



The biggest stumbling block to more ADUs may be the high cost

PAGE 7



A new restaurant, The Bungalow Club, opening on East Lake

PAGE 8



CAC to investigate reduced pumping at Hiawatha Golf Course

PAGE 12

Longfellow  
Nokomis

# Messenger



Your community newspaper since 1982

May 2018 • Vol. 36 No. 3

www.LongfellowNokomisMessenger.com

21,000 Circulation

## U-Haul, Starbucks, and Domino's proposed for Hiawatha and 42nd

Neighbors concerned about increased traffic, lack of green space and auto-oriented businesses

By TESHA M. CHRISTENSEN

A proposed U-Haul, Starbucks, and Domino's would transform the Hiawatha and 42nd St. intersection on the east side if approved by the city.

The seven-bay Wash Me car wash on the northeast side will be demolished to make space for two buildings to house a Starbucks and a Domino's. The proposal was reviewed by the city's planning commission for the first time on Apr. 12.

City staff expressed substantial concerns about the proposal, due to the location and number of drive-through lanes, principal entrances, and buildings on the site, as well as the lack of pedestrian connections to Hiawatha Ave.

The design includes a 1,928-square-foot building to house the Domino's on the south side of the site with a drive-through window for call-ahead orders. North of that would be a 2,196-square foot building to house the Starbucks with a double lane drive-through window of its own. Both would be one-story buildings, with a total of 17 parking spaces. One pedestrian connection is planned to 42nd St. but there are none planned for Hiawatha Ave.

The one entrance would be located on the west side of 42nd paired with an exit, and the Domino's drive-through lane would exit about thirty feet from Hiawatha Ave. on 42nd St.

The Domino's one-half mile south of this location is expected to close and relocate to this site.

A Starbucks at 4700 Cedar next to Tom's Popcorn Shop is in the final stage of construction and will open soon.

The 6,765-square-foot Wash Me building at 4155 Hiawatha was constructed in 1985 and is valued at \$550,000, according to city property tax records. It is owned by Wash Me Corporation based out of Edina, which also operates car washes at 3957 Nicollet Ave. in Minneapolis and 8940 Excelsior Blvd. in Hopkins. A representative could not be reached for comment.

### Too much traffic already

"Two drive-through businesses at an intersection already experiencing traffic issues is unacceptable," remarked Ericsson resident Jeff Gerhardson. He pointed out that he lives 300 feet from that intersection. He already has trouble turning onto his street, and often drives two blocks over to Nokomis to enter 42nd. Plus traveling west across Hi-



U-Haul plans to raze the large factory building on the south side of the lot to construct a five-story self-service storage center along Hiawatha Ave. south of its intersection with 42nd. The small, historic building on the north side of the lot, formerly housing Taylor Star 1 Automotive, will be turned into a showroom with model storage rooms for rental selection. (Graphic submitted)

awatha is already difficult and inefficient because of the timing of the lights and the light-rail trains.

"I am pro-development in the city. I am pro bike. I am pro mixed use. This proposal is frustrating, to

say the least," he said. "Stand alone businesses that depend on dozens upon dozens of \$10 sales mean very high traffic. We are not suited for it at all."

Longfellow resident Bev



A proposal before the city would tear down the existing Wash Me car wash and replace it with two one-story buildings to house a Starbucks and Domino's Pizza. (Photo by Tesha M. Christensen)

Tuck doesn't think this spot is big enough to support these two businesses, and she is concerned this plan doesn't have enough green space.

"The developers and architects are always from Edina, or Eden Prairie or some other suburb coming into our neighborhoods and taking our land for their investment purposes. They pretend to ask for our input, but they hope to override it," remarked Tuck. "Traffic congestion and lack of green spaces

do not affect their lives—they don't live here."

### U-haul to raze one building, preserve the other

The U-Haul being proposed on the southeast side of the intersection is farther along in the city review process, and public comment was taken during an Apr. 23 hearing.

The 2.18-acre site at 4225

Continued on page 3

## ANCI Saxophone Quartet to play music from around the world in free concert at Nokomis Library May 5

By JILL BOOGREN

To step inside this Nokomis living room on a wintry Sunday morning was to be readily transported to a much warmer place: Cuba. ANCIA Saxophone Quartet was rehearsing a piece by Paquito D'Rivera in preparation for upcoming concerts, including a free one on May 5 at the Nokomis Library.

Titled "Monk-Tuno," the song is a play on the word *montuno*, a traditional Cuban musical style, and renowned American jazz musician Thelonious Monk. These Latin rhythms offered a respite from the blustery day outdoors and a great preview of ANCIA's upcoming performances. Featuring Latin jazz, South American tango, music from Mexico, Japanese folks songs, Afro-Funk and more, the quartet promises a trip around the world—inside the library.

ANCI (pronounced AHN-chee-uh, the Italian word for reed) was founded by Nokomis resident Angela Wyatt in 1990. One connection led to another and then another, and they became the four members who make up the quartet today. Wyatt plays the baritone



Left to right: Matthew Sintchak, Angela Wyatt, David Milne and Joan Hutton of ANCIA Saxophone Quartet will be performing a free concert of music from around the world at Nokomis Library May 5. (Photo by Daniel Soderstrom)

saxophone, Joan Hutton, who is also from the Nokomis neighborhood, plays the alto saxophone, St. Paul resident David Milne plays the tenor saxophone, and Matthew Sintchak, from Madison, WI, plays the soprano saxophone.

Together the critically-acclaimed group performs music that

spans cultures, genres and time periods, drawing on their talents as well as the range and potential of their instrument of choice.

"The saxophone is such a fantastic instrument," said Milne. "It's got versatility, flexibility, beauty, and power."

Intended to be played as part

of a group (according to Sintchak, there are actually 14 types of saxophone), the saxophone works as well at a concert as it does in church or at a jazz festival. ANCIA welcomes the variety of music that entails and are as at home playing with a chamber orchestra as they are in a university setting.

Dedicated to showcasing new works for saxophone quartet, ANCIA actively commissions work from modern composers.

"We're eager for that repertoire," said Wyatt. "Composers appreciate that we're so versatile."

Which means they've had to remain flexible. The group laughed while reminiscing about a couple of past tours. Like the time in South Korea when Sintchak was handed a 15-minute solo soprano piece just moments before the concert was to begin (they had received their other music a couple of months in advance). Or the time in Berlin when the composer was told to "make anything you want to" and greeted ANCIA by saying "I bet you hate me right now." The quartet had

Continued on page 4

# Organization honors the legacy of mothers and grandmothers

By MARGIE O'LOUGHLIN

Virkelyst, an organization of Danish American women in South Minneapolis, is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year.

*Virke* means work, and *lyst* means willing, when translated from Danish into English. Quoting from an early Virkelyst scrapbook, "This gathering of willing workers began as a club to spread good cheer to the less fortunate, wherever they might be, and to help further good causes." It was also meant to be a social outlet for women that could fill a need in their lives for greater community and friendship.

Ginny Leppart is a third generation Virkelyst member. "It's amazing what these women were able to accomplish with limited means in the last years of the Great Depression," she said. "They met on the first Wednesday of each month, taking turns hosting in each other's homes. Their children would accompany them, playing together while the women knitted and sewed. Many of the children and grandchildren of the founding members are still close friends."

"This was a progressive women's organization from the start," Leppart explained. "The first Virkelyst project was making baby clothes for unwed mothers at the former Booth Memorial Hospital in St. Paul. Single parenthood wasn't something much talked about or addressed in those days. Over time, we've raised money and made donations of goods and clothing to so many women's organizations; we don't consider anything regarding women's issues to be taboo." The current Virkelyst service project is raising donations for a non-profit called Helping Women Period, which provides feminine hygiene products for low income and homeless women.

Kathryn Jensen is a second generation Virkelyst member. She explained, "Of our current 40 or so female members, all are either Danish, married to Danes, or somehow connected to the Danish American Center (DAC), located at 3030 W. River Pkwy. And for the record, it's not that we discriminate against men; it's just that none have ever asked to join."

Members of Virkelyst have compiled several scrapbooks dating back to the formation of their club. In 1938, there were no membership dues—but a contribution of 10 cents per month was suggested to cover the cost of coffee. The pages of these scrapbooks give the reader a considerable glimpse into what life was like back then—in ways both small and large.

Most strikingly, the scrapbooks document the changing roles of women in the community and the relationships that have sustained the Virkelyst members for 80 years.

During WWII, members of Virkelyst sent what money they could to the Danish War Relief effort. They also gathered at a work center on Lake St. organized by the National America-Denmark Association to sew and repair clothing. There were shortages of clothing all across Europe at that time. A thank you card that arrived after the end of the war said, "Even though clothing is finally available again in the stores, their cost is out of reach for the average Dane. Your continued gifts of clothing and toys for the children have been received with joy and thankfulness, not only for the material help but for the evidence of love crossing oceans and national boundaries."

An entry from 1952 spoke to the American Baby Boom Generation and the Korean War. "We gained six new members this year," the entry notes, "bringing our membership up to 31. It's gotten hard to pack everyone into our smaller homes for meetings, as many of our young members are having babies in a trend that hasn't let up since! This was a year that almost all of our charitable giving was in the form of money. We sent \$143 worth of CARE packages to Korea for the American soldiers fighting there."

Changes in fashion and the introduction of new ideas were referenced in an entry from 1962. "Our program themes this year went from the sublime to the ridiculous. A beauty salon gave a demonstration of modern hairstyles, using some of our own members as models. For one meeting, the topic was fashionable hats and how to wear them. Later in the year,



Club members Ginny Leppart (left) and Kathryn Jensen pored over one of the many Virkelyst scrapbooks. The two women have been friends for decades. (Photo by Margie O'Loughlin)

Reverend Jorgenson gave a talk on 'What to do when a family member dies,' and Professor Kazuko Suwa gave a demonstration in modern Japanese flower arranging."

Through the last eight decades, Virkelyst has been a gathering place for women dedicated to community service. Jensen said, "It has also been a way for us to honor our mothers and grandmothers who started this organization, our heritage, and our friendships with other women. Our Danish tenacity has kept us going through many changing times."

Virkelyst's 80th birthday celebration will be held at the DAC on Sat., Sept. 29. Anyone with remembrances or Virkelyst photos can contact Ginny Leppart at [gleppart@comcast.net](mailto:gleppart@comcast.net).

**Late Night Eats**

THE BLUE DOOR PUB

THEBDP.COM | HOME OF THE BLUCY

Now with four Twin Cities locations!

OPEN LATE | TAKEOUT | DAILY HAPPY HOUR SPECIALS

## BUY LOCAL

**Reddy Rents** Most Everything

Maintenance & Remodeling Equipment  
Trucks & Trailers  
Lawn Care Tools  
LP Gas

**HIAWATHA REDDY RENTS**

44th & Hiawatha • 722-9516

MEMBER Longfellow Business Association

**NELSON** ELECTRIC INC.

EST 1963

Service is Our Specialty

Residential	Lighting Retrofits
Industrial	Commercial
Restaurant	Solar

FREE – estimates

Call today for an appointment.

Office Space for Lease

Robert Nelson – Owner      612-724-9500 or  
www.nelsonelectricinc.com      763-444-1523

Contractor's Lic. #20636575      Electrical Lic. #EA001304

ACCREDITED BUSINESS

**CAREER PATHWAYS**

A Public Charter Secondary School

Enrolling grades 6 to 11 for the 18-19 school year.

1355 W Pierce Butler Rt in St. Paul's Midway Area

[cpathmn.org](http://cpathmn.org)      (651) 400-1781



**What makes us special?**

- ▶ Career & College Focus
- ▶ Small Class Sizes
- ▶ Experiential Learning
- ▶ Mixed-Age Classes
- ▶ Project-based and Traditional learning opportunities
- ▶ PSEO, Internships, Work credit
- ▶ Personalized Graduation Plans
- ▶ Catch-up on missing credits

# Hiawatha and 42nd

Continued from page 1

and 4251 Hiawatha Ave. is currently vacant.

U-Haul plans to raze the large factory building on the south side to construct a five-story climate-controlled, self-service storage center. This building most recently housed Woof Pack Doggy Day Spa, American General, Metropolitan Security, and Hiawatha Commercial Auto Care.

The small building that formerly housed Taylor Star 1 Automotive will be turned into a showroom with model storage rooms for rental selection. Plus, an array of packing and shipping supplies, including cartons, tape, and packing materials, will be for sale.

This building was originally a Mobil Service Station opened by Navy veteran, Bernard "Bum" Flanery in 1957. The Flannery Brothers, Tim and Brian, now own and operate Flannery Brothers Automotive at 2720 E. 42nd St.

Over 250 people have signed a change.org petition aimed at preserve this historic building. U-Haul plans to keep the iconic Pegasus horse and install antique gas pumps to give the nod to the history of Longfellow while still looking toward the future, according to U-Haul Southern Minnesota President Chris Bohlman.

The service station is also a nod to U-Haul's history.

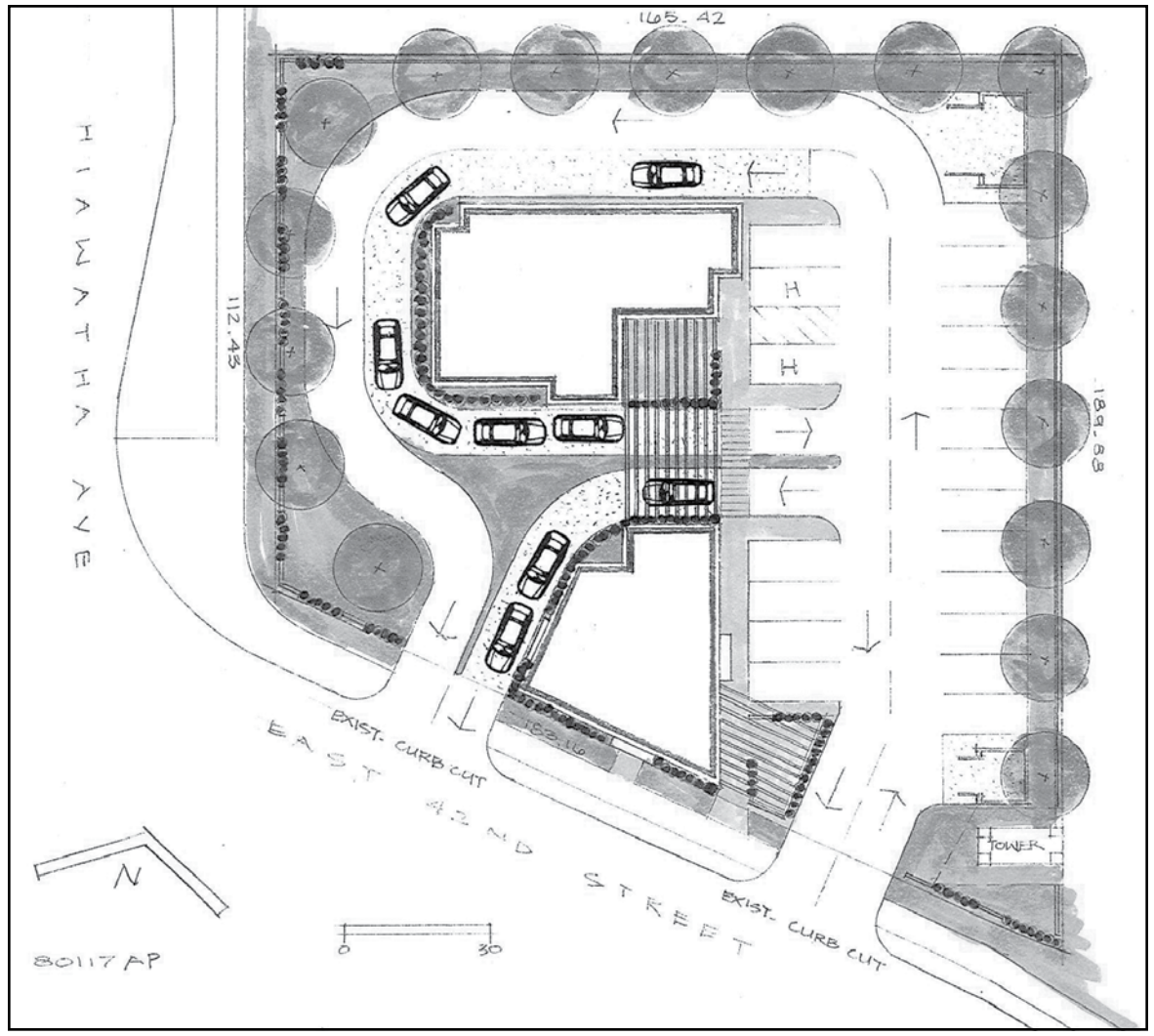
"For decades, well before we had company-owned stores, the business of U-Haul truck and trailer sharing was conducted out of small service stations like this one that would serve their communities as U-Haul neighborhood dealers. That practice dates to 1945," observed Bohlman. "To this day, our dealers play a pivotal role and account for the bulk of our network across the U.S. and Canada with more than 20,000 locations.

"U-Haul celebrates history, culture, and legacy. We have a track record of preserving historic buildings, and we stand passionately behind our adaptive reuse program."

### Green initiatives

Through its adaptive reuse of old and often vacated properties for new U-Haul stores, the company helps eliminate blight, cuts down on new building materials, and keeps old building teardowns out of landfills, said Bohlman.

U-Haul also offers and promotes several green programs. Customers gift used furniture and household goods to one another at the Re-Use Centers at U-Haul stores. Through the Take a Box, Leave a Box program, customers drop off and pick up used boxes in useable condition for free so that



Above: Neighbors are concerned about how two drive-through businesses on the corner of 42nd St. and Hiawatha Ave. will affect a traffic pattern that they say is already congested. (Graphics submitted)

they may be reused. U-Haul uses furniture pads made from recycled denim, and biodegradable packing peanuts made of corn and potato starch, which keeps styrofoam out of landfills.

"Our sustainability platform demands we make an effort to find store and dealer locations that are within a few blocks of public transportation to reduce the need for excess driving," pointed out Bohlman. He believes that being just a few blocks from a light rail terminal will significantly cut down on traffic and benefit the neighborhood.

The Hiawatha Ave. location will accommodate families that require access to and from downtown, and all of the neighborhoods to the south of town.

There is currently just one U-Haul facility in Minneapolis. It's located at 3545 Nicollet Ave. and is on 0.43 acres of land.

"The Twin Cities are arguably the most underserved metropolitan area in all of North America with regard to U-Haul self-move and self-storage facilities," said Bohlman.

Currently, more than half of U-Haul's customers in Minneapolis proper are driving outside the city. "As a major proponent of sustainability and green business, U-Haul wants to be able to help Minneapolis lower its carbon footprint while providing time-saving solutions," stated Bohlman.

In 2016, Minnesota's U-Haul traffic ranked #3 in the nation based on annual migration trends reports when comparing arrivals versus departures for one-way U-Haul truck traffic. In 2017, St. Paul and Minneapolis remained the two largest markets in the state for arrivals and departures of one-way U-Haul customers by a substantial margin.

U-Haul is a sharing-centered business focused on helping people meet a very basic need, Bohlman pointed out.

Sustainability studies show the presence of every U-Haul truck placed in a community serves as a potential substitute for 19 personally-owned SUVs and pick-ups on the road.

"Fewer vehicles on the road means less traffic congestion, less pollution, less fuel burned and cleaner air. When communities share a vehicle to meet the needs of many, everyone wins—especially proponents of less traffic and a better environment," said Bohlman.

### LCC opposes auto-centered business

During a community meeting hosted by the Longfellow Community Council last summer, residents showed concern for increased traffic, the addition of a surface parking lot, an auto-orientated use, building height and design, according to a letter written by LCC Board President Melissa Erjavec to the planning commission.

She pointed out that the U-Haul proposal is in opposition to several plans calling for a reduction of auto-oriented businesses in the area. The 46th and Hiawatha TOD (2009) Strategy and the 46th and Hiawatha Area Station Master Plan (2001) envisioned residential and office space at this site.



*Frame something just for Mom for Mother's Day!*

**Highland Shopping Center**

In the Village • 2022A Ford Parkway, Saint Paul, MN 55116 • 651-698-3372

www.frameworksmn.com • Instagram frameworksmn • facebook.com/frameworksmn

70+ juried artists



**June 2, 2018**  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Como & Carter, St. Paul 55108  
Art, Music & Food at the steps of the  
**ST. ANTHONY PARK LIBRARY**

With support from The Harlan Bess Foundation for the Arts

**sapfest.org**

## Spring has Sprung! Art Sale

laughingwatersstudio.com

Mothers Day weekend:  
Sat - Sun  
10 am - 5 pm  
May 12-13



*explore in the gallery* – paintings, prints: Minnesota scenes, zen themes from the brush of Bob Schmitt

*enjoy in the studio* – Laughing Waters student art show

*linger in the shop* – cards, gifts for Mom, graduations, weddings

*wander in the garden* – paths to follow, flowers in bloom

3718 Minnehaha Parkway East, Minneapolis 55406 612 333-1881

# Messenger

**125 First Ave. NW, PO Box 168**  
**Minneapolis MN 55369**  
**651-645-7045**

**Publishers:**  
Calvin deRuyter, Tim Nelson

**Managing Editor:**  
Calvin deRuyter, editorial@deruyternelson.com

**Advertising:**  
Denis Woulfe (651-917-4183);  
denis@deruyternelson.com

**Production:**  
Tim Nelson

**Contributing Writers:**  
Tessa M. Christensen, Jan Willms, Jill Boogren,  
Matthew Davis, Margie O'Loughlin,  
Stephanie Fox

**Now, communicate with the Longfellow/Nokomis Messenger electronically!**  
Now it's easier than ever to keep in touch with

the *Messenger*. Letters to the editor and news releases for publication can be sent via e-mail at editorial@deruyternelson.com. Be sure to send copy in the body of the e-mail, and please mark whether the copy is a letter, a news release for publication, or perhaps just your thoughts on the last issue. Don't forget to write!

The Longfellow/Nokomis *Messenger* is a monthly community publication in the Longfellow and Nokomis areas of Minneapolis, owned and operated by deRuyter-Nelson Publications, Inc. All correspondence should be sent to the *Messenger*, 125 First Ave. NW, PO Box 168, Minneapolis, MN 55369. To contact the editor, call Calvin at 651-917-4182. To reach the advertising department, call Denis at 651-917-4183.

All rights reserved. The contents of the *Messenger* cannot be reproduced without express written permission of the publisher. Copyright ©2017.

The volunteers with Transition Longfellow create opportunities for South Minneapolis neighbors to get to know one another while also learning how to live more sustainably and prepare for changes ahead. Visit [www.transition-longfellow.org](http://www.transition-longfellow.org) for more details on these and other activities.

"Energy Present - Energy Future" is scheduled for Fri., May 4, 7pm, at the Walker Community Church, 3104 16th Ave. S. With massive oil exploration underway, will the US rival Saudi Arabia and Russia as an oil and gas exporter? Or as geologist Art Burman has suggested, is shale oil and shale natural gas heading for a "retirement party"? Can markets find a Goldilocks "just right" price anymore? Why the volatility? Energy futurist Jon Freise will share the big stories in national and international energy.

At the same event as above (Fri., May 4), "Cooperative Community Solar - A First Step Towards Energy Democracy" will be presented by Timothy DenHerder-Thomas. He is the general manager of Cooperative Energy Futures, a community energy co-op. He will talk about the emergence of community solar gardens, what's working and what isn't, and how state, federal, and utility decisions are impacting the future of solar. This presentation will help explain the role solar plays as a first step towards an energy system of, by, and for everyone who uses energy.

Prepared Parents & Kids Play Group will meet Sat., May 5, 10am to noon at Longfellow Park, 3435 36th Ave. S. Bring kids aged 10 and under for a free play date and meet with other parents to for conversation and support on raising resilient kids, living a sustainable, low-waste family life, and preparing your family for extreme weather. Toys available.

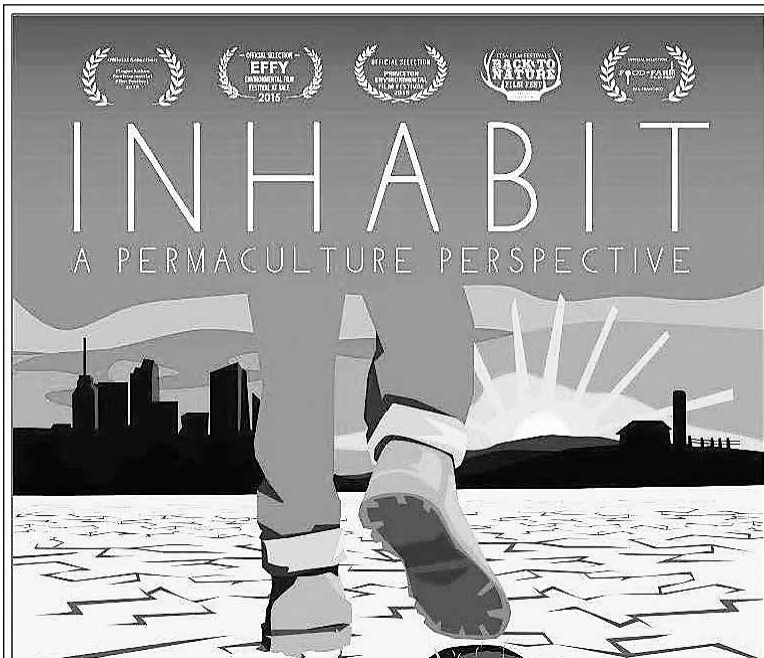
The Book Group will meet on Thurs., May 10, 6:30 p.m., at Moon Palace Books, 3032 Minnehaha Ave. The book under discussion is

"21 Stories of Transition: How a movement of communities is coming together to reimagine and rebuild our world" by Transition founder, Rob Hopkins. Millions

# Transition Longfellow

By LESLIE MACKENZIE

## Chard Your Yard, speakers, movie, parents group



May 18 Movie Night will feature the documentary "Inhabit - A Permaculture Perspective." (Internet image)

of people are taking the kind of personal steps that world leaders continue to debate to reduce the world's carbon emission. These 21

stories from 39 communities in 15 countries celebrate how communities are becoming better connected, happier, more fulfilled and

making a meaningful and measurable difference on the ground where they live. (This book is no longer available in print, but the stories can be found at <https://transitionnetwork.org/stories>).

Help Build a Community of Food Growers! Volunteer for Chard Your Yard Garden Install Day on Sat., May 12, starting at 8:30am. Chard Your Yard is Transition Longfellow's signature project, helping neighbors grow some of their own fresh, healthy food by installing 3'x5' raised-bed vegetable gardens in home and apartment yards. To meet the goal of 24 gardens installed, the group needs another 20 volunteers for 3 hour or 6-hour shifts (with ample breaks for food). Volunteers share breakfast and lunch. All participants can attend the event wrap party! Sign up on the website: [www.transitionlongfellow.org/chard-your-yard](http://www.transitionlongfellow.org/chard-your-yard).

Movie Night will be held Fri., May 18, potluck at 6:30, movie at 7pm, at Minnehaha Community Lutheran Church, 4101 37th Ave. S. Share a meal, then

watch the documentary "Inhabit - A Permaculture Perspective," a movie Permaculture Magazine called, "simply the best film ever made on permaculture." This movie looks at environmental and agricultural challenges faced by communities in the Northeast and Midwest regions of the U.S. and the solutions that permaculture practices bring to rural, suburban and urban landscapes.

"Save Money, Drop a Car" with Pat Thompson (Transition ASAP), Leslie MacKenzie (Transition Longfellow) and the folks from Hour Car is slated for Mon., May 21, at Pratt School, 66 Malcolm Ave. S.E. (see community ed catalog for the time). Have you dreamed of escaping traffic jams and parking tickets? Ready to put that car insurance money to better use? This class will help you understand the true cost of your vehicle(s), and identify strategies you can take to reduce your vehicle use. You may find you can drop a car altogether.

Step-by-Step Preparedness Emails are sent out each Friday. The email will relay some actions you can take that week to become more prepared for extreme weather. May emails will focus on what documents you need to have in place—and need to take with you should you have to leave your home. Sign up for the series at the website, where you can also find past emails.

## Public Hearing on tunnel rehabilitation planned May 22

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) held a public meeting Apr. 24, is currently in a comment period, and will sponsor a May 22 public hearing on plans to rehabilitate sewer infrastructure in the area of Minnehaha Regional Park.

According to the Met Council, the work needs to be done to protect the integrity of the infrastructure. Earlier plans were modified to ensure the protection of the Coldwater Spring. Staff is meeting with neighborhood groups and conducting other community engagement.

The public hearing, where verbal comments will be re-

corded, will be held Tues., May 22, 6:30-8pm at the Hiawatha School Recreation Center, 4305 East 42nd St.

The proposed project is located on the north side of E. Minnehaha Pkwy., and the tunnel is located under Minnehaha Creek, Hiawatha Ave. and the METRO Blue Line light rail corridor. The existing tunnel is located 1½ miles northwest of Coldwater Spring, a significant cultural and historic resource.

The existing regional sanitary sewer tunnel, built in 1935, is in need of rehabilitation. MCES plans to clean the tunnel, install a liner that will create a new

sewer pipe within the existing tunnel, and upgrade the existing regulator and electrical vaults. The proposed work will preserve the structural integrity of the tunnel and will minimize the risk of failure.

MCES previously planned to replace the tunnel and to start construction in 2017. Due to concerns expressed last year, MCES performed additional technical studies to better understand the groundwater flow connected to Coldwater Spring, and to determine if the existing tunnel could be rehabilitated rather than replaced. MCES has determined that the existing tun-

nel can, and should, be rehabilitated (rather than replaced) to avoid the potential for impacts to groundwater flow to Coldwater Spring.

The rehabilitation work that is now planned will start in 2019.

MCES is working with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), as delegated by the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), to determine which state and federal cultural resources requirements apply to this sewer rehabilitation project. MCES will continue to coordinate with tribes, neighborhoods and other interested parties as the project continues.

## ANCI Quartet

Continued from page 1

agreed to play the material before it had been written, a sort of challenge they seem to embrace.

"You never know what you're going to get," said Sintchak. "It's like a chef's special."

In commissioning a new composer, the idea of trying to embed meaning into the work is vital to the group. ANCIA collaborated with Minnesota-based composer Libby Larsen on "Confluence," which they premiered in Strasbourg, France, in 2015. The composition draws on cultural aspects and environmental concerns at the confluence of rivers in four distinctly different regions: the Columbia, Willamette, and Snake in the Pacific Northwest; the Yangtze and Jialing in China; the Rhine, Mosel, and Ill in Europe; and the Ohio, Mississippi, and Missouri in the Midwest.

Each of the four movements gives different representations of culture and the sounds you might hear. For example, Mississippi folk songs and steamboats, with the water itself adding distinctive qualities and rhythms and invoking different moods.

"[One movement] begins at a nuclear power plant," said Hutton. "So it's not happy."

Quartet members share a love of teaching and passing it on to the next generation. Music educators themselves—Hutton at Augsburg College, Wyatt at Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan schools, Milne at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and Sintchak at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater—ANCIA members credit instructors they've had for encouraging them to play music.

"We've all been blessed to have world-class professors and mentors," said Wyatt. "That's a huge piece to playing our instruments at a high level."

Sintchak said he had great teachers who said he should keep on playing. "I didn't realize how fortunate I was in my music instruction until I got to college."

To remain a group over many years while juggling families and other obligations is its own challenge, yet ANCIA has made it work. They practice one weekend a month, with Sintchak commuting the longest (from Madison), to make music.

"We all have crazy busy lives," said Wyatt. "But we carve out this

space to play music together."

"It's pretty special when you find people to make music with, and you love their company," said Hutton.

Hear them play at a free one-hour concert at Nokomis Library on May 5 at 10:30am and at Highland Library in St. Paul on May 20 at 2pm. These concerts were made

possible through a grant from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Cultural Heritage Fund. Stay tuned for ANCIA's CD release later this year.

For more information on other upcoming concerts and to hear recordings, visit their website at [anci-quartet.com](http://anci-quartet.com).



### DRAGONS WYND

Environmental Entomology

Available for hire to teach about Insects

[dragonswynd.com](http://dragonswynd.com)

[jessica@dragonswynd.com](mailto:jessica@dragonswynd.com)

**Call Now For A Consultation!**

## A Tree Service, Inc.

1849 E. 38th St. • Mpls., MN 55407

# (612) 724-6045

[www.atreeservices.com](http://www.atreeservices.com)



Certified Arborists



### Tapestry Folkdance Center

**Monthly Dances**  
**1st & 3rd Sunday**  
 Ballroom Dance Party  
**2nd Friday**  
 Beginning International USADance Ballroom  
**2nd Saturday**  
 Family Dance  
**4th Sunday**  
 (Mostly) Waltz

**Weekly Dances**  
**Thursday** Bollywood  
**Friday** International Folkdance  
**Saturday** Contra Dance  
**Sunday** English Country Dance  
 3748 Minnehaha Ave. S.  
 612-722-2914  
[www.tapestryfolkdance.org](http://www.tapestryfolkdance.org)

Did you know the City of Minneapolis is drafting a comprehensive plan for the next 20 years to manage its projected growth and change?

Minneapolis 2040 will provide guidance on the city's built, economic and natural environment into the future. Minneapolis 2040 will guide policymaking decisions on important issues such as housing, job access, healthy and safe neighborhoods, transit, land use, climate change, and racial equity.

NENA and Standish Ericson Neighborhood Association are hosting a Town Hall Meeting with City Planning Staff, Council Member Jeremy Schroeder (Ward 11) and Council Member Andrew Johnson (Ward 12) for our communities to learn about the plan's goals and policies, share your thoughts and listen to your neighbors' viewpoints. This event is planned for Tues., May 15, 6:30-8pm at Northrop Elementary School (4315 31st Ave. S.).

Before it is considered by the City Council in late fall, residents will have several opportunities to review, comment and improve the draft. The City encourages public comments through its interactive [www.minneapolis2040.com](http://www.minneapolis2040.com) website and will be hosting a new round of community open houses in May in every part of the city.

#### Nokomis East garage sale

The long-awaited garage sale

## NENA (Nokomis East Neighborhood Association)

4313 54th St. E.

### NENA and SENA Minneapolis Comprehensive Plan Town Hall

#### Upcoming meetings and events:

5/2/28, 6:30pm: NENA Housing, Commercial, Streetscape Committee, NENA Office, 4313 E. 54th St.

5/3/18, 6:30pm: Metro Blooms Turf Alternative Workshop, Nokomis Community Center, 2401 E. Minnehaha Pkwy.

5/8/18, 6:30pm: MPD Crime Prevention Block Leader Training, Minneapolis 3rd Precinct, 3000 Minnehaha Ave

5/8/18, 6:30pm: NEBA Board Meeting, McDonald's Liquor Event Space, 5010 S 34th Ave.

5/9/18, 6:30pm: Green Initiatives Committee, NENA Office

5/19/18, 9am: Grow Monarch Habitat Workshop, Nokomis Community Center

Web: [www.nokomiseast.org](http://www.nokomiseast.org) • Facebook: [www.facebook.com/Nokomiseast](https://www.facebook.com/Nokomiseast)

Twitter: [twitter.com/NokomisEast](https://twitter.com/NokomisEast) • Email: [nena@nokomiseast.org](mailto:nena@nokomiseast.org) • Phone: 612-724-5652

event of the season is back for another year. Garagesalers in the Nokomis East area are invited to register their sale on the NENA website, starting May 1. Last year over 100 sales took part in this all-day neighborhood event, which draws bargain hunters from all over the metro area. The garage sale itself will be June 16, from 8am-4pm.

#### Monarch Workshop

Register for the free 12th Annual Grow Monarch Habitat Workshop on Sat., May 19, 9:30am-12pm. Doors open at 9am at the Lake Nokomis Community Center, 2401 E. Minnehaha Pkwy. Register for this popular workshop while you still can!

These two kid-friendly ses-

sions offer a wealth of information for both beginning and advanced gardeners. Registration is required, workshop attendance is free, and participants may purchase Garden To-Go Kits from NENA with 12 native pollinator plants for your yard. To register, fill out the form found at [www.nokomiseast.org/grow-monarch-habitat-workshop](http://www.nokomiseast.org/grow-monarch-habitat-workshop).

The workshop will include two special sections:

- Grow Monarch Habitat - An Introduction to The Essentials of Gardening For Monarchs, 9:30-10:30am. This 45-minute session covers the monarch life and migratory cycle and how these two cycles determine the habitat components. The current environmental status of the monarch butterfly and other pollinators is

also addressed.

- NEW! Grow Monarch Habitat - A How-To on Planting, Maintaining and Expanding Your Garden 11am-12pm. This 45-minute session is designed to expand on previous years GMH workshops and cover some new ground.

#### Bossen Field

The old Bossen Park facilities are getting a facelift. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) will start construction on the historical park building this summer, focusing on updating the bathrooms and the building exterior. The construction will also include improvements to building lighting and adding a new accessible restroom.

In addition to the existing

park building updates, MPRB also plans to add a maintenance garage at the south end of the park to store equipment used for athletic field upkeep. Those interested in following the construction progress can do so at the MPRB online project page.

#### Bike racks for businesses

NENA and the Nokomis East Business Association (NEBA) are offering an opportunity for Nokomis East located businesses and organizations to acquire a bike rack, or multiple bike racks, at NO COST. This is the second season this opportunity is available as part of an effort to offer more bicycle parking for local businesses. These racks will be installed on the right-of-way, near the street.

The bike rack design is a U-type with a "Nokomis East" design in the center. Businesses like Oxendale's Market, Nokomis Shoe Shop, Nokomis Hardware, and Al Vento have participated in the program. Contact Program and Communication Manager Lauren Hazenson at 612-724-5652 or [lauren.hazenson@nokomiseast.org](mailto:lauren.hazenson@nokomiseast.org) for more information or to sign up.

#### Sign up for NENA News

This is your guide to news, events, and resources! Get your neighborhood news delivered to your inbox every other Wednesday. Sign up today at [www.nokomiseast.org](http://www.nokomiseast.org). Once you sign up, you'll receive updates on news and happenings in your neighborhood.

## Longfellow's climate adaptation work unique among neighborhoods

By LESLIE MACKENZIE

In 2017, Transition Longfellow took its commitment to helping people prepare for changes ahead to a new level by delivering the speaker series, "When Climate Change Comes Home." The planning team of neighbors who worked on this project included Leslie MacKenzie, Lisa Strong, Karen Grabou, Rachel Hefte, Eliza Tocher, Dani Cloutier, and Ebony Beck.

In April 2018, Transition Longfellow was nominated for a Local Public Health Hero award by Pam Blixt, City of Minneapolis preparedness manager, for the group's work on this and other preparedness projects. "There is genuine enthusiasm and dedication to the work by the group that is contagious," Blixt noted.

Kelly Muellman, Sustainability Program Coordinator for the City of Minneapolis, valued the partnership.

"Working with Transition Longfellow, and other community partner organizations, has provided the City with an opportunity to support the development of social connection around climate resilience and emergency preparedness," Muellman said. "We saw it in the literature, but experiencing the power and importance of social cohesion in person has reinforced how critical it is to the resilience of any community."

Lisa Strong, who serves on the Transition core team, is a scientist with the MN Department of Health. She said: "We kicked off the series with a presentation by Paul

Moss, our state Climate Adaptation Specialist, with data about current and future climate effects from the State Climatologist Office. We wanted people to know what to expect and when."

"But facts aren't really enough for people to know how their lives, their homes, their health and their community will be impacted," Strong said. "That's why this series focused on real-life solutions. Those solutions go beyond just what we can do as individuals. It's got to be a community effort."

#### Bringing the Facts to Life

- In May 2017, when the Twin Cities experiences torrential rain, speakers talked about how to stop water intrusion into basements and how to stay safe in a flash flood.

- In June, presenters talked about living through an extended power outage as a result of violent storms.

- In July, a doctor and a veterinarian talked about protecting people and pets (including chickens) from heat-related illness.

- In September, the speaker gave people ideas about how they can protect themselves and their children from disease-carrying ticks.

At the end of each session, participants shared actions they would take personally and then brainstormed steps that could be taken at a community level to prepare for challenges ahead. Ideas included:

- More workshops to continue to learn about solutions and to help people create their family emergency plan.
- A community buddy system pairing vulnerable adults with someone

on their block who will check in on them in a heat wave or severe storm situation.

- Encourage block clubs to connect with one another and develop phone trees.

- Stress reduction workshops to help people develop strategies to cope with and respond better in stressful situations.

- A network for sharing things—developing a culture of sharing and mutual support.

- Creating an asset map of community resources and a list of community resource people.

- Creating and distributing window signs people could use to say OKAY or NEED HELP.

- Installing community bulletin boards or information kiosks like the one found outside The Wedge Co-op that neighbors could use to share information.

Actions that are already in the works include:

- Weekly preparedness emails with step-by-step actions people can take.

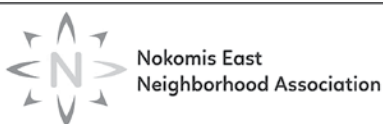
- A prepared parent playgroup for parents with kids under 10, meeting the first Saturday of each month at Longfellow Park, 10am.

#### Get Involved

Transition Longfellow's next step is pulling together a team to review the ideas and develop a community action plan. Neighbors who are interested in being part of this plan can send an email through the website at [www.transitionlongfellow.org](http://www.transitionlongfellow.org).

Join the many businesses and organizations that have taken advantage of the *Messenger's* great insert printing and delivery offer!

CONTACT DENIS WOULFE TODAY!  
(651) 917-4183  
[denis@deruyternelson.com](mailto:denis@deruyternelson.com)



### Grow Monarch Habitat Workshop

Saturday, May 19 9am - 12pm

Nokomis Community Center

Register  
[bit.ly/GrowMonarchs](http://bit.ly/GrowMonarchs)

The Essentials Workshop  
9:30 - 10:30 am

Planting, Maintaining, Expanding  
11:00 am - 12:00 pm

612-724-5652  
[www.nokomiseast.org](http://www.nokomiseast.org)



# Homeowners worried about damage from too much water

*Nokomis/Hiawatha Water Sustainability believes comprehensive study needed of entire Watershed*

By TESSA M. CHRISTENSEN

Basements are flooding, backyards are under water, sinkholes are developing, and sewer lines are breaking around Nokomis and Hiawatha lakes.

Residents are concerned, and they're asking why.

They also notice that there's a lot of standing water throughout the year around Lake Nokomis, and lake levels at Nokomis and Hiawatha are higher than they used to be.

Joan Soholt and Monica McNaughton are trying to fit the puzzle pieces together and look at more than just the impact on city infrastructure, resident's homes, the Hiawatha Golf Course, and Lake Nokomis shoreland.

The two women are leading a group of neighbors who share information and ask questions concerning ground and surface water infiltration in the lower Minnehaha Creek subwatershed. The Nokomis/Hiawatha Water Sustainability group also hosted a meeting in March to pull together residents, politicians, and experts; this grassroots meeting was attended by over 100 people.

"We have many concerns that the planning being done by the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) and the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board (MPRB) does not have enough scientific evidence behind it to guarantee homeowners and taxpayers that properties will not continue to be adversely affected by water that has been modified to flow into the creek, lakes, and ponds," said Soholt.

"Promised maintenance and upkeep has not been done possibly adding to the increase in ground and surface water. An example of this would be the increase in cattails around Lake Nokomis that may be holding water in rather than helping absorb it.

She added, "We are also concerned that with increased precipitation our community is not in a position to handle more water because of modifications that have been made to the creek and lake system."

Soholt and McNaughton have proposed bringing in the United States Geological Survey (USGS), a federal scientific agency that provides unbiased, accurate and consistent research to study the issue in depth. (They have also been involved in the water issues surrounding White Bear Lake.)

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is currently deciding what the scope of the project should be, and will progress from there, according to District 63B Representative Jean Wagenius, who lives a couple of blocks north of Minnehaha Creek in the Northrup neighborhood.

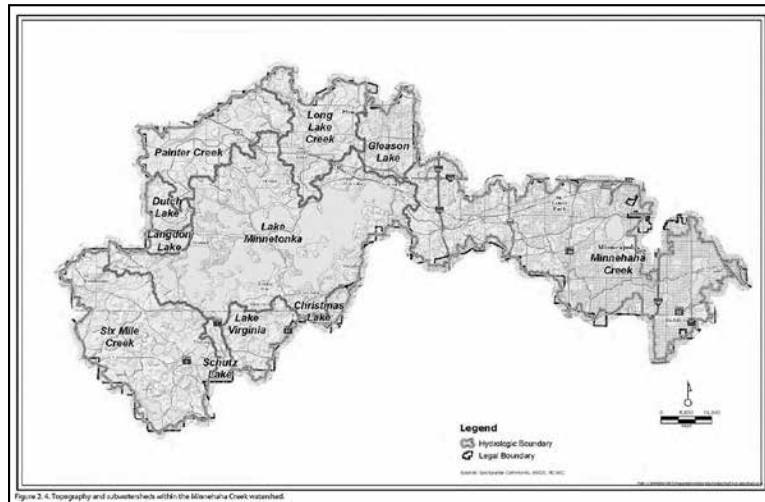
Soholt is concerned that the scope will be too narrow and focused merely on Lake Nokomis instead of the entire Minnehaha Creek watershed. They have approached the DNR, Hennepin County, Met Council, Minnehaha Creek Wa-



These images show the same area on the west side of Lake Nokomis in 2014 and in 2017. On left is an image taken by Amy Stabala, who lives on W. Lake Nokomis Pkwy. of her children flying kites in the park. This is what the park land in that area looked like from at least the 1930s to 2014. This same area is now too wet to mow, as shown in the second photo (above) of Monica McNaughton walking on the path on the west side of Lake Nokomis near the Knoll and Amelia holding/retention ponds. Invasive cattails have taken over the area that was once mowed turf, and standing water is between the path and the cattails. (Photos submitted)



Changes in the Richfield area, as well as around Lake Nokomis, have contributed to an increase in surface water run-off around Lake Nokomis. Shown here in this Google Map are Taft (bottom left) and Mother (bottom right) lakes, which have both risen, as well as Solomon Park, which is under water. The three water retention ponds around the south and west of Lake Nokomis are also visible.



Lake Nokomis and Lake Hiawatha are at the end of a large watershed that begins around Lake Minnetonka and drains via Minnehaha Creek towards the Mississippi River. Nokomis/Hiawatha Water Sustainability is pushing for the United States Geological Survey to conduct a comprehensive and unbiased study of the region to learn what's driving the water problems in South Minneapolis.

tershed, and local officials to help secure funding for a USGS study of the larger Minnehaha Creek watershed.

"Until a comprehensive study is completed, water management projects affecting our area should be delayed," said McNaughton. "This includes any planning or action to fill the floodplain at Hiawatha Golf Course. No entity in the discussion has enough data to assure homeowners around Lake Hiawatha and the Hiawatha Golf Course that what has occurred around Lake Nokomis will not occur if changes are made to water management in their area."

## What's the problem?

In 2014, the city resurfaced Soholt's street, and subsequently, eight houses on her block experienced sewer breaks. Soholt started asking questions and has now collected information on over 80 homes that have dealt with sewer line breaks, sinkholes developing under their basement floors, sinking foundations, standing water, and more. Repairs have cost homeowners between \$5,000 and \$60,000.

Homeowners whose backyards abut Solomon Park near Highway 62 have lost half their yards to standing water in the past three years, and now have to purchase flood insurance. Plus 100-year-old trees are dying.

Following the installation of retention ponds to help mitigate the water on the west and south of Lake Nokomis, basement floors began to collapse. A sinkhole developed in Nokomis Pkwy. near the Amelia water retention pond. One day emergen-

cy trucks arrived because it was affecting a gas line, Soholt recalled.

McNaughton is particularly concerned about the standing water she's observed in three areas: the west side of Lake Nokomis (known by many as the Lagoon) between the two holding/retention ponds known as the Knoll and Amelia ponds; the southwest end of the Cedar Ave. bridge that goes over Lake Nokomis; and the area east of the Gateway Pond near Derby Ave.

"Historically, these areas were dry most of the summer and fall," said McNaughton, but now they're full of invasive cattails.

McNaughton is also worried about uncharacteristically high groundwater levels, which she's seen increasing for the past four years.

Since 2014, over ten sewer connections have been repaired between 54th St. and 58th St. and 12th Ave. and Edgewater Blvd. In the summer of 2017, de-watering on Edgewater Boulevard took six weeks before sanitary sewer repairs could be started, she pointed out.

The city of Minneapolis did not have any groundwater monitoring wells in the Nokomis area until two monitoring wells were installed last fall.

"The absence of historical data has made it difficult for the city to identify the triggers that are exacerbating the problems in the area," observed McNaughton.

## What's causing these issues

"Many argue that the problem began in 2014 after the significant June rain event," said McNaughton. "However, we have seen significant changes in the

area since the late 1990s."

In addition to draining the neighborhoods directly around Lake Nokomis and Lake Hiawatha, water is also coming from the airport and Richfield. Plus, storm sewer lines in Minneapolis drain an area that stretches all the way up to Lake St. into Lake Hiawatha.

Specific changes in the area that have affected surface runoff (that becomes groundwater) include:

- The closing of Rich Acres golf course (permeable soil) on the east side of Cedar Ave., south of Hwy 62.
- Completion of the North-South Runway at the Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport, and significant building of air freight and airport facilities (nonpermeable soil)
- Development of Richfield Commons (Target/Home Depot). Previously, this area was composed of single-family residences that had significantly more permeable soil.
- Minnehaha Creek Watershed District water quality projects at Legion Lake (Veterans Park)
- Expansion of 35W/Crosstown Interchange
- Building and completion of the holding/retention ponds at Lake Nokomis - Knoll, Amelia, and Gateway
- Management former MAC property now known as Solomon Park taken over by MPRB
- Building and of the weir (low dam) at Lake Nokomis completed around 2000 and rebuilt/re-designed in 2012

Additionally, since Grey's Bay Dam in Minnetonka was replaced, the level of Lake Hiawatha has been much higher, pointed out Jerry Mullen who lives across the street from the Hiawatha Golf Course. While

there is a weir separating Lake Nokomis from Minnehaha Creek, the creek flows directly in and out of Lake Hiawatha. From the 1940s to the 1970s, Lake Hiawatha's water level ranged from 810.5 to just shy of 812. From the 1990s to the present, the lake levels have ranged from 812.5 to shy of 813.

"Groves of mature trees are dying in Solomon's Park and Mother Lake. Neighbors tell me that until now, nothing like this has happened in the memory of folks who have lived in the area for over 40 years," wrote Wagenius in a letter to the DNR in December 2017.

She also pointed out that the weir at Lake Nokomis is several feet higher than the level of Minnehaha Creek, which prevents Lake Nokomis water from freely flowing out of the lake and keeps water levels high. Beachfront has been lost on the lake, and mature trees are dying.

Nokomis/Hiawatha Water Sustainability is pushing for the level of Lake Nokomis managed to rarely be above its Ordinary High Water level elevation of 815.4 feet.

Water best management practices have evolved, pointed out Wagenius.

"Now instead of moving water off the land as quickly as possible, best management calls for slowing water down to protect surface waters and recharge groundwater resources. Both are important," she said. "Recharging drinking water aquifers is especially important in the Minnehaha Creek watershed since aquifers upstream from Minneapolis are showing stress. Slowing water down should have multiple benefits, not just for those downstream but for those upstream especially since DNR must ensure sustainability when permitting wells including drinking water wells."

## What can you do?

Nokomis/Hiawatha Water Sustainability urges residents to follow the group on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to stay updated.

People are also encouraged to contact their city council members (Jeremy Schroeder in Ward 11 and Andrew Johnson in Ward 12) and ask that the city support the USGS study, ensure the DNR's leadership in managing the entities involved, and move aggressively to identify and implement solutions in both the short and long-term to protect homes, infrastructure and parks.

# The biggest stumbling block to more ADUs may be high cost

By JAN WILLMS

Chris Iverson, who said he has been anchored to the Longfellow area for many years, had become fascinated with the idea of scaled-down living. So when he learned the city had changed its rules to allow Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) on properties, he started making plans to downsize his lifestyle.

An ADU is defined as a room or set of rooms with its own cooking, sleeping and sanitation facilities which is located on the same lot as a single or two-family home. It must be smaller in area than the main dwelling to which it is accessory. ADUs can be detached, attached or internal. The property owner must reside either in the ADU or the principal dwelling unit.

"I loved the idea of increased density, not for the sake of density, but for the practical use of the space. So there was interest for me, and it gave me the opportunity to build something," Iverson said.

He bought his first house in Longfellow in 1989 and left the area a couple of times but kept returning. "I definitely like the neighborhood, so deciding to invest here was pretty easy," Iverson related.

He owned a duplex in Longfellow but was residing in a 2700-square-foot home in St. Louis Park. In January he moved into his 640-square-foot ADU, choosing to live there himself and rent out his duplex.

Although ADUs had been approved by the City Council in December 2014, the actual building of them has been moderate.

According to Minneapolis Community Planning and Development, between December 2014 and February 2018, between 34-38 ADUs have received zoning approval each year. The department has received 121 zoning applications for ADUs, and of that total 109 have been approved by zoning. Nine-



Chris Iverson standing in his Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) in back of the duplex he owns in Longfellow. (Photo courtesy of the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Home Tour)



Chris Iverson built his ADU above his garage in the back of his duplex. By law, the owner or a relative of the property owner must live in an ADU. (Photo courtesy of the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Home Tour)

ty-four of the 109 applications have also received a building permit or have completed construction.

Compared to St. Paul, which has a limited ordinance that passed in late 2016 and has resulted in

only one ADU receiving approval for construction by the end of 2017, Minneapolis ADU construction is forging ahead. But compared to Portland, OR, which on the average approves one ADU per day, the growth is small.

However, it is in line with what the Council was expecting. Andrew Johnson, Ward 12 council member, said he considered the number of

ADUs in Minneapolis to be more than he was expecting. "The first year, when I talked to Lisa Bender about her expectations, she thought it would be under a dozen," Johnson said. Bender, a council member representing Ward 10, proposed the legislation leading to acceptance of ADUs in Minneapolis.

"You know, the reason why I don't think we see more is because of the cost," Johnson continued. "I mean, the cost of building new construction is not affordable. I look at some of the ADUs, and we're talking upwards of \$150,000 to \$200,000. That's pretty standard. You've got to be pretty motivated and have some good resources to make that decision work."

Iverson agreed that cost was a big factor. "It was maybe a bit of an over-investment in the short term, but that probably goes more to what I built." Iverson said he went a bit overboard with his heating system because he wanted radiant heating for comfort and more efficiency. "I spent a little more, but I'm not worried about the long-term," he said. Renting out his duplex also helps him cover the cost.


Iverson said he had an initial hurdle because he had to change the zoning on his property to move his project forward. "Most of Longfellow had an R1A zoning, but since my property is a duplex, I had to get that fixed before I could move ahead."

Iverson said his architect, Christopher Strom, had been fairly involved in helping with guidelines for his ADU. "My instructions to him were to build completely within the zoning rules. I didn't want to have to go back to the city for additional changes," Iverson stated.

He said the process can take time. He first spoke to Strom about the project in the spring of 2016 and focused on getting all of the zoning requirements completed by the fall of that year. "In the fall of 2016 we started the design process and finally broke ground to start building in June 2017," Iverson said. "It was a whole year before we actually broke ground, and the project itself took several months to

Continued on page 10


## Summer Intensive with Ananya Dance Theatre



**Monday-Friday, June 11-29**  
**1197 University Av W, St. Paul**

**Pre-professional level - Live music**  
 Registration deadline: May 25

For info & to apply:  
<http://www.ananyadancetheatre.org/event/summer-intensive-with-ananya-dance-theatre-2/>



**ANANYA DANCE THEATRE**

[f](#) [t](#) [v](#) [i](#)

## Family Dentistry



**Joan Jakubas, D.D.S.**  
**Jenna Swenson, D.D.S.**

- General Dentistry
- Cosmetic Bonding
- Whitening
- Crown and Bridge Work

*New Patients Welcome!*

Our name has changed, our providers have not.

612-721-3012

Comprehensive, Gentle Dentistry with Above and Beyond Service  
[www.MinnehahaFallsFamilyDental.com](http://www.MinnehahaFallsFamilyDental.com)  
 Formerly Jakubas Dental



Serving you since 1988

4554 Minnehaha Ave. S.  
 Mpls., MN 55406

Most Insurance Accepted • Ample Parking

# A new restaurant, The Bungalow Club, opens on East Lake St.

By MARGIE O'LOUGHLIN

The crisp, white letters "TBC" painted on the door were the first sign that something was happening at 4300 E. Lake St., the former home of the Craftsman Restaurant & Bar. The attractive Longfellow space had been vacant for months, following the closing of the Craftsman. A restaurant called The Bungalow Club is the building's new tenant, and its partners had been preparing for their Apr. 17 opening since the first of the year.

Owner and chef Andrew Kraft said, "My goal has always been to have my own restaurant. I'm excited to create a menu that isn't complicated but is very interesting. I like food that's simple and clear. The cornerstone of TBC will be fresh pasta: we plan to have six on the menu, and the menu will change seasonally. We'll offer house-made sausages and an extensive line of pickles. First and foremost, we're looking to be a friendly neighborhood spot with a really solid menu."

"My mom actually came up with the name The Bungalow Club," Kraft continued, "when we were talking one day. She said, 'Maybe it could be like a club for the bungalow owners in the neighborhood?' What we envision is a place for everybody, including kids and families. This won't be a blaring scene. We're planning on moderate light and noise levels, an extensive list of well-sourced wine, beer, and cocktails, and special events on the patio this summer like BBQ night, or even a pig roast."



Chef and owner Andrew Kraft.

Kraft comes to the helm of TBC with solid credentials. A graduate of the Culinary Institute in New York City, he spent several years working in Manhattan before returning to Minneapolis as chef of the Grand Café from 2013-17.

General manager Jeremiah Dittman, Kraft's brother-in-law and business partner, also spent considerable time learning the restaurant business in New York City. He shares Kraft's vision for running a fun, energetic neighborhood business that can eventually grow into a destination for the metro. "We're aiming for a menu that feels comfortably adventurous," Dittman said. "We want to offer options that range



The Bungalow Club held a soft launch for family and friends the weekend before their official opening. Guests (foreground) enjoyed the expanded bar, which now seats 16 for dining and drinking.

from the familiar to the unexpected, all with bright, fresh ingredients."

The physical restaurant space is looking bright and fresh as well. The oak floors have been re-done, the bar has been extended and will serve 16 customers instead of eight. All of the tables and counter spaces are gleaming. According to Dittman, "The Craftsman operated here for ten years; updating and some TLC were

definitely in order."

They'll offer their dinner menu Tuesday thru Sunday from 4-10pm, with brunch served on Saturday and Sunday from 9am-2:30pm. By the time the patio opens, they'll have brunch from 10am-4pm six days/week, and continue with dinner service from 4-10pm.

In addition, Kraft said, "We think we'll make an excellent daytime workspace. All of our

booths will be equipped with power plugs and public WIFI. We'll offer an excellent selection of espresso, drip coffee, and specialty teas, as well as a nice assortment of baked goods, many of which will be baked in-house. Eventually, a Happy Hour will evolve, with likely hours from 2-5pm.

For more information on The Bungalow Club, visit their website at [www.thebungalowclubmpls.com](http://www.thebungalowclubmpls.com).



program info sessions:

**Business • May 8 - 6pm**

**Computer Science & Graphics • May 9 - 6pm**

Join Us!

[saintpaul.edu/InfoSession](http://saintpaul.edu/InfoSession)



Saint Paul College,  
A member of Minnesota State

Disability accommodations available by contacting 651.846.1547 or [AccessResources@saintpaul.edu](mailto:AccessResources@saintpaul.edu). Saint Paul College is an Equal Opportunity employer and educator.



# Future repairs, master plan ahead for entire Minnehaha Creek

By TESHA M. CHRISTENSEN

Minnehaha Creek is getting attention in Minneapolis this year.

The first project will fix erosion problems that sprang from flooding in 2014, while the second will create a master plan for the 39 acres of parkland along the creek.

Both projects were discussed during two identical open houses in April.

## FEMA repairs this fall

In 2014, the Twin Cities saw the wettest first half of the year since modern-day record keeping began in 1871, with June 2014 being the wettest month on record. Coupled with a long winter and late snowmelt, this extreme precipitation led to a record flow on Minnehaha Creek and prolonged flooding throughout most of the spring and summer, according to the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD).



Citizens attended an open house on Apr. 17 open house at Lynnhurt Recreation Center to learn more about upcoming projects occurring around Minnehaha Creek. An open house was also held on Apr. 12 at the Lake Nokomis Recreation Center; both provided the same information. (Photo by Tesha M. Christensen)

MCWD, together with the city of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board (MPRB), are working together to repair the erosion caused by flood damage, improve water quality, and

improve access to the creek.

Thirteen places have been highlighted for work that will cost a total of \$1 million. Of that, \$500,000 will come from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and must be spent by June 2019.

Work will begin in September 2018 and be finished by June 2019.

The project has been divided into three areas. The first, west of 35W to Emerson, involves four sites. The second, from 35W east to Portland, has two sites in need of repair. The remaining seven site projects are at Minnehaha Park.

The project includes a few walls constructed by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) in the 1930s that are part of the Ground Rounds historic district. The historical society will weigh in on whether to remove or fix these walls.

At Minnehaha Park, the bridge at the base of the falls was eroded

by high water. Nearby, stormwater and hillside run-off damaged the trail. In other areas, a rock slab collapsed, riprap was washed away, and boardwalk was undermined.

Most of the erosion issues will be solved by installing riprap (large stones), live plant stakes, and plants to stabilize the soil, explained MCWD Project and Land Manager Tiffany Schaufler.

Throughout this process, planners have also identified 13 storm sewer outfalls that drain directly into the creek as top priorities. The MPRB and city will work to figure out the best way to filter out pollutants from these outfalls and incorporate these solutions in future work near the creek, said Schaufler. This might include rain gardens, underground storage, or other types of soil infiltration methods. The report is new, and planners are still digesting the information, she

*Continued on page 14*

## IT'S YOUR FUTURE, MAKE THE MOST OF IT!

Job training, GED, housing, meals ...and it's FREE?

YES! Job Corps offers training in many career paths and you can finish your GED or High School Diploma while you live on center. You can apply NOW and pick YOUR start date - we enroll students every week!



612-823-4516



**Fresh Deli!**  
FEATURING REAL FOOD, MADE BY REAL PEOPLE

NEIGHBORHOOD GROCER OFFERING LOCAL MEAT, PRODUCE & BAKED GOODS

**Seward** COMMUNITY CO-OP 

2823 E. Franklin Ave., MPLS  
& 317 E. 38th St., MPLS  
[www.seward.coop](http://www.seward.coop)

Ready to Make Your Move?

We're Ready to Help.

**River Realty**

[www.RiverRealty.net](http://www.RiverRealty.net)

# ADUs

Continued from page 7

construct."

The neighbors have been very supportive, according to Iverson. "No one came forward and said they were uncomfortable with the zoning change. My next door neighbor had expressed some concerns about privacy and having this structure that would be looking into the back of her house, but we had conversations," Iverson recalled. "Longfellow, in general, has such varied land use."

He said council member Johnson was a big help to him in the process. "Andrew was great and super supportive as a resource. His office was really helpful. I also talked to folks at Longfellow Community Council, who were willing to leverage what they could."

Iverson designed his ADU to be completely contemporary, much different from the style of his main house. He said there are all kinds of criteria for the square footage of the ADU, and it must be at least one square foot smaller than the main house. He was not prepared, however, for all the notice his ADU would receive.

"People who don't know me know my structure," he claimed. "I was in the Longfellow Market and checking out when the cashier asked if I was the guy building the ADU. I said I was, and he told me he had recognized my car in the parking lot from where he had seen it parked in front of my property. I have also had bikers passing by the property and giving me a thumbs up. And cars will drive by and take pictures. I even had someone come and knock on my door and ask me questions about the structure."

Iverson said all the comments have been positive, and he sometimes stands in his kitchen window and waves at the people who stop to look at his ADU.

It will be on display for the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Home Tour the weekend of Apr. 28.



Chris Iverson has all the amenities in his 640 square foot ADU. (Photo courtesy of the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Home Tour)

Johnson said he has not received any complaints about ADUs. Before they were approved in Minneapolis, there had been concerns raised about traffic, parking concerns and structures not fitting in with the neighborhood, but none of those concerns have been raised. "I know we had one unique situation in my ward of variance based on a grandfathered-in nonconforming property. Otherwise, these go up pretty quietly; you just see a building come up."

Someone who has constructed a few of those structures is Joe Slavec, who operates Minneapolis Garage Construction.

"Mostly we build garages, but we build a few ADUs here and there," Slavec said. "They are kind of sparse because of the cost."

Slavec said part of the costs involve plumbing, and he thinks the plumbing union has been instrumental in not letting people move forward. "There is an easier way to make these units work," he said. "To reduce the costs, you should be able to use a system that has been used in Canada. It has a mulching unit on the back of the toilet, and it mulches waste so the toilet and water facility in the garage is supplied by a half inch PEX line and there's a 3/4 inch PEX line that goes out and can hook up to the house rather than go out into the street. But I have yet to see plumbing in-

spectors approve the use of that system. That would dramatically reduce the cost."

Slavec said it is also important for property owners to realize they are basically building a small house when they build an ADU. "This is going to be a five to six-month process because you have to get all the inspections and same things that go into building a house," he noted.

He said that a decline in the labor market has made it even more difficult to get someone to come out for a small job.

"Fortunately, there is not a shortage of electricians or plumbers, but there is on carpenters," he said.

One of the ADUs Slavec has built is for himself, on his property in Independence, on the other side of Wayzata. "I live in the main house and have a detached ADU. My home is the old Shady Beach Resort," he said.

Despite the cost, Slavec said he is getting more and more requests for ADUs.

"I typically point people to one of my earlier experiences," he said. "We were building a garage and the lady next door was just starting her own ADU project. She had provided three contractors with the same set of plans and received quotes for \$180,000, \$250,000 and \$320,000."

"She chose the \$180,000 proj-

courages people to consider is the importance of getting a set of plans first before hiring a contractor. "Otherwise people go into the process with a great deal of confusion," Slavec said. "When they go in with a designer, at least someone is getting paid for that knowledge, and sharing it and helping that person move forward."

He said if he gets a request for an ADU, he passes it on to a designer, asking him or her to work with the customer.

"Once you are done with the designer, get it locked in," Slavec said. He encouraged the property owner to then take that plan to three different contractors and get an honest price. "I tell them to start with the designer; it cuts to the chase and helps people make a more informed decision," Slavec said.

He also warned people building ADUs to hold the designer accountable and be sure codes are being checked. He said the designer should create a plan that can be brought to the city and accepted.

Slavec said he does see ADUs becoming a growing trend. Iverson agreed, adding that his architect is now working on another ADU in the Longfellow neighborhood.

Johnson cited the increasing costs for rentals and home purchases will make a remodel or ADUs look more and more reasonable.

## A GREENER, GENTLER ALTERNATIVE

**GREEN CREMATION PACKAGES starting at \$1,595**

Green Cremation is a gentle, water-based, eco-friendly alternative to flame-based cremation. Just like with traditional cremation, the body is reduced to ashes, which are then returned to the family. However, no flames are used during the Green Cremation process, making it the more natural choice.

*We honor societies pre plans and memberships*  
For more info, or to pre-plan call **612.724.3621**

**GreenCremation**  
by Bradshaw

**Bradshaw**  
Creating Meaningful Events That Celebrate Life®

**GreenCremation.com**

3131 Minnehaha Avenue S.  
Minneapolis, MN 55406  
612.724.3621  
BradshawFuneral.com

**NEW light-filled apartments on the light rail line. 38☀28**

**NOW OPEN - MOVE-IN TODAY**

**SIGN NOW AND GET ONE MONTH FREE RENT\***

Rooftop community deck and grill

Community lounge

Cat-friendly building

Bike storage

Covered off-street parking

Stainless steel appliances

Available in select apartments:

Private balconies and decks

In-unit washer/dryer

**1, 2, and 3 bedroom floor plans**  
Commercial space also available.

Visit the Model at **3806 28th Ave S.**  
**www.38thstreetstation.com**  
Call **612-361-9881**

\*The next 10 leases signed at 3828 will get one free additional month on a one year lease (13 months total).

# In Our Community

## Messenger

Send us your news! When you submit your press release it will be considered for both the newspaper as well as the Messenger Facebook page (Facebook.com/LongfellowNokomisMessenger). You can also go to our website, LongfellowNokomisMessenger.com and enter the information in the online Event Calendar.

### Got Books? You will, May 4-5

The Spring Book Sale at East Lake Library is planned for Fri., May 4, 12-5pm, and Sat., May 5, 9am-4:30pm with the \$5 bag sale starting at 2pm.

The Spring Sale welcomes summer and certainly will begin by then. Stop by and start a collection of unexpected finds, plus go home with a stash for those days when the kids say they are bored. Adult hardcovers are \$1, adult paperbacks are \$.50, and all children's and teen books are \$.50.

Donations may be brought to East Lake Library through Tues., May 1. Please bring clean, gently used books, CDs, and DVDs. No magazines, textbooks, VHS or encyclopedias, please—no one buys them. Look for the red cart near the parking lot entry.

The Friends of East Lake Library thank for your support of the Library.

### Join the Brunch Bunch with Epworth

Join the Epworth Brunch Bunch to try one of the many great eating establishments in your neighborhood. Bring a friend and get ready for some fun conversation while trying some yummy food. The next event is planned Sun., May 13 at noon, at Gandhi Mahal, 3009 27th Ave. S.

### 500 Card Club meets monthly at Faith

A 500 Card Club meets the first Monday of each month at 1pm at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3430 E. 51st St. May's date is May 7. All are welcome.

### Garden Club Plant Swap set May 19

The Longfellow Garden Club invites you to their 2018 Plant Swap to be held rain or shine, or snow, on Sat., May 19. The location is on the west side of the Sanford Middle School parking lot, 42nd Ave. S.

You can bring plants beginning at 11am. Swapping plants starts at 12 noon. (Note: Plants are mostly gone by 12:30pm.) All traces of the Swap will disappear by 1pm.

Swap rules are label what you bring, offer a small donation if you take plants but didn't bring any, take home any of your plants that are left.

Garden Club events are free and open to the public. You can find out more information on the club at sites.google.com/view/longfellow-garden-club-of-minn/home or www.facebook.com/LongfellowGardenClub.

### Beer and Bible group meets on May 9

Whether you're new to the Bible, new to beer, or well-versed in both, you're invited to join the Epworth's Beer and Bible group once a month at Merlin's Rest, 2601 E. Lake St. The next event is Wed., May 9, 6:30-8:30pm. All walks of life and faith welcome. Come and enjoy great discussion and fellowship—beer is optional.

### Native Plant Sale deadline is May 15

Interested in adding native plants for the birds and the bees, but aren't quite sure which plants will do well in your yard? Check out the Annual Plant Sale on the Wild Ones Twin Cities web page for collections of plants chosen to do well in local yard conditions: [www.wildonestwincities.org/p/2018-plant-sale.html](http://www.wildonestwincities.org/p/2018-plant-sale.html).

Wild Ones Twin Cities are native plant enthusiasts and gardeners, dedicated to increasing the number of yards and parks with native plantings, the group works each summer in the Nokomis Naturescape prairie gardens. This year six different plant collections are offered, and cover areas that are half sun/half shade, mostly sun, woodland shady, and even dry boulevards. They include: Bumble Bee Banquet (sun/part sun), Monarch Habitat (mostly sun), For the Birds (sun/part shade), 3-Season Boulevard (sun/part sun), Pollinator Rain Garden (sun/part sun, dry), and Showy Woodland Edge (part sun/shady). Each flat has six of eight different plants (48 plants).

The web page has pictures of every plant in each collection—click on the plant's name to reach a page with a full description (height, bloom, etc.) and notes on where to plant.

You must preorder. The order deadline is May 15. To order, get on the web page and download and print the Plant Sale order form, fill it out and mail with payment. You can pick up your plants on Sun., June 3, 12-3pm, at 4009 Minnehaha Ave. S. (next to Visual Expressions). Folks will be on hand to answer questions and help with your plants.

### Pancake Breakfast planned Apr. 29

The South High Foundation will hold their annual Pancake Breakfast on Sun., Apr. 29, 8am-noon at South High School, 3131 19th Ave.

The breakfast features all-you-can-eat pancakes, plus sausages, scrambled eggs, orange juice, milk, and coffee. There will be great prizes donated by alumni, local businesses, and friends! Tickets will be available

at the door: adults are \$10, children 5-12 are \$5, and under 5 get in free. Don't miss the delicious food and a fun get-together!

### Herbal first aid presentation Apr. 29

Join us for hope, healing, and wholeness with an herbal first aid presentation on Sun., Apr. 29, 11:30am-1pm, at the Community Healing Hub at Minnehaha Communion Church, 4101 37th Ave. S.

The presentation is taught by Tracey LaPointe, a local herbalist that loves teaching about herbs and how to use them medicinally. LaPointe will explain the differences between tinctures, essential oils, flower essences and homeopathy, and also share about some practical things you can use in the home. Attendees will receive a starter first aid kit!

This event is for all ages, and is free! Registration is required to ensure the right number of kits are available. Register at [www.herbal-hh.eventbrite.com](http://www.herbal-hh.eventbrite.com). Attendees will be able to donate to a free will offering to benefit the Healing Hub and Sensory Library.

### Festival Worship planned June 10

A Festival Worship is being planned at Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church, 4101 37th Ave. S., on Sun., June 10. The morning will begin with a musical prelude at 9:30am, with the service beginning at 9:45 am. Participants include the Norwegian Glee Club, the women's ensemble Seven Gifts, and the Main Street Strings. Music will represent a variety of cultures and genres. All are invited and welcome.

### Two local groups receive MRAC grant

At the end of March, the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council awarded \$321,414 to 67 organizations/projects in the second round of its FY 2018 Community Arts grant program. Two local groups were among the recipients.

Midtown Farmers Market / Corcoran Neighborhood Organization received \$5,000 to support up to 69 performing arts activities to take place during the Midtown Farmers Market's Saturday markets, with a focus on increasing racial and cultural diversity to better reflect the surrounding communities. Performances will take place over 26 weeks between May and October 2018. You can find out more about the Midtown Farmers Market at [www.midtownfarmersmarket.org](http://www.midtownfarmersmarket.org).

The Minneapolis Southside

Singers received \$5,000 to support up to 40 concerts, including at least 20 free or reduced cost concerts to under-served audiences across the seven-county metropolitan area between April 2018 and March 2019.

### Lost N Found to perform in May

Classics Lost N Found Theater, a community theater based in south Minneapolis, will perform an original script "Home Not So Sweet Homeless." Performances are planned Fri.-Sat., on May 11, 12, 18 and 19, at 7pm, at Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church, 5011 S. 31st Ave. The script is written by Noreen K. Brandt, a Nokomis East resident. A suggested donation of \$10 to \$15, with all proceeds with all proceeds going to Beacon Housing/Families Moving Forward. Call 612-724-4539 for further information.

### Mother's Day Brunch scheduled May 13

The annual Mother's Day Brunch will be held on Sun., May 13, from 9:30am-12:30pm at the Danish American Center, 3030 W. River Pkwy. The breakfast brunch includes an egg dish, æbleskiver (pancake balls), fruit, Danish pastries, rugbrød (pumpernickel) with cheese and salami, juice and coffee.

The cost for adults is \$11, all children ages 5-11 are \$5 and under 5 are free. No reservations are needed—just come. For more information, call 612-724-7705.

### Greenway Coalition raises study funds

Thanks to first 150 generous donors, the Extend the Greenway campaign Challenge Grant of \$10,000 has been reached! But even now that the match is met, the Midtown Greenway Coalition still needs to raise more funds to power the effort to extend the greenway over the river through St. Paul. You can make a tax-deductible donation [www.youcar.org/extendthegreenway](http://www.youcar.org/extendthegreenway).

The \$10,000 match funds were given by a generous Minneapolis family, meaning the first \$10,000 in donations made via the campaign website was matched.

According to the Greenway Coalition, "The funds raised will pay for a new engineering study of the Short Line Bridge — the one that crosses the Mississippi River. A study done more than ten years ago concluded that the bridge was old and not safe for bikes and pedestrians. That was the answer to the wrong question! We want to know how much it would cost to repair the bridge to make it safe for biking and walk-

ing. Then we can engage the railroad and government agencies and work to get it done."

The total campaign goal is \$45,000, and the You Caring campaign drive ends on May 5.

### Blind Ministry meets

The Blind Outreach fellowship will meet on Sat., May 12, at Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, 3430 E. 51st St., from 12-2pm. Lunch is served at noon followed by a Bible study and fellowship.

### Bungalow Club Home Tour planned May 12

Join the Twin Cities Bungalow Club on Sat., May 12, 10am-4pm, for the Twin Cities Bungalow Club's annual celebration of vintage houses. The tour is a great way to get ideas for your own home; chat with like-minded homeowners and contractors, and cruise bungalow neighborhoods.

There are six homes on tour this year, two in St. Paul and four in Minneapolis. They range from snug bungalows to larger Arts & Crafts houses. Pick up a tour map with the homes' addresses and descriptions any time after 10am on May 12, at the first house located at 3408 41st Ave. S. Reservations are not required.

On the tour you will see:

- a range of house sizes, from small to expansive;
- oodles of Arts & Crafts furniture, lamps, and pottery;
- updated kitchens with vintage elements;
- old and new bathrooms;
- spacious master bedroom suites;
- comfy front porches with relaxed furniture;
- and loads of oak woodwork, fireplaces, built-ins and all-around bungalow charm!

For more information: 612-724-5816; [mail@bungalowclub.net](mailto:mail@bungalowclub.net) and online at [www.bungalowclub.org](http://www.bungalowclub.org).

### St. Helena School sets spring party

St. Helena Catholic School, 3204 E. 43rd St., is planning their Spring Extravaganza for Sat., Apr. 28, 6-10pm. Join in on this evening of food, silent and live auctions, and camaraderie.

### Trinity VBS slates "Shipwrecked"

Children ages 4 years through 5th grade are invited to a vibrant kids' time at Morris Park, sponsored by Trinity of Minnehaha Falls. This year's vacation Bible school theme is "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus." The program runs Mon.-Fri., June 11-15, from

*Continued on page 13*

# CAC to investigate reduced pumping options at Hiawatha Golf Course

Some question scope of project and push for putting everything on the table, including 18-hole golf course

By TESHA M. CHRISTENSEN

The future of Hiawatha Golf Course is being considered by 18 community members who have been appointed to a Community Advisory Committee (CAC).

Their charge from the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) is to make recommendations to the MPRB Commissioners in support of any changes to the golf course property or perpetuation of current uses, with attention to priority, sequencing, timing, and funding.

"What should we do with this property with the reduced pumping scenario? Our job is to answer that question and come forth with recommendations to the park board," said CAC Chair David Kaplan, who is also a board member of the Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association.

The CAC will work to understand past investigations, conducted by the MPRB and others, to gain a reasonable understanding of water management conditions on the golf course property and nearby private properties. They are also tasked with becoming knowledgeable about past and current use of the property, including communities served by the current golf course.

Members will act as primary contacts on the project within the community.

CAC members are Anne Painter, Chakra Sankaraiyah, Craig Nichols, Damon LeFlore, David Kaplan, Duane Whittaker, Joan Soholt, Kathryn Kelly, Matt Hilgart, Nathan Shepherd, Roxanne Stuhr, Sean Connaughty, Sean Keir, Sheila Terryll, Tara Olds, Teresa Engstrom, Tim Clemens, and William Means. Members represent groups such as a representative from the Anishinabe community, a golf coach, cross-country skiers, a Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association board member (who is serving as the CAC chair), a college professor, a landscape designer, a marine archeologist, member of the Friends of Lake Hiawatha, and more.

State Senator Patricia Torres Ray said that she is working with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to assign a staff person to the group.

The committee's first meeting was held on Mar. 28, and was at-



Community Advisory Committee Members (left to right) Kathryn Kelly, Joan Soholt and Tara Olds are among the 18 people who are studying what to do at the Hiawatha Golf Course. (Photo by Tesha M. Christensen)

tended by about 100 community members. Upcoming meetings are set for Apr. 30 and May 30 from 6:30-8pm (locations to be determined).

Minutes and handouts from the first meeting, and other items included in the CAC member binders, are available on the MPRB project web site.

"We want to make this as transparent as possible because this is an issue that affects all of us," pointed out Kaplan.

Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) Board Member Brian Shekleton told those gathered that he has been attending meetings about the Hiawatha Golf Course since 2014, and he looks forward to being a resource.

"We have a partnership with the park board and the city of Minneapolis such that when any one of those entities does work along the water body, we all work together to think through the planning," said Shekleton. "Our mission is to help people, entities, companies, and units of government to have better water quality when they do a project."

CAC member Sean Connaughty, of Friends of Lake Hiawatha and the MPRB volunteer steward of Lake Hiawatha, discussed a grant he has received to work on mitigating the large stormwater sewer pipe that

drains into the northwest part of Lake Hiawatha. He plans to share updates with the CAC as the project progresses.

"I think cleaning up the lake can be an exciting goal for all of us," said Connaughty.

## Disagreement regarding scope

Some CAC members, as well as community members, questioned the scope of the project and thought it was 'putting the cart before the horse.'

"This has not been what some of us had been told," observed CAC member Kathryn Kelly. "We've been told that everything is on the table, including an 18-hole golf course."

MPRB Assistant Superintendent of Planning Services Michael Schroeder responded that he had discussed the issue with legal counsel, and was directed to follow the resolution in its entirety that was approved by the park board of commissioners last August and not pick certain pieces of it to use as the CAC charge. That resolution, he pointed out, begins by instructing the CAC to look at a reduced pumping scenario with the perpetuation of golf in some use.

"Any changes to our instruction need to come from the Board of Commissioners itself," said Kaplan.

## Treat each other as neighbors

With the help of MPRB Community Outreach, Equity & Inclusion Manager Radious Guess, ground rules for how the CAC will operate were agreed on.

These include: speak from your own experience, respect all voices, and listen to understand. Don't just wait to speak, and don't be afraid to ask questions. Speak with intention, no assumptions, ask for what you need to offer what you can, treat each other like neighbors, and seek common ground. The group should focus on compromise, with no screaming, think ecologically, and come with an attitude of collaboration, respect for science, and be transparent.

## What the process looks like

After coming to an understanding of the project and getting to know the site and its various needs, the CAC will begin imagining possibilities—that is, thinking big for the future and developing guiding principles, according to MPRB Project Manager Tyler Pederson.

CAC members will then refine their big ideas, figure out how they fit into the larger Hiawatha-Nokomis Master Plan, and develop a focused vision before identifying a preferred direction.

The next step will be documentation—putting the plan on

paper and developing recommendations to present to MPRB. Following that, the draft plan will be shared with a 45-day public comment period.

After it is approved by MPRB, the plan must also be adopted by the Met Council.

It may require alignment with permitting agencies: US Army Corps of Engineers, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, State Historic Preservation Office, Minnesota Office of State Archaeologist, city of Minneapolis, and the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District.

Information from the two other advisory groups, the Technical Advisory Panel and the Project Advisory Committee, will be shared during the process.

"We're at the very beginning of this process, even though we've been here for many years," pointed out Pedersen.

## Work will be fluid

Next up will be forming a consultant team. MPRB has already received three proposals from companies that have a variety of staff members in areas such as engineering, landscape architecture, recreation specialists, golf course architecture, ecological engineering and more. Interviews will be ranked by MPRB staff members, and a recommendation of one proposing consultant will be sent to the board of commissioners for contract approval.

MPRB is also seeking a cultural advisor from the Dakota community.

While some questioned how the group could plan without knowing all the answers related to the water issues, Schroeder acknowledged that they would make course adjustments as they go.

"Your work here will have to be somewhat fluid," he stated. "As we learn information from other sources, we'll bring it back to this group."

Those with comments are encouraged to email [tpederson@minneapolisparcs.org](mailto:tpederson@minneapolisparcs.org) or fill out an online comment form at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/lake-hiawatha](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/lake-hiawatha).



The charge for the Community Advisory Committee from the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) is to make recommendations to the MPRB Commissioners in support of any changes to the golf course property or perpetuation of current uses, with attention to priority, sequencing, timing, and funding. About 100 community members attended the first CAC meeting on March 28 at the Nokomis Recreation Center. (Photo by Tesha M. Christensen)

## In Our Community

Continued from page 11

9:30am-noon. To register and see a video clip, visit [www.trinityfalls.org](http://www.trinityfalls.org) or call Trinity at 612-724-3691 for more information.

## Longfellow ReStore hits \$1 million mark

The Minneapolis ReStore—a home improvement outlet that supports Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity—has reached an incredible milestone.

The Minneapolis location opened in mid-September of 2016 in the Longfellow neighborhood at 2700 Minnehaha Ave. S. Now, a year and a half later, the Minneapolis store has hit a huge milestone: one million dollars in sales. And all that goes right back to making Habitat homes affordable for low-income homebuyers across the Twin Cities.

"Hitting the \$1 million milestone this quickly is unusual for Habitat ReStores (850 nationwide) and helps to validate that we picked a great location," says Pete O'Keefe, Senior Manager for ReStore Operations. The Minnehaha location is easily accessible to city dwellers and is near bus and light rail routes.

The ReStore features quality donated home furnishings, furniture, and building supplies at a fraction of the original cost. They accept donations, many of which are new overstock items from offices, apartment complexes, and construction sites. All revenue from the ReStore goes to building, rehabbing and repairing homes for hard-working local families.

Last year, proceeds from the ReStore sponsored the construction of six homes for low-income

Twin Cities families., as well as diverted 940 tons of building materials from landfills.

## Sound Sanctuary scheduled May 22

Join in hope, healing, and wholeness at the Community Healing Hub for a Candlelight Sound Sanctuary on Tues., May 22, 7-9pm, at Minnehaha Communion Church, 4101 37th Ave. S.

While lying in silence on blankets with eyeshades on, the community is transported into a meditative state. Kirsten Kirros leads a transformative offering of crystal and Tibetan bowls, bells, shakers, handpan, native flute, gong and heartfelt voice carries you. We will end with plenty of time to silently and journal by candlelight. Recommended for those ages 10 and up.

The event is free, and registration is required at [www.cssh.eventbrite.com](http://www.cssh.eventbrite.com). Attendees can donate to a free will offering to benefit the Community Healing Hub and Sensory Library.

## Nokomis seniors plan upcoming events

Nokomis Healthy Seniors (NHS) would like to invite the public to the following programs and events in upcoming weeks. Unless otherwise noted, all events are held at Nokomis Healthy Seniors, 4120 17th Ave. S., in the Bethel Evangelical Church building. Unless otherwise noted events are also free, with no reservation required.

Get your blood pressure checked, socialize with your neighbors, and enjoy a treat and coffee at Nokomis Healthy Seniors' "Nurse is In" drop-in Blood Pressure Clinic on Thurs-

days, 9:30-11:30am. This free clinic is held every Thursday morning (May 3, 10, 17, 24) and all are welcome.

Nokomis Healthy Seniors will host a Health and Enrichment program, "Reverse Mortgages-All You Need to Know," presented by staff from Legal Aid on May 3, 11am-Noon.

Join Nokomis Healthy Seniors on Fri., May 4, and Fri., June 1, 1-3 pm for a free Diabetes support group. No RSVPs needed. This group meets at Nokomis Library, 5100 34th Ave. S. Call NHS at 612-729-5499 for more information.

A free Low Vision Support Group meets on Tues., May 8, 1-2:30pm at Nokomis Square Cooperative, 5015 35th Ave. S. The group is facilitated by a staff member from Low Vision Resources. Call 612-721-5077 for further information.

A Health and Enrichment program, "How Do Those Community Solar Farms Work?," will be presented by Lissa Pawlish on May 9, 1:30pm, at Nokomis Square Cooperative, 5015 35th Ave. S.

Nokomis Healthy Seniors will hold their "Lunch and a Movie" on Thur., May 10. They share a meal at 11:15am and then will watch the musical "The Royal Wedding," in our theatre. The 1951 film stars Fred Astaire, Jane Powell, and Peter Lawford. All are welcome, but reservations are required; call 612-729-5499.

A free Caregiver Support Group meets on Thur., May 24, 1-2:30pm. This group is designed for those caring for an older adult. No RSVPs needed. Call NHS at 612-729-5499 for more information.

Join Nokomis Healthy Seniors for "Lunch and Bingo" on May 31. Share a meal at 11:15am, followed by a spirited game of Bingo. All are welcome, but res-

ervations required; call 612-729-5499.

Upcoming in June, NHS will host a Health and Enrichment program, "Senior Oral Care," presented by Adam Podratz, DDS, of Hale Family Dental on June 7, 11 am-Noon. It will be held at Nokomis Healthy Seniors, so mark your calendars.

## LGBTQ support group meets Saturdays

A support group for LGBTQ adults living with mental illness meets weekly on Saturdays, 1-2:30pm, at Living Table United Church of Christ, 3805 E. 40th St. This free support group is sponsored by NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness) and led by trained facilitators who are also in recovery. For information call David at 612-920-3925 or call 651-645-2948.

## Gamblers Anonymous meets Wednesdays

Gamblers Anonymous meets Wednesdays from 6-7pm in the Hope Room at Living Table Church, 3805 E. 40th St. Anyone with a desire to stop gambling is welcome.

## AA and NA meets

Every Monday night there is an AA meeting at 7pm at Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church (4101 37th Ave. S.), and every Tuesday and Wednesday night there is an AA meeting at 7:30pm. On Thursday night, there is an NA meeting at 7:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

## NA group meets twice weekly

A Narcotics Anonymous group meets every Wednesday at 7:30pm, and every Friday evening at 7pm at Faith Evangelical Lutheran, 3430 E. 51st St. All are welcome to attend.

## Healing Waters meets Wednesdays

The Healing Waters Qigong Practice Group meets every Wednesday year round, from 3:30-4:30pm, at the Lake Hiawatha Recreation Center, 2701 E. 44th St. Healing by the water, through the water, and for the water, learn simple Spring Forest Qigong healing movements, and guided meditations for health. Every week they practice sending their healing to the world and blessing Lake Hiawatha. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per meeting.

## May events at LS Healthy Seniors

Join Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors and Minneapolis Community Education for a monthly Senior Social/Health Talk on Tues., May 15 at 10:30am at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2730 E. 31st St. The presentation is entitled "Vision Loss: Keep Your Independence." Susan Anderson from Vision Loss Resources will discuss the primary causes of vision loss often associated with aging. She'll cover the emotional

impact of vision loss as well as tools, training, and support that are available to help seniors remain living as independently as possible.

Tai Chi Easy exercise classes will be held on Mon., May 14 and 21 from 10:30-11:30am at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, and cost \$5/class (discounts available for lower-income seniors). Classes are usually held weekly, but there will not be a class on May 7 or May 28 (Memorial Day). Classes will go through June 25.

A monthly Diabetes Support Group for adults will be held Wed., May 9 from 6:30-8pm at Hiawatha School Park Recreation Center, 4305 E. 42nd St.

Additionally, LS Healthy Seniors is looking for "Friendly Visitor" volunteers and volunteer drivers to help seniors live independently. Call Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors at 612-729-5799 or email us at [info@LShealthyseniors.org](mailto:info@LShealthyseniors.org) for more information on our activities, services or volunteer opportunities.

## Faith Book Club meets May 5

The Faith Ev. Lutheran Book Club meets the first Saturday of every month from 10-11:30am at the church, 3430 E. 51st St. The book for May 5 is "Year of Wonders" by Geraldine Brooks. Join the group for coffee, treats, and conversation in the basement fellowship room.

## CSA listings now available online

It's been a long winter, but another Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) season is just around the corner, giving eaters a chance to forge partnerships with some of the most innovative farmers in the region while enjoying fresh, sustainably-produced food.

The 2018 Edition of the Twin Cities, Minnesota & Western Wisconsin Region Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Directory is now available from the Land Stewardship Project at [landstewardshipproject.org/stewardshipfood/csa](http://landstewardshipproject.org/stewardshipfood/csa). CSA shares tend to sell out by early spring, so consumers are encouraged to sign-up as soon as possible.

CSA farms provide regular deliveries of sustainably produced food to consumers during the growing season (approximately June to October). Those consumers, in turn, pay a subscription fee. This year's directory features over 60 farms that provide eaters a chance to purchase a "share" in their operation and in return receive regular deliveries of food. The majority of farms offer produce shares, although some also provide deliveries of items such as meat, dairy products, eggs, and flowers.

## New exhibit opens at the Vine May 12

"Nature in a Dream State," a 40 piece collection of floral and landscape photo imagery, will open at the Vine Arts Center, 2637 27th Ave. S., on May 12 and run through June 2.

"Nature in a Dream State"

Continued on page 15

## Neighborhood Churches Welcome You!

**Bethlehem Covenant Church**  
3141 43rd Ave. S. • 612-721-5768  
[www.bethlehemcov.org](http://www.bethlehemcov.org)

Pastor Matt Kennedy  
Contemporary Worship - 8:45 am  
Sunday School for all ages - 10:00 am  
Traditional Worship - 11:00 am  
Español - 1:30pm  
Wednesday end of year celebration May 2 at 5:45 pm  
Summer worship schedule starts on May 27  
Contemporary Worship - 9:00 am  
Traditional Worship - 10:30 am  
(Handicapped Accessible)

**Epworth United Methodist**  
3207 37th Ave. • 612-722-0232  
[www.epworthumcpls.org](http://www.epworthumcpls.org)

Pastor Steven Reiser  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am  
(Childcare Provided)  
(Wheelchair Accessible)  
Upcoming:  
April 29: Service Sunday - Building Garden Beds at Epworth  
May 9: Beer & Bible at Merlin's Rest  
May 13: Brunch Bunch @ Gandhi Mahal  
May 20: Pentecost Service

**Living Table United Church of Christ**

Where there is a place set for you!  
3805 40th St. E. • 612-729-7556  
[www.livingtable.org](http://www.livingtable.org)  
Sunday Worship 10:30 am  
Adult Education 9:30 am Sunday and 6:30 pm Wednesday  
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Rachael Keefe  
Minister of Music: Kevin Werner Hohlstein  
Choir rehearsals at 7:30 pm Wednesday - Join us!  
Mental Health Education Day - April 28 10 am - 3:30 pm See registration details below  
<http://beachtheology.com/event/>  
Open and Affirming

**Minnehaha Communion Lutheran**  
4101 37th Ave. S. • 612-722-9527  
[www.minnehahacommunion.com](http://www.minnehahacommunion.com)

Pastors Dan and Sally Ankerfelt  
Sunday Worship - 9:45 am  
Sunday School - 9:45 am  
May 9 - Healing Recovery Service (Wheelchair Accessible)

**Spirit Garage**  
The Hook & Ladder Theater & Lounge  
3010 Minnehaha Ave. • 612-827-1074  
[www.spiritgarage.org](http://www.spiritgarage.org)

Worship: Sundays at 10:30  
3rd Thursday Theology on Tap:  
Sisters' Sludge Wine and Coffee bar  
May 17, 7-8:30 PM  
Pastor: Holly Johnson  
Music: John Kerns and bands

**St. Albert the Great Catholic**  
E. 29th St. at 32nd Ave. S. • 612-724-3643  
[www.saintalbertthegreat.org](http://www.saintalbertthegreat.org)

Fr. Joe Gillespie, O.P.  
Sunday Mass: 9:30 am (Childcare available)  
Saturday Mass: 5 pm  
M, T, Th, F: Rosary at 8 am, Daily Mass 8:15 am  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, First Fridays from 9 am to noon (Handicapped accessible)

**St. Peder's Evangelical Lutheran**  
4600 E. 42nd St. • 612-722-8000  
[www.stpeders.org](http://www.stpeders.org)

Julie A. Ebbesen, Pastor  
Sundays: 9 am Worship (childcare available)  
9 am Children/Youth Faith Formation  
10 am Coffee & Fellowship  
10:30 am Adult Faith Formation (Handicap acc., Braille)  
Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month.  
Fair Trade Sunday, May 6, following worship, festive bazaar of fair trade goods.

**Trinity Lutheran Church of Minnehaha Falls**  
5212 41st Ave. S. • 612-724-3691  
[www.trinityfalls.org](http://www.trinityfalls.org)

Pastor Matt Oxendale  
Sunday Worship 10:30 am  
AA Sun & Tues 7:00 pm  
Sign up for VBS - June 11-15

### PROJECTS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCHES:

**Minnehaha Food Shelf,**  
Serving People Tuesday,  
10:30 am - 3 pm  
Call us at 612-721-6231  
**Minnehaha United Methodist**  
3701 E. 50th St.

## Minnehaha Creek

Continued from page 9

pointed out.

### Master plan in the works

In the early 1900s, the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board began acquiring property along the Minnehaha Creek—even though the city of Minneapolis only extended to Franklin Ave. at the time and everything farther out was farmland.

Under the direction of Theodore Wirth in the 1920s and 1930s, the creek was straightened in many places, and the parkway/carriage-way installed.

In the 1960s and 1970s, the Eckbo Plan guided improvements along the creek. The roadway was paved its signature pink, and bicycle and walking trails separated.



Left: Lisa Goodard of Minneapolis Public Works chats with Nokomis resident Teresa Miller during the Apr. 17 open house. Miller is keeping a close eye on water issues in the area, concerned because of the perpetual flooding in her backyard that is adjacent to Solomon Park. (Photo by Tesha M. Christensen)

The pedestrian bridges were built in 1978.

"Since then, no master planning has been done," pointed out MPRB Project Manager Adam Arvidson. "We're overdue."

He's leading a comprehensive

look at the parkland to fashion a master plan that looks ahead 20-30 years.

A Community Action Committee (CAC) is in the process of being formed and will begin meeting soon. A plan is expected to be

created and approved by the MPRB of commissioners in January 2019.

Among the questions raised are whether MPRB should extend its system of trails all the way west of Lynnhurst Park to the city line. Right now, the trails head north at

the parkway to Lake Harriet and do not extend any farther west.

Another question is whether more canoe launches should be added. Currently, there is one near Lynnhurst, one at Lake Nokomis, and one proposed for Lake Hiawatha.

Public input was solicited at two open houses in April, and a survey is available online at the MPRB project website to collect comments. Citizens can also sign up to receive project updates.

# Classifieds

## Messenger

Want ads must be received by the Messenger by May 21 for the May 31 issue. Call 651-645-7045 for more information. Your classified ad will also be automatically placed on the Messenger's website at [www.LongfellowNokomisMessenger.com](http://www.LongfellowNokomisMessenger.com)

Messenger Want Ads are \$1 per word with a \$10 minimum. Send your remittance along with your ad to *Messenger Classifieds*, 125 1st Ave. NW, PO Box 168, Minneapolis, MN 55369. Want ads must be mailed to the *Messenger* before May 21 for the May 31 issue. Ad copy can be e-mailed to [denis@deruytemelson.com](mailto:denis@deruytemelson.com). Call 651-917-4183 for more information. Your classified ad will also be automatically placed on the *Messenger's* website at [www.LongfellowNokomisMessenger.com](http://www.LongfellowNokomisMessenger.com)

### EMPLOYMENT

**Volunteer & Earn Money!** - Seniors Corps is looking for volunteers to assist seniors in your community. Volunteers receive a stipend, mileage reimbursement & other benefits. Contact Kate Lecher 651.310.9447 or [kate.lecher@lssmn.org](mailto:kate.lecher@lssmn.org) 8-18

### HANDYMAN

Dr. House does it all: From a leaky faucet to a new addition. I can save you money on electrical and plumbing. Call John at 651-231-5652. B-18

### LAWN CARE

A Greener Lawn service provides weekly mowing, spring clean-up, and complete lawn care. Owner operator, 20 years in South Minneapolis. 612-554-4124. 6-18

Lawn mowing, garden services, spring clean-ups. Call Larry at 651-635-9228. 7-18

We have immediate openings for weekly mowing, spring clean-ups and more. Contact Sam Rich Services today! Phone: 763-432-2880. Web: [samrichservices.com](http://samrichservices.com), or Email: [samrichservices@mail.com](mailto:samrichservices@mail.com) 7-18

### PAINTING

Bill's Painting. 38 years experience. Painting, wallpaper, staining and texturing. Fully insured. Free estimates. Attention to details. Call Bill 612-790-1266. 5-18

**Nilles Builders, Inc.**  
Additions • Remodeling  
Renovation • Windows & Siding  
Concrete • Garages  
Licensed • Bonded • Insured #4690  
**651-222-8701**  
[www.nillesbuilders.com](http://www.nillesbuilders.com)

Painter Jim. 35 years experience. Wallpaper removal. Small painting jobs wanted. 612-202-5514. 5-18

### PETS

John's Dog Walking - Daily dog walks, boarding and in home pet visits. 15 years experience, Insured and Bonded. 612-825-9019. [www.facebook.com/johnpetservice](http://www.facebook.com/johnpetservice). 5-18

### SERVICES

Concrete work: Steps, sidewalks, patios, driveways. Licensed, bonded, insured. Call Tom Seemon, 612-721-2530. 11-18

### TILING

Tiling by James, quality work, reasonable rates, free estimates and references. Contact James at [jrmagnuson7@gmail.com](mailto:jrmagnuson7@gmail.com) or [makahill@hotmail.com](mailto:makahill@hotmail.com). Telephone 612-799-8265. 5-18

**TILLING MOWING**  
**612-275-6825**  
JIM

### WINDOW CLEANING

Larry's Window Washing - You will see the difference. Inside and out. 651-635-9228. 5-18

### WOODWORKING

Old house parts replicated + new design: Balusters, spindles, columns, column bases, newel posts, porch posts, finials, table legs and all other turned items. Can do one or 1000. Other woodworking too. The Turning Point Woodworks Inc. Ph: 612-940-7591. Email: [trgpoint@aol.com](mailto:trgpoint@aol.com) 2-19

**CLASSIFIEDS:**  
**only \$1/word!**

**ROOFING**  
Nilles Builders, Inc.  
Full Warranty  
Licensed • Bonded • Insured #4690  
"We Work All Winter"  
**651-222-8701**  
[www.nillesbuilders.com](http://www.nillesbuilders.com)

**NEXT DEADLINE:**  
**May 21**  
**PUBLICATION:**  
**May 31**

**Merriam Park Painting**  
• Exterior & Interior  
Painting - Enameling  
• Ceiling Texturing  
• Wallpapering  
• Free Estimates  
**Call Ed 651-224-3660**

**BASEMENT WINDOW GUY**  
• Replacement Windows  
• Glass Block Windows  
*Free Estimates*  
**FRANK GARDNER**  
**651-208-8210**  
[www.basementwindowguy.com](http://www.basementwindowguy.com)  
Frank Gardner Construction LLC • Lic# BC546746

**T. STANWAY REMODELER**  
Interior Remodeling • Fine Woodworking • Kitchen and Bath • Finish Carpentry  
Tom Stanway, Owner  
[tstanwayremodeler@gmail.com](mailto:tstanwayremodeler@gmail.com)  
Fully Insured  
MN License #CR723656  
Phone: 651-428-1227

Treating your house like a home.  
**Painting by Jerry Wind**  
• Interior & Exterior Painting • Plaster/Sheetrock Repair  
• Wallpapering & Paper Stripping • Ceiling Texturing/Repair  
• Wood Stripping & Refinishing • Wood Floor Sanding & Refinishing  
METRO-WIDE FREE ESTIMATES  
VISA (612) 827-6140 or (651) 699-6140  
WWW.PAINTINGBYJERRYWIND.COM

**ROTTEN WINDOW REPAIR**  
Trim and Sill Replacement  
**ENTRY DOOR REPLACEMENTS**  
Storm Windows and Doors  
**CARPENTRY HANDYMAN SERVICES**  
Call Mike  
**612-382-4322**  
Mpls. Lic.#L30350518 • Bonded • Insured

*The place where gardeners love to shop.*  
Family owned for over 60 years.  
**Minnehaha Falls**  
NURSERY & GARDEN STORE  
**612-724-5453**  
4461 Minnehaha Ave.  
Minneapolis, MN 55406  
[minnehahafallsnursery.com](http://minnehahafallsnursery.com)

**A-Tree Service Inc.**  
35 Years of Professional Service  
Owner/Operator  
Cleve Volk  
Licensed & Insured  
1849 E. 38th St.  
South Mpls.  
We accept   
**612-724-6045**  
Tree trimming/removals • Firewood  
Stump grinding • Straw  
[www.atreeservices.com](http://www.atreeservices.com)

**Borden Window LLC.**  
**Keep your old windows**  
We turn old drafty windows into energy efficient tilt-in windows  
**BordenWindow.com**  
**651-338-7163**

**KERN LANDSCAPE RESOURCES**  
**ORGANIC GROWER'S BLEND + TOPSOIL + RAISED GARDEN BLEND + MANURE + COMPOST + TEN VARIETIES OF MULCH + CLASS FIVE + LIMESTONE + SAND + SEED**  
**DELIVERY + PICK-UP + AWESOMENESS**  
**kernlandscaping.com**  
**Saint Paul, MN 651.646.1553**

# Lending art library on the move, but has roots in South Minneapolis

By MARGIE O'LOUGHLIN

The Minneapolis Art Lending Library (MALL) is one of only five organizations of its kind across the country. Their mission is to support artists and to share the joy of art with all members of the Twin Cities community through the lending of artwork.

MALL will be celebrating its fifth anniversary this summer; 88 artists have contributed pieces of art for lending to date. Volunteer and outreach coordinator Amelia Foster, said, "Ours is a small but mighty organization. Our lending collection features over 100 contemporary artworks, with a focus on Twin Cities artists including paintings, drawings, prints, photographs, ceramics, and sculptures. In addition, we've acquired a permanent collection of 25 pieces through donation and purchase."



What started as a small, home-based lending library in South Minneapolis has grown into a mobile program with

lending events held all around town. MALL's spring lending event will take place on Fri., Apr. 27 from 5-8pm at the North

Longfellow resident Amelia Foster, volunteer and outreach coordinator, with the oil painting she has on loan for three months from the Minneapolis Art Lending Library. (Photo by Margie O'Loughlin)

Commons Rec Center in North Minneapolis (1801 N. James Ave.). At every lending event approximately 100 pieces of art are available to check out for a three month period. MALL asks a \$5 donation for each piece that is borrowed; a borrower may only check out one piece of art at a time.

Foster is a Longfellow resident with a keen artistic eye. "At MALL," she said, "we want people to have the opportunity to live with art in their homes, and a lot of people assume they can't afford to do that." This quarter, she has enjoyed living with a 20

x 16 Robert Nicholl oil painting, as well as a work by Magnum photographer Alec Soth that her partner chose.

"The third and fourth quarterly events this year will see MALL going in new directions," Foster continued. "Our summer lending event will take place at the Minneapolis Central Library, in coordination with the Northern Spark Festival in early June. On either side of that event, we'll have an exhibit mounted at the library—and that's a first for us. Our fall lending event will be at the Rondo Library, our first venture into St. Paul."

Details on both of these events can be found in the months ahead at MALL's newly designed website [www.artlending.org](http://www.artlending.org). First-time borrowers

Continued on page 16

## In Our Community

Continued from page 13

took root in a somber event—the death of artist Edie Karras' mother-in-law's – but blossomed into a colorful, vibrant body of work.

The opening reception will take place Sat., May 12, 6-9pm. On Mother's Day, there will be special hours open from noon-5pm. A flower arranging demo by Acanthus Floral Art is also planned for Sat., May 26 (time TBA).

"In April 2017," Karras said, "my family and I drove from Minneapolis to St. Louis for the funeral. We left snow, ice, and cold behind and journeyed

into warmer temps and a slowly greening landscape. By the time we got to St. Louis it was truly Spring. Before entering the city, we stopped at a state park to stretch our legs. Walking around in sweatshirts, we soaked in the open water, gentle breeze, sun, grass, and birdsong. I took the first photo of this exhibit in that place—"My Missouri Spring Fever."

Karras continued, "throughout the rest of the year I endeavored to extract a soft, hazy, gentle persona from flowers and landscapes.

Regular gallery hours for the show are Saturdays, 11am-5pm, and Thursdays, 5:30-6:45pm.

## Swedish music and dance set for May 23

The East Metro Symphony Orchestra (EMSO) will present a special performance of *Svensk musik och dans* (Swedish Music and Dance), on Wed., May 23, 7-9pm at the American Swedish Institute, 2600 Park Ave.

This is a cultural celebration of Swedish classical and folk music, featuring the Twin Cities Nyckelharpalag and the Twin Cities Swedish Folk Dancers.

This event will showcase the nyckelharpa (key fiddle) and Swedish folk dance performances, while EMSO performs traditional classical orchestra music based on these Swedish folk traditions, including U.S. premieres of works by Kurt Atterberg and Karl-Johan Ankarblom; and a world premiere created especially for this event by Northfield, MN-based composer Daniel Kallman.

Concert tickets are available in advance online through the ASI's website, [www.asimn.org](http://www.asimn.org): \$10 ASI members and \$15 general admission. ASL interpretation is available from VSA Minnesota when requested. Please contact EMSO before May 7 to request ASL interpretation.

## Stained glass reception planned for Apr. 28



Stained glass art at Glass Endeavors. (Photo provided)

Glass Endeavors (2716 E. 31st St.) will hold the closing reception for their 20th annual Glass Art Show on Sat., Apr. 28, starting at noon.

For twenty-one and a half years Zoi and John Sandy have been providing the community with an outlet to learn, create, explore and enjoy a creative side and your artist within. In honor of the ideas and the creativity of the patrons, Glass Endeavors holds an art show for all levels of learning.

"The idea behind it was to celebrate the talent in our community as well as start a conversation about art," states John. "It's been a great way to give back to those who support us and love art."

## 2018 garden tour scheduled July 14

Get up close with nine gorgeous gardens at the 2018 Hennepin County Master Gardener Learning Garden Tour on Sat., July 14, 9am-4pm. The gardens are located in South Minneapolis and Richfield. Coordinated by volunteers with the University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardener Program—Hennepin County, the tour showcases nine gardens with on-site gardening advice from dozens of trained Master Gardener Volunteers.

The annual event features unique home gardens designed and tended by Master Gardener Volunteers who live in Hennepin County, as well as a community garden that began as a Victory Garden in 1943. This year's self-guided tour includes food trucks at select stops, a Book Nook with a variety of books for kids and adults, and the Garden Shed, which offers fun and useful gardening accessories. Master Gardener Volunteers will be on hand at each garden, conducting demonstrations at various education stations covering topics such as hydroponics, native plants and composting.

Last year, a record-breaking 800-plus people attended the tour, which is accessible to visitors who arrive on foot or by bike or car.

The tour is held rain, or shine.

Single tickets are \$15 in advance; \$20 on the day of the tour. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more. Children under 12 get in free when accompanied by a paying adult. All proceeds help support the University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardener Program – Hennepin County community programs.

Admission includes entry to all nine gardens and a booklet with garden descriptions, on-site demonstration details, and driving directions. To buy tickets and learn more about the Learning Garden Tour, visit <https://hennepinmastergardeners.org/events/hcmg-learning-garden-tour/> or stop by the Extension Master Gardener Hennepin County office at 479 Prairie Center Dr., Eden Prairie.

For details about the Hennepin County Master Gardener Program, call 612-596-2130 or email [hcmg@umn.edu](mailto:hcmg@umn.edu).

## Submit your news

If you are an organization located within the Longfellow Nokomis Messenger delivery area, you can submit your event, special program, or noteworthy news to us for consideration. Submit your item by email to [editorial@deruyternelson.com](mailto:editorial@deruyternelson.com). The deadline for the next issue is Mon., May 21 for the May 31 issue.

612.729.7608 • [www.buck-bros.com](http://www.buck-bros.com)

**We design & build in your neighborhood**

Kitchens, Baths, Additions Restorations

MN license #4593

MYTH:

# SOLAR IS TOO EXPENSIVE

TRUTH:

# OPTIONS START AT \$0 DOWN

LEARN HOW MUCH YOU COULD BE SAVING AND VISIT US ONLINE TODAY!

AllEnergySolar.com

Phone: +1 651 401 8522

1642 Carroll Ave. Saint Paul, MN 55104

# Annual Cinco de Mayo Festival planned on East Lake St. May 6

On Sun., May 6, noon-8pm, the community is invited to celebrate the Annual Cinco de Mayo Festival on E. Lake St. (between 27th and 29th avenues). This event is hosted by El Nuevo Rodeo, La Raza 95.7 FM & 1400 & 1470 AM, the #1 Spanish Radio in Minnesota, and Telemundo MN, an affiliate of the largest Hispanic TV Network in the US.

During this festivities, the Mex-

ican Community remembers and celebrates The Battle of Puebla on 5 May 1862, near the city of Puebla during the French intervention in Mexico. The battle ended in a victory for the Mexican Army over the occupying French soldiers. Now, this is the most famous Mexican Holiday in the United States.

This year's Festival is from 12-8pm, but the party continues until the wee hours of the morning in-



A photo from last year's Cinco de Mayo Festival on Lake Street. (Photo provided)



side the installations of El Nuevo Rodeo. There are three stages; two on Lake St. and another one inside El Nuevo Rodeo, where there will be a full menu and live entertainment all day long!

Beer gardens full of Corona and Micheladas and food vendors will be in abundance as we Latinos mark the beginning of outdoor events in Minnesota while honoring the Battle of Puebla in Mexico.

This year there will be Traditional Mexican Presentations of Folkloric Dance, Mariachi, and Aztec Dance, and includes Mexican bands. There will also be tropical and Salsa bands, even Zumba, Karaoke and The Minnesota Twins with games and prizes for kids. And for the first time here, the famous Luchas, a tradition in Mexico, the Luchadores will be performing live!

Other artists and talent at the Festival include: Conjunto Peña Blanca, Banda La Verdadera, Conquista de Tierra Caliente, Mariachi Centenario, Esti y su Mango Pelao, Rafael y sus Joyas, Grupo Arrieros, Linea Norteña, Michael "La Voz de Oro," Grupo Brandy, Zumba with Kathy Molinet Studio, Ballet Folk-

(Photo left provided)

lórico Mexico Azteca, Danzantes Kalpulli Yaocenoxtli, and Chinelos de San Pablo Apóstol.

Food from various vendors and local restaurants will be for sale. Not only Mexican food, but American and international favor-

ites too, from Town Talk Diner, Addis Ababa Restaurant, and Gandhi Mahal.

All members of the community are invited to this free event to celebrate the culture, community, music, and cuisine.

## Art lending library

Continued from page 15

must bring proof of address and sign a borrower's agreement. Lending events are free and open to all.

MALL issues a call for new works twice each year; the next call will be in fall 2018. Their curatorial committee chooses which submissions are best suited for the lending library: size and weight are factors, and two-dimensional work must be framed and ready to hang.

Foster explained, "Now that we're in our fifth year, one of our goals is to expand the way we support artists. Because of funding we've received through the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council and an increase in individual giving, we're now able to offer participating artists a \$50

stipend for each work of art we accept. We feel that the exposure we give artists to new audiences, especially emerging artists, is also very valuable."

There are currently two neighborhood artists on the MALL roster: Longfellow resident and photographic collage artist Nicole Hoekstra, and ceramic artist Heather Rae Tietz of East Nokomis.

Foster concluded, "Sometimes people who aren't familiar with the concept of an art lending library say, 'Would artists really loan art to total strangers?' Our answer is simply, yes! They may be strangers, but they share the artist's interest in contemporary art and grassroots community building. This is a trust-based project. One of the cornerstones of our organization is community building, and communities are built on trust."



**Stay Warm. Stay Safe.  
Stay Connected.**

## Don't Get Disconnected! Energy Assistance Can Help.

CAP-HC's Energy Assistance Program (EAP) provides financial assistance to eligible Hennepin County residents, including the city of Minneapolis, to help with home energy costs.

Energy Assistance Program offices are now open in St. Louis Park and 3 Minneapolis locations: Minnesota Council of Churches, Sabathani Community Center and Minneapolis Urban League

For more information, call **952-930-3541**  
visit us online at **www.caphennepin.org**  
E-mail **eap@caphennepin.org**  
or text 4WARMTH to 555888



A program of Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County, sponsored by:  
The Minnesota Department of Commerce & The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services