

The Linden Hills Line

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE LINDEN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2009

Joint Linden Hills-Fulton Safety Workshop

Wednesday, February 4,
7pm @ Pershing Park

Concerns about safety due to recent crime incidents will be addressed at a joint Linden Hills and Fulton Safety Workshop on February 4.

Representatives from the Minneapolis Police Department and Parks Police will answer questions and promote crime prevention techniques.

The event is co-sponsored by Council Member Betsy Hodges, Linden Hills Neighborhood Council (LHiNC) and Fulton Neighborhood Association (FNA).

LHiNC Spring Grants Available

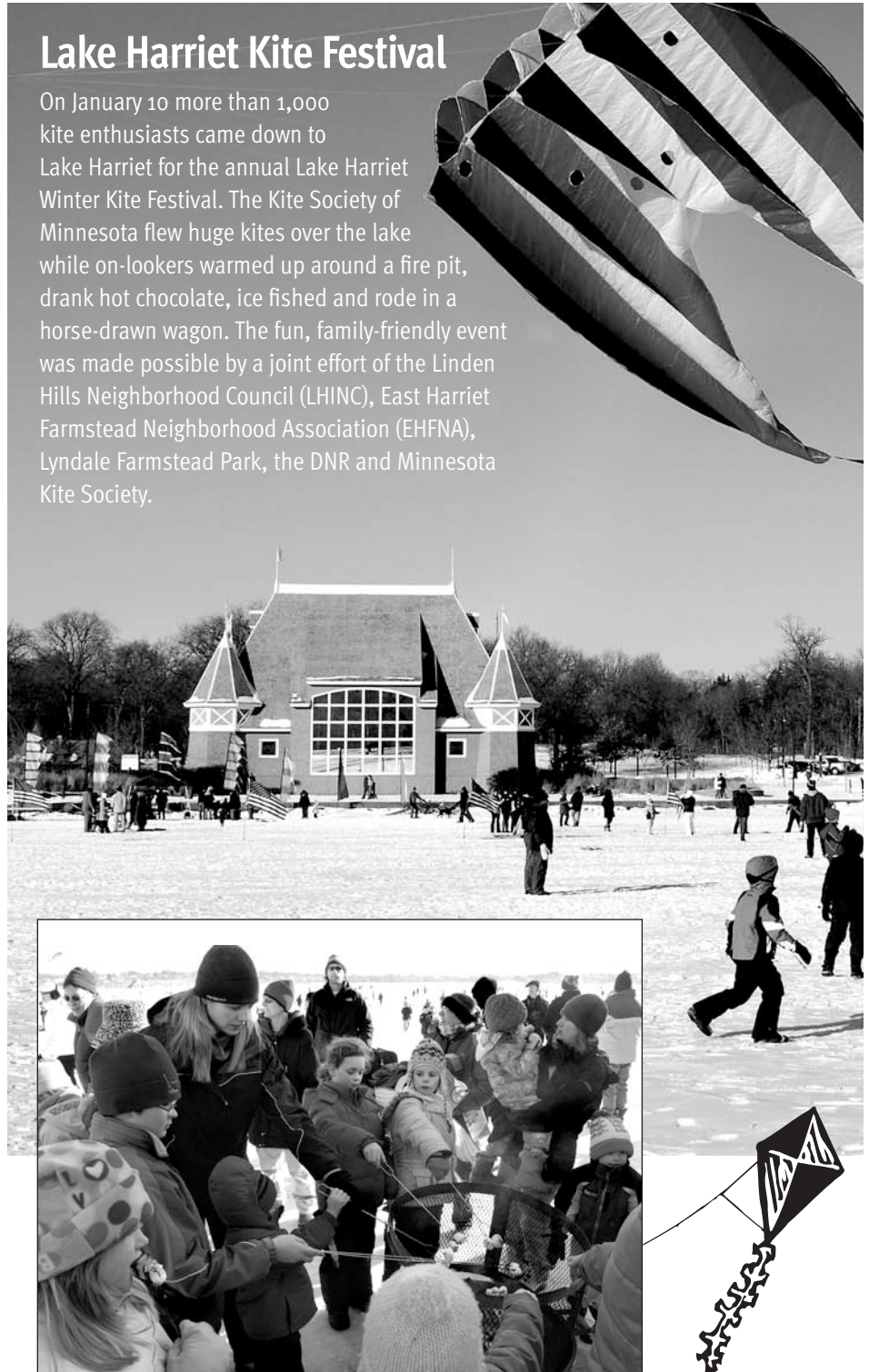
LHINC generates revenue from the Linden Hills Festival and donates much of it back to the community. These funds support organizations and projects that make Linden Hills a better place to live and work. Consider applying if your organization is looking for funds for a specific project.

Guideline Overview— Applications for the Spring 2009 grant cycle are due March 15. Call 612.926.2906 or visit www.lindenhills.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.

Lake Harriet Kite Festival

On January 10 more than 1,000 kite enthusiasts came down to Lake Harriet for the annual Lake Harriet 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, ice fished and rode in a horse-drawn wagon. 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), Lyndale Farmstead Park, the DNR and Minnesota Kite Society.



✦ Public input sought on new neighborhood restaurant. See article inside.

Public Input Sought for New Neighborhood Restaurant— ‘Tosca’

Plans are underway to open Tosca, a new Italian restaurant adjacent to Turtle Bread Bakery. At the January LHiNC Board meeting, the board discussed and approved a process to solicit input from the neighborhood regarding the plans at the Board meeting held on **March 3, 7-9 pm, at the Linden Hills Park building.**

The restaurant’s owner, Harvey McLain, has been invited to make a brief presentation outlining his plans related to the restaurant and a liquor license to serve wine and beer. Also at this meeting, the board will ask LHiNC’s Zoning Committee to provide their input, thoughts, and possible recommendations in regards to the proposal. Public input and questions from the neighborhood will also be solicited at the meeting.

Because this property has never had alcohol served within, there will also be the mandatory statutory hearing about the liquor license, scheduled for **Tuesday, January 27 at 6-7 p.m. at the Linden Hills Park building.**

It is the intent of the LHiNC Board to develop a statement in response to the proposed plans and applications, based on input from Mr McLain, the Zoning Committee, and the neighborhood. This statement will be forwarded to appropriate departments and individuals at the city level, as well as posted on the LHiNC website.

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.linden hills.org and be kept up to date on things on news and events in our neighborhood.

LHiNC Raises Over \$10,000, Hendry Foundation Matches

Thank You for the New Trees!

Many thanks to the businesses and individuals (listed below) who donated over \$10,000 to the Hendry Match Tree Fund. 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 \$10,000, a match for the donations received by the December 1 deadline. Additional funds came in after the deadline and will be credited to the 2009 Hendry match campaign.

The money raised will enable the city to plant about 100 trees along neighborhood boulevards, the 44th Street PATH and in Linden Hills’ parks as well as to treat elms on public property for Dutch Elm Disease, and for incentives for residents to treat elms and to remove buckthorn. Funds will also be spent on beautifying the PATH, and to educate residents about ways to protect our watershed and lakes.

Thank you!

Businesses & Organizations

Café Twenty-Eight
Edelweiss Design
Edward Jones
France 44
Jeff Meyer Ins. Agency
Kent Here, Inc
Linden Hills
Acupuncture
Linden Hills Business
Association
Linden Hills Co-Op
On the Spot
Productive Design, Inc
Robert Wendling &
Associates
Rehkamp Larson
Architects
Westgate Pet Clinic

Individuals

Penny Ainsworth
Margaret & Robert
Alberg
Marie Allen
Timothy Allen
Julie Allinson
Christopher Anderson
Joan & John Angellar
Brad Bart
Aroti & Ben Bayman
Gail Billingsley
Lisa Birchen
Bruce Brandsness
Alice Barrie Bratter
Mary Dunn Brown

Gordon Busdicker
Ellen Butler
Janice Carroll
Madalyn Cioci
Paul Cullen
Barbara Cumnard
Jack & Charr Davis
John Doecke
Mildred Doering
Sandra & Phillip
Edwardson
Peter Eisenberg
Beverly & Lee Ekola
Sandra Elliason
Debbie Evans
Evans Ronald
Clarence & Molly Falk
Susan Falk
Gwendolyn Fassett
Mark & Andrea
Feshbach
Todd Ferrara
Bob & Sylvia Fine
Andrea Gair
Karol Gilman
Irvin & Jeanne
Goldenberg
Steven & Katharine
Goodell
Robert & Brenda Gordon
Randi Graves
Ruth Graves
Dorothy Guilford
Brian & Angela
Gustafson
Barbara Gumnard
Patti Hague
John Hannan

Joellen Haugo
Christine & Kenneth
High
Jamie Hofberger
Judy & Mike Hohmann
Frank Hornstein
Ronald Hyland
Collette & Fred Ibeling
William Idzorek
John & Christine Jaglo
Christine Kaehler
Kelly Jane Keegan
Sharon Kennedy
Jennifer Krohn
Robert & Barbara
Kueppers
Larry Lavercombe
Berkie Levenius
Gretchen & Rob Lieving
Charles & Nancy Liddy
James & Mary Lipscomb
Bruce Manning
Jill Marks
Margaret Michaelson
Jerry Mihock
Weston & Meghan Miller
Katie & Bill Moran
Gretchen Musicant
Jack & Marge Newton
Barbara Bochert Nicol
Paul Oberstar
Lois Parker
Elissa Peterson
Deb & Douglas Pierce
David Porter
Dawn Porter
John Reinan
Mary Richardson

John & Shiela Robertson
Ann Rucker
John & Faye Ryden
Mary Dow Ryerse
David Schmidt
Jon & Dana Schroeder
Conrad Smith
Rhea Sullivan
Susan Tapp
Bruce & Judith
Tennebaum
Elaine Thander
Alan & Jean Thiel
Triplett Foundation/Janet
Hamilton
Marty & Kathy Urberg
Keiko Veasey
Bradford Vifquain
Ann Voda
Pamela Wagner
Lucy Waldherr
Bonnie Warhol
Jeffrey & Gail Watson
Barbara Webb
Barbara Weissberger
Robert Wendling
David West
Kenneth & Sheri
Williams
Stephen Williams
Elaine Wilson
Roxanne Wolfe
Gale Wulff
Jeffrey & Joy Young
Patty Zona

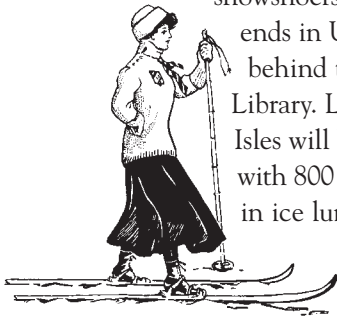
City of Lakes Loppet

Thousands of skiers will glide across the snow and ice January 31 and February 1 for the annual City of Lakes Loppet. The urban cross-country ski race features the beautiful trails and lakes of Minneapolis. Spectators are welcome! Information is available at www.cityoflakesloppet.com.

Luminary Loppet - family fun!

Saturday, January 31 @ 6:30 p.m.

This non-competitive "Tour of Light" is for all levels and ages of skiers and snowshoers. Starts and ends in Uptown behind the Walker Library. Lake of the Isles will be illuminated with 800 candles placed in ice luminaries.



Bon fires, hot beverages, ski

and snowshoe demos, and more.

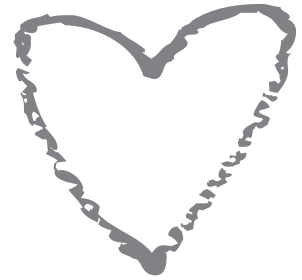
Sign up online. \$20/person, family rates available.

Harmony for Habitats Tickets on Sale Now!

Sunday, February 1 @ 3pm

St. John's Episcopal Church (4201 Sheridan Av S, Mpls) will host the annual Harmony for Habitats benefit concert on Sunday, February 1 at 3pm. All proceeds help build or repair homes for those in need, both locally and internationally. This concert is a mid-winter gift by cellists Tony Ross and Beth Rapier and other friends from the Minnesota Orchestra, featuring beautiful chamber music in an intimate setting. Musical selections will include Copland's *Appalachian Spring* and Tchaikovsky's *Souvenir of Florence*.

A wine and dessert reception with the musicians follows the concert. Ticket prices are minimum donations, additional contributions are welcome: \$25 for open seating and \$50 for reserved seats. Children are free and child care is available. Seating is limited. Visit www.stjohns-mpls.org or call 612.922.0396x10.



Cold Weather, Warm Hearts

Thursday, February 12 @ 7pm

Join us for the sixth Annual Pre-Valentine's Day Love Poetry Reading, hosted by Linden Hills Poet Laureate, Doug Wilhide on Thursday, February 12, at Sebastian Joes. We'll gather at 7pm and readings will begin at 7:30. This is our most popular poetry event of the year with cozy camaraderie, great poetry and romance in the air.

Bring your favorite love poems to share. It shouldn't be hard—love is the most common poetic subject. Poems can be your own work or selected from the last 5,000 years or so of human beings trying to connect with each other. Past readings have had humor, anger, passion, persuasion... and just straight up, heart-catching sweetness. Join us for even more this year.

Questions? Email wilhide@skypoint.com

LH Co-op 'LoveFest' Features Chocolatier B.T. McElrath

Thursday, February 12, 3-6pm

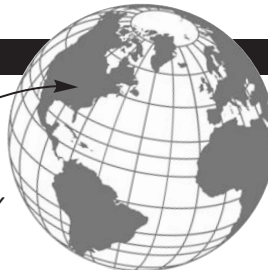
Meet local chocolatier B.T. McElrath at Linden Hills Co-op during LoveFest on February 12. B.T. will be sampling out his artisan chocolates made with local and fair-trade ingredients. The co-op will also be dimming the lights and offering 2 for 1 specials for you and your sweetie. Call 612.922.1159 or visit www.lindenhills.coop for more information.

LINDEN HILLS HISTORY STUDY GROUP

Placeography and Linden Hills

Monday, March 9, 7:00 pm
St. John's Episcopal Church
42nd & Sheridan

Our neighborhood



Help put Linden Hills on the map! Elizabeth Gales, architectural historian with the historical firm, Hess Roise, and Joe Hoover, historian and web guru for the Minnesota Historical Society, will demonstrate Placeography. Placeography is a wiki where you can share the history of and stories about a house, building, farmstead, public land, neighborhood or any place to where you have a personal connection. (A wiki is a page or collection of Web pages designed to enable anyone who accesses it to contribute or modify content.) The evening will be an opportunity to discover 21st Century tools for local history.

\$3 suggested donation for non-Linden Hills History Study Group members
For more info: call JoEllen at 612.926.0646 or visit www.lindenhillshistory.org

2009 Linden Hills History Study Group events:

April – The History of Minnehaha Falls with collector Karen Cooper

June 24 – Walking Tour of Lakewood Cemetery with historian Peter Sussman

July – Cruise on historic steamboat *Minnehaha* to Big Island, Lake Minnetonka

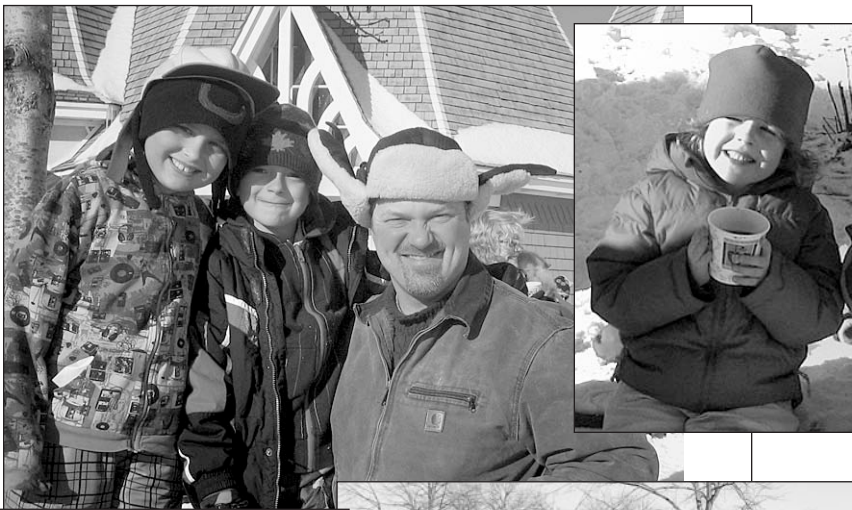
October – 'Antiques Road Show' with Hennepin History Museum staff

Linden Hills Festival 2009

Mark your calendar—Festival is Saturday, May 16!

The 34th annual Linden Hills festival will be held on Saturday, May 16. This means all the activities—the Linden Hills Park parade and festivities, garage sales, and activities at 43rd & Upton—will be held on one day instead of two. We need your help to plan this fun, community-building event. Watch for more information in the *Linden Hills Line* or www.lindenhills.org about how you can get involved!

Neighborhood Winter Fun at the Lake Harriet Kite Festival!



Bicycle Sharing Proposal for Minneapolis

The City of Minneapolis and the City of Lakes Nordic Ski Foundation have put forward a proposal for public bicycle sharing in Minneapolis. Public bicycle sharing systems, like the Paris Vélib, make it easy for commuters, students, tourists and urban residents to use a bike for short trips in the heart of the city. Sturdy upright bikes with lights, fenders, and cargo space are locked in self-service kiosks located throughout the city. Subscribers can take a bike with the swipe of a card and return it to any kiosk. To learn more about public bicycle systems and the proposal, go to www.niceridemn.com

Attend a Public Meeting

Attend one of three public meetings to learn more and provide your thoughts and ideas. RSVP to Andrea Petersen at andrea.petersen@ci.minneapolis.mn.us (include meeting date you will attend)

Wednesday, February 4 @ 7pm,
Calhoun Square

Tuesday, February 10 @ 7pm, Coffman Union (The Whole Music Club)

Thursday, February 12 @ 5:30pm,
Minneapolis Central Library

Linden Hills UCC Mardi Gras Carnival

Saturday, February 21,
5:30-7:30 pm

Come to the Linden Hills Congregational Church, 4200 Upton Ave S, for an evening of family fun on Saturday, February 21!

► Games include: Cake walk, face painting, bingo, basketball throw, 'wheel of genius,' roving juggler, raffle, and more

► Entertainment acts throughout the evening

► 'Good for you' refreshments!

For information, call 612.927.4603.



EcoParents Continue to Meet and Learn

In January, Sandra Nussbaum from Hennepin County spoke to the group about disposing household hazardous waste.

Some of her tips include:

Batteries— In Minneapolis, all household batteries can be placed with your regular recycling. Tape the ends of lithium batteries, place in a plastic bag, and put on top of your recycling bin. Wet-cell batteries (e.g., auto batteries) are not accepted curbside, but can be dropped off free of charge at Hennepin County Drop-Off Facilities in Bloomington and Brooklyn Park.

Electronics & Appliances

In Minneapolis, most electronic items and even large appliances are collected

curbside on your recycling week. There is a limit of 2 large items per recycling week. Place next to the garbage cart on the recycling day and post a sign or write on the item “For Solid Waste.” Item will be picked up on next business day after recycling day.

Treated Wood— Do *not* put treated wood in your garbage. Do *not* burn. Also treated wood is *not* accepted at County Drop-Off Facilities, it must be taken to a landfill. Visit the Hennepin County website for a list of landfills that may accept treated wood.

For more information or to sign up for EcoParents updates, check out [lindenhillsecoparents.blogspot.com!](http://lindenhillsecoparents.blogspot.com)

Online Waste Disposal Information:

Minneapolis Solid Waste:
www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/solid-waste/

Hennepin County's A-Z How to Get Rid of It Guide:

www.hennepinatoz.org/azguide

Rethink Recycling:
www.rethinkrecycling.com

Linden Hills Compost Pilot Project

It's not too late to join your neighbors!

Over 1050 people in Linden Hills are learning how easy it is to reduce waste and do something proactive to combat global warming. The green-wheeled carts are collected weekly on your regular garbage pick up day. Carts are free and it's free to participate. The City of Minneapolis is using Linden Hills as a pilot neighborhood to test whether it would be worth rolling the program out to the rest of the city. Let's prove that it is!

For the first three months Linden Hills has averaged four tons per week of organics diverted from the waste stream. Currently 41.7% of eligible households (those living in single family, duplexes and four-plexes) are participating. More participation is encouraged—visit www.lhpowerandlight.org to sign up.

Members of the 'Green Tub Club' are finding up to 90% of their trash can be recycled and are saving on average 5,816 lbs of carbon per person from being released into the atmosphere—or 5,816,000 lbs so far for the neighborhood. For further information, visit www.lhpowerandlight.org.

Driveways Affect Our Watershed

LHiNC Environment Committee Watershed Project

Researchers from the U.S. Geological Survey have found elevated levels of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons in Lake Harriet, above the concentration that impacts animal and plant life. These hydrocarbons are toxic to aquatic organisms and are also suspected to be human carcinogens. The Minneapolis Pollution Control Agency believes one source of these chemicals is the Coal-Tar based seal coats used to protect driveways and parking lots from frost/thaw damage. For a full report, please see: http://images.burrellesluce.com/image/19713NA/19713NA_NA2552

Solutions to reduce this type of watershed pollution are available. Consumers and small contractors can purchase seal coat that is not coal-tar based. Consumers have the option of choosing permeable pavement methods that do not require seal coating.

The Linden Hills Environmental Committee is starting a Watershed Project to educate local residents about these kinds of issues, as well as encourage homeowners and local businesses in ways to reduce our impact on the local watershed.

If you would like more information on the Linden Hills Watershed Project, contact Sharon Kennedy at 612.922.5465, or slk.kennedy@gmail.com

Keep Your House Warm and Save Energy

The SW Community Ed Green Team won a small youth service grant to put plastic up on windows for senior citizens or residents with special needs. Call (612) 668-3100 to schedule the (supervised) Green Team to come over to do the work. This service is free.

NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR

Details at www.lindenhills.org

FEBRUARY

- 3 LHiNC Board Meeting*
- 12 Environment Committee*
- 16 Zoning Committee*
- 16 Zoning Committee*
- 24 Newsletter articles due

MARCH

- 3 LHiNC Board Meeting*
- 5 Communications Committee
7pm @ Sebastian Joe's
- 12 Environment Committee*
- 10 *Linden Hills Line* delivered
*7:00pm at Linden Hills Park

2009 Parking Pass

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board has issued its **2009 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 \$34 (\$17 for 2nd car). Seniors pay \$27 (\$12 for 2nd car). For information, call 612.230.6400 or visit www.minneapolisparcs.org.

Lake Calhoun Parking Lot Reconstruction

The parking lot located at Richfield Road and West Calhoun Parkway will be reconstructed in 2009. The goal is to reconstruct the lot using sustainable design standards for storm water run off and vegetation management. The plan calls for a smaller parking lot that is located farther east from the intersection. The plan would create an entry plaza at the intersection and improve the separation between the bike and pedestrian paths. The plaza would also include an over look for viewing the lake and downtown skyline.

Linden Hills Park News



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

Winterfest '09

Friday, January 23, 6:30-8:30 pm

Join your neighbors in the crisp, winter air! Ice skate to the music and roast marshmallows by the fire. Participate in a medallion hunt or complete a craft project together!

Skating Rink Hours

Weekdays: 3-9 pm (Noon-9 pm on school out days),

Saturdays: 10 am-9 pm

Sundays: Noon-6 pm

Open through Feb. 16, weather permitting

Yoga for Kids

Linden Hills has introductory yoga classes for pre-schoolers and school-age kids. We play active games while learning the basics of yoga from certified Yoga-fit instructors. Sign up now for session II—starts February 13!



Think Spring! Perennial Flower Gardening Class

Saturday, March 21 @ 1pm
Linden Hills Library

Grow plants that will beautify your landscape year after year. Learn about their care, ideal sites (shade, sun, moisture), soil conditions, pest control and varieties ideal for Minnesota.

Presented in collaboration with the University of Minnesota Extension.



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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 November/December issue are due November 4.

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Linden Hills Library

2900 West 43rd Street, 612.630.6750
Open Tuesday - Saturday
www.hclib.org

Neighborhood library activities include:

- Teen Book Club—*grade 6 and up*
- Family Movies—*classic films for all ages*
- Guys Read Book Club—*grades 4-6*
- WWII Film Series
- Movies for Teens
- Baby Storytime—*birth to 24 months*