



# The Linden Hills Line

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## Frozen Art Festival Returns to Lake Harriet

*Saturdays & Sundays, January 18 – February 9, 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

*Open regardless of weather - On Lake Harriet, north side near the Band Shell*



Art Shanty Projects, the uniquely Minnesotan festival created each year atop a frozen lake, is making a return to Lake Harriet. This year, the artist-designed village on the lake will include more than 30 interactive shanties plus live performances.

The festival will have a new artist-designed entrance arch, where visitors will be invited to offer donations to support the fiscal sustainability of this beloved winter event with a suggested donation of \$10-20. No one will be turned away.

Also new, kicksleds will be available to transport folks with limited mobility onto the ice and throughout the village. One is equipped to accommodate a wheelchair. Meet at the Sled Stop in front of Bread & Pickle, where staff and volunteers will greet you and escort you onto the ice.

While every shanty is open during all public hours, the Performances + Art Actions rotate. January 18 and 19 will be Youth and Families weekend, featuring programming designed for younger audiences. Check out the online schedule to help plan your visit.

The Linden Hills Neighborhood Council is excited to again be a major sponsor of this great community event. Stop by the shanty village Town Square to check out our LHiNC Shanty!

For more information, visit [artshantyprojects.org](http://artshantyprojects.org).

### Kite Festival Shares the Ice

*Saturday, January 25 from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.*

The Lake Harriet Kite Festival is a FREE family-oriented outdoor event great for all ages and abilities.

Bring your own kite or buy one at the festival. Check out the huge kites and highflying talents of the Minnesota Kite Society. Enjoy music, ice fishing provided by Tips Outdoors, fat bike demos by Lyndale Farmstead Bike Shop and Surly Bikes, and free s'mores sponsored by LHiNC.

Assorted food trucks will be onsite to serve hot food and beverages for purchase.

**New this year, a FREE shuttle service will run from noon to 4:30 pm from Bremer Bank in downtown Linden Hills (4278 Sheridan Avenue South) to Lake Harriet.** Bremer will be offering free hot chocolate while you wait! Thanks to the shuttle sponsors: Bremer and LHiNC.

The Kite Festival is still looking for volunteers. Shifts are 2 hours. If interested, contact Erica Chua at [echua@minneapolisiparks.org](mailto:echua@minneapolisiparks.org)

## MPS to Present Comprehensive District Design



Minneapolis Public Schools is currently in the midst of its Comprehensive District Design process, which aims to increase equity and close student achievement gaps in MPS. In late January, MPS plans to release a proposal with school and boundary changes and will then hold community listening sessions to gather feedback.

The session closest to Linden Hills will be held on Monday, February 3 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Justice Page Middle School (1 W. 49th St.).

The school board plans to vote on major parts of the design in April 2020. Proposed changes would then begin to take effect in Fall 2021.

You can learn more about the CDD, other listening sessions, and submit feedback online at [bit.ly/MPSdesign](https://bit.ly/MPSdesign).

## Apply for LHiNC Grants up to \$1K

### Deadline: March 15

Twice a year, LHiNC awards grants of up to \$1,000 to organizations or projects that make Linden Hills a better place to live and work.

Recent grant recipients include:

- Minneapolis Pops Orchestra
- Prime Time – after-school program, Southwest High School
- The 3 Strings, Southwest High School

*Read more about some of our grant winners inside this newsletter.*

If you are interested in applying, please visit [lindenhills.org/grants](https://lindenhills.org/grants) for grant guidelines. The deadline to apply for the spring grant cycle is March 15, 2020. Please contact [info@lindenhills.org](mailto:info@lindenhills.org), if you have any questions.

## MPRB Assists with Bde Maka Ska Name Change

In August, the Board of Commissioners of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board approved the renaming of parkways and park roads to conform to Bde Maka Ska. This change affected addresses on East and West Calhoun Parkway, Calhoun Drive, and Calhoun Boulevard East and West.

To assist property owners, MPRB staff coordinated directly with the following entities to facilitate the address changes for residents and properties affected:

- City of Minneapolis (Trash/Recycling and Water/Sewer)
- Hennepin County (Real Estate Recording)
- CenterPoint Energy (Gas)
- Xcel Energy (Electric)
- United State Post Office

MPRB staff also prepared a guide to other common services that would likely require a change of address. You can access this guide at [www.lindenhills.org/bdemakaska-address-change](https://www.lindenhills.org/bdemakaska-address-change).

## Nice Ride Looks to Expand

### Public Feedback Requested



Nice Ride is looking to expand its presence in Linden Hills. They have identified four locations where they would like to add a docking station for the 2020 Nice Ride season.

- Waveland Park
- S Beard Ave & W 44th St
- W 42nd St and S Zenith Ave
- S Zenith Ave and W 43rd St

The docking stations would be in public spaces on the sidewalk or grass.

Right now, Nice Ride is gathering public feedback, after which it will select a number of locations to submit to the city and Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board for approval.

All new stations are planned to go into service in April 2020. To share your feedback, email [niceridehubs@lyft.com](mailto:niceridehubs@lyft.com) or visit [www.niceridemn.com/blog/2020\\_proposal](https://www.niceridemn.com/blog/2020_proposal).

## Southwest Parks Plan Delayed

### Public Comment to Begin in February

In the fall, we announced that the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board would soon unveil a final draft of its Southwest Parks Plan. Due to delays, the plan is now projected to be released sometime in February.

The plan will guide future development for every Minneapolis neighborhood park south of I-394 and west of I-35W. It plans for 10-20 years out and includes design concepts for Linden Hills Park, Waveland Triangle, Dell Park, Linden Hills Boulevard and the Trolley Path.

When the public comment period opens sometime in February, you will be able to see the final plan and provide feedback online at [www.minneapolisarks.org/sw](https://www.minneapolisarks.org/sw).

## Ward 13 Update

From Council Member Linea Palmisano



Happy New Year and welcome to the new decade! As you all are aware, this year is a big election year. There is nothing more fundamental than voter rights, an area I am particularly passionate about, like so many of you.

There are lots of ways to be involved this winter and I encourage folks to leave their comfort zones and look all across the city for ways to volunteer:

- Sign up to be an election judge now! It's a great way to help make the voting process easier, less confusing, and more rewarding for everyone across our city.
- Attend your precinct caucus on Feb 25th, at 7pm for your political party. There are many state and local races on the ballot to discuss, such as the state legislature and school board.
- Vote in the Presidential Primary on March 3rd at your home precinct (note: if you are eager to get it done or avoid lines, the Early Voting Center allows you to vote starting January 17!)

Our city's Minneapolis Elections and Voter Services division has been preparing for a huge year, and this website has all the information you might need:

[vote.minneapolismn.gov](https://vote.minneapolismn.gov)

I also want to highlight that, in addition to being an election year, 2020 is also a census year. I cannot stress enough how important that is. It is paramount that we have an accurate count so that Minnesota can obtain federal funds in areas like education, transit and public safety. In a recent Charter Commission meeting focused on the Census, our City Clerk noted that the group most likely to be undercounted is children under the age of 5. This impacts not only education funding, but also access to free and reduced lunch for an entire decade.

On top of that, Minnesota is at risk of losing a Congressional seat if there is an undercount. We were already on the bubble during the last census of dropping from eight to seven seats. Experts are showing that this time will be just as close. I urge everyone to visit [census.gov](https://census.gov), and read about how you can ensure that we get an accurate count this year.

Regards,

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## Presidential Primary – March 3

### Early Voting Begins January 17

This will be Minnesota's first presidential primary since 1992. The presidential primary replaces the presidential straw poll that used to be held during the precinct caucus. Parties will use the results to send delegates to a national convention, where a presidential candidate for the party is chosen. Precinct Caucuses will still take place on February 25 to conduct other business.

#### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- You will be able to vote early (in-person or by mail) or on Election Day. Early voting begins on January 17.
- When you vote, you must choose which major party's ballot you want.
- Which party you choose will not be public information, though it will be available to each major party.

#### EARLY VOTING

All voters in Minnesota can choose to vote before Election Day by absentee ballot without providing a reason. You can vote by mail, or you can vote early in-person. Early voting begins January 17 and ends March 2.

All Minneapolis voters can vote at the Minneapolis Elections & Voter Services main office during normal business hours (8:00am - 4:30pm) beginning January 17. Minneapolis voters also have the option to vote early in-person at the Hennepin County Government Center.

#### ELECTION DAY VOTING

On Election Day, you must vote at your assigned polling place based on the precinct where you live. All polling places are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Find your polling place:

[vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/WHERE-TO-VOTE](https://vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/WHERE-TO-VOTE)



### Are You Registered?

The first step to voting is registering. You can pre-register to vote online, by mail or in-person. Pre-registration ends 21 days before each regularly scheduled primary or general election.

If you miss the pre-registration deadline, you can still register when you go to vote. Make sure you know what you need, whether you are voting at your polling place on Election Day or when voting early.

You need to re-register to vote if you have:

- Moved to a new address since you last registered.
- Changed your name since last being registered.
- Have not voted at least once in the last 4 years.

It's always a good idea to double-check your registration status to ensure it has been updated after a move.

For all voter registration information: [vote.minneapolismn.gov](https://vote.minneapolismn.gov)



## Support the Arts at SWHS



### Hot Notes on a Cold Night Cabaret

Fundraiser for Performing Arts

February 8, 6:30 - 11:00 p.m.  
St. Mary's Greek Orthodox  
Church, 3450 Irving Ave S

*Hot Notes on a Cold Night Cabaret* celebrates the high-quality Theatre, Dance, Choral, Orchestra, Guitar and Band programs at Minneapolis's largest public high school.

This year, it will cost over \$100,000 to fund the Performing Arts at Southwest. Minneapolis Public Schools pays approximately \$2,500 of that. Hot Notes is where we close that gap.

Tickets available at

[swperformingarts.org/hot-notes/](http://swperformingarts.org/hot-notes/)

## Join the Neighborhood Choir

Love to sing? Sign up to join the fifth season of The Neighborhood Choir! We're a fun, non-auditioned, mixed choir that sings a variety of styles and genres. The choir is led by Nathan Knoll, who has 15 years of experience directing at the high school and college levels. We rehearse at the Friends Meetinghouse (4401 York Ave. S.) on Thursdays from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. The winter/spring season will run from Feb 27 to May 14, with a Friends and Family concert on May 21. The fee for the season is \$110.

Register online at

[form.jotform.com/kerenprice/winter-2020-the-neighborhood-choir](http://form.jotform.com/kerenprice/winter-2020-the-neighborhood-choir). Questions? Contact Keren Price at [kprice@pro-ns.net](mailto:kprice@pro-ns.net) or 612-296-7816.

## Cupping Coffee for Community

March 21 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Bremer, downtown Linden Hills

Tickets: \$10

Do you enjoy coffee and conversation for a cause? Join All Beans Considered for a new fundraiser. Come and learn about coffee cupping - a way of preparing coffee for group tasting - while supporting a good cause. All monies raised will be donated to a local non-profit addressing food scarcity in the Twin Cities.

Purchase tickets through Eventbrite (search for Cupping Coffee for Community) or directly at [allbeansconsidered.com/classes-and-events.html](http://allbeansconsidered.com/classes-and-events.html)

## Checking in with LHiNC Grant Winners

Each fall and spring, LHiNC awards grants of up to \$1K (sometimes more) to programs, organizations and projects that make Linden Hills a better place to live and work. This fall, we gave grants to the two programs profiled below.

### The 3 Strings - Back on Stage!

On January 14, The 3-Strings, a band created for special needs students at Southwest High School, played a Sensory Concert at Minnesota's Orchestra Hall! This performance comes after an exciting fall for the band, when they traveled to Orlando, Florida to perform at the National Association for Music Education Conference. LHiNC awarded a neighborhood grant to The 3 Strings to help fund the trip.



Through adapted instruments and music developed by Director of Guitar Education Ruth LeMay, the students are able to play instruments successfully. According to LeMay, the Orlando trip and performance were both a huge success - the group has been invited to perform again next year! 3 Strings is gaining popularity, growing to include 28 students, and LeMay is being asked to give lectures and trainings across the country to share her teaching method. As LeMay puts it, "All children deserve the right to rock!"

## PRIME TIME Makes an Impact at SWHS

Prime Time is a new after-school program at Southwest High School. Started in 2018 by Linden Hills residents Karen Ba and Tina Lee, Prime Time's mission is to encourage diverse students to fully engage in their school community by participating in the life of the school via after-school activities. Prime Time reduces barriers to participation such as distance from home, nutritional needs or need for academic or personal support to maintain grades.

*Here is a description of Prime Time, by its founders:*

All students are welcome and the program reflects the strong diversity that is now Southwest High School. They are multilingual and multi-literate students seeking contextualization of assignments and working together with their peers. Teachers and community mentors connect with participants as individuals. There are groups of students working together and socializing, while still accomplishing their goals. Teachers and mentors join small groups of students or tutor one on one. There are trips to teacher classrooms to clarify assignments. There are snacks provided - coffee and hot chocolate on cold days and when possible, fully cooked meals.

Through continued grants from LHiNC and The Southwest Foundation, this year, Prime Time had a strong start, serving 100 students in the first two months of school, compared with 125 total in the first year. We believe that students' authentic experience of multiple cultures is a cornerstone to the global learning of Southwest High School and the future of Minneapolis. This is an investment in the future of Minneapolis Public Schools. To discuss ways that you can partner with us, contact us at [swprimetime@gmail.com](mailto:swprimetime@gmail.com).

## 2020 Census Starts in April



Make sure you are counted in the 2020 census. The census is a count of every person living in the United States. The information collected is used to draw legislative districts and helps determine the distribution of more than \$800 billion in federal funds.

Every household will receive a notice to complete the census online, by phone or by mail. The census begins April 1, 2020. People will have access to the census questionnaire in mid-March.

Find out more at [2020Census.gov](https://2020Census.gov) and [WeCountMinneapolis.org](https://WeCountMinneapolis.org).

## Sign up for Snow Emergency Alerts



'Tis the season for snow emergencies. The city offers several ways to receive Snow Emergency Alerts via email, text and phone. You can also download a Snow Emergency app.

Find out more at [www.minneapolismn.gov/SNOW](https://www.minneapolismn.gov/SNOW)

## Update on Healthy Soils Project

LHiNC recently approved funding to continue its Healthy Regenerative Soil Project into 2020. Led by Linden Hills resident Ginny Halloran, the year-long project has included several workshops and an experimental healthy soil plot on the Trolley Path.

As part of this project, LHiNC's Environmental Committee is hosting a presentation by A.J. Lange, an arborist from the MPRB Forestry Department. He will present on how trees sequester carbon, as well as share plans for planting on the trolley path this Spring. **The talk is February 18 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Bremer in downtown Linden Hills.** All are welcome.

After the talk, stay for LHiNC's Environment & Sustainability Committee Meeting from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. The group seeks to protect the environment, educate neighbors on actions we can take, and reduce our collective footprint. New members are always welcome!

## Black History Month at Linden Hills Library

*Hope in the Struggle: A Conversation with Dr. Josie Johnson*

Saturday, February 1 from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Linden Hills Recreation Center (3100 W 43<sup>rd</sup> Street)



Celebrate Black History Month by joining Linden Hills Library for a conversation with Dr. Josie Johnson, one of the most important civil rights activists in Minnesota. Dr. Johnson has been advocating for equal rights and social justice for more than seven decades as an educator and public servant.

Dr. Johnson will discuss her memoir, *Hope in the Struggle*, about her experience championing social justice throughout the ongoing civil rights movement in the United States – specifically in Minnesota.

Discussion will be followed by question & answer.

## Action Plan 2020 - Linden Hills Library

The Linden Hills Library team has been working diligently on Service Goals for 2020. The library's goals focus on the following priorities: Racial Equity, LGBTQ+ Alliance, and Climate Crisis. A major underpinning is helping children – and people of all ages – understand the importance of social-emotional learning (kindness, empathy, feelings and friendship). If community members have ideas to share for programs and services, Linden Hills Library staff invites you to visit the library (2900 W 43<sup>rd</sup> St) and provide input.

## Linden Hills History Study Group

### Minneapolis Reuses the Railroad

Monday, January 27, 7:00 p.m.

St. John's Episcopal Church, 4201 Sheridan Ave S.

Suggested donation is \$5 for non-members of LHHSG.

**Join the Linden Hills History Study Group. Everyone is welcome.**



Until the 1970s, large swaths of Minneapolis were devoted to railroad use – depots, switching yards, freight houses, and shop facilities. Much of that has disappeared, along with the industry that depended on the railroads. Historian Aaron Isaacs takes us on a tour of the city, showing what was here before and what has replaced it.

For more information, visit the LHHSG website:

[www.lindenhillshistory.org](https://www.lindenhillshistory.org).



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To submit articles, contact LHiNC at [info@lindenhills.org](mailto:info@lindenhills.org). Article submissions for the March/April issue are due March 1.

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## Linden Hills Park Events

### Ice Skating at the Park

The ice is open for free skating, as well as hockey. Bring your skates or find loaners at the park. The warming room is scheduled to be open through Presidents' Day, February 18, weather permitting. Warming room hours are Monday through Friday 3:00-9:00 p.m., Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sundays noon to 6:00 p.m. Stop by to enjoy the ice before the season ends!

## Check out NEW Programs at Linden Hills Library

### ¡Los Animales y la Música!/Animals and Music! (Ages 1-5)

Friday, January 24, 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Hands-on musical play activities led by early childhood music specialists. Sing, rhyme, read, move and create! Program will be conducted half in Spanish, half in English. Please register each child attending.

*Actividades y juegos enseñadas por especialistas de música para niños. ¡Juntos vamos a cantar, rimar, leer, mover y crear! El programa será mitad en español y mitad en inglés. Por favor registre a cada niño que va a asistir.*

### Writing Great College Application Essays (Grades 9-12)

Tuesday, February 11, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Use basic creative writing craft elements such as strong characterization, compelling narrative structure, and an interesting premise to write great college application essays. Leave with ideas that will get you started on writing an essay to wow your readers!

Registration and more activities at [www.hclib.org/about/locations/linden-hills](http://www.hclib.org/about/locations/linden-hills)

## NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR

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

### January

- 17 Early Voting Begins – Pres. Primary
- 18 Art Shanty Projects – Opening Weekend
- 21 Environment & Sustainability Mtg\*\*
- 25 Lake Harriet Kite Festival
- 27 LHiNC Community Engagement Mtg\*\*
- 27 LHHSG: Minneapolis Reuses the Railroad

### February

- 1 LH Library's *Hope in Struggle: Conversation with Dr. Josie Johnson*
- 3 MPS CCD Listening Session at Justice Page
- 4 LHiNC Board Meeting\*
- 8 *Hot Notes on a Cold Night* Fundraiser
- 9 Art Shanty Projects – Last Weekend
- 10 Zoning & Housing Committee\*
- 18 Environment & Sustainability Mtg\*\*
- 24 LHiNC Community Engagement Mtg\*\*
- 25 Precinct Caucuses at 7pm

### March

- 3 Presidential Primary

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

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

LHiNC Board meetings and committee meetings are open to the public. Join us!



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