Tina Tot's is back at Logan Park

Monday & Friday starting October 7th 10-noon
Children and parent/caregiver ages 0-6
Cost: $2.50 per family
Does your little one have energy to burn this fall? Then you need our "indoor playground" complete with balls, toys and mats. When they are tired from running the quiet room will be open for quiet activities. Snack & coffee is included. This is a great way to get to know other families in the neighborhood and meet new friends. Adult must accompany child.
Cost is per day you attend. You can also purchase a punch card for $20. No Tiny Tots Nov 29.

Halloween Party
Saturday, October 26th 4-6pm
Family friendly event-free
Kids Music, Moonwalk, Face Painting, Art project, Healthy Snacks and a treat bag for the kids

Winter Sports
Registrations for Winter Sports start November 4th at 6pm
Sports at Logan include
Wrestling (ages 6-14)
Basketball (ages 5-17)
Hockey (ages 6-14)
Volunteer Coaches are needed. Contact Heidi at Logan Hockey (ages 6-14) Basketball (ages 5-17)
Save the Date!
Cinderella Ball will be Saturday, March 8th from 6-7:30pm at Columbia Manor. Registration will begin December 2nd at 6pm.

Be considerate and follow the law when having recreational fires

It’s getting to be the time of year when many Minneapolis residents enjoy a small outdoor recreational fire. Residents who like to have a fire in their yards should keep these City ordinances in mind to keep Minneapolis safe and livable:

• Outdoor fires are permitted between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m.
• Keep fire small, less than three feet in diameter and two feet high.
• Burn only untreated, unpainted, dry wood. Never burn cardboard boxes, trash or debris, because the smoke can be toxic. www.minneapolismn.gov/ environment/air/airquality
• Fire must be at least 25 feet away from a structure or combustible material and in a fire ring or pit with edges more than six inches high.
• Have a hose or fire extinguisher present.
• Postpone the fire when the wind exceeds 10 mph.
• Fire must be constantly attended by someone 18 years or older and completely out before being abandoned.

Illegal burning can result in a $200 fine.

Ranked Choice Voting Trainer
Grace Ramsey, from Fair Vote Minnesota, will provide a half hour training at the LPNA community meeting October 16th. Afterwards there will be a question and answer period. RCV ballots, with fictional candidate names, will be made available for practice and demonstration purposes. If RCV has you concerned, this is the place learn how to navigate the RCV ballots prior to the November 5th election. Logan Park residents vote at the 1717 Washington St NE high rise on November 5th as precinct 1-8 did not change boundaries. Logan Park Neighborhood and precinct 1-8 boundaries are as follows: the north boundary is 19th Ave NE (south side of avenue only) to Central Ave NE (west side of avenue only) to the Washington St NE (east side of street only) to 19th Ave NE (south side of avenue only) to Broadway St NE (north side of street only). There will be a map at the meeting.

Computer Training Class: Free to All
Join neighbors and/or bring a friend to the next two computer classes held at 1717 Washington Ave NE, Holland High Rise on Saturday October 12 and October 19 from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. If you don’t have a computer, that is okay. There are some available for you to use. On October 12 the topics covered will be how to crop a photo, how to set up an email account, and how to use Craig’s list for job searches, resume submission and many other uses. The October 19 class will cover setting up a blog or rudimentary website. More classes will be scheduled depending on demand. You may bring your own laptop computer if you wish.

Basic computer classes are held every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 at the high rise for people who are unfamiliar with computers. Patient and helpful volunteers will give hands on help. Learn how to turn on a computer, use a mouse, set up an email account and Facebook page; search the internet for music or for lost relatives or whatever you want to know. Space is limited so call 612-516-5762.
807 Task Force Update

The 807 Task Force is once again working with MCAD students from the Aesthetics of Sustainability class this fall. This is the 2nd of a 5 year program with MCAD (Mpls. College of Art and Design). Last year, the students help design marketing materials used in presenting our case to the Mpls School Board and the community. This year, the students will help the Task Force present the community vision to the selected developer, Hillcrest Development.

The Task Force is continuing in its role as the community engagement partner for the development of 807 Broadway. Hillcrest Development is developing 807 as a commercial office building. The Task Force is working with Hillcrest to incorporate community space as part of the development. We are in the very early stages of this development. The Task Force is meeting with Hillcrest on 10/15 and will report on the meeting at the LPNA General Meeting on 10/16.

If you are interested in joining the 807 Task Force or have any questions for us, our email is 807broadwaytaskforce@gmail.com. Mark Anderson, Takoda Institute volunteer gave over 100 hours to the project. Mark has agreed to consult for LPNA as a trainer and computer maintenance person to keep the momentum up at the Hi-rise over the next few months.

The computer classes are available to everyone in the neighborhood. For more information and to sign up please call the Logan Park Neighborhood Office at 612-516-5762 or email Loganparkna@aol.com.

Cistern Design for 1828 Jefferson St NE

Stantec Engineering has delivered a preliminary design for the River East Development, RED, owners of the old City Water Pump Station located at 1828 Jefferson St NE. This design will be on display at the October 16 community meeting at Logan Park. In 1924, when the building was designed and built by the Minneapolis Water Department the roof was made to slant inward (concave) so that the water would run more efficiently into the rain drain pipes. The rain drain pipes led directly to the storm water sewers. The sewers were co-mingled with waste water sewers and all the storm water and waste water was piped directly into the Mississippi River. Such was the system of efficient run off, waste water and flood control in 1924. Now businesses get huge fines if storm water is disposed of in this manner.

Many buildings in Northeast Minneapolis have similar systems to this one at 1828 Jefferson St NE. LPNA received a grant from the Mississippi Water Management Organization to partner with RED and come up with a cistern solution that can be repeated on other buildings in Logan Park Neighborhood to remedy the storm water pollution problems caused by the design of the older buildings.

Solar Arts Event Space Update

Michael Scott and Donna Sanders represented Solar Arts Building (SAB) owner Duane Arens at the September community meeting. There was a lively discussion of the parking variance that is needed to open the event center. The Solar Arts Building owners will have to secure approval on a petition from 67% of the building owners within 150 feet of their property to get a parking variance. If they secure approval from the nearest neighbors then a public hearing will be held. All property owners within 300 feet of the SAB will be invited via US Mail to the public hearing to give testimony to the City Council.

The city formula for the parking variance is this: the event space on the third floor of 711 15th Ave NE has a seating capacity of 450 people. The city requires off street parking for at least 1/3 of that seating capacity, or 154 spaces. So far, SAB has acquired some spaces from Johnson Paper Co. located at 144 and Quincy St NE and some other spaces from Indeed Brewery’s lot, but SAB is still 98 parking spaces short. Eventually some valet parking will be available at the parking lot located at Broadway and Quincy St NE that was once the old school administration building parking lot. Also SAB has purchased the property at 1531 and 1529 Monroe St NE. The SAB would like to tear down the duplex at that site and pave it for parking. Paving a residential lot will require a zoning variance and that process has not yet begun. If those lots are paved, event patrons would walk behind the north side of the SAB, walk along the rail road berm, and then walk through the Indeed Brewery parking lot to gain access to the SAB doors that lead to the 3rd floor event center.

LPNA board is waiting to hear what the results of the petition from the neighbors who live within 150 feet of the building before deciding whether or not to endorse the parking variance.

City Funds – Your Chance to Weigh In

Residents are encouraged to suggest spending priority ideas to the Logan Park Board. Park Neighborhood has been allocated $38,583.00 for each of the next three years. The LPNA board must approve and submit a citizen engagement plan by November 15, 2013 to receive these funds. The funds must be used to engage all residents in Logan Park neighborhood, especially those who have been unrepresented in the past. Some past programs included: the Northeast Film Series that celebrates the neighborhood’s multi-cultural origins, computer trainings and hardware purchases that help close the Digital Divide for seniors, the 807 Broadway Taskforce, that helped engage business owners, landlords and residents regarding the development of the vacant MSP administration building, Utility Box art project, annual CleanSweep, and a Community Sing. Numerous other smaller projects have also been undertaken to engage and encourage residents to get involved and informed.

Some new ideas that already been suggested for the next three year cycle: 1) Air condition the park building to improve summer meeting attendance, 2) put public art in the park because Logan Park is in the heart of the Art’s District, and 3) work to solve problem properties that are poorly maintained by absentee owners. If you have an idea please let the board know. You can come to the next community meeting October 16 at the Logan Park building and comment, email the board at loganparkna@aol.com, call and leave a message at 612-516-5762, drop off this form with your suggestion(s) in the bucket located on the front porch of 1626 Adams St NE, or mail this form back with your ideas to LPNA 1330 Van Buren St NE MPLS, MN 55413. You will also have an on line method to give input via Facebook and/or form stacker.

I suggest the LPNA board spend funds on this idea(s):

I agree to help implement this idea: Yes ______  NO _____ If yes: Name & Phone required

NE Community Radio

Andrew McNinis from Radio 13 will presenting a brief overview of what is involved in applying for and setting up a low power FM radio station. He will give a status report on the progress Radio 13 has made in securing an LPFM station for North East Minneapolis.

He would also like to start a dialogue with the Logan Park Neighborhood Association regarding any support they may be able to provide to secure the future of the project. Any questions comments or concerns can be directed to nemplscommunityradio@gmail.com.