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## KENWOOD CAFÉ TO CLOSE MID-JANUARY

*OTHER BUSINESSES AT RISK*

By Janet Hallaway

In an emotional moment, Catherine and Jeff Veigel, owners of the Kenwood Café, announced at a community meeting that they will cease operations at the deli in mid-January. Unable to reach agreement with the building's landlord over a lease renewal, the Veigels will close shop. They will continue to operate their other business, Isles Bun and Coffee, on West 28th Street.

News of the closing traveled virally, sending shockwaves throughout the community. Sadness about the loss and concern about the future prompted the tenants of "Downtown Kenwood" to host a community meeting to answer questions.

Sunday evening, just before dinnertime, amid a busy holiday season, over one hundred people gathered at the deli. The standing room only crowd gave testimony to the great affection the community has for the Veigels and for what they have created over the past six years.

Longtime Kenwood resident, Marian Moore, facilitated the meeting. Adept at reading the collective consciousness of the crowd, she encouraged the audience to share their stories and memories about Kenwood Café.

A woman reminisced about her tenth wedding anniversary. She and her husband walked to the deli on a glorious fall day. They dined outside, enjoying a delicious lunch.

A parent expressed gratitude for the opportunity to partake in a weekly ritual. For the past five years, he gathered at the deli every Friday after school with his children, their friends, and other parents. The experience has created lifelong ties and memories.

Tales of celebration and community were numerous. A sweet sixteen birthday party. The annual Winter Solstice fete featuring local musicians, poetry readings, and raucous merriment.

Deals were made. Ideas were born. Secrets shared. Each week people gathered at the spacious tables — neighborhood activists, bridge players, Alcoholics Anonymous support groups, countless committees, job interviewers, and interviewees.

As the stories emerged from the audience, it was clear that Kenwood Café has served a far bigger role than simply providing the neighborhood with coffee, colossal sandwiches, and signature puppy dog tails. The Veigels created a safe welcoming gathering spot that became the heart and soul of the community. It's our town square.

Conversation is inevitable here. Parents permit kids to venture there alone or with friends, knowing that kids will be safe and will likely be greeted by someone they know. Young or old, affluent or not, anyone can enter for a cup of coffee or coke and feel welcome.

Out-of-towners envy this place and this experience. Real estate agents make it a regular part of their pitch. The loss of this business is profound and will be deeply felt.

What's next? Existing tenants in the block fear that any extended vacancy will negatively impact their businesses. The current tenants — Birchbark Books, Artrageous Adventures, and Bockley Gallery already operate on the financial edge. These very special tenants are in business not just for financial gain but also because they are artists who want to connect with the



Kenwood Cafe

Photo by Dorothy Childers



News of Kenwood Café's closing prompts a large turnout from the community.

Photo by Dorothy Childers

community. A downturn in their business could send them packing.

Several residents at the meeting called for an exploration of a community-owned building. They referenced the Wedge Cooperative on Lyndale and Cottagewood Store in Deephaven as potential business models.

There is strong desire in the community to take an active role in keeping the concept of "Kenwood Commons" alive. A group agreed to meet this Thursday to explore this.

Additional advisers are needed, notably financiers, attorneys, real estate experts, and marketers. In a call

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**Later with Lisa**

Monday, December 19, 2011  
4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

**The Normandy**

405 South 8th Street

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**Wednesday, December 21st 5:30-7:30pm****Hannah Albert showing at Kenwood Cafe**

Hannah Albert is showing mixed media paintings at the Kenwood Cafe through the month of December. Hannah's recent work is of otherworldly landscapes inspired by her fascination with water and the ways in which it transforms our bodies and our universe. Other works can be seen this month at Gallery 13 and The White Rabbit Variety Shop. To follow current themes and work, please visit [www.mantraart.wordpress.com](http://www.mantraart.wordpress.com); email [hannah.makes.art@gmail.com](mailto:hannah.makes.art@gmail.com).

Celebrate the first day of Winter with a fun and creative party that is sure to warm the hearts. Create a snowflake mobile and enjoy hot cocoa while listening to winter tales and getting your face painted by a Solstice fairy. A winter wonderland photo booth will also be set up for family photos. The Kenwood Café will offer delicious food and drinks for dinner purchase so come out and enjoy your neighbors and downtown Kenwood. Winter is here and ARTrageous Adventures plans to celebrate the new season with lots of fun new classes, winter break camps and entertaining community events such as the annual Winter Solstice celebration on Wednesday, December 21st.

**HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

Dec. 19, Later with Lisa, Normandy Inn  
December 21, 5:30-7:30 Winter Solstice in Kenwood  
January 13, 1pm, Audubon Society  
Neighborhood monthly meetings:  
CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday 6pm at Jones-Harrison  
EIRA: 1st Tuesday 7pm at Grace-Trinity Church  
KIAA: 1st Monday 7pm except for Jan 9.  
Kenwood Rec Center,  
LHNA: 1st Tuesday 7pm at Kenwood Rec Center

**Dietrich Sieling: Aerodynamic Karaoke**

**Exhibition: December 3, 2011 through January 7, 2012**

Bockley Gallery is pleased to announce its upcoming exhibition entitled Aerodynamic Karaoke by Dietrich Sieling. The exhibition presents bold works on scratchboard and paper that combine text and form to portray impossibilities such as rhythms printed on air and karaoke to wordless music, alongside wished-for improbabilities such as grape-flavored Oreos and other refreshingly original treats. Dietrich Sieling's many works presented in Aerodynamic Karaoke draw the viewer into a deeply interior world rendered with humor and intensity.

Inspirations for Dietrich's work include calligraphy, a fascination with animals both scary and beloved - dogs and owls were (and are) terrifying, while kudus, zebras, and giraffes are beloved. Friends, family and self are also important subjects - drawn with special attention. moment of invention, his focus on his work becomes all encompassing."

Dietrich Sieling was born in 1988 and spent his final two years of high school at Perpich Center for Arts Education and has since become a full-time artist. His work has shown in a variety of venues around the Twin Cities. Aerodynamic Karaoke is his second show at Bockley Gallery. For further information contact Todd Bockley.

Gallery Hours: Wednesday through Saturday, Noon to 5 pm. Bockley Gallery, 2123 W. 21st Street (west of Lake of the Isles, near Franklin), Minneapolis.

**KEVIN KLING AT KENWOOD CAFÉ**

Photo by Dorothy Childers

Birchbark Books was delighted to welcome the hilarious and full-of-heart storyteller Kevin Kling for a reading and signing of his first children's book "Big Little Brother." The event was held in the Kenwood Cafe on November 25th and was attended by a great crowd. After the reading, he signed books for admirers. Signed copies of the book are available at Birchbark Books

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with the building's owner, Todd Modell, he said the building is not for sale. However, he added, "Never say never."

The Kenwood Café closes in January. Stop by to thank the Veigels for their contribution. If you have expertise or interest in seeing how the Kenwood Commons space could be turned into a cooperative, stop by the bookstore. The vitality of our neighborhood depends on it.

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## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR, PATRICK KINDLER OF ONE HEARTLAND

Craig Wilson interviews Patrick Kindler, executive director of Minneapolis-based One Heartland, about the origins and evolution of the organization's mission to "create community, offer respite, and build lifelong skills by providing an accepting environment for children, youth, and their families facing social isolation so that they may lead healthier and more fulfilling lives."

One Heartland is the largest camping and care program for children who experience HIV and AIDS, with over 75 percent of Camp Heartland's participants living in poverty. What were the origins of the organization and how did Camp Heartland evolve into One Heartland? Camp Heartland started in 1993 with 73 campers during the first summer. Over the years new medications have allowed people with HIV and AIDS (HIV/AIDS) to live longer and healthier lives. Unfortunately, most of our families still face discrimination and isolation surrounding their HIV/AIDS status. Many youth also act as the care-givers for their families resulting in more burdens than typical kids their age face. And in terms of poverty, the vast majority of our campers, almost 95%, are now living in poverty, so in addition to HIV/AIDS, they face pressures related to poverty such as substandard housing, unsafe neighborhoods, and poor schools. In terms of our evolution to One Heartland, after years of providing programs to kids with HIV/AIDS, we realized that our model could benefit other socially isolated populations. Homeless kids, LGBTQ-youth, people with diabetes, and parents with HIV/AIDS all face similar challenges of being isolated and stigmatized and all could benefit from our camp and support programs. Expanding our mission has been very rewarding, as it is clear that struggling people are much more similar than different.

**What types of programs does One Heartland offer?** We provide overnight camping sessions to youth



Patrick Kindler, Executive Director of One Heartland

families with HIV/AIDS, families with diabetes, homeless youth, and LGBTQ-youth. We also offer year-round AIDS education programming, advocacy for our campers, and seasonal events that reunite campers. We have a bi-annual youth retreat for adolescents and young adults with HIV/AIDS to learn skills around job training and higher education.

**One Heartland operates in many parts of the county and internationally?** One Heartland's programs are delivered at facilities in Willow River, MN; Malibu, CA; and Madison, CT. **Camp Heartland/Pacific Heartland:** Our largest and longest running program, Camp Heartland is a week-long summer camp for children and youth affected by HIV/AIDS. The program creates a unique atmosphere for children, adolescents, and young adult campers, where they experience unconditional acceptance and can form deep bonds with others who face similar challenges while developing self-confidence and leadership

and skills. **Camp Hollywood Heart (CHH):** Camp Hollywood Heart is offered to campers who have "graduated" from CPH and are ages 16-20. This arts-based camping session gives campers an opportunity to interact with arts professionals, explore their creativity, and develop a sense of accomplishment and self-esteem that will serve them in life. **Birch Family Camp:** Birch Camp serves New York City parents and their children affected by HIV/AIDS. Annually serving 100-150 families, Birch Camp offers recreational and therapeutic programs, tailored to four age groups: children under five years old, camp-age children (6-13), teens (14-17), and adults. Services for children and teens include overnight camping activities. Services for parents and caregivers include daily counseling sessions and workshops led by mental health and medical professionals focusing on issues including bereavement, coping with illness, managing medication adherence, destigmatizing HIV/AIDS, decreasing isolation, and specifically how to go about the process of disclosure, whether it involves revealing their personal HIV status or informing the child that he/she is HIV positive. **CampNorthstar:** In partnership with transitional housing shelters throughout the Minneapolis and Milwaukee metropolitan areas, Camp Northstar provides a free, weeklong camp experience for children experiencing homelessness and gives these children the opportunity to speak openly about their struggles with homelessness, associated stigma and isolation, making friends, and gaining valuable skills. **Camp Camp Revolution:** Camp Camp Revolution provides youth, ages 14-22, who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or questioning their sexuality or gender, a three-day, two-night camp retreat experience. Through a partnership with eight GLBTQ-serving agencies, One Heartland offers Camp Camp Revolution to foster and build supportive communities for GLBTQ youth within Minnesota. Campers are

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## High, Low, Averages, and Net Sums MINNEAPOLIS MINDS

Recently, I was asked a question, “Is the achievement gap because we have such high end achievers at the top of the scale and average achievers at the bottom?” Wanting to answer a simple question with a simple answer, I replied not so confidently, “I think so.”

After all, we Minnesotans have long had a sense of our education-powered economy, constantly being ranked among the top educated states in the nation. We even said it uncomfortably for a while with a short-lived motto, “Minnesota, the Education State.” Perhaps our own Garrison Keillor expressed it best, describing Lake Wobegon, “where all the women are strong, all the men are good-looking, and all the children are above average.”

But to really answer this question, the researcher inside me took to the National Center for Education Statistics and its “The National Report Card,” the only true state-to-state comparison source out there. (Minneapolis comparisons are even harder to find.) (<http://nces.ed.gov/nation-reportcard/statecomparisons/>)

As a visual learner when it comes to data, I chose to create spreadsheets and charts that plotted the nation’s highest, lowest and average state scores, and where Minnesota sat within that context. For a snapshot, I looked at 8th graders’ reading and math scores over the last five years of testing in 2003, ‘05, ‘07 and ‘11; three racial cohorts (white, black and Hispanic); and two economic cohorts (those who were poor enough to qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch (FRL), and not poor).

The charts are offered here where you too may see some interesting things on your own. Here’s a summary of some of my key findings. [Key to the graphs: Minnesota’s scores are the horizontal lines connecting the vertical lines and bars. The tops of the vertical lines are the highest scores for a state in the U.S, and the bottoms being the lowest for that year. The bar in the middle reflects the national average difference as compared to Minnesota. If Minnesota’s horizontal line starts at the top of the vertical bar, Minnesota is that much above the national average. If it starts below the bar, Minnesota is below the national average by that much.]

### Key Findings:

Focusing on the achievement gap alone, without greater context, may take us somewhere we’d rather not be, like say, West Virginia. Several states with the smallest achievement gaps are those with the lowest scores for all populations. Nobody wants to go there. So it seems dangerous to focus only on the gap without understanding content that creates the gap.

When it comes to math, like Lake Wobegon, all Minnesota 8th grade populations are above average. While there are notable and concerning differences in scores between racial and economic groups, the 2011 data show that all groups are performing above the national average. So if there was a simple answer to the initial question, the answer would be “yes” for math.

We’re seeing consistent and promising yearly improvements in math scores among Minnesota’s 8th grade black students. They are above the average among black children nationally, and the gap has been closing between black and white Minnesota children. In 2003, Minnesota’s black 8th graders’ math scores were 85% of their white peers and by 2011, the gap has closed to 89%. Let’s keep this trend going.

Math scores among the highest performers, white 8th graders, have grown but have slipped from their nation’s top spot. In 2003, Minnesota white 8th graders were the

By Steve Kotvis

top nationally ranked math achievers. They represented the best of the best. Since then, they’ve slipped each year to 3rd in 2005, 5th in ‘07 and ‘09 and in 2011 dropped to 7th nationally. Still at 95% of the national average, but I don’t think anyone wants to see the slippery slope continue.

When it comes to 8th grade reading scores, Garrison Keillor’s line about Minnesota children might be re-written to read something more like, “Minnesota, where children are barely above average, except . . . “ Except, that is, if you are a 8th grader who is black, and until just recently, who is Hispanic. The achievement gap between white and black 8th graders is consistently among the very worst in the nation, and moreover below the national average for all black children. That’s also been the case with Hispanic 8th graders in Minnesota, except for the most recent year, which leads us to the next finding.

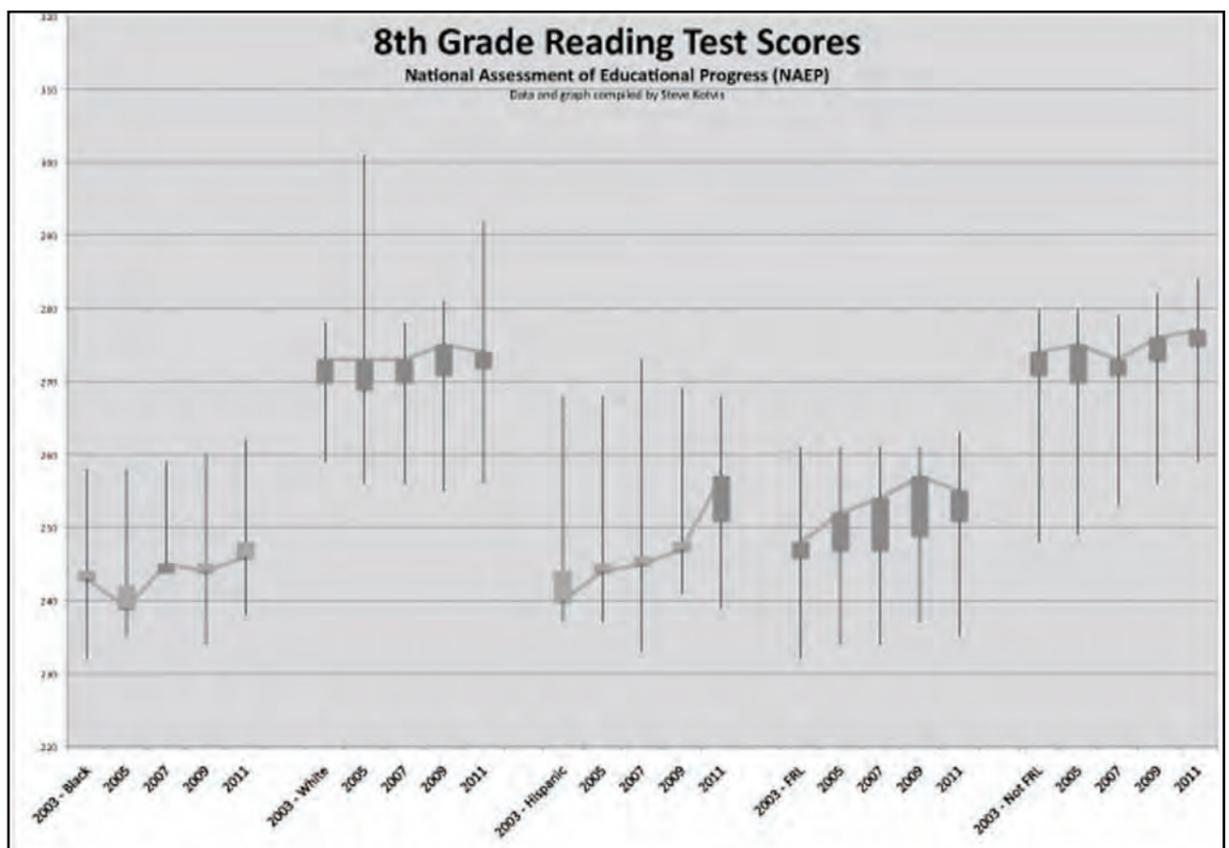
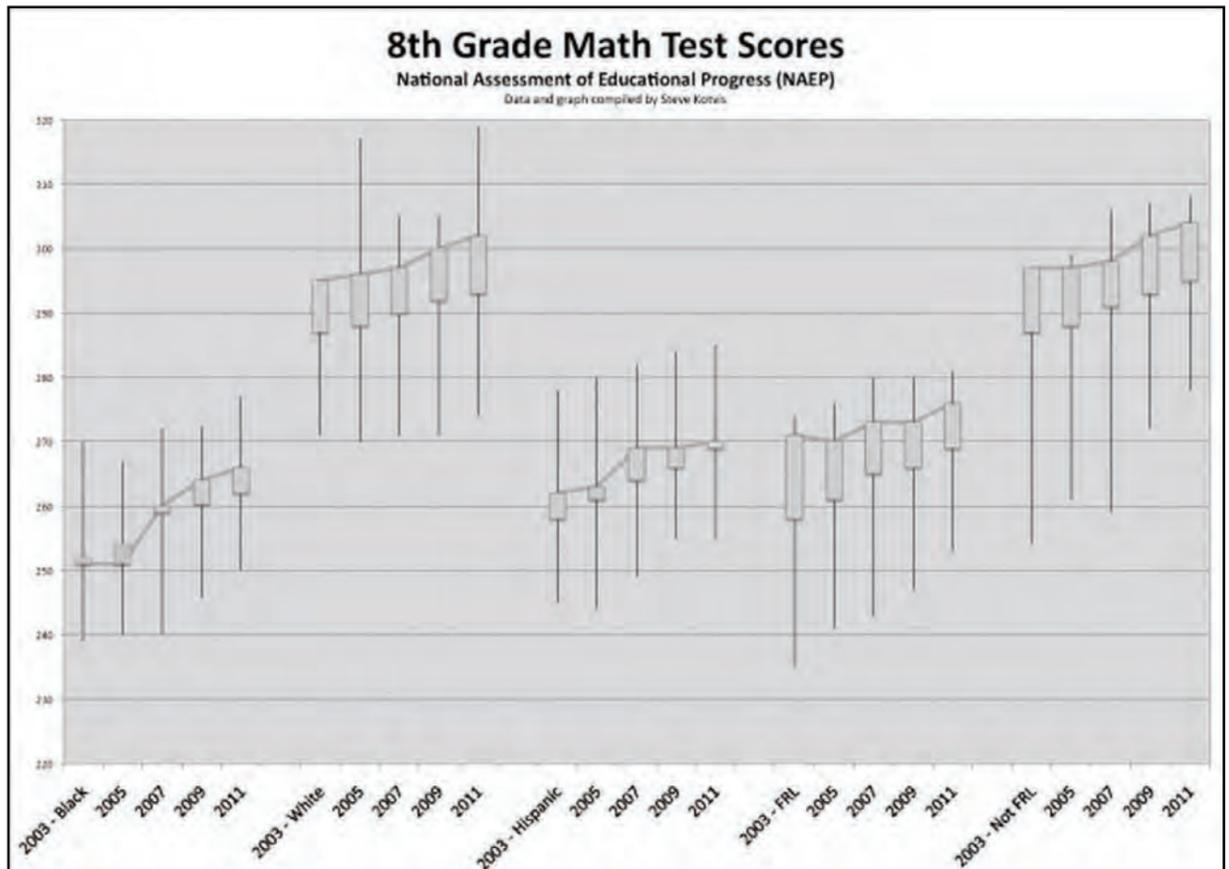
Most recently, something is working to raise reading scores among the Hispanic population. Based on the data, we hope that dramatic gains in 8th grade reading in 2011 are the start of a continuing trend. Minnesota Hispanic population went from consistently below the national average performers in reading to 13th highest in the nation in 2011. Moreover the gap between Hispanic and white 8th grade reading scores closed by half, from a 32 point difference in 2003 to 17 points in 2011. What’s working there? Let’s keep it going. Does anything apply to raising scores among black 8th graders who are now being left behind?

While Minnesota does not have the history of leading the nation in reading like it does in math, we’re still seeing

the reading scores of white students who define the top end of the achievement gap bouncing in a possible decline in the context of national landscape. In 2003, white Minnesota 8th graders reading scores measured at 98% of the top scores in the nation. In 2011, they are down to 95%. In that period they’ve been as low as 91% and as high as 95%, so it seems volatile and may need some attention to keep it from heading downward, that is if we have any interest in maintaining a sense of being “the Education State” whether explicitly stated or not.

Rarely, simple questions yield simple answers. But to piggyback on last month’s column, it seems we must keep our eyes on more than just the achievement gap. We need to be conscious of both the high and low performing students, and keep a mindful approach that does not sacrifice one for another. I agree with those who say this cannot be seen as a “zero net” sum game. But more concerning to me is if our district leadership does not tend to, or takes our highest performers for granted, we stand a real and eminent threat of not zero net, but continued “declining net” sums.

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](mailto:stevek@f-go.us).



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Steve Kotvis' November column generated many comments and letters. Three letters are printed here.

#### To the Editor:

Steve Kotvis makes an insightful point in his most recent column: MPS officials and the school board are unfailingly polite and willing to hear parents out, but the only subject on which they seem to be truly passionate and galvanized is attacking the achievement gap.

Southwest Minneapolis parents are perceived as noisy, privileged, self-centered folk with tunnel vision. We are expected to subsume our children's needs to those of the larger community and its more pressing problems. Certain Southwest parents in the thrall of the current orthodoxy have openly stated a willingness to sacrifice their children's performance to the greater good.

Not me.

But the prospect of losing a critical mass of us to charters, privates, parochials, etc., does not galvanize the school board, I've found, despite that it would put the district near collapse. There is room for only a single focus in resource-starved urban public education today.

Luckily, there are enough forceful, engaged principals, teachers, and parents (and the rare administrator) to keep many of our public schools thriving nonetheless. Hopefully the coming region-specific school board elections will provide Southwest Mpls with a representative with nerve to advocate for the interests not of the 1 percent, but those of us who want to keep functional schools from becoming collateral damage in an era of cuts and polite disinterest.

To get there we will need an electorate willing to do more than the typical rubber stamp of the DFL central committee's handpicked candidate, steeped in the current political fashion as they always are. I urge my neighbors to stay engaged.

Adam Platt, Kenwood

#### To the Editor:

Bravo to Steve Kotvis for daring to say the emperor has no clothes in his Minneapolis Minds column on the school achievement gap.

We took our oldest child out of the Minneapolis Public School system in the middle of elementary school because she was being under served by the policy of benign neglect toward high-end achievers; we avoided the system completely with our youngest child. Both children returned for high school, where the youngest still has a couple of years before graduating. Fourteen years after that initial departure, I'm finding the focus is still on the achievement gap.

Closing the gap is an unrealistic goal. By definition, closing a gap means either one group rises and another falls—worst case; or, one group rises more while another remains stagnant—better, but certainly not an acceptable case. There will always be a gap, as perhaps there should be: the machinist is as vital to a healthy society as the engineer. The better, more achievable goal is to make sure that all students come closer to reaching their full potential. Wherever that may be on the achievement spectrum.

East Isles resident. Name withheld by editor.

#### My Kids, Their Kids, All of Our Kids

A recent column by Steve Kotvis published in the Hill and Lake Press raised some important issues about whether focusing on the achievement gap means that we are failing to meet the needs of all kids, including those who are high achieving. This issue deserves careful consideration, but I want to respectfully disagree with Steve's suggestion that focusing on the gaps means we are ignoring the needs of those who are performing well in school. I share my perspective as a parent of two children who graduated from MPS, as a former school board member, and as the current CEO of AchieveMpls, whose mission is to support ALL the young people who attend Minneapolis schools.

Throughout my years of work with the Minneapolis schools, I have tried hard to hold an essential tension: how do we meet the needs of each and every child in the district, while at the same time putting extra effort/resources/focus on the children who we are farthest behind? How do we raise academic achievement and standards for every student whether they are below grade level, on track, or far ahead? How do we create a focus both on equity AND fairness, knowing that all children deserve a great education, but that children of color and those living in poverty are experiencing an educational crisis of unacceptable proportion? How do we create a beloved community in our city, prioritizing the needs of those most impoverished, so that all may share the benefits of our common bond?

First we must understand that this is not a zero sum game. We can meet the needs of all children in our schools – those who are affluent, middle class, or poor, those who are doing exceedingly well and those who are failing. It is difficult work and filled with challenges, but it is possible. Fundamentally, though, we have to be willing to admit to the reality of the opportunity and achievement gaps that exist within our midst. If not, we will continue to create a two-tier society – one for those with means and one for those who are poor.

Recently at a presentation to the Committee on the Achievement Gap, I said that middle class and affluent kids in our district are doing fine. That was not a dismissive comment suggesting these kids are not important. But it is the truth. By any measure, from kindergarten readiness to standardized test scores to graduation rates to college-going to access to music, athletics, summer enrichment, and more, middle class and affluent children in MPS are doing just fine. In fact, they out-rank the state in many measures of academic success. My own children received a great education in MPS. They were able to perform well in school, access great opportunities and go to the college of their choice. The debt I owe to Minneapolis Public Schools for the education my children received is why I am willing to fight so hard to ensure that the same opportunity is extended to all children.

In the public sphere, all choices have consequences. How we target our resources, what we believe about all kids, who teaches in which schools, how we distribute and

pay for extra-curricular activities, which schools have which programs, are all choices. I hope we continue to challenge ourselves on issues of equity, fairness, achievement and focus. It is important for the future of all of our kids.

By Pam Costain, AchieveMpls

#### AchieveMpls Launches New Monthly Public Education Engagement Series Our City, Our Schools

Want to strengthen our public schools but don't know how to get involved? AchieveMpls, the nonprofit partner of the Minneapolis Public Schools, is launching a new monthly public education engagement series called Our City, Our Schools, designed to help the local community learn about hot topics in public education and ways to get engaged as volunteers, community partners, and advocates. Open to the public, the monthly series will be held in a variety of Minneapolis locations and delve into issues such as the achievement gap, education reform, education policy, and other current topics.

"It takes an entire community to make sure that all of our students achieve academically and are ready for college and careers after graduation," said Marika Pfefferkorn, Director of Community Engagement at AchieveMpls. "Many community members want to get involved in our public schools but just don't know how to connect their skills and talents with students' needs. This new series will provide participants with critical information on specific education topics and ways they can engage in our schools."

Our City, Our Schools will kick off its first session with a program on "Community Engagement and the Achievement Gap", led by staff from AchieveMpls. The event will be held on Thursday, December 15 from 6-7:30 pm at the Urban Research and Outreach Center (UROC), 2001 Plymouth Ave. North in Minneapolis. Come with your questions, your ideas, and your friends. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Shoshana Daniels at 612-455-1535 or [sdaniels@achievempls.org](mailto:sdaniels@achievempls.org) to reserve your spot today.

About AchieveMpls

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offered traditional camping activities to participate in, as well as youth leadership opportunities, and opportunities to address shared experiences of social isolation and victimization due to homophobic-based bullying. Camp 5210: In partnership with Park Nicollet Clinics, Camp 5210 serves youth and their families diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes. Our program focuses on educating children and their parents diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes on ways of improving their health through our family camping model. We teach healthy eating, the importance of physical activity, and diabetes medical management. Our program provides family members with positive role models, peer encouragement, accountability, and increase in overall health, and self-esteem. OneFutures: National Life Skills Retreat for Young Adults Affected by HIV/AIDS: OneFutures is offered to campers, ages 16-22, to assist them in successfully navigating their way into adulthood. This four-day retreat emphasizes skill building such as assistance with GED completion, how to write a resume, how to manage money including balancing a checkbook, how to perform at a job interview, and includes taking them on local tours to two and four-year colleges. In addition, this program helps participants manage their HIV/AIDS at a new juncture in their life, focusing on issues such as medication management, nutrition, and building healthy relationships. Journey of Hope Program (JOH): JOH is an HIV/AIDS awareness program, led by One Heartland to impact education programming nationwide. Campers are trained in public speaking skills and taught to use their own experiences with HIV/AIDS to educate others at JOH presentations to schools, universities, and community organizations. JOH combines personal anecdotes from One Heartland campers with testing and prevention education.

**What is a typical day like at camp?** For our youth who attend camp, activities are like any other summer-camp. We awaken at 7:30am, sing songs, perform skits. Each day, the campers choose from a variety of camping activities like arts and crafts, canoeing, fishing, swimming, sports, hiking. At night, we usually have all-camp activities like a big campfire, a carnival and a camp-wide dance. Most of our campers have never been to summer camp, have never experienced a S'MORES or a nature hike, so it is pretty incredible to watch them experience these things for the first time. Campers and volunteers alike leave feeling that they are part of a community, satisfied and proud of all the new things they tried at camp.

**Can you share the story of a child you have worked with over the years?** One child that comes to mind is a camper from Camp Heartland who came to camp at 13 having never told anyone about her HIV status. She used to take her medications while hidden in the school bathroom and was afraid to make friends for fear they would find about her status and ostracize her. At her first day at camp, she was quiet and kept to herself, but by the end of the second day, she was in front of the camp, leading songs and becoming a leader. She continued at camp as an adolescent in our

Adventure Program and then as a Junior Counselor – her leadership skills obvious as soon as she felt comfortable to come out of her shell. She now works as a Head-Counselor at Camp Heartland, where she shares her story with the younger campers and helps them to see that there are people who will accept someone regardless of their HIV status. Also, her health improved once she was unburdened by the secret of her status. She is thriving, physically and emotionally.

**Friends of mine who have volunteered for camp in various roles over the years consistently report that the volunteer experience is incredibly positive and transformative for both campers and volunteers. What types of volunteers are you looking for and what types of volunteer roles do you need?** We are looking for all types of volunteers! Our volunteers range in age from 17-80 and are an incredibly, wonderful and diverse group that includes college-students, retirees and professionals. All of our counselors for our camping programs are volunteers. Most come for one session, some for more. We are looking for counselors to work directly with kids either in cabins or as activity specialists in arts and crafts, sports, swimming, etc. We also have medical and mental health professionals, doctors, nurses, and psychotherapists, volunteering at our camps.

**How can Hill Lake residents support One Heartland?** Volunteer, attend an event, spread the word, buy a Cities 97 Sample CD, make a donation [www.oneheartland.org](http://www.oneheartland.org)

**You are an avid outdoorsman, educator, and artist with deep roots in St. Paul—a natural combination to be an effective leader of One Heartland. What's your story?** I started with the Wilder Foundation at Wilder Forest in 1993 as a life-guard and worked my way up to Camp Director and then, after graduating from University, I worked full time with program development specifically with diversity education. Most of my time was spent with Project Common Ground for St. Paul Public School and the 10 eastern suburbs training teachers on integrating multicultural education into their classrooms and running a diversity education program for 5th graders. The funding for this program ended in 2005. The same week that my position ended with St Paul public schools, the Camp Director position opened up on One Heartland. I started as the Camp Director that year and a year later was promoted to Program Director and last year I was hired as the Executive Director. I love my job and I have the opportunity to use my skills to benefit families that truly need our services. I can't imagine not doing what I do.

**What is on the horizon for One Heartland?** Expanding our new programs nationally!

Financial contributions to One Heartland can be sent to: **One Heartland, 2101 Hennepin Ave S, Ste. 107, Minneapolis, MN 55405 or visit [www.oneheartland.org](http://www.oneheartland.org)**



Patrick Kindler and Hill Lake residents Cheryl Sandeen, the 2011 Heart of Hope Award Recipient, and Board Member Trevor Porath at the 2011 'Holiday in the Heartland' fundraiser at the Dakota."

## Kenwood Isles Area Association

### December 2011 KIAA Meeting Minutes

Chair Larry Moran called the December 5, 2011 KIAA meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Others present: Lisa Goodman, 7th Ward council member; Dylan Thomas, Southwest Journal, Anita Tabb, Park Board Commissioner; Ned Foster, Brownie Lake CAC member; Mark Holtey, Kenwood Rec Center Director; and Shawn Smith, Kenwood resident.

### KIAA Business – Larry Moran

Angie Erdrich, Kenwood resident and Kenwood School parent, was elected to KIAA Board.

Thanks to out-going KIAA members Eric Sjoding, Kathy Williams and Pat Scott.

### 7th Ward City Council Update – CM Lisa Goodman

Snow Emergencies Info: call 311 if your streets or sidewalks need plowing/shoveling. Apartments and commercial buildings should have sidewalks cleared within 4 hours of snowfall. Blue street signs highlight the snow emergencies routes. Call 348-SNOW to know if snow emergency is announced or visit the City of Mpls website and sign up for Facebook, Twitter or email alerts.

"Later with Lisa" on Monday Dec. 19 from 4:30 –7:00 p.m. at the Normandy Hotel. Doug Kress, past City Council aide, will be in attendance and celebrating his birthday.

Kenwood Cafe owners are vacating due to high rents and difficult lease negotiations.

For more information visit [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/ward7](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/ward7).

### Park Board Update – Anita Tabb, Mpls Park and Rec Board Commissioner, 4th District

Levin Triangle Park in East Isles-Anita Tabb presented plans of park design and new playground equipment. Will select a vendor in February 2012 and begin project in May/June 2012. Total project cost: \$250,000.

Owners of First Avenue nightclub have met with the Park Board and are planning a summer concert in the Parade Stadium park.

Parade Stadium road paving will occur beginning of June 2012.

As part of the Walker Library construction (2013), the mall area, under Park Board control, will be used for access. Conceptual plans are underway for renovation of the park area at the east end of the mall next to Hennepin Avenue.

A Mpls Parks Foundation donor is funding a study to look at the Fujiya site on the Mississippi River. There will be a public meeting to discuss the site on Thursday, Dec. 15 from 6-8 p.m. at the Mill City Museum.

Mark Holtey, new Kenwood Rec Center Director, was introduced. Mark has been with the Park Board for 13 years and, most recently, Pershing Park.

### NCR/NCEC Update and Next Steps – Pat Scott

Pat Scott recently submitted KIAA's comments to the NCEC guidelines. 18 city neighborhoods responded to the guidelines.

KIAA has approximately \$10,000 in remaining NRP funds. KIAA hoped to use the funds for Southwest Transitway consulting/ review assistance, but the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the LRT has not been issued for review.

### Kathy Williams-Communications Committee and KIAA Secretary

Kathy has forwarded copies of the latest KIAA website to the board for review.

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**Rye Deli, 1930 Hennepin Avenue Phone 612-871-1200 [www.ryedeli.com](http://www.ryedeli.com)**

By Joyce Murphy

A couple of weeks ago my husband and I went for our usual evening walk up 22nd to Hennepin, north to Franklin, and along Hennepin north to a newly opened Delicatessen. Once again we were able to walk to our supper. This is getting to be a usual experience these days as the second restaurant eatery has opened along Hennepin Avenue. Finally Hennepin is experiencing some kind of restaurant and commercial renaissance. Businesses and entrepreneurs are again seeing Hennepin Avenue as the place to be. The newest place is the Rye Deli. I told Ron let's try it and we went in. Once inside we were treated to an array of foods in a deli counter and a bar. We looked at the variety of deli foods listed and made our choices. I ordered a potato dill mustard salad and chicken soup with kreplachs, both of which were yummy and flavorful. My husband ordered some soup and cole slaw plus good bread which came with the food.

As we waited for our food we were able to watch the day come to an end. By now dusk was descending over Hennepin Avenue and the downtown skyline was lighting up in an array of shining lights and skyscrapers. The buses were depositing riders and cars were wending their way home. Our table in the front corner of the restaurant was the ideal spot to watch all of this. I've never been to New York, but maybe this is what a corner of a New York street with a deli located on it would look like.

My second visit to the Rye deli was on assignment for this article wherein we interviewed the proprietor of the Rye Deli, David Weinstein, who graciously gave us his time and told the story of his new enterprise. The Deli is founded on the principal of serving locally grown food, free-range chicken and turkey, farm raised meats, and healthy eating. All the food is made from scratch from the corned beef to the kreplachs. They put in much effort to make food that if not your grandmother's cooking is as close to home and grandma as food can be. As in all things worth doing the food sometimes takes a little longer to finish and so just like at home we waited for the food to be ready and the wait was worth it. The restaurant has some help from Tobie Nidetz who advises and helps restaurateurs starting on



**Owner David Weinstein and staff at the Rye Deli.**

Photo by Dorothy Childers

the road to success from his long experience in the restaurant business

Rye's has been open since the first week of November. You can improve your wait with a drink from the bar served up by "Sharkie," the bartender.

As a footnote to all of this we now have two new eateries that have seen fit to locate on Hennepin Avenue. Once Hennepin was a bustling business street and then the economic down turn struck and turned Hennepin into, for want of better words, a boarded up wasteland. Mr. Weinstein and the new Lowry restaurant proprietors saw the possibilities and are running with it to success. They had faith in neighborhood and went ahead and put their hopes in the north end of Hennepin Avenue. Many thanks to you from the neighborhood.

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**Sharkie receives an order of food from the openly visible kitchen.**

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Most victims of fatal accidents on the ice in Hennepin County have been children.

Hennepin Sheriff Rich Stanek is reminding parents and guardians to keep children away from thin ice on rivers, ponds, creeks, and lakes.

"I urge parents and caregivers to supervise young children and set clear rules about ice safety," said Sheriff Stanek, "Please teach your children that no ice should ever be considered safe—especially this time of year."

When your child is near the ice or the water, you should be near your child.

The early part of winter has traditionally been the time of year when children are at-risk for ice accidents because of the holiday schedule.

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## FRIENDS OF THOMAS LOWRY PARK

By Barry Lazarus



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## PLANTER AT THOMAS LOWRY PARK DRESSED IN HOLIDAY GREENS.

Friends of Thomas Lowry Park wishes all in Lowry Hill and Kenwood a happy and healthy holiday season and a Happy New Year. Friends hopes all of you use and enjoy Thomas Lowry Park in 2012.

Let's all thank Barb Fogel and Sara Peterman for the winter decorations to the planter. Friends wants to extend thanks to Bill Payne for his extraordinary work in the Park this past summer. Friends also thanks Tangletown Gardens and the MPRB for their year round work in the Park. Many of you have told Friends' members the Park has never looked so good.

As you know, Friends had a very successful fundraiser in September. Over \$3500 was raised in a very fun evening. Please keep your eyes open for the announcement of the 2012 event to be held in August or September. Every dollar donated is used in the Park for plant or shrub acquisition or maintenance.

Susan and Dick Goldman have offered to donate a handsome amount to sponsor a new sculpture for the Park. Friends is working with the Goldmans, MCAD, and the MPRB to iron out the details. Friends hopes to have more news about this exciting project in the future.

The new officers of Friends are as follows:

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Bill Payne-Vice President Operations

Barb Fogel-Vice President of Public Relations and

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Sara Peterman-Vice President of Special Projects  
Secretary-Suzanne Payne  
Treasurer-John Peterman  
The Board of Directors remains Barry, Barb, Suzanne, John, Eric and Sara (on leave of absence).  
Friends is pleased to once again publish a timely article by Dr. Jen Holm, DVM, DACVECC (Barb's daughter).  
The article is as follows:

**Question: I've heard poinsettias are poisonous for dogs. Is that true?**

**Answer:** Poinsettias are very popular this time of year and they are classified as only mildly toxic to dogs. Any plant material ingestion may result in gastrointestinal signs (vomiting, diarrhea) for dogs and this is potentially what

could happen with ingestion of a poinsettia but it is usually not severe and self limiting. Holly and mistletoe are classified as moderately toxic to dogs and could result in more severe gastrointestinal signs. If you believe your pet has ingested any plant material including flowers, please contact your veterinarian.

**Question: My dog's paws became very irritated from the salt and other de-icers on the roads and sidewalks last winter. What is the best way to prevent this?**

**Answer:** The only way to prevent it entirely is to avoid contact with these substances. You could try boots made specifically for your dog but be prepared to do some research in order to find the right kind for your dog and you will spend time and effort to introduce the use of the boots to your dog. To minimize the impact, use pet friendly products in the areas around your home, and be sure to wash your dogs paws after your return from outdoors. Also, some dogs with long hair between their toes get "ice balls" on the hair which may also cause irritation. Check those areas frequently while out on walks and keep hair trimmed when possible.

**Question: I really want to get my pets holiday gifts. What are some good options?**

**Answer:** The multi-billion dollar value of the pet industry in the United States will confirm that you are not the only one who buys gifts for their pets. As such, there are so many resources out there to shop. Only you will know what your pet will like the best and not destroy (or ingest!) in 30 seconds. Take into con-

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sideration safety as the number one concern; research the item as much as possible and consult other pet owners who have used the product. Once you have done your research, have fun with the gift giving .

Many dogs will actually un-wrap their own gifts and cats can get a fun surprise such as a nice new bed in their favorite napping spot or a new toy in an area they play.

Thanks Dr. Holm. If any readers have questions of Dr. Holm, please send them to the editor or a Friends member.

Finally, another recipe from the fundraiser per the request of attendees. Mary Lazarus' recipe from the fundraiser is as follows:

Beef Tenderloin Hors d'oeuvres

1 lb. beef tenderloin

1 baguette

sour cream

horseradish (cream style)

Have butcher slice tenderloin into 1/4" slices.

Heat sauté pan on medium high heat.

Put olive oil in pan. Cut each slice of beef into 2 pieces.

Pepper and salt meat. - Sauté each slice of beef very

quickly to get a sear on the outside.

Slice baguette into 1/2" slices.

Paint with olive oil and salt and pepper.

Toast them in a 400 degree oven until toasted.

Mix 1 cup of sour cream with a tablespoon of horseradish or enough horseradish to suit your taste  
Assemble:

One slice of toasted bread, one slice of beef, and place the horseradish mixture on the side for individual application.

It's easy but delicious!

Have a wonderful month.

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# LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

By Janis Clay

## LHNA Board Minutes

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

### Kenwood Recreation Center

Attendees: David Weinstein, President; Maureen Sheehan, Vice President; Janis Clay, Secretary; Dan Aronson, Treasurer; Jimmy Fogel; Sherie Tazelaar; Craig Wilson; Kathy Byrn.

Guests: Lisa Goodman, Seventh Ward Minneapolis City Council Representative; Anita Tabb, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board; Marc Holtey, Kenwood Community Center.

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by President David Weinstein, noting a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda: Jimmy Fogel moved and Maureen Sheehan seconded approval of the November 1, 2011, minutes and tonight's agenda. All approved

**Community Announcements** - Seventh Ward City Council Representative Lisa Goodman. Jimmy Fogel has been appointed to the Minneapolis Board of Appeals and Equalization, which hears appeals from property owners who disagree with the City's assessed value of their property. Sidewalks must be cleared by residents within 24 hours of a snow fall. Commercial properties, including larger multiple dwelling buildings, have only four hours. She urged residents to call 311 promptly if this is not done. There will be no Lunch with Lisa in December. Later with Lisa will be December 19th. Lisa discussed the news that the Isles Market and Deli (Kenwood Café) in Kenwood has announced it will not be renewing its lease.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dan Aronson reported he will write a check for our portion of the Spring Lake floating island project. He has not yet gotten any invoices for the bike racks.

### Committee Reports:

**Communication/Events:** We need to send an E-Blast to publicize the Annual Lakes Area Ice Skating Social, Sunday, January 22, 2012. Madeleine Lowry is willing to do this. We need to contact the Walker (Phillip Bahar) to set up the May 2012 Annual Meeting.

**Zoning and Planning:** Maureen Sheehan distributed drawings and a proposal prepared by Scott Robinson of MnDOT for the Hennepin Avenue median planting project (between Groveland Terrace and Douglas). MnDOT will contribute \$6100.00 for soil and plant materials. We will contribute \$2000.00 for excavation and \$13,000.00 for a limestone retaining wall. David Weinstein moved, and Sherie Tazelaar seconded, approval of this proposal and allocation of \$15,000 (NRP funds reallocated from housing to traffic calming), with a 33% contingency, for a total of \$20,000.00. All approved. Anita Tabb, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board, has made progress on arranging for the planting to be on a Park Board watering truck route. The plantings will include disease resistant elms. The Park Board is scheduled to vote tomorrow on the First

Avenue summer concert proposal. Anita Tabb reported that the proposal provides for a meeting with neighbors both before and after the event to address noise and other neighborhood impacts. The ending time has been moved up to 10 p.m. We discussed the need for written confirmation of First Avenue's commitment to donate \$1.00 per ticket to the neighborhood. Anita Tabb distributed a concept plan, currently unfunded, for landscaping the mall area above the Walker Library. The Parks Foundation has received a generous donation to do work on the Fujiya site. Parade Road repaving is scheduled to begin next spring after the end of the school year.

**Environment:** Concerns were raised regarding the locations of some bike racks installed under the matching program. Jimmy Fogel and Sherie Tazelaar will visit the locations at issue and report.

**Crime and Safety:** Kathy Byrn attended the East Isles Residents Association meeting. She reported that in response to traffic concerns at 24th and Fremont, the intersection would become a four-way stop. A community crime and safety meeting was held November 15th at Temple Israel with Minneapolis Police Department neighborhood crime prevention specialist Chelsea Adams. There will be sufficient budget to retain the community liaisons and hire some additional officers.

Other business: One Board seat remains vacant due to Marc Tomlinson's move.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

**LHNA's next Board meeting will be held Tuesday, January 10, 2012, at the Kenwood Rec Center. All residents are welcome. Everyone is encouraged to visit the LHNA website at [www.lowryhillneighborhood.org](http://www.lowryhillneighborhood.org), where they can sign up to receive LHNA's monthly E-Blast about events in the neighborhood.**

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CES has helped over 4,000 Minneapolis homeowners fight ice dam problems, make home energy improvements, and save energy and money in their homes while staying comfortable. Community Energy Services also helps homeowners with the next steps including: finding qualified contractors, applying for utility rebates and accessing low interest financing.

Take advantage of this great program before it's too late! To register for a presentation, visit [mnces.org](http://mnces.org) or call (612) 335-5869.

### Our next Presentations

December 20th, 6:30 PM, Northrop Urban Environmental School, 4315 31st Ave S

January 5th, 6:30 PM, Waite Park Elementary, 1800 34th Ave NE

January 10th, 6:30 PM, Barton Open School, 4237 Colfax Ave S

January 21st, 10:00 AM, Jefferson Community School, 1200 26th St. W

For a list of additional presentations visit [mnces.org](http://mnces.org)

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The new website will go online soon. KIAA approved Kathy Williams' final approval of the final design and installation.

January KIAA Meeting will include discussion of :

Term Limit Discussion

Neighborhood Survey

Social Media possibilities

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

**Reminder: The next KIAA Board meeting will be Monday, January 9 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Rec Center. The public is welcome to attend these monthly meetings.**

## Greetings of the Season and a Happy New Year!



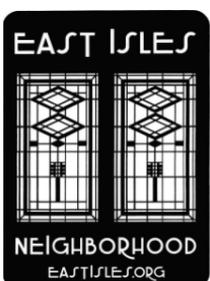
A Lake of the Isles' fine home, beautifully attired for the holiday season.

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	Uptown Association



## EAST ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION

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

By Monica Smith, Recorder

Board members present: Al Rodriguez (Treasurer), Ginna Portman Amis, Sue Durfee, Vaughn Emerson, Tina Frontera, Ramon Ramirez Quintero, Linda Schutz, and Joe Sinnott.

Treasurer Al Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

#### Meg Tuthill, Ward 10 Council Member, City of Minneapolis report:

The City has agreed to add a 4-way stop at the intersection of 24th St and Fremont Ave. The traffic counts don't warrant a 4-way stop but the City agreed that this is a difficult intersection.

A special yard waste collection was added for December 7-9. All yard waste needs to be out by 6 a.m. on December 7.

There are a variety of ways to learn about Snow Emergencies. Check out the options on City's webpage: [www.minneapolismn.gov/snow](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/snow) or call 612-348-SNOW.

The final public hearing on the 2012 budget will be December 14, 6:05 p.m. at City Hall. To be considered, comments need to be submitted now.

There will be no "Meet with Meg" in December.

Police Chief Dolan had budget surplus, he will rehire nine laid-off officers and retain the Crime Prevention Specialists.

Since CM Tuthill will introduce an ordinance change in 2012 to require permits be obtained for recreational fires in Minneapolis, a board member gave her a copy of a City of Golden Valley recreational fire permit indicating rules permit holders must abide by in that community.

There will be a change to the route for the 2012 City of Lake Loppet. The track will come down Lake Street (not The Mall as in previous years). The City approved this new route.

Board members expressed concern about 2012 property tax increases. Minneapolis and the Park Board each had zero levy. The increase was from the county and caused by a change in state law regarding homestead credits. CM Tuthill suggested calling the City Assessor's office to have your property tax reevaluated.

Gary Schiff, Ward 9 Council Member, City of Minneapolis presented his proposal to eliminate the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application for residential property with five to nine units.

Currently, new residential property with 5-9 units requires a Site Plan and a CUP. The Site Plan is a set of requirements specifying standards for building materials, access, landscaping, etc. The CUP is a tool to add conditions to a permit. CUP is not a tool that can be used to deny an application. It allows for conditions placed on the use, but it doesn't stop the use. Since the use of a residential building is housing, CM Schiff can't identify any conditions that are not already required in the Site Plan. He feels that the CUP is a duplicative regulation that doesn't add substantive value to the review process.

In the past decade, 44 new developments with 5-9

units were reviewed by the Planning Commission at a public hearing. If this proposal passes, 39 of those projects would still have required neighborhood notice and public hearing because they had some other issue.

This proposal is for new residential developments (5-9 units) only. The CUP will remain in place for commercial use and for height requirements in the Shoreland Overlay District.

In response to a board member's concern about neighborhoods losing ability to provide feedback on development, CM Schiff stated that eliminating the CUP does not eliminate neighborhood notification. Developments with 5-9 units are required to comply with Site Plan review rules. If the Site Plan rules are not met or the development is requesting rezoning or a variance, a public hearing will be required.

The questions were asked: who is opposing this proposal? CM Schiff stated that it is not being opposed. Staff feels that the CUP application does not have any weight behind it. Eliminating the CUP will allow staff to work smarter and focus on the more important Site Plan. State law limits the amount of time that government can review applications to 60 days. If a city does not rule on an application within 60 days, the developers get whatever they request. Eliminating this type of CUP will help streamline processes. Another proposed change for greater communication with the public: the Weekly Planning Applications Report will be available to anyone upon request.

#### Open Forum

Advanced planning for the April 2012 EIRA Board elections was discussed. A nominations committee will be formed to recruit new board members. Monica Smith will send an email to current board members to gauge interest for another term.

The recent Lake Area Crime and Safety meeting included details of recent arrests. Home burglaries have declined since these arrests.

#### REPORTS

##### EIRA Zoning Committee

Co-Chair Steve Havig gave an update of the Zoning Committee's November meeting. The committee met at Smith Triangle to discuss a potential request to move the Thomas Lowry statue to Lowry Park. The committee is taking it under advisement until a formal proposal is offered. The committee discussed ideas for new development at 2700 Hennepin Ave. The committee chairs receive and monitor the Weekly Planning Applications Report. The Uptown Theater will be undergoing renovation. No new information to report about the vacant property on the 2800 block of Lake of the Isles Parkway.

##### Treasurer's Report, Al Rodriguez

Treasurer Al Rodriguez provided the Treasurer's Report. Donations continue to come in for membership. EIRA raised \$700 for advance ticket sales for the

Wine Tasting fundraiser.

#### NRP Report

Monica Smith reviewed the proposed guidelines for the East Isles home improvement loan program. The loan pool is \$70,000. Loans of \$3,500 – 7,000 will be available for 1-4 unit properties in East Isles for energy efficiency upgrades (3.75% fixed rate) and for exterior improvements (4% fixed rate). Maximum loan term will be five years. The program will be announced to residents to accommodate a two-month application period. Applications will be due on March 30 (tentative date). If more applications are received that can be funded, a lottery will take place to award the funds. If a lottery is not required, applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Projects may not begin until the loan has been approved and closed. As the loans are repaid, the neighborhood can choose to revolve the money by continuing to offer loans, or use the funding for another NRP strategy. The board voted unanimously to approve the proposed guidelines and move forward with the contract.

Smith also provided a report on expenses to date for the Community Participation Program. The board unanimously approved shifting funds within categories to better align with actual expenses and to apply the same percentages to the additional \$10,000 the neighborhood will receive for the period of Jan-June 2012.

#### Green Team

Monica Smith provided a report from the newly formed Green Team. The team has had three meetings and will be focusing on engaging residents in learning about and adopting sustainable practices related to energy conservation, recycling and composting, and rain gardens. The board unanimously approved a motion to implement a contract for \$6,600 so the Green Team may begin their work.

The Green Team will help promote another Community Energy Services workshop (January 21st at Jefferson School), is investigating promoting organics composting for apartment buildings, and is researching building a demonstration rain garden.

One board member suggested that the Green Team also work on air quality including consideration of and support for CM Tuthill's proposed permit process for recreational fires. Smith Triangle was mentioned as a potential site for the rain garden if it fits the requirements or other landscaping improvements.

The Green Team is hosting a screening of a green film "No Impact Man" on January 16th at Grace Trinity Community Church. A discussion will follow the film. The board unanimously approved spending of up to \$45 for refreshments.

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

## Join your neighbors for these East Isles events!

### EIRA Board of Directors Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 7:00 P.M.

Grace-Trinity Community Church, 1430 W. 28th Street

Learn about events and issues in our neighborhood.

For more information, contact [president@eastisles.org](mailto:president@eastisles.org).

### Green Film: "No Impact Man"

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 7:00 P.M. FREE

Grace-Trinity Community Church, 1430 W. 28th Street

Join the new East Isles Green Team in viewing the "terrifically entertaining, compelling and extremely funny" *No Impact Man*, a 90-minute documentary

(and '09 Sundance selection) that follows the Beavan family as they replace their high consumption Manhattan lifestyle with a year of no net environmental impact. Includes refreshments, a short discussion, and a green update.

RSVP to Betsy Allis at [erallis@aol.com](mailto:erallis@aol.com).



### Home Energy Workshop

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 10:00 A.M. FREE

Jefferson Community School, 1200 W. 26th Street

Learn how to reduce your home energy use and save money at a free Community Energy Services (CES) workshop. By attending this workshop, you are eligible to receive a customized home energy visit for a co-pay of only \$30 (up to \$400 value).

RSVP to Ashley Robertson at 612-335-5869.

### Ice Skating Social

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 1:00-3:00 P.M. FREE

Lake of the Isles Ice Rink, 2500 Lake of the Isles Pkwy

You are invited to join your East Isles, Lowry Hill and Kenwood neighbors for an ice skating social. Bring your skates and enjoy a warm fire, coffee, hot chocolate & cookies. New this year, SQSA - Parade Figure Skating Club will be joining us!

Questions? Contact Amy Sanborn at [amysanborn18@gmail.com](mailto:amysanborn18@gmail.com).

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## It's a Busy Holiday Season at Kenwood Elementary

By Nicole Valentine

It's tour time at Kenwood Elementary School. With school request cards due to the District on February 29, 2012, parents considering Kenwood Elementary for their children are encouraged to take one of the parent-led tours offered by the school. Tours take about an hour and are held most Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:30 a.m. through February 23. During the tour you'll get a chance to visit the Kindergarten classrooms along with the gym, media center, lunchroom, and music and art rooms. At the conclusion of the tours, prospective parents will have a chance to meet briefly with school principal, Cheryl Martin, and Community Liaison, Sue Payne. Call Sue Payne at 612-668-2778 to schedule your tour. Come and see why "Arts+Smarts=Kenwood."

And speaking of Arts+Smarts, Kenwood's Fall Share-In was held the evening of November 17. The school holds two "Share-Ins" per school year, providing each classroom with an opportunity to develop and perform a piece that builds upon something they have been learning about in their classrooms. The fall Share-In featured classrooms from grades K, 2, 3, and 5. Performances included a trip to the grocery store for healthy food choices, a poem and song about the colors of the rainbow, a song and dance about energy and the food chain, and a Louisiana-inspired song about crayfish behavior and habitats.

Retired Kenwood second grade teacher Scott Kohanek assists with school performances throughout the year and was key in executing the November 17 performance. He worked with the children and their classroom teachers to develop their acts. He remarked, "I am very proud to say that, through the process of total student involvement and discovery, the children have succeeded in being part of an experience that allowed them to be creative, take a risk, raise self-esteem, and become part of a team. Not to mention, they had fun developing their 'informances.' Putting students at the forefront of developing these Share-In performance pieces encourages independent and group creative thinking, leadership skills, communication skills, staying positive, being flexible, being persistent, focusing, and using gross and fine motor skills." Kohanek added, "It has been a pleasure and an adventure to work with these kids." The school's spring Share-In is scheduled for March 15.

Kenwood families are gearing up for the annual Holiday Food Box drive for school families in need. The program, which provides the fixings for a festive holiday meal, is coordinated each year by the school's social worker and community liaison. Last year 38 boxed meals were delivered to families who had communicated a need. Food items will be collected in the art room the morning of Thursday, December 22,



Kindergardener Sanjay P. participates in Kenwood's November 17th "Share-In"



Third grader Sophie D. sings about crayfish in the school's fall performance

Photos by Courtney Cushing Kiernat

where they will be compiled into full meals (often with extra goodies) by a small army of volunteers. "This is such a lovely tradition here at Kenwood. Our families are very generous and eager to help anyone in our community who needs a helping hand at this time of year," said Community Liaison Sue Payne. The meal boxes will be delivered by school staff to recipient families during the school day on the 22nd.

Kenwood's Student Council is up and running for the 2011-2012 school year. The 10 fourth and fifth graders who make up the Council were elected by their classmates in November, after delivering speeches about why they were interested in being part of the Council and what they would like to accomplish as part of the

group. "The Student Council at Kenwood provides great leadership opportunities for interested kids. It also promotes a working knowledge of the democratic process since the Council members are elected by their classmates," said Student Council parent co-leader and Kenwood resident, Matt Allen. The Council will meet twice per month during the school day and work on community service projects for the school. It is already planning a school-wide playground equipment drive for early next year.

## Cedar Isles Dean Neighborhood Association

"Due to publication deadlines, the minutes from the December 14th CIDNA Board meeting will be published in the January edition of the Hill and Lake Press. Don't want to wait until January? The December meeting minutes will be posted on [www.cidna.org](http://www.cidna.org) on Monday, December 19th."



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## sand upon the waters

By Tom H. Cook

Generally it makes sense to write about a family holiday event after it happens, if at all. Crazy Uncle Louie face down making snow angels on the shag carpet. Teetotaling Aunt Bessie accidentally getting into the spiked punch and using her false teeth as castanets, or the kids making a surprise skating rink by damming up and flooding the garage. This is good stuff you cannot make up. A few humorous anecdotes, a bit of wit and wisdom, an encompassing comment on the universality of humankind, and wishes of peace and prosperity in the new year. These columns practically write themselves.

My family and friends are less colorful. These are nice folks, and I love them all, but I cannot remember any of them doing anything zany enough for me to write about. This year may be different, as there are a few added ingredients. The "perfect storm" analogy has become so cliched it is used to explain school board election results, a pot luck with only potato salads, or an entire HR department getting matching tattoos.

Still, while it may not be a storm, or close to perfect, my doppler radar indicates this may be a memorable holiday. I have always been one to surprise JoAnne with extra people for dinner because I thought the resultant mix would provide either kumbaya warmth or degenerate into an uncomfortable evening of back biting and name calling. As a fan of chaos, I am looking forward to this holiday season.

I am writing now because I will probably be involved in home repair, or at the very least, carpet cleaning and will certainly not be in a reflective mood by this time next month. If all goes according to plan, we will have eight dogs beginning the third week of December and through New Year's Day.

The "cousins" are coming! They are daughter Rachael's three rather large and very friendly dogs. She and her husband Daniel are wisely leaving the country and we get the kids. Our boxer and border collie (Cowboy and Hannah) love to romp through our very small house with their cousins. Henry and Jane are a sweet puggle and border collie pair that come over most days as they live nearby with their mom, a close friend.

These seven know each other well, but the piece de resistance will be Sadie, a chocolate lab from Minneapolis who will be the surprise guest of honor. Our dear friends Jay and Cheryl have just retired (Cheryl from the U of M) and are coming to stay with us. They are driving Miss Sadie. Our son Ben and daughter-in-law Erin have real lives and will sadly arrive dogless. A few brave human friends are invited, but much of the time we will balance on the tipping point with the dogs outnumbering the people, which is fine with us.

**Tom H. Cook is a sometimes writer who lives on a busy street in Redondo Beach, where firetrucks are not uncommon. AAAARROOOO!**

### Winter Break Outdoor Nature Camps

For 6 to 12 year olds. Participants will spend each 3 hour session outside exploring nature in winter. Learn how animals get through the winter, go sledding, cross country skiing, snowshoeing and more. Every day will be spent outside so participants should be dressed and ready for the weather. A list of what to wear will be provided. The Minneapolis Nordic Ski Foundation is partnering with us to provide cross-country ski instruction and ski trail grooming. Cost is \$50 per person.

#### Lyndale Farmstead Park

Mon-Fri, December 26-30

1:30 to 4:30pm

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## THE NUTCRACKER FANTASY 2011



**Dancers Lily Erlandson, Claire Sloan Fadlovich, Emily Gisser, Madeline Lee, Eva Malloy, Lily Malloy and Libby McGrath from East Isles, Lowry Hill, Kenwood, & CIDNA neighborhoods will be performing in Loyce Houlton's Nutcracker Fantasy at the newly refurbished Cowles Center**



The Nutcracker Fantasy runs from December 23 to December 31. Please visit

[http://www.mndance.org/performances/nutcracker\\_fantasy.html](http://www.mndance.org/performances/nutcracker_fantasy.html) for more information.

Minnesota Dance Theatre Artistic Director Lise Houlton directs this masterpiece, (choreographed by her mother, MDT founder Loyce Houlton), with more than 70 dancers, including MDT company dancers, guest artists (to be announced at a later date) and students from its Dance Institute, in a production filled with dazzling costumes and lavish sets. This year, the stunning Tchaikovsky score will be pre-recorded, due to ongoing work on The Cowles Center's unfinished orchestra pit.

#### About Minnesota Dance Theatre

Minnesota Dance Theatre is a non-profit professional dance company and school that brings together classical ballet and contemporary techniques in an all-encompassing dance aesthetic.

Founder Loyce Houlton, one of the first American women to gain national and international recognition as a choreographer, teacher and producer, founded the company in 1962. MDT celebrates a deep and personal connection to its past, it is presently flourishing with renewed creativity and energy springing from Lise Houlton's artistic leadership. Under her direction, the company and school aspire to maintain the highest international artistic standards, and attract audiences, dancers, choreographers and students from all cultural and economic backgrounds to the art of dance.

#### Minnesota Dance Theatre

#### Loyce Houlton's Nutcracker Fantasy

Friday, December 23 – 7pm (Opening Night)

Saturday, December 24 – 12pm

Monday, December 26 – 4pm

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## Where we are Now

By Jean Deatrick

We are very happy to have two new restaurants in Lowry Hill. Hennepin Avenue has been looking forlorn since Burch Pharmacy shut its doors. And Auriga has been missed for many years. Fortunately, Rye Deli has opened in the Auriga space. I live nearby and am pleased to see the parking lot full most of the time. And farther down the block where Hollywood Video used to be, The Lowry plys us with drinks, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Can you believe it? And within walking distance of my house. My son-in-law hosted my daughter's birthday party at The Lowry and we had a festive evening even though the restaurant was so busy that it was easier to stay in one's seat than try to walk through the crowd. Good news on both counts.

Sadly, however, the Kenwood Cafe is closing. It too is a popular place for lunch or just snacks, a place to meet one's friends and just hang out. We will miss Kenwood Cafe and all the friendly faces we see there.

Many of us have watched with annoyance and wonder the two houses on Franklin and Fremont that occupy one lot. For years they have been eyesores in the neighborhood. And now they will both be demolished. Apparently one of the houses had a fire recently and windows and doors have been boarded. Regardless of what we felt about the houses, it is still sad to see houses demolished.

And what about this? A missing house! The house in between these two houses was just torn down. Why did that happen? WHY?



Missing house at Lake of the Isles and Kenwood Parkway.

And don't forget to patronize our advertisers and tell them where you saw their ad. We are grateful that so many advertisers have continued to support Hill and Lake Press during this economic downturn. We thank them.

And we wish all our readers and advertisers a joyful holiday season.

## Snowshoeing in the Parks

### New Years Eve Snowshoeing at the Chain of Lakes

Saturday December 31st 4:30pm to 6:30pm

Snowshoe the Chain of Lakes as the moon rises over the city. Watch for wildlife, listen for owls and see tree silhouettes as you tromp through the snow. Snowshoes provided. Meet at the North Beach parking lot on Lake Street. Register at [minneapolisparcs.org](http://minneapolisparcs.org) or call 313-7725. \$15

### Bird Watching on Snowshoes at the Mississippi River Gorge

Sunday, January 1st, 10:00 to 11:30am.

Join a naturalist for bird watching while snowshoeing at the only gorge along the length of the Mississippi River. Snowshoes provided. We'll use binoculars and field guides to identify birds wintering in Minneapolis. Bring your own binoculars and field guides or indicate that you need them at registration. Meet at the parking lot just south of 36th street on West River Parkway. Register online at [minneapolisparcs.org](http://minneapolisparcs.org) or call 612-313-7725. \$10.



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Houses at Franklin and Fremont cited for demolition.

Photo by Dorothy Childers

## HOW'S THE REAL ESTATE MARKET?

This is the \$64,000 question that I have been asked frequently over the past 35 years.

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As you know, real estate values vary from location to location. While the national news about residential real estate is often gloomy, our local market is showing signs of an improvement. Here are some encouraging signs at our local level.

### CALHOUN/ISLES – Comparing October 2011 to October 2010

Closed sales are up 47.6%  
Percent of original list price received – up 6.6% to 91.6%  
Days on market until sale – down 24.2% to 144 days  
Month's supply of homes for sale – down 7.4%

### LOWRY HILL – Comparing October 2011 to October 2010

Closed sales – up 116.7%  
Percent of original list price received – up 13.5% to 93.5%  
Days on market until – down 26% to 173 days  
Month's supply of inventory – down 18.3%

If you are considering selling, there are many good reasons that the current timing is right.

Active listings have been reduced in many price levels  
Well-priced homes are selling more quickly  
We are starting to see some multiple offers  
Low interest rates mean more buyers can qualify

Even our local upper bracket market is improving. Million dollar sales in the Twin Cities are 3% ahead of 2010 through October and 24% ahead of the pace for the same time period in 2009. The smart money is returning to residential real estate. I would be happy to offer my advice, direction and experience to help you with your decision.



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Happy Holidays from Your 10th Ward Office!  
We would like to wish each of you a wonderful and safe holiday season and a very Happy New Year!  
Enjoy time spent with family and friends!  
Meg, Leslie, and Breanna

#### City Council begins 2012 City budget consideration

The Minneapolis City Council has begun the process to consider Mayor R.T. Rybak's proposed 2012 Budget. The City Council's Ways & Means/Budget Committee began budget hearings on Sept. 22nd. Budget hearings will continue through mid-November, with final approval of the 2012 budget scheduled for Dec. 14th. Two public hearings will be held before the budget's approval, offering you a chance to comment. The Mayor's proposed budget calls for no property tax levy increase in 2012.

For a schedule of all departmental budget hearings, please visit [www.minneapolis.mn.gov/city-budget](http://www.minneapolis.mn.gov/city-budget). All budget hearings will be broadcast live (and rebroadcast) on the City's cable channel 79. You can find the rebroadcast schedule and view the hearings online at [www.minneapolis.mn.gov/webcasts](http://www.minneapolis.mn.gov/webcasts).

Public hearings on tax levy and 2012 City budget:  
Wednesday, Dec. 14th, 6:05 p.m.  
City Hall, 350 South 5th Street, Council Chamber (Room 317)

For more information on the Mayor's proposed 2012 Budget, visit [www.minneapolis.mn.gov/mayor](http://www.minneapolis.mn.gov/mayor).

Snow Emergency Information Coming to Your Mailbox

All residents should have received information in their mailboxes that could help you avoid tickets and tows this snow season. The City of Minneapolis is sending out Snow Emergency brochures, one to each household in the city. Hold on to your brochure throughout the winter and have it handy whenever a Snow Emergency is declared. By following the Snow Emergency parking rules and helping your neighbors to do the same, the snow season will be easier on you and everyone else in town.

#### Stay Informed

Residents, workers, and visitors have a number of ways to learn when Snow Emergencies are declared, and what to do when they are. The City is advising drivers to put many of these tools to use, not just one or two. The more ways to learn about a Snow Emergency, the more prepared you will be to do your part, and the less likely to be towed.

Remember, vehicles parked on the street during a Snow Emergency in violation of Snow Emergency rules and can be ticketed or towed.

Hotline - Call (612) 348-SNOW - folks can find out if a Snow Emergency has been declared. The hotline will include information on parking restrictions that drivers need to follow to avoid tickets and tows. The hotline includes information in Spanish, Somali and Hmong.

#### The City's Website -

Visit [www.minneapolis.mn.gov/snow](http://www.minneapolis.mn.gov/snow) to find out if a Snow Emergency has been declared and for a wealth of information on Snow Emergencies in many languages. Also, check out the street lookup, which lets you put in an address or a neighborhood to see where you can park during a Snow Emergency.

Phone Alerts - Minneapolis uses a phone alert system to notify residents when Snow Emergencies are declared. It is an automated notification system that can place thousands of calls per hour.

Email/Text Alerts - Subscribe to Snow Emergency alerts at [www.minneapolis.mn.gov/snow/esubscribe.asp](http://www.minneapolis.mn.gov/snow/esubscribe.asp) to have them automatically emailed or texted to you.

The Media - News releases are sent to the media so TV, radio stations and other news outlets can inform their viewers and listeners that a Snow Emergency is in

## Perfect Small Gifts

By Madeleine Lowry

There is an art to giving small gifts, I'm sure of it. And I have spent years trying to figure it out. I'm sure you can relate.

Around this time of year I find myself in need of many small gifts. There are gifts for teachers, secretaries, cleaning help, babysitters, newspaper deliverers and all those other essential people that make our lives work. Plus, let's not forget the housewarming gifts and the thank-you-for-having-us-over gifts.

For all these gift needs and more, I like to shop around the neighborhood. I figure, if I can get a little exercise, save some gas and patronize a local business, it's good for everyone!

At one time I thought a bottle of wine was a perfect small gift. And it is, for certain occasions. Except maybe not teacher gifts. My children like to tell the story of how I sent them on the school bus with bottles of wine for their teachers one holiday season. Not only were they heavy to transport, but, as one of their middle school teachers pointed out later, they could have been suspended for bringing alcohol to school. Oops.

I switched to Haralson apple pies from Lunds after that. Who doesn't like apple pie? And even if the teachers didn't care for apples or pies, they could serve it at a holiday gathering, I reasoned.

We did apple pies for a couple of years, until my kids started doing classroom rotations. Apple pies were too heavy to bring in for multiple teachers.

So, this year my daughter, being fairly practical, simply asked her homeroom teacher what he would like for his holiday gift. He said he was a coffee kind of guy. I took my cue and bought him a bag of designer coffee beans. That and a marvelous little pot of jam in a gift bag and voilà! Gifted.

One of my favorite places to find small gifts is Patina. They have many unique items sure to please

everyone on your list, from children to adults. Plus, it's fun to shop there and ogle all those beautiful displays.

Another favorite is The Wedge for ceramic mugs and bowls, bamboo products, and hand lotions. And don't forget the Walker Art Center gift shop for the modern and unique gift.

A book is always a good gift idea, and we are lucky to have Birchbark Books in our neighborhood. You can save on shipping fees by calling Birchbark with your list of books. They'll place the order and call you when they arrive, usually in a few days.

Another one of my favorite gift ideas is potted amaryllis bulbs. These are a little bit of botanical magic for under \$10 and simple enough for a child to grow. My son gave one to his fourth grade teacher once and she managed to coax it into bloom twice. What a deal! You can find them at Ace Hardware on Hennepin and 28th.

Some people like the convenience and flexibility of giving a gift card. Again, we have many excellent choices right in our neighborhood. Do you have a coffee lover on your list? How about a gift card to Isles Bun and Coffee or Sebastian Joe's? For the pastry lover you could get one from Wuollet Bakery. And who couldn't use a gift card for gas from Holiday, or for groceries from Kowalski's?

With all these great shopping options, we may never need to visit a mall this holiday season. And to that I say, "Hallelujah!"



effect.

Cable TV - Tune in to cable channels 14 and 79. These channels will have information in several languages when a Snow Emergency is declared.

Facebook\* - "Like" Minneapolis Snow Emergency at [www.facebook.com/MinneapolisSnowEmergency](http://www.facebook.com/MinneapolisSnowEmergency)

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\*Both the Twitter and Facebook pages will tell fans and followers when a Snow Emergency is declared.

#### Non-English Snow Emergency information

Information on Snow Emergency is also available in other languages on the City's website. If you know anyone who primarily speaks Spanish, Hmong, Somali, Oromo, Vietnamese or Lao, you can direct them to the City's Non-English Resources webpage at [www.minneapolis.mn.gov/languages](http://www.minneapolis.mn.gov/languages) which provides them with information on Snow Emergencies in their language.

#### Minneapolis Tap Water System gets Highest Ranking

The Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies awarded Minneapolis its Platinum Award for Utility Excellence for making dramatic improvements in tap water and for the way it manages an operation that delivers an average of 57 million gallons of drinking water to around a half million people every day. To learn more

about this award to Minneapolis, visit [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/communications/20111026TapWaterAward\\_newsletter.asp](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/communications/20111026TapWaterAward_newsletter.asp)

No Meet with Meg in December!

Please note - Due to the budget season and scheduling changes with committee and council meetings, there will be NO Meet with Meg for lunch in December! We apologize for any inconvenience.

**Please join us in the New Year for Meet with Meg on Tuesday, January 10th, 2012 from 12-1pm at the 5th Precinct's Community Room (3101 Nicollet Ave S). Meet with Meg is a time for you to talk with her, ask questions, and voice concerns. Bring your sack lunch! Cookies and lemonade are provided! Meet with Meg is held the second Tuesday of every month.**



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