



# eNews

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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](mailto:info@eastharriet.org).

## June 2020

### Notes from the Neighborhood

During these times of uncertainty EHFNA is here for you. Over the last couple months, we have strived to provide:

Regular updates to the [eastharriet.org](http://eastharriet.org) website, [Facebook](#) and [Nextdoor](#).

Reimbursement to local businesses in East Harriet for expenses associated with boarding-up.

Art work made by East Harriet residents to help uplift the spirits of those living at Walker Methodist Place.

Please contact [info@eastharriet.org](mailto:info@eastharriet.org) if there is anything else we can do to help you.

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, consider joining [Nextdoor](#). About half of East Harriet's residents are on Nextdoor and it's an excellent resource if you need to reach out to your neighbors.

### Who are my City Council Representatives?

If you live in East Harriet, North of 42nd Street, you are in the 10th Ward and your representative is Council President Lisa Bender. Sign up for [The Ward 10 Bulletin here](#).

If you live South of 42nd Street, you are in Ward 13. Your representative is



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### Neighborhoods 2020 Public Comment Closes July 15

Funding for neighborhood associations across the city expires at the end of 2020. The City Council is considering options for an [ongoing framework](#) for the work of neighborhood associations and future funding.

EHFNA works hard each year to best represent the needs of the East Harriet neighborhood with things such as events,

Council Member Linea Palmisano and you can sign up for [Ward 13 newsletters here](#).

If the above links aren't working, please try again at a later date.

## A Few Ways To Help

**The Lyn-Lake Region Business Recovery Fund** goes to help local, small businesses west of I35W. It will support business owners who are ineligible for other recovery funding and target businesses owned by people of color and immigrants. Read about and contribute to that fund here:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/lynlake-region-business-recovery-fund>

### How to donate food

If you're moved to support your community by donating food, the best way to reach hungry people is through [food shelves](#). And the best way to help food shelves is with monetary donations. The dollars go much further through their own purchases, it prevents food donations from spoiling, and it allows the food shelves to purchase specific items that are needed for the community.

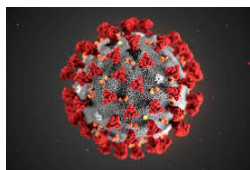
For information on how to support food shelves and meal sites, please visit the Health Department's [food donations](#) page or view the pdf for [specific needs shared by food shelves](#).

**Walker Methodist Place** reached out to EHFNA to ask if East Harriet neighbors could write letters, draw pictures, send poems or any other pick-me-up to their residents. Letters can be dropped off on the cart just inside the Walker Place entrance North of the main Bryant Ave parking lot, under the long awning. Or, they can be mailed to:

Attn: Carrie Zak  
Walker Methodist Place  
3701 Bryant Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55409

## COVID-19 Testing

The Minnesota Department of Health recommends that any Minnesotan who has attended a protest, vigil or community cleanup, get tested for COVID-19, which can spread easily and quickly in large groups of people who are close together for long periods of time. Even people who do not have symptoms can still spread the virus to others.



The State has added special COVID-19 testing sites for critical communities for people who have recently been a part of large gatherings whether or not they have symptoms. Make sure to preregister for a time slot if you can before heading over to be sure you have a spot. Appointments have been filling up fast. People who arrive without an appointment might have to come back later or another day. Appointments for the next week will open up on Wednesdays, so if you don't find anything available, keep checking back.

Residents who live in the area of these three sites who have recently been a part of large gatherings are invited to [preregister for free COVID-19 testing](#):

communications, the Farmstead Park rec center addition, business facade improvement and advocacy with the City and other partners. The proposed plan drastically reduces operational funding for EHFNA and many other associations and will limit the scope of what we are able to do in the neighborhood. We hope you will support the ongoing work of neighborhood associations and provide comment before July 15th to the city by e-mailing:

[Neighborhoods2020@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:Neighborhoods2020@minneapolismn.gov).

We understand that funding priorities are a big concern these days and greatly appreciate your reinforcement of EHFNA's efforts to support our residents and businesses.

## Vote by Mail



Voters are now able to request absentee

(mail) ballots for both the State Primary in August and the General Election in November. You do not need to be registered to apply.

To request an absentee ballot for the August primary, November general election, or any special elections, complete and return [this application](#) to the Minneapolis Elections and Voter Services office by mail, fax or email.

### Mail or in-person:

Minneapolis Elections & Voter Services  
980 E Hennepin Ave  
Minneapolis, MN 55414

### Email:

[minneapolisabsentee@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:minneapolisabsentee@minneapolismn.gov)

Fax: 612-673-2756

[Click here](#) or more information.

## 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.

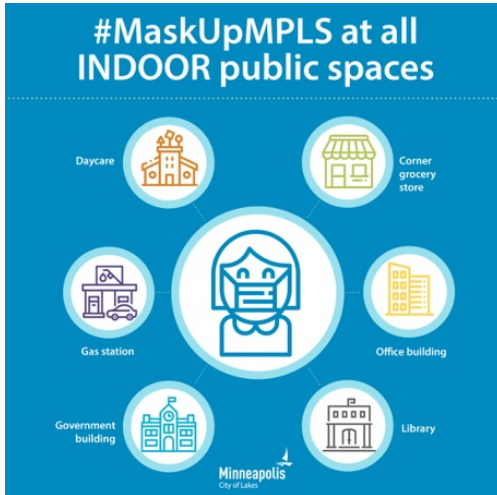


Be sure to plan ahead and give yourself plenty of time to reach your destination.

- Holy Trinity Church (pedestrians)  
2730 E. 31st St.
- Sabathani Community Center (drive up, limited pedestrians)  
310 E. 38th St.
- New Salem Baptist Church (pedestrians)  
2507 Bryant Ave. N.

[Read more.](#)

## Please Wear Masks in Indoor Public Places



Medical research has indicated that COVID-19 may have a high rate of transmission through respiratory droplets, particularly while indoors, and that wearing a mask can help reduce the risk of community spread. Research has also shown that people who don't show signs of the virus can still spread it without knowing they have it.

Businesses will not be required to provide masks to customers or employees themselves, though

employers shall be required to mandate the use of masks by their staff.

[More Information](#)

## Parks Update

**Fun on the Run brings FREE outdoor youth activities to neighborhood parks, starting June 15**

On Monday June 15, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's (MPRB) launched Fun on the Run, bringing outdoor recreational games, sports, and other activities for youth to 12 neighborhood parks throughout the city, on a rotating schedule.



All youth and teens are welcome to come by between 1 pm and 4 pm for fun and games at a safe - and social! - distance. All activities are FREE (no registration is necessary).

MPRB staff sanitize equipment after each use and help ensure participants follow social distancing guidelines.

**Who?** Youth and teens **When?** June 15 to August 31, 1 pm to 4 pm

**Where?**

- Kenny Park - Wednesdays
- Painter Park - Tuesdays
- Pershing Park - Thursdays

Consult [www.511mn.org](http://www.511mn.org) for real-time traffic updates.

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

## Next EHFNA Meeting

**EHFNA Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, July 1**  
**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](mailto: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 meetings, please contact [info@EastHarriet.org](mailto:info@EastHarriet.org) in advance for the meeting link.

**Tuesday June 16: Housing, Zoning, Business & Schools 7-8 pm**

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

Contact us at 612.430.9161 or email [info@eastharriet.org](mailto: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](mailto:info@eastharriet.org).

## Minneapolis Police Department Update

There has not been any mayoral or City Council action to eliminate the Minneapolis Police Department.

The Police and Fire Department are operating and responding to calls.

Residents should call 911 for emergencies and 311 for non-emergencies.

If you have questions about developments in City news, please check reliable and official sources of information such as [news.minneapolismn.gov](http://news.minneapolismn.gov) and the [Police Department official Twitter account](#) or call 311 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

You can sign up to receive updates from



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

## Nearby Nature: new FREE activities at parks throughout Minneapolis, starting June 16

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) invites people of all ages to explore the parks in fresh ways this summer with Nearby Nature. All Nearby Nature activities are FREE and no registration is necessary. Just show up and be ready for fun, relaxation and inspiration! Rotating through parks every week or so, activities include the following:

- **Storybook Strolls**  
Walk through a great story and a park at the same time, page by page.
- **Natural Finds**  
Learn orienteering on special courses designed for Minneapolis parks.
- **Nature Quests**  
Discover nature in the park through scavenger hunts, challenges, informational signs and more.
- **Guided Experiences**  
Nature-inspired yoga poses, forest-bathing techniques and other prompts help your mind, body and soul tune into a refreshing state of nature.
- **Collaborative Nature Art**  
Find and add natural objects to mandalas, collages, community collections and other artworks-in-progress in the park.

This week (June 16 - 21) and next (June 22-28) at Lyndale Farmstead Park. For more information, [click here](#).

## Minneapolis Beaches: What to Know Before You Go

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) has modified operations at beaches this season, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. They are providing a list of changes you should be aware of:

- Beaches are open during regular park hours - 6:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.
- There are no lifeguard services provided. Multi-language signs are being posted to encourage social distancing and following of COVID-19 guidelines.
- Swimming buoys are being installed by June 13 at most-visited locations, to mark off general areas for swimmers, including beaches on Lake Harriet Southeast Beach and Bde Maka Ska Thomas beach.
- Drinking fountains remain closed; please bring a water bottle.
- Portable toilets are available at some locations, including Lake Harriet and Bde Maka Ska beaches.
- Maintenance and water quality monitoring continue at all beaches.

General info and updates can be found at [www.minneapolisparcs.org/beaches](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/beaches)

**Fill out the Census Online Today!**

the City of Minneapolis on both [COVID-19](#) and [Rebuilding Minneapolis](#) here.

## Triplex Construction at 3632 Colfax Ave S

There will be a new triplex constructed at 3632 Colfax Ave S in Minneapolis, MN. The site is currently a vacant lot. Homes by Tradition intends to build a new 3 Unit For Rent Apartment on the site. The project will be 2.5 stories, with a pitched roof, and look like a single family house. The project has no variances. The project requires an administrative site plan review, and no public hearing.

Visit [eastharriet.org](http://eastharriet.org) for site plans.

## EHFNA on facebook



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](http://www.eastharriet.org) or send an email to [info@eastharriet.org](mailto:info@eastharriet.org) requesting to be added to the list.

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

## QUICK LINKS

- [East Harriet Website](#)
- [Ward 10 City Council](#)
- [Ward 13 City Council](#)
- [311/ City Services](#)
- [Minneapolis Police Department \(MPD\)](#)
- [Lyndale Farmstead Park](#)
- [Minneapolis Public Schools](#)
- [Minneapolis Parks & Recreation](#)
- [Subscribe to City Emails](#)
- [Biking in Minneapolis](#)

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**Shop Southwest**





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

[www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov)

Participating in the 2020 Census helps ensure that your community gets the resources it deserves, that our state is fully represented in Congress, and more. For example, Minnesota is on the verge of losing one Congressional Representative if our population count is too low.

In a time of social distancing, getting this work done online keepseveryone safer.

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.](#)

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