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LPNA General Meeting October 21st, 2020 7pm

The Zoom link can be found on our website, loganparkneighborhood.org

Dial in number -13126266799 – Meeting ID: 81705780587

NOTE: The public is welcome at all LPNA meetings. All meetings are accessible and requests for special accommodations at LPNA meetings may be made by contacting us no less than one week prior to the event. Please contact LPNA with specific requests.

Logan Park Encampment Statement from the LPNA Board of Directors

As a board, we commit to engaging with our city, county, and state representatives to advocate that resources and services are provided to the encampment to ensure the safety of the sheltered and unsheltered residents of Logan Park. With homelessness becoming increasingly visible in Minneapolis, the Logan Park Neighborhood Association Board supports the operation of the Logan Park encampment, as permitted by the Minneapolis Park Board and administered by Junail Anderson. During the course of the encampment's administration, we commit to engagement with local police, city, county, state, and park officials to ensure that the encampment remains safe and well organized.

We do not believe that park encampments are suitable long-term solutions, and demand effective, pragmatic solutions from the city of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, and the state of Minnesota that will result in sheltering the encampment residents in safe transitional housing as well as long-term housing. We commit to engaging with Junail on a regular basis to maintain visibility into encampment needs, including supplies and specific advocacy actions needed to ensure they are able to operate effectively and peaceably.

-The LPNA Board of Directors 9.3.2020

The September LPNA General Meeting focused on housing and long term housing solutions. LPNA hopes to continue the conversation regarding long term solutions and explore the next steps as an organization. We will continue to engage our elected officials and create expectations for progress.

Please continue to contact your elected officials to share your feedback and ask for permanent, long-term housing for our unsheltered neighbors in the encampment. You can find a template letter on our website.

City Councilmember: Kevin Reich— *email: kevin.reich@minneapolismn.gov*

MPRB District 1 Commissioner: Chris Meyer— *email: cmeyer@minneapolisparcs.org*

Hennepin County Commissioner: Irene Fernando — *email: irene.fernando@hennepin.us*

State Representative: Sydney Jordan — *email: Sydney.Jordan@house.mn*

State Senator: Kari Dziedzic — *email: sen.kari.dziedzic@senate.mn*

US House Representative: Ilhan Omar — *email: MN05.Info@mail.house.gov*

US Senators: Tina Smith, Amy Klobuchar — *web contact forms: klobuchar.senate.gov and smith.senate.gov*

More information:

MPRB encampment website: minneapolisparcs.org/encampments/

Contact: encampmentpermit@minneapolisparcs.org

Logan Park Sanctuary Aid Facebook and Instagram page: [@loganparksanctuaryaid](https://www.facebook.com/loganparksanctuaryaid)
(meal sign up and daily needs posted in stories).

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Indeed We Can Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who supported Logan Park Neighborhood Association at this year's Indeed We Can Fundraiser, September 23rd. Whether you ordered pickup, delivery, or showed up in person, we are grateful for all the support! Remember to support Indeed Brewing this winter for all your crawler and growler needs!



*2nd precinct officers stocking the Little Free Libraries in Logan Park Neighborhood.
Photo Credit: Teresa Leno*

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.

How Energy Efficient Is Your Neighborhood?

In January, the City of Minneapolis launched a one-of-a-kind energy disclosure for homes being sold in the city. Energy efficiency has consistently been a part of the conversation for people buying and selling homes and this policy allows people to see how efficiently homes use energy.

The map is growing of homes that have received an energy score. You can view the scores in your neighborhood by visiting mncee.org/tish/yourscore.

The City of Minneapolis provides resources for people to make cost-effective energy improvements on their homes:

- Up to \$1,000 in cash-back rebates
- Up to \$500 in energy tax credits
- 0% interest loans for the upfront cost

To make this all possible, the City Minneapolis and CenterPoint Energy have partnered with local nonprofit, Center for Energy and Environment, to provide an Energy Advisor service to assist homeowners with energy upgrades.

We all can do our part to make our city a greener place to live while improving the comfort and value of our homes. For more information and to get connected with resources: call: 651-328-6225 or visit: mncee.org/tish.

Comment on the Draft Built Form Regulations

The City has launched the 45-day comment period for the public to review draft “built form” regulations that will regulate the scale of new buildings and additions throughout Minneapolis. The regulations are critical to achieving the goals of Minneapolis 2040, the City’s Comprehensive Plan, which was approved by the City Council in 2018. The plan will shape how the city will grow and change over the next two decades so all residents can benefit. Under consideration now are technical aspects of Minneapolis 2040 implementation.

Submit comments online at minneapolis2040.com

Logan Park Neighborhood Updates

Chowgirls Greenhouse Project

As COVID-19 continues to bring out the interconnectedness of people, health, and the systems of our society, Chowgirls Catering has been making the most of this tough situation, partnering with other organizations with similar values to implement positive changes. On March 17, 2020, with Second Harvest Heartland and Loaves & Fishes, Chowgirls launched Minnesota Central Kitchen to prepare emergency meals for people in need throughout the Twin Cities metro area. The collaboration has been ongoing since then with Chowgirls making 10,000-12,000 meals per week and kitchens at Surly, United Health, Appetite for Change, The Sioux Chef, and others using the same model. The meals are prepared with donated ingredients as well as ingredients from local farms.

Chowgirls Greenhouse Project, an innovative partnership with urban farmer David Gray of Bullthistle Gardens, is motivated by a spirit of collaboration. David, whom Chowgirls knows through long-time work with the Northeast Farmers Market, is no stranger to growing food with a higher humanitarian purpose. Ten years ago, he developed the disabled adults job program at eQuality Farms, where they grew all organic and heirloom vegetables in Buffalo, Minnesota. He then launched his own endeavor with Bullthistle Gardens, a family urban garden in South Mpls, to grow for farmers markets, local restaurants, and grocery stores.

David recognized Chowgirls work with Second Harvest Heartland as a “powerful mission” and offered to donate a 90’ x 30’ greenhouse for Minnesota Central Kitchen and Chowgirls. The first challenge to make this dream come true was finding a space. The parking lot at Chowgirls headquarters was not large enough. Thanks to the community spirit of Solar Arts Building landlord Duane Arens and neighbors at Indeed Brewing, the big empty lot behind the Solar Arts Building was just the ticket.

The frame was built in June, rich organic compost was laid out in rows, organic peppers and tomatoes seedlings were planted, beans, cucumbers, squash, and herbs were planted from seed. A greenhouse can yield 3 times the harvest of an outdoor farm by using vertical growing methods and season extension practices. The heat from the asphalt will help accelerate the growing process. Hopes are to run the greenhouse at least through the end of October, extending the season as long as weather conditions allow. David believes he can continue to harvest into early December.

As Chowgirls target at least 10% of each Minnesota Central Kitchen meal prepared to feature locally sourced ingredients, this project goes a long way to their goal to invest in Minnesota to feed Minnesota.

Chowgirls is grateful to David for sharing his growing knowledge and willingness to experiment. Growing on a parking lot poses new kinds of challenges that are worth the energy to resolve as a way to find a higher purpose for under-utilized urban space and to make fresh food accessible to everyone, not just those who can afford it.

Instagram accounts

@chowgirlscatering
@mn_centralkitchen
@secondharvestheartland
@loavesandfishesmn
@solarartsbuilding
@cgsolararts
@indeedbrewing
@bullthistlegardens
@ne_fm



Photo Credit: Heidi Andermack @chowgirlscatering

Early Voting Information

Voters are encouraged to vote absentee by mail. If you choose to vote in person, you are required to wear a mask or face covering and stay 6 feet apart from others. Do not enter public buildings if you are sick.

Vote Absentee by Mail

In Minnesota, you can vote early with an absentee ballot starting 46 days before Election Day. You can request an absentee ballot online at: mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us

Vote Early in person (September 18 through November 2)

Early Voter Center
980 E Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55414
Hours are M-F, 8-4:30, weekend hours offered as election nears.

Hennepin County Government Center
300 South 6th St, Minneapolis, MN 55487.
Hours may vary.

Vote on Election Day at: Edison High School
2030 Monroe Street NE (in the gym)
Hours 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.
(as long as you are in line by 8 p.m. you can vote)

Información sobre la votación anticipada

Se incentiva a los votantes a que voten a distancia por correo. Si elige votar de manera presencial, debe usar mascarilla o protector para el rostro, y mantener 6 pies de distancia con respecto a las demás personas. No ingrese a edificios públicos si está enfermo.

Vote a distancia por correo

En Minnesota, puede votar con anticipación con una papeleta de voto por correo 46 días antes del día de la elección. A través de internet puede solicitar una papeleta de voto por correo ingresando en mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us.

Vote con anticipación en persona (del 18 de septiembre al 2 de noviembre)

Lugar: Early Voter Center 980 E Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55414
De lunes a viernes de 8 a. m. a 4:30 p. m. Se habilitarán horarios los fines de semana a medida que se acerque la fecha de la elección.

Hennepin County Government Center
300 South 6th St, Minneapolis, MN 55487
Los horarios pueden variar.

Vote el día de la elección aquí: Edison High School
2030 Monroe Street NE (en el gimnasio) de 7 a. m a 8 p. m. (Siempre y cuando esté en la fila antes de las 8 p. m., podrá votar).

Census Deadline Extended to October 31st! Get counted now!

Complete the census in the safety of your own home at : my2020census.gov/ or by phone 1-844-330-2020 (assistance in 12 non-English languages is available)

Upcoming LPNA Virtual Zoom Meetings + Events:

Tuesday October 6th LPNA Board Meeting · 7pm
Dial in +1312-626-6799 Meeting ID 876 5052 3197

Wednesday October 21st LPNA General Meeting · 7pm
Dial in +1312-626-6799 Meeting ID 865 8733 0550

Thursday November 6th LPNA Development Committee Meeting · 6:30pm
Dial in +1312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 846 1595 5782

Sunday December 13th Lights of Logan Lighting Contest
Turn your house yard lights on by 5pm for judging.
Prizes to be announced!

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