ACTIVITIES AT LOGAN PARK

Ice Skating Lessons
Tuesdays Jan 8-February 12 ages 3-6 5:30-6:30 ages 6-12 4:15:5:15
Cost: $20 www.minneapolisparks.org Activity # 25033 (ages 3-6) #25034 (ages 6-12)
Learn to skate is a basic skills program for skaters who have little or no experience. We will teach skating skills of forward stride, balance, edges and stopping, as well as incorporating skating games to practice what we have learned. Limited number of skates will be provided if needed. Equipment required, mitten, helmets and skates. This class is taught by Kathy Cordex

Camp Shooting Stars
Kindergarten & 1st Grade
Sunday, January 13th-February 17th 3-4pm
Cost: $25 www.minneapolisparks.org Activity # 24277
In this camp children in grades Kindergarten-1st grade will learn how to dribble, pass and of course shoot the basketball. Drills are designed to be age appropriate. This fun, non-competitive camp is a great way to introduce your child to basketball. Instructor DeMarlon Choice.

Fundamental Basketball
2nd & 3rd Grade
Practices Wednesday, January 2nd-February 13th ~No practice January 30th
Games Friday, January 11-February 15th 6pm or 7pm at Bottineau Park
Cost: $25 www.minneapolisparks.org Activity # 20296
Children will develop fundamental basketball skills in a positive, encouraging atmosphere. The program will focus on progressive skills development, teamwork, and sportsmanship.
Instructor Russell Flewellen

Tia Chi
Adult
Tuesday, January 8-February 12 Beginner 6-7pm, Advanced 7-8pm
Cost: $50 per session www.minneapolisparks.org Activity # 25369 (Beginner) #25371 (Advanced)
Please wear loose comfortable clothing and flat shoes. Tai Chi is beneficial to improve health, balance and flexibility. Join certified Instructor Marie Mathay in this gentle, slow-moving series of ancient Tai Chi exercises designed to improve physical and mental well-being. Sun style Tai Chi introduces basic Tai Chi and Qigong principles and movements, activates internal energy and promotes the calming harmony of body, mind and breath.

Family Valentine Making Party
All Ages
Sunday, February 10th 1-3pm
Cost: $5 per family www.minneapolisparks.org Activity # 25867
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

BLOCK LEADER TRAINING:
The Minneapolis Police Department Crime Prevention team will present a block leader training on January 30th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the 2nd Precinct located at 1911 Central Ave NE. Meet the new Crime Prevention Specialist for Northeast, Susan Bradshaw. Topics covered will include an introduction to community crime prevention, organization of a block or apartment club, services Crime Prevention provides, leadership duties of a club block organizer, how and when to use 911, and effective problem solving techniques.
Please RSVP by calling 612-673-2874 or email susan.bradshaw@minneapolismn.gov or nicholas.juarez@minneapolismn.gov

Some Shop Local suggestions for January and February
Pierogies, pieroby, pyrohy or varenky are the stuffed dumpling comfort foods of Northeast Minneapolis. We have tried to find the places to try eat in or take out, hopefully we got them all.
Holy Cross Catholic Church for the annual Fat Tuesday Meal February 12
Kromarcz’s East European Deli for poncezyki February 13
Ziach Polish Foods take out
St. Mary’s Orthodox Church take out Fridays only
Nye’s Polonaise Room eat out/take out
Saint Constantine’s Ukrainian Catholic Church eat in/take out Fridays only
Saint Michaels Ukrainian Orthodox Church take out Fridays
And for Valentine’s day the Flower Guys. February 14

Ethnic Film Series

Logan Park is proud to announce the premier event of its Ethnic Film Series: Celebrating the Multicultural Identity of Northeast. Bienvenue Chez les Ch’tis (“Welcome to the Sticks”) will be shown on January 17th at the Ritz Theater (345 13th Ave NE, Minneapolis) at 7 PM. The 2008 film, directed by Dany Boon, is in French with English subtitles and runs for 108 minutes. Sheridan Neighborhood Association is co-sponsoring this event.

Bienvenue Chez les Ch’tis is a comedy about a French postman who tries to get transferred from the south of France to the French Riviera, but instead gets banished to the far north of France — the sticks! Their food is different, their dialect sounds like a different language, and he decides he can’t even ask his family to join him there. The story unfolds comically as he begins to really like the north, but can’t admit it to his wife, who thinks he’s just being brave. It is a well-loved iconic film in France, and has been watched by more of the French people than any film in their history!

After the screening, French desserts and coffee will be served at the Ritz, accompanied by a discussion about the film and French culture. Watch for area restaurants and clubs to provide French menus and beverages that evening, making it a French Night Out on the Town. And every three months, this series will feature the influence of other immigrant cultures in Northeast Minneapolis.

Admission is free, and free childcare will be available at 342 13th Ave NE (across the street from the Ritz Theater) from 6:30 to 9:30 PM with advance arrangement. To request childcare for this event, contact Logankarina@aol.com, or call 612-516-5762 by 4:00 PM January 15, 2012.
Tickets available by contacting the Ritz box office Tuesday-Friday from 12 PM to 5 PM at 612-436-1129.
General Seating after 6:40 PM. If available, Space is limited.

All inquiries should be directed to logankarina@aol.com or 612-516-5762

Lights of Logan Holiday Lights Winners
Congratulations to the following addresses:
• 1306 Adams Northeast Street
• 1333 Madison Northeast Street
• 1542 Jefferson Northeast Street

Please pickup your prize money at the January general meeting on January 16th at 7pm, bring an id for proof.
807 Broadway is now officially for sale.

CPED is accepting offers until 2/22/13. CPED and MPS will then review the offers. CPED will ask the finalists to present their proposals to LPNA during the March meeting on 3/20/13.

There will be a building tour on 1/24/13 1pm-4pm. To make a reservation, interested people should email Mark Garner, mark.garner@minneapolismn.gov.


The “Final Report from the 807 Broadway Task Force”, a collaborative effort between the Task Force and MCAD students is included in the website.

Business Beat: Central Ave NE and 14th Ave NE BNSF Rail Road Bridge Overpass

There have been many rumors and much emotionally charged discourse regarding the closure of Central Ave NE, otherwise known as State Hwy 65, over the past few months.

The main street of Northeast Minneapolis, Central Ave NE, may be closed for 4 to 8 months beginning in August 2013. Businesses, residents and our state representative, Diane Loeffler are advocating for less disruption.

There were as of December 19, 2012 three options still being reviewed by MN DOT. 1) Close Central Ave NE and re-route the 16,600 cars, trucks and buses that run under the overpass each day. 2) Keep one lane open each way and restrict some traffic for the duration. 3) Re-route the 8-10 daily trains for approximately six weeks and limit the road closure to that time frame.

History 1: Closing Central Ave NE was the plan that was revealed July 25 2012 and has not been ruled out as of the writing of this newsletter. The meeting was held in the middle of the afternoon at the Northeast Public Library. Not even the State Representative for this area, Diane Loeffler, knew that MN DOT was advocating closure of Central until that day. Original closure date was March 2013 for six months. Ten people attended that July meeting. No neighborhood groups or affected area businesses or residents were invited to the meeting. We don’t know who MN DOT invited.

History 2: At LPNA request MN DOT supervisor for the Western Twin Cities District, engineer Scott Pederson, attended the September 14 2012 Logan Park Community meeting at 7 PM. Because MNDOT had the money to do it and in some year in the future it would need to be replaced anyway (paraphrased comments).

History 3: On October 3, 2012 a meeting of businesses was held on Central Ave NE at Diamonds. Three businesses showed up because there was no notice given to other businesses. LPNA was not notified as agreed at the September 14, 2012 meeting. At this meeting MN DOT coordinator Ron Rauchle agreed to keep business owners and residents in the loop regarding developments.

History 4: After no communication from MN DOT about the impending probable closure of Central, Lucy Bacon at Diamonds, organized a public meeting on December 19 2012 at her business. It is the first of many meetings scheduled for the new year. Over 20 people in attendance. Diane Loeffler attended and explained the options that MN DOT is exploring. Every business and resident attending agreed that keeping at least one lane open on Central Ave NE for the duration of the work was necessary for economic viability and personal transit needs.

Many residents rely on the bus for all transit. Walking to Johnson St NE or University Ave NE or to Lowry or to Broadway is not an option for most of these people. People chose to live by transit and Northeast is the pilot project for Edison High School and Northeast Middle School students to use the Metro buses to get to school. Also MN DOT was unaware of Art-A-Whirl and the NE parade. After this public meeting, organized by LPNA, the date of the closure moved to August 2013 to accommodate neighborhood concerns. Scott Pederson agreed at this community meeting to meet with more businesses and residents as there were many things MN DOT was glad to learn.

Scott Peterson was asked if the bridge was dangerous at the September 14, 2012 meeting and he said no it wasn’t dangerous or about to collapse. Rather, the reason for the new bridge was because MN DOT has the money to do it and in some year in the future it would need to be replaced anyway (paraphrased comments).

FARE FOR ALL 2013 Schedule

The FARE FOR ALL Express is located at the Sprinkler Fitters Union Hall, 1404 Central Avenue NE Mpls, MN55413.

Fridays 2:00 pm-4:00 pm

2013 Dates

January 18               July 19
February 15              August 16
March 15                 September 13
April 12                 October 11
May 17                   November 8
June 14                  December 6

Contact Fare For All
www.fareforall.org
763-450-3880

Volunteer Opportunity

The Little Kitchen Food Shelf Northeast Minneapolis is looking for drivers with a Class C drivers license to drive a provided van to get people to and from the fare for all program. You would pickup people at the food shelf and Logan Park, deliver them to Fare for All on central avenue, wait and drop the m back off. Time commitment would about 4 hours a month( Fare for All schedule in this newsletter for exact times and location)If interested contact our LPNA email. loganparkna@aol.com