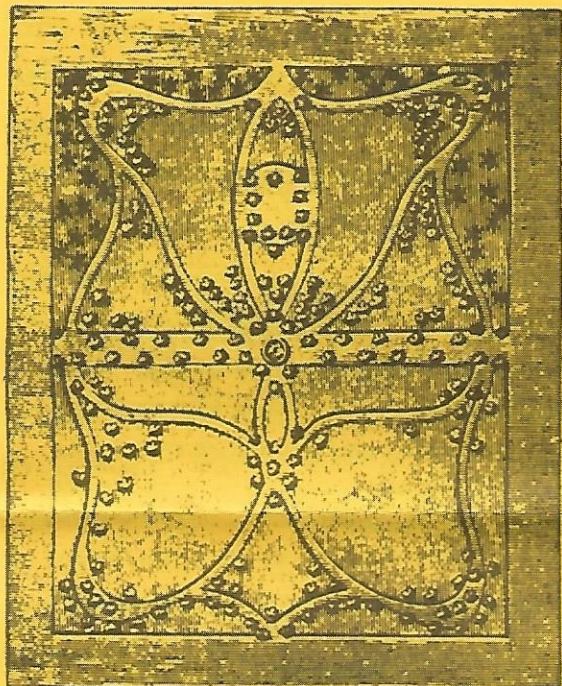


LOGAN PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



To Enhance and Preserve Our Community

To empower the residents to preserve, protect and improve the quality of life, while building a strong sense of community within our neighborhood.

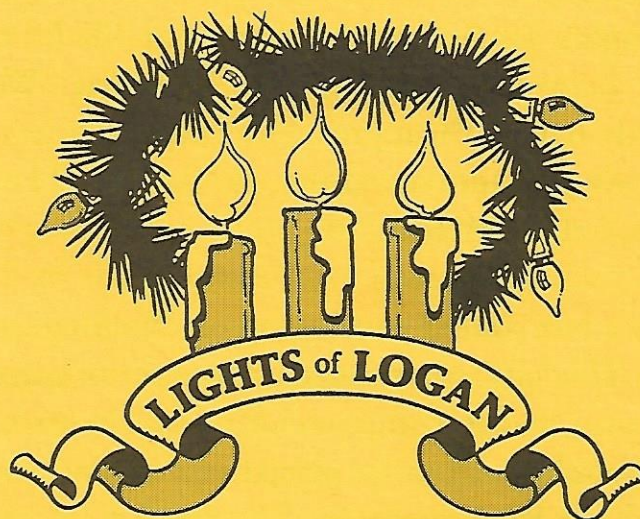
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The annual Lights of Logan Family Festival will be held on Wednesday, December 20, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. There will be games, great raffle prizes, food, photos with Santa, and an amazing magic show by Brian Gilbertson. The magic starts at 6:00 p.m. Admission to this event is FREE. There will be no LPNA General Meeting that evening, so if you have items of concern, most board members will be working the event, so you can speak to one of them there.

Winners of the cash prizes for the lighting contest will be announced just before 7:00 p.m. on the 20th.

You need not be present for winning the raffle or the lighting prizes.



Historic Street Lights Update Important Information

We now have over 60% approval from residents and property owners for installing historical-style street lights on Adams, Jefferson and Madison Streets between Broadway and 17th Ave. We currently have 50% approval on Monroe Street. Unless we get more signatures, the lights will not be installed on Monroe.

We have just started petitioning on Washington Street. The city determined that due to space constraints and to comply with ADA, the street lamps would have to be placed just behind the sidewalk on Washington St. The city has a 2 1/2 foot easement behind the sidewalk. The base of the lights have a 2 foot diameter.

Volunteers plan to complete the petition drive on Washington within a month.

After the petition drive is completed and turned into the city, the city will send out an official notice to all property owners in the project area with the amount of the property tax assessment. There will also be a public hearing at a City Council Committee meeting.

Pending approval of the committee and full Council, the lights would be installed as early as next summer. The historic-style streets lamps will replace the current overhead street lights. There will be 6 lights on each block, double the current amount. The new lights will be shorter and under the tree line, providing more light on the sidewalk.



Logan Park voted to apply \$140,000 of our NRP funds to this project. That amount will be applied to the project area (the blocks with at least a 60% approval) and reduce the property tax assessment. The assessment can be paid off over 20 years.

If you have any questions, please call Pat Vogel at 781-9838. If you would like to sign the petition, please call Denny Grodahl at 623-4935.

Ole and Lena were sitting down to their usual cup of morning coffee listening to the weather report coming in over the radio. "There will be 3 to 5 inches of snow today and a snow emergency has been declared. You must park your cars on the odd numbered side of the streets."

Ole got up from his coffee and replies, "Jeez, OK."

Two days later, again they both are sitting down with their cups of morning coffee and the weather forecast is: "There will be 2 to 4 inches of snow today and a snow emergency has been declared. You must park your cars on the even numbered side of the streets , "

Ole got up from his coffee and replies, "Jeez, OK."

Three days later, again they both are sitting down with, their cups of coffee and the weather forecast is: "There will be 6 to 8 inches of snow today and a snow emergency has been declared. You must park your cars on the..." and then the power went out and Ole didn't get the rest of the instructions.

He says to Lena, "Jeez, what am I going to do now, Lena?"

Lena replies, "Aw, Ole, just leave the car in the garage!"

LPNA Efforts Have Big Impact on Housing

The Logan Park Housing Committee has achieved remarkable success with its approach to problem properties. Using the “carrot” rather than the “stick” to motivate property owners has proved to work.

One and a half years ago, the Housing Committee identified 94 “problem” properties based on their exterior appearance. Conditions ranged from holes in roofs, to broken up sidewalks, peeling paint, or other conditions that made these properties less than pleasing to look at.

Today, 61 of the original 94 “problem” properties have shown at least some improvement, with 24 of the 61 improved so much that they have been taken off the problem list. The number of vacant properties in Logan Park has dropped from 11 to 6.

The Housing Committee has used a variety of tools to persuade owners to make improvements, including phone calls, letters, a volunteer painting program, a grant program, and working with the Minneapolis Inspections Department (in a few cases).

Nine houses were painted by volunteer teams through Brush with Kindness, a program of the Habitat for Humanity. Two of these houses were painted by volunteers from the neighborhood, with corporations providing the other painting teams. You can look for

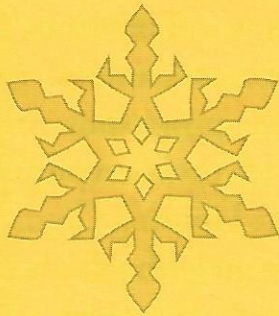
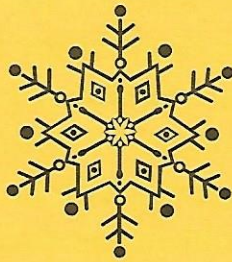
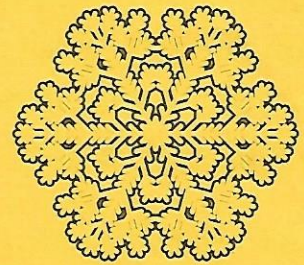
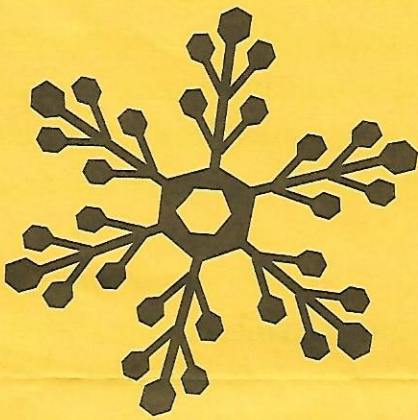
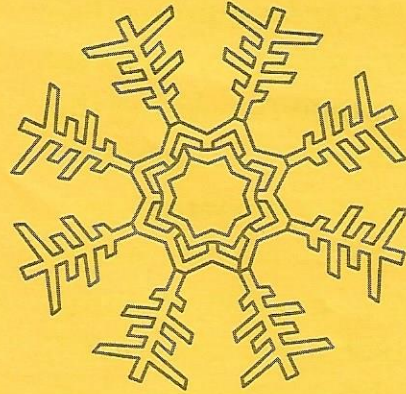
new paint at 1406 Madison, 1423 Madison, 1626 Madison, 1131 Monroe, 1414 Monroe, 1417 Monroe, 1118 Adams, 1315 Adams, & 1718 Jefferson.

31 houses have received grants through the Basic Improvement Grant (BIG) program — to date 19 of the grantees have completed their home improvement projects. Look for major improvements at some of the neighborhood homes which were most in need of attention, since we have put forth extra effort to assure that the most blighted conditions were fixed with these funds.

The Housing Committee will soon be evaluating all of our housing programs funded by the \$817,000 of Phase 1 NRP funds in Logan Park. The Committee is also looking at options for what the Housing Resource Program staff should focus on in 2001. The Brush with Kindness program will be continued next year. The “problem” property program will continue for at least two more years, as we continue to reduce the number of blighted properties in the neighborhood, and work with problem properties. On a more positive note, the Housing Committee is putting out the word to neighbors who have done notable remodeling, refurbishing, or restoration: we plan to highlight improvements this coming year, to applaud that hard work and inspire even more of it. For questions or comments, call Kim Vohs, Housing Resource Staff Person at 975-9549.

Logan Park Rec News

Logan Park is offering Rec Plus over the school holiday break, but at least 15 children must be signed up for the program to be open and staffed. Activities include bowling, a trip to the Science Museum, tubing at Buck Hill, Grand Slam, and Stages Theatre. Call 370-4927 for more information.



Join the Logan Park Neighborhood Association in saying *goodbye, good luck, and we sure will miss you* to Logan Park Center Director Scott Gagnon. He is taking a Park and Rec position downtown with more family-friendly hours. Thank you Scott for these years of making Logan Park the fun, safe, and friendly place that it is. LPNA is grateful for all your help, and thanks also to your terrific staff. We will be interviewing for the new director job when the position is announced.

