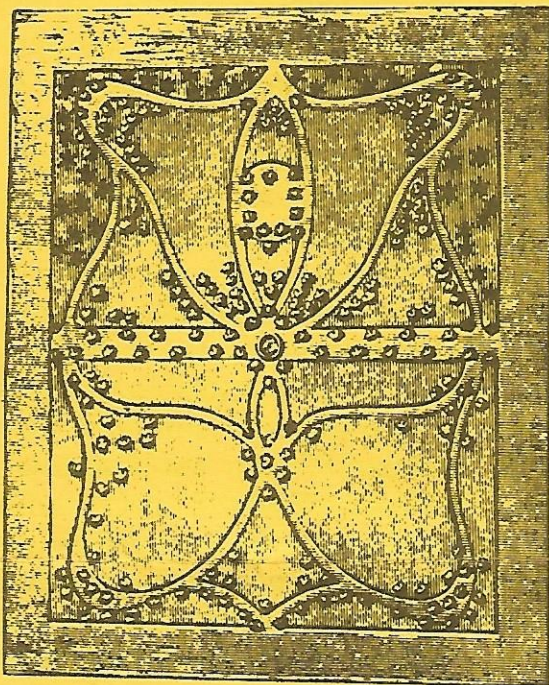


LOGAN PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



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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Town Meeting Saturday, April 19 10:00 - 12:00 Noon

Imagine working twelve weeks on a project. That's full time, three months. It's a \$350,000 project that's going to lead to one for almost a million dollars. And you aren't going to get paid. Well! But over two dozen people from our neighborhood have been doing this job together with meetings, phone time and computer work for the NRP committees.

And now we need you to come to a two hour meeting on Saturday, April 19th, to help finish the First Step Plan by ranking the programs. These programs may or may not put dollars in your pocket, but they *will* make Logan Park a better place to live. A million dollars gets dwarfed by commercial development figures, but by thoughtful leveraging and stewardship, it will make a difference for us all.

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HELP

LPNA is seeking a new editor for the quarterly newsletter. After five years, it's time to pass the pen to someone else. Word processing skills are not necessary (even typing skills would be a welcome technological advancement). Call LPNA at 781-0700 or Christine at 788-7863 if you are interested.

TRASH . . . TREASURES

The annual Logan Park Clean Sweep is coming again on Saturday, May 3. The city provides a garbage packer truck and driver — we provide the muscle. Put burnables at your regular garbage collection spot (please save big appliances for recycling day - no hazardous waste). We can issue vouchers for residents to haul their construction debris to the southeast Minneapolis site, and we will pick up two tires per address. Volunteers call 781-0700 or come to the Community Center at 8:30 A.M. Please put out items by that time also.

Use this day as an opportunity to donate to your neighborhood. Set out and mark items for the LPNA to pick up and sell at the All Neighborhood Logan Park Garage Sale, held on Saturday, June 7. We are looking for good used toys, furniture, household items, sports equipment. No clothing please. Or bring them to the LPNA table the day of the sale. This has been one of our best fundraisers.

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR PARK?

This summer will present a lot of frustrations to regular users of Logan Park, as our long-awaited repairs and replacements are done. The Park Board estimates that the tot lot and playground equipment will be torn up around May 1st, and the ball fields in June. The wading pool will not be available, and there will be no ice rinks next winter, to give the new grass a chance to get established.

But ask any home owner who has sweated through the job: remodeling is a headache; you make compromises, but it sure is nice when it's done. By the end of the summer, there will be exciting new and safe play equipment. Next year will see the ball fields looking better with improved drainage. Lots of new plantings will beautify our park with better shade — especially for the building's west plaza. Summer '97 will go without basketball or tennis courts, but they will return under new design. Park benches and picnic tables will have a historic appearance, as will the lighting. Enjoy Bottineau, Dickman, Windom, Beltrami and Northeast parks this year, while checking the progress at Logan.

LOGAN PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION SCHEDULE

Logan Park Neighborhood Association (LPNA) meets the third Wednesday of each month, at 7:05 P.M., at the Logan Park Community Center, 13th and Monroe Streets.

The April 16 meeting will feature Mayor Sharon Sayles-Belton as guest speaker. This is our neighborhood's chance to discuss Northeast issues with our mayor.

The May meeting will move to Thursday, May 22 to coincide with the 2nd NRP Town Meeting, where the ratification vote on the First Step Plan will take place.

The June 18 meeting will include elections to the Board of Directors. New input is always welcome, and even serving as an alternate is an easy way to get acquainted.

WILL DIRT UNDER MY FINGERNAILS GIVE ME A GREEN THUMB?

The third gardening class in the series sponsored by the NRP Arts & Culture committee, LPNA, the park staff, and a C.I.P. grant arranged by the Arts in the Park group will be Victorian Gardens and the Blooming Boulevards Project. It will be at Logan Park, Saturday, April 12, from 10:00 to Noon. Learn about the garden features and flower varieties popular in Victorian times. Also, find out how to participate in Minneapolis' Blooming Boulevards Community Beautification Project (it's not just for boulevards anymore). The class is free, but please call 7898-8550 to register. Look for another class in August on fall bedding plants.

Remember — Saturday, May 3 is Minneapolis Pride Day, held at Logan Park. We will have a Blooming Boulevards awards ceremony, free vegetable seeds, a presentation by a master gardener, and a plant swap. Come at 9:00 a.m.

CCP/SAFE

Our CCP/SAFE team is Don Greeley and Officer Brenda LaRock. CCP/SAFE in cooperation with NEST put together *Welcome to Northeast* information packets to be distributed to newcomers, both renters and homeowners, through the block leaders. Call 673-2797.

Spring is the season to review curfew times. You are encouraged to call 911 if you are concerned about youth out past these times:

AGE	WEEK DAYS	FRIDAY & SATURDAY
under 12	home by 9:00 pm	home by 10:00 pm
12 - 14	home by 10:00 pm	home by 11:00 pm
15 - 17	home by 11:00 pm	home by midnight

NOTES OF INTEREST

Art-A-Whirl is coming back May 17 & 18. Our neighborhood is home to several participating artists and their studios. Check it out! There will be one event at the Community Center on Saturday, May 17, from 8:00 pm to midnight - an Irish Dance Workshop and Performance. Music will be by traditional Irish group Tara Hill. Watch the *Northeast* for listings of other events.

Look for a children's class through the park this summer, combining the theatre and visual arts, performance with puppets and masks. This opportunity will be sponsored by Arts-in-the-Park, with a C.I.P. grant. More details later.

The Mississippi River Clean-up is on Saturday, May 17th. Participants meet at Lowry and Marshall at 9:30 a.m.

The staff at the Logan Park Center urge you to stop by and register your kids for T-ball and softball soon so a program can be put together before the playing fields are torn up. The staff will also be arranging the summer sports programs, and coordinating with neighboring parks.

The City Tree Project, located at 14th and Central, is interested in plants and shrubs you may be clearing out or dividing this spring, especially ones tolerant of hot sun. Several varieties of trees have been planted and will be studied for their tolerance to the site pollution common to Northeast. Contact Lorrie Stromme at 338-1015.

LOGAN PARK TOWN MEETING

FIND OUT WHAT THE NRP'S BEEN UP TO

Last November, we got together to learn the results of the survey and organize around the issues that people felt most strongly about. Now, five months later, we have results. Four committees — Housing, Arts & Culture, Parks and Environment, and Livability and Safety — have spent numerous hours discussing what is best for the neighborhood. They have come up with concrete ideas for ways of improving the neighborhood.

Some of our ideas include:

- Leveraging scheduled park improvements with NRP money to get the best park for years to come
- Reclaiming problem properties by working with landlords and tenants
- Low-interest loans and grants to improve our housing and restore it to its historical condition
- Art and cultural programs to provide a range of activities for all ages and interests

At the Town Meeting, you will have the opportunity to vote on these programs

The vote will determine Logan Park's First Step Plan, our first stage of the NRP program. The First Step Plan will allocate \$350,000 of our entire \$1,300,000. It will be made up of our top few priorities, which we don't want to waste any time addressing.

So come out with your neighbors to the Logan Park Town Meeting

Saturday, April 19, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall

(Lower level. Use the day care entrance on 13th)

Child care • Coffee and cookies • Meet your neighbors