

The Linden Hills Line

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



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Get ready for the fun —

The Linden Hills Festival is May 18

And it can't happen without you!

The Linden Hills Festival is coming Sunday, May 18 at Linden Hills Park. This year's event features food, fun activities, the silent auction, art fair and marketplace, used book sale and more.



Ever wondered who those people are cheerfully scooping ice cream or serving hot dogs at the Linden Hills Festival?

They are your neighbors—people who have volunteered to give back to this great community. In fact the Festival depends on help from over 150 volunteers to do a variety of jobs. Sign up with a friend, your older children, your spouse or your service group at www.lindenhills.org or contact Laurie Foster at fosterfamilymn@comcast.net or 612.929.3214

See page 3 for more Linden Hills Festival 2008 info, including —

- LHINC-sponsored Silent Auction benefits neighborhood, donations needed
- Linden Hills Festival goes zero waste!
- Clear out the clutter! Annual Garage Sale scheduled for Saturday, May 17
- How to register for a table at the Festival to sell your wares or educate the public

Proposed Development at Sunnyside & France Ave.

The development firm of a national drugstore chain, CVS/pharmacy, has recently informed LHINC about their ongoing discussions with the landowner of the former Almsted's grocery location and adjacent gas station.

The firm has expressed a willingness to receive neighborhood feedback on this commercial development plan design. LHINC will host community forums to solicit feedback around the proposal. The first community session on the proposed CVS/pharmacy plan has been set for **Tuesday, April 8, 7-8 pm at Southwest High School, West Building, in the lunch room.**

See our website www.lindenhills.org for details. Sign up for the e-newsletter through our website to receive updates, or call 612.926.2906. LHINC will set up a special e-newsletter opt-in feature if you want to receive updates as plans proceed.

Notes from the Chair—

Get over here a minute. . .

“Hey Linea, get over here a minute...” my neighbor Dan yelled out as I ran past at the end of a workout, and I groaned. I'd just been recruited to help trim alley weeds he felt were getting too close to power lines. “You know, there's a lot of things people can do to help the city, little stuff like this,” he remarked. Groan again. It was not civic duty that kept me in the alley holding ropes for him, but the memory of how Dan helped get three enormous truckloads of food to Linden Hills park for the Festival last year, and at a moment's notice. My weekend morning coffee plans were scrapped, while Dan (the handiest person I know) patiently instructed me (the klutziest person I know) on what rope to hold and pull where.

Dan and I are as different as our two retaining walls on this hilly street. From philosophy and politics to music and beer, we have a lot to banter and be sarcastic about—because we don't agree on anything.

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Long-Term Visioning for Linden Hills Business Corridors

On March 4th, the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council (LHiNC) voted unanimously to establish a Linden Hills Development Planning Task Force to engage the community in long-term thinking and create guidance on the types of overall development the neighborhood desires in our two existing business nodes—the Linden Hills Business District and the Morningside Business District. It will consist of LHiNC representatives David Jones, Linea Palmisano, and Keiko Veasey, Mark Dwyer and Rick Anderson of the business associations, city staff for support as needed, and two at-large members who are residents of Linden Hills.

The task force will work with neighborhood residents, city planners, land owners, and business owners to ensure that everyone's voice is heard in the process of establishing development guidelines. Collaboratively, this Task Force seeks to:

- ✓ Foster neighborhood-focused businesses and a productive development climate that meets the needs of residents;

- ✓ Create guidelines to shape attractive and well-maintained commercial spaces that support in both function and character our already distinct neighborhood;

- ✓ Encourage a neighborhood friendly transportation environment that emphasizes pedestrian activity while accommodating gas-powered vehicles.

A structured first public input session will be held on Tuesday, April 22 from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Linden Hills Park building (43rd & Xerxes).

The objective is to gather input from residents to shape the task force's recommendations.

A second public session will be held in May to gather additional input as well as feedback on the task force's preliminary development guidelines. To receive an email reminder about the task force's public sessions, please visit www.linden hills.org and sign up to receive LHiNC's e-news updates.

If you are a neighborhood resident interested in serving on the task force as one of the two at-large members, please contact Linea Palmisano at 612.819.5871.



Notes from the LHiNC Chair
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This is precisely why I recruited his help with LHiNC. Neighborhood organizations are strengthened by being widely representative of our community, and Dan offers it a perspective I don't.

As creatures of habit, change gives us mixed feelings of both resistance and excitement. We know its inevitable—sometimes necessary. It usually requires effort, but it always offers a chance to grow in some way—and therein lies the opportunity here. To assist this growth process, let's start a conversation, even if its not comfortable at first. We will need your input, participation, and trust over these next couple months. I invite—no, I urge you, to thoughtfully participate and voice opinions in upcoming forums on neighborhood development. Devote one evening to this. And if you're really gutsy—bring a neighbor with you that may not see things your way. You might be surprised that you can find common ground together.

Every day, Dan looks out at my rock wall and I his. We are quirky, almost comical opposites. But Dan helps sharpen my opinion, and I'm wiser for listening to his. After 'only' eight years on the same block, we collaborate now and then as do-gooders. I think he knows that behind my sarcasm is deep respect. Even if the only way I show it is to keep that lousy beer he drinks in my fridge, so we can sharpen each other's wit once in awhile.

See you soon.

Linea Palmisano

Linden Hills T-Shirt Design Competition

Wearing local pride on your sleeve!

Want to see your creativity spread all over the neighborhood? Share your t-shirt artwork ideas that show the unique character and style of Linden Hills. Pick a feature or aspect that you find characteristic of our neighborhood and share it with us in your own way.

Submit your unique design idea no later than April 15 via email (.pdf files preferred), P.O. box, or arrange a time for pick-up from a board member via Scott at 612.926.2906. The Communications Committee will select the design that will debut on t-shirts for sale at the Linden Hills Festival. Submitted artwork will become the special property of LHiNC for future uses and display, such as on the website.

2008 LINDEN HILLS Festival



For more information
on Linden Hills
Festival events, go to
www.lindenhills.org

Festival Silent Auction Donations Needed

*Proceeds go back into
our neighborhood*

The Linden Hills Neighborhood Council will host the annual silent auction at this year's Festival to raise funds for neighborhood efforts including: the Festival, printing and delivery of this newsletter; Linden Hills Park events including the Corn Feed, Joyce Food Shelf, St. Stephens Shelter; Linden Hills Orchestra; 9/11 Tribute; student scholarships and much more.

Donated items and services from residents and businesses are needed for the auction. Be creative—consider donating a weekend at your cabin, your time-share, paint a room in someone's home, knit a scarf or bake a batch of your homemade cookies once a month for a year. Everyone has a skill or talent, share it with the community!

Those who donate will receive recognition in the next two issues of the *Linden Hills Line*, a tax deduction for their contribution, exposure to thousands of participants and the great feeling of helping out our neighborhood.

Fill out a donation form online at www.lindenhills.org or call LHiNC at 612.926.2906.

Used Book Sale Donations welcome

Donate your used books to the Linden Hills Used Book Sale, which will be held Sunday, May 18 as part of Linden Hills Festival. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the collection and programs of Linden Hills Library. Books can be dropped off after April 15 at the Linden Hills Co-Op. If you have a large number of books to donate, or want to make a donation before April 15, contact Joe Wolf at NovelTrader@aol.com or 248.302.7369, to arrange a time for the books to be picked up at your home.

Linden Hills Festival Goes Zero Waste!

In an effort to reduce the environmental impact of the Festival as well as to highlight the curbside compost collection pilot project in Linden Hills, the Festival is going 'zero waste' this year! The Zero Waste principle has been around for a number of years, but this is the first time the Festival is undertaking this goal. Zero waste initiatives seek to eliminate (or at least minimize) any solid waste delivered to a landfill or incinerator. Instead, supplies should be recycled or composted. You'll notice a number of changes at the Festival in support of this initiative such as no more foam cups, no balloons, no plastic lids, no straws and other non-compost-able or non-recyclable items. See how easy it is to make small changes in everyday choices that result in a significant reduction in waste.

Marketplace & Art Fair Registration

As in the past, this year's Festival will include a "Marketplace" for local artists, businesses, political groups, and non-profits to display and sell their wares or otherwise get their message out to our Linden Hills neighbors. The participation fee is \$60 with a limited number of free spaces available for non-profit organizations and children under 12. Tables are also available for rent. The deadline for space and table reservations is May 9. To register, use our online form at www.lindenhills.org. Please direct Marketplace questions to Jim Fisher 612.924.4334 or jfisher@cbburnet.com.



*Got a lot of books?
We'll pick 'em
up—just call!*

Annual Garage Sale— Saturday, May 17, 8am - 2pm

- ▶ Register at: www.lindenhills.org
- ▶ Register by Friday, April 25, to be included in the May/June newsletter
- ▶ Register by Friday, May 9, to be included on the garage sale maps
- ▶ More Info: Kathy Urberg-612.929.0273 or garagesale@lindenhills.org.

Join your neighbors in clearing out the clutter! Past years have included over 100 sales around the neighborhood drawing buyers from all over the Twin Cities. Registration is \$10, and pays for advertising in the *Southwest Journal*, *StarTribune* and the *Linden Hills Line* newsletter. All registered sales will be included on an official garage sale map and receive a yard sign! Not having a sale, but interested in helping? Volunteers are needed, too! (Most of the volunteer work is in the days leading up to the sale and not the actual day of the sale.)

Maps and yard signs will be available for pick-up at 4100 Xerxes Ave S. the week before the sale. Watch for more info in the next *Linden Hills Line*.



Recycle Run Benefits Earth Day Efforts

The Recycle Run around Lake Harriet on **Sunday, April 20**, features a 5K Walk/Run and a Kids' Half-Mile Run. Proceeds from the Recycle Run will benefit future Minneapolis Earth Day Watershed Cleanup efforts. The Kids' Run begins at 8:45 a.m. followed by the 5K at 9 a.m. Both races begin at the Lake Harriet Bandshell, 4135 Lake Harriet Parkway. The 5K run will be chip timed and prizes will be awarded to the top female and male finishers in each age category. Fees for the 5K are \$25 pre-registered and \$30 on race day. Fees for the Kids' Run are \$10 pre-registered and \$15 on race day. Online registration is

through April 14, through www.minneapolisrecyclerun.com. Registration forms can also be downloaded at www.minneapolisrecyclerun.com or are available at local recreation centers.

Earth Day Clean Up

The Earth Day Watershed Cleanup will be held from **9:30 a.m.-noon on Saturday, April 19**, at Lake Harriet, 4135 Lake Harriet Pkwy. (Bandshell parking lot). Linden Hills and East Harriet Farmstead neighborhoods are partnering together for some 'TLC' of our great shared lake.

Just show up — gloves and bags will be provided. For more information, visit www.minneapolisearthday.com.

Spring 'Community Clean-up & Hazardous Household Waste Drop-off Day'

Saturday, April 19, 9am-noon

Drop off your household hazardous and toxic waste products in the parking lot at 46th Street & Beard Avenue. Then join the Southwest Community Education Advisory Council (SCEAC) and students from Southwest High School for a one-morning effort to clean up the area around the southwest community, including around the school and the shoreline along Minnehaha Creek, Lake Harriet, and Lake Calhoun (bus transportation will be provided to and from the school). A picnic lunch for volunteers will be provided by SCEAC. Register to help by contacting Southwest Community Education at 612.668.3100, or email at: tom.neiman@mpls.k12.mn.us.



On a cold night in February, Linden Hills block captains learned more about the upcoming Linden Hills Power & Light composting pilot project.

LHP& L Compost Pilot Project

These are the People You've Been Waiting For!

On February 20th, fifty of your neighbors braved freezing temperatures to join Linden Hills Power & Light for some Trash Talk. They learned about the upcoming composting pilot so they could act as point people for their block and encourage participation. To see who your block's compost captain is, visit www.lhpowerandlight.org and click on the "Organics Collection" button. If your block doesn't have a captain, consider volunteering—it's good, trashy fun!

LHP&L is a group of Linden Hills residents looking to reduce our local carbon footprint through education and community action, by promoting sustainable energy, waste reduction and energy conservation. For further details contact Felicity on 612.285.6557, email info@lhpowerandlight.org; or visit their website at www.lhpowerandlight.org.

Save the World in Your Own Backyard!

All are invited to a community-building event

Join the Linden Hills History Study Group on Wednesday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 4201 Sheridan Ave South, as we

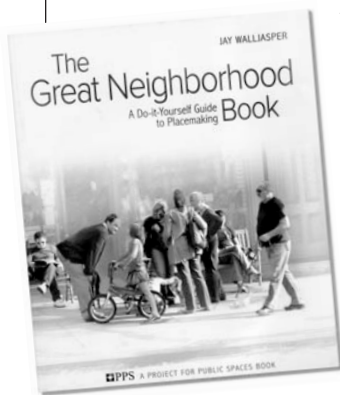
take a look at what neighborhoods like Linden Hills can do to help find solutions to issues ranging from crime and social isolation to the environment and economic vitality. Jay Walljasper, author of *The Great Neighborhood Book*, will discuss what we can accomplish together. Jay is a Kingfield neighborhood resident, and former editor of the *Utne Reader*, which began in Linden Hills. He is currently Senior Fellow at the Project for Public Spaces and at Center on the Commons. Jay's presentation is a community-building event and **all** Linden Hills residents are encouraged to attend. \$3 admission for non-members.

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

On Monday, May 5th, the Linden Hills History Study Group will host the first meeting of the LHHS Book Club. The evening will be an informal discussion of *Twin Cities Album, A Visual History* by Dave Kenney and published by the Minnesota Historical Society. The book is a 150-year retrospective. Kenney's narrative supports hundreds of impressive and often surprisingly intimate photos of people, culture, landmarks and events in our history.

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

Upcoming events include: *A Walking Tour Celebrating the 125th Anniversary of Cottage City* (July 16); *Richfield History at 150 Years* (August 10); *Harry W. Jones, American Architect*, (September 25); and *Linden Hills Oral History*, (October 22).



Como-Harriet Line Seeks Streetcar Operators

Operations begin May 3

The Como-Harriet Streetcar Line, our own Linden Hills neighborhood institution, is an all-volunteer group that needs operators to "keep the historic trolleys rolling." It's easy to learn to operate the trolleys and takes only a few hours of training and practice. Be a part of living history! The trolley Operators at Como-Harriet are carrying on a Linden Hills tradition that goes back to the 1880s!

■ For more information on trolley Operator training and other volunteer opportunities at the streetcar line, contact Rod Eaton at 763.576.0608 or rpeaton@comcast.net. Visit our website: www.trolleyride.org

Linden Hills Chamber Orchestra Spring Concert

Thursday, April 10 at 7:30pm

The Linden Hills Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Yuri Ivan, will present its Spring Concert on Thursday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m., at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 48th and France Ave. S.

The concert's theme, "Romantic Masterpieces," will feature pianist Woobin Park. Ms. Park has won a number of competitions, including the Korean Philharmonic Orchestra Competition, The Nan-pa and Se-jong Competitions, the Elinor Bell Competition and the Los Angeles Liszt Competition. She will play the Grieg Piano Concerto in A Minor, Op. 16. Also on the program of romance music will be Sibelius' Finlandia and Schubert's Symphony No. 8 in B minor, the "Unfinished."

Concerts are free and open to the public. A donation of canned goods or personal care products for the V.E.A.P. Food Shelf is appreciated.

Southwest High School Green Team

Waste Reduction & Environmental Workshops

Monday, March 17– Reducing Your Carbon Footprint, Climate Change & Related Energy Issues

Monday, April 14– Eco Friendly Architecture, Green Remodeling & Construction, and Green Building Materials

Monday, May 5– Organic Living – Recycling, Composting, and Organic Yards & Gardens

■ Workshops are 7-8:30 p.m., Room #E5, East Building of SWHS. Use Door #17 in the northeast parking lot. Call 612.668.3100 to register – space is limited.

NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR

Details at www.lindenhills.org

MARCH

- 17 Zoning Committee*
- 18 Housing Committee*
- 22 Spring Fling Egg Hunt

APRIL

- 1 LHiNC Board Meeting*
- 8 LHiNC Forum on CVS/pharmacy proposal at SW High School, 7pm
- 10 Environment Committee*
- 15 Housing Committee*
- 15 Article deadline: LH Line
- 21 Zoning Committee*
- 22 Business Corridor Input Session*
- 24 Communications Committee

MAY

- 6 LHiNC Board Meeting*
 - 8 Environment Committee*
 - 17 Linden Hills Garage Sales
 - 18 Linden Hills Festival!
 - 19 Zoning Committee*
 - 20 Housing 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.
- ✓ find an up-to-date calendar
- ✓ learn more about Linden Hills!



Linden Hills Park

3100 West 43rd Street
612.370.4913 ☒ Fax 612.920.3583

Spring Program Registration

Registration is on a first come, first served basis and started on March 10. Register at www.minneapolisparcs.org, by phone, or at the front desk.

Spring Fling Egg Hunt



Saturday, March 22, 10:30 am-Noon, \$5 per resident family
Hop on down to the Hills for a fun family event. Enjoy a light brunch, fun activities and the traditional finale—our famous egg hunt. Register by 6pm March 21. Note: Register only one family member through this program and additional family members through the Spring Fling Egg Hunt "Additional Family Members" listing at www.minneapolisparcs.org.

Spring/ Summer Sports Available

The Southwest Athletic Council (SWAC) is forming teams to play in both citywide and in house leagues for youth in grades K-8. For details and online registration info, visit www.swac.info. Information about leagues, age groups and more can be found at www.minneapolisparcs.org under "Activities & Programs/Youth Sports." Late on-line registration begins March 16. *(Note that fees increase during the late registration period, and registration for some sports may close earlier than dates indicated due to space).*

YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUES THAT WILL BE TAKING IN-PERSON SIGN-UPS AT LINDEN HILLS PARK:

T-ball Fundamentals – (K-1) Birthdates: 9/1/00-9/1/02

Saturdays, May 3-June 14 (No session May 24) – 9:30 -10:30 am

T-ball Games (K-1) – Birthdates: 9/1/00-9/1/02

Saturdays, May 3-June 14 (No session May 24) – 10:45 -11:45 am

Pitching Machine Minors (Grades 2-3) – Birthdates: 9/1/98-9/1/00

Tuesdays, April 29-June 3 – 6:15-7:15 pm

Pitching Machine Majors (Grades 2-3) – Birthdates: 9/1/98-9/1/00

Tuesdays, April 29-June 3 – 6:15-7:30 pm

Fridays, May 2-June 6 – 6:15-7:30 pm

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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 May/June issue are due April 15.

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

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