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Linden Hills Neighborhood Council E-Newsletter

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Dear Scott,

You know things are heating up when you receive 5 pages of single spaced information for the e-news. I'm trying a different layout to see if we can fit more information into our small space -bear with me as I experiment! Enjoy this busy month!

CVS Moving next Door? Almsted's to be Replaced by CVS

The development firm of a drugstore chain, CVS/pharmacy, has recently informed LHiNC about their ongoing discussions with the landowner of the former Almsted's grocery location and adjacent gas station property.

The firm has expressed a willingness to receive neighborhood feedback on this commercial development plan design. LHiNC is convening a community forum to solicit your input. The first community session on the proposed CVS/pharmacy plan has been set for **Tuesday, April 8, 7-8 pm at Southwest High School, West Building, in the lunch room.**

To stay informed, sign up for our [mailing list](#) and select "CVS Updates" as one of your list choices.

Linden Hills Festival Free Hot Dog and Pop!

Ok, it's probably not the free hot dog and pop that gives our great volunteers the motivation to give up two hours of their time to set up, sell tickets, serve their neighbors food, or help clean up afterwards. The real incentive is that it just feels really good to do something for others. If you don't yet know how that feels -sign up! No previous experience

Fundraising Party for the PEACE Foundation Sunday 3/16 - 3-5pm

Join Ward 13 neighbors in support of the PEACE Foundation, for a wine and cheese party at the home of Adele Della Torre, **3827 Zenith Ave. South**. Sondra Samuels and neighbors from the Northside will join us to talk about the PEACE Foundation's vision to unite Northside neighbors with the broader community, in an effort to transform our city and end local violence. Sponsored by the 13th Ward Interfaith Coalition for Social Justice - **One City/One Future.**

East Harriet & LH Clean Up Earth (Worm?) Day

You see one another walking around it all the time. We roasted marshmallows and met 'in the middle' to fly kites at KiteFest in January. Now, Linden Hills and East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhoods are coming together on Earth Day to clean up around our beloved Lake Harriet. Just show up near the **Bandshell, April 19th, 9:30am-12pm**. Gloves and bags will be provided. Come show your support and don't forget to trash talk about who has the best neighborhood (us of course!!) Volunteers are also encouraged to pick up and remove earthworms, as they are an invasive species to Minnesota.

necessary. The festival will be held at **Linden Hills Park on May 18th** and requires **over 150 volunteers**. Please consider donating 2 hours of your time. Sign up [here!](#) Or call Laurie Foster on 929-3214.

Streetcar Operators Wanted

Would you like to carry on a Linden Hills tradition that has gone on for over 110 years? If so, then come and **learn to drive** one of three historic Twin City Lines **streetcars** operating at our own neighborhood's Como-Harriet Streetcar Line. Training starts in late April. For more information visit our website: www.trolleyride.org, call 763-576-0608 or send an e-mail to rpeaton@mac.com

Poet's Corner

The next deadline to submit poetry to the **Southwest Journal** is **March 31**. The next poetry issue will come out in April, which -- not coincidentally -- is National Poetry Month.

The Southwest Journal is sponsoring a spring **Poetry Slam -- Thursday April 17 at Java Jacks (46th and Bryant)**. The fun begins at **7PM**. Our last slam was a great evening of poetry, with readers ranging in age from 8 to 83 and a tense and exciting final round to pick a winner. Bring your best poetry... and your confidence: enough for several rounds!

"Between the Lakes: The Poets of Linden Hills," is selling steadily. We're down to the last few boxes, so if you're looking for a thoughtful gift, or don't have your own copy yet, now is the time to purchase. The book is available at Bibelot, Linden Hills Florist, Bayers Hardware and other local merchants. All profits go back to the poets.

Our pre-Valentine's Day Love Poetry reading was well attended and delightful -- candles, champagne, chocolate, and love poetry both moving and cynical. If you'd like to host a reading, let me know: wilhide@skypoint.com.

Trolley Car Press (publisher of "Between the Lakes") is getting close to publishing its second volume. This one is a collection of writings by Clarence Jonk, a Minnesotan who wrote poetry for over 50 years, grew up on a farm near Raymond, lived in Wisconsin and California and -- among many other things -- tried to sail a houseboat down the Mississippi without a rudder in 1933. Stay tuned for dates and details.

For more information about the Clean Up, visit www.minneapolisearthday.com

Park News

Spring Fling Egg Hunt

Come on down and take part in a great Linden Hills tradition! Puppet show & story time for the youngsters, art projects and more for the kids and everyone loves the egg hunt!

Sat Mar 22: 10:30 am- 12 pm \$10/ family- register one child under main listing and all additional guest under "additional family members" at www.minneapolisparks.org

T-Ball and Pitching Machine Baseball

Signups for kids grades K-3. Sign up before **April 1** to guarantee your child a spot, spots open based on availability after that. Coaches needed, no experience necessary. Check out www.swac.info for registration and more info.

Spring Program Registration has begun register for fun programs like ceramics, yoga, art, events and more- go to www.minneapolisparks.org to view offerings and register now.

\$25 Trees

The City of Minneapolis and Tree Trust is making 1,000 trees available to city residents for planting this spring. The trees cost \$25 each, and are approximately 6-to-10 feet tall with a 1 inch trunk. Residents can order one tree per household, and the 1,000 trees will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis. Residents can choose from five tree varieties, including Bicolor Oak, Fall Fiesta Sugar Maple, Pagoda Dogwood, Japanese Tree Lilac or Welchi Juniper.

Orders can be placed online between **March 11 and April 11** by visiting Tree Trust at www.treetrust.org or by picking up an order form from your neighborhood group or local library. **Tree pick-up dates are May 10 and 11 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and May 12 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.** at the former Franklin Middle School East parking lot at 1501 Aldrich Avenue N. For more information on how to order a tree, contact Tree Trust by visiting www.treetrust.org or by calling (651) 644-5800.

Bayers Turns 85!

On **Saturday April 26th** Bayers Do it Best Hardware will celebrate its 85th anniversary. In 1923 current owner Bob Bayer's Great Uncle Cecil Clark purchased the hardware store that had opened in 1919 in the former Lake Harriet

Recycling Run

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.** Both races begin at the Lake Harriet Bandshell. The 5K run will be chip timed and prizes will be awarded to the top female and male finishers in each age category.

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. Registration forms can also be downloaded at www.minneapolisrecyclerun.com or are available at your local recreation center.

Neighborhood Happenings Events at 43rd/Upton and Beyond

FREE ONE HOUR TALK BY SCOTT PRELLER, CSB OF BOSTON MA; Sunday **April 13th; 2 PM**. Third Church of Christ, Scientist; **4200 Xerxes Ave S** "THE MEDICINE OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE". For further information please stop by the Reading Room at 4306 Upton Ave S between 10-4.

Bullies Beware! Bullies better be on their best behavior when Jeff Kinney, author of *The Diary of a Wimpy Kid* books comes to visit. Will all the secrets of those evil bullies be revealed? Wimpy kids of the world unite!! **Saturday, March 29, 2008 2:00 p.m; Wild Rumpus; 2720 W 43rd St.**

ALOHA!!!! Come celebrate the arrival (or hope!) of spring with a Wild Rumpus luau! Barbara Joosse's (*Mama, Do You Love Me?* and *Papa, Do You Love Me?*) newest picture book, is set in Hawaii, and since WR can't take all their animals to the Big Island, they'll do their best to bring some sun to you. Bring your Grandmas, Grandpas, Moms and Dads and special friends for an unforgettable afternoon. **Friday, April 4, 2008 1:30 p.m. Wild Rumpus.**

Read the Book, Meet the Author: Loretta Ellsworth. *In Search of Mockingbird* tells the story of Erin, who in 1986 leaves St. Paul on a Greyhound bus travelling to Monroeville, Alabama. With her writing journal in hand, her favorite book by her side, and her mother's diary tucked safely in her backpack she sets off to meet her idol, Harper Lee. What she learns on her trip is life changing **Monday, April 7, 2008 7:00 p.m; Wild Rumpus.**

Theater (silent movies) location at 4312 Upton S. In the mid 1930s Bob's father Max Bayers traveled from Montana and began working in the store. He learned the hardware business from the ground up from his uncles Cecil and Emil who were partners at that time. After World War II, Max returned from Montana with his young family and began purchasing an interest in the business. Max's son Bob began working at the store while still in high school in the late 1960s and began purchasing the business from Max in 1977. Max passed away last May at the age of 91. Check the April e-news for details on door prizes and other specials to celebrate the 85th Anniversary.

Wear Your Local Pride on your Sleeve Design a T-shirt!

Want to see your creativity spread all over the neighborhood? Share your t-shirt artwork ideas that show the unique character and style of Linden Hills. Pick a feature or aspect that you find characteristic of our neighborhood and share it with us in your own way.

Please submit your unique design idea no later than **April 15** via email (.pdf files preferred), P.O. Box 24049, Minneapolis, MN 55424, or arrange a time for pick-up from a board member via Scott at 612-926-2906. The Communications Committee will select the design and it will be debuted on t-shirts for sale at the Linden Hills Festival. Submitted artwork will become the special property of LHiNC for future uses and display, such as on the website.

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.

Letter from the Chair

"Hey Linea, get over here a minute..." my neighbor Dan yelled out as I ran past at the end of a workout, and I groaned. I'd just been recruited to help trim alley weeds he felt were getting too close to power lines. "You know, there's a lot of things people can do to help the city, little stuff like this," he remarked. Groan

Single's Potluck and Game Night on **March 15 @ 7 pm.** \$5 **Lake Harriet Spiritual Community, (LHSC) 44th/Upton.**

Film: "When Your Hands Are Tied" - stories about the struggles and triumphs of Native Americans in our culture. **Friday, March 21 @ 7 pm.** (Donations accepted for this event) **Lake Harriet Spiritual Community.**

"Taste of Mongolia" Benefit - March 22, 6-8 pm LHSC is hosting a benefit for a 14 year old Mongolian girl who is awaiting a blood transfusion in the hope of curing her Leukemia. This child is a friend of Thupten Dadak of Heart of Tibet (in Linden Hills). The evening includes Mongolian and Tibetan food, Mandukhai Circus Performance, Tibetan Chanting and music and a Silent Auction. \$25 Donation. **LHSC.**

Easter Brunch/Potluck - Sunday, March 23 @ Noon We provide the main course and you bring a side-dish, salad or dessert to share. Bring the whole family for fellowship! **LHSC.**

Film: the premier showing of **"The Moses Code"** on **Friday, April 4th and Saturday April 5th @ 7 pm.** Learn to live a life influenced by the rich blessings of God's message: "I Am" \$10 at the door. **LHSC**

My Neighborhood Fitness offers a **Yoga Class/Fundraiser** for LHSC the first Sunday of every month @ 5:30 pm - The next class is April 6 (Recommended Donation \$5)

Ongoing Classes and Groups:

My Neighborhood Fitness - Yoga & fitness classes - Monday thru Thursday nights; 16-Step Sobriety Circle - Mondays at 8 pm; Jeremiah Rangle offers Oneness Blessing - Tuesdays at 7 pm; Pray the Aquarian Rosary - Thursdays at 5:30 pm; Join the Drumming Circle - Fridays at 7 pm; 12-Step Meditations - Wednesdays at 7 pm, thru April 30. \$10 per class; Spiritual discussion group - Weds - 7-8:30 pm -. The discussion is shifting to the book, "The Moses Code" (Group is Free & books are available for purchase thru LHSC); Cori Lee Stahlecker begins another series of Fire Dancing classes on Thursdays from 7-8:30 pm, from March 20-April 24. \$15 per class. **LHSC.**

Mark your calendar for the **Household Hazardous Waste collection** at **SW High** on **April 19th.** Details to come next month.

again. It was not civic duty that kept me in the alley holding ropes for him, but the memory of how Dan helped get three enormous truckloads of food to Linden Hills park for the Festival last year, and at a moment's notice. My weekend morning coffee plans were scrapped, while Dan (the handiest person I know) patiently instructed me (the klutziest person I know) on what rope to hold and pull where.

Dan and I are as different as our two retaining walls on this hilly street. From philosophy and politics to music and beer, we have a lot to banter and be sarcastic about-because we don't agree on anything.

This is precisely why I recruited his help with LHiNC. Neighborhood organizations are strengthened by being widely representative of our community, and Dan offers it a perspective I don't.

As creatures of habit, change gives us mixed feelings of both resistance and excitement. We know it's inevitable- sometimes necessary. It usually requires effort, but it always offers a chance to grow in some way-and therein lies the opportunity here. To assist this growth process, let's start a conversation, even if it's not comfortable at first. We will need your input, participation, and trust over these next couple months. I invite-no, I urge you, to thoughtfully participate and voice opinions in upcoming forums on neighborhood development. Devote one evening to this. And if you're really gutsy-bring a neighbor with you that may not see things your way. You might be surprised that you can find common ground together.

Every day, Dan looks out at my rock wall and I his. We are quirky, almost comical opposites. But Dan helps sharpen my opinion, and I'm wiser for listening to his. After 'only' eight years on the same block, we collaborate now and then as do-gooders. I think he knows that behind my sarcasm is deep respect. Even if the only way I show it is to keep that lousy beer he drinks in my fridge, so we can sharpen each other's wit once in awhile.

See you soon.

Linea

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

Sincerely,

Felicity Britton
for the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council

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