



# — LOGAN LEDGER —

November/December

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**Don't Look Now, But It's Getting Cold**

**Pearl Vork-Zambory**

The temperature is dropping; and the number of articles of clothing I am now wearing render me invincible in a strip poker game, barring some funky, underhanded dealing.

I am this close to turning up the thermostat.

It's a bit of sport we Minnesotans play, isn't it? Derived from the pioneer pastime of "Hoozat wit de Hot Brick" (Scandinavian, I believe), the object is to fool yourself into believing that the cold is something you can control, maybe even avoid altogether.

Despite so many indications to the contrary, you can take my word for it: the pioneers were a silly people.

And so in an effort to regain the feeling in my fingertips, I've done what many cold-climate people have done before me. I have taken a really hot bath. Ladies and gentlemen, my toes are pink, my fingers nimble, and the end of my nose is practically room temperature.

I'm livin' like rich people.

And so the snow falls, as we knew it would. But the ice scraper hasn't been seen since March; my six-year-old winter coat, a down-filled sleeping-bag of a coat with room for you and your closest friends, has mysteriously burst in a cloud of feathered exhaustion; and the words "Christmas list" have just popped, unbidden, into my mind.

Christmas list?

If you need me, I'll be in the bathtub.

*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.



It's getting to be that time of year when neighborhood residents decorate their homes and yards with holiday lights – it's Lights of Logan!

This year, the judging day will happen on Sunday, December 14th, beginning at 5pm. All you need to do to enter is put up some lights/decorations and have them turned on at the aforementioned time. See Page 2 for complete rules.

# What's happening in Logan Park

## **Lights of Logan Contest**

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Prizes this year include:

*1st Prize* - Full reimbursement for your December 2014 electric bill (up to \$200.00)

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

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

Winners will be notified by the LPNA and will be asked to bring their paid December bill to the neighborhood general meeting on January 21, 2015 for their reimbursement award.

Best of luck and let there be lights!

## **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](http://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 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **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.

## **Conservation Districts Approved**

The Prospect Park Neighborhood Association, along with Council Member Cam Gordon, worked for two years to pass an ordinance establishing a process for conservation district designations in the city. City planning staff John Smoley worked diligently with community members, developers, and preservation enthusiasts to draft a proposal that all parties could support.

On October 29th, the public was invited to have "Breakfast with a Preservationist" at the Mill City Museum. During the breakfast, discussion centered on the implementation of the first two recognized conservation districts that will act as pilots in 2015. After 2015, it is projected that up to five conservation districts will be approved by the City Council each year.

To receive consideration, 75% of property owners in a proposed conservation district area must approve of the designation before the request can go forward and only areas that have a defined set of conservation qualifications can apply for recognition. Smoley said the conservation district approval process is generally similar to a re-zoning request and is less restrictive than historic property designation.

# At The Park

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## New Single Family Home at 756 Jefferson St. NE

Investor Scott Rose has applied for a permit to build a house on the property at 756 Jefferson St. NE (corner of Jefferson and Broadway). As required by city ordinance, Rose notified property owners within 300 feet of the 756 lot that a plan review meeting would take place.

The public meeting was held on the vacant lot on Monday, October 27th and three people showed up to take a look at and comment on the proposed building plans. When attendees asked to see the 756 house plans, Rick Olsen, the construction manager for the project informed them that the exact plans were not available and that the Minneapolis City Council approves all house plans, not neighborhood residents or groups.

Olsen did have a set of generic building plans that they've used elsewhere for a two-story, pitched roof, 1800 square-foot single family home with three bedrooms and three baths. For safety reasons, the driveway will not exit unto Broadway Street.

Rose and Olsen told meeting attendees that a similar, but slightly larger home was built by the same group at 3949 40th Ave. S pictured above.

**Logan's ice rinks** will open as soon as weather permits, so keep an eye on the park. The warming room will be open

Monday-Friday from 3 - 9pm, Saturdays 10am - 9pm, Sundays 12 -6pm, and Minneapolis Public School release days from 12 - 9pm.

**Winter sports registration** is now open. The sports offered at Logan Park include hockey (ages 6 -14), basketball (ages 5-18), and wrestling (ages 6-14).

**Coaches are needed** for winter sports! If you are interested in volunteering your time and talents as a youth hockey or basketball coach, please contact Heidi at the park building or call 612-370-4927.

**Tai Chi Session 2** Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30pm, November 11th through December 23rd, \$50

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 designed to enhance physical and mental well-being. Great for beginners, this class introduces basic Tai Chi and Qigong principles and movements, activates internal energy, and promotes the calming harmony of body, mind, and breath. All ages and abilities welcome.

**Zumba** 10 – 11am, Saturdays through December 27th, 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. Adults and kids over 4 are welcome to dance, while there is an art class available at the same time for younger children.

## **Logan Park Neighborhood Association**

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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 by January 14th 2015 or email them to [reanne.viken@gmail.com](mailto:reanne.viken@gmail.com).

All submissions will be entered a drawing for a \$10 gift card to a local restaurant, winner announced at the January 21, 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](mailto:reanne.viken@gmail.com).

### **Next Meeting January 21, 2015**

Have a happy and safe holiday season!

### **LPNA Executive Coordinator Resigns**

The LPNA received notice that our current neighborhood executive coordinator - Nancy Przymus - will not be renewing her contact with us for 2015.

On behalf of the neighborhood, the LPNA board would like to thank Nancy for her inspiring initiatives and guidance, her tireless outreach efforts to Logan Park residents, and her unwavering dedication to our community's cause.

Her insight and expertise will be sorely missed, and we wish Nancy all the best in her future endeavors.

Please join us for cake at the November 19th meeting to celebrate Nancy's service to the Logan Park community.

*Logan Park Neighborhood Association Board*

### **Snow Emergency Information**

**Website:** [www.minneapolismn.gov/snow](http://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 snow-fall and before 6 p.m. on any given day.

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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*.