Winter has its boot on the back of my neck.

From the deepest, most humid parts of my brain, the squat bald man in my head slides his pudgy, dimpled hands against each other gleefully. The smell of smoke accompanies him.

Where did he get those cigarettes?

“Why don’t you,” he says, “call in sick a couple days?” He takes a drag of his Pall Mall, blows the hit toward my left ear.

“We’ll get drunk, see what shakes loose.”

“Come on,” he says. “Stupid Human Tricks.”

He pulls his tee-shirt up – “I’m Not a Doctor, But I’ll Take a Look” – pats his head with one hand, rubs his gut with the other. I sigh, something I’m thinking of taking up competitively.

“I have a sick day planned for April,” I say.

The squat, bald man in my head reels. “You’ve planned,” he says, horrified, “a sick –“ He can’t finish. “I’m going to make meatballs this weekend,” I offer, feebly. “That’s kinda fun…” The word “fun” is barely out of my mouth before it plops, sullenly and without pretense, to the floor.

The squat, bald man in my head can take no more. From somewhere far to the back, near the id but not far from the escalator, I hear a door open. “OK,” he shouts, “I’ve had enough. If you need me, I’ll be back here, setting fire to stuff.”

And the door slams shut.

February.

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.

**Lights of Logan Winners**

- 1st place. 1407 Jefferson St Ne
- 2nd place 1542 Jefferson St Ne
- 3rd place. 1316 Jefferson St Ne

Congratulations!

*Please come to the meeting to pick up your prize. More on Page 2*
What’s happening in Logan Park

Lights of Logan Contest Winners

3rd Prize - 1316 Jefferson St
- 1/2 reimbursement for your December 2014 electric bill (up to $100.00)
Bring your paid December bill to the meeting on Feb 18, 2015 for reimbursement award.

Tenants’ Rights Group in Northeast

HOME Line, a non-profit tenant advocacy organization active state-wide since 1992, set up shop in Minneapolis for the first time this past April. They’ve met with some Northeast neighborhood groups to introduce their services, which include a hotline for legal help regarding: pre-lease review, damage deposit returns, fairness in housing practices, building code enforcement, and questions on the conciliation court process. Landlords are also welcome to use HOME Line’s programs. More information about the organization can be found at www.homelinemn.org or by calling 612-728-5767.

Opening on Logan Board for Secretary

Logan Park Board has an opening for a volunteer secretary. Duties would include taking notes at two meetings per month and typing up and distributing to members.

Volunteer Coordinator Wanted

The neighborhood is looking for someone to help coordinate its annual clean sweep. Tasks would include recruiting help to work day of the event, coordinate the city trucks. If interested email loganparkna@aol.com or call 612-516-5762

Northeast Tool Library Kick off

Saturday February 28 10am to 4pm.
Thorp Building

Crochet Coral Reef Project

Over 40 people of all ages and crocheting skills met at the logan park community center in January.

The project was started by Margaret and Christine Wertheim about 9 years ago in their living room. It has grown to include over 8,000 active participants in 35 countries.

People at the park got a start on their contribution to the project which will exhibit at the MIA in June.

If you missed the kick off at the park contact the MIA 612-870-3000 for times to crochet at their location for the project.

To learn more about this project check these sites out:
www.crochetcoralreef.org
For crochet patterns
www.themainreef.blogspot.com
To hear Margaret Wertheim about the project
www.ted.com

Block Leader Training

March 5th, 2015  6:30 to 8pm
2nd Precinct
1911 Central Ave. N.E.
At The Park

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Cheerleading
Monday, February 16th – May 4
Ages 4-6 6-7pm
Ages 7 and up 7-8pm
Register in person February 9th from 6-7:30pm
Cost: Registration fee $4
Cost: Weekly Fee $7

Self Defense
Tuesday, February 17th-May 5th
Beginners 6-6:45pm
Advanced Belt 6:45-7:30pm
Register in person February 10th from 6-7:30pm
Cost: Registration fee $4
Cost: Weekly Fee $7

Zumba
Ongoing, Saturdays, 10-11am
FREE

Are you ready to party yourself into shape? That's exactly what the Zumba program is all about. It's an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness- party that's moving millions of people toward joy and health. Get ready to join the party with Bernice your personal certified Zumba instructor.

Children over 4 years of age are welcome to join in or can participate in an art class for kids.

Beginning Tai Chi and Qigong
The $50 per session  #47548
Tuesday, February 17-March 31 6:30-7:30pm

For centuries, the Chinese have recognized the beneficial effects of Tai Chi to reduce stress and improve health, balance, and flexibility. Join Certified Instructor Marie Mathay in this gentle, slow-moving series of ancient Tai Chi exercises. Great for beginners, All ages and abilities welcome.

French I-Travel & Basic Conversation
Wednesday, April 8-May 6 6:30-7:30pm
$40  Activity # 49958

French II: Advanced Intermediate French
Wednesday, April 8-May 6 7:45-8:45pm
$40  Activity # 49960

Beginning French students will learn travel vocabulary, while engaging in an interactive and dramatic method for language learning! You will develop a solid foundation.

The Advanced Intermediate French class is for students who have completed beginning or intermediate French class levels and who still want to have an interactive learning experience. Here, students will focus on furthering their comfort with more advanced French grammar and deepening their skills in communicating in French.

Classes are provided by Fawn Wilderson-Legros, who is the Founder and Director of Théâtre du Monde
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Logan Park Past and Present Project

Do you or your family members have memories, photos, and/or stories to share about growing up and living in Logan Park? Does your house have a story? Do you know the stories of other houses in the neighborhood?

If so, please bring your stories and photos to the Logan Park Community Center or email them to reanne.viken@gmail.com.

Logan Park Small Area Plan

The Small Area Plan Committee will be meeting Monday, March 2nd and Monday, March 9th at 6pm at the Logan Park Community Center. We hope to meet with City Planner Haila Maze and Council Member Kevin Reich at the March meetings to move the planning forward.

If you are interested in email updates, please contact Reanne.Viken@gmail.com.

Metro Blooms Rain Garden Workshops

This year’s rain garden workshop offerings presented by Metro Blooms! Locations for these workshops are offered throughout the metropolitan area. As of now, we have 8 workshops scheduled with more to come.

Metro Blooms is a non-profit organization that has worked for 30 years to strengthen communities by promoting environmentally sound landscaping that beautifies neighborhoods and protects our environment. Cost: $15

Call 651-699-2426

http://metroblooms.org

Workshops are sponsored by the cities and watershed districts across the Twin Cities metropolitan area and by the University of Minnesota Extension Hennepin County Master Gardeners who assist with rain garden plant selection and placement.

FARE FOR ALL

Food that makes cents

Fare For All Express will be in the Logan Park Neighborhood.

Location: Sprinkler Fitters Union Hall  
1401 Central Avenue NE Mpls, MN  
Time of Day: 11AM- 1PM

Fridays: February 20, March 20, April 24, May 22, June 19, July 24, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 13 and December 11

What type of food is for sale?

Produce Packs, Meat packs , Mixed packs, and mega meat.

Call 763-450-3880 or go to the website www.fareforall.org