

By the Stain of my Thumb You Will Know Me

There is a season between spring and summer, as is well known amongst us city types, and it is “graffiti”; so while you not know from one day to the next whether or not an umbrella is in order, you will know that Scribble-Dee and Scribble-Dum have emerged from their winter’s slumber.

Here they come, climbing the steps of their mothers’ basements, up, up, up, furtively scratching their nethers only to open the front door and squint, uncomprehendingly, into the sky. Lips stained with the cough syrup/Tahitian treat cocktail that is their special-ity, they move, zombie-cow-like, toward the hardware stores, intent on the purchase of aerosol-propelled pigments.

We fight the good fight, here in the Great City of Minneapolis, and while GUISE and BRAIN DEAD (not their real names) may go about marking things as if they own them, it won’t be for long. The City and I have an agreement: I will continue to call them with locations, and at some point before the snow flies again they will spray over it.

Unless, of course, it is at the bus stop. The bus stops are not the property of the city, nor are many of them the property of the Transit Commission. Some of these bus stops have been leased out to ad agencies, where they put up posters for advanced education, advice on what to do when one discovers one has herpes, and subtle encouragement to fit more exercise into our lives.

I discovered Monday morning that my bus stop – not an advertising hub, mind you – had been hit over the weekend by a magic-marker-wielding ne’er-do-well with appallingly poor handwriting.

I don’t know what they were trying to say, but they need to try harder.

It’s the season between spring and summer, people, and so I have begun doing what I am compelled to do every year about this time.

Humorist Pearl Vork-Zambory, long-time Logan Park resident, speaks at Minneapolis’s Metro State University, where she shares her thoughts on the creative writing process and the self-destructive behavior found in starting a raw food diet days before speaking to a crowd. She is the author of I Was Raised to be A Lert and The Second Book of Pearl: Cats, both available at Eat My Words bookstore. Her

Monday-Friday blog “Pearl, Why You Little...” is thought by many to be a fine example of someone writing to the best of her ability.

All Aboard with Songs About Trains

Match the Musician(s) with the song. Turn in the completed puzzle to the box at the front desk in the Logan Park Community Center by Monday June 16, 2014 4:00pm. The winner will be randomly drawn from the all correct puzzle entries and announced at the Wednesday June 18, 2014 Logan Park Neighborhood general meeting. The prize is a gift card for the Ideal Diner.

1. I’ve Been Working on the Railroad
2. Midnight Train to Georgia
3. Ticket to Ride
4. Tons of Steel
5. Peace Train
6. Engine Engine No. 9
7. The Loco Motion
8. Take the “A” Train
9. Chattanooga ChooChoo
10. Last Train to Clarksville

Glen Miller Little Eva Cat Stevens
Pete Seeger Gladys Knights&the Pips
The Beatles Rodger Miller The Monkees
Duke Ellington Grateful Dead

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email(optional) _____

Deadline Monday June 16th, 2014 4pm Logan Park Community Center box at the fron desk.

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LOGAN PARK NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Upcoming meeting Wednesday, June 18th, 2014 • 7:00 P.M
Logan Park Community Center at 13th and Monroe Street

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: Central Avenue Closure Update, Tess Konen (Minnesota Dept. of Health) to discuss Vermiculite Study Results, Logan Park Community Center Updates, Crime Stats, Community Visions, Puzzler winner announced and more

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Open House for Cistern and Prairie Landscaping Plans

River East Development and LPNA host the Cistern and Prairie Planting open house June 19th from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM at 1828 Jefferson St NE. The Mississippi Water Management Organization gave LPNA a grant to facilitate the stormwater remediation plans for this property. 1828 Jefferson St NE was built by the City of Minneapolis as a water pumping station in 1924 using state of the art water leaders that piped rain water and runoff directly into the sewers that lead to the Mississippi. Fast forward to today, and these rain leaders are causing great pollution of the river thus remedies are sought to keep the rain water and run off right it falls and can thereby be soaked up and filtered by ground plantings and soil before it gets to the river. The open house will show the cistern plans and prairie planting plans that will sequester and hold up to 66% of the water that falls on that property.

3rd Annual Northeast Ride Bicycle Tour

The Northeast Ride returns to our Logan Park streets on Saturday, June 14th for the 12 mile bicycle tour through all the NE neighborhoods. The ride begins at 10 AM at the Northeast Armory and concludes with a party at Logan Park’s Indeed Brewery. Participants in the family-friendly event will receive a ride t-shirt, spoke cards, and have a great deal of fun connecting with cyclists from around the city. Other highlights include a bicycle-powered band, free yoga instruction, bicycle maintenance tips, and a sponsor swag bag. This two-wheel excursion is not to be missed, so visit northeastride.org for more information on how to register or volunteer for the event.

NEighborhood Sale Days

The annual Northeast neighborhoods' garage sale is set for Friday, June 20th and Saturday, June 21st (Sunday, June 22nd is available as a rain day). Logan Park residents are encouraged to list their sale in the Northeast, as the newspaper's staff will be publishing an insert with a user-friendly map of all sales in a given NE neighborhood. With the NEighborhood Sale Days, we can have more conversations with our neighbors and build community all while seeking out that elusive garage sale treasure!

For more information on the weekend and the cost for listing your sale, please contact the Northeast staff as soon as possible at (612) 788-9003.

Legal Workshop for Central Avenue

Central Avenue Closure Committee is planning a legal workshop with Legal Corps and Diane Dube a professor from William Mitchell School of Law, The event will focus on property rights and right-of-way issues business owners face on Central, financial aspects of infrastructure disruptions, and what the MNDOT contract with Redstone Construction Co.

says in plain English. The event will be held at Nimbus Theatre but when this issue went to press the date had not been decided. Follow us on facebook and on the website for date and time at Nimbus for this important event. There is a limited number, up to ten businesses that may get help regarding their specific issue after the general meeting that day. This legal council is free of charge but required pre-registration and businesses must bring required business papers with them, such as but not limited to: leases, insurance policies, and proofs of damage. Contact LPNA at loganparkna@aol.com to pre-register.

Northeast Parade, June 17th, 2014



**For more information,
please visit**

www.minneapolischamber.org/parade

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Upcoming Events at Logan Park

Jazz Mobile **Cost: FREE**
Ages ALL Wed June 18th 3-6pm

The Jazzmobile Project will present high quality jazz combined with educational music programs, where popular artists conduct musical and oral presentations, focusing on the history and evolution of jazz in America and locally. The programs will educate the participants in areas of music that are often times overlooked by traditional programs. This project provides the Minneapolis community with an opportunity to participate in, experience and enjoy the talents of musicians they would normally not be able to hear in a free live performance. During these sessions, the artists will talk about the history of jazz and suggest how to listen while involving the audience in discussion and also serving as a resource by answering questions about music and jazz and its cultural importance and relevance. www.twincitiesmobilejazzproject.org.

Pool Party
Ages: 0-7 Friday, June 20th 10-11:30

We will be having a party at the pool Bring your suit, sunscreen and water bottle we will provide the fun. Entertainment will be provided by Chellie Brown from Wee Bop Music. Stay for lunch afterwards or bring your own picnic lunch.

Free Summer Lunches **Cost: FREE**
Ages 1-18, Mon-Fri, June 9 -Aug 15, 11:30am-1pm

Free Summer Snack 3-4pm
Logan is the place to go this summer for a delicious and well-balanced lunch and afternoon snack, both provided to you by the Minneapolis Public Schools. All food must be consumed on site from 11:30am-1pm. Ages 1 to 18 years old strictly enforced. Snack will be served from 3-4pm daily. No lunch July 4th.

Movie In The Park Costume Contest

Despicable Me 2 is showing in Logan Park on Monday, July 21st at dusk. Come dressed as a minion or any of the other characters from the movie. The audience will be the judges and prizes will be awarded for best costumes.

Register Your Bicycle with the City

The City of Minneapolis is again urging Logan Park cyclists to register their bikes. Whether you pedal a high-end Surly around town or a garage sale Schwinn to work, you can register your bicycle for free with the city. The benefits of registering your bike are great, especially in the event that your ride is stolen. With your registration information on file, city officials can easily return a recovered bike to its owner.

Cyclist can register their bikes online by visiting 311.minneapolis.gov/Ef3/SS031_Bicycle_Registration.xml. Or, you can telephone the city's information line - 311 to complete the registration. Be sure to record you bicycle's serial number (located on bottom of your bike's crank shaft or on the fork supporting the handle bars) before starting the process.

First Ward Community Forum: The Role of Cooperatives in Community Revitalization

Monday, June 23, 7 p.m.
Aki's Bread Haus, 2506 Central Avenue NE

Join Council Member Kevin Reich and representatives of the Northeast Investment Cooperative (NEIC), Recovery Bike, and Fair State Brewing Cooperative to welcome Aki's Bread Haus to Central Avenue and to discuss the cooperative business model and how cooperatives can be a tool for community development.

NEIC was established in 2012 to allow its members to pool their resources to collectively buy, rehab and manage commercial and residential property in Northeast Minneapolis. Their first undertaking was the purchase of 2506 Central Avenue, in conjunction with the purchase of 2504 Central by project partner Recovery Bike Shop. The end result has been a newly rehabbed and expanded location for Recovery, as well as the addition of Aki's Bread Haus and Fair State Brewing Cooperative next door.

All are welcome. For questions or further information, please contact the First Ward office at 612-673-2201 or <mailto:kevin.reich@minneapolis.gov>.