Arbor Day celebration at Logan Park

Advertising for Arbor Day festivities at Logan Park heralded the fact that the 45th parallel runs straight through the park. Such a midway placement between polar vortices and rainforest sized mosquitoes was quite welcome on the evening of April 29 – blue skies, spring sun, and neighborly joy abounded.

Starting at 4 p.m., Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board arborists helped participants plant over 100 trees throughout the park. People for Parks provided the trees. Chriss Joyce, Executive Director, and Jay Halvorson, Treasurer, stated that the trees were planted in memory of Carl T. Remick, Jr., a private donor who provided funds for new park trees. They explained that the People for Parks board chooses a different park every year for the event and tree planting. Pre-dug holes, as well as felling of diseased trees prior to the event, made the work a bit easier, and the playing a little more widespread.

Various stations around the park showed attendees the multiple skills needed to maintain urban trees: bucket truck rides gave the bravest a close view of the tree top environment; MPRB arborists showed how to use throw lines and bags to lead a rope up to the highest crooks of trees; and other MPRB and private sector volunteers showed interested participants how to use anchored ropes to scale trees. Neighborhood children also learned how easy it is to move felled trunks with the right tools.

Kings were toppled in Kubb, a Swedish lawn game, and treasure troves of pennies were discovered in a pile of sawdust. A bouncy house, Elmer the Elm Tree, Your Community Band, minnow races, tree trunk checkers, and a beer garden (co-sponsored by MPRB and Brewing a Better Forest) rounded out the gathering.

As our urban forest found new growth, spring chatter helped dust off the vestiges of lonely hibernation.

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CLEAN SWEEP

Spring 2016 Logan Park clean sweep was a big success. Thank you to all the folks who volunteered and helped fill two trucks to the brim! Thank you to Indeed Brewing for hosting volunteers for a beverage and Jacobson Transfer for picking up tires and the tab for lunch from Diamonds. Look for information in September regarding a second clean sweep this fall.
At the Park— Fun Summer programs

**Summer Lunches/Snacks**

June 13-August 19

Lunches are provided by Minneapolis Public schools and are for children ages 1-18.
Lunches must be eaten on park property and are free.
Lunches is served Monday-Friday 11:30-1pm        Snacks 3-4pm

**New this year at Logan Park**

Youth will learn the lifelong sport of tennis and compete in a grand tournament involving 23 parks on July 16 at the Reed Sweat Family Tennis Center. The program provides each participant with an hour of fundamental tennis lessons, Monday through Friday for five weeks. On-the-spot scholarships available to any participant who may need financial assistance. Summer Tennis in the Parks is the longest running program, spanning more than 63 years and impacting more than 75,000 children.

June 13th-July 15  Cost $85

Ages 6-7: 8 - 9am  Ages 8-10:  9am - 10am  Ages 11-13: 10am - 11am  Ages 14-17: 11am - 12pm

Bring your completed registration form to the tennis courts on Monday, June 13 or register online at http://www.innercitytennis.org/. Registration forms available at recreation centers.

**Camp NE**

This summer program will keep kids busy and ease parents' minds. Each week will be a different theme, with art projects, outdoor activities, snacks and games. This camp is extremely popular, so register early to ensure another summer of fun with Justine and the crew. Thursdays we visit the Jim Lupient water park. This year admission to the waterpark IS INCLUDED IN YOUR FEE. Come early for FREE summer lunch.
Free snack will also be served between 3-4pm.  Cost $150  Ages 6-12

Session 1 June 13-30 # 61758
Session 2 July 11-28 # 61762
Session 3 August 1-18 61764

**Preschool Camps**

Where the Wild Things are #61739
Bug and Butterfly Camp #61740
Mini Space Camp #61738
Budding Botanists Camp #61660

No park programs on July 4th

**Jazz Concert**  
Wednesday, June 29th 3-6pm
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Lending Center home improvement loans
Logan Park has partnered with the Lending Center to offer a variety of financing options that allow homeowners to complete their projects with low month payments and fixed low rates.

Get started today by calling 612-335-5884 or visit mnlendingcenter.org. The Lending Center at CEE is a Minnesota nonprofit that has been helping homeowners for over 35 years.

May 18th meeting preview
Small Area Plan Update
Logan Park Wading Pool has been approved

Board elections— have you wanted to get involved in your neighborhood and make a real difference? Join us on the Logan Park Neighborhood board. Come and share your ideas.

Northeast Minneapolis Farmers Market opens May 21
With Spring comes the opening day of the Northeast Farmers Market! We are looking forward to gorgeous produce, fresh coffee and juices, honey, specialty foods, art, crafts and jewelry, baked goods, prepared food and so much more! Expect live music, children's activities, and food trucks every Saturday!

We will be in the parking lot of St. Boniface Church from 9am-1pm. Rain or shine we'll be there to greet you with a smile.

Northeast Minneapolis Farmers Market Saturdays, May 21st - October 22nd 9:00am-1:00pm

Help us get to 300 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 - https://nextdoor.com

Bonfires / Recreational Fires
If you would like to enjoy a recreational fire on your property, just make sure it meets the guidelines set forth by the Minneapolis Fire Department.

The fire must be contained in a fire pit or free standing structure meant for bonfires; you can ONLY burn untreated wood – nothing else; the amount of untreated wood must not exceed 3 feet wide or 2 feet tall; the fire must be 25 feet away from any structure or combustible material; you must have a garden hose or fire extinguisher ready,

You can only burn between 9am-10pm, and when winds are less than 10mph.

More details on the rules for Minneapolis recreational fires can be found here: http://bit.ly/1VR9Cfd

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Art a Whirl is coming May 20 – 22

NEMAA is looking for volunteers to assist during Art-A-Whirl, which will take place in Northeast Minneapolis May 20-22, 2016. Volunteering is a fun way to participate in this beloved event! We rely on the support of over 100 dedicated Art-A-Whirl volunteers to ensure the success of this event. Shifts take place between April 20 - May 23, and there are various positions including: information booth greeters, assistance with the Art-A-Whirl Silent Auction fundraiser, and much more! To sign up visit: nema.org

Adopt-A-Tree...Get a Free Brew or Matchbox Coffee

When you adopt a tree, you are agreeing to keep that tree watered through the current or upcoming growing season. Plan to water your adopted tree once a week if we have not seen substantial rain. We will be sure to send out alerts when trees need your help! The trees will thank you.

Photos from the Arbor Day celebration at Logan Park