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The East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Association (EHFNA) is represented by a group of volunteers that you - the neighborhood - elects 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](mailto:info@eastharriet.org)

## Notes from the Chair Matt Perry, EHFNA chairperson



Community Engagement has been the hot topic around neighborhood organization circles during the last four weeks. The City Council directed City staff "to review and summarize previously documented feedback, reports and recommendations on the City's current community engagement activities." A 45 day period of public comment on the resulting report ended on February 8th. Eight public meetings were held during the final two weeks of the public comment period. The discussion now heads to City Council.

Neighborhood organizations have a greater responsibility in this discussion than to simply gauge how this affects them. The East Harriet Neighborhood Farmstead Association sent a request to Council Members, the Mayor, the City Community Engagement Coordinator and the Director of NRP requesting two things:

1. Enable active participation of neighborhood organizations in the discussion of community engagement to lend expertise on how to empower residents - since that is what they do best - and to capture the insights of neighborhood residents.

2. Consideration be given to extending the time frame of the discussion of community engagement to bring this discussion to the volunteers who make up neighborhood organizations and to the residents these organizations represent.

Community engagement is a multi-layered topic that deserves active and informed discussion by residents. The power of an engaged community is best captured by a quote I heard recently by a jazz musician on the reason why New Orleans uniquely was capable of originating jazz:

*"You have to have people wanting to participate with one another. We can think of cities all around the country that have had many years of having all kinds of cultures living with one another. But, if they don't participate in a certain way, if they don't celebrate together, if they don't come and marry these traditions, you're not going to birth anything significant like jazz".*

Community engagement of the type we have had at the neighborhood level during the last fifteen years has given birth to a vibrant network of city neighborhoods. Let us and your Council Member know what aspects of community engagement are important to you and how you would like to participate in this discussion.

Regards,  
Matt

## East Harriet Rosefest 2007! Mark Your Summer Calendars!

Saturday, July 14 at Lyndale Farmstead Park, 10 - 6 pm

This year's event will be bigger and better than ever! EHFNA, MPRB and Lyndale Farmstead Park are putting on this EH signature event. Live music, crazy inflatable rides, tasty food, games galore, Wirth House & Garden Tours...and more! Visit the East Harriet website for updates. To be part of the planning, organizing or just want to volunteer for the day of the event, we would love to hear from you! Call: 612-824-9350 or email: [info@eastharriet.org](mailto:info@eastharriet.org)

## East Harriet Clean Sweep Replaces Sale-o-rama this year

This year, East Harriet will be sponsoring a clean-sweep initiative throughout neighborhood instead of the Sale-o-rama. (These neighborhood events will alternate every other year).

The East Harriet Clean-Sweep is slated for mid August. More details, soon. Questions, call: 612-824-9350

## New 311 Web Tools: Access to City services is just a click away

When the City of Minneapolis launched 311 in 2006, it made it easier than ever for folks to access City services and information. 311 is now becoming more than just a phone number. By visiting <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/311/>, residents and visitors can submit service requests to the City through 311 without even picking up the phone!

Dozens of service requests are already available on 311's Web site, and the number is growing all the time. The forms help people report or request a wide range of things, including: pothole reporting, traffic sign and signal repair requests, graffiti reporting, street light repair requests, parking meter problems, animal control complaints, abandoned vehicle complaints.



## FOR SALE: Cool East Harriet Winter Hats to Keep You Warm

Visit the East Harriet website to get the order form. Order forms are also available at Lyndale Farmstead Park. All Proceeds go to help fund East Harriet Programs and Events

## EAST HARRIET NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE MEETINGS

East Harriet committees focus on topics of importance to the neighborhood. The more the merrier - we're always looking for new ideas and views, and for neighborhood people to get involved.

### Business, Housing & Zoning

Meetings: 3rd Sunday of each month from 7-8 pm at the SW Senior Center at 36th and Bryant. Committee chair, Bruce Thomson, 612-822-7871

### Community Building

Meetings: 1st Sunday of each month from 9-10 am at Gigi's Cafe at 36th and Bryant. Committee chair, Maryjo Hackett, 612-824-3814

### Parks, Environment & School

Meetings: 2nd Thursday of each month from 7-8 pm at the SW Senior Center at 36th and Bryant. Committee chair, Bruce Wadman, 612-822-1164

### Transportation, Noise, Crime & Safety

Meetings: 3rd Monday\* of each month from 7-8 pm at Java Jack's at 46th and Bryant. Committee chair, Matt Perry, 612-827-5442

\* NOTE: Due to February 19th being Presidents Day, we will be meeting Tuesday, February 20th this month.

## Nicollet-East Harriet Business Association February Meeting

Wednesday, February 21 at Curran's Family Restaurant (42nd & Nicollet), 2 - 3 pm

Special Guest Speaker: Dave Luger, Former President of the Linden Hills Business Association.

Dave will be sharing his insights about marketing local businesses through the broader promotion of the neighborhood as a destination to be experienced. Dave oversaw the design of a website and business directory that promoted the neighborhood and local businesses and was a source of revenue for the association. Check out the Linden Hills web site [www.linden-hills.com](http://www.linden-hills.com)

Business owners (storefront or home-based) within the above boundaries are invited

The NEHBA Boundaries, WEST: Dupont Av./Kings Highway, EAST: 35W, SOUTH: 47th Street, NORTH: 35th Street to Blaisdell Ave. drop one block to 36th Street

Questions?

Contact: Matt Perry, NEHBA President, 612-839-3320  
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**Next EHFNA Meeting: Wednesday, March 7 Lyndale Farmstead Park 7:00 - 8:45 pm**

Special guests: Mary Lerman, Environmental Coordinator, MPRB and Joan Berthiaume, Minneapolis Parks Legacy Society

All welcomed! Childcare provided. If you would like to be added to the agenda, contact Matt Perry: 612-839-3320