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GREENWAY VEGETATION STRANGLES TRAIL

By Michael Wilson, CIDNA and Midtown Greenway Coalition Boards



Michael Wilson with his bicycle on the overgrown trail.

Photos provided by Jessica Galatz, Michael Wilson, and Robert Corrick.



A westbound Greenway biker near the Calhoun Village turnoff enjoys the wider and safer trail after recent removal of excessive vegetation. Brush and shrubs, however, are already growing back across the trail and overhanging branches force riders to duck.



Damaged Mugo Pine in Thomas Lowry Park.

Photo by Dorothy Childers

Vandals severely damaged this Mugo Pine, which has been in the park since the 1920s and is a great favorite of Park visitors. Continue to page 6 for TLP story.

Riders on the CIDNA portion of the Midtown Greenway have recently noticed that the trail has gotten wider – and safer – since Hennepin County crews have finally shown up to remove excessive vegetation growth that in some places covered as much as 50% of the west-bound trail.

In addition to slapping unsuspecting westbound riders in the face, the untended vegetation on the north side of the trail was forcing westbound riders to swerve into the eastbound trail, creating significant safety issues particularly on summer weekends when as many as 5,000 riders pass along the CIDNA portion of the Greenway daily.

Responsibility for trail maintenance can get a bit complicated, according to Jessica Galatz, Senior Planning Analyst with the Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority (HCRRA). HCRRA owns about 55 miles of mostly abandoned railroad corridors, two portions of which are the Midtown Greenway and Kenilworth Trail. HCRRA is charged with preserving these rights-of-way for future transit uses while in the interim entering into partnerships with other government bodies for the construction of biking/walking trails.

The City of Minneapolis owns and maintains the Greenway pavement. During August City crews will be repaving the Greenway from its western terminus at Chowen Av. to Hiawatha Avenue. (Starting Aug. 13 there will be partial closures of both the Greenway and Kenilworth Trail for repaving. Go to <midtowngreenway.org> for complete information -- and to become a supporting member of the Greenway Coalition!)

Hennepin County is responsible for vegetation removal, trimming overhanging tree branches, and mowing grass, work that is often contracted out to the non-profit Tree Trust, which operates year-round.

Tree Trust crews often use trucks with their own logo but sometimes use Hennepin County trucks as well. When you encounter Tree Trust or Hennepin County crews doing maintenance work on the Greenway or Kenilworth Trail, be sure to stop and tell them you appreciate their good work!

CIDNA resident and Greenway user Scott Abbott appreciates the much-needed and long-overdue Greenway vegetation removal along the westbound trail but notes that vegetation has already begun to overlap the trail again. Galatz notes that keeping 55 miles of right-of-way pruned and obstruction-free is a daunting challenge. Removing brush and shrubbery, even when it is growing on HCRRA land, can be a sensitive issue, Galatz adds, when residents along the trails count on that vegetation to provide privacy.

Galatz indicates that tree-trimming work along the Greenway will be done this winter and that crews will address vegetation along the CIDNA portion of the Greenway “aggressively” in coming months.

Galatz encourages trail users to contact her with questions and concerns. She can be reached at (612) 348-2691 or <jessica.galatz@co.hennepin.mn.us>.

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Where the Elite Met – Lowry Hill in the 1890s

Cost: \$5.00 Date: Sunday, August 26th Time: 1:00 – 3:00 pm, Place: Thomas Lowry Park (Douglas Ave. and Colfax Ave.) Guide: Bob Glancy

The Mount Curve and Groveland Terrace area in Lowry Hill was one of the first upper class neighborhoods in Minneapolis. Learn about the homes built there by the city's rich and famous families, including the Lowrys, Glueks, Donaldsons, Partridges, and Notts. See how the neighborhood has changed since its inception in 1874. (Printed pamphlets with historic photos will be available for purchase at sign-in)

Former HLP resident (CIDNA) Stephanie Vander Weide Lucianovichas a food blog, Grubreport.com, has prepped for the Jacques Pepin KQED PBS TV show "More Fast Food My Way, recapped "Top Chef" for Television Without Pity, and edited the Williams-Sonoma cookbooks, The Mastering series. Now, she has written her own book, "Suffering Succotash: A Picky Eater's Quest to Understand Why We Hate the Food We Hate," published in July 2012 by Perigee/Penguin. Stephanie is scheduled at Magers and Quinn Booksellers, 3038 Hennepin Ave. S. in Uptown, to read and sign copies of her book on Monday, August 20, 2012, 7:30 pm.

Stephanie grew up in CIDNA, attending Minneapolis Public Schools before graduating from Southwest High School in 1992. After getting her degree from the University of Michigan in 1996, she lived in Cambridge, England and was with the

HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

August 20, 7:30pm, Stephanie Vander Weide Lucianovichas reading at Magers & Quinn
Aug. 22, 6-8pm Burglary Prevention Temple Israel
August 26 1pm Lowry Hill Tour
August 29, Lunch with Lisa
September 8, EIRA Neighborhood-wide garage sale.
September 16 Minneapolis Bike Tour
September 16, 1-4pm CIDNA Fall Festival
Neighborhood monthly meetings:
CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday 6pm at Jones-Harrison
EIRA: 2nd Tuesday 7pm at Grace-Trinity Church.
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Cambridge University Press. Stephanie later settled in Boston where she worked in publishing before attending the local Cambridge School of Culinary Arts, CCP, PCP '03. She now lives in the San Francisco area with her husband, Mark, and their son, Henry.



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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR, JOHN OLIVA OF SPECS OPTICAL

Craig Wilson interviews John Oliva of Specs Optical on Hennepin and 22nd about the art and science of making fine eyewear and the importance of supporting local businesses and communities.

You grew up in New York City, what brought you to Minnesota?

I was employed in New York at Pfizer as a scientist; they moved all research from Brooklyn to a Groton, a small town in southeastern Connecticut. I was simultaneously bored with the small town, science, and Pfizer. A really good friend had a large (retail auto sales) family business in MN, they made me an offer I couldn't refuse—actually it was more like 4 or 5 offers before I capitulated. I was in corporate management, risk management, demographics, design/approval, and construction of new facilities etc. It was a great way for me to learn the retail skills that I have now. Nancy, my partner in life and business, is Minnesota true blue, direct from a dairy farm in Lester Prairie MN.

Do you still have a connection to the East Coast?

I'd say it's more emotional than familial. The East Coast tempo is direct, frank, and sincere which I value. I maintain a number of 30+ year friendships out East, which, as they say, are priceless. Nancy and I own a home in New London, CT, across the river from Pfizer! From our beach, I can see my old employer, pretty ironic.

When did you found Specs Optical?

We didn't. Nancy and I purchased it from David Spencer who was never really interested in retail. His dad was an optometrist who had Dave working in a shop since high school. Dave really needed out, as he NEEDED to design and wholesale. He went on to found 'OGI', a highly successful eyewear line. Specs Optical is totally different now; it used to be 900 ft², now it's 2000 ft². We went from less than 200 frames to as many as 2000. The biz had good bones, but needed some love and TLC.

Was Specs Optical always located at Hennepin and 22nd?

Well, sorta, it was originally in the strip mall Kenwood Commons four doors down. When our current location became available, we fought hard to get it. It was pivotal,



Photo courtesy of John Oliva

JOHN AND NANCY

as before we had no street frontage or space to expand. We love the space, the landlord, and the creativity the facade has allowed us to express.

Specs Optical probably has the most unique frames I have encountered this side of the Atlantic. Often times there are many 'designer' brands that you can find at optical stores—but your frames are like works of art that you can only find at Specs Optical. What's your secret?

There is no secret, really. People confuse "designer, fashion, and trend" with great design and quality. It's actually the inverse. The former is about herd mentality; the later is about innovation and confidence. Our client type gets it. They don't want an Oliver Peoples, Prada, or Mikli, which more often than not does not favor their architecture or temperament, but informs their peers of whom they think they are. It's a social phenomenon. We curate what we love and style the client accordingly: taking into account who and what they want to say about themselves. Our relationships with the best frame companies go back almost 20 years when Nancy and I first started to travel to European optical shows. We are in Europe looking for fine frames as often as 4 times a year. Please notice, I did NOT say China, where most optical products come from.

As I understand it, Specs Optical is not just about

making a face prettier but takes correcting vision very seriously. What sets you apart in your approach to fusing science into art?

In addition to the art of our frames, we are also incredibly serious about the optics. Remember this is a medical appliance. When we are done with you, you will see better than you ever could. We have no equal in this area. We maintain our own in-house lab and are exacting regarding product selection, measuring, executing, and fitting your optics. Eyewear has become a retail commission sales situation, even in many of the other high-end establishments. My science background and the dedication and training of our crew just won't allow anything other than perfect to leave the shop.

When making improvements to your building, you decided to give your building storefront a fresh new look with 'new frames,' how did you accomplish this?

There was an obvious disconnect between the beautiful, but stately brick facade and interior design and our product direction. With assistance from Alchemy architects, other local craftspeople, and our far thinking landlord, we were able to execute an AIA award winning design that informed the public what was going on inside. It is one of the privileges of being in business, having your biz be your laboratory; it's what makes all of this fun! It wasn't easy, but it feeds the soul. One point that is important is that we exclusively employed local people and materials. It is the foundation of our business ideal. **KEEP THE MONEY LOCAL!** As much as possible, we do not utilize Internet commerce. It is important to support the fabric of the local economy by patronizing local businesses. If you love Minneapolis, support it! That's should be simple, but sadly, I don't think that is practiced enough.

You and Nancy Krant, as you mentioned your partner in both business and life, enjoy the finer things in life—from collecting art, to fine gardening and gourmet cuisine. What are some of your favorite places in Minneapolis to enjoy these things?

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Loyalties in District 4 School Board Race MINNEAPOLIS MINDS

By Steve Kotvis

Walking through the doors at Plymouth Congregational Church this past Monday night to attend a Minneapolis School Board candidate forum had me wondering. Who are these new District 4 entries, names that came to surface on the last day of filing, to the School Board race? (District 4 includes Bryn-Mawr, Cedar-Isles-Dean, Downtown West, Downtown East, East Isles, ECCO, Elliot Park, Kenwood, Loring Park, Lowry Hill, Lowry Hill East, Steven's Square-Loring Heights, and Whittier neighborhoods.) What perspectives and insights might these candidates have to offer? What experiences and capabilities can they draw upon to help govern our complex urban school district and serve our diverse student body?

Approaching the event, I was quite familiar with one of the candidates, Josh Reimnitz. Josh contacted me many months ago. We met back then and continue to discuss school district issues. I am continually impressed. He exhibits inclusive problem solving, a positive can-do spirit and genuine appreciation of and loyalty to kids and their potential. I cannot imagine a better complement to our future school board.

The forum offered an opportunity to hear from Patricia (Patty) Wycoff, just one of the two other candidates. That's because the other candidate William Lange was unable to attend, as his father apologetically explained to the audience, due to a last moment work commitment.

Wycoff gained a foothold as a candidate, in my opinion, seemingly by getting her wagon attached to her Bryn Mawr neighbor, and former DFL Speaker of the House Margaret Anderson Kelliher. That's some political horsepower in this DFL Party town. It's apparently been an effective strategy to getting fellow DFL loyalists to jump on the Party bandwagon, even though the school board is supposed to be a non-partisan position.

What seems at odds to me, as someone who has been a citizen involved with public education issues greater than average bear for the past six years, so how have I never before heard Patty's name? Not on the District Parent Advisory Committee. Not on the many other citizen committees I've served. Not on the Strong Schools Strong City Referendum where I met tens and tens of volunteers in communities throughout the city.

Not even when I worked with plans to re-locate Emerson to the Bryn Mawr school site or my work to develop branding for Anwatin.

Moreover, I had not before this night had the chance to have a conversation with Patty. No call from her, though I let it be known through folks working with her that I was indeed interested in meeting. Finally, as I was unlocking my bike to leave the event, Patty approached, introduced herself, and simply said, "I know you support Josh," and then turned away to go to her car. I was still open to meeting with her, but it seems she's marked me off with a "red" mark on her prospect list as candidates are apt to do while in the political campaign mode. I would have appreciated her being as open as Josh was to talking. As a part of that conversation, here are some of the items I would have been interested in discussing. (Understandably, the way we would have talked about these issues would have been revealed in a conversational way than how they are spelled out as follows. My apologies if in this medium they may come off as too abrupt in this written form.)

You talked of being involved with the Bryn Mawr community. Can you tell me about your experiences and understanding beyond your neighborhood? I am looking for someone who thinks citywide and is not parochial.

You speak of your volunteer time in Minneapolis Public Schools. What school or schools did that include? What time and what issues if any were in MPS schools outside Bryn Mawr neighborhood?

I understand you've been a parent of a FAIR school student in Crystal. Do you acknowledge that FAIR is not actually an MPS district school? (FAIR is a West Metro Education Partnership Program school. MPS is a member, but does not govern the school that has a separate Board and Superintendent.)

You talked about it taking a whole community to address the achievement gap. Agreed. While I respect any parent's rights to have their kids attend any school that is in the best interest of their own children, can you tell me about your decision to have your child leave your community school Anwatin Middle School, and instead go to a non-MPS FAIR school in Crystal? What community would you have become a part of the solution

at Anwatin? (Living here in Kenwood, we've had a like behavior. Parents have at times jumped from Kenwood School to go to FAIR in order to avoid attending Anwatin. They don't have to do that anymore. They are directed to an overcrowded Anthony. Also, in the March 21, 2009 issue of Hill & Lake Press, I wrote of how FAIR was created for the purpose of integrating non-white kids from Minneapolis with white kids in the nearby suburbs. But that the school's superior performance was being touted while omitting that its racial composition of that school in Crystal was very white and counter to its intent.)

What was the petition drive you led for Bryn Mawr regarding the Changing Schools Options plan? Was the intent to permit Bryn Mawr families attend Southwest High School? You said it made Southwest more racially diverse. Given much of Bryn Mawr neighborhood is similar to the southwest student body, can you explain what extent diversity of the student body actually occurred?

It could have been an interesting conversation, and likely much smoother than the direct nature of the items listed above.

So knowing what I've learned about the candidates, I feel great about supporting Josh to represent District 4. I believe he is an open and excellent listener, a thoughtful thinker and a collaborative leader. Very importantly, I see Josh as being passionately loyal to serving youth, through his work and the way he envisions serving as a member of our School Board. Those are qualities that will be additive to our future board. And those with experience of being close to education seem to agree. Josh is supported by three past school board chairs Tom Madden, Pam Costain, and Catherine Shreves. And Mayor RT Rybak, who has long been supportive and respectful of the role of our Minneapolis Public Schools board, endorses Josh's campaign. So where do our loyalties lie? We all get to decide on election day!

Steve Kotvis, a Kenwood resident who is an active volunteer in community and education issues has written Minneapolis Minds 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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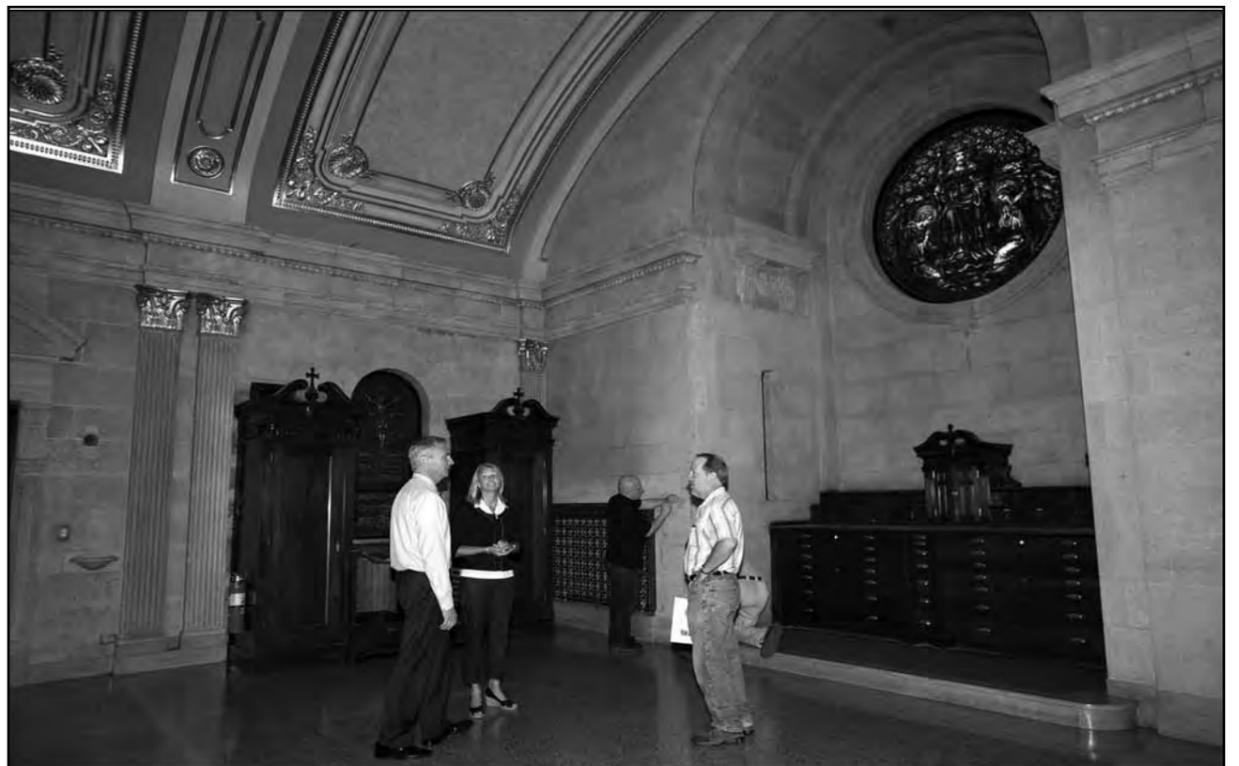


Photo by Dorothy Childers

On August 15, members of the media were invited to The Basilica of Saint Mary for a sneak preview of the recently restored Sacristy. The restoration project was supported by a grant of \$110,000 received from the American Express Partners in Preservation program, a partnership of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the American Express Foundation. The Basilica received this grant after winning the popular vote in the Partners in Preservation Facebook contest on October 14, 2011. Johan van Parys, Director of Liturgy & Sacred Arts at the Basilica, and artists and restoration workers from Conrad Schmitt Studios, Inc. were on hand to answer questions about the history and process behind the intricate details of their important restoration efforts. To learn more about the mission of The Basilica Landmark, go to www.thebasilicalandmark.org.

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NEIGHBOR FROM PAGE 3

sand upon the waters

By Tom H. Cook

There are many great places to eat and recreate in Minneapolis, so I will leave that to the reviewers and local publications. With the insane travel schedule that we maintain, our favorite place to eat is our own kitchen, or that of a select few friends! As far as we spend our time in Minnesota, it's as much at in our home and garden. We are on the road 4-7 months of the year. Our homes in Minnesota and Connecticut are our cocoon, surrounded by a lifetime of collecting furniture and art from local artisans and craftspeople like Tom Oliphant and Scott McGlasson.

You are both avid bicyclists living right on a local parkway. Is biking your other passion and is it true you tandem bike together?

We have traveled in the US, Europe and Africa on our tandem. We are never far from a bicycle. I play a little guitar and Nancy gardens. We sponsor the Saint Paul Bicycle Racing Club (SPBRC) which is run out of the Grand Performance bike shop in Saint Paul. Like everything we do, it has to involve the local community; the basis of our business is about community.

How many frames do you and Nancy own?

That is classified, but somewhere between enough and well, maybe a few more!

Reconstruction of Parade Parkway and Parking Lot to Begin in September

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With project plans approved by the City of Minneapolis Planning and Public Works, reconstruction of the Parade Parkway and parking lot improvements is slated to begin in mid-September. Weather and construction schedules permitting, work should be substantially complete by mid-November.

"I am delighted that the approval process is complete and that the actual reconstruction can begin," said Anita Tabb, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board District 4 Commissioner. "These improvements will not only benefit the neighborhood, but also the thousands of community members that use Parade Stadium and Parade Ice Garden."

Parade Parkway is the short segment of street running from Dunwoody Boulevard to Kenwood Parkway. The project was included in the MPRB 2011 Capital budget, with additional funds allocated for 2012.

Parade Parkway will be closed to traffic during construction. However, a detour will be created and access to the Ice Garden and the Ice Garden parking will be maintained. Access for Blake School buses will also be provided.

For further information on this project, visit the project page (<http://www.minneapolisparks.org/default.asp?PageID=1292>) on the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) website. To receive updates on this project, visit the MPRB website, www.minneapolisparks.org, and click on the red envelope.

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Most of us freely concede certain shortcomings, such as the inability to carry a tune, do simple math without a calculator, recall names of former neighbors, and even remember the title of last night's video. We are touchier about a subjects like having no sense of humor (no one admits they don't have one) and operating a motor vehicle. Just about everyone from Dustin Hoffman in Rain Man to your great Aunt Minnie believes they are excellent drivers and it is the yahoos on the road that make modern ground travel hair-raising.

I have no such illusions. I drive when necessary and never for pleasure. Still I reserve the right to savagely critique my fellow motorists. Speeders, tailgaters, phone talkers, and drunk drivers are in another circle of Hell. What follows are behaviors that are more annoying than life threatening.

No turn signal. Generally a guy, often in an oversized vehicle. The inference is, it is none of your business where or when I am turning, despite how much it may aid you in making your plans. Turn signals are for wimps and people who want to take away my freedom and my country. (The last part may be a stretch, but I have felt it.)

That is my lane! I am in the right lane signaling to move to the left to pass a slow moving vehicle. A car in the left lane is well back, but on seeing my signaled intent develops a deep proprietary interest in all of the passing lane and immediately accelerates so that I am unable to get over. Similarly, when one is faced with an upcoming lane merger there are only two types of drivers. One sees the need to quickly assess, communicate, and accommodate. The other decides they must

beat you to the spot no matter the carnage. The latter is a common impulse in preschoolers lining up for recess.

The shaming pass. I admit I usually stick to the speed limit plus 5 miles per hour in and around town. As one lane turns to two I am sometimes passed by a driver who feels the need to explode around me as if I had been holding them underwater. After accelerating as if on fire, or late to a consultation at the Mayo Clinic, they usually turn into a Burger King.

Left turn arrow. We are in our left turn lane, waiting for a green arrow. We are the misfits; the vast majority of cars are happily and feverishly speeding on in both directions. Who are we to stop the onslaught and make our puny turn? The driver of the first car in the left turn lane is the captain. Since the light changes only in months with an "R" in them, a good safe jump is imperative. When I am the captain, I take pride in being alert and getting as many of my team through as possible. I hate when captains dawdle. They always get out but seem not to care about how many of us they leave behind.

The left turn swoop. This is related to #4, and may be caused by a derelict captain who is already blissfully down the road. The green arrow has gone from yellow to bright red. "But it has not been red for long," reasons the swooper who flies into the intersection and forces green-lit traffic to hit their brakes, shake their heads, and shudder.

Red light/Blue light. Long ago in the playground game, and on the highway red meant stop. Red has become the new yellow. To many, a light turning red is a challenge and a signal to accelerate. Perhaps we need a fourth color. A blue light that really means do not enter this intersection until it is your turn!

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Thomas Lowry Park Volunteers



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Volunteers working to keep Thomas Lowry Park beautiful. Teenwise Minnesota and The Unitarian Society volunteers contributed their time.

FRIENDS OF THOMAS LOWRY PARK

By Barry Lazarus

Hello neighbors and all others having the good fortune to read the HILL & LAKE PRESS. I hope you have had the opportunity to walk through Thomas Lowry Park in the last few weeks. The Park is looking spectacular. Friends of Thomas Lowry Park pats the MPRB and itself on the back for making the Park look as good as it does. But there is no pat without the diligence, vigilance, and hard work of Bill Payne.

There must be several of you reading this article who would like to help out in the Park, help Bill Payne, get exercise and fresh air, and the satisfaction of giving back to your community. If so, please contact the HILL & LAKE PRESS. Your name and telephone number will be passed on to Friends of Thomas Lowry Park. You can also help if you will ask your church, temple, or mosque to let it be known that those wanting a garden experience can volunteer as a group or as an individual to work in the Park. Once again, please contact this paper to get the ball rolling...or should I say the seed germinating.

If any of you works for a company which will promote working at the Park, as a group or individually, please speak up. Friends will provide neighborhood recognition in an announcement in this newspaper.

Two weeks ago, Suzanne Payne discovered the unique Mugo Pine, that lies at the head of the pools on the north side, had been vandalized. The bark and layers have been peeled and shredded away and lay in a heap around it. It is an original park planting that can be seen as a small shrub on the 1924 plan. It is a featured tree in many photos of brides, graduations, and family photos because it is easy to sit and rest against it. She observed children sitting in it happily during the ice cream social and all was well at that time.

Bill has contacted Bruce Monteith at Park Forestry who will check it out to see if there's any possible way to save the tree, but it is doubtful. If anyone has any knowledge of the person or persons who did this, please contact me, the Park police, Commissioner Tabb or the mafia. This is a senseless and hurtful act and the perps should face some consequences.

Highlights from the July, 2012 status Park report of Bill Payne is as follows:

A dozen or so volunteers worked for about an hour-spreading wood chips around the maples on Douglas and the gateway bed and weeding on the north side of Seven Pools for the Unitarian Community Service Day on July 15. Thank you!

A group from Teenwise Minnesota trimmed the edge of the grass. They also trimmed the grass around lampposts and other objects and blew off the grass clippings. Thanks to all the teens for their efforts!

Repair of the Brick Paths still needs attention from the park staff.

Weeding and transplanting of struggling plants are

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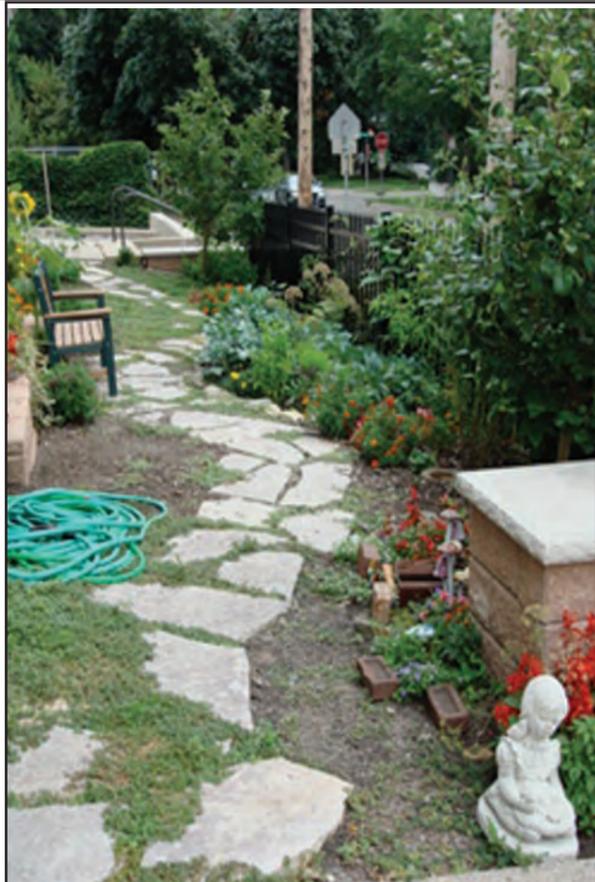


Photo by Nicole Valentine

The beautiful new garden at Kenwood School.

Kenwood Elementary School garden is in full bloom. School year begins August 27.

The garden, which was planted by the school's parent-led "Green Team," contains flowers, herbs, many varieties of vegetables, an apple tree, and a fairy garden. Families from the school have volunteered to tend and water the garden in one-week shifts well into the fall. Stroll on by and check out this bucolic oasis in the city.

The school year is just around the corner. Join new and returning students and families for the annual Back-to-School Barbeque on the playground from 5:30 to 7:30 Thursday, August 23rd. Dinner will be \$6 per person or \$20 per family. Kids can visit their new classrooms and drop off school supplies during this fun and lively event.

Classes in Minneapolis Public Schools begin Monday, August 27 for grades 1 and higher. Kindergartners begin classes Wednesday, August 29.

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ngoing. As reported, Suzanne identified a vandalized Mugho Pine. Bruce Monteith was emailed, and a couple of Park Board staffers showed up to cut the affected branches. They decided not to cut the branches however, but to monitor the tree for now; they did cut dead branches off the ailing Ash Tree reported last month and also trimmed the Purple Cherry Plum Tree on the south side of the lower pool.

Apple scab (a fungus disease) has infected some crabapples in Thomas Lowry Park. The drought and heat in July required regular watering beyond the irrigation system. Selective watering needs to be on the routine task list of someone. Can anyone out there please help?

As all can observe, the Park would not be in the condition it is in without Bill Payne. Have a nice month and enjoy your Park.



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CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

By Monica Smith

CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES, August 8, 2012

The August meeting was held at the Jones-Harrison Residence. Board members in attendance: Chair Craig Westgate, Vice Chair Michael Wilson, Secretary Ryan Fox, Ed Ferlauto, Stephen Goltry, Rosanne Halloran, David Shirley, and Amanda Vallone. Committee Chairs: Gail Lee, Bob Corrick and Elaine May. Staff: Monica Smith

Chair Craig Westgate called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

The next Lunch with Lisa is August 29, noon, Room 292 at St. Thomas. The guest will be Police Chief nominee Jancee Harteau.

August 14th is the Primary election day.

CIDNA continues to work on pursuing a sidewalk for Sunset Blvd. Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) funds will pay for the sidewalk installation as they rebuild the roadway after the sewer construction. Approval is needed from a few more residents to move forward. The sidewalk is consistent with the City's master plan and requires administrative approval by City staff.

Minneapolis will host a national convention of neighborhood associations (NUSA) in May 2013. Organizers have sent out a call for presentations; proposal deadline is November 2.

Garrison Keillor will host the discussion for the One Minneapolis One Read book "Spirit Car: Journey to a Dakota Past" by Diane Wilson. Monday, September 24, 7 pm at Minneapolis Convention Center.

Hazardous Waste collection event: August 16-18, Pillsbury School, 2231 Garfield St NE.

The City will switch to single-sort recycling in Spring

2013.

NRP/PPP Committee Report

NRP Committee Chair Gail Lee gave the following report:

The City approved CIDNA's application for the Community Participation Program (CPP) for July 2012-Dec 2013. \$16K of the budget has been reserved for a Neighborhood Priority Plan (NPP). Past neighborhood surveys indicate that Southwest Light Rail Transit (LRT) is a priority for CIDNA. The committee will do outreach at the Fall Festival to pursue committing \$12K toward LRT-related issues.

\$13K of CIDNA's Phase II NRP funds will be added to the affordable housing loan to Nonprofits Assistance Fund. The loan will be repaid in three years and funds will be available to use for other strategies.

Construction begins on August 13 for installation of one ping-pong table at Park Siding Park. The goal was to install two ping-pong tables but the budget was not sufficient for two tables.

The Board approved a letter outlining CIDNA's perspective for Park Siding during and after the sewer construction. The letter will be sent to the Park Board and MCES.

Monica Smith provided a recap of the CPP expenditures for the program that expired June 30, 2012. A spreadsheet of the details of all the expenditures was also provided.

The board unanimously approved an overall budget for CIDNA's fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012.

MCES Sewer Update

Efforts continue to reach a resolution for a new sidewalk along Sunset Blvd.

An updated construction schedule was mailed to CIDNA residents (from MCES). A link to the project webpage can be found on our website: www.cidna.org (Current Issues page)

Transportation Committee

The CIDNA Board unanimously approved the expenditure of \$1,000 for a DEIS Workshop to be held on August 22, 6 pm at Jones Harrison. Anne Carroll of Carroll, Franck & Associates will lead the workshop. Funding will come from CIDNA's NRP Phase I administrative contract. A draft of the workshop outline will be emailed to board members.

Transportation committee members from Kenwood and West Calhoun have also been invited to attend the workshop and will be asked to share the cost of the workshop.

Ed Ferlauto attended the 8/6 Park Board CAC. The focus of the meeting was the CIDNA area of the proposed LRT and co-location of freight and light rail.

Board members are needed to help review the DEIS. Let Ed Ferlauto know how you can help.

Midtown Greenway Coalition (MGC) Report

Tour de Fat was a great success for MGC.

MGC has been invited to participate in a Task Force to examine the reopening of Nicollet Ave (currently

blocked by Kmart).

Development is surging along the Greenway.

Hennepin County removed some vegetation that was encroaching along the Midtown Greenway in CIDNA; however, more work needs to be done to keep the trail safe.

Land Use & Development Committee

Chair Bob Corrick continues to follow the activity for potential development at 2622 W. Lake St. The site is being leased to MCES for construction staging area through 2013.

Fall Festival

Co-chairs Elaine May and Steve Goltry provided an overview of their plans for CIDNA's Fall Festival, September 16, 1-4 pm. A postcard invitation will be mailed to all residents. Volunteers are needed; contact Monica Smith at info@cidna.org to help.

New Business

5th Precinct is planning a Burglary Prevention and 911 Presentation on August 22, 6 pm at Temple Israel. (2324 Emerson Ave S). All are welcome

Ed Ferlauto and Steve Goltry interviewed an attorney for possible legal advice that may be needed related to the DEIS. They will send a letter acknowledging their meeting. No further action needed at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Next meeting

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

EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EIRA)

Due to publication deadlines, the minutes from the August 14th EIRA Board meeting will be published in the September edition of the Hill and Lake Press. The August meeting minutes will be available at www.eastisles.org on Tuesday, August 21.

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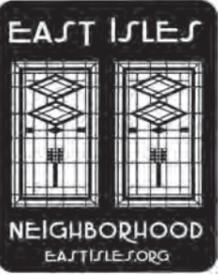
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The East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA) invites and encourages participation by every resident to each event organized by EIRA. Should you require an accommodation in order to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please contact us at nrp@eastisles.org or 612-821-0131 or at least five days before an EIRA sponsored event.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 9 am - 3 pm

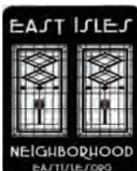
Use our First Annual Super Sale to connect with neighbors and reduce, reuse and recycle! Host a sale or shop — the choice is yours. See page 8 for event details and the registration form.

EIRA Board of Directors Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 7 - 9 pm

The Bridge for Youth, 1111 W 22nd St, Community Room

****Note the location change for the September meeting.****



Michael Mechtenberg, Transit Planner from Metro Transit will discuss the Midtown Corridor Alternative Analysis. This study will determine the benefits, costs and impact of implementing a transitway along the Midtown Greenway or Lake St.

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Brown Bag Lighting Tutorial

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 7 - 8:15 pm

The Bridge for Youth, 1111 W 22nd St

Tips on choosing exterior lights to improve security, beauty and energy efficiency with lighting expert, Holly Boyce. Bring a bag dinner if you'd like.

Rain Garden Basics

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 9 - 10:30 am

Side yard of 2871 Humboldt Ave S

A demonstration rain garden is coming to East Isles — thanks to a Mississippi Watershed Management Organization grant. Join us for morning coffee and learn about rain garden benefits, design, plantings, and upkeep.

Rain Garden Installation

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 9 am - 3 pm

Side yard of 2871 Humboldt Ave S

Held build our new garden — a great way to learn. Kids welcome!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Dean Parkway Celebrates Its First Ever National Night Out



Photo by Patty Schmitz

Gold medalists Jason Zimmerman and his daughter Hazel, along with silver medalists Adeline Zimmerman and Olivia Dummer.

On August 7th, neighbors from Dean Parkway joined together for their first National Night Out celebration. Mary Pattock, who attended the block party, has lived on Dean Parkway for almost 46 years, and confirmed that this was the first such gathering. Neighbors from both sides of the block met one another, many for the first time. Because of Dean Parkway's wide grassy boulevard, people who live on one side of the parkway might not ever see their across the street neighbors. The twenty five neighbors grilled out, shared side dishes and enjoyed homemade root beer. The highlight of the evening was the Egg Toss, which was won after several rounds. Gold and silver medals were awarded to the final two teams standing, pictured below. If you live on/near Dean Parkway, and would like to get connected with your neighbors, stop by the house with the Little Free Library (2806) and leave your name/number/email. Future events are in the works for Dean Parkway neighbors, including a Progressive Dinner Party in the Fall or Winter.

National Night Out at The Woman's Club

By Diane Woelm

This year's National Night Out in The Woman's Club Parking Lot in Loring Park was the best ever as far as participation, teamwork, and overall good will on the part of our donors and supporters. Our willing and generous donors who helped pay the bands and entertainment include the following:

19 Bar; Summit Homes & Condominiums; Stuart Co. (430 Oak Grove Apartments); Park Apartments; World Mission Prayer League; 180 Degrees; Copenhagen Apartments; Sentinel Properties; 301 Oak Grove Condominiums; Westminster Presbyterian Church; Architectural Alliance; Volunteers of America Nicollet Towers; The Woman's Club of Minneapolis; Citizens For A Loring Park Community (CLPC).

Other Donors equally important were Ichiban Japanese Steak House; Brits Pub; Uppercuts Barber Shop; Savitt Bros Paint; Jerusalem's Joe's Garage; Christos Greek Restaurant; Millennium Hotel; U.S. Foods; Eli's; Rye Deli; JJ Taylor; General J's Military Surplus; 15th Street Market; Patti Weber; Lowry Hill Liquor; The Lowry; Dunn Brothers Coffee; Ping's Szechuan Bar & Grill; Market BBQ; Asian Taste; Ryan's Pub; Black Forest Inn; Buca de Beppo; Salsa a la Salsa.

CLPC and The Woman's Club of Minneapolis have for the last three years collaborated with National Night Out where neighbor meets neighbor and exchanges information about the community over a shared meal, good music, and fun for the children. Jack Klatt & the Cat Swingers and Patty & the Buttons were the featured bands. From Heart of the Beast came Chicks on Sticks blowing bubbles, and mixing with the people. There was face painting and as a special treat this year, two horses were in a long trailer with windows. The horses poked their heads out and ate apples fed to them by the children. Brats and Burgers, cotton candy, ice cream, popcorn, and watermelon were enjoyed by all. People brought lawn chairs and then stayed for the drawing.

Seventh Ward Council Member Goodman stopped by. Senator Scott Dibble bicycled in and visited. I spoke with a representative from St. Stephen Ministry about the homeless. I met Carrie Day, a Neighborhood specialist from the City of Minneapolis who was involved with the

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END OF AN ERA?



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Cotty Lowry's billboard space is not gone forever. "I'm still there, undercover." he remarked when asked about his space on the Burch billboard. "I will be back." Please stay tuned.

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LETTERS

To the Editor:

On the other hand...

While I understand the melancholy of the writer (July HLP) who sees 1925 Colfax as reminiscent of the Parthenon, I feel I must admit that when I heard it was to be torn down my first thought was "Thank goodness. At last." Having lived within a block of it for the last eleven years, I can testify to how little it is loved and cared for, how rarely the sidewalk in front of it is shoveled, how tall are the summer weeds, and how its unsatisfactory rubbish removal plan makes this lot the best bet in Lowry Hill for viewing rats. I have not been inside, but I cannot doubt that it is worn to a nubbin. Sandwiched among mid-century apartment buildings, it has been a long time since it brought elegance to our neighborhood. I find its removal a little sad, but probably overdue. And I want to offer some gratitude to the restaurant planners and landlords who, in offering some off-street parking, are relieving the struggles for our many neighbors who rely on street parking. I love the vibrance of Lowry Hill and am glad 2012 is bringing new "good vibrations."

Pamela Desnick, Lowry Hill



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Ward 10

Council Member Meg Tuthill

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Uptown Market Closed Indefinitely

I am sad to say that the Uptown Market has closed indefinitely half way through their fourth season. Due to multiple challenges, they are simply no longer able to operate. A huge thank you to the many volunteers, vendors, board members and anyone else involved in making the Uptown Market happen. It was a wonderful asset to the community and one that I will truly miss!

Critical Parking Info

In the past year there has been more interest from residential blocks in critical parking, also called permit parking. Several blocks completed the process to implement critical parking. The blocks are:

- Girard Avenue South between 31st and 32nd Streets
- 31st Street W from Girard Avenue South to Fremont Avenue South
- Knox Avenue South between Lake Street and 31st Street

Critical parking for these blocks were presented at the July 24th Transportation and Public Works committee, and will go to the full council on August 3rd.

If you are interested in implementing critical parking on your block and would like more information on how to do so, please visit www.minneapolismn.gov/parking/critical/parking_critical_establishing-new-area.

Brian Schaeffer, New Principle Planner for 10th Ward Meg Tuthill to page 11

held on Colfax between Summit and Douglas. The very successful party was hosted by Colfax neighbors, and attendees included a couple who had lived in their home for over 60 years as well as newcomers who brought their beautiful two-year-old daughter Nora. It was a fun evening out enjoying our friends and neighbors!

Thank you for your support of Hill and Lake Press. Enjoy the rest of this lovely summer.

Detour Info

Phase 1 closure expected to last 2-3 days (weather permitting).

Expect Partial Closures in France and Abbott

Phase 1

Midtown Greenway Sand Sealing and Maintenance

More info at: www.minneapolismn.gov/bicycles/detours

Repaving Closes Greenway, Kenilworth Trail

By Michael Wilson

Beginning Monday, Aug. 13, the Midtown Greenway will close in phases between Abbott and Hiawatha Aves for joint sealing and sand sealing work that will help preserve the trail surface for at least 10 years. The Kenilworth Trail between the Greenway and Cedar Lake Pkwy will also experience closures.

The closures will occur in four phases running west to east, each lasting 2-3 days. Marked detours will be provided. The trail will remain open on weekends.

Repaving requires trail users to stay off closed trails and follow marked detours to ensure that the new trail surface can properly dry and cure. If bikers and walkers use the trail before it is fully dry, the surface may be damaged, requiring additional costs, maintenance and closures.

Daily updates will be posted at www.minneapolismn.gov/bicycles/detours. For a map of Phase 1 (Abbott Av./W. Lake St. overpass to E. Calhoun Pkwy) as well as Phases 2-4, go to www.minneapolismn.gov/bicycles/WCMS1P-096946.

Note: The Dean Parkway ramp at the Midtown Greenway will remain closed into September as part of the Metropolitan Council's Sewer Improvements Project. More information about that project can be found at www.metrocouncil.org/environment/Construction_Updates/index.htm.

Where we are Now

By Jean Deatruck

Hill and Lake Press welcomes our new advertisers: Nancy's Niece personal assistant on page 7, The Wedge Coop on page 12, and Pax requesting hosts for exchange students on page 2. As a long time member, I am particularly happy to welcome The Wedge back to Hill and Lake Press. Please check out their ads, but don't forget to patronize our many long time advertisers without whom we could not put out this newspaper. And do you like the many color ads?

We spent time at our summer home in Bayfield; Lake Superior is nice, but I still prefer our beautiful city. Our neighborhood National Night out party was

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JUNIE B. JONES

By Madeleine Lowry

Southwest Sector

Brian Schaffer has been with Community Planning and Economic Development for over six years, first on the Preservation & Design Team and more recently on the Community Planning Team. Brian has an undergraduate degree in geography from the University of Wisconsin and a masters of urban and regional planning degree from the Humphrey Institute at the University of Minnesota. He will be covering the Southwest sector which is everything west of 35W and south of Loring Park/Stevens Square and includes Bryn Mawr. Brian will be the contact for issues related to planning policy and long range planning in Ward 10.

Remember to Water Boulevard Trees

Keep your boulevard trees growing strong and healthy! Just like the trees in your yard, boulevard trees need to be watered weekly during spring, summer and fall. Follow these simple steps for a healthy, thriving tree:

Two options for watering: place a hose at the tree base and allow a gentle trickle to flow for about two hours OR slowly pour 20 gallons of water around the tree.

Make sure the water is absorbed by the soil and does not run off into the street or sidewalk.

Water in the early morning or late evening. Trees refill their water needs at night and there is less loss from evaporation.

For young trees – request a watering bag from the Minneapolis Park Board which can be filled each week. Mulch around the tree base also helps hold moisture and preserve roots.

It may sound like a lot but it only costs about \$3 for the whole growing season! For more information on watering and caring for our trees, visit the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's Tree Care webpage at www.minneapolisparke.org/default.asp?PageID=150. To request a watering bag, call the Forestry Department at 612-313-7710. Watering bags are available until August 31st or while supplies last.

East Harriet RoseFest is Coming up!

The East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Association (EHFNA) will be hosting their annual RoseFest on Saturday, August 25th from noon to 6pm. Come check out live local bands, see the popular classic car event and eat some delicious food at the food tent! The event is free and family friendly with inflatables and carnival rides for the kids! For more details and to sign up to volunteer, visit www.eastharriet.org/rosefest.html.

Meet with Meg!

Please join me on the second Tuesday of each month from 12-1pm at the 5th Precinct's Community Room (3101 Nicollet Ave S). Meet with Meg is a chance to ask me 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.

I don't know when Junie B. Jones took up residence our house. I really can't remember.

It could have been ten years ago when my eldest was four and her grandfather gave her a gift of a Barbara Park book. I didn't know this author at the time, and all I could think of as I laid eyes on the bubbly prose was that Junie B.'s grammar was frankly horrifying.

Fortunately, my daughter could not read at that age, so I was able to rework all the sentences on the fly as I read the books aloud. I felt that this was necessary to keep her from growing up speaking like Junie B.

Each book begins: "My name is Junie B. Jones. The B stands for Beatrice. Except I don't like Beatrice. I just like B and that's all."

This brash little kindergartener who calls herself Junie B. is the poster child of hyperactive problem children everywhere. I secretly wondered what my daughter, a mild-mannered, docile kid would think of this outsized fictional creation.

She loved her. Both of my kids did. Once infected with the Junie B. bug they only wanted more.

My second child grew up with Junie B. in much the same way. The story lines were left untouched, the grammar refined in the course of delivery. But by the time I was reading to him the repertoire had expanded exponentially. I tell you, it seems that Ms. Parks can spit out one of these books almost monthly.

We sailed through Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus and Junie B. Jones and a Little Monkey Business, and also Junie B. Jones and Her Big Fat Mouth. See what I mean? Junie B. is not what you would call a good influence.

We sped through Junie B. Jones and Some Sneaky Peeky Spying and Junie B. Jones and the Yucky Blucky Fruitcake and also Junie B. Jones and That Meanie Jim's Birthday. After seventeen of these titles, I wondered how long my son would remain interested in the exploits of a kindergartener.

But then Junie B. graduated to first grade (which gave hope to maverick kindergarteners everywhere) and we had to get Junie B., First Grader: Boss of Lunch and also, Junie B., First Grader: Cheater Pants and Junie B., First Grader: Toothless Wonder.

Amazingly, we survived! And my kid learned to read on his own and grew up speaking mostly normally, just like his sister.

I realized that there was a whole generation of kids having these books read to them, not always with new-improved grammar, and they were mostly unscathed. It also occurred to me that if the average American child had a dozen Junie B. Jones books on their bookshelf, at four bucks a pop, this was a veritable gold mine for Random House. It was around this time that I started to wonder about Barbara Parks' net worth.



I have to admit, the books are laugh-out-loud funny. And, unlike many books written for the younger set, they are funny for the adult reader as well as the child listener. There is also a lesson to be learned from each story as we observe Junie B. work to redeem herself from her troubles.

We had a Junie B. hiatus for a good number of years, but now she's back with a vengeance. During that period Barbara Parks' literary empire has expanded to include audiobooks. My youngest now knows where to find them on the library shelves and loves to listen to them at all hours of the day.

Unfortunately, now that he has direct access to the pure concentrate of Junie B.-ness without his mother's mitigating re-phrasings, he has absorbed the spirit of Junie B. in a way my other children had not. And because of that, I fear that my son has taken on a bit of the persona of Junie B.

I mean, he probably had some personality traits that made him more likely to identify with her anyway, but a thousand hours of auditory training has probably had an impact.

Like Junie B. he's loud, he's brash, and he zooms here and there around the house. He's always very curious and willful and has hair that sticks out at all angles. He has a voice like a fog horn and bellows in ALL CAPS just like his favorite first grader, Junie B.

When he pets my bathrobe at bedtime and exclaims, "Wowie, wow, wow! I just love this softie thing!" I blink. I turn and look carefully at the child in the bed next to me. Who let Junie B. in the house?

I swear, if he had longer hair, and wacky glasses, and a dog named Tickle, and a younger brother named Ollie, and, oh yeah, if he was a girl—he could play Junie B. in the next made-for-TV movie.

Which actually, now that I think about it, might be a very legitimate career option at his age.

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National Night Out at The Woman's Club
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Franklin Avenue Renovation.

Loring Park Architect John Van Heel was seen talking to neighbors. Our three grant recipients from The Woman's Club were there: Sojourner Project, Ascension Place, and Hollywood Studio of Dance. I hosted a table for Friends of Loring Park and sold 25 greeting cards. Friends of Loring Park is a former Grant Recipient.

We planned Night Out in June under the leadership of Pam Lehan, General Manager of The Woman's Club, Jana Metze, Coordinator for CLPC, Woman's Club President Patti Weber, and Paul Hinderager, Catering Director at The Woman's Club. We had police security and willing volunteers to help as well as a very able staff from The Woman's Club. I'm glad I was a part of it.

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