



**Next Meeting: July 15, 2015    7 p.m.    690 13th Avenue    Logan Park**

## **Think of the Arts District as a Campus**

What is the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District?  
Consider it a kind of campus where art is made, taught and experienced.

Minneapolis' Creative Sector contributed \$831 million dollars through the economy of work and living (see Minneapolis Creative Vitality Index 2014). Northeast Minneapolis was responsible for a significant portion of that economic contribution. The Northeast Minneapolis Arts District is proud of its arts community for its financial contributions to our local economy.

With its borders of Broadway Street NE to 26th Avenue NE and the Mississippi River to Central Avenue, it currently houses more than 800 art studios (more than 1,000 artists in various disciplines) in seven refurbished warehouse buildings and numerous smaller structures.

The Northeast Minneapolis Arts District can be a transcendent place where artists hone their skills, ideas and work. It's a place where the public can discover and explore the creativity being harnessed.

This campus environment has created a stable of mid-career and established artists. These artists have taught tens of thousands of children and adults about the creative process and put on amazing events (recently the 20th Art-A-Whirl, produced by NEMAA the Northeast Minneapolis Art Association).

The Northeast Minneapolis Arts District has developed into one of the premier art communities in the city and country (Best Arts District in America, according to USA Today, February 2015). Our emerging artists have become established career artists and have potential to become superstars in the world of art.

Josh Blanc  
President of Northeast Minneapolis Arts District



Jazz Mobile musicians perform in the gym for an appreciative audience on June 17th. Kids got a chance to create personal art objects and were visited by the Tot Boss food truck. Later at dusk about 100 people enjoyed the second installment in the Hunger Games series.

Thanks to everyone who participated and contributed. What a grand day to be in Logan Park.

# Activities at Logan Park

**Sports registrations is open.** Register in person at Logan Park for Fundamental Soccer, Tackle Football, Flag Football & Volleyball.

## **Flag Football & Fundamental Soccer coaches Needed** (Ages 5-8)

Contact Heidi if you are interested 612-370-4927

## **Pickleball**

Pickleball is coming to Logan Park. It is a sport which combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. It will be played in the gym on a court with the same dimensions as a doubles badminton court. The game is played with a hard paddle and a polymer Wiffle ball. Although Pickleball appears to be very similar to Tennis, there are key differences that make Pickleball more accessible to a wider range of players, particularly children and seniors. Chief among these differences is the speed of the Pickleball ball which typically moves at one-third of the average speed of a tennis ball. Everyone and all levels are welcome!

Fridays November 6-December 18th 1-3pm \$20 for the session No Pickleball November 27th

- Registration starts July 29th register online [www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org) activity # 54481

## **Art in the Park: mini Art Party!**

MIA turns 100 this year and we want to celebrate with you! Logan Park host artists from the community and museum to celebrate our past and launch into the future together. Enjoy circle time with balloons, art making and party games.

July 31st 10-Noon      Ages 3+      Free

- Register online [www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org) activity # 51617

## **Butterflies and Bees Camp**

These insects are very cool and also pretty important! Preschoolers learn all about these fascinating pollinators and how they make an impact on our environment. They will learn not only about these animals, but how and why to support and protect them too! Through playing, creating and experiencing, this class will help little ones to appreciate little creatures and the big things they do.

August 10-13 10-Noon      Ages 3-5      Cost: \$30

- Register online [www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org) activity #52003

## **Summer hours**

- Monday-Thursday 12-9pm
- Friday 12-6pm
- Saturday 11-4pm

# Summer in the City

Minneapolis in the summertime! Is there a sweeter place?

Women in skirts, freed from their winter-ly layers, strut in heels, their naked knees blinking in the sun. Men saunter, sans snow shovels, heads bare, like seasonal parolees.

Hanging flower baskets the size of kiddie pools hang from lampposts, a profusion of color and scent.

Above us, the sky is a deep blue of the postcard variety, a warm and endless expanse of giddy, temperate love. Summer is here; and we are grateful.

The bus stop at 7th and Nicollet is a bustling, ever-changing menagerie of folk; and at this time of day, primarily made up of nine-to-five-ish commuters.

This does not bother the Tattoo-Faced Woman.

Have you met her? She has tattooed herself right out of gainful employment. A slender, attractive woman with surprisingly little compunction against going door-to-door begging for change, she is often seen on her bicycle in my particular neck of the woods.

And there she is now, sitting on one of the large raised flower beds that populate Nicollet Mall next to an Hispanic man with the build of a bowling ball and the secret smile of the Buddha. Next to him is a floor lamp, minus a shade but still sporting a light bulb.

He picks up the electric cord to the lamp, attempts to plug it into Stephanie's ear.

They laugh. And I laugh, too.

I am not wearing boots. I am not wearing a coat that reaches mid-calf. The weather today does not make my eyes water or my skin hurt.

And that is all that matters.

The bus comes. Smiling, I climb the steps, and move to the back of the bus.

*Pearl Vork-Zambory writes the Mon-Fri blog "Pearl, Why You Little...", about mass transit, corporate cubicle-ism, and whether or not she should worry about her cat's gambling addiction.*

## **Logan Park Neighborhood Association**

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### **July 15th meeting agenda**

- No August Meeting
- Small Area Plan selection
- Treasurers report
- Open forum

### **Logan Park Small Area Plan**

The next Small Area Plan Committee meeting is:

Monday, July 13th, Logan Park 7pm

Choose consulting firm for Small Area Plan

### **Help us get to 150 members!**

Next Door Logan Park is an online social network for residents of Logan Park. Find out what is happening here and in other North East Neighborhoods.

To join - go to: <https://nextdoor.com>

### **Lending Center home improvement loans**

Logan Park has partnered with the Lending Center to offer a variety of financing options that allow homeowners to complete their projects with low month payments and fixed low rates.

Get started today by calling 612-335-5884 or visit [mnlendingcenter.org](http://mnlendingcenter.org). The Lending Center at CEE is a Minnesota nonprofit that has been helping homeowners for over 35 years.

### **Own a piece of functional Logan Park art**

During Art-a-Whirl this year LPNA sold Logan Park logo postal stamps. We have some stamps still available. Before the general meeting 6:30 pm on July 15 the stamps will go on sale for \$1.00 each. Please pay by cash or check.

### **Logan Park Research project**

Logan Park was awarded a summer research assistant through the UM CURA Department to research the feasibility and benefits of creating a Logan Park Historical Conservation District.

Please join me in welcoming to the neighborhood, Collin Calvert, our summer research assistant!

The first step of this project is to gather data and find out the historical relevance of the neighborhood. An important facet is collecting the oral history from past and present residents.

As fellow neighbors, you can help in a couple of ways: Allow us to interview you! Do you have unique stories that need to be heard?

Refer us to current and former Logan Park residents that have history to share!

Pass on their contact info and we'll take care of the rest.

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