

Gardening 2021 Update

Due to COVID-19 variants, we are canceling Gardening Saturdays until further notice. LGA News digital subscribers will receive an email notice when Gardening Saturdays resume.

Like last summer, individual volunteers or small gardening groups will create and maintain a beautiful environment on the Loring Greenway. Please contact us at loringgreenway.org if you would like to help garden on an individual basis and haven't already let us know. We will provide the necessary training and guidance.

Thank you for your continued financial and volunteer gardening support. We hope you enjoy a safe, healthy summer on the beautiful Loring Greenway.

Reports Show Generosity

Read about LGA's generous supporters in the 2019 and 2020 annual reports found at the end of this newsletter. Thank you for two successful years.

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 loringgreenway.org.

Van Heel Elected 2021 LGA President



One Ten Grant resident **John Van Heel** was elected LGA president in January. He has served on the LGA board of directors since 2013.

John is an architect at Loring Park-based Alliiance, He has been a volunteer Loring Park community advocate for over 20 years. He served six years as president of Citizens for a Loring Park Community and four years as committee chair and chief editor of the city-approved Loring Park Neighborhood Masterplan. More recently, John helped lead efforts to form Hennepin Lyndale Crossroads, the public-private partnership that, with Green Minneapolis, provides maintenance and long-term planning for the corridor's public realm and greenery.

Becoming LGA president is an honor, says John. "The LGA board of directors are among the most dedicated and professional people I know." John's agenda includes improving pedestrian, bike and scooter traffic safety and adding colorful wayfinding features to the Loring Greenway.

Clark Promoted to DPW Central Office Position



After his 11-year Loring Greenway assignment, **Mark Clark** has been promoted to third shift maintenance crew leader. He began working out of the Department of Public Works' central office on April 5. Learn about Mark's replacement **Tim Greene** in the next issue of LGA News.

Keep the Loring Greenway Beautiful
Participate in LGA's spring donor drive. Mail your check to:
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AWARD-WINNING DOWNTOWN SPACE



Loring Greenway won a **Downtown Improvement District Greening Award** for a record 10th straight year—including winning Best Large Green Space for the fifth year in a row. This award represents 2,426 hours of gardening and administrative work by LGA volunteers that keeps the Loring Greenway beautiful.

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Target Corporation and the **Target Volunteer Council** provided volunteers on several occasions for cleanup and planting.

The **Hyatt Regency Minneapolis**:

- provided refreshments and staging facilities for Target volunteer days
- hosted a thank-you reception for volunteers and donors.

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City of Minneapolis

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Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board

The Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board is responsible for tree maintenance on city property, including the Loring Greenway.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Gardening Committee

The gardening committee performs the first two activity categories listed in LGA's license with the City of Minneapolis.

PLANTS

Supported by volunteers logging 1,609 hours, the gardening committee:

- Worked with professional landscaper to implement gardening designs to attract pollinators
- Enhanced and replaced plantings in the native shade garden, Aspen Glade garden, Grant Street gardens and corridor, Nicollet lane gardens, Lasalle bridge area, Loring Green West fence garden and Greenway Gables gardens
- Redesigned berm pockets
- Worked with professional landscaper to install landscaping around gardening shed
- Replaced damaged protective hoop fencing around sensitive garden areas
- Coordinated monthly Saturday volunteer gardening days
- Enhanced Adopt-a-Garden program providing garden maintenance
- Recruited volunteers to water and weed gardens

TREES

The gardening committee:

- Worked with Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board to identify trees on the Loring Greenway needing pruning or removal
- Coordinated tree donations
- Worked with Rainbow Tree Care to fertilize half of the Loring Greenway trees
- Worked with Rainbow Tree Care to complete a digital map of Loring Greenway

Events Committee

The events committee oversaw the third activity category listed in LGA's license with the City of Minneapolis.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAMS

The events committee organized Oktoberfest, held September 22 and featuring:

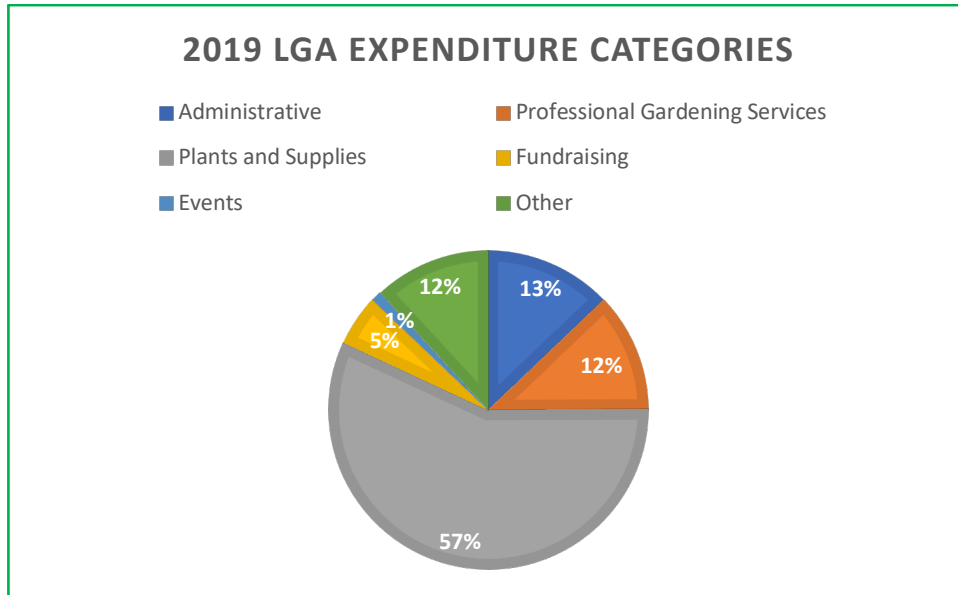
- A (root) beer garden offering German fare and beverages
- Volunteer cooks and runners
- Food and door prizes donated by neighborhood vendors
- A lively performance by Edelweiss Dancers



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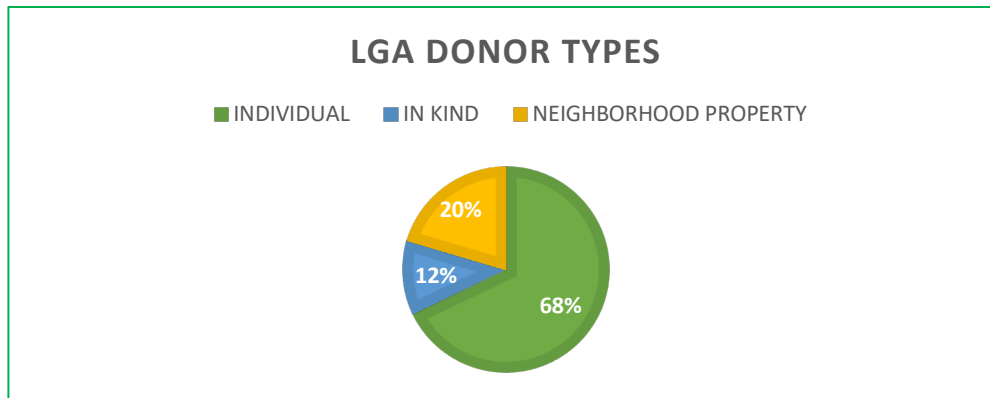
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LGA's 2019 expenditures totaled \$36,783.69 in the categories shown here.



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From gardening to fundraising, COVID-19 dramatically changed how LGA operated in 2020. Socially distanced, masked gardeners worked in small groups. Fundraising efforts were simplified and muted. Corporate sponsors faded. Yet, the Loring Greenway was kept beautiful by generous donors and dedicated LGA volunteers performing 2,114 hours of gardening and administrative tasks.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Gardening Committee

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PLANTS

Supported by volunteers logging 1,662 hours, the gardening committee:

- Organized gardening committee volunteers to work in small, masked groups
- Increased Adopt-a-Garden participants
- Purchased plants to attract pollinators
- Enhanced and replaced existing gardens
- Made native plants recommendations

Trees Committee

The trees committee performs the second activity category listed in LGA's license with the City of Minneapolis. It reports that:

- MPRB replaced a large linden tree between Loring Way and Greenway Gables with a hawthorn tree in July.
- MPRB replaced Kentucky coffee tree planted five years ago near the playground with the same species in July.
- A hemlock tree planted in spring 2020 by MPRB forestry on the pathway to Grant Street died and was not replaced.
- MPRB cut down a large river birch tree near Grant Street in December.
- Rainbow Tree Care treated ash trees for emerald ash borer in July.
- Trees were not fertilized as a cost-saving measure.



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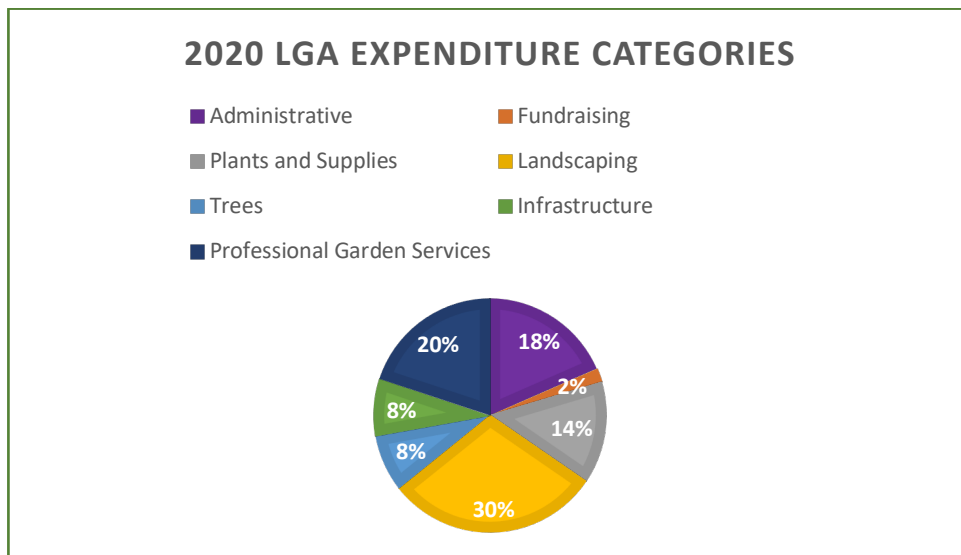


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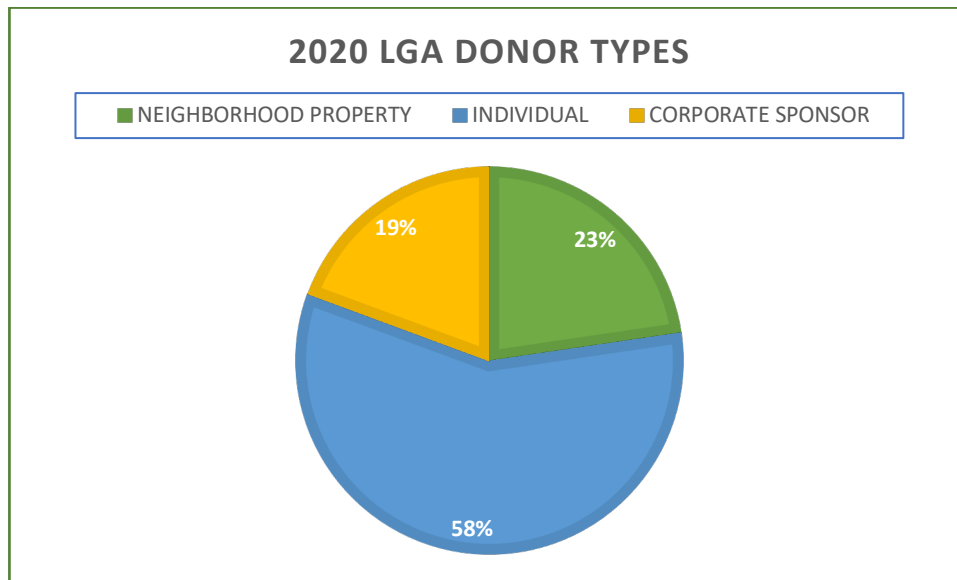
Expenditures

LGA's 2020 expenditures totaled \$34,702.82 in the categories shown here.



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