



## Spotlight

### Meet Mary Vander Leest

#### Lynnhurst Garage Sale Guru

Mary Vander Leest is a person of many talents, but a lot of Lynnhurst residents will recognize her name for one reason: the annual Lynnhurst Garage Sale. Mary has organized and managed the sale for “at least the last 25 years” and still enjoys it as much as ever.

Mary developed a taste for garage sales when she moved to Minneapolis. As her interest grew, she began to host her own sales and going so far as to teach a community education class on how to run a sale. Her own sale, which she holds every year as part of the neighborhood sale, brings repeat customers every year. “One woman from Maple Grove brings me homemade Swedish cookies every year” she said. She even has a commercial cash register that tallies each participating family’s sales at the touch of a button.

“I encourage people to host a sale. It’s a great way to meet your neighbors and reduce clutter,” Mary says. “Plus, it’s a lot of fun!”



Mary moved to the 4600 block of Aldrich Ave S. in Lynnhurst in 1994 from Linden Hills. “I moved here and never looked back,” she says. “I love Lynnhurst!” Born and raised in the Milwaukee area, she came to Minneapolis after college at UW-Madison because she enjoyed the city on previous visits and for the lively theater scene.

As a gifted performer, Mary wrote and performed a one-woman

autobiographical/comedic show that had successful runs at the Bryant Lake Bowl and New Century Theater. She also was featured in the Moth Radio Hour’s Grand Slam that sold out the Guthrie Theater. In addition to theater, Mary is an avid gardener and quilter.

Gifted and generous neighbors like Mary are what make Lynnhurst special. Be sure to say “hello” to her when you sign up for the garage sale!

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# The Historical Pendulum of Crime and Safety Programs

(with an Emphasis on Youth)

A perspective by Lynnhurst Resident D.R. LaMagdeleine in a continuing look by our neighbors as we look at crime by youth in Minneapolis

Karl Marx once quipped that history repeats itself; first as tragedy and then as farce. This brief overview of recent theories of crime and its deterrence echoes that premise with a slight modification as it applies to the U.S. and Minneapolis both. Too many crime deterrence programs have operated like a machine assembled by an amnesiac with no sense of history. Each “new” swing of the resulting framework has unfortunately started over without benefit of hindsight and with mixed results. For space reasons, this overview starts in the mid-twentieth century because it spawned the roots of what Minneapolitans experience in today’s crime statistics.

Although increasingly hard to believe even for those of us who lived through them, the sixties shook the foundations of U.S. society. Demographically speaking, the Baby Boom generated stress for every institution as its members elbowed their way through overstretched schools, challenged traditional sexual mores and questioned the official rationales for the Vietnam War. It was a violent era that saw the Kennedy brothers’ assassinations in ‘63 and ‘68 as well as the public murders

of Malcolm X (‘65) and Martin Luther King (‘68). Largescale rioting in LA (‘65) Newark (‘67) and Detroit (‘68) blew the cap off what had been a lava flow of racial and economic injustices. Both violent and property crime rose about 150% between 1960-70 and urban residents openly feared for their safety. Barry Goldwater, the 1964 Republican presidential candidate declared crime one of the biggest issues facing the country and vowed to stop it.

Goldwater lost, but winner Lyndon Johnson’s administration framed the issue as primarily an economic one resulting from struggling cities’ inability to refurbish their exhausted schools and run-down housing and transportation systems following World War II. His “War on Poverty” infusion of federal funds into urban infrastructure (e.g., the Head Start program, Job Corps, Model Cities) and racial equity (Voting Rights Act, Fair Housing Act) also included more federal funds for police departments.

During Johnson’s term the U.S. poverty rate fell by half, but property and violent crime rates had risen markedly. Combined with a deep economic downturn and massive anti-war protests in 1967-8, Richard Nixon’s “Law and Order” presidential campaign was virtually assured of success in 1969. He almost immediately declared a “War on Crime” that effectively criminalized addiction and systematically lengthened sentences.

Combined with lingering latent racism in U.S. society (for example, effectively segregated neighborhoods and their underfunded schools) the national black prison population climbed to 3 times its proportion of the population.

See-sawing between a public welfare and tough-on-crime approaches to citizen safety programs has continued both nationally and in Minneapolis ever since. During Nixon years the FBI and the National Sheriffs’ Association began constructing a “watch group” network of volunteers that served as intermediaries between the police and nearby neighbors. They teamed up with the Ad Council when it approached them to develop a crime prevention campaign to augment underfunded police departments. The result was “McGruff the Crime Dog,” a bloodhound in profile wearing a trench coat who in 1980 became the media messenger of smart citizen steps to assist in thwarting crime. McGruff regularly recommended locking doors, leaving outdoor lights on, putting indoor lights on timers, asking neighbors to watch your house when you were gone, reporting suspicious activity, and forming neighborhood groups.

When I moved to Lynnhurst in the nineties McGruff was all over TV ads and on building windows, where he marked a safe house should someone need an immediate refuge. A related “Watch Force” street sign saying “IF I DON’T CALL THE POLICE – MY NEIGHBOR WILL” stood about fifty yards from my front door. Both were elements within an array of neighborhood safety network programs that began during the “War on Crime” period.



By the nineties crime-thwarting programs were oriented toward a Community Policing orientation in the Twin Cities; but less so in Minneapolis than in St. Paul because of the 1992 lunch-time murder of police officer Jerry Haaf in broad daylight. Shortly afterward the NY Times coined the term “Murderopolis” due to the city’s surging violent crimes. Nonetheless police departments drew upon Justice Department financial incentives to promote Community Policing, which emphasizes departmental visibility in neighborhoods and ongoing meetings with religious and cultural organizations, schools and libraries. If systematically practiced, these police activities dovetail with neighborhood safety programs.

Unlike the reactive approach police departments took when working to contain “hot spots” during the War on Crime and post-9/11 eras, community policing encourages a proactive stance enabled by neighborhood support. However, post-9/11 most police departments embraced the “War on Terror” emphasis on heavy firepower and vehicles that could take on terrorists with the urging of the Bush II Administration.

Much of the previous community policing momentum was gone by the early 2000s. A new crime spike in

Minneapolis and much of the U.S. created the opportunity for yet another spin of the crime deterrence wheel of options; this time toward a community health lens championed by Minneapolis Department of Health and its commissioner, Gretchen Musicant. Once endorsed by the city council, the “Blueprint Initiative” coordinated the assistance of multiple stakeholders including police, health, and cultural leaders. The Blueprint embraced many of the War on Poverty’s core assumptions. Particularly regarding young people, the Blueprint treated violence as a learned behavior that required alternative (positive) experiences and signaling from culture and the media. It also stressed the importance of youth mentors and worked to ensure every young person had one. It reestablished a summer jobs program and created a robust support network for more troubled youth, particularly if affiliated with gangs.

This return to a comprehensive social welfare framework produced quite impressive results. Between 2006-8 Minneapolis youth crimes dropped almost 40% from when the program began; even steeper in the most violent neighborhoods. The city rightly touted these successes; even offered to share it with other cities.

Where are the indications of lessons learned by the Department of Health team’s Blueprint Initiative today? How about its deep roots in the War on Poverty, much of which had been overwritten by subsequent administrations? Or the considerable successes of the strengthened neighborhood infrastructure programs formerly achieved by the McGruff campaign and community policing? As Musicant recently noted, COVID and the current relative dearth of resources for conventional institutions like parks, libraries, and schools have resulted in a tattered social health framework. Even previously successful crime-curbing programs – particularly for youth – seem forgotten except for assorted artifacts like rusting Neighborhood Watch signs.

For more information you can look at: LaMagdeleine, Donald R. “How US societal shifts rendered public school desegregation moot.” *The Leadership Imagination*. Edward Elgar Publishing, 2016. 83-130.

### **Calling all Lynnhurst Block Leaders — Let’s Work Together**

The Lynnhurst Neighborhood Association (LYNAS) Board is interested in further developing the block leader role originally introduced by the city. We’d like to email block leaders relevant Lynnhurst information and occasionally invite block leaders to informational sessions and conversations. If your block has a designated leader or leaders and they are willing to share their contact information with LYNAS, please send their names and email addresses to [info@lynnhurst.org](mailto:info@lynnhurst.org). If your block doesn’t yet have a block leader or you don’t know if they have one but would be interested in this type of role or getting information on it, let us know. Together we can weave our neighborhood tighter. For questions or more information, email [info@lynnhurst.org](mailto:info@lynnhurst.org).

Note: Block leaders’ contact information will not be shared outside of LYNAS.

# LYNNHURST & FULTON NEIGHBORHOOD



**Saturday, September 23, 2023**

**9am - 4pm | Rain or shine**

To register your sale (and get a spot on the map), complete the information below (your personal info will not be shared publicly) and send it, along with \$5 (check payable to Lynnhurst Neighborhood Association,) to:

**Mary Vander Leest**  
**4653 Aldrich Av. S.**  
**Minneapolis, MN 55419**

**Registration must be received by**  
**Saturday, Sept. 16**

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of sale: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of items for sale (limit five words):

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If you'd like a list of tips for garage sale set up/execution, please include your email address below:

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Questions? Call Mary at 612.718.5814



## Popsicle Popup!

On Tuesday, June 20, the Lynnhurst Neighborhood Association helped kick off summer and handed out about 100 popsicles to people enjoying Lynnhurst Park. We surprised joggers, picnickers, people playing tennis, t ball leagues, and kids at the pool. We loved seeing all the smiling faces and hope everyone's summer is off to a great start.

## SHOP LOCAL

*support your community*

Find us outdoors this spring, summer, & fall with produce, meats, cheeses, breads, canned goods, hot food, crafts, & more!



**Saturdays**  
 4901 Chowne Ave S  
 8:30 am - 12:30 pm  
 May 20th - Oct 28th



**Sundays**  
 4055 Nicollet Ave S  
 8:30 am - 1:00 pm  
 May 21st - Oct 29th



**Wednesdays**  
 5167 Chicago Ave  
 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
 Jun 14th - Sep 27th

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Here in Lynnhurst we are lucky to have three farmers markets surrounding us, brought to us by the organization Neighborhood Roots. The Fulton, Kingfield, and Nokomis Farmers Markets are buzzing this season and would love to have you join the experience.

- ☞ They accept SNAP-EBT at all of the markets and offer the Market Bucks incentive program which triples the customer's money up to \$10. So if someone spends \$10 using their EBT card, they get \$30 to spend at the market.
- ☞ They have live music at each and every market.
- ☞ Yoga sessions will be held from 9am - 10am at Fulton (2nd and 4th Saturdays from June to September) and Kingfield (every Sunday from June to August).
- ☞ For health and safety reasons, dogs are not allowed inside our market areas.
- ☞ They are a rain-or-shine markets and only close during severe weather.
- ☞ They LOVE volunteers and they are crucial in helping the markets run smoothly. People can sign up for volunteer shifts at neighborhoodrootsmn.org
- ☞ Community partners can table at the markets. You can find our community tabling policy and sign-up form neighborhoodrootsmn.org



## Bandshell Summer Lineup

Lake Harriet Bandshell Season is about half over. Here is what the rest of the season holds. We hope to see you there enjoying the great entertainment the summer offers!!

**Monday, July 24 7:30pm AMEET**  
Delightful pop sounds with an Indian twist

**Wednesday, July 26 7:30pm HARBOR & HOME**  
Easy Listening Acoustic Americana Rock

**Friday, July 28 7:30pm MN SINFONIA**  
Classical pops Childrens Concert

**Saturday, July 29 7:30pm MINNEAPOLIS POPS**  
The Minneapolis Pops Orchestra Sunday,

**July 30 2:00pm ERIN ROGUE** Irish music with a twist  
**5:30pm MINNEAPOLIS POPS** The Minneapolis Pops Orchestra

**Monday, July 31 7:30pm NO LIMITS**  
THE B-SIDE Band pop R&B Rock

**Wednesday, Aug. 2 7:30pm RUDEGIRL**  
Female Clash Tribute Band

**Friday, Aug. 4 7:30pm FÉNIX DION STAR TRIBUNE**

**Saturday, Aug. 5 7:30pm MICHAEL MONROE**  
Acoustic Folk Pop Legends

**Sunday, Aug. 6 2:00pm FOURTH DEGREE** Saxophone Quartet  
with Rhythm Section  
**5:30pm ISSHOIII** Japanese Taiko Drumming

**Monday, Aug. 7 7:30pm TEAPOT TEMPEST**  
Original Minnesota music, tasty covers

**Wednesday, Aug. 9 7:30pm BEND IN THE RIVER**  
BIG BAND Big Band Swing for Everyone

**Friday, Aug. 11 7:30pm THE ALARMISTS STAR TRIBUNE**

**Saturday, Aug. 12 7:30pm AND THEN THERE WERE**  
EIGHT Phil Collins/Genesis Tribute Band

**Sunday, Aug. 13 2:00pm KENWOOD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
Minneapolis Based Community Classical Orchestra  
**5:30pm JEWBALAYA** New Orleans Jazz Meets Klezmer

**Monday, Aug. 14 7:30pm THE ZILLIONAIRES**  
Alt variety band originals/covers.

**Wednesday, Aug. 16 7:30pm LA DANSE FATALE**  
BALLET COMPANY Where music is made visible.

**Thursday, Aug. 17 7:30pm THE JAYHAWKS**

**Friday, Aug. 18 7:30pm NUNNABOVE STAR TRIBUNE**

**Saturday, Aug. 19 7:30pm CIVIC ORCHESTRA OF**  
MINNEAPOLIS Orchestral classics by the lake.

**Sunday, Aug. 20 2:00pm NOT QUITE DEAD**  
Grateful Dead Tribute Band  
**5:30pm GYPSY MANIA HOT CLUB QUARTET**  
Gypsy Hot Club Swing Jazz

**Monday, Aug. 21 7:30pm JUMPING JEHO SAFATS**  
Dixieland and all that Jazz!

**Wednesday, Aug. 23 7:30pm PAPA BLEU**  
Music gumbo for the people.

**Friday, Aug. 25 7:30pm KA LIA UNIVERSE STAR TRIBUNE!**

**Saturday, Aug. 26 7:30pm RAIN DATE!**

**Sunday, Aug. 27 2:00pm COLE DIAMOND**  
Classic Country covers and originals.  
**5:30pm THE FAIRLANES** A cappella doo-wop vocal quartet

**Monday, Aug. 28 7:30pm RETRO SOUL AND THE**  
WESTSIDE HORNS Rock roll, Soul, Funk, Blues

**Wednesday, Aug. 30 7:30pm BONNE**  
Award-winning Female Rock/Pop Artist

**Friday, Sept. 1 7:30pm BOB! (THE MUSIC OF DYLAN)**  
Quintet performing Bob Dylan songs

**Saturday, Sept. 2 7:30pm TONY ORITZ AND THE**  
GUNS OF SOUL Top Minnesota original rock

**Sunday, Sept. 3 2:00pm WILLEM S HARTONG**  
Happy Dads Playing Family Music  
**5:30pm PAPA ROOF AND THE SOUL VILLAINS**  
Classic Southern Soul and Funk

**Monday, Sept. 4 5:30pm TRE AARON**  
Country, Rhythm & Blues jam band  
**7:30pm SAWYER'S DREAM** Americana  
Powerhouse Vocal Harmony Band





# Our Enduring Environs

Newsletter of the *Lynnhurst Environmental Committee (LEC)*,  
part of the *Lynnhurst Neighborhood Association (LYNAS)*

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## RETHINK IMPORTANCE OF CLEAN AIR LANDSCAPING

With yard care season in full swing, it's a good time to rethink our equipment and practices, especially in view of high temperatures and Canadian wildfires. An approach to landscape design and maintenance that minimizes air pollution is called **clean air landscaping**. Reducing ground-level ozone (smog) is important for maintaining good air quality in the Twin Cities. Lawn mowing, trimming and leaf blowing are big contributors to ground-level ozone pollution. Emissions are especially high from older, gas-powered yard care equipment--particularly from 2-cycle (gas/oil mix) mowers. Old gas cans lacking spill-proof spouts are also a problem. You can help reduce smog and make a difference by implementing these clean air landscaping practices:

- ◆ Do not use a gas mower, trimmer or leaf blower on very hot days or on [Air Quality Alert](#) days.
- ◆ Mow or trim less frequently, in general, and keep equipment well-maintained.
- ◆ Convert some of your turf to 'no-mow' vegetation, such as native grasses and wildflowers.
- ◆ Replace your old gas can with a new, no-spill model.
- ◆ Replace your 2-cycle mower with a 4-cycle gas mower, OR
- ◆ Replace your gas mower with an electric or reel (push) mower.
- ◆ Never burn yard waste; compost it in your backyard or use your curbside yard waste pick-up service.
- ◆ Talk to your neighbors and friends about changing their landscaping and yard care practices.

## HELP SUPPORT OUR ZERO-WASTE SUMMER FESTIVAL

The annual Lynnhurst Summer Festival returns on August 3 and so do efforts to make it a "Zero-Waste" event (since 2010). You can help support the efforts by:

- Not bringing non-recyclable or non-compostable items to the festival.
- Taking home anything you must bring that is non-recyclable/non-compostable.
- Look for the waste stations to properly dispose of recycling and organic waste.
- Waste monitors will be on hand to help guide you.



**THANK YOU!**

**Upcoming Events**

- Aug 3—**Lynnhurst Summer Festival**, 5:30-8:30
- Aug 7—**LEC Meeting**, 6:30-8:00
- Sep 7—Lynnhurst **Happy Hour & Garden Tour**, 5:30-7:30
- Sep 9—Mpls **Monarch Festival**
- Sep 11—**LEC Meeting**, 6:30-8:00
- Oct 2—**LEC Meeting**, 6:30-8:00
- Nov (TBD)—13th Annual **Buckthorn Bust**, 9:30-Noon
- Nov 6—**LEC Meeting**, 6:30-8:00

**13th Annual BUCKTHORN BUST**  
*November date and location are TBD at this time.*



*Please watch for emails, social media and check [lynnhurst.org](http://lynnhurst.org) for updates.*

**We'd like to hear from you!**  
Please send us your comments, questions and suggestions. Email us: [environment@lynnhurst.org](mailto:environment@lynnhurst.org)

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## LYNNHURST YARDS & GARDENS FOR CLEAN WATER UPDATE & SEPTEMBER 7 TOUR SCHEDULED

We're in the process of completing our seventh year of projects in the program, with eight total participants this year. Four raingarden installations took place, leaving four maintenance consultations to be completed during the last week of July. Watch for updates this winter on what type of program may be offered in 2024.

**SAVE THE DATE!** On Thursday, September 7, 5:30-7:30, the LEC will sponsor another **happy hour and garden tour** of several Lynnhurst Yards & Gardens for Clean Water projects. Our partner, Metro Blooms, will lead the tour and answer questions. Watch for details of the meeting place for happy hour/first garden and the list of other tour gardens at [lynnhurst.org](http://lynnhurst.org), social media and in emails from the LEC, [environment@lynnhurst.org](mailto:environment@lynnhurst.org)



**See you on Sept. 7!**



## TURTLES, TURTLES EVERYWHERE!

2023 marks year three for Minneapolis's [bit.ly/ReportATurtle](http://bit.ly/ReportATurtle). The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) received over 300 reports of turtle sightings in 2022, including many impressive photos and videos. They hope to receive even more

this year! Any and all reports about sightings in Minneapolis helps efforts to protect these animals at critical locations in the park system, including around Lake Harriet. **When driving or biking near lakes, creeks and rivers**, please slow down and keep an eye out for turtles. Most adult turtles are killed by cars!



## HOMEOWNER RESOURCES AVAILABLE NOW

Are you curious about transitioning your home's energy from fossil fuel (gas) to electricity generated by renewables? Ready to begin the process of bringing your Lynnhurst home into a carbon zero future? To learn more, visit [electrifyeverythingmn.org](http://electrifyeverythingmn.org). A consumer education project administered by the Center for Energy and Environment (CEE), this comprehensive website walks you through weatherization and options for HVAC/appliance replacement, and explains where to look for rebates and refunds to help off-set energy transition costs. The website also provides three implementation pathways based on what matters most to you — "Climate Now," "Easing In," and "Healthy and Safe Homes." **To give Lynnhurst residents more in-depth access to this resource, the LEC invited an Electrify Everything representative to talk with neighbors at the Lynnhurst Summer Festival (August 3, 5:30-8:30). Visit us at the LEC table August 3rd to discuss home electrification and your energy projects.**

## MINNEAPOLIS MONARCH FESTIVAL—LAKE NOKOMIS

This Festival celebrates the monarch butterfly and its amazing 2,300 mile migration from Minnesota to Mexico. There's music, food, dance, hands-on art, native plant sales and plenty of opportunities to get up close with monarch butterflies, learn about their habitats and what you can do to make a positive difference for monarchs. **FREE event!**

**Saturday, September 9, 2023, 10 am – 4 pm** <http://monarchfestival.org>



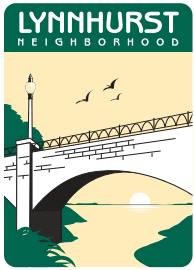
## ABOUT US AND THIS NEWSLETTER

The Lynnhurst Environmental Committee (LEC) is part of the Lynnhurst Neighborhood Association. We meet once a month to discuss environmental concerns and plan actions to improve the quality and sustainability of the neighborhood's natural environment. If you would like to be involved, join us at our monthly meeting on the **first Monday** of the month, **6:30 p.m.**, Lynnhurst Community Center, 1345 W. Minnehaha Parkway. If you are unable to attend but would still like to participate or be on our email list, contact the LEC at [environment@lynnhurst.org](mailto:environment@lynnhurst.org)

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## Upcoming events in Lynnhurst



### Lynnhurst Summer Festival

Thursday, August 3 5:30-8:30pm, Southside of Lynnhurst Park by the Rec Center



### League of Women Voters, Ward 13 City Council Candidate Forum

Wednesday, September 6, 6pm, Mt Olivet Church, room 207-new date and location



### Lynnhurst/Fulton Garage Sale

Saturday, September 23 from 9am-4pm. See ad in newsletter to sign up.

Join us for the  
best Evening  
of Summer!!

# 27th Annual Lynnhurst Summer Festival

Thurs., Aug. 3 | 5:30-8:30 p.m.  
Lynnhurst Recreation Center Fields (south of 50th)  
W. 50th & Minnehaha Pkwy