

Things that wouldn't have happened without you and LBNA in the neighborhood!

Fourth Annual Holiday Lights Contest Winners announced in January

LBNA Holiday Lights contest great neighborhood building event and building pride in homeownership!

LBNA hosts premiere Winterfest and Chilicook-off

Who knew so many residents would have cabin fever? 150 people attended our premiere event in February to launch snowballs, play snow golf and be judges for the first Camden Chili-cook off! We had great partners for this event, Jenny Lind Community Education and Minneapolis Park and Rec.

LBNA co-hosts the second Toys for Tots effort in Lind Bohanon with Dorcas Works Intl.

Again 70 volunteers helped distribute another 500 toys for the Toys for Tots holiday event at Jenny Lind School helping 200 families receive toys and support that may not have otherwise been possible.

LBNA participated in the 4th Annual North Housing and Improvement Fair

Held at North High School with over 50 vendors and again over 700 neighborhood residents attended despite having the district caucuses and other activities. LBNA was proud to support this event by tabling at the event to brag about the neighborhood and the work of our organization.

LBNA holds it's Second Fundraising Garage Sale for Picnic in the Park!

Old stuff going for a good cause! This year LBNA raised another \$180 for our NNO picnic in the park event.

Picnic in the Park for NNO Another Huge Success!

250 people attended this year's National Night Out celebration to help Block Club leaders and to get started or reinvigorate their current blocks. 3 more people signed up to learn more about becoming a block club leader or to get help solving a neighborhood issue. This year adding the artistic ideas of Michael Nintemann, the help of the Boy Scout Troop 145, The Brother's D three piece jazz band, generous donations by Beulah Nyberg of stuffed animals for door prizes, Webber Camden Market, Minneapolis Park and Rec's Jason Green and staff, Jenny Lind School, Three Rivers Parks, Camden Youth Engagement Project and the LBNA Board, ensure a successful and informational evening.

Success continues to grow at the Lind-Community Garden

Another 10 plots are added to the Lind Community Garden this year using NRP funds. Almost 40 gardeners. The Volunteers of America Hmong Elders, Jenny Lind Community Education and school are partners on this successful community building project. It has been successful at not only growing vegetables but also has spawned a walking group that met over the course of the summer using the site as a starting point. It has also sparked volunteers to help with other sites such as the Library garden, Sign garden and Lyndale Gateway sign. This year LBNA began sponsoring the gardening section of the Camden Community News to raise awareness of this community asset. They also participated for the second time in the City-wide garden tour and had twenty two visitors that day that also sponsored a potential interest in a donation to the garden.

September 19th 5th Annual Heritage Day LBNA Co-hosted Event

Three Rivers Parks District and LBNA cohost will be co-hosting another fabulous Heritage Day event featuring another new original play written and performed by the local Workhouse Theater Company and having the renowned Charlie McGuire performing. This year will also include building a log home and other new family activities and crafts for the whole family to enjoy. This event to help promote the local heritage of the area has grown every year and is expected to peak 300 event goers this year.

Camden Youth Engagement Project gains major support from the McKnight Foundation

The positive work of the Camden Youth Engagement Project continues in the community largely due to the support of the \$50,000 McKnight Foundation grant! LBNA is the fiscal agent for this positive youth effort in the community providing leadership training, stipends, and service learning opportunities.

LBNA's Home Improvement Loan program continues to be a community resource after 14 years!

Over 300 residents have used the LBNA Home Improvement Loan program. LBNA's initial investment of roughly \$400,000 has generated over \$2 million in leveraged improvements in our community.

Special Guests at LBNA meetings: Principal Aura Wharton Beck, NRP Director Bob Miller, Peg Mountin, Center for Energy and Environment.

