

THE LARSMONT LINE

Larsmont Community Club • Early Summer 2010



Home of the
Little Red Schoolhouse

If you are a resident
of Larsmont,
full or part-time,
we invite you to get
involved in the
community.

Join the Larsmont
Community Club for
only \$10 per year.
Paid members get
one free use of the
Little Red Schoolhouse

during the year,

Come to the
annual picnic,
August 30, 2010,

at 5 p.m.

for more information.

Open to everyone.

Volunteers Always Needed

Painting Day Set for August 7

Community volunteers are urged to turn out on **Saturday, August 7 at 9 a.m.** to help keep the Little Red Schoolhouse red! Projects for the painters include staining the pine boards inside the new toilet (see separate story), possibly applying a fresh coat of paint on one wall of the Schoolhouse, applying the first coat of paint to the refurbished front porch and painting the front of the garage.

Last year, volunteers completed coverage of the outside of the new toilet.

Those willing to donate part of their day for the painting should bring paint pads, ladders, paint trays, brushes and rags on the morning of August 7. The Larsmont Community Club will provide beverages. **The plan is to finish by lunchtime.** A secondary rain date of August 14 has been selected.

Putting on a Whole New Face

You might not recognize the place anymore. Work has begun on the replacement of the front steps, ramp, supporting posts and porch of the Larsmont Schoolhouse. The



original roof of the entryway will remain. The condition of the current 20-plus year-old porch has declined through years of use. Bolen Construction is

doing the renovation using green-treated materials from H&H Lumber.

Construction was to begin July 23. Tim Bolen estimated it would take two workers a week to complete. "This will be a fun project," Bolen said. "It will be fun to see it come together."

The only changes in design, Bolen said, will be adjustments to stair height and placement of spindles to meet code. Otherwise, it will mimic the current design.

Funds for the project come from \$1,900 in acquired as part of the New Project Monies for the year 2010.

The project must be completed for the August 10 Primary Election Day. Painting the



Elements of the existing porch and steps of the Schoolhouse have deteriorated over the years and are being replaced.

new porch will be one of the projects undertaken during the August 7 painting party at the Schoolhouse.

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Larsmont Website

www.larsmont.org

Community Picnic & Reunion
Monday, August 30, 2010 - 5-7 p.m.
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Larsmont Calendar of Events

August –

Painting Days

Saturday, August 7, 2010,
9 a.m.-Noon

Primary Election Day

Tuesday, August 10, 2010
7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Annual Community Club Picnic

Monday, August 30, 2010
5-7 p.m.

Send your Larsmont happenings to:

Events

Larsmont Community Club
489 Swanson Rd.
Larsmont, MN 55616

or e-mail to info@larsmont.org

Maintenance Fund Donations

In 2006, the Larsmont Community Club established the Building Maintenance Fund to accept donations from the members to be used toward repairs and upkeep of the building. To date, \$2,180 has been collected for the Fund.

Members who donate are recognized through small plaques displayed in the Schoolhouse.

So far in 2010, donations have been received from Helen and Bill Tranah, Cindy and Paul Hayden and Pamela and David Coolidge.

Donations can be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer, Marlys Wisch, at 89 Swanson Rd., Larsmont, MN 55616.

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2010 Community Club Annual Meeting Minutes



President Bill Tranah and Secretary/Treasurer Marlys Wisch conduct the proceedings at the Larsmont Community Club Annual Meeting in May at the Schoolhouse.

The Larsmont Community Club held its annual meeting on May 10, 2010, at the Little Red Schoolhouse. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Bill Tranah.

OLD BUSINESS –

- Report on recent information on the honking tree and letter sent on behalf of LCC
- Report on 2009 annual picnic
- Report on 2009 New Project monies, new toilet, done by Bolen Construction.
- Report on Maintenance Monies received for 2009, \$1,800.
- Report on New Project Monies 2010, \$1,900 – porch, update on work to be done by Bolen Construction.
- Report on Building Maintenance Fund – now stands at \$2,180.

NEW BUSINESS –

- D.A.C. will continue to mow the lawn.
- Report on use of schoolhouse in 2010: five Pioneer School days; two rummage sales; three Association Meetings; one annual picnic; one annual meeting; one painting day with lunch.
- Discussion of 2011 New Project monies: move spotlight for flag to lower position for safety in changing bulb; possible new furnace; painting front of garage; brush removal; replacement of plaque on bench due to weathering. Roof is in good condition.
- Discussion on request for 2011 Maintenance Monies.

- Discussion on the annual picnic, August 30. Again will use Whole Foods Co-op for food, with charge of \$6 per adult, \$3 per child.
- Discussion on Painting Days, August 7 (alternate August 14). New toilet needs staining, one wall of school house, paint garage, first coat on new porch. New porch project should start the second week of June.
- Key policy for the toilet: key for both locks hangs inside school by the light switch.

OTHER BUSINESS –

It was suggested that a jug be placed at the annual picnic for donations toward the Building Maintenance Fund in memory of Walt Barthell, who was our Vice President for many years and recently passed away.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS –

Margaret Glass was nominated to fill the position of Vice President. Holders of other offices agreed to continue in their roles. Unanimous ballot for the officer group. Elected Officers are: Bill Tranah, president; Margaret Glass, vice-president; Marlys Wisch, secretary/treasurer; David Falk, groundskeeper; Dale Isackson, flag tender; Paul Hayden, newsletter editor.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlys Wisch, Sec./Treas.

The Beginnings of the Volunteer Fire Department

The Larsmont Community Club had its beginnings as an outgrowth of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Volunteer Fire Department (VFD). The Auxiliary was formed on May 18, 1961. But, it was eight years earlier that the first organizational meeting of the VFD was held on May 12, 1953.

Records show that the first meeting of the VFD in 1953 was businesslike and purposeful, with discussions primarily centering on the organization of the department and the acquisition of equipment. Temporary chairman Oliver Isackson conducted the meeting with 16 members present.

Impetus for the formation of the department was to lower insurance rates in the community. Insurance rates were set by the Fire Underwriter's Inspection Bureau in Duluth, so Wilbert Wahlberg volunteered to talk to them and obtain more information by the next meeting.

Each member of the department needed to have basic equipment to fight fires. Ed Nauka of First National Bank said that it might be possible to get financial

aid to purchase the equipment. Most members said they preferred to purchase their own pack sprayers. An equipment committee was formed, consisting of Oliver Isackson, Inky Sande, Caleb Cavalin and Wilbert Wahlberg.



Next came the election of the first officers of the Volunteer Fire Department. Oliver Isackson was elected president, Caleb Cavalin vice president and Wilbert Wahlberg secretary-treasurer.

It was decided to canvas all of the homes in Larsmont to see who would

want to purchase their own equipment or would donate funds to the department. A separate committee was formed for the canvassing, consisting of Henry Nyquist, Marvin Erickson, George Olson, E.J. Knake, John Swanson and Frank Wright.

Ale Erickson and Henry Nyquist were appointed temporary fire chiefs. Then, the official name was adopted: Larsmont Volunteer Fire Department.

At later meetings, approval was made for the purchase of 18 pack sprayers. A number of fire fighting demonstrations were conducted. It was also discovered that the qualifications for fire rate reductions "would involve too much expense."

The department conducted a survey of water supplies in the district. An alarm system was established which would require Central (the phone system) to ring 8 longer rings in case of emergency.

At the time the VFD was formed, the school building was owned by Larsmont Gospel Mission Society. Ownership was transferred to the Volunteer Fire Department in 1959.



Community Picnic & Reunion

Monday, August 30, 2010

5-7 p.m.

Our Famous Great Community Gathering

Remember the Date

Make Your Plans Now

This is our annual gathering of the community – a chance to meet your neighbors, catch up on old times, tour the Historic Red Schoolhouse, see (and use) the new biffy and have a Great Time.

A Special Time for a Special Neighborhood

If you're taking a vacation, it's the ideal time to come to the lake. If you live in Larsmont, take a couple of hours out from your hectic week and relax with friends. Who can come? Everyone!

Monday will be a Great Day for the Get-together

Bring the Whole Family

\$6 per person, \$3 for children under 6 includes meal

Our picnic basket will contain a deli main item, bread sticks, salad and includes coffee and pop.

Please help with dessert by bringing some Bars or Cookies

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Have you seen the Spiffy new Biffy?

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Anyone who has driven past the Little Red Schoolhouse on Larsmont Road recently has undoubtedly seen that little building near the back of the property, freshly painted, neat and trim. That's the new Schoolhouse two-hole outdoor toilet, built for the Larsmont Community Club by Bolen Construction in 2008. It replaced the old biffy that had stood for several decades. The new facility was designed by LCC president Bill Tranah and Tim Bolen to match the look of the Schoolhouse.



Construction took a week to complete.

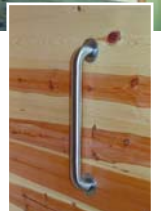
Exterior boards were provided by Louisiana Pacific in Two Harbors. Last year, thanks to volunteer painters, the new toilet received red exterior paint, matching it to the historic Schoolhouse.

Not only is the new biffy a spiffy little building, it's also more highly functional than

ever before. The interior is lined with cedar tongue-and-groove boards. Each side, men's and women's, now has a hinged lid. In the past, the cover needed to be lifted and removed for access. The new toilet is also electrified, with lights tied to the main building's activities. The women's side is also handicapped accessible, an accommodation that the old building did not have.

As part of the painting project on August 7, the interior of both sides will be stained to further enhance and preserve the structure.

To protect the premises, doors are locked during non-use periods. During events, access to the building will be by a key, located on a hook inside the entryway to the main building.



Top left: The two-hole outdoor toilet is painted red to match the Schoolhouse. An exterior light (left) and two interior lights have been added. Right: the interior of the toilet is finished in pine. There are high windows for ventilation, and the women's side is handicapped accessible.

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