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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.

April 2020

A Message from EHFNA



Dear East Harriet Neighbors,

In response to the spread of the COVID-19 virus, East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Association (EHFNA) would like to be of assistance in helping keep our

community safe and have access to the resources they need. We know that there may be many in our community who are at higher risk for serious complications should they contract the virus and may be unable to leave their homes.

If you know of a neighbor who might be in need (seniors, those with compromised immune systems, single parents taking care of young children, etc.), please consider contacting them to check in and see if they need any help. This can be done by e-mail, a phone call or a note on the door introducing yourself and offering your help or assistance to find the help that they may need. Please be sure to practice safe social distancing while doing so!

Keep in mind that not everyone has a computer or is tech savvy - your assistance may be needed to connect them with whatever information they may need: Meals on Wheels, a food shelf or general health and safety information.

A list of [Covid19 Resources](#) can be found on the East Harriet webpage. This includes federal, state and local government information as well as links to a number of online entertainment and activity options.

Please stay in touch with us by joining the [East Harriet Facebook Group](#). Feel free to post art projects, photos, favorite books and TV...anything positive that you'd like to share with your neighbors!

If you haven't already, please also join [Nextdoor](#). About half of East Harriet's residents have joined Nextdoor and it's an excellent resource if you need to reach out to your neighbors.

Finally, if you wish to participate in the East Harriet Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt, please put a picture up in your window each week for your neighbors to

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Possible Changes to Minneapolis Public Schools



Minneapolis Public Schools is in the midst of its [Comprehensive District Design process](#), which aims to increase equity and close student achievement gaps in MPS. If passed by the school board later this spring,

discover as they walk through the neighborhood. This week is a picture of a butterfly. You might also find these same items in other nearby neighborhoods!

- 3/31 Butterfly
- 4/7 Music Note
- 4/14 Bunny or Colorful Eggs
- 4/21 Heart or Star
- 4/28 Sun

Please don't hesitate to contact EHFNA at info@EastHarriet.org if we can help in any way.

Fill out the Census Online Today!

Do you want to do your part to help your community and keep others safe? Complete the census online here:



www.2020census.gov

Participating in the 2020 Census helps ensure that your community gets the resources it deserves, our state is fully represented in Congress, and more. For example, Minnesota is on the verge of losing one Congressional Representative. In a time of social-distancing, getting this work done online keeps everyone safer.

If you are a property owner or manager that has unoccupied units (for example, you own a live in your duplex but won't have a renter in the other half on April 1st; you manage an apartment building but have units that will be unoccupied April 1st; you are responsible for a residence of any kind) fill out the Census for those addresses here:

www.2020census.gov

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The 2020 Census can also be completed by phone. Phone lines are open every day from 7am to 2am Eastern Time.

- English: 844-330-2020
- Español: 844-468-2020

[Click here for more languages.](#)

\$25 Trees!



Low Cost Trees are available through the 2020 City Tree Distribution Program.

Did you know that one of the best things you can do to beautify your neighborhood and slow the effects of climate change is to plant a tree? If you are a Minneapolis home owner or property owner you can purchase a tree from the City for \$25. This year, there is no lottery and we have more trees available! Reservations for a tree can be

taken now through May 1st. Visit the Minneapolis [Trees Registration page](#) for more information. Tree pick-up will be May 16, 17, or 18 in the Minneapolis Impound Lot. Please [check the website](#) for updates or changes.

proposed changes would begin to take effect in Fall 2021. Learn more about the Comprehensive District Design process [here](#).

Lunches for Children



Minneapolis Public Schools is providing students with meals while schools

are closed due to the COVID-19 virus. These meals are intended to replace the meal services that students normally receive during the school day.

Meals are being given to students at several school locations throughout the city ([see list](#)). Meals are given from school buses parked in school parking lots; school buildings will remain closed.

MPS will be transitioning from daily to weekly food pick-ups the week of Spring Break, March 30 - April 3. Our 20 original food pick-up sites will continue daily meal picks AND start their new weekly schedule. Please note: Friday, April 3, will be the last day for daily food pick-up.

For more information, [click here](#).

New Speed Limits

The Cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul [announced plans](#) to lower speed limits to support safer streets.

New speed limits will be 20 mph for local residential streets; 25 mph for larger, arterial city-owned streets; and 30 or more for a few city-owned streets. By Minnesota law, cities do not have authority to change speed limits on county and MnDOT roads. Speed limits on these streets in Minneapolis and Saint Paul will not change.

The lower speed limits are in line with national trends toward lower urban speed limits to support safety. Lower traffic speeds reduce the likelihood of a crash and make all types of crashes less likely to lead to death or a life-changing injury.

[Click here](#) for more information.

I-35W 2018 Project Work Update

Southwest Parks Plan - Public Comment Extended

Check out the updated plan outlining the future of SW Minneapolis neighborhood parks! The draft of the Southwest Service Area Master Plan public comment period has been extended until April 25.



Called the Southwest Parks Plan for short, the draft plan contains updated park designs that will guide development of all Southwest Minneapolis neighborhood park properties over the next 20+ years. In addition to the park concepts, the plan also puts forward several proposed potential park spaces and search areas.

The Southwest Parks Plan was created through nearly two years of meetings, events, conversations, feedback, design and adjustment.

Use the links below to view and comment on the plan online:

[Farmstead Park Plan](#) (and other parks beginning with the letter "L")
[Kings Highway](#) (and other parks "E-K")

[Submit comments on the plan.](#)

All of the above information and more, including plans for other Southwest Minneapolis parks, can be found on the [project page](#).

After the comment period closes, the design team will again consider comments from all stakeholders and potentially make more adjustments. The final plan will then be sent to the Board of Commissioners for a public hearing and vote on the master plan's approval. Please continue to share your thoughts on the park plans in these final stages of public comment.

Transportation Action Plan - Public Comment



Advanced Mobility



Pedestrian



Bicycle



Transit



Freight



Street Operations



Street Design

The City just released the Draft Transportation Action Plan and will be accepting public comments until April 22nd. The Minneapolis Transportation Action Plan is a 10-year action plan to guide future planning, design, and implementation of transportation projects for all people in all the ways they move around.

We want to let you know about upcoming online events. You can read, download, and comment on the plan at our website anytime at go.minneapolismn.gov.

The City will also be hosting an **online open house on Wednesday, April 8th** on the [City of Minneapolis Facebook page](#) from 6:00pm-7:00pm and again on **Monday, April 13 from 4:30-5:30pm**.

Thank you for joining the conversation!

Stride For Seniors

Keep up to date on the I-35W construction work.



Go to the [project webpage](#) to sign up for email alerts and to get the latest schedules, updates, and detours maps.

Be sure to plan ahead and give yourself plenty of time to reach your destination. Consult www.511mn.org for real-time traffic updates.

One alternative option is metro transit which has a dedicated [web page](#) for this project.

Lakewood Cemetery Events



Lakewood Cemetery hosts many public events throughout the year. To register or learn more about the events at Lakewood Cemetery [click here](#).

Next EHFNA Meeting

EHFNA Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 6
7:00pm - 8:30pm

EHFNA Meetings will be 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 Committee Meetings

Committee Meetings will be held as Zoom video conferences. If you are interested in attending the meeting, please contact info@EastHarriet.org in advance for the meeting link.

Tuesday April 21: Housing, Zoning, Business & Schools 7-8 pm

Thursday April 16: Community Building, Parks, & Environment 7-8 pm

Contact us at 612.430.9161 or email info@eastharriet.org for more information.

We are looking for East Harriet Neighborhood residents to serve on these committees. If you are interested or would like more information, contact us at info@eastharriet.org.

Stride for Seniors

15th Annual 5k/10k

Lake Harriet Bandshell Park

June 6, 2020 | 9 a.m.



Life. And all the living that goes with it.

Date: Saturday, June 6

Time: 9:00 am

**Location: Lake Harriet Bandshell
4135 W Lake Harriet Parkway**

Join Walker Methodist's 15th Annual 5k/10k Stride for Seniors around Lake Harriet June 6 starting at 9:00 am. The race begins at the Bandshell.

Walker Methodist is a senior living non profit providing housing, health care, rehabilitation and services for older adults throughout the Twin Cities and surrounding communities. Their annual 5k/10k Stride for Seniors raises funds to support programs and services for their residents and patients. The event takes place around Lake Harriet and is certified, electronically timed, and all participants receive a Walker Methodist t-shirt. Runners, walkers, strollers and dogs of all abilities are welcome. Prizes will be awarded to the top female and male finishers in each respective age category. Join them as they work to provide life enriching programs and services for older adults in our communities.

Walker Methodist is excited to offer their East Harriet Neighbors \$5.00 off registration. Use the code NEIGHBOR at the end of your registration. See you on June 6!

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.

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Join Our Mailing List!

If you know neighbors that are not currently receiving the East Harriet eNews, be sure to have them sign up at www.eastharriet.org or send an email to info@eastharriet.org requesting to be added to the list.

NOTE: Our mailing list is never shared or sold to anyone.

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[East Harriet Website](#)

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[Ward 13 City Council](#)

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