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## Linden Hills Neighborhood Council E-Newsletter

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#### Dear Scott,

The Linden Hills Festival is **Sunday, May 18** at Linden Hills Park. I used to attend the festival and wonder who the people were scooping ice cream or selling hotdogs - I figured they were people who were "specially connected" to the LHiNC board in some way. And then one year a neighbor signed me up, and I've been there every year since. It's such a great way to meet people from our community and to start making those connections that you think every one else has but you. The festival depends on over 150 volunteers for its success. Consider signing up with a friend, your older children, your spouse or your service group at [www.lindenhills.org](http://www.lindenhills.org) or contact Laurie Foster at [fosterfamilymn@comcast.net](mailto:fosterfamilymn@comcast.net) or 612.929.3214 -you'll be glad you did!

#### Silent Auction Items Needed Proceeds go back into our neighborhood

The festival silent auction raises funds for neighborhood efforts including: printing and delivery of the paper newsletter; the Corn Feed, Winterfest, Joyce Food Shelf, St. Stephens Shelter; Linden Hills Orchestra; 9/11 Tribute; student scholarships and much more.

Donated items and services are needed for the auction. Be creative - consider donating a weekend at your cabin, your time-share, paint a room in someone's home, knit a scarf or bake a batch of your homemade cookies once a month for a year. (Or if you're like me and have zero talent -pick up a gift certificate from a local business and donate that!) Those who donate will receive recognition in the next two issues of the Linden Hills Line, a tax deduction for their contribution, exposure to thousands of participants and the great feeling of helping out our neighborhood.

Fill out a donation form online at [www.lindenhills.org](http://www.lindenhills.org) or call LHiNC at 612.926.2906.

#### Annual Linden Hills Garage Sale Saturday May 17th

[Register](#) by **Friday, April 25**, to be included in the May/June newsletter.

Register by **Friday, May 9**, to be included on the garage sale maps. More Info: Kathy Urberg Ph 929.0273 or [garagesale@lindenhills.org](mailto:garagesale@lindenhills.org).

Registration is \$10, and pays for advertising in the Southwest Journal, StarTribune and the Linden Hills Line newsletter. All registered sales will be included on an official garage sale map and receive a yard sign! Not having a sale, but interested in helping? Volunteers are needed, too! (Most of the volunteer work is in the days leading up to the sale and not the actual day of the sale.) Maps and yard signs will be available for pick-up at 4100 Xerxes Ave S. the week before the sale.

#### CVS Update

On April 15th, LHiNC submitted your community input on CVS/pharmacy design for information and consideration by the development firm. Click [here](#) to check out this important proposal for our neighborhood!

## Green Screenings

A Free Eco-Focus Film Series



### Thur May 8th, The End of Suburbia PG13

-Oil Depletion and the Collapse of The American Dream

### Thur May 15th, The Power of Community

(unrated) -How Cuba Survived Peak Oil, when the Soviet Union collapsed in 1990.

### Thur May 22nd, Oil On Ice (unrated)

-The impact of oil development on the arctic ecosystem/ANWAR

Join your neighbors, enjoy some organic popcorn, and be enlightened!

For a film flyer click [here](#).

For questions email: [deb@coffeetableproductions.com](mailto:deb@coffeetableproductions.com)

## Quick Notes

**Earth Day** events will be held this **Saturday, April 19th** - drop off your household hazardous waste at Southwest High School from **9am-1pm**, including burnt out compact florescent bulbs, paints, electronics and more. For the full list of what is and isn't accepted, click here. Clean up at **Lake Harriet**, gloves and garbage bags provided. Meet by the **bandshell at 9 am**.

Don't miss the **Lake Harriet Community School Spring Carnival!** A community wide family fun night, perfect for kids 2-14 with their parents. **Friday April 25, 5:30-8:30pm**, Lake Harriet Upper, **4912 Vincent Ave S**.

Don't forget the **Poetry Slam -- Thursday April 17** at **Java Jacks (46th and Bryant)**. The fun begins at **7PM**. Bring your best poetry and your confidence: enough for several rounds!

## Neighborhood Happenings

Events at 43rd/Upton

**Bayers Turns 85**

## Letter from the Chair

### When it Comes to Change....

Change is hard and yet- inevitable. Whether change is happening at work, home, or community- in my own case, all three at once- it is always a big deal. I'm always interested to observe the different ways that co-workers, family, and my neighbors respond to change. And I think that oftentimes, change is deemed "good" or "bad" based on how much opportunity we feel we've had to shape it.

Through the recent feedback opportunity on the development proposal for Sunnyside/France, many expressed an ardent devotion to businesses of the past. While we would love to bring them back, we cannot change that a development firm currently has agreements with the land owners of the Sunnyside/France former grocery store and gas station. We cannot change basic property rights- we don't own the property. Yet as community stewards, working with them will require a certain amount of trust, ability to adapt, and imagination. Our role is this: to help shape the future of a vibrant business node. The question, like change, does not become "Yes" or "No", but "How..." Hundreds poured energy into describing the values and interests of our community. That is so important here, just like in evaluating other change in our lives. While we cannot predict the future, we are all on the same page in knowing it takes effort to make new things a part of our community, instead of apart from our community. To this end, LHiNC used twelve most prevalent themes from all your feedback to request information and consideration by the development firm of our community's interests. (click [here](#) for report)

What has heartened us forward since last Tuesday's Community Dialogue through many hours of wrap-up is that you responded- hundreds of neighbors responded- to approach change with a positive passion, in sharing your interests amongst each other. Thank you.

THIS kind of energy is what will create an even better community than we have today.

See you soon.

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On **Sat April 26th**, Bayers Do It Best Hardware will open the store at **8am** and give away FREE 'goodie bags' to the first 50 customers in the door. During the day they will hold hourly drawings for door prizes. The items are donated by the many vendors who supply Do it Best Corp. (They will accept door prize registrations beginning Thursday April 24th) The grand Prize is a Weber Gas Grill. They will also have a Weber BBQ cooking demonstration, unadvertised 1/2 priced specials and refreshments.

### **Linden Hills Library**

Join Laurie Myers from **Musikgarten** for a special music program featuring singing, creative movement, instruments, musical games and listening. **Fri April 18 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

**Teen Movie Night: Thurs Apr 17th - "Mean Girls" -6pm-7:30pm.**

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

### **Creative Kidstuff:**

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

### **Wild Rumpus Author Events:**

**Friday, April 18th Oliver Jeffers**, newest book is "The Way Back Home" 4:00 p.m. **Saturday, April 26th - Melanie Watt**, author of the "Scaredy Squirrel" series.2:00 p.m.

**Friday, April 30th -Mo Willems**, newest book is "Pigeon Wants a Puppy",1:30 p.m. **Sunday, May 11th**

**Gail Carson Levine**, newest book is "Ever",1:00 p.m.

### **Lake Harriet Spiritual Community**

**Psychic Fair - May 17 and 18th.** Look for more information next e-news.

### **Streetcar Line Season**

The Como-Harriet Streetcar Line will

### **Spring Season's Freshest New Look! Check out our new website!**

Check out our [new website](#), redesigned by neighborhood volunteer Michelle Miles. Her countless hours of effort make this site a fresh conduit of information about happenings around our neighborhood. What a way to use your talents to get us all connected. With deep gratitude and thanks,  
Linden Hills Neighborhood

### **Improve the World in Your Own Backyard?**

#### **The Great Neighborhood Book**

Join the Linden Hills History Study Group on **Wednesday, April 23**, at **7:00 p.m.** at **St. John's Episcopal Church, 4201 Sheridan Avenue S**, as we take a look at what neighborhoods can do to solve issues ranging from crime and social isolation to the environment and economic vitality. **Jay Walljasper**, author of The Great Neighborhood Book, will discuss what we can accomplish together. Jay is a Kingfield neighborhood resident, and former editor of the Utne Reader, which began in Linden Hills. He is currently Senior Fellow at the Project for Public Spaces. Jay's presentation is a community-building event and all Linden Hills residents are encouraged to attend. \$3 admission for non-members of LHHSG. For more information, visit [LHHSG](#) or call JoEllen at 612.926.0646.

#### **Bookclub**

First meeting of the LHHSG Book Club **Monday, May 5, 7:30 p.m.** Join us for an informal discussion of **Twin Cities Album, A Visual History**, one of several books by **Dave Kenney**. In this 150 year retrospective, Kenney's thoughtful narrative supports hundreds of impressive and often surprisingly intimate photos of people, culture, landmarks, and events. The evening will be held at **44xx Thomas Ave S** and will include dessert! Reserve a book now through either the Minneapolis library catalog [www.mplib.org](#) or the Hennepin County library catalog [www.hclib.org](#). To register, send an email to [info@lindenhillshistory.org](mailto:info@lindenhillshistory.org) or call JoEllen at 612.926.0646 by Friday May 2nd.

#### **Park News**

begin its thirty-seventh year of historic service to the Linden Hills neighborhood on May 3rd. Weekend service will continue through the end of November with daily service running from May 16th until September 5th. Daily trolley operations start at 6:30 PM. We will be running the trolley on Wednesday afternoons again in June, July and August from 1 PM until 4 PM.

### **Festival Marketplace and Art Fair Reserve your space now!**

As in past years, this year's Festival (**May 18**) will include a "marketplace" for local artists, businesses, political groups, and non-profits to display and sell their wares or otherwise get their message out to our Linden Hills neighbors. The participation fee is \$60 with a limited number of free spaces available for non-profit organizations and children under 12. Tables are also available for rent. The deadline for space and table reservations is **May 9**. To register, please use our [online form](#). Please direct any questions regarding the Art Fair & Marketplace to Jim Fisher (612) 924-4334 or [jfisher@cbburnet.com](mailto:jfisher@cbburnet.com).

**The Recycle Run** around Lake Harriet on **Sunday, April 20**, features a 5K Walk/Run and a Kids' Half-Mile Run. The Kids' Run begins at **8:45 a.m.** followed by the 5K at **9 a.m.** Fees for the 5K are \$25 pre-registered and \$30 on race day. Fees for the Kids' Run are \$10 pre-registered and \$15 on race day with proceeds to benefit future Minneapolis Earth Day Watershed Cleanup efforts. Online registration is through **11:59 p.m. Monday, April 14**, through [www.minneapolisrecyclerun.com](http://www.minneapolisrecyclerun.com). Registration forms can also be downloaded at [www.minneapolisrecyclerun.com](http://www.minneapolisrecyclerun.com) or are available at your local recreation center.

### **Bird feeding Workshop Sat April 26 noon-2pm**

Build a birdfeeder and learn about how to watch winged friends. Even kids as young as 5 years old can construct a bird feeder. Registration required. Meet at the Linden Hills Recreation Center at 3100 West 43rd St. To register call 612-313-7725. \$6.00.

The **Mothers Day Morning Tea** will not be held this year.

### **Calendar**

April 17 - Teen movie at Library 6pm  
Apr 19 - Household Hazardous Waste Event  
Southwest High  
Apr 19 - Earth Day Clean Up at Lake Harriet  
Apr 23 - Jay Walljasper Book talk  
Apr 25 - Lake Harriet School Carnival  
Apr 26 - Bayers Hardware 85th Birthday  
May 3 - Start of trolley operation at Como-Harriet Streetcar Line  
May 5 - History Study Group Bookclub  
May 8 - Green Film Series  
May 15 Green Film Series  
May 16 - Start of daily trolley service  
May 17 - Neighborhood garage sales  
May 17 - Business District Celebration  
May 18 - Linden Hills Festival  
May 22 Green Film Series  
May 26 - Special early bird operations to Lakewood Cemetery west (Lake Calhoun) gate  
June 1 - Antique car rally at Como-Harriet's Linden Hills station

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

Sincerely,

Felicity Britton  
for the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council

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