Logan Park Neighborhood Association Rain Garden Program

Logan Park Neighborhood Raingarden Program Logan Park Neighborhood Association is teaming up again with the nonprofit, Metro Blooms, to help our residents who would like to install a raingarden. Up to 8 properties in the neighborhood will be able to participate in the program. Participants will receive an onsite consultation and raingarden design from Metro Blooms. Participants pay $50 for their consultation and the cost of plants. The participant will receive a raingarden design and installation for approximately $300 - $460, depending on size. Metro Blooms will work with the Conservation Corps of MN to excavate the raingardens, haul away extra soil, and mulch. Participants will be responsible for planting their raingarden according to Metro Blooms’ design. Logan Park will be holding a lottery for the 8 slots in the program. Email admin@loganparkneighborhood.org to have your name put in the lottery. Winners will be drawn at the LPNA Annual Meeting, May 20th, 2020.
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Logan Park Home Improvement Loans, Emergency Loans, and Home Energy Audits
The Logan Park Neighborhood Association has made Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) funds available to provide low interest and emergency loans to homeowners in the Logan Park neighborhood.

The Home Energy Squad is offering virtual consultations to help you save money and energy. Please call 612-335-5884 or visit www.mncee.org for complete details.

New Logan Park Podcast Episode
Check out the new episode of the Logan Park Neighborhood Podcast. We interview Spark Y’s executive director, Zach Robinson, about Spark Y’s mission of youth empowerment, aquaponics, and tree hugging. Spark Y’s world headquarters are located right here in Logan Park. Part of Spark Y’s programming includes a summer youth internship. The interns will help construct a timber framed pavilion in Logan Park.

East Side Neighborhood Services Launches the Sharing Our Stories Call Tree
How can we stay socially connected especially if we do not have access to the internet? One answer is in the “old” technology of our telephone and using it in a purposeful and fun new way. East Side Neighborhood Services is currently enrolling people who would like to be a part of Sharing Our Stories Call Tree.
Help others who may not have internet access stay connected and make a new friend while staying at home.

- The Sharing Our Stories Call Trees are groups of people who once a week call another participant and are, in turn, called by another participant. People are assigned to a group and share the names and phone numbers with just the people in their group. Each group is limited to 6 participants.
- Each week, the Sharing Our Stories Call Tree uses a story prompt like, “How did you come to live in the Twin Cities?” as a place to start a conversation. Sharing stories from our lives is powerful and life affirming.

This will be an on-going project as long as it helps fill the need we all have for socializing and deepening friendships. Participants are asked to commit to making their calls for at least 4 weeks.

To learn more, please contact VitalLiving@esns.org or call 612-787-4086.
Join the LPNA Board of Directors
Nominations for the LPNA Board of Directors are open. If interested in board service please email admin@loganparkneighborhood.org and let us know why you want to serve the neighborhood. Board elections are held May 20th, 2020.

Complete the 2020 Census
Census results help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year and the results determine how many seats in Congress each state gets. **Take the Census at 2020census.gov**

City of Minneapolis City Tree Program
The City of Minneapolis City Trees program is working with Tree Trust (a local nonprofit organization) to provide 2,000 trees to Minneapolis property owners. Trees will cost $25 each and can be purchased on these dates:

The 2020 tree distribution will be May 16, 17, and 18. You must be able to pick up your tree at the Minneapolis Impound Lot one of these dates. If you have questions about trees on private property, contact Project Manager Sydney Schaaf at (612)-673-2084 or sydney.schaaf@minneapolismn.gov.

Support Logan Park Artists!
We’ve gathered information below on ways you can support local artists during the #StayHomeMN Order.

Northrup King Virtual Art Sprawl
View creations from every corner of the planet, choose your favorites, and the Artist will ship them directly to you. Northrup King will post work in the discussion of their Facebook events. If you love a work, type SOLD in the comments. The artist will message you and coordinate the shipping and purchase. Visit northrupkingbuilding.com to learn more!

Solar Arts, “Art is Never Cancelled”
The Solar Arts Building is ready to brighten the days ahead with their virtual art show ART IS NEVER CANCELLED. They will post new art and artist information in the discussion tab of their Facebook event page or on their page, facebook.com/SolarArtsBuilding/.

Art A Whirl Online
The 25th Art A Whirl is moving online. NEMAA is building an online shop to promote the arts community in Northeast Minneapolis. This online platform will be coupled with resources and training for members to develop, or further develop their online presence. More information can be found at nemaa.org.

Musician Robert Bell
Logan Park’s very own Robert Bell has released a new recording this spring with the Robert Bell Hot Swing Combo. Perfect for dancing or relaxing, check it out at bellrobert.com!

Backyard Fires
With the warmer weather, some of us are spending more time outside and enjoying outdoor fires. Following these Minneapolis laws will help keep our neighborhoods safe and livable:

- Outdoor fires are permitted between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m.
- Keep fire small: less than three feet in diameter and two feet high.
- Postpone a fire when Minneapolis is under an air pollution advisory. mn.enviroflash.info.
- Burn only untreated, unpainted, dry wood. Never burn cardboard boxes, trash or debris, because the smoke can be toxic. minneapolismn.gov/environment/air/airquality
- Fire must be at least 25 feet away from a structure or combustible material and in a fire ring or pit with edges more than six inches high. Have a hose or fire extinguisher present.
- Postpone the fire when the wind exceeds 10 mph.
- Fire must be constantly attended by someone 18 years or older and completely out before being abandoned

Suggestions to help neighbors be considerate of each other when having a fire:
- Let neighbors know when planning a fire. Talk to your neighbors directly if a fire is bothersome.
- Postpone a fire when smoke will blow directly at a neighbor’s house or when still weather conditions prevent smoke from moving away at all
Minnesota Energy Assistance Program - New COVID-19 based eligibility

There have been changes made to the eligibility requirements for the Energy Assistance Program (EAP) and deadlines for applications to help those that may be impacted by the COVID-19 crisis and quarantine.

Energy Assistance Program (EAP) facts

- Renters and homeowners are eligible.
- Assets such as the home value are not considered in determining eligibility.
- Grants range from $200 to $1,400, based on household size, income, and fuel cost.
- In addition to the initial grant, additional Crisis funds are available to:
  - Help pay a past due bill or get an emergency fuel delivery.
  - Help homeowners get their broken furnace repaired or replaced.
- EAP still has sufficient funds and expects more from the CARES Act.

Minnesota Department of Commerce EAP website: mn.gov/commerce/eap.jsp

Upcoming LPNA Virtual Meetings:

LPNA Board Meeting Thursday, May 7th, 2020 6:30 PM
Online meeting, via Zoom

LPNA Annual Meeting Wednesday, May 20th 7pm
Online meeting, via Zoom

Email admin@loganparkneighborhood.org for meeting link or find it on our website, loganparkneighborhood.org.

Don’t forget to adopt your drain!

Sign up at adopt-a-drain.org.