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The East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Association (EHFNA) is represented by a group of volunteers that you - the neighborhood - elect each October. EHFNA is working to improve the neighborhood through programming that is only made possible through the work of neighborhood residents and business owners like you. We encourage your feedback and contact at 612-824-9350 or info@eastharriet.org

## Notes from the Chair Matt Perry, EHFNA chairperson



Relationships are defined by shared experience. This extends to communities as well. A healthy relationship - one with depth, conviction and mutual respect - is

built by doing things together. A healthy community is one where its residents have a history of doing things as a community. The most fundamental of these shared experiences are typically a result of a reaction to an event that challenges them: a serious weather event, an increase in crime or a change in the character of their neighborhood. As a community matures, just as a relationship grows, these experiences are planned activities that express a shared value system with positive common goals.

I believe most of us who live in a city would like to be in a neighborhood whose collective relationship is defined by a history of doing things together that are positive and fun.

We have such an opportunity this summer. The East Harriet Neighborhood Association (EHFNA) is working on establishing a tradition of a great summer get together we call RoseFest. The July 14th event at the Farmstead Park will have inflatables, pony rides, games, live music, a garden tour and food. These are the ingredients for any fun summer event.

What will make RoseFest an event that will add to the fabric of our shared experience as a community is neighbors working together to make it happen. Aside from actually attending the festival, there are so many other important ways to participate. To make this event a success we all need to work together. The individual time commitment is small and yet the effort we put in by working together will guarantee years of fond memories.

I encourage you to visit our website or contact the EHFNA office to get a list of the different ways you can help make RoseFest a truly successful event and one of those shared experiences that define our community relationship.

Regards,  
Matt

## FREE Rain Barrels - Saturday, May 19 Barton School 9 am - Noon

EHFNA will be providing 25 free rain barrels as it co-hosts the 2nd Annual Clean Water Fair

The neighborhood has been supporting an environmental education curriculum at the school for its 7th and 8th graders for the past several years. The last two years the students have been focusing on water quality and how they and the neighborhood can have an impact on what ends up in nearby lakes and streams. The Fair is the culmination of the students hard work and a chance for them to present a water quality-themed dramatic performance (10:30 am) and display their projects. We will also be offering free workshops for people to attend. If you want to build your own 55-gallon rain barrel and bring it home to collect rainwater from your roof (9 am), or learn how to construct your own rain garden to capture water runoff on your property (11 am), then please come to Barton School (43rd & Bryant) on May 19th.

Space in the workshops is limited to 25 people, so please contact Bruce Wadman, 612-822-1164 or brucewadman@msn.com, to reserve a spot. Thanks to Mississippi Watershed Management Organization and Minnehaha Creek Watershed District for additional financing for this effort.

## Mother's Day Celebration - Sunday, May 13 Lyndale Park Peace Garden 1 - 5 pm

Join us at the Lyndale Park Peace Garden near Lake Harriet for an event in celebration of Mothers and Mother Nature. Share this day and the beautiful garden with your mom, children of all ages and your friends.

- Music Dance Stories Games
- Guided tour of the Peace Garden
- Inexpensive origami gifts for Mom & others will be available for purchase\*

\*All proceeds from the sale will assist in the construction of the new peace bridge.

For further information, please call Mary Maguire Lerman at 612-230-6434

## PAID Internship Opportunity for East Harriet

The East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Association would like assistance in developing distributing, collecting, and analyzing a survey intended for the non-single family residents located in the East Harriet (Minneapolis) Neighborhood. Once the surveys have been distributed, assistance with survey compilation and analysis will be required. The selected intern will work closely with the EHFNA Housing Committee.

### Preferred Qualifications

- Interest in and knowledge of Neighborhood Planning
- Knowledge of survey development and analysis
- Excellent analytical, writing, and communication skills
- Knowledge of basic statistical analysis
- Proficient in Microsoft Office applications, and Internet research
- Ability to manage time and work effectively without close supervision

### Internship Details:

Approximately 10 hours per week (up to 100 hours) during normal work hours. Specific work schedule can be flexible to accommodate individual's schedule. Internship will generally run from late April through June. Specific dates are negotiable. Compensation is \$13.75 per hour with no benefits.

### How to apply:

Please submit a cover letter, resume and writing sample by Saturday, April 22 to:

East Harriet Farmstead  
Neighborhood Association  
3612 Bryant Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55409

Questions may be directed to Dean Carlson:  
612-624-9555; carls064@umn.edu

## NEXT EHFNA Neighborhood Meeting: Wednesday, May 2, 2007 Lyndale Farmstead Park 7:00 - 8:45 pm

SPECIAL GUEST: Hennepin County Commissioner, Gail Dorfman  
Gail will discuss the Lyndale Reconstruction Project and its future

ALL Welcomed! FREE Childcare Provided  
To get on the agenda, contact: Matt Perry at 612-827-5442

# East Harriet RoseFest Volunteer Time Slots Now Available!

East Harriet RoseFest Saturday, July 14 at Lyndale Farmstead Park 10 am - 6 pm

**Please call or email the East Harriet office to claim your time slot**

**Phone: 612-824-9350**

**Email: [info@eastharriet.org](mailto:info@eastharriet.org)**

Remember to give your full name, email (if you have it) and phone number so we can get you more information as we near the event.

## **Rides & Games: Supervision and ticket taking**

TIME SLOTS Available:  
10 am - Noon (6 slots)  
Noon - 2 pm (12 slots)  
2 pm - 4 pm (12 slots)  
4 pm - 6 pm (12 slots)

## **Ticket Sales: Sell tickets for rides, games & food**

TIME SLOTS Available:  
10 am - Noon (3 slots)  
Noon - 2 pm (3 slots)  
2 pm - 4 pm (3 slots)  
4 pm - 6 pm (2 slots)

## **Assistant to the Treasurer: Ticket counting and money handling**

TIME SLOTS Available:  
10 am - Noon (1 slot)  
Noon - 2 pm (1 slot)  
2 pm - 4 pm (1 slot)  
4 pm - 6 pm (1 slot)

## **Food & Beverage: Ticket & food handlers, hot dog cooks, etc.**

TIME SLOTS Available (Great for families or groups):  
10 am - Noon (18 slots)  
Noon - 2 pm (17 slots)  
2 pm - 4 pm (18 slots)  
4 pm - 6 pm (15 slots)

## **Publicity: Poster and flyer distribution**

Time commitment:  
1 hour = 2 square blocks in EH Neighborhood

## **Garden Tour Map Table: Sell maps**

TIME SLOTS Available:  
9 am - 10 am (1 slot)  
10 am - 11 am (1 slot)  
11 am - Noon (1 slot)  
Noon - 1 pm (1 slot)

## **Lyndale Reconstruction Project Rescheduled for 2008**

Hennepin County Commissioner Gail Dorfman announced that the Lyndale Avenue reconstruction project (31st Street to the Minnehaha Creek) has been delayed for a year. Since the cost of the lighting enhancement project which will introduce pedestrian level lighting to Lyndale Avenue was based on the road being rebuilt, it also will be delayed a year. Commissioner Dorfman cited additional time being required by City traffic engineers to address design challenges at the 50th and Lyndale intersection as the reason for

the delay. You can find the full text of Commission Dorfman's announcement sent to affected property owners on the East Harriet website at [www.eastharriet.org](http://www.eastharriet.org). The Commissioner has told us that she is committed to preserving the streetscape elements overwhelmingly supported by Lyndale Avenue property owners. Commission Dorfman will be at the East Harriet Neighborhood Association's May 2nd meeting to talk about the project's next steps and answer your questions.

## **Neighborhood Policing Plan Needs Your Input**

This year, the Minneapolis Police Department began a program called the Neighborhood Policing Plan. As part of this program, the MPD is asking residents to help identify neighborhood crime concerns and to work with their local police lieutenants to develop strategies to address those issues. Lt. Marie Przynski will be at our Crime Prevention and Safety Committee meeting on Monday April 16 at 7 pm at Java Jack's to take down your concerns. Or you can contact Emily Winter at the East Harriet office at 612-824-9350 or [info@eastharriet.org](mailto:info@eastharriet.org). Your input is important to this program working well. We will be posting the results of the 2007 policing strategy for East Harriet on the website in May.

## **40th & Lyndale Task Force Second Community Forum - Monday, May 14 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

The 40th & Lyndale Task Force is working with residents and businesses from both the East Harriet and Kingfield neighborhoods to create a vision for the future of the neighborhood business node at 40th Street and Lyndale Avenue. This second community forum will feature urban design professionals from the Mayor's Great City Design Team program assigned to the 40th & Lyndale Task Force gathering input and ideas from you! This input will be used by the Great City Design Team to create design sketch alternatives for this neighborhood business node. For more information or to be added to the 40th & Lyndale Task Force announcements email list, please contact Matt Perry, 612-839-3320 or [mattp@pobox.com](mailto:mattp@pobox.com).

For more information on the Great City Design Teams program please visit  
<http://www.aia-mn.org/chapters/minneapolis.cfm>.

## **Minneapolis Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Needs East Harriet Residents!**

Trained CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an emergency event or disaster when professional responders are not immediately available to help. Be part of the CERT team for East Harriet. Training is provided. For more information visit: [http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/emergency/CERT\\_Home.asp](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/emergency/CERT_Home.asp)