

The Linden Hills Line

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



MAY/JUNE 2008



The 34th annual Linden Hills Festival is almost here!

New this year—a “Zero-Waste” festival, a Treasure Hunt, and the coolest drummers you’ve ever seen. Oh, and don’t forget B-I-N-G-O!

Saturday, May 17

- Pancake Breakfast
- Garage Sales
- 43rd & Upton Activities

Sunday, May 18

- Bike & Pet Parade
- Food & Music
- Art Fair & Marketplace
- Pony Rides & Games
- Silent Auction and much more!

Catch all the details in the enclosed insert, visit linden hills.org or call 612.926.2906.

Festival Volunteers Are Still Needed!

Please consider working a 2 hour shift on Sunday, May 18. Your neighbors are helping to put the 200 volunteer festival together and we still need you! You’ll receive a free hot dog and beverage for your efforts! Call Laurie at 612.929.3214 or Fosterfamilymn@comcast.net to sign up!

Earth Day Clean Up Draws a Crowd

Despite cold temperatures and overcast skies, the coffee was warm and turnout was great for the 2008 Earth Day Clean Up on April 19. More than 75 residents came out to collect garbage from around Lake Harriet, including some interesting “treasures”: a tripod, car keys, a woman’s bathing suit, and a small shopping cart. While we are curious of the lake-goers’ stories around these valuables, we are all ready for another great season of enjoyment of our beloved lakes. And our enjoyment will be the greater, thanks to the volunteers who worked to make the lake’s shores cleaner.



CVS/pharmacy Update

Thanks for your input!

Hundreds of email, postcards, phone messages, and 140 participants attended the first session of the Community Dialogue around this proposed development. All feedback received, the report, and the resulting request made to the development firm, are available at linden hills.org.

On Tuesday, May 20, LHINC will host a follow-up public session regarding the proposed CVS/pharmacy development at Sunnyside/France. At this session, the development firm will present their response to our community’s voiced areas of concern around the proposal. Additionally, LHINC will outline the next steps of the process and receive feedback from the community on the revised proposal.

Community Dialogue Session 2

Tuesday May 20, 7-9pm

Southwest High School cafeteria – West Building

Enter door #5 on Chowen Ave, between 46th & 47th Streets

The Drum Beat in My Head

Notes from the LHiNC Chair



Friends and co-workers often wonder why I spend my free-time serving my neighborhood organization. Well, it's really pretty easy—it's because of you. And, I'm not alone. Lately I feel like I am dancing to the rhythm of a drum band in my head.

Rat-a-tat-tat...

Recently our local History Study Group brought Jay Walljasper to speak about his book on great neighborhoods, which he believes to be the basic unit of human civilization. It's different than a ward or a county unit that way—stuff that happens here affects us in direct and personal ways. How true. It is important to recognize that people within a locale are the experts of it, and involve them in decision making processes. Jay's definition of "village" is a place where we create opportunities to contribute and overlap one another in positive ways. Linden Hills is a village, and the challenge of place-making in ever better ways is what keeps that drum beat going for me and for LHiNC.

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You contribute greatly to this effort. In March, LHiNC challenged our neighborhood with place-making in new ways and you responded. You participated in the CVS dialogue sessions, task force efforts, and signed up to be part of the Festival.

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Our LHiNC board is busy designing community forums and committees to help shape the change in our neighborhood. These efforts are matched by equally committed volunteers who gently but consistently drum their talents back into our neighborhood. Our new website, this newsletter, the boulevard plantings, and all the logistics coming together around the Festival are evidence of that.

tah-diddy-tah...

It all contributes to that beat that patters on, and becomes contagious. If you haven't yet, I can hardly wait for you to hear it. If you join us on May 18th, I think you will.

See you at the Festival!

Linea Palmisano

The t-shirt design competition left our communications committee with some tough choices! Winning designs, locally printed on sweatshop-free, American Apparel shirts (youth, men's & women's sizes), will debut at the Festival.

Commercial Task Force

Please encourage our newly chosen at-large Task Force participants, **Jeff Miller** and **Deborah Morse-Kahn**. In April we held one public session that took a local, values-based approach to gather community input in regards to long-term development guidelines across our business nodes. Updates on this progress and the information collected are available on our website.

Elms Still Need Our Help

Spring means that elm bark beetles have hatched and will soon begin infecting the neighborhood elm trees with Dutch Elm Disease (DED). You can save your tree and the LHiNC environment committee will help.

Treatments are available to protect elms for three years at an average cost of \$350. Rainbow Tree Care gives Linden Hills residents a 25% discount on treating neighborhood trees. All you need to do is tell them that you are a LH resident and that you want the discount. The environment committee will also give a \$50 rebate to residents who submit a bill to LHiNC, PO Box 24049, Mpls, MN 55424. If the cost of treatment is a severe hardship, the committee will consider paying a larger portion of the treatment cost on a case-by-case basis until our allotted funds are used up. Contact Kathy Urberg at kurberg@comcast.net for more information.

The city will take down infected boulevard trees at no cost to homeowners, but residents are responsible for the cost of removing a tree on their property. Because an infected tree will spread the infection to other trees, if you do not remove an affected tree on your property, the city will remove it and bill you for the cost. That means that treating a tree on your property can be very cost effective.

Buckthorn Removal Event – June 7



Join us on Saturday, June 7 (anytime between 9:30 am and noon), to continue efforts to remove buckthorn from Thoreau's Woods (Richfield Road/William Berry Pkwy/Linden Hills Blvd). Removal of buckthorn in our parks allows native wildflowers to return and makes them more beautiful and diverse places. The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board staff will provide weed wrenches. Bring your own gloves and other tools.

Contact Connie at 612.922.1253 or cpepin@bitstream.net to let her know you will be coming or just show up that morning.

Creating a Carbon-Free Home

You probably know that the energy used in your home produces more pollution than your car, but do you know what you can do to reduce your reliance on fossil fuels? Do you daydream of building a new, super-efficient, off-grid house, but in reality you've got a roof (and a mortgage) over your head already? Would you like to find out how to turn your existing home into an environmental asset that saves you money on utilities?

On Tuesday, June 24, from 5:30-6:30 pm at Linden Hills Park (43rd & Xerxes), Linden Hills Co-op & Natural Home will host a book talk and signing with Stephen Hren, co-author of *The Carbon-Free Home: 36 Remodeling Projects to Help Kick the Fossil Fuel Habit*. Meant as a guide for renovating existing homes, the book gives ideas of small and large projects to improve energy efficiency.

The event is free and pre-registration is encouraged. Please call 612.279.2450 or email allie@lindenhillscoop.org to register. Copies of the book will be available for sale at the event and at Linden Hills Natural Home, before and after the event.

Green Films at Linden Hills Park



Green Screenings, an eco-focus film series, seeks to educate the community and encourage dialogue about some of the critical issues of today. The spring film topic—shown at 6:30 pm—is *Peak Oil: The Power of Community* (Thursday, May 15) and *Oil On Ice* (Thursday, May 22). Join your neighbors at Linden Hills Park, enjoy some organic popcorn and be enlightened! For more info, call: 612.922.9453 or visit: www.coffeetableproductions.com (click on the “Green Screenings” logo).


Green Carpet Film Festival Contest

A great summer project for families!

Forget the Red Carpet! Linden Hills Power & Light (LHP&L) invites residents to create a digital video—30 seconds to 3 minutes in length—for a green carpet event. There are three prizes of \$300, three prizes of \$150 and a grand prize of \$500. Videos should promote one of the following themes: 1.) The MN Energy Challenge (get info at mnenergychallenge.org), 2.) Organics Recycling (benefits or “how to”) or 3.) Waste Reduction/Conservation or Anaerobic Digestion. You can find information at www.lhpowerandlight.org. Entries are due September 1, with a screening date of mid September

Some ideas for your green-themed digital video might include: An “ad” for the MN Energy Challenge—imagine you are trying to get people excited about signing up; The benefits of recycling organics material; How easy it is to recycle organic material; What is compostable and what is not?; What is anaerobic digestion?; or even a music video featuring your original music. You get the idea!

Questions? Don't have a video camera? Details are at www.lhpowerandlight.org, call LHP&L at 612.285.6557 or e-mail info@lhpowerandlight.org.

 **Great news!** The ‘Good Energy Fair’ returns this fall! Watch for more info in the next *Linden Hills Line*.



Neighborhood Walking Tour

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, July 16, when local historian Peter Sussman will lead a summer evening's stroll through Linden Hills' “Cottage City.” The neighborhood, on the south side Lake Calhoun, was once mostly cottages (and some still remain) when Minneapolis residents took the street-car out to escape the city. Walk is sponsored by the Linden Hills History Study Group, www.lindenhillshistory.org.

Poetry in the Air

Doug Wilhide, Poet Laureate of Linden Hills

Between the Lakes: *The Poets of Linden Hills* is a collection of 75 poems written by 11 local poets and sold at The Bibelot Shop, Bayers Hardware, Linden Hills Florist and other local retailers. We're getting to the end of the first-edition books, so if you'd like a copy, or want to give a copy as a gift, don't wait too long to pick one up.

The *Southwest Journal Poetry Project* is now in its second year. Once a quarter we publish some very good poems by poets who live in and around this part of Minneapolis. You can find back issues in the archives section of swjournal.com (for best results, type in “poet” or “wilhide”).

Would you like to know about area poetry events? Send your email address to wilhide@skypoint.com to be added to our contact list.

NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR

Details at www.linden hills.org

MAY

- 17-18 Linden Hills Festival
- 18 Zoning Committee*
- 20 Housing Committee

JUNE

- 3 LHiNC Board Meeting*
- 12 Environment Committee*
- 16 Zoning Committee*
- 17 Housing Committee

JULY

- 1 LHiNC Board Meeting*
- 10 Environment Committee*

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



Linden Hills Park


3100 West 43rd Street
612.370.4913 — Fax 612.920.3583

Summer Programs

Spots are still open in some activities for the summer programs, including Team Tennis, baseball, t-ball, and pitching machine. Check out Linden Hills Park's offerings at www.minneapolis parks.org

Yoga for All!

Join the beginnings of a special yoga-centric community, whether you are a beginner or an accomplished yogi. Stop in at the park building or call 612.370.4913, or enroll online for weekly sessions with local instructors.

 Find the Lake Harriet concert schedule at www.minneapolis parks.org. Scroll to Lake Harriet.



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To submit articles, contact LHiNC at 612.926.2906 or info@linden hills.org. Article submissions for the July/August issue are due July 15.

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Southwest Community Education

Contact 612.668.3100 or email Tom.Neiman@mpls.k12.mn.us for more information

Did you know? LHiNC helps finance the availability of swimming in our community at Southwest H.S.! Open swim begins Friday, June 20 and runs most Fridays this summer.

Super Summer Registration for 2008 "Pre-Super Summer Program" and "Super Summer Program" classes has already begun. Visit the website for more information.

Swim Lessons Week 1: June 16-19, 9:30 am-noon Week 2: June 23-26, 1:00-3:30 pm

7th Annual - Linden Hills Live!

Mark your calendars for a favorite neighborhood gathering—Linden Hills Live! Two stages of local musicians and dancers will warm your hearts in "downtown" Linden Hills in the parking lot across from Dunn Brothers. Three evenings of music and neighborhood mingling are on the third Thursday of June, July and August from 6:30-9:00 pm. Linden Hills Live! involves people of all ages and talents performing short sets, burgers on the grill and don't forget the kettle corn!

- The June 17 line-up is:**
- 6:30 Young Bands (rock, jazz)
 - 7:05 The Sound of Music (Barton School musical review)
 - 7:15 Shelly Sommerman (folk singer/song writer)
 - 7:35 Laura Balfour Dance Company (local young dancers)
 - 7:45 Linden Hills Folk Jam (folk music)
 - 8:05 Diedrich Weiss & Frank Hornstein (songs of Bob Dylan)
 - 8:20 Conrad Ditzel
 - 8:40 Red Bird Rising (guitar & fiddle)

