



# The Linden Hills Line

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The Quarterly Newsletter of the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council

Summer 2021

## LHiNC Hosting Fall Festival



The Linden Hills Neighborhood Council (LHiNC) is excited to announce that it will host a community celebration at Linden Hills Park on **Saturday, September 18** from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The all-day festival will be slightly smaller than our traditional spring festival, which was cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-19 concerns, but will maintain its spirit of fun and community.

You can expect live music, amazing food from local restaurants, a beer tent and fun, COVID-safe activities for kids. LHiNC looks forward to celebrating community with our neighbors once again. Visit [lindenhills.org/festival](http://lindenhills.org/festival) for updates as the festival gets closer.

### Want to Get Involved?

**Sign up for a Volunteer Shift** - The success of our festival depends on our terrific volunteers. Youth groups/teams, faith communities, families or individuals are encouraged to sign up. Volunteer areas include: set-up, teardown, food service, beer tent and zero waste. Register for a two-hour shift today at [lindenhills.org/festival](http://lindenhills.org/festival).

**Be a Sponsor** - LHiNC invites local businesses to become a part of this celebration. Contact us at [sponsors@lindenhills.org](mailto:sponsors@lindenhills.org) to find out about sponsor benefits, including promotional opportunities, festival booths and more.

### LHiNC: Who We Are

Linden Hills Neighborhood Council (LHiNC) is a non-profit formed to represent the interests of Linden Hills residents, property owners, and business owners. We serve as a voice of Linden Hills residents; we work to increase community involvement and provide two-way communication with the city and within our community. The board typically meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please email [info@lindenhills.org](mailto:info@lindenhills.org) for meeting details.

## LHiNC Restarts *The Line*

This spring, the LHiNC Board voted to restart its print newsletter *The Linden Hills Line*. It will be delivered by U.S. mail to all Linden Hills residents four times a year, starting this June. LHiNC stopped publishing *The Line* last May because of the fluid state of news during COVID-19, as well as budgetary concerns.

"We are excited to bring back *The Line* at a time when we all want to feel more connected to our community," said Peter Gilbert, chair of LHiNC's Community Engagement Committee. "We think it's an effective way to reach everyone in our neighborhood."

If you would like to submit an article for the fall edition, please check out LHiNC's submission guidelines at [lindenhills.org/newsletter](http://lindenhills.org/newsletter) and send your article to [info@lindenhills.org](mailto:info@lindenhills.org) by August 31. You can also submit events, articles and business updates to our monthly digital newsletter the *LiNK E-News*. Articles and graphics are due the second Thursday of the month and can be sent to *LiNK E-News* Editor Carol Clemens at [carol@lindenhills.org](mailto:carol@lindenhills.org).

## Calling All Block Captains

LHiNC wants to thank all of our neighborhood block captains for the time and energy they devote to keeping neighbors connected. In order to better support you and your block, LHiNC is inviting all block captains to register your name and block with us, so we can include you on community updates and provide you with "swag" for your National Night Out gathering on August 3.

Please visit [lindenhills.org/block-captains](http://lindenhills.org/block-captains) to register with LHiNC, learn more about National Night Out 2021 or find out how to become a block captain.

*INSIDE: June Race and Equity event, Farmers Market and Bandshell Concerts Return & How to Get Involved with LHiNC*

# LHiNC Equity Committee



In Fall 2020, LHiNC formed an Equity Committee to ensure the organization follows through on its commitment made after George Floyd's murder to "use our resources – financial, political and human – in ways that support long-time efforts to address systemic racism and inequity."

The Equity Committee developed a vision statement to guide future board decisions and actions, which LHiNC approved and adopted in March 2021. We invite you to read it at [linden hills.org/equity-vision-statement/](https://linden hills.org/equity-vision-statement/).

## Race and Equity Events

LHiNC began a race and equity speaker series in April with *Apartheid in Minneapolis*, a two-part presentation by Sara Spafford-Freeman that examined racial disparities in five systems: housing, wealth, health, public schools and public safety. The series will continue in June with:

**How To Start Being Anti-Racist** - June 22, 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Monique Walker is a high school senior from the St. Paul area. She started leading trainings in summer of 2020 to help her community understand the perspective of a young Black woman in Minnesota at a predominantly white high school. The training is online, interactive and includes opportunities to share and listen. All ages welcome.

Register for this free LHiNC event at [linden hills.org/race-equity-series](https://linden hills.org/race-equity-series).

LHiNC plans to host an ongoing series of events focused on race and equity. Please visit [linden hills.org/race-equity-series](https://linden hills.org/race-equity-series) for the latest.

## Help Close the Home Ownership Gap



LHiNC is developing a partnership with Northside Residents Redevelopment Council (NRRC), a Minneapolis neighborhood association serving the Near North and Willard-Hay neighborhoods.

NRRC has established a subsidiary called NRRC Financial LLC to offer low-cost loans to homeowners in North Minneapolis and provide financial counseling to make homeownership a possibility for others. How can you support this effort?

1. Donate - Help NRRC Financial build capacity to offer low-cost loans and provide financial counseling. Give now at [givemn.org/organization/Nrrc-Financial](https://givemn.org/organization/Nrrc-Financial).
2. Volunteer - Become a volunteer financial counselor through local nonprofit Prepare and Prosper. [prepareandprosper.org/volunteer/](https://prepareandprosper.org/volunteer/)

# Help Make Linden Hills Pesticide Free



Most fertilizers and pesticides are made with harmful chemicals that negatively impact the health of humans and the natural environment. To help spread the word about the importance of healthy and safe lawns, LHiNC's Environment & Sustainability is launching a Pesticide-Free Campaign.

How can you get involved? Visit [linden hills.org/pesticide-free](https://linden hills.org/pesticide-free) and purchase a Pesticide-Free yard sign for \$15. It's a great way to begin a community conversation about the negative effects of pesticide use and to support the work of LHiNC's Environmental & Sustainability Committee.

## Volunteer Gardeners Needed

LHiNC's Environment & Sustainability Committee is transforming the Trolley Path and the Pocket Park, and they need your help. The goal of LHiNC's Naturescape Project is to increase and protect true Minnesota native trees, shrubs and plants, enhancing our green spaces and making them healthier for all. If you are interested in helping to water, weed or plant, please email [enviro@linden hills.org](mailto:enviro@linden hills.org) for volunteer opportunities.

## LHiNC Awards Spring Grants

Every fall and spring, LHiNC awards grants of up to \$1,000 to people, projects and programs that make Linden Hills a better place to live and work. This spring, LHiNC awarded \$1,000 to the following organizations:

- Carondelet Catholic School to purchase diverse and antiracism books for both campuses to put more books featuring diverse characters into the hands of children.
- Minneapolis Pops Orchestra to support its 2021 Summer Concert Season at Lake Harriet Bandshell.

LHiNC's fall grant cycle deadline is September 15, 2021. Learn more at [linden hills.org/grants](https://linden hills.org/grants).



# Summer in Linden Hills



A guide to neighborhood activities we are looking forward to this summer.

## Linden Hills Farmers Market Returns

**Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

The Linden Hills Farmers Market reopened on June 6 and will be open 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. every Sunday through October (with the exception of July 4). The LHFM will again be located in Settergren's parking lot (2813 W. 43rd St.). Rain or shine, you can expect a dynamic mix of farmers, food and craft makers and food trucks. The market will start off with fewer vendors than past years but will build up capacity over the summer. Look forward to seeing you there! [lindenhillsfarmersmarket.org](http://lindenhillsfarmersmarket.org)

## Linden Hills Library

### Summer Hours and Services

Linden Hills Library will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Thursday from 12:00 to 8:00 p.m. As of the printing of this newsletter, the library requires masks to be worn inside.

Available services include: book drop; WiFi network (HCL\_Public; no password) available on front plaza everyday from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; use of computers, scanner, printer, copier and fax; and chairs and tables for reading/WiFi use within the building. The upstairs deck is also available during open hours on warm & dry days.

Visit [hclib.org](http://hclib.org) for special programming and summer events.

## Trolley Gets Back on Track in July

Mark your calendars! The Minnesota Streetcar Museum plans to reopen its Como-Harriet Line for streetcar rides on July Fourth weekend. They may be able to schedule charter rides earlier. Please call 952-922-1096 or visit [trolleyride.org](http://trolleyride.org) for more information.

## Outdoor Event Series at The Bakken

The Bakken Museum has partnered with local theatres and musicians to offer live entertainment on their green roof this summer. Shows range from Open Eye Theatre's family-friendly comedy *LOG Jam* to HUGE Improv Theater's adult-focused festival. The museum will also host a rotation of food and dessert trucks Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons all season.

The Bakken Museum is closely monitoring safety protocols and best practices to help control the spread of COVID-19. Tickets to outdoor performances will be limited, and timed tickets are available to allow for social distancing inside the museum's exhibits. Go online for show details, dates and tickets at [thebakken.org/calendar](http://thebakken.org/calendar).

## Linden Hills Area Parks

### Linden Hills Playground Under Construction

On June 1, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board began construction on a new playground for Linden Hills Park. Both play areas are expected to be closed through June. The new playground will feature natural-themed equipment with an imaginative and cooperative play area for 2- to 5-year olds and circuit play for 5- to 12-year-olds. Find updates at [lindenhills.org/new-playground](http://lindenhills.org/new-playground).

### Beaches and Pools Open for Season

MPRB pools, water parks and beaches are open for the season, including Lake Harriet beaches and wading pools at Linden Hills and Pershing Parks. For times and updates, check [minneapolisparcs.org/pools](http://minneapolisparcs.org/pools) and [minneapolisparcs.org/beaches](http://minneapolisparcs.org/beaches).

### Music & Movies at the Bandshell

MPRB is excited to bring live music and movies back to the parks in Summer 2021! Lake Harriet Bandshell will host live music every Monday, Thursday, Friday and the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month at 7:30 p.m., as well as Sundays at 2:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Dates for movies at the Bandshell include: June 11 and 25, July 9 and July 23 and every Friday in August. All movies start at dusk. For a full listing of music and movies, visit [mplsmoviesandmusic.com](http://mplsmoviesandmusic.com).

## Summer Sidewalk Music Series

Hosted by Everett & Charlie Gallery and Harriet Brasserie, local Musicians will provide live entertainment in downtown Linden Hills all summer long. Music begins around 5:30 p.m. every Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and Sundays at 11:00 a.m. For full summer music schedule, visit [everettandcharlie.com](http://everettandcharlie.com).

## Linden Hills History Study Group

**The Lost Japanese Gardens of John Scott Bradstreet with Kathy Kullberg** - June 30 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

John Scott Bradstreet was the leading interior designer of the early 20th century in the Twin Cities. Early on, he became enamored with the simple but elegant gardens of Japan and, over three decades, built or influenced nine known gardens of which only one remains today. Historian Kathy Kullberg will present her research into the discovery of these lost gardens. Register for this free event at 612-926-0646 or [contact@lindenhillshistory.org](mailto:contact@lindenhillshistory.org). Everyone is welcome.



## Get Involved with LHiNC

Linden Hills Neighborhood Council (LHiNC) has five committees that meet monthly. Community members are welcome to attend meetings and encouraged to join. Below is a brief description of each committee. If you are interested, please email [info@linden hills.org](mailto:info@linden hills.org).

**Community Engagement** meets the last Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The committee works to engage with residents, businesses and community groups through traditional communications, outreach events and community projects and partnerships. Current initiatives include relaunching LHiNC's print newsletter to reach every household, partnering with the League of Women Voters to provide resources for upcoming city elections and adding an interactive events calendar to the LHiNC website.

**Environment and Sustainability** meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The committee plans and executes environmentally friendly practices in the community. Current initiatives include a Pesticide-Free Campaign, Naturescape projects on the Trolley Path and in the Pocket Park to increase and protect native species, bike racks near 44th and Beard and a Healthy Soil Project.

**Equity** meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Members organize and promote race and equity events, develop partnerships with organizations focused on race and equity in the Twin Cities and hold LHiNC accountable to its equity vision statement.

**Events** meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Members help plan, promote and execute neighborhood events, such as the Linden Hills Festival (scheduled for September 18, 2021).

**Zoning and Housing** meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Members review planned projects, make recommendations to the city and homeowners and provide housing and zoning resources to the community.

### Do you have old photos of Linden Hills?

Linden Hills History Study Group (LHHS) is looking for high-resolution scanned images showing Linden Hills, its people, its businesses and its activities. Originals will be scanned and returned to you. LHHS plans to share the photos with the community through presentations, publications and/or its website. The group is also interested in written reflections, old postcards, ticket stubs, posters or notes. If you have photos or mementos to share, please email [contact@linden hills.org](mailto:contact@linden hills.org).

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## Neighborhood Calendar

Details at [linden hills.org](http://linden hills.org)

### June

- 22 *How to Start Being Anti-Racist* - LHiNC
- 28 Community Engagement Committee
- 30 *Lost Japanese Gardens* - LHHS

### July

- 6 LHiNC Board Meeting
- 8 Equity Committee Meeting
- 12 Zoning and Housing Committee
- 20 Environment & Sustainability Committee
- 26 Community Engagement Committee

### August

- 3 National Night Out
- 4 LHiNC Board Meeting
- 9 Zoning and Housing Committee
- 12 Equity Committee Meeting
- 17 Environment & Sustainability Committee
- 30 Community Engagement Committee
- 31 Deadline for *Line* articles for Fall issue

### September

- 7 LHiNC Board Meeting
- 15 Deadline to apply for LHiNC Fall Grants
- 18 LHiNC Fall Festival

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