

## Help shape our city— apply for openings on Minneapolis boards and commissions

Applications are now being accepted for a number of open boards and commissions positions that the City Council and Mayor will appoint this spring. Board and commission members in the City of Minneapolis provide valuable insights, help shape key policy decisions and provide community-based input into administration of services. The City is seeking applicants with a diversity of backgrounds and experiences to strengthen the work of the City.

There are more than 40 open positions on the following six City boards and commissions:

- Civil Rights Commission
- Bicycle Advisory Committee
- Workforce Council
- Public Health Advisory Committee

Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission  
 Pedestrian Advisory Committee  
 Applications will be reviewed beginning April 25, 2014. However, the positions are open until filled. Visit the City’s website for a full list of appointment opportunities and position descriptions.

The City of Minneapolis has more than 50 volunteer-based boards, commissions and advisory committees that advise the City on issues and help with policy development and administration of services. Boards and commissions fall into a handful of categories: appeal boards, development boards, general advisory boards, and special service districts, which are defined areas within the city where special services are rendered.

Appointments to board and commissions are made twice a year — in the spring and fall. This streamlined appointment process makes it easier for folks to learn about volunteer opportunities, ensure a more open and understandable process for residents and staff, and increase the diversity of the applicant pool.

## Logan Park Neighborhood Word Search Contest

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 AVENUE  
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 FIRSTTHURSDAY  
 JACKSON  
 JEFFERSON  
 LIGHTSOFLAGAN  
 LOGANPARK  
 LPNA

MADISON  
 MONROE  
 NEPARADE  
 NORTHEAST  
 NORTHRUPKING  
 PARK  
 QARMA  
 QUINCY  
 SOLARARTS  
 STREET  
 THORP  
 VANBUREN  
 VIC  
 WATERBURY

Drop off your completed word search along with your name and number at the Logan Park Community Center by February 17th for a chance to win a \$10 gift certificate to Diamonds Coffee Shop! Winner will be announced at Feb 19th Community Meeting.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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# February 2014



## — LOGAN LEDGER —

### LOGAN PARK NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Wednesday, February 19th, 2014 • 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:** Digital Divide, Multicultural Film Series, The Central Avenue Closing/Effect on Logan Park Neighborhood-- Panel Presentation by Councilmember Kevin Reich, a representative from Minneapolis Traffic and Planning Department, and a representative from Metro Transit, Update on 807 building, Logan Park Community Center Updates, Crime Stats, Community Vision and more.

“Like” us at “Logan Park Neighborhood Association” on Facebook.



## Welcome to Northeast

Welcome to Northeast signage, along with the 13 names of the northeast neighborhoods, was put up at the Central Ave NE and Broadway St NE railroad overpass. This was a culmination of a multi-year effort by Logan Park Neighborhood to beautify the most traveled intersection in Northeast Minneapolis. While all of Northeast Minneapolis benefits from this place making effort, LPNA funded it with NRP monies and matching donations collected from neighborhood enthusiasts. The stairwell to the street level on the southeast corner of the overpass was painted and beautified at the same time. None of this would have been accomplished without the dedicated work and unflagging determination shown by Mary Rose Ciatti.



## Central Avenue Closing

Beginning in late-May of 2014 and continuing through the November 2014, a construction project will close Central Ave. between 14th and 18th Ave. NE. The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) will oversee the removal and reconstruction of the railroad bridge that spans Central Ave. just north of 14th Ave. NE as part of their "Hwy 65 Railroad Bridge Replacement" plan.

Council Member Kevin Reich, City Traffic Department staff and a Metro Transit representative will be at the February 19, 2014 LPNA community meeting at 690 13th Ave NE, Logan Park Community Center from 7-9 PM. This project will have a significant effect on Logan Park businesses and residents, as all pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicle traffic on this portion of Central Ave. is rerouted around the construction area. Recent plans have Metro Transit's Central Ave. bus routes detoured onto Monroe St. NE between Lowry and Broadway, increasing the volume of traffic on one of our neighborhood's busiest streets. LPNA will engage MNDOT, Metro Transit, and the City of Minneapolis to ensure that Logan Park residents are informed the project's progress and that our input is considered when creating closure and reroute plans.

If you'd like to help our neighborhood develop a plan for dealing with this closure, please contact us at [loganparkna@aol.com](mailto:loganparkna@aol.com) or call 612-516-5762. Many hands and minds are needed and welcomed!

### LPNA Board of Directors

1330 Van Buren Street Northeast 55413

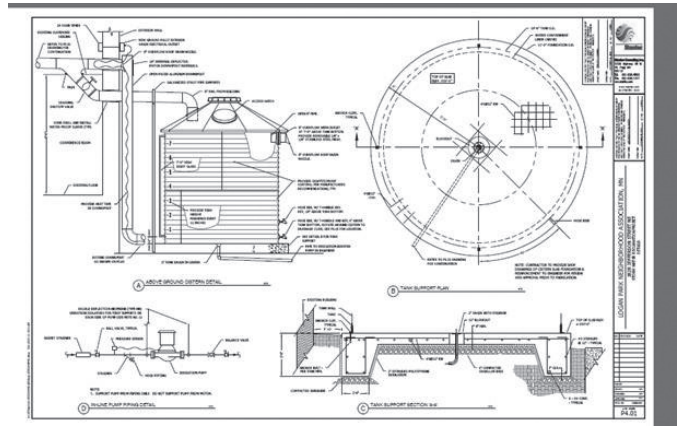
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## Cistern Project

Wander by 1828 Jefferson St NE and picture a water cistern on the north wall next to the loading dock. (See diagram below.) Imagine that such an above ground cistern could harvest 66% of the rain fall in one year and irrigate the property all summer in dry spells, all while keeping storm water run-off from polluting the Mississippi. The Mississippi Watershed Management Organizations MWMO has partnered with RED, River east Development, and LPNA to plan this cistern project. The payback on storm water fees and municipal water usage is about 20 years. Benefit to the river, immeasurable.



## Logan Park Recreation Center Updates

To see a listing of upcoming events at the Logan Park Recreation Center, check out the website at <http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/> or call 612.370.4927.

## Join the MWMO for Blue Bag Plus!\* Lunchtime Seminars on February 12, March 12, April 9 & May 21

The Mississippi Watershed Management Organization will be hosting four webcasts from the Center for Watershed Protection.

Come learn with us! All you need to do is bring your own lunch to munch, and RSVP so we know how many to expect. (Space is limited to 40.) To RSVP, email [stone@mwmo.org](mailto:stone@mwmo.org) and write in the subject line: "I will attend the Blue Bag on (insert date)."

## The Role of Local Codes

March 12, 2014 from 12–2 PM CST

*Julie Todd, Environmental Compliance Manager with the Department of Watershed Management, City of Atlanta, GA (Atlanta, GA)*

*Abby Hall, Community Planner, US EPA, Office of Sustainable Communities*

*Julie Schneider, Watershed Planner, Center for Watershed Protection (Philadelphia, PA)*

This webcast will feature strategies to analyze local codes and a process of changing codes in a community to achieve desired outcomes for stormwater design, and, ultimately, water quality in the community.

## Design & Construction of BMPs

April 9, 2014 from 12–2 PM CST

*Jason R. Vogel, Ph.D., P.E., Assistant Professor & Stormwater Specialist Riata 'Green' Entrepreneurship Faculty Fellow Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering, Oklahoma State University (Stillwater, OK)*

*Bryan Seipp, Watershed Manager/Professional Forester, Center for Watershed Protection, Inc. (Ellicott City, MD)*

The emphasis of this design and construction webcast will be on low-impact development and green infrastructure practices.

## BMP Maintenance

May 21, 2014 from 12–2 PM CST

*Tom Schueler, Executive Director, Chesapeake Stormwater Network (Ellicott City, MD)*

*Ted Scott, PE (MD), CPESC, MSP, LEED AP, Executive VP, Stormwater Maintenance & Consulting (Hunt Valley, MD) James Houle, Outreach Coordinator and Program Manager, University of New Hampshire Stormwater Center Environmental Research Group, Department of Civil Engineering (Durham, NH) Dave Hirschman, Program Director, Center for Watershed Protection, Inc. (Charlottesville, VA)*

Even if a stormwater practice is properly designed and installed, the long-term maintenance can make or break the performance and community acceptance. Learn ways to rapidly conduct maintenance inspections and needed maintenance tasks. The webcast will also address how local governments can build a successful stormwater maintenance program.

## Recycling Association of Minnesota Offer Compost Bins and Rain Barrels

Winter might not be an ideal time to start thinking about backyard gardening, but it's a great time to get a jump start on gardening and water conservation efforts by setting up a compost bin or rain barrel at your home.

This spring, the Recycling Association of Minnesota is working with cities and counties throughout Minnesota to bring residents affordable rain barrels and compost bins to Minnesota residents. There are many economic and environmental benefits to using rain barrels and compost bins, a few are:

- When you use a rain barrel, you will conserve water by using the rain water rather than from the spigot (which you pay for). It can also help with storm water management on your property in conjunction with your neighbor! It can also reduce storm water runoff, which can be a major pollution contributor to waterways.

- By using a compost bin you can reduce more than 25% of your waste from going to a landfill which saves you money!

These compost bins and rain barrels come with a 10 year warranty, are made from recycled content and are extremely affordable. Compost bins are only \$55 and rain barrels are \$69.

RAM is hosting a rain barrel and compost bin distribution event in Minneapolis on Saturday, April 26th. To pre-order your bin or barrel, or for more information go to: [RecycleMinnesota.org](http://RecycleMinnesota.org).

## Free Computer Lab for all Logan Residents

Every Saturday morning at the high-rise, 9 AM to 11 AM, a computer lab is held with two ace trainers and computer gurus. People get help with their own computers as needed, such as: loading new software, getting free virus downloads, learning how to make labels or do a mail merge, using the color printer for a small projects or flyers, setting up a Facebook account, learn to use the internet and more. If you don't have a computer you can come and use one of the 9 laptops available for a couple hours. All skill levels are welcome. All ages welcome. The high-rise is located at 1717 Washington St NE. This lab is only for Logan Park residents.