



# The Linden Hills Line

The Bi-Monthly Newsletter of the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council

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## LHiNC Annual Meeting & Fall Fest

Thursday, October 22, 7 pm @ Linden Hills Park

Join your Linden Hills neighbors for the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council (LHiNC) Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 22. The town hall-style meeting will feature board elections, guest speakers, and information about what LHiNC has been up to over the past year. Council Member Betsy Hodges will speak, we'll elect candidates to the LHiNC board of directors and enjoy s'mores and cider around a bonfire.

### Be Elected to a LHiNC Board Seat!

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

- ▶ Applicants must be over 18 and a Linden Hills resident
- ▶ Board members serve a 2-year term, November 2009-October 2011
- ▶ They attend monthly meetings, usually the first Tuesday of each month, 7 pm at Linden Hills Park
- ▶ They commit to an average of 8-10 hours per month including attending monthly meetings, participating on committees, organizing the Festival, etc.

Application forms are on the website. Completed forms are due October 15. Call 612.926.2906 or visit [www.lindenhills.org](http://www.lindenhills.org) for more election information.

## Contribute to Improve the LH Environment

Last Year to Double Donations

For the final time, the Parish/Hendry Family Foundation will match funds raised in the neighborhood for environment-related priorities. The LHiNC Environment Committee will use the money raised in the neighborhood to plant trees on boulevards and in parks, plant and maintain the 44th Street PATH area, help residents pay for elm treatment and buckthorn removal, offer workshops and assistance on keeping our waters clean and pure, protect public elms from Dutch Elm Disease, and support additional neighborhood environmental priorities. Read the green insert to see what we have accomplished this past year and click on "Environment Committee" on [www.lindenhills.org](http://www.lindenhills.org) for a list of ongoing priorities and activities.

Your generous contribution will help us raise the \$10,000 to qualify for the maximum Hendry Foundation matching gift, and enable us to continue our work in the neighborhood. Any amount will be appreciated. Those who donate \$100 or more will receive a tote bag with the LH Environment Committee logo! We must have all donations by November 15 to qualify for the match.

Send your tax-deductible contribution, made payable to LHiNC (with Parish/Hendry Match on the memo line), to LHiNC, P.O. Box 24049, Minneapolis, MN 55424, by November 10. You can also pay by PayPal from [www.lindenhills.org](http://www.lindenhills.org).

## Linden Hills woofstock



The Linden Hills Business Association welcomed dogs and their owners to Woofstock on Saturday, September 19. There were agility demonstrations, dog-friendly exhibits, live music, a scavenger hunt, the Pooches' Promenade, and annual Dog Trick Contest.



## You are a Member of LHiNC!

If you received this newsletter, you are likely a member of LHiNC. LHiNC is your local neighborhood organization and is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Every resident age 18+ living in Linden Hills is a member.

Each year, half of the Board of Directors comes up for election (2-yr terms) and residents are invited to elect volunteer representatives to serve on the board. LHiNC exists to promote the 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:

- Engage residents in relevant ways and provide a structure for diverse voices to convene and take action on local issues
- Be involved in the government planning process at the grass roots level and provide input and prioritization on projects and programs
- Facilitate new initiatives, administer grants, promote cross-neighborhood collaboration and programs for residents that are carried out in partnership with businesses, the City of Minneapolis and other stakeholders.

Learn more at [www.linden hills.org](http://www.linden hills.org).

## Attend a Screening of the Documentary 'Fresh'

Friday, October 23, 7 pm at Southwest High School

Southwest High School (SWHS) and its fundraising group, the Quality Education Campaign, are hosting a screening of the documentary *Fresh* in the newly-renovated auditorium of SWHS. A donation of \$10 per person is suggested.

*Fresh* celebrates the farmers, thinkers and business people across America who are reinventing our food system. Each has witnessed the rapid transformation of our agriculture into an industrial model, and confronted the

consequences: food contamination, environmental pollution, depletion of natural resources and morbid obesity. Forging healthier, sustainable alternatives, they offer a practical vision for a future of our food and our planet.

Volunteers are needed to help organize the event, participate on a panel of local food experts, and/or to promote their business at a vendor table.

Contact Jenny Hedberg at 612.964.3023 or [jhedberg@hedbergmaps.com](mailto:jhedberg@hedbergmaps.com).



### 9-11 Tribute – *Simply Amazing!*

This year's 9-11 Tribute *Our Community Remembers* is being described by those in attendance as the best ever. The annual concert is done in remembrance of the 2,996 victims who lost their lives on 9/11/01. The all-volunteer 64 piece 9-11 Tribute Orchestra and 57 voice 9-11 Tribute chorus were comprised of members from more than 90 local orchestras and vocal groups.

This year's 9-11 Tribute incurred the added expense of commissioning a new work titled *Amazing Grace 9-11*, recording the concert and producing a compact disc. To contribute, help with the added expense, and support future 9-11 Tribute concerts, please visit [peopleforparks.net/911tribute.html](http://peopleforparks.net/911tribute.html). Receive a CD of this year's concert for a \$15 minimum donation. To view a slide show of this year's concert please visit: [www.our911tribute.com/photos2009/](http://www.our911tribute.com/photos2009/).

## Good bye and thank you to the Parish family!

The Linden Hills Environment Committee is sad to announce the Amy and Rob Parish family have moved from Linden Hills. As representatives of the Parish/Hendry Family Foundation, they have donated over \$40,000 to neighborhood environmental causes, primarily supporting the purchase of boulevard trees. Their generous pledge to match funds raised within the neighborhood led the Environment Committee to embark on an ambitious annual fundraising campaign that has, over the past 3 years, generated over \$30,000 from neighborhood donations. As a result of the Parish/Hendry Family and neighborhood donors, the Linden Hills neighborhood is greener and more pleasant. As a final gift to the neighborhood, the Parishes generously agreed to match this year's fund raising, up to \$10,000. Many thanks and best wishes to a truly civic-minded family.

## A Poetic Place to Live

Linden Hills poets have been prolific, showing up at readings, slams, salons and on the poetry pages of the *Southwest Journal*. The October 4 edition of the SWJ will contain the fall Poetry Project and will include several Linden Hills poems.

**Other news:** The book of local poetry, *Between the Lakes: the Poets of Linden Hills*, is available at local shops. We are planning a poetry reading in late October featuring music lyrics (theme: "the poetry of song"). Keep up with these and other poetry-related events by visiting the "poetry matters" page at [wilhide.com](http://wilhide.com).

## LH Co-op Fall Classes

Register for by calling 612.922.1159

### ► Making Your Kitchen a Wellness Kitchen!

Tuesday, October 6, 6:30-8:30 pm

\$5/\$3 members. *Instructor:* Gabriele Kushi,

Certified Holistic Health Practitioner

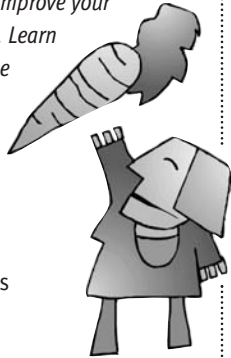
*Explore the energetic properties of food and learn how to balance them in your kitchen. Get easy, quick recipes to treat what ails you with macrobiotic and traditional Chinese medical principles.*

### ► Family Mealtime Strategy: Improve Your Child's Nutrition & Decrease Anxiety

Tuesday, October 13, 7:00-8:30 pm

\$17/\$15 members. *Instructor:* Katja Rowell, MD

*Overview of child development, shedding light on why children eat the way they do, and how you can use that knowledge to improve your child's health and wellness. Learn strategies proven to increase mealtime variety and decrease the struggles about food.*



### ► Eating with the Seasons

Tuesday, October 27, 6:30-

8:00 pm. \$12/\$10 members

*Instructor:* Claudine Arndt, Certified Health Coach

*As one season moves into the next, we change the clothes we wear, the outdoor activities in which we engage, and even our clocks. But how much thought do we give to changing the kinds of foods we eat? We'll discuss what it means to eat seasonally and how it can benefit your health.*

## Minneapolis Parks Foundation Names Lake Creature "Minne"

With a little help from her fans, the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes' newest resident has a name. The 13-foot public work of art by local artist Cameron Gainer that first appeared in Lake Harriet in July, and has since moved to Lake of the Isles, was officially named "Minne," pronounced Minnie, by the Foundation.

"Minne," the Dakota word for "water," received overwhelming support, with participants citing the obvious connection between her place of residence (water) and the historical significance of the word. The sculpture is based on the iconic photo taken in 1934 that was presented as definitive "evidence" of the existence of Scotland's infamous Loch Ness Monster.



## History Group Fall Walking Tour

Saturday, October 3 in the Tangletown Neighborhood

Join us for a lovely, fall walk through Tangletown and the Lynnhurst neighborhood led by resident and historian Tom Balcom. Learn about the era, personalities and role of the streetcar line in the settlement of this portion of south Minneapolis. View architect and Tangletown pioneer Harry Wild Jones' splendid Washburn Water Tower and learn about the tower's historic connections to the neighborhood homes and Minnehaha Creek. Find out about the creek's water quality and flows, and vegetation and bridges through the years; and perhaps find evidence of 19th century flour mills. Total distance of the walk will be two miles, including some hills and steps.

The tour starts at 10 am at the Washburn High School parking lot, 49th and Pleasant Ave. Suggested \$3 donation for non-members of LHHSG. For more information call JoEllen at 612.926.0646. Upcoming events are found at: [lindenhillshistory.org](http://lindenhillshistory.org).

## Como-Harriet Halloween Trolley

October Events

**Ghost Trolley**, "Streetcar

Zombies" 6-9 pm on October 16, 17, 23, 24 & 30

**Farmer Ken's Pumpkin Patch**,

October 24 & 25. Trolleys run to the pumpkin patch from our Linden Hill station from 1-5 pm (or until pumpkins are gone).

**Trick 'R Trolley** Halloween event for younger children. Special guest story reader will be Alison McGhee, author of *A Very Brave Witch* and *Only a Witch Can Fly*. Trips at 1 and 2 pm on October 31. Tickets available only at Wild Rumpus.

For more info, call 952.922.1096 or visit [www.trolleyride.org](http://www.trolleyride.org).

## Linden Hills Trees in Danger From Drought!

*Please give them a drink*



Linden Hills trees are highly stressed from the six-year drought. According to the city forestry department, even large, healthy looking trees are experiencing significant

root damage unless they get watered regularly. August's rains were not enough. Watering all your trees regularly from now until the ground freezes will help.



Come and learn about alternatives to traditional cleaning products at the next meeting of Linden Hills EcoParents. Many traditional cleaning products contains some pretty nasty chemicals. Join us to find out about some safer alternatives.

**Non-toxic Home Cleaning**

Tuesday, September 29

6:30-8:30 pm @ Linden Hills Park

Check out the blog for updates and information at [lindenhillsecoparents.blogspot.com](http://lindenhillsecoparents.blogspot.com)!

# 2009 Report to the Neighborhood LHiNC Environment Committee

With *your* help, we are—

## ***Building our Urban Forest:***

- 🍃 Planted 67 boulevard trees this spring; 30 more will be planted this fall.
- 🍃 Helped convince City Forestry Dept to increase tree diversity.
- 🍃 Purchased & displayed new roadside signs reminding people to water trees during drought.

## ***Fighting Dutch Elm Disease (DED):***

- 🍃 Provided discounted rates to Linden Hills residents who treated an elm for DED through a continued partnership with Rainbow Tree Company
- 🍃 Continued DED Rebate Program, providing \$50 rebates to residents who treated an elm
- 🍃 Paid up to \$250 to help residents treat valuable elms that otherwise would not be treated.

## ***Cleaning up the P.A.T.H, the old trolley right of way, north of 44th St between Xerxes & Zenith:***

- 🍃 Contracted with Edelweiss Design for spring and fall maintenance of the area.
- 🍃 Our marvelous volunteer, Chris High, organized several plantings and summer maintenance there, using both donated and purchased plants.
- 🍃 Contracted with Rainbow Tree Care to remove buckthorn and scrub trees from the back of the parking lot across from Turtle Bread Company.
- 🍃 The drought this summer has meant division of the grasses on 44th St. across from Turtle Bread could not be done, because we have no access to water there. The division will be done this fall.

## ***Destroying Buckthorn, a non-native invasive shrub or small tree:***

- 🍃 Subsidized residential buckthorn removal through “Linden Hills Buckthorn Bust Day.” Buckthorn hedges, large trees, small trees and shrubs were removed at greatly reduced cost to residents.
- 🍃 Worked with Park District to try to prevent off-road biking in Thoreau’s Wood.
- 🍃 Will begin restoration of damaged area in Thoreau’s Wood this fall.

## ***Fundraising:***

- 🍃 Through the neighborhood’s generous donations last fall, our fundraising efforts raised \$10,000! This money was matched by the Hendry Foundation.
- 🍃 Secured grant funding from Hennepin County and Minnesota Waters to support initiatives & priorities.

## ***Waterkeeper’s Project, protecting local watershed resources & providing watershed education:***

- 🍃 Held kick-off “Waterkeepers” event last spring, followed up two free workshops this fall including fall organic lawn care and no-till organic gardening.

## ***Engaging Ecoparents:***

- 🍃 Secured grants to support development of “Linden Hills EcoParents”, which has been meeting monthly for the past year. Topics have included improving recycling, household hazardous waste, green parties, non-toxic personal care products, safe plastics, reducing household waste, and more!
- 🍃 Maintaining an EcoParents-related online blog with local green news, events, and information.

*This is the final year that The Hendry Foundation will match funds raised, up to \$10,000!*

*Please help us by making a contribution to LHiNC’s Environment Committee by November 15.*



Send your tax-deductible contribution to LHiNC, P.O. Box 24049, Minneapolis, MN 55424. Checks may be made payable to “LHiNC” and write “Parish/Hendry Match” in the memo line, or pay with PayPal on the LHiNC website ([www.lindenhills.org](http://www.lindenhills.org)). ***Thank you for your support!***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

# NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR

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

## OCTOBER

- 6 LHiNC Board Meeting\*
- 8 Environment Committee\*
- 15 Board Candidate Applications Due
- 18 Zoning Committee\*
- 22 Annual Meeting & Fall Fest

## NOVEMBER

- 5 Communications Meeting\*\*
- 10 LHiNC Board Meeting\*
- 12 Environment Committee\*
- 15 Zoning Committee\*
- 20 *Linden Hills Line* delivered

\*7:00pm at Linden Hills Park

\*\*7:00pm at Sebastian Joes's

### SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY ED

## Family Halloween Party

Thursday, October 29, 7-9pm @ SWHS

Join us for our annual Family Halloween Party co-sponsored by Southwest Community School, Pershing Park, Linden Hills Park, Lake Harriet Community School, and Linden Hills and Washburn Branch Libraries. The party is open to all interested families—you're welcome to join us regardless of where you live. \$5 entry fee per family at the door (up to four people).

Activities include carnival games, a raffle for door prizes, a Moonwalk, magic shows, puppet shows, treats and prizes for children ages 1-99! Carnival games are 25 cents (prizes every time you play).

The party will be held at Southwest High School (enter through the N.E. door #17,

Abbott Ave. side). Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, and no scary or inappropriate costumes please. Please bring a food donation to help out the Metro Food Shelf.



# Linden Hills Park News



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### Halloween Help!

Would you enjoy helping to plan, prepare and execute our traditional event this year? Painting scenes, planning themes—seeing it all come to life is very rewarding! Parent/child teams are welcome. Meeting for interested volunteers: 6:15-7:00 pm, Tuesday October 6 at Linden Hills Park.

### Fall Programs

Spots remain in programs for fall! Find out more online about Movin' & Groovin' (ages 1-3), Lunch Bunch (ages 3-5), Ceramics and Art Classes (ages 3-12), Rec+ After School Care

## Meet District 6 Park Board Candidates

October 8 @ 6:30 pm

Voters in Park Board District 6 can hear from the four candidates on Thursday, October 8, at the Washburn Library from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Running for that Park Board seat are Brad Bourn, Meg Forney, Geneva Hanvik, and Steve Jecha. The forum is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Minneapolis and will offer candidates a chance to make opening and closing statements and take written questions from the audience. There will also be a brief presentation about how to vote using the new system of Ranked Choice Voting.

### Sign up to get Linden Hills E-News!

The *Linden Hills Line* 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 news in our neighborhood.



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*The Linden Hills Line* welcomes contributions from residents. Submissions may be edited for length, clarity and relevance. Advertising and anonymous editorial contributions 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 3.

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### HOME IMPROVEMENT & ENERGY LOANS AVAILABLE FOR LINDEN HILLS RESIDENTS

Call 612.335.5884 or visit [www.mncee.org](http://www.mncee.org) for more information or to download forms.

### LHINC REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM

Eligible improvements: roof, siding, windows, furnace, and more! 5.5% fixed interest or 2.75% with a 1:1 match by the borrower, \$15,000 maximum, flexible terms, income limits apply

### CEE HOME ENERGY PROGRAM

Energy-related improvements are eligible including storm windows, storm doors, insulation, furnace, a/c, water heaters and more! Low interest fixed rate, \$10,000 maximum, flexible terms up to 5 years, no maximum income limit!

\*Interest rates subject to change