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'Elevated Beer' to bring craft beer, wine to Hiawatha this fall



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By JAN WILLMS

Craft beer and wine lovers in the Longfellow area will have another source to choose from when Elevated Beer, Wine and Spirits opens this fall at 4135 Hiawatha Ave.

Tom Boland and Ryan Widuch, co-owners of the planned liquor store, got their start with home brewing.

"We learned a lot about beer that way," Boland said. "We have been involved in the community for awhile, and this place is an opportunity to put in a different, new and exciting retail side of things."

Boland said their location is a former coffee shop and deli, known as Hiawatha Joe's, which has been closed for a couple of years.

Although the two produced home brews for the past three or four years, their dream to go commercial with a production brewery for their own beers is currently on hold. Instead, their store will offer not only craft brews and wines but other products as well.

"We will focus on a wide se-

lection of beer and product expertise," explained Boland. "Our staff will show customers around, and those customers can learn about craft beers and wines."

Although many are welcoming the new business to the area, there are some concerns about Elevated Beer's proximity to a daycare center and the traffic it might bring to the neighborhood.

Steve Krause, owner of Minnehaha Lake Wine and Spirits, admits that some of his motives in questioning the new business in the area are selfish.

"I already compete with six other liquor stores in a two-mile radius of my store," he said. He added that he sits on a community advisory committee for the Minnehaha area. The group did

extensive community outreach, soliciting input on redevelopment of the Hiawatha Corridor.

"Not one responder ever said that we need another liquor store," Krause said, "not one. No one feels our community is underserved in that area."

A current ordinance states that no liquor store may operate within 300 feet of a church or school. Krause said the intention is to separate consumption of alcohol from children. But that ordinance does not cover daycare centers, and one is two doors away from the proposed liquor store and will share its parking lot.

"The daycare owner is Muslim, and had he known a liquor store would be adjacent, he wouldn't have opened there," Krause said.

"I don't want or need another competitor, but beyond that, there are better uses for that retail space," Krause continued. "But as a landlord, the building owner has a mortgage to pay and needs to rent to anyone willing to pay rent. I see both sides. No one is evil in this issue."

Another Longfellow business owner said he had concerns with panhandlers and transients in the area, but he blames the city for not including daycare centers under its ordinance.

As for Adam Aded, owner of Ruwayda Child Care Center, he indicated that he is not against business, but against a liquor store in the area.

"I care about the whole area," he said. "My house is also nearby."

He said he signed a lease for the daycare operation in October 2011. The center has four shifts and serves a total of 360 children, from the age of six weeks to 12 years. It is open seven days a week from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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- Elevated Beer, Wine and Spirits owner Tom Boland



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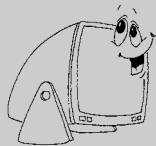
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Eco-friendly policies cutting waste at Becketwood

By IRIC NATHANSON

The large trash barrels are disappearing from Jason Brenny's kitchen.

There were five when Brenny was hired as the chef at the Becketwood Cooperative two years ago. "Now, there are only two left. Soon, we will be down to just one," said Brenny who manages dining services for members of the West River Parkway senior co-op.

Brenny has been able to eliminate the trash containers because almost everything that leaves his kitchen is composted or recycled. Becketwood is ramping up its efforts to combat waste in response to a new set of eco-friendly policies adopted by the cooperative last year.

The policies were incorporated in the Strategic Imperatives, a five year plan intended to guide the operation of the 210 unit housing complex. "Environmental sustainability is important for those of us who live here, and we know it will be important to the baby boomers who will start looking for housing options as they prepare to retire. People will want to live here if they know we are promoting a green ethic," said Carol Mockovak, who helped draft the Imperatives plan and now co-chairs Becketwood's Environment Committee.

Mockovak explained that the co-op had started promoting eco-



Becketwood's chef, Jason Brenny, is shown here with Ruth Halvorson, who chairs the Co-op's Food Committee (on the left) and Carol Mockovak, who co-chairs the Environment Committee. Brenny is able to compost and recycle virtually all the waste leaving his kitchen, including these food utensils and containers. (Photo by Stefanie Berres)

friendly practices even before the five year plan had been adopted. "We were already composting and recycling on an individual basis but we wanted to take that to a new level. We knew that our dining room was making too large a contribution to the landfills so we started looking for a new approach that could maximize opportunities for kitchen waste recycling.

After considering several options, Becketwood selected a new vendor, Eureka Recycling, that offered composting as well as recycling services. Eureka, a Twin Cities-based non-profit, collects food scraps and other compostable materials, including paper products, and transports them to a local commercial composting facility where they are made into dirt.

"In the past, we were able to compost vegetable scraps from our own kitchens by hauling the scraps out to the large composting bins behind our main parking lot," Mockovak said. "Now, with Eureka, we are able to bring all our kitchen scraps from our apartments in compostable bags down to small bins in our basement where the bags are collected by Eureka each week. And, most significantly, Eureka is able to collect

virtually all of the waste from Jason's dining room, including paper napkins and disposable food containers."

Mockovak acknowledged that the new recycling system is somewhat complicated. "There is a learning curve for all us," she said. "Now, with this new system, we are not able to recycle some of the plastic containers that we used to put in the recycling bins. There is a coding system on the containers that tells us whether we can or cannot recycle them, so we are educating people here about using the codes."

In order to help educate Becketwood members about the new recycling policy, the cooperative put on a "Trashy Art Show" this spring. Jerry Nordstrom, who organized the show, acknowledged

that the title sparked some interesting conversations in the Becketwood hallways. "It was a show and it was about trash, but was it art? That is a very fluid term," said Nordstrom, who serves as the co-op's in-house art curator.

"I knew that a new system for the disposing of things would be complicated, and no list or chart would tell the story graphically enough," Nordstrom added. "So, to make things clear, we created a massive display of actual trash. It showed what kinds of things went into which containers. As this was set up near where people got their mail, everyone in the building had a whole week to learn and review the system."

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Jordan Sullivan, one of Brenny's assistants, is starting to fill the new composting bin. (Photo by Stefanie Berres)

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Longfellow's newest landmark: the Hiawatha substation

Xcel releases 'creative and unique' substation design

By TESHAM. CHRISTENSEN

Xcel's new 3.25-acre substation at 28th and Hiawatha will be more than a concrete box surrounded by a chain link fence. Instead, a translucent cube will glow yellow at night, complementing the blue-lit Sabo Bridge nearby.

According to Xcel Energy's Transmission Project Manager Joe Samuel, the community input Xcel has received regarding the design has been positive, as people consider it to be "a creative and unique substation design."

The final design is the result of a collaborative process between designers, Xcel staff, and community members, noted Samuel. "The advisory group of the community really challenged the team to come up with a creative design," observed Samuel. Architectural Alliance developed the design schematics for the walls that will surround the new substations.

These walls will be composed of extruded metal, a metal mesh surface that is semi-transparent. The metal will be given an anodized finish to color it. Additional color will come from lighting. "This system is unique for this type of application," said Samuel.

"I think the design is better than the standard substations found in most locations," said Spencer Agnew of the Longfellow Community Council (LCC) who served on the advisory work group. "Time will tell whether or not it will be a positive for the neighborhood, but it is an improvement over what could have been there."

"Our hope is to meet the needs of the community and provide a landmark feature," said Samuel.

The substation designs will be submitted to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in August. The commission will have 60 days, including a public

comment period, to reach a decision on the plan, which is expected in October.

ROAD CLOSURES, TRAIL DETOURS EXPECTED

The Hiawatha substation is one of two being built over the next two years by Xcel that will link a new 115kV underground transmission line. It will run for 1.5 miles down 28th Street E (an option labeled Route D during the regulatory process). The other, smaller substation will be placed at the northwest corner of Oakland Ave. S. and 29th Street.

According to Xcel, revitalization in south Minneapolis, and particularly the Midtown District, has strained the electrical supply. "The focus of this project is reliability," said Samuel. The Hiawatha Project will bolster existing capacity infrastructure.

The underground transmission line will be placed in a concrete duct system which will require the placement of cable vaults with manhole access every 1,500 feet and at any change in direction of the route. In July, Xcel began installing underground electrical duct systems for the electric distribution system on Portland Avenue between the Midtown Greenway and 27th Street. This work, which will be done in September, has resulted in some traffic and bicycle lane closures as well as parking restrictions. Construction of the transmission lines will be complete in the fall of 2013. During that time, there will be road closures and detours on 28th Street.

When the project is done, Xcel Energy will restore the excavated area on 28th Street with bituminous patch. The city of Minneapolis may also sealcoat or mill and overlay 28th Street in 2014.

Site work at the Hiawatha location behind Target has begun,

and the project will be complete in 2014. This construction will have limited impact to traffic on the adjacent roadways.

According to Agnew, the bike trails around the Hiawatha substation will remain open during the construction; however, at times the trail will be temporarily rerouted by 10 to 20 feet.

The trees planted in the area by local residents during Arbor Day events will be removed. "Xcel says they cannot be transplanted due to possible soil contamination on the site," said Agnew. Underground wires, rail spurs and adjacent land ownership at the site will prevent some forms of landscaping from occurring near the substation site, but what is done will be consistent with the Midtown Greenway landscaping plan. Xcel is also in discussions with adjacent landowners about the possibility of installing trees on their property.

One of the requests made by the LCC was that the substation be graffiti-resistant. The Xcel design team feels that this design accomplishes that.

COST TO BE SPREAD OUT

The \$55 million to \$60 million cost of this project will be spread among Xcel's entire five-state customer base instead of just local customers.

Xcel supported the ruling made by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission on June 28. If Minneapolis ratepayers had shouldered the costs alone, and the project was paid for within three years, it could have led to utility bill increases of \$2.83 a month, according to company estimates submitted to the PUC.

To receive updates on the project browse www.hiawathaproject.com, or sign up on the website for email updates.



The graffiti-resistant walls of the new Hiawatha substation, located behind the Target building near the intersection of 28th and Hiawatha, will be illuminated yellow at night. The walls will be composed of extruded metal, a metal mesh surface that is semi-transparent. The metal will be given an anodized finish to color it and additional color will come from lighting. "This system is unique for this type of application," said Xcel Energy's Transmission Project Manager Joe Samuel. The substation will be complete in 2014. To follow the project, go to www.hiawathaproject.com.





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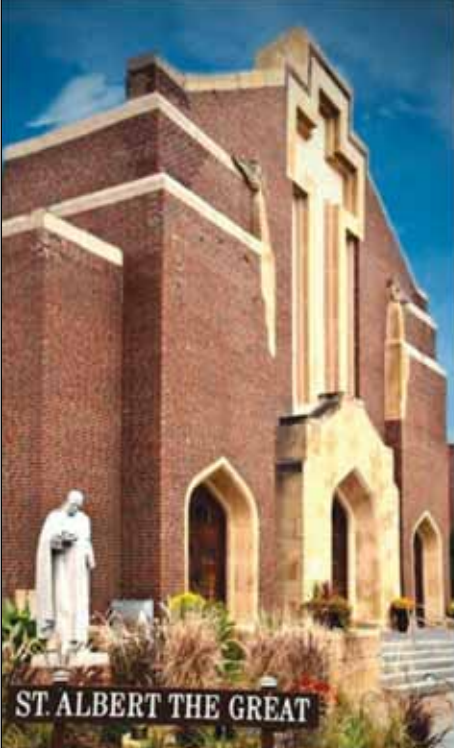


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National Night Out August 7

National Night Out (NNO), held on the 1st Tuesday of August, has become an annual tradition around the country. People on a block, or several blocks, plan a party for neighbors to get to know each other better, exchange information like email addresses and phone numbers, talk about issues they may have, welcome new people on the block, and just have a good time.

Block parties create a friendly, relaxed atmosphere that encourages neighborliness and communication. People who have had block parties say that they look out for each other more, feel safer, and are more connected to their community because they know their neighbors. It also helps ease tensions over issues on the block the person who has late night parties, the family that doesn't mow often enough. Getting together for a party rather than just complaining about a problem will make it easier to resolve issues in a friendly and helpful way.

Block clubs are a powerful tool for preventing crime and creating a milieu of looking out for each other, paying attention, and noticing when something isn't quite right. It helps in apprehending suspects, and makes for a better neighborhood. For all these reasons, NENA encourages everyone to get involved with their block club or start one if you don't have one. If you need help getting started you can call Sue Roethle, Crime Prevention Specialist, at 612-673-2839, or contact the NENA office at 612-724-5652.

Block Leaders: NENA will copy materials for your NNO party, or other block club business, free of charge. We also have handouts, and prizes for kids and adults that you can use for drawings, games, or whatever you want. The prizes are first come-first serve, so don't wait too long! Call the office to see if we are in, or just stop by.

Minneapolis Monarch Festival, September 8

Monarchs, music, food and art return to Lake Nokomis on Saturday, September 8, 10am-4pm for the 4th annual [Minneapolis Monarch Festival]. This celebration of the amazing Monarch Migration from Minnesota to central Mexico has grown steadily each year, from 800 people

NENA (Nokomis East Neighborhood Association)

By Rita Ulrich and Doug Walter

Bringing the Community Together

when it started to 6,000 or more in 2011.

The Festival highlights the Minnesota/Mexico connection of the Monarch with games, art activities, live music, dance, food, and organizations working on monarch habitat conservation. In the [Monarch Tent], you will have a chance to learn about the butterfly's life cycle, the plants it needs to survive, its awe-inspiring journey to the mountains of Michoacán, Mexico, why the Migration is an endangered phenomenon, and what you can do about it.

The stage show will open this year with a performance were calling Crossing Borders: Dueling Accordions. The Mark Stillman Band and Tejano 2000 will play north and south versions of accordion music a la "Dueling Banjos." Don't miss this wake up show starting at 10am. Other performances include the hugely popular Ketzal-Coatlucue Aztec dance group, Javier Trejo, and Larry Long.

The Kids Butterfly Fun Run is back, with races for children ages 0-11. Strollers pushed by Moms or Dads are okay. The Run is sponsored by Univision TV and U Care. For the younger kids, prizes will be awarded for the best monarch wings, antennae, and caterpillar costumes. Older kids will compete for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finish. Registration is \$7. Each participant will receive a Fun Run T-shirt.

The Festival takes place at the Naturescape Gardens on E. Lake Nokomis Pkwy at 50th Street. Admission and most activities are free. Food will be available for sale from vendors offering Latin and local food. Bring your own water bottle to refill with free tap water, and, if you live in the neighborhood, consider walking to the Festival parking is limited.

Volunteers are needed for set up, kids games, stage support, the Fun Run, monarch tagging, and other jobs at the . It's a lot of fun to be part of the flight crew for the Monarch Festival. You can volunteer for a few hours and then spend the rest of the time enjoying the Festival. Call the NENA office at 612-724-5652 to sign up.

The Minneapolis Monarch Festival is a collaboration

of the Mpls Park and Recreation Board, NENA, and the University of Minnesota's Monarch Lab.

More information on the performers, art activities, food vendors and the Kids Butterfly Fun Run (including registration forms that you can fill out ahead of time and bring with) will be available on the Festivals Web site,

[www.monarchfestival.org] as details are confirmed. The website has all the info in English and Spanish.

Last Meeting on Keewaydin Park Master Plan

Minneapolis Park and Recreation staff will show revised plans for Keewaydin park and playground equipment on Tuesday, July 31. This will be the final meeting on the master plan. With construction for the school addition underway, learn what the new play areas will look like. Tuesday, July 31, 2012, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Keewaydin Park Recreation Center, 3030 East 53rd St.

Upcoming NENA Meetings and Events

Keewaydin Park Master Plan: 6:30-8:30 PM, Tuesday, July 31, at Keewaydin Park, 3030 E. 53rd St.

National Night Out: 5pm dusk, Tuesday, August 7. Check with your block club leader for details.

Livability Working Group: 6:30 PM, Monday, August 13 at the NENA office, 3000 East 50th St.

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

Minneapolis Monarch Festival: 10 AM-4 PM, Saturday, September 8, at the Lake Nokomis Naturescape Gardens (50th St and Nokomis Pkwy). Call 612-724-5652 about volunteering.

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

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



Becketwood open house set for Aug 19

Becketwood Cooperative, 4300 West River Parkway, will hold its annual open house on Sunday, August 19 from 3 to 5 p.m. Visitors will also be able to tour a variety of individual apartments in the 210 unit building in South Minneapolis, where units range in size from 550 square feet to over 1900 square feet.

The event is free and open to the public.

Shuttle service between Minnehaha Academy's South Campus parking lot and Becketwood will be available to all visitors.

For more information, call 612-722-4077.

Elevated Beer

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"Most likely we will be open during the same time as the liquor store," Aded said. "We talked to the owner about problems, but there is nothing to do about it. I don't know why the law put in place 12 years ago doesn't protect children in daycare."

Aded said he is hoping there will be security during daylight hours, and he recommends a speed bump be put in.

Boland said that when he and his business partner originally signed the lease, they did have a conversation with the daycare owner.

"We have a comprehensive security plan, which includes the parking lot," he said. "At the end of the day, children should not be out in the parking lot unsupervised."

"We're actively organizing with the community," Boland added. "This area is zoned industrial, and it is right for a liquor store."

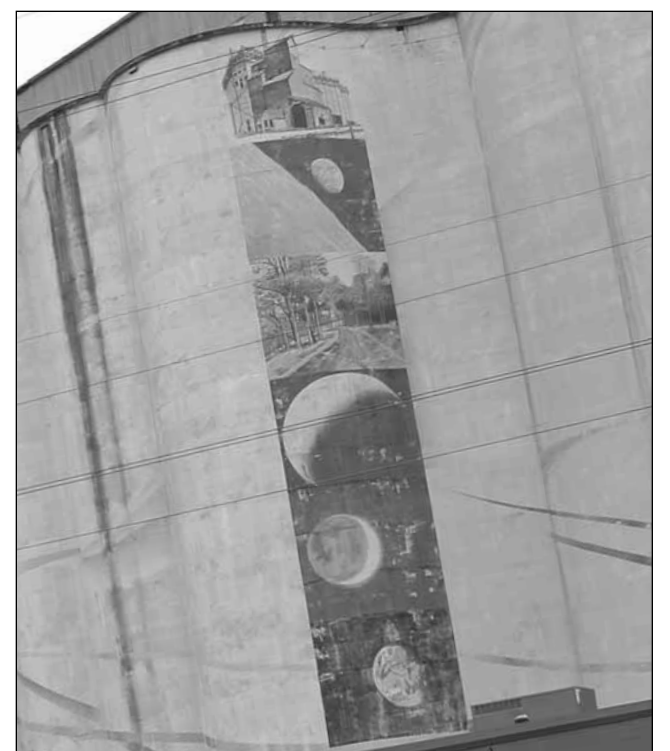
In order to operate a liquor store, people must get a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). Boland and Widuch were approved for a CUP on June 11 by the Planning Commission. They are currently working on obtaining their business license.

A license for off-sale liquor has a public hearing requirement. A hearing will be held Aug. 2 at 6 p.m. at the 3rd Precinct Police Station, 3000 Minnehaha in Minneapolis. It is designed to get input on a business license, and people can at that time express concerns about security or traffic. It is possible that business licensing may then recommend some conditions associated with the license.

Boland and Widuch are looking forward to their opening.

"We will be doing something different from some of our competitors in the area," Boland said. "We want to be a one-stop, offering specialty items and other items a customer is looking for. We hope to focus on education and community engagement."

Boland said they want their store to be a destination location for the area and surrounding area, with an emphasis on providing education on brewing.



Residents warned about spread of invasive species

New regulations guide boaters launching watercraft from Lake Nokomis, Harriet and Calhoun

By JANE MCCLURE

Summer is a time for fun but it has also become a time to be aware of invasive species. In the trees and in the lakes, Minneapolis residents are asked to watch for and help prevent the spread of these pests.

Lake Nokomis has a public boat launch south of the main beach on the west side. That means anyone launching watercraft there needs to be ready to follow new regulations meant to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. The effort was launched July 13 and affects public boat launches on Lakes Nokomis, Harriet and Calhoun. Boaters entering the water through the public boat launches during non-staffed hours may be cited and fined by Minneapolis Park Police.

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's (MPRB) increased efforts to slow the spread of aquatic invasive species was recently announced. The Park Board wants everyone to follow state law, inspect their boats and keep the lakes a good experience for everyone.

Under Minnesota law, it is illegal to transport invasive aquatic plants and animals, as well as water, from water bodies infested with aquatic invasive species. Violate the law and you could face a fine of up to \$1,000. State officials recently announced the "Play Clean Go" campaign to encourage Minnesotans to keep boats and gear clean, as another way to prevent the spread of invasive species.

Since early May inspectors from the MPRB and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) have been inspect-



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ing boats and educating boaters on aquatic invasive species prevention measures at its public boat launches.

As of July 13, inspections are required for any boats or water-related equipment launching from the three public boat launches. Sailboats moored on the lakes, or canoes and kayaks entering the water from storage racks or other access points are not affected. Watercraft may exit the lakes through the public boat launch at any time without penalty.

Launches will be open and inspectors on duty at each boat

launch during the times of the day and days of the week that people are most likely to launch boats. These hours are Monday through Thursday: 6 to 10 a.m. and 5 to 9 p.m. and Friday, Saturday and Sunday: 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

"These steps are in line with what the Park Board has done – and will continue to do – to protect our cities' natural resources," said John Erwin, MPRB president. "Whether we're talking about Eurasian watermilfoil and Asian carp or buckthorn and emerald ash borer, we will do what we have to, to ensure that that our

park system will be around for future generations to enjoy."

The three lakes are already affected by some aquatic invasive species including Eurasian watermilfoil. But the Park Board is concerned that there are still many species, with far worse impacts, that can be prevented from entering and harming the lakes.

The boat launch restrictions are just a part of an almost \$3 million Park Board effort to prevent or manage invasive species. The Park Board's efforts include the placement of Emerald ash borer traps, treating, removing and replacing trees infested with

Dutch elm disease and harvesting and removing Eurasian watermilfoil from the swimming and recreation areas in six lakes. Additionally, thousands of volunteer hours are spent to hand remove buckthorn, mustard garlic and purple loosestrife. The board also restricted lock use on the Mississippi River to its river boat cruise vendor to slow the spread of Asian carp.

As for the emerald ash borer, the Park Board is just one of a number of agencies working to combat that pest. The insect's larvae feed on and kill ash trees, and threaten to wipe out the state's nearly one billion ash trees. To see a list of Minneapolis parks with ash trees, go to <http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/default.asp?PageID=1220>

This summer Minnesota Department of Agriculture workers have used a new tactic – applying glue to ash tree leaves, and then attached dead ash borers to the leaves. It's hoped that by attaching dead female insects, male ash borers seeking mates will instead get stuck to the leaves. The experiment has taken place this summer in Minneapolis.

Other state efforts to find and pests include ash-tree sniffing dogs, release of stingless wasps and use of purple tree traps.

The bit of good news for state and Park Board officials is that no emerald ash borers or infested trees have been discovered in Minnesota so far in 2012. In Minneapolis and St. Paul, city officials have been proactive in removing trees.

The emerald ash borer first appeared in Minnesota in 2009, in St. Paul's South St. Anthony Park neighborhood.

Cutting waste

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Now that the new system is in place, it is supported by a group of about 30 Becketwood volunteers. Their job is to carry the cans, bottles, newspapers and other recyclable materials from the drop-off points on each floor down to the large basement bins that are emptied out each week by Eureka.

Brenny, who is working with his kitchen staff to implement the new composting and recycling system, said that Becketwood's eco-friendly policy is important to him, personally. "I have two small children and I want to leave an environmental legacy for them," Brenny said. "When I drive up north, with its beautiful lakes and forests, I have to go by one of the landfills. It started out as a hill. Now it is a mountain. We can't go on filling the landfills until the sky is the limit. Recycling is something all of us can do to keep the mountain from getting even higher. It can make a real difference."

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By COLETTE MULLENMASTER

Southside Chiropractic, owner *Lee Ann Herfort, DC*



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Dr. Lee Ann Herfort graduated in 1984 as a Doctor of Chiropractic from Northwestern Health Sciences University in Bloomington, MN. She has practiced in South Minneapolis for 28 years. Dr. Herfort is a member of the Minnesota Chiropractic Association (MCA) and American Chiropractic Association (ACA). She supports the community in many activities as she both lives and works in her South Minneapolis neighborhood.

2. What do you like best about having a business in this community?

I live and work in the same tight knit South Minneapolis neighborhood. I never leave my house without running into my "southside friends" It is like working in a small town with the perks of a great city like Minneapolis.

ties as she both lives and works in her South Minneapolis neighborhood.

3. Going forward, how do you see your business growing/changing?

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Dr. Robyn Brostrom graduated from Northwestern Health Sciences University with a Doctorate of Chiropractic and a Bachelors of Science in Human Biology. She is passionate about women's health; including before, during and after pregnancy care, along with their families' wellness.

Icing for the Weekend Warrior

Lee Ann has quite a few weekend warriors who come into her clinic after a weekend of overdoing exercise, whether leisure activities like biking or work around the house such as gardening. She wanted to pass along this tip for icing because many weekend warriors are still confused about the best way to address their aches and pains.

Icing Instructions

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Longfellow's severed hand under wraps at Park Board headquarters

By IRIC NATHANSON

He was America's most famous 19th Century poet and his name is attached to sites all over South Minneapolis, but the man, himself, or at least his stone replica, is hidden away in a weedy patch of Minnehaha Park.

The years have not been kind to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. He needs a thorough cleaning and he is missing both of his forearms. But one of his severed hands has been retrieved and is stored away for safekeeping at the Park Board headquarters on West River Road.

The epic poem

Longfellow set his poem, the Song of Hiawatha, at Minnehaha Falls, now one of Minnesota's most historic sites. The Massachusetts poet never visited this state but he had seen a daguerreotype photo of what was then known as Brown Falls near Fort Snelling. The photo inspired Longfellow to write about mythical Indian chief, Hiawatha, who falls in love with the maiden, Minnehaha.

After Longfellow published his epic poem in 1853 it brought national attention to the frontier territory of Minnesota. When the Minnesota Central Railway Company built a rail line out to Fort Snelling from downtown Minneapolis in the 1860s, the company placed a small station near the falls. The railway station provided easy access to the well-known site, now renamed for the heroine of Longfellow's poem, and made it a major tourist attraction. Later the falls would be incorporated into what became Minnehaha Park.

In the early years of Twentieth Century, a local promoter named Robert "Fish" Jones, hoping to cash in on the falls' national fame, established a zoo, surrounded by a formal garden, next to the city-owned park. Jones, a former fish merchant, also built a two-thirds replica of Longfellow's Massachusetts home in his Longfellow Gardens.

Soon after the Gardens opened, Jones commissioned a local sculptor, A.A. Gewont, to create a statue of the famous American poet at a cost of \$5,000. The statute was unveiled on June 25, 1908, at a ceremony attended by a crowd of 1,000. "When the white cloth which had hidden the statute from Minneapolitans until yesterday fell, prolonged applause greeted the latest addition to the sculpture of the Minneapolis parks," the Minneapolis Tribune reported. The paper went on to note that "the statue sands on a slight elevation, approached by a pretty garden. It is of blue-gray Bedford sandstone, of heroic size, showing the poet in a scholar's robe."

After Jones' death in 1930, the Longfellow Gardens fell into decline. By 1934, with the zoo now closed, the Minneapolis Park Board took control of the site and incorporated it in Minnehaha Park.

The severed hand

Sometime during this period, Longfellow lost his arms, according to an amateur historian named Frederick Ohles. Writing

in the April 2000 issue of Minnesota Monthly, Ohles disclosed that his father was part of a group of youthful vandals that had caused the damage, and that one of the statue's severed hands had remained in his family for three generations.

His father's role in the amputation was a matter of family dispute, according to Ohles. "Dad said, adamantly, that he hadn't amputated it," Ohles recalled. "Older boys had done the damage. He'd merely picked the broken piece from the ground and taken it home, a souvenir any lad of 13 or so would treasure."

"Grandma knew enough about other escapades from Dad's youthful years that she never believed him. She was sure he'd been present at the wrist fracturing moment and had probably been part of it," Ohles acknowledged.

One day in the 1960s, when he was about 10, Ohles discovered the severed hand buried in his grandmother's rock garden. "I was playing in the garden and admiring the rocks when I noticed two large, stony fingers protruding from the soil. I ran to the house to describe the wonder I had seen. 'Oh, that's Longfellow's hand,' was the reply."

Later, when he was 15, Ohles persuaded his grandmother to let him have the hand. For years after

that, the hand traveled with him as a family memento as he grew to adulthood and pursued an academic career throughout the Midwest. Sometime after Ohles' article appeared in Minnesota Monthly in 2000, the hand found its way to the Minneapolis Park Board where it remains today.

Modern times

The rebuilding of Highway 55 through Minnehaha Park in the 1990s led to the relocation of the original Longfellow House built by Fish Jones in 1906. The highway project also created a new site for a modern Longfellow Gardens on the berm or landbridge over the roadway.

While the Park Board was able to restore the Longfellow House at its new location closer to Minnehaha Falls and create a new, modern version of the Longfellow Gardens, the Longfellow statue has remained in its original 1908 location. Then, it was a focal point of Jones' privately-owned park. Now, the berm over Highway 55 blocks the view of the statue for most Minnehaha Park visitors unless they are standing at the end of the Longfellow Gardens, looking down towards the Minnehaha Creek lagoon which forms the western boundary of the park.

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The years have not been kind to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. He needs a thorough cleaning and he is missing both of his forearms. But one of his severed hands has been retrieved and is stored away for safekeeping at the Park Board headquarters on West River Parkway. (Photo by Iric Nathanson)

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Coldwater Spring: Our newest park

By JILL BOOGREN

On a sweltering hot evening in July, it was quiet in the way nature gives us quiet: with bird song, a trickle of water, a frog's reckoning. Nineteen people gathered for a ranger-led tour of the newest addition to our backyard national park: Coldwater Spring.

The 29-acre park is the former site of the Bureau of Mines Twin Cities Research Center, south of Minnehaha Park and between the two bike trails that lead to Fort Snelling State Park. The National Park Service (NPS) assumed responsibility for the land in 2010, as a unit of the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area (MNRRA), and is converting it to open space park land.

Twelve buildings on the site have been demolished and the debris hauled away. Native grasses are being planted to support prairie oak savanna. An historic spring house and reservoir will be preserved. It is expected to open to the public after Labor Day.

Dan Dressler, the park ranger leading the tour, said they frequently see bald eagles in a

cottonwood there, and have seen deer, wild turkeys, and coyote tracks. At the park's namesake spring, a mink was spotted scampering along the reservoir wall. During the tour a pair of killdeer called as they flew overhead, and a fox darted in and out of view.

"It's been fun to see the progression of wildlife through here," said Dressler.

Coldwater Spring (Mni Owe Sni)

At the heart of the park is a natural spring said to have been flowing for over 10,000 years. The spring house marks where the largest volume of water comes out of the ground.

Dressler pointed out that for many years the spring exited the reservoir pool through a culvert. This has been removed, and the creek now runs over terraced blocks of limestone. From here, the creek flows downhill and eventually forms a small waterfall that pours into the Mississippi River. Plans are to create a walking path to follow this trail.



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Layers of History

Situated high on a bluff of ancient limestone, between Minnehaha Falls and the confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers, Coldwater Spring is an area rich with ecological, cultural, and historical significance, and is considered sacred by many Native Americans.

MNRRA, in its park

brochure, states of the region: "Ancestors of today's American Indians began moving into the Upper Mississippi Valley about 12,000 years ago after the last of the continental glaciers receded. They established intermittent and seasonal villages on terraces above the riverbanks and canoed the waterways to hunt, gather plants, and trade goods."

According to Alan Robbins-Fenger, NPS project manager for Coldwater, the "Dakota came through the area. The confluence is central to their oral traditions, Pike Island is like a rock's throw away from the site, Black Dog is just up the river."

In 1999 Eddie Benton Benais, an Ojibwa spiritual elder from Lac Courtes Oreilles Reservation in northern Wisconsin, spoke of his grandfather who lived to be 108, died in 1942: "Many times he retold how we traveled, how he and his family, he as a small boy traveled by foot, by horse, by canoe to this great place to where there would be these great religious, spiritual events. And that they always camped between the falls (which came to be known as Minnehaha Falls) and the sacred water place." He said it was a neutral place, where all tribes could gather.

"This whole area, this water blessed area, would be sacred in any culture," said Susu Jeffrey, founder of Friends of Coldwater, which is seeking federal recogni-

tion of Coldwater as a Traditional Cultural Property (supported by the Minnesota State Historical Society State Historic Preservation Office), or sacred site.

Coldwater also figures prominently in Fort Snelling history. Dressler explained that in 1820 soldiers came up from the river, called it Camp Coldwater, and stayed there while they built the fort. He described the bustling center Coldwater became, as soldiers, fur traders, and the Dakota settled there.

Even after the soldiers moved to the fort, others came up on the steamboat from St. Louis, got dropped off at the landing below, and walked up to Coldwater. There were schools, a blacksmith, an Indian Agency, and a hotel.

"It was the first civilian community of what would become the state of Minnesota. Before St. Paul, Mendota, long before Minneapolis," Dressler added. The spring provided drinking water for the camp and Fort Snelling.

"Until the 1870's they were using a horse and wagon hauling water to the fort," said Robbins-Fenger. "The fort was expanding because of the Dakota War [of 1862], so they constructed the reservoir to handle greater volume." It became a major waterworks that provided all the water for the fort.

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Longfellow resident struggles to stay in home despite foreclosure proceedings

By JAN WILLMS

"For Sale" signs pop up frequently across the Twin Cities. But the story behind many of them is not that people are moving on, but that foreclosure has forced the sale of their home.

Longfellow resident Anita Reyes-Reley, who lives on the 3600 block of 39th Avenue So., is one of those who never thought she would be losing the home she has lived in for 17 years to foreclosure.

Reyes-Reley was making her mortgage payments with the income from her full-time job, which required her to drive 100 miles each way four days a week. But when she was struck with vertigo and diabetes, she was unable to drive. She could not make the May mortgage payment in 2011, and then missed June and July.

She got her health problems under control, but her hours were cut in half. Woodlands National Bank, which held the mortgage, wanted a lump sum or else would foreclose.

"I had been trying to negotiate," Reyes-Reley said. She was working with Cindy Koonce, vice president of Woodlands National Bank.

"Cindy said she would do everything she could to help me keep my house," Reyes-Reley said.

"I didn't think this would happen," she said softly. "I feel like I was misled into thinking I could keep my home, and discouraged from getting help." At the end of a six-month redemption period, she asked for more time to get her things moved out of her home.

Finally, after back-and-forth



Occupy Homes MN organizer Iain Wilson says his organization helps homeowners like Longfellow resident Anita Reyes-Reley with the understanding of the foreclosure process. Reyes-Reley is struggling to keep her home on 3600 block of 39th Avenue So. after living in it for 17 years. (Photo by Jan Willms)

exchanges with the bank, Reyes-Reley learned from a friend in Alabama about Occupy Homes MN, an organization that works with people facing foreclosures. The friend had read about the group on national news, and she encouraged Reyes-Reley to contact the group.

She called Occupy Homes MN and talked to Anthony Newby, a former banker himself who was familiar with foreclosure procedures.

"If you don't give up, I won't give up," he told her. "That really kept me going," Reyes-Reley said. Occupy Homes MN gathered signatures for a petition in support of Reyes-Reley, and she was in

touch with the Attorney General. People started calling Woodlands National Bank. Finally Koonce requested a payment of \$2100 on June 19 of this year.

"I was told I could rent my house for two years, and then get it back," Reyes-Reley explained. She told Koonce she would call her back, the next day, around noon.

At 12:04 p.m. the next day, Reyes-Reley called Koonce and let her know she had the money.

She said the banker told her she would call her back. A few minutes later she called and said that the deadline had been noon, and Reyes-Reley had called four minutes late. The deal was off the

table.

Council member Gary Schiff was called upon to try and broker a deal. There seemed to be a question as to whether the four-minute late call had made the difference, or whether the bank did not want to pay the costs for turning the home into a rental. Occupy Homes MN offered to do any work required to bring the house up to code. Finally, Reyes-Reley was told she could rent the home for a year, and then would lose it.

So, for the time being, she is still living in her home. And Occupy Homes MN continues with its support.

The group contacted the

Longfellow Community Council to let LCC know about its work in the neighborhood. Occupy requested being on the agenda for a meeting of the Community Connections Committee of LCC. The committee approved a letter of support on behalf of Reyes-Reley that was sent to Woodlands National Bank.

Occupy Homes MN grew out of the earlier Occupy MN that was protesting economic and political issues and camping out in Peavey Plaza in Minneapolis.

"That was not sustainable during Minnesota winters," said Iain Wilson, one of the organization's volunteers. He said the group decided to place its focus on foreclosures and evictions in the community, beginning around December 2011.

"We provide community support and public pressure for good faith negotiations on mortgages," Wilson declared. He said that could mean a lot of things.

"We actually help homeowners with the understanding of the foreclosure process," he explained. "One of our most recent victories provided methods to contact the Attorney General, and found a bank didn't have a business license for Minnesota, so they were illegally foreclosing on a home in South Minneapolis."

"One of the scary things we have seen in foreclosure is a culture of shame," continued Wilson. He said people feel like they can't pay enough, that it's their duty, while banks confuse people by not giving them options and lying to them.

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The 2012 LoLa Art Crawl, organized by the artists and supporters of the League of Longfellow Artists, will be held Saturday and Sunday, August 25 and 26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The self-guided tour features exhibits at artists' homes or studios, and at local businesses, throughout Greater Longfellow.

LoLa artist Cherie Burke is hard at work crafting new jewelry and mosaic bird houses. "I work in many mediums," Burke says, "and I like the neighborhood experience, getting to know people."

Whether you walk, bike, or drive the crawl, it's a chance to glimpse inside the creative workspaces of local artists working in jewelry, pottery, glass, painting, photography, textiles, sculpture, and many other art forms. "I love the opportunity to invite people into my home to see who I am and what I do," says glass artist Nicole Fierce, who is crafting lamps and vases.

LoLa artist Mark Barsness, known as the "Manhole Cover Guy", is completing a series of six acrylic paintings of actual manhole covers from the streets of Longfellow.

"The art crawl is an opportunity for sharing my art work with others, sharing creative ideas, and building community," says Lydia Kulesov, LoLa artist and owner of Greenway River Gallery. She is printing photo montages and choosing unique frames for her small pastel paintings.

Nancy Schultz agrees, "I like getting to know other people in my neighborhood and see what they do." New to LoLa this year, she is readying her textile studio to offer natural dyeing demonstrations on yarn and scarves.

Founded in 2009, LoLa is a flourishing artist-run annual art crawl featuring more than 100 artists showing at over 60 neighborhood sites, with support from the Longfellow Community Council and local businesses. The art crawl is open to the public, free of charge. The artists will be offering their art for sale, just in time for shoppers to get a jump on the holiday season.

Find maps and more information online at lolaartcrawl.com.



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LCC Awarded Grant for Graffiti Prevention

LCC has been awarded a City of Minneapolis grant for graffiti-prevention projects. LCC's project will target preventing graffiti on public utility boxes by installing displays of art by local artists. Utility boxes in the East Lake Street and Minnehaha Avenue corridors will be targeted due to the high frequency of graffiti vandalism in those areas. LCC is partnering with Longfellow volunteer group R.E.M.O.V. (Remove Existing Marks of Vandalism) on the project. R.E.M.O.V. is dedicated to reporting and removing all graffiti vandalism in the neighborhood. R.E.M.O.V. members



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Longfellow Corn Feed

5:30 - 8:00 pm
Thursday, August 9th
Longfellow Park
3435 36th Avenue S



It's time for the Longfellow Corn Feed! Join your neighbors at Longfellow's largest celebrations! There will be lots of activities for kids, a health and resource fair, live music, food vendors and CORN. Lots and lots of corn.

The Longfellow Community Council is also looking for volunteers to staff their corn feed table. If interested please contact joanna@longfellow.org.

Calendar of Meetings and Events

August 2012

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

Advancement

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

Neighborhood Development Caucus

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

River Gorge

Monday, August 13
7:00 - 9:00 pm
Hiawatha School Park, 4305 42nd St. E
3207 37th Avenue South
FFI: joanna@longfellow.org

Longfellow Faith Forum

Tuesday, August 14
12:00 - 1:30 pm
Bethany Lutheran Church
3901 36th Avenue South
Lunch is provided. RSVP to Joanna@longfellow.org by Friday, August 9

Community Connections

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

Thursday, August 16
6:30 - 8:45 pm
Minnehaha Academy north campus
FFI: melanie@longfellow.org

Environment and Transportation

Tuesday, August 28
6:30 - 8:00 pm
Hiawatha School Park 4305 42nd St. E
FFI: spencer@longfellow.org

An Incredible Meal - Join Us for the Next Two!

On July 11th, one hundred Longfellow residents gathered together to share a meal in celebration of our community and partnership. Thanks to the Neighborhood Partnership Initiative Grant, the Longfellow Community Council, Volunteers of America, Harvest Moon, Free Geek, and Minnehaha Communion Church have collaborated to create a program that provides community support and job skills to residents at Volunteers of America. VOA residents cooked spaghetti and served with vegetables they grew at their plot in the Minnehaha Garden. Attendees were also serenaded during their meal. Ruhel Islam, the owner of Gandhi Mahal, will teach our kitchen crew how to prepare an Indian meal for our September dinner! Join us!

Community Dinner
Wednesday, September 5 and Wednesday, October 3
6:00 - 7:30 pm
Minnehaha Communion Church
4101 37th Avenue So.



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In Our Community

Lake Hiawatha Neighborhood Festival

This year the festival will be held on Wednesday, August 1 from 5-8 p.m. at Lake Hiawatha Park (2701 E. 44th St.) For the kids we will again have pony rides for under 10 years old, face painting, hair painting, games, the 5-in-1 sports moonwalk and a water slide. We will also have the family fitness challenge and a talent contest – please pre-register for both by contacting Lake Hiawatha Park at 612-370-4930.

Also check out the health expo, free canoe rides on Lake Hiawatha, a 9-hole mini-golf and a caricaturist at the festival. For bicyclists the City of Minneapolis Bike Walk Ambassadors will host a Family Bicycle Ride - bicycle decorating starts at 5:30 p.m. and at 6 p.m. the ride starts. The route will go around the neighborhood and arrive back at the park. If you would like more information or have an at-home or in-store retail business and want to display your business at the festival please email Joyce Boettcher at lhfest@yahoo.com. We will have food for sale by vendors. As usual we will be looking for more volunteers the day of the festival. Look for more up-to-date information at our website: www.lhrc.freeservers.com/festival.htm.

Art and craft sale August 17 and 18

Mark your calendars for the Art and Craft Supply Sale at St. Albert the Great Church. Low prices on a wide variety of art and craft supplies. Paper arts, needlecraft, ceramics, fine arts, yarns and much more. Great for teachers! Proceeds go to two non-profit programs: Creative Spirit (youth and children's programs) and Creative Ageless People (senior drop-in ceramics program.) Friday and Saturday, August 17 and 18 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Church of St. Albert the Great, E. 29th Street at 32nd Ave. S. in the lower level Social Hall. Anyone wishing to make tax-deductible donations of supplies, call Erin at 612-724-3643.

Free exercise begins at Hope Church

Bone Builders, a free strength training and balance exercise program sponsored by the Greater Twin Cities RSVP, begins at Hope Lutheran Church on Tuesday, September 11. Open to men and women at many fitness levels, the twice-weekly classes aim to increase both muscle strength and bone density, protecting against falls—and fractures caused by osteoporosis. Classes meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 1-2 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church at 5728 Cedar Ave S. in Minneapolis. Pre-regis-

Teen premieres show at Fringe Festival

Recent South High graduate and Wenonah resident Collin Knopp-Schwyn will premiere his new musical comedy, *The Donner Party Kidz!*, at this year's Minnesota Fringe Festival. The show takes a lighthearted look at the lore of the ill-fated Donner Party as if it were an educational '90s TV program, including a singing, dancing horse and numerous new songs set to recognizable tunes. The show features a cast and crew of current South students and alumni and will play at the Playwrights' Center in the Seward neighborhood. Show dates are 8/2 at 8:30 pm, 8/4 at 5:30 pm, 8/6 at 10 p.m., 8/9 at 7 p.m., and 8/11 at 5:30 pm. Tickets cost \$12, plus a one-time \$4 Fringe button purchase. More info at www.fringefestival.org/2012/show/?id=2329.



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tration is required by calling 952-945-4161.

Qigong: low-impact Chinese exercise

Join Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors and Minneapolis Community Education for a presentation about Qigong on Tuesday, August 21 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2730 E. 31st Street. Qigong (pronounced chee-gung) is the cornerstone of traditional Chinese medicine and translates to "breath" or "energy." It's for people of all ages to help the body, mind and spirit heal from blockages and can provide relief from pain, injury and stress. Presented by Joe Walsh.

Volunteer visitors needed for seniors

Help seniors stay in their homes and keep socially connected. If you like seniors, you'll love this volunteer position! We're looking for "Friendly Visitors" to visit isolated seniors in the greater Longfellow and Seward neighborhoods. Call Mary at Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors at 612-729-5799 for more information.

LoLa Art Crawl planned Aug. 25, 26

Meeting the artist, conversations

with new friends, locally made gifts, visiting a friendly local business—it's all part of this summer's LoLa Art Crawl in the Greater Longfellow neighborhood of south Minneapolis.

The 2012 LoLa Art Crawl, organized by the artists and supporters of the League of Longfellow Artists, will be held Saturday and Sunday, August 25 and 26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The self-guided tour features exhibits at artists' homes or studios, and at local businesses, throughout Greater Longfellow.

LoLa artist Cherie Burke is

hard at work crafting new jewelry and mosaic bird houses. "I work in many mediums," Burke says, "and I like the neighborhood experience, getting to know people."

Whether you walk, bike, or drive the crawl, it's a chance to glimpse inside the creative workspaces of local artists working in jewelry, pottery, glass, painting, photography, textiles, sculpture, and many other art forms. "I love the opportunity to invite people into my home to see who I am and what I do," says glass artist Nicole Fierce, who is crafting lamps and vases.

LoLa artist Mark Barsness, known as the "Manhole Cover Guy," is completing a series of six acrylic paintings of actual manhole covers from the streets of Longfellow.

"The art crawl is an opportunity for sharing my art work with others, sharing creative ideas, and building community," says Lydia Kulesov, LoLa artist and owner of Greenway River Gallery. She is printing photo montages and choosing unique frames for her small pastel paintings.

Nancy Schultz agrees, "I like getting to know other people in my neighborhood and see what they do." New to LoLa this year, she is readying her textile studio to offer natural dyeing demonstrations on yarn and scarves.

Founded in 2009, LoLa is a flourishing artist-run annual art crawl featuring more than 100 artists showing at over 60 neighborhood sites, with support from the Longfellow Community Council and local businesses. The art crawl is open to the public, free of charge. The artists will be offering their art for sale, just in time for shoppers to get a jump on the holiday season.

Find maps and more information online at lolaartcrawl.com.

Nokomis Library holds giant book sale July 28

By CHRIS SEIDEL

Our Nokomis Library on 34th Avenue is definitely where the action is all year around.

The Friends of the Nokomis Library are having a giant book sale on Saturday, July 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Stop in, load up, and meet a lot of friendly people who love books just like you do. The book sale is the main source of income for special projects that our fabulous Head Librarian, Amy McNally, thinks up and that the Friends group funds.

If you haven't been in the library since it was re-modeled last year, you are in for a real treat. You will see neighbors of all ages taking advantage of a wide variety of programs and activities and our extremely friendly staff are always glad to see you. A few of the things that are offered on a regular basis include the following:

knitting groups; teen anime programs; reading groups; authors who come in and talk about their books; writing groups; story times in English and Spanish (and even for babies and dogs); and computers. For a complete description of what's going on you can go to the Hennepin County Library Website and look up Nokomis Library or, for even more specific information, you can call the library directly at 612-543-6800. The Friends of the Nokomis Library are on Facebook too!

Have you ever heard of the Socrates Café? The Friends of the Library are sponsoring lively philosophical discussions led by an actual philosopher at the 3 Tiers Bakery Bistro, 5011 34th Ave. So., from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on the Wednesdays of August 1st, 15th, and 29th. Also this fall we will be

Epworth and St. James churches offer VBS

"No Friend like Jesus; Get Connected" is the theme for Vacation Bible School Aug. 13-17, offered jointly by two Longfellow congregations: St. James AME and Epworth UMC. VBS will be at the Epworth building, 3207 37th Ave. S., 9:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$5, with family rates available. The theme shows the ways kids can connect with God and community using a Bible-based curriculum explored through a progression of social networking from image to profile to update. Music, games, crafts and skits are part of the fun. For more information, call Epworth at 612-722-0232 or e-mail EpworthOffice@mplsEpworth.com

Longfellow Garden Club Social and Potluck — Aug. 9

Time to spend an evening outdoors talking and eating all things garden! Bring a folding chair (only if you care to) and something to share on Thursday, August 9.

NOTE: we are meeting one day later than our usual 2nd Wednesday of the month.

We plan to also share stories of this most unusual garden season, and hear about practical ways to use fewer chemicals in the yard. Ice water and herbal tea will be provided. Feel free to bring your own plate/utensils - we are trying to achieve close to a zero (plastic) waste event.

Directions will be available after 6:30 p.m. at the front door of the Epworth United Methodist Church, 3207 37th Ave S., but if you attended last year, it will be in the same lovely yard! See us at: LongfellowGardenClubMail@gmail.com or go to www.facebook.com/LongfellowGardenClub.

presenting a fascinating series on "Addiction" featuring speakers who are experts on the subjects of various types of addiction, possible treatments, and the sometimes devastating effect of addiction on families. Special Saturday programs will feature local favorite Jim Klobuchar talking about some of his travels and legendary musician Paul Metsa reading from his book *Blue Guitar Highway* and singing too.

If you love the library, please consider becoming a member of our energetic and fun-loving Friends group. Our local public library is a precious resource for the Nokomis community and with your help we can make it the library of our dreams.

(Editor's note: Chris Seidel is Chair of the Program Committee of the Friends of the Nokomis Library.)

This year, I've had my income cut in half by being laid off in January. It's pretty funny they call it "laid off," because they are not planning on hiring me back. The project I was working on was axed by the customer, so there was no more need for me, or the other four people who were also laid off. It doesn't matter what you call it, we are all unemployed. The unemployment compensation comes out to be less than fifty percent of my income. As I wrote in earlier columns, I have been spending my time doing projects that are cheap and yet, give maximum improvement.

The first project was cleaning the first floor. I don't even want to speak of the amount of cobwebs I found behind the television cabinet! My second project was painting. Paint is cheap and gives a lot of punch. My kitchen



The Old White House

By SHERRI MOORE

A little time and money equal big changes

and adjoining downstairs hallway now look pretty spiffy in the sunset gold color I chose.

Then I started looking at my living room walls. I still like the sage green, and really wasn't in the mood to take on that massive project. I decided to take down all the framed pictures I had up, and reconsider them. I moved a couple of prints upstairs, and brought a picture from the master bedroom down to the living room. I continued to move all

the wall decor in the house from one spot to another. Most of the pictures were hung with those 3M picture hangers that are glued onto the wall with adhesive, and removed very easily next time you want to take them down. What an invention! It was possible for me to do this without Mr. M. He was very disappointed that I didn't need his help, but he'll get over it. It's amazing what a difference it made! The cost was under \$25 bucks for the hangers,

and the time and labor savings was tremendous.

My next project was replacing the towels in the bathroom and kitchen. I bet I had the bathroom towels for ten years! Yes, I had to spend a little money, but really, the new white towels with lavender stripes look fabulous. They really brightened up the bathroom.

In the kitchen, I bought just a few dish towels in that same gold color I put on the walls. I

was lucky enough to find them at ACE Hardware. Who would've thought they'd have such cute towels?

Mr. M. came home from a business trip and didn't notice the changes, but that doesn't matter. As long as no one drinks his beer, he's okay. These changes take a little money and time, but are really worth it. It's almost like having a new house! The most important thing is the little money I spent.

There won't be any big projects until I get another job. Wish me luck!

(Sherri Moore is a freelance writer and resident of the Nokomis neighborhood. She and Mr. M. are in their nineteenth year of renovating their old white house. Sherri welcomes your comments and can be reached at sherri92@msn.com.)

Powderhorn Art Fair planned Aug. 4-5

Set in a pastoral, 66-acre city park, Powderhorn Art Fair, 3400 15th Av. S., is one of the finest juried regional art fairs in the country. The weekend event takes place August 4-5 (10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday), and features 184 local and national artists of varied disciplines, as well as a Community Showcase and Group Exhibitors from the Powderhorn area. Now in its 21st year, Powderhorn Art Fair continues its legacy of artistic expression and community engagement.

This year Powderhorn Art Fair received grants from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council and the Minnesota State Arts Board, and was recognized by the Minnesota Women's Press

as a 2012 Honoree in its "Favorite Art Festival" category.

Milwaukee-based Marina Lee, winner of 2011 Best of Show, is this year's highlighted artist. Recognized for her unique sculptures, Marina creates whimsical drawings of her work, and her frog illustration, "Movin' On," is featured on the 2012 Powderhorn Art Fair poster, program and t-shirt. "I have created dimensional works portraying humor, healing color and integration of cultural patterns in spiritual guardian sculptures," says Lee. "I create in everyday life while listening, looking and living." (<http://marinalee.com>)

Powderhorn Art Fair is a family friendly, multi-cultural event that also offers children's activities,

performances and acoustic music. Participants include Open Eye Figure Theatre, Articulture, Dan Rein (Iranian stringed instruments), Dreamland Faces (Karen Majewicz & Andy McCormick) and more. On Saturday only, author Anne Sawyer-Aitch will perform a shadow puppet show and reading of her children's story, "Nalah and the Pink Tiger."

Also on Saturday, CityKid Java (www.citykidjava.com) — a local coffee company that donates all of its profits back to kids—commemorates its 10th anniversary at the Powderhorn Art Fair. Ten youth and three art teachers are teaming up to create coffee art that replicates

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Foreclosure

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As an example, he said the bank did not tell Reyes-Reley that when she had a medical problem, she could apply for frugal hardship and lower her payments.

Wilson said that out of the 12-15 people Occupy Homes MN has worked with, there have been at least four victories. The organization has a core group of around 30, all volunteers except for one receiving a stipend.

"A lot of the organizers are knowledgeable on how the legal system and the foreclosure system work," Wilson added.

"There is something about

Occupy Homes MN that brings forth a lot of energy and passion," Wilson said. "We're at a point where we haven't grown enough to keep up with the number of homeowners we want to help."

He said foreclosure can eat up a person's mental time and physical time, and for that reason community support is so important.

"We find there is almost always a lot of community support. There are 'Stop Foreclosure Now' signs in the neighborhoods." A meeting was held for homeowners and community residents in the Longfellow area July 18.

The community support for Reyes-Reley is evident from talk-

ing to her neighbors.

Barbara Beresford, who lives nearby, said the story about Anita is frustrating and worrisome.

"I don't want this to happen to Anita or me or to anyone else," she said. "But I don't feel the bank has been straightforward. They're sending messages to her, but doing something different."

"A house is the biggest investment a person has, and this is so unethical and just wrong," Beresford continued. "I understand businesses have rules they have to follow, and they have the right to protect their best interests. But I oppose businesses following unethical practices. I don't come out and criticize a

bank without a legitimate reason, but they need to be challenged."

Roxanne Truen, who lives across the street from Reyes-Reley, agreed.

"Most people are a paycheck away from the same situation," she said. "I had no idea banks could act in this way, especially with a long paying history like Anita."

She said her concern is for Anita, and personally she does not want a boarded-up house right across the street from her.

For its part, the bank denies any wrongdoing.

Koonce, who has been dealing with Reyes-Reley's foreclosure, said it is unfortunate when the bank has to take a borrower

to foreclosure for nonpayment.

"It is not anything I or anyone else wants to do," she said. "But we have to treat every person the same, and we have attempted to work with her."

She said Woodlands National Bank prides itself on its work with its borrowers.

For Wilson, he sees the need for Occupy Homes MN to only grow. He said Minnesotans for a Fair Economy has predicted foreclosures will go up this year.

"There are always going to be people out there who need help defending themselves," he said. "We are empowering people in the communities. If we do enough work, the banks will eventually listen."

Art Fair

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the iconic "Spoonbridge and Cherry" sculpture in the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden. Using 3,500 cups of coffee and 71 gallons of milk, the expansive display will be done in the style of the "Mona Lisa" coffee art made at Rocks Aroma Festival in Sydney, Australia (<http://walyou.com/mona-lisa-painting-coffee-cups/>).

And Keys 4/4 Kids (<http://keys44kids.com>) will feature one of its "Pianos on Parade"—a citywide exhibit of more than 20 working pianos that have

been artistically transformed by local students and artists.

Powderhorn Art Fair is a sustainable, eco-friendly event. A water station will be on site, and patrons are encouraged to bring their own containers for free, self-service water. And, as part of Metro Transits' Minneapolis Arts Weekend promotion, attendees can download a free Art Pass to avoid parking hassles and traffic delays.

The Art Pass offers free bus or light rail service from home or a Park & Ride lot to and among the weekend's three art fairs: Powderhorn, Loring Park and Uptown. Buses will pick up and drop off patrons at convenient stops at each art fair. The Art Pass can be down-

loaded at www.metrotransit.org/Art-Pass. To ride free, show the Art Pass to a bus driver or Transit Police officer. For help planning a trip on Metro Transit to any of the art fairs, call 612-373-3333 to speak with a transit representative, or use the interactive Trip Planner at www.metrotransit.org.

Powderhorn Art Fair is a collaborative event between the Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association (PPNA) and the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board. Profits from the art fair pay for programs and equipment at Powderhorn Park that benefit all ages.

Come and enjoy art in the park at the 21st annual Powderhorn Art Fair!

Longfellow statue

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Henry deserves more respect than he is getting now, maintains Park Board historian Dave Smith. "One reason we have the spectacular park we have today at Minnehaha Falls is because of Longfellow," Smith said. "For that alone, in my mind, he deserves a statue — and one with all its limbs attached."

Dawn Sommers, a Minneapolis Park Board spokesperson, acknowledges the significance of the Longfellow statue but says the Board has no current plans to restore it and re-attach the severed hand.

"The statues and artwork in our parks are real treasures, but many of them were acquired before we had a budget to maintain them. Restoring the Longfellow statue is a more ambitious undertaking than it may appear at first glance. Even the cleaning could cause more harm than good if it is not done right. Right now, given our budgetary pressures, we need to focus on our priorities and those are maintaining and enhancing our park grounds and facilities."

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Coldwater Spring

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One of the tour participants, Diane Steen-Hinderlie, suggested: "This should be a UNESCO World Heritage site. This was such a polyglot of nationalities... Swedes, French Canadian Voyageurs, Native Americans, Swiss... Everybody has a reason to be proud" of their heritage.

Flash Forward to the 1950's when the Bureau of Mines buildings were built. Kate Havelin of the Mississippi River Fund explained that it was a research center, not a mining site, where they studied, among other things, rock core samples, including moon rocks. In 1996 the Bureau of Mines closed and buildings were vacated soon after.

More recently Coldwater lay at the center of a contentious battle to protect water flow to the spring during construction of the Highway 55/62 interchange.

When asked what is the signature piece for this park, Robbins-Fenger said, "It's the spring." Listing all these periods

of time, from glacial, pre-human times, to pre-European Dakota, and European to the Bureau of Mines, he added: "There are many, many layers of interesting history we'd all like to know more about."

Creating the Park

Friends of Coldwater, initially supportive of NPS managing the land and spring, has taken issue with the number of trees felled, including the willow that shaded the reservoir. Robbins-Fenger said it was rotting and had to be removed for safety reasons, and that other trees removed were either exotic or invasive species or in a weakened condition.

"It will look exposed for a few years," Robbins-Fenger acknowledged. "We're planning for the next 100, 200 years."

The goal, he said, is for Coldwater to be a more natural park than the traditional built Minnehaha Park. Trails will be crushed rock, soil or wood chips instead of paved, and it will be prairie instead of mown grass.

"I think this looks really good," commented tour participant Paul Eaves. "It's rare that you get to see developed land return to a native state... Five



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years from now this will be amazing."

Visiting Coldwater

Visitors are welcome but are asked to be respectful of the new

prairie plants, which are fragile and can be easily damaged.

The next public preview tours will be held Aug. 8th & Aug. 22nd, 6-7 p.m. Tours begin at the front gate of the site. They're free, and no reservations

are necessary.

Look for volunteer opportunities on Sept. 29th, National Public Lands Day.

Details can be found at <http://www.nps.gov/miss/park-mgmt/bomcurr.htm>

Comment period extended for changes to MTC routes

By JANE MCCLURE

A comment period on Metro Transit bus route service changes was extended until July 23. That allowed more time for comments.

The bus service changes are planned to help riders better connect with the Central Corridor light rail line. A number of area bus routes are changing in frequency, with some routes being increased and others being eliminated. One concern from area residents is the proposal to cut back some Interstate 94 express bus

service, as it is a well-used connection to the east metro from Minneapolis neighborhoods. Many riders like the convenience of connecting to I-94 via Hiawatha light rail.

Part of the delay was to allow comments for people along St. Paul streets where there has not been bus service. Metro Transit staff said that while it isn't typical to contact individual property owners when a bus route change is considered, an exception was made because of the possibility of

new service. Lexington Parkway had bus service north of Marshall Avenue several years ago. The route has generated many comments during the current comment period.

The plans were reviewed July 11 by the Central Corridor Management Committee and recommended for approval June 29 by the St. Paul Planning Commission.

One of the biggest changes in area neighborhoods would be the addition of a Lexington Parkway

bus. The new line would extend from the Como-Snelling intersection, to Energy Park Drive, and then travel Lexington to Albion and West Seventh streets. This would fill a significant gap in the transit system, which currently has no north-south service between Snelling Avenue and Dale Street. The route would operate every 30 minutes. Many people want a Lexington bus, although a few property owners have raised objections.

There are concerns from St.

Paul city leaders and community members about University Avenue bus changes. The Route 50 express would be eliminated and Route 16 service cut back. The Planning Commission is asking that Metro Transit continue to look at Route 16 service after light rail begins operations, to see if more midday trips should be added back in. The commission also wants more frequent service on Route 21 considered, as well as pedestrian and sidewalk improvements along the rail line where needed.

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Farewell to Principal Jane Ellis



Keewaydin parents Greg and Sarah Dutton hosted a farewell gathering to thank Jane Ellis for her years of service as principal of Lake Nokomis Community School, Keewaydin. She leaves MPS to serve as principal at Earle Brown Elementary IB School in Brooklyn Center. Thanked by parents and community members, Ellis (right) is pictured here with: Council Member Sandy Colvin Roy, Nokomis East Neighborhood Association Board Member and Keewaydin Parents Patty Kendall and Sarah Dutton, and George Jelatis - Keewaydin Addition Steering Committee Member.

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