



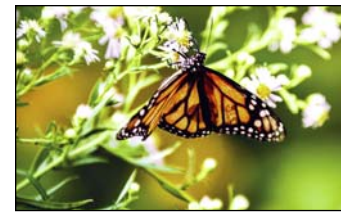
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Options abound for athletic fields, rec center, beaches, bathhouse and playgrounds at Nokomis-Hiawatha Regional Park

Residents review two plans during an open house; comments will be reviewed by the community advisory council

By **TESHA M. CHRISTENSEN**

Changes are coming to Lake Hiawatha and Nokomis parks, and residents got a chance to comment on the proposals during an open house in mid-August.

How much of the shoreline should be natural versus turf? Where should a skate park be? How can bikers and walkers cross Cedar Ave. more safely?

Should the athletic fields be fashioned like a pinwheel with a restroom and concessions area in the center? What should be included in a recreation center expansion? Should a new bathhouse/event center be built with a restaurant inside?

Could Minnehaha creek be rerouted so that it no longer flows into Lake Hiawatha? How can the water quality be improved at both lakes?

These are some of the questions being addressed in the new 25-year master plan being created for the Nokomis-Hiawatha regional park area. Due to funding restrictions, Hiawatha Golf Course is not part of the plan.

The community advisory council will meet twice more to review the plan and make recommendations. These will then be forwarded to the Park Board for

approval later this fall. Once that is done, it will go before the Met Council, which has helped fund the planning process.

Work on Triangle Park will take place in 2015, and some trail improvements will be done in 2016. Cost on these is \$400,000. No timeline has been created for the rest of the proposals, and no funding has been designated for them. When the plan is complete, the components will be prioritized.

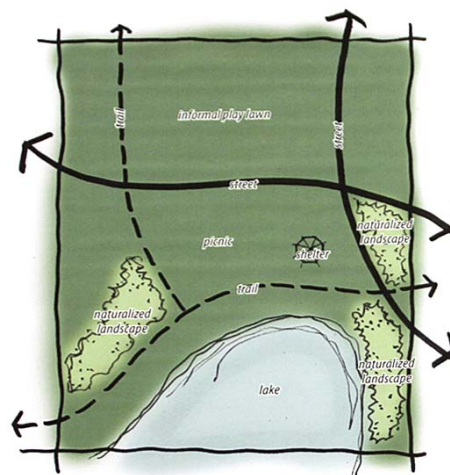
NATURAL AREAS VERSUS MANICURED LAWN

How natural do residents want the shoreline to be? That's one of the main questions being asked as this plan is developed.

"When you look at the park, it suggests that managed turf isn't what all the areas want to be," pointed out Adam Arvidson, project manager. "Even when it isn't flooding, there are areas that are very tough to manage."

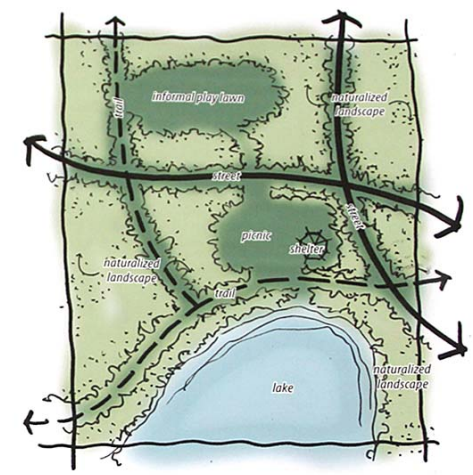
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HOW NATURAL SHOULD THE PARK BE?



"CAMPUS STYLE"

A campus style park features open, mown lawns and patches of plantings that shape space and draw the eye to different views. This type of park requires a lot of mowing, but less intensive planting maintenance. Due to its open layout, spaces are highly flexible and can accommodate a variety of uses; however, there is little habitat value to this park.



"NATURAL STYLE"

A natural style park features lawns, open spaces, and clearings tucked into a matrix of vegetation. Gathering areas may be surrounded by grassland or prairie, overlooking wetlands, or wooded. This type of park is composed of native habitats that require specific maintenance; however, mowing is less necessary. Care must be taken to counter natural areas with enough open space to accommodate flexible play. This type of park offers more habitat value than a campus style park.

How natural do residents want the park to be? That's one of the major questions being asked in this planning process. There are two options for the shoreland. The first is a campus style with a manicured lawn that has natural areas within it. This is what most of the city parks currently have. The second option is to have more of a natural area with turf cut in, more like how state parks are set up. (Photo by Tesha M. Christensen)

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The Farmhouse pop-up farmers market takes place Tuesdays 4-7pm through September. (Photo by Lindsay Grome)

Urban farmhouse takes over old general store

By **LINDSAY GROME**

If you drove by on any summer night, it would be hard to miss the ¾ acre dense vegetable garden taking up the better part of the corner of 42nd Ave. and 40th St. S. On this Tuesday evening in August, passersby were welcomed with samplings of the latest bean crop and garden produce for purchase at a pop-up farmers market—a staple every Tuesday in the summer.

"This is so lovely and grassroots—I love it," exclaims a neighborhood patron stopping in to check out the latest crops and list of upcoming classes.

Grassroots is exactly what they're going for as the newest kid on the block in the Howe neighborhood. A former 1956 General Store is now occupied by three residential apartments, a ¾ acre garden and The Farm-



Kara Guerra, a graduate student at the University of Minnesota, is one of several farm assistants working 10-15 hours a week for a stipend. (Photo by Lindsay Grome)

house—a collaborative space housing offices for The Tiny Diner farm staff and the Perma-

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City Academy opens its 3rd year in Minneapolis

Unique educational experience helps students understand how city government works

By JAN WILLMS

Have you always wanted to find out exactly how an emergency call is handled? How various properties are taxed? What kind of water comes out of your tap?

For the third straight year, the City Academy is being held in Minneapolis. The course, which is held every Wednesday from 6:30-9pm, begins Sept. 17 and runs through Oct. 15 at various locations throughout the city.

"We move around to various facilities, and we start right here in City Hall," said Howard Blin, community engagement manager who coordinates the program.

"City Academy allows residents to see various city operations they might not otherwise get a chance to observe," Blin said.

He said the participants get a chance to tour the 911 emergency department, which is located deep in the recesses of City Hall.

"They also tour the City of Minneapolis Water Plant," he noted. "They visit one of the police precincts. We move the tour around to a different precinct each year."

Blin said residents who sign up for City Academy get to learn about elections from the City Clerk's office; city budgeting and taxing and spending from the Fi-

nance Department and how individual properties are taxed from the City Assessor's office. "That is one of the highlights," Blin noted.

He said Community Planning and Economic Development talks about city development, and the Water Treatment Plant tour gives residents a chance to observe how water is taken out of the river and how it is treated. "The scale of the water system in Minneapolis is amazing," he said.

The City Academy concludes at the Fire Training Center, which is just inside Fridley.

"They describe all operations and demonstrate by setting a building on fire and putting the fire out," Blin explained.

"It's just a small sample of city facilities, but it gives the residents an idea of what their tax dollars are paying for," he added.

"We could expand to include other services," Blin said. "We live in a fascinating city, and it's very interesting in how it works."

Blin said that many cities are providing this type of information for citizens. The Academy limits its participants to 30, because a bigger group would be cumbersome to take on a tour.

"This program has two purposes," Blin said. "It introduces residents to their government. It also provides an introduction to



Participants in the City Academy get an opportunity to tour Minneapolis government facilities such as the water plant, the 911 center, water treatment plant and the Fire Training Center. They learn about taxation, elections from the city clerk, and budgeting and finance from the Finance Department. (Photo courtesy of City of Minneapolis Neighborhood and Community Relations)

city advisory boards and commissions. There are 52 different commissions in the city. This may get people interested in serving on one of them."

Blin said there is more demand for attending City Academy each year, and there is always a waiting list.

"The program runs 5 weeks, and we could easily double that," he said. Right now the tour focuses on one or two departments each Wednesday.

As of press time, there were still some openings for the session. People can register by calling 311 or going to the Minneapolis city website and clicking on the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department.

"People do get certificates, but we don't give any quizzes," Blin joked.

"We encourage people to be a part of this," he said. "We want them to get out and kick the tires of city government."

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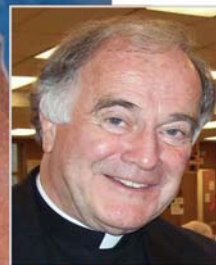
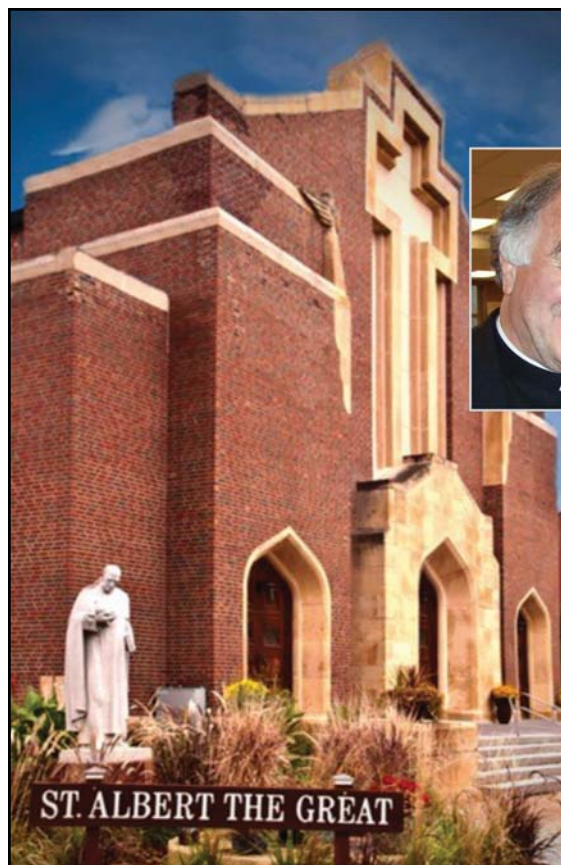
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Record vs. change will be focus of 63B race

By JAN WILLMS

Jean Wagenius easily won over her challenger in the primary election held Aug. 12. Running in District 63B, the long-term DFL representative garnered 2,166 votes (91.08%) while her primary opponent, Roger Kittelson, received 212 votes (8.92%) of the Democratic vote.

Andres Hortillosa, who did not have a primary opponent, earned 100 per cent of the Republican vote, which consisted of 543 ballots. Wagenius and Hortillosa will represent their respective parties in the Nov. 4 general election.

Running for office in District 63A for the general election will be incumbent DFL candidate Jim Davnie and Republican candidate Kyle Bragg.

JEAN WAGENIUS

For incumbent Jean Wagenius of District 63B, the last two years have been good ones. The veteran DFL House member, who has served 28 years, said she feels that for both her caucus and herself, the recent bills passed have been a very positive sign.

"I think folks know a lot about the things we've done as a group," she said. "We passed the minimum wage bill, we're paying off the debt owed to the schools and we're providing additional money for every school and every student. We're preparing children for a global economy, and that's not something you can do without funding education. We're going in the right direction."

She also cited marriage equality and helping local government. She said she and her fellow legislators don't always like listing the things that have gotten done, because they might leave something out. "It's been an amazing two years," she said.

Wagenius said one of the most challenging issues she worked on has been getting funding for free all-day kindergarten for all. She authored the first law to provide state funds for an all-day kindergarten option and said she believed that fully funding it was long overdue.

"We have known for a long time how critical early childhood education is," she noted. "It is important that every child be able to read by 3rd grade. We've worked on it many years, but just finished it."

Through her years in the House, Wagenius said she has definitely seen polarization between the parties increase, but added that she has also observed something else.

"I see the different legislators in my caucus are better prepared and more engaged than many years ago," she stated. "I think the quality of the legislators has continued to get better, with their expertise and backgrounds. I think it's true about the strong partisanship, but legislators seem ready to go and get a lot accomplished."

"We used to talk about how much money would be appropriated," she continued. "Now it's about what we are going to accomplish with that money. We're moving away from the



process and looking at measurable outcomes."

Wagenius currently is Chair of the Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Finance Committee and also serves on: Ways and Means, which oversees the whole budget; Legacy; Agriculture Policy; and Environment and Natural Resources Policy. In addition, she co-chairs the Legislative Citizens Commission on Minnesota Resources, and is a member of the Legislative Energy Commission.

"For the past two years we have focused on ground water and daily water sources for 75% of Minnesotans," Wagenius said. "We have taken huge steps to protect the ground water."

As part of her environmental focus, Wagenius has also worked towards protecting pollinators, not just honeybees, but all types. Loss of habitat and pesticides have caused concern among legislators.

Reflecting on her district, Wagenius said she does not think it is so different from any of the others, and shares the same concerns and issues.

"Preparing children to be able to compete in the global marketplace is the biggest challenge for all of us, a huge responsibility for the state," she said. "There is still a lot of work to be done there."

ANDRES HORTILLOSA

Republican candidate for the 63B House Seat, Andres Hortillosa, said that serendipity brought him into politics. He and his family bought a house in June 2010 in the Nokomis neighborhood. His wife signed him up as a block leader.

He said they also attend a downtown church that lends itself to small groups, and the Hortillosas started hosting people to their house for dinner.

"I felt we were living what I call a vertical existence," Hortillosa said. "We were working and feeding ourselves, but living in isolation." He became close to his neighbors, as he felt nostalgia for his native Philippines where everyone knew each other. As he learned more about the neighborhood, he saw a notice for the annual meeting of Nokomis East Neighborhood Association in the local newspaper, and he started attending and soon joined its board of directors. Hortillosa was appointed as a commissioner for the Neighborhood and Community En-

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- DFL Incumbent Jean Wagenius, Dist. 63B

gagement Commission (NCEC).

Hortillosa, who has an MS in computer science and an MBA in healthcare administration, came to this country for graduate school in 1984. He joined the U.S. Army in 1987 and served 20 years. In 2011 he started Smart Learning, Inc., an innovator of learning tools for smartphones and tablets.

Hortillosa said he had never attended a caucus, and when he went to his first one he thought it was very poorly attended and pretty boring. But as he became more involved with his community, he became more active politically and became a delegate to the state convention.

"I told them I was Chinese

by descent, Filipino by accident and American by choice," he noted.

He found that no one from the Republican Party was running in District 63B. "I hate to lose, but I hate even more to lose by default," Hortillosa said. "I felt I had a compelling story, and I learned the process of how to become a candidate."

Hortillosa, who said he has voted Republican primarily because of the party's pro-life platform, said he is running because he is against any politician being in office too long. "One voice for 28 years can't be good for our district," he said. "It's time for a change. I'm an innovator—that's my nature."

He said his number one issue is education. "We all know that education gives you access to good jobs, which gives you access to healthcare. It makes you aware of the information out there," he said.

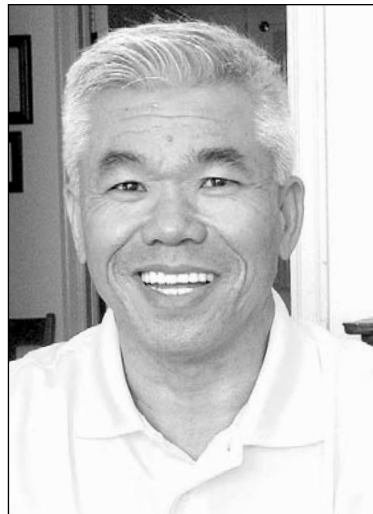
Hortillosa said he wants to provide good jobs. "There is not really any industry in our district, but I promote the use of businesses in our community," he noted. "There are areas in the neighborhood that are decaying, and we need to revitalize and patronize the businesses that are here."

Hortillosa, who never saw a car until he was 13, also wants to promote healthy activities, such as children biking or walking to school. He also wants to promote community engagement—neighbors getting to know neighbors.

A strong passion of Hortillosa's is the game of chess, and in 2009 he wrote "Improve Your Chess at any Age." He sends chess sets back to the Philippines. He said he would like to see US schools feature chess playing as a regular part of the curriculum.

"Most chess players play ad hoc," he said. "But there is a way of playing chess in a logical way, preventing errors or noting the errors your opponent makes."

A good method that may also serve him well in politics.



(Photo by Jan Willms)

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- Republican Candidate Andres Hortillosa, Dist. 63B

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From the heart, Corazon is ready to expand

By HAILEY COLWELL

In 2005, Susan Zdon and her husband opened a tiny shop and gallery in an abandoned building kitty corner from Sex World in Minneapolis' North Loop neighborhood.

The shop's name was Corazon. Tucked among tarnished brick warehouses at its first location, the shop offered an eclectic mix of handmade and locally crafted gifts, from toddler toys to grilling guides. The couple's tagline for it was "in a sexy neighborhood, a little heart."

Now located on East Lake Street, you will find measuring cups in rainbow colors at Corazon, feet away from wind-up ducks that walk along your hand, patterned dresses made for strolls down West River Pkwy., homey bath salts, and stacked mugs boasting their love for Minnesota. You will also find Zdon, dressed to echo the mood of the trinkets around her, each one betraying a touch of the heart that went into its selection.

Through economic recession and family crisis, Zdon managed to keep Corazon beating with the help of her faithful employees, the community that supports them, and her incessant drive to own her own business. Now, like other small businesses in the wake of the recession, the store is ready to grow.

After years of fighting to stay afloat, small business owners can expect increased profits this year and their fastest growth pace since 2007, according to a report by Kiplinger, a business forecast publisher based in Washington, D.C.

This fall, Zdon will open a long-awaited second Corazon in St. Paul, realizing her goal to nourish two stores at once and bringing nearly a decade of her passion for art and gifts across the Mississippi River to a new space.



Corazon owner Susan Zdon stands outside her shop on 4646 E. Lake St. Corazon's name originates from the Spanish word for "heart." (Photo by Roy Aker)

After college, she worked as a manager and buyer for a blend of stores, from the cozy Bibelot gift shop in St. Anthony Park to a gentleman's sporting goods store in Sacramento, California.

Bibelot founder and owner Roxy Freese was a friend of Zdon's mother. She watched as Zdon spent time at the Como Ave. shop as a girl and worked with her early in her career. She said Zdon's creativity and ability to communicate were apparent even then.

"She's got merchandising in her blood," Freese said.

After starting a family with her husband, Gary, Zdon did not return to retail until years later. She began working for Square One, a local group that sells manufacturers' products to companies like Creative KidStuff and the Walker Art Center.

World and signed a three-year lease. She was approaching age 50 and decided she was more afraid not to do it than to open the store.

"I think that's the tipping point," Zdon said. "You just have to be brave enough to try it and realize that if it fails, it's outside of you."

From space to space

Corazon has existed in three places since its launch. To try running two stores, Zdon and her husband opened a second shop in 2007 at 4646 E. Lake St., which remains its home today. When their first store's lease ended in 2008, they relocated it from its "sexy" spot eight blocks down Washington Ave. as the recession began.

The eight blocks made a big difference, Zdon said. The neighborhood's residents did not respond to the store with the support it had at its first location, and she negotiated out of the lease, closing the Washington Ave. store and consolidating Corazon to Lake St. At the same time, she and Gary found out he had stage four cancer.

Gary's sickness uprooted Zdon's life in and out of the store. In the time leading up to his death two years ago, she and her family spent as much time at home together as possible, and she entrusted much of the store to her employees.

"I feel like we're all slowly coming into the real world again, and it has taken way longer than I ever imagined," she said. "If I hadn't had my staff, I don't know what I would have done."

The close-knit group of Corazon employees is like a small village, store manager and buyer Cathy Johansson said, and Zdon lets employees take ownership of their positions.

"Susan is the owner, but you never feel that hierarchy," she said.

Zdon said she and her employees help each other through rough times, but also tease and make fun of each other. There is rarely turnover in the store, and she tries to empower and teach everyone working there.

"I feel like I've supported them," she said, "but I also feel like they've been so completely

wonderful to work with, and if I had not done this, I never would have met all these wonderful characters."

Zdon's daughter, Sophia, attends New York's School of Visual Arts and creates some of the artwork in the store. She works at

'It can only be good'

After fighting to sustain one Corazon store through the recession, Zdon started looking for a place to open an additional shop this year, reviving her hope of running two stores at once. She knew this time that Corazon needed a community that could support her and her employees.

She spread word of her search among people she knew. Local musician Chan Poling, a family friend, approached her last winter with news of a space in the 526 Building on Selby Ave. across from Cheeky Monkey in St. Paul's Cathedral Hill neighborhood. Zdon immediately drove through a snowstorm to get there.

She recalled seeing people walking in the snow outside the building in conditions that would leave the Lake St. store deserted.

"If they're out on a snowy night, on a great night it can only be good," she said.

Zdon signed a lease for the Selby Ave. space in April and moved materials she used in the closed Washington Ave. store into the new space, reinventing them for the new beginning. She hopes to open it by mid-September.

Her employees are ready for the challenge of running two stores, and so is she.



Handmade artwork and cards created by Minnesota artists are among the carefully selected gifts you will find at Corazon, all of which betray the touch of heart that went into the inventory's selection. (Photo by Roy Aker)

Corazon in the summer while home from school.

Zdon's son, Max, graduated in 2013 with a degree in anthropology from the U of M. He works in the store during the week and is in the process of installing its first point of sales system.

Max said he enjoys the store's easygoing environment, which attracts neighborhood regulars who come just to say hello and grab a handful of Swedish Fish or a dog treat, gifts that are free and plentiful at Corazon. Some people are alarmed when the Swedish Fish bowl is empty, he said.

"I feel like I licked my wounds long enough," she said, "so I need to push myself a little bit and get back into it."

She wants to retire by age 63 and has an exit strategy. She plans to turn the store over to her employees and children, and live six months of the year in Spain, another country echoing the language of corazon. Just as she has with her store and career, Zdon plans to do what she wants.

"I just encourage people to do their own thing if at all possible," she said. "The recipe is not in failure; the disaster is not going forward with your dream."



The dog-friendly store allows people to shop with their pets and has a small pet section full of quirky dog treats and toys. (Photo by Roy Aker)

'The tipping point'

Zdon had wanted a store for as long as she can remember. Growing up in St. Paul's St. Anthony Park neighborhood, she recalled urging her friends to play "store" with her until they refused to play anymore.

She brought this interest to the University of Minnesota, where she studied retail merchandising in textiles and clothing. She lived in Argentina as an exchange student for three months, which contributed to Corazon's name, the Spanish word for "heart."

Square One owner Jan Borene said Zdon was candid from the beginning about wanting to run her own store. Her sense of humor came out in her first interview, Borene said, and their professional relationship grew into a lasting friendship. When Zdon's name comes up professionally or personally, many say she is one of their favorite people, Borene said.

"There are hardly enough superlatives for Susan," she said.

After five years at Square One, Zdon and Gary found a space in the abandoned building near Sex

Susan Zdon Owner, Corazon

Hometown: St. Paul, Minnesota

Education: Bachelor of Science, retail merchandising, University of Minnesota

Family: Two adult children who help her out in the store.

Tidbits: Enjoys art, food, and the 1960s TV show "The Girl from U.N.C.L.E."

She is a "beauty school dropout." After attending the Aveda Institute for 900 hours, she walked out in the middle of a haircut and never went back.

By JILL BOOGREN

The death of South High Sophomore Sha-kym Adams at Lake Nokomis Aug. 6 is a somber reminder that drowning can happen to anybody, and swiftly.

"He was a swimmer," Adams' mother Kimberly Adams told people gathered for a memorial at the lake the following day. "And guess what? You still can drown." She told her son's football teammates—who were swimming with Adams and tried to rescue him—they were not to blame and praised them for swimming together and using the buddy system.

She also urged anyone who doesn't know how to swim, to learn.

"It's fun. It's exercise. But it will also save someone else's life, because you can swim to get to them," she said.

Adams was swimming with teammates after a football practice to the floating raft at the E. 50th St. beach before he went underwater. His body was recovered in 15 feet of water.

Hennepin County Sheriff Richard A. Stanek, whose office responds to all water emergencies in the county, said Kimberly's message was "right on."

In the Land of 10,000 Lakes (and countless pools and hot tubs) kids and adults must know how to swim — a life-saving skill that is important at ALL times of year.

"Minnesota's all about the water, frozen or unfrozen," said Stanek. "[Drowning] happens everywhere—anywhere there's a body of water." This includes lakes, rivers, and ponds, as well as water parks, pools, hot tubs, and bathtubs. "In winter, it's going through the ice."

The Sheriff's Office promotes this simple, three-pronged approach to staying safe in the water: Watch-Wear-Learn:

WATCH

The Sheriff's Office considers lifeguards the second line of defense (no lifeguard was on duty Aug. 6, and on Aug. 25 they were done for the season) and says supervision is needed even when they are on duty.

"It doesn't matter whether kids are three, four, five years old or get to be 15, 16, 17 swimming out to a raft, horseplaying around. Either way someone has to be watching where they are," said Stanek. This can be a friend or a parent who took them to the beach, someone who isn't distracted by reading, being on an iPad or talking on the phone.

Drowning Facts

Drowning is the second-leading cause of unintentional injury death for children and sixth for people of all ages.

Drowning usually happens quickly and silently. Many children who drown in home pools were out of sight for less than 5 minutes and in the care of one or both parents at the time.

Drownings happen in lakes, rivers, creeks, ponds, ditches, culverts, pools, hot tubs, bathtubs, buckets, and even toilets, claiming victims of all ages and at all times of year.

Adams' was the sixth drowning death in Hennepin County this year, the only one in a lake. His was the third drowning in Lake Nokomis since 2007.

Since 2007, there have been 13 drownings in Minneapolis lakes. Most happened during the month of July, followed by October. Victims' ages ranged from 16-55, with most in their teens and twenties.

Sources: American Red Cross; Hennepin County Sheriff's Office; Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

After tragedy, a mother's plea: learn to swim



People enjoying the "Little Beach" on the east side of Lake Nokomis on a Wednesday evening in August. Lifeguards were staffed there Thursdays through Sundays (daily at the "Big Beach" on the west side) and went off duty for the season Aug. 25. According to Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Aquatics Coordinator Sarah Chillo, rafts are removed as soon as possible after beaches are no longer guarded. (Photo by Jill Boogren)

"You gotta watch," he said. According to the Red Cross, many children who drown in home pools were out of sight for less than five minutes and in the care of one or both parents at the time. Being nearby isn't enough.

Drowning usually happens quickly and silently. Contrary to what we've seen on TV and in the movies, a drowning victim doesn't wave his arms and often cannot yell for help. The victim may be vertical in the water but unable to move forward or tread water. A swimmer in distress, on the other hand, may call out or try to swim, but makes little or no forward progress. Each needs help immediately!

Stanek said kids having fun make all kinds of noises, and it's hard to recognize when someone's in danger. As a result, parents and others need to maintain visual contact with their children who are in or near the water. Never assume a swimmer in distress is joking or playing around. "You have to pay attention.



U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets. (Photo by Jill Boogren)

Take every one of them seriously," he said. Adults in a group with kids in the water can take turns being the designated "watcher."

Enjoying the water also means knowing your surroundings. Swimming in a lake is a lot different than being in a pool, where edges are nearby and depths clearly marked.

"The rise and fall of [lake] water levels change throughout a season," said Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Aquatics Coordinator Sarah Chillo. "Three feet of water can be five feet of water and then back to three feet of water in a single season."

Lake Nokomis gets deep fast, even when not experiencing this year's higher-than-normal water levels, and out at the floating raft it is well over your head. Stanek said it can be jarring when people jump off rafts without knowing the depth.

"Kids like to jump, they do the cannonball, then they get over their head," said Stanek. But pushing back up off the bottom is not an option in deep water.

"The first thing to teach in swimming is not to panic," he said.

WEAR

Weak swimmers or non-swimmers should wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets (also called PFDs, personal flotation

devices) when in, or around, the water. At 52 years old and an experienced swimmer himself, Stanek said he always wears a life-jacket when he swims in the lake. Born and raised in Northeast Minneapolis, he went to camp from age 6-17, learning how to swim every day. When not in lessons, they wore life jackets when swimming. And that's back when they were all the bulky orange ones.

"They're a lot more comfortable today, a lot easier to wear," he said. "I see kids all the time going to the beach, wearing life jackets. They're nice and comfortable."

When boating, state law requires a life jacket to be available for every person inside any boat, and kids under age 10 must be wearing one.

LEARN

According to the American Red Cross, national surveys found that while 80% of Americans said they could swim, only 56% of the self-described swimmers can perform all five of the basic skills that could save their life in the water.

These critical water safety skills, also known as "water competency," are the ability to:

- step or jump into the water over your head;
- return to the surface and float or tread water for one minute;
- turn around in a full circle and find an exit;
- swim 25 yards to the exit; and
- exit from the water.

If in a pool, you must be able to exit without using the ladder.

"The ability to float and tread water is a critical skill for every swimmer," said Chillo. "Even experienced swimmers can cramp, become fatigued, or experience a dangerous incident or health emergency. All swimmers should swim with a buddy or under supervision."

If you are in trouble, try to be calm, float onto your back, and orientate yourself toward shore (or a pool ledge), said Chillo. If someone else is in trouble, try and alert a lifeguard. If none is available, try to reach out to the swimmer with an object that could act as a flotation device. This could be a long pole, a life ring, a stick, or even an empty water jug tied to a rope or a broom.

Whether heading to the lake or a water park or just relaxing in a hot tub, knowing these basic swimming skills could save your — or someone else's — life.

The YWCA offers swim classes for infants, toddlers, youth, and adults in either group or private sessions. All lessons are taught by certified American Red Cross Water Safety Instructors and Water Safety Aides. 7-week classes: \$48 for members; \$84 non-members. Midtown YWCA (2121 E. Lake St.), 612-215-4333.

MPRB offered outdoor swimming classes and water safety clinics in the summertime, but are now done for the season.

Remembering Sha-kym Adams

The South High Football Boosters created a memorial fund to help Sha-kym Adams' family.

For more information, contact Lisa Helmstetter at southhigh-football@gmail.com.

Students and others seeking support following Adams' drowning can contact South High School at 612-668-4300. Press "0" and ask to speak with a social worker or counselor, or look for them by name on the school's website: <http://south.mpls.k12.mn.us>.

Le Town Talk Diner to open in September

New owners to redefine French food by serving up everyday family recipes

By **TESHA M. CHRISTENSEN**

When the Town Talk Diner reopens as Le Town Talk Diner & Drinkery in September, it will redefine what French food is.

"We want people to be welcome here and not be scared because it's French," remarked owner Emilie Cellai Johnson who is opening the restaurant at 2707 E. Lake St. with her husband Ben.

"We want families with kids to come in. Couples on a date. Groups of friends," said Emilie.

They will be serving up French comfort food, the sort that Emilie grew up eating in Marseille, France. There will be bouillabaisse, a fish soup with cod, mussel, shrimp, garlic and saffron. It's a Marseille specialty.

You'll also find steak haché a ground beef patty smothered in the sauce of your choice: Pepper-corn sauce, caramelized shallot, creamy mushroom or Beurre maître d'hôtel. It's a popular dish at French cafes.

And the croque-monsieur a toasted sandwich with ham, Swiss cheese and béchamel sauce, is worth noting.

The menu of everyday foods from France includes breakfast, small plates, salads, entrees and desserts.

Julien Masson, a culinary school friend of Johnson's from Marseille, has created a list of champagne cocktails as well as a roster of drinks built using French spirits. Groups of four or more will be able to order cocktails as a "cascade," served in an absinthe fountain.

FRENCH MOTHER, ITALIAN GRANDMOTHER

Emilie grew up in a household that cooked really good food. Growing up in France, her mother cooked French items and her grandmother on her father's side cooked Italian.

"My husband always says that

when we go to France we eat food, talk about food or plan the next meal," said Emilie. "We are passionate about food."

She attended culinary school in Marseille and spent several years working in Paris at a restaurant at the top of the Eiffel Tower. "I had the best view of Paris every day," Emilie noted.

A friend in Minnesota told her that the Hotel Sofitel was hiring, and a few months later she moved to Minnesota. "A year turned into 12," said Emilie.

She and her husband live in St. Paul, just across the river with their 2-year-old daughter and dog.

Ben, who works for the Neighborhood Development Center, will keep his full-time job at the Midtown Global Market.

ART DECO GETS A TWIST

The Johnsons had been looking for a site for their new restaurant for two years. The Town Talk Diner



Ben and Emilie Cellai Johnson will reopen the previously-known Town Talk Diner as a French cafe in September. The longtime diner, which opened in 1946, closed three years ago. The Johnsons, who have renamed the diner Le Town Talk Diner & Drinkery, define their menu as French comfort food. (Photo by Tesha M. Christensen)

space had everything they were looking for. It was the right square footage. There was already a kitchen.

The couple had frequented the diner before it closed three years ago, and loved the concept of craft cocktails and a casual food atmosphere. "It was very welcoming to everyone," said Emilie. "It felt very comfortable."

They plan to keep the diner counter as a bar, and are using the old diner chairs. They're giving the Art Deco the old-world feel of a French cafe.

"We respect what was here, but we're giving it a twist," explained Emilie. "We're not trying

to recreate what was, but to create something new."

They've installed a new hardwood floor using reclaimed wood in the dining room, and have added banquettes.

IT'S THE NEW EAT STREET

"All of our neighboring restaurants have been very supportive," said Emilie. "They've made us feel very welcome."

She's excited to be on Lake St., pointing out how many different types of restaurants there are. "People are attracted to the area," said Emilie.

"It's the new Eat Street."

Longfellow resident creates Wee Weather Vanes

A working weather vane belongs on every building, even a little library...

By **JAN WILLMS**

Longfellow resident Terry Faust takes to heart the adage "A mind is a terrible thing to waste."

Whether it is writing or photography or inventions, Faust seems to never run out of ideas and keeps his mind racing with creative thoughts.

His latest conception is Wee Weather Vanes, miniature weather vanes that fit on the roofs of the thousands of little libraries

that have popped up in front of residences over the past several years.

The Little Free Library Association began with Todd Bol of Hudson, WI, building a model of a one-room schoolhouse, filling it with books and posting it in his front yard in 2009. He did this to honor his mother, a schoolteacher, who had a great love of reading. In its most basic form, a Little Free Library is a

box full of books where anyone may stop by and pick up a book (or two) and bring back another book to share. This concept has taken off so quickly that by January 2014 there were approximately 15,000 little libraries around the world.

Faust said he had seen the miniature libraries in his neighborhood and knew it would be fun to build one, which he did in the fall of 2012.

"There are lots of children on our street, so I stock mine with children's literature," he said. He also adds science fiction books on the top shelf, including the books he has written.

"As winter went along, the library reminded me of those little weather stations that are built on four supports and record the weather," Faust explained. "With that in mind, I added a weather vane, thermometer and anemo-

meter that measures wind speed. The first weather vane was very simple; an old bike spoke with a tail on the end. It told you which way the wind was blowing, but it was no work of art."

Faust's wife, Cathy, thought he should make a weather vane that was more artistic.

"I started out using material like cardboard that was very lightweight and very durable, but it looked weird," Faust said. He said he could carve out a design, but the finished product looked like cardboard. So he started using Sintra PVC that is similar to a plastic version of tag board, and that has held up well. Sintra is a weather-proof rigid closed-cell homogeneous foamed board.

Faust carves the weather vane design with a Dremel drill that has a 1/8-inch wide cutting blade. He lays a picture of a horse, for example, on the Sintra and carves an outline. He then goes back in and smooths it.

"I find images or draw them myself or find pictures online, making sure they are in public domain or paying for the rights," Faust said.

The functioning weather vanes are 1/8 inch thick and range from about 8 inches to 13 inches in width.

Faust finishes the Sintra with Rust-oleum Universal Metallic paint to simulate the traditional copper used in full-scale weather vanes.

Faust added that the vanes are weighted for balance and fully functional in all weather conditions.

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Monarch Festival expected to draw upwards of 8,000 visitors

From Minnesota to Michoacan

By MARGIE O'LOUGHLIN



Monarch butterflies can't survive our long Minnesota winters. How do they know when it's time to migrate to their winter home nearly 2,300 miles away? The monarch migration is driven by seasonal changes, such as the days becoming shorter and the temperatures dropping.

No other butterflies migrate like the monarchs of North America. West of the Rocky Mountains, monarchs over-winter along the southern coast of California. Our Minnesota monarchs over-winter in the mountain forests of pine and oyamel fir, along the border of the states of Michoacán and Mexico. Monarchs are the only butterflies that make such a long, two-way migration every year.

When the late-summer and early-fall monarchs emerge from their pupae, they are different from those emerging earlier in the season. Instead of mating or laying eggs, their delicate bodies start to prepare for the long journey ahead. They must drink a lot of nectar from milkweed and other butterfly food-source plants, which will help them put on the fat necessary to fly such a great distance.

They fly in huge numbers to the same roosting spots every year, sometimes even landing in the same trees as previous migrations. It isn't clear how monarchs know to return to the same wintering sites as their ancestors, but their flight patterns seem to be inherited. This would be amazing if it were one butterfly making the journey from beginning to end, but it is the monarchs' great-great-grandchildren that complete this cycle of migration.

GARDEN IS SAFE HAVEN FOR MONARCHS

The Nokomis Naturescape is a 4-acre garden on the northeast shore of Lake Nokomis containing plants native to our area and friendly to songbirds, beneficial insects and pollinators. It was created by community member Vicki Bonk and a team of dedicated volunteers in 1998, and has grown to include a wide variety of native flowers, trees and shrubs.

Stopping by the garden in midsummer, you'll hear buzzing pollinators and be surrounded by flowering plants, many more than 5' tall. The garden has been designated as a Monarch Way Station by Monarch Watch, a national organization that works for the conservation of monarchs and their habitat. Signs in the garden state, "This site provides milkweeds, nectar sources and shelter needed

to sustain monarch butterflies as they migrate thorough North America. Create, conserve and protect monarch habitat."

Consider stopping by the Naturescape on a Tuesday night May thru October from 6-8:30pm to volunteer. All levels of experience are welcome, and it's a great place to learn more about gardening with native plants.

If you're interested in creating a butterfly garden in your own yard, look for some of the following plants at nurseries that carry varieties: purple cone-flower, dill, hollyhock joe-pye weed, turtlehead, swamp milkweed, yarrow, queen Anne's lace, butterfly weed, autumn joy sedum, nasturtium and goldenrod.

If you want to choose one

plant to start with, plant milkweed. There are several varieties, such as butterfly weed, that are mid-size, bloom from summer until fall, and would fit beautifully into any garden. Even on a small urban lot, you can be a valuable part of the safe haven corridor for migrating monarchs.

RETURN OF THE MONARCH!

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and the Nokomis East Neighborhood Association will once again host the Minneapolis Monarch Festival, to be held near the Nokomis Naturescape on Sat., Sept. 6, from 10am-4pm.

The Naturescape is located at the intersection of Woodlawn Blvd., E. 50th St. and E. Lake

Nokomis Pkwy.

The festival offers all kinds of great local food, music from salsa to American folk, education and art activities, the Kids Butterfly Fun Runs and lots more.

What do all these things have to do with each other?

They celebrate the Minnesota - Mexico connection that the Monarch butterflies creates along their annual migration path.

You can check out the stage line-up by visiting www.monarch-festival.org. Among the annual favorites, the Kalpulli Ketzal Coatlicue Aztec Dance group will return (11-15am-12:10pm), performing in their spectacular native Aztec costumes.

Other performers are Mariachi Mi Tierra (10-10:55am), The Shiny Lights (12:30-1:25pm),

Salsa Del Soul (1:45-2:40pm) and Chico Chavez and the Guayaba Tropical Band (3-4pm).

New this year, the Heart of the Beast Theater will have a performance tent.

Also returning will be the portable dance stage with dance instructors teaching bluesy, Caribbean and sweet Salsa moves starting at 1pm. There will be art activities as well as games such as Monarch Bingo (La Loteria), Monarch Migration, and Monarch Jeopardy.

Native plants will be available for sale, and you can stop by the Monarch Education tent to learn about the butterfly and their environs from the U of M Monarch lab.

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Urban Farm

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"It's a focused way to meet the needs of the whole system. The partnership supports each other," says Koby Jeschkeit-Hagen, Urban Farm Manager and Community Outreach Coordinator for Tiny Diner.

Complete with the original 1950s counter and shelves, staff from both organizations are gathering on this evening to discuss the new space they now share.

"Omigosh, they're here!" exclaimed Maggie McKenna, Permaculture Research Institute Cold Climate Education Director, as she admired the recently purchased workshop tables, "these are perfect."

Perfect for the big plans The Farmhouse's future holds.

It all started in Spring 2013 when Minneapolis restaurateur Kim Bartmann, owner of Red Stag Supper Club, Barrette and Bryant-Lake Bowl, bought The Farmhouse to cultivate produce for her newest farm-to-table restaurant, The Tiny Diner, in South Minneapolis.

"She wanted to create a place for other urban growers," says Jeschkeit-Hagen. "This is a new farm-to-table concept; the produce is delivered by bike from this location to the restaurant. It



The Farmhouse stands on the corner of 42nd Ave. S. and 40th St. S. offering a community meeting space, workshops and a resource library for the neighborhood. (Photo by Lindsay Grome)

shows that this can be done in the broader community in Minneapolis with many different restaurants."

Around that same time, the Permaculture Research Institute Cold Climate, which brings together people who care about living more sustainably in colder climates, was looking for a permanent home.

"This was a perfect spot for us because our partner holds very similar values about restoring ecosystems, permaculture, and

creating healthy communities and spaces," says McKenna. "The on-site farm that's built with permaculture ethics and principles is an incredible living example of all of the things we teach."

With similar missions in mind, they officially teamed up in June 2014 to share resources and create a space that the community can use—and learn from.

Utilizing ideas from a harvest party held last September and funds from a Kickstarter campaign—the world's largest funding platform for creative projects—they're working to develop the old space into a community meeting spot. They've already held some classes and workshops at The Farmhouse and plan on opening up a resource library with how-to videos and books on sustainable urban farming and a potential tool share with the ability to rent or borrow tools.

"It will be the store of skills instead of the store of products and produce," says Jeschkeit-Hagen.

"We'll have book clubs, skill shares where you can learn hands-on skills like how to build a dehy-



Samples of beans at the pop-up farmers market at The Farmhouse. (Photo by Lindsay Grome)

drator, straw bale or bee hotel," says McKenna, "Together people can study here and create and network, and eventually community groups can use the space."

They're even transforming the old meat cooler into a mushroom incubator.

Kara Guerra, a graduate student at the University of Minnesota studying public health, is one of several farm assistants who help make these ideas a reality. As part of her field work for her graduate degree, and for a small stipend, she works between 10-15 hours a week helping out at The Farmhouse and serving as the volunteer coordinator.

"I want our food systems to be sustainable, but I don't think we're there yet," says Guerra as she de-buds basil in the garden. "I'm hopeful this is a model that is sustainable, since most types

of agriculture are dependent on free labor."

She works alongside several other farmhands who are going through the Permaculture Research Institute Cold Climate apprenticeship program. After nine months, they will be certified in urban farming, know how to run their own local food business and how to live more sustainably.

Guerra says this is her way of learning how to create her own sustainable garden for her, and her family's, future.

"People are taking back what has always been part of our heritage," says Jeschkeit-Hagen.

Even if it is one small corner of the neighborhood at a time.

For more information on upcoming classes and workshops visit tinydinerfarm.wordpress.com or pricoldclimate.org.



Staffs of The Tiny Diner Farm and Permaculture Research Institute Cold Climate meet to discuss plans for their shared space. (Photo by Lindsay Grome)

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Longfellow Community Celebrates National Night Out

On August 5 neighbors around the nation had the opportunity to meet one another during the annual National Night Out. Here in Minneapolis it was the 31st annual celebration that encourages residents to meet their neighbors and promote crime prevention. Longfellow and Nokomis neighborhoods celebrated the event by hosting block parties and welcoming community police into their neighborhoods. (Photos by Lindsay Grome)



Lucia and Nina Stone get bedazzled by neighborhood face painter Jessica Saxon.



Noah George waits in line for a strawberry snowcone made by Louie Bononabeau, who donated his proceeds to cancer research.



Kids gathered in the closed streets to enjoy some time on the open road with their bikes and skateboards.



Louie Bonnabeau makes snowcones for the neighbors, donating all proceeds to cancer research.



Local law enforcement stopped by block parties thanking them for their community partnership.



National Night Out brings neighbors together on closed streets to enjoy a pot luck and neighborhood company.



Howe neighbors enjoy the tradition of National Night Out once again. From left: Julie Hillebrand, Curtis Wiggins, Doug Swenson, Lori Swenson, Pauline Jacobson.



Chris Bonnabeau plays neighborhood bingo with residents of 41st Ave. S. and 39th St. S.



Howe neighborhood kids had special face painting to enjoy the time together.

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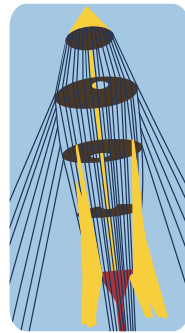


Longfellow Picnic Park

On July 20th, residents gathered at Adams Triangle to picnic, mingle with neighbors, and draw their vision for what could happen in the pocket park at 41st Ave and Minnehaha Ave. Many came up with great ideas on their own- pollinator gardens, public art...and water parks?!- and many gave excellent feedback to an area resident that is working on Adams Grove, a concept including (but not limited to) fruit trees. Contact JoAnna (joannalund@longfellow.org) for more information.

We Shared the Gorge!

The River Gorge Committee hosted their 10th Annual Share the River Gorge Ice Cream Social and Canoe Paddle on July 29, and we had a great time! About 280 neighbors joined us near the Oak Savanna Restoration Area for ice cream, music, and the opportunity to chat with representatives of various organizations, and over 200 folks enjoyed canoe rides off the sand flats. Thanks to all our supporters East Lake Dairy Queen, Longfellow Market, Beckettwood Cooperative; to our partners at the National Park Service and Wilderness Inquiry; and to YOU for coming out and enjoying the river gorge!



Save the Date for the Best Meeting Ever!

Save the Date for the Best Meeting Ever! on Tuesday October 21, 2014! We are arranging for the food from local businesses, the Best Resource Fair Ever! and all the usual updates and program developments for the LCC! Join your neighbors and friends at the Minnehaha Academy North Campus (3100 West River Parkway) from 5:00 - 8:00pm.



President's Message

Eric Day,
President of the Board



generously donated 10% of proceeds to the LCC!).

With school back in session, it's a great time for Longfellow residents to learn a bit more about the Longfellow Community Council and its value to the neighborhood. Make sure you "like" our Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/LongfellowCommunityCouncil) and subscribe to our LCC email list to remain informed about upcoming events and meetings. The LCC website is another great place to find more information about the latest events and to learn about the organization's committees and ongoing projects. You're never too old to learn something new!

As always, we appreciate volunteers and invite folks to get involved. Contact the LCC Office for more information. See you around the neighborhood!



Adopt-A-Precinct

Election Judges are essential to our democracy. They are officials that serve the voters in the local polling places, administer election procedures, and ensure the rights of voters are protected on Election Day. Longfellow Community Council has a unique opportunity for residents to be a part this important democratic process while helping their neighborhood. The Elections and Voter Services department for the city of Minneapolis is offering a pilot program for the Greater Longfellow neighborhood. For more information on Adopt-A-Precinct, please contact Joe at joe@longfellow.org or 612-722-4529 ext. 13

September Happy Hour at Junket: Tossed and Found

Join us at Junket: Tossed and Found (4049 Minnehaha Avenue) on Tuesday September 16th from 5:30-7:30pm for a special happy hour fundraiser! The store will be closed to the public but open to LCC supporters to peruse the treasures at Junket while meeting their neighbors and having a drink!



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Calendar of Meetings and Events

SEPTEMBER 2014

Meetings are free and open to the public, and are accessible.
Check the calendar on our website www.longfellow.org

LONGFELLOW FAITH FORUM

Tuesday, September 9
12:00 - 1:30 pm
FFI: joannalund@longfellow.org

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Tuesday, September 9
6:30 - 8:00 pm
Longfellow Park 3435 36th Ave S
FFI: joannalund@longfellow.org

RIVER GORGE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 10
6:30 - 8:00 pm
Hiawatha School Park, 4305 42nd St. E
FFI: joannalund@longfellow.org

ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 10
7:00 - 8:00 pm
LCC Office, 2727 26th Ave S
FFI: jessica@longfellow.org

NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Wednesday, September 17
6:30 - 8:00 pm
LCC Office, 2727 26th Ave S
FFI: joe@longfellow.org

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, September 18
6:30 - 8:30 pm
Brackett Park, 2728 39th Ave S
FFI: melanie@longfellow.org

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION

Tuesday, September 23
6:30 - 8:00 pm
LCC Office, 2727 26th Ave S
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Second Saturday set at Coldwater

September's Second Saturday at Coldwater Spring features a trading post. Travel back in time to the 1830s, when more than a hundred people, including blacksmiths, settlers, and traders, lived at Coldwater. Kids can earn a Junior Ranger badge and everyone can try free, family-friendly adventures including geocaching a scavenger hunt, and a make-and-take activity. No registration needed — just show up, ready to play on Sat., Sept. 13, 9am-noon, and the cost is free! For more information go to www.missriverfund.org/events.

Thanks to local businesses

Thanks to the many businesses that contributed to the National Night Out at the corner of 53rd St. and 41st Ave. The door prizes were a great surprise and "fun" for the participants. Also, greatly appreciated were the refreshments provided by Oxendale's and Dominquez.

NAMIWalk planned in Minnehaha Park

NAMIWalks is changing minds one step at a time. NAMIWalks is a 5K walk to increase public awareness of mental illnesses, fight stigma, and raise funds for NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Minnesota. NAMIWalks will be held at Minnehaha Park on Sat., Sept. 27 at 1pm.

To join NAMIWalks, captain a team, volunteer, or make a donation, call 651-645-2948 or 1-888-NAMI-Helps, or go to www.namihelps.org and click on the NAMIWalks logo.

Blood drive set for Sun., Sept. 7

A blood drive sponsored by the American Red Cross will be held at Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, 3430 E. 51st St., on Sun., Sept. 7, from 10:30am-3:30pm in the lower level of the church. The blood drive will be a part of the NEBA Block Party. If you would like to donate blood, please call the church office at 612-729-5463, or send an email to the church at felc@q.com or go to the church website at www.faithlutheranmpls.org. Thank you in advance for your participation. The need is great!

Garden club talks lilies in September

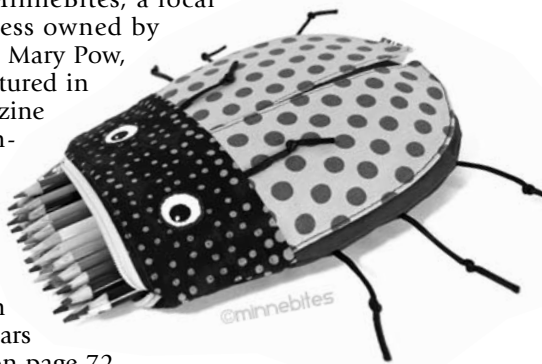
In September the Longfellow Garden Club welcomes a local lily celebrity, Frans Officer. A member of the North Star Lily

MinneBites gets national attention

In mid-August, MinneBites, a local handmade business owned by Nokomis resident Mary Pow, had a product featured in the national magazine *US Weekly*. Highlighted in a piece about back to school gear in the Aug. 18 issue, MinneBites popular Green Beetle Pouch appears front and center on page 72.

MinneBites bags and cases are designed and handmade by Pow in her home studio in Nokomis. "Every year at back to school time, I see an increase in sales and publicity, but this feature has been my most impressive so far," said Pow, who enjoys creating fun and unique pencil cases for kids to bring to their first day of school.

MinneBites was also recently featured on the local TV show Twin Cities Live in a segment about Minnesota-made children's products. MinneBites best selling pencil case is in the shape of shark, but MinneBites also creates handbags, wallets, purses, and pouches for men and women.



Society, Frans raises and photographs Liliun martagon, a "true" lily that has the widest geographic distribution of the genus Liliun. His presentation will include photos of a wide variety of different martagon lilies from the US, Canada, and Europe. Frans will also talk about how to best take care of martagons and will suggest 10 best martagons for Minnesota gardens.

The meeting is scheduled for 7-9pm on Wed., Sept. 10 at the Epworth United Methodist Church, 3207 37th Ave. S. More information is available online at www.facebook.com/LongfellowGardenClub.

Autumn Daze slated Sept. 12-14

The 2014 "Autumn Daze" Festival will be held at the Church of St. Helena, 3204 E. 43rd St. on Fri., Sept. 12 (6-10pm); Sat., Sept. 13 (10:30am-10pm) and Sun., Sept. 14 (10:30am-5pm). People of all ages can enjoy fireworks (10pm on Friday), a parade (10am on Saturday), live entertainment, rides, silent auction with gift baskets, bingo for cash and 50 homemade quilts, children's games, games of skill, food, and much more. For information, call (612) 729-7344 or visit www.sainthele-na.us/autumndaze.

Soul+Food at Bethany Lutheran

"Soul+Food: Dinner Church on 36th Ave." is planned on Saturdays, Sept. 6 and 20, 5-7:30pm at Bethany Lutheran Church (3901 36th Ave. S.). Feed your body and soul; prepare the meal together in community and worship while food is shared at the table. Reservations appreciated by emailing office@bethanyon36th.com

Effect of pet waste showing up in river

Although most of us know that picking up our pet's waste is important, there continue to be frequent observations of pet waste being left behind in Longfellow. The recently released Upper Mississippi River Bacteria TMDL (total maximum daily load) Study and Protection Plan raised concerns.

The study shows that the stretch of the Mississippi River from Lower Saint Anthony Falls to the Ford Dam/ Lock and Dam #1 is impaired for aquatic recreation due to bacterial contamination (specifically, E.coli). Water quality managers do not know what the source of this bacterial contamination is, but one potential contributing source cited in the report is fecal waste from pets such as dogs and cats that has been washed into the river through storm water runoff drains.

Over the past year a group from Augsburg College has been working to raise awareness about pet waste contamination and to develop an environmental DNA test to detect a genetic signature of dog feces in water samples.

On Sat., Sept. 20, from 10am-noon there will be a public education and cleanup event beginning at the parking lot near W. River Pkwy. S. and E. 36th St. in the Longfellow neighborhood. Please join the group to clean up any pet waste and to learn more about what you can do to protect and improve the local water quality.

Come dance and celebrate Sept. 6

Epworth United Methodist Church invites you to dance and celebrate Sat., Sept. 6, at a Homecoming

Dance, 6-9pm. This free event is open to everyone, and light refreshments will be provided. You are encouraged to bring non-perishable items for the Minnehaha Food Shelf and/or school supplies for area schools. All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Epworth is located on the corner of 32nd St. and 37th Ave.

Yoga Classes for seniors resume

Yoga classes for seniors for only \$3/class! Twice-weekly yoga classes resume Sept. 12 from 10-11am at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2730 E. 31st St. Friday classes focus on gentle yoga where you'll learn breathing techniques, balance poses and relaxation methods. Monday classes focus on healthy, strong bones and you'll learn safe movements to sustain and improve skeletal health. Call Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors at 612-729-5799 for more information.

Branding is focus of Sept. LBA meeting

Join Longfellow Business Association and Redesign staff to learn about new branding and marketing campaigns soon to be launched in Longfellow. The City of Minneapolis' Great Streets Business District Support program has funded two campaigns designed for Minnehaha Ave. and E. Lake St. LBA member Ella Ritzman hosts Thur., Sept. 11 at 1:30pm at E's Emporium, 3911 Minnehaha Ave. in the garden. For more information contact Ruth @ 612.722.4529 x10 or ruth@longfellow.org.

Free workshop offered Sept. 30

Why is it so difficult to get a loved one to stop abusing drugs and alcohol? What can a family member do in response to this serious problem? A free workshop will be offered for family members and others who are concerned about a loved one's substance use and want answers to these and other questions. Workshop participants will learn new ways of interacting with a friend or loved one regarding their substance use, what to avoid when talking with someone about their substance use, and connect with other helpful resources. The workshop will

be held on Tue., Sept. 30, from 6:30-8pm at Central Campus - Central Middle School, 305 Vicksburg Lane, Room A205, in Plymouth. The workshop is sponsored by The Retreat, www.theretreat.org, or phone 952-767-0334.

DeBlois in concert at St. Albert Sept. 13

Tony DeBlois, a blind autistic musical savant, will be giving a piano concert playing all types of music for all ages on Sat., Sept. 13, from 7-9pm. The concert will be held at St. Albert the Great Church, 2836 33rd Ave. S. Tickets will be sold at the door—\$10/person or \$25/family. Advanced reservations can be made via email at ras@saintalbertthegreat.org or by phone: 612-724-4812. This is a benefit for Our Lady of Peace Cancer Home in St. Paul.

Cub Pack 38 meets Sept. 25

Cub Scout Pack 38 will be holding its first Pack Meeting of the season on Thur., Sept. 25, 6:30pm at St. Helena Catholic School (3200 E. 44th St.). Pack 38 continues to meet on Thursday evenings, with weekend camping in October, and other fun events throughout the year. Boys from Kindergarten through 5th grade, and their families, are invited to join Cub Scouts at any time. For more information, contact Dan Fehler at 612-724-6284, or email fehlerd@gmail.com.

Free magic program scheduled Sept. 5

The public is invited enjoy the first show in Pepito's Parkway Theater's free Community Arts Series when they present "Giggles and Ghouls" Fri., Sept. 5 from 7-9pm. The Parkway Theater is located at 4814 Chicago Ave. S. Joe Lyon, the magician of the living dead, and his special guests—comedians Paul Dillery and Elizabeth Ess, with host Dean Johnson—bring to the stage an evening of fun, comedy and magic. This event is suitable for 12 years of age and older, but minors should be accompanied by an adult, so bring the family. For more information on the theater, go to <http://theparkwaytheater.com>.

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For up-to-date event listings, as well as a full schedule of local library events, go to the *Messenger* online calendar at www.LongfellowNokomisMessenger.com/events.

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Program set at Danish Center

Virkelyst, a Danish charitable giving organization, is sponsoring a program at the Danish American Center, 3030 W. River Pkwy., on Sun., Sept. 7 at 1pm. The speaker is Susan Hunter Weir, a local historian and preservationist. She will share information about the Pioneer Cemetery and Wonderland Amusement Park, which was located at Lake St. and 31st Ave. at the turn of the century. All interested parties are invited to attend this one-of-a-kind presentation. Coffee and treats will be available after the presentation.

Free trees for local businesses

Minneapolis businesses and non-profit organizations are eligible for free tree(s) planted on their properties. Tree Trust will help choose, place and plant the tree(s). The business owner's only obligation is to care for the tree(s) over the years.

To qualify, businesses must: —Pay a pollution control annual bill (a "PCAB" or pollution registration for equipment such as air conditioning units, public restrooms, restaurant hoods, etc.); —Have enough green space to accommodate a tree or trees; and —Maintain and water the trees (especially the first two years).

In each planting season tree(s) will be given on a first-come, first-served basis.

Contact Margaret Tyler at 612-673-5815 or margaret.tyler@minneapolismn.gov for more information or to reserve tree(s) for your business.

"Filmage" returns for one night

Sound Unseen presents the return of the Sound Unseen 2014 festival hit, "Filmage: The Story of Descendents/ALL" directed by Deedle LaCour & Matt Riggle. The screening will take place,

Wed., Sept. 10, at the Trylon microcinema at 7pm. Trylon is located at 3258 Minnehaha Ave.

"Filmage: The Story of Descendents/ALL" (2012, USA, HD, 90 min.) follows band-leader/drummer/square-peg Bill Stevenson and his "caffeinated retardedness" as he pushes his rotating door of bandmates to "achieve ALL," his philosophy of going for greatness at all costs. Interviews with the band, along with Dave Grohl (Foo Fighters), Mike Watt (Minutemen), Brett Gurewitz (Bad Religion) and many more reveal the story of a band—if not THE band—responsible for pop-punk as you know it. For tickets go to <http://soundunseen.com/buy-tickets>.

Juggling carbs topic of meeting

Join Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors and Minneapolis Community Education for a carbohydrates presentation on Tues., Sept. 16 at 10:30am at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2730 E. 31st St. Carbohydrates are the fuel we need to move, pump our heart, and think. What messages happen when our bodies process our food? Why is what we eat and how much we eat important? Come hear Carol Engelhart, RN, Certified Diabetes Educator, discuss how and why to eat healthy for a lifetime. For questions, call Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors at 612-729-5799.

ReUse/Rummage Sale set Sept. 27

The fall ReUse/Rummage Sale at Epworth UMC, 3207 37th Ave. S., will be Sat., Sept. 27, 9am-3pm. Household goods, crafts and books, and clothes for all ages and sizes will be available, as well as baked goods. If you have clean items you wish to donate for the sale, please call the church at 612-722-0232 to arrange a drop-off.

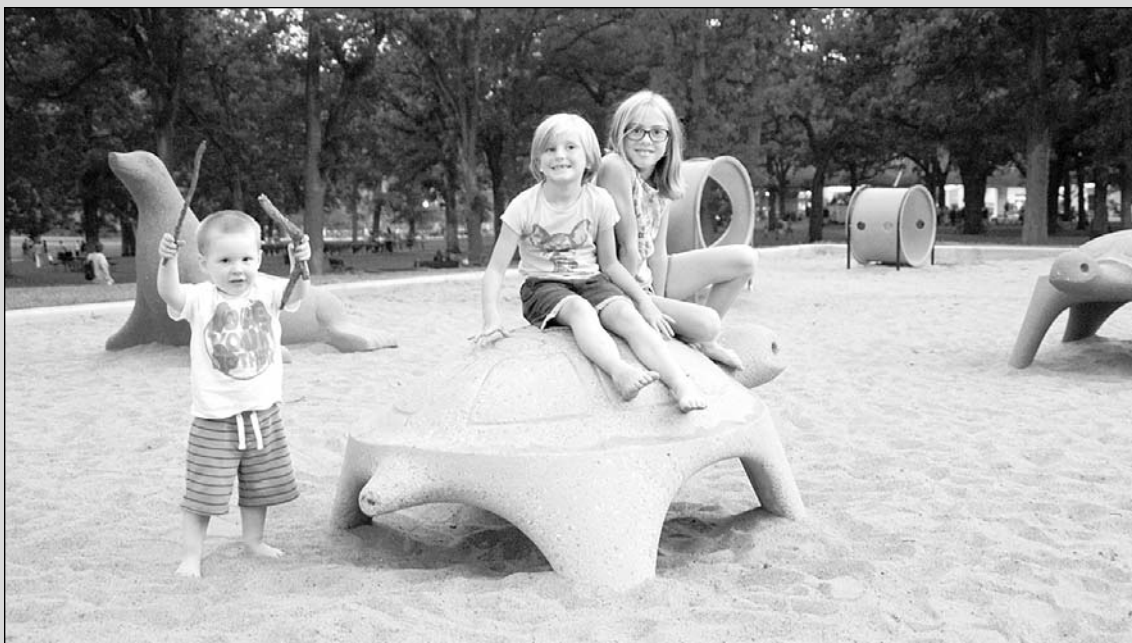
Block Party scheduled Sept. 7

The 5th Annual Neighborhood Block Party will be held Sun., Sept. 7, 11am-4pm at the corner of 34th Ave. S. and E. 51st St. The event is sponsored by Nokomis

Two revamped playgrounds now open in Minnehaha Park



New equipment was installed at both Minnehaha Park playgrounds, and they were officially opened on July 31. The Universal Accessible playground at the Wabun Picnic area was paid for, in part, by donations received by a volunteer group, Falls 4 All, a committee of People for Parks, who have been working to raise funds to enhance the accessibility of the Wabun playground since 2010. "It's not just a handicapped playground. It's about everyone playing together," stated Peggy Halvorson of Falls 4 All. "We learn to accept each other when we play together." While ADA standards call for paths and ramps wheelchairs can traverse, Universal Access playgrounds go further. They are designed so that children with disabilities can access at least 70% of the activities at the playground. According to the 2000 Census, 9.2 percent of American families raising children in 2000 were raising at least one child aged five to 17 with a disability. Over 60 years ago, Minnehaha's Wabun park provided respite to travelers. Aware of that history, designers fashioned the new playground around an auto camp. (Photos by Tesha M. Christensen)



The Katie and Ryan Bicek children, James, age 3, Claire, age 6, and Maisie, age 8, live near to the North Plateau Park. In renovating this park, planners sought to preserve the historic nature of the area. Instead of adding a large playground structure, there are smaller pieces scattered through the area, including these stone animals where the Longfellow Gardens Zoo was once. There are also freestanding slides, fulcrum see-saws, merry-go-rounds and a dome climber in the older play area, and balance beams, stepping pods and crawl tunnels are in the younger play area. Sand play includes diggers, a sand table and classic molded metal animal spring rockers. The swings and the climbing structure built by a WPA work crew in the 1940s remain. (Photo by Tesha M. Christensen)

East Business Association (NEBA), Oxendale's Market, Faith Lutheran Church, and McDonald's Liquor. Set-up is in Oxendale's Market parking lot and Faith Evangelical Lutheran's lawn and will feature

over 60 vendors. Enjoy live music, games, arts and crafts and more. Pick up the Nokomis East Passport at participating businesses to win great prizes. Complete information on the

event and to become a vendor can be found online at www.nokomisblockparty.com.

19th Annual Bike Tour set Sept. 20

Sierra Club is taking its 19th annual Bike Tour back to the streets and trails of Minneapolis this year on Sat., Sept. 20, 9am-2pm. Starting and ending at the Greenway Building (2801 21st Ave. S., formerly the Green Institute), it's a 20-25 mile-long ride that goes through Prospect Park, Dinkytown, North Minneapolis, and Downtown. It's a leisurely tour, not a race, that will highlight the new METRO Green Line LRT, the Dinkytown Greenway, Bluff Street Trail, potential North Greenway, and more. Includes rest stops, informational speakers, and lunch. Open to anyone who wants to see the city from two wheels and those who are interested in bike-walk-transit developments. More info and register at northstar.sierraclub.org/tour or contact joshua.houdek@sierraclub.org, 612-659-9124.

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No-Hi Park

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parks currently have. The second option is to have more of a natural area with turf cut in, more like how state parks are set up.

Arvidson pointed out that the Park Board will also soon be creating an Ecological Systems Plan that will look at the whole parks system.

More natural areas will lead to better water quality as the water will be treated before it enters the lakes. Right now, all the city's stormwater runs directly into its lakes, rivers and streams, and most of it is untreated when it hits those bodies of water, Arvidson observed.

Water quality has been an issue that folks have brought up throughout the planning process.

There are currently some ponds on the south end of Lake Nokomis that help clean the water before it enters that lake. Also, rain gardens and natural plantings have been added in the past few years near the golf course at Lake Hiawatha.

Parks Commissioner Stefanie Munsch pointed out that attitudes about natural versus manicured have been changing.

"They think of it as adding, not subtracting, to the park experience," observed Munsch.

Local resident Monica McNaughton isn't against adding more natural areas, but she is concerned about how it is done. She pointed out that the current plan places manicured areas in the shade and natural areas in the sun. "I know the area on the south side of the lake is used for pick-up games such as kickball, soccer and frisbee," she pointed out. "There needs to be space to run and play where there aren't any trees."

She isn't confident that the Park Board can maintain natural areas well, and expressed concern about how the natural areas near the lagoon have been cared for.

If there is a switch to more natural areas within the park, it will be done gradually, said Arvidson. It will require training for staff members on how to care for the natural areas.

ATHLETIC FIELDS

There are two very different concepts that have been proposed for the athletic fields.

One would position four ball fields in a pinwheel formation with a concession stand and restrooms in the center. Another two ball fields would be to the south, partially overlapping with two soccer fields.



Parks commissioner Stefanie Munsch chats with Paul Forsline of City of Skate about the skate park in the 25-year park plan proposal. Forsline favors placing it next to the recreation center versus near the bathhouse in order to take advantage of the Minneapolis skyline and Nokomis lake views. He pointed out that it is likely many photos and videos will be shot at this skate park. (Photo by Tesha M. Christensen)

While that is more efficient, it would cut into the use of the fields for games like ultimate frisbee and rugby.

The second plan would have four overlapping ball fields with two soccer fields, another ball field to the south, and open space.

Both plans would add a new parking lot near the ball fields.

MAIN BEACH AREA

Should there be an event center at Lake Nokomis? One plan for the area replaces the existing bathhouse with a large event center, one that would have a restaurant, rental space and bathhouse space on the lower level and the event space on the upper level.

The second plan merely calls for renovating the existing space.

Both plans reconfigure the parking lot. One plan expands the beach, while the other carves out a space on the north side for a canoe and kayak launch.

SKATE PARK

A skate park is in both of the proposed options for the new master plan, but it is in two dif-

ferent locations. In one, space would be on the south side of the main beach area. In the other plan, it would occupy the space to the west of the recreation center.

In both, the space would be concrete rather than using the modular design of the past.

Paul Forsline of City of Skate favors the area by the rec center. It offers nice views of both the downtown skyline and Nokomis Lake. "The skate park can be entertaining for the general public

and not just skaters," he said.

Forsline pointed out that skateboarding appeals to people who aren't interested in organized sports. It doesn't require coaches and paying for ice time. "It's an equity sport," he said.

RECREATION CENTER

Possible changes at the recreation center include expanded programming and a renovation that would create a double gym with a running track.

Other options are an outdoor performance space and an enhanced plaza.

The small beach on the east side will also be expanded, and restrooms added near the event space where the Monarch Festival is held each September. There are a few possible configurations for that event space.

CEDAR AVE. CROSSINGS

How pedestrians and bikers can cross Cedar Ave. more safely has been an area of concern throughout the planning process.

A long-term option is to add a tunnel for bikers and walkers under Cedar Ave. on the south side.

At the open house on Aug. 14, Minneapolis Public Works employee Don Elwood was also present to ask for input on how to improve the safety of the Cedar/Edgewater/Nokomis Pkwy. intersection. "Every solution has an impact, so it's understanding what those are," he observed.

Munsch pointed out that there is a plan to add a biking trail along the north side of Minnehaha in order to accommodate the bicycle commuters. With that, the bicycle trail near the rec center would be modified so that the crossing is not right next to Minnehaha, but instead south near Lake Nokomis Pkwy. Other changes being proposed would address bike/pedestrian conflicts on trails.

LAKE HIAWATHA

Plans are to develop a full biking and walking loop around the lake and the outskirts of the golf course. There will also be a seasonal trail that runs around the entire lake that will be open in the winter to walkers and skiers. The trail can't be open in the summer due to safety concerns about golf balls, noted Arvidson. There will be gates on either side that will open in the winter.



Project planner Adam Arvidson chats with a neighborhood resident during the open house held on Thursday, Aug. 14, 2014. Residents were able to give their input on the plan in a variety of ways, including rating what was most important to them. (Photo by Tesha M. Christensen)

Neighborhood Churches Welcome You!

Bethany Lutheran
3901 36th Ave. S. • 612-729-9376
www.bethanyon36th.com
Pastor Jo Bauman
Sundays Worship
Sept 7 - 9:30 am - God's Work Our Hands Project
Beginning Sept 14
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Worship 10:30 am
Wednesdays Bible Study - 9:30 am
Tuesday Sept 2 - Power Down Community Lunch at Noon
Saturdays Sept 6 & 20 - Soul+Food Dinner Church at 5 pm
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Bethlehem Covenant
3141 43rd Ave. S. • 612-721-5768
www.bethlehemcov.org
Pastor Ryan Eikenbary-Barber
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September 14, 21, 28
Contemporary Worship: Sundays at 8:45 am
Sunday School for all at 10 am
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3207 37th Ave. • 612-722-0232
www.epworthumcmpls.org
Rev. Pam Armstrong
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Sunday School (children) 10:45 am
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Minnehaha Communion Lutheran
4101 37th Ave. S. • 612-722-9527
www.minnehahacommunion.com
Pastors Dan Ankerfelt & Sally Ankerfelt
Sunday Worship at 9:45 am
Sunday School at 9:45 am
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Minnehaha United Methodist
3701 E. 50th St. • 612-721-6231
www.minnehaha.org
Traditional Service 9 am
Contemporary Worship 11 am
(Sept.-May) 10:30 am (June-Aug.)
Education for all ages 10:15 (Sept.-May)
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St. Albert the Great Catholic
E. 29th St. at 32nd Ave. S. • 612-724-3643
www.saintalbertthegreat.org
Fr. Joe Gillespie, O.P.
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Coffee 10 am

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www.trinityfalls.org
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Children's Church at 10:30 am
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RENTAL

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Monarch Festival

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Make sure you also check the website for a full schedule of Butterfly Fun Runs for kids from ages under 3 to ages 10-12. You can register the day of the event.

The Minneapolis Monarch Festival, Festival de la Monarca in Spanish, began as a one-time event six years ago that drew a few hundred participants, according to MaryLynn Pulsch of the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board. Attendance has grown consistently and this year 8,000-10,000 participants are anticipated. "People tend to come early

and stay for the whole day", she continued, "so plan accordingly for parking."

The Festival takes place alongside the Nokomis Naturescape, a series of native grass and wildflower gardens which have been certified nationally as a Monarch Way Station. The gardens contain annual and perennial plants that provide habitat and food sources essential to the survival of monarch butterflies.

Note: Because of continued flooding and extensive turf and plant damage in the Naturescape area, the Festival is moving to higher ground—to the east of the Community Center, near the intersection of Woodlawn Blvd. and 49th St. Please check the website for the latest information before you come (www.monarchfestival.org).

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The Monarch Festival will be filled with entertainment, education, games, and the always popular Kids Butterfly Fun Runs. Between 8,000 to 10,000 people. (All photos for this article courtesy of the Minneapolis Park Board)



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Weather vanes

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"It takes a good day from start to finish to carve out the vane and put the first layer of paint on it," Faust continued. He said another day is required to paint it fully. "It requires many, many layers of paint," he added. "Although I try to make them

look like copper, the vanes can be painted any color the customer likes."

Faust said he can customize the vanes for whatever design the purchaser would like. He created a design of musical notes, and that required three hours of hand cutting.

The vanes are easily interchangeable, and a cat or horse design can be exchanged for a snow-

man during the holidays.

Faust has spent the past month passing out flyers in his neighborhood describing his weather vanes, and more information is available at www.etsy.com, an art site, by searching on there

for Wee Weather Vanes.

Faust said he once heard the term "folk engineer" and feels that is an apt description of what he does. "I do a bit of this, a bit of that," he noted.

He said he is able to work on

other projects, such as his writing and photography, while he waits for the paint to dry on the weather vanes. He writes speculative fiction and urban fantasy.

As for his next idea, he has some thoughts about pinwheels.



Terry Faust poses next to his own little library displaying the "Cat #2" weather vane which he creates and currently sells through "Wee Weather Vanes" currently on Etsy.com. (Photo by Terry Faust)

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