

New Hoses Make Light Work



Crucial watering in this summer's extreme heat has been made easier with lightweight hoses recommended by Professional Gardener **Rebecca Gross**. The hoses can be transported without a cumbersome reel and kink less than traditional models reports LGA Adopt-a-Garden volunteer **Greg Gaut** (Loring Green West, pictured above).

Neighborhood Thanks Clark

Neighborhood dogs walked their owners to the Hyatt on May 27 to thank **Mark Clark** for 11 years of dog treats and other services to the Loring Greenway. Clark accepted a promotion at the Department of Public Works central office beginning in April. The event was co-sponsored by the hotel and LGA and was reported in the [Star Tribune](#).

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.

Watch Our New Gardens Grow This Summer



Spaces outside 110 Grant and Greenway Gables entrances have been given a facelift.

Remembering a Friend

Professional Gardener Rebecca Gross (left above) turned a triangular dirt patch into a colorful garden this spring. Her design includes incrediball hydrangea, variegated Solomon's seal, goatsbeard, blue angel hosta, lady's mantle and hot blue lobelia annual. The garden is Rose Escanan's (110 Grant, right above) and Sally Martineau's (Loring Green West) 2021 Adopt-a-Garden assignment.

One Ten Grant residents have funded the garden in memory of beloved concierge and friend Thomas Stenslie, who passed away in September 2020. A plaque in his honor will be installed in the garden on his July 6 birthday.

All This Garden Needs is a Little Love

LGA secretary **Maureen Meier** (Loring Green East) thought the garden by the Greenway Gables gate was like Charlie Brown's Christmas tree - sad and unloved. She set out to transform this heavily weeded area with limited light into a colorful pollinator garden.

Meier knew the garden must include the shade tolerant poke milkweed. She teamed with Professional Gardener **Rebecca Gross** to identify other appropriate garden plants, including ligularia with yellow spikes, pink bee balm, pulmonaria with silver green leaves and blue spring flowers. Purple alyssum was selected for the border. **Cont'd page 2**

City Masons Replaced Damaged Tiles in May



The Herb Garden is Back! Snip some parsley or basil to add flavor to your favorite dishes.

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Meier's and Gross's plan was implemented by Adopt-a-Garden participants **Merry Keefe** (Loring Way, right in photo) and **Margit Berg** (Loring Green East, left in photo). "Basically, we took a neglected corner and turned it into a beautiful new pollinator garden," explained Keefe.

Meier will care for the garden this summer. "I hope that, despite the shade, the garden is colorful and interesting," said Meier. "Only time will tell!"

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LGA Volunteers and Donors Keep the Loring Greenway Beautiful

The Loring Greenway sparkles with fresh color after 33 LGA volunteers planted 300 perennials on May 21 and 31 volunteers planted 1500 annuals on May 29. The 1800 plants were funded solely by generous LGA donors. **THANK YOU!**



Peggy MacRae and Don Rudrud, both Loring Green East residents, planted the middle pots on May 29 with gorgeous results.



*Left: A rare site on the Loring Greenway: hard-working Gardening Committee Chair **Mary Maier** (Loring Green East) takes a well-deserved, momentary rest after May 29 Gardening Day. Right: Pots planted by **Maureen Meier** (Loring Green East), **Rebecca Gross** (professional gardener), **Richard Anderson** and **Betty Heefner** (both Loring Way residents).*