

# The Linden Hills Line

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### MPRB Proposes New Park Designs for Linden Hills

LHiNC Wants Your Feedback - Join us on March 21 at Bremer

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board has unveiled new design proposals for Linden Hills Park, Waveland Triangle, Dell Park, Linden Hills Boulevard and the Trolley Path. MPRB has developed at least two design options for most parks and is now collecting public comment.

In order to give Linden Hills residents the opportunity to study the plans up close, ask questions and provide direct comments on these proposals, LHiNC is inviting all our residents to attend a community meeting:

**New Park Design Community Meeting** Thursday, March 21, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Bremer, Downtown Linden Hills, 43<sup>rd</sup> & Sheridan

It will be a drop-in event, during which you can see all the designs, ask questions of MPRB staff and LHiNC board members and submit your comments. We will also provide snacks and drinks. Children are welcome - we'd like to hear their feedback, too!

The new park designs are the result of the MPRB Southwest Area Master Plan. Over a period of seven months, MPRB held more than 100+ community events to gather ideas and input from Southwest community members about local parks. Using this information and working with a design team, MPRB has developed initial concepts for every Southwest Minneapolis park.

#### LINDEN HILLS PARK - CONCEPT A SOUTHWEST SERVICE AREA MASTER PLAN

View the proposals for Linden Hills parks and make comments online at www.lindenhills.org/help-shape-thefuture-of-sw-minneapolis-parks/



#### SAVE THE DATE: Linden Hills Festival - MAY 19, 2019

Believe it or not, it's already time for LHiNC to start planning our biggest event of the year - the Linden Hills Festival. Please save the date for this annual community celebration of food, family, friends and fun. Do you want to volunteer? Host a booth for your business? Donate a Silent Auction prize? Or sign up for the neighborhood-wide Garage Sale (May 18)? All the details are inside!

**INSIDE:** Healthy Soil Workshop, A New Sebastian Joe's & Earth Day Clean-up at Lake Harriet

## **Create Healthy Soil in Your Yard & Combat Climate Change**

#### **April 28th Workshop Sponsored by LHiNC**

LHiNC's Environmental & Sustainability Committee is sponsoring a Healthy Soils Demonstration at the Linden Hills Trolley Path off York Avenue on Sun., April 28th at 1:00 p.m.

This demonstration workshop will consist of a talk by Kassie Brown from Renaissance Soil on how to create healthy soils in your yard that will maximally absorb CO2 out of the atmosphere to help with climate change, while at the same time helping pollinators and the health of our lakes. This process also creates a yard that is more resistant to drought, as well as run off from heavy rains.

After the talk, attendees will be able to take home either biochar or enriched compost (your choice) to start creating healthy soil at home. You are also invited to stay and help Kassie and volunteers prepare the trolley path plot for the first stage of its transformation.

As part of this yearlong healthy soils initiative, Linden Hills has also selected a neighbor's lawn that will be going through a healthy soil transformation. Please consider joining us as we learn about and implement this process on our yards together.

More at: lindenhills.org/events/healthysoil

## **Neighborhoods 2020: Changes Ahead for Neighborhood Organizations**

Opportunity to Provide Your Feedback Now

The city's Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) Department has put forward *Neighborhoods* 

neighborhoods **2020** 

2020 Framework Recommendations, which will impact neighborhood organizations, like LHiNC. Neighborhoods 2020 sets goals to make neighborhood organizations more reflective of their community and requires a high level of community engagement.

LHiNC welcomes these guidelines, viewing them as best practices for community organizations, many of which LHiNC is already working towards. The city and LHiNC invite you to read the framework and provide comments by March 31 at http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/2020

#### What's Going on at Sebastian Joe's?

By Carol Clemens

If you stopped by Sebastian Joe's in Linden Hills this winter, you found more than ice cream inside. A major renovation project was underway. Owners Mike and Tim Pellizzer describe it as a complete face-lift lead by architect Christian Dean to give the Linden Hills location a whole new look and layout.





Sebastian's Joe's has remained open during construction, moving into the indoor patio, where customers could still enjoy 'fresh made daily' ice creams, hand roasted coffees and homemade tasty treats.

But the wait is almost over. The grand opening is scheduled for Saturday, March 16. Customers will walk in to a light-filled open floor plan, high ceilings and bright colored tile, even window seating. The best features of the much-loved garage door patio area have been enhanced with new bistro seating and bright new colors.

The Pellizzer brothers have owned and operated Sebastian Joe's in Linden Hills since 1987. Their other location at Hennepin and Franklin Avenues has been open since 1984.

#### **New Gild: New Look, New Location**

Come April, New Gild Jewelers will have a new Linden Hills home. The custom studio and fine jewelry gallery, currently located just north of Linden43, will begin their third year of business in the recently



remodeled corner space of 4300 Upton, next to Zumbro Cafe.

Co-owners Jen Bellefleur and Kelsey Lee-Karol consider the prime space a privilege that comes with a responsibility to the community and are working with the LHBA and LHINC to ensure the sidewalk experience at the corner is a positive one, with benches, planters, and signage.

As for the motivation for the move, Bellefleur says, "We can't ignore the chance to do what we're passionate about in the very heart of this village we love."

New Gild Jewelers creates full custom jewelry and offers a large collection of diamond and gemstones, as well as local, fine art jewelry.

#### Ward 13 Update

#### From Council Member Linea Palmisano



Serving as your 13th Ward Council Member allows me to represent Southwest Minneapolis on important initiatives, engage with so many residents on a regular basis, and work with amazing staff at the City. For this I am truly grateful, in part, because they represent the core characteristics of civic engagement: representation, participation and contribution.

On February 27th my office hosted a summit of all seven of the neighborhood organizations boards in the 13th Ward. It was an opportunity to share best practices between neighborhoods and to discuss a variety of city initiatives. I brought department leadership from the City, who spoke directly to board members about projects that will impact us all in the near future. I was impressed by the representation of every neighborhood and by the discussions generated by all these Southwest Minneapolis voices.

A highly anticipated topic was Neighborhoods 2020, which is about shaping how the City of Minneapolis serves and supports neighborhood organizations, including future funding. The city is soliciting feedback to help decide what that funding will look like beyond the year 2020, and I encourage everyone to participate. Whether you are a neighborhood organization participant or not, your feedback is important, because these organizations contribute to communities and we, as residents of the city, get to shape what we want them to contribute in the future.

Another opportunity I would urge you to engage in is the Southwest Minneapolis Park Master Plan. Currently, the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board (MPRB) is soliciting feedback on the "concept plans" they recently released for the parks in our area. LHiNC is holding a community meeting to collect feedback on park designs in your neighborhood on March 21 from 6-8 p.m. at Bremer. We have a nationally recognized and awarded parks system - take the chance to be a part of continuing that legacy!

Participating in these types of opportunities to shape the vision of the future of Minneapolis are some of the best ways to build the community in which we want to live. They touch on every component of civic engagement and allow us to lead, learn and serve. So, I ask you all, please contribute to these conversations. Participate in forums, fill out surveys and talk to your neighbors. By engaging now, you will be participating in the kind of work that will yield results that we can all see and feel and will have a lasting impact on our community as a whole.

Yours in Service,

Linea Palmisano 13<sup>th</sup> Ward Minneapolis City Council Member

To contact Council Member Palmisano, please visit <a href="https://www.minneapolis.gov/ward13">www.minneapolis.gov/ward13</a> or call 612-673-2213.

#### **Interested in Going Solar?**

Solar United Neighbors of Minnesota is the local branch of a national nonprofit that provides education and technical assistance to homeowners and small businesses interested in investing in rooftop solar. The organization will be holding a Solar Co-op Info Session in April.

Solar United Neighbors of Minnesota Solar Co-op Info Session Wednesday, April 24, 7:00 p.m. St. Louis Park High School (6425 W 33rd St)

The group also organizes homeowners into bulk purchase groups to take advantage of economies of scale and work collectively toward a common goal. They are installer-neutral and financing-neutral. More information at www.SolarUnitedNeighbors.org.

## Minneapolis Climate Action Update Help MCA Reach 1,000 Boomerang Bags!

Minneapolis Climate Action is proud to announce that its Boomerang Bags Sewing Bee volunteers have created almost 900 reusable bags from upcycled fabric. The bags are dropped off at local businesses for neighbors to use and bring back. That adds up to saving about 400,000 plastic bags!

MCA invites you to its next Boomerang Bags Sewing Bee on Saturday April 20th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 2720 W 43rd Street above Wild Rumpus. You don't have to know how to sew! Visit <u>www.mplsclimate.org/boomerangbags</u> for more info and to RSVP.

### Minneapolis Climate Action Annual Fundraiser – *Is Laughter Carbon Neutral?*

Saturday, May 11 - 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. 2720 W 43rd St - Above Wild Rumpus

Theater of Public Policy will host an evening of improv and laughs as MCA celebrates achievements to address climate change in its community and collaborate on innovative action together.

The event will feature: a celebration of the life and legacy of MCA founder Tom Braun; live auction featuring a dinner with Arctic explorer Will Steger; silent auction and raffle prizes; PLUS dancing, light fare and community building.

For tickets and more information: mplsclimate.brownpapertickets.com

## SW Community Ed Hosts Annual Cooking Contest

You are invited to the seventh annual Tin Chef Cooking Contest on March 20th at Southwest High School from 7-8:30pm. (rescheduled from snowed out Feb 20 date).

The contest, inspired by popular television shows "Top Chef" and "Chopped", features four teams of community residents battling it out for the winning dishes!

Kare11's Karla Hult will again moderate as teams prepare two dishes from scratch, complete with the chaos of surprise ingredients, celebrity judges and entertainment throughout.

It's open to all ages, but you must pre-register online at <u>mplscommunityed.com</u> or by calling 612-668-3100. Cost is \$5 per person and includes sampling many of the prepared dishes.

## Registration Open for Summer Camp at The Bakken Museum

Camps run from June through August for students entering grades 2 through 9.

Camp Innovation at The Bakken Museum is a week-long summer program, where students design and build their own in-depth personal inventions. They will exercise their mental muscles with collaborative, team base problem solving challenges, learn new science tricks, and play games that require creativity and attention. More information and registration is available online at <a href="mailto:thebakken.org/summer-camp">thebakken.org/summer-camp</a>.

#### 2019 Earth Day Clean-Up Event Saturday, April 20 - 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Lake Harriet Bandshell

This year, Lake Harriet will be one of four main sites for Earth Day Clean-up events organized by the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board and the City of Minneapolis. Residents are encouraged to volunteer to help pick up trash in parks, neighborhoods, and watersheds. No registration needed, just choose a site and show up. In addition, at main sites, including Lake Harriet, the parks will offer birdhouse building and naturalist-led activities.

For more information, please visit www.minneapolisearthday.com.

#### Support the Arts at Southwest High School



#### Tickets on Sale Now for Beauty and the Beast

March 14-16, 7 p.m.; March 17, 2 p.m. March 21-23, 7 p.m.; March 24, 2 p.m. Southwest High School Auditorium

Music by Alan Menken, Lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice, Book by Linda Woolverton

Directed by: Sophie Peyton

The classic story tells of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed into his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity.

Tickets \$5-15; Available at the door or online at **southwest-high-school-theatre.ticketleap.com**.

#### Linden Hills History Study Group

## Architect John Jager and Information Learned from his Slovenian Home Country

Monday, April 1 - 7:00 p.m. St. John's Episcopal Church, 4201 Sheridan Ave. S. Join the Linden Hills History Study Group — Everyone is welcome



Architectural historian and freelance writer Dick Kronick will lecture on the history of architect John Jager, who laid out the Red Cedar Lane neighborhood in southwest Minneapolis. Research conducted in 2018 uncovered previously unknown information about Jager's life and buildings that he designed.

Suggested donation is \$5 for non-members of LHHSG. For more information, <u>visit www.lindenhillshistory.org</u>, call 612-926-0646 or email contact@lindenhillshistory.org.

#### 2019 Linden Hills Festival – Get Involved!

Sunday, May 19, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Linden Hills Park







You don't want to miss the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Linden Hills Festival – a day of food, family, friends and fun. This year will feature: the bike parade, amazing food, beer garden, local musicians, kids games and inflatables and more. PLUS LHINC is partnering with the Linden Hills Farmers Market again – 2 events, one day, same location. It will be another fantastic community celebration!

#### How can you get involved in this fun neighborhood tradition?

#### Register for the Art Fair & Marketplace

Get your message out or sell your goods by signing up for a booth in the Festival's Marketplace. Registration is \$50. Bring your own tent and tables, or rent a table for \$20. Register online by May 3 at <a href="mailto:lindenhills.org/festival">lindenhills.org/festival</a>.

#### Sign up for a Volunteer Shift

The success of the Festival depends on the dedication of our terrific volunteers. Youth groups/teams, faith communities, families, or individuals are all encouraged to sign up. Volunteer areas include: ticket sales, silent auction, food service, zero waste, setup, and tear down. You can sign up today at <a href="mailto:lindenhills.org/festival">lindenhills.org/festival</a>.

#### **Donate to the Silent Auction**

Help LHiNC raise money for our community by donating an auction prize for this year's festival. LHiNC will promote your business through our newsletters (print and electronic), website, and social media, plus the publicity at the event itself, which draws an average of 3,000+ visitors. You can fill out an online prize submission form at lindenhills.org/festival.

#### Linden Hills Neighborhood Garage Sale, Saturday, May 18

Registration is now open for this year's huge neighborhood-wide garage sale. The fee is \$15, 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 today at <u>lindenhills.org/festival</u>.

#### Donate Books for the Linden Hills Library Used Book Sale

Proceeds benefit Linden Hills Library and Hennepin County Library

Friends of the Linden Hills Library is accepting donations for the Linden Hills Library Spring Festival Used Book Sale! Donate your gently used books, in good & clean condition. Please NO textbooks or magazines. You can drop off your donations from March 30 - May 17 at Linden Hills Co-op (3815 Sunnyside Ave) and Creative Kidstuff (4313 Upton Ave. S), during regular business hours. More than 3 bags of books to donate? Please arrange for home pickup with Book Sale chairman Joe Wolf (NovelTrader@aol.com).

And come to the Book Sale at the Linden Hills Festival on May 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. www.supporthclib.org/linden-hills

#### Kite Festival Brings 1500+ Out to Lake



Despite the cold temperatures, more than 1500 people came out for the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Kite Festival on frozen Lake Harriet, organized by the MPRB and event partners Linden Hills Neighborhood Council and East Harriet Neighborhood Association.

Kites of all shapes, sizes, and colors flew over Lake Harriet on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Adults and kids alike enjoyed activities including: ice fishing, a new heated tent with local youth performers from Linden Hills House of Music, recycle bin races, short performances by The Art Shanty Projects, snowshoeing, kite building, fat-tire bike riding, s'mores and more.

## **Local Non-Profit Teaching Nutrition** and Cooking at Linden Hills Schools

Thanks in part to a grant from Linden Hills Neighborhood Council, Midwest Food Connection will provide interactive lessons on nutrition, cooking and/or gardening to all K-2 students at Lake Harriet Lower Campus this school year, as well as students at Carondelet Catholic School.

Midwest Food Connection is a non-profit educational organization that educates students in the Twin Cities on topics such as nutrition, agriculture and gardening, and the historical and cultural context of food.

At Lake Harriet, where the PTA also helps fund the program, kindergarteners have learned about locally produced food and the farmers who grow it, first graders are learning about food from around the world, and second graders will start a seedling to bring home and add to a backyard garden or container.

For more information, visit midwestfoodconnection.org

#### March and April at the Linden Hills Library

**NEW PROGRAMS** 



#### Race: The Power of an Illusion,

Mar 12, Apr 9, May 14, 6:30–8:00 p.m., Screening and discussion of "Race: The Power of an Illusion," a groundbreaking three-part PBS documentary about race in society, science, and history. Sponsored by The Friends of Linden Hills Library.

Animal Crowns, Monday, April 1, 2-3:30pm. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Grades 1-6. Create a springtime crown featuring one or more animals.

Crafty Minnesota: Modern Weaving 101, Saturday, April 27, 2:00-4:00 p.m. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. For teens. Learn basic tapestry weaving to create a one-of-a-kind art piece.

#### **Linden Hills Park Update**

Summer Camp Registration for

Minneapolis parks has begun. At Linden Hills Park, offerings range from art to gymnastics to sports to legos to the ever-popular Camp Fun-N-Sun. Call Linden Hills Park at 612-370-4913 with questions. Register online at www.minneapolisparks.org/activities.

Spring Fling Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 20 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!



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#### **REGULAR PROGRAMMING**

Baby Storytime, Every Monday 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. OR 10:30 -11:00 a.m., 0 to 24 months.

**Family Storytime**, Every Wednesday, 9:30 -10:00 a.m. OR 10:30 - 11:00 a.m., All ages and their caregivers.

Adult Book Club, Third Tuesday of the month, 7:00 – 8:00 pm; March 19: Bog Child by Siobhan Dowd; April 16: The Women in the Castle by Jessica Shattuck. May 21: Deep Woods, Wild Waters: A Memoir by Douglas Wood

Genealogy Drop-ins, Saturday, March 16, April 13, and May 11, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Delve into your family history. Bring questions and we can try and find answers.

Book Discussion Group for Spanish Language Learners, Sat., April 6 & May 4, 9:30-11 a.m. Practice your Spanish. Read a book or story (in any language) and come to share impressions in Spanish with other intermediate-level learners.

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR**

Details at www.lindenhills.org

#### March

- 18 Zoning & Housing Meeting\*
- 19 Environment & Sustainability Mtg\*\*
- 20 Tin Chef Cooking Contest at SWHS
- 21 New Park Designs Community Mtg

#### April

- 1 LHHSG: John Jager
- 2 LHiNC Board Meeting\*
- 15 Zoning & Housing Meeting\*
- 16 Environment & Sustainability Mtg\*\*
- 20 Spring Fling Egg Hunt
- 20 Earth Day Clean-Up
- 20 MCA Sewing Bee
- 28 Healthy Soils Demo Workshop

#### May

- 7 LHiNC Board Meeting\*
- 11 MCA Annual Fundraiser
- 18 Linden Hills Garage Sales
- 19 Linden Hills Festival

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



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