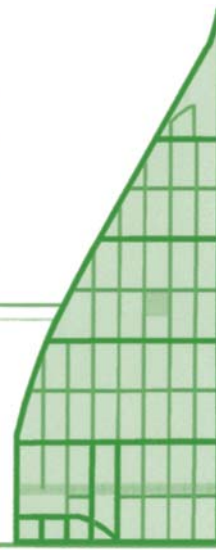


# THE WEDGE

## LOWRY HILL EAST

### NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSPAPER



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**LHENA President Katherine Himes beams brightly after accepting her award. She finished third in her age group, tying for seventh overall in the Hoigaard's Classic 25K!**  
[photo courtesy of Leslie Foreman]

## The City of Lakes Loppet Recap

Perfect mid-winter conditions of sun, little wind, and temperatures in the mid-20s translated into big crowds for the City of Lakes Loppet on Feb. 6-7, 2010.

Saturday was packed with events, from morning snow sculpting and ice bicycle racing, to a Luminary Loppet night ski on Lake of the Isles. Many other competitive ski racing events occurred throughout the day, including a huge skijouring race, the Junior Loppet and Minneloppet events for youth participants, and elite sprint races in the late afternoon.

Sunday's classic and skate loppet races featured the new stadium start area at Theodore Wirth Park, allowing skiers to enjoy fairly flat to downhill terrain over the opening kilometer. This prevented some of the large crashes of recent years. Weather

conditions were again ideal with temperatures in the low 20s, creating firm, fast trail conditions.

### City of Lakes Freestyle Loppet

In the 33K skate race, local racer Matt Liebsch of Plymouth, Minn., just back from a World Cup race in Canada, took the lead from the opening gun and held off Josh Smullin of Steamboat Springs, Colo. to take the victory. Andre Watt of Duluth, Minn. sprinted ahead of several other racers to place third. Kristina Owen of Hayward, Wis. placed first in the women's 33K skate race with Maria Stuber of Marquette, Mich. in second, and Johanna Winters of the Stevens Square/Loring Heights Neighborhood taking third.

### Hoigaard's Classic

In the 25K classic race, Andy Liebner of Anchorage, Alaska powered off the front of the men's field to win handily, followed by Evan Pengelly of Plymouth, Minn. and Grant Nelson of Duluth, Minn. Audrey Weber of St. Louis Park topped the women's classic division followed by Hilary Patzer and Angie Robinson, both of St. Paul.

A record number of skiers--close to 2000--participated in Sunday's events, including the tour (a non-timed 10K ski from Wirth Park to Uptown). Many Lowry Hill East residents participated in the weekend events. Mayor R.T. Rybak and Council Member Meg Tuthill presented awards during the Sunday afternoon ceremony.

—Katherine Himes

## Save the Date: LHENA Annual Meeting April 21st

### Board and NRP members wanted!

On Wed., April 21st, the Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association (LHENA) will host its annual meeting at Jefferson Community School. Come enjoy food and beverages from local establishments. Learn about a variety of issues affecting the neighborhood and speak with elected officials. The founding mothers and fathers of LHENA will be honored this year in recognition of the Association's 40th anniversary!

The annual meeting provides a chance to learn about the array of volunteer opportunities within the neighborhood (see back page for more information on volunteering). Consider running for the LHENA Board or Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Steering Committee. Elections for each of these bodies will occur at this meeting. All neighborhood residents, business and property owners are eligible to run and vote in the elections. Time commitment equals approximately 5-8 hours per month. Participation with these groups is a fun way to better connect with your neighbors and impact the direction of the neighborhood.

Parties interested in volunteering for either the LHENA Board or NRP Committee should contact Caroline Griepentrog at the LHENA office, lhena@thewedge.org or 612-377-5023. We plan on featuring candidates in the April issue of *The Wedge* and will ask

that you submit a short biography to introduce yourself to the neighborhood!

#### LHENA Board:

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#### NRP Steering Committee:

The NRP Steering Committee oversees the use of NRP funds for neighborhood improvement projects in Housing; Infrastructure; Crime & Safety; and Youth, Arts & Commerce. This year's committee will continue implementing the neighborhood's Phase II NRP Action Plan. The commitment includes attending special events and monthly meetings. Committee term is 1 year. 11 seats are open for election. ▲

—Caroline Griepentrog

### Uptown Market fundraiser!

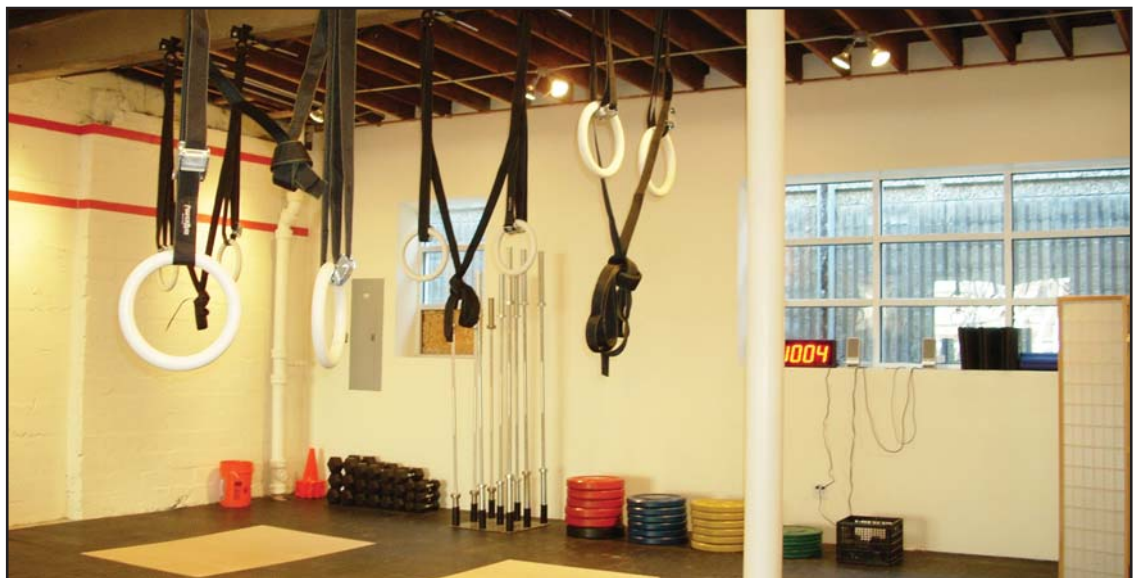
Wed. March 3 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**moto-i** 2940 Lyndale Ave. S.

Please come out to raise funds in support of the Uptown Market going to a weekly format in the summer of 2010! We need your help. If you came to any of our events last summer, you know what a great addition this arts and produce market is to Uptown.

We will be on the first floor of moto-i, and they will be extending the happy hour past its normal cut-off to our group (\$5 sake / \$3 wine / \$3 beer).

Suggested donation: \$10 or give what you can



Does something seem different about this workout space?

Read about TwinTown CrossFit on page 4!

[photo courtesy of Kathy Kullberg]

# THE WEDGE

LOWRY HILL EAST  
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## Editor's Notes

by Paul Bowman

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**Neighborhood  
Boundaries:  
Hennepin on the west,  
Lyndale on the east, Lake  
Street on the south and  
I-94 on the north**

### Crime & Safety Committee

Hello all! The first item we need to address is that the Crime & Safety Committee has disbanded after dwindling attendance numbers. It has become an agenda item for the LHENA Board meeting each month. Bring your crime and safety concerns to those meetings. Let the LHENA office know about the item of concern as soon as possible. Your item may warrant a larger and more dedicated meeting.

### E-mail list

We've had a few people add themselves to our e-mail distribution list of *The Wedge*. E-mail editor@thewedge.org if you would like to receive a PDF copy of the issue as soon as it is sent to the printer.

### A few good months...

Downtown Minneapolis is a number of months into its two-way revitalization experiment for Hennepin and First aves. As a person who works on First Ave., I believe it has been a positive improvement and helped traffic flow. Good idea Minneapolis! ▲

## March 2010 LHENA Neighborhood Notices

Meetings are held at Jefferson School, 1200 W. 26th St., Room 107

### Wed., March 3, 7 p.m. LHENA Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Steering Committee

The LHENA-NRP Steering Committee meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. This committee focuses on implementing the LHENA Neighborhood Revitalization Program Phase II Action Plan. The plan is divided into sections: housing; infrastructure; crime & safety; and youth, arts & commerce. Members serve on a volunteer basis and are elected to one-year terms at the annual meeting in April.

See the NRP Phase II article on page 3 for specific meeting details.

### Wed., March 10, 6:30 p.m. LHENA Zoning and Planning (Z&P) Committee

The Z&P Committee meets the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. This committee reviews any project, development, or zoning request in the neighborhood. A good fit for anyone interested in city planning, architecture, and transportation.

### Wed., March 17, 6:30 p.m. LHENA Board of Directors

The LHENA Board of Directors meets the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the LHENA office. LHENA's mission is to represent the interests and values of Lowry Hill East

residents, property and business owners to the larger community and government. The LHENA Board makes neighborhood building and land use recommendations to the City, maintains financial oversight of the organization, publishes *The Wedge* newspaper, organizes neighborhood social events, and serves as a forum for neighborhood concerns. Members serve on a volunteer basis and are elected to two-year terms at the annual meeting in April.

**The Wedge  
Newspaper Committee**  
Contact 612-377-5023 or e-mail editor@thewedge.org to receive story ideas and deadlines.

### Local support organizations:

**Twin Cities Men's Center (TCMC)**  
3249 Hennepin Ave. S. | 612-822-5892  
www.tcmc.org

TCMC has a variety of support groups for men and a weekly presentation on personal growth or well-being, open to both men and women.

**Neighborhood Involvement Program (NIP)**  
2431 Hennepin Ave. S. | 612-374-3125  
www.neighborhoodinvolve.org

NIP has programs to help persons who are seniors, youth, and/or low-income uninsured.

NIP also has weekly support groups, including some at little or no cost for rape survivors and people living with HIV/AIDS.

## The Wedge Calendar

### INTERMEDIA ARTS

2822 Lyndale Ave. S. | 612-871-4444  
intermediaarts.org/calendar

### The Arts of Community March 19–April 16

You will see work from, about and in support of community, community building, and the glories of South Minneapolis. The exhibition will also serve as the launch of the SMARTS Guide which is a map of visual and performing art destinations, artists, education and art service businesses in South Minneapolis. The SMARTS Guide will lead visitors to arts businesses and destination points in South Minneapolis. For more information on SMARTS, please visit  
www.southminneapolisarts.org

—see Web site or call for information—

### MINNEAPOLIS THEATRE GARAGE

711 W. Franklin Ave. | 612-870-0723  
torchtheater.com | nimbustheatre.com

### Strike-Slip March 12–28

In the sprawling mosaic of Los Angeles there are as many fissures, connections, and cracks above ground as there are below. For three diverse families, a tragic shooting exposes these once-dormant fault-lines and forces them to confront the way they perceive themselves, their community and their dreams. In a city where anything is possible but nothing is durable, how will uncertainty shape the way they live their lives?

—see Web sites or call for information—

### THE JUNGLE THEATER

2951 Lyndale Ave. S. | 612-822-7063  
jungletheater.com

### Blithe Spirit

Now through March 28

When English novelist Charles Condomine hires an eccentric medium to perform a

séance at his house party in order to gather material for his next book, she winds up accidentally summoning the ghost of his first wife, Elvira, who is out to seek revenge on Charles and his new wife, Ruth. The Jungle conjures a sparkling entertainment that celebrates the glamour of the 1940s and the timeless wit of Noël Coward. Featuring the Jungle's beloved Wendy Lehr as Madame Arcati!

—see Web site or call for showtimes—

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bryantlakebowl.com/calendar/list

This month at Bryant-Lake Bowl:

- *The Saved By The Bell Show*
- *Show X*
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### BRAVE NEW WORKSHOP

2605 Hennepin Ave. S. | 612-332-6620  
bravenewworkshop.org

### How to Make Love Like a Minnesotan III: The Full Montevideo Now through April 24

The smash hit is back! Returning lovers and Workshop virgins alike will thaw their winter hearts as you take an unforgettable ride down the love canal. The Brave New Workshop is prepared to delve even further into the subject that burns in our hearts and sometimes gives us heartburn.

—see Web site or call for showtimes—

### HIGHPOINT CENTER FOR PRINTMAKING

912 W. Lake St. | 612-871-1326  
highpointprintmaking.org/calendar  
info@highpointprintmaking.org

### Select Impressions: Juried Works from Highpoint's First Portfolio Review Now through March 13

Highpoint is pleased to present an exhibition of works by 29 local printmakers. Visitors will have the opportunity to view lithographs, intaglio prints, screenprints, relief and monoprints in a wide variety of styles.

—see Web site or call for more details—

### WALKER ART CENTER

1750 Hennepin Ave. | 612-375-7600  
calendar.walkerart.org

### Zhao Liang: Heavy Sleepers Now through March 14

An acute exposition of social realities in China, Zhao's large-scale video environment depicts the interior of a dormitory for construction workers. Shot in Beijing during the fast-paced construction leading up to the 2008 Olympics, the empty beds raise the question of whether the men have gone back to work, or finally returned home.

—see Web site or call for more details—

### HENNEPIN COUNTY LIBRARY - WALKER

2880 Hennepin Ave. S. | 952-847-8400  
hclib.org/pub/events

### Guys Read Jr. Book Club

Thurs., March 4, 7–7:45 p.m.  
Thurs., April 1, 7–7:45 p.m.  
Thurs., May 6, 7–7:45 p.m.

For guys in grades 4-5. Join other guys to talk about a great book!

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# greener

by Joe Knaeble

## The Art of Reduction

Like many of you, I consider myself to be “kind of green.” Meaning a recycler, a reuser and a mini-consumer. Being green (or becoming greener) is an evolving concept/process and no one has all the answers. To me, one of the goals of the environmental movement is evolving into more responsible members of the larger community of life. It is my hope that this column becomes a small part of that dialogue.

It seems that the green conversation rarely includes downsizing our material expectations. Yet it is the most effective way to conserve our resources, while protecting and improving the health of our environment.

We are all familiar with the triangular logo of reduce/reuse/recycle although the concept of the 3Rs does not seem to be well-understood. We tend to

focus mostly on the 3rd R, Recycle, when in reality it has the least effect of the 3; it happens after the initial production.

The 1st R, Reduce, is the most effective strategy to achieve a greener planet. Reducing the size/scope/effects of any action before the action takes place lowers that action’s consumption of natural resources and negative impact on the environment.

Many studies show that the burning of fossil fuels to create energy is our greatest environmental threat. Driving internal combustion engines and heating our homes are the two most common actions that ordinary people take each day to exacerbate this problem.

I’d like to suggest advice from the 1970s Energy Crisis: turn down your thermostat. I am amazed at the households I visit

during winter months in which the occupants are dressed for summer and I am uncomfortably warm in my winter attire. In my opinion, if you don’t have a warm sweater and slippers on during the winter months, then you are dressed for the wrong season.

The second piece of knowledge has been offered just as long. Letting your vehicle idle while you wait for your passenger(s) is not green. If you need to wait more than 20 or 30 seconds turn that internal combustion engine off and put your gloves and hat back on. In this day and age, is it a responsible expectation to be 100% comfortable all of the time?

Most of us have heard the saying, “An idle mind is the devil’s workshop.” Today’s green version could read, “An idling car is the devil’s delight.” Reduce on. ▲

## LHENA Letter

by Carina Ruhlandt

Though still winter, the LHENA Board was looking ahead to spring and summer at our February meeting.

- 2010 marks the 40th anniversary of Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association! Our annual meeting in April will be the kickoff of this year-long celebration. Kathy Kullberg is planning a celebration event to be held this summer and is looking for fellow party-planners. Contact the LHENA office for more information.

- Gary Thaden came to give an update from the Walker Library Community Advisory Committee. Hennepin County will request proposals from architects, and select an architect this spring/summer. The selected architect will meet with neighborhood groups and incorporate feedback into the final design. They anticipate 18 months of construction. Unfortunately, the project budget does not include funding to operate the library during construction. Other libraries have done separate fundraising to continue library operation during similar projects.

- Shaun Laden and the Uptown Market board are making plans to expand the market in 2010. The market will take place every week from Memorial Day until Labor Day. They are planning for a mix of vendors including expanded produce offerings and local artists. They are looking for volunteers to help on Sundays. Look for them at our April annual meeting or contact them through [uptownmarket.org](http://uptownmarket.org)

- Life Time Fitness plans to use the old Walker Library as a yoga and Pilates studio. The LHENA Board voted to support their conditional use permit for this sports facility. ▲

*Lowry Hill East/The Wedge residents are always welcome to observe a meeting, and participate in our lively discussions. If you’re not able to join us in person, this update will help keep you in the loop about what’s going on in LHENA.*

### NRP Phase II Action Plan Modification Community Vote

On Thurs., Jan. 14, 2010, the Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association (LHENA) Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Steering Committee approved a proposed plan modification which would reallocate \$25,500 in funds from inactive LHENA-NRP Phase II strategies into the existing administrative/implementation contract.

The \$25,500 in funding will cover the administrative/office budget through the end of 2010. The funding allows for staff support as the committee continues focusing on implementation of current Phase II strategies and looking forward to the future of neighborhood programming beyond NRP.

The funds are proposed to be reallocated from the following Phase II strategies:

- \$18,500.00 – Business Exterior Improvement Grants (Strategy 16.1.1)
- 3,000.00 – Temporary Outdoor Sale (Strategy 16.2.1)
- + 4,000.00 – Youth Employment Directory (Strategy 18.1.1)
- \$25,500.00 – Total

**In accordance with NRP’s 21-day public notification policy, a hearing for the community to vote on the proposed plan modification has been scheduled for Wed., March 3, 2010 from 7-7:30 p.m., at the LHENA office, located in Room 107 of Jefferson School, 1200 W. 26th St.**

Questions or comments? Call 612-377-5023 or e-mail [lhena@thewedge.org](mailto:lhena@thewedge.org) ▲

—Caroline Griepentrog

## WANTED


Old neighborhood photos for LHENA Annual Meeting slideshow on Wed., April 21st.

**Submit photos before April 9th to:**

LHENA office  
Room 107  
Jefferson School  
1200 W. 26th St.  
Minneapolis, MN 55405

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See front page for more information about the upcoming LHENA Annual Meeting!



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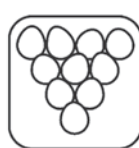
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Teddy Kim, owner of TwinTown CrossFit

# IN WITH THE NEW, OUT WITH THE OLD

Photo and article by Kathy Kullberg

**IN: TwinTown CrossFit**  
723 West 26th Street

**OUT: Vacant Motorcycle Shop**

www.twintowncrossfit.com, 612-217-1630

Owner: Teddy Kim

Want more than just another workout on a treadmill beside an acre of people wearing headsets lost in their own world? Want a complete plan for getting fit and a new healthy lifestyle? Tired of not finding the right instructor or class for you? Don't want to be embarrassed in front of hundreds of skimpily-clad youth? Then this personalized small scale gym is for you!

CrossFit training combines a multi-discipline focus for a well-rounded body and lifestyle change. Owner Teddy Kim states that "Our specialty is not having a specialty. We don't do just weightlifting or aerobics. All disciplines

(including running and rowing) are included in each workout plan for every age, every body type, disabilities included." Nutrition is also an integral part of the process. "We deliberately focus on a well-rounded body."

Mr. Kim is living proof that this unique style of fitness works. Two years ago photos show that he was very overweight, but by working the CrossFit technique into his life, he has dropped 70 pounds and is as trim and fit as any major athlete.

In fact, each person who participates in the process is considered an athlete, not just a customer. Through learning the basics (and sometimes re-learning the basics of proper fitness and diet), all can achieve a higher quality of living.

CrossFit is not just a business model; it is about giving athletes the best experience. Training is directed in a focused, ennobling way. One size does not fit all. You will not find rows of treadmills or hear the clunk of weights hitting metal. You can think of it as having a neighborhood personal trainer and workout space.

The gym is located at W. 26th St. and Aldrich Ave. S. with some parking spaces in front. The space is open and more noteworthy for its uncluttered appeal. Only a few of the more unusual training tools – two rowing machines, weightlifting bars and several pairs of gymnastic rings suspended from

the ceiling are visible. The main glass garage door and high ceilings attracted him to this site. Plan on running out the open garage in the warmer months to begin your workout.

Basic classes range in size from 3 to 10 people, including both men and women of all ages. Better yet: bring a buddy and get a discount on a 6 month plan. In the summer, Mr. Kim hopes to add CrossFit Kids to his course schedule.

Since he currently has a full-time job during the day, classes are both early and later in the day. Clients are encouraged to call to schedule a 1-on-1 free introduction and 1 hour workout with Teddy or his wife/program director Laura Harley. Basic skill workouts are scheduled daily and are recommended for a few months before advancing to the all-levels class. There is only one membership plan and you can come as often as you want.

The CrossFit training concept was developed in California about 6 years ago as a means of achieving a long life of high quality not available in the mainstream fitness shops. Police academy programs utilize this same program. Gyms are now available in most states across the country as this more-personalized approach takes off. ▲

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**Guess who is turning 40? LHENA!**

In 1970, faced with plummeting property values, house demolitions on every block, and spiking crime, a small group of concerned homeowners banded together to preserve historic, turn-of-the-20th-century homes and promote livability in the neighborhood through a variety of efforts.

They formed the Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association (LHENA), one of the first grassroots neighborhood associations to organize in Minneapolis, which in turn set the precedent for many of the other 65 organizations currently in existence.

2010 will be marked by anniversary celebrations throughout the year. We hope to honor and recognize the major impact those residents and this organization have had both in our neighborhood and throughout the city.

The kickoff will begin at the LHENA Annual Meeting on April 21st with a major commemoration tentatively-scheduled for Saturday, June 19th.

Anyone who would like to volunteer for the planning committee is asked to contact either Kathy Kullberg at 612-374-4456 or LHENA at lhena@thewedge.org or 612-377-5023.



**UPTOWN ARTSWATCH**

by *Vanessa Moore Ardolino*

**The many shades of love at Brave New Workshop**

Brave New Workshop went back to the well for their latest production, “How to Make Love Like a Minnesotan III: The Full Montevideo.” Luckily, it is a deep well. Apparently there is a lot to say about romance.

This time they mixed cute in with the crude – I think having a high school field trip group in the audience made the cast a little nervous, but I doubt they held anything back on their account.

Most of the material was new for this rendition, and a lot of it focused on loves that did not take place between a boy and a girl. A man’s crush on a sports star got big laughs. The best line was, “I called him the Silver Fox, and he called me ‘the fans.’”

Another skit depicted how profoundly a man can love his puppy dog – and the cast shared cute pictures, too – but this love does not allow room for cats.

I found the part about how women of a certain age trade sexual passion for food passion while on their sacred “Girls Night Out,” particularly amusing. It made me wonder how many ladies in the audience were in the middle of a “night out,” themselves. I hope they left satisfied.

“How to Make Love Like a Minnesotan III: The Full Montevideo,” will run until Sat., April 24. Brave New Workshop is located at 2605 Hennepin Ave. S. For more information, call 612-332-6620. ▲

**First portfolio review show at Highpoint is high-caliber**

I hope up-and-coming artists in Minnesota appreciate how good they have it. In the last few months, artists of all ages and abilities have had an opportunity to get their creations in front of the public in a formal setting. The Minnesota Institute of Arts is hosting a “Foot in the Door” exhibit, and the Highpoint Center for Printmaking is currently showing the works of 29 local artists in its first ever “Select Impressions” portfolio review.

The prints on display are a fine sampling of the talent in this state. Each work was selected through a juried process. The selected pieces represent classic use of the printmaking craft as well as how the format can push boundaries.

Taken as a whole, I was struck by the muted colors that the artists chose to employ. No neon hues jumped out at me; I saw a lot of gray. Even the

glistening red that CJ Mace used in “Twist,” part of her “Hives and Colonies” series, was a deep color that caught my eye through texture rather than brightness.

Also on display were several pieces in book form. Visitors are allowed to put on special gloves and leaf through the pages. Probably the most labor-intensive use of paper on display were works by Jeanne McGee. “Red Forest” and “Sea Life” are two intricate prints created on maps that were shredded into strips and then woven back together. The butterflies and starfish on “Sea Life” are barely visible against the chaotic background, forcing the viewer to untangle what they seeing.

“Select Impressions” will be on display until March 13. Highpoint is located at 912 W. Lake St. For more information, call 612-871-1326. ▲

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- ◆ Rape . . . . . 0
- ▲ Robbery . . . . . 2
- Aggravated Assault . . . . . 3
- ✦ Burglary . . . . . 4
- Larceny . . . . . 33
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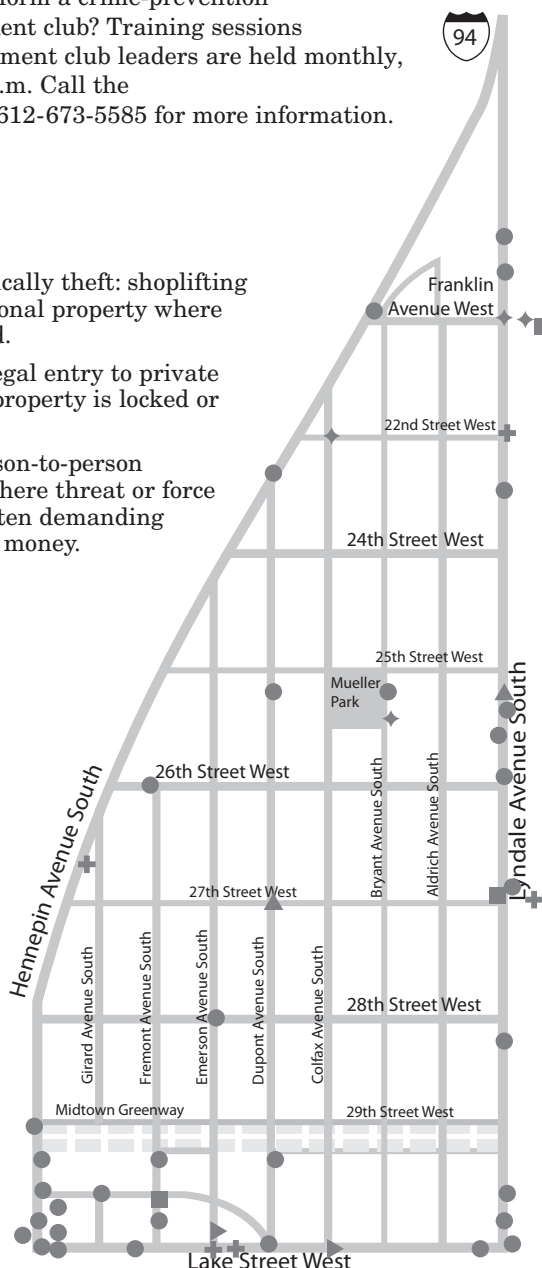
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# The Active Minnesotan

by Katherine Himes

March is a tricky month for outdoor activities. Snow and ice may linger, large puddles may form, and mud is often abundant. These possibilities, which can occur in a period of a week or less, led me to list a variety of options for March. They are listed in order of snowiest/winter-related to most spring-like.

•**Snowtubing:** Theodore Wirth Winter Recreation Area (1301 Theodore Wirth Pkwy.) has a terrific tubing hill with towrope, lights, and tubing rental. This is a great way for families to enjoy the outdoors. Call 763-522-4584 for more information.

•**Snowshoeing:** Several Minneapolis Parks are offering snowshoeing programs coupled with cultural and natural history. Snowshoe rental is included in the program fee. Register at minneapolisparcs.org or call 612-313-7725 for registration details.

—**Minnehaha Park:** Sat., March 6, 10-11:30 a.m. Fee of \$10/person. This program may include a tour of the lower glen section of the park, which is undergoing restoration. Meet at the parking lot on Godfrey Road east of Minnehaha Ave. S.

—**Lake Nokomis and Minnehaha Creek:** Sat., March 13, 10-11:30 a.m. Fee of \$10/person. Meet at the parking lot located on Minnehaha Pkwy. east of Cedar Ave. S.

—**Theodore Wirth Park:** Sat., March 20, 10-11:30 a.m. Fee of \$10/person. This program includes bird watching in addition to snowshoeing. Binoculars and field guides provided if requested at time of registration. Meet at the Wirth Beach parking lot on Glenwood Ave. east of Theodore Wirth Pkwy.

—**Theodore Wirth Park:** Sat., March 27, 10-11:30 a.m. Fee of \$10/person. Tour the southern part of this large park. Meet at the Wirth Beach parking lot on Glenwood Ave., east of Theodore Wirth Pkwy.

•**Walking/Running:** Walking and running are still a bit tricky. Conditions can be icy, slushy, and downright nasty. One lengthy and safe alternative to treadmill or indoor track running is the Metrodome! The Minnesota Distance Running Association (www.runmdra.org) transforms your exercise experience into warmth, sure footing,

and 'daylight!' Running and walking are from 5-8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Cost is \$1/person. 2.5 laps around the concourse equals one mile. Remaining dates are March 2, 4, 9, and 11. Park for free in the upper lot by entering Gate D. Contact Rick Recker at 612-375-0805 with questions.

Want to challenge yourself with an outdoor walking and running event? Mark your calendar for March 13. Participate in the 100% Irish For A Day 5K around Lake Harriet or the 10 mile event around Lake Calhoun. Entry fees increase on March 8. What an exciting way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! For more information, visit mtcmrathon.org/IrishForADay or call Brian Mastel, 763-287-3888.

•**Maple Syruping:** Eating maple syrup is not quite what I mean by 'active,' but these delicious programs, coupled with a walk in the park, make for a wonderful afternoon.

—**Carl W. Kroening Interpretive Center** (4900 Mississippi Court): Discover the process of making maple syrup, view sap as it boils, and taste the delicious syrup at this lovely park along the Mississippi River. March 12 and 19, 1-3 p.m. Register by calling 612-230-6400.

—**Fort Snelling State Park:** March 7, 14, 20, 21, 27, and 28, 1-2:30 p.m. Learn about the history of maple trees in Minnesota and the process of making maple syrup. Topics covered: syruping equipment, tree tapping, and converting sap to syrup. Meet at the Visitor Center. Call 612-725-2389 or 612-725-2724.

•**Orienteering:** Orienteering uses navigational skills and tools to chart/explore terrain from point to point. Try your skill at locating orange orienteering controls in the woods and prairies of Minnesota! The Minnesota Orienteering Club (MNOC) puts on several meets per month, all with different distances and difficulty levels.

To learn how to orienteer, attend the Three Rivers Parks/MNOC/REI Orienteering Skill Development Clinic at 12 p.m. on Sat., March 27 at the Hyland Lake Park Reserve in Bloomington. There will be also be a smaller-scale sprint orienteering course from 2-3 p.m. Pre-register on-line with MNOC for \$13/person (mnoc.org) or by calling 763-559-6700. Day-of registration is \$18/person.

Enjoy March, the increased daylight, and these ideas for being active! Happy Trails. ▲

## The Library Report



with Gary Thaden

Events at Central Library  
300 Nicollet Avenue  
(unless stated otherwise)  
Gthaden at Gmail dot com

**The Central Library  
Open on Mondays!**

The Minneapolis Central Library is now open seven days a week. Due to the wording of the state legislation, part of the money raised by the Hennepin County sales tax that pays for the construction of the Twins stadium goes to opening the Hennepin County Libraries for additional hours.

2 million dollars from the sales tax goes to the libraries each year. This is the first time in over forty years that the downtown library will be open seven days a week!

The ballpark sales tax will also fund additional hours at the

new Plymouth and Maple Grove libraries when they open in spring/summer 2010. From now until June 30, Central Library will only be closed two days: Easter (April 4) and Memorial Day (May 31).

**Walker Library  
Community Advisory  
Committee**

The Walker Library Community Advisory Committee had its sixth meeting last month. The committee has discussed its vision and desires for the new library building.

That vision will be presented to a Hennepin County Designer Selection Committee. This committee is a formal Hennepin County Citizen Committee consisting mostly of design professionals.

It will make a recommendation to the Hennepin County Board as to which architect should be selected to design the new Walker Library. Once the architect is selected, they will begin drawing up plans for the new Walker Library.

The Walker Library Community Advisory Committee will con-

tinue to meet and work with the chosen architect to bring community input into the final design of the library. The Advisory Committee website is hclib.org/cac

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**Sarah Vowell**

Thurs., Mar. 11, 2010, 7:30 p.m.  
Fri., Mar. 12, 2010, 11 a.m.

Is there anything Sarah Vowell hasn't done? Contributing editor to Public Radio International's *This American Life*, a regular on *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*, music critic and author of audio books featuring the likes of Norman Lear, Vowell is also the acclaimed author of five books, including *Assassination Vacation*, a road trip to the tourist sites devoted to the murdered presidents.

Her most recent book is *The Wordy Shipmates*, a history of American Puritans. Vowell was also the voice of Violet in the Pixar film, *The Incredibles*. ▲



# Uptown Artswatch

**“Blithe Spirit” is a haunting good time at The Jungle Theater**

by Vanessa Moore Ardolino

Noel Coward’s plays have continued to be popular because they are timeless, yet they also encapsulate the era from which they were created so perfectly. The Jungle Theater’s *Blithe Spirit* is a fine example of this; the production exhibited a delicious sense of restrained sophistication.

In order to do research, a novelist Charles Condomine (Michael Booth), and his wife Ruth (Amy McDonald), invite a medium over to hold a séance at their house. The couple expected Madame Arcati (Wendy Lehr) to be a sham, but instead, she conjures up the

husband’s first wife who proceeds to wreak havoc on the household.

Coward’s 1941 highly-polished script is full of clever turns of phrase and wit. Occasionally, the actors stumbled over their lines. Nevertheless, the sentences held a lot of hidden power, much like the tasteful, but conventionally decorated set.

It was a homey parlor with billowing drapes at the windows. In the center upstage, the room opens up to a hallway and a sturdy staircase. When I first looked it over before the perfor-

mance, I thought to myself, this is the dullest set I’ve ever seen at The Jungle. Later I learned, the set, like the dialogue, was full of surprises.

My favorite part about a play with a ghost in it is how they make the ghost first appear. Kate Eifrig’s rendition of Charles’ late first wife has her breezing around the set in bare feet and a beautiful 1930s gown.

*Blithe Spirit* will run through March 28. The Jungle Theater is located 2951 Lyndale Ave. S. For more information, call 612-822-7063. ▲



## Updates from City Hall

From the office of Council Member Meg Tuthill

Regional Studies and Communication Studies. In addition, she is pursuing a Nonprofit Leadership Certificate from Minnesota State University, Mankato. Breanna will graduate in May. She has a strong interest in historic preservation.

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### Social Host Ordinance

The Social Host ordinance seeks to reduce underage possession and consumption of alcohol by imposing criminal penalties on those person(s) who host events or gatherings where persons under 21 years of age possess or consume alcohol.

The social ordinance was passed by the full city council on Feb. 12th.

### Bryant Avenue Bike Boulevard

On Tues., Feb. 9th, a meeting about the proposed Bryant Avenue Bike Boulevard was held at Bryant Square Park. A Bike Boulevard is a street with bikes sharing the traffic lane with cars. Traffic calming features are used to slow traffic and create a safe biking environment.

Bike Boulevard information online: [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/bicycles/BryantAveBikeBlvd.asp](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/bicycles/BryantAveBikeBlvd.asp)

### Vehicle Idling Ordinance Reminder

Due to the recent air quality warnings, the City of Minneapolis approved limits on vehicle idling that aim to reduce air pollution in Minneapolis. The ordinance, which was passed in 2008, limits most vehicle idling to three minutes, except in traffic. Reducing vehicle idling in Minneapolis translates into less air pollution for the environment, protecting the public health, and saving money in fuel.

For more information on this ordinance:

[www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/news/20080610Antiidling.asp](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/news/20080610Antiidling.asp)

### Midtown Greenway Rezoning Study

The portion of the Midtown Greenway Rezoning in the 10th Ward was discussed at the Feb. 18th City of Minneapolis Zoning and Planning Committee meeting. Look for updates on this important issue next month.

### SNOW!

A one side of the street parking ban has been implemented for the first time in nine years. This means there is no parking on the even side of the street. This will be in effect until April 1st, or when officials deem the conditions have improved enough for it to be lifted.

Parking on both sides of the street is allowed on snow emergency routes and parkways EXCEPT for on Bryant Ave. S., south of Lake St. and Grand Ave. S., south of Lake Street. These are both snow emergency routes in which the city has implemented the one side of the street parking ban.

If we have another snow emergency while the ban is in effect, check the City of Minneapolis Web site for instructions on where to park during the snow emergency. You may also sign up to receive snow emergency alerts by phone, e-mail, on Facebook and Twitter. Also, if you see sidewalks that have not been shoveled, please call 311 to report them.

Visit this Web site for snow related questions:

**Contact Meg’s office:**  
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### Office hours:

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Hello from your new 10th ward council member and her staff!

### Meet Meg and Her Staff

**Meg Tuthill** has lived in Lowry Hill East for 40 years. She owned Tuthill’s Balloon Emporium for over 30 years. After decades of volunteer work with Minneapolis Public Schools, Minneapolis Parks and her neighborhood organization, Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association (LHENA), she decided to run for City Council. Her successful campaign led to election; Meg took office on January 4th, 2010.

**Meg’s committee assignments are:** Zoning & Planning, Ways & Means/Budget and Public Safety & Health. She is also on a several boards and commissions.

**Leslie Foreman** is Meg’s Policy Aide. Leslie has lived in Minneapolis for over 30 years. Prior to working for Meg, Leslie worked as a bookkeeper. She served on the LHENA Zoning & Planning Committee for the past several years as well as the LHENA Board. She lives in Lowry Hill East with her husband, two daughters, and cat.

**Breanna Patsch** is Meg’s Associate. Breanna has lived in the East Calhoun neighborhood her entire life! She is a Southwest High School graduate. She is currently completing a Bachelor of Science degree with a double major in Urban &

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### Census 2010

Count and be counted! The census is looking for temporary part-time workers. Most positions would follow up with households who have not responded to two reminder letters. The jobs would last approximately 10 weeks. The census is trying to hire people to work in their own neighborhood.

The census questionnaire is short this year - only 10 questions. The census forms will be going out starting next month. Please make sure you are counted by filling out and returning your census form!

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## MEET THE WEDGE

Gary Thaden



**What's your current position/career?**

I am an attorney, mainly representing clients before the Executive and Legislative branches of Minnesota Government

**How long have you lived in The Wedge? How long have you been involved?**

I first moved into The Wedge neighborhood in 1981, while I was in law school, and started out as a renter. Then, my wife and I purchased a cooperative apartment in The Wedge, which converted to a condominium and later we purchased a single family home, built in 1895 on Aldrich Ave. I ran for and started serving on the Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association Board of Directors in 1986.

**What book are you reading now?**

I just finished reading *The Lost City of Z: A Tale of Deadly Obsession in the Amazon*, by David Grann. It is a non-fiction book about the English explorer Percy Fawcett. Mr. Fawcett was a partial inspiration for Arthur Conan Doyle's 1912 novel *The Lost World*, which was the inspiration for Michael Crichton's 1990 novel *Jurassic Park* (and the 1993 movie).

Present-day research using satellite imagery and ground-penetrating radar shows that Percy Fawcett was right and that there were large complex cities in the Amazon prior to 1492. I enjoy 19th century history, its affect on early and late 20th century literature, its tie-in with present day science, and the quality of the writing.

One of the books I am reading now is called *The Guards*, by Ken Bruen. It is about an Irish ex-police officer who turns private eye. Bruen's

style is stark, dark and definitely noir.

**What music/artist are you listening to now?**

I love Eric Clapton. Listening to his music led me to blues, especially electric-Chicago blues. I love the soulful, uplifting qualities of blues music.

**What do you like best about The Wedge? Do you have a favorite location?**

I love the diversity and vibrancy of people and things. I love that we can walk to Uptown's bookstores and theaters; Lyn-Lake, its restaurants and The Jungle Theater; and that we can walk downtown to enjoy shopping, restaurants, and theaters. If we are really ambitious, we walk to the river Downtown and take the bus home. Plus, this is a great spot to launch off from and visit St. Paul; Stillwater; Lake Minnetonka; Madison, Wis.; and Chicago.

**What drew you to The Wedge neighborhood?**

The same things that I love about The Wedge area now are the things that attracted me to the area almost thirty years ago. I discovered this area (I grew up in Richfield) when I was working at Lunds and they transferred me to their Uptown store. I was going to college, fell in love with the area, and never left.

**Favorite neighborhood restaurant?**

That is an unfair question. There are so many to choose from. The last place we went to was duplex.restaurant.wine bar. We like the neighborhood connection, the good food and beer selection. The Bryant-Lake Bowl is a great place have breakfast, or to sit at the bar, watch the crowd, and sip a beer. We are lucky to have Herkimer Brewery in our neighborhood (do you sense a beer theme here?). Also, I love moto-i.

**Hobbies?**

Books, reading and politics. I am president of the local Sherlock Holmes literary society. We have over 150 members and have been around since 1947. I also love politics and Minneapolis. I have been campaign manager for some Minneapolis elections, served on the LHENA Board, and on a number of Minneapolis city committees including the Charter Commission, Capital Long-Range Improvement Committee and the Library Board. I think it is important to give back to your community.

**Family/pets?**

We have two adult daughters, both in college. No pets.

**Interesting fact/story?**

My wife and I met when we were both working at Lunds Grocery Store on Lake Street, in the baking aisle. ▲

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Zoning and Planning Committee: Meets 2nd Wednesday of month as needed to review development and zoning proposals and make recommendations to board.

Social Committee: Meets as needed to plan social events (neighborhood garage sales, ice cream social, holiday party, children's events, etc.)

Fundraising Committee: Plan or help staff events (Walk The Wedge Neighborhood Home Tour, Wine Tasting, Uptown Art Fair Pop Stand, etc.)

Uptown Market: Help at market occasionally on Sundays throughout the summer

Historic Preservation: Just getting started, more details to come

Serve on an ad hoc committee (some past and current examples: Uptown Small Area Plan, Lyn-Lake Small Area Plan, new Walker Library Community Advisory Committee)

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Some other ways I might be involved:**

Write an article for *The Wedge*

Take photographs at an event for publication in *The Wedge*

Computer or other technical skills

Speak at/attend a public hearing, City Council or Planning Commission meeting

Distribute flyers

Write a grant proposal

Filing

Other \_\_\_\_\_