime Prevention Specialist Chelsea Adams, Minneapolis Police Department

The neighborhoods around Lake of the Isles have experienced an increase in burglaries the past three months (26 burglaries, 18 of which were garage burglaries). 67% of garage burglaries had unsecured doors. The police have officers dedicated to the problem. The police have arrested seven people for car break-ins and four suspects for burglary. Tips for residents: secure side garage doors; make sure the main garage door closes behind you; record the serial number, make and model of bicycles (to help in getting property returned); and keep bikes locked with a U-lock (80% of stolen bikes had cable locks). Report any suspicious person by calling 911, use the words "casing" or "prowling" to describe the person's activity and give a description of the person. Be available to answer questions that the officers may have if they find the suspect.

Contact Chelsea Adams at Chelsea.Adams@minneapolismn.gov to receive crime alerts.

Regarding traffic, the police concentrate on areas with vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle traffic to ensure safety. Report an immediate traffic safety concern by calling 911. If after the fact, contact Chelsea Adams, give good information with patterns, time periods, etc so the police can investigate.

Soren Jensen, Executive Director, Midtown

Greenway Coalition

Jensen encouraged everyone who loves the Greenway to support the trail by becoming a member of the Coalition. The Greenway has up to 9,000 users per day. The Coalition is doing outreach to communities to encourage use by all (including walkers). The Coalition continues to advocate for a future streetcar with a turf track.

Reports

Vice President's report

Dan McLaughlin reported that as NRP comes to a close, EIRA will have a new relationship with the City. The organization may need to be more effective politically to get dollars for projects needed in the neighborhood.

Al Rodriguez' report

Al Rodriguez presented the treasurer's report. Donations received since the last report were \$1,930. Expenses for the Ice Cream Social were \$1,925.65. Reminder that the Wine Tasting event is a great fundraiser for the neighborhood.

The membership lists have been updated after the nb summer membership campaign.

The Crime and Safety Committee formally had monthly meetings but they were not well attended. They shifted to quarterly meetings focusing on proactive measures such as recruiting new block club leaders. More block leaders are needed in East Isles.

Harvey Ettinger, Zoning Committee

The Lake of the Isles Citizens Joint Review Committee report will soon be available on line. Two of the Greenway bridges in East Isles have been renovated.

Amy Sanborn, Social Committee

2011 East Isles socials: Ice Skating Party in January, Uptown Art Fair pop booth in August (generating income of \$198) and the Ice Cream Social in August. This year, an Ice Cream Social invitation was included in the membership mailing that went to all residents. The event was very well attended and a big success.

Thank you to 2011 sponsors of EIRA events: Isles Bun & Coffee, Kowalski's Uptown Market, Lunds, Peterssen/Keller Architecture.

The Wine Tasting Fundraiser, Wed Oct 26, 6-9 p.m. at Calhoun Square. \$25/advance and \$30/door. EIRA receives 100% of revenue from tickets we sell in advance and 1/4 of the proceeds from tickets sold at the door. Tickets can be purchased from Amy Sanborn or Board members. Volunteers are needed to help at the event.

Social committee members are: Chair Amy Sanborn, Sue Durfee, Carla Pardue and Monica Smith.

NRP Update, Monica Smith, East Isles NRP Coordinator

The NRP Steering Committee has been working to implement Phase II programs. Volunteers are needed for subcommittees such as Housing, Crime/Safety, Trees, etc.

Programs approved include: Community Energy Services; affordable housing loan; and home security grants. The committee will be seeking EIRA Board

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approval on additional items at the Board meeting. NRP administrative will be transferred to the City at the end of 2011. The NRP Steering Committee would like to get as much in place as possible before the end of the year.

The 2011 Community Participation Program will be extended until June 30, 2012 and EIRA will receive an additional 50% funding. The guidelines for next year's program will come out in Feb 2012 and applications will be due by June 30, 2012.

Residents are encouraged to renew their EIRA membership so you can continue to receive the monthly e-newsletter and e-blasts about important neighborhood issues.

Betsy Allis, East Isles Green Team

The Phase II plan included environmental goals that included sustainable practices and the formation of a Green Team. The Green Team had their first meeting on Oct 3rd with committed volunteers and great ideas.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.
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 Minutes from the EIRA Board of Directors (BOD)
 Meeting October 4, 2011

Grace-Trinity Community Church
 Board members present: Dan McLaughlin (Vice President), Al Rodriguez (Treasurer), Ginna Portman Amis, Sue Durfee, Vaughn Emerson, Harvey Ettinger, Ramon Ramirez Quintero, Jane Schommer, Linda Schutz, and Joe Sinnott.

Dan McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 8:40 p.m.

The board unanimously approved the expense of \$87.12 for the production of the Lake of the Isles Citizens Joint Review Committee report.

NRP Report, Monica Smith
 The NRP Steering Committee presented plans for implementing the following:

Changing the amount of the Home Improvement Loan program to \$70K

Funding a capital project at The Bridge for Youth, \$19,158 to replace 19 windows and two exterior doors at 2200 Emerson.

Add three lights to the Greenway (at Humboldt, at Irving and between Irving and James. \$20K. We are seeking a partner for the funding but no news to date.

Funding boulevard trees in East Isles: \$11,220

Funding the removal of invasive species and volunteer trees (south of the Greenway and north of The Mall): \$13,860.

The Board voted to approve the implementation plan (9 yes, 1 abstain) and asked the Steering Committee to present additional ideas for review at the November meeting.

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KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION (KIAA)

By Amy Lucas

October 2011 Meeting Minutes
 The KIAA meeting of October 3, 2011 was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Mike Bono, Jeanette Colby, Amy Lucas, Larry Moran, Ed Pluimer, Pat Scott, Eric Sjoding, Kathy Williams and Roy Williams

Others present: Lisa Goodman, 7th Ward council member; and Dylan Thomas, Southwest Journal.

7th Ward City Council Update – CM Lisa Goodman
Council Member Lisa Goodman presented 7th Ward news

CM Goodman explained the process for demolition permits for houses along Lake of the Isles, which has been determined a potential historic district. The Mpls Heritage Preservation Commission will hold a public hearing on ALL demolition permits for properties on Lake of the Isles Pkwy.

CM Goodman provided an update on the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) transition to Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) department, a new department. For more information visit www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/changes.asp.

CM Goodman also explained the City of Mpls property tax for 2012. Visit www.minneapolismn.gov/city-budget/truth-in-taxation.asp

“Lunch with Lisa” is scheduled for Oct. 26 at Univ. of St. Thomas. Tom Oslund will speak about Peavey Plaza renovation. There will not be a November “Lunch with Lisa.”

KIAA Elections

KIAA elected Larry Moran as new chair of KIAA following the resignation of Sam Murphy

KIAA Neighborhood Relations

KIAA will explore effective communication with surrounding neighborhood residents and organizations. KIAA will thank local residents and organizations for their

service to the community.

KIAA will explore a neighborhood update bulletin board at the Rec Center and/or displaying upcoming agenda Kenwood Café. Continue to email newsletters to KIAA list and add agenda to the newsletter updates and minutes published in Hill and Lake Press

KIAA members will copy board members on official communications.

KIAA members will “meet and greet” at next year’s National Night Out events.

Brownie Lake CAC

KIAA approved the appointment of Ned Foster as representative to Brownie Lake Improvements CAC

Announcements
 The annual community Wine Tasting Event will be held Wednesday, Oct. 26 at Calhoun Square, 6-9 p.m.; \$25 in advance (advance tickets go directly to the neighborhood organizations), \$30 at door. 400 wines will be represented and Tim McKee will be cooking. To purchase tickets contact Ed Pluimer at pluim2020@aol.com.

Pat Scott announced her resignation/retirement from KIAA at the end of 2011.

Next KIAA Meeting Nov. 7 from 7-8:30 p.m

Announcements from 7th Ward Council Member Lisa Goodman (a great chance to meet your council member!)

Parade Stadium update from Mpls Park Board Commissioner Anita Tabb

Meet Mark Johnson, KIAA’s new Crime and Safety Committee Chair

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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

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orate with the Park Board to produce an outdoor festival or concert in Parade Park during one weekend in the summer of 2012. Information could be disseminated through such means as a Hill & Lake Press article, an E Blast! and Lisa Goodman's newsletter. Conservation Districts: David Weinstein distributed a draft resolution prepared by the Prospect Park neighborhood. After a long discussion, the Board concluded this might be an interesting Annual Meeting topic.

Traffic at 24th and Fremont: Sonia Elias addressed concerns about the intersection at 24th and Fremont just outside of the Kowalskis/Walgreens parking lot. She stated that the intersection is confusing, people drive too fast, traffic is too heavy, and a four way stop and other measures like redirecting traffic should be studied. This will likely worsen with the addition of the new liquor store at the Kowalskis site. After discussion, Maggie Thurer moved, Rebecca Graham seconded, and all approved the following:

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association shares a concern with residents of East Isles about the traffic situation at 24th Street and Fremont Avenue South. We will reach out to the East Isles Residents Association and seek to work with the City to explore ways to mitigate the situation.

Community Participation Program Grant Process: Marty Broan updated the Board on a grant proposal seeking approximately \$22,000 in funds allocated to our neighborhood. If successful, we will use the funds to hire a part-time staff person. These funds could be available for this year and the following two.

Anita Tabb, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board: Anita Tabb updated the Board on the process of redoing the Levine Triangle park, the Walker Library, and the repaving of Parade Road. This will be an extensive repair, and will not happen until next spring.

Everyone is encouraged to visit the LHNA website at www.lowryhillneighborhood.org, where they can sign up to receive LHNA's monthly E-Blast about events in the neighborhood.

LHNA's next Board meeting will be held Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at the Kenwood Rec Center. All residents are welcome. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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You can work with a counselor whether you're already in the foreclosure process or are still current on your payments and worried about the future. Of course, the sooner you take action, the more options you have, so it's best to start working toward a solution right away.

Unfortunately, there are also companies out there who are looking to take advantage of homeowners. Beware of organizations that charge money for counseling. And be very wary of anybody offering a "quick fix" or a "buy back" deal. These "services" take advantage of homeowners' desire to find a solution quickly, and they can leave you worse off than you started.

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Where we are Now

By Jean Deatruck, Editor

Words cannot describe how grateful I am for the outpouring of support by neighbors and friends since my husband John Gridley was diagnosed with cancer in early summer. As I wrote in the September issue of Hill and Lake Press, his illness has consumed our lives these past weeks. I have driven him daily to the University for radiation, chemotherapy, testing, and visits with doctors. We ignored our yard and garden as it became more and more unkempt. And an angel from our neighborhood, Barb Fogel, contacted friends, and to my amazement, bushes and trees were trimmed, weeds pulled, and the badly overgrown garden rearranged with mulch placed in both the back and the front of our house. It is very difficult to express proper gratitude for such care and love. I thanked the board members of Thomas Lowry Park: Barb and Jimmy Fogel, Suzanne and Bill Payne, Sarah and John Peterman, Mary and Barry Lazarus, and the Schneds, but now know that there were more wonderful people who contributed to this effort. Barb Fogel wrote me in an email, "Beth Kehoe, Craig Wilson, Suzanne Payne (again), Anita Tabb, Dorothy Childers, and Jim Lenfestey. Janet Hallaway promises to rake leaves in the fall as does Sara Peterman, so you don't have to worry about that...and of course Pete Engelen who helped so much with the chopping and hauling will do whatever else to see you through the fall. Jimmy and I ran into Brian Long, a successful businessman and client of Jimmy's who lives on Lake of the Isles and reads the paper, who said "Why didn't you call me?"...I would be glad to help. See, there is a God and there are angels!!!and you and John are loved and appreciated!!!" Thank you, friends and neighbors. What a wonderful neighborhood we live in.

On a related subject of helping others, many of you

know Nell Hillsley, who lives with her husband Van Lawrence near Cedar Lake. She has spent years working for peace. Nell is an accomplished artist and has used her art as a means to raise money for peace efforts. John and I have a lovely large watercolor that Nell painted of Lake Superior, which we have in our Bayfield cottage. She is also an active member of St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral. Several years ago I wrote about Nell's Children's Faces Project in which artists and school children painted 3,000 portraits of children's faces to represent homelessness. The faces were hung at the State Capitol and the opening was an exciting and crowded event that kicked off a campaign to build awareness of homelessness in our metro area. Art for Peace, a Benefit for Nonviolent Peaceforce was held this past Friday, but you can still support Peaceforce. Your contribution helps bring trained but unarmed civilians into high-conflict areas throughout the world to help restore peace. Nell's first art show raised enough to fund two peacekeepers for a year. To learn more about this nonviolent peace force and see photos of Nell Hillsley's art as well as art from other participants or to contribute, visit

www.nonviolentpeaceforce.org/artwork-display.

Good news for all of us who deplore the destruction of our historic homes: At a KIAA meeting Council Member Goodman explained the process for demolition permits for houses along Lake of the Isles, which has been determined a potential historic district. The Mpls Heritage Preservation Commission will hold a public hearing on ALL demolition permits for properties on Lake of the Isles Pkwy.

The Bridge Receives Grant from MAAR



The Bridge For Youth was awarded a \$3000 grant from the Minneapolis Area Association of Realtors for housing programs and services in the Minneapolis metropolitan area. The Bridge is very grateful for this support! 1111 West 22nd Street, Minneapolis, MN 55405, (612) 377-8800 www.bridgeforyouth.org,

RYE DELICATESSEN & BAR TO OPEN IN THE FORMER AURIGA SPACE

New deli & bar scheduled to open mid-November.

Rye Delicatessen & Bar, a casual, comfortable, and friendly neighborhood restaurant and bar, located in the former Auriga space at 1930 Hennepin Avenue (just north of the intersections of Hennepin & Franklin Avenues), near downtown Minneapolis and blocks away from Lake of the Isles, the Walker Art Center, and the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, is scheduled to open in mid-November. Serving delicatessen food, liquor, beer & wine, Rye is a welcoming gathering spot with high quality food made from scratch to the local craft brews. Guests can enjoy the Rye experience in the dining room, outdoor patio, bar or conveniently taken home.

Rye will be open for breakfast, lunch, dinner and late night, serving moderately priced delicatessen Jewish and East European style foods modernized for contemporary tastes using locally grown produce and meats as well as artisanal products from local farms, cheese makers, and bakers. Rye's scratch kitchen creates signature products like brined and slow cooked corned beef and smoked meat. Baked goods will be a signature feature of Rye with cakey black and white cookies, hand-formed knishes and rugalach baked in Rye's own ovens.

The bar at Rye, something not usually seen in delis, will be a Lowry Hill gathering place and just one more reason for the neighborhood to embrace it. It will be a fully stocked bar featuring locally brewed ales and beers, a deli friendly list of wines by the glass and a full list of top shelf liquors.

Rye's is a place where guests can pick up coffee and a bagel on the way to work, linger over a cappuccino and a chocolate babka during the day, grab a quick bite with friends after a movie, or stop in for dinner with the whole family.

Rye is the product of attorney and Lowry Hill resident David Weinstein with the help of seasoned restaurateur and consultant Tobie Nidetz. "A good, fun, casual deli is something both the neighborhood and city as a whole could really use," says Weinstein. Adds Nidetz, "The time is right to bring the sensibilities of an artisan bistro to the flavors and atmosphere of a delicatessen."

NEIGHBORHOOD GEMS

By Madeleine Lowry



Madeleine Lowry

Janelle Nivens is on a mission.

Have you heard about it? Somehow this resident of Minneapolis' Armatage neighborhood has gotten it into her head that she should spend her free time documenting neighborhood gems in each and every one of Minneapolis' 81 neighborhoods.

A veteran "urban hiker" she and her husband, Scott, have hoofed it around many Minneapolis neighborhoods discovering unique sights and places on their own. But that wasn't enough for Janelle. No, she decided that she needed to hear the stories behind these gems.

With this idea in mind, she decided to solicit residents of each neighborhood to take her on walking tours and show her what makes their corner of the city special. She also created a blog to document each of these neighborhood tours and the gems found along the way.

Aw, shucks! Aren't we special?

And what does she hope people will get out of reading her blog? In her own words, "I'd like people to

learn that they have amazing people, places and off-beat and unexpected destinations in their backyard. I'd like them to walk or bike through neighborhoods they don't normally visit. Change up their routine routes and travel streets, sidewalks and trails they haven't been on. Learn that the city has a large number of business, parks, and pockets worth getting to know."

So far she has published tour posts on sixteen neighborhoods with nine more pending publication. Twelve other neighborhoods are scheduled for tours, which leaves forty-four neighborhoods that have not attracted a volunteer.

And guess who's on the list of the forty-four?

Kenwood, East Isles, Cedar Isles Dean and Lowry Hill.

That's us!

Gosh, people! I think we have some gems around here, I really do. I know you do, too. So let's make sure they are recognized. The easiest way to do this is to visit Janelle's website (www.minneapolis81.com) and nominate a gem by filling out a little form. It takes about 45 seconds. Remember: a gem can be a person, place, or thing.

If you have an hour or two to offer, you could sign up to be her tour guide. To do this, you fill out another little form with your name, contact info, and the name of your neighborhood. Janelle will contact you by email and set up a time to go on a walk. Easy peasy.

In the interest of making sure Lowry Hill does not go unrecognized, I offered to take her on a tour focusing on the Walker Art Center, the Sculpture Garden, Blake High School, Thomas Lowry Park and the First Unitarian Society. Which is, as we all know, just one small corner of the 'hood.

If I get Janelle's drift, she is interested in the unusual and the quirky. You know, the offbeat stuff that we know about as residents that a tourist would not. So, I plan to show her the excellent gift shop at the Walker, and the handy restaurants. Also the film and the dance events and the Walker Open Field schedule. My kids won't let me forget the super-cool interactive museum map that you navigate with the shadow of your fingers, or the digital dolphin oracle.

At the Sculpture Garden we'll see the glass fish, of course, but we will also visit the Alene Grossman Memorial Arbor that lines the north end. And at Blake High School, we will visit Foucault's pendulum, a unique installation that demonstrates planetary movement. At Thomas Lowry Park she will learn about one of the few, or maybe the only, city-owned park that is tended to entirely by residents and, of course, our friends at Tangletown Gardens. And at the First Unitarian Society we will take in the stunning view from the \$100,000 window in the sanctuary.

You might know more about the architecture or the history of your neighborhood, or maybe the celebrated residents. And that's fine. You can set up a tour in any way you like. Janelle is also willing to go on multiple tours of a neighborhood.

So, go ahead. Click on over to her website and nominate a gem, or offer to take her on a tour. It's easy, it's free, and it's fun.

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Our trees need a special watering effort from residents to stay healthy. Even if we get rain this week, the Twin Cities area is in its eighth year of drought, which has put our trees at serious risk of long-term damage. One of the effects of drought on otherwise healthy trees is insect damage, because many insects are attracted to drought-stressed trees for laying their eggs.

An effective way to water the trees in your yard and boulevard is to turn on a slow stream of water (just so you can see the hose weeping) for a few hours. Watering in the evening is most effective since it minimizes evaporation, and trees tend to take most of their water during the night. If it's easy to lose track of when you last watered a tree, try watering it on the day your trash is picked up and make trash day also water-the-tree day.

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By Tom H. Cook

What a wonderful week to come home. Minneapolis in mid-September has always been one of my favorite times. The lush trees and cool air, the young families (many with requisite lab or golden retriever), and most everyone's pace is of hurried optimism. Winter is coming, but not yet.

I have always loved to show off Minneapolis, whether to stray relatives, old friends from college, or friends of friends. Even driving somewhere alone I would frequently play tour guide in my mind. Our family had returned for a friend's wedding. We brought along Rachael's husband Daniel, a New Zealander who had never been to Minnesota. For me it was the ultimate challenge. I wanted him to see everything. Working against my rapidly evolving plan was Rachael's mortification at me dragging him off, and Daniel's desperate need for sleep, something he had had almost none of for three days. The kids also had a commitment with friends and a dash to the airport. I had one hour.

We began at the old house. It pays to sell to friends. Barb and Alan welcomed us to 24th and Humboldt. Poking around, showing off the still preserved height marks of growing children, and seeing the changes and improvements through Daniel's eyes was fulfilling, but Tom the Taskmaster had more to point out, and the clock was running.

Flying out the door, we passed Walter and Joan Mondale's house. I wanted the Kiwi to see that at least one former U.S. vice president doesn't need guards, a gated estate, and opulent surroundings. The lakes impressed him immediately. By the fourth lake and despite my running narrative and erratic driving he was ready to call a realtor.

JoAnne would have wanted to stop at the elf tree at Lake Harriet, or just walk peacefully around Isles, but she was visiting friends, and I am a quantity over quality guide. We had to pass by the beautiful mosaics at Lakewood cemetery chapel, but they received short shrift compared to the Lake of the Isles dog park. We raced and chased on a beautiful late summer afternoon.



Tom Cook with friends and former neighbors Nancy Johnston and Maura Sullivan at Tom's performance at The Black Forest on September 17th. A large and enthusiastic crowd greeted Tom and JoAnne and enjoyed hearing Tom read.

Daniel was impressed by the number of people smiling (unlike in LA). As I dropped off Rachael and Daniel in Uptown, I pointed out Magers and Quinn and the Apple store. The kids forgave my exuberance. As they sprinted away I called out that Minneapolis has free WiFi. It is hard to do twenty-five years in an hour.

The rest of the week was spent more leisurely. Reminiscing, seeing old friends, going to garage sales, biking the lakes...it was great to be back. JoAnne returned to The Textile Center, which has become the finest in the nation in our nine years away. It brings her as much joy as I feel watching a baseball game at Target Field. On the flight back to LA JoAnne smiled wistfully and said, "I miss Minnesotans."

Tom H. Cook is a formerly local writer now stationed in southern California. He needs to abandon the bloody pulpit and remember that he writes for a community newspaper.

Neighborhood Artist work on display



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Neighbor, artist, and former editor of the Hill and Lake Press Newspaper, Joyce Aprea Murphy has her artwork on display in a members show at the Hopkins Center for the Arts and Theater. Her colored pencil drawing, "Alone" is on display in the Charles Redpenning Gallery in the center. Her work was also awarded an honorable mention in the show. The show will run until October 30, 2011. The Center is located 1111 Main Street, Hopkins, Minnesota.

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