



LOGAN PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Happy New Year to all Logan Park residents and businesses from LPNA. Unlike last winter, this New Year has brought the usual cold weather and snow to Minnesota. Which makes this an appropriate time for a reminder about Minneapolis's snow shoveling rules, and of programs which offer help if you are unable to shovel.

After a snowfall, all sidewalks are to be cleared of snow within 24 hours. Owners of property with unshoveled sidewalks can be tagged with a fine.

If you have a complaint about a sidewalk that remains uncleared, call the Sidewalk Division of the Minneapolis Public Works Dept. at 348-2441.

If you are a senior citizen or disabled person unable to shovel your walks, you may call the Minneapolis Senior Ombudsman at 348-6555. This is a city office that can help you with this problem.

Another snow removal program in Logan Park this year is the N.E. Pathbreaker Project, which is being implemented here by the North East Senior Citizen Resource Center (NESCRC). This project attempts to clear street corners and bus stops of ice and snow. The City Council, City Sidewalk Department and the Mayor have developed this project because of the serious hazard that unshoveled corners and bus stops present to our senior citizen and the disabled.

NESCRC asks that residents and businesses located on corners clear a 24 to 36 inch path in each direction within 2 to 3 days of a snowfall. Persons needing assistance may call NESCRC. They would appreciate your support of this project and welcome any questions or comments. The phone number is 781-5096. Please call Monday through Friday between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

-- Larry Roschen

Logan Park Neighborhood Association (LPNA) meets monthly on the third Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Logan Park Building. All people who live or work in the Logan Park Neighborhood are invited come and get involved. If you'd rather not get involved, you are still welcome to listen and hear about the issues of your neighborhood is facing.

Our next meetings will be January 20th and February 17th, both at 7:00 PM in the Logan Park Building.

SUMMARY OF LPNA's INVOLVEMENT WITH THE GENERAL MILLS PROPOSAL

General Mills representatives first introduced their plans to build new elevators off Central & Broadway to the LPNA at the monthly meeting held on February 18, 1987 at the Logan Park Building.

The LPNA then held a neighborhood meeting on March 16, 1987 so that General Mills representatives could present their proposal to the people in our neighborhood, giving them an opportunity to respond.

At this meeting, LPNA board member Leonard Sandell suggested that General Mills buy existing elevators further down the line to the north, thus leaving existing businesses near their Purity Oats plant in Logan Park alone.

LPNA members continued to do studies on grain elevators and area businesses. The monthly LPNA meetings were filled with lengthy discussion throughout the spring and summer of 1987. Several LPNA members attended and spoke at three City Council meetings.

Toward the end of the summer, the board of LPNA finally took a vote on the subject, and 90% voted against the proposed elevators. LPNA then sent letters to the Minneapolis City Council, Mayor Fraser, and General Mills stating its opposition to the proposed building of the elevators at that location.

The end result is favorable. General Mills is not going to build new elevators near Broadway & Central, existing businesses are staying in their present locations, the General Mills Purity Oats operation will continue in its present location, and indeed, General Mills has purchased an existing elevator complex in Fridley. Special thanks to all the people that helped bring this about.

-- Leonard Sandell "Free Enterprise,
Alive and Well"

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LPNA ELECTIONS NOTICE

Board members and officers of the Logan Park Neighborhood Association will be elected at LPNA's March meeting. All residents of Logan Park are invited to attend the meeting and help choose the board members who will serve for the next year. Perhaps you would like to become a board member yourself! The elections meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16, 1988. Come and help make a difference in your neighborhood. Call 623-0192 if you would like more information.

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The Northeast Planning Council is sponsoring a meeting on Thursday, January 21st, at 7:30 p.m. at the Logan Park Building. Featured will be Councilmembers Sandra Hilary and Walter Dziedzic. The topic is "Northeast in 1988". It is open to the public and all are invited to attend.

EASTSIDE HENNEPIN HUMAN SERVICES COUNCIL

Anita Martin has been contracted as coordinator for the Eastside Hennepin Human Services Council. This council works to establish priorities for Hennepin County human service budgets and policies affecting the Eastside area, as determined by citizen input regarding mental health, child care, domestic abuse, emergency services, and other services provided by Hennepin County. The council also provides educational opportunities for citizens and officials regarding Eastside human service needs.

Eastside residents who wish to volunteer time and everyy toward these goals are encouraged to call Ms. Martin at 781-2299.

ORGANIZATION OF LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE -- January 19th, 1988

You are invited to help organize a Local Mental Health Committee of the Eastside Human Services Council from 7:00 to 9:00 PM on January 19th at the Logan Park Community Center, 1325 Monroe Street NE.

This committee, with seven other local committees around Hennepin County, will provide the representatives to a county-wide Mental Health Advisory Council. Both local committees and the county-wide council will provide the citizen and provider input to Hennepin County's mental health plans and needs, as mandated by the State Legislature last spring.

If you live or work in the Eastside area and are interested in providing grassroots input to the county about mental health needs, please come to this meeting. If you cannot make this specific meeting, please call Anita Martin at 781-2299 to register for the committee. If you would like to be on the mailing list please notify the council at 2308 Central Ave N.E., Minneapolis, MN 55418.

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COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION and S.A.F.E. PROGRAMS

Scott Burgwin, organizer of the Community Crime Prevention and S.A.F.E. (Safety for Everyone) programs in our area talked and presented materials at a recent LPNA meeting. Among the citizen-participation programs for crime prevention available are:

McGruff Safe Houses: Screen and trains persons who offer their homes as safe places for children to go if they are hurt, frightened, approached by a stranger, locked out of their home, or otherwise in need of help.

Block Clubs and Neighborhood Watchforces: Organizes neighbors into groups who know and watch out for each other and their property.

Operation Identification: Personal numbers are issued to citizens to be engraved on their valued property.

Problem Identification and Resolution: Through the S.A.F.E. program, staff and police help residents identify and solve crime and other neighborhood problems.

If you are interested in these or other similar programs, contact Scott Burgwin at 348-6292.

EAGLES CLUB PLANS TRANSFER TO NEW LOCATION

At LPNA's November 18th meeting at the Logan Park Building, our 1st Ward council representative Walter Dziedzic paid us a visit.

Walt informed us that the Eagles are requesting to transfer from their present location at 2205 California St. N.E. (which is Sandy Hilary's 3rd Ward) to the building on the northwest corner of 14th & Central (which is in the 1st Ward).

Walt told us at the time that he was not in favor of the move, as there are quite a few similar non-profit clubs in the area already. Bingo, pull tabs, and problems with another bar in the area were stated as reasons for concern.

A meeting was held at 2pm on December 21st in Room 315 City Hall, with some representatives of the Eagles, VFW, Moose, and other interested parties present. Walt Dziedzic conducted the meeting. Potential problems with the Eagle's planned transfer were discussed.

Concern was expressed about the need for stricter checking of people coming to the bar to drink, as only members and their guests are to be allowed in the bar of the private clubs. This would apply to the other private clubs too. The Eagles plan to have bingo at their club, but not on the same nights as the other clubs in close proximity. They would hope to avoid conflict by having bingo on alternate nights. Pull tabs are also a part of the competition's concern. The Eagles also told of plans to lease out half of the building at 14th & Central for offices.

If you have an interest in this matter, you are welcome to attend the LPNA meeting at 7pm, January 20th, at the Logan Park Building. The Eagles will have representatives there to explain their move and answer any questions you may have.

The Eagles are also to appear at the City Council meeting on January 29th.

-- Leonard Sandell