

Meeting: July 20, 2016 7 p.m. 690 13th Avenue Logan Park

The Great Northern Greenway a vision for the future

The name itself evokes a time of burgeoning connectivity in the Minneapolis area – the time of the great railroads and booming industry that led to the NE Minneapolis we now know and love. But what is the Great Northern Greenway of the 21st century?

The Great Northern Greenway at its most basic refers to infrastructure that will focus on connecting non-motorized travelers across the northern half of the city, from Theodore Wirth Parkway to the Diagonal trail, utilizing both off and on-road trails and paths.

The specific geographic focus of the Great Northern Greenway is along 26th Avenue North to the Mississippi River, then up to the 18th Ave NE Bike Trail, with a spur also along the Green Community Connector of 22nd Ave NE. Nellie Stone Johnson Elementary/Farview Park and Edison High School/ Jackson Square Park provide anchoring points, both campuses showcasing green technology and urban agriculture best practices that will also be reflected along other points of the Great Northern Greenway.

Connecting this infrastructure across the Mississippi River is one of the challenges to be solved, not today but over the next few years as conversation, planning, and implementation unfold along the north and northeast spurs.

Formal conversations about the Great Northern Greenway began in December 2014 when the concepts and geography of the trail were laid out. In 2015 the Holland Neighborhood Improvement Association in collaboration with the Minneapolis Riverfront Partnership received a Community Innovation Fund grant to to do outreach and develop a vision for the project. Earlier this year, with help from the Cuningham Group, the same partners developed a collaborative vision statement that reflects the future of the Great Northern Greenway.

The Great Northern Greenway steering committee meets monthly and plans for broader community engagement later this year.

For more information you can visit: www.minneapolisriverfront.org/riverfront-initiatives/great-northern-greenway/.

If you are interested in participating in the GNG steering committee, or wish to receive updates, please contact Holland Neighborhood Improvement Association at holland@hnia.org.

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Join us online at Next Door Logan Park

We have 295 neighbors, help us get to 300!

Next Door Logan Park is a free, private online social network for residents of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Go online to join your neighbors to search for classifieds, free items, lost and found, and discuss crime and safety and get recommendations from locals in the know.

Send messages, share events, or make a group with your connections.

Make an account at 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. The Lending Center at CEE is a Minnesota nonprofit that has been helping homeowners for over 35 years.

July 20th meeting preview

Kathleen Boe /Great Northern Greenway Angela Cross / Loss prevention Susan Thomson / Americorps

33rd Minneapolis National Night Out

August 2, 2016

National Night Out is an annual nationwide event that encourages residents to get out in the community, holding block parties and getting to know their neighbors as a way to encourage crime prevention. It's a great way to promote community-police partnerships and enjoy a Minnesota summer evening surrounded by friends and family. As with many past National Night Outs, in 2015, Minneapolis was ranked #1 among all U.S. cities over 250,000 population!

Minneapolis Art Lending Library

Have you heard about the Minneapolis Art Lending Library? It's a local nonprofit that lets every day people to borrow original works of art – to display at their home – for two months, free of charge.

And just as their mission is to help community members experience the joys of art, they also strive to give local artists exposure by accepting submissions of all kinds of artwork – including paintings, drawings, photographs, prints, sculptures, ceramics, and more – to include in their circulating collection.

Go to www.artlending.org for more info. Check it out August 11th at the Soap Factory.

At the Park—Summer Sports & Family

Sanneh Soccer Camp at Beltrami Park

July 18th through 22nd, 1:00 to 3:30 pm, activity # 67022 August 8th through 11th, 1:00 to 3:30 pm, activity # 67021

Sanneh Baseball Camp (Ran by MN Twins Clinicians)

August 8th through 11th, 6:00 to 7:30pm, activity # 67023

Pickleball on Fridays at 1:00 to 3:00 pm, cost is \$4. Check it out!

Zumba has moved to Bottineau Park for the summer, it will return to Logan this fall.

Where the Wild Things Are Camp

August 2nd through 4th, ages 3 to 5, cost: \$40, activity #61739 Register online www.minneapolisparks.org

Movie in the Park at Logan

Featuring Rocky, rated PG

Wednesday, August 10th fifteen minutes after sunset

Logan Park Summer Hours

Monday through Thursday, 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm Friday, 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm Saturday, 11:00 to 4:00 pm Sunday Closed

Summer Lunch/Snack Program at Logan, June 13th—August 19th Monday through Friday, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm and 3:00 to 4:00 pm

The Minneapolis Public Schools are offering a summer lunch program at Logan Park for youth ages 1 to 18. Free Lunch will be offered Monday through Friday from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, and a free snack will be available from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. All food must be consumed on site and are first come, first serve. *No service on Monday, July 4*th

Summer Classes for Older Adults at East Side Learning Center

Our Empowering Vital Aging team is excited to announce that we are now equipped to offer Living Well with Diabetes, a diabetes self-management workshop. This summer, Living Well with Diabetes will be held at East Side along with two other evidence-based health and wellness classes: A Matter of Balance and Tai Ji Quan.

All classes are held at East Side Neighborhood Services, <u>1700 Second St NE</u>. The cost of the class is based on ability to pay. No one will be turned away due to financial constraints.

A Matter of Balance

Tuesdays, July 12th through August 30th, 1:30 to 3:30pm

Living Well with Diabetes (New!)

Thursdays, August 4th through September 8th, 10:00am to 12:00pm

Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance

Mondays and Wednesdays, August 8th through October 31st, 1:30 to 2:30 pm

Interested participants can contact Brenna Horn, Senior Health and Wellness Coordinator of East Side Neighborhood Services at 612-787-4055

Looking to get involved in Logan Park? Support students at the local school!

Experience life-changing growth while supporting your local school, help students who struggle with reading or math and give back to your community by becoming a Minnesota Reading Corps or Math Corps tutor!

Whether you want to explore a career in education, re-enter the workforce, or give back to your community, you can make a difference as a tutor; last year we helped more than 35,000 children in more than 900 schools across the state.

Tutors are needed near Logan Park for Pre-Kindergarten and Elementary students. Full- and parttime positions available. Literacy tutors are needed at the following schools for the 2016-17 school year:

- Minnesota Transitions Charter Elementary
- PICA Northeast-Neighborhood Early Learning Center
- Sheridan Arts Magnet
- Webster Elementary

Build your professional skills, deepen your community involvement and become a service member!

Tutors receive extensive training and support from onsite coaches and literacy experts. They are eligible for an education award of up to \$5,775 for completion of full time service or \$2,887 for part time service. All tutors who are fifty-five or older may gift the award to their child or grandchild. Federal student loans are eligible to be put in forbearance during service and tutors are paid a biweekly living allowance of \$544 for full time and \$272 for part time.

Learn more about Minnesota Reading Corps and Minnesota Math Corps online at:

minnesotareadingcorps.org and minnesotamathcorps.org

Absentee voting for primary begins at new downtown location

Early voting is now open for the primary election in a new location downtown, the Early Vote Center at 217 S. Third St. In-person absentee voting is no longer at City Hall. The new site allows more privacy and easier access for voters than the City Hall Rotunda did.

Early in-person voting is convenient. It especially helps voters who need special accommodations, such as language support, that the extra time, attention and onsite resources of early in-person voting afford more readily than the polls might on Election Day.

Standard hours throughout the absentee voting period are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. During the final two weeks before each election, these hours will be extended and include weekend times. These hours will be posted on the website (vote.minneapolismn.gov) once they have been set.

People can vote early (by absentee ballot) by mail or in person. For more information call Elections at and Voter Services at 612-673-3870.