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By JAN WILLMS

With customers boarding the light rail trains at the Lake Street Station nearly 2,800 times each weekday, it is one of the busiest stations on the Hiawatha Line

So when the number of problematic incidents at this location appears to be increasing, it is not surprising.

According to John Siqveland, Metro Transit spokesman, the Lake Street station is in the middle of the Hiawatha Line and one of the busiest spots for connections of rail, bus, auto, bike and pedestrian travel.

"Lake Street Station has the highest number of incidents the police respond to," he said. "And it is number one for fare evasion." He said most riders are not boarding there, however.

Brian Lamb, general manager of Metro Transit, said that over the past six months serious crimes like robberies and assaults, although very few, are nonetheless down.

A frequent rider of the LRT, Longfellow resident Marcea Mariani said she and her husband have hardly used their car to drive to downtown Minneapolis since the light rail started.

What she said she most notices is the vocal decibel of some of the young people.

"As that level increases, their behavior decreases to a negative," she said. "Their behavior is not so egregious, but it is irritating to the point it makes one consider whether the ride is worth it."

She said she notices the same youths there when she leaves on the train are still there when she returns an hour and a half later. "They are not there to be moved," she said. She said she thought monitoring the platform and having no teens there unless they are coming or going could prove beneficial and perhaps increase ridership.

"Most of them are just having a good time, and don't mean to make anyone uncomfortable," she said. "They get carried away with themselves, and then it becomes a problem."

Responding to those problems led Metro Transit and the Corcoran Neighborhood Association to work together to address community concerns about the safety and comfort of the Lake Street Station.

Throughout 2011, the two entities identified some solutions that could be used to improve the Station.

Although cameras were installed at the light rail's inception, more and better surveillance cameras are being installed. Metro Transit received a \$100,000 grant and plans to

## Lake Street Station grapples with crime problems



The Lake Street station is in the middle of the Hiawatha Line and one of the busiest spots for connections of rail, bus, auto, bike and pedestrian travel. (Photo by Stefanie Berres)

place the new cameras in the Lake Street Station in September. Eight cameras at the station are being replaced with 24 high-definition models.

"Although there is some deterrent value to the cameras, they are used generally to identify suspects," Siqveland said. He said cameras have been on the buses since the mid-90s and have provided footage to often identify a suspect or for lost and found.

Siqveland cited a case a few years ago in which a blind passenger had her special laptop stolen, and the video from a camera helped identify the thief.

Besides updated high-resolution cameras, other improvements include more police patrols, higher density of lighting, a cleaner station and the playing of classical music to present a more inviting atmosphere.

"The Lake Street Station is one of our busier stations because of the sheer volume of people," explained Capt. Mike LaVine of the Metro Transit Police.

Franklin Station to Cedar River Station and then back.

"There is a detail of officers going back and forth," LaVine said. He also said officers are assigned to ride the trains.

Although LRT falls under Metro Transit jurisdiction, Shun Tillman, 3rd precinct safety officer, said a crime may be responded to by either transit police or local officers, depending on who might be closest to the situation.

"They'll ask for the first available squad," he said.

Although overall, transit crime has dropped about 45 per cent over the past five years, Tillman said he believed activity from Lake to 38th has picked up recently.

He said he does not have a good reason for this. "From an economic standpoint, things have been bad for awhile," he claimed.

Another promotion for safety in transit use has been the use of slogans on buses, trains and at the railway stations stating "If you see something, say something." This slogan began with the New York Transit system and is being used in conjunction with the Department of Homeland Security and Public Safety Department.

"We have trained 900 operators to be better attuned to teaching people to identify suspicious behaviors," Siqveland added. "It has taken hold with our own staff."

He said the conversation with the Corcoran Neighborhood Association has been timely. Addressing concerns with an added police presence, additional cameras, uplifting music and better lighting have all resulted in an improved Lake Street Station, according to Siqveland.

"We're adding capability to match the growth in the transit system," he said.

He said that when school starts up, Metro Transit Police have a presence in the afternoon to assist with students who use the LRT system. There is also a presence in the evening hours, with officers periodically moving from Lake Street Station to



Lake Street Station has the highest number of incidents the police respond to, and it is number one for fare evasion. (Photo by Stefanie Berres)



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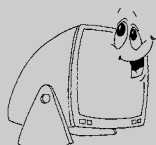
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# Neighbors put 'good vibes' back into Longfellow Park

*Vigil held following troubling cat burning incident; \$1,000 reward offered*

By TESHA M. CHRISTENSEN

When she heard about the cat burning incident at Longfellow Park the morning of the 2012 Minnesota primary, Kristy Snyder was upset.

"It felt a bit unreal that it happened in our park," said Snyder, a four-year Longfellow resident. "While I hurt for the person that discovered it, I was so grateful it was not a kid that stumbled upon that scene."

A Longfellow Park employee found a cat burnt to death on the south end of the park just before dawn on Tuesday, Aug. 13. It was impaled with an American flag. An Obama/Biden lawn sign was nearby. The incident is being treated as a Homeland Security offense, and both the Secret Service and the FBI are involved in the investigation.

Snyder and her husband, Dave, told their two kids, Spencer, age 5, and Nora, age 3, about what happened at the park they play at frequently. Snyder didn't want them hearing about it from others.

"I felt a bit stuck about how to re-enter that park," Snyder admitted. So she, together with her kids, neighbor Kathy Cassidy and her daughters Nora and Naomi Sojourner, decided to organize a vigil.

"We all thought marching around the perimeter of the park would be very symbolic," said Snyder.

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On behalf of the Longfellow Faith Forum, James Pennington from Spirit of the Lakes Church

opened up the event's program with a blessing. Minneapolis Council Member Gary Schiff spoke, bringing along his dog, Butters, who "stands in solidarity with all animals against animal cruelty."

Five-year-old Spencer Snyder was pleased with the event. "It did go really well. I was happiest with the parade. There was so many people that I couldn't even count! It was so lovely, it went so well! I would just love to do it again!"

District 3 Park Commissioner Scott Vreeland was not able to attend the event that served as an antidote to a crime he calls "bizarre," and "troubling," but he agrees that it was important to do something to put "good vibes back in the park."

He hopes that the perpetrator turns him/herself in and gets some help.

"It doesn't make sense," said Vreeland. "As humans we want to know why and it's not always possible."

A \$1,000 reward has been offered by the Minnesota Federation Humane Society. Call 612-866-8663 or 1-877-8ANIMAL.

"It's an unspeakable act and we want to make people aware this happened and we're not going to put up with it," said Minnesota Federated Humane Society Paralegal Kate Murray.

"Our goal is to get the word out and see if anyone comes forward."

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# Keewaydin welcomes new principal

*Martha Spriggs is a lifelong South Minneapolis student, teacher and administrator*

By TESHA M. CHRISTENSEN  
Lifelong South Minneapolis resident Martha Spriggs is Keewaydin's new principal.

Spriggs takes over the reins from Jane Ellis, who is now the principal at Earle Brown IB Elementary School in Brooklyn Center.

"Lake Nokomis Community School is fortunate to have her, and I think the support of the community will help her be successful," said Area B Community Liaison Kristin Berg Thompson.

"Having taught 4th grade through middle school, I have a lot of experience and enthusiasm for teaching intermediate and middle level students," said Spriggs. "Adolescents have so much energy and excitement about learning and it's wonderful to be around their spirit and to support these students in their growth and development."



Keewaydin's new principal Martha Spriggs is excited to be part of the \$16 million construction project that will double the size of the school. "I'm looking forward to watching the beautiful student-centered space come to completion," she said. Ground broke on the project in June 2012. It will be ready for new students at the start of the 2013-14 school year. (Photo by Stefanie Berres)

## MINNEAPOLIS STUDENT, TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR

Spriggs is deeply connected to Minneapolis. "I'm a proud graduate of Washburn High School — go Millers!" she said.

She currently lives in South Minneapolis with her two grown children, John and Mary. "My parents and all but one of my five siblings live in the same zip code," she noted. "My oldest brother, Ross, lives in the Keewaydin neighborhood."

Her free time is spent biking and walking around the lakes in Minneapolis. "Recently I've been on a kick to discover more about this beautiful city and my first stop was Lock and Dam #1," Spriggs said. She sings in her church choir, and this summer started to learn the ukulele.

Spriggs earned a bachelor of arts in English at Augsburg College and, after working at American Express for 10 years, she enrolled at the University of Minnesota and earned her teaching license and a master's degree in education. In 2010, she completed her administrative license through the U of M. "I was honored to be in the same co-hort with Beth Ness, my new colleague and principal of Wenonah," Spriggs said.

She began her teaching career in a fourth-grade classroom at Kenny in 2000, followed by a year as a 6-8th grade math teacher at Northeast Middle School. She returned to fourth grade in a classroom at Sheridan for the 2003-2004 school year, and then taught 6-7th grade math at Webster Open.

Spriggs spent the next seven years at Anderson serving both as teacher and administrator. As a middle school math teacher there, she participated on the Transition Team, which planned the restructuring of Andersen, two schools within one building (K-5 and K-8). Spriggs led the restructuring of the middle school. Among the changes made were aligning a group of teachers and support staff to each grade level; implementing standards-based grading and structured professional development for teacher

teams; and creating single gender advisories. "This was a great change and really helped build relationships with students and teachers. Our achievement in reading and math improved fol-

lowing the restructure," said Spriggs.

From 2007-2008, Spriggs was a mentor and coach for the Teacher Advancement Program (TAP). Not only did she coach

and evaluate teachers using the TAP instructional rubric, but she coordinated mathematics staff development.

While teaching math at An-

dersen almost all of her students made significant growth in their mathematics achievement. "As a middle school math teacher this was critical because we know that difficulty with mathematics is often the reason for students to drop out in high school," said Spriggs. "As I implemented standards based grading with my students and across all of the middle school, all student and families had a clear picture of what was expected of them and how they were progressing toward their learning goals."

For her efforts, she was awarded the National Milken Educator Award in 2009.

For the past two years, Spriggs worked as the Assistant Principal at Anderson United Community School, leading the middle school team of 25 teachers and support staff.

"I enjoy working with teachers and delivering professional development to help refine teacher practice," Spriggs observed.

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# Viewpoints

It is hard to believe now some of the reasons which were given to keep women out of the University of Minnesota Marching Band. All sorts of reasons were given for keeping women out of the band. One was that the presence of women would damage the special spirit of the all-male band. Another was women didn't know how to march. And, of course, there was the sense of tradition: The band had always been all-male; why change?

Efforts to add women to the band were turned back again and again, year after year, by these arguments. But then, 40 years ago, in 1972, the band was opened to women. Why the change? In part because of protests on campus during that year.

But the most important reason was Title IX, which went into effect that year. Suddenly, all of the reasons given for excluding women from the band no longer mattered. The new federal law swept aside all of the objections.

Title IX is part of the federal Higher Education Act. Modeled after earlier civil rights legislation, it outlaws discrimination based on gender. Though the legislation is most often associated with college athletics, the law covers all aspects of higher education.

Marilee Johnson, one of the first women in the band, remembers well the struggle over the marching band. She was particularly upset at the argument that no women wanted to be in the band. "I was angry," Johnson says, recalling how she stood up at a meeting and said she would join the band.

She had already graduated, but signed up for a continuing education course so she could be in the band. In the fall of 1972, she and 36 first year women marched in the band.



## Hiawatha Notebook

By TOM GILSEMAN

### Gender equity: An old story, still elusive goal

She marched for two years. "I loved the band," she says in a wonderful reminiscence called "Me and the boys in the band." (If you'd like to read her entire essay, send me your email and I'll send you a copy.)

Looking back now, Johnson says the whole experience changed her life. "Making music is one of the most joyous and social things I can do. It involves me in ways that would not be available to me if I had kept quiet."



Despite Title IX, other legislation and cultural changes, gender equity is still a work in progress. A walk through the toy department at any Target store illustrates this well. Toys are still segregated by gender. There are no signs that say "boys" or "girls." But it is clear that there are toys for boys and toys for girls. Dolls are displayed on aisles with a pink background. Trucks are displayed on aisles with a blue background. In some stores, the gender segregation is even more blunt.

In several stores I visited recently, there were signs on one aisle which read "boys activity toys." And I have only found Legos in the aisles with the blue shelves.

These differences may not be as blunt as the days when aisles had signs reading "Boys toys" and "Girls toys." But

they have the same effect — communicating to us and to our children that our gender should determine the toys we want to play with.

If Target were truly committed to equity, the company would stop separating toys by gender. It could even go further and launch a campaign saying gender doesn't matter in toys.



Of course, Target is not alone. Our local libraries separated summer reading groups by gender this year. Backed by the Best Buy Foundation, the libraries even assigned different books to boys and girls. To me, it's a tragedy to see one of our major public institutions fall back on these old patterns. Libraries, of all places, should be showcases of gender equity.

Of course, this happens from time to time in public schools, too. Over the years, I've reported on a number of schools which separated students by gender in reading and writing groups. But that always stopped when schools were reminded that state and federal laws prohibits such segregation.



Have some thoughts on this? I'd like to hear them. Write to me at the email address below or in care of the Messenger, 1885 University Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104.

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## Minneapolis Monarch Festival, September 8

Another great line up of music, dance, and art activities comes to Lake Nokomis for the **Minneapolis Monarch Festival** on Saturday, September 8, 10am – 4pm. NENA and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board invite everyone to enjoy this unique event that makes learning fun, and helping Monarch butterflies, easy to do.

The Festival celebrates the Monarch's 2,300 mile migration to the mountains of central Mexico—the longest insect migration in the world. It also promotes habitat conservation because the natural areas with the plants that monarchs need to survive are disappearing at an increasing and alarming rate. In fact, the Monarch Migration is on the World Wildlife Fund's Top Ten list as an endangered phenomenon.

The monarch itself is not endangered, but the migration, when billions of butterflies travel from Southern Canada and the eastern half of the United States to converge at the same location in central Mexico every year, is in trouble. The number of butterflies arriving in Mexico over the last ten years has fallen steadily, and of those that arrive, fewer survive. You can learn much more about why this is happening at the Festival, and what you can do to help save the migration.

The Festival takes place at the Naturescape Gardens at 50th Street and Lake Nokomis Parkway. Admission is free, and most of the activities are free. Donations to support habitat conservation are welcome.

## Accordions, a Steamroller, and Origami Monarchs

The all-day stage at the Monarch Festival begins at 10:00 am with dueling accordions. The Mark Stillman Band will play polka for the "North Team" and Tejano 2000 will play mariachi for the "South Team." This "wake up" show is sure to delight everyone, but we're not taking bets on the outcome of the duel.

Cyril Paul and the Calypso Monarchs follow with reggae and calypso, and Peña performs Afro-Peruvian music at noon. Javier Trejo takes the stage at 1:00 pm for a set of Mexican and American rock. KetzalCoatlucue Aztec dance

## NENA (Nokomis East Neighborhood Association)

By Rita Ulrich and Doug Walter

### Monarchs, Music and an Epic Migration

group will have 30 dancers in full traditional costume when they perform at 2:00 pm. K-Libre 24 brings a mix of merengue, cubia, plena, and salsa to the stage at 3 pm, and the music wraps up with Larry Long and Fiddlin' Pete and friends in what is always a fine send off.

**ArtOrg** and **Goupo Soap del Corozon** will be back with the steamroller to print your original art. **ArtsySmartsy** is doing another collage highlighting the monarch's epic journey, and **KetzalCoatlucue** will show you how to make a traditional leather wrist or ankle band. Artist Benjamin Wuest will teach people how to make origami butterflies and flowers, and the Minneapolis Institute of Art will be at the Festival with its **Art in the Park** program.

### Run, Learn, Play in the Mud

Parents can register their children up to age 11 for one of the **Kids Butterfly Fun Runs** presented by Univision. Registration is \$7 and includes an official Fun Run T-shirt. Prizes will be awarded for the best Monarch wings and best monarch costume in the 0-4 age group, best monarch costume and 1st-3rd place finish for 5-8 year olds, and 1st-3rd place finish for ages 9-11. To save time at the registration table, parents can complete the registration form out ahead of time and bring it to the festival. Find the form, race times, award times, and other details at [www.monarchfestival.org](http://www.monarchfestival.org)

Be sure to stop by the **Habitat Tent** to learn about the plants that Monarchs need to survive. Plant vendors will have kits to create your own monarch garden. It's easy to do, even in a small urban yard, plus Fall is a great time to plant perennials. Plants are less expensive and they will have a head start in Spring.

In the **Monarch Tent** you can learn about monarch tagging, their life cycle, and their journey to the Mariposa Monarca Biosphere Reserve in Michoacán, Mexico. After tagging a monarch in a small group, you can release it in the Naturescape. Don't forget your camera!

Making a **Milkweed Seed Mudballs** is a great way to get your hands dirty and go home with the seeds for a mini-gar-

den. When you get hungry, enjoy a variety of menu choices from Taco Taxi, La Loma, and Alm Corner Cafe, Blue Bell Ice Cream, and others.

Find all the Festival information in English and Spanish at [www.monarchfestival.org](http://www.monarchfestival.org)

Saturday, September 8, 10 AM - 4 PM, at the Naturescape Gardens on E. Lake Nokomis Pkwy at

E. 50th Street.

### Festival Volunteers are the Best

If you can spare a few hours on September 8, we know you will find volunteering at the Festival to be fun and rewarding. We need help with games, the fun run, art activities, set up, tear down, traffic management, floaters, and more. No experience is needed, so don't hesitate to volunteer. Bilingual (English/Spanish) volunteers are especially needed, but so are lots of other people who just want to help and enjoy the Festival. Volunteers get Festival T-shirts, and lots of smiles from kids and adults.

Download the volunteer form at [www.monarchfestival.org](http://www.monarchfestival.org) and fax it to 612-724-2770 or drop it off at the NENA office (3000 E. 50th St). If you would prefer to fill it out in Word so you can email it back, contact us at [nena@nokomiseast.org](mailto:nena@nokomiseast.org). For questions about volunteering, call us at 612-724-5652.

### Upcoming NENA Meetings and Events

Minneapolis Monarch Festival: 10 AM-4 PM, Saturday, September 8 at Lake Nokomis. Details at: [www.monarchfestival.org](http://www.monarchfestival.org)

Livability Group: 7PM, Monday, September 17, at NENA, 3000 E. 50th St.

NENA Board: 7 PM, Thursday, September 27, at NENA.

Last-minute schedule changes are posted on our Calendar page at [www.nokomiseast.org](http://www.nokomiseast.org) or you may call (612) 724-5652.

If you would like to join us as a volunteer, contact the NENA Office at (612) 724-5652 or email [nena@nokomiseast.org](mailto:nena@nokomiseast.org).

# Emerald ash borers found at Fort Snelling Golf Course

By JANE MCCLURE

Emerald ash borers have been found at the Fort Snelling Golf Course. The discovery not only means that more than 80 ash trees at the course may eventually have to be removed, it is a troubling sign that the insects are continuing to spread and threaten the state's ash trees.

It could also mean a future decision to quarantine adjacent Dakota County and to ramp up monitoring of communities there and of the nearby, heavily wooded Minnesota and Mississippi River corridors. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture would make the decision to order quarantine restrictions. State officials will do a visual inspection of trees before deciding whether or not to order an additional quarantine.

Quarantine restrictions would mean no ash wood could be moved out of the county.

Purple insect traps have been hung in Dakota County for some



About a dozen trees at the Fort Snelling Golf Course were found to be infested with emerald ash borers in mid-August, when a Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Forestry staff member was inspecting trees for storm damage.

time but no insects have been found there yet. One challenge in containing emerald ash borer is that if the pests get into heavily wooded areas, such as the woods

along the rivers, they are very difficult to contain.

About a dozen trees at the golf course were found to be infested in mid-August, when a

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Forestry staff member was inspecting trees for storm damage. Woodpecker damage and treetop die-back were found, prompting the Department of Agriculture to come in and help inspect trees.

The trees will be monitored, as will trees in a nearby natural area. Trees won't be cut down until later this year or in early 2013, when the borers aren't active. Minneapolis Park Board Forestry Director Ralph Sievert said it's possible all 82 of the ash trees could come down.

The Fort Snelling find is the first discovery of a new emerald ash borer infestation in Minnesota this year. Looking at how the borers have spread in other states, it's not unusual to go for months or even a year between new outbreaks.

The winged beetles themselves are a metallic green and are only about half an inch long. The beetles are active from May to September. They lay eggs in ash tree bark. The eggs hatch and the larvae bore beneath the bark and feed on and eventually kill the tree. The borers attack all types of ash trees.

The first insects were found in South St. Anthony Park's Hampden Park area in 2009. Since then the borers have been found in the Dale-Summit neighborhood of St. Paul, along the Mississippi River in Minneapolis, on the St. Paul-Falcon Heights border and in Houston and Winona counties. Ramsey, Hennepin, Winona and Houston counties are under quarantine. Ash wood cannot be hauled outside of the counties.

St. Paul has removed about 3,000 ash trees since 2009, focusing on areas with high concentrations of older and structurally damaged trees. Minneapolis has removed about 2,400 trees. Both cities remove diseased trees as well as trees that would be vulnerable to disease, including

trees that are already stressed or damaged.

What's concerning is that the Fort Snelling discovery represents a five-mile jump from the nearest infestation, said Liz Erickson, Minnesota Department of Agriculture communications coordinator. Emerald ash borers are what we refer to as lazy fliers, she said. It's not clear how the insects got to the golf course. The insects can fly but don't typically fly long distances. They can be spread through the transport of infected wood or even be carried by motor vehicles.

Officials hope the infestation stays in Hennepin County. But this recent discovery does mean being more watchful in neighboring Dakota County and the heavily wooded river areas. This discovery is only half a mile from Dakota County, and we are concerned about the spread of the insects, Erickson said.

Mendota Heights City Administrator Justin Miller said his city would have to increase public education.

It's not clear how long the emerald ash borers have infested the golf course trees. Emerald ash borers can be present for a few years before their damaging effects are seen. The borers are from Asia and are believed to have come to the United States in shipments of furniture or wood products. They were first found in the United States in 2002, in Michigan, but it is believed they were here for several years before that. The insects have killed millions of trees and have spread to 16 states including Minnesota.

Although some insecticides are sold to combat emerald ash borers, officials caution there is no widespread, effective spray or insecticide. Cities have removed trees rather than treated them, although residents in St. Paul and Minneapolis can get permits to treat boulevard trees and can treat trees on private property.

## Minneapolis weighs options in fighting pesky Emerald Ash Borer disease

By JANE MCCLURE

The discovery that the emerald ash borer has spread to the Fort Snelling Golf Course raises awareness of the pest and its potentially devastating effect on Minnesota's ash trees. In Longfellow neighborhood, efforts continue to raise awareness of the problem and to protect the community's remaining ash trees.

How trees are protected is an issue of debate, not just locally but throughout the United States. Since 2002 emerald ash borers have been found in 16 states. Emerald ash borers were first found in St. Paul in summer 2009 in South St. Anthony Park's Hampden Park area. Emerald Ash Borer was then found in Tower Hill Park in the Prospect Park/East River Road neighborhood of southeast Minneapolis in March 2010. The borers have spread to other Minneapolis neighborhoods in-

cluding Longfellow.

Longfellow Community Council would like to see more people educate themselves about the potential risks of and ways to deal with emerald ash borer. The council has made information available at events, and hopes to host a panel discussion in the future. It also is sharing information on its website, [www.Longfellow.org](http://www.Longfellow.org)

"Anything we can do to raise awareness of the emerald ash borer and what it can mean for residents is worth it," said LCC Executive Director Melanie Majors. She said residents need to educate themselves not just about the signs and symptoms of a borer infestation, they also need to weigh options to maintain the health of their boulevard trees and trees on private property. For some residents, chemical treatment may be an option, instead of removing a replacing a tree.

Minneapolis residents can get a city permit to treat boulevard trees, if they follow procedures outlined by the city. There's more leeway for treating trees on private property. Minneapolis and other cities typically prefer injections of trees, rather than the chemical root dumps now being sold.

Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board's Forestry Division has a detailed response plan to emerald ash borer. Its goal is to minimize the environmental, economic and aesthetic impact on the city's urban forest. Proactive measures include removal of the infested trees, establishment of trap trees, continued surveying of ash trees both in the area and city-wide and continued removal of ash trees that are damaged and defective.

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## Ash Borer

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Ralph Sievert, who leads the city's forestry staff, said the city tends to use that approach due to cost reasons. Also, the city also takes its lead in emerald ash borer control from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, which oversees control efforts for the entire state.

"We haven't totally ruled out chemical control of the borers in Minneapolis, if we reach a point where we have to do so," said Sievert. "But then there's the issue of paying for it." There are also questions about what works best over the long term. Some chemicals don't have longer-term effectiveness studies, in part because emerald ash borer hasn't been around for as long as other tree diseases.

Another issue in Minneapolis is that since 2010 the Minneapolis City Council has been on record since 2010 as opposing the use of insecticides to control emerald ash borer.

The Department of Agriculture does offer advice on which types



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- Ralph Sievert,  
 Minneapolis City Forestry

of chemicals to use and not to use and St. Paul. Its website does not that in some cases, removing and replacing trees may be more effective than treatment, which is likely needed for the life of the tree.

The website is at [www.mda.state.mn.us/plants/pest-management/~media/Files/plant\\_s/eab/eabtreatmentguide2.ashx](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/plants/pest-management/~media/Files/plant_s/eab/eabtreatmentguide2.ashx)

In Minneapolis and St. Paul, ash borer has been controlled through removing diseased ash trees and trees that could be at risk. Trees at risk are either already stressed or are structurally compromised, through the loss of a limb or limbs. Between the two cities' removal programs more than 5,000 trees have been removed over the past few years.



# Little Crow's statue marks area's link to U.S.-Dakota Conflict

By IRIC NATHANSON

Minnehaha Falls, one of this city's most popular tourist attractions, draws thousands of visitors to Minnehaha Park each year. When they come to view the falls, first-time visitors are likely to stop at the bronze statue of Hiawatha and Minnehaha, set on a small island in the middle of Minnehaha Creek.

If they continue on the footpath over the creek, visitors will discover another image of an American Indian. This second park installation is strikingly different from the first one, with its romantic treatment of the two mythical figures from the famous Longfellow poem, the Song of Hiawatha.

Anything but romantic, the second sculpture is a haunting mask with hollow eyes looking off towards the Mississippi River. The mask depicts Little Crow, the Minnesota Indian leader who was swept up in the 1862 U.S.-Dakota conflict. Recently, Little Crow was profiled in a six-part series in the Star Tribune, making the 150th anniversary of the bitter Civil War era conflict.

The ten foot bronze statue was designed by a local Indian artist, Ed Archie Noisecat, and installed at its current site in May 1995. The work was commissioned by the Minneapolis Park Board, in consultation with the Minneapolis-based Native Arts Circle, in an effort to provide an Indian perspective on the state's cultural and social history.

In commenting on the statue at the time of its dedication, the Star Tribune noted that "Little Crow lost Minnesota's only war between Indians and whites, but he won a place in history. For a century, that place was mostly ignominious. Now, it is respected and honored."

The paper's more recent series provides an extensive account of the Indian leader's important role in the years leading up to the bloody 1862 conflict. Also known by his Dakota name, Taoyateduta, Little Crow was a leader of the Mdewakanton band of Dakota. Early on, in the 1850s, he acknowledged the tide of white settlement that was pushing his people out of their ancestral lands in Southern Minnesota. In an effort to preserve at least a portion of those lands for his band, Little Crow negotiated a treaty which ceded 24 million acres to the U.S. government in exchange for a reservation along the Minnesota River and a settlement of \$21 million, allocated in the form of yearly annuities.

By the early 1860s, with U.S. embroiled in the Civil War, the annuities from Washington, D.C. failed to arrive on time. With their historic hunting grounds depleted of game, and no money with which to buy food, the Mdewakanton faced starvation in the winter of 1862.

Little Crow looked on as the younger warriors in his band seethed with resentment at their treatment by the government's high-handed Indian agents and their supporters in the small white settlements along the Minnesota River. The younger warriors were now calling for war against the whites in an effort to drive them out of South-

ern Minnesota. Taoyateduta cautioned restraint: "Count your fingers all day long and the white men with guns in their hands will come faster than you can count," he told the younger men.

When one of them called Little Crow a coward for refusing to back the war, he responded angrily that he was not a coward and declared that he would lead his men into battle. Once the battle began, the Dakota leader tried unsuccessfully to shield the white settlers from attacks. But the warriors were out for blood and they wreaked retribution by slaughtering hundreds of unarmed civilians, including women and children, who crossed their paths.

Despite some initial military successes, the Dakotas' forces eventually succumbed to the U.S. Army's superior fire power and Little Crow was forced to flee to Canada. The next year, Lit-

tle Crow quietly returned to Minnesota, where he was spotted by a white farmer and shot to death. Later his body was mutilated by irate local settlers.

Following the Dakotas' rout in the fall of 1862, it was the whites turn to take revenge on their Indian foes. Thirty eight Dakota men were executed in a mass hanging in Mankato, following a sham trial. The remaining band members were rounded up and interned over the winter of 1862 at Fort Snelling, where they awaited deportation to reservations in Nebraska and South Dakota. Many perished from starvations and illness during their time at the camp.

Today, a memorial in Fort Snelling State Park marks the site of the internment. It is known in the Dakota language as "Wokiksoye K'a Woyuoniam," which translates as "Remembering and

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# Keewaydin park plan still work in progress

*Master plan to be revised following next neighborhood meeting*

By TESHAM. CHRISTENSEN

The master plan for Keewaydin Park is still a work in progress.

The Minneapolis parks department began modifying it earlier this year to accommodate the doubling of Keewaydin School.

The most recent draft of the master plan shows the playground moving to the southeast corner of the park, but its not something all neighbors support.

During a community meeting on July 31, park staff revisited the reasons for why they have recommended moving the playground equipment to the southeast corner of the park rather than north or directly east of the park building.

A move into the existing athletic field area would not only result in a loss of field space, but the poor soil there would increase the cost of construction, noted Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board architect Deborah Bartels.

If the playground was moved to the wooded area east of the park building, the established trees and the shade they create would be lost.

Another concern expressed by community members has been

whether there is enough parking. Following an analysis of the street parking, park staff believe there is plenty. "The parking analysis indicates that only 20% of the on-street parking capacity is being used, even at peak times of park usage," said Bartels.

The intersection of 53rd St. and 31st Ave. was studied closely due to its proximity to the proposed relocated playground and wading pool. According to the staff report, "Even though this area was observed to be the most popular parking location during peak events, only 18.8% of the parking spaces were used." Park staff do not foresee a dramatic increase in new park users from beyond the Keewaydin neighborhood because so many arrive at the park by foot.

"Furthermore, some playground amenities may be reused in the new location, which will ease concerns of new amenities adding to the park's allure," according to the staff report.

At the July 31 meeting, attendees viewed concepts from three playground manufacturers and indicated which elements they liked best. This information will be in-

corporated into the master plan.

"The meeting did not result in a consensus about the proposed plan, so we will be redesigning the layout of the proposed wading pool and playgrounds in the southeast corner of the park and will be hosting another meeting," said Bartels. The date for this fourth meeting has yet to be set.

## CONSTRUCTION IMPACT ON PARK

The wading pool and playground for ages 5-12 was open during the summer construction, and both will remain in place for the foreseeable future, according to Bartels. At some point, the school district may expand again in that area.

The preliminary estimate for the playground and utilities for the wading pool is \$373,000, with an additional \$588,000 for the wading pool.

The southwest ball diamond will be used for construction staging until the spring of 2014 and then restored. The estimated cost to restore and improve the athletic fields is \$205,000.

The Pre-K playground, the swings, the spinners, and the basketball court have been removed to make way for the building expansion, noted Bartels. When the site work for the expansion is complete, the service delivery area on the south side of the school building will provide hard surfacing for informal outdoor games and play.



Not all community members support moving the playground and pool to the southeast corner of Keewaydin Park, as shown in this draft of the master plan. Park staff are working to incorporate comments from community members made during a July 31 meeting, and will then bring the revised master plan back to the neighborhood. That meeting date has not yet been set.

## SCHOOL PROJECT ON SCHEDULE AND ON BUDGET

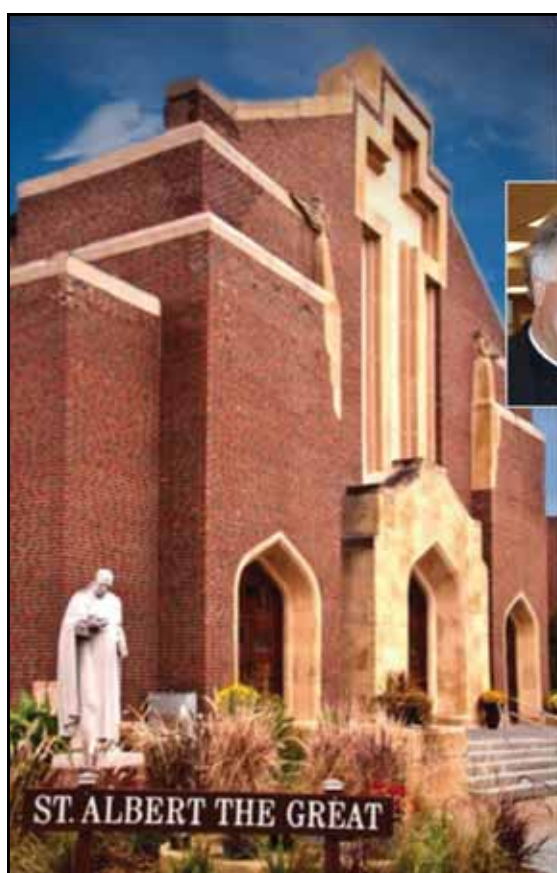
The first phase of the school construction project was completed in August. Phase one included all of the infrastructure for the new building and removing some of the existing building. Once that occurred, the second phase began. The building will continue taking shape through next year. Students will begin attending classes there for the 2013-14 school year.

"The project is on track and close to budget," said Keewaydin's new principal Martha Spriggs. She added that key stakeholders, including parents, park board, teachers, neighbors, and architects, will continue to be involved throughout the year.

"Checking the Keewaydin website is a good way to stay informed about the status of the project," said Spriggs. "We welcome input from all!"

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- Park and Rec Board Architect Deborah Bartels



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# Frustrations with Hiawatha Avenue signals soon to receive antidote

By JAN WILLMS

Longfellow resident Marcea Marciani remembered problems from the very beginning of the traffic light installation at the Hiawatha corridor.

"I sat on 35th Street, going west, stopped on the west side of Hiawatha," she recalled. "When the light turned for me to go west, I was behind a school bus and a pickup truck was behind me. The railroad gate arm came down, stopped the bus and put me in the middle of the southbound lane of Hiawatha."

"The pickup had nowhere to go, and I had nowhere to go," Marciani continued. "We blocked traffic for as long as it took for the gate's arm to raise. But we're Minnesota Nice," she said with a smile. "People didn't even toot their horn."

Marciani also recalled going west on 35th St and waiting seven and a half minutes for the light to change.

These examples of the frustrations many motorists have felt for the past several years with the Hiawatha traffic signals may soon be a thing of the past.

Ward 12 council member Sandy Colvin Roy said that after years of fund raising, gathering support from the agencies involved and prodding, she is excited that "We are on the verge of major improvements in the Hiawatha Corridor."

Although complaints have been addressed over the years relating to the frustration drivers have felt over waiting at stoplights and getting caught in lanes of traffic, tweaking the original equipment did not achieve what was needed.

But now, beginning in September, the transformation of the Hiawatha signal system will get underway. The City of Minneapolis is leading a multi-agency effort to improve the traffic signal operations along Hiawatha Avenue through south Minneapolis adjacent to the Hiawatha light-rail line.

Colvin-Roy said the project hopes to reduce motor vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian delays due to light-rail's effect on traffic signal timing. She indicated the project will be done on a step-by-step basis, in three phases.

First, signal sequencing will be revised. The pattern of traffic signal phases will be changed, particularly when green left turn arrows are signaled.

Next, traffic signal controllers will be replaced. Newer equipment has been developed since the beginning of LRT in Minneapolis in 2004. This new equipment will replace the existing traf-



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fic signal controllers along Hiawatha Avenue.

Third, the signal detection system will be improved. According to Colvin-Roy, traffic detectors embedded in the roadway will be expanded and upgraded. These detectors provide information on vehicle presence and flow to the traffic control system, allowing it to effectively allocate time between movements in a real-time basis.

And finally, rail timing inputs will be refined.

"The vastly improved detection system will let the state-of-the-art signal controllers know how many cars are waiting in each direction," said Colvin-Roy. "My favorite part is that they will be able to return movement to the direction that has waited longest after a train passes instead of starting from the same place in the cycle each time."

The agencies that partnered in developing this project are the Federal Highway Administration, Metro Transit, MnDot and Hennepin County as well as the City. Expert rail and traffic signal consultants also participated.

Colvin-Roy expressed her gratitude, especially to City lead engineer Allan Klugman. "He shares my commission and my passion to transform this corridor for everyone who drives, bikes or walking in it," she explained.

Mariani, who joins countless other frustrated drivers who use Hiawatha Avenue, said there has been difficulty over the years in

finding recourse for trying to improve the lighting system. But she has kept calling Colvin-Roy, and feels those calls have paid off.

"Many folks traveling Hiawatha don't give Sandy the credit she deserves for all the work she's putting into this," claimed Mariani.

Colvin-Roy said she knows the long waits have been extremely aggravating, as well as dangerous.

"Many frustrated motorists made unsafe or illegal maneu-

vers," she said. "I don't underestimate the impact on people of frustration and anger during their daily commute. I don't underestimate how important that is either."

"Long waits also mean extra air pollution and wasted time that should be lessened with faster trip times through the corridor," Colvin-Roy explained, "and I am so hopeful that this should result in less traffic on neighborhood streets like Minnehaha Avenue."

Colvin-Roy again emphasized

that the changes won't happen all at once.

"You will first see some of the most visible work in September, but the most significant phase won't happen until November," she said. "All parts of this effort should be done by the end of the year."

She said the project includes traffic signals along Hiawatha Avenue from 26th Street East on the north to 50th Street East on the south. A total of seven signalized intersections are affected.

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# Photo ID now required for door-to-door sales

By JILL BOOGREN

Knowing if a person knocking on your door is selling something legitimate can be tricky business, but it should now be easier with a new rule that requires salespeople in Minneapolis to display a city-issued photo identification card.

The measure, sponsored by Council Member Gary Schiff and passed unanimously by the City Council in July, is intended to help people identify who's at their door, while making it harder for sales companies to exploit youth workers.

The idea was first brought to Schiff's attention by Bob Kambeitz, volunteer coordinator for the Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association, who had asked if there was anything the city could do about aggressive door-to-door salespeople. After a rash of burglaries in the neighborhood, residents were raising suspicions about who was coming to their doors and the legitimacy of what they were doing.

Kambeitz found out that city ordinance already required salespeople to be licensed, but they didn't have to display their license.

"We thought it'd be a good idea to let people look out their window and see a legitimate ID," said Kambeitz, adding that this would make it a lot easier for



them to decide whether or not they wanted to open their door.

In addition to protecting residents, the ordinance is expected to make it more difficult for out-of-state companies who exploit youth workers to do business here.

According to the National Consumers League (NCL), in a 2012 report posted on the Child Labor Coalition website, traveling youth sales crews are one of the five most dangerous jobs for youth workers. The report states

Parent Watch estimates that as many as 30,000 to 40,000 individuals are involved in traveling sales crews, selling magazines, candy, household cleaners and other items door-to-door, and the work environment is not safe for teen workers or young adults.

Schiff explained that these companies often exist by trafficking youth across state lines in order to avoid child labor laws, which differ from state to state. Workers are promised money and travel, but are often told at the

## Exemptions

People who are canvassing for political, religious or nonprofit social groups, including organizations who get memberships by going door to door, are exempt from the ordinance. A helpful distinction is that commercial sales involve selling merchandise. If someone is selling a product they must display their identification card.

School and youth groups may still do door-to-door fundraising, but the principal, teacher or youth leader should call 311 to obtain city-issued group identification cards. These IDs will be in the same

format but without a photo.

"We'll work with any nonprofit to provide local IDs, free of cost," said Schiff.

The ordinance is already in effect. If a youth comes to your door to sell magazines or other products and does not have a city-issued ID card, Schiff advises people not to buy.

"Call 911, and offer your phone so that youth can call home," he said. You can also offer the 24-hour phone number for Parent Watch at 917-579-4641 or the National Runaway Switchboard at 1-800-786-2929.

end of the summer that they owe money as reimbursement for gas and food. Living conditions can be terrible, and there are reports of physical and sexual abuse.

"It's actually a route into homelessness for youth in this country," said Schiff. "They flee and have nowhere to go."

Schiff said that door-to-door magazine sales, in particular, are actually on the rise. While no magazine sales crews are currently licensed to be in the city of Minneapolis, there have been reports

of crews being here, which means they were operating illegally.

"I realized an ordinance requiring everyone to display their license would effectively chase the magazine sales industry out of Minneapolis," Schiff said. "We do not expect them to get the license and to have all their youth employees photographed for IDs."

Schiff said the next step is to implement a statewide bill and is working on drafting language based on Wisconsin law.

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# Longfellow Community Council

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## Take a Look at Longfellow Launches September 1st!

The Longfellow Community Council is launching Take a Look at Longfellow (TALL) on Saturday, September 1st! TALL is an interactive website celebrating all things Longfellow! TALL will feature historical narratives, personal stories, audio content, business news, and projects in the community. Content is provided by local residents! We are thrilled to have a forum where we can work with our neighbors and showcase what make Longfellow great! We're looking for bloggers, photographers and more to contribute to the site! Interested in joining the team? Contact Joanna@longfellow.org.

Don't forget to check out takealookatlongfellow.com on September 1st.



## Save the Date for the Best Meeting Ever!

**Tuesday, October 23  
6:00 - 8:00 pm  
Minnehaha Academy -  
North Campus  
3100 West River Parkway**

Join the Longfellow Community Council for a night of incredible food from local restaurants and learn about what's happening in the neighborhood! Watch the LCC website for details [www.longfellow.org](http://www.longfellow.org)

## Help Revitalize East Lake Street

Interested in seeing more businesses and less vacancy on East Lake Street? Longfellow residents have begun meeting every few weeks to identify ways to make that happen. If you have ideas to help revitalize the corridor and to promote the many small businesses in the community, we'd love to have you join us! Contact Spencer at [spencer@longfellow.org](mailto:spencer@longfellow.org) or 612-722-4529 ext. 5.

## Faith Forum talks Occupy Homes

Join the Longfellow Faith Forum for a discussion on the Occupy Homes Movement in Longfellow. We will also be talking about upcoming events and the release of our resource guide. A free lunch is provided, but you must RSVP by Thursday, September 6th by emailing [joanna@longfellow.org](mailto:joanna@longfellow.org)

**Longfellow Faith Forum  
Tuesday, September 11  
12:00 - 1:30 pm  
Church of St. Albert the Great  
2836 33rd Avenue South**

## Join Us for a Free Community Dinner

Join Volunteers of America (VOA), Minnehaha Communion Church and the Longfellow Community Council (LCC) for a free community dinner made by residents at VOA! Help us celebrate the partnerships established through the Neighborhood Partnership Initiative (NPI) grant. So far, the grant has resulted in jobs training and a source of income for approximately 10 residents at VOA in addition to several educational opportunities and access to

fresh produce from our plot at Minnehaha Community Garden.

Ruhel Islam, owner of Gandhi Mahal, will train residents in the art of preparing Indian cuisine. Join us for this special meal, cooked by your neighbors, made with fresh vegetables grown in our garden. Dessert will include an ice cream buffet. Kids are welcome!

**Free Community Dinner  
Wednesday, September 5  
6:00 - 7:30 pm  
Minnehaha Communion  
Lutheran Church  
4101 37th Avenue South**

## Calendar of Meetings and Events September 2012

Meetings are free and open to the public, and are accessible.  
Check the calendar on our website [www.longfellow.org](http://www.longfellow.org)

### Advancement

**Wednesday, September 5  
7:00 - 8:00 pm  
Fireroast Mountain Café  
3800 37th Avenue S  
FFI: [joanna@longfellow.org](mailto:joanna@longfellow.org)**

### Neighborhood Development Caucus

**Monday, September 10  
6:30 - 8:00 pm  
LCC Office, 2727 26th Ave S.  
FFI [spencer@longfellow.org](mailto:spencer@longfellow.org)**

### River Gorge

**Monday, September 10  
7:00 - 9:00 pm  
Hiawatha School Park, 4305 42nd St. E  
3207 37th Avenue South  
FFI: [joanna@longfellow.org](mailto:joanna@longfellow.org)**

### Community Connections

**Tuesday, September 11  
6:30 - 8:30 pm  
LCC Office, 2727 26th Ave S  
FFI: [joanna@longfellow.org](mailto:joanna@longfellow.org)**

### Board of Directors

**Thursday, September 20  
6:30 - 8:30 pm  
Brackett Park, 2728 39th Ave S  
FFI: [melanie@longfellow.org](mailto:melanie@longfellow.org)**

### Environment and Transportation

**Tuesday, September 25  
6:30 - 8:00 pm  
Hiawatha School Park 4305 42nd St. E  
FFI: [spencer@longfellow.org](mailto:spencer@longfellow.org)**

## Rake for the River This Fall

**Wed., Sept. 26th, 7- 8 pm - Training Workshop  
Gandhi Mahal Restaurant**

Do you know where stormwater goes after it flows down the storm drain? Right into our rivers and lakes, carrying leaves and many other contaminants that harm water quality.

This fall the Longfellow neighborhood will again Rake for the River to protect water quality. Organize your block club, school, faith organization, or other group and set a date in October to rake up the leaves and debris from the curbs and street. This supplements street sweeping done by the City. By keeping leaves and other organic material out of our waterways, we can reduce the associated phosphorous that harms our rivers and lakes. Organize your block or other group to Rake for the River in October and you can be entered in a drawing to win great prizes! LCC can provide flyers, lawn signs, gloves and bags.

Learn more and get tips and tools for planning your event at a training workshop on Wednesday, September 26th, 7:00 - 8:00 pm at Gandhi Mahal restaurant.

This is a project of the Longfellow Community Council's River Gorge Committee. For details or to register, contact Hillary Oppmann at [hillary.oppmann@gmail.com](mailto:hillary.oppmann@gmail.com) or 724-8110



Volunteers from the 3100 32nd Ave Block Club joined together last fall to rake for the river, build community, and win prizes! Sign up your group today to Rake for the River this fall. (Photo by Hillary Oppmann)

## LCC Bylaw changes for review and vote at October 23rd General Membership Meeting

The following is a list of proposed Bylaw changes to be voted on in October. Bold type indicates text additions and strikethrough type indicates deletions. The full Bylaws can be viewed on LCC's website at [www.longfellow.org](http://www.longfellow.org). If you have questions or would like to request a copy via mail or email, please contact the LCC office at 612-722-4529.

### Article IV. Membership

A. MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY: People may become members of LCC if they are 16 years of age or older and meet either of the following qualifications:

1. They live or own property within the LCC area as **proven by providing a MN driver's license, Minnesota identification card, or some form of residency verification that indicates the individual resides within the geographic boundaries of LCC or if a member who has the required documentation vouches for the individual;** or
2. They are the designated representatives of a business, non-profit organization, or public agency within the LCC area. **Each business, non-profit or public agency may designate one voting member by providing written authorization to the LCC Secretary.**

### Article VI. Board of Directors

#### B. TERMS AND TIMES OF ELECTION

1. New terms **begin and old terms expire at the** will begin and ending terms will expire at the beginning of the first Board meeting after annual election meeting.

#### D. VACANCIES ON THE BOARD

1. At any Board meeting between the published notice of the vacancy and the next annual election meeting, the Board may, by two-thirds vote of the elected directors, fill vacant ~~non-neighborhood~~ seats until the next annual election meeting by selecting a candidate from the group **or neighborhood** corresponding to that seat.

2. The membership may fill a vacant neighborhood seat for the remainder of the seat's term by using the same procedure as at the annual election meeting.

### Article VIII. Committees

#### B. AD HOC COMMITTEES

1. Voting rights on ad hoc committees extend to all LCC members who attend ~~and to any others who are granted voting rights by the Board.~~

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# In Our Community

## Flu Shot Clinic on Sept. 7

Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors will host a Flu shot Clinic on Friday, September 7 from 10 – 11:30 a.m. at their office (located in the US Bank building at 2800 E. Lake Street.) The Minnesota Visiting Nurse Agency will be administering the shots and can bill many insurance plans. Bring your Medicare and/or health insurance cards. Anyone not covered by insurance can pay \$29 by cash/check. Any adult, regardless of age, is welcome to participate.

## Rummage Sale at Epworth September 29

The Fall ReUse/Rummage Sale at Epworth United Methodist Church will be Saturday, Sept. 29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Epworth is at 3207 37th Ave. S. Household goods, clothing for all ages and sizes, books and craft items are available. Coffee and treats are sold separately. Donations of clean used items are welcome Wednesday and Thursday before the sale; please call 612-722-0232 for information.

## When do I stop driving?

Join Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors and Minneapolis Community Education for a presentation about determining if you should still drive on Tuesday, September 18 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2730 E. 31st Street. Driving demands quick reaction time and fast decision-making. Deciding when it's time to stop driving can be difficult, but dealing with the issue early-on can help ease the transition of not driving.

## Minnehaha United Methodist hosts The Market

Minnehaha United Methodist Church hosts The Market on Saturday, Sept. 8, from 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., 3701 East 50th St. There will be food, music, dance, children's activities, information and products for a sustainable world.

Like the community it serves, Minnehaha United Methodist Church is a thriving multi-generational congregation in South Minneapolis. We host a food shelf and operate a monthly distribution of food, as well as, many other projects where we work for social justice for all.

The Market reflects the church's commitment to support the well being of our planet through programming, recycling, and mindful stewardship.

## Annual Minneapolis Bike Tour Sunday, Sept. 16th

Get ready to ride! This annual bike tour, sponsored by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, provides a great opportunity for individuals and families of all ages to explore our Grand Rounds National Scenic Byway at their own pace and unhindered by motorized traffic.

Participants can choose a 14-mile route around the Chain of Lakes, or a 36-mile loop that travels the lakes, Minnehaha Parkway, the Mississippi River, Victory Memorial Parkway, and Theodore Wirth Park. Routes include stops with refreshments, snacks and bike mechanics.

Start time is 7:30-8:30 a.m. The ride starts and finishes at Parade Sports Complex (just west of the Sculpture Garden), 400 Kenwood Parkway, Minneapolis 55403.

Pre-registration is through Sept. 12th and can be done online. Cost is \$30 ages 18 and older, \$10 ages 6-17. Children under 5 are free. Onsite registration is \$40 ages 18 and older and \$15 ages 6-17. See [www.minneapolisbiketour.com](http://www.minneapolisbiketour.com) for details.

Proceeds from the event benefit Minneapolis' park system.

Volunteers are needed to assist at the event site and along the route. Call 612-313-7778 or email [volunteer@minneapolisiparks.org](mailto:volunteer@minneapolisiparks.org).

## Calling all dog walkers

On Wednesday, Sept. 19 between 4 and 6 p.m. come walk by Epworth UM Church at 3207 37th Avenue S and get a treat for yourself and your best friend.

We look forward to seeing all of you walking by!

## Pizza and Game Night

Come to Epworth UM Church, 3207 37th Avenue S, on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 5 p.m. with a game to share and ready to make a pizza with toppings of your choice.

We will have some board games or bring one you want - everyone welcome of all ages.

Some if you are looking for a reason to get out of the house or something to do before the kids head to bed come on over!

## Coldwater Spring Tour September 12

National Park Service rangers will lead a free, one-hour walking tour of Coldwater Spring, a cultural and historic landmark considered to be Minnesota's first settlement on Wednesday, Sept. 12, 6-7 p.m. Coldwater Spring is located at 5601 Minnehaha Park Drive South; between Minnehaha Falls Regional Park and Fort Snelling State Park.

## Coldwater Spring Planting and Restoration Sept. 29

The National Park Service, Mississippi National River and Recreation Area, and community partners have begun restoring the land surrounding Coldwater Spring to create oak savanna, prairie, and wetland habitats. Join us Saturday, Sept. 29 - Coldwater Spring Planting and Restoration 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to plant trees and wetland plants, and help with other restoration activities to support this park in progress. National Park Service rangers will offer public tours in the afternoon to celebrate the park's opening.

This event is part of National Public Lands Day. REI will provide free lunch and t-shirts for all volunteers.

There is no parking onsite. Participants are encouraged to take light rail or bike to the site. A shuttle will also be running participants to and from the V.A. Medical Center throughout the day.

See the events calendar at [www.missriverfund.org](http://www.missriverfund.org) for details and to register.

## Butterflies and Day-flying Moths Garden Club - September 12

Attracting beautiful day-flying moths and butterflies to our landscapes requires more than providing sources of nectar. Learn about the moth and butterfly species in Minnesota, and the native food plants needed for the survival of these pollinators. Heather Holm is a member of Wild Ones Twin Cities, a horticulturalist and author of the blog Restoring The Landscape With Native Plants. Heather will highlight 20 moth and butterfly adults and caterpillars, and where to grow or look for their native food plants. Please join us Wednesday, September 12, 7-9 p.m. Epworth United Methodist Church, 3207 37th Ave S. See us at: [LongfellowGardenClubMail@gmail.com](mailto:LongfellowGardenClubMail@gmail.com) or go to [www.facebook.com/LongfellowGardenClub](http://www.facebook.com/LongfellowGardenClub).

## "Autumn Daze" Festival September 14-16

The 2012 "Autumn Daze" Festival and Homecoming will be held at the Church of St. Helena, 3204 East 43rd Street. Festival hours are Friday, Sept. 14th (5:00 to 10:00 p.m.); Saturday, Sept. 15th (10:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.); and Sunday, September 16th (10:30 A.M. until 5:00 P.M.).

A fireworks display will take place at 10:00 P.M. on Friday, and a parade with marching bands begins at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday.

People of all ages can enjoy live entertainment, rides, live auction, silent auction with multiple gift baskets, quilt bingo with 50 homemade quilts, cash bingo, children's games, games of skill, food, and much more. For further information, call 612-729-7344 or visit the website: [www.saintheleena.us/autumndaze](http://www.saintheleena.us/autumndaze).

## WAMM hosts Silent Auction September 23

Women Against Military Madness hosts a 28th Annual Silent Auction on Sunday Sept 23 from 5 to 8 p.m. at St Joan of Arc Church, 4537 Third Avenue S. Suggested donation \$10 to \$30; over 300 items in the auction. Music and sandwich buffet included. 612-827-5364.

## Coffee, Chat and Challenge resumes at Trinity

Coffee, Chat, and Challenge, a weekly fellowship for women of all ages, will resume September 11 at Trinity Lutheran Church of Minnehaha Falls. The long-running program welcomes women from many denominations and has been in existence for over 30 years.

CCC meets in the Upper Room at Trinity Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:40 a.m. Activities include time for fellowship, devotions, sharing, and prayer requests, followed by Challenge sessions. This year participants will have an opportunity to choose from three different studies.

In addition to the weekly gatherings, CCC offers special activities, social events, and opportunities to participate in outreach ministries throughout the year.

Nursery care and preschool programs are provided at no charge.

Trinity Lutheran Church of Minnehaha Falls is located at 5212 41st Avenue South. For more information on CCC contact Suzanne at 612-724-3691 or Karen at 612-722-9932.

## Nokomis Healthy Seniors Fall Frolic October 13

The Nokomis Healthy Seniors Fall Frolic will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, October 13. There will be Meal, Music, Silent Auction, Raffle, BINGO, Book Sale, Bake Sale, Face Painting & Crazy Hair. Book & Bake Sale start at 9; meal & other activities from 11 a.m. Meal Tickets: \$11 Adult, \$8 Seniors, \$6 under 12 or student with ID. \$30 family (2 adult, 2 children). Buy in advance at the office or at the door. Bethel Lutheran Church, 4120 17th Ave S, Minneapolis, MN.

## Audubon Fall Bird Seed Sale

You are invited to stock up on black-oil sunflower seed for your backyard bird feeding during Audubon Minnesota's upcoming bird seed sale. Ninety-five cents of every dollar raised during this fundraiser supports Audubon's bird and habitat conservation work in Minnesota.

Orders must be prepaid by September 14. Seed will be available for customer pickup on Saturday, September 29, from 9 a.m. to noon at Mother Earth Gardens, 3738 42nd Avenue South, Minneapolis.

Visit [mn.audubon.org](http://mn.audubon.org) for order forms. Questions? Email us at [mnaudubon@audubon.org](mailto:mnaudubon@audubon.org).

Audubon Minnesota is dedicated to conserving and restoring natural ecosystems in Minnesota, focusing on at-risk native bird species and their habitats. This fundraiser is made possible through the generosity of Performance Seed in St. Cloud, MN.

## Scouts hold Family Night September 20

Cub Scout Pack 38 will be holding a New Family Night on Thursday, September 20th, 6:30 p.m. at St. Helena Catholic School (3200 E 44th Street).

Boys in Kindergarten through 5th Grade (and their families) are welcome to come and share this adventure with us. Build rockets. Race pinewood derby cars. Go camping. Play sports. Make new friends. Go exploring. Discover bugs and wildlife. Visit a fire station. You even get to earn cool badges and patches to put on your uniform!

For more information, or to join Cub Scout Pack 38 today, contact Dan Fehler (612-724-6284 or [Cubmaster38@gmail.com](mailto:Cubmaster38@gmail.com)) or check our webpage at [www.BSAPack38.org](http://www.BSAPack38.org)

Pack 38 is chartered by St. Helena Catholic Church, 3204 E 43th Street, Minneapolis, MN. Pack Meetings are usually the third Thursday of every month during the school year at St. Helena Catholic School, with exciting activities all year long.

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September 17

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September 27

For more information call  
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This summer, I've been going to a lot of garage sales. It's something I haven't had much time for because I was working. Since I was off work, I decided to make "saleing" a regular Friday event.

I noticed during my own garage sale in May; there seems to be more rude people. I don't know if they are usually crabby, or decided to be crabby just for garage sales. A man came into my garage and asked if I had any tools for sale. I said, "I'm sorry, there are no tools for sale." He then walked around asking about several tools my son had hanging on the wall. I said no several times. He got belligerent and asked why I wasn't selling tools, I asked him to leave.

Recently, I was at a garage sale in the neighborhood and ran into another man who loudly proclaimed the prices were too high, and he wanted to pay one price for all the tools. What is it about tools that bring out the



# The Old White House

By SHERRI MOORE

## Garage sale etiquette

worst in people? What made it worse was that the two ladies having the sale were doing it for a friend who had been admitted to a nursing home. They were trying to get the best possible amount of money together for her, yet their prices were very reasonable.

I asked the man if he was interested in any particular tools, since I was looking for tools too. He said some pretty obnoxious things that I won't repeat here, however, he did cause me to buy every screwdriver they had! My little tantrum cost me three

bucks.

I've talked to the women who had sales and some people attending garage sales and it seems that we need to be reminded about good behavior. Here's a few ideas for the customer:

It's nice to ask if they have what you are looking for. If they don't have it, you are free to stay or leave. But if you stay, you should be nice. Is that asking too much?

It's also nice to compliment the garage owner on his or her merchandise. A comment on the

nice neighborhood or weather would be great too. Just because you're attending a sale, and may want to bargain on price, doesn't mean you can't be civil.

Let's talk about bargaining. I don't know about you, but when something's marked twenty five cents, I don't bother asking for a lower price. What, should I ask her to pay me to take it away? Even when bargaining for a lower price, there's no reason to raise your voice and be combative.

A better price and a better time can be had by being civil

and reasonable. Sometimes, I think people have watched too many reality shows. This is Minnesota, it's not New Jersey!

It's a lot of work sorting and pricing things for a garage sale. Most of us like spending a lovely weekend day looking for a new lawn chair, or maybe some kitchen utensils for someone who's setting up an apartment. In my case, both my son and I hit garage sales, and invariably, find something we need. I'm always interested in the history, and my son is definitely interested in the price. Let's all go out there and keep the local economy moving forward. Have a safe Labor Day weekend.

*(Sherri is a freelance writer, and lives with Mr. M. in the Nokomis neighborhood. They are entering their twentieth year of renovating their old white house. Sherri welcomes your comments and can be reached at sherrimoore92@msn.com.)*

## In Our Community

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### The Arc Offers Networking Group meetings

The Arc Greater Twin Cities is teaming up with the Minnesota Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (MOFAS) to introduce Caregivers of Children with FASD, a free networking group for people who have children

with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

Caregivers of Children with FASD meets on the third Thursday of the month from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Division of Indian Work, 1001 E. Lake St., Minneapolis. Meeting dates for 2012 are Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15 and Dec. 20. For meeting information in 2013, call The Arc Greater Twin Cities.

The Arc Greater Twin Cities' networking groups are free, but participants should register in advance. For registration or more information, call 952-920-0855.

The Arc offers 15 additional networking groups throughout the Twin Cities. All groups are

open to parents in The Arc's seven-county service area. To sign up or get more information, call 952-920-0855 or visit [www.arcgreater-twincities.org](http://www.arcgreater-twincities.org).

The Arc Greater Twin Cities fosters respect and access for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families, giving them the power to achieve a full and satisfying life. The Arc was started 65 years ago by parents determined to ensure the most full and independent lives possible for their children. Today, The Arc continues to be a family-focused, grassroots organization helping individuals and families address issues such as early intervention, education, transition to adult-

hood, health care, housing, employment, guardianship and more. For more information and volunteer opportunities, call The Arc Greater Twin Cities at 952-920-0855 or visit [www.arcgreater-twincities.org](http://www.arcgreater-twincities.org).

### Urban Sites Stormwater Tour Thursday, Sept. 13

The Urban Sites Stormwater Tour will be held Thursday, Sept. 13, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Bus tour departs 9 a.m. from 7-SIGMA, 2843 26th Ave S. Are you a business owner, building owner, landscape designer or contractor? This tour is for you!

**Tour Highlights:** See stormwater management best practices in a variety of settings at sites large and small. The designers, project managers and contractors who did the work will be present. Tour includes 7 stops to see rain gardens, a cistern, green wall, and the first living wall in MN. Tour and lunch are FREE!

Reservations Required: Contact Ruth at [ruth@longfellow.org](mailto:ruth@longfellow.org) or 612-722-4529 x1

Presented by the Longfellow Business Association with funding from the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization.



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Education: Adults at 9:45 am;  
Children and Youth, 11:30 am  
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Worship 9:00 am  
Fellowship Hour 10:00 am  
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# Keeywadin principal

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Anderson and Keewaydin are similar schools in that both are experiencing an increase in the English Learner population. "As we grow, we will look at how we structure teacher teams to best support every student. I'm looking for ways to build a strong intermediate school that supports middle school and leads to high achieving successful high school students," she said.

## GOALS AS AN EDUCATOR

Her first official day at Keewaydin was Aug. 6, 2012. "It is always a little daunting to start a new job," observed Spriggs. "At Keewaydin, however, everyone has been extremely welcoming, supportive, and helpful. Many parents and community leaders have come to meet me and lend their support. I am grateful to the school community and I'm honored to be a part of it."

During the 2012-13 school year, Spriggs plans to learn from teachers, parents, and students, and find ways to use her expertise. "For this first year I will count on the excellent Keewaydin staff and community to show me the 'Keewaydin' way," Spriggs remarked.

Her overall goal as an educator is to do whatever it takes to ensure every student is learning at high levels. "Minneapolis Public Schools is dedicated to the idea that every school has a strong leader and every classroom has a great teacher – by doing this we



Lifelong South Minneapolis resident Martha Spriggs is Keewaydin's new principal. Spriggs takes over the reins from Jane Ellis, who is now the principal at Earle Brown IB Elementary School in Brooklyn Center. (Photo by Stefanie Berres)

can ensure that every student is high school ready when they leave Keewaydin," Spriggs said.

She added, "Over the next five years I hope to build a school community that is an interesting and engaging place for adults and students to learn and grow together."

Spriggs will oversee the rest of the Keewaydin \$16 million building project that is doubling the size of the school. While most of the big decisions have already been made and phase one is complete, she will help determine things like colors, furniture and finishes. "Key stakeholders

including parents, park board, teachers, neighbors, and architects will continue to be involved throughout the year," Spriggs observed.

"It's exciting to be a part of a large construction project that will make a real difference for the students and the community," Spriggs said. "I'm looking forward to watching the beautiful student-centered space come to completion."

She encourages community members to stay informed by checking the school's web site at <http://lakenokomis.mpls.k12.mn.us/facilities.html>.

# Little Crow statue

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Honoring." A plaque at the site explains that "the memorial honors the sixteen hundred Dakota people, many of them women and children, who were imprisoned here at Fort Snelling in the aftermath of the 1862 U.S-Dakota conflict."

In nearby Minnehaha Park, the statue of Little Crow stands alone, overlooking Min-

nehaha Creek, without an interpretive marker to explain its significance. A spokesperson for the Minneapolis Park Board said that no marker was placed at the site because the artist, Ed Archie Noisecat did not want one. "He did not want a title on the piece or even his own name on it," she said. "He wanted the piece to serve as a mourning mask and refer to the fact that Little Crow's body was skinned after he was killed.... so people could literally see the world through the eyes of Little Crow."

## September programming at the Nokomis Library

By CHRIS SEIDEL

Thank you to all the people who came to our Summer Book Sale! The Friends of the Nokomis Library will use the profits to pay for author talks, to buy special equipment for the library, and to help our main librarian, Amy McNally, enrich everyone's library experience. The Friends can always use more help, (and we have fun too), so please consider joining us!

On September 8 at 11 a.m., Jim Klobuchar will be making a presentation in our meeting room that you won't want to miss. The "working title" is "Travels with Jim" and he will be around afterwards to autograph books. Whether writing or speaking, you can depend on Jim Klobuchar to be interesting and fun to listen to.

A series on Addiction will be presented on Tuesday nights by Jay Ordogne who has 10

years of experience in recovery and is a Chemical Dependency Counselor.

Dates and topics will include:

Sept. 18 - Alcoholism & Addiction 101 ~ The Basics; Oct. 16 - Addictions other than Alcohol and Drug Abuse (Sex, Pornography, Gambling, Food, Texting, Spending, etc); Nov. 20 - How Families are Affected by Addiction & Alcoholism. Find out more about this fascinating subject and peruse our selection of related library books for check-out.

The Socrates Café discussion group will continue to meet in September with a possible change of location. Check with the library staff for the latest information.

(Chris Seidel is Chair of the Program Committee of the Friends of the Nokomis Library.)

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## Oak Savanna Interpretive Tour September 18

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For more information or to register immediately online please see the calendar at [www.fmr.org](http://www.fmr.org), or contact Katie Clower at Friends of the Mississippi River, 651-222-2193 x23.

## Nokomis Healthy Seniors Fall Frolic

The Nokomis Healthy Seniors Fall Frolic will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, October 13.

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Meal Tickets are \$11 Adult, \$8 Seniors, \$6 under 12 or student with ID, \$30 family (2 adult, 2 children).

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## HealthPartners opens new clinic in South Minneapolis

HealthPartners is bringing state-of-the-art health care closer to you with the opening of their new primary care clinic in South Minneapolis. Designed with the input from patients, community members and health care professionals, HealthPartners Nokomis Clinic will offer patients a full range of health care options, including family practice, ob-gyn, chiropractic, and lab and imaging services including onsite mammography.

The 7,800-square foot clinic located on Chicago Avenue between 47th and 48th Streets will also provide night and weekend urgent care.

The Nokomis Clinic officially opens Oct. 1, but you will be able to get a sneak peak of the new clinic during a grand opening event on Sept. 29, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at 4730 Chicago Avenue. During the grand opening you'll get a chance to meet the clinic's

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