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# *The Linden Hills Line*

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

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## **LHiNC Board Elections October 12**

*We need you. Consider running for a seat on the LHiNC Board*

**I**f you would like to invest your energy and talents by giving back to our neighborhood, consider running for a seat on the Board of Directors of the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council (LHiNC).

**What is the LHiNC Board?** The LHiNC Board is the city-recognized neighborhood organization of 15 elected members who represent 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 our community; promoting social, cultural, recreational, and educational opportunities in the area; overseeing implementation of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Action Plans; and fundraising including, among other efforts, organizing the Linden Hills Festival.

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## **Linden Hills Fall Fest**

*Meet the 2007 LHiNC Treasures, vote on Articles of Incorporation changes and elect new board members while enjoying a s'more!*

**J**oin LHiNC at the Linden Hills Park for a potluck dinner on Friday, October 12, for the Linden Hills Fall Fest. Linden Hills residents can meet the candidates, vote for new LHiNC Board members and have an opportunity to meet the 2007 LHiNC Treasures—residents who help make the neighborhood a special place to live (see page 6).

**Linden Hills residents will also have an opportunity to vote on LHiNC's new Restated Articles of Incorporation.** LHiNC is streamlining the Articles by moving much of the information into the Bylaws, which will allow for ease in updating in the future. The items that will be changing are: term lengths for Board members will become two years instead of one; standing committees will be updated to reflect the current structure; officer election by the Board will be at the Board meeting following the board member election; and the fiscal year will change from January 1-December 31 to July 1-June 30. View all the proposed changes at [www.lindenhills.org](http://www.lindenhills.org), or call 926-2906 to receive a copy.

**Please bring a potluck dish to share and come prepared to enjoy an evening of fun in Linden Hills with a bonfire, s'mores and music. ♦**

## Board Members Wanted, *Continued from page 1*

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

**How much of a time commitment is necessary?** Terms are two years (November 2007-October 2009), averaging eight to ten hours per month. Board members attend monthly Board meetings (generally the first Tuesday of the month) and are required to attend a Board orientation on Saturday, November 3. Board members also work on the Linden Hills Festival in May and serve on two LHiNC committees including: Communications, Creating Sustainable Community, Community Outreach, Environment, Fundraising, Finance, Housing, and Zoning.

**Interested, but have some questions?** Current LHiNC board members will be available for a casual question and answer session on Monday, September 24 and Thursday, October 4—both at 7:00pm at the Linden Hills Park building, located at 43rd & Xerxes. Come and learn more about this opportunity.

Election of 2007-09 Board members will be held Friday, October 12, in conjunction with the Linden Hills Fall Fest (see page 1). **Applications are due by October 9.** For more information or to apply, visit [www.linden hills.org](http://www.linden hills.org), call 926-2906 or email [info@linden hills.org](mailto:info@linden hills.org). ♦

## Remodeled Home Tour A Success

**O**n August 12, over 150 people visited 14 homes during the second annual Lake Harriet Remodeled Home Tour. **The tour raised a total of nearly \$600 for the Lake Harriet Kite Fest, Lynnhurst Community Center, Linden Hills Library and Fulton Festival.**

Thanks to those who opened their homes, volunteers who worked at the tour, the remodelers involved and everyone who went on the tour. **A special thanks to Ben Kolkman, LHiNC Board member, who organized the event.** To be notified about next year's tour, contact Ben at [www.RemodeledHomeTour.com](http://www.RemodeledHomeTour.com) or 925-5990. ♦

## Wireless Minneapolis Coming to Linden Hills

**T**he City of Minneapolis signed a 10-year contract with US Internet of Minnetonka to provide Minneapolis with cutting-edge broadband technology, making Minneapolis one of the first large cities in the United States to go wireless. US Internet will fund, build and manage the wireless network, providing residents, businesses and visitors with wireless broadband access anywhere in

the city. The network will also allow the city to deliver services more efficiently and effectively.

The network is being installed in phases. **Linden Hills is part of the second phase, slated to be completed by the end of September or early October.** You will be notified via a flyer in your mail from US Internet when the service is available. **You may preregister online at [www.usinternet.com](http://www.usinternet.com) to be notified when service is available.**

Go to [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/wirelessminneapolis](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/wirelessminneapolis) or [www.usinternet.com](http://www.usinternet.com) for more information. ♦



## Decent Exposure

*Photography project begins in Linden Hills*

**I**n June the LHiNC Board agreed to participate in a year-long program, "What's New," led by OverExposure. OverExposure is a non-profit organization specifically promoting photography for public art projects having social impact and/or educational value. Every neighborhood in the Twin Cities was encouraged to participate.

Neighborhoods choosing to take part in the project were partnered with an OverExposure photographer. Linden Hills was fortunate to partner with Minneapolis photographer Richard Wong, whose work can be viewed at [www.richardwestleywong.com](http://www.richardwestleywong.com). Over the next year you will see Richard, wearing his OverExposure identification tag with camera in hand, roaming throughout Linden Hills. He will be attending neighborhood events and activities using his creative talent to photographically document "What's New" in our neighborhood.



Look for more information on the website or in the newsletter as to where you can view these photos. ♦



# LINDEN HILLS PARK GOOD ENERGY FAIR

## Learn to Conserve on October 6 at Linden Hills Park!

*Classes, food & music celebrate good energy solutions*

Linden Hills Park will hold a lively neighborhood fair focusing on reducing the effects of global warming on **Saturday, October 6, from 11:00am - 3:00pm**. The goal is to provide education and neighborhood activities that will empower those who attend and let them walk away knowing how they can make a positive difference locally and globally. Enjoy good food, music & community! Creating Sustainable Community, a LHiNC committee, along with the Linden Hills Co-op and other local volunteers will help Linden Hills Park organize the event.

**For information go to [www.lindenhills.org](http://www.lindenhills.org) or contact Linden Hills Park at 43rd & Xerxes or 370-4913.**

### WORKSHOPS & ACTIVITIES

- Benefits for all—organic/local food
- Bike repair
- Bike safety course
- Learn how to stop wasting energy with your home electronics. Save money and the planet!
- Low-interest home improvement loan info
- Home energy audits
- Learn about the upcoming waste organics pilot program for composting
- Create a small green roof
- Folk Jam, join in this live music gathering

### FREE/GIVEAWAYS (while supplies last)

- Bike Repair Kits
- Bus Passes
- Compact Fluorescent Bulbs
- Low Flow Showerheads
- Natural & Organic Treats

### PARTICIPATING GROUPS

- LHiNC Committees: Creating Sustainable Community, Environment, Housing
- HourCar
- Linden Hills Co-op
- Linden Hills Power and Light
- MN Energy Challenge
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- Living Green 365
- RoofBloom
- SWHS Green Team



*The City of Minneapolis provided funding for this project.*

*Thanks to Xcel Energy and other local businesses for their donations and support.*

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## Family Halloween Party October 25

Join Southwest Community Education on Thursday, October 25, from 7pm-9pm, for their annual Family Halloween Party at Southwest High School, located at 3414 W. 47th St. Activities include carnival games, a raffle for door prizes, a moonwalk, magic shows, puppet shows, treats, prizes and lots of fun things for children ages 1-99! Shows are free and games cost 25¢ each.

All children must be accompanied by an adult—no scary or inappropriate costumes please. **Food donations will be collected at the door to help the Metro Food Shelf.** The cost is \$5 per family. ♦

# Linden Hills History Study Group Programs

*Twin Cities architecture and the Minnehaha Creek*

Larry Millett, author of the newly published definitive architecture book, *AIA Guide to the Twin Cities: the Essential Source on the Architecture of Minneapolis and St. Paul*, will present an illustrated discussion of Twin Cities architecture focusing on Linden Hills and the larger southwest area. **The program, sponsored by the Linden Hills History Study Group, will be on Wednesday, October 3 at 7:00pm at St. John's Episcopal Church, 4201 Sheridan Ave. So.** There is a \$3 admission charge for non-LHHSG members.

Mr. Millett, former architectural critic for the St. Paul Pioneer Press, is author of other history-related books including: *Lost Twin Cities* and *Twin Cities Then and Now*. He has also written the delightful books placing Sherlock Holmes in Minnesota including *Sherlock Holmes and the Ice Palace Murders*.

**Also, mark your calendars for *Minnehaha Creek: A History in Pictures* presented by Deborah Morse-Kahn, Director of Regional Research Associates, on Tuesday November 13 at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 4801 France Ave S at 7:00pm.**

For more information contact JoEllen at 926-0646, or visit the group's website [www.lindenhillshistory.org](http://www.lindenhillshistory.org). ♦



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## A Word About Almsted's Sunnyside Market

After 15 years of business in our community, Almsted's Sunnyside Market will be closing its doors on or around September 15, 2007.

There has been a significant amount of rumor and conjecture regarding this closing; consequently, the LHiNC Board has consulted with both Jim Almsted and Lund's/Byerly's in order to understand and communicate the facts surrounding the closing:

- According to Jim Almsted, this closing was a business decision motivated by several years of revenue losses at Almsted's Market. It was not, Jim clearly states, a result of any predatory action by any corporate entities. *It was a business decision based on a lack of profitability and revenue loss, coupled with a lease that expires in two years and the knowledge that his rent would increase dramatically.*
- According to both Jim and Lund's/Byerly's, Lund's/Byerly's is not buying Jim out of his business. Rather, they have agreed to hire many of Almsted's Sunnyside employees at their current compensation.
- The owner of the building and property where the market resides is currently unavailable for comment and his long term plans for the space are as yet unknown.
- Jim is the leaseholder of Sunnyside Market until the end of 2009 and will remain so unless another interested party comes to a separate agreement with the building/property owner.

The LHiNC Board will continue to seek information and will communicate with the neighborhood regarding the future of the commercial space.

Meanwhile, we thank Jim Almsted and his team for their positive community presence over the past 15 years. It is well known that Jim has always been an energetic and generous participant in the local community, volunteering his help and store products for the benefit of our schools, local non-profits, festivals and more. We wish him well with his other businesses and hope to have the opportunity to work with him in the future. ♦

# Linden Hills Park Activities



- **Fall Program registration** is available at the park or online (see below).
- **SWAC Sports Registration** for volleyball is now open. Go to [www.swac.info](http://www.swac.info) or pick up forms at the park.
- Celebrate **Halloween at The Hills** on Tuesday, October 31, from 6:00pm-8:00pm.
- A change in **building hours** are now in effect: Monday-Thursday: Noon-9:00pm, Friday: Noon-8:30pm, Saturday: 9am-2pm

Linden Hills Park is located at 43rd & Xerxes. For details regarding any of the programs listed above and more, call 370-4913 or visit [www.minneapolisparcs.com](http://www.minneapolisparcs.com) ♦

## Get \$100 to Remove Your Buckthorn

*The Environment Committee will help pay for replacement of your buckthorn*



*Buckthorn leaves and berries*

Linden Hills residents still have a lot of buckthorn growing in their yards. Buckthorn was popular years ago because it was an excellent hedge material. **However, when the berries are spread by birds, it quickly multiplies and grows to dominate the forest understory crowding out other saplings and reducing biodiversity.**

The LHiNC Environment Committee removes buckthorn from public park land but as long as it exists on private property, the birds will continue spreading it into public parks. **LHiNC will assist homeowners with the cost of**

**replacing buckthorn hedges and trees through the use of ReLeaf grant funds.**

To receive \$100, contact Kathy Urberg, Environment Committee Chair, at 929-0273. A member of the Environment Committee will come to your home to verify buckthorn exists and once you have removed the plants will return with your check for \$100. **Please help keep parks and woodlands free of buckthorn by removing it from your yard.** ♦

## Save Energy. Save Money. Save the Planet.

In the next few months, neighborhood volunteers will be knocking on your door to discuss the Source Separated Organics curbside collection pilot program scheduled to begin in Spring 2008.

Volunteers will distribute energy saving CFL light bulbs to residents who pledge to sign up for the Energy Challenge. The Challenge shows how small changes in behavior can lead to big savings in carbon emissions and energy bills.

**If you want to be one of 80 volunteers needed, call 285-6557 or go to [www.lhpowerandlight.org](http://www.lhpowerandlight.org).** *The door knocking campaign is sponsored by the City of Minneapolis through a Climate Change Innovation grant.* ♦

## Money Can Grow on Trees

*An opportunity to help Linden Hills and the environment*

Linden Hills residents Amy and Rob Parish, trustees of the Hendry Family Foundation, are challenging the neighborhood once again. **The Hendry Foundation will match all designated donations to LHiNC received by December 31, 2007, up to \$14,000.** The funds will be used to buy boulevard trees, treat diseased elms, and fund other efforts.

This means that for a limited time, **a \$125 donation, the average cost of a new boulevard tree, can buy two trees! Your donation in any amount can help us reach our \$14,000 goal.**

Send your **tax deductible contribution** to LHiNC Hendry Match, P.O. Box 24049, Minneapolis, 55424. Make the check payable to LHiNC and write Hendry Match on the memo line. Or, if you have a PayPal account, **donate online** by paying [info@linden hills.org](mailto:info@linden hills.org).

For more information, contact Kathy Urberg, Chair of the Environment Committee, at 929-0273, or visit [www.linden hills.org](http://www.linden hills.org).

Let's work together to make Linden Hills an even more beautiful neighborhood! ♦

# NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR

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

## SEPTEMBER

- 17 Zoning Committee\*
- 18 CSC Committee Meeting\*
- 18 Housing Committee\*
- 25 Environment Committee\*

## OCTOBER

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- 3 Linden Hills History Study Group Event (pg 4)
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- 15 Zoning Committee\*
- 16 CSC Committee Meeting\*
- 16 Housing Committee\*
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## NOVEMBER

- 13 LHiNC Board Meeting\*
- 13 Linden Hills History Study Group Event (pg 4)
- 19 CSC Committee Meeting\*
- 20 Housing Committee\*
- 19 Zoning Committee\*
- 27 Environment Committee\*

CSC=Creating Sustainable Community  
\* 7pm at Linden Hills Park

**For details contact LHiNC at  
612-926-2906, [info@linden hills.org](mailto:info@linden hills.org)  
or visit [www.linden hills.org](http://www.linden hills.org).**

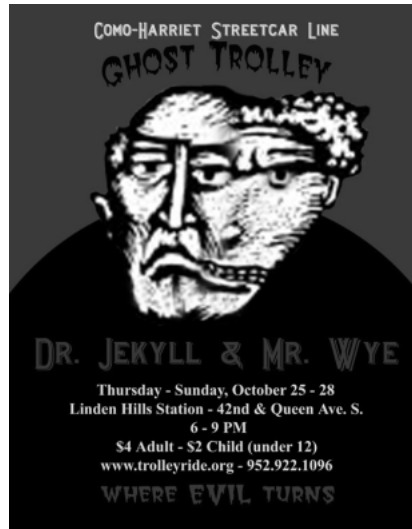
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monthly e-newsletter, or if you are  
a new resident receive a free  
Welcome Packet filled with  
information regarding shops,  
community resources, schools and  
more, by going to  
[www.linden hills.org](http://www.linden hills.org)

## Ghost Trolley

*Don't miss this howling event!*

The Como-Harriet Streetcar Line will operate its ghost trolley again this year. **This year's scary theme will be "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Wye."** The special event will run October 25-28 from 6pm-9pm each evening.

Board the ghost trolley at the Linden Hills station near 42nd & Queen. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. For more information, call 952-922-1096 or visit [www.trolleyride.org](http://www.trolleyride.org). ♦



## Looking for Neighborhood Treasures

*Nominate a resident or business*

On October 12 at the Linden Hills Fall Fest, LHiNC will present the 2007 Linden Hills Treasure Awards. Linden Hills Treasures are residents or businesses who add to the pleasure of living in Linden Hills through their volunteer efforts and commitment to our community.

**Nominate your Treasure online at [www.linden hills.org](http://www.linden hills.org) or call 926-2906.** Nominations will be accepted through September 28. You will be asked for your nominee's name and why you consider them a Treasure. ♦



## LHiNC Home Improvement Loans

**Low Interest Rates  
Loan Amounts to \$15,000  
Generous Household Income Limits**

Contact Jim Hasnik  
Center for Energy & Environment  
335-2650 or [jhasnik@mncee.org](mailto:jhasnik@mncee.org)

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