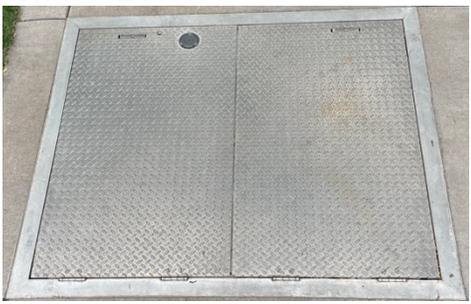


What's New?



All-season beauty. See page 2.

What's Below?



Find out what's under these doors by the middle fountain on page 3.

Who's Giving?



Claire Selkurt (1225 Lasalle) was one of 20 people who participated in Gardening Day on July 17. Read other stories of giving on page 4.

Another Challenging Summer

LGA is facing one of its “most challenging summers ever because of the heat and the drought,” according to **Maureen Meier** (Loring Green East), assistant gardening committee chair. Consecutive hot, sunny days require LGA volunteers to repeatedly and painstakingly water flowers and plants. One volunteer reported she now waters one to two hours most every day, which was her weekly watering time in years with normal rainfall.

While LGA has eased this task by purchasing six lightweight hoses that extend its watering reach by 525 feet, volunteers must wrangle yards of tubing to quench thirsty plants and flowers. Consider the follow distances from the nearest faucet:

- 100 feet to the Lasalle Avenue bridge beds
- 200 feet to the Pachysandra bed/berm pockets, pyramid fountain saucers and herb garden
- 300 feet to the Grant Street gardens

LGA volunteer hand-watering, consistent with City of Minneapolis sprinkling restrictions, is likely to continue throughout the summer. “Two inches of rain [is necessary] to reach plant roots and get things growing again,” explained Dr. Lee Frelich, LGA board member and climate expert, “and another six inches to end the drought.” Neither amount is in the current long-range National Weather Service forecast.

To help plants survive the drought, dried foliage is left where there is little or no mulch. The debris “works similarly to mulch, helping to shade plant roots and retain ground moisture,” explained Meier.

Gardening Changes Planned

Marsha Weidenhammer, responsible for the east corridor leading to Nicollet Mall, is changing her gardening strategies beginning next year because she anticipates hot weather patterns will continue. She will be planting fewer annuals, shortening some perennials and relocating heat-stressed plants. For example, she has noticed that astilbes require more moisture and less exposure to direct sun. “If I’m successful in moving them to a more suitable location, I won’t need to babysit them throughout the summer,” said Weidenhammer.



Learn how Tom Ursin’s (Loring Green East) volunteer hours net a LGA donation on page 4.

All-Season Beauty

Information posters and identifying decals, designed by LGA President **John Van Heel** (One Ten Grant) for Loring Greenway kiosks and lampposts at Willow Street (bottom right) and Grant Street (bottom left) entries, create all-season beauty. LGA treasurer **Richard Anderson** (Loring Way) assisted Van Heel with installation at the end of July. *Notice the pollinator garden at the Grant Street entrance, which is tended by **Mary Alyce Krohnke**. (Loring Green West).*



The **Loring Greenway Association** is a volunteer non-profit organization that partners with private and public entities to preserve and enhance the Loring Greenway, a premier urban garden and pedestrian connection between Loring Park and the Nicollet Mall in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Contact us at P.O. Box 582031, Minneapolis, MN 55458-2031 or www.loringgreenway.org.



Underground Machine Shop

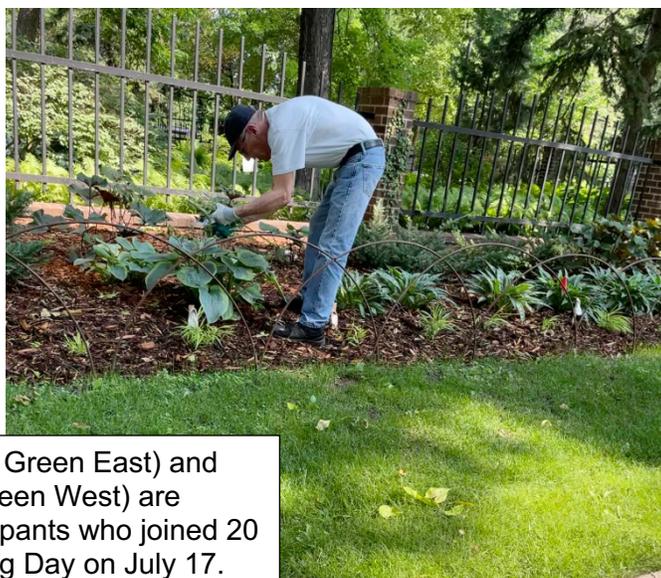
On July 29, a City of Minneapolis engineer repaired the filter system (middle left) that keeps the middle fountain's water clear and algae-free. He created an image gallery of the 18' x 18' underground room that houses the machinery that runs the fountain. He also said that pets should not drink fountain water because it contains chemicals that could be harmful to animals. Top: Motor that pushes water through pipes to the fountain. Bottom: Supply storage.



Volunteers and Donors Keep the Loring Greenway Beautiful in Challenging Times



Hope Hensley (Loring Green East) and **Hal Chader** (Loring Green West) are Adopt-a-Garden participants who joined 20 volunteers at Gardening Day on July 17.



According to [University of Minnesota Extension](#), [daylilies](#) do best in moist soil with at least six hours of direct sunlight. Perhaps this summer's persistent sun and **hand-watering by LGA volunteers** explain why the Loring Greenway daylilies were so spectacular this year.

Honor LGA Volunteers

Make a donation by mailing your check to:

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THANK YOU!

LGA Volunteers Talk to Woman's Club

Greg Gaut (Loring Green West) gave a Zoom presentation on the history of the Loring Greenway and the LGA to approximately 50 members of the Woman's Club on July 13. Gardening Committee Chair **Mary Maier** (Loring Green East) described the Adopt-a-Garden program and other functions of her committee.

The presentation was arranged by Woman's Club member **Nancy Albrecht** (Loring Green East). "Greg Gaut and Mary Maier did an excellent job of making [the Woman's Club] aware of the beauty that is so close," said Albrecht.

Contact info@loringgreenway.org if you would like Gaut to speak to your organization.

Volunteer Time Gets Corporate Donation

LGA receives a \$200 donation from the Medtronic Foundation for every ten hours (up to 50 annually) that **Tom Ursin** (Loring Green East) participates in the Adopt-a-Garden program. Ursin's work earned a \$500 donation in 2020 and he is on track to earn a larger amount this year. The Medtronic Foundation offers the donation to encourage Medtronic VSP Group members like Ursin to actively support community causes.

Miss the garden you left behind? Want to get back in the dirt? Consider becoming a LGA Adopt-a-Garden volunteer. Sign up at info@loringgreenway.org.