



— LOGAN LEDGER —

General Meeting: January 17th 2017 6:30pm 690 13th Ave Logan Park

Logan Park Design Session from 6:30-7:30pm, Followed by General Meeting at 7:30pm

Childcare is provided

Agenda: Carrie Christensen, Senior Planner from the Minneapolis Parks Department
East of the River Park Master Plan Design Session

Please join the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and the Logan Park Neighborhood Association in a park design session for the parks in the neighborhood. The East of the River park Master Plan is a community engaged design and planning process to create master plans for all the neighborhood parks in the Minneapolis East of the Mississippi River.

Let's plan the future parks of Minneapolis! Please join the conversation. This event is open to the public and light refreshments will be provided.

Learn more online at, <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/council/about-lims>

Upcoming Meeting:

Wednesday, February 21st at 7:00 pm

Agenda: Legislative Information Management System (LIMS), City of Minneapolis

LIMS is a comprehensive, enterprise web application that serves as an electronic repository of legislative and policy-related documents produced by the City of Minneapolis. It enables users to search, filter, review, retrieve and print information about the actions taken by City Council. LIMS supports the City's strategic goal to improve accessibility and transparency of City government.

Preserving Local History

Michael Tolan, Preservation Alliance of Minnesota

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Logan Park, along with another original Park Board acquisition, Riverside Park, received the first playground equipment in 1906. The first Logan Park field house opened in 1913. David Smith, noted Minneapolis parks historian and author of City of Parks: The Story of Minneapolis Parks, published in 2008 by the University of Minnesota Press, opens that it was "arguably the most important building the Minneapolis park board has ever constructed." Smith says that as the Park Board recognized its increasingly significant role, they sought out local citizens to provide input into their decisions. A jury made up of community members sifted through the plans of twelve architects, eventually selecting that of Cecil Bayless Chapman.

The Logan Park Improvement Association, the predecessor to today's Logan Park Neighborhood Association, changed Chapman's plans dramatically. Park Board President Wilbur Decker commented to the Minneapolis Morning Tribune in late 1911, "This is the first time we have invited the people of any neighborhood to help us choose plans for a park building. But this is the first time the park board has ever contemplated erecting a building in a park to serve neighborhood recreation purposes."

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Lights of Logan Annual Lighting Contest: Winners Announced!

Lights of Logan was on Sunday December 17th and the judging began at 5:00 pm. If your lights were on in your yard or on your house you were considered for the contest.

1st place winner: December electric bill paid 100%
Winner: 1607 Jefferson

2nd place winner: December electric bill paid 75%
Winner: 1418 Adams

3rd place winner: December electric bill paid 50%
Winner: 1407 Jefferson

Congratulations, winners! Thank you for making our neighborhood wonderfully festive!

If you are a winner, please bring your electric bill to the January Community Meeting.

Neighborhood and Community relations Department's 2016 Annual Report

“For the past year, LPNA, has been working with the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota (PAM), with funding support from the McKnight Foundation, to engage the Logan Park community to identify and map neighborhood cultural assets. As opposed to traditional historic preservation, which focuses primarily on protecting only architecture using strict criteria, cultural asset mapping examines all the components which define a community and its culture, including: parks and open spaces, small businesses, people, places, traditions, history, stories, and more. The aim of this project is to create greater awareness—of residents, stakeholders, developers, politicians, etc.—about the important factors which make Logan Park what it is.”

Northeast Farmers Market Winter Market

Support local food vendors and artisans throughout the Winter months! Located on the third floor, this beautiful space will provide the perfect environment for our neighborhood Winter Market. Dinner by Chowgirls, music on vinyl, kids activities, meat raffles, local beer, craft cocktails, plus 30+ local vendors!

Upcoming dates:

Sunday, January 20th
Sunday, February 17th
Sunday, March 17th
10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Solar Arts by Chowgirls, third floor
711 15th avenue NE Mpls MN 55413
www.northeastmarket.org

City of Minneapolis Short term rental and hosting platform update

The City will be accepting applications for short term rental properties and license applications for hosting platforms.

<http://news.minneapolismn.gov/2017/11/29/city-start-taking-registration-license-applications-short-term-rentals-dec-1/>

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Winter Activities at the Park

Warming Room Hours

Mondays through Fridays from 3:00 to 9:00 pm
Saturdays from 10:00 am to 9:00pm
Sundays from 12:00 to 6:00 pm
School Release Days from 12:00 to 9:00pm
Logan does have a limited amount of free skates to use.

Free Snowshoeing

Thursday January 25th from 2:00 to 4:00pm
FREE DROP-IN PROGRAM! Snowshoeing is a great way to get outside in winter. Participants will learn to snowshoe and get lots of practice with an instructor. Depending on the snow conditions and the group, additional activities may include winter birding, winter plant identification, snowshoe games and attempting advanced maneuvers such as the two-stepped 180 turn! Wear your boots to the park, and we will loan you snowshoes that buckle over the top of them. *Snowshoes are provided. Please dress for the weather.*

Indoor Playground

Monday & Friday from 10:00 am to 12:00pm
\$3 per time per family or \$20 Punch Card
January 8-March 26th Except when school is not in session Jan 15, 26, Feb 16,19
Does your child have energy to burn? Explore a new world at our highly-interactive, drop-in style social playtime! Playtime is a convenient way for young ones to burn off energy, socialize and develop motor skills. We think you'll enjoy the social interaction too! It's fun, unstructured play and a total sanity-saver. This is an unsupervised activity; parents or a guardian must accompany their child(ren).

Minneapolis Art Lending Library

Come to the Logan Recreation Center on January 19th from 5:00 to 8:00pm to browse our collection of 100 original artworks. Once you find one that you love, we will check it out for you. Then it's yours to display in your home or office for three months, free of charge! If you are a first-time borrower, please make sure to bring a state-issued ID. Return dates are April 11th 6-8pm and April 14th 12-3pm

Sports at Logan Park

11U Girls Basketball

Birth dates 9-1-06 – 9-1-08
Practices will start mid-November
Games will be Saturday starting January 6th
WE HAVE A COACH
Cost \$40

6U-14U Wrestling

Birth dates 9-1-12- 9-1-03
Practices will start Monday, November 27th
Monday practices at Logan 6:30-8pm
Tuesday practices at Columbia Heights 6:30-8pm
Meets will be Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays
Starting January 9th
Some Saturday Tournaments
Cost \$40

6U Basketball

Ages 5 & 6
Practice Thursday 6-7pm
Games Friday, January
Cost \$30
NEED A COACH

8U Basketball

Ages 7 & 8
Practice Thursday 7-8pm
Games Friday, January
Cost \$30
NEED A COACH

Youth Hockey

As requested!

Logan also offers many other programs including Preschool, Free Yoga, Tai Chi, Self Defense, Ceramics, Pickleball, Teen Open Gym.

Check out our many offerings at www.minneapolisparks.org

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As the first multi-purpose, all-season facility in the park system, the building hosted Red Cross programs and a branch of the public library. The park held a famous Easter Egg hunt every year, and in 1934, the prize-winning egg was located in park patrolman John Van Ruden's pocket. The field house also contained recreation and entertainment facilities, including a grand piano, basketball courts, dumbbells, a vaulting apparatus, and a dance floor.

Community members did not view these assets equally. The dance floor in particular spurred intense controversy in the field house's early days. Dancing had become wildly popular during the early 20th century in the United States. Eager dancers regularly booked Logan Park's floor two months in advance. Representatives of the neighborhood's eight churches—all positioned within one block of the park—vociferously opposed using the facility for dancing, though. A trustee of Emanuel Swedish

Lutheran Church angrily accused the Park Board of having built the field house to "set up a worship of dancing." The Park Board and Logan Park residents, for their part, staunchly defended the activity. But the pastors refused to relent, and eventually managed to force the Park Board to pass a resolution—specifically aimed at Logan Park—at least limiting dancing.



From the Minnesota Historical Society

Dancing wasn't the only 20th century craze to sweep Logan Park. During World War I, community sings emerged as another popular fad, aimed at boosting morale during wartime. Apparently unsatisfied by victory or convinced that their vocal exercises brought peace, the community continued singing well after the conclusion of the war. These events often drew well over 10,000 people. In the '20s, *The Daily News* held a singing competition, and in 1920, archrivals Logan Park and Riverside Park tied in the scoring. This meant a two-song "sing-off," which Logan Park barely eked out by one point.

Nearly a century later, the Logan Park residents of 2012 organized a community sing in the second Logan Park recreation center, built in the 1970s. While the popularity of sings have waned since the early years, the neighborhood still drew a respectable 125 people. The dancing has died down, but, just as it did with the first field house, the LPNA interviewed prospective developers of the Minneapolis Public School building—now the Highlight Center—to influence its development.

Through all the different fads and field houses, the park remains a focal point in the community. Ben Johnson, a renter in Logan Park, likes sitting on his stoop and watching the kids make up games and the old-timers get coffee on Sundays. There's the church events where everyone wears the same t-shirts, a rowdy women's softball league, and even cricket matches. He appreciates the mix of people he sees there every day—the college grads, the recent immigrants, and the old-time Northeasters. Much has changed about the park and the neighborhood, though perhaps unsurprisingly, much has remained the same. The singing and dancing are gone, but the park remains a window into a community, and a place for that community to be built.