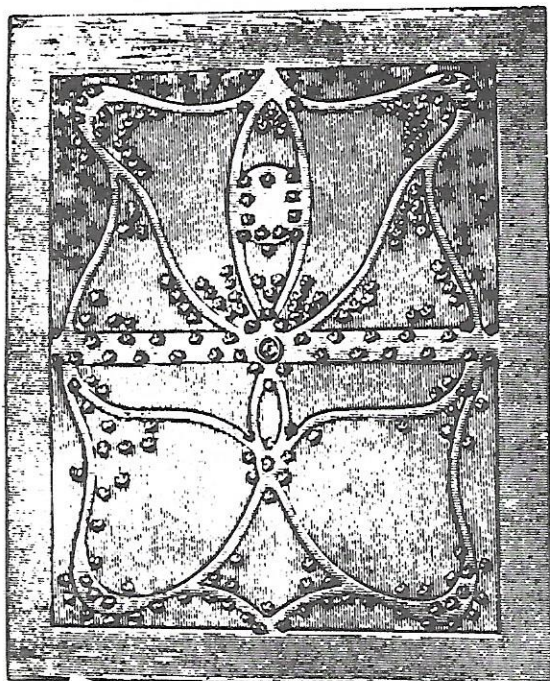


# LOGAN PARK

## 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 1996



*Harold the Clown at Lights of Logan. Photo by Terry Gydesen.*

## Family Night Learn to Polka!

Saturday, January 27, 1996  
Logan Park Gym

6:00 - 7:00 Polka Workshop  
7:00 - 10:00 Live Polka Band  
Leon Bonnud & the Bavarians

Co-sponsored by LPNA, Arts in the Park, Logan Park Community Center, and COMPASS. Other events coming up will be:

- John Phillips Souza Band workshop and outdoor concert, June 30 at 6:30 pm
- Shakespeare in the Park's *Comedy of Errors*, July 28 at 1:00 pm

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## KONDIRATOR CONTROVERSY

The MPCA Citizen's Board needed extra time to respond to the 164 public comment letters received during the comment time on the Environmental Assessment Worksheet prepared for the Kondirator, the metal shredder proposed by American Iron and Supply Company.

The MPCA Citizen's Board must decide whether to order an environmental impact statement on the project, and may decide on January 22 and 23. Interested people should direct questions to Deborah Dolan, MPCA Public Information Office, at 282-6410. TTY users call 282-5332.

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This is a reminder to dog owners to have your dog on a leash. Animals darting into the street between snow piles are difficult to see and stop for. Also, there is a \$43.00 fine for not picking up after your dog in the park or at other people's property, and this *includes boulevards*. These are health and safety issues that affect us all.

## LIGHTS OF LOGAN



### Winners of the Lighting Contest:

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| \$100.00 | John Awad family<br>1526 Jefferson            |
| \$75.00  | Tim Oney family<br>1603 Adams                 |
| \$50.00  | Pam Miller & Richard Lee family<br>1300 Adams |

The whole neighborhood sparkled with holiday lights on every street.

LPNA would like to thank everyone for their contributions to another successful Lights of Logan Family Festival - Target, General Mills, Stewart Lumber, Dinsmore Cleaners, Jacobson Transfer, Guthrie Theatre, Children's Theatre, Surdyk's, Vo's, Al's Breakfast, Modern Cafe, Chez Bananas, Mighty Fine Deli and Coffeehouse, Jacob's 101, Gasthof zur Gemutlichkeit, Kent Hrbek and Linda Sandell.

Everyone enjoyed the St. Mary's Balalaika Orchestra, the Wild Goose Cloogers, and Harold the Clown.

Thanks to all the volunteers, to the park staff, and to the community for their support.

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."*

*-Margaret Mead*



## HOME TOUR 1996

The ninth annual Minneapolis & St. Paul Home Tour will be held on the weekend of May 4th and 5th. The Logan Park Neighborhood Association is encouraging nominations from our neighborhood. Logan Park has had a home featured on the Tour for the last 5 years, with 500 - 700 people checking out how our turn-of-the-century treasures have been preserved or transformed. Don't let remodeling in progress stop you—it's often of special interest to those on the tour. Nomination deadline is February 15. Call the Office of Public Affairs at 673-2491 or Christine Burtness at 788-7863 for more information.



## CO-OP GROCERY STORE

People interested in becoming members and shopping at a whole foods co-op in Northeast should call Thane Lewis at 781-6758 or Sue Jaeger at 789-5575 and leave your name, address and phone number to be contacted with more information.

## NEW CONSTRUCTION IN THE LOGAN PARK NEIGHBORHOOD

Central Care Center has proposed the construction of a new, 126 bed nursing home facility at 1600 Filmore Street Northeast, to replace its current facility located at 1828 Central Avenue Northeast. The Whirl Air Flow Corporation, at 1515 Central Avenue plans to expand its current building to include additional office space. Comments or questions can be directed to Jim White at 673-5170, MCDA.



Remodeling of the park building is currently out to bid, with the bulk of funds going to roof repair. Planning for the playground has been pushed back several months.



The warming house facilities at Logan Park Community Center are available to ice skaters from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

## WELCOME TO SCOTT GAGNON

Please join us in welcoming Scott Gagnon, our new director for the Logan Park Community Center. He's a lifetime Northeast resident, and has spend four years at Northeast Park and 1 1/2 years at Sibley. Scott has a strong background in youth sports teams, organized throughout the park system, and is looking forward to working with the Logan Park community.





## Logan Park Housing Goals

### Increase Home-owner Occupancy

Home ownership is important to Logan Park because it encourages residents to become more active in their neighborhood. This is especially true in LP because of the mix of renters and homeowners. Renting in a neighborhood such as LP is a great way to get to know the area and the people, but home ownership encourages investment in the neighborhood and increases the value of the property and sense of neighborhood pride. Home ownership increases LP's appeal to potential buyers and renters.

With the rising number of substandard housing units (74) in LP it is time to assist and educate our renters in regards to purchasing neighborhood homes. It is also time to get the word out to families that the suburbs aren't the only place to go for good housing and a great place to live !

### Historical Preservation and Rehabilitation of Housing Stock

The Historic Garden District of Logan Park is on its way to becoming a showplace of Minneapolis. The architectural details of the exteriors and interiors of the homes are priceless. In order for homes here to increase in value, those distinguishing characteristics should be preserved and marketed accordingly.

Many times historical perspective renovations can be done as affordably as any general renovation work. Historical colors of paint can be found in many paint companies' general lines. Siding and window treatments are now available in a wider range of styles and colors. Just a little time, effort and research will produce a beautifully "dressed" home that is an asset to the Garden District!

## Housing Goals

1. Increase home-owner occupancy
2. Improve property appearance
3. Downsize housing stock
4. Identify and eliminate problem housing
5. Establish block clubs on every block
6. Market and educate our neighborhood to realtors
7. Historical Preservation and rehabilitation of housing stock
8. Create side lots

### Did You Know...

In 1885, the park (then unnamed) had three homes in the middle of it?

## THIS IS MY HOUSE COLORING CONTEST

Sponsored by the LPNA Housing Committee to promote pride in our neighborhood.

### Contest Rules:

1. Be creative when drawing your house (one you live in now, or the one you dream of living in some day).
2. WHO: Logan Park residents 16 years old or younger. Drawings will be grouped by ages: 1 - 6 yrs, 7 - 12 yrs, and 13 - 16 yrs.
3. WHAT: Use one sheet of 8 1/2 x 11 paper and make sure your name, age, address and phone number are on the back of your drawing.
4. WHEN & WHERE:  
Drawings must be dropped off at the Logan Park Community Center before 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 5.



All drawings will be displayed at the Community Center with ribbons awarded to drawings within their age groups.

# **Neighborhood Revitalization Program Will Spend 1.3 Million Dollars in Logan Park**

The city of Minneapolis, in its commitment to improve and strengthen neighborhoods, is implementing a city-wide plan to invest money in neighborhood programs that residents list as their priorities. All city neighborhoods are getting an allotment of money and Logan Park is earmarked to receive 1.3 million dollars over the next 4 years. This money is to be spent for programs over and above on-going city services, not used as a substitute for them. These funds will come in two stages. The first is known as the First-Step money which is a small amount designed to jump-start the program. The second stage will be funded after a more in-depth survey and community canvassing effort has been completed. The success of these programs will depend on the amount of participation residents contribute to the NRP process.

In Logan Park, the first phase is already well under way. Our First Step funds, a little over \$300,000, might be received as early as this year. A formation committee has been meeting regularly since September. In November a mailing went out to all residents and property owners asking persons to list their community concerns and inviting them to join the Steering Committee. On January 8, the NRP Steering Committee was established and elected its officers. Interested persons, however are still invited to join. These meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at the Logan Park Community Center and are open to the public.

This Steering Committee, consisting of 9 -13 people, will oversee a more in depth survey. This may include door knocking, canvassing and town meetings in an effort to get as many people involved as possible. Other focus groups will be established to analyze and recommend detailed solutions to neighborhood residents. These focus groups will study housing, crime, senior citizen issues, youth issues as well as other issues the residents want addressed.

NRP needs the participation of all residents. Interested parties should call the LPNA office at 781-0700 or any of the officers listed below. Co-chairpersons: John Stamm (789-8256) and Nancie Theissen (379-8498); Secretary-Diane Hoffman (788-7859); Treasurer-Wanda Condolucci (378-0662).



# Results of Preliminary NRP Survey

Recently, the NRP Steering Committee sent out a two-part preliminary survey to determine why people live in Logan Park and to identify the issues residents most want to solve.

People were asked to check three reasons why they live here. The most popular reason cited is the convenient location (51%). 36% also said it is affordable; and close behind are 32% who live here because it is stable and familiar. On an optimistic note, many residents (31 %) indicated that they live here because they feel it is a safe neighborhood.

The list below are the issues that residents want addressed. In order of importance, they are:

Neighborhood Appearance	52%	Jobs	7%
Absentee Landlord	49%	Parks & Recreation	5%
Condition of Housing	47%	Senior Issues	4%
Property Crime	39%	Business Development	4%
Unsupervised Youth	24%	Transportation	4%
Personal Safety	23%	Openness to Diversity	3%
Landlord/Tenant	15%	Schools	1%
Retail Shopping	9%	Social Service	1%
Arts & Crafts	7%	Traffic Control	1%

Many of the comments written by respondents suggest property crime, neighborhood appearance and condition of housing relate to landlord problems. The absentee landlord and landlord/tenant complaints, taken together, make up the majority of written comments. And in a show of support for the neighborhood, 35% of the respondents volunteered to help develop and implement a plan to solve these problems.

The NRP has \$1.3 million to invest in Logan Park and the Steering Committee is looking for input from all residents before spending this money. A more in depth survey is being prepared and volunteers are needed for focus groups, surveys and block canvassing work. Your input is needed, please call the LPNA office at 781-0700.

*Logan Park is in the Revitalization category of NRP process, and our representatives on the NRP Policy Board are Judy Schwartan from Lowry Hill East with Gretchen Nichols from Loring Park as alternate, both elected on November 30.*