



The East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Association (EHFNA) is represented by a group of volunteers elected by residents each fall. EHFNA is working to improve the neighborhood through programming that is made possible through the work of neighborhood residents and business owners like you. Please contact us at 612.430.9161 or info@eastharriet.org and visit us on the web at www.eastharriet.org.

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Exciting Changes to EHFNA Committees

New committees are currently being planned for East Harriet residents and business owners. Renters, seniors, homeowners, business owners--now is your chance to get in on the ground floor to create the activities and programs that you want to see happen in your neighborhood. Committee volunteers are needed for just two to three hours a month. If you've looked into EHFNA committees before, check it out again to see what's different. Here are the three new committees and an outline of their areas of focus:

1) **Neighborhood Engagement** - This committee will focus on events and outreach. The events include (in a normal year) Fall Fest, the Kite Festival, Happy Hours and a tent at Lyndale Open Streets. In 2021, there may be more

online classes and events being organized - what are your ideas? The outreach portion of this committee plans to focus on an EHFNA logo update and rebrand. A crucial goal for this committee is to make sure all residents and business owners are informed about what's happening in the neighborhood.

Neighborhood Engagement

Meets: 7pm, the 3rd Tuesday of each month

First Meeting: Tuesday, February 16th, 7pm

2) **Community Partnerships** - This committee plans to engage with the neighborhood by forming and maintaining important partnerships. One of these partnerships will be created through a new and exciting block captain program. Join this committee to lay the groundwork for how that program will work. Other valuable partnerships will include East Harriet schools, businesses, the South West Business Association as well as other partnership opportunities as they emerge.

Community Partnerships

Meets: 7pm, the 3rd Wednesday of each month

First Meeting: Wednesday, February 17th, 7pm

3) **Green Spaces and Places** - This committee will be the Green Team of East Harriet, handling environmental concerns and neighborhood clean-up events. They will also work with MPRB for improvements and events in our neighborhood parks. Last but not least, they will manage the places of our neighborhood by working on zoning issues as they arise.

Green Spaces and Places

Meets: 7pm, the 2nd Wednesday of each month

First Meeting: Wednesday, March 10th

All EHFNA committee meetings are currently held as Zoom video conferences. If you are interested in attending the meeting, please contact info@eastharriet.org in advance for the meeting link.



The Next EHFNA Board Meeting

7pm Wednesday, March 3rd

Join us at our next EHFNA Board Meeting to stay up-to-date on what's happening in your neighborhood. Of primary concern to many residents and businesses right now is the Bryant Avenue Reconstruction Project.

All EHFNA Board Meetings are currently held as Zoom video conferences. If you are interested in attending the meeting, please contact info@eastharriet.org in advance for the meeting link. EHFNA Board Meetings are typically held the 1st Wednesday of the month.

We're Hiring!

East Harriet is Hiring!

East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Association (EHFNA) is seeking a Neighborhood Coordinator.

- Part time (10-12 hours a week)
- Flexible hours (some evenings and weekends)
- Contractor status, \$30/hour

EHFNA is a Board of volunteers from the neighborhood who organizes events, programs and outreach with the goal of strengthening our community and enhancing quality of life for our neighbors.

We are looking for a Coordinator who can take Board ideas and run with them to make things happen. We need someone who is organized and has great ability to follow through with little to no supervision. The Coordinator works closely with our volunteer Board of Directors and is a key part of the team. Beyond interacting with Board members and neighborhood residents, the Coordinator will also have a support system via the Southwest Coordinators group and various City of Minneapolis contacts.

Our ideal Coordinator will...

- Enjoy interacting with neighbors, building relationships and managing events.
- Manage communication via social media, website, eNewsletters, etc.
- Be organized to make sure things don't fall through the cracks.
- Be a quick learner and share opportunities for improvement.
- Help identify and execute Board strategy.

Responsibilities may include:

- Attend monthly EHFNA meetings and monthly Neighborhood Engagement meetings, generally evenings after 6 pm.
- Take care of the EHFNA general meeting details: Confirm meeting dates, times, locations and speakers. Collect meeting minutes and distribute meeting materials as needed.
- Coordinate volunteers and event planning for EHFNA events.
- Maintain and develop EastHarriet.org website.
- Write and distribute eNewsletter and social media communications.
- Monitor EHFNA email account and mailbox and reply to correspondence as needed.
- Manage partnerships with neighbors, neighborhood businesses and property owners, the Southwest Business Association, the City of Minneapolis and other neighborhoods.
- Produce, maintain and submit reports, grants and contracts.
- Support Treasurer in managing EHFNA finances.
- Attend relevant meetings to represent EHFNA and its initiatives as directed.
- Report to and communicate with the EHFNA Board contact(s).

Qualifications:

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.

- Strong organizational skills to manage and coordinate all aspects of responsibilities.
- Ability and willingness to travel locally (once we have the ability to meet in person again).
- Experience using spreadsheets and comfortable working with numbers.
- Familiarity with basic web design and major social media platforms.
- Knowledge of QuickBooks a plus.

To apply, email resume and references before March 1st to:

info@eastharriet.org



Bryant Avenue reconstruction update

Minneapolis Public Works will reconstruct Bryant Avenue S. between Lake and 50th Streets starting in 2022, and the department wants neighbor input on the preferred design concept. It would add bump-outs at intersections, a grassy boulevard on one side of the street, and an off-street bike trail. Bus service would move over to Lyndale Avenue with parking removed from one side of Bryant and reduced on the other. Bryant has a limited right of way, so this concept attempts to prioritize pedestrians, bicyclists and transit over cars as described in the Minneapolis Transportation Action Plan.

Check out the [Bryant Ave Reconstruction Project Website](#) for a survey and more details. The survey and map are available through March 1, 2021.



Ward 10 City Council Candidate Forum

February 24th, 6:30-8pm

The Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association is inviting all Ward 10 residents to a City Council Candidate Forum where you will have the opportunity to hear directly from all six candidates. The candidates will discuss their interest in the role, their priorities, and their vision for the ward and Minneapolis at large. [Fill out the registration form](#) to receive the link to join the forum and to submit a question for the candidates.

Host: Kevin O'Hara, LHENA Treasurer

Moderator: Charlie Rybak, Co-Founder [SWPLS News](#)

The Candidates: Click a name to be directed to campaign website.

- [Aisha Chughtai](#)
- [Steven Frich](#)
- [Alicia Gibson](#)
- [Katie Jones](#)
- [Chris Parsons](#)
- [David Wheeler](#)



Ward 13 Palmisano Presents

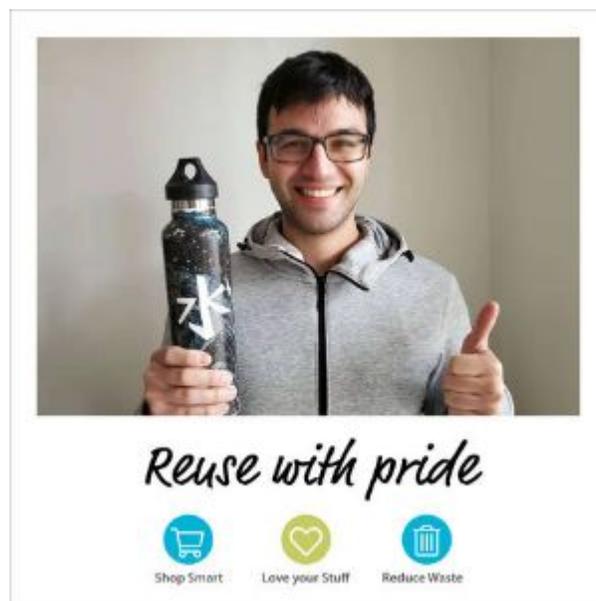
February 24th, 6:30-8pm

The next Palmisano Presents will feature a conversation on public safety with the new 5th Precinct Inspector, Katie Blackwell.

They will introduce Inspector Blackwell, talk about the staffing challenges and work being done in the 5th precinct, cover public safety work that Council Member Palmisano is taking on, and leave ample time for questions at the end.

If you are interested in participating, please email josie.vautrin@minneapolismn.gov for the Microsoft Teams link. Please also submit questions you'd like to make sure get answered ahead of time to help them get you the best answers!

A finalized agenda will be sent out next week.

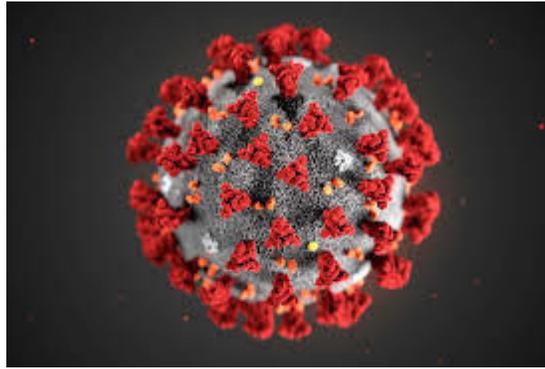


Love your stuff: Find ways to reduce your plastic footprint

Take pride in your reusables. Love your reusable bottle and reusable bag and find joy in bringing your own to-go containers to a grocery store or restaurant.

Share photos of the plastic alternatives you love and commit to always choosing reusable #LoveYourStuffMPLS

Visit their [website](#) for more information on how to shop smart, love your stuff, and reduce waste and sign up for [Hennepin's Plastic Free Challenge](#) and commit to reducing your plastic footprint.



COVID-19 resources

Download COVID aware app to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

The state of Minnesota has rolled out a new app that notifies you if you have been near someone who tests positive for COVID-19. COVIDaware MN runs on your smartphone. Your privacy is always protected. The more people who sign up, the more effective the app is. Learn more at the [COVIDaware MN website](#).

Free and Affordable Food: [This map provides location and hours of food shelves and food distribution pop-ups across Minneapolis.](#)

Mental Health Support: NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center is offering anonymous, confidential and free emotional support for people who have been affected by COVID-19. For more information about the COVID-19 Care Project, please [email](#) or call 612-767-9171.

Low Income Energy Assistance Program (EAP): As Minnesotans continue to feel the impact of COVID-19 and the quarantine, we want you to know that there is still assistance available to income eligible households (both owners and renters) for home heating bills and furnace repairs. The Energy Assistance Program can help by providing financial assistance:

- To pay past due energy bills to avoid disconnection
- To purchase fuel for delivery in emergencies
- To repair or replace homeowners' malfunctioning furnaces.

The application period is open until May 31st, 2021. You can find more information and links to apply at the [Minnesota Department of Commerce website](#).

Mortgage Relief: The deadline for applications for mortgage relief for federally backed mortgages was extended to February 28, 2021 under the CARES Act.

The Minnesota Commerce Department and Minnesota Housing issued a joint consumer alert to encourage homeowners who may be impacted by COVID-19 financial hardships to contact a home ownership advisor to see if they are eligible. See the link below for more information:

[Mortgage Relief – English](#)

[Mortgage Relief - Spanish](#)

[Mortgage Relief - Hmong](#)

[Mortgage Relief - Somali](#)

Please note that those who do not have a federally backed mortgage may be eligible for assistance. They should contact their mortgage lender or servicer for more information.

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