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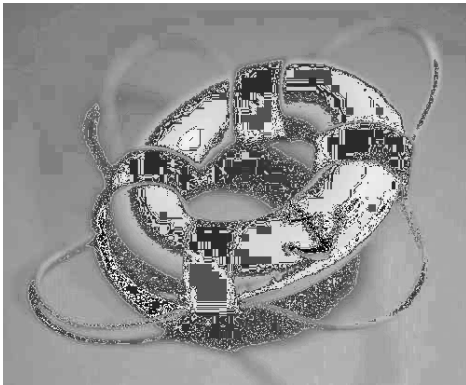


A BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE LINDEN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (LHiNC)

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## **Help! Help! We Need You!**

*Consider running for a seat on the LHiNC Board*



**I**f you want to invest your energy and talents by giving back to the neighborhood, we need you to run for a seat on the Board of Directors of the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council.

**LHiNC is especially in need of Board members with skills and experience in law, finance, fundraising, housing and marketing.**

**What is the LHiNC Board?** The LHiNC Board is the city-recognized neighborhood organization representing Linden Hills. It is responsible for soliciting and representing residents' perspectives; increasing community involvement; acting as a voice for the neighborhood in civic affairs affecting community; promoting social, cultural, recreational, and educational

opportunities in the area; overseeing implementation of LHiNC's Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Action Plans; and fundraising including, among other efforts, organizing the Linden Hills Festival.

**Who is eligible to run for a seat on the Board?** Linden Hills residents, age 18 and over, can run for a Board position.

**How much of a time commitment is necessary?** This is a two-year term (November 2006-October 2008) averaging eight to ten hours per month. Board members attend monthly Board meetings, generally the first Tuesday of the month from 7:00-9:00pm at Linden Hills Park, and are required to attend a Board orientation Saturday, November 11. Board members also work on the May Festival and serve on two of LHiNC's committees including: Communications, Commercial Business/Commercial Property, Community Outreach, Education & Environment, Festival, Finance, Housing, and Zoning.

Election of 2006-08 Board members will be held Friday, October 13, in conjunction with the Linden Hill Park Fall Event (see above). Applications are due by October 6. To apply, see the information on page 5.

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## **Select, Salute, S'mores - Don't Miss the Biggest Fall Event**

*Potluck, LHiNC elections, Treasure awards, & bonfire*

*Friday, October 13*

*6:30-8:30pm*

*Linden Hills Park*

**Y**ou won't want to miss this event. Join LHiNC for a potluck dinner, meet and vote for LHiNC Board candidates, see the 2006 Treasure Awards (page 2), make S'mores by the bonfire while enjoying music in the crisp autumn air - all in one evening!

**Bring a potluck item to share** and come prepared to enjoy an evening of fun in Linden Hills. ♦

## Would You Like a New Tree Planted on Your Boulevard?

*Make sure to order before October 31*

**B**oulevard trees planted in Linden Hills next year will only be planted if residents request them and indicate that they are willing to keep them properly watered and cared for. This policy began last year and will continue for one more, to see if there is an increase in tree survival.

To request a tree planted on your empty boulevard, call 370-4900 and ask for the Forestry Division. **Trees are ordered this fall for spring planting, so you must call before October 31 to request your tree.** The type of tree planted will conform to the master planting plan for your block. Look up and down your block to see what these trees look like. Variations from the master planting plan will be considered on an individual basis. Trees that are planted include Honeylocust, Oak, Maple, Ginkgo, Linden, Japanese Tree Lilac, Hackberry, Pear and more.

## Looking for Treasures

*Nominate a neighborly resident or business*

**L**ast year LHiNC presented the first annual Linden Hills Treasures Awards. Residents were invited to nominate individuals or businesses that they felt did an outstanding job of making Linden Hills a better place to live. Twelve people were chosen as Linden Hills Treasures for their neighborliness. Now is the time to nominate this year's crop.

**If you know a resident or business that adds to the pleasure of living in Linden Hills, consider nominating your *Treasure* online at [www.linden hills.org](http://www.linden hills.org) or call 926-2906. Nominations will be accepted until September 29. The 2006 LHiNC Treasures will be presented at the October 13 Fall Potluck Event (see page 1). ♦**

## Minneapolis Park Board Plans for Future

*Your input is needed at town meetings*

**T**he Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) invites city residents and park visitors to attend a town meeting, kicking off the Park Board's efforts to gather information as it develops a long-term comprehensive plan.

The MPRB wants to know what the community values about the park system and how the MPRB can best serve the public's park and recreational needs. Activities for children and teens will be available.

The plan, to be completed by late 2007, will define priorities for the allocation of resources to create a park system sensitive to the needs of the community and integral to a thriving city. Now it is the time to hear from city residents and park users. ♦



### Town Meetings

Tues., Sept. 19, 6:30-8:30pm	Van Cleve Park, 901 15 <sup>th</sup> Ave. SE
Thurs., Sept. 21, 6:30-8:30pm	Powderhorn Park, 3400 15 <sup>th</sup> Ave. So.
<b>Sat., Sept. 23, 11:00am-1:00</b>	<b>Lynnhurst Park, 1345 W. Minnehaha Pkwy.</b>
Tues., Sept. 26, 6:30-8:30pm	Whittier Park, 425 W 26 <sup>th</sup> St.
Sat., Sept. 30, 11:00am-1:00	Nokomis Park, 2401 E. Minnehaha Pkwy.
Tues., Oct. 3, 6:30-8:30pm	Loring Park, 1382 Willow St.



## The Gardeners of Linden Hills

## Join the Club and Get Your Hands Dirty

**T**he Gardeners of Linden Hills usually meet the third Tuesday of the month and **welcome new members**. Upcoming events include:

*September 19 Pruning with Kathy Urberg*  
*October 17 Making Dried Arrangements for Fall*  
*November 28 Annual Potluck and Making of Swags or Wreaths*

For more information about the events or to join the club, contact **Christine Gepp** at 926-0387 or [cgepp@spacestar.net](mailto:cgepp@spacestar.net). ♦

## Steering Students Towards History

*Volunteer needed to work with local schools*

A volunteer is needed to work with teachers in neighborhood schools to create and facilitate student projects on local history. LHiNC and the Linden Hills History Study Group are forming strategies to increase neighborhood heritage-related entertainment at the Linden Hills Festival and other events. Your enthusiasm about education and neighborhood history will help to tap sources of involvement within neighborhood schools. You will be a part of the History Study Group planning team and receive the support of its membership and resources. If you are interested, contact JoEllen Haugo at [jhaugo@mn.rr.com](mailto:jhaugo@mn.rr.com) or 926-0646. ♦

## Remodeled Home Tour a Success

On August 13, over 100 people visited 11 homes during the first ever Lake Harriet Remodeled Home Tour. The tour raised nearly \$900 for East Harriet Farmstead, Fulton, Lynnhurst and Linden Hills neighborhood associations. The event provided an opportunity to explore the neighborhoods and current remodeling trends.

The tour is slated to become an annual event. Thanks to the people who opened their homes, the remodelers involved and everyone who went on the tour. To be notified about next year's tour or to volunteer, contact Ben Kolkman at 925-5990 or [BenKolkman@GreatMinneapolis.com](mailto:BenKolkman@GreatMinneapolis.com). ♦

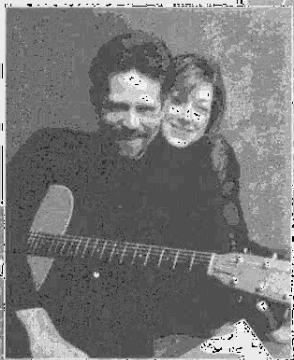
## Kids Voting

*Volunteers needed*

On November 8, 2005, more than 2,800 youth went with their parents to polling places to cast "their ballots" in the City's election. With their votes, they put into practice some of the important lessons learned through the Kids Voting civic leadership program.

Kids Voting is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that educates and engages young people and their families in voting.

**Volunteers are the life-blood of Kids Voting and are needed to keep it up and running.** Volunteers are needed on Election Day, November 7, to adopt and staff neighborhood polling places so students can vote. Call 227-9440 or go to [www.kidsvotingminneapolis.org](http://www.kidsvotingminneapolis.org) if you can help. ♦



## A Benefit for Community Solar Power with Neal & Leandra

Neal & Leandra will perform at a special concert to raise funds for "Rays the Roof", Linden Hills Co-op's project to install an array of solar panels on its roof and produce clean energy with community support. All proceeds from the concert will go to support the Community Solar Project. For more information, to buy tickets or to make a tax deductible donation to "Rays the Roof" stop by the Linden Hills Co-op. Read more about it in the online article in the Northcountry Cooperative Foundation newsletter, Summer 2006 issue at: <http://neal.coop/CommunitySolar.htm>.

**Sunday, Sept. 24, 5pm., 2718 W. 43rd St.**  
*(in the ballroom above Wild Rompage)*

**Concert & Reception \$40** *(suggested minimum donation)*

**Tickets are available at the Linden Hills Co-op.**



## Money Can Grow on Trees

*A wonderful opportunity to help Linden Hills and the environment*

Linden Hills residents Amy and Rob Parish, trustees of the Hendry Family Foundation, have given the neighborhood a challenge. They will match all donations to LHiNC received by December 10, up to \$12,000. This money will be used to buy boulevard trees, treat diseased elms, install benches near the park building entry and fund other efforts to make the neighborhood an even more beautiful and pleasant place.

**Just think, this means that for a limited time, your \$125 donation, the average cost of a new boulevard tree, can buy two trees for \$250.** Or we could help save

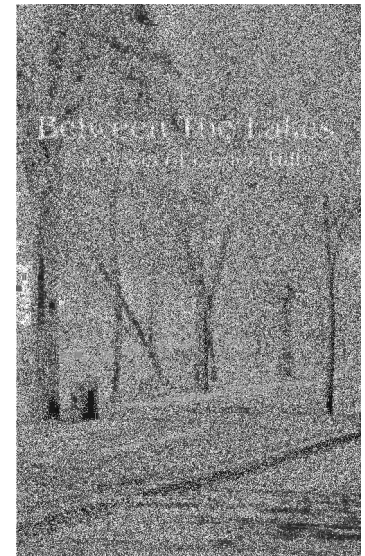


twice as many elms in the neighborhood as would otherwise be possible. The LHiNC Education and Environment Committee could host additional workshops on tree care and other environmental topics of interest to the neighborhood.

**Your donation in any amount can help us reach our goal.** You can send your **tax deductible** contribution to LHiNC Treasurer, P.O. Box 24049, Mpls., MN, 55424. Please make the check to LHiNC and enter *Hendry Match* in the memo line.

For more information, contact Kathy Urberg at 929-0273 or kurberg.mn.rr.com.

Working together, we can make Linden Hills an even more beautiful neighborhood!



## Poetry Book Sells, Even in the Rain

*By Doug Wilhide*

While walking around Lake Harriet, my wife and I were caught in a downpour and forced to take shelter at a kiosk. A couple from Bloomington was sharing the small space, and I just happened to point out a poster for our Linden Hills poetry book. "Is that your book?" they asked. "Why, yes it is," I said.

I mentioned a few features, and the man pulled out a wet \$20 bill and said, "Send me one. Please sign it, and be sure to put my wife's name first!" Trusting folks—you gotta love living in the Midwest!

We've averaged about two book sales a day for the first five months and have distributed over a third of the print run. The book is available at various Linden Hills shops and the Minnesota History Center, Mill City Museum and Lucia's restaurant. You can also order at wilhide@skypoint.com. The book is a must-have addition to every Linden Hills home and makes a great gift. ♦

## Halloween in the Hills

*Linden Hills Park event, October 31*

Don't miss this year's Halloween event at the Linden Hills Park. What will the theme be this year? Previous themes have included Alice in Wonderland and Dr. Seuss. Bring the family to this fun event and enjoy some great treats from 6:00-8:00pm on Tuesday, October 31. ♦

## Fall Leaf Collection

*Be on the lookout for parking restrictions*

Yard waste (e.g., brush, leaves and other yard trimmings) curbside collection by the City of Minneapolis will end mid-November. Street sweeping will begin shortly after and last about five weeks. During street sweeping, no parking is allowed on the streets being swept; all vehicles left on the posted streets will be towed at the owner's expense.

**See when your street will be scheduled for sweeping** by calling 311 or go to [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/streetsweep](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/streetsweep). **Sign up to receive a phone call the night before your street's scheduled sweep** at the same website or by calling 311. ♦

# Linden Hills Neighborhood Council 2006-08 Board of Directors Application

We welcome your application to the LHiNC Board of Directors. See p. 1 for qualifications, time commitment and election information. The board election will occur October 13 at the Linden Hills Park.

**Apply on-line at [www.linden hills.org](http://www.linden hills.org)**

Complete this application & mail to LHiNC, P.O. <sup>or</sup> Box 24049, Minneapolis, MN 55424 - or - fax to 929-2449

**Application deadline: October 6, 5:00 p.m.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address\*:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide complete address. Only *intersection* will be posted, e.g. 40th & Xerxes.

**Home Phone\*:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail\*:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please write something about yourself, your interests and why you would like to participate on LHiNC.  
List any organizations, activities, clubs, etc. in which you actively participate.**

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**Please list your concerns, hopes and goals for the neighborhood.**

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**List any special skills you would bring to LHiNC, e.g. architectural, fundraising, marketing, financial/accounting, legal, landscaping, writing or computer expertise, meeting facilitation or mediation skills, organizational development, volunteer management/recruitment.**

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If you have questions please contact LHiNC at 926-2906 or [info@linden hills.org](mailto:info@linden hills.org).  
Applications will be posted at the park building October 10. Items with an asterisk (\*) will not be posted.

# NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR

Details at [www.linden hills.org](http://www.linden hills.org)

## SEPTEMBER

- 18 Zoning Committee\*
- 19 Garden Club Event (p 2)
- 19 Housing Committee\*
- 23 Park Town Meeting (p 2)
- 24 Solar Power Benefit (p 3)
- 26 Environment Committee\*
- 29 Treasures Deadline (p 2)

## OCTOBER

- 1 Twin Cities Marathon†
- 3 LHiNC Board Meeting\*
- 6 Deadline Board App (p 1)
- 13 Potluck and Elections (p 1)
- 16 Zoning Committee\*
- 17 Garden Club Event (p 2)
- 17 Housing Committee\*
- 24 Environment Committee\*
- 25 Articles due for LH Line
- 31 Halloween at Park (p 4)
- 31 Tree Order Deadline (p 2)

## NOVEMBER

- 2 Communications Committee\*
- 7 General Elections
- 14 LHiNC Board Meeting\*
- 20 Zoning Committee\*
- 21 Housing Committee\*
- 28 Environment Committee\*
- 28 Garden Club Event (p 2)

\* 7:00pm LHPark

† For street closing and more,  
call (763) 287-3888

For details, contact LHiNC.

Sign up for LHiNC's  
e-newsletter. Go to  
[www.linden hills.org](http://www.linden hills.org) and  
click 'Sign up for our  
Email Newsletter.'

## Donate a Bench to Linden Hills Park

*Your contribution will be matched*

The LHiNC Education and Environment Committee, together with the Minneapolis Park Board, will be renovating the area in front of the Linden Hills Park Building. There will be a small seating area under the overhang at the 43<sup>rd</sup> St. entrance. We need four benches to make this seating area the welcoming, comfortable place that it can be.

**Donating a bench can be a lovely way to memorialize or honor anyone who has enjoyed nature and Linden Hills.** A tax-deductible donation of

\$2,500 is needed for a memorial bench. Smaller donations can be used to purchase a bench without a memorial designation.

**Any donations will also generate additional money for Linden Hills by qualifying for matching funds from the Hendry Foundation (see page 4).**

For more information, contact Kathy Urberg at [kurberg@mn.rr.com](mailto:kurberg@mn.rr.com) or 929-0273.

## LHiNC Supports SWAC

*NRP funds use of local gyms*

Did you know for the past 11 years LHiNC has paid for the Southwest Activities Council (SWAC) to use local gyms for practices and games? **Using Phase I NRP funds, LHiNC pays for the labor necessary to open and close community gyms** (i.e., Southwest High School, Lake Harriet Community School) allowing SWAC participants to practice and host games in the neighborhood.

This is another example of how NRP funds work toward bettering our community. For more information regarding NRP, visit [www.nrp.org](http://www.nrp.org) or call 926-2906. ♦



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