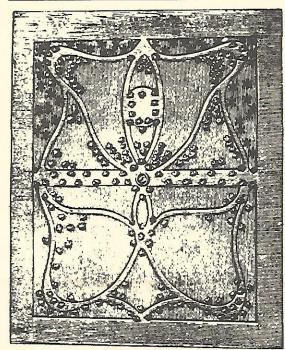
# LOGAN PARK

## 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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### **WINTER**, 1995

## HOW WOULD YOU SPEND \$350,000 on the Neighborhood?

We want to know. Logan Park Neighborhood is starting the First Step, which is part of the citywide Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP). neighborhood will receive \$350,000 to address the primary concerns, but of course, strings are attached: we need to hear from and involve more people than usually come to LPNA meetings. Renters, seniors, young people, business people, absentee landlords - we need to have your input.

This is enough money to make things happen, and the neighborhood will be eligible for more NRP funding on subsequent issues once we get the First Step program underway.

A start-up committee is in the process of writing the participation agreement, a framework for the planning process. We are looking for persons to contribute time and talent to the Steering Committee, which needs to represent the diversity of the neighborhood, and will manage the outreach and ranking of the neighborhood issues by surveys and meetings. NRP advisors have seen 12-18 months of planning before funds are released to specific projects, but these volunteer hours will make Logan Park neighborhood a better place to live and work in. Come to the regular monthly LPNA meeting, or call the office at 781-0700.



Hoping to pick the right number for the popular Jar Bazaar at the Lights of Logan Family Festival.

# LPNA MARCH GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 15, 1995 7:00 p.m.

Logan Park Community Center 13th & Monroe

Our neighborhood has been fortunate to be selected for several projects involving substantial money and great potential. Are you interested in how you might be affected?

## THE HISTORIC GARDEN DISTRICT: VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS HOME TOUR

Five beautiful neighborhood homes were decorated in different ethnic and vintage motifs for the Historic Garden District's Victorian Christmas Home Tour on December 4. This fundraiser for the Sheridan School included the newly restored McMillan Mansion at 13th and Monroe, owned by Joe Brodsky and Al Kremer; the O'Donnell residence at 1310 Jefferson; the Vogel/Harris house at 1306 Jefferson; the Painted Lady at 13th and Adams, owned by Bill and Jean Wallace; and the house at 1327 Washington, owned and restored by Chris and Tim Hanson. The LeBlanc Bed and Breakfast at 3rd Avenue and University was also part of the tour.

The homes were outfitted with costumed hosts, musical performances, decorations depicting holidays from turn of the century Sweden, French Canada and Poland - even from the USA around 1945. Elim Baptist presented treats and music.

LPNA would like to thank Mark Kozlak and his army of volunteers and contributors, and the wonderful people in our neighborhood who showcased these treasures of Northeast. December 4 was a day of hard work, pride and lots of fun.

#### PARK ACTIVITIES

On Tuesday, March 14, there will be an Open House for the Rec Plus program at the Logan Park Community Center. From 5:30 to 7:30 there will be a chance to meet the staff, enjoy some refreshments, and sign up for the summer 1995 programs. Rec Plus offers activities for kids ages 6 - 12, with Monday Day Camp, Friday Field Trips, the Summer Series of daily sports, games and projects. There is also the Tiny Tot program. Call the park at 348-8132 for more information.

## **BLOCK CONNECTIONS \$\$\$**

Block Connections is a new program offered by CCP/SAFE with grants up to \$2000 available for projects involving three to six blocks - inviting 60 to 120 households to participate. Ongoing projects that get neighbors to work together can apply for funds such as monthly clean-ups, community gardens, or youth employment. Informational materials, equipment, and paint are some of the things that could be funded. Our CCP/SAFE specialist is Dorothy Skwiera at 673-2954. Call her for more information. Application deadlines are May 5, July 7, and September 1.

### ENTERPRISE ZONE GRANT LOGAN PARK SEED COMPANY

Logan Park is one of five Minneapolis neighborhoods chosen to receive federal funding for a grant proposal to develop economic opportunity within the area. This grant will go to the Logan Park Seed Company, a program set to develop organic gardening projects and to improve neighborhood housing and appearance. It will provide for sustainable community development with an emphasis that focuses on youth employment and community-based partnerships.

#### MARCH FOODSHARE CAMPAIGNS



During the month of March, any donation to our local foodshelf, the Northeast Emergency Depot (NEED) is stretched

by the statewide Minnesota FoodShare Campaign. All cash or grocery items received by NEED in March will increase NEED's allocation from the Second Harvest Food Bank. This means NEED will be able to distribute more food to more Northeast residents.

NEED currently serves about 30 families a day, each household receiving 3-4 days of food once a month. 90% of this support comes from the northeast religious, business and residential community. Keep in mind that NEED can purchase food at 12¢ a pound through the Emergency Foodshelf Network, so cash donations stretch the furthest. Health Department regulations require the NEED pay strict attention to expiration dates on foods that they distribute.

NEED is located in the House of Faith Church, at 668 Broadway Street NE. Their phone number is 379-8520, and hours are MTWF, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm, and TH, 11:00 am - 3:30 pm. People using NEED's services must prove Northeast residency. Your contribution helps your neighbors.



#### LIGHTING CONTEST WINNERS

Our Lights of Logan Holiday Lighting display contest winners were: First Place: Timothy and Michelle Oney (1603 Adams); Second Place: Ron Benning (1511 Adams); and Third Place: Mary Rose Ciatti and Jim Miller (1210 Adams). Thanks to everyone who entered, or even just decorated their doors and windows!

#### FIX AND PAINT

Over 60 homes benefited from the Fix and Paint program, where home owners could receive up to \$5000 matching funds for exterior work. Projects included roofs, windows, cement work, painting, siding, fences, garages, and landscaping. Funds were allocated by lottery of plans submitted, and many who were not selected had the work done anyway.

LPNA would like to thank committee members and coordinator Kim Vohs for a fine job. Kim enjoyed working with the project, saying "I felt people were cooperative, friendly, and patient; the project went without hitches."

One home owner on Washington Street commented "I am very excited to have been selected for a grant, and I hope the whole neighborhood benefits from the extra money as much as I will." Let's hope this enthusiasm carries on for more projects this spring.

### NORTHEAST NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING FAIR

Saturday, March 25, 1995 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Sheridan School, 1201 University Avenue

Come for information on building supplies, contractors, painters, carpenters, landscapers, financing, etc. Bring the family - it's free!

Mini seminars from 10:00 - 11:00, repeated from 11:15 to 12:15 on:

- How to select a contractor
- Building permits when need, how to apply
- How to make your home safe and secure
- Exterior maintenance
- Cement repair

For more information, contact Hillary Freeman NRP/CARE at 673-5217.

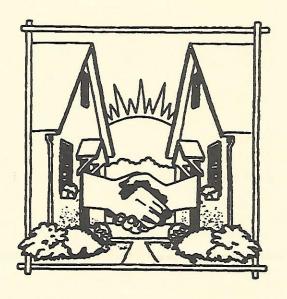
#### LIGHTS OF LOGAN

LPNA wants to thank everyone involved for making the second annual Lights of Logan such a success. First the community that came out to enjoy it (we'll see you next year!). Second, the Board of Directors, committee members and volunteers who worked so hard, as well as the park staff. And finally, all who contributed services, funds, and door prizes. Thank you. Thank you!

Modern Cafe Mighty Fine Diner Ann Miller Arden Miller Linda Sandell Al's Breakfast Ideal Diner Guthrie Theatre Dinsmore Cleaners Jacob's Trading McDonald's Kent Hrbek Target James Page Brewery Co. Siwek Lumber & Millwork Title Wave Emily's Lebanese Deli Central Avenue Car Wash General Mills NSP Knucklehead's Rudolph's Barbecue Steward Lumber Hollywood Theatre Preservation Group Burger King The Comedy Gallery The Plymouth Playhouse Walt Dziedzic Turnquist, Inc. Northeast State Bank West Photo

#### NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY SURVEY

Most of Logan Park's crime incidents have gone down this last year, except for burglary, which doubled from 20 reported break-ins to 42 in 1994, and six already for 1995. Join your neighbors for some action on this matter by conducting a neighborhood security survey. CCP/SAFE has a list of things to look for, and they recommend a check after dark for special concerns about adequate lighting.



This should concern everyone in the neighborhood, as there has been no pattern, time, or predictability to these crimes - your property could be next.

Simple steps can be taken to make your home or garage a more unlikely choice. Let's start by teaming up with a few neighbors for a walk around the block and down the alley. Whether or not you are part of an active block club doesn't matter - all it takes is yourself, maybe a neighbor on either side, and someone from a few houses down.

Denny Grodahl is Logan Park's coordinator for this project. Call him at 623-4935 and he will go through a checklist or accompany your group. Take advantage of the milder weather and help stop criminals from taking advantage of our neighborhood.