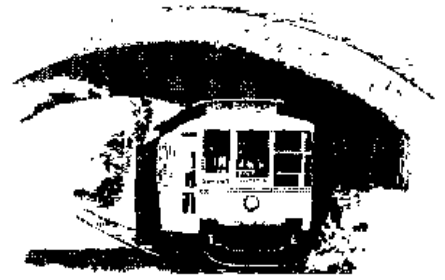


The Linden Hills Line



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

JULY/AUGUST 2007

Rained On but Not Rained Out!

2007 Linden Hills Festival a success

Thank you to all the members of the Linden Hills community who supported LHiNC during this year's annual festival! **Although the rain dampened the ground and some displays, it did not dampen the spirit of our great neighborhood.** The kids loved the ponies, the entertainment was great and the Art Fair/Marketplace had some fun new participants.

As can happen with large events organized by volunteers, there were some wrinkles. The parade operated with less than a full band due to a communications snafu (sorry Southwest High School Marching Band) and the rain created soggy bid sheets at the silent auction. Ice cream didn't sell quite as well, but the mini donuts were a hit! **At the end of the day, kids had fun, adults were able to chat with neighbors and we raised over \$11,000 for the neighborhood the and LHiNC operating budget.**



Festival Parade participants Luci Arnoldy, Erica Gross and Nick Lucas.

Thanks to everyone who stuck it out through the rain, especially the more than 100 volunteers who helped with everything from making cotton candy to signing in silent auction bidders. Thank you to Marc Holtey, Linden Hills Park Director, wonderful partner on this as well as other events throughout the year. As always, we couldn't have had this event without the numerous sponsors who donated products, gave them at cost or donated money to the event (see page 2 for the list of sponsors). Please show your appreciation to them by supporting their businesses.

See you next year! Jennifer Yates Borger, Festival Chair and LHiNC Co-Chair

LHiNC Board Elections

Support your neighborhood

Get involved! Help LHiNC support our neighborhood. Elections, for two-year terms, are held in October. It's a great way to contribute to the community and get to know your neighbors. Board membership is open to residents age 18 and over and requires a commitment of 8-10 hours per month, including attending monthly board meetings, serving on two LHiNC committees and working on the May Festival. For more information or an application, contact Rae Ann, at 926-2906 or at raeann@lindenhills.org. Not sure about being a LHiNC Board member? Join one of LHiNC's committees and/or come to a board meeting. ♦

City Council Approves Zoning Code Changes to Limit Impact of Large Homes

Changes will affect remodeling and building in Linden Hills

The Minneapolis City Council voted unanimously to enact a zoning code amendment authored by Ward 13 Council Member Betsy Hodges aimed at addressing resident concerns over the size and bulk of new homes and remodels. The amendment is currently in effect.

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A BIG Thanks to Everyone Who Helped with the Linden Hills Festival

Committee Members

Chair: Jennifer Yates Borger
Silent Auction: Jennifer Yates Borger & Linea Palmisano
Linden Hills Park Director: Marc Holtey
Food: Ben Kolkman & Jennifer Yates Borger
Garage Sale: Mike Lucas
Entertainment: John Reinan
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Volunteers: Linea Palmisano



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The changes aim to encourage investment in Minneapolis neighborhoods while ensuring that what draws people to the city is maintained. "I am glad people want to invest in Minneapolis and in Southwest Minneapolis," Council Member Hodges says, "People invest because they love it here. I just want to make sure that today's investment doesn't cost them what they love about this city – the neighborhoods, the neighbors and the ability for all kinds of people to live throughout the city."

At a community meeting sponsored by Council Member Hodges in 2006, residents outlined their concerns over both the way many new homes have not fit in with the traditional character of their neighborhoods, as well as the review process for new construction and the need for improved communication between the City, builders and neighbors. Says Council Member Hodges, "These changes push us forward as a city in consideration of the balance between the modern desire for larger homes with the desire to keep what we love so much about our city and its neighborhoods."

What the amendment does:

- **Establishes a Floor Area Ratio (FAR).** The gross floor area will be limited to 50% of the square footage of the lot or 2500 feet, whichever is greater. Areas that will not count toward the FAR limit include open porches, basements (provided they do not extend more than 4 feet above grade), detached garages and attic space (provided the area of the attic is less than half that of the floor below). FAR is simple, flexible and can be applied equitably city-wide.
- **Reduces height limit from 35' to 30'.** Single- and two-family homes will be limited to 2 ½ stories or 30', whichever is less.
- **Reduces lot coverage maximums.** The maximum lot-coverage will be reduced from 60% to 50%, which includes all buildings and accessory structures. The maximum impervious surface percentage will be reduced from 75% to 65%, which includes all buildings, walk ways and hard-cover.
- **Encourages traditional building features.** Detached garages help to maintain backyard open space, a desire residents expressed throughout the process. Attached garages will be allowed, but a portion of the space may count toward the FAR limit. True basements allow for usable space without increasing the overall height of the structure.
- **Defines "Natural Grade."** The amendment will define "natural grade" from which height is measured as the existing lot before it is modified.



Betsy Hodges, City Council Member

The vote came after months of work by City staff, design professionals, community meetings and hundreds of conversations with residents. For more information go to www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/council/ward13/ or call 673-2213. ♦

LHiNC's Eric Peterson Memorial Scholarships Awarded

LHiNC's Eric Peterson Memorial Scholarships were awarded this spring to two Southwest High School students, Sarah Bagley and Julia Mulligan. Both wrote essays describing what community meant to them and described their history of community service. Sarah and Julia each received \$750 in scholarship funds to pursue their education.

In her winning essay Sarah wrote, "I love my neighborhood of Linden Hills. **A home is a place where you and your loved ones gather to laugh, talk, and share—and if you make that feeling extend through your neighborhood, a home becomes not a house, but an area.**

Julia wrote, "**What makes Linden Hills great—like all great communities—is the cohesiveness of the residents, especially the families and the friendliness of everyone.**"

LHiNC awards student scholarships from funds raised by the Linden Hills Festival. Eric Peterson, a resident of Linden Hills who served on the LHiNC Board for five years, volunteered tirelessly, was a great neighbor and made Linden Hills a better place to live. ♦

Linden Hills Park Receives City Climate Change Grant

Good Energy Fair set for October 9



The City of Minneapolis *Mobilizing Citizens for Grassroots Climate Change* has awarded Linden Hills Park a \$1,000 micro-grant to conduct a *Good Energy Fair* at the Park on October 9. **The Park will partner with LHiNC and other organizations in the community for the event with the theme of encouraging actions to reduce global warming.**

The Planning Committee is looking for volunteers to help plan the *Good Energy Fair* and be part of the Linden Hills Park Energy Challenge Team. They also need presenters, speakers and participants interested in taking part in the event. Contact Marc Holtey, Linden Hills Park Director, at 370-4913 or mholtey@minneapolisparcs.org. ♦

Linden Hills to Recycle Organics

Pilot project begins in October

The City of Minneapolis will pilot a curbside organics collection program in Linden Hills beginning in October. Organic material includes kitchen waste, yard waste and all paper not presently recycled (e.g. pizza boxes, fridge and freezer packaging, tissues and paper towels). Residents will use a new separate wheeled-cart for organics collection.

Currently organics are burned in the Hennepin County incinerator (HERC). HERC cannot currently process all of Minneapolis' waste, so excess amounts are sent to landfills both in and out of state. Organic matter breaking down in landfills is responsible for releasing methane gas, a powerful greenhouse gas, into the environment.

Removing compostable material from the waste stream reduces the emissions of methane, frees up capacity and increases the efficiency of the burner, therefore reducing the likelihood of requiring an additional facility. If the pilot is successful, the collection program may be rolled out to additional neighborhoods.

During the pilot, the organic material will be sent for composting. A grassroots organization, the Linden Hills Power and Light (LHP&L), is working on installing an anaerobic digester in the neighborhood that could use the organic trash to locally produce energy for the community.



LHP&L will spearhead the campaign to educate Linden Hills residents about Source

Separated Organics (SSO). **They need 80 volunteers to spread the word to their neighbors.** Contact Executive Director Felicity Britton at marty@summitlakelodge.com or www.lhpowerandlight.org. ♦

Help Maintain the Urban Forest

Please water your trees

This year over 130 trees were planted in Linden Hills thanks to money from the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP), a generous grant from the Hendry Family Foundation and friends of Linden Hills who participated in the Hendry Fund Match last fall.

Above average June temperatures and below average rainfall since April have resulted in a moderate drought. A 3-6" rainfall deficit combined with depleted subsoil moisture due to the dry winter have stressed young trees and they need immediate attention.

The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) Forestry Division urges residents to water their young trees (five years and under), especially those planted on boulevards this year by the MPRB.

The best way to water a new tree is to use a garden hose with the water turned on at a slow rate for two hours. Let the water soak into the ground to a depth of 18 inches, where 90% of a tree's roots grow. If a garden hose is not available, ten gallons of water will properly soak a new tree's roots. It's best to use the same amount of water each time. ♦

Cool Report on a Hot Topic Now Online

LHiNC's Global Warming statement comes to life



A report on the Global Warming meetings facilitated by Minnesota State University students and sponsored by LHiNC's Creating Sustainable Community (CSC) committee is now available on LHiNC's website.

Community participants listed five top priorities: global warming education, use of compact fluorescents, promotion of transportation alternatives, home and community center energy audits and the promotion of green building programs. See the full report at www.lindenhills.org/globalwarming.htm. Scroll down to "The LHiNC Global Warming Position Statement: The Next Step" and click on the Executive Summary, Full Report and/or Meeting Photos.

The CSC Committee is continuing to evaluate the report and bring the Global Warming position statement to life. Their first project will be to partner with the Linden Hills Park and the City of Minneapolis to hold a *Good Energy Fair* on October 9 (see article on page 4). To receive an update on actions taken since the meeting, email Deb Pierce at dp915@goldengate.net. ♦

Support your Minneapolis Parks

People for Parks Bandshell Bash September 9

Mark your calendars for September 9 and participate in the People for Parks Bandshell Bash. **The day begins with a 5k race to raise money for long-term preservation of the Lake Harriet Bandshell and surrounding facilities.** You can register online at www.active.com. The entry fee is \$20 for adults and \$15 for kids under 18. Sign up your whole track team or running group. Walkers are welcome too.



Throughout the day there will be art, food, moonwalks, face painting and free concerts by groups including American Gypsy, the Mediocratones, Rugged Road and Trailer Trash. All activities take place at the Lake Harriet Bandshell. For a full schedule, more information or to volunteer, go to www.peopleforparks.net. ♦

Make A Lasting Impression at Lake Harriet

Buy a paver for the Lake Harriet Bandshell



Give a unique gift to the people and parks you love! People for Parks are fundraising to pave the audience area in front of the Lake Harriet Bandshell and refurbish the worn benches. Celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, marriages, a favorite friend, your business or any occasion with a personalized bench or paver!

Pavers come in two sizes, 5x5 (three 9-character lines) for \$150 or 5x11 (three 25-character lines) for \$250. You can also adopt a bench for \$2,000 with no engraving or \$2,500 with a 37 character inscription. Contact People for Parks at info@peopleforparks.net or call 285-6557. ♦

9-11 Tribute Concert

Sixth Annual Our Community Remembers

The 6th annual **9-11 Tribute** *Our Community Remembers* concert will take place (rain or shine) at the Lake Harriet Bandshell on September 11 at 7:00pm. The annual event is the inspiration of Linden Hills business owner Bob Bayers.

The orchestra will be conducted by Manny Laureano, principal trumpet of the Minnesota Orchestra as well as Artistic Director and Conductor of the Minnesota Youth Symphony. The chorus will be conducted by John Hoffacker, who founded and conducts the Mississippi Valley Chorale and serves as Director of Music at the Church of the Epiphany in Plymouth.

An all-volunteer 65 piece orchestra and a 70 voice chorus will perform a wide variety of uplifting and patriotic music. Frank Vascellaro and Amelia Santaniello of WCCO TV4 will again host the event. The young people will all be given an American Flag to wave as they march in a parade.

The concert is free. Local businesses and individuals give their goods and services as well as monetary donations to help support the concert each year. The Linden Hills Neighborhood Council gave a generous grant earlier this year. Visit www.our911tribute.com for more information. ♦



Summer Family Fun

Linden Hills Park Events

Minneapolis Parks Fall Program Registration

Monday, August 6, 6:00pm

Check out programs and availability at www.minneapolisparcs.org



SWAC & SWAFA Sports Registration

Fall sports registration is now open for soccer and volleyball at www.swac.info. Football registration can be done by picking up forms at the Linden Hills Park. For more information go to www.swafa.org.

“After Splash”, Free Outdoor Movies

Hook, Tuesday, August 14, 8:30-10:30pm

Popcorn, candy and refreshments will be sold with proceeds benefiting the Rec+ *global* fundraising efforts.

Cornfeed, Linden Hills Park

Thursday, August 9, 6:00-8:00pm

Don't miss this fun family event! Refreshments and food will be sold and fee-based activities will be available (e.g., dunk tank, moonwalk, arts and crafts). The event will feature music by Red Gallagher.

Thanks!

A special thank you to Linden Hills resident, **Mark VanOrnum** for his generous donation of pool umbrellas for the Linden Hills Park pool!

Southwest Senior Center

Offering a wide variety of programs, services and volunteer opportunities to support the health and independence of older adults.



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Linden Hills Art Walk & Linden Hills Live!

An art tour and night of entertainment

Don't miss the first annual **Linden Hills Art Walk August 16 through September 3** where 35 artists will display works at 12 Linden Hills stores. A map and brochure will be available at each store so you can walk at your leisure.

Look for the event's poster featuring *The Bewjewelled*, a sky-blue piano painted by South High School Student Elsbet Roth, now displayed at Dunn Bros. in Linden Hills. For more information contact Sarah Ivers (sarahivers@yahoo.com) or Cindy Smedberg (csmedberg@msn.com).

The Art Walk begins the last night of Linden Hills Live! Don't miss the electric music, dance and art from 6:30-9:00pm in the parking lot at 43rd & Upton on Thursday, August 16. ♦



Blood Drive in Linden Hills

During Linden Hills Live, August 16

On Thursday, August 16, the Red Cross will bring a blood drive to Linden Hills. The blood drive will be held at St. Thomas The Apostle Catholic Church, 4201 Sheridan, from 4:00-8:00pm. If you are interested in donating blood, volunteering to help or need more information contact Kathryn Lundquist at 927-6267. ♦

Hop on the Trolley

Show your support by taking a ride

The Como-Harriet streetcar line is open! The fare is \$2.00 for adults, and ages 3 and under are free. The fare goes a long way to help maintain the cars and railway. The trolley runs Wednesday afternoons from 1:00-4:00pm, all weekdays from 6:30pm to dusk and from 12:30pm to dusk on weekends and holidays. ♦



Remodeled Home Tour

Visit 14 homes and support the Linden Hills library

Tour fourteen recently remodeled homes in Southwest Minneapolis during the **Remodeled Home Tour on Sunday August 12 from 11:00am-5:00pm**. The tour is a self-guided one day event that raises funds for the neighborhoods of Linden Hills, Lynnhurst, Fulton and East Harriet. Linden Hills' proceeds will be donated to the Linden Hills Library.

Both large and small remodeling projects will be featured. Visitors will see how even small changes to a home can make a big difference. Two new homes are shining examples of how new construction can fit seamlessly into historic, urban neighborhoods. The tour's emphasis will be on older homes remodeled to meet the needs of modern lifestyles and culture. Green remodeling will also be featured.

The Remodeled Home Tour is organized by LHiNC Board Member Ben Kolkman, a local realtor with Great Minneapolis Real Estate. You can view photos, read descriptions and buy tickets (\$9) by visiting www.remodeledhometour.com or by contacting Ben at BenKolkman@GreatMinneapolis.com or 238-3752. ♦

NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR

Details at www.linden hills.org

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- 20 Zoning Committee*
- 20 CSC Committee Meeting*
- 21 Housing Committee*
- 21 Articles due for Sept/Oct LHL
- 28 Environment Committee*

SEPTEMBER

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- 18 CSC Committee Meeting*
- 18 Housing Committee*
- 25 Environment Committee*

OCTOBER

- 2 LHiNC Board Meeting*
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- 12 LH Park Fallfest
- 12 LHiNC Board Elections
- 15 Zoning Committee*
- 16 CSC Committee Meeting*
- 16 Housing Committee*
- 23 Environment Committee*
- 23 Articles due for Nov/Dec LHL

CSC=Creating Sustainable Community
*7:00pm at the Linden Hills Park

For details contact LHiNC at
926-2906 or info@linden hills.org.

Free Home Security Check

It's free and easy to do

Free home security checks are available through the **Minneapolis Police Department 5th Precinct SAFE Unit**. The home visits will address your security concerns as well as hardware for doors and windows, lighting, alarms and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design. Appointments can be scheduled for Monday through Friday during the day and some weekday evenings.

For more information, or to schedule a security check with Crime Prevention Specialist Tom Thompson, contact Tom at Thomas.Thompson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us or 673-2823. ♦



Welcome New Residents

Get your Welcome Packet

If you are a new renter or a new homeowner, contact LHiNC to receive a **Linden Hills Welcome Packet** filled with great information regarding local shops, community resources, schools and more! It also has valuable coupons for local businesses. Contact LHiNC at 926-2906 or info@linden hills.org or visit www.linden hills.org. ♦

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