



The Linden Hills Line

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Fun at the Lake: KiteFest 2017

Saturday, January 28, noon to 4:00 p.m.

Lake Harriet, north side near the Band Shell

The annual winter kite festival held on the ice of Lake Harriet returns on January 28, featuring spectacular super-sized kites and stunt flying demonstrations by the Minnesota Kite Society.

Bring your own kite to fly or buy one at the festival. Enjoy music, horse & wagon rides, arts and crafts and more free family fun. Bread & Pickle and assorted food trucks will be onsite to serve hot food and beverages for purchase. And if you get cold, cozy up to a fire pit or a warming station inside the pavilion.

City Pages lists KiteFest at Lake Harriet as one of *50 things to do in the Twin Cities before you die*, so don't miss it!

Learn more and find great photos from past years at lindenhills.org/kitefest-2017.

Here are all the activities happening on and around the lake:



- FREE horse & wagon rides
- Ice fishing for kids at the TIPS Outdoors ice fishing village
- FREE marshmallows to roast at the fire pits
- Snowshoeing led by DNR naturalists – equipment provided
- Wintery nature crafts for kids offered by DNR naturalists
- Special appearance by MIA with art & crafts activities for kids



Linden Hills Winter Fest

Friday, January 27, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Linden Hills Park

Another great neighborhood event!

Celebrate the season with your neighbors at the annual Linden Hills Winter Fest. Festivities at the park will include horse-drawn wagon rides, ice skating under the stars, music, sledding, and roasting marshmallows by the fire. You can also snowshoe with an MPRB naturalist (equipment provided) or participate in an exciting medallion hunt with great prizes including gift cards and more. All activities are free.

If all that winter fun makes you hungry, don't worry. Food will be available for purchase, thanks to the Twin Grill food truck and its delicious Mexican fare.

Please watch for news about postponement if the temperature is below -20 wind chill or above 32 degrees F. Hope to see you there!

Volunteers needed: If you can help LHiNC staff waste and recycling stations at KiteFest on January 28, please contact us at info@lindenhills.org. It's fun with a friend!

INSIDE:

LHiNC's Events Committee is Seeking New Members

The Ice Rink is Open at Linden Hills Park

Visit the Linden Hills Library This Winter

Looking to Get Involved in the Neighborhood?

The LHiNC Events Committee is looking for new members from the community who are interested in fostering community through events. The Events Committee (in conjunction with LHiNC committees, board, and staff), plans, organizes, and assists with the execution of community events on behalf of LHiNC (e.g., Linden Hills Festival, Nice Neighbors Day, Fall Festival).

If you have interest in participating and contributing to the committee, please attend the first Events Committee meeting on Saturday, January 28, at 10:00 a.m. at Dunn Bros. (2814 W. 43rd St.), or contact treasurer@linden hills.org.

During the January meeting the committee will set the calendar for 2017 and evaluate the committee's needs.

Committee Responsibilities:

- Develop a yearly calendar of community events
- Outline the timeline of tasks for the Linden Hills Festival, Fall Festival, and other events
- Continue to improve upon LHiNC's events and come up with new ways to attract neighbors to events

Time Commitment: This committee will meet approximately 4 times a year to develop topics, confirm program details, and evaluate the progress and eventual success of events, but committee members will largely be active at their own convenience outside of scheduled meetings. Committee members will assist with the organization and execution of planned events.

Free Workshop: The Psychology of Sustainable Behavior

Saturday, February 25, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Lynnhurst Community Center, 1345 W. Minnehaha Pkwy

If you care about the environment and want to help educate others about making more environmentally sustainable choices, this workshop is for you.

This skill-building workshop was developed and will be facilitated by Dr. Christie Manning, Macalester College. She has spent the last 15 years applying psychological research to issues of natural resource use, social justice, and sustainability.

Learn more and register at linden hills.org/sustainable-behavior-workshop. Register by February 17.

This workshop is organized and sponsored by several south Minneapolis neighborhoods, in partnership with City Council Members Linea Palmisano and John Quincy.

2017 New Year's Resolution: Strive for Zero Waste

The average person generates 4.4 pounds of waste each day. Make it your 2017 New Year's resolution to reduce the amount of waste you generate and pledge to reduce, reuse, repair, recycle, and compost as many items as you can rather than throwing them away. It's a fun and beneficial challenge.

Here are a few ways to make this resolution achievable in Minneapolis:

REDUCE: Join the **NE Minneapolis Tool Library** to gain access to tools you can check out like library books; over 2,500 tools are available from circular saws to extension ladders, floor sanders to hot glue guns, and deep carpet cleaners to air compressors. Check out **Minneapolis Toy Library** too while you are at it.

REUSE: Shop at reuse stores to prevent waste and save money. The electronics resale store **Tech Dump** sells refurbished laptops for a fraction of their original price. Look for used building materials at stores like **Habitat for Humanity Restore** and **Better Futures Minnesota**. The new **ReUSE Minnesota** online directory can help you find where to donate, rent, repair, or sell items for reuse, and where you can purchase items secondhand.

REPAIR: Don't give up on that faulty toaster before bringing it to a **Hennepin County Fix-It Clinic**. There's a Fix-It Clinic scheduled every month where you can seek assistance in fixing items and even be taught how to troubleshoot and fix your favorite household items.

RECYCLE: Don't forget to recycle beyond your curbside recycling cart. Although some items can't be recycled curbside, things like plastic bags can be recycled at the Linden Hills Co-op. Small appliances and CFL lightbulbs can be recycled at Hennepin County's Drop-Off Facilities.

COMPOST: Participate in Minneapolis' organics recycling program. Don't forget that Linden Hills led the way in the city with curbside organics recycling beginning in 2008! Organic materials, which include food and compostable paper, make up about one-quarter of our trash and represent the biggest opportunity to reduce our trash.



Visit linden hills.org/zero-waste-2017 for more information about the programs described above and for a link to the City's super-helpful What to do List, for those items you just aren't sure about.

Visit the Linden Hills Library This Winter

2900 W. 43rd St.

Mon/Wed/Fri/Sat: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tue/Thu: 12:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Sun: Closed



Blind Date with a Book

During the month of January, Linden Hills Library will display a collection of library books for adults that have been specially chosen & wrapped up. Each book comes with a basic description, but author and title will be withheld. Take a chance and choose one, check out, go home, unwrap and read. The checkout scanner will read through the book's outer wrap, preserving the suspense. Hurry into the library, "blind date with a book" ends when January does.

Reindeer Day Fun

Linden Hills Library Friends sends special thanks to everyone who attended the library's Reindeer Day Event, Kids Story Time + Craft, and the Used Book Sale.

Linden Hills Spring Grants

Twice a year, LHINC awards grants of up to \$1,000 to organizations or projects that make Linden Hills a better place to live and work. Recent grant recipients include:

- Minneapolis Pops Orchestra
- Southwest High School Guitar
- Southwest High School Gymnastics
- Southwest High School Instrumental Music Program
- Study Buddies

If you are interested in applying, please visit lindenhills.org/grants for grant guidelines and information about the application process.

The deadline to apply for the Spring grant cycle is March 15. Please contact info@lindenhills.org, if you have any questions.

Linden Hills Power & Light, Leading the Way with Reusable Bags



According to the EPA, between 500 billion and a trillion plastic bags are consumed worldwide each year. These bags are used for an average of 12 minutes, but they remain in our landfills, oceans, parks, and beach for thousands of years.

Linden Hills Power & Light wants to help reduce the use of single-use bags by replacing them with funky reusable bags created by neighborhood volunteers. Can you help? Stay up to date with the next LHP&L Sewing Bee date by signing up at lhpowerandlight.org/reusable-bag-coop.html

Can't sew? No problem! Sign up to help cut, iron, or stamp labels. The finished bags will be placed in our neighborhood businesses, allowing us all to have the choice to reuse as we shop!

A Great Resource: Get to Know the Southwest Senior Center

3612 Bryant Ave. S.

The Volunteers of America Southwest Senior Center provides exercise classes, social work services, senior dining, an adult day program, health and wellness programs, arts and education classes, and volunteer opportunities.

For a full program listing, visit voamnwi.org/southwest-center.

Upcoming opportunities include classes on Hmong culture, and reading and writing poetry.

Linden Hills History Study Group

Purcell & Elmslie: Spiritualistic Place Making

Monday, January 30, 7:00 p.m.

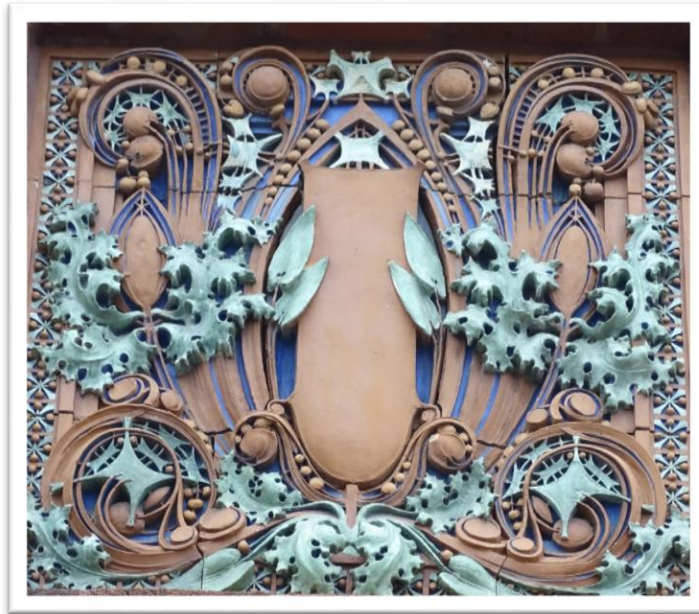
St. John's Episcopal Church, 4201 Sheridan Ave. S.

Join the Linden Hills History Study Group – Everyone is welcome

William Purcell and George Elmslie, acclaimed Prairie School architects, began their partnership in Minneapolis in 1909. Architectural historian Richard Kronick will explain how spiritualism—the notion that there is a component of the universe beyond that which is apparent to normal human sense—was expressed in Purcell and Elmslie's writings and architecture.

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

Visit www.lindenhillshistory.org for information about upcoming events. If you have questions, please call 612-926-0646 or email contact@lindenhillshistory.org.



Cartouche, First National Bank of Rhinelander by Purcell, Feick & Elmslie, 1910, Rhinelander, Wisconsin

City of Lakes Loppet

Friday, February 3 through Sunday, February 5

The City of Lakes Loppet is the urban cross country ski festival with winter activities for the whole family. Register to participate in the fun or head down to watch great events like dog sledding, fat tire biking, snowshoeing, and of course, cross country skiing.

Events are scheduled Friday through Sunday, February 3 – 5, at various locations including Lake Calhoun. Visit loppet.org/cityoflakesloppet for all the details. The Luminary Loppet, an annual favorite, is Saturday, February 4, at Lake of the Isles from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Fireworks on Friday at 8:00 p.m.

Don't miss the fireworks to kick off the Loppet events on Friday, February 3 at 8:00 p.m. near the Lake Calhoun Executive Center.

Upton 43 To Seek Full Liquor License

Representatives from the Linden Hills restaurant attended LHiNC's January 3 meeting to inform the Board about their plans to pursue a full liquor license. Their current license allows only beer and wine.

Neighborhood restaurants such as Upton 43 are not automatically permitted to serve liquor. In such cases a special exemption from legislation at the State Capitol is required to allow Minneapolis Regulatory Services to consider granting an expanded license. If successful at the Legislature, Upton 43 will go through the normal application process, which will include a public meeting, likely to be held at the Linden Hills Park building, where the public will be able to weigh in and voice any concerns.

Have You Driven the Linden Hills HOURCAR?

Have you seen the light blue Toyota Prius HOURCAR driving through the neighborhood, or parked at its hub in the Settergren's parking lot? This car is available to anyone who signs up for the Twin Cities HOURCAR program. HOURCAR gives its members access to a car when they need one, allowing them to reduce or eliminate the need for car ownership. Members pay per hour and per mile rates for their usage that includes fuel, insurance, and vehicle maintenance.

The Linden Hills HOURCAR is sponsored by the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council and is hosted by Settergren Ace Hardware.

As the Car2Go car-sharing model has recently left the Twin Cities market, HOURCAR continues to offer a viable car-sharing option, having served our community for 11 years. Find membership information at HOURCAR.org and join the car-sharing revolution!



Shredded Tire Waste Education and Action Session

Wednesday, February 1, 6:30 p.m.

Linden Hills Recreation Center, 3100 W. 43rd St.

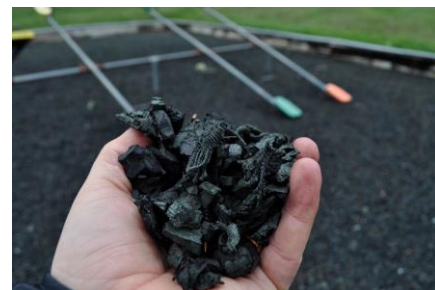
Shredded tire waste is currently being used as a play surface on 47 elementary school playgrounds in the MPS school district. Chemicals detected in shredded tire material include carcinogens, neurotoxins, respiratory/eye/skin irritants and reproductive and developmental toxins.

Please join the LHiNC Environment & Sustainability Committee and Play It Safe Minneapolis for an Education and Action Session advocating for the removal and replacement of shredded tire waste and crumb rubber on playgrounds.

Join us to learn:

- What shredded tire waste is, why it is being used on playgrounds, and why it is harmful to our kids and environment.
- How to help protect your kids.
- Safe alternatives.
- The most effective way to advocate for change.

Please visit our website at linden hills.org/shredded-tire-info-session for more resources and information, including how to RSVP for this event.



Southwest High School Performing Arts Calendar



Get out and enjoy Southwest High School's band, orchestra, guitar, theater, and dance performances. All events are held at the Southwest High School auditorium, 3414 W. 47th St., unless noted.

Special Event January 21, 7:00 p.m.
Hot Notes on a Cold Night Featuring talented students and alumni. Proceeds support the performing arts programs. At St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church. \$50/door

January 24-26, One Acts, Main Stage, (part of the State High School League competition) 7:00 p.m.

February 1-4, You Can't Take It With You, Unhinged Student Theatre Company, Black Box Theatre at SWHS, 7:00 p.m.

February 7, Choir Concert, 7:00 p.m.

February 13, Band Concert with Lake Harriet and Anthony Schools, 7:00 p.m.

February 15, Orchestra Concert with Lake Harriet School, 7:00 p.m.

February 23, Guitar Concert, SWHS Commons, 7:00 p.m.

Award-Winning Performing Arts Program

Southwest High School's 2016 production of *Guys and Dolls* received several Spotlight awards this year from Hennepin Theatre Trust, including Outstanding Overall Production and Outstanding Overall Performance. Learn more about these awards at hennepintheatretrust.org/spotlight-education.

Learn more about the SWHS program and stay up-to-date on events and performances at southwesttheatre.org.

Southwest Community Education Annual Events

“Tin Chef” Cook Off

*Wednesday, February 15, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Southwest High School, 3414 W. 47th St.*

\$5 per person includes food tasting

Calling all food enthusiasts! You're invited to the fifth annual Tin Chef cooking competition, inspired by popular cooking competition shows *Top Chef* and *Chopped*. You'll experience the cafeteria transformed into contest central as teams battle it out to prepare the winning dishes. WCCO Anchor Liz Collin will again moderate as the teams prepare two dishes from scratch, complete with the chaos of surprise ingredients, celebrity judges, outlandish comedy, and entertainment throughout.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP at mplscommunityed.com or by phone to 612-668-3100.



Photo by Heather Borgma. Contestants describe their dishes to WCCO TV's Liz Collin and the audience before heading to the judges' table at the 2016 Tin Chef Contest.

Family Sock Hop

*Friday, March 3, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Southwest High School Gymnasium,
3414 W. 47th St.*

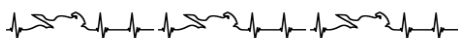
\$3 admission per person

Mark your calendar for the annual Family Sock Hop at Southwest High School, offering fun and festivities for folks of every generation! Enjoy an evening of great music from the 50's, 60's, and 70's, fun games, treats, and prizes, as well as lots of fond memories for rock-n-rollers of all ages.

Have your picture taken in front of the famous '57 Chevrolet, and buy some take-out snacks at the replica "Porky's Drive-In." The gym will be decorated for the occasion, and 45's will be spinning all night.

The entry fee is \$3.00 per person. Please bring a food donation for the Metro Food Shelf.

Kids must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please wear soft-sole shoes or tennis shoes, or be prepared to wear stockings-only in the gym.



Calhoun-Harriet Master Plan

A 45-day public comment period on the proposed Calhoun/Harriet master plan is now open.

The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board project design team has been

preparing the draft proposals for the Calhoun/Harriet Master Plan since the last meeting of the Community Advisory Committee in 2016.



Comments are being accepted in a variety of formats, including an online survey.

Next steps: At the end of the 45-day public comment period, comments will be assessed and an analysis will be presented at a public hearing to occur during an MPRB meeting later this year. Then the full Board of Commissioners will review the plan during its next regularly scheduled meeting following the public hearing.

If approved by the MPRB Commissioners, the master plan will be sent to the Metropolitan Council for review and adoption. Future state funding for improvements in a regional park is contingent upon an adopted master plan.

Improvement plans with an existing \$2.5 million in funding are moving forward. Because 80% of the estimated five million visits to the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park are for trail use, most of the existing improvement funding is being used upgrade trail surface in poor condition and to improve access to the trails.

Learn more and access the public comment survey at lindenhills.org/Calhoun-Harriet-Master-Plan.



Southwest Journal Spring Poetry Call for Submissions

The Southwest Journal spring poetry issue is scheduled to come out in early March. Community members are encouraged to enter their poetry for a chance to be published.

Do you have a poem to submit for this issue? If so, please send your best work to Doug Wilhide, poet laureate of Linden Hills, who edits the Southwest Journal poetry issue.

If you missed the Southwest Journal's winter poetry issue, you can view it at lindenhills.org/winter-poetry.



Linden Hills Park Update

Upcoming Events

Linden Hills **Winter Fest** is Friday, January 27, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Linden Hills Park. Join the fun at this annual neighborhood celebration of winter!

Ice Skating at the Park

The ice is open for free skating as well as hockey. Bring your skates or find loaners at the park. The warming room is scheduled to be open through Presidents' Day, February 20, weather permitting. Warming room hours are Monday through Friday 3-9 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sundays noon to 6 p.m., and noon to 9 p.m. on school release days. Stop by to enjoy the ice before the season ends.

New Class Offering: Advanced Minecraft Mods: Industrial Revolution

Saturday, February 11 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Linden Hills Park
Ages 8-13, \$40

This class introduces students to a whole new world of possibilities in Minecraft. Kids will learn to tame the world of Minecraft by creating automated factories using mods such as Thermal Expansion, MineFactory, and IndustrialCraft.

This class is for the intermediate to advanced Minecraft players. Class taught by Tech Academy. All computers and supplies will be provided by Tech Academy.

We Love our Neighborhood Renters

All LHiNC meetings, committees, and events are open for the participation of our neighborhood renters as well as all homeowners.

If you are a renter and would like to learn more or are interested in receiving a welcome packet, please contact us at 612-926-2906 or info@lindenhills.org.

And don't forget to sign up for our monthly e-newsletter and get neighborhood news even faster!



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NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR

Details at www.lindenhills.org

January

- 21 Hot Notes on a Cold Night Cabaret
- 27 Winter Fest at Linden Hills Park
- 28 KiteFest at Lake Harriet
- 28 Events Committee Meeting***
- 30 LHHS: Purcell & Elmslie Program

February

- 1 Shredded Tire Education Session
- 3-5 City of Lakes Loppet
- 7 LHiNC Board Meeting*
- 14 Communications Comm. Meeting**
- 15 Environment & Sustainability Mtg*
- 15 Tin Chef Cook Off at SWHS
- 20 Zoning Committee Meeting*
- 25 Sustainable Behavior Workshop

March

- 3 Family Sock Hop at SWHS
- 7 LHiNC Board Meeting*
- 14 Communications Comm. Meeting**
- 15 Environment & Sustainability Mtg *
- 15 LHiNC Grant Application Deadline

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

**7:00 p.m. at Turtle Bread

*** 10:00 a.m. at Dunn Bros.



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The Linden Hills Line welcomes contributions from residents. Submissions may be edited for length, clarity and relevance. Advertising and anonymous editorial contributions are not accepted.

To submit articles, contact LHiNC at 612-926-2906 or email info@lindenhills.org. Article submissions for the March/ April issue are due February 23, 2017.

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