ASBESTOS
What at one time seemed like terrific fire-resistant, lightweight insulation has turned into an expensive, heartbreaking health and environmental problem. The Grace plant at 17th between Jefferson and Madison has been closed for years, but the people who had direct contact with the vermiculite ore from Libby, Montana are still feeling the repercussions. The MN Dept of Health has been trying to track people, evaluate their exposure and risk, and work with local health care centers in helping patients suffering from related diseases. The November 4th Northeaster covered this issue in a front page article. Representatives from the MN Dept of Health will be at the Nov 17th LPNA meeting to answer questions and update us on previous survey results. Most Logan Park residents should have gotten a recent survey, please take the time to fill it out and send it back. The feedback will help them decide what direction to take for Logan Park residents and for other sites dealing with asbestos from Libby. We are not the only site but we are benefitting from being first on the list for getting Superfund $$.

COMMUNITY HEALTH
Speaking of surveys...now that you are all so good at filling them out, LPNA is distributing a survey from the Northeast Community Health Program. Please sit down and take five minutes to fill it out and send it back to us. We need responses to help focus limited funds to where they are needed the most. NRP funding and that of larger institutions that partner with us need tangible numbers to work with, to validate the present program and help shape it’s future. We need to back up requests for dollars with more than wish lists from committees. Case studies help but survey results can be used for many different programs.

So fill out the MN Dept of Health survey and our LPNA Community Health one, too, and know that by doing so, you helped make your neighborhood a better, healthier place to live.

LOGAN PARK
NEIGHBORHOOD
MEETING

Wednesday
November 17, 2004 • 7:05 p.m.

Logan Park Community Center
13th and Monroe Street

Agenda
MN Dept of Health Asbestos Update, Condo and Housing Developments, NRP, Lights of Logan, Crime and Safety, Arts and Culture.

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The condos planned for the Nystrom building at 17th and Madison are likely to see construction work starting late this winter. The developers take over the property in January, and hope for a finish in April 2006.

Out in the future is the possibility that the School Board might vacate 807 Broadway, leaving a huge property with development potential. LPNA is looking for folks who care about the direction this neighborhood is going, folks who would be point-persons or committee members tracking the various developments happening now and in the future, letting us be pro-active (not reactive and re-gretful).

Thank you to park staff and Elim Church folks who worked on a Sunday evening to make Halloween fun and safe in our neighborhood.
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Thank you to all the artists and patrons who participated in the huge art-filled weekend, with the November "First Thursday" leading into Art Attack, November 4-7th. If you missed it, there's still the Fall Fine Arts Festival November 19, 20, 21, and 27 at the Grain Belt Bottling House and the December "First Thursday". It's all part of why we are the city's Arts District!

CRIME AND SAFETY

If you would like weekly updates on crime info along with tips and meeting schedules, ask to have your name on the CCP-SAFE e-mail service. To subscribe, send an email message to: SAFE2.1-on@ccpsafe.org

Our Community Crime Prevention specialist is Carol Oosterhuis, 673-2797. A few more interested folks volunteering to be block leaders will help our neighborhood in its goal to start Summer 2005 with plans in place to keep the warm weather months less frustrating.

NRP

The City and NRP are still trying to shape and define the Phase II budget, leaving neighborhoods like ours, who have their plans ready to go, spinning their wheels for several months. We did well last round in how many $$ were spent on housing related issues, and hoped to fund other needs in the neighborhood with a shrinking Phase II allocation as well as support housing needs. Thank you to the board and committee members for your stamina in this long, confusing process.

Here's a great holiday gift idea.....

The Northeast Dinner Bell, Inc, the Northeast meals-on-wheels program, is selling a cookbook compiled of over 270 recipes submitted by volunteers. Cookbooks will arrive in mid-November, and cost only $8, a great stocking stuffer or gift-exchange item. Northeast Dinner Bell operates out of 2511 Taylor St. NE 789-6548

LIGHTS OF LOGAN
FAMILY FESTIVAL

The annual holiday party at Logan park will be Saturday, December 11th 2-5 pm

There will be low-cost food and games, and a free humorous magic show.

If you can help that day, to set up or clean up, or run a game, let us know. Kids 13 and over are great helpers. Give Christine a call at 788-7863.

OUTDOOR LIGHTING CONTEST

Get your outdoor lighting arranged before the snow and cold sets in, and maybe you will win one of 3 great cash prizes. LIGHTS NEED TO BE ON BY DUSK (5 pm) THURSDAY DEC 9th TO BE ELIGIBLE.

Logan Park Neighborhood Association Delivery Team Recognition Award

The November Delivery Team Award goes to Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church at 13th and Monroe for their bright, eye-catching signs and always well-kept exterior. (But we miss the big tree, sorry it had to come down.)