



The Linden Hills Line

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The Quarterly Newsletter of the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council

Winter 2021

Frozen Festivals Return to the Lake



Art Shanty Projects on Bde Unma/Lake Harriet

Saturdays & Sundays, January 15 – February 6

Art Shanty Projects, a four-weekend art festival created atop frozen Bde Unma/Lake Harriet, will return in January 2022. Artists will create a vibrant winter village with almost twenty temporary structures and dozens of interactive art experiences.

From January 15 through February 6, Art Shanty visitors can head to the north end of the lake near the bandshell on Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. In light of the pandemic, this year's festival will offer an exterior-only experience for visitors, and masks will be strongly encouraged. There will be a suggested donation of \$10-20 at the gate; funds will support future festivals.

The Linden Hills Neighborhood Council is excited to again be a major sponsor of this great community event. Stop by to check out our Linden Hills Neighborhood Shanty! Learn more about the festival or volunteer at artshantyprojects.org. You can also become an Art Shanty Projects member and get free admission; learn more at artshantyprojects.org/become-a-member.

Winter Kite Festival To Share the Ice

Saturday, January 22, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Kites of all shapes, sizes, and colors will fill the sky over Lake Harriet, when the 20th Annual Winter Kite Festival returns on January 22. This free, family outdoor event held on the north end of the lake is organized by Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board in partnership with Linden Hills Neighborhood Council and East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Association.

You can bring your own kite or buy one there. Check out the huge kites and high-flying talents of the Minnesota Kite Society. Enjoy music, ice-fishing lessons from Tips Outdoors and a free marshmallow roast sponsored by LHiNC. Assorted food trucks will be onsite.

New this year, a FREE shuttle will run from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from the Calhoun Executive Lot (3033 Excelsior Blvd); masks required. Driving? The bandshell parking lot will be closed to vehicle traffic. Please expect delays on West Lake Harriet Parkway and allow ample time to find a spot and walk to the venue.

If you have questions or are interested in volunteering for the festival, please contact Erica Chua at echua@minneapolisparcs.org.



Wine & Stroll - December 16, 5:00–8:00 p.m.

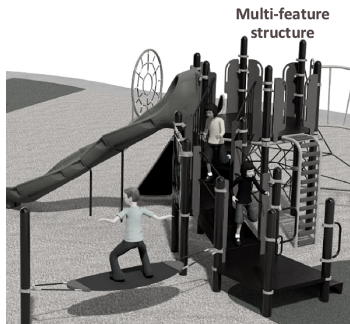
Head for downtown Linden Hills for this year's Holiday Wine & Stroll. Start your evening at New Gild Jewelers (4300 Upton Ave S), where you can pick up a map of participating merchants and snag a swag bag, if you're one of the first 40 guests. Then enjoy polite bites and sips throughout the village. A great way to support local shops this holiday season!

INSIDE: Help Design the Park Playground, Add Your Holiday Display to the Lights of Linden Hills Map and Fun Winter Events

Help Design LH Park Playground

LHiNC is looking for community members to join a Playground Advisory Committee to help guide future plans for the playground at Linden Hills Park.

This August, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board renovated the playground. Many local caregivers and children expressed disappointment in the new equipment.



The advisory committee will work with MPRB to:

- Determine the potential for new equipment
- Explore unique solutions while following MPRB guidelines
- Facilitate any necessary fundraisers

The ultimate goal of the advisory committee is to work directly with MPRB to add new features to the playground and help create a playground that will serve our kids into the future. If you are interested in joining the advisory committee, please email playground@lindenhills.org and include "LH advisory committee" in the subject line.

Metro Transit E Line Plan: Next Steps

The METRO E Line is an arterial bus rapid transit (BRT) line that will upgrade and substantially replace Route 6, an important route in Linden Hills. The new E Line will have four BRT station platforms in Linden Hills. These platforms are larger (60 feet long) and feature shelters with lights, heaters and benches. The first public comment period on E Line station locations ended in October. Thank you to all who provided feedback.

Metro Transit is now compiling and reviewing that feedback. Next, Metro Transit project staff, along with partners at the city and county, will review options and potential changes to stations based on the input received. Those updates will be compiled into the Recommended Corridor Plan, scheduled to be released for another round of public comment in early 2022. To learn more about the Metro E line, please visit lindenhills.org/metro-e-line-is-coming-to-lh.

LHiNC Awards Fall Grants; Spring Grants Due in March

Every fall and spring, the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council awards grants of up to \$1,000 to people, projects and programs that make Linden Hills a better place to live and work. In November, LHiNC voted to fund the following grant requests:

- Lake Harriet Community Schools - \$1,000 for books that address diversity. LHiNC awarded an additional \$1,000 for books for Lake Harriet's sister school Nellie Stone Johnson School.
- Linden Hills Chamber Orchestra - \$1,000 to increase the accessibility of LHCO membership and concerts, including orchestra member scholarships and music for bandshell concerts.
- Minneapolis Pops Orchestra - \$1,000 to support MPO's Summer Concert Season at Lake Harriet in 2022 (includes 10 concerts).

Deadline for Spring Grants is March 15. More at lindenhills.org/grants.



What Supply Chain Issue? Linden Hills Businesses Are Well-stocked for the Holidays!

Our local shops, businesses and restaurants are the heartbeat of Linden Hills and they are in need of our support as we enter the winter months. Remember, with supply chain issues affecting shipping dates, shopping local is the best way to ensure you have presents in hand when the holidays roll around. For a directory of Linden Hills retailers, restaurants, and businesses: lindenhills.org/shoplocal.

Share Your Support: #ShopLindenHills

Whether you're picking up freshly-ground coffee, toys or a gift card in the village, use #shoplindenhills and tag @linden_hills_council in your posts, and we will share them with the community! Let's share our gratitude for our local establishments and help ensure they all survive and thrive.

Thank You for Your Donations

LHiNC wants to thank everyone who donated to our Winter Coat Drive and Toy & Food Drive this holiday season. On November 20, we collected more than 200 coats that were distributed by Camden Collective to North Minneapolis families. We also want to thank our volunteers who participated in the coat distribution event at Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church on December 4.



Also on December 4, LHiNC collected a trailer full of food, hygiene items and toys from this community to be distributed by Waite House in South Minneapolis. Thank you to all the generous neighbors who donated, the volunteers who helped us collect it all and St. Thomas the Apostle for partnering with us on the drive and donating their parking lot for both collections!

Winter in Linden Hills

The Lights of Linden Hills



Let's spread some holiday cheer and light up Linden Hills! This year, the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council is putting together a map of the must-see holiday light displays in our neighborhood. Visit lindenhills.org/lightsoflindenhills to add your display as a stop on the Lights of Linden Hills map.

Neighbors are encouraged to take a stroll through the neighborhood, check out the dazzling displays and vote for their favorites. The winner gets bragging rights for a year! To find the map and place your vote, head to lindenhills.org/lightsoflindenhills.

Droid December at The Bakken

December 18-19, 26-31, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Join The Bakken Museum on weekends and school release days this December for activities inspired by your favorite Star Wars droids. You'll get to program a robot using code, find Astromech droids hidden throughout the museum and build your own jittery robot. Event activities are included with museum admission. Droid December is appropriate for all ages and skill levels. For more information, and to reserve tickets, visit thebakken.org/droid-december.

Linden Hills Chamber Orchestra Concert

February 17, 7:30 p.m., FREE

Now in its 39th season, LHCO has grown to some 50 musicians from the Twin Cities metro area. Under the direction of Conductor and Music Director Yuri Ivan, the adult volunteer orchestra presents free public concerts in concert halls, neighborhood churches and parks, as well as residential care facilities. On February 17, join LHCO for a free concert at St. Paul's Lutheran Church of the Redeemer (285 Dale Street N., St. Paul). Details at lhco.org.

Winter at Linden Hills Co-op

Nordic Naturals Pop-Up - Thursday, February 17-20. Visit the Co-op's Health & Body Care department for expert advice and sampling of Nordic Naturals supplements.

Celebrating Vendors - The Co-op is proud to carry unique and high-quality products from diverse vendors. In February, it will highlight Black-owned brands and in March spotlight brands owned by women. Look for signage, profiles and social media spotlights to learn more about the vendors it partners with.

New Linden Hills Crafting Group

Lisa McMartin of Heartfelt is starting a neighborhood crafting group. People will be able to work on their own projects, while in the company of others. All kinds of crafters are welcome. The first meeting will be Thursday, January 13 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Heartfelt (4306 Upton Ave S). Masks will be required. For updates and details, please join the Facebook Group: Linden Hills Crafters or email Lisa at lisamacmartin@comcast.net.

Linden Hills Library - Virtual Book Club

Looking for something new to do in 2022? Join the Linden Hills Virtual Book Club! The group meets virtually on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. on Microsoft Teams. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 20 to discuss *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett. Please email Linden Hills Librarian Jessica Ryan at jryan@hclib.org with questions. Bennett will also be speaking as part of the Friends of the Hennepin County Library Pen Pals Series on February 10 and 11. Details at www.supporthclib.org/brit-bennett.

Linden Hills History Study Group

Saving St. Anthony Falls with John Anfinson

January 20, 7:00 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church

In 1876, the Corps of Engineers finished a massive concrete wall under the Mississippi River at St. Anthony Falls. Standing three stories tall and spanning the river, the wall safeguards Minneapolis' water supply and helps ensure the river doesn't undermine bridges or other infrastructure. No one has inspected it for 145 years. Retired Park Superintendent John Anfinson of the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area will share his concerns for this critical piece of infrastructure. All are welcome. Non-members: \$5 suggested donation. Details at www.lindenhillshistory.org.

Mark your calendar for the next LHHSG program: Thursday, March 3, 7:00 p.m, Streetcars on Nicollet Avenue with Aaron Isaacs, also at St. John's Episcopal Church.

Volunteer with Fair Trade Minneapolis

Fair Trade Minneapolis, started by Linden Hills resident Karen Lunde, became an official non-profit organization this fall. Its mission is to empower people to choose Fair Trade products, so global farmers and artisans earn a fair and sustainable living. The organization awards local retailers, restaurants and coffeehouses for selling Fair Trade products to raise awareness of the Fair Trade movement. Award winners include Sparrow Cafe and Linden Hills Co-op. To volunteer with Fair Trade Minneapolis, please email Karen Lunde at karen@lunde.net or visit www.facebook.com/FairTradeMpls.

Helpful City and State Resources

MN Vaccine Connector: mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/

COVID-19 Testing: mn.gov/covid19/get-tested

Snow Emergency Info: minneapolis.mn.gov/getting-around/snow/

LHiNC Welcomes New Board Members

Congratulations to the seven Linden Hills residents who were elected in October and now join the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council Board for a two-year term: Bonnie Bolton, Artemis Johnson, Raycurt Johnson, Barbara Lunde, Bjorn Olson, Ally Seal and Daniel Wenger

Thank you to everyone who ran for a board seat and to everyone who voted. We also want to thank outgoing board members for their time and dedication to the community: Gerry Albanese, Steve Birch, Leah Fish, Lauren Linderman and Linda Picone. You will all be missed!

LHiNC meetings are held virtually the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Public is always welcome. Please email info@lindenhills.org to attend.



LHiNC in Action

LHiNC has five committees; community members are welcome to attend meetings and to join. Below is a look at what each committee has been up to this fall. Please email info@lindenhills.org, if you'd like to learn more.

Community Engagement meets the last Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. This fall, the committee partnered with St. John's Episcopal Church and League of Women Voters to organize a Ward 13 Candidates Forum, worked with Metro Transit to gather public feedback on the new Metro E line and started planning the launch of a business subcommittee.

Environment and Sustainability meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. This fall, the committee organized environmental booths and speakers for the festival, continued tending native plants and pollinators on the Trolley Path and recruited volunteers for invasive species pulls in William Berry Woods.

Equity meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. This fall, the committee organized a winter coat drive with Camden Collective in North Minneapolis and a holiday food and toy drive with St. Thomas the Apostle benefiting Waite House in South Minneapolis.

Events meets when necessary. This fall, the committee successfully organized the Linden Hills Fall Festival in September at Linden Hills Park. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the event, and especially to all the volunteers. We couldn't have done it without you.

Zoning and Housing meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. This fall, the committee reviewed planned projects requiring variances in the neighborhood and continued to communicate with neighbors and a developer to discuss the proposed apartment building at 44th and Abbott.

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The Linden Hills Line welcomes contributions from residents. Submissions may be edited for length, clarity and relevance. Advertising and opinion pieces are not accepted. Please email articles for the spring issue to info@lindenhills.org by February 28.

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Neighborhood Calendar

Details at lindenhills.org

December

- 16 Wine & Stroll in downtown Linden Hills
- 18-19 Droid December at The Bakken
- 21 Environment & Sustainability Committee
- 26-31 Droid December at The Bakken

January

- 4 LHiNC Board Meeting
- 10 Zoning and Housing Committee
- 13 Equity Committee Meeting
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- 15 & 16 Art Shanty Projects
- 18 Environment & Sustainability Committee
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- 22 & 23 Art Shanty Projects
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- 29 & 30 Art Shanty Projects

February

- 1 LHiNC Board Meeting
- 5 & 6 Art Shanty Projects
- 10 Equity Committee Meeting
- 14 Zoning and Housing Committee
- 16 Environment & Sustainability Committee
- 17 Linden Hills Chamber Orchestra Concert
- 28 Community Engagement Committee
- 28 Deadline for *Line* articles for Spring issue

March

- 1 LHiNC Board Meeting
- 10 Equity Committee Meeting
- 14 Zoning and Housing Committee
- 16 Environment & Sustainability Committee

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