

# The Linden Hills Line

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



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## Linden Hills Annual Town Hall Meeting

Friday, October 17, 7pm

@ Linden Hills Park

Join your Linden Hills neighbors for the annual bonfire and board elections on October 17. The town hall-style meeting will feature guest speakers, awards, and information about what LHiNC has been up to over the past year. Council Member Betsy Hodges will speak, we'll vote on a new LHiNC logo, elect candidates to the board of directors and enjoy s'mores around the bonfire.

### Be elected to a Board seat!

The Linden Hills Neighborhood Council (LHiNC) is a group of 15 directors elected by the community at large. Consider running for the board and add your talents to our community.

#### To become a LHiNC Board Member:

- ▶ Applicants must be over 18 and a Linden Hills resident
- ▶ Board members serve a 2-year term, November 2008- October 2010
- ▶ They attend monthly meetings, usually the first Tuesday of each month, 7pm @ Linden Hills Park
- ▶ They commit to an average of 8-10 hours per month includes attending monthly meetings, participation on committees, organizing Festival, etc.

Elections will take place at the Annual Meeting on October 17. Applications are due October 13. Call 612.926.2906 or visit [www.lindenhills.org](http://www.lindenhills.org) for more information.

## We're Building Community!

Good times at National Night Out, 911 Tribute, Woofstock and Linden Hills Corn Feed



## LHiNC Seeks A New Logo

Submit entries by October 13

LHiNC is calling for readers and residents to design a new logo for Linden Hills. The logo will serve as the LHiNC logo, on a new *Linden Hills Line* masthead, the header on the [LindenHills.org](http://LindenHills.org) website, and the official logo of the neighborhood. The only two requirements of submissions are that they somehow incorporate the trolley, and that they be submitted in a .jpeg file format. A design will be selected by popular vote at the town hall meeting and bonfire on October 17. Designs must be submitted to [info@lindenhills.org](mailto:info@lindenhills.org) by October 13.



### Notes from the LHiNC Chair

**2008** was a very busy but also a rewarding one for LHiNC and our community. The past couple board sessions have illustrated to me, in a very personal way, just how far we have come as an organization. We've assembled the diverse voices of our community in ways that are able to come together and work on important place-making issues as well as being able to enjoy one another. The photos and statements below highlight LHiNC board members who are in the midst of their 2-year terms. New board members elected on October 17th will be brought along by this group.

I am thankful for what energizes them to share their time working on behalf of our neighborhood. Please join me in thanking these individuals for all they have accomplished over the past year as you see them around our neighborhood.

It has been a challenge and yet an honor serving Linden Hills in the lead role of the neighborhood organization this past year.

With gratitude, *Línea Palmisano*



Lesley Lydell

*Being a member of the LHiNC board is a great way to give back to the community. It allows you to work for the greater good at a level where you can really see the positive impact. From being a part of the Festival to negotiating issues that affect our city and neighborhood, I've enjoyed helping make a difference and encourage anyone who's interested to get involved, whether on the board or a committee.*



Carlos Ruiseñor

*As a board member and a Linden Hills neighbor I find being on the LHiNC board is making a difference and being part of the communication committee and safety liaison is making a safe neighborhood for all residents.*



Keiko Veasey

*LHiNC has been a great way for me to get involved in my immediate community. I've been able to learn a lot, contribute to my neighborhood in areas that interest me, meet great people, and have fun doing it! With 2 young kids, we utilize the many amenities LH offers. Being a part of LHiNC is a great way to give back and influence the future of our wonderful neighborhood!*



Jim Fisher

*Being part of LHiNC enables me to better understand what is happening at the city level and how that directly affects Linden Hills. Community organizing provides important insights and is a critical part of what it means to be connected and engaged in our future at every level.*



Casey Collins

*Serving on the board has helped me learn more about the neighborhood, develop new relationships, and work within the community to help make an impact on Linden Hills. It is a great way to give back to the neighborhood, stay involved, and participate on a variety of local projects. It is a good use of my time and I would encourage anybody to do it at least once.*



Kathy Urberg

*As a master gardener and a tree care advisor and an environmentalist I find a great deal of satisfaction in being on the LHiNC board. I chair the environment committee we have been able to treat elms, remove buckthorn and maintain the path. We also started an EcoParents group and began work on watershed issues.*



Kelly Keegan

*I am the current LHiNC Communications Committee chair. The committee oversees the E-news, newsletter, website, events publicity and promotion of Linden Hills as a neighborhood. I love the neighborhood and all it has to offer. LHiNC has been a great way to meet neighbors and achieve common goals for the neighborhood.*



Tom Bicanich

*The opportunity to play a role in helping our community preserve and grow is what encourages me to be part of the council. Helping to envision what we want the neighborhood to be in the future, particularly in the business corridors, together, is important. My objective is to be part of the future of this community as a resident that gives back.*

## You are a member of LHiNC!

*If you got this newsletter, you are likely a member of LHiNC*

LHiNC is your local neighborhood organization and a 501c3 nonprofit. Every resident age 18+ living in Linden Hills is a member of it. Each year, half the board of directors comes up for election (2-yr terms) and you are invited to elect volunteer representatives that serve on our board. LHiNC exists to promote the aesthetic and long-term sustainability of our neighborhood. We strive to foster and be a vital source of a thriving and safe environment for residents and businesses. Our vision is that LHiNC will be the core of a well-informed and engaged neighborhood. Some of the ways LHiNC seeks to do that:

- ▶ Initiate, participate in, and influence projects with the City of Minneapolis, with the voice of our community
- ▶ Engage residents in personal, relevant ways and provide a structure for diverse voices to convene, interact, and take action on local issues and areas of focus
- ▶ Be involved in the government planning process at the hyper-local level and provide input and prioritization on projects and programs
- ▶ Solicit and represent community perspectives for new initiatives, grant administration, cross-neighborhood collaboration and program development for residents that are carried out in partnership with many stakeholders including businesses, the City of Minneapolis and other entities.

Visit [www.linden hills.org](http://www.linden hills.org) to learn more!

### CVS/pharmacy update

On Monday September 8th, the Minneapolis Planning Commission met to review the CVS project for France/Sunnyside. Check out [www.linden hills.org](http://www.linden hills.org) for CVS updates.



## Linden Hills Neighborhood Council's Environment Committee

# Report to the Neighborhood

With your help, this year we have been able to accomplish the following tasks:

### Building our Urban Forest!

- Planted 212 new trees on neighborhood boulevards.
- Tagged these trees to let all know who paid for the trees.

### Destroying Buckthorn!

- Held a spring buckthorn bust in Thoreau's Woods.
- Subsidized buckthorn removal through Majestic Tree Co.

### Fighting back against Dutch-Elm Disease (DED)!

- Treated 15 elm trees in neighborhood parks to protect them from DED.
- Renewed our partnership with Rainbow Tree Care to offer discounted DED treatment to neighborhood residents.
- Provided financial assistance to 16 residents for treating 22 trees.

### Cleaning up the P.A.T.H.!

- Hired Edelweiss Design, a neighborhood company, to do spring and fall maintenance on the P.A.T.H, the walking path between Xerxes and Zenith south of 44th Street.
- Recruited a volunteer to coordinate volunteer maintenance on the P.A.T.H.

### Starting to gather EcoParents

- Received a grant to start a monthly group for residents interested in reducing waste and toxicity in the home.

### Began protecting our Watershed!

- Received a grant to begin a watershed initiative, working with residents on ways to manage water on our properties, use fewer toxins on our lawns, and keep storm drains clear.

All this was done with the help of Grace, our summer intern!

## Contribute to Keep Linden Hills Green

*Hendry Foundation matches donations to LHiNC*

The LHiNC Environment Committee is pleased to report to the neighborhood (see article at left) what we have done in the past year with funds donated by the neighborhood and matching funds from the Hendry Foundation. We hope you will agree that we have accomplished much to keep Linden Hills the green and pleasant place that we love.

The Hendry Foundation will again match the funds LHiNC raises for the neighborhood up to \$12,000. LHiNC will use these funds to continue the programs listed, as well as begin work on water and air quality issues. Please help us raise \$12,000 to qualify for the maximum Hendry Foundation matching gift by making a generous contribution to our neighborhood association.

We have a lovely gift this year for those who donate \$100 or more—a roomy, green cloth tote with the LH Environment Committee logo on it. Show your commitment to the neighborhood and the environment by proudly carrying this great bag.

Send your tax-deductible contribution (made out to LHiNC) to LHiNC, P.O. Box 24049, Minneapolis, MN 55424. Please put 'Hendry Match' in the memo line of your check.

### Make a donation to help keep Linden Hills green!

The Hendry Foundation will again match funds raised in the neighborhood up to \$12,000. Please help us continue our work by making a contribution to LHiNC's Environment Committee.

Send your tax-deductible contribution (*check made out to to LHiNC*) to LHiNC, P.O Box 24049, Minneapolis, MN 55424

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_



## Good Energy Fair Celebrates Solutions to Global Warming

Free exhibits, classes, food, films & music to save energy, money and the planet.

The 2nd Annual Good Energy Fair will be a lively, family-friendly event that educates participants about the impact of their energy use. Fair activities and information will inspire simple actions each of us can take that will make a difference in our neighborhood, state and the world. There will be interesting exhibits, fun kid's activities, yummy local food, inspiring useful workshops and films, enjoyable music, and playful active games. Pick up great giveaways such as: free bus passes, low flow faucet adapters, compact fluorescent bulbs, bike stuff and more! The City of Minneapolis provided a grant to make this event possible. Deb Pierce, of Coffee Table Productions, a local eco-ist group, will again be partnering with the event host, Linden Hills Park/Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board to organize the fair.

**PARTICIPATING GROUPS:** Calhoun Cycle, Greening Our Schools, Home Energy Audits, Linden Hills Co-op, LHiNC Environment Committee, Linden Hills Folk Jam, Linden Hills Power & Light, Metro Transit, MN Energy Challenge, MN Renewable Energy Society, MPCA/Living Green 365, Quality Bike Parts (QPB), SWHS Green Team, Transit for Liveable Communities and more!

General info: [www.coffeetableproductions.com](http://www.coffeetableproductions.com)  
or at Linden Hills Park, 612.920.4913 during park hours,  
or contact: [deb@coffeetableproductions.com](mailto:deb@coffeetableproductions.com).

## Linden Hills Composting Pilot—Sign up now!

Linden Hills Power & Light announces reminds you to now sign up for organics recycling. The effort should push our recycling rate from about 25% to between 50-75%! The City of Minneapolis will deliver a complementary green compostables cart to your home, and you simply set out your food scraps and non-recyclable paper in this cart each week on your block's garbage day. To find out what can be turned into compost and what can't, and to sign up to get your new cart and an initial compostable bag, visit [www.lhpowerandlight.org](http://www.lhpowerandlight.org) or call 612.275.5659.

### WORKSHOPS/ACTIVITIES

- Become an Eco-Shopper
- Bike Repair Clinic
- Bike Commuting
- Cool Planet Flying Disc Activities
- Empowering people-MN Energy Challenge
- Find out about Linden Hills Pilot Waste Organics composting program -LHP&L
- Green Screenings- Eco Films
- Kid's Stuff-Park Naturalists & Art activities
- Phantom Energy- stop wasting energy with your home electronics. Save money and the planet!
- What's trash got to do with it? Reducing Your Carbon Footprint



## EcoParents Kick-Off

Tuesday, October 14, 6:30-8:30pm  
@ Linden Hills Park

Parents have hectic lifestyles—juggling schedules, naps, sippy-cups and on and on. It's sometimes hard to know what we can do to have an impact not only on the environment of our home, but also on the environment of the greater world. Now, there's help!

Join Linden Hills EcoParents—a new year-long initiative of the Linden Hills Environment Committee, funded by generous financial support from Hennepin County (Community POWER: Partners on Waste Education & Reduction) and the Hendry Family Foundation. EcoParents will be a fun, supportive, and non-judgmental way to learn about issues facing our families, as well as actions we can take at the household level to have an impact!

Examples of specific topics the first year likely will include:

- Backyard composting
- Art projects using recycled materials
- Reducing paper and junk mail
- Non-toxic cleaners
- Household hazardous waste and electronic waste reduction and disposal
- Non-toxic lawn care

EcoParents' primary focus is on the lifestyles and situations faced by parents, but we welcome non-parents as well. You simply need to have an interest in learning about waste and toxicity reduction! A priority will be given to Linden Hills residents, but non-residents are also welcome.

For more info, contact Keiko Veasey, EcoParent Project Manager (volunteer), at [ecoparents@linden hills.org](mailto:ecoparents@linden hills.org).

# Linden Hills Park News



3100 West 43rd Street  
612.370.4913 — Fax 612.920.3583  
www.minneapolisparcs.org

Fall programs and sports are underway!

Linden Hills folks of all ages are staying active at the park! Come down and enjoy the natural beauty of the outdoor amenities, or stop in for info on park or community activities.

Space is still available in these areas:

- ✓ Girls Squirt Soccer (Grades 2 & 3)  
Saturday mornings
- ✓ Volleyball for Girls & Boys  
(Grades 4-8)
- ✓ Rec+ After School Care  
(Grades K-6) Weekdays, 2-6pm  
\$141 month + fees
- ✓ Magic Cards Group (Youth & Teens) Friday nights, 6:30 pm
- ✓ Adult Yoga- 6:30pm,  
Monday (Men & Women),  
Wednesday (Men)

## 'Evening Out' at The Bakken Museum

Tuesday, October 14, 5-8pm

Enjoy complimentary food and beverages as you stroll through the Bakken Museum's gardens and galleries and explore possible energy solutions for your home. Learn some new practical tips for energy conservation and efficiency in a workshop led by experts.

This electrifying night of grown-up fun takes place year-round on the second Tuesday of each month at the museum, located in a beautiful 1930s Tudor mansion at 3537 Zenith Avenue S.

Bakken Evening Out is included in the cost of the \$7 museum admission (free for members and a guest). For more information, call 612.926.3878 or visit [www.TheBakken.org](http://www.TheBakken.org).

## LINDEN HILLS HISTORY STUDY GROUP EVENT

### 'Wild' Man—Harry Jones, American Architect

Thursday, September 25, 6:30pm  
Elmwood Bed & Breakfast,  
51st & Nicollet Av.



Join Liz Vandam, author of *Harry Wild Jones, American Architect*, and Tom Balcom, area historian, as they celebrate the public and private life of Harry Jones. The evening includes a short walking tour of HWJ designs located along East Elmwood Place followed by a presentation at Elmwood. Though well known for his designs throughout Minneapolis—Butler Square, Lakewood Cemetery Chapel, the Washburn Water Tower—Jones's work is also represented in the Linden Hills area with two past Lake Harriet pavilions, streetcar stations, Beard's Plaisance, and residential designs.

Due to space limitations, reservations for this special event are required. Call 612.925.4034 or email [info@lindenhillshistory.org](mailto:info@lindenhillshistory.org) to reserve your place.

Free to History Study Group members. \$3 fee for non-members.

### Linden Hills History Study Group Book Club

*Dial M: The Murder of Carol Thompson*  
by Linden Hills resident William Swanson

Wednesday, October 8, 7:30pm at the Allegro Apartments common room, 4440 Beard Avenue. For more information, call [JoEllen@612.926.0646](mailto:JoEllen@612.926.0646).

## Food & Health Classes at Linden Hills Co-op

*A healthy dose of learning*

Fall classes at the Linden Hills Coop started in September. October's offerings include the chance to learn about how to go gluten-free (Tuesday, October 7), adding healthy fats to your diet (Monday, October 13), and why Fair Trade matters (Tuesday, October 14). Register and pay in advance at the co-op or by calling 612.922.1159. Check out events and classes at [www.lindenhills.coop](http://www.lindenhills.coop).



## Minneapolis Turns 150 Years Old

Celebrate the city's sesquicentennial with a program series at Minneapolis Central Library (300 Nicollet Mall) featuring local historians, authors and educators. Upcoming programs are:

**September 23:** Social Hour (5-6pm)\*; Our People and Their Stories (6-7pm); New Stories from New Arrivals (7:20-8:20 pm). Free.

**October 21:** Social Hour (5-6pm)\*; Buildings and Their Tales (6-7pm); Architecture and the Future (7:20-8:20pm). Free.

\* Social Hour features local authors, historical and ethnic groups and organizations. A box dinner (\$15) may be ordered by calling 612.630.6081.

## NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR

Details at [www.lindenhills.org](http://www.lindenhills.org)

### OCTOBER

- 7 LHiNC Board Meeting\*
- 8 Environment Committee\*
- 13 Board Applications Due
- 13 Logo Submissions Due
- 14 Eco Parents Kick-Off
- 15 E-News Published
- 17 LH Town Hall Meeting/Bonfire
- 20 Zoning Committee\*

### NOVEMBER

- 4 Newsletter Articles Due
- 6 Communications Committee
- 11 LHiNC Board Meeting\*
- 12 Environment Committee\*
- 15 E-News Published
- 15 Zoning Committee\*
- 15 LH Line Delivered to Homes

\*7:00pm at Linden Hills Park

## Trolley Ride Fun

### ►Farmer Ken's Pumpkin Patch

Take a trolley ride to the pumpkin patch and bring home a pumpkin!

Trolleys run

1-5pm

Sat. and Sun.,

Oct. 25 & 26,

Fare: \$4/child (includes pumpkin)



### ►Ghost Trolley

A Halloween tradition! Lots of fun and not too scary!

Trolleys run 6-9pm

Oct. 24, 25, 26, and 31

Fare: \$4. Children 11 and under: \$2

For more info: [www.trolleyride.org](http://www.trolleyride.org)

## Celebrate our Neighborhood 'Treasures'

*Nominate a deserving resident or business*

We're looking for residents or businesses who add to the pleasure of living in Linden Hills through their volunteer efforts and commitment to our community. This year's awards will be presented at the October 17 annual Town Hall Meeting event.

Nominate a Linden Hills "Treasure" at [info@lindenhills.org](mailto:info@lindenhills.org) or by calling 612.926.2906. Nominators need only to provide the nominee's name and address, a statement of what makes this person or business a treasure (specific examples are helpful) and their own contact information.

## Canoe Programs Showcase Fall Colors of Lake Calhoun



What better way to spend a beautiful October day than in a canoe on a Minneapolis lake? Join a Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board naturalist on the water to learn about and enjoy the history of the lakes, the wildlife that lives there, and the unique water quality issues they face. Canoeing programs are available:

Thursdays at 4 & 6 pm

Saturdays at 10am and 1pm

Thursday, Oct. 2 – Fall Color Evening Paddle, 5-6:30pm, \$6

Saturday, Oct. 4 – Canoe the Chain of Lakes in Fall, 1-3pm, \$6

Canoes, lifejackets, paddling instruction and paddles are provided. Meet at Thomas Beach parking lot (Thomas Avenue & W Calhoun Parkway). Registration is required, call 612.313.7725 or sign up at [minneapolisparcs.org](http://minneapolisparcs.org).



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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](mailto:info@lindenhills.org). Article submissions for the November/December issue are due November 4.

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## Sign up to receive the Linden Hills E-News!

This newsletter is published every two months. Sometimes things happen in the interim we'd hate for you to miss. Sign up for the Linden Hills monthly e-newsletter at [www.lindenhills.org](http://www.lindenhills.org) and be kept up to date on things on news and events in our neighborhood.