

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.*

1330 Van Buren Street Northeast
781-0700

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Logan Park Neighborhood Clean Sweep

Saturday Morning
May 2, 1998

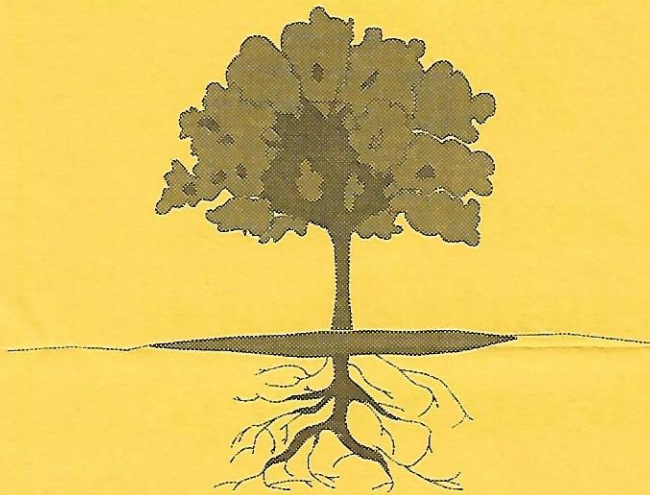
LPNA is ready to make your spring cleaning easier with the Annual Clean Sweep garbage pick-up day. The city provides a packer truck, we provide the muscle. Please keep your large appliances and yard waste for pick-up on the regular recycling day, and hazardous wastes cannot be accepted. Two tires per address will be picked up, and we will hand out vouchers for taking construction debris to the south Minneapolis site. Also at that time set out good, used household items and mark them LPNA Garage Sale and they will be picked up the same day. No clothing please. Have all items at your regular garbage pick-up site at 8:00 am, and if you have a lot, please lend a hand. Volunteers who want to ride the truck meet at the park parking lot at 7:45. Call 781-0700 for info.

SENIORS

If you arrange to sell your house through MCDA, you go to the head of the list for spots in the city-owned senior high-rises.

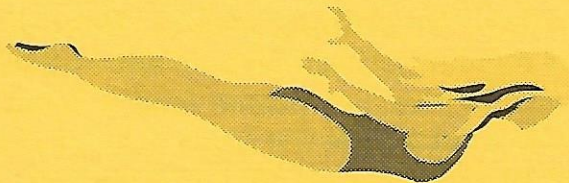
BOULEVARD TREES

To request a new or replacement boulevard tree, call the city Forestry Department at 370-4900 and tell them you are a Logan Park resident. There are still funds available in our tree program.



IN THE SWIM

The Roseacker pool in Northeast Park will open for summer, but for more pool option, regardless of the weather, consider the indoor pool at Northeast Middle School, 2955 Hayes Street. There are lessons and family swim times. Call 627-3058.



FROM COUNCIL MEMBER PAUL OSTROW

Discussion on Central Avenue Plans
Saturday, May 2, from 9:00 - 11:00
at 2504 Central Avenue

All are welcome.

There is current discussion of a revised Truth In Housing Ordinance requiring the correction of defects causing immediate health or safety risks as a condition of the sale. The goal is to ensure repairs get done, not to put unreasonable hardships on sales. Call 673-2201 to comment.

WORK AT HOME?

If you run your business out of your home, or if you are considering it, check out the revised city ordinance 522.205. It's available on the City of Minneapolis Web Site at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

CCP/SAFE

Contact Don Greeley at 673-2954 or Officer Craig Stoddard at 673-2806 for one-session Block Leader Training.

BOARD ELECTIONS

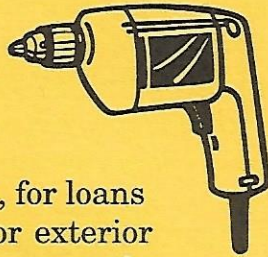
Board elections will be held at the May 20 LPNA meeting, 7:00 pm. Alternates are needed and several board spots are open!

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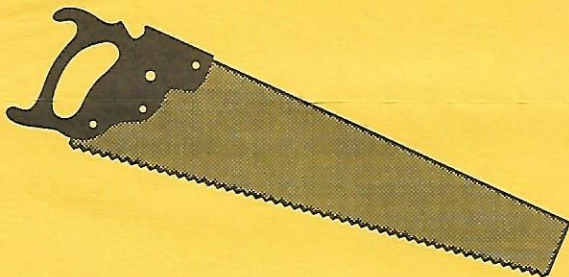
HOME IMPROVEMENT

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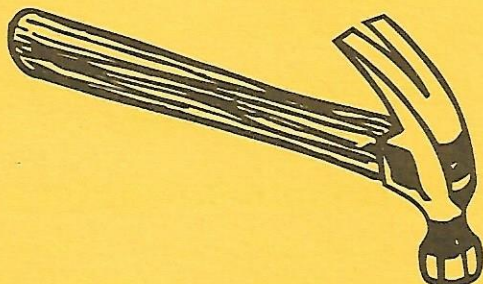
If you were not one of the lucky ten home owners who received NRP grant money for home repairs, there is almost \$50,000 left in the 4% loan program, for loans up to \$15,000 for interior or exterior work. Program administrators, the Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) also have other loans available.



Landlords: Just for rented property, CEE has 4% loans for energy-efficient repairs and 6% loans for other work. These are separate from NRP funds. Call CEE at 335-5858.



MCDA has several home improvement loan arrangements — up to \$8,000 Home Energy loans for single family homes, no income or equity limits, and there are other programs where interest rates slide in proportion to income. MCDA information is at 673-5286.



Our best tool in dealing with problem houses is the Inspections Department. For Logan Park, it is Dick Warwick at 803-0030 - We need to keep the pressure on city hall to require accountability from all landlords and tenants.

The Logan Park Neighborhood Association (LPNA) General Monthly Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday at the Logan Park Community Center, 13th and Monroe Street Northeast at 7:00 pm.

LIGHTS OF LOGAN HONOR ROLL

The businesses and people I would like to thank for making last December's Lights of Logan festival such a success are:

Target, General Mills, Home Depot, Rainbow Foods, Al's Breakfast, Vo's, Modern Grill, Central Car Wash, Stop-and-Go. Special thanks to Jacobson's Transfer for the hot dogs and buns - and help. Also to Linda Sandell for all the chocolate, Anne Miller, Mary Rose Ciatti, Gail Stone (and family!), Donna Norberg, Tom Harris, Paula Allan, Russ Belk, Brian Hoffman, Sandy Eames, Diane Morgan, Brian Nelson, Becky Freeman & Kathy Lee's Brownie Scout Troop, Scott and the Park staff, the neighborhood teens who helped, and everyone who attended. Thanks for making the fun happen...

Christine Burtness
'97 Lights of Logan Chairperson

ARTS-A-WHIRL

The Logan Park Neighborhood is hosting lots of Art-A-Whirl events for the weekend of May 15 - 17. The next issue of the *Northeaster* will carry the full calendar of events, but several family events will be at the park:

- The Art-A-Whirl Neighborhood Gallery all weekend,
- For the Kid in All of Us; a free event on Saturday, from 10:00 - 6:00
- The Variety Show, on Saturday, from 6:00 to 8:00 (also free)
- Bare Bones Production of "The Musicians of Bremen Town", on Sunday, at 1:00 pm.

The Arts Committee is still taking registrations for the Art Gallery — calling all Logan Park artists — no fee involved. For information, call Julie at 627-9624. Set-up is Thursday, May 14, and pick-up is Sunday, May 17.

SUPER SALE

Saturday, June 6, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm is the popular Super Sale at Logan Park. LPNA will have its usual space there, and is accepting donations of good, used items — no clothes please. This has been our best fund-raiser — over \$300 last year. Bring things to the park that day after 8:00 am to the LPNA space, or set them out for early collection during the May 2 Clean Sweep.

The Neighborhood Garden Club will have a space for a Plant Sale & Exchange. Donate extra perennials, shrubs, cuttings, house plants - even cut flower bouquets, or check out the Exchange List Bulletin Board for *who has what* and *who wants what*. Profits will go towards the planned flower garden in the park, and other neighborhood beautification projects.

For LPNA or plant donation information, call Christine Burtness at 788-7863.

If you want your own space, call the park at 370-4927. Tables can be rented too. Or hold your own sale that day yourself or with your neighbors — it's a major garage sale day!

The Neighborhood Image Task Force requested \$290,000 for four proposals:

- **\$250,000 for ornamental street lighting** in a style similar to the new lights around the park. NRP funds would pay 1/4 of the costs. This would give more lighting on each block and could help reduce crime. Petitions will be circulated in the neighborhood to obtain approval.
- **\$40,000 for Community Improvement Block Club Grants** for a variety of improvements which could be applied for on a block by block basis. There would be funds for 2 rounds of applications (spring and fall) each year for 7 years. \$500 maximum grants could be for alley lighting or clean-up, backyard motion detector lighting, Blooming Boulevards or plantings, block clean-up, youth work projects, garage painting, or whatever the blocks came up with. Block volunteers must be involved and block residents must be informed.
- **New trees in both boulevard and parks** utilizing Early Access NRP funds.
- **Block Clubs.** Beef up block clubs to have one on every block using existing volunteers.

The Youth/Social Task Force seeks \$120,000

- **\$75,000 for the Block Nurse Program for three years.** This program involves volunteers helping people in their homes by assisting with various chores, giving rides, helping with meals, walking the dog, home care, personal grooming, etc. This helps keep people in their homes. The Program utilizes existing programs, and fits into a niche that other providers don't fill. The Block Nurse program could also work with young single parent families and help with preventative types of health care.
- **\$35,000 for Community Building Events** for 2 years part time staff and event expenses. Events could include card-playing, a cookie exchange, a walking or biking club, cooking classes, dances, a single moms support group, family events, some activities for highrise residents or youth, and other activities.
- **\$10,000 to produce welcome packets and provide staff support for welcoming events.** There would be a quarterly welcoming event for all new residents which would give a history of the neighborhood and have someone from the committees and LPNA to welcome people and inform them of activities. We would be sure that a welcome packet is available to new people and track new residents who are moving in.
- **The Pathbreaker snow shoveling program** would be organized through the Block Nurse program and volunteers and would have no costs.
- **To get Block Clubs going,** we can help to identify block club leaders through current volunteers and work with SAFE, so there would be no spending NRP funds.

Initial NRP Spending Proposals for Logan Park Recommended

The Logan Park Neighborhood Association NRP Task Forces have been meeting since February and have come up with some preliminary recommendations for NRP funds for our neighborhood. The recommendations' total exceeds the \$940,000 we have by \$364,000, so the amounts below will have to be reduced. You can still join the Task Forces (made up of Logan Park residents) to finalize the proposals for our NRP money. Contact Kim at 722-5896 for more information.

The Arts/Culture Task Force requested a total of \$94,000 for three initiatives:

- **\$24,000 for a NE Arts/Fitness Center** which would provide a gallery for NE (Logan Park) artists and artisans to display their art and wares. It would be a location for classes and performance art and incorporate the museum concept and have displays of historical items.
- **\$35,000 for classes/workshops/events** including language classes, music classes leading to performances, community dance events, arts classes (sculpture, painting, ceramic, stained glass, film-making, etc.), cooking classes, community theater, film series, talent show, neighborhood festival, ethnic events, and Art-a-whirl.
- **\$35,000 for the Logan Park Arts Cooperative** would provide shared space for area artists to display/sell art, purchase art supplies, hold arts classes, and develop artists housing and/or studio space. It would give artists a commercial presence and build on the concept of NE and Logan Park as an artists area.

The Housing Task Force requested a total of \$800,000 for five programs:

- **\$100,000 for 3 years part time staff to deal with problem properties and vacant homes.** The staff would track vacant houses, tax -foreclosed properties, absentee landlords, disorderly houses, and properties' inspection work orders, ask tenants about rental units, attend housing-related meetings, work with SAFE, and have information about other housing programs.
- **\$250,000 to continue the loan program for most housing repairs.** A 4% interest rate will keep the loan fund revolving. There is a \$15,000 maximum loan amount. This program has \$125,000 currently and the new funds will follow the current guidelines.
- **\$300,000 matching grant program for fixing house exteriors.** \$3,500 is the maximum grant, do-it-yourself projects are OK. Applicants could get the matching funds from the low interest loan program. Outreach to the elderly or non-English speaking and an allowance for those that couldn't afford to match the grant would be part of this program
- **\$140,000 to rehabilitate or rebuild problem properties.** The rehabilitation money would address problem properties that are too far gone and need substantial work or demolition.
- **\$10,000 to establish a Community Improvement Fund** which would provide materials and supervision to support volunteer efforts for external improvements.