



# The Linden Hills Line

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## Taste Fundraiser Raises \$7K for Grants

*All Proceeds Fund Neighborhood Projects and Groups*



On October 1, more than 175 people came out to support the fourth annual Taste of Linden Hills hosted by the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council (LHiNC) and Rose Street Patisserie. The event raised more than \$7000 for LHiNC's grants program that supports projects and organizations that make Linden Hills a better place to live and work.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the event! A special thanks goes out to the Linden Hills restaurants and businesses that generously donated their time and the delicious tastes that make the event so special: **Clancey's, Coffee & Tea, Ltd., Great Harvest, Harriet Brasserie, Martina, Naviya's Thai Brasserie, Old Southern BBQ, Quebracho, Rose Street Patisserie, Tilia, and the Wedge & Linden Hills Co-ops.**

The event would also not have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors: All Energy Solar, Bremer, Mint Orthodontics, Fulton Brewery, House of Music, Linden Hills Dentistry, Sunnyside Gardens, Jeff Meyer Insurance Agency, The Mayhew Inn, Lake Harriet Law Office, and Copperwing Distillery.

Because of the generous donations of time, talent and funds, LHiNC will be able to give back to the neighborhood through LHiNC grants. The council awarded its fall grants in October. Please see the article on this page for a detailed list of grant winners. LHiNC also offers grants in the spring; the deadline for grant applications is March 15. More at [lindenhills.org/grants](http://lindenhills.org/grants).

Fun photos from this year's event, courtesy of Lynsey Tjaden Photography, are featured above. For more info and photos, please visit:

[lindenhills.org/tasteofLH](http://lindenhills.org/tasteofLH)

## LHiNC Awards Fall Neighborhood Grants

Every fall and spring, the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council awards grants to people, projects and programs that make Linden Hills a better place to live and work. The grants are funded through the annual Taste of Linden Hills.

Below are the winners from the latest round of grants. Congratulations to all the winners! To apply in spring, visit [lindenhills.org/grants](http://lindenhills.org/grants).

### MINNEAPOLIS POPS ORCHESTRA

This \$1000 grant will support the Minneapolis Pops Orchestra's Summer Concert Season at Lake Harriet in 2020. The MPO continues to provide this community, as well as people from across the Twin Cities Metro, with free access to the arts through their concerts at the Lake Harriet Bandshell and beyond.

### SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL PRIME TIME

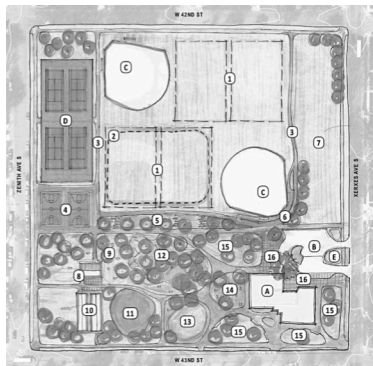
This \$1000 grant will support the continued development of Prime Time, an after-school program for Southwest High School. The mission of Prime Time is to encourage diverse students to fully engage in the Southwest High School (SWHS) community by participating in the life of the school via after-school activities. Prime Time reduces barriers to participation such as distance from home, nutritional needs, or need for academic or personal support to maintain grades.

### THE 3 STRINGS, SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL

This \$2000 grant supported a trip to Orlando for 17 special needs student musicians from SWHS, support students, support staff, and family members to perform at the National Association for Music Education Keynote address. "The 3 Strings" is the name of their band. Through adapted instruments and adapted music, special needs students are able to play instruments successfully.

# Southwest Parks Plans in Final Stages

*Public Comment Period to Begin Soon*



After more than a year of public and advisory committee meetings, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board will soon unveil a final draft of its Southwest Parks Plan. 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.

Plans for Linden Hills Park include a premier softball field, an indoor gymnasium, expansion of the bocce courts, more accessible seating, and full court basketball. Linden Hills Boulevard will be divested from park oversight. Waveland Triangle will get clay tennis courts, and Dell Park will see better sidewalks and more pedestrian safety zones. A potential Trolley Path Park was approved for consideration.

Right now, project staff members are writing up a draft of the final parks plan, which will be presented for a 45-day public comment period. A new online public survey will open at that time. Staff will compile comments and present them to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board of Commissioners for review following a public hearing this winter. When it becomes available, you can find the plan and the survey at [www.minneapolisiparks.org/sw](http://www.minneapolisiparks.org/sw).

## LHiNC Environmental Update

LHiNC's Environment & Sustainability Committee meets every third Tuesday of the month from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at Bremer in downtown Linden Hills. The group seeks to protect the environment, educate neighbors on actions we can take, and reduce our collective footprint. The next meeting is November 19.

### Healthy Soil Film Series

On Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Bremer, LHiNC's Environment & Sustainability Committee invites you to view clips from a video series entitled "Soil is the Climate Solution" from Kiss the Ground. The film focuses on the process of rebuilding soil, replenishing water cycles, and reversing global warming.

After viewing the video clips, the committee invites you to join a discussion on how to continue building the Healthy Soil movement within our neighborhood and beyond.

After the film and discussion, the Environment & Sustainability Committee will hold its regular meeting from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

To learn more about healthy soil, see article inside this month's Line, or go to [lindenhill.org/about/other-committees](http://lindenhill.org/about/other-committees).

## Congratulations to New LHiNC Board Members

Thanks to everyone who stopped by Linden Hills Park on October 22 to celebrate Fall Fest and cast a ballot for Linden Hills Neighborhood Council Board members.

From a field of 11 talented individuals, the community elected the following new members to serve two-year terms on the LHiNC Board: Ed Bell (Incumbent), Steve Birch (Incumbent), Leah Fish (Incumbent), Lauren Linderman (Incumbent), Barbara Lunde, Bjorn Olson, and Linda Picone.

They join sitting board members: Adam Beck, Jane Elias, Robert Haider, Tom Harlan, Judy Hornbacher, Elizabeth McDonald, Wendy Ponte, and Abdi Sahal.

Congratulations to all the newly-elected members! The next LHiNC meeting will be December 3 from 7-9 p.m. at Linden Hills Park. The public is always welcome.

## LHiNC Presents Treasure Awards

Each year during Fall Fest, LHiNC honors Linden Hills residents and/or business owners who enhance the quality of our neighborhood through volunteer efforts or giving back to the community.

This year, LHiNC presented the Linden Hills Treasure Award to: Anne Feicht, Bryce Hamilton, Jager (from Settergren's), Tanya Orstad and Jeff Stites.



*Linden Hills Treasure Award Winners Anne Feicht and Bryce Hamilton with LHiNC Chair Steve Birch.*

Congratulations to the winners! Read more about all the award winners at [lindenhill.org/linden-hills-treasures](http://lindenhill.org/linden-hills-treasures).

## Ward 13 Update

### From Council Member Linea Palmisano



Dear Neighbor,

I hope I am not alone in feeling like 2019 went by in a blur. To already be packing up my family's Halloween decorations and seeing glimpses of snow has really driven home just how quickly this year has gone. With winter coming fast that also means the 2020 budget process is in full swing.

As your Council Member and Chair of the Budget Committee here at the City of Minneapolis, I wanted to take a moment to share a few thoughts and provide an overview on upcoming opportunities to engage in the process.

One item in the proposed budget that has been all over the news for the past several months is the Mayor's proposal to add 14 sworn officers to the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD). Since taking office I have been dedicated to making sure that we are constantly working to improve public safety. It has been my consistent priority with the police department to address leadership and culture transformation, 911 response times, police community relations, officer wellness, and training. I am supportive of the Mayor's proposal to add more officers, and I know we need more help in addressing insufficient response times.

Another item I am very excited about is the \$31M proposed for affordable housing investments. Making sure there is affordable housing in every part of our city is something I've long supported and continue to work for. Last year's \$40M was a record breaking investment in affordable housing, but we still aren't close to being able to meet demand to adequately house every resident in this city. I adamantly support this new proposal as we strive to meet that demand. This kind of investment, paired with a dedication to leveraging state and federal resources, sets us up to have the deepest investments in affordable housing in the state - something that I am truly proud of.

These two items are just a scratch into the surface of what our City's \$1.8 billion budget touches - to read more go to:

[www.minneapolismn.gov/budget](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/budget)

Here are a few ways to provide feedback:

**Dec 4th at 6pm:** Annual "Truth in Taxation" hearing intended to get community input on the total levy amount

**Dec 11th at 6pm:** For the public to respond to Council's amendments, for Council to make any further changes based on that, and then to adopt the 2020 budget

Can't attend in person? You can also provide written feedback here:

[www.minneapolismn.gov/budget/budget-comments](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/budget/budget-comments)

Warm Regards,

Linea

## Linden Hills Healthy Soil Project Update

By Ginny Halloran

In addition to holding two public workshops this year on the Trolley Path near York and 44th Ave., the LHiNC Environment and Sustainability Committee, as part of its healthy soil project, engaged with Linden Hills neighbor Curt Adams. Curt volunteered to convert his and his wife Katie's lawn to his vision of a no-mow healthy soil yard and gave us permission to publicize it.



The picture above is of Curt's granddaughters with Lydia, the soil dragon, in the foreground. Curt's granddaughter Amelia imagined Lydia in the pile of dirt that was a result of landscaping levels on which to grow vegetables and strawberries. Curt says he's already formulating how to increase the diversity of his garden next year.

On October 28<sup>th</sup>, the Minneapolis Park's Forestry Department visited the committee's healthy soil plot on the Trolley Path to trim trees, take out invasive plants, a diseased elm and a couple infringing trees. Next spring, they plan to plant native trees and shrubs that will be great at carbon sequestration. Three cheers for our phenomenal forestry department. Reminder: Donations are accepted by the Park Board!

Below are quotes from current committee members on how the healthy soil project affected them. The committee is planning for next year. Please feel free to pass on ideas/feedback.

"After happening upon the healthy soil plot, I joined the committee to learn more. My appreciation of soil regeneration to fight climate change has grown considerably ever since." --- Bill Hyman

"We are in the process of building and filling our first ever garden beds in which we will plant vegetables in the spring. The information we have learned—together with the compost we received—has been invaluable." -- Robert Haider

"I replaced parts of my lawn this year to increase diversity. I planted Sedums, which are good for the soil and attracted many pollinators, as well as an evergreen bush, a Dogwood and a large Hosta. -- John Benda.

## Linden Hills History Study Group

### How the Ford Motor Company transformed Minnesota over the past 100 years

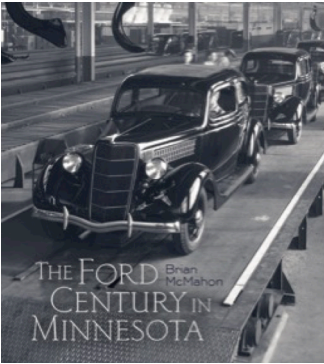
Saturday, November 23, 10:00 a.m.

Edina Library, 5280 Grandview Square, Edina

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

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

Author and historian Brian McMahon will discuss how the Ford Motor Company transformed Minnesota, as detailed in his award-winning book, *The Ford Century in Minnesota*, published by the University of Minnesota Press.



The impact of the company will be seen locally, including the introduction of the Model T, the building of the Minneapolis Assembly Plant, cutbacks during the Depression, World War II, women joining the workforce, dealerships on Hennepin Avenue and Lake Street, globalization, the eventual closing of the plant in St. Paul, and more.

Optional brunch/lunch to follow the program at the Hilltop Restaurant, 5101 Arcadia Ave, Edina. Please RSVP by Wednesday, Nov 20 via phone or email. Please include number in your party. Call (612) 926-0646 (leave a message, if necessary) or email [contact@lindenhillshistory.org](mailto:contact@lindenhillshistory.org).

For more information, visit our website at [www.lindenhillshistory.org](http://www.lindenhillshistory.org)

### Holiday Festivities on the Como-Harriet Line

Como-Harriet Streetcar Line

Linden Hills Station, 42nd & Queen

#### Holly Trolley

Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 30 & Dec. 1

And December 7 & 8, 12:00 to 3:30 p.m.

\$4 per passenger



Take a streetcar ride with Santa, then toast a marshmallow and warm yourself by a friendly fire. The historic streetcar is decked out for the holidays. The ride is about 20 minutes, and no advance ticket or reservation is required. Please share in the joy of the season. Bring a new, unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots.

#### Vinternatt

Saturday, December 7, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

\$5 per passenger

The historic streetcar is decorated inside and out with lights and seasonal greens, and hundreds of luminaries light the right-of-way. Cozy up to the fire and toast a marshmallow. Santa will make an appearance, and refreshments will be available for purchase. Bring a new, unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots.

Find complete information about these events at [TrolleyRide.org](http://TrolleyRide.org).

### Reindeer Day at Linden Hills Library

Sat. Dec. 7, 9am to 3:30pm

Linden Hills Library, 2900 W. 43rd St.

Join the Friends of the Linden Hills Library for Reindeer Day Fun!

**Kids Storytime & Craft** - 9:30am - 12:00

p.m. Kids will enjoy a wonderful wintry-themed story time, followed by a fun + easy craft in the Children's area!

**Holiday Used Book Sale & Treats** - 9:00

a.m. - 3:30pm. Great prices on books: children's, holiday and adult fiction + more for gift-giving and cozy winter reading. Sale in the upstairs meeting room.

**WE NEED BOOK DONATIONS.** Drop off books (in good condition, no textbooks), during open hours at Linden Hills Park (Xerxes & 43rd St.) from Nov. 2 to Dec. 6. Have 4 or more bags of books to donate? Contact Joe Wolf for pick-up: [NovelTrader@aol.com](mailto:NovelTrader@aol.com)

Proceeds benefit Linden Hills Library and Hennepin County Library. Organized by Friends of the Linden Hills Library. THANKS for supporting your library!

**- MORE ON REINDEER DAY IN LHBA INSERT -**

### Bakken Museum to Unveil Renovation Plans

On Saturday, November 16, The Bakken Museum will host *Bakken to the Future*, an event showcasing the best of the museum's exhibits, education programs, and collections. Attendees will be among the first to receive detailed information about the museum's upcoming renovation project and view architectural renderings using virtual reality technology.

Along with renovation details, event attendees will enjoy experimental food tastings, live science-theatre performances, hands-on experiments, and workshops in the museum's makerspace.

The Bakken to the Future Event is scheduled for 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. on Saturday, November 16 at The Bakken Museum (3537 Zenith Avenue S). A VIP champagne reception from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. will precede the main event. Tickets are available at <https://bakkentothefuture.eventbrite.com/>

For questions about the event or renovation sponsorships, contact Juliana Sellers at [sellers@thebakken.org](mailto:sellers@thebakken.org) or 612-926-3878.

## Rose Street Says Goodbye to LH

In late October, a note was posted on the door of Rose Street Patisserie announcing that its last day of business would be Sunday, November 3. The note from John Kraus, Elizabeth Rose and Rose Street staff read:

"We've made this difficult decision because it makes sense for how our business is growing. We have an opportunity to pass the space to our friends at Martina & Colita, who were looking for a space to roll out a wonderful new concept!"

The note continued: "We are thrilled to be focusing on our other existing locations, catering and wholesale accounts & our beautiful new "Bread Lab" hub and training facility! We are so very grateful to all of you for your support over the recent years, and we'd like to encourage you to visit us at Patisserie 46."

As for the future of the space, *Minneapolis/St. Paul Magazine* reported that Daniel del Prado, owner of Martina and Colita, will take over the space, which will first be used for parties and pop-ups and later evolve into a casual restaurant.

## Save the Date: Art Shanty Projects 2020



Art Shanty Projects has announced the dates for its 2020 return to Lake Harriet: Saturdays and Sundays between January 18 and February 9 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

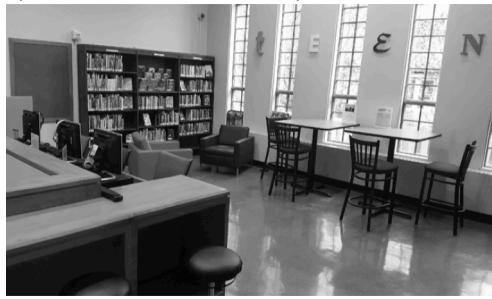
In winter of 2018, Art Shanty Projects transformed Lake Harriet into an artist-designed village filled with creative structures, interactive activities and live performances. It attracted 40,000+ visitors.

If you were one of those visitors – and want to keep Art Shanty Projects on the ice for years to come – the organization has recently launched a new membership program. All levels of membership come with benefits, including invitations to special member events, like the Art Shanty Kick-off on January 2.

To learn more, go to [artshantyprojects.org](http://artshantyprojects.org) and click on "become a member."

## Linden Hills Library Debuts New Teen Area

For the last few months, Linden Hills Library has been working on a collaborative project with the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council, Hennepin County Library, and teenaged patrons to make the library space more teen-friendly.



After several meetings of its new Teen Advisory Group (TAG Team), the library renovated its teen space to include updated furniture and decorations that not only appeal to teens

but also visually distinguish it as space separate from the adult areas.

The library hopes the renovated teen space will be a place to read, to study, to learn something new, and to relax. Keep an eye on this space as it continues to change!

The Teen Advisory Group is also helping develop programs focused on the needs and interests of our patrons between the ages of 12 and 18, including:

**Teen: Games, Games, Games!** November 23, December 7 & 21, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Grades 6-12. Board games, trading card games, and tabletop games. Drop in anytime. No registration required.

**Teen Advisory Group**, November 26, 6-7:30 p.m. Grades 8-12. Want the teen space at Linden Hills to better represent you and your peers? Join the new Teen Advisory Group to advise on matters of teen services, programming, and materials.

**Thrift-Store Re-Paint**, Tuesday, December 3, 6-8 p.m., Grades 6-12. Help us redecorate the teen space! Use acrylic paint to add creatures, characters, or monsters to thrift-store oil paintings. Registration required at the library's events page.

For all library events, visit [hclib.org](http://hclib.org).

## Help Raise Funds for Memorial Statue for Jager



The "Unofficial Mayor of Linden Hills" and beloved shop dog of Settergren's of Linden Hills, Jager, passed away this fall at the age of 13. Upon hearing the news, a Linden Hills resident thought that there should be a memorial to this dear dog who touched so many people.

Mark Settergren supports the idea, so now a GoFundMe Campaign supported by LHINC has been launched to build a statue outside Settergren's. To donate to the campaign, please visit: [www.gofundme.com/statue-in-memory-of-jager](http://www.gofundme.com/statue-in-memory-of-jager)



## Linden Hills Park Events

**Holiday Ceramic Ornament Making for Youth**, Ages 6-13,  
Mondays, Dec 2 – 16, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m., \$30

**Holiday Ceramic Ornament Making for Families**, Ages 3+,  
Mondays, Dec 2 – 16, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., \$30/person

**Gingerbread House Making**, Ages 1-13, December 7, 11:00  
a.m. – 12:30p.m., \$10

Pre-register for these activities at

[apm.activecommunities.com/minneapolisparkevents](http://apm.activecommunities.com/minneapolisparkevents)

## Check out NEW Programs at Linden Hills Library

### FOR KIDS

**Family Fun Fridays**, 10:30 – 11 a.m., All  
ages. Sing, read, write and play together.

**The Secret Life of Squirrels**, November  
30, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m., Grades 1-6. Think  
like a squirrel as you learn the art of  
tunnel books and create a cozy squirrel  
tree home. Registration required.

**Space Engineers**, January 3, 2:00 – 4:00  
p.m., Grade K - 5. Design a spaceship to  
transport people to the Andromeda  
Galaxy using recycled materials.  
Registration required.

### FOR ADULTS:

**Poetry of Witness: Poetry Writing  
Workshop**, December 10, 6:30 – 8:00  
p.m. Led by 2019 Minnesota State Arts

Board Artist Initiative Grant recipient  
Preeti Kaur, the group will read and  
discuss "Against Forgetting: Twentieth  
Century Poetry of Witness". You will also  
write your own poem. All experience  
levels welcome. Registration required.

**Senior Social**, Wednesdays, 10:00am –  
12:00pm. Gather in the Linden Hills  
meeting room for games, conversation,  
and more. We will provide cards and  
board games. No registration required.

**Let's Talk About Race**, Thursday, Oct 3  
and Nov 7, 6:30-8 p.m. Join our monthly  
discussion group on race in our society.  
This group is volunteer-facilitated and  
focused on learning and growing. All are  
welcome!

## Nextdoor Linden Hills

Have you joined Nextdoor yet? It's  
an online forum for neighborhoods  
that allows us to share information  
and resources and stay connected to  
our neighbors.

Sign up at [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com). Address  
verification required.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR

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

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- 18 Communications Committee\*\*
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(Video Series Starts at 6:00 p.m.)
- 23 LHHSG: Ford Motor Company in MN
- 30 Holly Trolley, MN Street Car Museum

### December

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- 3 LHINC Board Meeting\*
- 7 Reindeer Day (by LHBA)
- 7 Vinternatt, MN Streetcar Museum
- 9 Zoning & Housing Committee\*
- 12 Holiday Wine and Stroll (by LHBA)
- 16 Communications Committee\*\*
- 17 Environment & Sustainability Mtg\*\*

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

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