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Dear Scott,

As always, there's a lot going on in our neighborhood. From environmental issues, teen movies, caucus lessons to childrens' story hours and craft classes, I hope you'll find something to bring you out into the warmth of our community.

"Planning for Energy and Climate Uncertainty"

State Rep. Frank Hornstein and State Rep. Bill Hilty invite you to a presentation by Daniel Lerch, author of "[Post Carbon Cities](#)" and John Kaufmann, Oregon Department of Energy, staff to the [Portland Peak Oil Task Force](#).

The presentation will be held at **Pershing Park**, in the multi-purpose room: 48th St/Chowen Ave S. **Friday, January 18, 2008 at 7:00p.m.** Free; no registration needed. For more information contact Laurie Hilty at lhilty@frontiernet.net or 320-233-6626.

Mind Your Own Business

Would you like your at-home business listed in the Linden Hills Business Directory? It's free. The Linden Hills Business Association prints and distributes 6,500 copies of the Directory to our homes and shoppers. It's a great neighborhood resource and includes the summer concerts schedule. For your free business listing, e-mail your business address, phone and contact information to LHBA President Mark Dwyer at mark_dwyer@msn.com.

Thank You Neighbors!

We will have 210 new trees in Linden Hills this summer, thanks to the Hendry Family Foundation and neighborhood residents. The Hendry Foundation offered to match money raised for trees by December 15th up to \$14,000. The \$12,200 we received by the deadline plus the Hendry match is enabling us to plant twice the usual number of trees this spring. The trees will be planted on boulevards and down by the Lake Calhoun retention pond. Our neighborhood will be green and beautiful for many years to come because so many care about the trees and our neighborhood.

Park News

Ice skate to music, enjoy a sleigh ride, roast marshmallows by the fire, enjoy warm refreshments, participate in a medallion hunt or complete a craft project at **Winterfest, January**

25th 6:30PM-8:30PM at [Linden Hills Park](#), 43rd and Xerxes. Also check out the Park's schedule of [classes](#) from Mens' Yoga, to kids' art classes.

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) will begin accepting applications on **Feb. 1** for **sailboat buoy** and **canoe rack permits** on select Minneapolis lakes. Sailboat buoy permits on Lakes Calhoun, Harriet and Nokomis are issued through a public drawing. Online applications, agreement information and assignment procedures is available [here](#). The 2008 public drawings for priority of buoy assignments will be held Tuesday, April 15, at Lynnhurst.

To be included in the April 15 drawing, all permit applications and boat mooring agreements must be completed and submitted to MPRB headquarters by 12 a.m. Monday, April 14. The 2008 permit fee is a flat rate of \$400 for Minneapolis residents.

Permits for **canoe, kayak and small sailboat storage racks** are issued for Lakes Calhoun, Harriet, Nokomis, Cedar and Lake of the Isles. Online applications, agreement information and assignment procedures are available [here](#). Applications and storage agreements for 2008 must be completed and submitted by 12 a.m. Tuesday, April 1, to MPRB headquarters.

Chocolate, Lovers

The FIFTH ANNUAL Pre-Valentine's Day Love Poetry Reading will be held **Thursday, February 7**, at **3019 West 43rd Street, 7 to 9PM**. BYOB and something to share... and your favorite love poetry to read or have read for you. This is our most popular event -- we usually have champagne, chocolates, candlelight -- and love poetry that is, by turns, moving, caustic, ancient, modern, erotic and funny. It's a great way to break up the winter and get in the mood for Valentine's. Spouses, lovers and friends welcome.

LHiNC's new Coordinator



In December the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council selected Scott Engel as the new Coordinator for the organization's activities and programs. He will replace Rae Ann Vanderputte who left to pursue other interests. Scott has worked for over seven years as Coordinator for the CARAG neighborhood organization, and is looking forward to working with Linden Hills residents. You may reach Scott at 612-926-2906 or scott@lindenhills.org.

Park Dedication Fee

The unmet need for park capital costs in Minneapolis is around \$10,000,000 annually. Lack of funds is causing a serious reduction in maintenance to our parks which contribute so much to our quality of life. Parks promote business and jobs through tourism and convention dollars; help attract and retain small businesses which make the most jobs; help business to attract and retain talented employees who also value high quality amenities; and help provide us cleaner air, water and soil..

An estimated 21,000 net new units over the 2006 Met Council census update will be built in Minneapolis by the year 2030. This brings in potentially 50,000 new residents, putting enormous pressure on an already strained system. Following a state statute in the 2006 legislative session, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board approved an ordinance on July 11, 2007 that would dedicate land, or cash in lieu of land for each net new housing unit constructed in the City of Minneapolis. Many suburban parks in the country currently collect a park dedication fee of this nature. However, the Minneapolis City Council has not yet approved the fee. Please take 2 minutes to drop a line to your [city council person](#), to show your support and ask them to put the park dedication fee on the agenda. For more information, visit the [MPRB website](#) or [People for Parks](#).

Compost Update



Susan Young, the City's Director of Solid Waste and Recycling, advises residents to look for their **"opt-in" letter** for compost collection in **February**. The **green organics carts** will then be delivered to participants in **March**. So far we've had an awesome response for block point people but could use about 40 more. If you're interested in being your local "expert" in what's compostable and what's not, please sign up at the [Linden Hills Power & Light website](#) where you'll find more information on the organics collection and other news.

Letter from the Chair

As Linden Hills' most grateful lodger on this cold winter night, I sit reminiscing about last weekend's Kite Fest at Lake Harriet. What a great time to get together on the lake, party with our neighbors in East Harriet, and show Minneapolis via news and air waves what great neighborhoods are all about- community connectedness. Also, I am so glad that you liked it. Our new coordinator, Scott, received many emails back from you, whether a daughter flying a kite for the first time or a great picture we captured of your son roasting marshmallows - it was "magical", you said in many different ways. That means a lot to us. Linden Hills Neighborhood Council (LHINC) is the elected volunteers of your community to do just that- creating ties that bind our neighborhood together and build community.

Like the enormous kites that went sailing up on a relatively calm day, I'm please to share that our neighborhood council has launched into a great start of 2008. The goals we have set out to accomplish in 2008 are ambitious- - but isn't that what trying to fly is all about. And like the biggest kites anchored into the lake below the ice, we have very specific initiatives we are tied to for this year- at the community level, committee levels, and in collaboration with the city of Minneapolis. I look forward to sharing our progress on them with you. Also, I invite you to get to know us and get involved in these community-building initiatives yourselves. I had a number of interesting conversations with residents last weekend, and some of you have already met Scott Engel, our new coordinator. We invite your involvement in fostering our urban network.



Thanks for coming out, and stay warm!
Kind Regards,

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Community Activities

It's cold! But that's no excuse to stay indoors. Take advantage of these local events to mingle with friends and neighbors.

The [Linden Hills Library](#) features a number of regular and one-off events including **children's story hour Thursdays 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**; and **toddler story hour Wed 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** The **Teen book club** meets **6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thu., January 17, 2008**; and Teens are invited to watch the **movie "Transformers" on Jan 24, 5pm-8pm**. Popcorn and pop will be provided. **Adult bookclub** is **7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tue., January 22, 2008**. **Caucuses** are Feb 5! Peace in the Precincts presents non-partisan caucus training -- **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Wed., January 16, 2008** and **3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sat., January 26, 2008**.

[Lake Harriet Spiritual Community](#) invites you to join them at upcoming events and classes. Lou Longmire will be facilitating a **Book Group** on Wednesdays from 7-8:30 pm, starting **January 16**, with *"Ishmael"* as the first book being discussed. (This group is Free - books available for purchase thru LHSC)

- * Cori Lee Stahlecker will be teaching **Fire Dancing** on **Thursdays from 7-8:30 pm**, starting **January 17** thru **February 21** (\$80 for the series, \$15 for drop-ins)
- * The Spiritual Cinema Circle is showing "The Gods Must Be Crazy" on **Friday, January 18** at 7 pm. (Donations accepted for this event)
- * The **LHSC Meet-Up Group** has its first event on **January 26**, a Potluck and Game Night, at 7 pm. (\$5 donation accepted for this event)
- * Guitar player, Diedrich Weiss, performs a Concert of original music on **February 1** at 8 pm (\$5 at the door)
- * Connie Gundy facilitates a class called "*Misery is Optional*" on Thursdays at 7 pm, **February 7-28**. (\$50 for the series).
- * Jill Englund begins a series of **12-Step Meditations'** classes at **7 pm, February 13 thru April 30**. (\$10 per class). Visit www.lhscweb.org or call Lily or Cori in the Church Office at 612-922-4272.

[Wonderment](#) offers a series of Valentine's crafts classes in February including: **Preschool Valentines; Valentines for Ages 5 and Up;** and **Adult Valentines with Champagne and Chocolate**. Visit their [website](#) for full details of times and fees.

Don't miss [Wild Rumpus'](#) **story hour** on **Mondays at 10:30am**; and [Creative Kidstuff's](#) **story hour** on **Thursdays at 10am**. In January and February, Creative Kidstuff will be collecting books for the non-profit Learning Disabilities Association of Minnesota (LDA). Drop off new or gently used books which will be donated to families in need in an effort to encourage a continued pattern of reading during summer months when school is not in session.

Help **spread the news** - forward this newsletter to friends and family in Linden Hills suggesting they "**Join the Mailing List**". We don't want anyone to miss out! To submit articles for the e-news, please email Felicity by Feb 10th at marty@summitlakelodge.com with "e-news" in the subject line.
'Till next month...

Felicity Britton
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