



The Linden Hills Line

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Art Shanty Project Breaks Records on Lake Harriet



On February 11, Art Shanty Projects wrapped up its debut year on Lake Harriet, after four amazing weekends of record-breaking crowds. When all was said and done, the frozen art festival, featuring 22 artist-designed shanties and dozens of live performances, attracted more than 40,000 visitors to Lake Harriet.

For over a decade, Art Shanty Projects has organized this month-long transformation of an ice-covered lake into an artist-designed village filled with creative structures, interactive activities and lively performances. But this was its first year on Lake Harriet. The move was accomplished with the support of the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council and the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board.

"It's been a milestone year for Art Shanty Projects", noted Artistic Director, Lacey Prpić Hedtke. "With our recent move to Minneapolis, we've been able to share the on-ice program with broader and larger audiences."

The Art Shanty Projects is committed to returning to Lake Harriet for at least two more years. The Linden Hills Neighborhood Council will continue to support and work with the Art Shanty Projects to make next year another huge success.

Check out more amazing images of all the Art Shanty fun at linden hills.org/artshanty2018.

Art Shanty Projects awarded \$20K Grant from NEA

On February 16, just days after the end of Art Shanty Projects 2018, the National Endowment for the Arts awarded an Art Works grant of \$20,000 to Art Shanty Projects.

The Art Works category supports projects that focus on the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, public engagement with diverse and excellent art, lifelong learning in the arts, and/or the strengthening of communities through the arts.

"These NEA-supported projects, such as this one to Art Shanty Projects, are good examples of how the arts build stronger and more vibrant communities, improve well-being, prepare our children to succeed, and increase the quality of our lives," said NEA Chairman Jane Chu.

Congratulations to the Art Shanty Projects on this well-deserved and prestigious award.

Ward 13 Update

From Council Member Linea Palmisano



The first two months of the new term have been very active for our 13th Ward City Council Office.

This term, I chair three committees: the Internal Audit Committee, the Enterprise Committee, and the Budget Committee. My goal is to be a watchdog of the way the city functions and spends our resources. With a large turnover recently in City leadership, this will be an important gap to fill in our city moving forward.

One of the big issues our Audit Committee has been working on the last few years relates to police body-worn cameras. I am using every tool available to get our police department to fully utilize their body cameras. This comes in the wake of the shooting of Justine Damond last summer and an audit I spearheaded last fall showing that officers were failing to turn on their body cameras nearly 30% of the time. I am frustrated that this issue has required my ongoing pressure to get fixed, but I am confident we have turned the page, and the new police leadership will soon be implementing updated body camera policies.

My office recently put together a town hall conversation with new Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo and 5th Precinct Inspector Kathy Waite. We discussed the body camera issue, police use of force and fostering closer relationships between the police and the community. I think it was a positive conversation. I hope both the community and our police leadership were able to learn things from one another.

My office also convened a Palmisano Presents conversation recently on pedestrian safety in conjunction with the Armatage Neighborhood Association; this after a walker was recently killed at 54th and Penn. At the forum, we discussed pedestrian safety issues and city officials explained our Vision Zero initiative, which aims to completely eliminate pedestrian deaths in our city.

Finally, I'd like to ask folks to pay attention and get involved as our city begins the process of updating our comprehensive plan. One of the concepts being discussed relates to how we allow multi-family dwellings in what are today areas zoned for single family homes. Please stay tuned for more information as we move ahead with this process. We will finalize the updated comprehensive plan later this year.

As always, please feel free to contact our office with any comments or questions. It is my pleasure serving you on the City Council, and I thoroughly enjoy hearing from you.

To contact Council Member Palmisano, please visit www.minneapolismn.gov/ward13 or call 612-673-2213.

Help Plan the Future of Parks and Trails in Southwest Minneapolis



Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board

The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) is excited to launch three new park master planning projects for Mississippi Gorge Regional Park, Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail, and Southwest Minneapolis neighborhood parks.

These three separate master plan projects will set visions and priorities for future park and trail improvements. The planning for each of these projects will be guided by separate Community Advisory Committees (CACs), which are appointed by various neighborhood organizations and elected officials.

Applications for the Southwest Service Area Master Plan CAC are due March 21. If you are interested, a link to the online application can be found at linden hills.org/MPRB_CAC

Solid Waste & Recycling Survey

Minneapolis Solid Waste & Recycling wants to hear from you. All City Solid Waste & Recycling customers are invited to participate in a 10-minute services survey. Information gathered from the survey will help staff evaluate current outreach and educational messages and methods; and guide future conversations on potential program changes. Survey participants will be randomly selected to win one of 40 prizes valued at \$10 each. The survey is available at www.minneapolismn.gov/solid-waste



Become a Recycling Block Leader

Are you passionate about reducing waste? Sign up to be a recycling block leader and educate your neighbors about recycling and waste reduction. As a recycling block leader, you can give as little or as much of your time as you are able. Learn more and sign up:

minneapolismn.gov/recyclingblockleader

Earth Day Community Clean-up

Saturday, April 21, 8:30 a.m. to noon



Join the Southwest Community Education Advisory Council and students from Southwest Community Education Green Team, in a one-morning effort to clean up our community.

Meet at Southwest High School at 8:30 a.m. for juice, coffee, and rolls. The clean-up will begin around the high school, continuing to Lake Harriet, along Minnehaha Creek, and to Lake Calhoun. Transportation by bus will be provided. A picnic lunch will be provided after the clean-up.

Minneapolis Parks Community Garden Policy Draft – Check it out & Comment



The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board has opened a 45-day public comment period on its draft Community Garden Policy. The draft policy outlines rules, requirements and processes for community gardening at neighborhood parks in Minneapolis.

Policy Summary: Community gardens should be created, where appropriate, within designated urban agriculture areas in neighborhood parks, as well as on tax-forfeited parcels that are acquired to support the activity, and made available to all Minneapolis residents free of charge through a garden plot application process that includes the completion of site stewardship agreements.

Public comments will be accepted until April 9, 2018. After that, MPRB staff will review the feedback and present a revised policy to the Board of Commissioners, where it will be considered for final approval following a public hearing.

For links to the draft and comment section, visit: lindenhills.org/communitygarden_policy

Help Keep Our City Clean

Are you tired of seeing litter on the ground outside by your bus stop or in front of your local coffee shop? There are several ways that residents, community groups and businesses can help keep the city clean.

By adopting a litter container, recycling container or ash receptacle, Solid Waste & Recycling will place the container at a location of your choosing. Adopters agree to empty the container(s) when full. Bags are provided by Solid Waste & Recycling at no cost. If you choose to adopt a block or street, Solid Waste & Recycling will provide you with free bags and gloves to assist with cleanup.

If you can't meet the commitment to maintain your block or street for two years, you can request supplies for a one-time litter clean up activity with friends, family, or community groups. For more information about these and other Clean City programs, visit:

www.minneapolismn.gov/cleancity.

What is in your shampoo?

Column from LHiNC Environmental Committee

The U.S. government doesn't review the safety of personal care products before they're sold, which allows companies to use almost any ingredient they wish in these products. The Environmental Working Group (EWG) fills in where industry and government leave off. EWG has produced a database for hazard assessments of cosmetics and personal care products. This database is searchable and provides easy-to-navigate ratings for a wide range of products and ingredients on the market today.

If you are curious about the ingredients in products you use, take a look at www.ewg.org/skindeep/ for more information. This information will help you to make product choices that help protect yourself, the environment, and our natural resources.

Here is an example of EWG's assessment of the ingredients in Suave 2 in 1 Shampoo & Conditioner:

Ingredient Concerns

Ingredient	Concerns	Score
FRAGRANCE	Allergies/immunotoxicity, Miscellaneous, Irritation (skin, eyes, or lungs), Organ system toxicity (non-reproductive), Ecotoxicology	<div><div>S</div><div>8</div><div>Data: Fair</div></div>
DMDM HYDANTOIN (FORMALDEHYDE RELEASER)	Allergies/immunotoxicity, Irritation (skin, eyes, or lungs), Use restrictions, Cancer, Contamination concerns (FORMALDEHYDE)	<div><div>S</div><div>7</div><div>Data: Limited</div></div>
METHYLISOTHIAZOLINONE	Allergies/immunotoxicity, Use restrictions, Irritation (skin, eyes, or lungs), Neurotoxicity, Ecotoxicology	<div><div>S</div><div>7</div><div>Data: Fair</div></div>
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Friends of Roberts Bird Sanctuary March Events



Tremendous Trees in Roberts Bird Sanctuary *Saturday, March 24, 1 - 2 p.m.*

Join Friends of Roberts on a guided walk to discover trees in the Sanctuary!

The walk will start with a short overview at the visitor's shelter at the east entrance. Guided by a naturalist, participants will stroll through the Sanctuary, learning about the trees that provide so many benefits to birds and other wildlife, by studying forms, bark and buds.

This event is free and open to the public. People of all ages are welcome, including children accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

The Effects of Glass in Buildings on Bird Mortality

Wednesday, March 21, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Springbrook Nature Center, 100 85th Ave NE, Fridley, MN

Dr. Daniel Klem Jr., respected authority on bird-window collisions, will speak at the first of three public meetings that are part of the Stadium Retrofit Committee's effort to make the U.S. Bank Stadium safe for birds. The Friends of Roberts Bird Sanctuary is part of this Committee, which also includes the Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis and Minnesota Citizens for the Protection of Migratory Birds.

A \$5 donation will be requested at the door to defray costs. For more info, visit www.AudubonChapterofMinneapolis.org.

For more info about Roberts Bird Sanctuary, visit www.friendsofroberts.org.

Dragonfest Carnival at Lake Harriet Community School

Friday, April 27, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Lake Harriet Community School, Upper Campus, 50th St. & Washburn Ave.

All are welcome! Come for the games, face painting, inflatables, food, a Peaceful Parent Lounge, Silent Auction, and more! All proceeds raised go directly to the LHCS PTA and are used to fund enrichment opportunities, teacher stipends, field trips, media grants, and other worthy causes. Come out and support your public school kids.

Support the Arts at Southwest High School



Tickets on Sale Now for RENT

Spotlight Musical
2017/2018 Season

March 15-17, 7 p.m.; March 18, 2 p.m.
March 22-24, 7 p.m.; March 25, 2 p.m.
Southwest High School Auditorium

Rent follows a year in the life of a group of bohemian artists in the East Village of New York City as they struggle with addiction, poverty, and love under the shadow of HIV/AIDS. Based on Puccini's *La Boheme*, this passionate, pop cultural phenomenon won a Tony Award for Best Musical and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

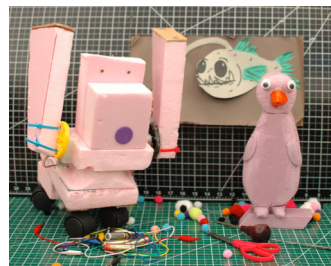
Tickets \$7-17; Available online at southwest-high-school-theatre.ticketleap.com

Join the Southwest Lakes Community Choir

Thursdays, Feb 22 to May 17, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Friends Meetinghouse, 4401 York Ave. S

This new, non-auditioned, mixed choir will sing a variety of styles and genres. SLCC will be led by Nathan Knoll, who has 15 years of experience directing at the high school and college levels and was the former director of Southwest High School's choral program. Questions - contact Leandra Peak 612-875-1614. For more info: minneapolisfriends.org/event/southwest-lakes-community-choir-rehearsal/.

Spring Break at The Bakken



When school's out, fun is in at The Bakken Museum! Spend your spring break in the Makerspace and celebrate 200 years of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* with Creature Camps, starting March 26th.

Aspiring scientist will design, build, and

refine a creature, then share it at the Creature Convention at the end of the week. Play games, exercise the brain with puzzles and challenges, and make friends with your fellow mad scientists.

You can also try the new Mad Scientist Sampler starting April 3rd. Practice responsible innovation and experiment with technology, code, and creativity in the Makerspace with activities inspired by Mary Shelley's science fiction classic. Each day has a different theme and a different take home project. Join us for one or sign up for them all - perfect for kids in 3rd - 6th grade. Register today at thebakken.org

Save the Date for the 2018 Linden Hills Festival

Sunday, May 20, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Linden Hills Park



It's all about the neighborhood!

Plan to join the fun at the park for the 43rd annual Linden Hills Festival. It's NOT just for kids!

Register for the Art Fair & Marketplace

Get your message out or sell your goods by signing up for a booth. Registration is \$50, with a limited number of \$10 spaces for nonprofits. Bring your own tent and tables, or rent an 8' table for \$20. Register by May 4 at lindenhills.org/art-fair-marketplace

Festival Volunteers Needed

The success of the Festival depends on the dedication of our terrific volunteers. We highly encourage youth groups, faith communities, families, or individuals to assist. Volunteer areas include: ticket sales, silent auction, food service, zero waste, setup, and entertainment. Sign up at lindenhills.org/volunteer-registration.

Donate to the Silent Auction

Help LHINC raise money for our community by donating an auction prize for this year's festival. Funds raised are invested back into the neighborhood through LHINC's support of local parks, schools, arts groups, environmental efforts, events, and more.

In addition to your donation being tax deductible, LHINC will also promote your business through our newsletters (print and electronic), website, and social media, plus the publicity you will receive by participating in the event itself, which draws an average of 3,000 visitors annually.

Interested in participating or have questions? Please contact LHINC Silent Auction committee members Leah Fish (lpklemmt@gmail.com) or Becky Allen (becky.allen.lhinc@gmail.com). You can also fill out an online prize submission form at lindenhills.org/silent-auction. Thank you! We look forward to hearing from you!

Donate Books for the Linden Hills Library Used Book Sale

Proceeds benefit the collection and programs of the Linden Hills Library and Hennepin County Library

Please help by donating your used books between April 9 and May 18. Drop off during business hours to the Linden Hills Co-op or Creative Kidstuff in Linden Hills. Clean, good condition books only; no textbooks or magazines, please. If you have more than four bags to donate, please contact book sale chair, Joe Wolf, to arrange home pickup at NovelTrader@aol.com. The sale will run from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. inside the park building at the Festival. Contact lindenhills@supporthclib.org with questions.



Linden Hills Neighborhood Garage Sale, Saturday, May 19

Back by popular demand! Registration is now open for this year's huge neighborhood sale. The fee is \$10, which helps pay for ads in the *Star Tribune* and *Southwest Journal*, maps of the neighborhood sales, and lawn signs for each registered location. Register your sale at lindenhills.org/neighborhood-garage-sale.

Como-Harriet Streetcar Line Needs Trolley Drivers & Station Agents



The Minnesota Streetcar Museum, one of the few "living history" museums in the Twin Cities, needs volunteers to operate the historic streetcars at its Como- Harriet Streetcar Line, which runs between Lake Harriet and Lake Calhoun.

Operator training begins in early April. Operator trainees must be at least 18 years old and should be able to volunteer for at least three hours once per month. During training, which is scheduled on a flexible basis, you'll learn how to operate a streetcar as well as a little history about the Twin Cities' streetcars.

For more information please TrolleyRide.org, or contact Pat Cosgrove at 952-953-6559 or volunteer@trolleyride.org. Applications are due April 6.

Lakewood Cemetery Memorial Chapel Tours

*Sunday, March 25, 12:00 to 4:30 p.m.
Free. Registration required.*

Lakewood Cemetery is offering the unique opportunity to take a guided tour of the one-of-a-kind, Byzantine-style Lakewood Memorial Chapel, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Built in 1910, the Chapel was designed by Minneapolis architect Harry Wild Jones and inspired by the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul.

Guided tours start at 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Open to the public, all ages. A \$5 donation is appreciated and goes toward Lakewood's PerpetualCare Fund, which helps ensure the upkeep of Lakewood's grounds for generations to come.

Register for free tickets and learn more at lakewoodcemetery.org/upcoming-events



Linden Hills Park Update

Summer Camp Registration

Summer camp registration for Minneapolis parks began on Feb 28. At Linden Hills Park, offerings range from art to gymnastics to sports to legos to the ever-popular Linden Lodge. Call Linden Hills Park at 612-370-4913 with questions. Register online at

www.minneapolisparks.org/activities.

Spring Fling Egg Hunt - Saturday, March 24 10 - 11:30 a.m. - Linden Hills Park
Hop on down to the Hills for a fun family event. Enjoy a light brunch, puppet show, art projects, candy treats, along with the traditional finale... our famous egg hunt. Must be pre-registered, sells out fast!

January's Kite Festival Set Records

Record setting crowds of more than 10,000 people came out to the 17th Annual Kite Festival on frozen Lake Harriet alongside the Art Shanty Project. Kites of all shapes, sizes, colors and themes flew over frozen Lake Harriet on Saturday, January 27. Adults and kids alike enjoyed activities including: ice fishing provided by TIPS Outdoors, horse-drawn wagon rides, snowshoeing provided by MPRB Naturalists, and a s'mores roast sponsored by Linden Hills Neighborhood Council. The Kite Festival was organized by the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board along with Linden Hills Neighborhood Council and East Harriet Neighborhood Association.



NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR

Details at www.linden hills.org

March

- 20 Zoning & Housing Meeting*
- 21 The Effects of Glass in Buildings on Bird Mortality
- 24 Spring Fling Egg Hunt
- 24 Tremendous Trees in Roberts Bird Sanctuary
- 25 Lakewood Cemetery Chapel Tours

April

- 3 LHINC Board Meeting*
- 6 Trolley Applications Due
- 16 Zoning & Housing Meeting*
- 18 Environment & Sustainability Mtg*
- 21 Earth Day Community Clean-Up
- 27 Dragonfest at Lake Harriet School, Upper Campus

May

- 1 LHINC Board Meeting*
- 14 Zoning & Housing Meeting*
- 16 Environment & Sustainability Mtg*
- 19 Linden Hills Garage Sales
- 20 Linden Hills Festival

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



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To submit articles, contact LHiNC at 612-926-2906 or email info@linden hills.org. Article submissions for the May/June issue are due May 1, 2018.

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