

The Linden Hills Line

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Annual Winter Kite Festival A High Flying Success

On January 12, a chilly Saturday afternoon, more than 1,500 kite enthusiasts came down to Lake Harriet for the annual Winter Kite Festival. The Kite Society of Minnesota flew huge kites over the lake while on-lookers warmed up around a fire pit, drank hot chocolate and searched for hidden medallions. The fun, family-friendly event was made possible by a joint effort of the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council (LHINC), East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Association (EHFNA), and Linden Hills and Lyndale Farmstead Parks.



LHINC Spring 2008 Grants Available

LHINC generates revenue from the Linden Hills Festival and donates much of it back to the community. These funds support organizations and projects that make Linden Hills a better place to live and work. Consider applying if your organization is looking for funds for a specific project.

Guidelines Overview— Applications for the Spring 2008 grant cycle are due March 15. Call 612.926.2906 or visit www.linden hills.org for an application. LHINC prefers to award grants to tax-exempt, nonprofit organizations. Grants cannot be used for planning, operations, or capital expenses, nor are they provided to promote religious or partisan political purposes.

LHINC Raises \$13,000, Hendry Foundation Matches

Thank You for the New Trees

Many thanks to the businesses and individuals (listed on page 2) who donated nearly \$13,000 to the Hendry Match Tree Fund this past fall. Our thanks also go to the Hendry Family Foundation and to Rob and Amy Parish, trustees of the foundation. The Foundation presented the LHINC Environment Committee with a check for \$12,200, a match for the donations received by the December 15 deadline. The money raised, together with the Hendry Foundation's match, will enable the city's forestry department to plant about 210 trees this spring along neighborhood boulevards and near the retention pond near Lake Calhoun.

And, there's more good news! Elm trees are back in the city planting plans. The availability of Dutch Elm Disease-resistant elms means that some of these graceful trees will again provide shade for our neighborhood when 30 of the trees will be planted this spring. The tree planting is an investment in our community that will increase the attractiveness of the neighborhood and will help in the fight against global warming for many years to come!

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Hendry Match Tree Fund Donors

Thank you to the following individuals and businesses!

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Businesses and Organizations

Please let these businesses and organizations know you appreciate their donation.
Eidelweiss Design
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The Gardeners of Linden Hills
Linden Hills Business Association
Linden Hills Co-op
Morningside Business Association
Peterson Cleaners
Westgate Pet Clinic

Fifth Annual 'Love Poetry' Reading



Come to Linden Hills' most popular poetry event

The fifth annual (!) pre-Valentine's Day Love Poetry Reading will be held Thursday, February 7, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at 3019 West 43rd Street. This is our most popular Linden Hills poetry event. It features champagne, chocolates, candlelight and some of the world's (and neighborhood's) best love poetry. It's a great way to break-up the long winter and get in the mood for Valentine's Day. Past participants have been known to hold hands, sigh, look wistfully around for the mistletoe and wake up smiling the next day. BYOB and a treat to share and your favorite love poems.

Give Kids A Smile

Linden Hills Dentistry will host "Give Kids A Smile," a national event sponsored by the United Way. Drs. Elizabeth Ramsey, Kordie Reinhold and staff will be providing oral health screening, treatment and education to underserved children in Minneapolis. The free dental care program is Saturday, February 2, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For appointments, parents should call 2-1-1 to find a dentist in their area.

Linden Hills Festival

Mark your calendar—the 33rd annual Linden Hills Festival is Saturday and Sunday, May 17 and 18!

We need your help to plan activities for this fun, community-building event. Watch for more information in *The Linden Hills Line* about how you can get involved!

Welcome Scott Engel!



In December the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council selected Scott Engel as coordinator for the organization's activities and programs. Scott replaces Rae Ann Vanderputte, who resigned the LHiNC position to pursue other interests.

Scott has worked for more than seven years as coordinator for the CARAG neighborhood organization. He is looking forward to meeting and working with Linden Hills residents. Scott can be reached at scott@lindenhill.org or at 612.926.2906.

Notes from the LHiNC Chair—

Fresh from the Kite Festival

On this cold winter night, I sit reminiscing still about last weekend's Kite Fest at Lake Harriet. What a great time to get together on the lake, visit with our neighbors in East Harriet, and show Minneapolis what great neighborhoods are all about—community connectedness. I am so glad that those who attended enjoyed the event. Whether it was a daughter flying a kite for the first time or a great photo captured of your son roasting marshmallows, we received emails from you saying "it was magical," in many different ways. That means a lot to us on the LHiNC board! As elected volunteers of your community we want to do just that—create ties that bind our neighborhood together and build community.

Like the enormous kites that went sailing on the relatively calm day, I'm pleased to share that our neighborhood council has launched into a great start for 2008. The goals we have set out to accomplish in 2008 are ambitious—but isn't that what flying high is all about? And, like the biggest kites anchored into the ice, we have very specific initiatives we are tied to this year—at the community level, committee level, 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. We invite your involvement in fostering our urban network.

Thanks for coming out, and stay warm!

Kind Regards,

Linea Palmisano



Linden Hills pals Kelsey Oseid (left), Linea Palmisano and Sydney Davis (right).

Linden Hills History Study Group presents –

The Gates Mansion – the Biggest House Ever Built in Minneapolis



The Gates Mansion, built on Lake of the Isles, was torn down in 1933.

Join the Linden Hills History Study Group on **Tuesday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 4801 France Avenue**, for an evening with local historian Bob Glancy. Bob's presentation will take you inside the Gates Mansion and into the lives of its intriguing blue-blood inhabitants.

The Characters: Minneapolis debutant, Florence Hopwood ● her suitor, New York playboy, Charles Gates ● his father, barbed-wire and railroad tycoon, John W. "Bet-a-Million" Gates ● Charles' estranged wife, Mary Gates ● Florence's jilted fiancée, ink company heir, Harold S. Carter ● and the second ex-husband, Harold L. Judd.

Their Story: The stuff of "People" magazine, circa 1911.

Their Monument: A summer "cottage" on the east side of Lake of the Isles. At 38,000 square feet, it rivaled the James J. Hill mansion.

Everyone is welcome to attend. \$3 admission for non-members.

For more information call 612.926.0646 or visit www.lindenhillshistory.org

**Whether you live here or not, Linden Hills welcomes us home.
And it's this welcoming feeling that keeps us here and keeps visitors coming back.**



December 1st marked the first snowfall of winter. It was also Reindeer Day in the Linden Hills village. The Reindeer Runners came from the lake to get out of the wind and warm up. And hundreds of kids were greeted by roving carolers from Southwest High and a smiling Santa. My daughter and I sipped on hot cider, and took in wreath-making and other fun activities in the many shops. A bowl of chili at Famous Dave's and a ride on the Holly Trolley were to come, but up next was a ride on the horse-drawn buggy. Did I mention the snowflakes? They were huge. The stage was set. When I looked at my child, I sensed her joy. But when I looked into her eyes, I felt the same joy I knew as a kid. Welcome home.

If we knew exactly how to recreate this neighborhood's aura, then I'd think there'd be a lot more places like this. And while new suburbs plan nice neighborhoods complete with town centers, these places somehow fall short of the feeling folks get when they come to Linden Hills.

Our parks, lakes, schools, churches, businesses — our trolley — it all sets the stage for a friendly and fun experience on any day. But we're the players that pull it all together. And whether we enjoy a coffee shop, or a dinner out, or special events like Reindeer Day, Linden Hills Festival, Linden Hills Live, the Art Walk, "WoofStock," the Corn Feed, a concert at the lake — our participation makes this place special and inviting!

I moved to Linden Hills for the location, but it's the energy of this place that keeps me here. Now I'm a single full-time Dad who's come to appreciate that it really does "take a village" to raise a good kid. Linden Hills has been very generous to my daughter and me. And from what I can tell, this neighborhood plays a big part in turning out a lot of really great kids.

As head of our Linden Hills Business Association (LHBA), I know that the energy we sometimes take for granted is also the result of great effort by people who give of themselves to the neighborhood... both today and in the past. LHBA, for example, spends time and money to create six festivals in the village each year. Every one of these events is well attended and a great way to meet the neighbors and welcome visitors.

Our neighborhood is also lucky to have such an effective neighborhood council in LHiNC and a new business association representing 44th & France — the Morningside Business Association.

So thank you, Linden Hills, for the many great ideals you represent. Thank you to those who've brought our neighborhood so far. Thank you to the many folks at LHiNC, LHBA, MBA, other great organizations, and to the store and business owners who contribute to the good energy here.

And kudos to us all for taking advantage of the many great Linden Hills' amenities and events that unite us. Welcome home.

— Mark Dwyer, Linden Hills Business Association

City Develops Framework for Future of NRP

In December, a proposed “Framework for the Future” of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) beyond 2009 was presented and discussed at the City Council’s Committee of the Whole meeting. Taken together, the recommendations will preserve neighborhood groups’ autonomy and provide funding to those groups for administrative support and discretionary funding. The recommendations also call for more resident oversight of the City’s community participation efforts and reworking the City’s organizational structure toward a greater alignment of neighborhood visions with City goals and processes.

Information Sessions

Information sessions are scheduled to allow residents and organizations to learn more and ask questions.

Upcoming sessions are scheduled for:

☞ **Monday, January 28**, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Folwell Recreation Center (1615 Dowling Ave N)

☞ **Tuesday, January 29**, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Lynnhurst Recreation Center (1345 W Minnehaha Pkwy)

☞ **Monday, February 4**, Noon-1:00 p.m. at City Hall, Room 319

To view the full “Framework for the Future” report, go to the City’s community engagement web page: http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/communications/CETrack3_home.asp

Details for a February feedback session will be posted on our website. All of your comments—whether in person, by phone or email, are equally valued. Please contact Scott Engel at 612.926.2906 or Scott@LindenHills.org.

Help Shape the Minneapolis of the Future

City Plans Major Update of Comprehensive Plan

The City of Minneapolis is updating its long-term vision for growth and development. A working draft of “The Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth” will be presented at a series of open houses in January.

This major update to the City’s comprehensive plan looks ahead to 2030, describing how the Minneapolis of the future will look, feel and function. The plan describes how the city can accommodate projected population growth and pursue economic development, while preserving the character of its neighborhoods and enhancing the quality of its natural and built environment. The plan specifically addresses urban design and land use, transportation, housing, economic development, heritage preservation, arts and culture, public services and facilities, parks and open space.

Through a series of public meetings, focus groups and on-line surveys, the public has helped shape the updated plan. The public can review the working draft and provide additional feedback through February 15, 2008. There are three ways to submit comments:

1. Comments are welcome at open houses:
 Mill City Museum, 704 S 2nd St, **Monday, January 28**, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 Eastside Neighborhood Services, 1700 2nd Street NE, **Tuesday, January 29**, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
2. The working draft plan will be available on-line through February 15 at www.minneapolisplan.info. Comments can be submitted to the City directly from the Web site.
3. Hard copies of the working draft will be available at all Minneapolis public libraries through February 15. Comments can be mailed to: Haila Maze, Senior City Planner, Minneapolis Department of Community Planning & Economic Development, Room 210, 350 South 5th Street, Minneapolis MN 55415

More information is available online at www.minneapolisplan.info.

Summer Buoys

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) will begin accepting applications on February 1 for sailboat buoy and canoe rack permits on Minneapolis lakes. Information is available at minneapolisparke.org.

2008 Parking Pass

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) has issued its 2008 Patron Parking Pass, which is valid 12 months from purchase date and entitles the pass-holder to year-round parking privileges at all regional lots. Parking

Pass fees are \$27 (\$10 for 2nd car). Seniors pay \$20 (\$7 for 2nd car). For information, call 612.230.6400 or visit www.minneapolisparke.org.

City of Lakes Loppet February 2-3

Thousands of skiers will glide across the snow and ice February 2-3 for the annual City of Lakes Loppet. The urban cross country ski race features the beautiful trails and lakes of Minneapolis. Spectators are welcome. Complete information is available at www.cityoflakesloppet.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR

Details at www.lindenhills.org

FEBRUARY

- 12 LHINC Board Meeting*
- 15 E-Newsletter Delivered
- 18 Zoning Committee*
- 19 Articles due for March/April
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- 26 Environment Committee*
- 28 Communications Committee*

MARCH

- 4 6:00 p.m. - LHINCPotluck,
"Foreclosures & Home Values"
Town Hall Meeting
7:00 p.m.- Board Meeting
 - 15 E-Newsletter Delivered
 - 15 LHINC Grant Deadline
 - 17 Zoning Committee*
 - 18 Housing Committee*
 - 25 Environment Committee*
- * 7:00 p.m. at Linden Hills Park

Visit www.lindenhills.org to:

- ✓ sign up for LHINC's monthly e-newsletter.
- ✓ sign up to receive a free Welcome Packet (if you are a new resident) filled with information regarding shops, community resources, schools and more.
- ✓ find an up-to-date calendar
- ✓ learn more about Linden Hills!



Linden Hills Park Activities

Linden Hills Park Information: 612.370.4913

Story Telling for Ages 7-11 – Wednesdays, Jan. 16 - Feb. 20, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Free

Join Bryan Bertsch and enter into a realm of story telling!

Stepping Stone Theatre - Create A Play for Ages 6-12 – Mondays, Feb. 25 -

March 24, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Fee: \$50

Kids build an ensemble and learn how to put on a show about the future

Yoga for Men Ages 18+ – Wednesdays, February 6 - 26, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Fee: \$24

Daytime Yoga for Adults Ages 18+ – Mondays, Feb. 18 - March 17,

11:00 a.m.-noon. Fee: \$42

Southwest Community Education Programs

Southwest Community Ed
Information: 612.668.3100

Family Volunteerism – "Doing Good Together"

Tuesday, January 29, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Southwest High School, Free

Learn the powerful benefits of family volunteering while passing on the values of caring, compassion and good citizenship to children. Discover dozens of practical and simple ideas for getting your family involved in community service work, environmental, social and political action and charitable giving. See how much you and your kids can accomplish in a short time, and how easily service can be integrated into your busy family's life.

Waste Reduction and Environmental Workshops

The Southwest Community Ed Advisory Council and students from Southwest High School's Green Team are sponsoring environmental and waste reduction workshops for the general public this winter and spring. Workshops will feature speakers and hands-on activities to develop techniques to reduce, re-use, and recycle. The next workshop is **Reducing Toxicity in the Home & Work Place** on Monday, February 4 at SWHS.



LHiNC Home Improvement Loans

Low Interest Rates

Loan Amounts Up to \$15,000

Generous Household Income Limits

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The Linden Hills Line welcomes and encourages contributions from residents. Submissions may be edited for length, clarity and relevance. Anonymous editorial contributions and advertising are not accepted.

To submit articles, contact LHiNC at 612.926.2906 or info@lindenhills.org. Article submissions for the March/April issue are due February 19.

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