



**Community Meeting: January 18th 2017 7pm 690 13th Ave Logan Park**  
**City of Minneapolis Infill Housing Working Group Strategies**

In response to a council directive in November 2015, the City of Minneapolis created an Infill Housing Working Group to identify strategies to market, sell, and develop government-owned vacant lots and “Consider strategies to increase affordable housing, support minority contractors and developers, and build and keep wealth in the communities in which vacant lots are located.”

**Proposed Infill Housing Strategy**

The entire strategy is focused on development of city-owned vacant land for new construction of owner occupied homes. The Infill Housing Strategy concepts will be tested for a pilot year in 2017. Staff will learn from the pilot year in order to establish a comprehensive strategy and make program adjustments as needed.

Key elements of the Infill Housing Strategy that are new for public comment are:

- Homebuyer Initiated Lot Incentive: a simple to access incentive for homebuyers to develop North Minneapolis vacant land.
- Developer Initiated Development Gap: a competitive request for proposals process for development gap, focused on vacant land city-wide.
- Long Term Affordability Homebuyer Assistance: affordability financing to ensure home accessibility to homebuyers with an income of 80% of area median income or less, which is currently \$65,700 for a family of four.

There are additional existing programs that the City of Minneapolis will continue to support the Infill Housing Strategy that do not require a public comment:

- Homeownership Capacity: Funding to build the capacity of Minneapolis residents to become homeowners through financial counseling; seven non-profit organizations in Minneapolis were provided with funding to continue their programs.
- Developer Technical Assistance Program: Courses focused on building capacity for small and minority owned developers to participate in real estate projects throughout the City, including the infill housing strategy.

Recommendations from the Working Group were considered by staff, who are now proposing program modifications to achieve an Infill Housing Strategy throughout the City of Minneapolis. Staff request neighborhood comments for the strategy.

*Please direct questions and comments about the infill housing strategy to Roxanne Young Kimball, Senior Project Coordinator, at [Roxanne.Kimball@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:Roxanne.Kimball@minneapolismn.gov) or 612-673-2794 by Monday, January 30th 2017.*

## Logan Park Neighborhood Association

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### New Year Meeting Preview

- Speaker John Bly from Metro Blooms on Raingardens for Pollinators & Clean Water
- Kelly Rynda from Reading Partners and AmeriCorps VISTA, volunteer youth tutor program

### Next Meeting: February 15th

### Lights of Logan Contest Winners!

1st place: 1418 Adams  
2nd place: 1407 Jefferson  
3rd place: 1535 Jefferson

*Hope to see you at the January meeting! Please bring your paid December 2016 electric bill to the January 18th, 2017 Logan Park Neighborhood meeting to receive your check.*

### Metro Blooms: Grow. Bloom. Inspire!

We are a private nonprofit volunteer-based educational organization which seeks to partner with other organizations, businesses, professional associations, local governments and watershed districts to promote environmentally sound gardening and landscaping practices to improve the health of our land and water resources.

*Learn more about how to start your own raingarden online at:*

<http://metroblooms.org/resources/gardeners-guide/>

*Find us on Facebook or contact Becky Rice, Executive Director at [becky@metroblooms.org](mailto:becky@metroblooms.org)*

### The Northeast Winter Farmer's Market

Expect music from the DJs The Ring Toss Twins, meat raffles, local beer, cocktails, and activities for children, the Chowgirls will prepare food for this chance to celebrate the Northeast Community!

Solar Arts by Chowgirls, Third Floor  
711 15th Ave NE, Mpls, MN 55413

#### Wednesdays from 4:00 to 7:00 pm

November 16th  
December 21st  
January 18th  
February 15th  
March 15th

*EBT, credit and debit cards accepted. Please leave your dogs at home!*

Chowgirls Killer Catering Monthly Winter Dinners  
Comfort food meals including kid size portions. Take the worry out of dinner planning and bring the family to relax at the NEFM!

January Dinner: Lasagna with Caesar salad and garlic bread. Vegetarian option - eggplant romesco

*Come by after the market to the community meeting at Logan Park! Learn more about opportunities to improve your community and connect with your neighbors. See you there!*

# New Year, New Events at the Park

## Minneapolis Art Lending Library

Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00 pm

Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00 pm

Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12:00 to 3:00 pm

Twin Cities community members have the opportunity to borrow original works of art for a three month period for free! The collection features a changing selection of over 100 contemporary artworks with a focus on work from Twin Cities artists and includes paintings, drawings, prints, photographs, ceramics, sculptures, and more.

## Ice Skating at Logan Park

Logan Park is fortunate to have a General Skating Rink, Hockey Rink and a Broomball Rink. There are a limited number of skates free of charge to use. *Donations of skates are always welcome!*

Weather permitting the Rinks will open **December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

### Warming room Hours:

Monday through Friday from 3:00 to 9:00 pm

Saturdays from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm

Sundays from 12:00 to 6:00 pm

School Release Days from 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm

For Rink Closures or ice Conditions you can check the MPRB website at: [www.minneapolisparks.org](http://www.minneapolisparks.org) or call Logan at [612-370-4927](tel:612-370-4927) or the ice rink hotline at [612-313-7708](tel:612-313-7708)

## MLK Day Skate

Join your neighbors for the MLK Skate on Monday January 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Hot Chocolate will be served! Snow Shoes will be available to try (snow permitting). A limited number of skates will be available to use.

## Programs at Logan:

- Cinderella Ball, March 11th, cost is \$15, open to ages 2 through 7
- Jazz & Improv Dance, January 19 to March 9, cost is \$48, for ages 5 to 7
- Tap & Ballet Dance, January 19 to March 9, cost is \$36 for ages 36mth to 4 years
- Learn to Skate, January 4 through February 8, cost is \$20 for ages 4 to 12

## Adult Classes

- Tai Chi, January 10 through February 14, cost is \$42
- Free Yoga, January 3-ongoing, FREE!
- Pickleball, January 6 through February 17, cost is \$4 per week

## Sports at Logan:

- Wrestling: Practices on Monday at Logan at 6:30pm & Thursdays at Edison at 6:30 pm
- 6U basketball: Practices on Thursday at 6:00 pm & Games on Friday at Bottineau or Van Cleve Park at 6:00 pm or 7:00 pm
- 8U basketball: Practices on Thursday 6:00 pm & Games on Friday at Bottineau or Van Cleve Park at 6:00 pm or 7:00 pm

*Coaches needed!*

## Seeking Volunteer Literacy Tutors for Northwest College Prep

Become a volunteer with Reading Partners Twin Cities! Our volunteers make a lifelong impact on a child who struggles with reading. We currently have 32 students at Northeast College Prep waiting for a tutor and are located at on 300 Industrial Boulevard NE.

- Give as little as one hour a week (we welcome more, if you are able)!
- Tutoring takes place Monday-Thursday during school hours (8:20am-2:55pm).
- Follow a highly effective, structured and easy-to-use curriculum.
- No formal teaching experience is required. Volunteers must be 14 or older.

For more information contact Kelly Rynda, Volunteer Coordinator for Reading Partners', AmeriCorps VISTA at [kelly.rynda@readingpartners.org](mailto:kelly.rynda@readingpartners.org) or (952) 297-5934.

*Become a volunteer online and learn more at <http://readingpartners.org/volunteer/>*

Reading Partners mobilizes communities to provide students with the proven, individualized reading support they need to read at grade level by fourth grade. We know that reading is the foundation for all future learning, and the ability to read transforms lives and empowers children and communities to reach their full potential.

Research shows that students who read at grade level by fourth grade have a greater opportunity to succeed in school and in life. That's why we partner with under-resourced schools and engage volunteer reading partners to work one-on-one with students who struggle with reading. An evidence-based and community-driven organization, we recruit and train volunteers to work one-on-one with students for 45 minutes twice a week, following a structured, research-based curriculum.

## Note from the Editor

When I think of home, I think of the field at Logan park, the gravel pit behind the Casket Arts, and the quiet calm that comes when I visit these places. I live in the duplex my parents bought when I was young, and in the summer of 2016 my brother bought the house and I moved in upstairs. It was time to come home, to this small town in a big city.

I returned to Northeast from Ely, Minnesota, on the edge of the boundary waters, the locals call it "the end of the road". Living in a close community taught me to be active and involved in education, local gardens, and civic events; I saw my coworkers and peers connect through their passions, share sourdough starters, and encourage each other to achieve their goals. Now that I have spent the past year volunteering for the newsletter and attending community meetings, I feel connected with the community and confident about being a community leader.

Logan is an iconic area and we are a destination for the friendly folks of the Twin Cities, and to the locals, we are a historical place worth preserving. I feel lucky to have spent my youth here, the summer days spent biking to the river and winter weekend evenings playing diaper wars with the church group at Elim. I am privileged to live here now as adult, voting for Bernie in the caucus with my dad, and exploring the small businesses and breweries. **This year, I will be proud to be editor of the Logan Ledger and bring community efforts to light, to share the voices of our neighbors, and to be a part of the Logan community.**