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Basements likely to flood if pumping stops at golf course

Neighborhood warned about possible flooding; MRPB collecting basement elevation numbers from nearby homes

By TESHAM. CHRISTENSEN

Turning off the pumps at Hiawatha Golf Course may flood 9-18 homes nearby.

This fact recently came to light as the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board (MPRB) struggles over how best to manage excess water at the course.

Currently, the pumps there are moving 263 million gallons of shallow groundwater each year from low land at the course into Lake Hiawatha, which is four feet higher and separated by a berm.

A small to medium-sized town uses this much water each year, pointed out MPRB Assistant Superintendent of Planning Michael Schroeder during a public meeting at Pearl Park on Tue., June 14.

"If we turned the pump off, the water level of the ponds would rise to the level of the lake."

—Michael Schroeder

The Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board has been evaluating what to do at the golf course since a large amount of pumping was discovered last fall while planners were working to restore the golf course with FEMA funds.

No decisions have yet been made on whether the pumping will continue, according to Schroeder.

However, the back nine, which had been closed since the flooding in July 2013, was reopened for play in mid-June 2016.

What are the basement elevations nearby?

How many homes and how severe the flooding would be is not something MPRB knows yet.

Staff began meeting in mid-June with affected homeowners to better understand the situation.

The current estimate of 9-18 homes is based on guesses regarding the basement levels of nearby homes in the area of 19th Ave. and 44th St., but planners have not yet gathered the figures of exactly how deep



Barb Terwey of the Friends of Lake Hiawatha complained about how trash is being handled at Lake Hiawatha. "I am not happy with answers I am getting from the city," she said. (Photo by Tesha M. Christensen)

the basements reach.

Other areas nearby, such as along Cedar and Bloomington, may also be affected.

Tests show water on golf course likely to rise four feet

Since first informing the public about the large amount of pumping on Sept. 15, MPRB hired the neighborhood consulting firm, Barr Engineering, to conduct several tests. The initial contract was for \$104,000. Plus there is the cost of staff time spent on this issue.



Residents gathered to learn the fate of the Hiawatha Golf Course during a community meeting at Pearl Park on June 14. At the last meeting in September 2015, attendees learned that the golf course was pumping 263 million gallons of water a year from the course. On June 14, MPRB Assistant Superintendent of Planning Michael Schroeder told people that if the pumping were to stop, it might flood nearby homes. (Photo by Tesha M. Christensen)

Initially, MPRB expected to have some answers within two to three months, but it took nine months to come back to

the community, and they aren't done yet.

Until then, MPRB has suspended its efforts to define what an improved golf course would look like.

Analysts have confirmed that the estimated amount of water being pumped from the course was accurate last fall.

Tests were conducted over the winter to see what would happen if the pumps at the course weren't used anymore. From Dec. 31, 2015, to Jan. 4, 2016, the pumps were shut off, and the pond elevation increased one foot in 92 hours.

The test suggests that without pumping, the water elevation on the golf course would equalize with Lake Hiawatha and rise four feet.

If that were to happen, basements nearby are likely to flood.

"I am not happy with answers I am getting from the city."

— Barb Terwey
Friends of Lake Hiawatha

Analysts estimate that some nearby basements are at an elevation of 811.3, which falls below the 812 elevation of the lake. The street is at an elevation of 816.3, while the ponds are at 808.6.

The elevation of nearby Lake Nokomis, which is separated from the creek, is 816.

The top of Minnehaha Falls is roughly 800 feet above sea level.

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Coffee and Conversation connects East Lake library to the community

Article and photos by MARGIE O'LOUGHLIN

On the fourth Wednesday of each month from 9-11am, a cart loaded with hot coffee (from Peace Coffee), refreshments and a tall pitcher of fresh cream is rolled into the East Lake Library foyer. Called Coffee and Conversation, the four-month-old community-building initiative is an opportunity for library staff to get to know their patrons better.

In addition, each month there's a different activity people can choose to participate in. The activities aren't necessarily group activities, but patrons can interact with staff and others as much as they like.

Adult Services Librarian Anna Sheppard said, "This is one of several 'micro-activisms' we're trying, as we experiment with subtle ways of using our library space to welcome the whole community in."

While anyone can participate in Coffee and Conversation, the program is particularly geared towards patrons who may be housing insecure (homeless or between homes). "Patrons who have a strong personal or social need are most likely to come to the library right when it opens,"



Raquel Leyla: I'm at the library a few times a week. It's a great place for me to hang out, and sometimes I meet up with friends here. I don't think I'm very photogenic, but you can take my picture if you want to.

Sheppard said.

Previous activities have included planting marigold seeds to bloom in library planters, and

writing memoir poems. The May activity was themed around post-

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Adams Grove Community Orchard planted

By MARGIE O'LOUGHLIN



Fruits of the City, an initiative of The Food Group, will be partnering with the orchard to host educational and garden maintenance events. They will also harvest surplus fruits for delivery to local food shelves. Contact Jared Walhowe (jwalhowe@thefoodgroupmn.org) for more information about how to get involved.



More than 50 people of all ages and gardening abilities showed up on May 22nd at the Adams Triangle, located at E. 41st St. and Minnehaha Ave. Thirty-five edible fruit trees were planted including apples, plums, cherries, junberries, apricots and peaches. As the trees mature and bear fruit, their produce will be available for public harvest.

Blessed Ramadan signs dot the neighborhood and beyond

By MARGIE O'LOUGHLIN

You may have seen the signs in the neighborhood: "To our Muslim Neighbors: Blessed Ramadan." The Minnesota Council of Churches initially printed 1,000 lawn signs with this greeting in support of Twin Cities Muslims. The signs, inspired by Council of Churches CEO Peg Chamberlin and Congressman Keith Ellison, have hardly been able to keep up with demand. Two more print runs have since been ordered with shipments going well beyond the Twin Cities to Ely and Rochester, Minnesota, and both coasts.

The Blessed Ramadan campaign is part of a Council of Churches program called Taking Heart. According to Jared Morey, director of programs and communications, "Taking Heart has been engaging Council of Churches members and congregations with the Muslim community for 25+ years. This year, because of growing anti-Muslim sentiment, greater awareness of Muslims as part of American culture and increased media attention, participation in the program around Ramadan has soared." He added, "The name 'Taking Heart' implies an openness of heart, an emboldening and a willingness to step outside



Longfellow resident Emma Dinger outside her family's home. A recent graduate of Seward Montessori, Emma feels fortunate to live in an area with a diversity of racial, ethnic and religious backgrounds. (Photo by Margie O'Loughlin)

one's comfort zone."

In partnership with the Muslim American Society of Minnesota, the Council of Churches also sponsored a series of "iftars" throughout the month of Ramadan. This year, Ramadan started on June 6 and will continue through July 5. An iftar is the breaking of the daily fast at sundown. More than twenty mosques across the Twin Cities metro area welcomed non-Muslims to come and learn about Ra-

madan and share a homemade meal together.

Each gathering offered attendees a chance to ask questions, build relationships and enjoy one other's company. Last year, according to Morey, "participation was somewhere around 700 non-Muslims who joined in iftar celebrations." This year, the number is expected to be considerably higher.

On the Muslim calendar, the month of Ramadan marks the most special time of the year. It celebrates the descent of the Word of God, the Koran, from heaven to earth. To partake in the blessings of Ramadan, all adults who are physically able observe the daily fast from before sun-up until sun-down. Children from puberty onward are also expected to participate. All food and liquid (including water) are withheld during daylight hours for Ramadan. Those who can't observe the daily fast because of old age, illness or other reasons may be exempted from fasting, but still receive the blessings of the holiday.

Over the past 150 years, Minnesota has welcomed immigrants from all over the world. Minnesota Historical Society records indicate a Muslim presence here since the 1880's. Minnesota Muslims are making an ever-growing impact on the state and the nation, with the presence of Keith Ellison as America's first Muslim congressman, and the state being home to the largest Somali population in the country.

Dr. Hamdy El-Sawaf, the spiritual leader of the Masjid Al-Ihsaan Mosque, said, "We wait for 11 months to welcome Ramadan. During this time, we embrace self-discipline with joy. Those who observe Ramadan say 'no' to drugs, alcohol, and violence. The 30 days of Ramadan will change the spirit and behavior of anyone who observes it properly."

According to the Islamic Center of Minnesota, there are 250,000 Muslims living in the state, 10 million in the US and 1.7 billion worldwide. Islam is the second largest religion in the world, and will likely equal the size of Christianity by 2050. To learn more about this and other inter-faith initiatives helping to create more respectful and informed communities, visit the Minnesota Council of Churches website at www.mnchurches.org.

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Editor's Note: Cora Peine is a faculty member at the Master's of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) program at St. Catherine University. For several months during the previous school year, her students have been participating in community engagement activities at Roosevelt High School. Two of her students submitted these insightful reports as part of their activities at the high school, and Peine thought that the readers of the Messenger might find them interesting. Thanks to her and the students for sharing them with us.

The Art of Medicine: lessons learned in a teenage wasteland

By CHRIS EDQUIST

"Don't just lecture us about drugs and alcohol." This was one of several messages I heard from a focus group designed to help us determine what we should include in Roosevelt High School's annual health fair. As I listened to these 15-17 year olds, all I could think was "of course we're going to cover drugs and alcohol." After all, it's too big of an issue to skip. There's no way we can have a high school health fair and not talk about drugs and alcohol. Internally, I concluded

that they were delusional and dismissed their opinions.

Fortunately, I have had the opportunity to work in an ethnically, racially, and socioeconomically diverse high school environment in the past. I coached an inner city high school basketball team in Chicago, and the students at Roosevelt remind me so much of my former players. I love collaborating with, and learning from, people with different backgrounds, and I love working with youth. I was so excited to see an inner city high school as an option for our spring volunteer experience. I was in my comfort zone, which is what makes my reaction to that focus group so disappointing. Those "kids" taught me a valuable lesson that extends beyond a volunteer experience. They taught me to leave my agenda at the door and just listen.

Over the past several weeks, we have moved forward with planning our health fair and of course, drugs and alcohol will be a component. In my haste to dismiss their opinions as immature, I missed their point. It wasn't about the drugs and alcohol. It was about how we deliver our

message. All they wanted to convey is the importance of making a connection with the students and presenting the information in a creative, fun way. If we can accomplish that, students will be more excited and engaged at the fair.

In a couple of short years, I'll have the honor and privilege of treating patients. They will openly and honestly share their deepest concerns and most intimate thoughts with me as they seek my valued opinion as a medical provider. Among the responsibilities I will have, a key role will be educating patients about their risks and supporting them in making healthy decisions. This will require listening, understanding, and empathy. Those are precisely the characteristics that I missed the mark on with the focus group. We can cram as much medical knowledge into our brains as possible, but ultimately our most powerful tool is our humanity. Listening, empathizing, and genuinely seeking to understand the issue from the patient's point of view is what truly matters. Thank you, Roosevelt students, for reminding me what it means to be a great provider.

Teenagers

By RYAN KINGSLEY

At what point do we cross the threshold of adulthood? More specifically, when do teenagers see us as grown-ups? I found myself asking this as I stood in a high-school gym class, surrounded by kids, boys mostly, who horsed around on the machines, talked to their friends and cast the most disinterested glances they could muster in my direction. I wander from group to group attempting to strike up a conversation; I have to avoid the platitudes I have come to rely on as a PA student like, "What specialty are you going into?" How did I forget how to speak to anyone who isn't an adult or a baby? So I ask them about college, their favorite classes, and sports; they begrudgingly respond in mumbling, monosyllabic, grunts while slowly sliding away as if physical proximity to an adult will infect them with oldness.

Some of this is, of course, normal teenage angst, but I sometimes wonder how I will speak to patients this age. In primary care, I may be the only person my patient speaks to about

their problem. If I cannot connect with them, and they cannot trust me, what good am I to them? There will always be patients from different walks of life with whom it will be difficult to relate. Teenagers, on the other hand, are a different breed.

I came to Roosevelt High School to help teach help students in health classes and plan a health fair. I was intent on doing just that; I was going to teach these students and become a better health care provider because of it. Now that I have been here for a few weeks, my mission is to learn to relate, which is much easier said than done. I have not had much contact with high school age people since, well, high school. It is easy to get so wrapped up in the grind of work, school, kids, and family that you lose touch with how teenagers operate. This community engagement site exposes a glaring flaw in my communication skills, and for that I am grateful.

Knowing this, I can continue to work on my approach to talking to teenagers. As a PA, I can use these skills to relate better to my patients and become more useful to the community I serve. We as providers must always stay connected to our most valuable assets, our ability to establish relationships and rapport with our patients.

Transition Longfellow hosts sustainability activities for the greater Longfellow neighborhood and beyond. Anyone can participate; everyone is welcome. For more info, visit www.transitionlongfellow.org.

A Day of Garden Skillshares, is planned Sat., July 23, 9:30am-3pm, at Gandhi Mahal and gardens in the community.

Transition Longfellow is partnering with Hennepin Coun-

Transition Longfellow

By LESLIE MACKENZIE

A day of skillshare classes scheduled July 23

ty master gardeners to bring food-gardening information to the neighborhood in a day-long series of classes interspersed with in-the-garden skill shares. Participants can sign up for one, two or all classes.

• Edible landscaping: Vegetables, fruits, and berries can add beauty, color and, of course, good taste to your yard. In this class, you'll

learn how to integrate edible plants into an ornamental landscape as ground covers, trees and shrubs, and in containers.

• Adding Chickens to Your Urban Yard: Thinking of chickens, yearning for fresh eggs? Rob Czernak of Powderhorn Feed Company can share all the info you need to know before you jump into adding poultry to the family.

• Growing Herbs: Master gardener Carrie Schmitz will share information about growing herbs to beautify your garden and harvesting and using herbs to enhance your meals.

• Native Plants: Learn about the

benefits native plants bring to our city landscape, identify invasive plants to avoid, and identify some plants you may want to incorporate into your garden.

Concurrent with these classes will be hands-on garden skillshares where experienced gardeners demonstrate skills like:

- Tomato pruning;
- Composting and worm bins;
- August food production—keeping the harvest going;
- How to promote ripening of vegetables;
- Veggie storage options (can/freeze/dry/ferment); and more.

(The complete skillshare lineup will

be posted on the Transition website.)

Participants can join in the lunch buffet at Gandhi Mahal during the mid-day break (\$11.95, paid separately), or can visit other nearby restaurants. If you want to get the buffet, please note that when registering.

The cost for the Day of Garden Skillshares is \$10, regardless of how many sessions you attend. Coffee will be served throughout the day. Space is limited. Please register at www.transitionlongfellow.org/dayofgardenskillshares.

Who's Eating My Veggies? Bugs & Disease is scheduled for the 1st Saturday (July 2), 10:30am to noon at the River-view Wine Bar, 3747 42nd Ave. S. (enter through the coffee shop). On the first Saturday of every month, you can get answers to your veggie garden questions from a Hennepin County master gardener. This summer, the focus will be on insects and diseases affecting vegetables, berries and fruits grown on urban lots. Free.

Learn to Knit group meets July 5 (1st Tuesday), 6:30pm at Lake Coffee House (33rd and Lake St.). New and experienced knitters gather to learn and practice knitting. Led by experienced knitter Susan Aguirre. Bring needles and yarn. Free.

Transition Movie Night and Potluck, is planned for July 15, 6:30pm (potluck) and 7:15 (movie) at Bethany Lutheran, 3901 36th Ave. S. This month the group will be watching a series of videos from The Urban Farm Guys You-Tube channel.

Join the **Environment Action Team for Ash Tree Ribboning** on Sun., July 17, 11am. Transition Longfellow encourages neighbors to take part in the ash tree ribboning project, bringing attention to the number of endangered ash trees in our neighborhood and helping residents understand what they can do to save the ash. (More info can be found on the Longfellow Community Council website at www.longfellow.org.)



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The Nokomis East Neighborhood Association and Metro Blooms are hosting a Bike Tour of existing Blooming Alleys at 6pm on Thursday, July 14th. We'll meet at Sandcastle restaurant (4955 W. Lake Nokomis Pkwy) and take a bike tour of five Blooming Alleys. We'll stop along the way to hear stories from project participants and view a variety of projects. We'll wrap up at Nokomis Beach Coffee.

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BRT A Line lauded for filling in Twin Cities transportation web

'The more connections you have that are reliable and affordable, the more riders you will have,' says commissioner

By TESHAM. CHRISTENSEN

A Line buses are rolling between the 46th St. light rail station in Minneapolis and Snelling Ave. in St. Paul, offering residents a quicker, more convenient ride.

The Twin Cities' first arterial bus rapid transit (BRT) line officially opened on June 11 with a ribbon-cutting and free bus rides.

The A Line will offer a new kind of bus service that will cut the journey from 46th St. Station to Rosedale Mall from 48 minutes to 35 minutes.

While only a small portion of the \$27 million A Line operates within the city of Minneapolis, "the impacts of this line are anything but small for this region," stated Peter Wagenius of Mayor Betsy Hodges' office.

"The connectivity to St. Paul for South Minneapolis residents will be much enhanced," remarked Hennepin County District 4 Commissioner Peter McLaughlin.

McLaughlin pointed out St. Paul residents will be able to get to the airport without driving, lessening the traffic and pollution load. And Minneapolis residents can use the A Line to shop in Highland Park, as well as to connect with the Green Line on their way to downtown St. Paul.

The BRT system is helping to fill in the transportation web in the Twin Cities and making it a fuller system, McLaughlin observed. "We're starting one line at a time, building the system out."

McLaughlin added, "The more connections you have that are reliable and affordable, the more riders you will have."

The A Line is the first of 15 routes that will travel along high-use corridors. The next planned is the C Line, which will link Brooklyn Center to downtown Minneapolis down Penn Ave. The C Line, initially set to start construction next year, was pushed back to 2018 due to a \$15 million funding gap.

Designed by and for customers

"This is a unique service because



The path of the new A Line travels down Snelling Ave. from Rosedale Mall to Highland Park and over to the 46th St. Station along Hiawatha in Minneapolis. Along the way it links Rosedale Mall to both of the Twin Cities light rail lines, the planned soccer stadium near University, and future redevelopment at the decommissioned Ford Plant. Through the first week of operation, the A Line provided 30,308 rides. Combined with the still existing 84 route, there were 36,205 rides given in the first week, a 36% increase. (Photo by Tesha M. Christensen)

it really was designed by and for our customers," pointed out Metro Transit General Manager Brian Lamb during a press conference in Highland Park on June 10.

Customers said they wanted faster speeds and better amenities with more predictability. The A Line has 40-foot Gillig model buses with low floors, wider bus doors and boarding from any door.

Real-time NexTrip displays tell customers just how long a wait to expect. Other amenities include heated shelters, security cameras, bike racks and WiFi.

Customers pay their fares at ticket vending machines prior to boarding the bus, and can transfer easily between regular bus routes and light rail.

Buses remain in the right driving lane as they board passengers to save time, thanks to

extended curbs at stations, although this feature has some residents concerned about impacts on traffic.

The A Line buses will stop at fewer red lights courtesy of transit signal priority at 19 of the 34 signals along the line.

The Metro Transit system pulled together the best of what other cities offer, and tailored it to fit the needs of Minnesotans, according to Metro Transit BRT Project Manager Katie Roth.

"This is going to show how when we, as Legislators, embrace the leadership of local communities, we can do well by them," remarked State Senator Scott Dibble, who chairs the Transportation and Public Safety Committee.

Great regions need great transportation systems

The Twin Cities area is expected to grow by 80,000 people in the next few decades, Dibble pointed out. "We have to provide choices and options, and deliver the quality of life to make this a viable, vibrant, competitive metropolitan area," he said.

St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman agreed that great regions need great transportation systems. Development opportunities, such as the 20,000-seat Midway soccer stadium and 34.5-acre mixed-use development, are possible because of the investments already made in transportation infrastructure.

"This area will fully develop because we have transportation investments like the A Line," stated Coleman.

"The A Line is going to make commuting more convenient for thousands of people," stated Lieutenant Governor Tina Smith. She expects to see the line support jobs and economic development in the region.

Midway Chamber of Commerce Board Chair Ted Davis has seen the area transformed by the Green Line. He is excited by what the A Line means for businesses.

"Investments like this mean

jobs and economic development," said Davis. "The cities that thrive are the cities that have safe, comfortable, affordable, reliable transit that makes it easier for employers to hire the people they need."

Predictable route will attract more riders

When Minnesota Department of Transportation Commissioner Charlie Zelle went to high school, he knew every curb cut along Snelling during his daily bus ride. He told those gathered on June 10 that he can't think of a more fitting roadway than Snelling Ave. for the start of the urban Bus Rapid Transit system. Zelle believes that the predictability of the route will attract more riders.

The 10-mile A Line is now the primary bus route serving Snelling Ave. and Ford Pkwy. with increased service in evenings and on weekends, substantially replacing much of Route 84.

The span of service is very similar to the old Route 84 schedule, with trips beginning at approxi-



South Metro bus driver and trainer Brian Hanson is excited to see the A Line begin rolling down Snelling. "I love it," Hanson said. (Photo by Tesha M. Christensen)

mately 4am and continuing until approximately 1:30am.

The A Line operates every 10 minutes along the 9.7-mile-long route during rush hours, midday, evenings, and weekends, with less frequent service in the early morning and late at night.

The new BRT line pulls together four communities: Minneapolis, St. Paul, Falcon Heights, and Roseville.

The path travels down Snelling Ave. from Rosedale Mall to Highland Park and over to the 46th St. Station along Hiawatha in Minneapolis. Along the way it links Rosedale Mall to both of the Twin Cities light rail lines, the planned soccer stadium near University, and future redevelopment at the decommissioned Ford Plant.

It passes several colleges, offering students a quicker way to travel. Seventy-five percent of the people who ride the bus use it to get to school or work, noted Lamb.

Hamline University President Dr. Fayneese Miller views the A Line as a vital new resource for Hamline students, and pointed out that it will not only help students get to campus but enable them to be active in the local community.

"Not only will you have our service, but you will also have our brain power," promised Miller.



Hennepin County District 4 Commissioner Peter McLaughlin (center) rides on the new A Line. Following the press conference on Fri., June 10, McLaughlin connected to the Green Line for a meeting in St. Paul. He's excited about how the A Line will make it easier for himself and other South Minneapolis residents to get to downtown St. Paul via the connection with the Green Line light rail at University and Snelling, as well as the shorter journey over to Highland Park where he shops and holds a gym membership. (Photo by Tesha M. Christensen)

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Hiawatha Golf Course

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"We understand what's going on with the golf course," said Schroeder. "When we get off the golf course that's what we're trying to figure out now."

Water being pumped in a circle

MPRB has been pumping stormwater and groundwater from ponds on the golf course into Lake Hiawatha since the 1960s.

The current pumping is more than a permit for 36.5 million gallons a year--or approximately seven times the permit allowance.

About 17 percent of the water is stormwater run-off, 33 percent is seepage directly from Lake Hiawatha and 50 percent is shallow groundwater.

"105 million gallons a year are being pumped in a little circle," observed Schroeder. The water moves from the ponds into Lake Hiawatha and back into the ponds.

By pumping continuously for 72 hours, analysts concluded that the pumping at Hiawatha wasn't negatively affecting the deep groundwater in the area. There was no change to the aquifer while 1.7 million gallons of water was pumped out on Feb. 16, 2016.

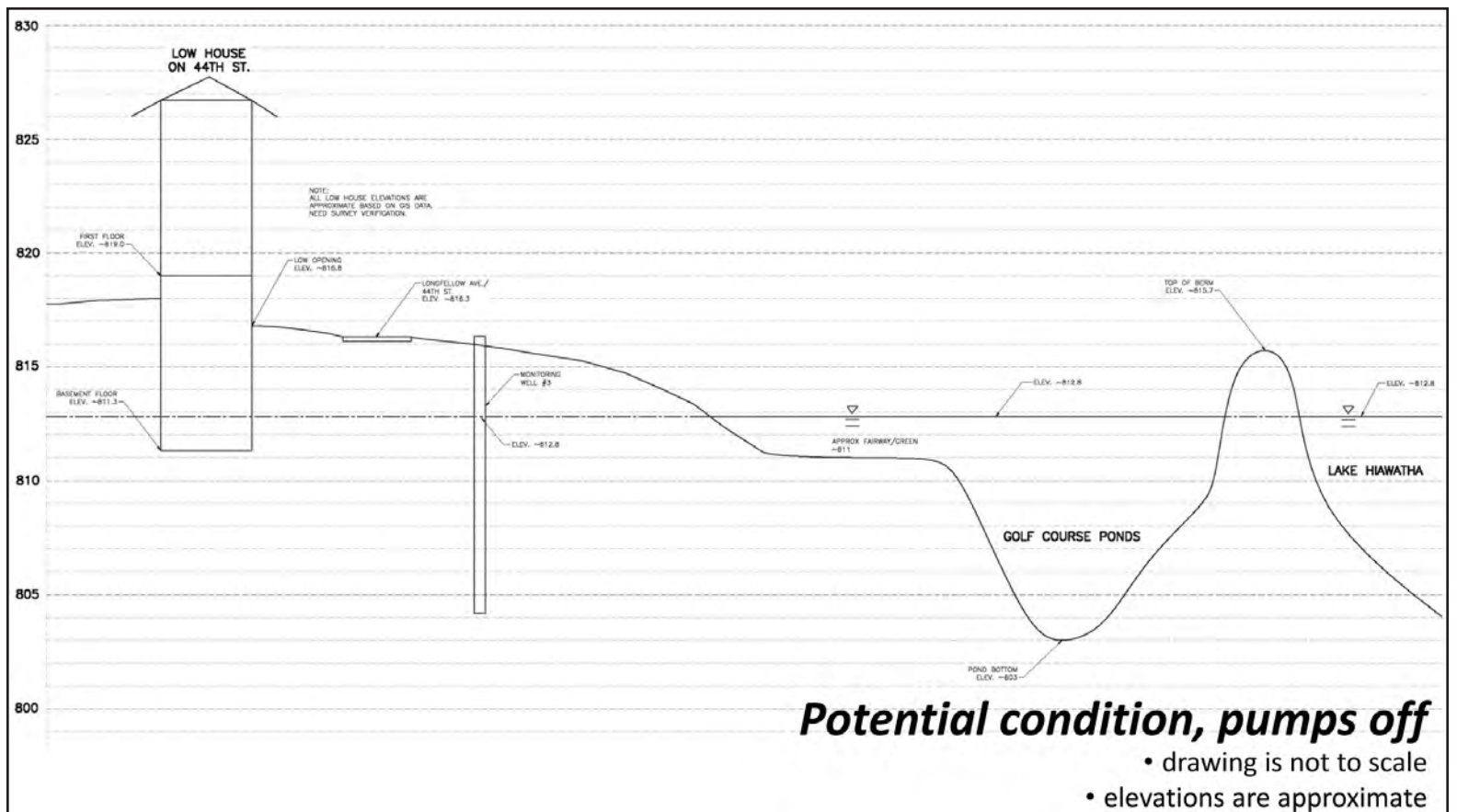
"We are committed to making the best thing happen, but we don't know what the best thing is yet."

—Michael Schroeder

If pumping were to stop, most of the course would be underwater and it would be shut down. "We end up obliterating the golf course if water goes up to the level of the lake," said Schroeder.

Commissioner Steffanie Musich stressed that this means that the park board would not be receiving any funds from the land to pay for management as it does now.

MPRB is still working with FEMA on the \$1 million appropriation to restore the golf course after the 2013 flooding.



This graph illustrates how nearby basements would flood if the water level at the golf course changed. Find a pdf of the entire presentation from the June 14 meeting on the Hiawatha Golf Course project page on the MPRB website. (Illustration courtesy of Minneapolis Parks and Recreation)

What is the cost of pumping?

What is the cost of pumping at Hiawatha? MPRB staff did not have an answer to that question.

The staff is considering whether pumping is ecologically sustainable and something the park board should do.

"We don't know that it is bad, but we don't know that it is good," remarked Schroeder. He pointed out that MPRB's resources to make any change are not unlimited.

While he said that the park board can no longer be sure that the golf course will continue to exist, he does think that "as long as we are pumping, we might as well have the golf course."

Citizens have suggested that the lake be dredged to fix the problem. While dredging the lake would make it deeper, it wouldn't lower the level because that is controlled by a high point in Minnehaha Creek downstream of the lake. Lowering the lake level would require permits and approvals from some or all of the regulatory agencies, including the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the Army Corp of Engineers. That would be difficult in Minnesota. Creek dredging would require the same permits

and approvals.

Right now the ponds and the course provide additional water storage during a large rainstorm. Any changes made to that water storage will affect areas downstream.

Land use upstream of Lake Hiawatha has changed drastically in the last eight decades. What was once mostly forest, meadows, wetland and farms is now fully developed. This means that there is significantly more runoff to the creek and lake than in the past, causing the water elevations to rise more frequently, to higher elevations and for longer periods of time.

What this means is that the golf course is likely to flood again, and again require funds to fix.

Originally, the golf course was created by dredging the lake and using the fill to fashion a course.

This sort of thing would never be allowed today, remarked Schroeder.

It also may be why the golf course appears to be sinking, perhaps as much as a foot over the past few decades, according to long-time golfers. The heavy peat material from the lake is compacting the former wetland under the golf course so that the entire area is sinking. "We believe that the ground at the golf course will continue to sink," said Schroeder.



A citizen questioned whether the number of people interested in golfing was declining. Hiawatha Golf Course Superintendent Keith Kalny responded that he believes the numbers at Hiawatha declined in the past because of the course conditions. Today they're working to keep the course in as good a condition as possible. "It's a strong community golf course with a strong following," Keith said. "It's a good gateway for new golfers to come to the game, as well." (Photo by Tesha M. Christensen)

What's next?

Marcia Lewis appreciated the data and handouts presented at the June meeting. The information is also available on the MPRB website. "Thank you because now we have some information to build on," Lewis stated.

MPRB is working to gather input from homeowners about the depths of their basements to discern the full impact on nearby homes if the pumping were to stop.

"The solution isn't just

about the golf course," stressed Schroeder. He added, "We don't intend to flood people out."

Planners intend to consider alternative, more efficient, ways to how pumping is done at the course.

"We don't have a solution," said Schroeder. "We're a long ways from making any decision on this."

To share your input, email tpederson@minneapolis.parks.org.

"In the long-term, what is the best, right answer?" Schroeder asked.

Residents do not believe city, MPRB are working fast enough to block trash coming in to Lake Hiawatha

By TESHA M. CHRISTENSEN

Residents are frustrated that the city and the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board (MPRB) are waiting until all the studies are complete before a gate is installed to stop the trash flowing out of a stormwater pipe directly into the lake.

They are also concerned about other pollutants in the water.

According to MPRB Assistant Superintendent of Planning Michael Schroeder, the quality of the water being pumped from the course into the lake is about the same. This is based on a few water samples collected on Jan.

20, 2016.

Those in attendance questioned the validity of water samples gathered in the middle of winter, and encouraged MPRB to sample for pollutants right after the course lawn has been treated with chemicals during the summer months.

The water was tested for phosphorus, as well as volatile organic carbons and diesel range organics.

Like much of the United States, the park board does not factor garbage in as an impairment to water bodies.

Volunteers, led by neighborhood resident Sean Connaugh-

ty, have been collecting one bag of trash each day from the lake. The majority is coming from a stormwater pipe on the northwest side that flows directly into the lake without a filter.

Connaughty does not want to see a trash solution delayed for 2-5 years while the MPRB studies the water issue at the golf course. "I get frustrated because I want to see a solution," he said.

"I am not happy with answers I am getting from the city," said Barb Terwey, a member of Friends of Lake Hiawatha.

Another resident brought up the dangers of pesticides to children and human health,

citing recent scientific studies showing links to autism and other health problems.

Several residents pushed the city to come up with a temporary solution, a move supported by council member Andrew Johnson.

"I've been pushing for a temporary solution since the day we learned that a permanent solution is on hold until the pumping is figured out. And I agree with you all on the urgency," he said publicly via the neighborhood e-Democracy Forum. "Staff committed to me this spring that they will work on engineering a solution for

this summer, but made no guarantees."

Johnson encourages residents interested in seeing a temporary solution to email him, which he will then share with staff to keep communicating the urgency.

Schroeder observed that water in Lake Hiawatha is there only about 4-11 days before it flows away down the creek. "We have some [chemicals] coming in from the park, but we have a whole lot coming in from the creek and stormwater," said Schroeder.

He told residents that more analysis could be done.

Blooming Alleys Bike Tour

The Nokomis East Neighborhood Association and Metro Blooms are hosting a Bike Tour of existing Blooming Alleys at 6pm on Thur., July 14. We'll meet at the Sandcastle restaurant (4955 W. Lake Nokomis Pkwy.) on the west side of the lake and take a bike tour of five Blooming Alleys near Lake Nokomis. We'll stop along the way to hear stories from project participants and view a variety of practices including raingardens, native plantings, and permeable pavement, and will wrap up at Nokomis Beach Coffee. Attendees will learn more about possible projects, view examples of the projects, and connect with Metro Blooms and community members who have done these projects in the past. We'll also discuss how to get involved or start your own Blooming Alleys project!

Blooming Alleys is a program to engage neighborhoods to re-imagine how our alleyways look and function. Using practices like native plantings, raingardens, and permeable pavement, the alleyway can be attractive and multi-functional. Over the next year and a half, Metro Blooms will work with 200+ residents along a 5-mile stretch of Minnehaha Creek to improve the look and function of 25 alleyways! Current projects are focused in Lake Nokomis, Diamond Lake, and in the Lynnhurst neighborhoods. Through this Metro Blooms program, homeowners may receive significant financial help to create a Blooming Alleys project on their property.

We've moved

Visit us at our new location at 4313 54th St. E., in the Morris Park neighborhood. Neighborhood activity and growth has fueled our move to a new location with more room for community projects and NENA events. Stop in and see the new office; we'll

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4313 54th St. E.

Blooming Alleys Bike Tour scheduled in neighborhood July 14

have an open house event in August (more details to come).

Morris and Keewaydin Summer Festival

Morris and Keewaydin Parks Summer Festival, along and Minnehaha Falls Athletic Club, are joining forces this summer to host a sensational summer festival. The free event will include inflatables for the kids, games, activity by the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, great concessions, 3rd Lair Skate Park, crafts, face painting and a DJ that will keep the crowd dancing!

Once again NENA is proud to be a sponsor of this fun neighborhood event.

The fun starts Thur., July 14 at 5:30pm at Morris Park, 5531 39th Ave. S.

National Night Out is coming

National Night Out (NNO) is an annual nationwide event that encourages residents to get out in the community, holding block parties and getting to know their neighbors as a way to encourage crime prevention. It's a great way to promote community-police partnerships and enjoy a Minnesota summer evening surrounded by friends and family.

As with many past National Night Outs, Minneapolis has ranked #1 among all U.S. cities over 250,000 population in 2015. Over 1,500 events were registered in 2015. Was yours one of them? We hope so! And save the date for this year: NNO is set for Aug. 2.

Registering your NNO event and applying to close your street/alley is a single online process.

To register go to the City of Minneapolis website and search "NNO Registration."

Not every street can be blocked off depending on the traffic flow. Bus routes and high traffic streets cannot be used for block events. You will need the permission of 75% of your neighbors to be approved for street closure—keep their names and addresses handy in the event your permit application needs to be reviewed.

If you register by July 19, you can block your street for free. If you register from July 20 through July 27, there is a \$100 fee. You will not be able to block off your street if registering after July 27. It is free to participate in NNO. When you register your event, you will get free Mystery Point Passes for Nickelodeon Universe at the Mall of America.

Registration also places you on the official list of NNO events that gets distributed to police and other departments. However, there's no guarantee police will be able to visit your event.

Grant from Metro Transit

NENA was one of a handful of organizations chosen by Metro Transit to participate in the Better Bus Stop Grant program. The process was highly competitive, and NENA was chosen based on its comprehensive plan, leadership and ability to accomplish the goals of the program. Community organizing and surveying has already begun and will last through the end of the year. NENA will present its final findings to Metro Transit early in 2017.

In late 2014, Metro Transit

received a \$3.26 million Ladders of Opportunity Grant from the Federal Transit Administration to invest in bus stop and customer waiting shelter improvements that enhance access to employment and educational opportunities. These grant funds, along with available state and local money, will be used to fund the Better Bus Stops Program.

With these combined funding sources, Metro Transit's goal is to add up to 150 shelters and improve an additional 75 existing shelters with light or heat as part of the agency's work to advance the Equity Outcome from Thrive MSP 2040, the region's policy plan. The community will play an important role in these improvements.

NENA will update the community as this program moves forward and how the bus shelters in our neighborhood will be affected.

Upcoming NENA Events

—Wed., July 6, 6:30-8:30pm—NENA Housing, Commercial and Streetscape Committee; Nokomis East Neighborhood Association, 4313 E. 54th St.

—Thur., July 14, 5:30-8pm—Morris & Keewaydin Summer Festival; Morris Park, 5531 39th Ave. S.

—Thur., July 14, 6-8pm—Blooming Alleys Tour; meet at Sandcastle restaurant, 4955 W. Lake Nokomis Pkwy.

—Thur., July 14, 7-9pm—NENA Executive Committee Meeting; NENA Office, 4313 E. 54th St.

—Thur., July 28, 7-9pm—NENA Board of Directors Meeting; NENA Office, 4313 E. 54th St.

—Tues., Aug. 2nd, 4-10pm; Na-

tional Night Out; Neighborhood wide

Changes to precinct map

For 2016, Minneapolis Elections & Voter Services has increased the number of precincts in Ward 12 by one, dividing the 12-5 precinct along 49th St. E.

This change was made in response to the polling place congestion at the 12-5 Lake Nokomis Community Center in the 2014 election. Reducing the number of voters at the 12-5 poll should help to reduce the chances of long lines and wait times.

Any registered voters affected by this changes will receive a notice via postcard from Hennepin County.

The City is also looking for election judges to help in both the primary and general elections this year. These are paid positions and are a huge help to your community.

For more information contact the Elections office by e-mailing: elections@minneapolismn.gov or by calling 311.

Thank you to the NENA garage sale day participants

This year NENA had 138 garage sales registered through our website. We want to thank the thousands of people who participated in this year's activities, both sellers and buyers. Even the weather cooperated. It was great to see everyone out visiting and exploring the neighborhood. You make these events possible and make Nokomis East a better place to live.

Sign up for NENA News

Your Guide to News, Events and Resources! Get your neighborhood news delivered to your inbox every other Wednesday. Sign up today at www.nokomiseast.org. Once you sign up, you'll receive updates on news and happenings for your neighborhood.

The following events are planned during the month of July at the E. Lake Library, 2727 E. Lake St.

The **Adult Nonfiction Book Club** will meet Tue., July 5, 6-7pm. July's title is "Orange is the New Black" by Piper Kerman. Lending copies may be picked up at the information desk before meeting.

Childcare Group Storytime gathers Wed., July 6, 10:15am. Talk, sing, read, write and play together in a format appropriate for the children in your care. Share books, stories, rhymes, music and movement.

The **Biography Adult Book Club** meets Thurs., July 6, 10:30-11:30am to discuss "Why Not Me?" by Mindy Kaling. Lending copies may be picked up at the information desk prior to the meeting where new and interesting biographies are discussed.

Teen Fandom Club meets Thur., July 7, 6-8pm. Are you an anime and manga fan? A cosplayer? A fan of Doctor Who, Sherlock, Homestuck or Supernatural? If yes to any of these, Teen Fandom Club is for you! Watch anime, share your artwork and discuss your favorite fandoms.

The **Adult Book Club** gathers Fri., July 8, 10:30-11:30am. July's title is "Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking" by Susan Cain. Lending copies are available.

Check It Out - News from East Lake Library

From adult book clubs to baby storytime, library has it all

The **East Lake Library Writers' Workshop** is planned for Sat., July 9, 1-2:30pm. Share your stories, exchange advice, and support others in the creative process with the guidance and support of more experienced writers.

On Thur., July 14, 2-3pm join museum-trained teens to look closely at your world through the lens of an artist in "Art Out of the Box: Curious Landscapes." Inspired by landscapes from Minneapolis Institute of Art and the work of Minneapolis artist Keegan Xavi, collage your own landscape, mixing image and word for a contemporary take on this historic art form. Materials provided. For kids entering grades 2-5.

The **Quick Reads Adult Book Club** meets Mon., July 8, 6:30-7:30pm to talk about "My Wish List" by Grégoire Delacourt. Join our discussion of new and interesting under-200-page titles. Lending copies may be picked up at the information desk before meeting.

"**Curious Community: Brownsmith Restoration**" is the

program on Tue., July 19, 6:30-8pm. Learn the creative process of community restoration with the Brownsmith Restoration Team of Forage Modern Workshop and Hi-Lo Diner. Second of a three-part series encouraging participants to get curious about the places, faces and spaces of their community. Presented in collaboration with the Longfellow Community Council.

Senior Surf Day is planned for Wed., July 20, 9:30-10:30am. Learn computer basics, how to navigate and search the Internet and how to access websites of interest to seniors. Get hands-on computer experience with help from representatives of the Senior LinkAge Line®.

LEGO® Lab is set for Thur., July 21, 3-5pm. This is for families. Calling all future engineers and architects! We've got the bricks, but we need you to bring your imagination. No experience necessary.

Sew Social is planned for Sat., July 23, 10am-noon. Bring

your sewing machine and a current project to share creative time with others. All genders and ability levels are welcome. Additional sewing machines are not provided.

Conversation Circles meet every Sunday 3-5pm. Non-native English speakers: practice your English and make new friends in an informal, volunteer-led setting, and learn about the library, too.

The **Kids Graphic Novel Book Club** (for kids entering grades 4-6) meets every Thursday, 11am-noon. Join others to talk about a great graphic novel! Ask about titles at the information desk. Lending copies may be picked up at the information desk prior to the meeting.

Family Storytime meet Fridays at 10:15am. For children of all ages and their parent or caregiver. Talk, sing, read, write and play together in a format appropriate for young children. Share books, stories, rhymes, music and movement.

A **Baby Storytime**, for chil-

dren from birth to 24 months and their parent or caregiver, is every Friday at 11:15am. Talk, sing, read, write and play together in a format designed especially for babies. Share books, stories, rhymes, music and movement.

Súper Kínder: Listos Para el Kínder meets Mondays and Wednesdays, July 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 2-4pm. (Lunes y Miércoles, Julio 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 2-4pm.) Children ages 4-5 and their parents/caregivers will meet at East Lake Library for five weeks to learn activities and skills that build early literacy and ensure school success. This program is for families who speak Spanish as their first language. Register directly at East Lake Library or call 612-543-8510. Sponsored by The Friends of the Hennepin County Library.

La Biblioteca East Lake ofrecerá una clase gratis en español para los niños que van a entrar al kínder en septiembre y sus padres o quien los cuida. Le enseñaremos como preparar a su niño para entrar a la escuela con actividades divertidas que podrán hacer en casa. Este programa es gratis y está diseñado especialmente para familias que hablan español como primer idioma. Inscríbase directamente en la Biblioteca East Lake o llame al 612-543-8510 en español.

Parkway Theater draws global crowd for NPG Prince Tribute

Article and photos
by JILL BOOGREN

The Parkway Theater (4814 Chicago Ave.) joined First Avenue and Paisley Park as a global gathering ground in June as people came from around the country and the world to pay tribute to Prince at "This Thing Called Life: the NPG Prince Tribute." Led by singer Julius Collins and original members of New Power Generation, Prince's band from the 1990's, the concert quickly sold out two shows then added a third.

Before the last show, a line outside the theater extended down the block as people waited to walk across the purple carpet indoors. Mary McMillan, who splits her time between living in Burnsville, MN, and Destin, FL, came with her friend Zoule ("Like Cher," she instructed, referring to her preference of using a single name), from Bloomington, MN. The two of them were fully decked out in purple--hats, flowers, shirts, scarves--to mark the occasion.

"My friend Mary is a nocturnal person, just like Prince," said Zoule. McMillan said she respected Prince's journey, for finding his purpose for living. "He's a



People line up outside the Parkway Theater to walk the purple carpet into "This Thing Called Life: An NPG Prince Tribute" in June.

man that found his talent and he used it. He blessed us all," she said. "He found peace. He had joy. The elevator didn't take him down."

Inside the theater purple lights beamed as DJ Phat set the tone for the evening with "Gett Off," "7," and other Prince songs, including hits sung by others ("Round and Round," Tevin Campbell, "Nasty Girl," Vanity 6). Many in the crowd left their chairs to dance or get close to the

stage.

Guests were happy to share how Prince had touched their lives and what it meant to be here.

"I love him," said Jessie Jessup, from Dallas, TX, wearing glitter and hot pink hair, a t-shirt with Prince's glyph on the front, and a tattoo of Prince in profile on the back of her shoulder. "He's the foundation of my musical life. [His music is] light, positivity, love, joy."

She was with Emma Lindsay, from Sydney, Australia, both of whom had come to Minnesota the week before for a Prince event at First Avenue. Lindsay saw Prince perform in February at his Piano & A Microphone concert at the State Theatre in Sydney. "He touched my hand," she said. "His music has been there through my whole life."

Jessup and Lindsay met on a WaconiaVille Tour the day before this show, Prince's birthday. Both of them artists, they hung their artwork on the fence at Paisley Park, along with tributes left by countless other fans. Jessup's in-



Mary McMillan, who lives in Burnsville, MN, and Destin, FL, and her friend Zoule, from Bloomington, put on the purple to celebrate Prince.



Jamecia Bennett and Julius Collins (not shown) sing vocals, with Oliver Leiber on guitar and Rachel Holder Hennig and Katie Gearty singing back-up.

cluded a drawing of purple bananas in a pickup truck (from the song "Let's Go Crazy") and one of "Elephants & Flowers" (a song on the album Graffiti Bridge). Lindsay's was a heart-shaped portrait of Prince.

day before from Glasgow, Scotland, to commemorate the artist. She had seen Prince perform in Glasgow in the past. "It's a celebration," she said.

From Houston, TX, Crystal

Tanya Borysiewicz flew in the *Continued on page 16*

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East Lake Open Streets scheduled July 24

Article and photos
by MARGIE O'LOUGHLIN

E. Lake St. can be an unfriendly street for bikers. According to the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition, 13,000-15,000 cars use Lake St. east of Hiawatha every day. With the high volume of traffic and the tendency for drivers to speed, biking there can be pretty scary.

There is one compelling reason to bike E. Lake St. though, even if it means riding on the sidewalk sometimes. You can find all the essential stuff of life if you know where to go, and plenty of other stuff that's just plain fun too.

E. Lake St. has been a bustling commercial corridor for well over a hundred years. The Longfellow neighborhood is home to two of its original businesses: the American Rug Laundry (4222 E. Lake St.) and Soderberg's Floral (3305 E. Lake St.). All along the street, established businesses sit next to, or near, new enterprises. This eclectic mix is part of what makes a bike ride or a walk down E. Lake St. an adventure and opens your eyes to a rapidly

changing urban corridor.

The second East Lake Open Streets will take place this year on Sun., July 24 from 11am-5pm. For six hours, the street will be closed to motorized traffic between 42nd Ave. to the east and Elliot Ave. to the west. Bicyclists, wheelchairs and pedestrians will be able to roll and stroll right down the middle of the street without having to dodge traffic. There will be special events and activities all day long. It's a great opportunity to think about how we use our streets, and to connect with neighbors and business owners.

Check the website a week or so before the date to get the final schedule at www.openstreetsmpls.org/east_lake.

Open Streets may be the best day of the year for those operating under their own power, but what about the other 364 days? Consider an ordinary day, on an ordinary block of E. Lake St., between 42nd and 41st avenues. A person can get an awesome tattoo (Leviticus Tattoo), find a competent therapist (The Family Partnership), have their teeth cleaned



Kym Erickson, manager of Soderberg's Floral (3305 E. Lake St.), with Princess, the shop dog. "What makes our business succeed? We have been designing and delivering the best floral arrangements in town for 91 years."

(West River Dental Care) fix their PC (Que Computer) or vaccinate their cat (East Lake Animal Clin-

ic), all without having to leave the block. The Open Streets event cel-

brates and magnifies what happens. Continued on page 9

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East Lake Open Streets

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pens here every single day of the year: people working hard in a variety of practical and creative ways.

As the street has pulled itself up by its bootstraps in the last fifteen years, businesses have flourished in what is known as, "The East Lake Renaissance." Take, for example, the intersection of 39th Ave, and East Lake. Ten years ago, the intersection had only one viable business: The Blue Moon Coffee Shop (NW corner), which recently marked its 24th anniversary.

In 2016, all four corners of the intersection are solidly anchored. At the nearly-new restaurant Peppers and Fries (NE corner), diners are rewarded with burgers so good they recently won the Twin Cities Burger Battle for 2016. The Frattallone's Ace Hardware Store (SE corner) is a welcome presence in the neighborhood, selling nursery stock free of neonicotinoids and affordable Christmas trees. The Longfellow Market (SW corner) is doing what seems nearly impossible, making a "go" of it as a small, independent grocery store.

Every block or intersection has its own story to tell, and those



Iris Eystone, an employee of Northern Sun (2916 E. Lake St.), in front of a selection of their custom, preprinted T-Shirts. Also available are posters, buttons, canvas bags, yard signs, flags and banners for progressive causes since 1979. Little known fact: bring in a ticket stub from The Riverview Theater and receive a free bumper sticker.



John and Midori Flomer, of Midori's Floating World Cafe (2629 E. Lake St.), said, "Our sushi is delicious and rolled by hand, but people may not know is that our tempura is right up there too." Both John and Midori are art school graduates and chose the restaurant's name as a reference to a style of Japanese art called Floating World.

stories have changed as the decades have rolled by.

D & Z Auto Sales (3722 E. Lake St.) is one of the few remaining used car dealerships that

used to line E. Lake St. By the late 1960's, the area was known as "the used car haven of the western world." The sale, repair, and use of cars defined E. Lake for decades as Automobile Row.

It was the re-location of car lots to surrounding suburbs (where land was cheaper) that prompted E. Lake's nosedive in the 1970's, 80's and 90's. There simply weren't businesses large enough to re-use those spaces, and the many large, vacant lots deteriorated with the presence of

drugs, crime, and prostitution.

But the streetscape has changed again, that's for sure. E. Lake St. is drawing diners galore to its array of ethnic restaurants. Its diverse businesses, many of which will spill out onto their sidewalks for East Lake Open Streets, are cranking out all kinds of services. Need a handcrafted hardwood cover for your radiator? Check out Prairie Woodworking (3535 E. Lake St.). Or what about a manicure or pedicure? Daisy Nails (3015 E. Lake St.) of-

fers a rainbow of polish colors and friendly service—and, if your car is in need of a tune-up, Saigon Garage (3028 E. Lake St.) is conveniently located across the street.

Years ago, the sign above the Midas Muffler (601 E. Lake St.) used to say in English and Spanish, "East Lake is great, and getting better." Come out and celebrate that spirit and energy with East Lake Open Streets on July 24.

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The golden age of biking on Lake Street

During the "cycling craze" of the 1880's, Lake St. (still a dirt road) became Minneapolis' most prominent bike trail. The path connected residents to Minnehaha Falls and Fort Snelling and was so popular that pedestrians sometimes had to wait fifteen to twenty minutes to get to the other side. As the cycling craze died down, the horse and buggy craze took its place. A local newspaper described Lake St. as, "the finest boulevard in town." Trains and trolleys came next in 1905 and brought housing development to the surrounding neighborhoods. Three years later, Lake St. was paved with bricks.

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Millwork Lofts will be set apart by timber and beams used when the buildings were constructed in the 1920s

There will be 55 one-bedroom units, 22 two-bedroom units, and one three-bedroom unit in the former Lake Street Sash and Door complex just north of the McDonald's along Hiawatha Ave.

By **TESHA M. CHRISTENSEN**

For nearly a century, the three connected buildings between 40th and 41st St. along Hiawatha Ave. have provided jobs.

Now the old factories and sheds are being transformed to provide another basic need: housing.

"That building doesn't look like much right now, but when we're done it will look pretty cool," promised Nick Anderson, a developer with the Plymouth-based Dominion, Inc.

Millwork Lofts

Dominium's interest in the site was sparked by its prime location along Hiawatha Ave., a few blocks south of a light rail station.

Because of its age, the project is eligible for historic cash credits, which were needed to make the project financially feasible, according to Anderson.

"More of this moderately-priced housing is needed desperately in Minneapolis," remarked Anderson. One to two bedroom units in Millwork Lofts will rent for between \$900 and \$1,100.

In all, there will be 55 one-bedroom units, 22 two-bedroom units, and one three-bedroom.

The loft style apartments with high ceilings and polished concrete floors will prominently feature the timber posts and beams present in the old factory.

"The demand for this type of building is very strong," stated Anderson.

A spacious community room

will be located on level one of the shed, which will also be divided up to offer indoor parking and bike storage.

The original windows in the peaks of the shed will bring in light once more. Plus, the metal sheeting added in 1986 will be removed to let the historic white clapboard show.

The complex will have a fitness room and yoga studio.

A smaller community room

and patio will sit on top of the three-story building.

Another unique component of the building is the planned geothermal heating and cooling system. The site affords enough space to bury coils in the parking lot behind the building, which will pull heat out in the winter and put heat back in the summer. A boiler connects to vents that will push the hot and cold air into apartments.

It's rare to find such systems in the city because there often isn't enough space, Anderson pointed out. Coils need to be located in an area where they can be accessed in case there is a problem. A building can't be torn down, but a parking lot can be ripped up and redone easily.

"It's a good system for this site because of the big parking lot

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Healthy Seniors plan upcoming events

"Stay Safe at Home" will be the Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors presentation at the July 19 Senior Social/Health Talk, which starts at 10:30am and meets at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2730 E. 31st St. One in three Americans age 65+ falls each year. Join us to learn fall prevention tips and find out about how you can receive a free Home Health and Safety Assessment.

A monthly Diabetes Support Group for adults of all ages will be held July 13 from 6:30-8pm at Hiawatha School Park Recreation Center, 4305 E. 42nd St.

Help seniors stay in their homes and keep socially connected! If you have a heart for seniors, you'll love these volunteer positions! The Healthy Seniors are looking for "Friendly Visitors" to visit isolated seniors in the greater Longfellow and Seward neighborhoods. They're also looking for volunteer drivers to transport seniors to local medical appointments and shopping. Call 612-729-5799 or email info@lshealthyseniors.org for more information.

For more information on programs and services for seniors, call Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors at 612-729-5799.

Tour of neighborhood gardens set July 13

This year's Longfellow Garden Club Garden Tour showcases more interesting gardens in Longfellow. Visit gardens well-designed to meet challenges such as a steep and shaded slope, or the sudden loss of a large tree once sheltering extensive woodland plantings. Other stops include fabulous boulevards and the calm beauty of well-tended perennial beds.

Pick up the Tour Map from 6-6:30pm, Wed., July 13, at Epworth United Methodist Church, 3207 37th Ave. S. Plan to carpool from the Church. The tour is free and open to everyone. Find us on Facebook under Longfellow Garden Club.

Service for the blind planned monthly

A Lutheran Blind Center was started Apr. 23, 2016, at Faith Evangelical Lutheran, 3430 E. 51st St. On the third Saturday of each month, from noon-2pm, the blind are invited to Faith for a free two-hour event which includes a meal, Bible study, and fellowship. Each month a different host congregation serves the meal. This is an opportunity open to all who are blind to come and enjoy

food and fellowship. Help for this project is needed; please consider getting a group from your church or several friends together to help. It could be for only two hours of your time once a month, or you can come as many times as you would like. Please call Carol M. Zemke at 612-799-5782 to help or to participate as a guest.

Find Waldo in the neighborhood

Where's Waldo in South Minneapolis? At Parkway Pizza, of course! This July, the famous book character will be visiting twenty-five local businesses throughout south Minneapolis, and Parkway Pizza is one of them. The public is invited to find Waldo in the shop for a chance to win prizes from Moon Palace Books, 2820 E. 33rd St.

The event runs from July 1 to July 31. Anyone who wants to participate can pick up a "Find Waldo in South Minneapolis" passport with the names of the participating sites from Moon Palace Books.

The first 100 Waldo seekers to get their passports signed at 10 or more sites can bring their passports back to Moon Palace Books to collect prizes. Those who collect 20 or more stamps will be entered into the grand prize drawing on July 31.

Healthy Seniors plan monthly luncheon

Nokomis Healthy Seniors will host their monthly luncheon and a movie on Thur., July 21, 11:15am. Join them at 4120 17th Ave. S. for lunch and fellowship, followed by the movie "Bridge of Spies."

'Celebrate the Gorge' planned July 27

"Share the River Gorge" will celebrate the Mississippi River on Wed., July 27, 6-8pm, at W. River Pkwy. and 35th St. The event includes free ice cream (thanks to Dairy Queen), free family canoe rides with National Park Service rangers and Wilderness Inquiry, and hikes of the nearby oak savanna restoration area led by Friends of the Mississippi River Gorge Stewards.

The annual event is hosted by the River Gorge Committee of Longfellow Community Council. This year's event celebrates the National Park Service's 2016 Centennial, and recognizes the national park that runs through the Longfellow neighborhood—the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area! Visit with rangers at the riverside sand flats below the stone steps at 34th St. to learn

Tapestry Folkdance plans two classes in the basics of Turkish-Romani Dance



Emily Jarrett Hughes will be the guest instructor for International Folkdance on July 29 and August 5, 7:30pm, at Tapestry Folkdance Center (3748 Minnehaha Ave. S.). She will be teaching circle and solo dances in the Turkish-Romani dance style—fun and playful dances done in a community setting for weddings, parties, and other social occasions. No experience is necessary, but dancers should feel comfortable moving and dancing with others in a group setting. The cost is \$8 general.

The Romani, also known as Roma or (to English speakers) Gypsies, are thought to have originated in northern India. Large numbers of Romani people settled in Eastern Europe and the Balkan states, while others moved on to Western Europe, North Africa and eventually the United States. The worldwide population is estimated to be as many as 14 million.

The dances Jarrett Hughes will be teaching are normally danced by women, although men will dance a similar style and the Tapestry class is open to both men and women. The dances resemble what Westerners consider as "belly dance" in the Middle East, and the music has a strong Middle Eastern flavor, with drums, cymbals, and wind instruments like the sipsi or zurna (oboe).

"This is a dance with a lot of joie de vivre. If your thighs are rubbing together, that's a good thing! That creates the fire and heat. Turkish Romani dance allows for a lot of individual expression and improvisation."

There is no need to preregister. Participants can pay at the door. For more information, contact Emily Jarrett Hughes at emily@wisdomdances.com. For info on Tapestry programs, see the website at www.tapestryfolkdancecenter.org.

more about our national park and have them give you a canoe ride in a ten-person voyageur canoe!

AA and NA meets

Every Monday night there is an AA meeting at 7pm at Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church (4101 37th Ave. S.), and every Tuesday and Wednesday night there is an AA meeting at 7:30pm. On Thursday night, there is an NA meeting at 7:30pm. All are welcome to attend. Monday night AA WILL meet on July 4.

Get your body moving every day!

Nokomis Healthy Seniors hold exercise classes five days a week. Classes, including chair exercise and modified yoga, will get your body moving. Classes are held at 4120 17th Ave. S., and you can call 612-729-5499 for details.

We Honor Vets party planned July 13

Nokomis Healthy Seniors will host a "We Honor Vets" recognition party at Nokomis Square Cooperative, 5015 35th Ave. S., on Wed., July 13, 1:30pm. Please join them as they celebrate and recognize our local vets. All are welcome. Call 612-729-5499 to RSVP and to let them know if you're a veteran and want to be recognized for your service.

VBS planned at Bethlehem Covenant

Aug. 8-12, Bethlehem Covenant Church (3141 43rd Ave. S.) will host Vacation Bible School (VBS) from 9:30am-12pm daily. VBS is totally free and is open to children age three up to entering the 5th grade. You can register online at www.bethlehemcov.org/news/summer-2016-childrens-ministry-opportunities.

The theme for VBS this year

is "Deep Sea Discovery," with the theme verse "God is with me and will watch over me wherever I go!" (Genesis 28:15). In this curriculum, children will learn:

—God Knows Me! Noah survives the flood.

—God Hears Me! Jonah prays inside the fish.

—God Strengthens Me! Peter walks on water.

—God Loves Me! Jesus appears by the sea.

—God Sends Me! Paul sets sail.

Adoption support group meets July 5

The Adoption Support Network holds monthly support groups at Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church (4101 37th Ave. S.), for parents and teens who have been adopted. Meeting will be July 5 at 6:30pm.

Adoptive parents are provided with a confidential, non-judgmental environment where they can support each other and share resources. Teens are invited to meet other teens who understand what it's like to be adopted. The teen group is not a drop-off group—parent(s) must attend the parent support group.

For more info and to RSVP, contact Ginny Blade at 651-646-5082 or ginnyblade@nacac.org (parents); or Christina Romo at 651-644-3036, ext. 17, or christinaromo@nacac.org (teens).

Babysitting course offered July 13-15

Are you between the ages of 11 and 15? Are you looking to take a certified babysitting class offered by the American Red Cross? Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church (4101 37th Ave. S.) is offering a three-day babysitting class for youth from July 13-15, from 6-7:30pm. Space is limited (10 spots) for Hiawatha/Longfellow neighborhood youth.

Led by two young mothers, each participant will receive access to the American Red Cross Online Babysitting Clinic. Over the course of three days, you will learn the fundamentals of babysitting, make calling cards and a business plan for babysitting, and create and receive babysitting activity bags containing activities and toys for various ages.

The charge for the entire three-day class is \$5 per person for materials (scholarships are available upon request)...a light supper will be provided each evening.

The deadline for registration is Tues., July 5. Call 612-722-9527 or email secretary@minnehahacommunion.com to register, or if you have any questions.

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Gamblers Anonymous meets Wednesdays

A new Gamblers Anonymous meeting meets Wednesday evenings at 6pm at Living Table Church, 3805 E. 40th St., in the Hope Room. Anyone with a desire to stop gambling is welcome.

Music in the Park keeps rockin'

The Music in the Park series continues during all of July in Minnehaha Park, 4801 S. Minnehaha Dr., on Wed., Thur., and Fri. nights at 7pm. On the schedule is the following:

—July 1, The Homestead Act (original folk rock)

—July 6, Guitarist Glen Helgeson (performing jazz, blues & vocals)

—July 7, The Thirsty River (bluegrass, Americana, string band, fast-paced, fun)

—July 8, Sonic Love Child (Americana)

—July 13, Machinery Hill (Americana with some surprises)

—July 14, The Rich Lewis Band (Americana soul music)

—July 15, Jason Roberts (catchy folk)

—July 20, Andrea Sorum (progressive, piano-driven, singer-songwriter)

—July 21, Matt Hannah (Americana, folk, alt-country, singer-songwriter)

—July 22, TBD

—July 27, River City Jazz Orchestra (big band jazz)

—July 28, World Jazz Collegium (jazz with international flavor)

—July 29, The North Star Blues Project (blues, blues rock, r&b)

Coldwell Banker Burnet appreciation night



Clients of Coldwell Banker Burnet's Minneapolis Parkway office gather at the Riverview Theater to see a free screening of "Back to the Future" during the company's annual Client Appreciation Movie Night.

Coldwell Banker Burnet's Minneapolis Parkway hosted its 20th Annual Client Appreciation Movie Night in June, treating more than 200 clients to a screening of "Back to the Future" (1985) at the Riverview Theater (3800 42nd Ave. S.) complete with popcorn and soda. The event was combined with a food drive.

Attendees filled a truck with donations of canned goods and non-perishable items to stock a Second Harvest Heartland food bank at a local church as part of the evening. A member of Feeding America, Second Harvest Heartland works to end food insecurity in 59 counties in Minnesota and Western Wisconsin.

Three-step plan to save Longfellow ash trees

Look around the Greater Longfellow neighborhood on a beautiful summer day and you'll see a sea of green: stately shade trees arching over roads and homes. About one in five of those trees is an ash.

Ash trees are under imminent threat from emerald ash borer, an invasive beetle from China. If they aren't treated, they will all die in the next few years. If nothing is done, Minneapolis will lose 20% of its trees.

Unlike most cities facing the ash borer crisis, Minneapolis is not implementing any treatment plan. Instead, the city is removing all ash trees preemptively (even healthy trees). The city is planting baby trees to replace the ash, but it will take many years before these get big enough to confer all of the important benefits mature ash trees provide today.

Longfellow will be vastly different without ash trees

A 2012 inventory of public ash trees in Longfellow, Cooper, Howe, and Hiawatha found 1,679 trees. Some have since been removed, but most are still standing. Losing all of these trees would pollute the air, raise heating and cooling bills, lower property values, negatively impact the health of residents, and diminish the arresting beauty of Longfellow streets and parks.

The Saint Anthony West and Marcy Holmes neighborhoods have organized to treat hundreds of neighborhood ash trees. Longfellow can do the same.

The Longfellow Environmental Action Team (a project of the Longfellow Community Council Environment Committee) is organizing a multi-part project to save as many neighborhood ash trees as possible, on both public and private land.

1. Part one is a tree-ribboning event to raise awareness of the prevalence of ash trees and to illustrate what the community would look like without them. Community members are invited to gather at Hiawatha School

Park at 11am on Sun., July 17. Volunteers will help put ribbons around every ash they see. The ribbons will list a website (Save-LongfellowAsh.com) where folks can learn more. Contact Anni L. Murray (Annilmurray@gmail.com) to sign up.

2. Part two is a fund drive to collect donations to treat public trees on boulevards and in parks. Residents will be able to help guide the selection of trees for treatment. A donation page will be up from early July to mid-August. Trees will be treated in August.

3. In part three, The Environment Committee will provide matching grants to residents to help them treat large ash trees on private property. Applications for this program will be posted on the Longfellow Community Council website and on Save-LongfellowAsh.com.

The pros and cons of treating ash trees

The city's decision not to treat ash trees with insecticides was heavily influenced by the community's desire to protect pollinators. The insecticidal treatment for Emerald Ash Borer is injected into the tree and is primarily retained in the trunk. Ash trees are wind-pollinated; they flower for five days a year. According to a report from three prominent entomologists: "It is highly unlikely that bees would be exposed to systemic insecticides applied to ash."

The danger to pollinators is small. The danger of not treating, to the community and environment, is great. For example, the city of Minneapolis estimates the loss of ash trees will result in 100 human deaths.

Scientists across the country recommend removing sick trees and treating healthy ones to minimize the impact of emerald ash borer on the natural environment, and on people. Visit the project website for links to this research.

Farm-to-table: Parkway Pizza to use Growing Lots produce for farm pizza

Minneapolis-based Parkway Pizza is again offering "Farmer's Market Pizza" using fresh ingredients from the local Farmer's Market. However, this year Parkway Pizza has partnered up with Growing Lots Urban Farm, a farm at 1915 22nd St. The locally owned pizza shop has purchased a CSA share and will be using ingredients grown less than a half mile away for their seasonal Farm Pizza.

The CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) program has been a key component of Growing Lots, and this will be their seventh season in business. CSA shares are a way for consumers to buy seasonal produce from a local farmer

in their community. In return, these shares provide economic stability for the farmers producing the goods. Growing Lots offers full-shares and half-shares to members.

Full-shares provide 22 weeks of fresh, local, organic produce. This option is designed to provide one week's produce for a two to three person household.

Every pickup day, members receive a variety of vegetables and herbs. This could include produce such as basil, green beans, parsley, onions, peppers, and tomatoes. Members can also customize their CSA selection when they come to pick up their share. They can leave produce they won't use and re-

place it with more vegetables they like.

The love behind Growing Lots comes from farmers Iman Mefleh and Joe Silbershmidt. Both have been a part of their local community since they were young. "We're thrilled to be partnering in this unique way with our neighbor, Parkway Pizza, to showcase seasonal produce we grow just down the block and promote awareness of the CSA model," said Mefleh.

Each week, Parkway Pizza will receive three varying ingredients from their Growing Lots CSA share. These ingredients will be used to top the seasonal Farm Pizza, which will be available in the shop all summer.

Coffee and conversation

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cards. Participants were asked to reflect on three questions and use a post-it-note to post their answers on a common wall. "Can you remember getting a postcard when you were a child?", "When did you last send a postcard?", "Have you ever received a postcard from a faraway country?" Participants could also choose to write a postcard, with the library providing postage and mailing.

Sheppard explained, "For recent Library Science graduates, we're re-thinking the 'library narrative.' Libraries have had to change because communities have changed. We have 41 libraries in the Hennepin County system. Coffee and Conversation is one of the ways we're helping to keep this particular library relevant."

Throughout the Hennepin County system, patrons without a permanent address can apply for library cards. "We think it's worth the risk of possible loss," Shep-

pard said, "to give people access to good reading materials. We're working hard to build not just a better library, but a better community."

Toward that end, the East Lake Library has a large Community Food and Housing display to the right of the Lake St. entrance to the library. There's information about St. Stephen's Human Services, nearby food shelves, adult basic education, ELL classes and much more. There are also adult easy reader books there, for adult readers with a lower literacy level. "While libraries are not social service agencies," Sheppard pointed out, "they should at least be able to direct people accordingly."

"We have all kinds of informal learning opportunities set up throughout the library," Sheppard said. "When East Lake Library was remodeled several years ago, patrons felt the new space wasn't all that welcoming. We've added a chess board, a joke jar (take a joke, leave a joke), free brain games and crosswords, and all kinds of interactive programming. We hope, as librarians and library



Richard Olson: I was doing a trade job for a while but I got injured. I'm working on getting my GED across the street from the East Lake Library now, so I'm over here almost every day. I think I'll send a postcard to my Mom.

specialists, to be able to give anyone that needs it at least five minutes of positive interaction."

Sheppard concluded, "Coffee



Russ Perkins: I'm going to send a postcard to my girlfriend. She'll be beyond tickled. I come here every day. I'm 53 years old, and I just started reading books for fun about three years ago. Now I read all the time.

and Conversation is one of the ways we were working to meet that goal. If we can't greet our patrons as they enter, then

all of our programming doesn't mean a thing."

Jesse Retzlaff and company waited all year for this.

Minnehaha Academy (27-3) rallied in the fifth inning to beat Belle Plaine 5-1 for the Class AA state baseball championship on June 20 at Target Field. It ended that year-long wait for the Redhawks after falling 10-1 to St. Cloud Cathedral in the 2015 championship.

"We had a lot of returners from that team who after that (2015 championship) game made that our goal to get back and to win," Redhawks coach Scott Glenn said. "It's amazing what one year will do."

Glenn said that the senior captains coined "unfinished business" as their team slogan this season.

"They set that belief [and] they set that tone from the very beginning," Glenn said.

Particularly, Retzlaff wanted another shot on the mound in the championship following the loss as the starter in the 2015 final. He made the most of his second chance on June 20 with 12 strikeouts, an earned run two hits allowed against Belle Plaine (25-2).

"The morning of, Jesse told me he'd pitch 20 innings if he had to," Glenn said. "He was on a mission."

Minnehaha won its first baseball state title in the process, an achievement fulfilled by a group of seniors who had a part in three trips to the state tournament. Several of the seniors played for the Redhawks varsity team when they reached state in 2013.

In The Zone

By MATTHEW DAVIS

Minnehaha 'finishes its business' in championship



Minnehaha Academy's baseball team celebrated their first state championship on June 20 following a 5-1 victory over Belle Plaine at Target Field. Front row (l to r): Brady Glenn, Kenny Kiratli, Justin Evenson, Andrew Wolpert, Alex Fedje-Johnson, Jessie Retzlaff, Grant Steinkopf, Ryler McDowall, and Bennett Theisen. Back row (l to r): Coach Scott Glenn, Simon Huyek, Luke Johnson, Connor Johnson, Ole Roof, James Wong, Alex Jordan, Luke Mahler, Steve Johnson, Johnny Goth, Brock Brumley, Alex Evenson, Coach Joe Protzmann, Noah Dehne, and Coach Tom Konz. (Photo submitted)

"I think all three of our state tournament appearances have come in my four years at this school," senior infielder/pitcher Alex Fedje-Johnson said. "Seeing it all come to this with a state championship, it feels great."

Both Fedje-Johnson and Retzlaff, among other 2016 returners, played key roles the 2015 run. They led this year's squad storming out the gate to a 17-1 start with sights set on a return to Target Field.

Only Belle Plaine beat the Redhawks during that stretch, a 9-7 loss on Apr. 9 that Retzlaff did not pitch in. He knew what to expect on June 20 though, and it only helped as he quieted the Tigers' bats.

"I just knew that I had to go in there and throw my game, attack the outside corner and have

them try and hit my fastball," Retzlaff said.

Belle Plaine had a little success against Retzlaff with a 1-0 lead in the fourth inning. Wes Sarsland capitalized on Brody Curtiss' triple with an RBI sac fly for the Tigers' lead.

Minnehaha's bats responded with a five-run fifth to claim the lead for good. It started with walks to Kenny Kiratli and Retzlaff. Andrew Wolpert then drove home the first of the five runs on an RBI single to tie the game.

Belle Plaine had some breathing room after that when Noah Dehne grounded out for the second out. Instead, the Redhawks scored runs in a myriad of ways.

John Goth took a hit by a

pitch, which sent home Retzlaff. Fedje-Johnson eventually scored after getting walked. Justin Evenson's walk also put up a run.

"I had a little spark going, and it kind of got our benching going, a little bit more riled up," Fedje-Johnson said.

Alex Jordan, who led the offense with two hits, drove in a run. Minnehaha had just four hits in the game outside of the five-run inning, but the Redhawks still got to the Tigers in other ways.

"We drove their pitcher's pitch count really high," Glenn said. "We had some really long at-bats. By the time we got to the fifth inning, he was up around 90 pitches."

Minnehaha also used a big inning for the previous round with a four-run third to secure the victory. The Redhawks held on against Pierz 4-2 in a storm-riddled semifinals on June 17 in St. Cloud.

Lightning delays abounded both during both warm-ups and the game itself. Pierz finished warming up before the first strike, and Minnehaha had to wait for an hour for its warm-ups after a couple of lightning flashes. Likewise, interruptions between some innings extended for a while.

"We could have just waited three hours and played the whole thing, but it was a real test," Glenn said.

Minnehaha passed its share of tests on the way to the title. Minneapolis Washburn ended the Redhawks' winning streak late in the regular season. New Life Academy put the Redhawks on the brink of elimination for the Section 4 tournament, so it took two wins over NLA on June 9 to even reach state.

Minnehaha also beat Cathedral 7-1 on Apr. 30, the only team to beat the Redhawks last year. The Redhawks took the No. 1 spot in the Associated Press poll for Class AA and never gave it up.

Minnehaha finished its business.

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The Longfellow Community Council is planning the following events during July:

- Tuesday, July 5, 6-7:30pm: Community Connections Committee, at Lake Coffee House, 3223 E. Lake St.
- Tuesday, July 5, 7:30-9pm: Neighborhood Development Committee at Lake Coffee House, 3223 E. Lake St.
- Wednesday, July 6, 6-7:30pm: River Gorge Committee at Hiawatha School Park, 4305 E. 42nd St.
- Wednesday, July 6, 7:30-9pm: Environment Committee at Hiawatha School Park, 4305 E. 42nd St.
- Tuesday, July 12, 5:30-7pm: Happy Hour at Harriet Brewing, 3036 Minnehaha Ave.
- Thursday, July 21, 6:30-8:30pm: Board of Directors, at Brackett Park 2728 39th Ave. S.
- Sunday, July 24, 11am to 5pm: Open Streets East Lake. Automobile traffic will be banned on E. Lake St. between the Mississippi River and Hiawatha Ave. (see more information on page 8).
- Wednesday, July 27, 6-8pm: Share the River Gorge Ice Cream Social Event, W. River Pkwy. and 35th St. The event includes free ice cream (thanks to Dairy Queen), free family canoe rides with National Park Service rangers and Wilderness Inquiry, and hikes of the nearby oak savanna restoration area led by Friends of the Mississippi River Gorge Stewards. The annual event is hosted by the River Gorge Committee of Longfellow Community Council. This year's event celebrates the National Park Service's 2016 centennial, and recognizes the national park that runs through our own neighborhood - the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area! Visit with rangers at the riverside sand flats below the stone steps at 34th Street to learn more about our national park and have them give you a canoe ride in a ten-person voyageur canoe!

Millwork Lofts

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behind the building," said Anderson.

Construction begins in mid-July and will take roughly 12 months.

Past Dominion projects include the \$125 million redevelopment of the once-neglected Schmidt Brewery in St. Paul into apartments for artists to live and work, and the \$156 million conversion of the fabled Pillsbury A Mill complex of buildings into the 251-unit A Mill Artist Lofts.

Only remaining millwork in Hiawatha corridor

The project is also set apart by its historic nature.



The Lake Street Sash and Door Company was the first, and soon a significant and longstanding millwork industry player along the Hiawatha transportation corridor. It was founded by Helmar Knudsen in 1916.

Constructed in what was a successive building campaign from 1926 to 1928 on the undeveloped land between Hiawatha Ave. and the railroad, the Lake Street Sash and Door complex soon spanned a full city block, evidencing its success, while also

extending the Hiawatha corridor further south.

As the only remaining millwork in Hiawatha corridor today, the complex also stands as an intact representative of Minneapolis' sash and door industry during the early-to-mid-20th century. It consisted of its factory, warehouse, and lumber shed, according to Jennifer F. Hembree of MacRostie Historic Advisors who put together the National Register Nomination for the Lake Street Sash and Door Company.

The lengthy process to designate the area a historic site began in January 2015 and didn't conclude until July 2016.

The property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of local history.

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Beginning in 1864, the Minnesota Central Railway Company began construction of a line linking Saint Anthony Falls to Fort Snelling. The rail line ran between and parallel to Minnehaha Ave. to the east, the first road built to connect Fort Snelling with downtown Minneapolis, and Hiawatha Ave. to the west, establishing a transportation corridor. In fact, Hiawatha Ave. was first called Fort Ave.

The construction of grain elevators between 3400 and 4100 Hiawatha, was followed by lumber and fuel yard businesses that were attracted to the area due to their need for large land parcels

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Millwork Lofts

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and rail spurs, according to the Hiawatha Grain Corridor Industry Historic District document on file at the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office.

Wood product and millwork companies, such as Lake Street Sash and Door Company came next.

The Minneapolis millwork industry—plants that manufactured wood products such as blinds, sashes, doors, shingles, moldings, stairs and even cabinetry, grew out of the city's booming lumber industry that began with the erection of the military's sawmill at Saint Anthony Falls.

The availability of massive amounts of lumber, as well as the increased demand for finished wood products, resulted in Minneapolis becoming the leading producer of sashes, doors and other millwork in the country by 1910.

Isaac Atwater, in his "The History of the City of Minneapolis," stated that in 1880-85, 20 factories, large and small were in operation. "Minneapolis had more machinery engaged in the

manufacture of sash, door and blinds than any other city on the continent," Atwater wrote.

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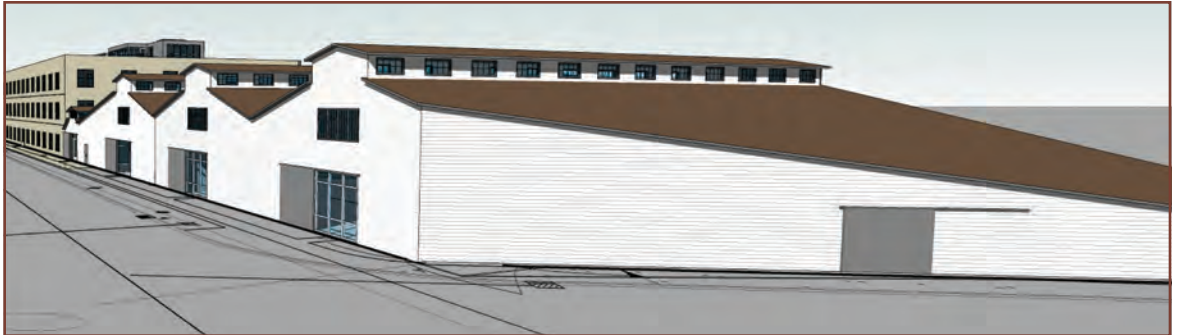
\$300,000 factory ready in two weeks

Founded by Helmar Knudsen (1881-1970), the Lake Street Sash and Door Company was organized in 1916.

The company redeveloped the former Northwestern Fuel Yard property for its first factory at 3121-47 Hiawatha Ave.

Almost immediately, Lake Street Sash and Door experienced increasing sales and in late 1922, Knudsen petitioned the city council to construct a factory on the vacant lots between E. 40th and E. 41st streets, the railway and Hiawatha Ave., according to the National Register Nomination paperwork.

At the same time, the enclosed lumber shed was built, which helped shelter the lumber from the elements, while providing proper ventilation



The block-long Lake Street Sash and Door Company complex churned out sash, door, blind and other millwork items until it closed in 1964 due to a shrinking list of customers. The south two buildings will be transformed into loft-style apartments by the Plymouth-based Dominion. Work will begin in mid-July and finish next May. The metal sheeting on the large shed will be removed to reveal the old white clapboard siding underneath.

thanks to recent advancements in the design. The enclosed lumber shed gave Lake Street Sash and Door Company a leg up on its competition.

The Minneapolis Journal exclaimed on Oct. 2, 1926, "\$300,000 Factory Ready in 2 Weeks." The firm added 100 staff at its new location, while it maintained 75 employees at its first factory.

The firm continued to utilize Factory 1 until 1931 when E. E. Bach Millwork moved into its space.

During the Great Depression, the firm is credited as furnishing the door and millwork associated with the construction of the municipal hospital in Spencer, Iowa in 1938, as well as the millwork for the Reedsville post office in Wisconsin.

According to newspaper accounts, the 1950s were the firm's "peak years," when it averaged \$3 million annually.

The firm's 1952 catalog indicates a variety of sash, door, blind and other millwork items including entrance frames with pilasters and trim, some paneled entrance door styles, double-hung window units, inclusive of their balances, overhead garage doors, louvers, and decorative window blinds.

Despite the success in the 1950s, Lake Street Sash and Door Company closed its doors in 1964 due to a shrinking list of regular customers, especially among small contractors, as reported in the Apr. 17, 1964 Minneapolis Star Tribune.

A variety of other business-

es have used the buildings over the past few decades, most recently American Carton Polybag Company.

The original warehouse facility and company office at the northernmost part of the block is still being used by IAC International and is not part of this project.

Two sash and door factories in Minneapolis have been listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Both are located within the Saint Anthony Falls Historic District. The Island Sash and Door Company (1893) only survived sixteen years (although the single building is extant today as a hotel), and the Roman Alexander Sash and Door (1908) factory building was razed to establish a park.

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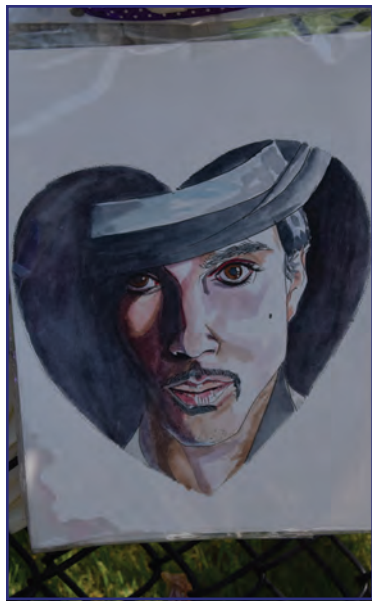
Donaldson came from Chicago, IL, where she was visiting her mom. She had seen Prince perform at the Chicago Theatre in 1993 and Ames, Iowa, in 1997. She went to several celebrations at Paisley Park (she carried her VIP passes from those events with her) and got to meet Prince. "It was like trying not to scream... squeal," she said. "I was actually speechless. He cracked a couple of jokes."

Prince had asked Donaldson why her tongue was pierced, and she told him, "To be different." Of all people, she felt, Prince understood the importance of not staying inside the mold. She feels awe and admiration for him and credits Prince for her decision to go to college for fashion design. Of his passing, she said "Never say 'they're gone' or 'they're not here.' Say 'until next time.'"

With a backdrop of pictures and video clips of Prince on a continuous loop throughout the evening, he truly was larger than life. Kicking off the concert with "1999," there was no mistaking it: the band was there to rock the house. Julius Collins, with original NPG members Sonny Thompson on bass, Tommy Barbarella on keys, and Michael Bland on drums, as well as Oliver Leiber on guitar, Cory Eischen on keys, and Rachel Holder Hennig and Katie Gearty singing backup, delivered an energetic performance that would have made the purple one proud.

Before playing "Uptown," Collins told the crowd it was the first Prince song he heard when he came to Minneapolis. "I was hooked," he said.

Midway through the first set, the band was joined by vocalist Jamecia Bennett (Sounds of Blackness) for "Erotic City," "Cream," and more Prince clas-



This portrait of Prince, created by Emma Lindsay of Sydney Australia, hangs near the front gate of Paisley Park. The artist placed it there on Prince's birthday.

sics. In the second set, Collins, wearing a red suit, striped shirt, and black hat, welcomed members of the Hornheads, who belted out the brass to "Willing and Able" and—with Collins and Bennett sharing vocals—an incredibly soulful "Nothing Compares 2 U."

For the third and final set, Collins came back dressed all in white, knelt at the front of the stage, and allowed tears to flow freely as he sang a very heartfelt "Sometimes it Snows in April," drawing silence and tears from the crowd. With Bennett still by his side, they closed with a riveting and uplifting performance of "The Cross."

Part celebration and part memorial to a man and musician they clearly revered, NPG, Collins, and company delivered.

"Wow!" Renee Rude, Oakdale resident and operations manager of Now Boarding, posted on Facebook the next day. "Funky, fun and beautifully heartfelt; the perfect tribute to Prince. You all nailed it!"

Well put.

Howe connection Purple Rain House

Article and photo by JILL BOOGREN

It may surprise some that the Howe neighborhood has its own claim to the purple one's legacy. At 3420 Snelling Ave. S. is the house Prince's character The Kid lived in the movie "Purple Rain." The 1913 two-story dwelling is a featured landmark in the WaconiaVille Tours, which visit First Avenue, the Capri Theater, Paisley Park and other notable Prince sites, and it's also a stop on Nice Ride Minnesota's "Prince for a Day" Tour.

Dennis Dorsey, visiting his brother who lives on the same block, said he hadn't known until recently it was the house used in the movie and had a hard time believing it was the same one. The front looks a little different than it did in the movie, adapted at one point to accommodate a wheelchair. The ramp is still attached to the side of the house.

But Dorsey has seen and talked with people coming to view the house from as far away as New Orleans, many of whom had also been to Paisley Park, and Prince's sister Tyka Nelson stopped by. In the two months since Prince's passing, people have left balloons, flowers, and scarves at the front door. One handwritten note attached to a balloon read "R.I.P. Thank U for Everything."

Dorsey is a fan from Prince's earliest days and likens his passing to that of Ray Charles. "Both phenomenal people who brought us great music," he said. "He'll be missed."

According to Hennepin County property tax records, the home was sold last August to NPG Music Publishing LLC. Debra Larsen, the realtor with Coldwell Banker Burnet, who handled the sale, said the transaction began as a cold call to the



This house at 3420 Snelling Ave. S. (Howe neighborhood) was used as Prince's character's home in the movie "Purple Rain." The house is featured in tours that visit Prince sites around the Twin Cities. Fans have left flowers, balloons and the purple scarf on the front door since Prince's death on Apr. 21.

agency from a woman in California who said she had a buyer who wanted to make a cash offer for the house. Another realtor in the office informed Larsen, "That's the Purple Rain house." Figuring it was a fan she'd never hear from again, Larsen was surprised to receive a prompt return phone call followed by a letter from Bremer Bank, representing NPG Music Publishing. When she googled the group it registered: NPG was Prince's music company.

There had been some other interest in the property, and the buyers said they were willing to do whatever it took to get it. Ultimately they bought it sight unseen, paying several thousand dollars over the asking price. It was a long-distance transaction, handled mostly online and through email.

Larsen never met the buyers or Prince, but like so many Minnesotans she recalls having other encounters with the musician, her

closest being at the old Cooper Theater, which was off of Highway 12 in St. Louis Park. The show before theirs was letting out, but the only people who came out were Prince and Kim Basseger. It appeared they had rented the theater just for themselves. "We were all awestruck," she said.

If the buyers had a designated purpose for the house on Snelling, Larsen didn't know about it. "I'm not sure what their intentions were. I'm not sure they knew what their intentions were, just that they wanted to acquire the property," she said.

Like the rest of Prince's estate, it could be a while before we know what the future holds for this iconic piece of Minnesota music history.

To bike the "Prince for a Day" tour, see the map at niceridemn.org, Explore by Bike. The closest Nice Ride station to the house is at 27th Ave. S. & Minnehaha Ave.

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