



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 and visit us on the web at www.eastharriet.org.

January 2021 eNews

Next East Harriet Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 3rd

7:00pm - 8:30pm

At the next EHFNA meeting, the EHFNA Board will be voting on a plan to move forward a board strategy that was first implemented in 2005. This strategy is to "Develop and implement neighborhood programming and initiatives identified as priorities through the NRP Phase II planning process." This strategy will be brought into the current neighborhood funding formula through a new Neighborhood Priority Plan.

Additionally, the EHFNA Board will continue plans to create a new committee structure and set neighborhood goals that align with the Neighborhoods 2020 requirements and the priorities of East Harriet's residents and businesses.

EHFNA Meetings are held as Zoom video conferences. If you are interested in attending the meeting, please contact info@eastharriet.org in advance for the

meeting link. Board meetings are typically held the 1st Wednesday of each month.



Share Your Thoughts on the Parks For All Plan

Time is running out to give feedback on a draft of **Parks for All**, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) 2021 Comprehensive Plan! Parks for All will set MPRB priorities and policy direction for the next decade. Visit minneapolisparcs.org/parksforalldraft to check out the draft plan and share your thoughts before January 18th.

There is also a virtual Community Open Houses where you can discuss any aspect of the plan with MPRB staff. Use the link below to participate:

[Tuesday, Jan. 12, 5-6 pm](#)



Farmstead Ice Skating Rink is Open

Many ice skating rinks around the city are open, including the Farmstead Park rink. Please follow COVID-19 guidelines to keep at least 6 feet between yourself and other skaters and wear a face mask or face covering. Unfortunately the parks are not able to lend out skates this year.

- Track the ongoing status of rinks with the [Ice Rink Daily Status Map](#).
- Get more details on the [MPRB website](#).

BRYANT AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION

Bryant Avenue reconstruction update

This week, the Bryant Ave Reconstruction Project team will be hosting small virtual group discussions about the draft concept design for Bryant Ave S (dates/times below). These will be video discussions, so the group can have a live conversation with staff.

Register for one of these discussions on the [project website](#). Once you've registered, they'll email you a meeting invite with the link to join the meeting. If you cannot make these dates but still would like to have a one-on-one or small group conversation with project staff, please email them

at Bryant.Ave.Reconstruction@minneapolismn.gov and they'll set up a time that works for you.

Meeting Dates/Times

- January 12, 2021 | 12 - 1 p.m.
[Sign up for this date](#)
- January 12, 2021 | 7 - 8 p.m.
[Sign up for this date](#)
- January 13, 2021 | 12 - 1 p.m.
[Sign up for this date](#)
- January 13, 2021 | 7 - 8 p.m.
[Sign up for this date](#)
- January 14, 2021 | 12 - 1 p.m.
[Sign up for this date](#)
- January 14, 2021 | 7 - 8 p.m.
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Please see the [project website](#) to:

- View the draft drawing of the full Bryant Ave corridor
- View information on the Lyndale Ave S draft transit proposal
- See a detailed breakdown of proposed on-street parking by block
- View the Bryant Ave: Other options context booklet
- Provide feedback on the draft concept design by online survey or feedback map

The survey and map are available through March 1, 2021.



Let's Go Fly a Kite

The 2021 Kite Festival will not take place on Lake Harriet this year due to COVID 19. However, Kite Kits are available for sale so that you can bring the festival to your own backyard or neighborhood park! The 2021 Virtual Kite Festival provides everything you need in one box! The \$5 Kite Festival Kit provides you a kite to decorate and assemble yourself, hot chocolate for after your kite flying and fun activities for you to complete, including an art project from the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and a science project.

20th Annual Winter Kite Festival Kits available through January 22, 2021

Kite Kit Pick-up will be on February 14 and 16, 2021 at Lake Harriet Bandshell and Minneapolis Parks Headquarters.

Register for your Kite Kit and enjoy a mini-festival in your own backyard in three easy steps!

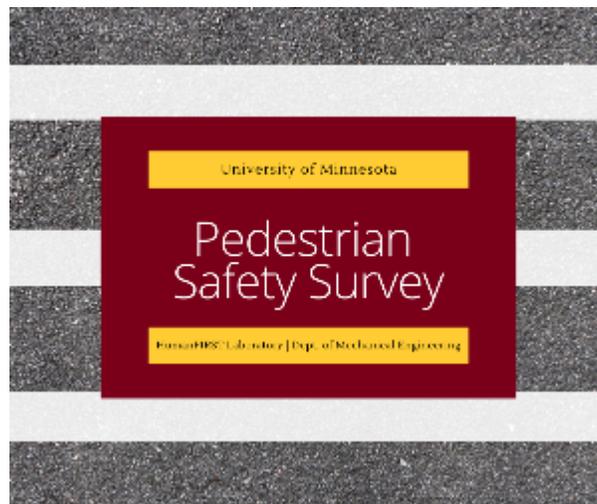
1. Go to the [Kite Festival Kit registration page](#)
2. Register for the number of kits you would like and choose your pick up location; either Lake Harriet (4135 W Lake Harriet Parkway) or MPRB Headquarters (2117 West River Road).
3. Pick up the Kite Kit at your designated location, the one you chose when you registered for your kit, on either Tuesday, February 16 or Thursday, February 18 between 11 am to 1pm or 4 pm to 6 pm.



Public Hearing Notice

The City Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, January 25, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.** to Amend Title 20 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances related to Chapter 537 on Accessory Uses and Structures. The purpose of the amendment is to eliminate the owner-occupancy requirement for certain accessory dwelling units. View the public hearing on Comcast Channel 14 or 799 or live on www.minneapolismn.gov/tv/citycounciltv. Submit comments or participate by phone in the meeting by using the following website: www.minneapolismn.gov/meetings/index.htm.

If you have questions about the project, please contact Andrew Frenz, Senior City Planner, 612-673-3790, andrew.frenz@minneapolismn.gov



Pedestrian Safety Survey

University of Minnesota researchers are seeking volunteers to participate in a short survey about pedestrian safety in Minneapolis and Saint Paul. This survey is expected to take approximately 5 minutes to complete. This is a voluntary study and there is no payment available for participation. This research is being conducted by Dr. Nichole Morris from the HumanFIRST Laboratory at the University of Minnesota. If you have any questions or concerns about this survey, email Nichole Morris at nlmorris@umn.edu. Follow this link to the Survey: https://umn.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eVzUc3nOTwEJvL



Help get better bus service in East Harriet by taking this Survey!

Metro Transit is looking for input about which routes will get upgraded to Arterial Bus Rapid Transit service (ABRT) in the coming years. Bus route #4 that runs along Lyndale and Bryant in the neighborhood is one of four candidates to get the upgrade. Please take this [survey](#) to make sure East Harriet will continue to be served with improved transit.

This type of ABRT service already exists with the A Line (Snelling Avenue) and C Line (Penn Avenue N.), and Metro Transit will implement the B Line (Lake Street), D Line (Chicago Avenue S.) and E Line (Hennepin Avenue) in a few years. ABRT includes fewer stops to speed up travel time, enhance bus shelter with heat and off board payment, 10-minute frequencies and all-door boarding.

[Click here](#) for more info.

COVID-19 resources

Find Free COVID-19 Tests: Testing is encouraged and available to everyone, whether or not you have symptoms. You can expect to get your test results in about two business days.

- [Sabathani Community Center, 310 E. 38th St.](#) Noon-4 p.m. Jan. 23

[Find a current list of free COVID-19 test locations here.](#)

Download COVID aware app to help slow the spread of COVID-19

The state of Minnesota has rolled out a new app that notifies you if you have been near someone who tests positive for COVID-19. COVIDaware MN runs on your smartphone. Your privacy is always protected. The more people who sign up, the more effective the app is. Learn more at the [COVIDaware MN website](#).

Free and Affordable Food: [This map provides location and hours of food shelves and food distribution pop-ups across Minneapolis.](#)

Mental Health Support: NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center is offering anonymous, confidential and free emotional support for people who have been affected by COVID-19. For more information about the COVID-19 Care Project, please [email](#) or call 612-767-9171.

Small Business and Nonprofit Relief Funding: The application for new relief funding is now open for eligible Hennepin County small businesses and nonprofits that have been financially harmed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

A total of up to \$24.6 million is available.

- [View the application guidelines and apply](#)
- The deadline to submit applications is Thursday, January 14 at noon.

Sign up for Snow Emergency alerts

Residents, workers and visitors have several ways to learn when Snow Emergencies are declared and what to do when they are. The City advises drivers to put many of these tools to use, not just one or two. The more ways people use to learn about a Snow Emergency, the more prepared they will be to do their part, and the less likely they will be towed.



When a Snow Emergency is declared, [parking rules](#) take effect so plows can clear the streets and emergency vehicles and other cars can then get around and park. Plowing the streets completely requires vehicles parked on streets to move. It's in everyone's best interest to do their part and follow the parking rules so plows can do the best job possible, and folks can avoid a ticket and tow.

You can sign up for text, email and phone alerts, download the Minneapolis Snow Emergency smartphone app and more. Learn more at minneapolismn.gov/snow.

[Watch a video to learn more about the Minneapolis Snow Emergency app.](#)

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