There is a woman at the bus stop. In early-morning, work-to-do fashion, she is wearing flannel pants, boots, a jacket and gloves. Her hair sticks to her face as she sweats her way toward a cleared sidewalk.

I move from the sidewalk into the street. “This isn’t your house, is it?” She looks up. “Nope.”

“But you live around here.”

“Next door,” she says.

“You shovel both?”

She straightens up, arches her back and rolls her head from one shoulder to the other. She leans on her shovel, jerks her head at the corner house. “We’ve been neighbors for 20-some years now.” She lowers her voice. “She’s old. She can’t handle a house on the corner anymore, not in the winter.” I smile at her. “You’re wonderful, aren’t you?”

She laughs, a cheery bark in the blue-gray light of morning. “Oh, yeah,” she says, returning to her shoveling. “I’m some kinda wonderful all right.”

We are joined by a young man. He nods shyly to me. We have seen each other before, and I know that he does not speak English. He looks at me from the sidewalk. It is clear, on his face: Why am I standing in the street?

He looks at the woman shoveling, looks at his feet, then at the clear space she has created. It dawns on him: an untrod sidewalk clears better. He steps into the street. — Good morning, Nordeast.

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.

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**Lights of Logan Winners**

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

Congratulations!

*Prize information on page 2.*
What’s happening in Logan Park

Lights of Logan Contest Winners

Judging was Sunday, December 14th at 5pm. Jefferson St takes home all the prizes this year. Looking at the Adams street gang and the rest of Logan to light it up next year.

1st Prize - 1407 Jefferson St
- Full reimbursement for your December 2014 electric bill (up to $200.00)

2nd Prize - 1542 Jefferson St
- 3/4 reimbursement for your December 2014 electric bill (up to $150.00)

3rd Prize - 1316 Jefferson St
- 1/2 reimbursement for your December 2014 electric bill (up to $100.00)

Winners should bring their paid December bill to the neighborhood general meeting on January 21, 2015 for their 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. Community meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month. If you are interested please come by the meeting on the 21st.

Destination Northeast - Branding Ideas

The Northeast Minneapolis Arts Association (NEMAA) and the Northeast Chamber of Commerce have held three community-wide brainstorming and education meetings at Jackson Flats since Fall.

The two groups, along with the consulting help of Altered Esthetics’ Jamie Schumacher, are synthesizing the ideas people bring into a City of Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED) grant proposal that seeks fund to help brand Northeast. Through this grant and branding effort it is hoped that more travelers from around the state, nation, and abroad would seek out our Northeast neighborhoods for arts, food, and entertainment.

2015 Home Tour Wants Your Home

The Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour, April 25-26, 2015, is accepting nominations at www.MSPHomeTour.com click on “submit a home” for the option to apply online or download an application.

For 11 hours, homeowners and contractors open their doors to share ideas with other home enthusiasts, based on their remodeling experience.

Visitors are particularly interested in period-accurate restoration and expansions sensitive to the surroundings. Being on the tour gives homeowners great feedback as well as the incentive to finish those last few projects. If you or someone you know needs more information, contact coordinator Margo Ashmore at Margo@MargoAshmore.com.

Help us get to 100 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
Winter Skating Hours

- Monday –Friday 3-9pm
- Saturday 10-9pm
- Sunday 12-6pm

The ice is GREAT. We do have a limited amount of skates available for use. Stop by the warming room & check out a pair.

Cinderella Ball
Saturday, February 28th 6-7:30pm
Ages 2-7
Cost $12

Activity # 46937 register online
www.minneapolisparks.org

This event will be held at Columbia Manor (3300 Central Ave NE). Wear your royal ball attire and dance into the fairy tale!

Pose for a picture with Cinderella, or create your very own royal prince or princess crown. This is a parent/child event, please only register your child. Space is limited, please limit 2 adults with each family. Registrations will be taken until February 21st or until event is full, whichever comes first. Register early, this event fills up fast!

Thank you to Logan Park Neighborhood Association for their generous support.

Logan Park has recently just received a $9,000 grant from Hennepin County for new wrestling mats. This grant probably would not have been funded without a matching grant received from LPNA. Thank you for your continued support to Logan Park programs.

Family Valentine Making Party

Saturday, February 7th 2-4pm
All ages
Cost $5 per FAMILY

Activity # 45890 register online
www.minneapolisparks.org
Create your own homemade valentines without making a mess at home! We'll focus on valentines that can be easily made in sets (for classrooms) and one-of-a-kind creations for someone special. Wow your friends and families with a custom-made card from the heart. Instructor JoAnne Peters

Zumba Saturdays through March 28th 10-11am
Ages Adult
Cost 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.

Coaches are needed Track season will begin the end of April. Practices will be at Edison High School on Tuesdays April-July. Meets will be Thursdays May-July at Roosevelt High School. Logan Park has the largest track team in the City with 60-100 boys & girls ages 9-17. This year we hope to add a Fundamental program for children 5-8 and will be looking for someone to coach that team. If you are interested, please contact Heidi at Logan Park at 612-370-4927 or email at hmiller@minneapolisparks.org. No experience is required, just a desire. All coaches are required to fill out an application and will have a background check.
January is Radon Action Month

The City of Minneapolis is giving away 200 radon test kits to increase awareness of the cancer risks of radon and to encourage people to test their homes.

While supplies last kits are available at:

Development Review, 250 S. Fourth St., Room 300. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4:30

Additional kits can be purchased for $9 dollars.

Radon is an odorless, colorless, tasteless gas that occurs naturally in Minnesota soils and can enter homes primarily through cracks and openings in basement or foundation floors and walls. Radon is the leading environmental cause of cancer deaths in the U.S. and the leading cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers.

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 by February 13th, 2015 or email them to reanne.viken@gmail.com.

All submissions will be entered a drawing for a $10 gift card to a local restaurant, winner announced at the February 18th, 2015 community meeting and by email to the winner.

Logan Park Small Area Plan

The Logan Park Neighborhood Association is exploring the development of a Small Area Plan. If you are interested in joining the Small Area Plan committee, please email reanne.viken@gmail.com.

Snow Emergency Information

Website: www.minneapolismn.gov/snow

Call: (612) 348-SNOW (7669)

TTY: (612) 673-2157

Minneapolis has an app for iPhone and Android

Snow Emergencies are called after significant snowfall and before 6 p.m. on any given day.

Minneapolis also has an app for iPhone and Android

During a Snow Emergency, special parking rules go into effect that allow City crews to plow streets and emergency vehicles to travel safely.

Vehicles in violation of these parking rules will be tagged and/or towed to the Mpls. Impound Lot.

It’s not too late to remove tall weeds from the alley behind your property. Doing so will improve winter visibility and prevent damage to passing cars - *Ed.*