



The Linden Hills Line

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Census 2020: Make Sure You Are Counted

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MINNEAPOLIS
2020 CENSUS

What is the census?

The census is a count of every person who lives in the United States and its territories. You will be asked to count everyone who lives in your home as of April 1.

What's in it for me?

Census data informs how more than \$800 billion in federal funds is distributed to communities for hospitals, schools, roads, and more. It's used to plan government services like housing, transportation and school funding, to draw

legislative districts, and to determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Is my information safe?

Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure and protected by federal law. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics. They cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way.

What will I be asked?

You will be asked a few simple questions, like age, sex and the number of people who live in your home, including children.

What won't be asked?

The census will never ask for Social Security numbers, bank or credit card numbers, money or donations, or anything related to political parties.

When can I respond to the census?

The census begins April 1, 2020. Every household in America will receive a notice to complete the census online, by phone or by mail. In May, the U.S. Census Bureau will begin following up in person with households that have yet to respond

More information: 2020census.gov

LHiNC and Library Partner for Census Help Sessions

Do you have questions about the census? Are you unsure about completing the census online?

Linden Hills Neighborhood Council is teaming up with the Linden Hills Library to hold four Census Help Sessions. During these 2-hour, open house events, you can stop by the library, and trained LHiNC volunteers will be there to answer questions and assist you.

Sessions will be held at the Linden Hills Library on:

- Thursday, April 9, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 18, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 23, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 2, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Also, the Linden Hills Library will be an official 2020 Questionnaire Assistance Center, where you can fill out your census online and receive assistance from trained staff, any time the library is open.

Volunteers Needed for Census Help Sessions

LHiNC is looking for volunteers to help us run the Census Help Sessions described above. The commitment includes one half-hour training session and at least one 2-hour volunteer session. If you are interested or have questions, please email info@lindenhills.org.

SAVE THE DATE: Linden Hills Festival – June 14

After a few years of bad weather, LHiNC has decided to move our biggest event of the year to June. Mark your calendars for this annual community celebration of food, friends and fun! **And if you'd like to volunteer, host a booth, donate an auction prize or participate in the Garage Sale – read more details inside.**

INSIDE: Playground Upgrade for LH Park, Linden Hills Festival: How to Get Involved, Earth Day Events and more

Linden Hills Park to Receive Playground Upgrade



Great news! The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) has designated more than \$400K for improvements at Linden Hills Park. The funding is split between two projects:

- MPRB has designated \$291K to go towards play area and site improvements at Linden Hills Park. This project will focus on replacing play equipment, tables or benches, as well as other maintenance related or low impact park improvements.
- In addition, MPRB has identified more than \$120K in park dedication fees for Linden Hills Park; these funds must be used for new amenities in the park.

In February, MPRB conducted a survey of local residents and received more than 200 responses. They are using that information to create preliminary concept ideas, which they plan to share with our community in early May.

In the meantime, for more on the project and to receive email updates, visit minneapolisparks.org/current_projects, and click on "Linden Hills Play Area". You can direct questions and concerns to Project Manager Julia Roessler at jroessler@minneapolisparks.org.

MPS to Present Comprehensive District Design



On March 24, Minneapolis Public Schools will present the final version of its Comprehensive District Design (CDD) at the Board of Education's Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Davis Center (1250 W Broadway Ave).

According to MPS, the new district design aims to increase equity and close student achievement gaps. The district has conducted listening sessions throughout January and February and is now making adjustments based on continued feedback.

The school board plans to vote on major parts of the design at its board meeting on April 14th. Proposed changes would then begin to take effect in Fall 2021.

Learn more about the CDD and submit feedback online at bit.ly/MPsdesign.

Final Draft of Southwest Parks Plan

Comment Period Ends April 5

In February, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) published a final draft of the Southwest Parks Plan, which will guide development of all Southwest Minneapolis neighborhood park properties over the next 20+ years.

The plan includes updated designs for Linden Hills Park, Waveland Triangle, Linden Hills Boulevard, Dell Park and a potential plan for a Trolley Path Park.

The public is encouraged to view the plans and comment online at www.minneapolisparks.org/sw.

The 45-day comment period closes April 5, 2020. The design team will then consider comments from all stakeholders and potentially make more adjustments. The final plan will then be sent to the Board of Commissioners for a public hearing and vote on the master plan's approval.

Proposed Funding Change for Neighborhood Groups

CM Palmisano Holding Public Forum

The city's Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) Department has put forward new guidelines for neighborhood associations, such as LHINC, called Neighborhoods 2020.

The guidelines, which are centered on building equity in our community, will shape how neighborhood association funding is distributed across the city and how it can be spent.

The proposed plan would mean significantly less city funding for many neighborhood organizations, including LHINC and other southwest neighborhoods like Fulton, Armatage, Lynnhurst and more. This core funding is used to pay for the basic operating costs of the organization, which, for Linden Hills, includes a part-time staff member.

The guidelines - now in draft form - are open for public comment until April 17. If you are interested, we encourage you to learn more and comment at www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/2020.

Ward 13 Council Member Linea Palmisano will also be holding a Ward 13 forum to discuss the new Neighborhood 2020 Guidelines. Everyone is invited to attend. A representative from NCR will be there, as well as members from Ward 13 neighborhood organizations.

Neighborhood 2020 Forum

March 24 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

City Church, Main Level, 1501 W 54th St

Regenerative Yards and Gardens

Hosted by the LHiNC Environment Committee

Tues., March 17, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Bremer, Downtown Linden Hills

The Healthy Soil Project, started last year by LHiNC's Environment and Sustainability Committee, continues its efforts to increase awareness of healthy soil as a climate solution with an upcoming talk featuring Russ Henry, the Founder of Bee Safe Minneapolis.

In his "Regenerative Yards and Gardens" talk, Henry will discuss how best to create ecologically healthy landscapes and share ideas on incorporating food-producing plants into home landscapes.

Everyone is welcome at this free LHiNC event! And if you're interested, please stay afterwards for the LHiNC Environment and Sustainability Committee Meeting held 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., also at Bremer.

Earth Day Celebrations

Community Clean Up

Show the Earth some love! Help clean up our community, including areas around Southwest High School, Minnehaha Creek, and Lake Harriet.

On **Saturday, April 18**, meet at Southwest High School at 8:30 a.m. to enjoy juice, coffee, and rolls, then clean up commences from 9:00 a.m. to noon with a picnic-style lunch provided at SWHS after the clean up.

You can also choose to meet at Lake Harriet at 9:30 a.m., where, in addition to the clean up, Minneapolis Park Board will have bird feeder building and naturalist-led activities.

This project is co-sponsored by the Southwest Community Education Advisory Council and the Southwest Green Team. Register for this free event online at mplscommunityed.com or call 612.668.3100

Linden Hills Library

The Linden Hills Library will be offering programming this spring to encourage an awareness of how precious and fragile our Earth truly is, and how our choices have an impact.

On **April 21 from 6:30 – 8 p.m.**, the library is hosting a **Film Screening and Discussion: Planet Earth** facilitated by a volunteer from the *World Wildlife Fund*.

On **May 9 from 1:00 – 2:15 p.m.**, a Master Gardener from the University of Minnesota's Extension program will be giving a lecture **Flowers for Pollinators** to explain what types of flowers bring pollinators to the garden and the science behind it.

Registration is required for both events at hclib.org.

Ward 13 Update

From Council Member Linea Palmisano



It's hard to tell, but by the time you read this message, there will either be more snow around here, or muddy boulevards that we eagerly await to get green. And perhaps like me, you'll start dreaming up spring home projects. There's a lot to celebrate about spring, and I'm excited about some of the things we can double down on to fight climate change, in partnership with city programs.

Sustainable yards: Our LHiNC Environment Committee did a pilot project last year in the trolley right-of-way on grass alternatives, including bio-char! Some of us got to rake and plant at the event - I can't wait to see what it looks like as the snow clears and assess if it's a fit for our yard. Something else on my mind, after hearing from our local Audubon Society advocates, is adding more pollinator plants to our retaining wall.

Composting: Organics recycling started right here with the Linden Hills compost pilot! While we benefit from weekly curbside compost pick up for existing city service properties, staying up to date on new items that can and cannot go in recycling and compost will help our zero waste goal as a city. The city will keep working to expand this service to condos and apartments citywide.

Adopt-a-drain (adopt-a-drain.org/): It's not just for boy scouts! With last year being the wettest year ever on record, stormwater issues in our community abound. Coordinated clearing of our storm drains is one small way to make a big difference in flooding issues locally and improve our lake water.

Finally, this past year I signed up for a **Home Energy Audit** (mncee.org/hes-mpls) for our 100+ year-old home. We enjoyed great service and can report positive results. Adding attic insulation will provide more benefit than new windows, and that feels both easy and affordable.

Best of luck for spring! I'll see you around.

Regards,

Linea Palmisano

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Comment on City's Transportation Future

The City is asking for your feedback on the draft Minneapolis Transportation Action Plan - a 10-year action plan to guide future planning, design, and implementation of transportation projects. Public comment ends on April 22.

View the plan, get info on open houses, and provide comments at go.minneapolismn.gov.

Lake Harriet Spiritual Community Fundraiser

Saturday, April 4, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Lake Harriet Spiritual Community Center, 4401 S Upton

Help support a historic building in the Linden Hills community. This spring fundraiser supports the upkeep of the beautiful, domed icon in Linden Hills.

On Saturday, April 4th, Lake Harriet Spiritual Community will host its Spring Psychic Fair. The fair is free and open to the public. Attend free workshops, get a psychic reading, shop in the metaphysical marketplace for crystals and gifts, and more. There will be a food truck onsite. Don't miss this empowering day of food, fun and fellowship! Learn more at: www.lakeharrietspiritualcommunity.org.

Summer Camp at The Bakken Museum



The Bakken Museum's upgraded makerspace, redesigned classrooms, and brand new outdoor education area are currently under construction to make this year's Camp Innovation the best ever. During week-long camps, students will work with Bakken educators and mentors to plan, build, improve, and show off their very own inventions.

Half-day camps for young makers grades 2 - 3, full-day camps for grades 4 - 6 and 7 - 9, and all girls weeks run June through August. Details and registration available online at thebakken.org/summer-camp.

Streetcar Line Announces 2020 Schedule

Como-Harriet Streetcar Line kicks off weekend operations on Saturday, May 2. Trolleys will run 12:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Weekday evening service will start Friday, May 22 with trolleys running Tuesday through Friday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Please note no regular service Monday.

And starting in June through August, cars will also run Wednesday and Friday from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Fare remains \$2.50 with children three and under riding free. Check TrolleyRide.org for schedule and special events.

Linden Hills History Study Group

Join the Linden Hills History Study Group for March and April programs. Everyone is welcome.

Wonderland Park

Monday March 16, 7:00 p.m.

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 4801 France Ave S

In 1905, Wonderland Park on East Lake Street was a popular amusement park

where the people of Minneapolis could ride one of the world's finest carousels, witness amazing, death-defying acts, and even tour a display of local premature infants being treated in the new scientific marvel, an electric incubator. Susan Hunter Weir, Director of the Friends of the Cemetery, Pioneers & Soldiers Memorial Cemetery, will share stories and images about this time in Minneapolis history.



I-35W: Commuting, commerce, and travel

Thursday April 23, 7:00 p.m.

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

I-35 begins in Laredo, Texas and ends in Duluth, Minnesota, splitting into East and West legs twice: at Dallas/Fort Worth and at Minneapolis/St. Paul. The stretch of I-35W through South Minneapolis is the focus of this presentation by U of M historians Greg Donofrio and Denise Pike.

Perhaps you have experienced the massive construction/overhaul of this highway at some point? Or lost your home, business, or neighborhood to it? It was completed in 1967, along with the infamous Mississippi River Bridge that collapsed 40 years later, and is being reconstructed yet again.

Much has been written about the destruction of Rondo Avenue for I-94, but no one has told the story of I-35W's effects on the Southside communities... until now.

Suggested donation is \$5 for non-members of LHSG. For more information visit our website at www.lindenhillshistory.org.

High School Guitarists Head South for Winter

Southwest High School students participating in the school's Guitar Orchestra, Songwriting and Advanced Guitar classes will hit the road for Orlando, Florida this March to learn more about guitar education around America. Florida is one of the original guitar education states, and there are vibrant programs throughout the state. Students will experience school musical performances and university workshops, as well as trips to Disney World and Kennedy Space Center.

Meanwhile, the 3 Strings - Southwest High School's band created for special needs students - is working hard to prepare for their spring performances. Stay tuned for performance dates!

Donate Books for the Linden Hills Library Used Book Sale

Friends of the Linden Hills Library is asking for donations of gently used books for their Linden Hills Festival Book Sale. Proceeds will benefit our Linden Hills Library and Hennepin County Libraries.

Donate your gently used books, in good & clean condition. Please NO textbooks or magazines. You can drop off your donations from April 4 - May 15 at Linden Hills Co-op (3815 Sunnyside Ave), 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 June 14. www.supportthclib.org/linden-hills

Fundraiser for Jager Statue Almost Reaches its Goal

The GoFundMe Campaign to create a memorial statue for Jager, the beloved shop dog of Settergren's, has almost reached its goal!

A Linden Hills resident launched the campaign this winter to remember the "Unofficial Mayor of Linden Hills" who touched so many people. The statue would be placed outside of Settergren's.

If you'd like to help make this statue a reality, please donate to the campaign at gofundme.com/statue-in-memory-of-jager.

Kite Festival Brings 7500+ Out to Lake



On January 25, more than 7500 people came out for the 19th annual Kite Festival on frozen Lake Harriet, organized by the MPRB and event partners Linden Hills Neighborhood Council and East Harriet Neighborhood Association.

This year, the festival shared the ice with Art Shanty Projects, making for a busy but exciting day on the lake! Kites of all shapes, sizes, and colors flew over Lake Harriet. Adults and kids alike also enjoyed ice fishing, kite building, fat-tire bike riding, s'mores and more. A fun and delicious statistic: attendees enjoyed 600+ s'mores (donated by LHiNC). Yum!

2020 Linden Hills Festival – Get Involved!

Sunday, June 14, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Linden Hills Park



Mark your calendars for the 46th Annual Linden Hills Festival – a day of food, family, friends and fun. This year will feature: amazing food, beer garden, kids games and inflatables, children's stage, local musicians, marketplace, and more. 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 29 at lindenhills.org/festival.

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 lindenhills.org/festival.

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, June 13

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 lindenhills.org/festival.



Follow LHiNC on Instagram!

Help us celebrate Linden Hills through pictures. Follow us at [linden_hills_council](https://www.instagram.com/linden_hills_council). Or tag us for re-grams!



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Linden Hills Park Events

Summer Camp Registration for Minneapolis parks has begun. At Linden Hills Park, offerings range from art to sports to the ever-popular Camp Fun-N-Sun. Register online at www.minneapolis parks.org/activities.

Spring Fling Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 11, 10 - 11:30 a.m. - Linden Hills Park. Enjoy a light brunch, art projects, egg hunt and more. Must pre-register online at www.minneapolis parks.org/activities.

Check out NEW Programs at Linden Hills Library

Senior Tech Help

2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month,
3:30pm – 5:30pm

Cyber-Seniors™ connects tech-savvy teens with senior citizens who want to learn to use the Internet, email, Facebook, text, make video phone calls, and more! Bring your own device - laptop, tablet, smartphone. Drop-in! No appointments necessary.

Factions: Battlegrounds Playtest

Ages 12-18

Tuesday, March 24, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Do you enjoy Magic: The Gathering or Settlers of Catan? Join us for a drop-in playtesting session of *Factions: Battlegrounds*, a game in development that focuses on strategy and player

choice. Up to 4 players can play at once, and games typically take about a half hour each. No registration required.

Writing the Young Adult Novel

Grades 7-12

Tuesday, April 7, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Books for and about teens are among the most popular categories in fiction. Learn what makes the teenage experience so compelling for both writers and readers and how to begin your own young adult novel.

Collaborator: The Loft Literary Center.
Funded by Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR

Details at www.linden hills.org

March

- 16 LHHSG: Wonderland Park
- 17 Regenerative Yards & Gardens
- 17 Environment & Sustainability Mtg**
- 24 Neighborhood 2020 Forum
- 30 LHiNC Community Engagement Mtg**

April

- 4 Spring Psychic Fair
- 5 Public Comment Ends for SW Parks Plan
- 7 LHiNC Board Meeting*
- 9 Census Help Session at LH Library
- 13 Zoning & Housing Committee*
- 18 Earth Day Community Clean Up
- 18 Census Help Session at LH Library
- 21 Environment & Sustainability Mtg**
- 23 Census Help Session at LH Library
- 23 LHHSG: I-35W
- 27 LHiNC Community Engagement Mtg**

May

- 2 MN Streetcars begin weekend service
- 2 Census Help Session at LH Library

*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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