

The Linden Hills Line

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE LINDEN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL [LHiNC]



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Block Party Alert!

National Night Out on August 5

Meet your neighbors and have a good time!

On Tuesday, August 5, neighbors across Linden Hills will participate in the annual National Night Out (NNO). It's a great way for residents to have fun and build a stronger, safer community by getting to know the people that live on their block.

For 25 years, neighbors in Minneapolis and throughout the country have come



out for neighborhood block parties. Events already signed up in our area range from simple get-togethers

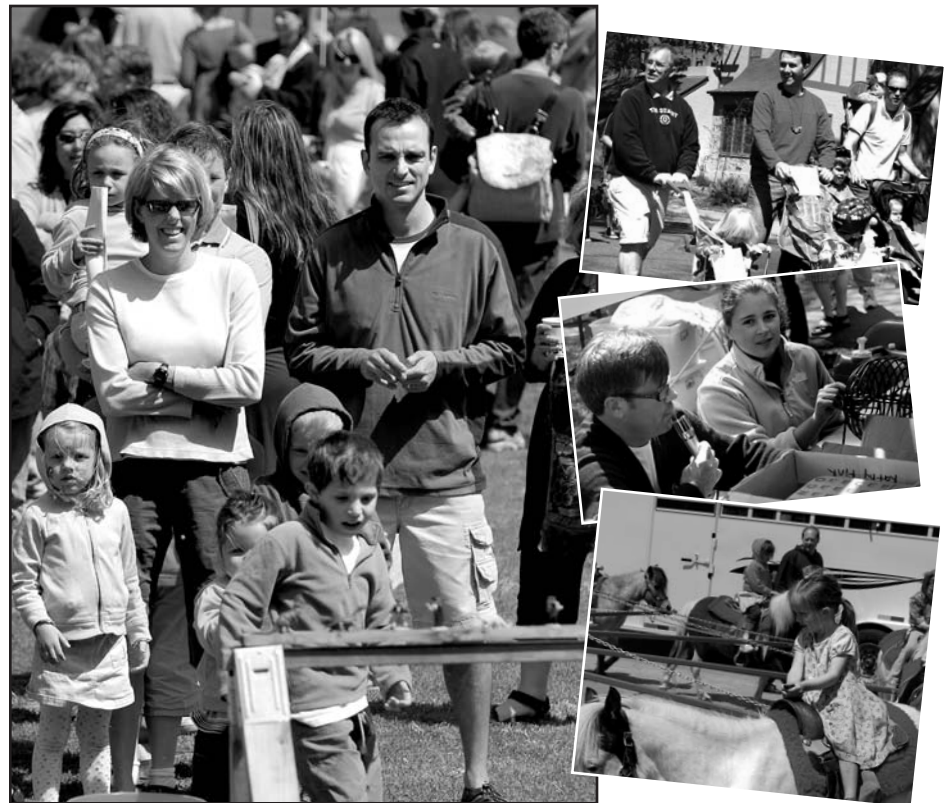
with dessert and beverages to full potlucks with games. What started as a small way to create safer neighborhoods has grown nation-wide. In Minneapolis alone it's expected that there will be 1,000 block parties with more than 60,000 people joining in.

This year LHiNC has focused on identifying block club leaders in order to create a block contact list. LHiNC plans to use the list to quickly pass on information about safety and other neighborhood issues. Board member Casey Collins is leading the effort (caseycollinsnyc@hotmail.com or 612.929.2837). LHiNC board members will be visiting block parties to meet block leaders and build the contact list.

To find a party near you, call 311 or visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno.

LH Festival was a Great Success!

Beautiful weather brought out a large crowd for the annual festivities.



Crime Prevention Ice Cream Social

The Linden Hills Neighborhood Council will host Tom Thompson from the Minneapolis Police Department on Thursday, August 21 at 6:30pm at Sebastian Joe's to answer your questions and concerns about neighborhood crime and safety issues. Tom is our local Crime Prevention Specialist and will share safety and crime prevention recommendations. Block leader information will also be available and collected at this session.



LHiNC Board Elections & Town Hall Meeting

Elections for the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council take place at our annual Town Hall meeting, Friday October 17. If you have thought about getting involved, now is the time to learn more. Join us at an upcoming meeting (Tuesdays, August 12 and September 2, 7-9pm) or call Linea Palmisano, current Board Chair at 612.819.5871 for more information. You can also check out our website, lindenhills.org

✦ Ready to go "no-waste" at your National Night Out Party? See article on page 3.



Notes from
the LHiNC
Chair

Returning from Lake Harriet,

I encounter the usual suspects—a few greetings to recognizable faces; Terry-going for soda cup refills—offers a random yet introspective thought (today: bills and finance advice); a dog I know by name, with owners I do not (oops!); and many a ‘hi’ to new faces. This likely sounds familiar. The fact that I both cherish and predict these interactions as a matter of course makes my visitor and walking companion laugh nervously, and crack a joke about “Mayberry”.

Our neighborhood organization exists to serve this community we relish—to make us feel connected, supported, and keep things thriving. What does this mean? What have we done lately?

This year’s festival engaged 267 volunteers, thousands of participants, and all funds raised will be reinvested into our neighborhood. Check out the photo show on our website. We are working to grow neighborhood leadership at the

block level—and as I write have the most registered National Night Out events of any neighborhood in Minneapolis. Long-term, we are changing from an organization focused on the use of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) dollars into a sustainable, neighborhood-serving non-profit. This means



Volunteers make the difference!

careful and strategic investment of time and funds. We are making progress.

Your support and participation is essential here—in fact, we are counting on it.

My walking companion reminds me how “utopian” our neighborhood feels, not just because he can’t find his way here from St. Paul, but that it makes even cynical visitors like him want to stay. Not only is this strength of community very intentional, I offer back, this is why many of us choose to call it “home”.

Linea Palmisano

LHINC Awards Grants to Neighborhood Initiatives

In May, LHINC awarded annual “spring grants” to four local community organizations:

- ▶ Under 17 Keliix Girls Soccer Club: Girl’s Soccer: To attend Kansas City Invitational tournament
- ▶ Linden Hills Chamber Orchestra: For purchase of new music for summer concerts.
- ▶ Linden Hills Park: For purchase of a kiln for art activities
- ▶ Linden Hills Power & Light: for block parties’ composting initiative

’08 Festival—A Great Time Was Had by All!

A classic trademark to the beginning of summer, our annual Linden Hills Festival event was a great success.

The Festival is first and foremost a community-building event, but it is also a fundraiser. Monies raised help fund neighborhood-specific programs and projects throughout the year, as well as fund grants that assist other local organizations and provide scholarships in our community. Be assured that not only were you there enjoying the neighborhood, but that everything you spent goes back into our neighborhood in important ways.

A very special thanks to all that make it possible—the volunteers, donors, board members, entertainment, and participants in every way.

Thank you to those who donated items to the Silent Auction! To view the (long) list of contributors to the Silent Auction and more photos from the Festival, visit www.lindenhills.org.

And, thank you to:

Moonwalk sponsor: Larry LaVercombe

U.N.L. Drill & Dance Performing Arts sponsor: Adele Della Torre and ADT Dental

Photography: Bill Baron

Volunteer Organization: Laurie Foster and Felicity Britton

Food: Jennifer Yates Borger

Special Teams: Ann Ruisenor, Maxine Davis, Bill & Linda Lundborg, Michelle Miles, Deb Pierce, Gil Dignen, Mary Wolf, Dan Swansen

Food Donors: Lund’s, Sebastian Joes Ice Cream Café, Bayer’s Hardware, Papa John’s Pizza, Great Harvest, Coffee & Tea Ltd., Dunn Brothers, Jamba Juice, Ron “the Weiner Meister” Lischeid, and Osito’s Mini Donuts

CVS/pharmacy development update

Plans have been filed with the City of Minneapolis for the proposed CVS/pharmacy development at Sunnyside and France Ave. This puts the development in the hands of City Planners, the City Planning Commission (CPC), and then City Council. The August 18 CPC hearing at City Hall will review the current proposal and collect public testimony in a formal hearing. All are welcome to attend and provide testimony.

We have worked with City Planning to ensure that decision-makers have your input provided to date. For additional project information, view what the CPC currently has in-hand from LHINC, or see how to direct additional input, see www.lindenhills.org for more details.

Ready to try it yourself at NNO?

Help Make Your Block Party Waste-free for National Night Out!

In May, Linden Hills had its first ever Zero Waste Festival. Now we invite you to work with your block captains and encourage your neighbors to make National Night Out waste-free as well. We have the opportunity to be a great example to the rest of the city—all we need to do is make some easy switches in behavior.

- ✓ Instead of using disposable plastic plates, use paper plates that can be composted or reusable dishes.
- ✓ Encourage attendees to use reusable containers with lids rather than plastic wrap.
- ✓ Use paper cups or regular cups that can be taken home and washed for beverages.
- ✓ Feel elegant as you use real silverware rather than plastic knives and forks.
- ✓ Linden Hills Power & Light will provide Compost Captains with biodegradable trash bags to collect food waste, and soiled paper products such as paper towels, napkins and paper plates. You can also collect soiled cardboard such as pizza boxes and waxed beverage containers. Email LHP&L if your block is interested in making your NNO event low or no waste. We can also help with any questions you have and let you know more about how to get the bio bags. info@lhpowerandlight.org or call 612.275.5659. The City of Minneapolis has agreed to place a dumpster at Linden Hills Park for compost captains to bike, walk or (ahem) drive their waste for disposal.
- ✓ Bring paper bags and/or your recycling cart to collect regular recycling—aluminum cans, plastic bottles, recyclable paper.
- ✓ Juice boxes, juice pouches are non-recyclable and non-compostable—try to substitute lemonade, water or juice in paper or reusable cups.

The idea is not to create a burden, but pull together and recognize that by making small, easy changes in behavior we can have a big impact on the planet.

9-11 Tribute

Our Community Remembers

The 7th annual event will take place on Thursday, September 11, 7pm, at the Lake Harriet Band Shell. The concert, which features a variety of patriotic music, has become an annual event for many Linden Hills residents. Last year the all-volunteer, 65-piece orchestra and 70-voice chorus performed to an audience of more than 2,000.

Frank Vascellaro and Amelia Santaniello of WCCO TV4 will again host the event. Manuel Laureano, principal trumpet with the Minnesota Orchestra, will conduct the orchestra. John Hoffacker, founder/conductor of Polaris, will lead the chorus.

If you would like to sing, play an instrument or assist in other areas of this year's 9-11 Tribute, visit <http://our911tribute.com/> and click on the link at the bottom of the page.



Steven Linder photo

Como-Harriet Streetcar

Wednesday Afternoon Rides

Recently the Como-Harriet Streetcar began operating each Wednesday afternoon from 1-4 pm. The trolley runs on weekends beginning at 12:30pm and weeknights beginning at 6:30 pm.

Poetry Notes

Doug Wilhide, Poet Laureate of Linden Hills

The *Southwest Journal's* Poetry Project is running quarterly spreads of very good poetry written by area residents.

Between the Lakes: The Poets of Linden Hills is available at Bibelot, Bayer's Hardware, Linden Hills Florist, Rick Rack and other local shops. You may also order books by emailing wilhide@skypoint.com.

Arf! Let's go to Woofstock!

**Woofstock is
September 13!**



Your dog wants to bring you to Linden Hills for Woofstock 2008. Hundreds of canines and humans will gather to enjoy each other, our local businesses, great exhibitors, entertainment and food all in the heart of dog-friendly Linden Hills (43rd and Upton). The day is kicked off with a short pet "parade" at 10:00 am and ends at 3:00 pm.

www.lindenhillswolfstock.net

LH Chamber Orchestra Seeks Musicians

Wanted: Musicians for the Linden Hills Chamber Orchestra. The group is made up of musicians with various levels of talent who rehearse once a week at Southwest High School, from September thru May. Find out more at www.lindenhillsochestra.org or contact Tricia Clarke at triciadonclarke@msn.com. Join us and meet new people—we'll make beautiful music together!

Neighborhood Compost Program To Start!

The City of Minneapolis mailed letters to all LH residents on July 31 inviting them to participate in an innovative new program to compost organics. Residents who choose to participate will be given an "Organics" cart to separate compostable items from their "regular" trash. These organic materials include all food scraps, non-recyclable paper such as pizza boxes, milk and orange juice cartons, egg cartons, frozen food packaging, food papers, tissues, paper towels and napkins, and even vacuum cleaner bags and their contents! No plastics or yard wastes may be put in your Organics Cart. The Organics Cart will be emptied by City crews every week on your garbage day, at your garbage and recycling collection point. There's no charge to participate in this pilot program.

For full details, visit www.lhpowerandlight.org.

Protect Your Trees from Dutch Elm Disease!

Time is running out

The beetles are active now, the fungus spreads, and orange rings are showing up on the neighborhood elms. Acting quickly to having your trees treated to prevent Dutch Elm Disease is vital. And LHiNC can help pay for treatments for your trees.

LHiNC negotiated a reduced rate for treatments with the Rainbow Tree Care Company, and LHiNC will give a \$50 rebate for all trees a resident treats in Linden Hills. If you feel that you can't afford to treat your tree, we can work with you to get additional financial support for treatment. Visit lindenhills.org (click on Environment Committee) for an application and more information or contact Grace at lindenhillsenvironment@gmail.com.

'Busting' Buckthorn in Linden Hills

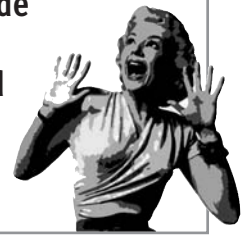
Deadline to participate: Aug 8

Buckthorn is an invasive weed that is taking over our parkland, lakeshores, and yards. LHiNC is offering a great deal to makes it easy to help eradicate this plant from our neighborhood, starting in your own yard!

The LHiNC Environment Committee and Majestic Tree Care are sponsoring the Buckthorn Bargain Bust Day on Friday, August 15 (exact time depends on # of participants). Majestic Tree Care professionally remove buckthorn to participating Linden Hills' homes for only \$75. Homeowners' presence during the removal is not required.

Learn more on the Buckthorn FAQ page, Environment Committee area of www.lindenhills.org, send questions to lindenhillsenvironment@gmail.com.

Deadly world-wide energy crisis narrowly averted by short, home-made videos



Now's the time to try your hand at video editing and maybe even dubbing in some great audio. Winning videos will be shown at the Green Carpet Film Festival, on TV, and on sponsoring websites.

Three prizes of \$150 will be awarded, three of \$300 and a grand prize of \$500. Videos should promote one of the following themes: 1. Organics Recycling – benefits or "how to"; 2. The MN Energy Challenge (www.mnenergy-challenge.org); or 3. Waste reduction/ Conservation or Anaerobic Digestion. Information on all three themes can be researched on the web or at www.lhpowerandlight.org.

Check out full rules and requirements at www.lhpowerandlight.org. All entries due September 15. Don't have a video camera but *do* have a brilliant idea? Call LHP&L at 612.925.4249

Win prize money! And—if you do win—go ahead and apply to film school!

EcoParents Groups Starting this Fall

LHiNC's Environment Committee received a grant from Hennepin County Community POWER (Partners on Waste Education and Reduction) to start a "Linden Hills EcoParents" groups this fall. Groups will meet monthly to learn steps residents can take to reduce their families' household waste and toxicity. For more information, visit www.lindenhills.org, Environment page or contact Keiko Veasey at keikov@gmail.com.

Linden Hills once part of 'Richfield'?

Back before our area was called Linden Hills, it actually *was* part of Richfield. Learn more at a book talk and conversation with Frederick Johnson, author of the newly released history, *Richfield, Minnesota's Oldest Suburb* on Sunday, August 10 at 4 pm at the Richfield Historical Society, 6901 Lyndale Ave. S. Minneapolis's southern expansion from Lake Street in 1858 to today's Crosstown Highway will be a featured topic.

The informal gathering is open to the public and will be held outdoors, weather permitting, with lemonade and light refreshments provided. Sponsored by the Linden Hills History Study Group. Call 612.926.0646 for more information or visit www.lindenhillshistory.org.

Linden Hills Park News



3100 West 43rd Street
612.370.4913 ☒ Fax 612.920.3583

Linden Hills Park Corn Feed Thursday, August 14, 6-8pm

Celebrate summer with neighbors and family at the annual Corn Feed! The event features delicious roasted corn (available for purchase), music, games and activities for kids.

Fall Program Registration

Check out what the park has to offer this fall! Programs are posted online and bulletins are available at the park. Register online or in person beginning Monday, August 4, at 6:00 pm, or by phone, beginning Wednesday, August 6, at noon.

SWAC Fall Sports – Ages 5-14

Sign up for soccer and volleyball with SWAC this season! Check www.swac.info for information or call 612-370-4913 during park hours.



Ready to Ride?

The second annual Minneapolis Bike Tour, hosted by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, will take place on Sunday, September 14. Here's your chance to bike along the Grand Rounds National Scenic Byways unhindered by motorized traffic.

Cyclists of all ages and abilities to choose a 14- or 37-mile route where parkways and roadways will be closed to motorized traffic. Rest stops, route support and breathtaking views are provided along the way. This year's event features the "Aftour" party.

Register by September 5 and save \$ at www.minneapolisbiketour.com.

Help Our Community Save Energy, Money—and Our Planet!

ANNOUNCING



LINDEN HILLS PARK GOOD ENERGY FAIR 11-3 on Sat., Oct. 11

The city of Minneapolis provided funding for this event

Linden Hills Park is planning a 2nd annual Good Energy Fair on Saturday, October 11, to educate community members about energy conservation. Last year's lively event offered exhibits, giveaways, kid's activities, free local food, workshops, music, and games. Selling products or political debate is not part of the agenda.

If you are interested in offering a workshop, an educational exhibit, volunteering, donating items, or sharing ideas, please contact Deb Pierce deb@coffeetableproductions.com or 612.920.1270 very soon.

The city of Minneapolis provided a grant to make the event possible. Deb Pierce, of Coffee Table Productions, a local ecoist group, will be partnering with the event host, Linden Hills Park/Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board. Updated info and program will be available online at www.coffeetableproductions.com and at Linden Hills Park, 43rd & Xerxes, in September.



How Local Can You Go?

'Eat Local Challenge' comes from LH Co-op

Linden Hills Co-op invites neighbors to join this year's Eat Local America Challenge from August 15 to September 15 (which coincides with the peak harvest time for lots of local produce). The co-op is joining ten other Twin Cities co-ops to encourage people to eat more locally-grown and locally-produced food.

To learn more about how to take the Eat Local Challenge, visit the co-op's www.linden hills.coop, where you'll find a list of local farmers and producers, a schedule of events, menu ideas, recipes, and a link to the *Eat Local America* blog.

Do you know the "rules of the road" for bike riders?



Visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/bicycles to be sure you do!



To heat up the Eat Local Challenge, Linden Hills Co-op is hosting their first-ever La Vida Local Salsa Contest. On **Thursday, August 21 at Linden Hills Live**, you're invited to enter your favorite salsa(s) in the competition, complete with celebrity judges including Bryce Hamilton, the driving force behind Linden Hills Live, and Michelle Heuser, editor of *Edible Twin Cities* magazine. Pick up an entry form at the co-op or at www.linden hills.coop to compete for the big tomato!

NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR

Details at www.lindenhills.org

AUGUST

- 5 National Night Out
- 12 LHiNC Board Meeting*
- 14 Environment Committee*
- 18 Zoning Committee*
- 21 Linden Hills Live/Blood Drive
- 28 Communications Committee

SEPTEMBER

- 2 LHiNC Board Meeting*
- 11 Environment Committee*
- 11 9-11 Tribute Concert
- 13 Woolstock
- 15 Zoning Committee*
- 15 Deadline for Green Carpet

*7:00 p.m. at Linden Hills Park

Do You Know a Linden Hills "Treasure"?

Do you know someone especially committed to our local community? On October 17 at the annual neighborhood event (bonfire, LHiNC elections, and town hall meeting), LHiNC will present the 2008 Linden Hills Treasure awards.

Linden Hills Treasure awards are given annually to area residents who add to our community in a special way through their local volunteerism to community-making and direct service to others around them.

Nominate someone for a treasure award by September 15. Call 612.926.2906 or send an email to info@lindenhills.org with your nomination(s) and rationale. Please include your contact information.



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The Linden Hills Line welcomes 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 September/October issue are due September 2.

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Linden Hills T-Shirts Available

Did you notice the new Linden Hills t-shirts at the Linden Hills Festival? They are available in a variety of colors and children and adult sizes. The all-cotton t-shirts were printed locally, and are sweatshop-free. Proceeds go back into LHiNC neighborhood efforts! Shirts are available for \$15 by contacting board member Kelly Keegan at keegoo09@umn.edu or 612.827.8020.



New sign at LH Park says it all.

Linden Hills Live!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 6:30-9:00 PM

PERFORMERS:

Teenage Music Students
Holly Schramm, singer songwriter
Shawn Gibbons, acoustic guitar
Tell Tale Heart, teen rock
Judson Wingers, pop/folk
Apples for a Stranger, indie rock
Slide Show of local artists:
Out of the Blue Co-op
Laura Balfour Dance Co.
MN Tango Dancers
Funky Fusion Band

And don't forget the food—Famous Dave's Burgers & Angie's Kettle Corn

Special: "La Vida Local" Salsa Contest throughout the evening. See article page 5.

Foreclosure Counseling Available

PRG, a local non-profit organization, has mortgage foreclosure counselors available to assist families who need advice about their mortgages including types of mortgage and tools to work with lenders if behind on payments. Counseling is free and confidential and available to anyone regardless of income level. Call PRG counselors at 612.804.7025 or 612.805-.7756.

BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, August 21
4-8pm @ St. Thomas the Apostle Church
Sponsored by the American Red Cross
For more info call 612.927.6267

