### ACTIVITIES AT LOGAN PARK

### Tai Chi

Session 2 starts February 19th Beginner 6pm Advanced 7pm

Cost: \$50

### Cheerleading

Registration begins Monday, Feb 11th at 6pm Class is Mondays Feb 18-May 6 6-6:15pm Cost \$6 per class

This class is co-sponsored by Cheer America.

#### Self Defense

Registration begins Tuesday Feb 11th at 6pm Class times depend on belt. Beginners begin at 6pm on Tuesdays Feb 19-May 7.

Cost \$6 per class

This class is co-sponsored by Young Americans School of Self-Defense.

Spring/Summer Sports Registration begins Monday, March 4th at 6pm Please register in person Fees & proof of age are due at time of registration.

T-ball Kindergarten & 1st Grade
Coach Pitch 2nd & 3rd Grade
13U Girls Softball
Track & Field
Tennis

## **Black History Month Celebrated in Minneapolis Parks**

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) kicks off its Black History Month celebrations next week at select parks. Special movie nights, activities and a discussion with a featured author highlight the celebrations honoring Black History Month throughout February.

#### **MOVIES**

As part of a new, Tuesday evening Movies in the Park indoor movie series at Green Central Gym (3416 4th Ave. S), four films will be presented in February in honor of Black History Month. Each Tuesday movie begins at 6 p.m. and is free for all ages.

### Feb. 12 - Ruby Bridges

The true story of Ruby Bridges, an African-American girl who, in 1960 at age 6, helped to integrate the all-white schools of New Orleans.

### Feb. 19 - Tuskegee Airmen

The true story of how a group of African American pilots overcame racist opposition to become one of the finest US fighter groups in World War II.

### Feb. 26 - The Underground Railroad

The Underground Railroad was an informal network of people and hiding places that helped slaves escape the American South. This documentary remembers the people, white and black, famous and almost-forgotten, who risked their fortunes and even their lives to resist the unjust institution of slavery.

### **ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

African American History Crafts and Fun Mondays Feb. 11, Feb. 25, 4:30–6 p.m. at Sibley Park Explore African American History Month through crafts, games, and more. Dress for outside play. Ages 6-12. \$9 for three sessions.

### **Black History Month: Author Jonathan Odell Presentation**

Feb. 10, 2–4 p.m. at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park

Author Jonathan Odell will lead a discussion that focuses on growing up in a small Mississippi town on the white side of the color line and returning as an adult to understand what life was like on the black side of that color line. The deep knowledge and understanding that came from that investigation is at the heart of his novels "The View from Delphi" and "The Healing." Free.

### **Youthline – Soul Food Experience**

Feb. 20, 5–7 p.m. at Longfellow Park
Celebrate the taste of African American cuisine at
Longfellow Park's Soul Food Experience. Soul food
is basic, down-home cooking with its roots in the rural
south. The principal staples of soul food cooking are
beans, greens, and cornmeal. This cooking and dinner
opportunity allows youth to create dishes of red beans
and rice, sweet potatoes and a tropical dessert treat made
with coconut, bananas, and mandarin oranges. Ages 1016. \$2 per person. Please pre-register online or at
the park.

## FEBRUARY 2013



# - LOGAN LEDGER-

### LOGAN PARK NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

### Wednesday, February 20, 2013 • 7:00 P.M. Logan Park Community Center at 13th Avenue and Monroe Street NE

This is an accessible event, all requests for accommodation are welcome.

If you live, work, or own property between Central, Broadway, Washington St. and 19th Ave. NE, you are a member of Logan Park Neighborhood Association.

**Agenda:** Storm Water Separation Grant, 807 Broadway Update, Crime Stats, NE Film Series Central -Nicollet Street Car, 2013 Central Ave Closure Update, Art-A-Whirl NEIC Update

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### **Public Hearing: Pedal Pubs**

A public hearing concerning pedal pub operation and a new City ordinance for their regulation—passed unanimously by City committee—was held at City Hall on January 28, 2013. This ordinance requires: (1) that the company and the driver of the pub must be licensed; (2) that the vehicles must be inspected annually; (3) that each business must be insured for at least 2 million dollars; (4) that pedal pub operators must have a private property site for customers to gather at the start and finish of their rides, and that there be restrooms and off-street parking available at these sites; (5) that tours must end by 10:00 PM; (6) that owners and drivers must ensure their customers do not disturb affected communities with litter or noise; and (7) that license fees of \$59 per driver and \$98 per vehicle be paid annually. Administrative fines will be the same as for other alcohol-related violations, starting at \$500.

Public testimony about the pedal pubs stored at Acorn Storage (located at 5th St NE and Lowry Ave NE) indicated many problems. Residents testified that pedal pubs cause traffic jams and unsafe driving situations whereby illegal turns are made in front of oncoming traffic. Testimony also stated that customers can become so intoxicated on the pedal pubs that they have to get off the pub and push it up even the smallest of inclines. Residents of the immediate neighborhood where Acorn Storage is located testified that they witness public urination on their property, dumping of left over kegs

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of beer on their lawns, drunks stumbling on the street, frequent fist fights, and loud arguments. Witnesses told the committee that after the riders get off the pedal pub they go to the local bars, drink until closing time, and then get in their cars and drive away. Residents requested more police enforcement. Two families said they are considering moving from the area and another said she cannot rent her duplex because of pedal pub customer behavior.

Hopefully the new rules will address some of the problems residents are experiencing. If you have issues with Pedal Pubs please call Linda Roberts at 612-673-3908. She is the District Supervisor for Licenses and Consumer Services.

# **Putting a Stop to Storm Water Pollution**

At its January meeting, the LPNA board approved staff time to assist neighborhood businesses with storm water remediation problems. Many commercial buildings in Logan Park were built with rain leaders that send surface water straight into the ground; the untreated water then flows directly to the Mississippi River. The City of Minneapolis has rightly begun to regulate this source of river pollution, but it is very costly problem for area businesses to address. For example, the Solar Arts Building developer had to spend over \$50,000 last year to remedy this storm water situation before it could open.

LPNA will partner with Denise Gardner, owner of Salon Stella Building (1828 Jefferson St NE), in seeking a grant from the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) to develop a plan that can act as a pilot project for neighborhood businesses which face similar issues of storm water remediation.

### **Northeast Film Series**

LPNA's Northeast Film Series: Celebrating the Multicultural Identity of Northeast Minneapolis is off to a grand start. Seating at the Ritz Theater sold out and film aficionados from all over the Twin Cities attended the January 17 kick-off event to see Bienvenue Les Ch'tis. The next film will be shown in April, featuring a yet-to-be-determined North African film; we are taking suggestions from the community for this film choice. Our thanks go out to Eastside Food Coop, Ritz Theater, Sheridan Clinic, Chez Arnaud, Sheridan Neighborhood Association, and also Maeve's for the great coffee.

### FOR SALE:

# Former light bulb factory and school administration offices. A fixer-upper with a lot of history and character. GREAT LOCATION.

807 Broadway. Can't miss it. That really big building between Jackson and Quincy streets with the For Sale sign in front, almost empty now -- but full of potential. Mpls Public Schools moved this summer (mostly) to their brand new headquarters. They are now looking for someone to buy their old building.

The 807 Broadway Task Force formed this summer to bring the neighborhood voice into the discussion of what was to become of 807. This fall, MPS and staff from the Mpls. Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED) developed an Open Memorandum of Sale. A request for development proposals went out on 12/17/12. Proposals are due by 2/22/13.

807 Task Force members are meeting with all potential developers that contact us so we can hear what they are proposing for the building and parking lot. Developers are not required to meet with us. We have advised CPED that we invite all the developers who make proposals to meet with us. It is unclear at this time if the invitation will be extended.

Here are highlights of some of the proposals we've heard to-date:

- Affordable housing rental complex (XXX # of units) using federal tax credits, with 66 parking spots in what is now the courtyard plus new construction of 4-story rental housing where the parking lot is currently with underground parking, 38 surface parking, 21 curbside on Quincy St.
- Market-rate rental complex (XXX # of units) including live/work studio space; commercial space in the 'out buildings' that will be arts friendly with shared workspace and equipment. Parking lot to be developed in Phase 2 for possible townhomes or commercial use. An arts education program for local students.
- Office/Commercial space for small to medium businesses/organizations, inexpensive office space for startups, innovators and creative workspace. Parking lot stays a parking lot. The Task Force is asking to include community meeting space, to work with the businesses to develop a mentorship/internship program with local area schools.

The Task Force has lobbied hard for 807 to be a center for jobs and community resources – to replace the 300 area jobs that were lost when MPS moved out. Our position is supported by the Mayor's Job Initiative and reinforces the Central Ave. Plan. Ironically given these economic times, we are being told that these are difficult things to convince investors to invest in. We need more voices in order to make this happen. We need YOUR voice.

All Logan Park residents and businesses, as well as the rest of Northeast, will be affected by who will buy 807 and what they will do with it. **Parking and traffic are concerns for all of us**. Other questions that need to be asked:

- Will the developer want more land to maximize their investment? Do they want up to Monroe? Up to 15th? Landowners 'next door' to MPS property have received recent inquiries about selling their properties.
- What will be done to address known pollution issues? What will be done to assess unknown issues? MPS is selling the building and lot as is. It is unclear how much environmental review will be required by the developer.

This is the time to discuss and evaluate such things – BEFORE the decision is final. **Most importantly, this is a real** chance to work together as a community to create a lasting, positive impact in our neighborhood.

Please come to the Feb. 20th LPNA meeting, hear the Task Force full report and share your vision of 807. Strong community input will strengthen and support our local elected officials to help make our vision become a reality.

CPED and Minneapolis Public School staff will be reviewing the proposals received by 2/22. They will select the top proposals to present at the **March 20th LPNA meeting.** Our Councilmember, School Board member and other elected officials will be present at this meeting. This meeting will be our chance to let them know our preference and 'inspire' our elected representatives to support to the community choice. Ultimately, the School Board will vote who they want **to purchase 807. Our goal is that the collective input gathered at the February and March meetings will be seriously influential to that vote.** 

Please come to the February meeting with YOUR idea for 807. You can also share your thoughts with us via email, 807BroadwayTaskForce@gmail.com and on Facebook (807 Broadway Task Force). Check out the Facebook page and the LPNA website for other meeting dates and developments on this process. If you want to be included on the Task Force updates via email, send a request to 807BroadwayTaskForce@gmail.com.