Logan Park Neighborhood Association

General Membership Meeting

Wednesday April 17, 7:00 p.m.
Logan Park Building
13th Street and Monroe

On the Agenda

Minneapolis Housing Inspector Paul Armstrong will be on hand to discuss problem housing issues. If you would like to get in touch with him, call him at (612) 673-2804. We’ll also have updates from Council Member Paul Ostrow’s office, the progress of historic lighting, restructuring CCP/SAFE around neighborhood issues, and NRP programs, as well as old and new business.

Clean Sweep

Clean Sweep is set for Saturday, May 4. Put out items at your usual trash pick-up site by 8:00 a.m. No household hazardous wastes, no liquid paint or motor oil. Save large appliances for your regular recycling day. Lend a hand if you have a lot of stuff, or volunteer to help the crew; you’ll see a different side of the neighborhood and you’ll be done before noon. Call Paula at 378-6074 or Christine at 788-7863 with questions or to volunteer. We meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Park’s parking lot.

Board Elections

Have you benefitted from NRP or Clean Sweep, enjoyed Lights of Logan or Art in the Park? Neighborhood activities need people to run them. Join a great group of neighbors and put your name in for election to the LPNA Board of Directors. Elections are May 15. We’ll need a written notice mailed to 1330 Van Buren Street — or give your notice to another board member.
Plant Sale Fundraiser Supports Food Co-op

More Veggies, Flowers and Natives

Eastside Food Cooperative will be holding its 4th Annual Plant Sale on May 11th, from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The sale will be located at our Farmers' Market site on 7th and University Avenues in Northeast, in the St. Boniface Church parking lot. The sale will feature a wide variety of annual bedding plants, vegetables, herbs, and perennials, as well as native wildflowers and grasses. Gardening experts will be on site to offer advice and answer your questions. Get to the sale early for best selection, coffee, baked goods, and other surprises. Put May 11 on your calendar to support the co-op and get your garden growing. Contact EFC for more information at 612-788-0950.

Northeast Farmers Market

Sponsored by Eastside Food Co-op

The market will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each Saturday beginning on June 1st and continuing through October. It will be located at the corner of University and 7th Avenues NE in the St. Boniface Church parking lot. We’re a community-supported farmers market, sponsored by the Eastside Food Cooperative. You will find locally grown vegetables, fruits, flowers, perennials, honey and free-range meat. The market proudly features growers that use organic farming methods. Also available: baked goods, fair-trade coffee, delicious spring rolls, local art, special events and music. Plenty of free parking. WIC approved and handicap accessible. Keep your eye on the Northeaster News for updates. Please contact EFC at 612-788-0950 for more information.

Logan Park Community Flower Garden

Spring is here! At least at press time, it looked as if spring was finally here. Time to dig in the dirt and make things grow. If that sounds like fun to you, consider giving us a hand with the Community Flower Garden in Logan Park. Look for meeting times in the next LPNA flyer and newsletter. If your own garden is getting a bit crowded, please consider donating flowers and plants to the Community Garden.

Minneapolis Blooms Day

Saturday, April 20 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Educational programs, awards, sharing time. In the Catholic Eldercare Atrium, 817 Main Street NE.

Living Green Expo

Saturday, April 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the St. Paul Armory at the Capitol grounds (600 Cedar). Exhibits, demos, and workshops on clean transportation, energy use, water conservation, arts & culture, community garden fair, food & farm festival. Call 612-331-1099 or check out www.livinggreenexpo.org.

Super Sale Saturday

Saturday, June 1st. LPNA will be happy to sell your donations of good, used articles (no clothing please), to help fund neighborhood activities. Call Christine at 788-7863.
Finally!

The Logan Park Historic Street Lighting Project was approved by the Minneapolis City Council. Installation of the new lights will begin this summer on Adams, Jefferson and Madison between Broadway and 17th Streets. All property owners in the project area should have received notice of the special assessment last month. NRP funds will reduce the amount of the assessment by approximately 33%.

Correction to our last newsletter: The assessment will automatically be spread over 20 years, beginning in 2003. The interest rate will be about 5%. If at any time, you wish to pay the balance, you can do so by contacting the Minneapolis City Engineer's Special Assessment Office at 612-673-2401.

Important Notice: There is a Senior Citizen's Hardship Special Assessment Deferral available for people meeting certain requirements. Deferrals for the special assessment may be possible for persons over 65 or retired by virtue of a permanent and total disability. Please call 612-673-2401 for more information and to see if you qualify.

Please come to the LPNA General Meeting to discuss any placement questions you may have, or you can call Bev Warnke at 612-673-3762.

Looking for Gold
South Dakota: Great Places, Great Faces

Motor coach tour sponsored by the Senior's Place, 1801 Central Avenue. Tuesday, May 28 to Saturday, June 1, 2002. Itinerary includes Badlands, Black Hills, Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse Monument, Redlin Art Center. Cost is between $359 and $419. Call us at 788-9186 for more information.

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The 4% interest Revolving Loan Program for Logan Park home owners is ready to help fund your interior or exterior work, loans up to $15,000. CEE is handling other programs too — weatherization and rental property rehab. Call (612) 335-5884 or check out www.mncee.org.

Art-A-Whirl

May 17 - 19. Check the upcoming Northeaster for schedules. Look for family activities at the Park.

Asbestos

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) will be back in the neighborhood this spring to wrap up the neighborhood health study. MDH will be visiting residents in the vicinity of the former W.R. Grace plant at 1720 Madison to gather resident information and to offer yard inspections for the Northeast Minneapolis Community Vermiculite Investigation, because of asbestos-contaminated waste rock given away by the plant.

MDH had just begun interviewing former residents and people who had contact with the waste rock but never lived in the study area. These second phase interviews are being conducted this year by telephone. Former residents and others who can help with this outreach are urged to call MDH by contacting Tannie Eshenaur at (651) 215-0916.

Property inspections are offered free of charge and where asbestos contamination is found, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will clean it up for free. MDH expects to complete neighborhood visits this summer. The EPA's deadline for offering clean-ups is yet to be announced, but it is anticipated to end some time this summer. Call the EPA's local number 706-0615 to get on the inspection list.
American Red Cross
first aid & safety classes for kids

We are willing to sponsor the following trainings (at no cost to you) in the Logan Park area if there is enough interest from the community:

KidCare babysitter training, ages 11-14
Basic Aid training, ages 9-12
First Aid for Children Today, ages 5-8
Water Safety class, ages 5-12

We will try to schedule each class if at least 6 participants express interest. Call Jennifer at 781-5096 to find out more or get on the list.

HandyWorks spring clean-up for seniors and disabled

Sign-up for raking, window-washing, etc. to be performed by volunteer groups. Work to be done in April/May. Call Eric or Doris at 781-5096 to get on the list or find out more.

University of Minnesota Depression Study

Do you experience some or all of the following symptoms for 1 month or more – hopelessness/sadness, loss of interest in daily activities, loss of energy, difficulty concentrating? The U of M Dept. of Psychiatry is conducting an investigational medication trial studying a possible new treatment for depression. All evaluations & medications are provided at no cost. Call 612-627-4825 if you are between the ages of 18 & 85 and want to find out more.

Health Essay Writing Contest deadline is Friday, April 12th!
Lots of prizes available for those who enter.

Volunteer opportunities

Everyone can be a volunteer! The success of this program depends on you. We need volunteers to provide a wide range of services to others in our neighborhoods.

We believe that by getting to know your neighbors through volunteer service, the fabric of the neighborhood is strengthened and raises the quality of life for everyone.

Your commitment can be as often as you wish, we will work around your schedule. Volunteer opportunities range from making a regular phone call to check on a neighbor, being a walking partner, to providing small home repairs.

Special volunteer opportunity –
Community Health Program steering committee is in need of another member or two that live or work in Logan Park or St. Anthony East, 6 meetings per year.

Call Jennifer or Donna at 781-5096 to find out more.

What is the Community Health Program?
Any resident of the Logan Park or St. Anthony East neighborhood is eligible to participate as a client and/or a volunteer.

Contact us to find out more about:
- Immunizations and home health care
- Prescription reimbursement & MN Prescription Drug Program
- Home and yard assistance through Handy Works
  - Getting rides to appointments
  - Lifeline personal response system
- KidCare babysitter and first aid trainings

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