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## Linden Hills Neighborhood Council E-News

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#### Dear Scott,

As usual, tons going on in the community, from canoe rides through the Chain of Lakes led by naturalists, to the enormous fun that is Linden Hills Live. Take the time this summer to connect with your neighbors at one of the events below - maybe even two or three if you have the time!

#### 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:

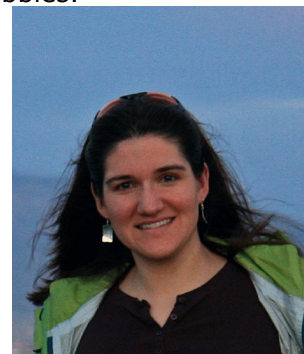
1. Organics Recycling (composting program, benefits, what's compostable/what's not, etc)
2. The MN Energy Challenge (many of you have already taken it -it was easy wasn't it!)
3. General Waste reduction or conservation, or anerobic digestion. There's no age or ability limit, and if you don't have a video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

For full details, visit [www.lhpowerandlight.org](http://www.lhpowerandlight.org)

#### Letter from the Chair

Do you ever enjoy things that you're not good at? As I stroll along in appreciation of beautiful yards and June growth around the neighborhood, it is clear- I am all appetite and no ability when it comes to being a green thumb. And I have learned that it is precisely some things we are "terrifically bad at" that often make for great hobbies.

As we age we often retreat into areas of strength, or we delegate. Whether it comes from professional lives, roles we fill at home, or just plain lack of time or energy, it is



### Linden Hills Live!

**This Thurs 19th June**

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:

**Noise-o-plex** (youth rock band)

**Laura Balfour Dance Company**

**Aggregate Genius** (original groove rock)

**Shelly Sommermann and Friends** (folk)

**Bob Dylan Tunes by Frank Hornstein**

**Linden Hills Folk Jam** (traditional)

**Red Bird Rising** (original folk-blues)

**Trace Remington** (country rock)

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

After the outstanding success of the zero waste Festival in May, LH Live is going zero waste too! All food waste and non-recyclable paper will be composted. Thanks Great Harvest for use of your organics recycling dumpster!

### National Night Out -Tues Aug 5th Start Planning Now!

Throughout the city, neighbors will be gathering at mostly small events to get to know each other better, talk about life on the block, plan for the future and have fun. We encourage people to get an early start during Minneapolis NNO Planning Week, **June 16-22**. It's a great time to decide on details of a NNO event, get more people involved and divide up the work!

Some things to discuss at planning meetings:

- How many people should we plan for? Who will get food, drinks, utensils, etc.?
- What kinds of activities will encourage conversation and people getting to know one another?
- What should we do for kids? Games, face painting, piñata, recognition awards for good things they've done, etc?
- Should we have music? What kind and who will arrange for it?
- Do we want to close the street? If so, who will apply (by the July 22 deadline)?
- Should we make an invitation flyer? Who will do it? Who will get the flyers to the neighbors?

our nature to

leave things we aren't skilled at to specialists. And yet, important growth and understanding takes place when you can find joy in things where you are not particularly skilled.

Removing ourselves from comfort zones of proficiency isn't easy. But getting past that zone volunteers us to some creative self-improvement. When we free ourselves up in this way, even if it makes us vulnerable to scrutiny- we change within ourselves and often change the climate of our surroundings in a positive way.

An easy suggestion to try something this summer? Organize a National Night Out event for your block. Maybe you're new, gone a lot, don't know neighbors, or fear you wouldn't make an ideal planner- you may be surprised just how quickly a small gesture like this can make a difference. While not expertly designed, it will be authentic. Could we party on every block? It will take a lot of non-experts, that is for sure.

If I were a master gardener, I'd know a lot more about plants and a lot less about the people at the garden store. Plants keep me patient, humble, and above all give me a sense of humor.

Reaching beyond my comfort zone is something I aim toward in composing this column, too. I'll promise to keep on trying, if you will as well.

Regards,  
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**Happy 100th Birthday!**  
**Come and Help Celebrate!**

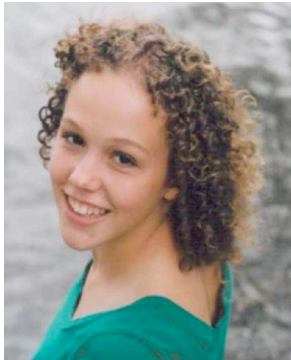
- What will we do if it rains?

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

Visit [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno](http://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. From July 23-July 31, there is a \$100 late fee.** Applications for street closure will not be accepted after July 31.

**Questions?** Visit the website or call the numbers above.

**Amazing Grace**



LHiNC's Environment Committee has hired Grace Vermeer as a summer intern. Grace says: Hi! I've lived in Linden Hills since I was six. I graduated from Southwest High, and I currently attend Pomona College, a liberal arts college near Los Angeles. I'm pursuing a degree in

environmental policy and am an activist for environmental issues.

I look forward to working with LHiNC and protecting, building, and contributing to the neighborhood that I love. Towards this end, I welcome suggestions and questions. I can be reached at [LindenHillsEnvironment@gmail.com](mailto:LindenHillsEnvironment@gmail.com).

**Neighborhood Happenings  
Events Around the 'hood**

**Linden Hills Co-op - Book Talk & Signing: The Carbon-Free Home Tuesday, June 24th from 5:30-6:30pm. FREE;** please preregister [here](#). Meet, greet & get your book signed by Stephen Wren, co-author of The Carbon-Free Home: 36 Remodeling Projects to Help Kick the Fossil Fuel Habit. This practical guide to renovating existing homes will give you the hands-on knowledge necessary to kick the fossil-fuel habit, with projects small and large listed by skill, time, cost, and energy saved. Hren and his spouse and co-author, Rebekah, turned their 1930s urban house into a fossil-fuel oasis and want to help

The **Como-Harriet Streetcar Line** will hold a very special **100th birthday party** on **Sunday, July 13th** for Twin City Lines streetcar No. 1300. The birthday cake-cutting ceremony will be held at **1:00 PM**. Cake and ice cream will be served and some special guests will be there. The carbarn will be open and docents will provide information on Linden Hills streetcar history and answer questions. Classic bus rides using GM bus No. 1399 (the bus that replaced the Minneapolis trolleys in 1954) will run from 12:30 until approximately 4 PM. All are welcome to come, ride and help us celebrate. For more information: visit [www.trolleyride.org](http://www.trolleyride.org)

**Lake Harriet Bandshell news**

Summer concerts have started, check out the schedule [here](#). Don't miss the first of the People for Parks Movie Concerts on the inflatable movie screen, **Thurs June 19th at dusk** -Roy Orbison in Concert. People for Parks continue to fund raise to replace the dusty crushed limestone under the audience benches with permeable pavers and refurbish the benches. Pavers and benches range in price from \$75. For full information visit [www.peopleforparks.net](http://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. Isn't it time we updated the park on the hill above the bandshell? Your entry fee could help this happen! Click [here](#) for more info and entry details.

**Elm Help for Residents**

The LHiNC Environment Committee will help again this year with the cost of treating elms for Dutch Elm Disease (DED), the disease that is killing our elms. Any resident can get an approximately 25% discount on the cost of treatment from Rainbow Tree Care Company by telling the company that you are a Linden Hills resident and want the discount. In addition, by submitting the bill to LHiNC, you will receive \$50 to help pay for the cost of treatment. The discount and the \$50 are good for both boulevard elms and elms on your private property. For boulevard elms only, there may be more assistance for residents unable to pay even the reduced cost of treatment. Details will be available soon by clicking on the Environment Committee page on the LHiNC website.

The cost of treatment depends on the size of the tree, but typically ranges around \$300.

**Sunnyside/France Ave  
Development Update**

Through your input on the proposed CVS/pharmacy development, LHiNC recently provided the developer and the City

others do the same. Copies of the book will be available for sale at the event and at Linden Hills Natural Home. RSVP to the link above or 612-279-2450.

#### **Wild Rumpus :**

Wild Rumpus will be having its "Read the Book, Meet the Author" event on **Monday, June 23rd** at **7:00 p.m.** Joining us this time will be Julie Schumacher to discuss her book "The Book of One Hundred Truths." Please let us know if you can join us, however, you won't be turned away at the door if you forget to do so!

Also, our **summer book clubs** will have their first meetings at the end of June. Check out the themes and meeting dates on our website at [www.wildrumpusbooks.com](http://www.wildrumpusbooks.com), or call the store at 612-920-5005. There are book clubs for every age group!

More information : 612-920-5005 or [www.wildrumpusbooks.com](http://www.wildrumpusbooks.com)

#### **Linden Hills Library**

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

#### **Creative Kidstuff:**

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

#### **Free Cottage City (Linden Hills) Walking Tour**

**125th Anniversary of Cottage City  
Wednesday July 16, 2008 6:30pm - 8:30pm**  
As the Minneapolis Park Board formed in 1883, the opportunity to create a park on the south shore of Lake Calhoun slipped away with the platting of Cottage City. Join us in recalling the early days when Cottage City residents and visitors enjoyed a summer evening looking out over the lake. Walk the streets in this oldest corner of the Linden Hills neighborhood to discover what remains from the past and what has been transformed through 125 years of change in homes, landscape and community. Tour guide: Peter Sussman. Meet at the corner of Thomas Ave. S. and Lake Calhoun Parkway. Tickets are required and **free**. A limited number will be available on a first-come basis at approximately 6:15pm. Plan to arrive early to assure a spot. Tour held rain or shine. Co-sponsored by the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission. Presented by the Linden Hills History Study Group  
[www.lindenhillshistory.org](http://www.lindenhillshistory.org)

additional feedback with specific requests on project direction. Click [here](#) to see how this project has progressed and also to read the "Community Feedback Document" submitted last week on behalf of the community.

#### **Linden Hills T-shirts Now Available!**

Thanks for all submissions to the Linden Hills T-shirt contest. Tanya Swanson and Deb Pierce, both Linden Hills residents, drafted the selected designs. The 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](mailto:keeg0009@umn.edu) or 612-827-8020.



#### **Short Notes**

The deadline for the **SW Journal summer poetry spread** is **June 23** for publication in mid-July. Send submissions to Doug Wilhite at [wilhite@skypoint.com](mailto:wilhite@skypoint.com).

Our parks have some very cool **canoe tours** throughout the summer such as : **Full Moon Canoe:**  
**Tuesday, June 17th 8:00pm to 10:00pm:** Watch the moon rise over the city and reflect off the water as we paddle at dusk and into part of the night. Please bring water. Meet at the N.E. corner of the Lake Calhoun refectory. Ages 16 and up. There is a firm limit of 12 people so sign up early. Canoes, paddles, and lifejackets provided. Registration required at 612-313-7725. \$15.00. Some canoe trips are free, others cost from \$2 to \$10. Click [here](#) for full details.

#### **Calendar**

June 19 - Linden Hills Live  
June 19 - People for Parks Movie at the Bandshell -Roy Orbison in Concert  
June 21 - Moonlight trolley ride at 10pm  
July 4 - Special Fourth of July "early bird" trolley service starts at 9:30 AM  
July 13 - Streetcar No. 1300 birthday party  
July 16 - Walking Tour  
July 19 - Moonlight trolley ride at 10 PM

Aug 5 -National Night Out  
Aug 14 - Corn feed at LH Park  
Sept 7 -Bandshell 5k. Early entries encouraged  
Sept 15 - entries due for LHP&L video contest

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

Sincerely,

Felicity Britton  
for the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council

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