



— LOGAN LEDGER —

General Meeting: Wednesday, January 16th, 2019 at 7pm at 690 13th Ave Logan Park

Agenda:

Childcare Available

- Alicia Whitmore, Prepare and Prosper Financial Service Program
- Meg Hobday, My Very Own Bed
- Evelyn Carbrey, Northeast Healthy Food Access Campaign

Upcoming Meetings:

- LPNA Board Meeting, January 9th, 6pm @ Logan Park
- Street Safety Committee Meeting, Wed Jan 16th, 6pm @ Logan Park

Volunteers for Financial Wellness

At Prepare + Prosper, the work of our 550 volunteers changes people's lives during tax season. Whether it's preparing or reviewing tax returns, talking to someone about saving some of their refund, or walking them through their credit report for the first time, volunteers make an impact on someone's pocketbook and financial future. *One hour of a volunteer's time can put an average of \$2,000 into the pockets of someone who needs it.*

Tax preparation can be expensive for people with low- to moderate-incomes who are targeted by some paid preparers due to the large refunds they can receive. The average cost of tax preparation is around \$200 but it's not uncommon to hear our customers say they've paid upwards of \$500 in the past. Added to the prep fee is the cost of refund products. Some paid preparers upsell unnecessary and expensive products that aren't designed with people's long-term financial wellness in mind.

We do the opposite. We use tax time as a money moment—a sort of financial check-up—an opportunity to talk to people about their finances and connect them to products and education that will work for them and their financial goals. Volunteers are helping people access the full set of tax credits they've earned and increase their income, oftentimes boosting them above the poverty line. For our customers whose average income is \$19,000, that makes a big difference. Each year, we help return about \$25 million in refunds. *Volunteers make Prepare+Prosper's work happen.*

We are a staff of 22 full-time and 40 part-time tax seasonal with a volunteer force of 550 serving 13,000 and more people every year. Volunteers are in the community providing free services. Without the dedication, passion, and skill of our volunteers, our work would not be possible. They are on the front lines helping people build financial wellness and change their lives.

To learn more and/or apply, visit our website: <https://prepareandprosper.org/volunteer/>

Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/prepareandprosper/>

Meet with Your Council Member

Council Member Kevin Reich is always available to meet with Ward 1 constituents. Feel free to contact the First Ward Office at 612-673-2201 or kevin.reich@minneapolismn.gov to set up an appointment. You can also meet with Kevin at one of his monthly Constituent Meet & Greets. Here's the January schedule:

- Tuesday, January 15, 8-9 a.m., Diamonds Coffee, 1618 Central Avenue NE
- Monday, January 28, 5-6 p.m., Broken Clock Brewing Cooperative, 3134 California Street NE

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2019 Home Tour wants your home, or your neighbor's

"Give back" or "pay it forward" by opening your home for the Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour. The tour is April 27 and 28, 2019, but nominations are needed by mid-January, and early submissions are encouraged. Contractors are encouraged to call about homes they've worked on.

Browse the website, www.MSPHomeTour.com or call or write Tour Coordinator Margo Ashmore for info, 612-867-4874, mfashmore@aol.com.

The tour is a celebration of city living that encourages homeowners to improve existing homes, and to complement the neighborhood flavor if they build new.

It's the Tour's 32nd year; it will be held April 27 and 28, 2019.

There is a submission form at

www.MSPHomeTour.com.

Nominations/applications are due January 20, and early submissions are encouraged.

Lights of Logan Winners:

- * 1st place 1607 Jefferson St NE
- * 2nd place 1407 Jefferson St NE
- * 3rd place 1514 Monroe St NE

Winners should bring their December electric bill to the January 16th community meeting to collect their prize. *Thank you to everyone who participated!*

City of Minneapolis HOM Program Offers Up to \$10,000 in Down Payment Assistance

NeighborWorks Home Partners (NWHP) has been selected by the City of Minneapolis to partner in the administration of its' Homeownership Opportunity Minneapolis (HOM) down payment assistance program.

NWHP launched their lending administration for the program on Tuesday, November 27, 2018.

HOM is intended to increase financial knowledge for program participants in order to build a foundation for successful homeownership.

Program highlights:

- Down payment loans are available up to \$10,000 for qualified buyers.
- Down payments are zero interest and have no monthly payments. The principal amount is paid back when the buyer sells or refinances the home or it is no longer occupied as their primary residence.
- Buyers must have an income below 115% of Area Median Income (AMI). For a household of 4, this amount is \$108,445. Buyers whose income is between 80%-115% AMI are eligible for \$5,000. Buyers whose income is below 80% AMI are eligible for \$10,000.
- Owner-occupied single family and duplex homes within Minneapolis city limits are eligible. This includes townhomes and condos.
- Applicants must complete an approved financial wellness program prior to entering into a purchase agreement on a home AND be referred for the program by a participating agency.
- Buyers must also attend homebuyer education. NeighborWorks Home Partners offers HomeStretch workshops that meet this requirement.
- Complete guidelines are available at <http://nwhomepartners.org/HOM>
- Buyers interested in applying for the funds can
- contact NeighborWorks to find out more about availability of funds and eligibility for the program.

The program website is <http://nwhomepartners.org/HOM> and the organization phone number is 651-292-8710.

Lights of Logan Honorable Mentions:

- * Southwest Penthouse, Madison Lofts
- * 8th floor back side of the Holland high-rise
- * 1303 Monroe St NE
- * 1419 Washington St NE

“My Very Own Bed!”

That’s the squeal of delight from children when they receive a new bed and “dream kit” (sheets, blanket, pillow, mattress pad, and stuffed animal) delivered to their home. The unfortunate reality is that many children in our community sleep on the floor or share a bed or couch. In these conditions, children (and often, their parents) are deprived of the incredible benefits of a good night’s sleep.

Healthy sleep helps children fight off illness, enhances their growth, improves their self-regulation and stress control, and aids their learning. For these reasons, the 501(c)(3) organization, My Very Own Bed, provides new beds and linens to children in families who have recently moved out of homelessness in the Twin Cities. While these families may have secured a place to live, they often lack the basic items that make their house into a home. We focus on beds for kids so that they have at least a small place to call their own on which to read, to dream, and most important to sleep.

Want to host a dream-kit donation drive at your school, church, or place of work? Or get involved in some other way? *Check out our work at www.myveryownbed.org. We’d love to hear from you!*

Update on Neighborhood Priorities

Over 30 project ideas were presented at the LPNA General meeting on 11/28. The ideas that showed the most support were: Under Bridge Artwork/Lighting, Neighborhood Murals, Timber Framed Park Pavilion, Rooftop Apiary at Elim, 45th Parallel Marker in the Park and a Lighting Project in the Park. The Priorities Committee is in the process of assessing costs, feasibility, and alignment with neighborhood priorities for these and other proposed ideas. Come to the January meeting or email to let us know if you would like to work on of the committees. Thank you.

Mobilizing for a better Minneapolis

Mark your calendars for 2019’s Community Connections Conference on Saturday, February 2, 2019 in the Minneapolis Convention Center, lower level, in Hall A. This year's theme will be Together: Mobilizing for a Better Minneapolis, a call to action for residents, neighborhoods, and diverse communities to influence the decisions that impact their lives.

The conference brings together neighborhoods, communities, residents and local government in an inclusive, creative space to make connections and build capacity during a day of interactive exhibits, workshops, round tables and an opening panel. Our goal is to create an exciting conference for all participants.

Read more about how you can get involved: <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/conf/>

Stay Informed this Winter about Snow Emergencies

You have many ways to find out when a snow emergency is declared and what the rules are for each day to avoid being towed.

- Call the snow emergency hotline at 612-348-SNOW in English, Spanish, Somali and Hmong.
- Check the City’s website: www.minneapolismn.gov/snow.
- Sign up to receive a call: Landlines receive automated calls, but anyone can add their cellphone or unlisted landline number to the list at www.minneapolismn.gov/snow.
- Email alerts: Sign up to get snow emergency alerts via email at minneapolismn.gov/snowsnow_esubscribe
- Smartphone App: Download the Minneapolis Snow Emergency App. Look up your street's parking rules in detail by entering an address or using your device’s location services features.
- Watch the news: News releases are sent to the media so TV, radio stations and other news outlets can inform their viewers and listeners that a Snow Emergency is in effect.
- Watch Minneapolis City TV: Tune in to Comcast channel 859 or CenturyLink channel 8502 to see transmissions in multiple languages.
- Follow www.facebook.com/MinneapolisSnowEmergency to see updates on your Facebook news feed.
- Follow twitter.com/minneapolisnow to view announcements via Twitter.

2019 Winter Programs at Logan Park

Adult Programming

Creative Ceramics

Learn basic ceramics techniques all the way to the newest. For 47 years Logan Park has been teaching you to make your own dishes, figurines or unique piece. This is not a pottery class. You will purchase greenware. You will then clean it and paint it. We will fire it in our kiln for a finished product. The options are endless. Ages 18+ Res \$50 / Non-Res \$75
#90614 Tu 12/4/2018 - 3/5 6:30pm - 9pm

Adult Pickleball

Drop in for an afternoon of Pickleball. Cost is \$4 per time. All Ages Res \$4 / Non-Res \$6
#92638 F 1/4 - 3/29 1pm - 3pm

Meal Program

This food service program provides children nutritious meals during after school hours. Times and types of meals served vary by site and are available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Select sites serve reduced-waste meals, focusing on reducing both food and packaging waste. Ages 18 and Under Free
#92597 M Tu W Th F 1/2 - 3/29 3pm - 6pm

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#92638 F 1/4 - 3/29 1pm - 3pm

Beginning Tai Chi and Qigong

For centuries, the Chinese have recognized the beneficial effects of Tai Chi to reduce stress and improve health, balance, and flexibility. Join Certified Instructor Marie Mathay in this gentle, slow-moving series of ancient Tai Chi exercises designed to enhance physical and mental well-being. Great for beginners, this class introduces basic Tai Chi and Qigong principles and movements, activates internal energy, and promotes the calming harmony of body, mind, and breath. All abilities welcome. Ages 18+ Res \$49 / Non-Res \$73.50
#90612 Tu 1/8 - 2/19 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Zumba

Party yourself into shape! That's exactly what Zumba is all about. It's an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness-party that's moving millions of people toward joy and health. All Ages Supply Fee \$30/per session
#92936 Sa 1/5 - 3/30 10am - 11am

Youth Programming

My Friends Preschool

Educational and recreational activities to enrich and develop your child's social, intellectual and physical growth. Have a great time participating in a wide variety of fun things such as cooking, music, environmental activities, art and story time. Ages 3-5
2 DAYS Res \$75 / Non-Res \$112.50
#92624 Tu W Th 1/8 - 1/31 9:30am - 12pm
3 DAYS Res \$110 / Non-Res \$165
#92632 Tu W Th 1/8 - 1/31 9:30am - 12pm

My Friends Lunch Bunch This is an extended hour for those in "My Friends". Bring a bag lunch, we will eat together as a group, then either go outside to play or do a fun group activity. Ages 3-5
2 DAYS Res \$30 / Non-Res \$45
#92616 Tu W Th 1/8 - 1/31 12pm - 1pm
3 DAYS Res \$45 / Non-Res \$67.50
#92601 Tu W Th 1/9 - 1/31 12pm - 1pm

Indoor Playground (ActivePass Program)

Does your child have energy to burn? Explore a new world at our highly-interactive, drop-in style social playtime! Playtime is a convenient way for young ones to burn off energy, socialize and develop motor skills. Ages 6 and Under Res \$3 / Non-Res \$4.50
#90615 M F 1/7 - 3/22 10am - 12pm

Nature Nuts: Nature Play Group

Come with your little one to play, explore and have fun in nature with other children and their parents/guardians. Ages 5 and Under Free
#93560 F 2/8 - 3/1 10:30am - 11:30am

Jr. Naturalists: Naturalist Round Up Naturalists will 'round up' available kids for fun, hands-on activities and games. We may include portions of our other nature-based programs. Ages 6-12 Free
#90882 M 1/14 - 3/25 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Open Gym (ActivePass Program)

Teens can come to the gym to enjoy basketball, floor hockey, dodgeball, big base and a bunch of other fun games. Teen open gym is for youth 13 to 18 years old. Must have a MPRB ActivePass to enter gym. You may register for your free ActivePass at the front desk.. Ages 13-18 Free
#88729 M Th 4/1 - 6/6 3pm - 5:30pm