

### Meeting: September 21, 2016 7 p.m. 690 13th Avenue Logan Park

### The Great Northern Greenway a vision for the future

This is a time of burgeoning connectivity in the Minneapolis area – the time of the great railroads and booming industry that led to the NE Minneapolis we know and love. But what is the Great Northern Greenway of the 21st century?

The Great Northern Greenway refers to infrastructure that will focus on connecting non-motorized travelers across the northern half of the city. From Theodore Wirth Parkway to the Diagonal trail, the project will utilize both off and on-road trails and paths. Connecting this infrastructure across the Mississippi River is one of the challenges to be solved as conversation, planning, and implementation unfold.

The geographic focus of the Great Northern Greenway is along 26th Avenue North to the Mississippi River, then up to the 18th Ave NE Bike Trail, with a spur along the Green Community Connector of 22nd Ave NE. Nellie Stone Johnson Elementary/Farview Park and Edison High School/Jackson Square Park provide anchoring points. Both campuses will showcase green technology and urban agriculture best practices that will also be reflected along other points of the Great Northern Greenway.

Formal conversations about the Great Northern Greenway began in December 2014 when the concepts and geography of the trail were laid out. In 2015 the Holland Neighborhood Improvement Association in collaboration with the Minneapolis Riverfront Partnership received a Community Innovation Fund grant to do outreach and develop a vision for the project. Earlier this year, with help from the Cuningham Group, the same partners developed a collaborative vision statement that reflects the future of the GNG.

At their August meeting, the GNG steering committee participated in an exercise to identify potential points of interest along the GNG route. This information, and information to be gathered regarding other infrastructure, will be compiled and an interactive digital map.

Learn more at the fall meetings held at the MWMO at <u>2522 Marshall St NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418</u>. All meetings are held at <u>7:30 am</u>. We hope you will consider joining us!

Thursday, September 22 Thursday, October 27 Thursday, November 10 Thursday, December 8

For more information visit our website at: www.minneapolisriverfront.org/riverfront-initiatives/great-northern-greenway/

If you are interested in participating in the GNG steering committee, or wish to receive updates, please contact Adelheid Koski of the Holland Neighborhood Improvement Association at <a href="holland@hnia.org">holland@hnia.org</a>.

### **Logan Park Neighborhood Association**

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### Fall into fun in Minneapolis parks!

Stay busy and active this fall with the help of Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's (MPRB) latest Park Highlights brochure.

The publication features a sampling of MPRB activities, programs and events like fall foliage viewing locations, upcoming park improvements and long-term projects underway, registration dates for upcoming sports leagues, volunteer opportunities, and everything else the parks have to offer between September and December.

You can find the brochures at MPRB buildings (including recreation centers), Minneapolis libraries, coffee shops near parks and other Minneapolis locations. The brochure is also available on our website at <a href="https://www.minneapolisparks.org/recbrochures">www.minneapolisparks.org/recbrochures</a> for online viewing and downloading.

# Logan Park Fall Fundraiser at Indeed Wednesday October 12th

Bring your friends and join your neighbors for the 'Indeed We Can' fundraiser supporting Logan Park Neighborhood Association.

Indeed Brewing supports local non profits by hosting these weekly events.

A significant portion of the evening profits go to the selected group and these funds help us support events in the Logan not covered by our city funds.

The event starts at 3pm and goes all evening. The scheduled food truck is the Smoking Cow.

#ColdBeerWarmFuzzies #IndeedWeCan

### **Fall Meeting Preview**

- Kathleen Boe, Great Northern Greenway
- Angela Cross, Loss prevention
- City of Minneapolis Representative from 311 services, presentation and Q&A

### **Clean Sweep Saturday October 1st**

Logan Park neighborhood will host its second CleanSweep event of 2016 on Saturday, October 1st.

All large refuse and metal items, as well as construction debris, should be placed in one's usual refuse pick-up area by 9am on October 1st.

A city crew, along with Logan Park volunteers, will collect and dispose of the items as part of Minneapolis' Neighborhood CleanSweep program.

A list of acceptable items will be posted online and around the neighborhood in the coming weeks, so keep and eye out.

If you've been waiting to clean out the garage or dispose of some large items, now is the time!

We would love to have your join us as we walk the alleys and load the trucks. Coffee and pastries provided at the park before we leave. Hope to see you on the 1st!

### Fun at the Park — Events

### Fall hours will take effect August 29th

Monday through Friday 3:00 to 9:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Free Dinners for children 18 & under will resume September 12<sup>th</sup>

#### Children/Youth programs

#### Villain Halloween Ball

Fairytale villains have arrived to take over the Halloween Ball in this festive, family-friendly event. Help the princesses restore order while enjoying dancing, hero and villain photo ops, and themed activities.

Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Columbia Manor 3300 Central Ave NE

Ages 5-13 Cost: \$25

Register online at www.minneapolisparks.org activity #67259

#### Adult Programs at Logan

#### A Matter of Balance

This program emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls. You will learn to set goals for increasing activity, make changes to reduce fall risks at home, and exercise to increase strength and balance. If you are concerned about falls or interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength, this is for you. Cost is based on ability to pay. No one will be turned away due to financial restraints.

Fridays, September 23rd through November 18th, 10:00 to 12:00 (No Class October 28th)

To register, call Echo at NE Seniors, <u>612-781-5096</u>

#### Zumba

Zumba will return to Logan after a summer in the AC at Bottineau. \$1 to attend, please pay at the front desk. Saturdays 10:00 to 11:00 am starting September 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Free Twin Cities Yoga

Free quality yoga in studio spaces around the Twin Cities. We have a few donated yoga mats, the supply is limited. Each class is adult, all levels vinyasa, this means your body will be moving during most of class, rather than holding poses for a long period of time. Your instructor, Tatum Fjerstad, is from Minnesota and has over five years of experience teaching yoga all over the country. She describes her teaching style as simple and approachable and has a good sense of humor.

Tuesdays at Logan starting September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7:35 pm to 8:35 pm

#### Beginning Tai Chi and Qigong

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, all ages and abilities welcome.

September 6th through October 18th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm, cost is \$50

#### Pickleball

Pickleball combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. It is accessible to a wider range of players, particularly children and seniors. Everyone and all levels are welcome! Participants also have the option of dropping in and paying \$4 at the door.

Fridays, September 9th through December 19th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm

### **Environmental Education for Youth**

#### Join the conversation: envisioning the future of environmental education for youth

Connecting youth to the natural world, helping them learn about environmental issues, and working with them to develop solutions is critical to prepare them for a world with increasingly complex environmental challenges.

Help Hennepin County understand how we can best support youth development and environmental education efforts by joining in a conversation to uncover the benefits of, barriers to, and effective strategies for engaging youth in environmental education.

Anyone interested in providing programs or services to youth, preparing them for the future, or protecting the environment is encouraged to attend. All meetings will be the same, we hope you will attend one! Refreshments will be provided.

#### Meetings are scheduled for:

Thursday, September 15 from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm at the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization, 2522 Marshall St NE in Minneapolis

Thursday, September 29 from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm at the Brookdale Library in Brooklyn Center, 6125 Shingle Creek Pkwy

Thursday, September 29 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at the Brookdale Library in Brooklyn Center

To learn more, ask questions and RSVP contact Alisa Reckinger at <u>alisa.reckinger@hennepin.us</u> or <u>612-</u>348-4788.

Or RSVP online at the Hennepin County website: <a href="http://www.hennepin.us/business/work-with-henn-co/envisioning-future-environmental-education">http://www.hennepin.us/business/work-with-henn-co/envisioning-future-environmental-education</a>

## **Staying Green in the City**

### Purchase a compost bin

Interested in backyard composting but don't have a compost bin? Now is the time to get one! Compost is the single most important supplement you can give your garden soil. It helps plant growth and restores vitality to depleted soil. It's also free, easy to make and good for the environment.

Hennepin County is selling compost bins to help you start composting your fruit and vegetable scraps and yard waste in your backyard. Bins are 3 feet by 3 feet by 3 feet and are made of cedar and wire mesh. The cost is \$45.

Pre-order a compost bin for pick up at a distribution event. The final distribution event of 2016 is scheduled for <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>September 20</u> from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the <u>Harvest Moon Co-op</u> in Long Lake.

Compost bins are also for sale at the Hennepin County Drop-off Facility in Brooklyn Park at <u>8100 Jefferson Hwy, Brooklyn Park, MN 55445</u> between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm; no pre-order needed.

For more information, contact Kira Berglund at kira.berglund@hennepin.us or 612-596-1498.