

the Friends of Loring Park

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President's Message

Happy spring, everyone! After this long hard winter, it looks like spring is finally here. May all your potholes be filled, and your winter boots put away for at least a few months.

Volunteer in the Gardens

The call is out for volunteer gardeners to come forward to help Loring Park Gardener Andy Haberman plant and maintain the beautiful gardens of Loring Park. You can find out about volunteering by attending the Kick-Off, but if you cannot make it to the party, information about volunteering and signing up can be found on the Friends of Loring Park website.

Earth Day

Earth Day cleanup in the park and neighborhood is on Saturday, April 22. Meet at the park building. Sign-in starts at 9:30 AM.

Berger Fountain Update

The Berger Fountain replacement planning continues. The Park Board selected landscape architecture firm Damon Farber to consult on refining cost estimates for replacement of the fountain and construction of a new plaza.

By the end of May, Damon Farber should have comprehensive design construction drawings of the fountain and plaza. Once approved by the community and the Park Board, community fundraising will begin this summer.

Once all funding is in place, the consultant will provide construction documents and supervise construction to the completion of the project in 2024. Slow but steady progress is being made.

New Faces in the Park

The Friends of Loring Park would like to welcome three individuals to the Loring Park family: two new Board Members, Mark Scally and Joella Mosley, and new MPRB Recreation Director Tonya Love. They are introduced on page 3. The sun is back, and soon the gardens will show their beautiful blooms. Let's enjoy and celebrate our beautiful Loring Park.

David Hile

—Dave Hile, Board President

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Garden Season Kick-off Party!

*Saturday, May 6, 10 to Noon
Loring Community Center*

Guest Speaker Andrew Gawboy
MPRB Horticultural Division

*Lost Loring: An Historical Tour
of the Park Gardens*

Please Join Us
Friends, Fun, Door Prizes!
Learn about volunteer opportunities!

A Warm Welcome to Recreation Supervisor Tonya Love



Tonya Love came to the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board in February, when she was named as the new Loring Park Recreation Supervisor. Her focus will be on building and revitalizing young adult and senior activities and events, along with continuing youth programming.

Tonya has worked in recreation since 1990. Starting as a lifeguard and swim instructor, she worked her way up to recreation coordinator, managing aquatics and safety programs. She coordinated afterschool programs at an elementary school in Anoka, and youth summer playground camps, youth and adult sport leagues, and special events for the City of Elk River community, where she worked for seventeen years.

Spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren, is her favorite pastime, and she also loves scrapbooking and making quilts. Tonya is passionate about recreation, and excited to be serving the Loring Park community, and looking forward to meeting you!

Loring Park's Winter of 2022–2023: Plenty of Snow!

So far, over 89.7 inches of snow have fallen on Minneapolis during the winter of 2022-2023, making it our third snowiest winter on record. We also had two snowstorms that made it onto the list of the top 25 snowstorms of record since 1884. Although this is not much compared to the 260 inches so far this winter in Marquette, Michigan, it is a lot of snow for an inner city area like the Loring Park neighborhood where there is not a lot of room to pile up the snow.

The physical phenomena and ecological impacts of snow are among the most interesting things to observe in Minnesota. Two snowstorms on top of each other early in the winter give the snowpack enough mass to survive winter thaws. The snow also reflects sunlight, making it several degrees colder when there is a snowpack, which combined with the decreasing daylength and lower sun angle, promotes continued development of the winter snowpack, and blunts the impacts of any winter warm spells that may occur, further insuring its own continued existence throughout the winter. In spring, the snow line steadily moves north with increasing strength of solar radiation as the days get longer and the sun is higher in the sky. In the last two weeks (I am writing this article on March 25, 2023) it has moved from central Iowa to Rochester, Minnesota, and in a few days it will reach Minneapolis. Once it arrives here, much more energy from the sun will be absorbed instead of reflected, bumping air temperatures up by 8-10 degrees, speeding up the melting of any remaining snow, and making it unlikely that a new snowpack can develop.

The snowpack dynamics just described do not occur in places like Chicago, which is in the zone where snow comes and goes throughout the winter. We will probably be in that zone in the future with a warming climate. However, for now a warming climate is causing more snow in Minnesota. More moisture moves northwards from the Gulf of Mexico with a warmer climate, making more moisture available to fuel the higher frequency of

big snowstorms and higher average annual snowfall that we have had recently. But ultimately, without major mitigation of CO2 emissions, the climate will warm enough so that more rain will fall than snow and our average annual snowfall will start to decrease.

Ecological effects of a snowpack are to insulate the ground and prevent deep soil freezing during the winter; this year frost is not very deep because of our massive snowpack. Ironically, soils get colder during winter in southern Minnesota and Iowa than in northern Minnesota, because a thick insulating snow cover is always present in the north. In our research at the University of Minnesota, we buried small devices in the soil (depth of 4 inches), that measure temperature hourly throughout the winter, at Seagull Lake, northwest of Grand Marais, near the Canadian border. It never got colder than 30 degrees F in the soil all winter, despite air temperatures of -45 F at a nearby weather station. In the future, with less snow, we could have colder soils, because the insulating effects of snow are more important than the actual winter air temperature. If snow melts off during winter warm spells, leaving the soil exposed to cold temperatures, hibernating insects and roots of plants that survive today could be killed. Ironically, periods of cold without snow could badly damage northern tree species (e.g., pine, spruce), more than oaks and maples in southern Minnesota, because the latter evolved in areas with colder winter soil temperatures and have roots with better adaptations to cold soils. Snow also shelters small animals during winter (e.g., mice, voles) who build tunnel networks like little cities under the snow—in the layer near the soil surface known as Pukak in the language of northern indigenous Inuit peoples. These can be seen when the snow first melts, when they appear as trails in the snow, as shown in the photo, above, that I took on the St. Paul Campus of the University of Minnesota, and later on as trails of dead grass. *(Continued next page.)*



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Welcome to New Friends Board Members

Meet Mark Scally and Joella Mosley



Mark Scally Originally from Lawler, Iowa, Mark graduated with a degree in accounting before starting his career as an expense reduction consultant in Los Angeles. He returned to the Midwest fifteen years ago, and lives on Bde Maka Ska. Mark discovered Loring Park while driving around exploring Minneapolis and loves that the park is right in the heart of the downtown area. He enjoys work at the board level and connected with Friends board president Dave Hile. After he attended a few board meetings, we asked him to join. He accepted and now serves on the strategic committee, focusing on the Berger Fountain renovation. When asked what he appreciates most about Loring Park he replies, “the Garden of the Seasons.” He marvels at

the plants, the old oaks, the paths, the bridge and many other aspects of the park. I asked Mark what he would change or improve about the park if he could snap his fingers and he answered, “opening up the view of the pond by removing brush along the shoreline, the cattails and duckweed.” Mark loves to golf, sings in a community choir, and is fun to talk to. I observed this first-hand last December as we both assisted with the horse drawn carriage rides in the park on a cold Friday night during Holidazzle. People just adore him. Mark also gives back to the community by speaking to business groups on behalf of the Minnesota Business for Early Education about the importance of achieving adequate learning skills in young children. Welcome, Mark!

—Todd Miller, Friends board member

Joella Mosley Joella Mosley lived in France for almost two decades working in set design and as an artist’s assistant to international designer Louis Durot. An entrepreneur and consultant, she started her first business as a contractor for residential and commercial renovations.

On her return to the U.S., she worked as Director of Development for a social service agency serving Spanish-speaking immigrants in Washington, D.C.

With her strong interest in the environment and making ‘greening’ affordable and accessible, she founded New



Green Industries, LLC (NGI) in 2011. NGI brings local businesses and non-profits together, using group purchasing power to control costs and promote the use of green/eco-friendly products. In 2015, NGI was nominated by Washington, DC’s Adams Morgan Business Improvement District for the Climate and Energy Leadership Awards by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

Joella is an associate with Training and Development Resources in Minneapolis and is in the process of establishing NGI in the Midwest.

A warm welcome to Joella!

(Snow, continued from p2) These should be quite numerous this spring because of the depth and length of snow cover that we had—18 weeks of continuous snow cover as of April 2, 2023.

One additional thing that we will see when the snow melts is snow mold, especially on the north sides of buildings and hills where snow is deep and lasts a long time. These puffy gray circles of mold grow all winter in lawns under the snow and can be up to a few feet in diameter. They disappear within a day or two after exposure, but the spores survive summer and grow the following winter. Given the long duration of snow over the winter, we should have spectacular snow mold this spring.

I already have plenty of allergy medicine on hand in anticipation of a high concentration of mold spores in the air this spring.

Finally, although a deep snowpack means less winter damage to perennial plants and tree roots, it can also mean that small rodents will eat the bark of trees and shrubs under the snow throughout the winter. This has been a problem for the junipers in the outer circle of the Garden of the Seasons in the Center of Loring Park, and no doubt we will need the help of our garden volunteers to prune out dead juniper branches this spring.

—Lee Frelich, Director,
University of Minnesota Center for Forest Ecology

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Friends offers three unique opportunities to honor, remember, or recognize a special person, event or place.

Donate a Brick

to the Garden of the Seasons. The ongoing personalized brick campaign seeks to replace the asphalt outer walkway of the Garden of the Seasons with a beautiful brick pathway.

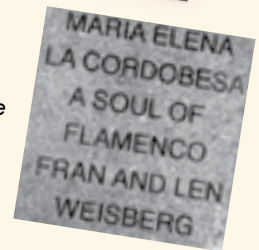
\$75 donation—a 4x8 brick

with three lines of print (14 characters and blank spaces per line)

\$120 donation— 8x8 brick

with six lines of print (12 characters and blank spaces per line)

Special characters (bell, star, heart) are available for \$10 per symbol. Custom logos: call for quote.



Sponsor a Native Tree

Friends of Loring Park is working closely with the MPRB to support the master plan that will create a vibrant canopy of hardy native trees in Loring Park.

\$500 donation

Dedicate a Bench

to a friend, a loved one, your company or family, or perhaps to remember a special event. Your dedication or message (up to 37 characters) can be forged on the cast iron armrest.



Bench with personalization — \$3,000

Anonymous sponsorship — \$2,500

Please consider a tax-deductible donation
For further information,
call 612-673-5395
or visit www.friendsofloringpark.org

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Yes! I'd like to support Loring Park with my tax deductible donation!

Bench Sponsorship: \$3000 with inscription, \$2500 without inscription

Inscription - 37 characters including blank spaces:

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4x8 Brick Donation: \$75.00

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Your Name _____

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Please send notification of my gift to (name and address):

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Morning Meditation Resumes in the Garden of the Seasons on May 19th

It's such a long wait, these winters in Minnesota, and then finally, Morning Meditation begins again in the Garden of the Seasons. All are invited to join the group and sit in silence with neighbors and friends every Friday morning beginning Friday, May 19th until it's too cold once again. It is a wonderful way to begin the day and monitor the changes as we cycle through the seasons. We gather at 7:00 a.m., bell rings at 7:15; meditation period is 30 minutes. Friends, chairs and coffee are provided, and an occasional poem, too. What more is there? Meditation instruction provided on request.

Come Garden With Us! Second Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 12

*New volunteer? Purple thumb?
Old hand? No problem. All welcome!*

We meet at 9 a.m. in the Garden of the Seasons. Tools and training provided. Please arrive by 9:20 for instructions.

Mark your calendar:

May 13 August 12
June 10 September 9
July 8 October 14

Enjoy the many health benefits of being in community and gardening!

Questions? Call 612-673-5395 or
email info@friendsofloringpark.org

Fun in the Park: Loring Park Summer Program Highlights

Twin Cities Pride June 24–25
Loring Park Art Festival July 29–30
National Night Out August 1, 6-8 p.m.
Yoga in the Park June 14–Aug 16, 6-7 p.m.
Dog Days of Summer June 12, 5:30-7 p.m.
Aquatennial Family Fun Night
July 19, 5:30-7:30 pm
Loring Park Dog Show Aug. 3, 6:30-8 pm
Movies in the Park Aug. 3 and 14, sunset
Picnic Operetta, Aug. 17, evening
Music All Summer Long!
Fridays at 7 p.m. and Tuesdays at Noon

Check out the full summer schedule:
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