The city-wide one-sort recycling roll-out was completed on June 14th, 2013. With over 100,000 one-sort carts being used, the City hopes to double recyclables collected from 18,000 tons to 36,000 tons by 2015. Plastic bags and Styrofoam are frequently being placed in recycling carts. These items are NOT accepted in the one-sort program. Plastic bags may be brought to a participating grocery store for recycling or placed in the garbage. Styrofoam should be placed in the garbage.

Fun Fact: Recycling a 1-foot tall stack of paper saves enough energy for you to take a hot shower daily for a week. About 20% of Minnesotan’s household garbage is recyclable paper. Search your house for more paper products that you could be recycling today!

If you have any questions regarding your solid waste and recycling services, please visit www.minneapolismn.gov/onesort or call Solid Waste & Recycling at (612) 673-2917.

Logan Park Activities

Girls Group: Ages 6-17: Tuesdays from 4 PM to 5:30 PM until August 13, 2013
LEGO Camp-Collision Car: Grades 4-8: August 12 to August 15, 2013: 9 AM to Noon
Nature Nuts Day Camp-Earth Explorers: ages at least 3 but less than 6; August 5-8, 2013, 10 AM to Noon
Pick-up Games: Ages at least 6 to less than 13 through August 12, 2013 12:30 PM each day
ART in the Park Pop-Up Studio: July 16 to July 23, 2013: ages at least 6 up to 13 Tuesdays 1:30 - 3:00 PM
Art on a Cart: ages at least 3 up to 18 Each Tuesday Noon to 1 PM except July 16, 2013.
Free Summer Lunches Monday to Friday 11:30 to 1 PM ages at least 1 up to 19.

Register on line at www.minneapolisparks.org or call 612-370-4927

National Night Out

A friendly neighborhood is a safe neighborhood. Minneapolis leads the nation in National Night Out participation and this year NNO will occur on Tuesday, August 6th.

There are many ways to show support for crime prevention during NNO. For instance, residents can leave a light on to “shine the light on crime,” or plan events and parties to get to know their neighbors. But if you want to plan a block party, July 23rd is the deadline for registering a free NNO street closure — register online at http://www.minneapolismn.gov/nno/nno_register

Following that (from July 24th to August 1st) street closure events will cost $100.00. After August 1st, no street closures can be processed or permitted.

To close the street, you will need 75% of your neighbors on a block to sign a petition, but keep in mind that you don’t need to close the street to have a block party and get to know one another. In fact, many blocks have a potluck BBQ in someone’s backyard, or meet at a local park or community room and order pizzas.

The film Life of Pi showing Monday night July 29th at Logan Park. Free!

Film begins at dusk so bring a blanket, chair, some bug repellent, and enjoy.

Open Streets On Central Ave. July 28th from 10 AM to 4 PM

For almost 40 years, streets in Bogotá, Colombia have shut down so that residents could wander up and down the streets - by bike, by skateboard, however they pleased. They called the tradition Ciclovía, and it has since grown into a worldwide phenomenon.

We saw Ciclovía as the perfect chance to promote healthy living, local businesses, sustainable transportation and civic pride in Minneapolis. That’s why, along with the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition, we created our own version, called Open Streets Minneapolis. On four different major Minneapolis streets, we shut down traffic for a day so that residents can gather, get some exercise, participate in spontaneous play activities, and get to know one another.

We hope you’ll join us this year in your own neighborhood, and enjoy it from a different perspective. Come wander the Open Streets on Central Avenue from 18 1/2 Avenue to 26th Avenue and have some fun! You can even bring your dog.

And of course, it’s free! Children may stop by the LPNA table that day for a treat.

Central Nicollet Transit Line

Charleen Zimmer will present the transit alternatives for the new Central – Nicollet line at the July 17, 2013 LPNA community meeting. The transit line has the potential to transform Central Avenue into the bustling main street it used to be. Whether Northeast ends up with a modified bus or a real street car is still to be decided. The exact route near the river is also being debated. Citizens, it is time to weigh in on the following: Should the route go down Central and continue across the river onto 3rd Ave South and then unto Nicollet or should it go down Hennepin and cross on the Hennepin bridge? If you have an opinion or wish to get informed, this is the meeting to attend and vote on various alternatives. Should Northeast have a modified bus or street car? What about the bicycle lanes? Transit drives development in every city and it is time to vote on the future of Central Avenue.
Closing the Digital Divide- Classes Begin Soon

Neighbors and residents at the Holland High Rise located at 1717 Washington St NE celebrated the new computer internet connectivity on June 26 with a sing-a-long featuring Dan Chouainard on piano. The resident council provided enthusiastic voices and the beverages while Logan Park Neighborhood Association’s own Donna Norberg volunteered to bring lovely spread of goodies. Donna was also instrumental in moving the project forward when the group hit a glitch with the wireless company. LPNA purchased the following equipment to make the connectivity a possibility: Modems, routers, repeaters, 9 laptops, a film screen, LDC projector and laser color printer. This equipment will be loaned out to residents who complete the two hour orientation and computer training. Residents are looking forward to movie nights in the community room.

Neighbors from all of Logan Park Neighborhood are encouraged to sign up for computer training. These classes will be available for everyone and be held at the high rise. Call LPNA (612-516-5762) and leave a message if you would like to attend the class. LPNA will work to meet all levels of interest.

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Public Hearings Set on Municipal Utilities

The Minneapolis City Council set two public hearings to consider authorizing the establishment of municipal electrical and gas utilities. The hearings are:

10 a.m., Aug. 1, to consider authorizing the establishment of a municipal electrical utility.
10:30 a.m., Aug. 1, to consider authorizing the establishment of a municipal gas utility.

The public hearings will take place during the City Council’s Committee of the Whole meeting in the City Council Chamber, Room 317 of City Hall.

The Minnesota City Council is seeking legislative changes to allow negotiations with Xcel and CenterPoint to explore how Minneapolis could make progress toward its goals for sustainable energy, improved air quality, equity and green jobs. The City wishes to explore options to achieve its energy goals outside the existing franchise agreement structure including the potential for having Municipal ownership of one or both energy utilities. For more information: More information is available at www.minneapolismn.gov/energyfranchise.

Fare For All program.

This is a non-profit program of the Emergency Foodshelf Network and our mission to increase access to affordable and nutritious food for everyone in Minnesota. There is a FFA location in NE Minneapolis at the Sprinkler Fitters Union Hall at 1401 Central Ave NE which is right down the street from you. Distributions are once a month on a Friday from 2:00-4:00 pm. If you want to learn more about our program please feel free to visit our website at www.fareforall.org

Eligible Neighborhoods Served by HousingResource Center - North

- Jordan
- Folwell
- McKinley
- Webber-Camden
- Hawthorn
- Shingle Creek
- Near North
- Willard-Hay
- Harrison
- Lind-Bohanon
- Cleveland
- Marshall Terrace
- Victory
- Columbia Park
- Windom Park
- Audubon Park
- Bottineau
- Beltrami
- Logan Park
- Northeast Park
- Sumner Glenwood

For more information or to request an application, contact the HousingResource Center-North or visit the Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation (GMHC) web site at www.gmhchousing.org.

Minneapolis Advantage – CRV Fact Sheet

1) $200,000 is available in Minnesota Housing CRV funds for homebuyer assistance in targeted neighborhoods (eligible neighborhoods are listed below).

2) Borrower’s household income may not exceed $94,700. If the borrower’s primary financing is FHA, the borrower’s annual income may not exceed 115% of HUD’s determination of area median income when adjusted for household size, not to exceed $94,700. For example, a household of two may not have an annual income exceeding $75,785.

3) Eligible property is any single family detached home or duplex that is being purchased in an eligible neighborhood (homes being purchased on a Contract for Deed are not eligible).

4) There is no purchase price limit.

5) Borrower must owner-occupy the home as long as the loan remains in place.