October 2014

Demolition of 1531 Monroe St. for Solar Arts parking

The demolition of the home at 1531 Monroe Street NE was slated to begin on October 6th according to a notice sent to nearby residents. The demolition is part of a larger project to replace the 1531 dwelling with a surface parking lot for the Solar Arts Building. Initial work to disconnect the utility lines to the home was undertaken at the end of September. Traffic on Monroe St. was impeded for a few days as the crew carried out this work, and now several caution signs/lights warn passing vehicles and bicycles of the loose gravel and pothole left behind. The destruction of the lot’s structures will have to wait until all building materials containing vermiculite/asbestos are safely removed, however. The 1531 lot was tested for vermiculite as part of the EPA’s recent survey of the neighborhood – the site’s soil did not test positive for asbestos, though there are building materials inside the home that have been identified to contain the harmful substance. The aforementioned details were disclosed to neighbors at a recent meeting, which was held on the 1531 lot on September 29th. Logan Park residents who attended the meeting shared their concerns about the demolition process, and requested more information on plans to mitigate the project’s side effects on the neighborhood.

Questions were also raised about the plans for the eventual construction and use of the parking lot by Solar Arts patrons.

Additional information will be available at the upcoming meeting of the LPNA on Wednesday, October 15th.

Agenda Oct 15 7pm

1531 Monroe Street
807/Highlight Center
Central Avenue Closure
2PAC Crime Stats
LP Community Center
Community Visions
MEETING IS AT 690 13H AVE NE
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Update on the 807 Broadway Project

As has been reported in the *Ledger* over the past few months, the old Minneapolis Public Schools headquarters at 807 Broadway St. NE is being redeveloped. The project is now in high-gear with Hillcrest Development having closed on the property, which will now be referred to as the Highlight Center. Hillcrest hopes to complete as much exterior work as possible before the snow flies. The site will have new: sidewalks and asphalt, storm water management systems, and landscaping (including replanted trees) by next spring. The interior tasks will involve asbestos abatement and other renovation work, with the building’s first tenants slated to move in by late winter.

A site plan is available Hillcrest’s website at: http://bit.ly/1uYY787

Logan Loans

Logan Park homeowners are eligible for three types of loans: Forgivable, Low-interest and Emergency Repair. The forgivable loan is a no interest loan. If you live in your home for 10 years, after the loan is granted, you won’t have to pay it back. The forgivable and low-interest loans have no income limits. The low interest loan is set at 4%. Interest income accrued from these loans becomes Logan Park Neighborhood funds for neighborhood projects. The emergency loan is for low income homeowners who need to make a repair right away to keep their home habitable. Fixes vary but must be an emergency. Call the Center for Energy or Environment at 612-335-5858 or visit www.mncee.org and type in LOGAN PARK in the search bar.

Become an Election Judge!

vote.minneapolismn.gov/judges/index.htm

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 15th.

New Trash and Recycling in the Parks

In an effort to further promote responsible refuse collection in our neighborhood and regional parks, the City of Minneapolis plans to replace all old metal garbage and recycling barrels with the more recognizable plastic carts that we use at home. Soon, the familiar one-sort receptacles will appear at all Northeast parks, including Logan.

"Sustainability is one of the Park Board's core values, and park patrons have always been good about recycling when the option was available," said Liz Wielinski Commissioner District 1 and Park Board of Commissioners President. "This just makes recycling an even easier choice."

Given the grand scale or our city’s park system and the more than 21 million visits it receives throughout the year, this change should certainly boost the volume of waste that is recycled in Minneapolis.

Recognition of Community Businesses and Individuals

The Northeast Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce and the East Minneapolis Exchange Club will honor the following individuals and community businesses at an event on October 30th:

2014 Officers of the Year - Shawn Kelly & Oscar Macias
Book of Golden Deeds Award - Carla Steinbach
Small Business of the Year - Northeast Investment Cooperative
Mid-size Business of the Year - Siwek Lumber & Millwork
Large Business of the Year - Northeast Bank
President’s Award - Nancy Przymus
Free childcare available at meetings.

Our community meetings are held at 7pm the 3rd Wednesday of the month (except December & August). Please call 612-516-5762 or email loganparkna@aol.com with questions.

Winter Sports Registration

Begins November 1st. Logan will offer the following sports for all ages: basketball, wrestling, and ice hockey. Basketball and hockey coaches are still needed.

Halloween Party

October 31st will be a special Halloween Party. Come dressed ready to party!

MEA Break Activities

Treasure Chest & Fossilized Fun

Thursday, October 16th from 2 – 4 PM. $20 for Wednesday and Thursday classes, ages 7-13.

Caramel Apple Bars

Thursday, October 16th from 4 – 6 PM. Free, ages 6-14.

Youth Open Gym

Thursday, October 16th from 3 – 6 PM. Free, ages 10-14.

Friday, October 17th from 3 – 6 PM. Free, ages 6-12.

Please note: Winter program registration begins on December 8th

EVENT CALENDAR

Indigenous Peoples Day in Minneapolis
A celebration will be held 4-7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 13, at the Minneapolis American Indian Center, 1530 E. Franklin Ave.

October 18: Nordeast Brew Fest
ESNS 1700 2nd St. NE  1:00 - 4:00 PM   Help prevent child abuse. Northeast Exchange Club event.

Artspace Jackson Flats Resident Art Show
Monday October 20 from 7 to 9:30 - Gray Gallery

Fall Arts - November 7 – 9
Art Attack: Northrup King
Cache: Casket and Carriage House
California Building; Second Saturday
Q.Arma: First Fridays

Community Meetings - Improvements to Northeast Park
There are several open houses and community meetings scheduled to address the upgrades planned for Northeast Park. All meetings are from 6 to 7:30 PM and open to all Northeasters.

- Open House – Monday, Oct. 20th at Eastside Neighborhood Services, 1700 2nd St. NE, 55413
- Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting #1 – Thursday, Nov. 6th at Logan Park Community Center Multipurpose Room
- CAC Meeting #2 – Monday, Nov. 24th at Pillsbury School, 2250 Garfield St. NE, 55418
- Open House – Thursday, Dec. 11th at Northeast Library, 2200 Central Ave. NE, 55418
Tool Library Coming to Northeast

A new library is coming to Northeast, though this one won’t be lending books. Late September, the Northeast Minneapolis Tool Library (NEMTL) held its first public meeting with two-dozen people in attendance. The next meeting is Wednesday, October 22nd from 6 - 8 PM at the Northeast Library (2200 Central Ave. NE). Those interested in a space where Northeasters can check out tools or equipment for home maintenance, gardening, crafts, or other do-it-yourself projects should attend, or call (971) 222-9118 email: northeast.mpls.tool.library@gmail.com

Mission Statement:
“In creating the Northeast Minneapolis Tool Library, we hope to: reduce household material consumption in the community; bring neighbors together and develop a stronger sense of community; encourage community members to develop do-it-yourself skills; and improve the quality of existing housing stock in Northeast Minneapolis.”

October Puzzler - Minnesotans & Words

They Are Famous For

1.) "That's the news from Lake Wobegon, where all the women are strong, all the men are good looking, and all the children are above average."
   a. Zina Garrison
   b. Garrison Keillor
   c. Jimmy Garrison

2.) "Good grief, Charlie Brown"
   a. Charles de Gaulle
   b. Charles Osgood
   c. Charles Schulz

3.) "Toto, I've a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore..."
   a. Judge Judy
   b. Judy Garland
   c. Judy Woodruff

4.) "Purple rain, purple rain, I only want to see you laughing in the purple rain..."
   a. Queen
   b. Prince
   c. Duke of Earl

5.) "We all do better when we all do better."
   a. Paul Simon
   b. Paul Newman
   c. Paul Wellstone

6.) "Always be a winner. Stand for something. Always have class, and be humble."
   a. John Lennon
   b. John Madden
   c. John Wayne

This month's prize is a gift card to Maya Restaurant on Central Avenue. A winner will be selected by random drawing, so please leave your entry at the Logan Park Community Center by 5 PM on Wednesday, October 15th.

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Address_________________
Email_________________
Phone_________________