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Loppet 2012



Mayor RT Rybak joins the hundreds of skiers at the start of his 10th Annual City of Lakes Loppet at Theodore Wirth Park. While we've experienced unseasonably little snow this year, the man-made snow on the trails and huge volunteer efforts made for a great weekend of competitive and recreational skiing and other winter fun at Wirth Park.

Photo by Steve Kotvis (f/go)

Crime in Lowry Hill

By Jean Deatrick

An unknown male recently forced his way into a house on Colfax and demanded money. The victims said that the perpetrator passed out and then both victims ran outside and waited for police. An arrest was made.

Last week a police officer rang my doorbell and reported that three garages on Dupont Avenue had been entered and cars burglarized by unknown intruders.

The officer reported that often residents in our area don't lock their garage doors.

Please secure all doors and windows in your residences including your garage doors. Be alert! Call 911 if you see an intruder or a stranger wandering in back yards.

Neighborhood ANNUAL ICE SKATING PARTY at LAKE of THE ISLES January 22nd 2012



Photo Artistry by Dorothy Childers

Lunch with Lisa

Join Council Member Lisa Goodman for lunch on February 29. State Representative Marion Greene will speak. St. Thomas University Minneapolis. 446 Terrance Murphy Hall.

Enter at southwest corner of 10th and LaSalle; take elevator right off main atrium to 4th floor. \$10 lunch is offered. Come early to get lunch and a good seat. discussion starts promptly at noon.

NEW FACE AT KENWOOD BARBERS

Paul Trott joined the jovial staff of Kenwood Barbers fulltime in 2012. Paul is an avid camper, cyclist and fitness enthusiast who lives, shops, and recreates in the Hill Lake community. Paul served in the US military for 8 years and hails originally from Springfield, Illinois. When asked his favorite flavor of Sebastian Joe's ice cream, Paul responded, "Oreo of course." Kenwood Barbers is located at Franklin & Hennepin next to Sebastian Joe's and is open Tue-Fri 9 am- 6pm and Sat 9am - 3pm. Call (612) 872-2280 to make an appointment.



Brownie Lake

The Community Advisory Committee for the Brownie Lake Area plan will meet for a final review of the area plan, to discuss lift station options, and to prepare its recommendations to the Board. All are welcome to attend; time will be set aside for comments from the public.

February 28, 2012, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
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Don Luce, Curator of Exhibits at the Bell Museum of Natural History, will show and discuss "Bird Art Through Time." Please join the Minneapolis Audubon Society at 31st & Bryant Avenue S for the program and refreshments! For more information call 952-926-4205. The Bryant Square Neighborhood Center.

HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Feb. 17 6-9pm, Open reception Bockley Gallery
Feb 28, 6:30, Brownie Lake Review, Kenwood Rec
Feb 29, Noon, Lunch with Lisa, St. Thomas
Feb. 19 (Webber Library) and March 1 (Hosmer Library). Redistricting Public hearings.
Feb. 19 or Feb. 22, 10am Come out and Play Nature Club, see page

March 9, 1pm, Audubon, Bryant Sq. Center

March 13, 6:30pm Parade Parkway Reconstruction meeting Kenwood Rec Center

Neighborhood monthly meetings:

CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday 6pm at Jones-Harrison

EIRA: 1st Tuesday 7pm at Grace-Trinity Church except for Feb 8 precinct caucus day

EIRA: Feb. 1 meeting

KIAA: 1st Monday 7pm Kenwood Rec Center,

Frank Big Bear at Bockley Gallery

Skull Paintings: an Homage to Fritz Scholder
Opening Reception: Friday, Feb. 17, 6 to 9 pm
Exhibition: Feb. 18 through March 17.
Hours: Wednesday through Saturday, noon to 5 pm.

Bockley Gallery is pleased to announce its upcoming exhibition of Frank Big Bear's new work. For further information contact Todd Bockley. Gallery Hours: Wednesday through Saturday, Noon to 5 pm. Bockley Gallery, 2123 W. 21st Street, Minneapolis

Parade Parkway Reconstruction

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board will seek public comment on a refined reconstruction plan and schedule for Parade Parkway and adjacent parking lots at an open house March 13. The open house will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Community Center, 2101 W Franklin Ave.



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February 7 was 2012 caucus night in Minnesota.



One of the Republican caucuses was held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Ernie Lehman served as the Convener of the caucus. Lehman, left, handed out ballots for the Presidential Straw Poll.

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR, SARAH SPONHEIM

Craig Wilson interviews Sarah Sponheim about her passion for innovative solutions to environmental sustainability issues and why science provides the tool for a greener future.

Is it true that your family has deep roots in Minnesota and a thirst for beer-making? My great-great-grandfather, Theodore Hamm, started Hamm's Brewery. The sale of the brewery in 1968 created a legacy of philanthropy that was passed on to me and my siblings by our grandmother, Theodora (Pinky) Lang and our father, A. Scheffer Lang.

Has your family business contributed to your passion for environmental issues - ranging from waste reduction to energy conservation to mass transit? While my determination to address the climate crisis has little to do with beer, the inheritance of a small family foundation has enabled me and my siblings to support organizations that focus on environmental sustainability.

What's brewing environmentally in East Calhoun? East Calhoun, my neighborhood, is bubbling with environmental initiative. We won an award last year for the highest neighborhood participation in the Community Energy Services program, which benefits home-owners through a home energy audit and recommendations for improving energy efficiency. And we're the site of two pilot projects related to waste reduction. Along with Linden Hills and sections of Longfellow and Seward, East Calhoun is piloting curbside organics (compost) collection. Thanks to this service, our residents have the opportunity to separate all food waste and non-recyclable paper from trash; this material is collected and hauled to a commercial composting facility. We are also one of two neighborhoods piloting single-sort recycling. Residents in East Calhoun and Willard-Hay can mix all recyclables in one cart instead of sorting them into multiple bins. The East Calhoun Green Team got a \$5,000 grant from Hennepin County last year to create Waste Watchers, a group dedicated to boosting participation in the organics recycling program and raising consciousness about household waste and how to shrink it.

You have played a large role in greening your children's schools - Lake Country School and Southwest High School. How did you green them? Initially, I helped Lake Country implement organics recycling. Later,

I founded the Sustainability Committee and with that group oversaw the construction of a demonstration Rain Garden and the incorporation of energy-saving improvements to the school building. Since last spring, when my youngest son graduated from Lake Country, Lowry Hill resident Marty Broan has done a terrific job leading the Sustainability Committee. In the fall of 2009, a number of Minneapolis public schools adopted organics recycling so as to significantly reduce cafeteria waste. I served as volunteer Organics Recycling Coordinator for Southwest High School. I regret that a lack of support from key administrators at the school presents a significant obstacle to the program's success.

What is Linden Hills Power & Light, and what motivated you and others to found it? *Linden Hills Power & Light* is a local non-profit dedicated to community engagement around issues of sustainability. A core group of residents was pursuing the goal of building a neighborhood-based anaerobic digester for processing organic waste and creating energy, when I read about their effort and provided a seed grant from my family foundation. I subsequently served on the board, and I continue to work in tandem with the organization on several waste reduction fronts.

I am an avid recycler but would prefer a simpler solution to our current multi-sort system—which is time-consuming and cumbersome. Is Minneapolis exploring other options? Near the end of 2011, the City Council directed the Public Works department to research the pros and cons of dual-sort vs. single-sort recycling, with the intention of adopting one or the other in the near future. With the dual-sort system, homeowners sort recyclables into two bins, one for fibers (office paper, newspaper, boxboard and cardboard) and one for containers (glass, plastic and aluminum). With the single-sort system, all recyclables are mixed in a single cart and separated mechanically at a processing facility.

How would Hill Lake neighborhoods advocate for single-sort recycling and curbside organics collec-



tion? As I explained above, the decision to adopt a more stream-lined recycling system for the City of Minneapolis is already in process. The City has not yet committed to or defined a trajectory for expanding the curbside organics pilots citywide. I strongly urge residents to contact their City Council member and request this service. As I see it, the program will not expand without 1) solid support from the City Council and the Mayor, and 2) investment in a thorough evaluation of related costs and operational logistics.

What is Zero Waste Uptown? *Zero Waste Uptown* is a new venture involving representatives from the four core Uptown neighborhoods – East Calhoun, East Isles, the Wedge and CARAG. Together, we intend to tackle waste reduction in three areas where there is the potential to make a big impact: multi-family buildings (apartments and condos), the commercial sector and the public realm. The term Zero Waste is widely used to articulate the goal of minimizing the amount of waste sent to landfills or incinerators. The biggest chunks - also the lowest-hanging fruit - are traditionally recycled materials (paper, cardboard and containers) and organic material (food waste and non-recyclable paper). Together, recyclables and organics comprise around 70% of the waste generated by people at home, at work and in public places.

What would a Sustainable Uptown look like in 2025? Frankly, I'm not looking out that far. The immediate goals of *Zero Waste Uptown* are to enlist a number of multi-family buildings in an organics recycling pilot study and to facilitate a sizable dent in the amount of waste generated by the 2012 Uptown Art Fair.

On another subject, what is Personal Rapid Transit and why are you an advocate for it? I inherited an interest in a local Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) company called Taxi 2000 when my father died in 2003. I served on the board of Taxi 2000 for four years and maintain the conviction that this form of elevated public transit in small, automated vehicles could effectively replace automobile use in numerous applications. I believe PRT has global potential to slash transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions.

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Needed: Collaborative local representation on School Board MINNEAPOLIS MINDS

By Steve Kotvis

Last week's precinct caucus served as a kickoff to the oncoming election season. "All politics are local," and none more local than our city's school board. We have one citywide seat opening up for election, and three "district" seats to represent the western half of the city. (Semantically, I believe it would be easier to discuss these as "sub-district" seats within our citywide school "district.") For the Hill & Lakes readership, this "district" is defined by the Minneapolis Park & Recreation District 4 (Map: <http://www.minneapolisparke.org/graphics/commissioners/D4.pdf>)

"I don't have kids in Minneapolis schools" is little reason to turn away one's head from making an informed School Board choice when penciling in the round boxes in the polling booth in November. After all, with five of six households in Minneapolis who don't have school age kids, and many, many of our Lakes neighborhoods households with school age kids who attend non-MPS schools, our collective voting record strongly suggests that we believe that it takes a village. We've all got a significant role, interest, and investment in having strong public schools.

This month, I turned to East Isles resident, and former Minneapolis School Board Director, and friend Tom Madden and asked him to sit down and answer some of my questions about the topic. So thanks Tom, for sitting over a pot of tea at Spyhouse to offer some reflections and perspectives on our School Board today, and what we need in our new Board of tomorrow.

Q. Tom, it's been a year since you were on the School Board. Let me start by asking what I know you've been asked many times before. Are you running for School Board?

Tom > No, I am not. But I absolutely would have loved to have served another two years. A six-year term would have been great. But another four years, I just can't do that.

Q. So what if you had another two years? What would you have done with that time? Was there some unfinished business?

Tom > I'm happy with what we got done. Importantly, we got ourselves into a much stronger financial situation. We set a good foundation to deal with the shell game the State plays with funding us. We no longer have the massive debts that made any of these uncertainties so hard to manage, and constantly put us into a reactive mode. Our financial foundation is now much more set than before coming onto the Board.

I would have continued work in two areas. First, continue district-wide contract reforms. We started with the Board, then the Superintendent, and then the Administration. We still need to continue onto contract reforms with principals and with teachers. It's all got to be in place for it all to work. Second, I would have worked to continue work on educational reforms set in the Strategic Plan. The Plan's educational reforms ensure we have a strong school system.

Q. The upcoming election has both a citywide seat and some (sub)district seats. Let me first ask, are you endorsing anyone for the citywide seat and why?

Tom > I am supporting Carla Bates for the citywide school board seat. Carla best understands the complexities

of both the educational and financial systems. I think Carla is the smartest Director I've ever witnessed on our Board, past and present. But more than smart, she is the first to see the big picture, to get to see the forest from the trees. That's an asset to any Board.

Q. What about the (sub)district seat? What kind of candidate do you believe we need to add to the existing Board to make it work better?

Tom > More than anything, we need someone who is an expert on local issues and skilled at working with others. We need a consensus builder. The existing Board does not work well with one another. I'm not saying that's easy. It takes a lot of work. While on the Board, we had about eight or nine Saturday whole-day Board retreats each year. We did that so we could better understand and appreciate one another, and learn how we could balance what each of us was trying to accomplish with what we needed to accomplish as a whole. This Board isn't interested in any retreats. They don't seem to be interested in respecting each and every member of the Board. As a result, they're not getting a lot of work done.

Q. What advice would you give to new incoming Board member?

Tom > First seek to understand what your colleagues are trying to achieve and then match that with what brought you to the position. Everyone is on the Board to achieve their thing. But in the end, all directors are there for the same reason, to improve outcomes that benefit the kids. So understand your role in that. And that role is not to micro-mange. It's to set policy to help the superintendent succeed. And with a Board of nine people, just focus on one or two things that fit what both you and the whole board are wishing to accomplish.

Final Note: Local candidate needed

Thanks again Tom for his perspectives. Our local neighborhoods need candidates to run for School Board. Do you have an interest or know someone who may be a good fit? To date, no serious candidates have surfaced to represent our (sub)district. (I've heard a name or two, but no one I would support.) So if you are considering running for school board, please come forward! Thank you.

Steve Kotvis, a Kenwood resident who is an active volunteer in community and education issues has written Minneapolis Mindsg about public education since January 2008. Please feel free to share your comments, opinions or insights with him at stevek@f-go.us.

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Agnotology as 'culturally-induced ignorance or doubt' and criticizes our culture's current lack of appreciation for science and denial of climate change. Does science offer solutions to our environmental problems, or is science the source of the problem? You could argue that technology – or more broadly, industrialization – is the fundamental driver of climate change. Science certainly plays a role in technological advancement, so in that sense it is culpable. However, science applies equally to the natural world and its processes. Science can help us understand the causes of climate change and its effects on the planet. And science is the best tool we've got to figure out solutions to the crisis.

Thomas Lowry Park

The Unique Design of Seven Pools Park

By Bill Payne

When the opportunity to acquire the site of Seven Pools Park (see Hill & Lake Press, January 2012) came to the park board in late 1922, superintendent of parks Theodore Wirth commissioned noted landscape architect Phelps Wyman to prepare an elaborate plan for the park. Larger parks created in the Wirth era were intended to reflect "natural beauty," while smaller neighborhood parks contained playgrounds.

What Wyman proposed (probably at the behest of Wirth) was a park of natural beauty, although one artificially created. Wyman's plan was contained in the park board's annual report for 1922, as a colored plate, in contrast to the normal black and white for photos and plans (reproduced in the Hill & Lake Press, November 2010). The plan depicted what we see today—a cascade (Seven Pools), pergola and brick walks.

Wirth wrote in that report, "The triangular tract of sloping ground offered opportunities for special attractive, naturalistic treatment ... [which] is unusual ... [T]he little park will be very attractive and in a class of its own on account of its naturalistic effects in the heart of a residential district."

In a separate report Wirth said, "The property is now only an unsightly gravel bank"; he described two approaches, to level it "just like any other small park" or to take advantage of the site by creating a valley with flat ridges on the sides. Noting the very formal Lowry Monument (now moved to Smith Triangle) only a block away, he wrote, "The new park should be informal and as unlike the other as possible."

Bonds were issued in 1923 to pay the cost of acquisition as well as improvements estimated at \$23,000, although the improvements were begun the following year.

Wirth described the improvements, all done by park board employees, in his report for 1924. It included removal of 8,800 cubic yards of sand and gravel (an average of 2.4 feet over the park site) and filling with 3,500 cubic yards of clay and loam. The artificial rockeries of the cascade were built with old sidewalk tiles and other waste concrete material. The brick walks were constructed. Trees, evergreens and shrubs were planted, and lawns were seeded.

The pergola was constructed in 1925. While an architect was hired, the actual design of the pergola is close to what Wyman had proposed (a central roof proposed by Wyman was not incorporated); rather than park employees, a contract was entered into for construction.

In a 1931 essay, Wyman uses the park to illustrate his concept of design. In addition to his original plan, two photos of the park with established plantings accompany the essay. He credits the rock work to Wirth. Both the pergola and the rock course follow his design.

In the park board annual report for 1924 Wirth wrote "While the acquisition and improvement of these 2.25 acres is one of the most expensive undertakings in the history of the department, it is also one of the most attractive and satisfactory improvements achieved."

The rockeries of the cascade today appear to be

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT 2431 HENNEPIN?

Services for Seniors, and a Lot More!

By Nancy Johnston, East Isles

Have you ever wondered what goes on at 2431 Hennepin Avenue, S., that venerable three-story brick building at the Emerson and Hennepin triangle? You may know that it houses the Neighborhood Involvement Program, or N.I.P., but you may be surprised by the many services it has offered for over 40 years: high quality, low-cost medical, dental, and mental health services, academic and youth development for underserved youth, and services to help seniors remain independent.

Recently the East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA) reached out to N.I.P. to see if the agency's mission and goals fit with the criteria for distribution of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) funds that EIRA had received. Because N.I.P.'s mission is: "to strengthen individuals & the community by providing quality health care, education and social services to our underserved neighbors", all of N.I.P.'s services fit within the NRP Guidelines for "Community Building & Services". One of the EIRA/NRP objectives is to "Provide services to assist seniors and residents in need" and N.I.P.'s Seniors Program offers many services to area residents. Besides offering the funding, the EIRA committee wants to publicize N.I.P. and the Seniors Program because we think that, like some of us, many Uptown neighbors are not be aware of the many services available right here on Hennepin Avenue.

Before describing the Seniors Program in particular, it should be noted that N.I.P. is a model of what can be accomplished through a partnership of trained volunteers, contractors, and paid staff. In 2010, over 1,412 volunteers, including physicians, nurses, dentists, lab technicians, licensed psychologists and clinical social workers, youth workers, and neighborhood volunteers donated 64,749 hours of their time and expertise. Without volunteers, N.I.P.'s 50+ full and part time staff could not serve the people needing their effective and affordable services.

Incorporated as a non-profit agency in 1968, N.I.P. initially offered programs for youth, seniors and single parent families. A health care clinic and a pioneering rape crisis center were added in 1972. Programs were expanded to serve the entire metro area by 1985, when N.I.P. moved to its main facility in our neighborhood. In 2006 N.I.P. expanded its physical presence to North Minneapolis at the Center for Families building on North 4th Street.

Like most non-profit agencies, funding must be sought from many sources: foundations, the United Way, government contracts, client fees, individual donors, and N.I.P.'s continual fund-raising efforts. In 2010, a budget of nearly \$2 million was needed, in com-



N.I.P. at 2431 Hennepin Avenue South

Photo by Dorothy Childers

ination with the leveraging of valued volunteers, to deliver N.I.P.'s services.

The East Isles Residents' Association decided to offer a \$2640 grant to N.I.P.'s Seniors Program, whose goals also fit our NRP goal to "Provide support for agencies that offer services to East Isles seniors and residents in need to maintain independent living."

The Seniors Program began over 40 years ago, when it was recognized that it is important to promote independence by providing low-cost home maintenance services.

For example, seniors over 60 years of age can receive chore services such as leaf raking, yard clean-up, minor home repairs, light housekeeping, and seasonal lawn care and snow removal. There are workers who do indoor chores such as washing dishes, sweeping and mopping floors, vacuuming, laundry and general house cleaning. N.I.P. also has a pool of independent contractors for minor carpentry work such as installing handrails, minor electrical and plumbing needs, painting, etc. The cost is low and some or all of the fees can be subsidized based on income and ability to pay. In 2010, nearly 300 seniors received chore services.

Here is an account from Jack, who has been a Seniors Program client for over 2 years. "I am very pleased with N.I.P. and their Chore Program. They have provided me with help I never could have paid for or done for myself. The workers are friendly, respectful, and very good at what they do. I would recommend them to my neighbors, family, or any senior in need as I am. Thank you N.I.P. for your wonderful services; keep up the good work."

The Seniors Program also aims to prevent isolation through recreational and social opportunities. These are offered for seniors and disabled individuals who live independently or in long-term care facilities: in 2010 nearly 400 individuals participated in these activities. In

our neighborhoods there are monthly bingo parties at area churches that include entertainment, dessert, and prizes. If you are interested in joining them, call 612-374-3322 and leave a message for Jon Burkhow, Leisure Time Party Coordinator.

In addition, the Seniors Program offers in-home health and safety assessments that can identify potential health and safety concerns, and mental health services including in-home individual and family counseling support services.

To be eligible for these seniors' services, people must be at least 60 years old and live within the following boundaries: 44th Avenue in North Minneapolis, West 36th Street in South Minneapolis, 35W on the east and France Avenue on the west. To receive further details, call N.I.P.'s Senior Programs office (612) 374-3322. The e-mail address is seniors@neighborhoodinvolve.org. Program staffs also are available to provide presentations for groups who want to learn more about these services.

The Neighborhood Involvement Program is a neighborhood treasure that strengthens the community for all of us. If you want to be involved, donations of time and money are always needed. In the words of N.I.P.'s annual report: "It is important to highlight that all of the services could not be provided without our dedicated volunteers."

To learn more, you can go to N.I.P.'s website at www.neighborhoodinvolve.org, or stop by the friendly brick building at 2431 Hennepin Avenue and see for yourself.

This article was written with the help of Neighborhood Involvement Program staff Jon Burkhow, Seniors Program Supervisor, Helaine Bolter, Director of Development, and Henreen Hubbard, Outreach Coordinator.



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The Family Housing Fund has a vacancy for a seat with a term to begin April 1, 2012 and end on March 31, 2015. This seat is open until filled however the application review process will begin Friday, January 27th, 2012 (applications must be delivered before 4:30pm).

The Family Housing Fund was created in August 1980. The mission of the Family Housing Fund is to provide safe, affordable homes to all families in the Twin Cities metropolitan area through ongoing partnerships with the public and private sector. The Family Housing Fund is a supporting organization of the cities of Minneapolis, Saint Paul, Metropolitan Council, and Minnesota Housing.

For more information on this and other current openings, visit the Boards and Commissions webpage at www.minneapolismn.gov/boards/openings/index.htm or contact the City Clerk's Office at 673-3358.

Lunch with Leslie!

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Continuing programs include Friday, March 30 @ 1:30pm, Mozart, the Boy Genius, examines Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's life and music.

Friday, April 27 @ 1:30pm, Music of the Mountains surveys the Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg's life and music.

Programs continue through June.

Each month, The Vecchione/Erdahl Duo's recital-lecture will address a different musical topic or composer and make an in-depth exploration of relevant music and literature through interactive performances, storytelling and dramatizations. As a bonus, attendees will receive free St. Paul Chamber Orchestra vouchers for concerts of their choice.

The award-winning ensemble, The Veccho/Erdahl Duo, is Carrie Vecchione (oboe/English horn) and Rolf Erdahl (double bass). Their mission is to bring a wide array of chamber music to a variety of venues.

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Many things to Celebrate at Kenwood Elementary

By Nicole Valentine

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Kenwood 5th grader Hema P. thinks through a word before spelling it for the judges at Kenwood's Spelling Bee in January. Hema represented Kenwood at the District Spelling Bee January 26th; which happened to be her 11th birthday.



Fourth grader Myles P. portrayed Martin Luther King in Kenwood's annual celebration of his life and work.



Kenwood students Joseph J., Kehyan P., Al-Arrat M., and Tatai G. performed a series of scenes that take place at a peaceful sit in during the civil rights era. A team of 5th graders wrote the scenes based on the book, "Sit-In - How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down" by Andrea Pinkney.



Third graders Armeta N. and Miranda S. sang "I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel To Be Free" at the January 19 assembly

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KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION (KIAA)

By Amy Lucas

February 2012 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA Board met February 6, 2012 at Kenwood Rec Center.

Chair Larry Moran called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Chair Larry Moran, Michael Bono, Angie Erdrich, Kathy Low, Amy Lucas, Ed Pluimer, and Roy Williams.

Others present: Lisa Goodman, City Council 7th Ward; Dylan Thomas, Southwest Journal; Mark Johnson, Crime and Safety Committee chair and Kenwood resident; and Mark Holtey, Kenwood Rec Center Director.

7th Ward Update – City Council Member Lisa Goodman

Damaged historic street light at Penn and Summit avenues will be repaired by Mpls Public Safety (painted and new base).

“Lunch with Lisa” on Feb. 29 will be with Marion Greene-covering the legislative session.

Visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/boards/openings for the latest board and commission openings.

Mpls 2012 budget is available. Visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/finance/budget.

The statewide redistricting is due Feb. 21. The Charter Commission will review on April 3 with two public hearings: Feb. 19 (Webber Library) and March 1 (Hosmer Library).

Crime and Safety Report – Mark Johnson

The 2011 crime rates are similar to those of 2009. Crime rates were down in 2010. Much higher in 2006-2008.

Recent crime in Kenwood has largely been “crimes of opportunity.” Mark reminded KIAA that garages and cars and doors should be locked-especially at night.

Mark will talk to Chelsea Adams, Community Crime Specialist, about ways to educate the neighborhood and how to work with block leaders.

Treasurer’s Report– Roy Williams

Roy will be leaving the board in May and KIAA is seeking a new treasurer

KIAA website registration is due and KIAA will look into getting a credit card to keep on file with the web company.

KIAA approved funding to web designer, Bruce Camp, for 2012 website registration.

Grant Request and Community Participation Program Grant – Larry Moran

KIAA has received a funding request for a summer course, “Hip Hop History,” to be held at the Watershed Academy. KIAA suggested contacting the teacher about moving the course to the Kenwood Rec Center

KIAA has received additional funds from the City’s Community Participation Program Grant. KIAA will designate the additional funds towards “professional services” in anticipation of consultant assistance for Southwest Transitway Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)...when it is issued...

Annual Meeting Planning

Annual Meeting will be either Sunday May 6 or Monday, May 7 around 5-7 p.m. It will be the 50th

EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EIRA)

By Monica Smith, Recorder

Minutes from the EIRA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting February 1, 2012

Grace-Trinity Community Church

Board members present: Dan McLaughlin (Vice President), Vaughn Emerson, Harvey Ettinger, Tina Frontera, Ramon Ramirez Quintero, Jane Schommer, and Linda Schutz. Alternate Rosita Acosta was also present.

Vice President Dan McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Announcements

Due to a full agenda, strategic planning will be rescheduled until next month.

Dan McLaughlin, Harvey Ettinger, Ben Ganje, and Monica Smith met to discuss redesigning the East Isles website. Contact Monica Smith at nrp@eastisles.org if you are interested in helping.

Guest speakers from the Midtown Greenway Coalition: Executive Director Soren Jensen and Minnesota GreenCorps member Michelle Beaulieu.

Metro Transit is planning an alternatives analysis to study transit along the Lake Street and Greenway corridors (rapid bus, streetcar, and light rail) from Hiawatha LRT to the proposed Southwest LRT (W. Lake St station near Whole Foods).

The Midtown Greenway Coalition has been supporting transit on the Greenway for many years and is advocating for a streetcar (with tracks imbedded in grass). They feel a streetcar will make the Greenway better and offer a sustainable mass transit option. The Coalition is asking EIRA for a resolution to support the Coalition’s position.

A number of East Isles residents who live near the Greenway attended the meeting to share their concerns about a streetcar option. The East Isles stretch of the Greenway is unique because of three at-grade crossing (very close to housing).

The EIRA Board did not vote on a resolution. More information is needed and a number of issues need to be considered regarding the impact on the neighborhood.

Open Forum

Dan McLaughlin would like ideas for improving Smith

Anniversary of KIAA. A neighborhood celebration is proposed.

KIAA is recruiting new board members.

Amy Lucas will contact Kenwood Vet Clinic for the use of the parking lot for the event.

Annual meeting ideas include: neighborhood band/poetry, Kenwood School choir, plant sale, tent, pizza. There is a budget for the event.

Do residents have old photos of the neighborhood? Updates

Amy Lucas announced that Earth Day will be Saturday, April 21 from 9:30-12. Garbage bags and gloves can be picked up at the Kenwood Rec Center during those hours. Contact Amy Lucas at amylucas@gmail.com for more info and to register volunteers. There is a need for larger groups to tackle big areas along the railroad tracks and along the lake shoreline.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Reminder: The next KIAA Board meeting will be Monday, March 5 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Rec Center. The public is welcome to attend these monthly meetings.

Triangle (Hennepin at 24th St).

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

CM Tuthill continues to work with restaurant owners on an outdoor patio ordinance.

It has been reported that the Uptown Theater will be adding liquor, but they have not yet applied for a liquor license with the City and it is unclear if they may want to have a rooftop patio in the future.

The owners of Heidi’s will be opening a restaurant in the former Duplex space at 2516 Hennepin.

Bar Louie is being proposed for 1348 Lagoon (Mozaic). They plan to have 400 seats including 150 on a patio. Tuthill is requested that the patio close at 12:30 a.m. on weekend (vs. the requested 2 a.m.) The Public Hearing is February 6, at 6 p.m. The City neglected to send a notification of Public Hearing to EIRA. Tuthill has requested that all four neighborhood associations be notified about anything in Uptown.

Tuthill has two concerns about the Urban Agriculture proposal: the lack of height restrictions for hoop houses (plastic growing houses) and the number of days per year residents will be allowed to sell produce from their homes. Inquiry was made if proposal would better address poorly enclosed compost piles which attract animals and the response was “no.” A public hearing will be held in March. Contact CM Tuthill for a copy of the Urban Ag proposal. Tuthill encouraged the EIRA Board to discuss further at the March meeting and comment on the proposal.

Tuthill recommends that the neighborhood consider what type of business we would like to see at the BP site (2700 Hennepin) and she will advocate for what we want (nothing is currently being proposed).

REPORTS

EIRA Zoning Committee

Co-chairs Harvey Ettinger and Steve Havig reported on two properties in East Isles.

2841 E Lake of the Isles Pkwy: an application is in with the City for a new home on the vacant lot, no variances are being requested. The property owner will be invited to EIRA’s March meeting.

2844 Irving: homeowner is seeking an expansion of nonconforming use and three variances for an addition to the duplex. Public Hearing is February 6, 4:30 p.m.

Committee co-chairs committed to including property addresses on EIRA BOD agendas that are distributed in advance.

Social Committee

The Ice Skating Party held last month was a big success (250 people attended from East Isles, Kenwood, and Lowry Hill). Thanks to Isles Bun & Coffee for donating treats and hot beverages and to SQSA Parade Figure Skating Club for demonstrations and mini lessons. Special thanks to Chair Amy Sanborn and all the event volunteers.

Wine Tasting fundraiser: \$1100 was raised from East Isles ticket sales plus \$1274 for our share of the tickets sold at the door. The Board unanimously approved event marketing expenses for Pat Fleetham (\$25).

Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee met Feb. 1, addressed administrative matters, will ask BOD members to supply one reason about “why” they serve, invited BOD members to ask neighbors or friends to consider serving on the BOD, and anticipates providing known “registered” candidate names to EIRA members at least five days before the April 17th Spring Annual members meeting per the bylaws (and not sooner than 30 days before-

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EIRA Board of Directors Meeting

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

The agenda includes presentation by:

- Metropolitan Council Environmental Services’ two sanity sewer projects in East Isles (area: Lake St, The Mall, and Irving Ave between Lake and 27th)
- Park Board Commissioner Anita Tabb, District 4
- City Council Member Meg Tuthill, Ward 10
- Owner of new home to be built at 2841 E. Lake of the Isles Parkway

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Save the Date! EIRA Annual

Members Meeting: April 17, 7 p.m.



WANTED: East Isles residents interested in joining the EIRA Board. If you would like to participate and learn more about your neighborhood, contact Monica Smith at nrp@eastisles.org or 612-821-0131.

CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

By Monica Smith

CIDNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES, February 8, 2012, Monica Smith, Coordinator, 612-821-0131, info@cidna.org

The February Board meeting was held at the Jones-Harrison Residence. Board Members in attendance: Vice Chair Art Higinbotham, Treasurer Ed Bell, Secretary Ryan Fox, Judy Berge, Ed Ferlauto, Stephen Goltry, David Shirley, Craig Westgate and Mike Wilson. Staff: Monica Smith

Vice Chair Art Higinbotham called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Announcements

Neighborhood and Community Relations is holding the first annual Community Connections Conference on February 11. Board members and residents are invited.

Notice of Public Hearing for ordinances relating to land subdivision on February 21, 4:30 at City Hall.

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board will seek public comment on a reconstruction plan for Parade Parkway, March 13, 6:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Community Center.

Paint-a-Thon is accepting applications for homes to be painted in the summer of 2012.

A new single family home will be built at 3420 29th St. W. Construction will begin in the spring.

CPP/NRP budget update

Monica Smith provided budget details for the Community Participation Program (CPP) and NRP.

The next meeting of the NRP Committee will be Wednesday, February 22, 3:30 p.m.

Sunset Boulevard

Ryan Fox discussed plans for finalizing the sidewalk decision on Sunset Boulevard. The suggestion was made to offer two meetings for Sunset residents to reach the 75% approval needed for the sidewalk location. Ryan Fox and Mike Wilson will door knock the residents who were not able to attend the meeting.

Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

Lunch with Lisa is February 29, noon at St. Thomas. State Representative Marion Greene will be the guest.

City budget is now on line on the City's website: www.minneapolismn.gov.

Also check the City's website for openings on boards and commissions.

Preliminary redistricting maps were recently released. One option shows all of CIDNA in Ward 7, the other shows all of CIDNA in Ward 10. Public hearings will be February 29, 5-7 p.m. at Webber Community Center and March 1, 5-7 p.m. at Hosmer Library. More information is on the Charter Commission webpage: www.minneapolismn.gov/charter.

Neither Lisa Goodman nor Meg Tuthill will be at CIDNA's March meeting.

Transportation

In December, the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA) passed a resolution that HCRRA will amend the DEIS to include freight line relocation in the scope of the Southwest LRT, and freight location either to the MN&S corridor or within the Kenilworth corridor will be included as an element of the overall Southwest LRT project that will be subject to environmental review.

R.L. Banks & Associates determined that the minimum space requirement for freight and LRT operating side by side is 76 feet. The right-of-way between W. Lake St and Cedar Lake Parkway is 62 feet at its most narrow.

Ed Ferlauto presented two resolutions. Chair Gail Lee

was not in attendance but was allowed to vote by proxy.

Summary of resolution 1: "The CIDNA Board requests that the co-location of the freight rail SWLRT on the Kenilworth Corridor be denied." The resolution was unanimously approved.

Summary of resolution 2: "The CIDNA Board requests that the location of the SWLRT be reconsidered to include options studied during the SWAA PAC studies and any other options that would meet the cost and environmental criteria of the FTA." The motion to approve resolution 2 did not pass (3 yea, 7 oppose). The motion to table resolution 2 until such time as the FTA makes a decision on co-location was approved (with 1 vote opposed).

Midtown Greenway Coalition Report

The Public Utilities Commission voted to bury power lines under 28th Street.

Greenway Coalition is planning a Winter Wonder Walk/Ride on February 11, noon at Midtown Bike Center. All are invited.

Metro Transit will begin an Alternatives Analysis to review transit options between the Hiawatha LRT and the proposed W. Lake Station of the Southwest LRT. Mike Wilson will serve as CIDNA's representative for the Alternatives Analysis.

Area Stakeholders Report

Meg Forney from West Calhoun Neighborhood Council (WCNC) attended the meeting to discuss a health and wellness event planned for April 21 to promote the business district near Lake and Excelsior (Calhoun Village and Calhoun Commons). WCNC is developing and funding a brochure for the area and is asking for CIDNA to support the event. The Board unanimously approved a motion to match WCNC's \$1200 contribution to fund the wellness event and the brochure.

Weisman Project Update

Bob Corrick, Chair of CIDNA's Land Use and Development Committee, provided minutes of the January 23rd meeting with Bigos Development regarding a proposed 150-170 unit apartment building at Lake St and Thomas Ave. Two options were presented (a tower and a pancake style). The project appears to be 20% larger than the Lander project previously approved at the site. The committee encouraged Bigos to consider other options. The next meeting is February 13.

Carol Lansing, an attorney with Faegre Baker Daniels, has been hired by a group of neighborhood residents to work on their behalf. The neighbors will provide legal information from Faegre to CIDNA and its Land Use Committee. This information will include analysis of applicable Minneapolis zoning laws and a legal comparative analysis of the proposed Bigos development with other real estate projects in the Lakes Area.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

Brownie Lake CAC

The Park Board is holding an open house to review and discuss improvements to Brownie Lake. The open house is February 14, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Kenwood Community Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Next meeting

Wednesday, March 14 at Jones-Harrison, 6:00 p.m. CIDNA, 612-821-0131 info@cidna.org

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hand). Any one interested in being on the BOD, running for election, contact nrp@eastisles.org for more information.

NRP Report, Monica Smith

Neighborhood and Community Relations is holding a conference on February 11, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Board members and residents are invited to attend.

Lake of the Isles will be a site for the Park Board's Earth Day clean up on April 21.

East Isles and East Calhoun will investigate sharing a mailbox at the UPS Store since Monica Smith is staff for both neighborhoods and develop an operating policy regarding (un)authorized access. Each neighborhood currently rents a box for \$335/year.

The Board unanimously approved funding for ad in the February Hill and Lake Press.

The NRP Steering Committee is working on a mailing to go to residents introducing the new NRP programs.

The Board unanimously approved offering the housing loan program on a first-come, first-served basis.

Copies of the Community Participation Program expenses were distributed to Board members for review.

Green Team

The Green Team is working on a multi-unit composting partnership with Lowry Hill East, ECCO, and CARAG. East Isles is looking for buildings interested in being part of a pilot program (condos preferred).

Next event: backyard composting presentation on March 9, 1-3 p.m. at Kenwood Isles, 1425 W. 28th Street, Terrace Room. All are welcome.

Next meeting: February 13, 7 p.m. at Grace-Trinity Community Church.

Board Review and Vote

The December 2011 meeting minutes were amended by deleting the following: "CM Tuthill will introduce an ordinance change in 2012 to require permits be obtained for recreational fires in Minneapolis."

The Board did not have enough time to discuss the Uptown Association's request for a letter of support.

The 5th Precinct is considering a Law Enforcement Group for Uptown. Crime Prevention Specialist Chelsea Adams will be invited to a future board meeting to discuss the idea in more detail.

The Board approved the following meeting schedule:

EIRA Board meetings for March and April: Tuesday, March 6 and Tuesday, April 3

Annual Members' Meeting: Tuesday, April 17

Important notice: Beginning in May 2012, the EIRA Board will change their regular meeting day to the second Tuesday of the month.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

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Foreman, our 10th Ward Policy Aide, on Tuesday, February 14th, 2012 from 12-1pm at the 5th Precinct's Community Room (3101 Nicollet Ave S). Lunch with Leslie will be a chance to talk with my policy aide, ask her questions, and voice any concerns you may have. Bring your sack lunch! Cookies and lemonade are provided! Meet with Meg is held the second Tuesday of every month.

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LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (LHNA)

By Janis Clay, Secretary

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board Minutes Monday, February 6, 2012, Kenwood Recreation Center

Present - Board Members: David Weinstein, President; Maureen Sheehan, Vice President; Janis Clay, Secretary; Dan Aronson, Treasurer; Jimmy Fogel; Mark Brauer; Ruth Shields; Rebecca Graham.

Present - Guests and staff: Lisa Goodman, Seventh Ward Minneapolis City Council Representative; Chris Madden, LHNA Administrator.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President David Weinstein, noting a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda: Dan Aronson moved and Ruth Shields seconded approval of the January 10, 2012, minutes and tonight's agenda. All approved

Treasurer's Report: Dan Aronson reported that there has been no change from the January Treasurer's Report.

Committee Reports:

Communication/Events: The 2012 Annual Meeting will be May 15, 2012, at the Walker Art Center. Mark Brauer is working on arranging a speaker on Conservation Districts. We may include the possible move of the Thomas Lowry statue from Smith Triangle in East Isles to Thomas Lowry Park. This will be on the agenda for the March Board meeting.

Zoning and Planning: Maureen Sheehan reported on the status of the Hennepin Avenue median planting project (between Groveland Terrace and Douglas). She met with Anita Tabb. A draft grant application has been prepared, which Anita will take to the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board for approval of the Park Board acting as the government entity partner on the project. The various government units are communicating and the process is proceeding. The Walker Art Center would like Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association to send a letter to the City of Minneapolis to confirm our approval of the Walker's plans for the Rock the Garden event June 16, 2012. Dan Aronson moved and David Weinstein seconded a motion to support Rock the Garden as outlined in a draft letter. All approved.

Environment: We are still waiting for an estimate from the Park Board's in-house estimators regarding landscaping for the Kenwood Park sidewalk. We will address this at the March meeting.

Crime and safety: The four way stop at the intersection of 24th and Fremont is in place.

Community Announcements - Seventh Ward City Council Representative Lisa Goodman. Lunch with Lisa will be February 29th. Representative Marion Greene will speak. The City of Minneapolis budget is available on line. Lisa will present the Budget in Brief at the March Board meeting. There are a number of open seats on Boards and Commissions. Information on these is available on line. The redistricting process is underway for setting state and local boundaries for voting districts. There will be public hearings on February 29th and March 1.

Status of E-Blast and web site: Chris Madden and Janis Clay met with Madeleine Lowry regarding the mechanics of sending an E-Blast.

Other business: There was no other business.

LHNA's next Board meeting will be held Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at the Kenwood Rec Center. All residents are welcome. 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.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.



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Thomas Lowry Park from page 4

original (and showing their age). Overgrown plantings have been replaced. Bryant Avenue was abandoned where it crossed Douglas and the little triangular park on the east side of Bryant (Douglas Triangle) annexed to the main park.

In 1925 the previously unnamed park was named "Mount Curve Triangles" (to include Douglas Triangle), and the little triangular park three blocks away carrying that name was renamed "Fremont Triangle." But even the park board never referred to the park in the plural, and sometimes erroneously referred to it as Douglas Triangle. Despite what the neighborhood called it, the park board never referred to it as "Seven Pools Park."

While the park board annual report of 1953 states that repairs were made to the cascade, it is uncertain what they were. Changes to the park in the last 30 years will be described in a future Hill & Lake Press article.

Friends and Neighbors,

It has been almost a month since the Kenwood Cafe closed its doors. During this time, the small committee created to represent the community and to seek ways that we could influence the future of the building has had a number of conversations with the landlord, but with inconclusive results.

He recently told us that there are a number of (unnamed) restaurants/cafes that are reviewing and/or negotiating a lease of the cafe space. Further, he is sure that the community will be happy with any of the choices as he believes they are complementary to the neighborhood and the building. The landlord is hoping for a reasonably quick resolution to the vacancy. That said, in our opinion the space is likely to be vacant or under some form of construction for a few months yet - 2 or 3 or ?

We are unlikely to have much more influence with the landlord, or be able to explore "whole building" options with him until a new tenant is selected. So, we need to turn the great outpouring of community support to the businesses that are still in the building!

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Where we are Now

By Jean Deatrck, Editor

It is with great sorrow that I announce the death of our friend, neighbor, community activist, wife, mother, preservationist, and genuine good soul, Natalie Westreich. She died last night (Valentine's Day) at her home on Emerson Avenue. We regret her passing. She will be greatly missed in our Hill and Lake Press area and beyond.

Services will be held at Temple Israel Thursday, February 16 at 2pm. Shiva will be observed at the Westreich home Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings with the minion service beginning at 7:00 p.m. Friend Karen Malver wrote on Natalie's CaringBridge site, "helping Natalie with her CaringBridge entries this past month has been an honor. Being her friend over many years has been a blessing"

Blessed be her memory.

Hill and Lake Press will feature a story about Natalie's life and her contributions to our neighborhood in the March issue.

While we continue to wait on a new cafe tenant, and while we work on more permanent solutions, it's an IMPORTANT TIME TO BUY YOUR BOOKS AND GIFTS AT BIRCHBARK BOOKS! We want the book store and the other Kenwood businesses to thrive and to still be there when the new cafe opens its doors!

We encourage every one of you to make a point of visiting Birchbark Books, Bockley Gallery, Artrageous, and Framestyles. Go buy a book, or two or five! Buy unique native jewelry. Go get a Valentine gift for your favorite book reader! Buy art at Birchbark, Artrageous, or Bockley and have it framed at Framestyles!

Stop by and show your support. If we want a vital, sustainable wonderful community corner, then we need to do the thing that is most helpful - and that is to do our shopping here in the neighborhood.

Thanks, and we hope to see you at the bookstore.

Your Friends, Marian, Ed and Margaret for the Kenwood Commons team

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CAKE THERAPY

By Madeleine Lowry

Last month I ordered a cake for my daughter's birthday. She had requested a Princess Torte from Wuollet Bakery and I, being a good mother, complied without question.

I don't know how long it had been since we'd had a Princess Torte or what the occasion might have been, but it must have been within the last ten years for my daughter to be able to remember it. These days we are more inclined to order supermarket birthday cakes and to buy small Princess Torte knock-offs at Ikea.

Princess Tortes, for those of you not-in-the-know, are notable for their brilliant green marzipan wrap and their distinctive domed shape.

So, as I was saying, I called Wuollet's to order the cake. They said it was an eight-inch round and would feed twelve. Fine, fine, I said. They said it would cost \$37. I gasped a little inwardly. Thirty-seven bucks for a birthday cake? But, it was exactly what my daughter wanted. I placed my order.

I went to pick it up after work in the deep dark of five-thirty in the evening. The girl behind the counter was in the process of closing up shop. She went to the back and brought out the cake, splendid in its coat of green. On the top a happy birthday message had been piped out in an elegant script alongside a spray of pussy willows and a pink rose. Circling the bottom edge where the cake met the plate was a ring of toasted almonds. The whole effect was more impressive than I had remembered.

My eyes kept going to the cake while she rang up my order. The shade of green was so bright, so intense that it was suggestive of the first green shoots of spring. I almost imagined that I felt a warm humid breeze on my cheek as I gazed at it.

We had cake that night after a special birthday dinner and a flurry of presents. We punched the candles through the marzipan coating and sang a birthday song. I started to cut pieces of cake.

I don't know what I was expecting to find inside the green shell—just cake, I suppose. But, as I pulled away the first slice, we stopped to admire the layers of airy



golden cake alternating with clouds of real whipped cream and —surprise—a tempting layer of raspberry. It was a sight to behold.

We put our forks into that cake and it was silent in our kitchen for five whole minutes. It was that good. The cake layers were exceptionally light, tender and fresh tasting. The dense, sweet, almondy marzipan coating satisfied the sweet tooth. And finally, the contrasting toasty warm notes of the salted almonds on the edge completed the full spectrum of tastes.

We sighed with pleasure. From somewhere far, far away I heard strains of angels singing and harps being played.

We were in cake heaven.

All other cakes seemed like half-cakes from this blissful height.

Wuollet's was wrong, of course, about it feeding twelve. It actually feeds one person really, really, well over the period of about a week, with a few slices for others if that person is feeling generous.

My daughter became very possessive of her cake. She wrapped it lovingly in plastic and tucked it into the refrigerator with a stern warning to her brothers not to touch it. She invited a friend over for a piece and occasionally would offer bites to her immediate family.

But, the slice I had on the night of her birthday was enough.

I still think of that cake now and then. I think it is a cake that would be good for anything that ails you. Like when you are feeling low because there is no snow and the Loppet has to be moved to Theodore Wirth Park, ruining your plans for a Loppet party, to name one hypothetical example.

Take it from me—when small disasters strike, this is the cake that will lift your spirits. It's a little bit of heaven in the form of a dessert. And all for \$37.

What a bargain!

Come Out and Play Family Nature Club

Sunday, February 19 @ 10:00 am OR Wednesday, February 22 @ 10:00 am

Winter is upon us and getting outdoors in the winter is important. Sure it takes some work and planning, but being outside improves our moods, gives our children a chance to explore and burn energy, and gives us an opportunity to socialize with other families.

Take advantage of Come Out and Play family nature club this month and join us for outdoor fun time. It's good for you and your child/children. We hope to see you there! Feel free to spread the word and invite friends to join us at Nature Club.

Where: Minnehaha Creek just east of Hiawatha Ave (34th Avenue and 47th Street).

Parking & Meeting Spot: We will meet on the west side of the tennis courts on 47th Street. On street parking is available adjacent to the park area.

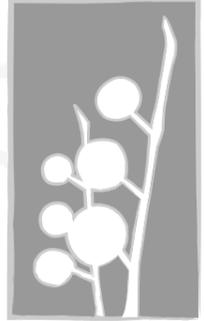
Amenities: This section of Minnehaha Creek has beautiful curving banks and restored wetlands. Great for exploring with your little ones. It will be an outdoor experience with no facilities on site. If restrooms are needed during Nature Club, stop in for a donut and coffee at Melo-Glaze bakery located just 7 blocks west on Minnehaha Parkway. There is a pedestrian path at Minnehaha next to the creek for strollers, but if you have a backpack or front baby carrier, that may be easier to navigate the grassy or snowy areas.



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sand upon the waters

By Tom H. Cook

It appears the primary season has already run its course. The mud has been slung and we have uncovered the quirks and peccadilloes of seven more people that not only are unfit to run the country, but would be questionable caretakers of a Photo Mat. To be honest, I was not really expecting to hear a candidate put forth a fresh idea, an imaginative plan, or a non-partisan analysis of even one of the monstrously complex problems that face us.

Still I felt honor-bound to watch as candidates streamed into recession weary areas and spent millions of dollars of Super Pac(man) money that served to only enrich local media outlets and mad men type ad honchos on both coasts. Except for the sale of an occasional slice of cheese-less pizza, they contributed little to the local economies except traffic delays. The locals were praised for their resilience surviving three years under Kenyan rule. They were hugged, bussed and quoted as if they were Diderot. They were unable to eat an uninterrupted lunch in a diner, or watch "Dancing with the Biggest Loser" without being bombarded by thirty-second commercials lauding their new best friend and savior.

I viewed hundreds of hours of network and cable primary coverage. Speeches, debates, analysis, prognosticators, instigators. Finally my ears were inflamed, blood was running down the walls and, through squinting eyes desperate for sleep, I saw a candidate named Huntsman. He had Perry's vigor and love of maple syrup, Cain's gap toothed smile, Newt's build, and Bachman's hair. He was wearing a Santorum sweater, and Mitt's mom jeans. The voice was Ron Paul's and he was channeling Bob Dole about kids staying off his lawn.

It all came together in the vast cacophony of political speak. The vicious attack ads, almost as deadly as a candidates own words. The money wasted! Enough to fund local jobs, build community centers, or buy enough drones to put us all out of our misery. The last thing I remember was one of them flailing boisterously into a sea of confetti and sycophants...

"Fellow Americans: Perhaps you believe that the fabric of our once great country has been shredded and ripped from the talons of the majestic bald eagle that serves as our national symbol, or that we have become not a nation with clear geographic boundaries and a shared sense of purpose, but rather dupes of an increasingly small number of interlocking multinational corporations that have hired away the brightest and most cunning among us not to solve our problems, but pledge their allegiance to a faceless gaggle of shareholders, bent on maximizing profits regardless of damage to the environment or human life. Or, you may believe as I do, that the earth is 147 years old and that man and dinosaurs coexisted until late into the Eisenhower administration.

If gamma rays from Neptune afflict all but citizens who arrive at their polling places wearing tin-foil hats, and I am fortunate enough to be elected, let me tell you about my first day in office. There will be plenty of time for banquets, but the parties, fancy balls, doing the Wahtusi, the Mashed Potato, the Stroll, and the Frug will have to wait. Before the dancing, I will use my vast, newly vested executive powers to order the heads of the five families to meet with me alone somewhere.

I will call the CEOs of GladWare, Snapware, Pyrex, Rubbermaid, Gempak, and Tupperware to a locked door "no holds barred" discussion of why the lids of one company's food storage containers will not fit on the bottoms of another, even when they both hold a pint! We all go to each others' houses and end up with these plastic things that are too good to throw away, but none of them match. My grandfather was a coal miner. He wasn't a 1%er who ate out all the time! He loved leftovers but his gnarled hands would shake when he tried to burp some of these puppies.

I will demand a voluntary recall of all food storage units! Between my election and inauguration day we will construct regional factories that will employ hundreds. There these pesky containers will be gathered, melted and recast! I will appoint a

blue ribbon panel to agree on the sizes, but I promise you they will all be interchangeable!

Then my wife of 67 years and 4,000 of my best friends from K Street will boogie down (at government expense) long into the night. God bless America!"

Tom H. Cook is a freelance political consultant most recently responsible for the election of the since-indicted Representative Herman W. Weams.

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