



# KENWOOD

## SPRING 2022 NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

### DEAR KENWOOD NEIGHBORS... LETTER FROM KNO CHAIR, MARK BROWN

Happy Spring! (finally) Our neighbors here on Upton had a fun text chain going to guess the ice out date for Cedar. I was overly optimistic after a sunny mid-March day in the 60s turned Isles into a puddle...three weeks into April and we're still seeing snowflakes fly!

Thankfully our lakes have shed their winter ice mask mandate. If only temperatures could make this an easier call for humans. I do love seeing our kids be able to go mask-free at school and the howls at Target Center must not be contained. Go Wolves!

After two years of virtual board meetings, Kenwood Neighborhood Organization was able to come together for our May 2nd annual member meeting and social event. It was so great to see so many of you in person!

We are very excited to make this summer a season for gathering and togetherness. As you'll see in this newsletter, Will and Amanda have put together an awesome series of beach season events that will give us a chance to connect and share wellness, arts, music and fun.

I'm grateful as always for the work our board is doing to make a difference for our Kenwood neighbors.

No doubt you've all heard about the Cedar-Isles Master Plan under development through which the park board has been guided the community's calls to make water quality an imperative and balance infrastructure and amenity choices with conservation of the area's current natural state. We will remain active in the project's engagement efforts and work to make sure your voices and ideas are heard.

With board alum Angie Erdrich's leadership, KNO was recently awarded a Lawns to Legumes grant through the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources. The project, delivered in partnership with Metro Blooms and Kenwood community partners, will educate and assist neighbors in transforming their yards into native habitat for vital pollinators.

KNO continues to be an active partner with our community schools, including efforts to engage students in our parks through the DNR School Forest initiative and work with Kenwood School to create a new outdoor education space. We are particularly proud to be building connections with the

teams at our neighborhood's pathway schools, Anwatin Middle School and North High, to support the needs of students and collaborate on new models for fundraising and community engagement.

We know that safety is a primary concern among our neighbors. We will continue to use our board meetings as a forum to connect with our city officials and police leaders as an active partner in our community's efforts to address the troubling rise in violent crime. We are also active in monitoring the construction progress and developments with Southwest LRT and will work to keep strong lines of communications open with the project office and public officials seeking accountability.

I feel lucky to serve on the KNO board with such a talented group of neighbors volunteering their time to make Kenwood an even better place to live and play. We will miss Evelyn and Angie's wisdom and contributions as board members, but look forward to staying connected as they take on projects in partnership with KNO. I am very thankful for the wisdom that Jeremy, Matt and Jim provide in their board leadership roles, Will's vision and stewardship at East Cedar, and for the flow of ideas that Courtney, Melinda, Lana, Kyle and Jack (yes, let's say no to gas leaf blowers!) have shared and championed.

If there are things you believe the KNO should be focusing on, we want you to join us! Over the last several months our board has worked in collaboration with the City's Neighborhood & Community Relations staff to put in place an engagement plan under the new Neighborhoods 2020 program. The focus is on ensuring KNO's efforts are helping to draw in underrepresented groups and bringing more diversity to the perspectives on our board and in our forums, especially as we build stronger inter-neighborhood collaborations around the lakes and on the Northside (thank you, Jim!). Please consider joining us in this work – we're here to help and would love to have you involved!

Best wishes for healthful and vibrant spring filled with green shoots and loon calls!

Thank you,

Mark

# HIDDEN ACOUSTICS

AT EAST CEDAR LAKE BEACH

SUNDAYS 3:00PM

June 12

**Chione Woodwind Quintet**  
*A Musical Story for All Ages, Classical*

June 26

**Classical Actors Ensemble**  
*Love's Labor's Lost, Shakespeare*

July 31

**The Barley Jacks**  
*Bluegrass*

August 14

**Joe Mailander Solo (Okee Dokee Bros.)**  
*Family Americana*

August 28

**The Pickup Truck Opera**  
*The Magic Flute REMIX, Mozart*

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## CALLING ALL PIRATES & MERMAID FAMILIES!



Join us down at East Cedar Lake Beach for our annual beach party where you can dress up, go on a treasure hunt, meet a mermaid, listen to a Pirate's tale and enjoy some beach games too!

## Why Plant Juneberries?

1. Combat species loss.
2. Make your yard resilient to climate change.
3. Deeply rooted native species foster a soil microbial network, sequester carbon in the roots and clean the ground water.
4. Delicious Pie.

Soil and other natural ecosystems are out of balance. You can make a difference by converting part of your yard to native pollinator habitat. We would love to see all homeowners take part by converting a section of their lawn to native plantings. Juneberry/Serviceberry are a good choice because they thrive in our neighborhood and you can make pie as early as late June or freeze for later!

Serviceberry/juneberry –an excellent caterpillar host plant for zipcode 55405 including the Eastern Tiger Swallowtail, the Luna Moth, the Cecropia silkmoth. Juneberries feed 94 native species of caterpillars that grow into butterflies, moths, and skippers that supply the food chain for birds and other species. Other examples of native plants that support beneficial caterpillar species: Willow (339 caterpillar species), Birch (329), Oak (318). Aspen/cottonwood poplar (300)

The Kenwood Neighborhood Organization can help! Our neighborhood was chosen as a recipient of a \$38,000 Lawns to Legumes Grant through the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) to enhance pollinator habitat between Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles. The time frame is May-October, 2022. \$6,000 in matching funds were pledged by KNO, the Cedar Lake Park Association (CLPA) and a \$125 design consultation fee per participating homeowner.

### Through the Lawns to Legumes Grant:

1. 20 homeowners will be able to convert 100-150 square feet of land into native pollinator habitat. For \$125, the homeowners will receive a professional design consultation, removal of sod, preparation of soil, a planting plan and delivery of native plants (a \$1,700 value garden).
2. The conservation corps, Metro Blooms and volunteers will work with the CLPA to improve an 800-1200 square foot area of Cedar Lake shoreland by removing invasive species and planting native plants.
3. The neighborhood and Kenwood Elementary School community will be educated about the importance of Native plants through outreach from KNO and Birchbark Books which will host a Little Free Native Seed Library.

A natural garden can pull carbon out of the air and store it deep in the ground. Healthy soil does this naturally. Improving the carbon holding capacity of soil is something nearly any landowner can do. Healthy soil: fungi, nitrogen fixing bacteria, arthropods, and nematodes colonize the roots of legumes such as clover and other native plants, and convert nitrogen in the air into a form plants can use. Healthy soil “humus” contains free-living soil bacteria and other microbes that foster a relationship between actively growing and decaying plants, fungi, soil microbes. This relationship between absorbed carbon in plant roots feeds the mycorrhizal fungi network and healthy bacteria.

**10 ecological Landscaping Principles from Mnbwsr.medium.com**

4. *Keep it fun-* plant for your favorite species.
5. *Collaborate-* share plant knowledge and success with neighbors.
6. *Learn about the natural world-* growing a native landscape is citizen science and conservation
7. *Identify unused areas of your yard-* even a small corner of habitat is helpful
8. *Make habitat connections-* plant borders between trees and flowers
9. *Watch the wonder-* observe the wildlife diversity you have restored
10. Use lines in your designs to organize the beauty of your ecological garden
11. Have your utilities marked by calling Gopher State One Call at 651-454-0002 prior to planting
12. *Start small-* you can always add more next season
13. *Experiment and accept mistakes-* the beauty of an ecological landscape is that it will evolve over time

Buying plants can be confusing. Cultivars are plants that have been bred for a desired trait (hybrids). Their ecological benefit is often reduced compared to open pollinated “straight” Native species. Learn more about where to shop for straight species at mwmo.org or by ordering from these trusted sources for Minnesota Native plants: blazingstargardens.com, www.prairiemoon.com, BluPrairie.com, Outbacknursery.com, bluethumb.org

Search nwf.org, an easy plant finder resource for determining how many caterpillar species benefit from Native plants according to any zip code.

Keep it simple! Choose a few Native plants that are right for our region. In the Kenwood neighborhood, Meadow Blasing Star (*Liatris ligulistylus*) is a magnet for butterflies and bees.



Serviceberry/Juneberry supplies early blooms to feed pollinators and habitat for 94 species of caterpillars.

Please contact Metro Blooms now to sign up for this opportunity!

Title your email “Kenwood Neighborhood L2L Grant sign up”

Confirm that you live in Kenwood neighborhood.

Include name, address, phone number.

Send email to Metro Blooms project manager, Rick Clark: rick@metroblooms.org

FREE SUMMER YOGA SERIES

# YOGA

## AT EAST CEDAR LAKE BEACH

Accessible yoga for all levels, all are welcome! Bring a yoga mat or towel and any props you might want.

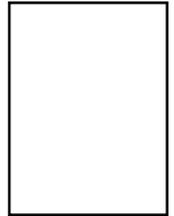
THURSDAYS AT 7:00 PM

<b>June 2</b>	Molly McNeil
<b>June 9</b>	Latricia Askew
<b>June 16</b>	Jes Rosenberg
<b>June 23</b>	Latricia Askew
<b>June 30</b>	Melissa Schoeller
<b>July 7</b>	Melissa Schoeller
<b>July 14</b>	Jes Rosenberg
<b>July 21</b>	Melissa Schoeller
<b>July 28</b>	Melissa Schoeller
<b>August 4</b>	Jes Rosenberg
<b>August 11</b>	Latricia Askew
<b>August 18</b>	Latricia Askew
<b>August 25</b>	Molly McNeil
<b>September 1</b>	Molly McNeil
<b>September 8</b>	Molly McNeil

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**KENWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

The congenial KNO Board is looking for additional volunteers. Your talent and input is needed. If you are interested, please contact

**KNO55405@gmail.com**

A number of the existing KNO Board members have been serving for many years. Board members must live in Kenwood.

**2022 KNO DONATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to contribute, please send your tax-deductible check to: KNO, P.O. Box 2061 Minneapolis, MN 55402 or donate by credit card at [www.kenwoodmpls.org](http://www.kenwoodmpls.org)



Are you interested in joining the KNO Board?

Yes, Please Contact Me

No Thanks, Not at This Time

**FAMILY BBQ & BEACH OPENER**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH**

**3PM - 6PM**

**East Cedar Lake Beach**



3:00pm Brother Ghana Workshop	4:00pm Duniya African Drum & Dance Troop Performance	5:00pm FREE hotdogs, chips & lemonade
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