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## With SWLRT and rail planned for a narrow residential corridor at Kenwilworth, safety issues worry Hill and Lake Press residents.

**AS THE FINAL PLANS FOR BUILDING THE PROPOSED SWLRT APPROACH THE MUNICIPAL CONSENT VOTE IN MINNEAPOLIS, FURTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT SAFETY IN THE CORRIDOR ARE EMERGING.**

By Patty Schmitz

What are the implications of running 100-car ethanol trains just a few feet from homes? How risky is it to run those same ethanol trains within a few feet of passenger rail trains?

The answer is that no one knows. Those conditions will first be experienced by CIDNA residents during construction of the SWLRT. And if this alignment is built, commuters, homeowners, and trail users alike will experience those conditions into perpetuity. That is what the so-called "compromise" between the Met Council and the City of Minneapolis leaves us with.

The reason we don't know the answers is that the 2012 SWLRT Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was completed before communities around the country began to understand the risks involved in shipping flammable material by rail. No further study of SWLRT safety has been conducted to our knowledge.

Further, the 2012 DEIS didn't consider the current conditions that are proposed for this alignment (including shallow tunnels that emerge from the ground). Irresponsibly, the Met Council is proposing to move forward without the required Supplemental Environmental Impact Study.

In January 2014, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued public warnings and recommendations that freight rail carrying highly flammable materials avoid areas that are urban, populated, and sensitive. That pretty much sums up the Kenilworth corridor.

Despite growing recognition of the dangers, the Met Council and Hennepin County plan to keep "temporary" freight rail in the Kenilworth Corridor in Minneapolis – and add passenger rail to the mix. The proposed SWLRT would be constructed and operated in this very narrow residential, urban rail corridor that regularly carries ethanol freight rail traffic.

Clearly, this proposed SWLRT alignment in Minneapolis is contrary to the new NTSB recommen-



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Every morning, if you pass by the Kenilworth Trail at Cedar Lake Road, you will see Bob "Again" Carney with his message. "Stop or Re-Route Southwest Light Rail." Bob has been there daily for the past month and plans to continue until at least November. He custom built a small trailer that attaches to the back of his bike for hauling his large wooden sign. Many bikers thank him as they ride by and people stop to talk with him. For more information, Bob's website is <http://www.bobagain.com/> and he can also be reached at (612) 812-4867.

### The Danger of a Southwest Light Rail Chemical Train Disaster

By: Bob "Again" Carney Jr.

For about the past month I've been at the intersection of the Kenilworth Trail and Cedar Lake Parkway, with a sign that I can tow on my bike, saying: "Stop or Reroute Southwest Light Rail."

One recent morning (August 6th) I videotaped on my cell phone a Twin Cities & Western Railroad train with 80 ethanol cars moving south through the Kenilworth corridor. Later that day I interviewed Mark Wegner, the president of the railroad. We have a dispute – he claims he didn't hear me tell him I was recording the interview. He is demanding I remove a youtube video with both a videotape of my cell phone showing the train, and our interview. I won't do this. As a self-described "candidate-journalist" the danger of chemical trains moving above light rail trains in the proposed tunnel is a major news story. Unfortunately, I'm the only journalist of any kind to cover it in any depth. To watch and listen to the train and the interview, enter "bobagain channel" in the youtube search box.

Mr. Wegner told me the train I videotaped was empty. But he also told me some things you won't find in any "major media" reporting:

Federal rules require his railroad to haul any chemicals through the Kenilworth corridor that anyone wants to ship – including ethanol, Bakken oil, and chlorine. Chlorine is used as poison gas in war.

It does not matter who owns the track – the "com-

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dations (they can be found using the following link <https://www.nts.gov/news/2014/140123.html>). As more is known about the explosion risks of highly flammable freight, other states are seeking to ban rail transit of both oil AND ethanol from highly populated areas. But in our fair city, the SWLRT will co-locate passenger trains in close proximity to flammable forms of freight.

The City of Minneapolis has experienced enormous pressure to grant municipal consent for this alignment of SWLRT, breaking the planning agreement made by Hennepin County with the City of Minneapolis. The agreement was simple: No colocation of freight rail and light rail in the Kenilworth Corridor. As Governor Dayton stated earlier this year, the difficulty in moving the freight could have "easily been foreseen 5 if not 10 years ago." Since the planners of the SWLRT did not do their due diligence, they are now pressuring Minneapolis to take the fall for those planning errors.

Minneapolis may give in to the intense pressure, but unfortunately, Minneapolis' political capitulation will not erase the enormous and real public safety risks. Responsibility for this betrayal of trust, and potential accidents, will rest with our Governor, Mayor, Hennepin County Commissioners, the Met Council, and finally all the City Council Members who vote to approve this alignment.

Contact the Mayor and all our City Councilmembers and tell them to VOTE NO to municipal consent. Our safety depends on it.

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### Recycling Oasis

Hennepin County is unveiling the Recycling Oasis, a parklet or portable park, constructed with recycled materials and native plants embedded on the back of a trailer. Visitors can recycle, get questions answered by recycling experts and advocate recycling everywhere they go.

The Recycling Oasis will be in downtown Minneapolis from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursdays on Marquette Ave between 6th and 7th Street—near the Nicollet Mall Farmers Market and food trucks—providing a place to sit, eat lunch and recycle. The oasis will also be found on Target Field Plaza before Minnesota Twins games and at community events throughout the county.



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I have one share in corporate Earth, and I am nervous about the management. -E.B. White, writer (1899-1985)

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### HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

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Aug. 28, 6-9pm EIRA Ice Cream Social

Sept. 12, 1pm, Audubon Society

Sept. 17, 7-9pm Accessory Dwellings Rec Center

Sept. 24th noon, St. Thomas, Lunch with Lisa

#### Neighborhood monthly meetings:

CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday 6pm at Jones-Harrison

EIRA: The September meeting will be held on Sept.

16, 7 pm at Grace Trinity Community Church

KIAA: Monday 7pm, Sept. 8, Kenwood Rec Center,

LHNA: 1st Tuesday 7pm at Kenwood Rec Center

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# Summary of concerns and possible solutions associated with Option 2 brainstormed at the Hennepin-Lyndale Task Force meeting on Thursday August 7, 2014

By Craig Wilson

Summary of concerns and possible solutions associated with Option 2 brainstormed at the Hennepin-Lyndale Task Force meeting on Thursday August 7, 2014:

Walker Art Center and Task Force urges the City project engineers to more thoroughly consider a lane closing SB (southbound) Hennepin from Dunwoody to Groveland, which would parallel the lane closing NB (northbound) Hennepin that already figures as a transformative element of the preferred Option 2. How might this be done? What are the variety of options the City and the neighborhood might consider that would permit further greening of these unsightly intersections and related improvements in pedestrian and bicycle use? Please consider:

- o The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) has received \$10m in public funding to reconstruct the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden (MSG) in 2015, the same time frame as the Hennepin/Lyndale project. The MPRB and Walker Art Center operate the MSG in partnership and are working together on the MSG reconstruction project. Reducing traffic lanes presents a remarkable opportunity to reimagine the borders and porosity of the Sculpture Garden along Hennepin Avenue.

- o More than any other single factor still under discussion, the closure of both a NB and SB Hennepin lane will utterly transform the area creating a more compelling experience for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians alike. Please try driving it yourself, starting at Dunwoody where Option 2 proposes a narrower SB Hennepin, before it widens to permit a single purpose left turn lane at Vineland. Imagine the church steeples, Armajani Bridge, Loring Park, Sculpture Garden and Walker all drawn closer together were the further narrowing of Hennepin possible all the way to Groveland.

- o As part of its own redevelopment plans for its

property at Hennepin and Vineland, Walker is raising private funds to eliminate the granite terraces at that intersection and return the landscape to the green grass “pedestal” for its original 1971 museum building as well as increasing the amount of landscaping in front of its 2005 expansion. In this scheme, Walker is considering the placement of at least one monumental sculpture (or sculptural environments) along the newly-greened Hennepin south of Vineland, an attraction with the potential capacity to rival the Spoonbridge and Cherry in public consciousness. Such an installation would be a bold declaration of the area as a “cultural commons and corridor.” Walker’s ability to create a safe environment for such a piece would depend on adequate setbacks from Hennepin—another important reason why further discussion of a lane closure SB Hennepin is necessary.

- o Anecdotally, it’s of note that M A Mortenson recently closed the Hennepin lane closest to the Walker for extended periods of time over a week or more, including rush hour, with little disruption in southbound traffic. City police were on site with authority to stop Walker-related construction and reopen the lane if there were significant traffic problems. That rarely occurred. The westernmost lane is little used even in rush hour.

Explore reducing Hennepin down to one lane from Groveland Terrace and/or Douglas south to the 94 exits. The volumes are low, and it increases safety for the merge off of I94 onto Hennepin.

The Douglas/Groveland Terrace frontage road off Hennepin is used as a way for people to access Groveland Avenue via a ‘clover leaf’. Closing off access to Douglas from Hennepin would disable this access and make accessing Loring Heights more difficult. A possible solution is to make the Groveland Terrace

frontage road one way northbound, eliminate the right turn from Douglas to Hennepin and allow right turns from Hennepin on to Douglas, with a yield to pedestrians. The Douglas entrance from Hennepin and the one way frontage road could then be further narrowed, making way for more greening. We do not view this as a good permanent solution, and encourage revisiting this in discussions about the vision for addressing the entrance ramps/exits in the future.

The bus stop on the east side of Lyndale at Groveland Avenue has significant bus rider and bikeway user conflicts. The Transit riders board from the edge of the bikeway and frequent wait standing in the center of the bikeway unaware they are in the middle of a traffic lane. A possible solution is to place the stop, and/or a spot for riders to wait, west of the bikeway.

The loss of the southbound #4 stop between Groveland Terrace and Douglas means that riders must board/disembark the bus either north of the Walker or at Franklin. That is a half-mile distance and too far for many riders to walk, such as seniors living in Kenwood Gables. A possible solution is to move the stop in front of the Walker, on the north side of Groveland Terrace, so the bus can merge across to the proper lane. An alternative would be to reroute the bus down Hennepin to then turn east on Franklin to return to Lyndale. Another alternative is that the #4 could use proposed stop on Hennepin, turn right on Douglas, pick up passengers on the western side of the frontage road median, and access Lyndale making a right turn from Groveland Terrace to Lyndale.

The bus pullout between Groveland Terrace and Douglas along the median does not need to go the full length of the median. In addition, recent transportation research suggests pullouts are not are neces-

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## HIDDEN BEACH BALANCE SHIFT

By Sally Dargis

This winter, when I was taking yet another lunch break to shovel more snow, there was ample time to dream ahead about summer and our frequent walks down to Hidden Beach. Our typical walks include people watching, visiting with some of the regulars, inspecting the current state of the mud pit, or taking a quick dip to cool off. We live on the corner of 21st and Thomas which provides prime observation of the beach denizen arrivals and departures that we generally find entertaining. However, this summer it seems the

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mon carrier obligation” to haul chemicals applies to any and all trains moving on the track.

In the context of our discussion of a “catastrophic event” he said the potential liability could be as high as half a billion dollars – and that his railroad has recently joined a “pool” of “select” short line railroads around the country, with a major increase in his liability limit, which he said was already high.

He said his greatest fear was a derailment caused either by a vehicle, or a “trespasser.” I wonder if by “trespasser” he meant to include or suggest the possibility of terrorists.

Keep in mind, the current plan is to have a tunnel between the proposed West Calhoun station and the channel between Cedar and Lake of the Isles. There could be up to two light rail trains in that tunnel, with three cars each – potentially over 1,000 passengers – and a chemical train moving above. Of course all liquids flow downhill – there is the danger of everyone being burned to death by flowing, burning ethanol or oil.

I don’t fault Mr. Wegner or his railroad for planning for the potential liability. But in my view it is criminally irresponsible to be talking about designing and building a transit system that has the potential for that kind of disaster. For this reason alone, I believe that AT A MINIMUM the Southwest Light Rail project must be rerouted out of Kenilworth.

**Bob “Again” Carney Jr. is organizing a campaign to stop or reroute SWLRT – you are invited to call him (cell phone: (612) 812-4867) or e-mail him at: bobagaincarneyjr@gmail.com**

balance has shifted from “colorful and unique but generally harmless” to “colorful and somewhat threatening especially after 5.” There were three specific incidents this summer that have made us more wary and quick to call 911.

The evening of July 10 – There was a dispute over a large bag of marijuana someone brought to the beach. This led to a brawl involving many of the beach visitors. When the police arrived, one of them struck an officer. As we were walking down the path to see what was going on, we observed a young man sprinting away from the beach. We found out later the police were attempting to locate this young man for questioning. In response to this event, there were roughly 30 police cars dispatched. There was a concentration parked down at the beach, but they also lined the path, and spilled out to 21st street up to Thomas. We have never seen this many police cars due to a beach event. The police closed the beach after clearing all the visitors around 8:00 pm. When we spoke with Sgt. Mike Frye later that evening, he said he had 70 officers dispatched there that night leaving few resources for other areas for which he is responsible.

The evening of August 12 – People coming up from the beach were having an argument as they approached the corner of 21st and Thomas. This argument escalated as they made their way north on Thomas. The loudness and frequency of foul language was beyond the “normal” disputes we observe and we called 911. As the call was being made, one of the individuals had gotten into a truck and was driving south on Thomas with another person running behind the truck. This person jumped into the truck bed while clutching a silver handgun. They were gone by the time the police arrived.

The evening of August 13 – We observed a white 4-door sedan parked in the middle of 21st and Thomas. There were four young men outside the vehicle arguing loudly about one of them owing the other \$100. The argument quickly turned physical with punches being thrown. Again, we called 911. The argument along with the car migrated slowly east on 21st street. At least one

of the young men was walking and arguing with the people in the car. We did not want to follow too closely because we had observed the hand gun the night before and this argument seemed equally volatile. As they approached the corner of Sheridan and 21st, we heard the car’s engine rev and shortly after, heard sounds of the car driving up the steps and yard of one neighbor’s house and down through the terraced garden of another neighbor. Both directions involved crossing the public sidewalk. From there, they accelerated and T-boned a jeep parked on the south side of 21st, backed up into a street sign, and accelerated again, hitting a BMW on Sheridan. Other vehicles on that corner were also hit. The police arrived as the vehicle sped north on Sheridan. The driver of the white vehicle had circled around from Sheridan, to Kenwood, and back to 21st where the police were able to apprehend the driver and vehicle.

We have developed a certain amount of tolerance for the garbage left in our streets, loud arguments, questionable parking practices, flower-picking from our gardens, and graffiti. But these three incidents this summer introduced a new element beyond the “bohemian beach culture” we have embraced and enjoyed in the past. It’s the first summer we’ve felt it necessary to call 911 and have felt an element of threat that hasn’t been there before. As much as we appreciate the efforts of our park police and Minneapolis police, more needs to be done. However, I am not in favor of closing the beach unless it is our only option. In good summers, the separation from road noise and all the trees on and around the beach makes it a particularly effective stress-buster. It has been, and still could be, a unique gem in the collection of otherwise polished city beaches. We encourage you to participate in the discussions being held by the Hidden Beach Task Force, our neighbors, and Kenwood block leaders. Many options are being outlined for discussion needing your input. A meeting will be held on August 27 from 6-9 pm also at the Kenwood Rec Center. Please join us to contribute your thoughts and ideas.

**Hennepin County Work and Economic Resource Center will sponsor a career fair, on Monday, August 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Minneapolis Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, in Minneapolis.**

This is part of a series of events to pair employers looking for workers and employees looking for job opportunities. The event is free and open to the public. People looking for employment can connect with recruiters from these companies: Chipotle Mexican Grill, Doherty Staffing Solutions, Double Tree Hotel by Hilton, Dungarvin, FedEx Freight, Fed Ex Ground, Hennepin County, Hilton Hotel – Minneapolis, HMS Host, Legendary Bakery, Lorenz Bus Service, Lyman Companies, Mainline Transportation, Menards, Fridley, Menards (Fridley, Golden Valley, Richfield, St. Paul Midway), Millennium Hotel Minneapolis, Northern Metal Recycling, Park Adams Transportation, Super America, Walgreens

### Uptown Art Fair Tomorrow’s Stars



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Lexi Dietz (CIDNA) sold her jewelry and other crafts at the the kid's version of the Uptown Art Fair.

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# THE URBAN COYOTE

By James P. Lenfestey

## THE MICE OF SUMMER

North Country people love our summer cabins. The lake out the porch door shimmering with sun, wind puffs writing their cryptic language across the surface. Fish loitering below waiting to be caught for dinner, or in the case of sturgeon, slipping along the bottom waiting for us humans to go away. The white pines sough overhead, black arms reaching over the shore, feather needles fingering the breeze. Ahh, the summer cabin.

And when we arrive, who minds sharing such bounty with a small family of mice. We didn't. Eating dinner we would barely startle as they traversed their evening highway between the restaurant below the stove and the wet bar below the sink. Finally, however, they grew a bit too comfortable with our presence. We got the sense we were intruding into their kitchen.

Ok, we get the point. This is your kitchen too. Just lay off our food. They didn't heed our warning.

One night we returned from a late stroll after a delicious homemade dinner, admiring the constellations - The Big Dipper, Orion, Mighty Mouse - and found a house mouse astride the heel of our last loaf of good French bread. That was too much.

Time to arm up. A trip to the tiny local hardware store offered two options. I recognized the old fashioned snap mousetraps, wooden rectangles with a spring and a copper trigger on which you cement some bait and risk several digits as you arm the sensitive device. And a new-fangled (to me) plastic receptacle with a trap door inside of which you place peanut butter (recommended). In theory, the mice enter for the bait and the trap door swings up and they can't get out. Then, the instructions say, you release the mice into the wild. Hmmm.

I baited up - peanut butter in the plastic contraption, some leftover Mexican shredded cheese clumped onto a snap trap. Results the next morning: Zero for two. Nothing was trapped inside the trap door, and the cheese was handily eaten off the snap trap without springing it.

OK, time to get serious. I knew what the problem was with the snap trap- cheap cheese. In the past I have successfully offered up tiny wedges of two-year old aged cheddar from Steve' Cheese in Denmark, Wisconsin, to give the mouse a taste of ambrosia for its last meal.

After a trip to the hardware for more snap traps (Ahh, nostalgia -the Victor brand of my youth, \$1 each), the next night I baited three snap traps with Steve's, and left the failed peanut butter in the plastic trap, but placed it against the farthest, dimmest wall in the pantry. Results the next morning: Five to zero! That's right, five mice in one night! Each snap trap held a rodent bug-eyed with delight, and two others milled around the peanut butter inside the plastic gizmo. I felt a rush of triumph! Don't I deserve a belt

buckle proclaiming "Five in one night!" If you don't get the reference, consult your Grimm's fairy tales - "Seven at One Blow." Maybe I'll become a king! But enough of this well deserved chest thumping.

I emptied the bug-eyed ones onto the rocks behind the house to feed the crows (my wife is not so fond of this method of disposal, but I am a committed recycler, and believe in the conservation of energy). But what to do with the milling babies foolishly attracted to the patch of Skippy's? I walked them deep into the dark wood across the gravel back road, and launched them into the unknown habitat of the forest floor. They could never find the way back from this wilderness, right?

Wrong. The next night I caught one more - two of the snap traps failed to snap, Steve's Cheese eaten right off the failed trigger - but the third trap did its job. I figured that was the last mouse in the house, sluggish and unwary after gorging on the other two Steve's cheese balls.

Then last night, three more. Then one more. And one more. That's eleven. And no end in sight.

Still, the traffic on the kitchen floor has reduced substantially. Now we can eat our evening dinner absent the thunder of little feet disrupting the salad course. All is well in the kingdom of the summer cabin. Mostly.

I discovered an earwig in the kitchen sink this morning! An earwig! That most disgusting of bugs, with pincers at its mouth where you would expect them and at its tail where you would not! The bug that crawls into your ear or under your wig and consumes your brains! Or so the folktales say. But that is a story for another day, another time.

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NOTE: My family does not recommend D-con against mice. D-Con is a substance that makes mice mad with thirst so they run outside seeking water, where they die. Scavengers, killing or debilitating them, then consume their carcasses: Foxes, coyotes, owls, crows and other benevolent friends. So no to D-con.

NOTE: We do recommend Steve's Cheese, human as well as mouse ambrosia, but you can't get Steve's in stores in Minnesota or Michigan. You have to call Steve's secret number, 888-427-0463. Order the two pound black label two-year aged cheddar- but you can get ten-year and more. It will be FedExed to you if the weather is right. Be prepared for a longer phone call than usual in these matters, as my friends at "Blossoms and Steve's Cheese" appear to not own a computer, and will have to hunt around for a pencil and paper to take your order. The mice say it is worth the wait. Tell them the Urban Coyote sent you. They won't know what you are talking about.

Optical internet is coming....(oh wait, it's here!!!) to our community!!!



Gathering at the home of Shelly and Dick Studer.

US Internet is in the process of installing the infrastructure for its fiber optic internet service in our area. On Wednesday July 16th Shelly and Dick Studer hosted an informational gathering to inform residents about this service. Representatives from US Internet were present to provide answers to all questions and those who were interested were able to sign up for the service.

US Internet provided the refreshments, which were supplied by Kowalski's. A Jazz duo, Joe Smith on sax and Dick Studer on bass, provided music for the occasion.

It was a great way to meet our neighbors, have fun, AND be informed.

If you are interested in learning more about the fiber optic internet, or hosting an informational gathering, please contact:

Chris at, 612-578-3647





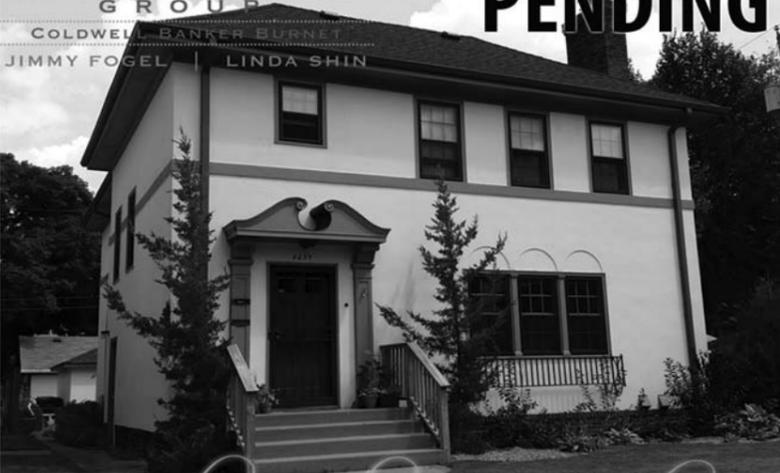
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## Hennepin-Lyndale Task Force meeting on Thursday August 7, 2014 from page three

sary in-lane stops may be preferable. If the pullout is necessary, shorten it to a standard pullout length.

Many of the turning radii throughout Option 2 are not sharp enough corners to encourage vehicles to make full stops or to turn slowly through pedestrian crosswalks. All corners should remain “corners” friendly to pedestrians.

“Free rights” encourage cars to push into pedestrian crosswalk zones. A frequent problem is cars turning right on red not noticing bike traffic that has the right of way. Eliminate all “free rights” for cars across all intersections crossing the Loring Bikeway.

Revisit 10'6" lanes. These are allowed and being used at other locations in Minneapolis by the City and the County. There may need to be an approval request submitted through MNDOT, but similar requests have been approved recently. That would significantly aid in finding additional green space on the west side of the corridor where no lanes are being considered for removal. Explore a protected bikeway connection from Dunwoody to Douglas to allow riders exiting the Cedar Lake Trail/connecting from North Minneapolis on the Van White Bridge (the site of a future SWLRT stop) to access Uptown. Also, Douglas is a popular bike and pedestrian route into the Lowry Hill neighborhood from Loring Park, allowing riders to access Lake of the Isles/Uptown and avoid Hennepin. Likewise, Douglas is used by area pedestrians and bicyclists to access Loring Park and downtown.

There is still a major problem getting from Dunwoody Boulevard to the left turn lane onto Oak Grove/15th and Lyndale Avenue. A possible solution is adding a double right turn lane with the intent of organizing southbound lanes further upstream on Dunwoody Avenue. Lyndale traffic would be encouraged to be on the left right turn lane and Hennepin, the right—before drivers actually turn. The benefit to pedestrians is that the “yield” and slip turn would be eliminated and “free rights” could be eliminated.

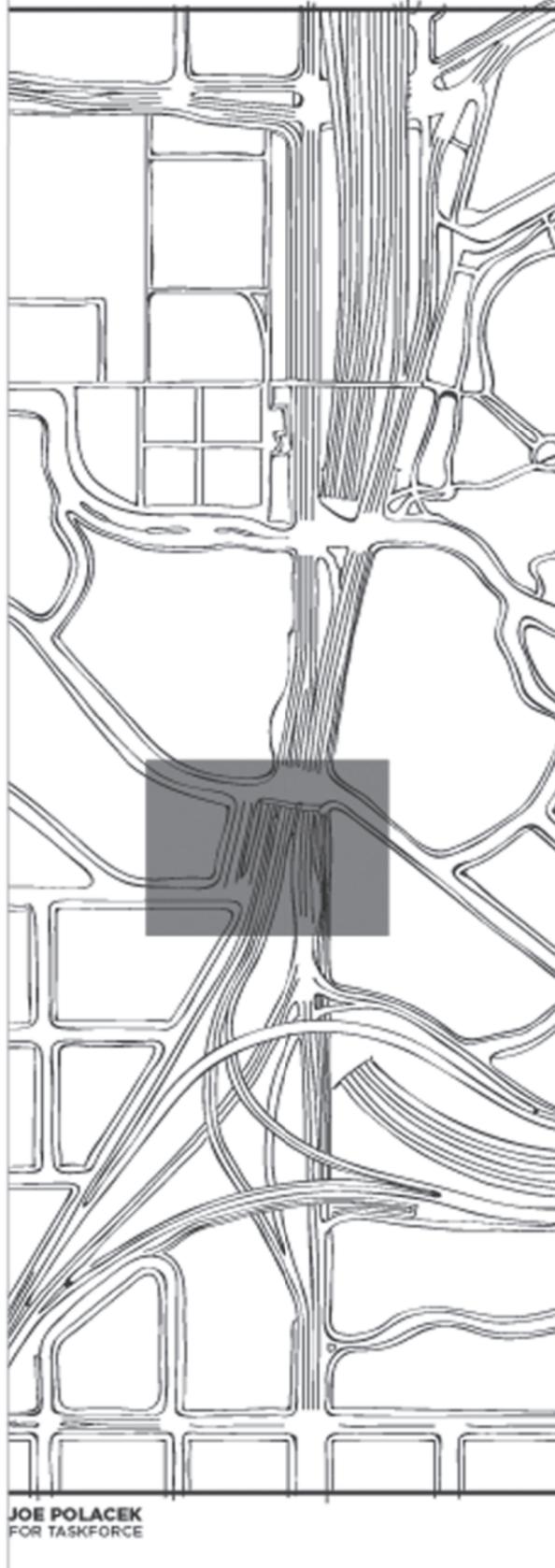
The Transit stop located north of Oak Grove/15th along Hennepin appears to be located in the new bike lane. This could present problems for bicyclists and transit users. This potential issue will need to be further explored.

### Daytime Program—Healthy Home, Healthy Families!

By Betsy Allis

Come join other mothers in East Isles in an informal setting in learning how to make a healthier home for your family. Kim LaBo, the well-known educator from the Healthy Legacy Coalition, will discuss common consumer products that contain toxic and potentially harmful chemicals—from car seats to cleaners—and the impact of these toxins on our health and the

#### Solution for Douglas/Groveland Frontage



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Narrowing the Frontage Road creates a wider place to wait for the bus, potential marketplace.



Bus drivers can circle the small block, allowing passengers to board at Groveland with easy access to southbound Lyndale.



Drivers who wish to access Groveland Ave from the North can follow the path of the bus, making a triple-right-turn to Groveland.



Access is retained for drivers with improved facilities for pedestrians and transit.

environment. Simple steps to reduce exposure will be highlighted, including the use of safer alternative products. The program will end with a brief look at what's happening in Minnesota and beyond to address the problem of toxic chemicals in products. There will be

ample time for sharing and discussion.

This free program sponsored by the East Isles Green Team will be held on Thursday, October 2, 2014 from 10 to 11:30 am. To learn more or register, contact Monica Smith at [nrp@eastisles.org](mailto:nrp@eastisles.org) or check out <https://www.facebook.com/EastIslesGreenTeam>. Respond early, space is limited. Refreshments provided!

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## UPDATE: Lake of the Isles Summer 2014

Conditions at Lake of the Isles are truly appalling. They may well be worse than after the floods of the late 1990s which led to the renovation of the park including the raising of the footpaths. Obviously the situation would be much worse now without that effort, and much of the mess out there now is a result of the historic rains and floods of last spring.

But not all. Millions of tax-payers' dollars were expended on the renovation, but in many ways it was left incomplete. No viable lawn was ever created on top of the fill- one can literally draw a line between the old turf which remains healthy (even where partially flooded) and the new. The shoreline plantings were inappropriate for the setting, both in size and type, as is only too clear now from their inability to tolerate a temporary flood. Many large new trees are probably dead, again because they were planted too close to the water. The industrial-style light poles for the skating area were installed without any of the required design review and are an aesthetic nightmare in this setting. Action in some cases is legally required to be in compliance with the requirements of the Army Corps of Engineers for historically protected places. But nothing is happening.

The situation created by the spring flooding represents a crisis for the health and aesthetics of this park, once, but clearly not now the 'Crown Jewel' of the City of Minneapolis Parks System. We should use this crisis to complete the original work begun years ago, and also to make the sorts of revisions that will be needed to restore the restoration, and help mitigate the effects of future serious flooding.

These and other issues were dealt with extensively in the Citizens' Joint Review Committee task force report (eastisles.org) which reviewed the Lake of the Isles Renovation (2001-2009) and provided a comprehensive roadmap to successfully complete that project. This report was positively received by MPRB staff in 2011 though only limited action has been taken to address concerns raised.

It is time for the MPRB to finally step up and make a commitment to complete this historic project based on guidelines delineated by the original LOI Citizen's Advisory Committee and the 106 Memorandum under the purview of the United States Army Corps of

### Early Morning Fishing on Cedar Lake



Treasure this scene. The beauty of summer is nearly over.

Photo by Dorothy Childers

Engineers in conjunction with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

We want to take this opportunity to thank our MPRB Commissioner, Anita Tabb, who has worked closely with the Citizens Committee to influence the Park Board to make Lake of the Isles a priority by following through on their recommendations.

**Steven Goldsmith, Kenwood Isles, Resident (Kenwood Isles);**  
**Harvey Ettinger: Citizens Joint Review Committee (East Isles);**  
**Pat Scott Citizens Joint Review Committee (Kenwood Isles).**

### Congratulations to Shannon King.

Shannon lives in East Isles. Her painting has been selected for the Fine Arts Exhibition at the Minnesota State Fair.

The Minnesota State Fair Fine Arts Exhibition is the largest juried art show in the state. The exhibition celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2011 and is housed in the Fine Arts Center on the fairgrounds

### Basilica's New Lighting



Photo by Dorothy Childers

The Basilica Landmark has had a long time goal of lighting the facade at the front of the historic church. This vision was realized on August 7th when hundreds of guests enjoyed activities and refreshments on the front steps of the Basilica of St. Mary for the "Light the Night" lighting premiere. The Basilica Landmark (a nonprofit organization), whose mission is to preserve, restore, and advance the historic Basilica of Saint Mary for generations to come, was organized in 1993.

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Flowers at Thomas Lowry Park



Volunteers from the First Unitarian Society



Thomas Lowry Park plantings

### Summertime in Thomas Lowry Park

Text and Photos by Suzanne Payne

At the intersection of Douglas, Colfax, and Mt. Curve Avenues, there exists a triangular parcel of land that has been a special part of our vibrant community since 1917. Today, Thomas Lowry Park is lush and abloom with many varieties of plants, flowers, and trees. A large number of these were installed in 2010 using designated NRP funds. Those plantings have reached maturity and are now a showcase for all neighbors to view and enjoy.

TLP has been the setting for a great variety of neighborhood and citywide happenings again this summer, including an annual Pop-Up Party fundraiser on August 16 for the Minneapolis Park Board Foundation. The event attracted hundreds of Facebook participants to a secret location (TLP) for a fun evening of picnic, drinks, music and festivity. Despite the volume and variety of activities, the park continues to provide a tranquil setting for those seeking a reflective spot to sit back and enjoy beautiful summer days.

For the 10th year, the Unitarian Society supplied a group of dedicated volunteers who toiled in the park on their Community Service Sunday, July 20th. They distributed an enormous mound of mulch throughout the park and flowerbeds. A heartfelt thanks to Marlene, Darryl, Mark, Curt, Krista, Angela, Ron, Krista, John, Paul, and Leina! Additionally, the park staff has given extra care beyond their routine tasks to the park this sea-



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son such as repairing and repainting the TLP signs and by edging all walks and beds.

The Friends of Thomas Lowry Park continues to host gardening in the park on the 2nd Saturday of each month through Oct. from 10-12 a.m. All are welcome to join in the upkeep of the park. Neighbors who have volunteered this summer have included Tanna Moore, Kathy Gaskins, Suzanne Payne, Jeff Brown, Dean Koutsky, Jeanne and Chas Schneider, Carmine, Sandra Gunderson, Annie Brown, and Bill Payne, who provides major gardening support, weekly. The Friends Board, chaired by Barry Lazarus, is working with the MPRB, and the family of Barb Fogel towards implementation of memorial funds designated to the park in her memory and hopes to report on the plans soon.

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## CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (CIDNA)

By Monica Smith, Recorder

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES, August 13, 2014

The August meeting was held at the Jones-Harrison Residence. Board members in attendance: Treasurer Roger Klimek, Ed Bell, Lowell Berggren, Ryan Fox, Stephen Goltry, Barbara Lunde, James Reid, Amanda Vallone, and John Wessinger. Committee Chairs Bob Corrick, Gail Lee and Elaine May were also in attendance. Staff: Monica Smith

Ryan Fox served as chair of the meeting, which was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### NRP/PPP Report, Gail Lee

Park Siding Park: the construction is nearly complete. The next garden clean up day is August 23, 9 a.m. and the Fall Clean up day is September 27, 9 a.m.

Raingarden program: Metro Blooms is completing the designs. Excavation will occur the week of September 8 and the plant pick up will be September 12, 4-6 p.m. at Chowen Triangle.

Hennepin County is selling home compost bins for \$45 to be available for pick up at Chowen Triangle on September 12 if ordered in advance. Go to: [www.hennepin.us/composting](http://www.hennepin.us/composting) for details and to order.

Neighborhood Community Relations (NCR) is looking for feedback on the draft guidelines of a new program call Community Innovation Fund. CIDNA will submit comments that include that grants should be in the \$30-50K range and include language to clarify that projects should not elevate the rights of one group to supersede the rights of another.

The committee will meet with the Park Board to discuss reserving some NRP funds for improvements to Cedar Lake South Beach.

The board does not want Park Siding Park to be used as a staging area for construction if Southwest

LRT is approved. This will be communicated to Park Board Commissioner Tabb.

The layout of the new website was reviewed. Design will continue.

#### Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

Lunch with Lisa is August 20 at St. Thomas; the topic is Nicollet Mall redesign and plans to reopen Nicollet at Lake St.

Zoning and Planning Committee is tentatively set to vote on the proposed ordinance changes for residential infill on August 21.

Four public meetings will be held regarding Accessory Dwellings Units. The meeting in Southwest Minneapolis is September 17, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Kenwood Community Center. Other dates and locations are: August 23, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Hosmer Library, 347 E 36th St; August 27, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Eastside Neighborhood Services, 1700 2nd St NE; and September 16, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at North Regional Library, 1315 Lowry Ave N.

Changes are being proposed to ordinances that regulate the sale of alcohol at restaurants. A public hearing will be held in September. The proposed changes will allow the city to better regulate restaurants on their uses vs. solely on the percentage of alcohol to food sales.

Election judges are needed. Go to [www.vote.minneapolis.gov/judges](http://www.vote.minneapolis.gov/judges) for more information.

Hennepin/Lyndale project is in the final stages of design to improve the bike/ped areas and add more green space to the corridor.

#### Southwest LRT, Peter Wagenius, Policy Director for Mayor Hodges and Council Member Goodman

Public Hearings:

Hennepin County Public Hearing was this evening (August 13). The Hennepin County Board is expected to vote on August 19.

City of Minneapolis Public Hearing is August 19, 6 pm at City Hall.

Minneapolis has not scheduled the vote on municipal consent. The city is requiring a recordable instrument on the deed that the track ownership will be retained by a public entity prior to taking a vote.

The Met Council has a deadline of early September to provide a project progress report to the FTA. Met Council wants support from Minneapolis prior to that report but by law, Minneapolis has until September 26 to vote on municipal consent.

Wagenius encourages residents to continue communicating with Hennepin County Commissioners regarding the importance of public ownership of the

## EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EIRA)

By Monica Smith, Recorder

Due to publication deadlines, the minutes from the August 20th EIRA Board meeting will be published in the September issue of the Hill and Lake Press. You can read the complete meeting minutes on our website: [www.eastisles.org](http://www.eastisles.org) (minutes will be posted on August 26).

Kenilworth corridor.

Residents raised concerns about Met Council's lack of responsibility for damage caused to private homes from the sewer project construction in CIDNA and the implications for damage to private property along the entire route of the proposed line if Southwest LRT is approved (see more below).

#### Midtown Greenway Coalition, Mike Wilson

Midtown Greenway Coalition (MGC) held two successful fundraisers this summer. Additional lighting will be added to the eastern portion of the Greenway and connecting trails. MGC collaborated with the Lake Street Council on a study to increase visibility and connections between the Greenway and Lake St.

#### Fall Festival, Elaine May

The Fall Festival will be held on October 12. Volunteers are needed for the day of the event.

#### Land Use & Development, Bob Corrick

Both of the new projects in the neighborhood (Tryg's and Weisman sites) have been approved by the city and are in the final design stages. Ground breaking is expected in February-March of 2015.

Bob Corrick is working with the Park Board arborist on a planting plan to replace trees that were removed along Lake St for the sewer project.

#### Cedar Lake Parkway Renovation

The resurfacing of Cedar Lake Parkway is complete with the exception of some lane and crosswalk striping.

#### Sewer Project update

Sod will be replaced on the Sunset Blvd median. The sprinkler system on the median was damaged during construction but it will not be repaired.

Property Damage from Sewer Construction, Gary Lange

Prior to the sewer construction on Sunset Blvd, residents received a letter from Metropolitan Council Environmental Services outlining a process for pre-construction video/photo inspection of homes to document the condition so any damage caused during construction could be resolved.

Gary Lange and 10 other homeowners had damage

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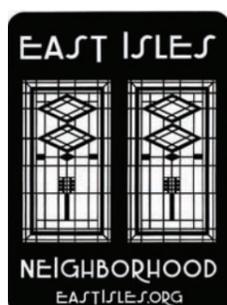
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The East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA) invites and encourages participation by every resident to each event organized by EIRA. Should you require an accommodation in order to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format,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



## sand upon the waters

By Tom H. Cook

The secret to humor is surprise.

—Aristotle

Unlike the scholarly, well footnoted opuses I usually bring to this space, I have decided to forsake the dusty library stacks and my arduous original research to celebrate summer's last gasp. Join me in a hammock with a lemonade (although it may get crowded) for a few vignettes that make me smile and laugh out loud. Although on disparate subjects, each features a wry twist.

The early 1970s comedy *The Odd Couple* featured fiancé and sportswriter slob Oscar Madison sharing a Manhattan apartment with Felix Unger, a commercial photographer (portraits a specialty), neat freak and meddler. A favorite episode has Oscar going on and on lamenting a lost romance of his youth. Felix, ever the nudge, tracks down Judy, Oscar's former flame, and sets up a surprise meeting. The show's final scene is Judy, all 450 pounds of her, rushing into Oscar's arms. Will this be an awkward moment? The show is saved and will always remain in my memory because an equally delighted Oscar rushes toward her and blurts out, "Judy, you lost weight!"

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Science class at my junior high school in Pennsauken, NJ. We are watching a black and white educational film about insects. Our teacher Miss Grover, who was rumored to have lost a fiancé in the

Spanish American War, is presiding. In this era almost any diversion from "the lecture" was appreciated, note the word almost. A few minutes into the film we become aware that this screen gem is funded by a subsidiary of Dow Chemical Company, whose answer to almost every question is DDT. (This is pre-Vietnam and today's target is termites.) The film takes an ominous turn. "You may see a half dozen termites chewing on a baseboard." I recognize the narrator's voice from his work on "Russia: Threat or Menace?", but today his crusade is to warn of another kind of vermin. In a voice usually reserved for fellow travelers and Hollywood types he implores us, "Do not be fooled if you see a few termites. There may be thousands doing damage on the other side of the wall!" The camera cuts to a spot that is black with termites! Those of us who are not sound asleep are terrified. There was silence. Finally my friend Steve crinkles his nose and naively wonders aloud, "I have thousands of termites in my garage. Does that mean that there are two or three on the other side of the wall?"

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Who can forget our own Lake of the Isles' Mary Tyler Moore Show? Late in the series Ted Baxter and Georgette get married and quickly become adoptive parents to a 10 year old son. The boy is struggling in school and the Baxters turn to newsroom gang for advice. The whole WJM crew offers words of encour-

agement and vague suggestions to Georgette and Ted, who are crestfallen and clearly out of their depth. An elderly relative of Lou's happens to be visiting the newsroom, and he gets drawn into the discussion. After witnessing the hand wringing, he asks if he might offer an observation. "I'm an old man and I've seen one or two things in my lifetime. Sometimes there's a reason why a child is not doing well in school...and it's very simple, but no one ever thinks of it! He could be stupid."

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The scene is the locker room of a very exclusive English club, think dark oak, chandeliers. Three older members have just emerged from the showers when a number of women appear, having clearly walked through the wrong door on their tour of the facilities. There are shrieks and laughter as the men race to cover themselves. Two of the men grab towels to rap around their waists. The third man hastily places a towel over his head. After the women depart the first two men ask their comrade to explain his unusual behavior. He pauses briefly and then responds, "I cannot speak for you chaps, but in this town I am better known by my face."

**Tom H. Cook is a formerly local writer. Unlike those spouting the cliché du jour, his next rodeo would be his first.**

to their property caused by the construction. Lange submitted a damage claim and learned that Met Council does not carry insurance for claims – the contractor hired to do the work carries the insurance – and the contractor is also the administer of the claim. The contractor can decide whether or not they will pay the claim. The contractor rejected Lange's claim.

Senator Dibble has been working on the issue to pressure the leadership of the Met Council to have claims reopened and addressed by the Met Council.

This policy of the Met Council has serious implications for any Met Council project (including Southwest LRT if approved). If damage is caused during construction and the contractor rejects the claim, the homeowner's only recourse is to file a claim with their homeowners insurance and risk a rate increase.

Lange will draft a letter for the CIDNA Board to review and submit regarding Met Council's policy.

### Pedestrian and Bike Safety Committee, Ryan Fox

Ryan Fox met with Richard Logan, Chair of West Calhoun Neighborhood Council's pedestrian committee. The area of focus for the committee will be Lake St/Excelsior Blvd/Market Plaza (France Ave on the west, and Thomas Ave on the east). The full committee will meet on August 28, 5:30 pm at Caribou Coffee in Calhoun Commons.

### Lake Street Construction Update, Steve Goltry

Construction for the CenterPoint Energy gas pipeline in the Lake/Excelsior area is nearly complete. The construction area will move toward Uptown and continue through September. Hennepin County will be repaving the road after the pipeline construction is complete.

### Treasurer's Report

The bank account has been turned over to the new

treasurer, Roger Klimek. Financial from the fiscal year ending May 31, 2014 were reviewed.

### New Business

Amanda Vallone volunteered to create a CIDNA informational flier to hand out at the Fall Festival and other community events. Printing prices will be presented at the next board meeting for approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

### Next meeting

**Wednesday, September 10, 2014, 6:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison.**

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## REMEMBERING DONNA

Compiled by Dee Long and Meg Tuthill

Donna Jansen, a long-time East Isles resident and community and political activist, passed away on July 29. Born in Colorado, Donna moved to Minneapolis to work in advertising. After living in rental property on Fremont Avenue, she purchased a duplex on Girard, where she lived for many years.

Donna was a former editor of the Hill and Lake Press, an involved member of the East Isles Residents Association, and a dedicated volunteer over many years for numerous DFL candidates. She was known for her creativity, her wit and wonderful sense of humor, and her wide range of friends and interests. She will be greatly missed!

The East Isles Residents Association will honor Donna's memory at their ice cream social on August 28. A celebration of Donna's life will be held on September 9 at 6 pm at the Cremation Society, 4343 Nicollet Avenue.

Some of her friends remember Donna.

**Former City Council Member Meg Tuthill:** I met Donna years ago working on political campaigns and neighborhood issues. Three words sum her up for me reliable, very funny and irreverent. Three of the best qualities anyone could have to get through life.

Former State Representative Dee Long: Donna was one of the first people I got to know after moving to the East Isles neighborhood in 1972. We worked together on a number of campaigns before I ran for the Minnesota House in 1978. Donna produced my campaign literature for the next twenty years – winning accolades from even my Republican fellow legislators for her efforts. Campaign meetings, HLP paste-ups (that's how the paper was put together in the "old days"), getting together for coffee – our times together were always filled with fun and laughter. Donna was an original.

**HLP Founding Editor Jon Westby:** In the mid 1980s Donna was the East Isles Editor for the Hill and Lake Press. At that time each neighborhood, CIDNA, East Isles, Kenwood and Lowry Hill, had an editor. Responsibility for laying out the paper and delivering it to the printer by the due date rotated among these editors and volunteers from all the neighborhoods. Usually the process would take three nights, at the editor's house, with the editor having spent time organizing stories and ads ahead of time. With Donna, however, we never knew what to expect. Sometimes the paper would already be half laid out, but more frequently nothing would have been done previously to us arriving the first night. Also, more than once Donna had to leave mid evening in order to meet a deadline for her employer with instructions to "put it together, you all know what you're doing."

I remember often leaving the night before the paper was due at the printer thinking it would not be completed on time. Every issue, however, was printed on time without errors or omissions. Somehow Donna would rise to the challenge and complete the layout on her own after all of us had left. Even though her style was pretty laid back, she had the skill and ability to make every one of her issues attractive, and informative.

My other Hill and Lake Press memory of Donna was her dog, Apro, a Hungarian Sheep Dog. For those

### Donna and Friends



Photo by Dorothy Childers

This photo was used in the June 20, 2014 copy of Hill and Lake Press on page one. Smith Triangle was getting a workout. Left to right: Linda Schutz, Sally Novotny, Donna Jansen, and Karen Carney.

who don't know what these dogs look like, they are medium size, about 50-60 pounds, and have long hair that forms dread locks, in other words a big brown dust mop. The other characteristic of these dogs is that they bark when anyone comes to the house and when anyone leaves the house. Since layout involved a number of volunteers who were constantly coming and going, every layout at Donna's house involved constant barking by a frenzied Apro and Donna telling Apro to be quiet.

Donna was a true character and we'll miss her creativity, wit, and skill.

**Sally Westby, friend and political activist:** I worked with Donna on neighborhood political campaigns for nearly 20 years. Donna was a great political writer and win or lose we always had the best literature and photos because of Donna's expertise. Donna also had more late night energy than anyone I have ever known! We campaign staffers would gather at someone's home in the early evening to plan strategy and throw out ideas for literature. Donna would always arrive after 10 p.m. when we were exhausted and on our way home, take up the snippets we had written down, and overnight craft something amazing. I never knew how she did it but was sure glad to be in her capable hands.

**County Commissioner Marion Greene:** Donna was a friend and mentor, and I will miss her thoughtful honest advice. Our entire community will miss her advocacy and good will.

**Former City Council Member Lee Munnich:** Donna prepared my campaign brochures when I ran for the City Council during the 1970s. She was very creative with lots of ideas and always enthusiastic.

**Neighbor Nick Long:** When I think of Donna, I recall a really good neighbor and friend who lived just

across the alley on the next street over from our home.

In particular, I remember her teaching me the rough art of making lawn signs in our garage and the finer art of the creative process of designing campaign "literature" at our dining room table.

Back in the day (late 1970s into the 1980s) lawn signs were made the old-fashioned way: plywood, glue, rebar or hollow tube posts and lots of sweat and blisters!

Donna's graphic and design talent led to an integrated package of large and small lawn signs and "literature" over the 20 years Dee ran for office.

The mechanics of the lawn-sign making process were often boring. But the many years of this ritual that Donna and I shared gave us the opportunity to get to know each other and to become good friends. As we slopped glue on 4' x 8' plywood boards, we talked about a gamut of topics and the time flew by.

Campaign committee meetings around our dining room table often ran late into the night. Our teamwork, led by Donna's creativity, usually resulted in just the right phrase or idea. Our sometimes off-the-wall silliness led to a fun time and the best piece of lit yet!

Memories of time spent with Donna during Dee's campaigns are a highlight for me as I recall our 30+ years on Humboldt Avenue in "lower Kenwood" (as someone once called our East Isles location at a fundraiser!).

**Neighbor Carla Pardue:** I knew Donna in so many ways. She was a political ally, volunteer in the community, but most of all my dear friend. Donna was very instrumental in my life. She was always there when I needed her - offering encouragement, strength and hope. I will miss her greatly.

## KIAA MEETING MINUTES

By Shawn Smith

### - Supplemental East Cedar Lake Beach (ECLB) Resolution Meeting

KIAA Board met August 18, 2014 at Kenwood Rec Center. Chair Larry Moran called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Board Members present: Larry Moran, Mike Bono, Jeanette Colby, Jack Levi, Ed Pluimer, Kathy Low, Shawn Smith

Others present: Channel 5 News, approximately 60 residents.

#### East Cedar Lake "Hidden" Beach

Larry Moran greeted the residents and introduced the board, thanking residents for coming on short notice and expressed the discussion for the evening would exclusively focus on East Cedar Lake Beach (ECLB) as a continuation of the July KIAA meeting. Larry recapped the July meeting, stating a summary of the increased frequency of emails to KIAA, number of calls to police for ECLB. Stated that a resolution was started by KIAA and no actual proposed solution yet, KIAA has no authority over the park, but will communicate the views of the neighborhood to the Park Board. Larry also stated that Kathy Williams volunteered to lead the Hidden Beach Task Force after the July meeting. The following facts were shared, and Kathy Williams called for an update from the task force.

Kathy Williams shared that the task force was established after the July 2014 meeting. One meeting was held in July with a dozen members to brainstorm options. There will be a neighborhood meeting on 8/27 with police and Park Board to identify short term policing and a long term strategy to change the culture of ECLB

Issues raised by neighbors:

1. Several neighbors asked that the beach be closed until the end of the summer due to the serious nature of the safety concerns.
2. Camping has increased (hammocks, tents, blankets, mattress), with a makeshift latrine, and stolen

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### National Night out August 5, 2014

Minneapolis was #1 in the Nation for National Night Out 2013!

As with many past National Night Outs, Minneapolis was ranked #1 among all U.S. cities over 250,000 population in 2013. Over 1,450 events were registered. The city will keep our ranking for 2014 at #1.

Carol White of Kenwood wrote:

"Penn Hill" neighbors enjoyed a wonderful "National Night Out" August 5th. The weather was beautiful, the food delicious and many neighbors old and new: parents and children 3 months to high school and college, enjoyed a wonderful evening, complete with dogs."

National Night Out parties took place all over the Hill and Lake Press area: Fremont Avenue, Dupont Avenue, Kenwood Parkway and many many more locations. And the Woman's Club of Minneapolis sponsored a large party that included Loring Park residents and others.



Children enjoying food on Fremont Avenue South.

Photo by Dorothy Childers



Neighbors and dogs gathered on Dupont Avenue for National Night Out.

Photo by Kim Hauschild



K-9 unit and dog were popular at 21st and Kenwood Pkwy.



K-Nine unit photos and 21st and Kenwood Parkway photo by J. Roberto Evaristo



A friendly crowd gathered at 21st and Kenwood Parkway.



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## LETTER

### To the Editor:

The Southwest LRT controversy has brought to light the current risks of Ethanol transport through our neighborhoods – risks that I was unaware of.

We worry about the Bakken oil, because it exploded in a neighborhood. Yet every day one or more trains transport 5 million tons of ethanol through the Kenilworth Corridor.

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) says ethanol trains are every bit as dangerous as the Bakken oil trains — they're just as explosive and they carry their cargo in equally unsafe cars. Obviously, the Metropolitan Council's plan to run the Southwest LRT only 10 feet away from them would greatly increase their danger. This should be of vital concern — not only to those living in the pinch-point of the Kenilworth Corridor, but also to anyone living anywhere along the route, all who plan to ride the LRT, and all of the Parks and Lakes users.

This dangerous cargo is passing only feet from our homes. Each tank car transports 100 tons of ethanol. Should a train derail tomorrow, it would likely erupt into a fireball, jeopardizing lives and property in a half-mile radius.

Worse, Ethanol is a greater liability than Bakken Oil, because unlike oil, Ethanol doesn't float on water, but mixes with it. A spill into the Kenilworth canal would mean the lake would have to be pumped out over the course of a month. Meanwhile, the ethanol would mix with ground water, and enter into neighborhood basements, causing further risks.

The USDOT National Response Team addresses this potential nightmare in its Quick Reference Guide. For example, it recommends that fire departments facing such a disaster not pump water from the lake into their fire hoses, since it would likely contain the flammable ethanol. Instead responders should just stand back and let it burn out.

The NTSB recommends safe route planning, proposing that the risks of an explosion on a given route be evaluated relative to the safety of the tracks.

In April, the Renewable Fuels Association (RFA) reported to the NTSB that from 2006 to 2013 there were 2 million total shipments of ethanol; of them, 226 cars derailed and 91 of them released ethanol. In the last seven years, there were eight derailments that resulted in ethanol explosions.

This trend prompted the American Association of Railroads (AAR) and the NTSB to ask the US government to mandate and fund major safety improvements in tank cars, including higher standards, retrofitting, and phase-outs.

The unsafe freight cars and tracks are not the only problems. The RFA also enumerated the other causes of crashes – switching failures, inspection errors, maintenance problems, human error, and lack of communication between train crews. These causes aren't preventable.

As a result, in April the NTSB chairperson, Deborah Hersman said the US government should take steps immediately to protect the public from potentially catastrophic train accidents. She said, and I quote, "We are very clear that this issue needs to be acted on very quickly. There is a very high risk here that hasn't been addressed."

**Dr. Eric Larsson, Kenwood**

We encourage you to participate in the discussions being held by the Hidden Beach Task Force, our neighbors, and Kenwood block leaders. Many options are being outlined for discussion needing your input. A meeting will be held on August 27 from 6-9 pm also at the Kenwood Rec Center. Please join us to contribute your thoughts and ideas.



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## Where we are Now!

By Jean Deatrck

Dee Long called me recently to tell me the sad news that Donna Jansen had died. My sincere condolences to her family and many friends. Donna made our neighborhoods better by her activism and her care for others. Many people loved her. I was astonished to learn of her long volunteerism with Hill and Lake Press and of her boundless energy and creativity. I lived on Colfax in those early days, but somehow missed getting involved with Hill and Lake Press. I wish I had done so. What fun you all must have had as you put together our monthly newspaper. I read it monthly after it was delivered to my door, but I was in graduate school and with four little children my life was full.

After living in California, we returned to Minneapolis and I then began volunteering with Hill and Lake Press. What an adventure! I understand what Donna's friends said about the paste-up sessions. Great fun. Stressful. Arguments. Time consuming. And at that time I met and became a friend of Jane Johnson. She was an editor, a writer, and finally business manager until she resigned several years ago. She helped manage my life and when it was necessary for Hill and Lake

Press to go electronic, she was supportive. We (Jane, Dorothy Childers, Joyce Murphy, and I) managed to keep it going. We couldn't have done it without the solid and incredible foundation laid by people like Donna Jansen and the many others who started and built Hill and Lake Press.

I just returned from England where I visited my daughter Katie and family who have spent the summer at a friend's home on an RAF base near her husband's family in Lincolnshire. I also traveled by train to Kent to visit Jane Johnson and her husband Tim. As many of you know, five years ago Jane and Tim moved from Fremont Avenue in Lowry Hill to Jane's birth place area in England. They have restored a beautiful centuries-old home. It was a joy to stay in their home, eat Jane's fabulous meals, drink lots of wine, and also visit pubs, historic sites, and the countryside. Jane is as involved in community activities and boards as she was in Minneapolis. And her daughter Fiona who lives in London recently had a baby boy. Jane sends good wishes to her many friends here and promises to write a future article for Hill and Lake Press. We miss her.

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property being sold at the bench

3. Park patrol not allowed at ECLB unless accompanied by armed officer (follow up)

4. Neighbors raised a number of personal experiences regarding the beach, and this year is different and there are more serious safety issues vs the past which were primarily alcohol violations. Three events stood out in particular - July 10th individual assaulted by 3 others to steal narcotics, and one of them allegedly punched a police officer, which caused a dispatch of 70 officers (estimate). August 12th domestic dispute involving alleged presence of a gun. August 12 \$100 theft led to a fist fight leading to the individual ramming cars on 21st St, driver was apprehended. August 15th alleged drunk patron's car smashed into Upton St neighbor's car at 1AM.

5. Another issue was raised that indicated the nature of neighborhood impact, three patrons of the beach came into an alley during a wedding, were asked to leave and the beach patron spit into a guest's face

6. Noted Inconsistent services by the Park Board for ECLB and isolated look - trash, portable toilets, fallen trees not cleared, poor access and visibility from the road, which is leading to further neglect

Potential short term strategies brought forth by neighbors:

1. KIAA will follow up with Inspector Loining regarding police responsiveness to Kenwood police calls and perceived delays to response time (need owner). It was noted that neighbors cited enforcement and response concerns over response time with City, Park Police and Park Patrol.

2. Clear cut the grove to open it up

3. Close at 6 or 7 at night (Kathy Williams stated most arrests are before 7)

4. Close the beach at least temporarily until the end of the summer

5. Funds to pay for private enforcement/security (Would need approval from park board)

6. Lawn signs asking for respect of the neighborhood

7. Neighborhood coalition to walk the beach (Do we feel safe doing this)

8. Have the meeting on 8/27 at the beach.

9. Neighborhood impact statements, calling 911 for suspicious activity

Long term strategies raised:

1. Benchmark another park that successfully changed a culture

2. Provide activities to encourage families eg swim lessons, yoga, movies, theater, etc

3. Parking permits to park in the area, which would be under city discretion. Would this just displace vs deter.

4. Reroute trails closer to the beach in concert with SWLRT construction

5. Community impact statements

Jack Levi suggested at 8:07 to start to form a resolution and vote. Larry Moran took additional comments and then introduced the draft resolution written by Jeanette Colby. Larry Moran proposed three potential options to increase safety and address neighborhood concerns:

1. Close the beach the rest of the summer with

# American Refugee Committee

By Madeleine Lowry

## “Who is the Warby Parker of the non-profit world?”

It was noon on a Thursday at the Northeast Minneapolis headquarters of the non-profit international aid organization known as the American Refugee Committee (ARC). Daniel Wordsworth, the President and visionary-in-chief, was speaking to a small group of donors about the future of humanitarian work.

Daniel was describing the disruptions seen in other industries where new entrants had turned the conventional business model on its head and threatened to destroy the status quo. Warby Parker, the online retailer of prescription eyeglasses, was an example of the growing revolution. Their business model was built on a keen understanding of the contributors to high glasses costs. By eliminating the frame manufacturers' middleman, selling directly to customers and avoiding brick and mortar retail stores they could deliver style and vision-correction for about \$95 per pair. Similarly, AirBNB is currently disrupting the market for overnight stays while Uber and Lyft are changing the model for transportation services.

“How could we follow these examples to change the way humanitarian aid is provided?” It was like a pop quiz. Gulp. I had no idea. I could not see how an aid organization like ARC could eliminate the middleman (was there a middleman?), distribute directly to customers (weren't they already doing that?) or move to an online model in providing food, water and shelter to refugees and displaced persons across the world. Surely this was not like selling eyeglasses? A glance around the table told me that no one else at this gathering could see an easy answer to this question either. You could hear a pin drop.

Fortunately this was a rhetorical question. Daniel had already spent five years thinking on this problem and had convinced the ARC Board to allow him 10% of the operating budget to try some experiments. One success he described was a new model for providing basic health care in the Congo.

He showed us some photos of the existing clinics. The USAID-sponsored initiative comprised thirty dark, dismal, understaffed, and undersupplied clinics

throughout the country. They had turned to ARC for a better solution. ARC, in turn, partnered with high-profile design firm IDEO to create a new model for health-care delivery informed by direct consultation with Congolese mothers to understand what was needed. The result: a concept for a trio of social businesses including a fee-based health clinic, a low-cost drinking water provider, and an agricultural office. Now mothers and families could come to one location for their daily supply of clean water, access healthcare as needed, and receive assistance with their crops which would allow them to pay for the other two resources.

The first clinic cluster had opened in the town of Buhanga five weeks earlier and was well-received. From the photos we saw, I have to imagine that the clean, bright, efficient clinics and the convenient access to water, now only a ten-minute walk from home instead of the old two-hour trek were life changing.

How had ARC turned the traditional NGO model on its head? By thoroughly understanding the needs as expressed by the affected population. By designing a complete system that provided for enhanced income generation as well as fee-based services. By creating a structure that would eventually be profit-generating and whose ownership could be transferred to the local community. And by creating a system that was self-sustaining and not dependent on the availability of international aid funding once established. Truly this is more of a progressive social business model than the traditional NGO model.

USAID was impressed. They requested that ARC take over the remaining twenty-nine clinics in the Democratic Republic of Congo. So now ARC will have to figure out how to replicate this model umpteen more times without overstretching their resources or their funding. (Hint: donations welcome at arc.org)

“Who is the Warby Parker of the non-profit world?” Daniel's question still rang in my mind an hour later when it was time to leave. But now, I think I had my answer.

I would say that Warby Parker should breathe a huge sigh of relief that ARC doesn't have their sights set on the prescription eyewear business.

enforcement

2. Close the beach at 6PM

3. Keep it open and implement short term strategies

Unofficially Larry Moran recognized that option 2 seemed to have more votes by show of hands. Because some neighbors had left and some were not able to attend the meeting, an email vote was endorsed. The board agreed that there should not be a resolution voted on until the email vote results could be obtained and further research into the issues could be done.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM

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interested in participating on the Board, please contact us.

**Due to the Labor Day Holiday, the next Kenwood Isles Area Association Board meeting is Monday, September 8 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Recreation Center.**

KIAA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event organized by KIAA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at kenwoodminneapolis.org

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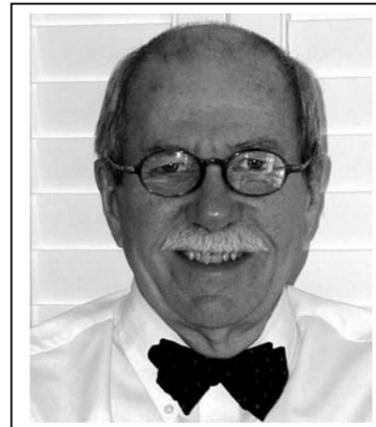
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