



The Linden Hills Line

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POPULAR WINTER FESTIVAL MAKES LAKE HARRIET ITS NEW HOME

Art Shanty Projects Announces New Location for 2018-2020

The Linden Hills Neighborhood Council is proud to announce that Art Shanty Projects is moving its annual winter arts festival on ice to Lake Harriet starting in February 2018.

Art Shanty Projects, which just celebrated its 10th year this February, brings together artists of many disciplines to transform a frozen lake into a creative community space. Inspired by Minnesota's unique ice fishing houses and culture, Art Shanty Projects commissions about 20 artists each winter to produce diverse, multi-disciplinary shanties that encourage audience engagement.



The Birdhouse Shanty, 2017



Visiting the Art Shanty village is free and open to the public.

The event strives to be inclusive to all, offering mobility assistance and ASL- interpreted tours.

Past shanty artists have presented activities such as curling competitions, lively debate forums, pedal-powered polar bear puppet rides, and a life-sized music box. In addition to the interactive shanties, programs of performance art happen throughout the festival, such as a living snow globe, 'snowga' (yoga in snowsuits), spontaneous a cappella singing on the ice and art car parades.

The festival, which began on Medicine Lake and moved to White Bear Lake in 2012, attracts thousands of visitors each year.

The Linden Hills Neighborhood Council is helping fund the popular winter festival for the next three winters on Lake Harriet. We are excited to welcome Art Shanty Projects to our community!

To learn more about Art Shanty Projects and view more photos, visit ArtShantyProjects.org.



Art Shanty Village on Ice, as Seen from Above

INSIDE: Who Was Brenda Ueland? Learn to Operate a Trolley Earth Day Clean-up

City Council Restores Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Funds

The Minneapolis City Council recently approved the restoration of funding for neighborhoods across the city who saw a portion of their NRP funds restricted from use in 2010. For Linden Hills, this restoration means an additional \$40,000 will be available annually for the next four years to support neighborhood projects and priorities.

In October, 2016, LHiNC presented a plan to the community to highlight priority projects for use of the existing NRP funds. **Now the additional dollars will be available for new improvement projects to benefit the neighborhood.** Watch for information about possible projects later this year.

The NRP program allows individual or collective neighborhoods to focus resources on items of importance to them. More information on the City's NRP program is available at:
<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/programs/nrp/>



Lakewood Cemetery Memorial Chapel Tours

Sunday, March 19, 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Free. Registration required.

Lakewood Cemetery is offering the unique opportunity to take a guided tour of the one-of-a-kind, Byzantine-style Lakewood Memorial Chapel, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Built in 1910, the Chapel was designed by Minneapolis architect Harry Wild Jones and inspired by the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul.

Register for free tickets and learn more at lakewoodcemetery.com

Earth Day Community Clean-up

Saturday, April 22, 9:00 a.m. to noon



Join the Southwest Community Education Advisory Council, and students from Southwest Community Education Green Team, in a one-morning effort to clean up our community.

Meet at Southwest High School at 8:30 a.m. for juice, coffee, and rolls. The clean-up will begin around the high school, continuing to Lake Harriet, along Minnehaha Creek, and to Lake Calhoun. Transportation by bus will be provided.

After the cleanup, return to the school for a gourmet picnic lunch.

Linden Hills History: Who Was Brenda Ueland?

The Esteemed Writer Who Made Linden Hills Home

Developers are seeking permission from the City of Minneapolis Zoning & Planning Committee to demolish the house at 2620 W. 44th Street. There has been discussion in the neighborhood about this possibility because the house in question was the long-time home of Brenda Ueland (1891-1985).

But who was Brenda Ueland and why is she important to us in Linden Hills? Digging into her history reveals that she did many things in life, but most prominently was a lauded journalist, editor, freelance writer, and teacher of writing. She is best known for her book *If You Want to Write: A Book about Art, Independence and Spirit*, which has sold over 280,000 copies since it was published in 1938, and has been translated into Japanese, Korean, and Spanish. Carl Sandburg reportedly referred to the book as "the best book ever written about how to write."



Brenda Ueland. 1930

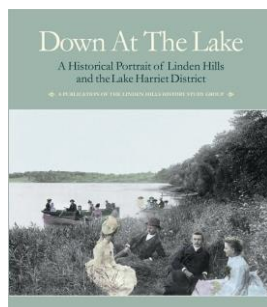
Born in Minneapolis in 1891, she grew up in a 16-room house on the south shore of Lake Calhoun. Her father, an immigrant from Norway, was a prominent lawyer and judge. Her mother was a suffragette and served as the first president of the Minnesota League of Women Voters. Her parents taught her progressive values that would form the foundation of who Brenda would become, later finding passion in working for equality and social justice.

Brenda went east for college, attending Wells and Barnard, and then lived a bohemian life in New York City for some time as part of a literary Greenwich Village crowd that included Eugene O'Neill and others. She wrote for *The Saturday Evening Post*, *Ladies Home Journal*, *Harper's*, and many other publications. In 1930, she returned to Minnesota where she wrote for the *Minneapolis Times*. She remained in Minneapolis until she passed in 1985 at the age of 93, the last thirty years spent at the modest house at 2620 W. 44th St.

Brenda Ueland lived a spirited, active life, and wrote prolifically. She espoused the philosophy that "Everyone is talented, original, and has something to say." In 1946 she was recognized by the Norwegian government with the Knights of St. Olaf medal for her wartime writing. She loved the view of Lake Harriet from her home on 44th Street, and towards the end of her life, faced with developers who had designs on this stretch of property near the lake, she wrote

"We love our street and everybody who lives on it ... Not all of our houses are expensive or in the least pretentious, but we are fond of all of them and especially of the people who live in them who are ALL grandly first-rate enough to see and care about the beauty of the place they live in. And about Lake Harriet, as perfect as a legend in a fairy tale!"

On February 14, the City of Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission voted to deny the demolition permit for Brenda's house, but the developer has appealed this decision and the matter will be reviewed by the Zoning & Planning Committee of the City Council on March 16 (after the printing of this newsletter).



To learn more of the history of Brenda Ueland and her family, and that of the other early families of Linden Hills, look for *Down At The Lake: A Historical Portrait of Linden Hills and the Lake Harriet District*, published in 2002 by the Linden Hills History Study Group. The book is available at The Bibelot Shop, Settergren's Hardware, and Yardware.

Como-Harriet Streetcar Line Needs Trolley Drivers

Apply by March 31

In Linden Hills we cherish our long tradition of seeing the trolleys in the neighborhood. Consider helping to preserve this special history and have fun doing it! The Minnesota Streetcar Museum, one of the few “living history” museums in the Twin Cities, needs volunteers to operate the historic streetcars at its Como-Harriet Streetcar Line, which runs between Lake Harriet and Lake Calhoun.



Operator training begins in early April. Operator trainees must be at least 18 years old and should be able to volunteer for at least three hours once per month. During training, which is scheduled on a flexible basis, you'll learn how to operate a streetcar as well as a little history about the Twin Cities' streetcars. For more information please visit the Museum's website at TrolleyRide.org, or contact Pat Cosgrove at 952-953-6559 or pkcosgrove@charter.net. Applications are due March 31.

Help for Consumers with Utility Issues

The Citizens Utility Board (CUB) of Minnesota, a new non-profit organization, was launched in 2016 to be an independent advocate for consumers regarding utility issues. CUB advocates for affordable and reliable energy services and clean energy.



CUB meets with groups and individuals to help them understand their gas and electricity bills, identify ways to save money, address any bill concerns, and/or discuss options for renewable energy. CUB offers free educational workshops, utility bill clinics, and free one-on-one energy bill consultations. For more information or to schedule a speaker or a personal consultation, please visit www.cubminnesota.org/consumer-resources/cub-services, or call Carmen Carruthers, CUB's Outreach Director, at 612-568-5706.

Thinking about A Raingarden?



Did you know that certified Master Water Stewards are available to consult with you for no charge about stormwater runoff on your property?

Master Water Stewards is a program that certifies and supports community leaders to install pollution prevention projects that educate community members, reduce pollutants from stormwater runoff, and allow more water to soak into the ground before running into storm sewer systems. The program is a partnership between the Freshwater Society and participating cities, watershed management, and non-profits.

Master Water Stewards will help you consider a number of solutions to reduce the amount of runoff from your property that pollutes our lakes and rivers. Solutions such as raingardens, rain barrels, gutter adjustments, permeable pavers, and more, will be covered.

Take advantage of the expertise offered by these qualified volunteers to help you protect our water quality. Master Water Stewards can design customized raingardens, and volunteers will help with installation. Send an email to cpepin@bitstream.net with any questions.

Calhoun/Bde Maka Ska-Harriet Trail Improvements Update

The Calhoun/Bde Maka Ska-Harriet Trail and Access Improvements project is in the final stages of design, with construction anticipated for Summer/Fall 2017.

The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) plans to maintain complete trail loops around both lakes throughout construction; however, trail users should anticipate detours and trail congestion while work takes place.

Project Overview

Trail Rehabilitation: 1.3 miles of pedestrian trail and 2.0 miles of bike trail around Lake Calhoun/Bde Maka Ska and Lake Harriet will be rehabilitated.

Pedestrian Ramps: Approximately 50 new ADA-compliant pedestrian ramps will be installed around the two lakes.

SE Harriet: The connection between Minnehaha Creek Trail and Lake Harriet Trail will be improved with a new off-road bicycle path connecting to a raised crossing at Lake Harriet Parkway.

NE Calhoun/Bde Maka Ska: Trail circulation improvements are planned to better separate bicycles and pedestrians.

The MPRB had originally planned to create an on-road protected bike lane on West Lake Street between Thomas Ave. and East Calhoun Parkway, but working with Hennepin County, the current design was identified. It will widen the existing off-road bike and pedestrian trail over the Lake Street Bridge by reducing traffic lane widths.



Poetry Notes

From Doug Wilhide, Poet Laureate of Linden Hills

The Spring Poetry issue of the *Southwest Journal* is now available. Look for the poetry spread in the March 9-23 issue, available in coffee shops and newspaper boxes. You'll find poems about owls and cranes, searching souls and settled ones, Burger King and King James.

Also--don't forget our two books of local poetry: *Between the Lakes: The Poets of Linden Hills* and *SEASONS: Poems from the Southwest Journal Poetry Project*. Books are available at Settergren's, The Bibelot, and other selected retailers, or contact: wilhide@skypoint.com.

Spring Bird Walks and Pulls at Roberts Bird Sanctuary



During spring migration, Minneapolis Audubon Society will lead bird walks in Roberts Bird Sanctuary, as it has for almost 100 years. Come and bird with people who carry on the legacy of those early birders!

When: Every Tuesday in April and May, 9:00 a.m. (rain, snow, wind or shine)

Where: Meet in the Roberts Sanctuary Parking Lot around 9:00 a.m. (Note: this parking lot is a pay lot; parking is free on Lake Harriet Parkway)

Who: All are welcome, whether new to birding or a seasoned birder!

The Friends of Roberts will also lead bird walks at 8:00 a.m. Saturday mornings April 15 through May.

Spring is the best time to pull the invasive species garlic mustard that threatens our urban forests. Friends of Roberts will host pulls from 5-7 p.m. on these Tuesdays: May 9, 16, 23 and 30; and on Saturday May 20 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Send an email to info@friendsofroberts.org with any questions, or visit www.friendsofroberts.org or the Friends of Roberts Bird Sanctuary on Facebook.

Annual Public Plant Sale Sponsored by the Men's and Women's Garden Club of Minneapolis

Tuesday, May 9, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church (inside the Great Hall), 3450 Irving Ave. S.

The plant sale features new and unusual annuals/perennials and container plants typically not seen at your local nursery. Find a large selection of all-season native and butterfly/bee-pollinator plants, most neonicotinoid-free.



Experts will be on hand to provide information on growing a healthy native and pollinator plant garden, as well as answer your standard gardening questions. Visa/MC accepted. For more information go to "Events" at www.mwgc.org.

Help St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Fight Childhood Cancer

On September 23, during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, over 2,000 supporters will unite at U.S. Bank Stadium to walk/run to raise funds and awareness. Learn more at stjude.org/walkrun or contact risashapiro@gmail.com for local sponsorship opportunities.

Kick Car Ownership to the Curb?

By Carol Clemens

It's not for everybody. It falls under the category of "lifestyle" change. Audrey Dammer and Jim Boyer started this adventure making two decisions; move from the suburbs back home to Linden Hills, and plan a six-month trip to live in Florence, Italy. Success on both fronts. (Sold their two cars before they left so they didn't have to worry about storage.)

In Florence they walked miles daily, took buses and hi-speed rail and didn't even think about driving a car. Their trip of a lifetime. They even adopted the Italian tradition of passeggiata ("little walk") before dinner that they equated to early evening strolls around Calhoun and Harriet.



Six months later, back in Linden Hills, the first thing they did transportation-wise was get a Metro Transit card. By now walking daily was an enjoyable habit — one day walking over to Settergren's on W. 43rd St, they noticed an HOURCAR parked near the front entrance. They checked things out and found how simple it would be to have a car available when they needed it through the HOURCAR car-sharing program. They signed up and became HOURCAR members.

Audrey said the key to getting around without owning a car is planning: what transportation mode, what to wear, how much you can carry, how much time you will need, and making your reservations for HOURCAR usage.

Jim and Audrey use HOURCAR one to two times a week. They also walk, use buses, bikes, LRT, and ride sharing services. Jim said it was easy to make the decision not to buy a car, but this doesn't mean they won't ever change their minds.



In 2012, LHINC made a financial investment and worked to attract the HOURCAR program to place a car in the neighborhood. Five years later the car-sharing model remains popular to those looking for alternatives to car ownership. Look for the light blue Toyota Prius at its hub in the parking lot at Settergren's Hardware.

Anyone can sign up to be an HOURCAR member and use the car for a flat rate of \$8.50 per hour. Gas and insurance are included at no additional charge.

When the good folks at HOURCAR found out there would be an article to tell Jim and Audrey's story they decided to offer a "get acquainted" promotion.

For a limited time, HOURCAR is offering half-off annual memberships for Linden Hills residents who join HOURCAR. If you are interested in taking advantage of this offer, visit <https://hourcar.org/linden-hills> for more details. This special offer ends March 31, 2017.

Carol Clemens is the volunteer editor for the monthly LHINC e-newsletter. Sign up to get the news every month at lindenhills.org/enewsletter.

Have an idea for a story? Contact us at info@lindenhills.org.

Save the Date for the 2017 Linden Hills Festival
Sunday, May 21, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Linden Hills Park



It's all about the neighborhood!

Plan to join the fun at the park for the 43rd annual Linden Hills Festival. It's NOT just for kids!

Register for the Art Fair & Marketplace

Get your message out or sell your goods by signing up for a booth. Registration is \$50, with a limited number of \$10 spaces for nonprofits. Bring your own tent and tables, or rent an 8' table for \$20. Register by May 5 at lindenhills.org/art-fair-marketplace

Festival Volunteers Needed

Have a teen that needs community service hours? The Linden Hills Festival is our neighborhood kick-off to the warm weather and a chance to spend an afternoon outside with your family and neighbors. The success of the Festival depends on our terrific volunteers. We highly encourage youth groups, faith communities, families, or individuals to assist. Volunteer areas include: ticket sales, silent auction, food service, zero waste, set up, and entertainment. Sign up at lindenhills.org/volunteer-registration.

Donate to the Silent Auction

Help LHINC raise money for our community by donating an auction prize for this year's festival. Funds raised are invested back into the neighborhood through LHINC's support of local parks, schools, arts groups, environmental efforts, events, and more.

In addition to your donation being tax deductible, LHINC will also promote your business through our newsletters (print and electronic), website, social media, and press releases, plus the publicity you will receive by participating in the event itself, which draws an average of 3,000 visitors annually.

Interested in participating or have questions? Please contact LHINC Silent Auction committee members Tippy Madden (toddandtippy@yahoo.com) or Becky Allen (bekschneck@gmail.com). You can also fill out an online prize submission form at lindenhills.org/silent-auction. Thank you! We look forward to hearing from you!

Donate Books for the Linden Hills Library Used Book Sale
Proceeds benefit the collection and programs of the Linden Hills Library and Hennepin County Library

Please help by donating your used books between April 10 and May 19. Drop off during business hours to the Linden Hills Co-op or Creative Kidstuff in Linden Hills. Clean, good condition books only; no textbooks or magazines, please. If you have more than four bags to donate, please contact book sale chair, Joe Wolf, to arrange home pickup at NovelTrader@aol.com. The sale will run from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. inside the park building at the Festival. Contact lindenhills@supporthclib.org with questions.



Linden Hills Neighborhood Garage Sale, Saturday, May 20

Back by popular demand! Registration is now open for this year's huge neighborhood sale. The fee is \$10, 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 at lindenhills.org/neighborhood-garage-sale.

Southwest Communities "Future of Neighborhoods" Conversation

Monday, May 8, 6:00 p.m. (dinner), 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (program)

Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 4055 Nicollet Ave

The neighborhood organizations of Southwest Minneapolis, in partnership with the Minneapolis Department of Neighborhood and Community Relations, invite you to come discuss your viewpoint regarding the future of neighborhoods, including creating stable communities through respecting residents' voices and empowering local solutions.

Attendees will work with other Southwest residents to discuss current and future challenges facing neighborhoods and suggest policy and funding streams to support communities to creatively address these challenges. Free dinner and childcare provided.

Dragonfest Carnival at Lake Harriet Community School



Friday, April 28, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Lake Harriet Community School, Upper Campus, 50th St. & Washburn Ave.

All are welcome! Come for the games, face painting, inflatables, food, a Peaceful Parent Lounge, Silent Auction, and more! All proceeds raised go directly to the LHCS PTA and are used to fund enrichment opportunities, teacher stipends, field trips, media grants, and other worthy causes. Come out and support your public school kids.

More at lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/carnival_4

START SEEING MILK CARTONS!

How to Build & Race a Milk Carton Boat

Saturday, April 22, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Linden Hills Recreation Center, 43rd & Xerxes
FREE

The Milk Carton Boat Races and Sand Castle Competition will return to Thomas Beach at Lake Calhoun, Sunday, July 16.

Start your planning now and learn from the experts at a free workshop.

Topics will include how to save milk cartons, how to build, float, and race your milk carton boat, and tips for winning the competition on the water. For more information, visit twincitiesbeachblast.com.



Linden Hills Park Update

SWAC Spring and Summer Program

Registration began March 1 and will continue online at www.swac.info until Friday, March 31. Sign up now for baseball, softball, track, t-ball, pitching machine baseball, and softball fundamentals for girls. Call Linden Hills Park at 612-370-4913 with questions.

Robotics Class for Ages 6-12: Star Wars Droid Builder

Bring Star Wars inspired inventions to life with the Star Wars Lego Mindstorms Robotics Developer kit. Start with a simple droid mechanism and then move on to more complex droids that move and walk. Possible models include Droid Vehicle, Trainer Droids, a version of R2D2, and more! Experiment with robotic programs that avoid light, seek light, are controlled by lights, act as alarms, and more.

Saturday, April 29, 9:00 a.m. to noon, \$40



Linden Hills Farmers' Market Countdown

The Linden Hills Farmers' Market kicks off Sunday, May 21, and continues every Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. through the end of October. Expect new foods, new vendors, and even more neighborhood fun!

Register Now for National Night Out

Tuesday, August 1

Save the date for this great annual tradition and help organize a block party for your neighbors. It's free to participate if you register before July 18. To block your street off to traffic, the consent of 75% of your neighbors is required. Over 1,500 events were registered citywide in 2016, and Linden Hills was one of the leading neighborhoods, so save the date and plan to enjoy a summer evening with neighbors.

Call 311 for K-9, Mounted Patrol, and Fire Truck Requests

It's not too early to request K-9, mounted officers, or Minneapolis Fire Department personnel to stop by your block event.



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NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR

Details at www.lindenhills.org

March

- 19 Lakewood Cemetery Chapel Tours
- 20 Zoning & Housing Meeting*
- 21 Communications Committee Mtg**
- 31 Application Deadline for Trolley Training

April

- 4 LHINC Board Meeting*
- 17 Zoning & Housing Meeting*
- 18 Communications Committee Mtg**
- 19 Environment & Sustainability Mtg*
- 22 Earth Day Community Clean-Up
- 22 Milk Carton Boat Workshop
- 28 Dragonfest at Lake Harriet School, Upper Campus

May

- 2 LHINC Board Meeting*
- 8 Future of Neighborhoods Conversation
- 9 Plant Sale at St. Mary's
- 15 Zoning & Housing Meeting*
- 16 Communications Committee Mtg**
- 17 Environment & Sustainability Mtg*
- 20 Linden Hills Garage Sales
- 21 Linden Hills Festival!

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To submit articles, contact LHiNC at 612-926-2906 or email info@lindenhills.org. Article submissions for the May/June issue are due May 1, 2017.

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**Home Energy Audits are available
for \$50 to Linden Hills residents.
Call 612-335-5874 to schedule an
appointment.**