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Linden Hills Neighborhood Council E-News

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Dear Scott,

Don't miss Linden Hills Live on Thursday night, it's always a great community event. If you can't make LH Live, perhaps you can make it to the Cornfeed at the park, a concert or movie at the bandshell or consider "giving back" by joining a board of one of our great local organizations.

Linden Hills Live!

This Thurs 17th July
6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Come on out to the parking lot between Zumbro and the Co-op to see the neighborhood's talented performing artists!

In order of appearance:

TEENAGE MUSICIANS
(Diedrich Weiss students)
SOPHIE BREEN -Acoustic guitar
THE COUSINS -Jazz
GRAHAM EARLEY -Acoustic guitar, songwriter
CC BAND -Pop/gospel
STELLA FOR STAR -Folk/pop
MEDIOCRITONES -Retro rock
BAN BAC DOCK -String band

Enjoy \$3 grilled burgers from Famous Dave's; and fresh, hot Angies Kettle Corn.

All food waste and non-recyclable paper will be composted. Thanks Great Harvest for use of your organics recycling dumpster!

Crime Prevention Ice Cream Social



The Linden Hills Neighborhood Council will be hosting Tom Thompson from the Minneapolis Police Department on Thursday, August 21st @ 6:30pm at Sebastian Joe's to discuss neighborhood crime and safety issues. Tom is our local Crime Prevention Specialist here in the 5th precinct, and will

share safety and crime prevention recommendations. The importance of getting to know our neighbors is a top priority for a safe environment, and block leader information will be available and collected at this session. If you have specific comments or questions for Tom, he can be reached at thomas.thompson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us. Please join us next week for this event!

National Night Out -Tues Aug 5th July 22 deadline for free street closure

It's time to organize your block's night out! Anyone needing assistance or wanting to become a block club leader can contact Linden Hills Neighborhood Council (LHiNC) board member Casey Collins at caseycollinsnyc@hotmail.com.

It's Free and Easy to Register Your NNO Party and to Close Your Street for NNO.

Visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno or, if you don't have Internet, call 311 or 612-673-3000. If you register by July 22, you'll be eligible for a door prize drawing. It's not essential to close your street to have a successful NNO event. Many groups meet in yards, parks, vacant lots, or inside. Closing your street is FREE if you apply by July 22.

Questions? Visit the website, call the numbers above, or contact LHiNC member Casey Collins at



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

612-865-6933.

Neighborhood Happenings Events Around the 'hood

Linden Hills Library :
Lake Superior's Historic North Shore - Book Signing

Meet local author Deborah Morse-Kahn at Linden Hills Library on **Thursday, July 17 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.**

Complete with maps and practical visitor information, Deborah's new book, **Lake Superior's Historic North Shore: A Guided Tour** will lend depth to your next North Shore trip, detailing the historical significance of the villages, homes and landmarks between Duluth and Grand Portage. Books will be available for sale during the event and at Linden Hills Natural Home.

Board Members Wanted!

LH Co-op and People for Parks need you!

The **Linden Hills neighborhood Co-op** is guided by a dedicated board of up to nine co-op members, who are elected by the membership each fall. The board nominating committee is seeking people interested in helping this community-owned institution thrive and prosper. Applications are available at the customer service desk at the co-op, or on line at www.lindenhills.coop. Board terms are three years, and service may require up to ten or twelve hours per month, which includes monthly meetings and committee meetings. Each board member receives a quarterly stipend in the form of a co-op gift card. For more information, contact board@lindenhills.coop. Applications are due at the co-op August 11!

People for Parks is an independent non-profit group that raises funds for enhancing and improving Minneapolis Parks. You can read about their current and past projects [here](#). Board terms are two years and service entails 4-8 hours per month, including a monthly board meeting. For more information, and/or an application form, please email info@peopleforparks.net. Applications due via email Aug 29th.

LHSC seeking partner/renter

Lake Harriet Spiritual Community (LHSC) is seeking a partner or major renter to share their space on 44th and Upton. LHSC is a diverse community that welcomes and honors all individual spiritual paths. They have a strong and open core group of individuals that work diligently to keep LHSC thriving and to sustain the building.

LHSC seeks an entity that can benefit from this space, to partner with them. The core criteria for a partner include:

- An existing organization with a balance sheet to contribute to expenses and reap in the benefits the building can offer
- An organization that is open to looking at a variety of partnership options
- An organization that is open to a diverse spiritual community, such as theirs, as a partner

LHSC can be reached at:
Lake Harriet Spiritual Community
4401 Upton Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55410
912-922-4272
E-mail: info@LakeHarrietSpiritualCommunity.org
Website: LakeHarrietSpiritualCommunity.org

Regular storytimes: **Thursdays 7-7:30pm; Wed and Fridays 10-10:30am.**

Wild Rumpus :

The next READ THE BOOK, MEET THE AUTHOR guest will be **Pete Hautman** on **Monday, July 28, 2008 7:00 PM**. He is the winner of the Minnesota Book award for his book, Godless, and will be joining WR to discuss his book Rash. Travel to the year 2074 and find out what life will be like in the "USSA", better known as "The United Safer States of America." Sports are banned, french fries outlawed, and losing your temper can send you to prison. For bookclub information, click [here](#). More information : 612-920-5005 or www.wildrumpusbooks.com

Como-Harriet Streetcar

Wednesday Afternoon Trolley Rides. In addition to **weeknight** operations starting at **6:30 PM**, don't forget that the Como-Harriet Streetcar operates each **Wednesday afternoon starting at 1 PM and ending at 4 PM**. This is a great time to give the kids, or grandkids, something interesting to do to get them out of the house. Besides weeknights, the historic trolleys run on **weekends starting at 12:30 PM**.

Creative Kidstuff:

Toddler story time is held every **Thursday at 10am**.

"Green" news

Ecoparents Groups Starting in the Fall

The LHiNC Environment Committee has received a grant from the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board to start one or more Ecoparents groups this fall. The groups will meet monthly to learn about both large and small steps residents can take to reduce their families' household waste. It's a great way for parents to get acquainted with Linden Hills neighbors while learning how to live more lightly on the planet. Watch for details to come.

LHP&L Composting Pilot

Linden Hills Power & Light advises that the organics collection is delayed while the City of Minneapolis finds a site that will accept the waste. To be alerted when the program is ready to go, sign up for their mailing list [here](#).

Environment Committee Calls for Volunteers!

Lake Harriet Bandshell

Summer concerts are in full swing, check out the schedule [here](#). Don't miss the second **People for Parks Movie Concert** (The Eagles Live) on the inflatable movie screen, **Thurs July 17th at dusk**.

People for Parks continues to fund raise to replace the dusty crushed limestone under the audience benches with permeable pavers. Donations in any amount are welcomed. For full information visit www.peopleforparks.net.

It's time to get your **race entries** in for the **Bandshell 5k race** - all proceeds from the family friendly walk/run around Lake Harriet benefit the bandshell and surrounds. In 2007 People for Parks donated new sound equipment using funds from the race. Click [here](#) for an entry form

Park News

The Linden Hills "Big Cornfeed"

Thursday Aug 14- 6:00-8:00 pm
Join us for the annual Corn Feed! It's a great way to celebrate the summer with your friends and family. Enjoy delicious roasted corn, music, games and activities for kids, too! Food will be available for purchase.

Fall Program Registration Information and Dates

Check out what the park has to offer this fall! Programs will be posted online and bulletin available at the park starting on **August 1 2008**. You may register online or in person beginning **Monday August 4 at 6:00 pm**. Phone registrations will begin Wednesday **August 6 at 12:00 pm**.

SWAC Fall Sports

Sign up for soccer & volleyball with SWAC this season! Ages 5-14- check www.swac.info for more information- or call Pershing 612 370 4928 or Linden Hills 612 370 4913 during park hours.

This summer is full of activity for the Environment Committee! One thing that they're working on now is putting thank you tags on the newly planted trees in the neighborhood. We need volunteers to tag newly planted trees in the neighborhood and remove tags from trees planted last year. This is a simple job, but unfortunately rather time consuming for one person to do! Please consider donating just a few hours of your time to tag trees close to your home. To sign up for this job or get more information, please email Grace Vermeer with your name, phone number, address and time(s) available over the next few weeks. Grace can be reached at LindenHillsEnvironment@gmail.com.

Linden Hills T-shirts

The Linden Hills t-shirts were printed locally, and sourced sweatshop-free of super soft cotton. All proceeds go back into LHiNC neighborhood efforts! They are available for purchase for \$15 by contacting board member Kelly Keegan at



keeg0009@umn.edu or 612-827-8020.

Win Cash Prizes and Have Your Short Film Shown on TV!



Linden Hills Power & Light invite entries for a "Green Carpet" video contest. There are **three \$300 prizes, three \$150 prizes** and a **grand prize of \$500**. Just create a short video (30 secs-2 mins) on one of the following themes:

- Organics Recycling (composting program, benefits, what's compostable/what's not, etc)
- The MN Energy Challenge (many of you have already taken it -it was easy wasn't it!)
- General Waste reduction or conservation, or anerobic digestion. There's no age or ability limit, and if you don't have a video camera, but feel you have a good script, contact info@lhpowerandlight.org for help.

For full details, visit www.lhpowerandlight.org

Calendar

Grace Notes

Updates from the LHiNC Environmental Intern

Over the past month the environment committee and I have worked on a number of exciting projects-protection of elms from Dutch Elm Disease, buckthorn removal, and watershed management, to name a few. (More detailed update in the upcoming print LHiNC newsletter!) I hope as these programs get rolling, many of you can join us in our efforts! I look forward to seeing where we go from here, and wish to meet many of you through the rest of my time here. Enjoy your summer! Grace.

Grace can be reached at LindenHillsEnvironment@gmail.com

Southwest Poets

The Southwest Poetry Project's latest edition is out now in the current Southwest Journal. Be sure to pick up your free copy at local stores. It includes fine poems from around the southwest metro, including a few from Linden Hills. You can also see the poems online at swjournal.com.

"Between the Lakes: The Poets of Linden Hills" is still available at Bibelot, Bayers Hardware, Linden Hills Florists, Rick Rack and other local shops. BUT... we're getting down to the last few boxes, so if you haven't bought your copy yet, now would be a good time. (It also makes a great gift for relatives, neighbors, friends, clients and special celebrations.)

Note from the Chair

My favorite way to enjoy short Minnesota summers are vacation days without leaving town- if possible, not even leaving the neighborhood. Yesterday I sat out at Lake Harriet and caught up on a seasonal reading infatuation: graduation speeches.



What a challenging task - a distinguished speaker so removed from their audience, and thousands of ambitious yet irreverent listeners with which to connect. An honor, opportunity for infamy, call for authenticity, and a powerful microphone all at once. Few speakers are naturals at this task; many have critics before they begin. And what makes some great, I think, is that most student audiences demand truth over comfort.

July 17 - Linden Hills Live
July 17 - People for Parks Movie at the
Bandshell -Eagles Live from Melbourne
July 19 - East Harriet Rosefest at Lyndale
Farmstead Park
Aug 5 -National Night Out
Aug 12 - LHiNC Board meeting
Aug 14 - Corn feed at LH Park
Sept 7 -Bandshell 5k. Early entries
encouraged
Sept 15 - entries due for LHP&L video
contest

Wherever we last found ourselves a student... did we bring that trait with us when we left?

One speaker began by likening himself to the body at a traditional Irish wake: they need him for the party, but, no one expected him to say much. He went on to say quite a lot, actually. The careful words describe world problems, personal struggle, and wisdom from these chosen guests, who are usually at the top of their game.

Graduation speeches offer self-reflection, and their themes are familiar but not trite. Serve your neighbors first. Sure, do we? To whom much is given, much is expected. Have we honored that? While we value freedom, it is only in self-surrender and losing ourselves, that we truly find ourselves. That nugget was courageously offered to a crowd in Yankee stadium and yet, when was the last time we really let that happen? These speakers don't dodge the big stuff.

A common thread in this type of writing is hope. Many end with a call to change the world. But they start by being personal.

Interesting that today's campaigns of change focus externally. One speech challenged: "We call for change, but no one jumps to say 'I want to change!'... humility and greatness find its most authentic expression in the commitment to change."

I left Lake Harriet- well, sunburned, yet with renewed spirit in our own local capacity to change. There are lots of opportunities here. Like academic communities, if we too can value truth over comfort, we'll be better for it, even in the most basic denomination- the streets on which we live.

I think we can all be committed to that.

Enjoy the summer!

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Regards,
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Thank you for being an active participant in this amazing community.

Sincerely,

Felicity Britton
for the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council

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