

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/SPRING 2000

Logan Park Neighborhood is Going to Look Great!

Over half a million dollars has been spent this last year on repairs and renovations. We're on a roll. We are putting in place a program aimed at problem properties. We are starting a partnership with *A Brush with Kindness* (see inside and back of this newsletter), and Logan Park Neighborhood will be the focus of a city inspections sweep early this summer. There is a list of code violations inside. Our annual Alley Clean Sweep will be in May. Lots of work, but we're going to shine!

- People interested in helping petition for the historic lighting, please call Pat Vogel at 781-9838.
- The Logan Park Community Flower Garden is accepting donations of non-aggressive, sun-loving perennials and decorative bark mulch.
- Saturday Morning Comics in March, 10:30 'til noon at Logan Park. \$4.00 per morning or \$12.00 for the whole series.
- Community Health Program - Check the Insert.

At the Park:

Spring Break Field Trips, April 3 - 6

All Sports Bean Feed, Thursday, April 13 for all youth & families participating in Logan Park sports.

Bunny Brunch, Saturday, April 22; pancake brunch, entertainment, egg hunt; 10:00 'til noon. \$1 for 12 and under, \$2 for 13 and up.

Spring Sports sign-up coming soon! 370-4927.

LPNA General Meeting, Wednesday, March 15, 7:05 pm at the Logan Park Community Center.

Owners of properties found to be in violation of the code will be issued a letter describing the violation(s), specifying a timeline for correction of the problem and a date for re-inspection. This letter is called an "order." If the problem is not corrected in the specified time, a binding final notice will be issued. Nuisance orders have short due dates. Major repairs are given more time. The next step could be a violation tag with court action and fine to gain compliance. In most cases, owners correct the problem upon receipt of the first notice, or set a timetable for completion.

Housing Inspectors look for:

Alley/sidewalk

Growth and vegetation that hangs over the edge of the public alley or public sidewalk must be cut and removed. A clearance of seven feet over public sidewalks and 14 feet over public alleys is required.

Garbage and litter

Each property should have adequate trash containers, and the property should be free of trash, garbage and debris. If a nuisance condition exists and is not corrected in the time allotted, inspectors will order proper disposal and may authorize a contractor to correct the problem and assess the costs to the owner.

General disrepair

Buildings that lack paint, have broken windows and rotting wood, broken steps or guardrails, and missing bricks in walls and chimneys will be issued orders.

Graffiti

Owners will be asked to paint over or remove graffiti marks painted on their property. For information on graffiti removal, call the Graffiti Hotline, 61 2-673-2090.

Grass/weeds

All tall grass and weeds over eight inches in height must be cut and removed from your property. This includes all boulevards, side yards, and along alleys.

Inoperable vehicles Inoperable or junk vehicles that have missing wheels or engines, broken

windows, or out-of-date registrations will be tagged and towed, after proper notice.

Missing or unreadable addresses

Visible and numeric house numbers are required for identification by emergency vehicles. Numbers must be on the front of the home or in the rear if there is an alley access.

Parking in yard

Vehicles may not be parked in yards or on unpaved surfaces; vehicles must be parked within the garage or on a hard-surfaced driveway. The number of vehicles outside a garage is also limited.

Poor housing hygiene

Report homes with extremely unhealthy conditions such as excessive or improperly stored garbage, rats, roaches, or other situations that may cause a health hazard to the Inspections Division — 612-673-5858.

Storage of large items

Property owners who store large appliances, tires, or used motor oils and petroleum products on their property may be issued an order. Owners who have City service are advised to check with Public Works/Solid Waste & Recycling, 612-673-2917, to inquire about (1) a special pick-up of large items such as refrigerators and freezers; and/or (2) a dumping voucher for tires (limit of two vouchers per property per year and a maximum of eight tires per voucher). Oil products must be disposed of properly and not in garbage containers or on streets, alleys or lawns. Free oil disposal is available at the City garage at 2710 Pacific St N from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Valvoline Rapid Oil stations will also dispose of oil.

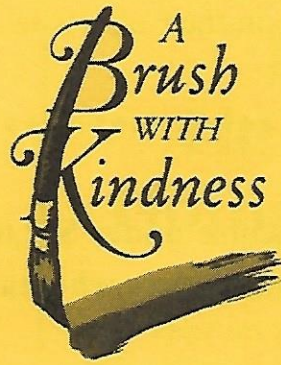
Unlicensed businesses

Illegal businesses will be reported to Licenses and Consumer Services -612-673-2080.

Other departments respond to health hazards such as elevated blood lead levels, food and restaurant complaints, (Contact Brian Olson at Environmental Health, 612-673-3535, Health Department, 612-673-2301) or asbestos (State Abatement, 651-627-2170).

A BRUSH WITH KINDNESS

PAINTING



MINOR REPAIRS

LANDSCAPING

DOES THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOME NEED PAINTING, LANDSCAPING, OR MINOR REPAIRS?

- ♦ A Brush with Kindness is looking for low-income homeowners who live in the Logan Park neighborhood whose homes need light exterior renovation.
- ♦ Read the eligibility requirements on the back or call the number below to determine if you qualify.
- ♦ Work will occur throughout the summer. You will be notified no later than June 30th if your home has been chosen. All work will be done at no cost to the homeowner.
- ♦ Volunteers from businesses, churches, and service organizations will do all the work alongside able bodied residents.

FOR AN APPLICATION OR QUESTIONS

CALL 612-788-8169

Application deadline is April 21, 2000

We will help you fill out the forms. Call 975-9549.

See if You Qualify for this Free House Painting Program!

A **Brush with Kindness** is a volunteer program to help revitalize neighborhoods and bring neighbors together to assist one another in their efforts to live independently and safely in their homes.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Residents with a combined household income **under \$32,000** are eligible to participate in the program. **Priority will be given to homeowners who have the greatest need.**

Residents with household incomes **over \$32,000** may be eligible to receive supplies to do the work themselves.

A **Brush with Kindness**, in collaboration with the Logan Park neighborhood group, will determine which eligible homes will be chosen for the project based on financial need, family circumstance, condition of the house, and availability of volunteers. All able-bodied living in the homes chosen for the program will be required to work alongside volunteers.

Homeowners who are chosen for the program will be notified by a volunteer leader no later than June 30, 2000. Together, they will work out project details, including the scope of the work and when the job will be done.

SUPPLIES

All paint and many other supplies will be furnished by **A Brush with Kindness** and donated by local businesses. Volunteers will supply tools, ladders and any additional supplies needed to complete the project.

PROJECT DAYS

Most projects will be completed within a week, depending on the size of the home and number of volunteers. Projects will occur June through August.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL 612-788-8169**

A **Brush with Kindness** is a special volunteer program of Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, in partnership with the Logan Park neighborhood, that does light exterior renovation for low- to moderate-income homeowners who need assistance to complete the work.