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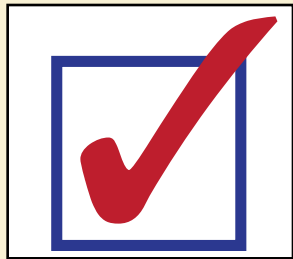
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Longfellow residents pushed for high-profile design to minimize disruption of several hundred trees planted at Hiawatha and 28th Street.

By TESHA M. CHRISTENSEN

Neighborhood advocates are pleased with the Public Utilities Commission 4-1 vote to require Xcel Energy to place high voltage lines underground along 28th Street rather than overhead along the Midtown Greenway.

"We're thrilled with the news that the power lines will be buried under 28th Street. It's been a long struggle, over many years," said Midtown Greenway Coalition Executive Director Soren Jensen.

"Our coalition brought neighborhood groups together to provide a unified voice against the lines in the Greenway," he added. "We hired an attorney, and worked together with the neighborhood groups to oppose the lines in the Greenway."

The decision about the power lines was made following a day of testimony on Jan. 10, 2012 and another meeting on Jan. 12, ending a three-year permitting process.

In addition to placing two 115-kilovolt transmission lines underground for 1.5 miles, two distribution substations will be built on either end, one in the Longfellow neighborhood at Hiawatha and 28th Street. The entire project will cost \$40 million.

The commission delayed deciding who will pay for the additional \$13 million cost of burying the lines for another six months to gather more public input and information. It may be split between Xcel customers in Minneapolis, customers in Hennepin County or the total Xcel customer base.

Construction will be complete in 2014. The lines will be placed as close as possible to the middle of 28th Street, which will remain partially open during construction.

DESTRUCTION OF GREEN SPACE

Longfellow Community Council (LCC) Housing and Environment Coordinator Spencer Agnew spoke during the Jan. 10 public hearing on behalf of the LCC. The community council joined with other neighborhood organizations to support placing two 115-kilovolt transmission lines underground. That line will run through the Phillips neighborhood from Hiawatha to Oakland Avenue South.

Agnew pointed out, "All of the impacted neighborhoods opposed the placement of the Hiawatha Substation on the Hiawatha West site. The Hiawatha West site had been the focus of neighborhood planning and investment for years to develop a community green space."

The neighborhood council had pushed for the substation to be located off Hiawatha at 32nd Street, in an area that is currently empty.

The land on the east side of the Sabo bridge has been the focus of Arbor Day tree-planting events in an effort to transform the "brown space" into "green space."

According to Longfellow Community Council Environment and Transportation Committee member Eric Hart, when the Sabo Midtown Greenway Bridge over Hiawatha Avenue was built in 2007, the entire area on the east side of Hiawatha Avenue from 26th Street south to the railroad tracks was identified as green space and a gateway area to the bridge and the Longfellow/Seward section of the Midtown Greenway.

Midtown Community Works Partnership (MCWP), a coalition of government entities, the Midtown Greenway Coalition, and



In 2008 and in 2009, volunteers planted trees at the east side of the Sabo Bridge, next to the Midtown Greenway trail. Some of these trees will be displaced by the construction of a new substation by Xcel. The Longfellow Community Council has pushed for a high profile substation design to minimize the destruction of the trees planted by volunteers. In 2008, 234 trees and shrubs were planted by over 200 volunteers. In 2009, 150 volunteers planted 258 trees. (Photo by Hillary Oppmann)

private businesses with a presence along the Midtown Greenway, organized Arbor Day tree plantings in the space in both 2008 and 2009. During the first year, the area closest to the Sabo Bridge was planted with 234 trees and shrubs by over 200 volunteers. The next year, the group focused on the area where Hiawatha substation will be constructed. Approximately 150 volunteers planted 258 trees and shrubs there in April 2009.

In addition to loss of green space and conflicts with 10 years of land use planning, the Hiawatha West site has the following problems, according to Agnew:

- A Hiawatha West substation is very close to affordable housing – the substation design could affect noise as well as views from adjacent apartments.
- A Hiawatha West substation would be visible from both the Midtown Greenway and the new \$5.2 million Sabo Bridge, providing visual impacts both on trail users and LRT passengers at the gateway to south Minneapolis.
- A "low profile" substation could use up the entire site, preventing replacement of trees and green space and also preventing development of a planned bike trail connection from the Greenway to Lake Street.

Longfellow and other neighborhood parties requested specific

mitigation measures if the Hiawatha West site were determined to be the only feasible choice for a substation:

1. That the high-profile smaller footprint of the substation be used to protect the Greenway and trail extension to Lake Street.
2. That connecting high voltage lines and feeder lines be placed underground to reduce impacts.
3. That an artist should be involved in the design of the substation and consideration given to using berms and digging below grade to reduce visual impacts.
4. That walls should surround all four sides of the substation and that walls be made graffiti resistant, potentially by planting vegetation to cover them.
5. That plantings and landscaping consistent with the Midtown Greenway landscaping plan be provided on all four sides of the substation.

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission did not explicitly adopt any of these specific items recommended by the Longfellow Community Council; however, it did adopt those made by Administrative Law Judge Beverly Jones Heydinger with a few slight changes:

"The substation shall be designed and constructed to minimize the impact of the project on

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What's Cookin...

By COLETTE MULLENMASTER

Queen's Grill Cafe Wosen Wolde

CM: How did you happen to become an owner/chef of a restaurant?
WW: My grandma had her own traditional, family restaurant as did my mom. I think that inspired me to go to school for Hotel Management and eventually open this restaurant. I went to Kenya for schooling and got scholarships for further studies in Germany. I came to the USA in the fall of 1994. It was so cold for an Ethiopian that after 6 months, I went to Florida to do hospitality management. While I was a student I worked as a night auditor and specialty chef at the Harbor Beach Marriot and Double Tree hotels. That's when I began to realize what I really wanted to do was to run my own restaurant. With the support of family and friends here in Minnesota, I moved back and opened Queens Grill Cafe.
CM: What made you choose this community as a location?
WW: I was looking for a location with good traffic and a diverse community who would appreciate my tasty food.
CM: What is the best thing about running a restaurant in this community?
WW: Meeting different people is like being in school. You learn about the community and different cultures here. It helps me to make more friends and develop repeat customers.



SAMOSAS (vegetarian)

Ingredients you will need:

- 3 pieces of spring roll pastry
- 1 cup whole lentil, boiled and drained
- 1 oz chopped purple onion
- 1 oz chopped celery
- 1 oz chopped carrot
- 1 clove garlic
- 1/2 t crushed red pepper flakes
- 1/2 t cajun seasonings
- Pinch of ground cumin
- 12 oz vegetable oil
- Pinch of salt

Preparation for stuffing - In a medium pan, saute the (mire-poix) onion, celery and carrot for 10 min. Add crushed pepper and continue to cook for another 5 minutes. Once the red pepper is getting softer add the whole lentils and the remaining spices. Add salt to taste.

Stuffing Case - Do not open the pastry until you are ready to use. If you do open in advance, cover the pastry roll with a wet towel until you are ready to use. Make a quick binding agent with flour and water. Take one piece of pastry, and brush on the bottom half a thin coat of the binding agent. Fold this section up in half. You should have a rectangle. Fold the top right corner down to create a triangle. Then fold that over to the left to create another layer of the triangle. Flip it over to create a funnel shaped piece that will now hold the stuffing mixture. Spoon in the stuffing mixture, but not too much. You now need to line the inside edge of the funnel with the binding agent and pinch off the edges all around. They are now ready to drop into the hot oil to finish off.

Put your sauce pan on low heat and add vegetable oil. When the oil temp reaches 300-320° place the stuffed pastry in the oil. Cook until golden brown and crusty. Serve it with carrot and celery and a spicy or sweet dipping sauce.

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February 7 precinct caucuses to kick off 2012 political season

By IRIC NATHANSON

On Tuesday, February 7, starting at 7 p.m., DFL and Republican activists will gather at precinct caucuses all across the state to begin Minnesota's complex candidate endorsement process. Attendees at the February caucuses will debate issues, pass resolutions and select the delegates to the next level in their party's convention process. That process will culminate at the DFL and Republican state conventions later this year when both parties select delegates to their national conventions.

For DFLers, the caucuses are likely to be relatively low key—particularly in comparison to 2008 when their party was in the

midst of selecting a nominee for an open presidential seat. This year, at the federal level, Minnesota DFLers will be supporting their incumbent office holders, President Barack Obama and U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar. At their state convention, Republicans will endorse a candidate to challenge Klobuchar who is seeking a second Senate term. By February 7, Republicans will still be involved in a presidential nominating contest that may not end any time soon.

The 2012 caucuses are being held at time of uncertainty for Minnesota's prospective legislative and congressional candidates. Because legislative and congressional district lines have still not been re-

drawn following the 2010 census, legislative and congressional incumbents and their challengers do not yet know the boundaries for their districts. Those lines will be drawn by a state judicial panel if Governor Dayton and the Minnesota legislature cannot agree on a redistricting plan by February 21.

The redistricting delay means that the district conventions, the next step on the party processes after the February 7 caucuses, cannot be convened until the district lines are set.

The Minnesota Secretary of State's website at sos.state.mn.us provides information about caucus locations through the state.

Longfellow/Nokomis area locations are provided below:

Republican caucuses

District 62

Minnehaha Academy North Campus, 3100 West River Parkway

DFL caucuses

Ward 2, Precincts 1, 2 / Anne Sullivan School, 3100 East 28th Street.

Ward 9, Precincts 1, 2 / Anne Sullivan School.

Ward 12, Precincts 1-4 / Sanford Middle School, 3524 42nd Ave. S.

Ward 12, Precincts 5, 10 / Keewaydin School, 5207 30th Ave. S.

Ward 12, Precincts 6, 9 / Minnehaha United Methodist Church, 3701 East 50th St.

Ward 12, Precinct 7 / Minnesota Veterans Home, Building 15.

Ward 12, Precincts 8, 11 / Roosevelt High School, 4029 28th Avenue.

Dowling Urban Environmental School named MESPA School of Excellence

Dowling Urban Environmental School on January 27 and 30 will celebrate its endorsement as a 2011-2012 Minnesota School of Excellence with events for students and families, staff and community partners. Dowling was one of five elementary schools to receive the honor from the Minnesota Elementary School Principals' Association (MESPA). MESPA developed this research-based program aligned with na-

tional standards in leadership, vision, student learning, the culture of adult learning, data and decision-making and community engagement.

The five schools will be honored during the MESPA Institute, an annual statewide convention, on February 2. The Dowling school community has organized two celebrations, a student assembly and celebration on January 27 and a formal celebration involv-

ing parents, volunteers and community partners on January 30.

Minnesota Education Commissioner Brenda Cassellius and special guests polar explorer Paul Shurke and environmental educator Dr. Julia Nerbonne will attend the January 30 event.

Families, volunteers and community members are invited to attend. Free childcare will be provided through the Minneapolis Kids program.



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"Birthday Tributes" is part reminiscence about South Minneapolis, part family history and part a how to." But the book's most important message is that it's never too late to tell those you love what you mean to them.

Sisters Joy Pritchard O'Donnell and Dawn Pritchard Burruel wrote this small book, narrating separate chapters about their lives and families. The title comes from the idea that birthdays are a good time to tell family and friends what they mean to you. Sprinkled through the book are various birthday tributes — and advice on how you can do the same thing.

But there is much more to this book. There's lots of reminiscing about growing up in the neighborhoods of Longfellow and Nokomis — from walking to school on winter days to hanging out on the beach at Lake Nokomis during the summer. Plus remembering the thrill of going downtown and shopping at Dayton's. Joy also recalls going to see the Beatles at the old Met Stadium; Dawn remembers living and working in Uptown for awhile. If you've lived here since the 1970s, you'll enjoy these memories.

The two sisters also have great family stories to tell. Some are funny — like Joy's "adventures in dating." Some are poignant — like Dawn's visit to her long absent father who is in a nursing home. All the stories are told with



Hiawatha Notebook

By TOM GILSEAN

'Birthday Tributes' reminiscent of South Minneapolis

warm affection for the people and places involved.

Running through the book is a theme: Stay in touch with those you love and tell them that you love them. How to do that? That's where the "Birthday tribute" comes in. Joy explains the powerful impact of a birthday tribute from her sister Dawn some years ago. That sparked the idea of similar written tributes among family and friends.

We can do the same thing, the authors tell us in "How to write a tribute." Both authors now live in Tucson, but return frequently to refresh their Minneapolis roots. Their book is published by Amethyst Moon Publishing in Tucson.



Have you written a book? Know someone in our neighborhoods who has? I'd like to hear more. You can write

to me in care of the Messenger or via email: .



I used to wonder why people keep their Christmas lights — or decorations — up all winter (or even all year). But in the past few years, I've found myself doing the same thing. Traditionally, we've kept the tree up until Jan. 6

(Epiphany). But in the past few years, it's been staying up longer. And there is one string of lights which has been up since November 2010.

For me, the shift came when I was teaching at a college in Aberdeen, South Dakota. There, one Christmas tree stayed up until May. The decorations were changed to Valentines in February and shamrocks in March. In April, the decorations had Easter and Passover themes.

All this has me wondering if other people are keeping trees and indoor decorations up longer. Do you? Do you have a neighbor who does? Let me know.



(Tom Gilsean has been writing the Hiawatha Notebook column since 1997. You can write to him in care of the Messenger or via email: tomgilsean@gmail.com.)

Keewaydin School Expansion Update

By the time you read this, there will have been another of two public meetings regarding the upcoming, and much needed, \$16 million expansion to the Keewaydin campus of Lake Nokomis Community School. At the first, public input will have been gathered on the school's construction and program expansion. The second meeting was scheduled because of necessary changes to Keewaydin Park. The expanded footprint of the school will necessitate the removal of the existing playground, the basketball court and quite likely, the wading pool. Park Board planning staff gathered input for a new Park Master Plan that would address the possibility of moving these popular neighborhood play areas to the other side of the Community Center.

A very tight funding timeline means that everyone is working on a fast track. Minneapolis Public Schools and RSP Architects are continuing to work closely with the Keewaydin Site Steering Committee and citizen focus groups to finalize the unique programmatic needs of an expanded 4-8 campus. An important goal is to efficiently use as much of the existing site as possible, minimizing the need to reclaim Park area, much of which now sits on School property. The physical expansion will include an approximately 38,000 Sq. foot expansion to the south, additional parking spaces, and a new mid-block main entrance.

According to Gordon Strom of RSP Architects, concept studies will be completed by mid-February with construction documents ready for bidding in April. Strom expects actual construction to begin at the end of this year's school session.

NENA hopes that the funding can be found to replace the play areas by the start of the next school year. We'll keep you posted.

NENA (Nokomis East Neighborhood Association)

By Rita Ulrich and Doug Walter, NENA Staff

Developments, Current and Upcoming

Rezoning the LRT Station Area

If you weren't able to make the Jan 19 Rezoning Open House, there is still time to comment on the proposed changes. At the time of this writing, public comments are being accepted through March 5. City Planners are proposing zoning changes for properties in the Nokomis East LRT station areas that were previously determined after much discussion several years ago and finalized in the Nokomis East Station Area Master Plan (NESAP). This covers the areas around and between the 50th Street and VA Medical Center LRT stations, including Minnehaha Avenue.

The Cities proposal can be found on the City's website, or an easier link is on the front page of www.nokomiseast.org.

Tangible Developments Underway

Two construction projects are underway in Nokomis East. If you haven't already noticed, contractors for the National Park Service have begun demolishing the 12 buildings, most roads and parking areas in the former Bureau of Mines site by Camp Coldwater Springs. A future phase will include restoration of the current springhouse and reservoir stonework. A portion of the Coldwater runoff running through a culvert will be daylighted to the Minnehaha Creek glen. A final phase will restore much of the site to an open space resembling oak savanna and tall grass prairie.

The final two phases depend upon future funding sources.

Along 54th Street at Riverview Road (by Highway 55), Common Bond Communities and the Plymouth Church Neighborhood Foundation have begun construction on their 42-unit affordable senior apartment complex. The General Contractor, Watson-Forsberg will

stick to a 7 AM – 6 PM construction schedule. If you have or see any problems with the construction site, please contact project manager Tammie Fallon at 952-564-3874. The project is slated for completion in about one year.

Upcoming NENA Meetings and Events

Book Sale at Nokomis Library: 10 AM – 4 PM, Saturday, January 28 at the Library, 5100 34th Ave S.

Planning and Development: (tentative) 7 PM, Wednesday, February 15, at the NENA office, 3000 E. 50th St

NENA Board: 7 PM, Thursday, February 23, at NENA.

South Minneapolis Housing Fair: Saturday, March 10, 10 AM – 3 PM, South High School, 3131 19th Ave S.

Important Dates for 2012: NENA Annual Neighborhood Meeting – May 8 (tentative); Neighborhood Garage Sale – June 23; National Night Out – August 7; Minneapolis Monarch Festival – September 8; Night Before New Year's Eve Party – December 30.

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

Roosevelt Library will close on February 11 for renovation

Hennepin County Library – Roosevelt, 4026 28th Ave. S., Minneapolis, will close for renovation at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11. Reopening is planned for summer 2013.

While the library is closed, patrons are encouraged to use nearby libraries in Minneapolis: Hennepin County Library – East Lake, 2727 E. Lake St.; Hennepin County Library – Hosmer, 347 E. 36th St.; and Hennepin County Library – Nokomis, 5100 34th Ave. S.

Located across the street from Roosevelt High School, Roosevelt Library services the neighborhoods of Standish, Ericsson, and Hiawatha. The 4,043 square-foot library opened in 1927 and has been designated a historic site by the Minneapolis Historical Preservation Commission. The renovation and expansion project will adhere to Historical Preservation Commission standards.

Architect for the renovation is Hagen, Christensen, & McIlwain. Funding for the renovation is provided by the City of Minneapolis bond proceeds from the City-wide 2000 library referendum. Community representatives participated in a visioning process and helped refine the renovation designs.

Patrons can look forward to a renovated library with more public computers and wireless access, including mobile laptops; flexible, appealing spaces with comfortable seating to meet changing community needs; a teen area that accommodates out-of-school use; and a refreshed collection with more books, DVDs, and CDs.

There also will be an interactive early literacy area for young children. A 500 square-foot expansion will provide space for a multipurpose room for library programming and

community meetings. There will also be outdoor public spaces for reading and gathering, plus increased operational efficiencies with one customer service point, improved public restrooms, and an accessible entry.

Environmental and sustainable features will be part of the renovation, including storm water management, updated mechanical and electrical infrastructure, and maximized use of natural daylight to reduce the need for artificial light. The existing building will be reused by renovating the building's exterior. To encourage and accommodate bike transportation, onsite bike parking is planned.

For more information: http://www.hclib.org/pub/info/news_releases/BuildingProjects.cfm or contact Kelli Koob, Capital Projects Office, at kkoob@hclib.org or 612-543-8628.

Power lines

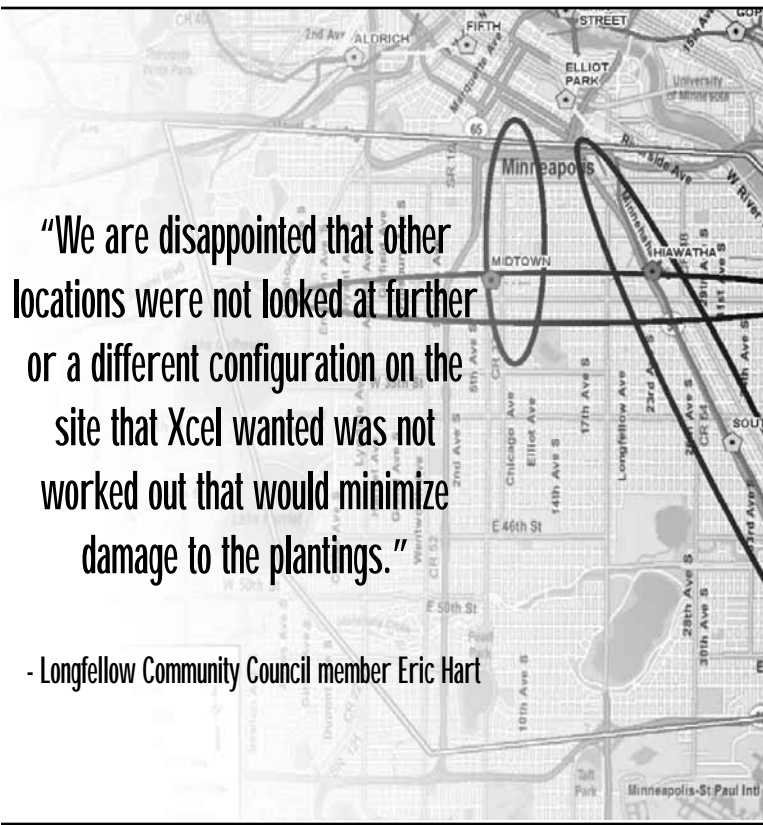
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the persons living and working in close proximity to it to the extent practicable. The HVTL Route Permit shall contain procedures which allow an opportunity for the parties of record to provide input into a) placement of the Hiawatha West Substation on the approved site, b) the substation's wall design, lighting and landscaping. These efforts will be made to minimize disruption to the current and planned Midtown Greenway bicycle and pedestrian trails, to minimize the aesthetic impact, and assure compatibility with the surrounding structures to the extent practicable."

The first opportunity to impact design will be offered to the city and county, not community organizations or the public, according to former Midtown Greenway Coalition Executive Director Tim Springer. "However, there may be opportunities for community members or a few individuals representing them to engage with the process in round one if invited to do so by city or county elected officials."

Hart stated, "We are disappointed that other locations were not looked at further or a different configuration on the site that Xcel wanted was not worked out that would minimize damage to the plantings."

"The conditions that were put in place by the [Administrative Law] Judge are to our liking and LCC looks forward to working with Xcel Energy and other



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- Longfellow Community Council member Eric Hart

relevant organizations to make the substation as acceptable as it could be given its size and configuration."

NEED FOR TRANSMISSION LINE

The Hiawatha Transmission Line will carry 55 megawatts of power, enough to serve 50,000 customers. According to the certificate of need filed by Xcel, the Hiawatha Project will provide the transmission capacity needed to maintain reliable service to the

area and to support continued economic development in the future. Energy demand has increased due to the development of the Midtown Exchange, the construction of high-density development along the light rail corridor, and improvements along the Chicago Avenue corridor by Abbott Northwestern and Children's Hospitals.

Xcel maintains, "The Hiawatha Project will provide the transmission capacity needed to maintain reliable service to the area and to support continued economic development in the future."

Real Estate Advice

What Buyers Expect in 2012

When I first meet with buyers in our area to determine what they want in a house, they often specify features such as hardwood floors, natural woodwork and a fireplace sometimes before listing more practical considerations such as number of bedrooms, baths and garage space. And I've often seen buyers willing to sacrifice a third bedroom, or an extra bath, when they fall in love with a house full of character and charm. My first advice to any sellers of pre-war homes is to maximize their advantage by removing carpet and sanding floors.

But sellers should remember that superb overall condition is even more important: in our current buyer's market, a charming house that needs work rarely can compete with an updated home in top shape. The housing recession that caused short sales and foreclosures has utterly changed buyer's expectations for the traditional market (non-bank owned homes), as investors who bought the bank-owned homes at rock-bottom prices have remodeled them to standards far above the old expectations in Longfellow. The main change

is in kitchens and baths, which are almost always new—cabinets, counters and flooring—when the investor resells the house in the traditional market. These houses have caused buyers to walk away from other traditional homes lacking new kitchens and baths.

Basement standards have also been dramatically raised by investor-remodeled homes. These vacant houses generally sport hospital-clean basements, with foundation walls that are newly patched and painted, along with freshly painted floors. Most owner-occupants have to struggle with disposition of long-accumulated tools, boxes, materials and junk, in order to present a sparkling clean look in the lower level.

It's important to note that traditional owner-occupied homes still sell everyday, as sellers become more willing to undertake the extra work needed to compete in this market, or to accept a lower price if they can't compete. As always, I am happy to advise you individually about the probable sale value of your home, and the likely costs of



Pat Rosaves

changes you might need to make. You can contact me at our website, www.RiverRealty.net, where you can also find our Selling Guide, a helpful tour of the entire selling process. You can email me directly at pat@riverrealty.net, or call me directly at 612-616-1250.

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Keewaydin School addition will go south

Park board working to figure out what to do about the playground, wading pool that will be displaced

By TESSA M. CHRISTENSEN

What will the \$16 million addition at Keewaydin School look like? Community members looked at a preliminary design for the first time on Thursday, Jan. 19.

While the design presented will be refined over the next three months, the decision has been made to build to the south of the building. This will displace the wading pool and playgrounds currently on the property. However, it means that the baseball and soccer fields will remain untouched.

Community member Michele Honderick said that in this tough economic time, "We cannot afford to actually replace the equipment we already have in place." She asked why the decision to build south was made, and expressed support for an addition on the east.

Minneapolis Park Board Planner Jennifer Ringold explained why the park department supported a school addition on the south side, even though it means displacing the existing playground and wading pool. "This wasn't an easy decision," she said.

Ringold noted that the exist-

ing fields are well used. If they were moved south, it would place them too close to the park building. A playground costs about \$300,000 to replace, and a wading pool about \$500,000; a building is much more expensive, she said.

The lifespan of a playground is 20 years, Ringold pointed out. The existing playground, installed with funds from the school, the park and the Nokomis East Neighborhood Association, was built 13 years ago. The wading pool was installed in 1970 and is already 40 years old.

The playground and the pool "are the ones that will reach their life expectancies the fastest," she said.

The park department held a meeting on Saturday, Jan. 21 to solicit input from community members about priorities at the park. From those comments, a new master plan for the park will be created. The new plan will be reviewed by the park board in February.

The parks department has not yet identified where the money to move and/or purchase new playground equipment and a pool will come from.

Ringold noted that as the



The community meeting on Jan. 19 was held in the school gymnasium, an area of the school that will be improved by the building project. "It's very hard to teach students in this space," remarked Keewaydin Athletic Director Jennifer Dowzak.

parks department evaluates whether it can merely move the existing playground equipment, it must consider whether the equipment would survive the move. Additionally, the equipment must meet existing safety and handicap-accessible standards. The parks department had not yet determined whether the existing equipment meets those

criteria, but Ringold said it was likely the items for younger children could be successfully moved.

Keewaydin Principal Jane Ellis noted that from the start, the number one issue for the building steering committee has been the playground and wading pool.

"We want that playground

back," agreed Doug Walters of the Nokomis East Neighborhood Association.

A BIGGER SCHOOL

Keewaydin's space will double with the new addition. As presented on Jan. 19, the majority of the \$16 million available for the project will be used to construct new space. Targeted areas in the existing structure will be remodeled. Work will start as soon as this school year ends and be finished the summer of 2013.

A key part of the plan is that there will be an educational wing and a public wing. The education wing (located in the existing structure) can be locked at night when the performance space and gymnasium in the addition are being used.

"Our goal is to create 21st century middle school-grade classrooms and instructional spaces," observed Dave Richards, a Minneapolis Public Schools capital planning staff member.

"What we're doing here is we're closing the gap," explained

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Richards. "The gap has widened in the recent years." The school will be brought up to current Educational Index Improvement standards with this project. Richards noted that the age of the kids served in the building has changed since it was constructed in 1928, as well as the programs themselves. One example is performance spaces. Whereas once they were only found in high school, now they are included in middle schools.

An audience member questioned whether there are enough students to warrant an addition. Richards remarked that the 2010 Census data shows that enrollment is increasing. "There are simply more kids in the area," he said.

Will taxes rise because of this project? The cost will be paid by bonds, Richards explained. "The impact on proper-

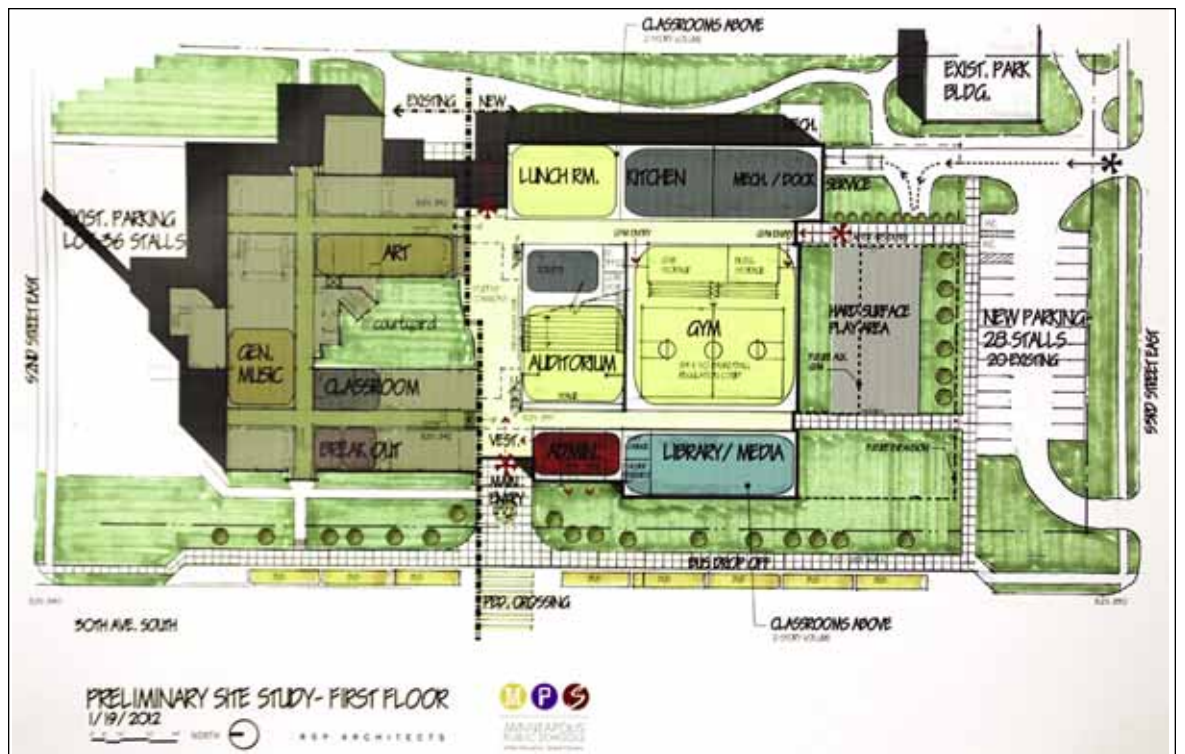
ty taxes will be zero."

He added that changes to school buildings within the Minneapolis Public School system has never negatively affected property values of homes next to them.

Keewaydin parent and project steering committee member Jay Larson pointed out that the biggest issue in planning meetings has been the existing 84- by 50-foot gymnasium. "It's very hard to teach students in this space," remarked Keewaydin Athletic Director Jennifer Dowzak. The new addition will include a competition-size gym that can be divided into two areas. It will seat 250 spectators.

"The goal is much more than an educational building," said Jay Larson. "It's an opportunity for this community to come together."

Matt Musich's son attends Keewaydin. "I'm really excited about this project," he said. "This is an investment in our community for the long term."



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Minnehaha-Hiawatha Corridor Projects Moving Forward

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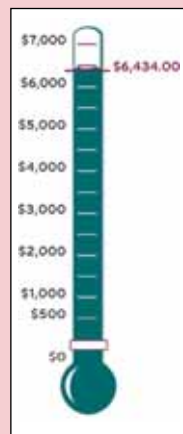
The LCC is looking for residents and business owners who have an interest in providing leadership and guidance to the community as a member of our Board of Directors. There are many reasons to consider running for a seat on LCC's Board that include; an opportunity to volunteer and serve the community, gaining insight and knowledge of the way your neighborhood organization functions, planning for the future of the community and increasing your leadership skills. Joining the Board is a serious commitment

that requires at least 5 hours per month but it is also a way to get to know your neighbors and work on real issues and opportunities that affect you. Elections will take place on April 25th at LCC's annual "No Pie Charts! Only Pies! General Membership meeting. If you have an interest in learning more about the LCC Board of Directors, please contact Melanie Majors, LCC's Executive Director at 612-722-4529 ext. 4 or via email at melanie@longfellow.org

Fundraising Results 2011

Advancement Committee has had a wonderful year. We almost reached our individual giving goal of \$7,000 with a total of \$6434 thanks to our generous donors and community partners. Thank you for all of your support in 2011, ranging from donations at the Community Warming Party and Annual Meetings to participating in Give to the Max Day and our year-end appeal. We would also like to extend a special thank you to Harriet Brewing and the Center for Energy and Environment, for each donating \$500 to the Longfellow Community Council, and to Glaciers' Cafe and the League of Longfellow Artists for their support at our fundraising events.

We are striving for increased sustainability and financial independence at the Longfellow Community Council. Thus, we are increasing our goal for 2012 to \$10,000. We have many exciting initiatives in the works that will help us reach our goal. Thank you to each and every donor that has



supported Longfellow in our efforts. We couldn't do our work without you.

Coming in 2012!

Happy New Year! This year promises to be an exciting one for Greater Longfellow. Residents, businesses, developers, churches and visitors are all doing their part to sustain and grow all of the things about Longfellow that make this a great community to live, work and play.

Along with LCC's annual events, activities and programs, there are some new developments taking shape for the New Year:

- The Hennepin County Community Works project is in full swing and will be developing a small lot at 38th and Hiawatha to make this intersection more inviting to pedestrians
- A Museum in the Streets project will be implemented by Lake Street Council to commemorate historical sites along East Lake Street
- Howe School will be under construction so that it can be re-opened in 2013
- The League of Longfellow Artists (LOLA) will be working with LCC to fill the windows of empty storefronts along E. Lake street with art to encourage new businesses
- Longfellow Station and the 46th & 46th developments will begin construction in the spring of 2012 providing Greater Longfellow with many new units of quality housing
- LCC will unveil its new and improved website
- LCC will launch the "Take a Look at Longfellow" campaign to highlight all of the great things that Greater Longfellow has to offer.

Thank You Rakers!

We want to thank everyone who participated in Longfellow's first ever Rake for the River last fall. 56 people volunteered 165 hours to collect 239 bags of leaves from neighborhood streets. Together they diverted 48 lbs of phosphorous from entering our local rivers and lakes, which prevented the growth of up to nearly 24,000 lbs of algae!

Our goal was to get neighbors working together to rake up leaves that might otherwise get washed down the storm drains while waiting for street sweeping to begin, or that fell after street sweeping took place. Thanks to a grant from Hennepin County, LCC's River Gorge Committee distributed compostable leaf bags, trash bags, and yard signs. The top 5 participating blocks won gift certificates to local businesses of their choice, including Gandhi Mahal, Glaciers Cafe, Turtle Bread, RiverLake Hardware, and Mother Earth Gardens. Congratulations! Thank you to everyone who rakes leaves out of the street. Whether officially participating in Rake for the River or not, you are doing important work to protect water quality.



Save the Date: No Pie Charts! Only Pies! Annual Meeting and Board Elections, Wednesday, April 25

We are just two short months away from one of our most exciting and important events! No Pie Charts! Only Pies! Annual Meeting, Pie Potluck and Board Elections Wednesday, April 25. To help you prepare, we have recruited pie recipes from your fellow Longfellows, beginning this month with Amy Moore, Social Services Coordinator at Volunteers of America and an active member of LBA.



This is my mom's recipe she got from a coworker in 1974. The lady was from Sweden and brought this pie to work all the time. It has become a family favorite and I haven't met one person who doesn't love it!"

Sandy's Swedish Apple Pie

Ingredients

- 1 unbaked 9 inch pie crust
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 egg
- 2 cups diced apples

Topping

- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 cup chilled butter, diced

Directions: Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C). Press the pie crust into and up the sides of a 9 inch pie plate. In a medium bowl, stir together 3/4 cup sugar, 2 tablespoons of flour, and salt. Mix in the sour cream, egg and vanilla until smooth. Add apples, and stir to coat. Scrape the mixture into the pie shell. Bake for 15 minutes in the preheated oven, then reduce heat to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C), and continue baking for 30 minutes more. While the pie is baking, prepare the topping in a medium bowl. Stir together 1/3 cup of flour, 1/3 cup sugar, and cinnamon. Cut in the butter until the mixture resembles fine crumbs. After the 30 minute bake time has passed, cover the top of the pie with the crumb topping, and continue to bake for 15 minutes, or until butter in topping is all melted and apples are tender. Allow the pie to cool, then refrigerate until chilled before serving. This pie is excellent warm or cold but needs to be refrigerated. For a really sweet version, double the topping!

Calendar of Meetings and Events

February 2012

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

Advancement Committee

Wednesday, February 1
7:00 - 8:00 pm
Fireroast Mountain Cafe
3800 37th Avenue S
FFI: joanna@longfellow.org

Neighborhood Development Caucus

Monday, February 13
6:30 - 8:00 pm
LCC Office, 2727 26th Ave S.
FFI spencer@longfellow.org

River Gorge

Monday, February 13
7:00 - 9:00 pm
Hiawatha School Park, 4305 42nd St. E
FFI: joanna@longfellow.org

Community Connections

Tuesday, February 14
6:30 - 8:30 pm
LCC Office, 2727 26th Ave S
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Board of Directors

Thursday, February 16
6:30 - 8:45 pm
Brackett Park, 2728 39th Avenue S
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Environment and Transportation Committee

Tuesday, February 28
6:30 - 8:00 pm
Hiawatha School Park 4305 42nd St. E
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In Our Community

American Legion Post 99 holds breakfasts

Wold Chamberlain, American Legion Post 99 will hold several All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfasts on the following dates: February 26, March 25, April 22, and May 27. The cost is Adults \$6, children \$3. Includes three sausages, juice, milk and coffee. Eggs are \$.25 each. Prepared anyway you want. Address is 5600 - 34th Ave. So. For more information call 612-724-9909.

Bishop John LeVoi to speak at Breakfast

The Church of St. Helena, Minneapolis, will sponsor a "Saturday Breakfast for Men" with the Most Rev. John LeVoi, Bishop of New Ulm, speaking on "Defending the Human Person in a Hostile Society" on Saturday, January 28, in Rowan Hall at 3204 East 43rd St. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. in Rowan Hall, following a Mass at 8 a.m. in the church. The cost is \$5 per breakfast. Complimentary tickets are available for those having difficulty paying. Reservations must be received by 12 noon on Friday, January 27, by calling 612-729-7321 or e-mailing johnsondag@sainthelena.us.

LBA to discuss commercial taxes

Longfellow Business Association hosts Patrick Todd, City of Minneapolis Assessor and Ken Rowe from Hennepin County Taxpayer Service to discuss commercial property taxes on Thursday, February 9, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. at Gandhi Mahal community room, 3009 27th Avenue S. For more information call Ruth at 612-722-4529, ext 1.

Tai Chi presentation February 21

Join Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors and Minneapolis Community Education for a presentation about Tai Chi on Tuesday, February 21 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2730 E. 31st Street. Learn the health benefits of doing Chinese-style Tai Chi, which can be done standing or sitting. Only five gentle movements are used along with breath work and self-applied massage. Practice Tai Chi movements will be demonstrated. Contact Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors at 612-729-5799 for more information.

Eastern European event at Trinity Lutheran Feb. 19

Trinity Lutheran Church of Minnehaha Falls will be hosting a missions celebration on Sunday, February 19, featuring Eastern Europe through music, decor and food with an international flag procession at both worship services (8:30 and 11 a.m.). A European buffet lunch will also be served; free-will donations will be received. For more information, call 612-724-3691. Trinity is located at 5212 41st Avenue South.

Caring for Orchids held Feb. 8 at Garden Club

Have you hesitated about bringing home one of those gorgeous orchids? Learn how to take care of them from Jason Fischer, local Twin City expert and orchid breeder, at the Longfellow Garden Club's February meeting. Jason's family started Orchids Limited in 1978 (www.orchid-web.com) and currently have "grown" it into five orchid greenhouses and a lab for the propagation and development of new orchid varieties. Jason will discuss general orchid care, plus advice about reblooming and when to repot, and can answer questions you may have about your own plants. Don't be surprised if he recommends that orchids spend the summer out in the garden!

All Garden Club events are free and open to the public. Meetings are held 7-9 p.m. at Epworth United Methodist Church, 3207 37th Avenue.

Occupy Minneapolis meets Wednesdays evenings

Occupy Minneapolis is meeting on Wednesday evenings for potluck, music, announcements and committee meetings from 5-9 p.m. at Walker Comm. United Methodist Church, 3104 16th Ave S. Come and join the growing movement! www.occupyminneapolis.mn.

Winter Pasty Sale at Epworth UMC Feb. 4

A pasty is a meat and vegetable mixture enclosed with dough and baked — a portable and filling meal, often carried to work by Welsh miners. Epworth United Methodist Church will have its winter pasty sale Feb. 4. They are \$5 each and need to be ordered in advance by calling either 952-688-8937 or 612-722-0232. Please specify meat or vegetarian version; limited quantities are available. Pasties are fully cooked, ready to eat or freeze. Orders may be picked up after 2:30 p.m. at the church, 3207 37th Ave. S.

Ramifications of proposed marriage amendment

Epworth United Methodist Church, 3207 37th Ave. S., will sponsor a panel from 3 to 5 p.m. Feb. 12 to talk about possible ramifications of the passage of the Marriage Amendment to Minnesota's constitution. The Amendment on the November 2012 ballot would amend the Minnesota constitution to only allow marriage between a man and a woman. Legal, religious and personal perspectives will be explored by the panel.

Your vote counts!

Senate District 62 Republican Party Precinct Caucuses will be held Tuesday, February 7th, at 7 p.m. at Minnehaha Academy North Campus, 3100 West River Parkway.

Community Valentine's Dinner and Dance

Lake Nokomis Community School PTA will hold a Community Valentine's Dinner & Dance on Saturday, February 11, from 5 - 8:30 p.m. at Crosstown Covenant Church. Come out and support your community! Fat Lorenzo's will be presenting their Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. with a Silent Auction with fantastic items 5 - 7:30 p.m. There will also be a Family Dance with Kids Dance DJ 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Dinner & Dance Tickets \$10 Adult \$5 Child 3+. All proceeds benefit the LNCS PTA, enabling us to fund educational field trips, speakers, athletic programs and much more!

Cub Scout Pack 38 is going on Ice Fishing!

Saturday, February 18, 2012 is "Take A Kid Ice Fishing" day in Minnesota (<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/minnaqua/icefishing>) and Cub Scout Pack 38 is celebrating by hosting an Urban Ice Fishing Day on Lake Nokomis from 1 to 4 p.m.

Adults do not need to purchase a fishing license if they are fishing with their youth during "Take A Kid Ice Fishing" day.

Come and learn about ice fishing, from the equipment, ice and winter weather safety, how to fish, and what fish populate our urban lakes. Build your own "Jiggle Stick," string and bait it,

and if we are lucky, see a first-hand demonstration on how to clean and cook a fish fresh from the lake. All ages/genders are invited, boys in Kindergarten through Fourth Grade can learn about Cub Scout Pack 38 and the other exciting adventures we have planned.

The cost is free, but the memories will be priceless.

Contact Dan Fehler at 612-724-6284 or you can e-mail Cubmaster38@gmail.com to register, or to learn more about Cub Scout Pack 38 see our website at www.BSAPack38.org. Cub Scout Pack 38 is chartered by St. Helena Catholic Church and School, 3200 E 44th Street.

Sweethearts and Spirits event held Feb. 11

The Second Annual Sweethearts and Spirits: Beer, Liquor and Wine tasting hosted by Zipp's Liquor will be Saturday, February 11th, 6:30-9 p.m. at The Minneapolis Eagles Club, 2507 E 25th St. Cost is \$20-Single, \$30-Duo. All proceeds benefit Seward Longfellow Restorative Justice Partnership. Since 2004, SLRJP has provided an alternative to juvenile court for youth committing misdemeanor offenses in Seward and Greater Longfellow. SLRJP works with the youth, their parents and community members to explore how the youth's actions caused harm and to develop with the youth a contract to repair the harm.

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DFL Precinct Caucuses are February 7: Why go?

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port President Obama, then why go to caucuses? Caucuses are not just about President; they are the entryway to endorse candidates at many levels of government and to advance issues that are important to you.

In South Minneapolis, Democratic-Farmer-Labor (DFL) Party endorsement is very important. Democrats tend to do well in these parts. By participating in caucuses and conventions, you

can help select the best leadership for your community. Readers of the Longfellow/Nokomis Messenger are likely to reside in Senate District 62. At caucuses in 62, delegates will be selected to advance to the City (Minneapolis), County (Hennepin), and Senate District (62) level. Those delegates will then attend a convention to endorse candidates for positions like School Board and State Senator. You could also advance to other

endorsing conventions and perhaps even be selected as a delegate to Democratic National Convention. It all starts on February 7.

Perhaps you are thinking - don't we have some strong DFL incumbents? Do they really need my support? It is true that we have strong DFL incumbents such as; Senator Torres Ray, Representative Jim Davnie and Representative Jean Wagenius. However, things are a little bit unpredictable due to redistricting. We do not expect to know the new districts for the State Legislature until February 21—three weeks after precinct caucuses. New city districts are expected to be shared in May. With redistricting, there is always a chance that someone who represents you will become part of another district. This could leave a vacancy. Or, perhaps another incumbent from a neighboring district gets moved and wants to compete for the endorsement. Some citizens may find out that they are the

ones in a different district with different representatives. Another possibility—there isn't much change at all.

The bottom line is, if you care who represents you - especially at the local level - attend your precinct caucus and become a delegate. This will secure your ability to weigh in if changes occur. Plus, it's pretty fun. Caucuses are democracy in action. They are politics at their best—the absolute grassroots. Bring a resolution about an issue that is important to you. If your fellow democrats support it, you could influence the DFL platform. To find your DFL caucus location, go to www.sd62df.org. Caucus locations will be available on the Secretary of State's website, www.sos.state.mn.us starting January 18. You can contact me with questions at chair@sd62df.org or 612-724-8771.

Loren Olson
Chair, SD62 DFL

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