Logan Park Neighborhood Meeting

Wednesday, September 18, 2013 • 7:00 P.M.
Logan Park Community Center at 13th Avenue and Monroe Street NE

This is an accessible event, all requests for accommodation are welcome.
If you live, work, or own property between Central, Broadway, Washington St. and 19th Ave. NE, you are a member of Logan Park Neighborhood Association.

Agenda: Excel Energy Presentation, Solar Arts Building Events and Parking Presentation, MWMO Grant Update, Crime Stats, Park Events, 807 Task Force Update, Digital Divide Update, Ethnic Film Fest Update, Artspace Jackson Flats Update and more.

“Like” us at “Logan Park Neighborhood Association” on Facebook.

Digital Divide Graduates Delighted

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 Logan Park Neighborhood Office at 612-516-5762 or email loganparkna@aol.com

Minneapolis Mayoral Candidate Forum October 1st.
6:30-8:00PM
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
333 SOUTH 12TH STREET
MINNEAPOLIS, MN
55404
Join for a discussion with candidates on housing, homelessness, and economic development. Time will be available for conversations with candidates following the forum.

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Solar Arts Variance
The Solar Arts Building, located at 711 15th Avenue Northeast, is asking the Logan Park Neighborhood to support an exciting new project. Co-owner Duane Arens would like to convert the 3rd floor of the building into a reception hall for arts, corporate and non-profit events.

Because of the lack of off street parking in the area and the increased traffic from the popular Indeed Brewing Company, Duane purchased 1531 Monroe, a beat up duplex in a bank short sale (one step away from foreclosure). Currently, he owns 1529 ½ Monroe. He would like to consolidate the two properties, tear down the duplex, and create a nicely landscaped and fenced parking lot for 711 15th patrons. In order to do this, the City of Minneapolis requires him to re-zone the two lots from R2B (residential) to R2B with a transitional (parking) overlay and request a conditional use permit. Also, he is required to apply for a 98 spot parking variance for the reception hall.

The formula to determine the parking variance:

The City takes the entire square footage of the third floor: 6712 sf, and determine the maximum number of people that can fit in this space: 450 people. The parking variance request is based roughly on 1/3 of the maximum amount of people: 134 parking spaces. Although Duane has no intention of having 450 person events on the third floor, more likely 50-150 people, he is still required to ask for the maximum amount of parking (134). Also, for events over 150, he will provide valet parking.

So far, Duane has 36 off street parking spots which require him to request a 98 spot parking variance. (134-36=98) If he is able to re-zone the Monroe properties, he will be able to reduce the parking variance from 98 to 30-35 spots. His hope is the new parking lot will take the parking off of the city streets and reduce the traffic in the area.

There will be a presentation on the project at the next Logan Park Neighborhood Association general membership meeting on Wednesday, September 18 at 7:00 at Logan Park, 690 13th Ave. Ne. We will have drawings and will answer all your questions on this exciting new addition to the Solar Arts Building and the Northeast Arts District.

807 Broadway Taskforce Update

In July, The Mpls. School District and Hillcrest Development signed a purchase agreement for 807 Broadway. Hillcrest started environmental assessment work immediately. They report that they expect to finish the due diligence activities in early fall and proceed towards closing shortly thereafter.

The 807 Task Force will continue to meet with Hillcrest to give community input into the development of 807. Please check the LPNA webpage and the 807 Broadway Facebook page for meeting dates.

If you are interested in joining the Task Force or if you have any questions, please email us at 807broadwaytaskforce@gmail.com.

Trees Need an Inch of Water Every Week

Trees are thirsty all the way through fall. Minneapolis’ boulevard trees still need an inch of water every week throughout the summer and fall. Extremely dry conditions followed the spring and early summer rainfall that drenched the city and caused significant damage, and the heat and lack of precipitation are causing stress on the city’s urban forest. Lack of water can make trees vulnerable to insects and disease and cause permanent damage to young and old trees alike. Trees up to five years old are especially susceptible. In any week that it rains less than one inch, yard and boulevard trees need to be watered. The Park Board plants and mulches boulevard trees but relies on residents or businesses nearby to water them.

An effective way to water a tree is to turn on a slow stream of water (just so the hose is weeping) for a few hours. Watering in the evening after dinner time is most effective since it minimizes evaporation, and trees tend to take most of their water during the night. Watering one tree weekly costs only about $3 for 23 weeks, or for the entire summer / fall season. For people who lose track of when they last watered a tree, a good way to remember is to water trees on the same day trash is picked up.

If you hire a tree servicing company to prune a tree in your yard, make sure to use a company licensed in Minneapolis to ensure that the tree gets the right care. For more information and a list of licensed tree services, visit minneapolismn.gov/licensing/business-licensing_treeservice.

Taking care of our trees means protecting our Minneapolis quality of life. Research proves that healthy trees are beautiful, increase property values, help improve air quality, reduce greenhouse gases by absorbing carbon dioxide, save energy, keep the city cooler, provide homes for wildlife and help manage stormwater.

For information on tree care and the urban forest, call the Park Board’s Forestry Department at 612-313-7710, email forestry@minneapolisparks.org or visit www.minneapolisparks.org/trees.