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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.

February 2020

Status of Theo Wirth House Tours



The Theo Wirth House, located in Farmstead Park at 3954 Bryant Ave S, is owned by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB). The current Minneapolis Park Superintendent leases a portion of the house as their residence. The Minneapolis Parks Legacy Society (MPLS) holds public tours of a limited portion of the house through a permit granted by MPRB.

The Superintendent's lease terminates February 19th and the MPRB is considering the Superintendent's request to lease the entire house going forward. MPLS is asking MPRB to renew their permit to continue to share the Wirth home for the purpose of conducting public tours.

The East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Association Board has written and submitted a letter to MPRB in support of ongoing public tours.

Contact your [MPRB representatives](#) with any questions or concerns.

Southwest Parks Plan - Public Comment

Check out the updated plan outlining the future of SW Minneapolis neighborhood parks! The draft of the Southwest Service Area Master Plan is now open for a public comment ending April 5.



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 or visit any of

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Primary Voting Information



Early voting has begun. The Minnesota presidential primary date will be on March 3rd.

[Click here](#) to find where you vote. For more information, check out the

Minneapolis voting guide: [Your City, Your Vote.](#)

Possible Changes to Minneapolis Public Schools

the 13 recreation centers in the Southwest Service Area to see a paper copy and leave written comments. Copies are also available at Parade Ice Arena and MPRB Headquarters.

[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 45-day 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.

East Harriet Happy Hour



Date: Thursday, March 19
Time: 5:00-7:00pm
Location: [Harriet's Inn](#)
4000 Lyndale Ave S

Did you catch the first East Harriet Happy Hour last December? It was a blast! Don't worry if you missed it, we'll have another

one to celebrate Spring. Harriet's Inn has donated space for the neighborhood to come in from the cold to gather and socialize. This is a perfect opportunity to stop by and get to know some of your neighbors. Many of your East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Association (EHFNA) board members will also be there so be sure to say "hi" and tell them your ideas for improving the neighborhood.

Come for one hour or stay the whole time--you won't want to miss it!

Contact EHFNA at info@EastHarriet.org with any questions or concerns.

Lake Harriet Kite Festival

We had perfect weather and wonderful turnout for the Lake Harriet Kite Festival last month. If you were one of the 7500 attendees, please take 5 minutes to provide your feedback by taking this short survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2020KiteFest>



The Census is Coming!

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

I-35W 2018 Project Work Update

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, March 4
7:00pm - 8:30pm
Walker Health Center
3737 Bryant Ave S

East Harriet welcomes all residents to attend. Should you require an accommodation in order to participate, please let us know 10 days prior to the meeting date by emailing info@eastharriet.org.

Upcoming EHFNA Committee Meetings

The census is a count of every person who lives in the United States and its territories and happens every ten years. In early 2020, you will be asked to count every person who lives in your home as of Apr. 1. Responding to the 2020 Census is a chance to shape your future.



In March 2020, every household in America will receive a notice to complete the census online, by phone, or by mail. In May, the U.S. Census Bureau will begin following up in person with households that have yet to respond.

Please watch your mail for this important notice and complete the census. The results will inform funding decisions that will shape our community for the next ten years.

Community Informed Housing Policy



Date: Thursday, February 27
Time: 5:30pm - 7pm
Location: Sabathani Community Center Gymnasium
310 East 38th Street

What: Information and community feedback meeting on the affordable housing programs and policy at the City of Minneapolis and the ways in which they can meet community needs.

Who: The information will be presented by Minneapolis Homes staff of the Housing Policy and Development team at the City of Minneapolis CPED and consultants from Grounded Solutions Network. There will be open discussion by community.

Why: The City of Minneapolis is deliberately involving community in the development of policy and programs that produce affordable and accessible housing units and eliminate disparities in the City of Minneapolis. There are three main questions posed:

1. Is it more important to produce new units of housing or to create permanent affordability in communities?
2. Is it more important to sell City property quickly and efficiently, or to use City property to achieve multiple City goals?
3. Should there be a single option for creating permanent affordable housing in the City or should we expand capacity and provide multiple options?

All are welcome! [RSVP's are requested](#). Please email Aarica.Coleman@minneapolismn.gov with any questions. Please visit our webpage for more information www.minneapolisishomes.org

Tuesday February 18 & March 17: Housing, Zoning, Business & Schools 7-8 pm | Walker Health Services (3737 Bryant Ave S)

Thursday February 20 & March 19: Community Building, Parks, & Environment 7-8 pm | Walker Health Services (3737 Bryant Ave S)

Please stop by any of our committee meetings! 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.

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