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Bryant Avenue Reconstruction Project

Your neighbors on the EHFNA Board and committees have heard from many of you, our neighborhood residents and businesses, that you have concerns about the [draft Concept Proposal](#) currently being presented by the [Bryant Avenue Reconstruction Project](#). The draft Concept Proposal includes, among other things, a reduction in parking on Bryant Ave, bus service moving from Bryant to Lyndale Avenue, a two-way bike trail on the same level as the sidewalk, additional green space, pedestrian safety measures and traffic calming measures. In order to make sure that East Harriet voices are heard, EHFNA would like to know your thoughts on the subject.

If you have 5 minutes, please fill out [this EHFNA survey](#) regarding the Bryant Avenue project. We will take these results to the project team. Thank you for your time.

Visit the project website for more information and to sign-up for email updates: minneapolis.mn.gov/cip/futureprojects/bryant-ave-s-reconstruction



EHFNA Block Leader Program

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EHFNA is looking to gather folks who identify as leaders and connectors to the residents they live closest to, homeowners and renters alike.

As a Block Leader, you would help promote the long-term sustainability and safety of the East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood through education and knowledge by joining in periodic Community Partnership committee meetings and actively communicating with your closest neighbors to share information and gather feedback.

Our hope is that Block Leaders will be the connecting link to our East Harriet residents who are most difficult to reach but deserve to be informed, heard and supported. If interested, please email info@eastharriet.org to sign up and be alerted to upcoming informational events.



EHFNA Board Meeting Wednesday, March 3rd at 7pm

As you can see from this Special Edition eNews, there is a lot going on in our neighborhood and our City right now. Gather information by attending the EHFNA monthly Board Meeting held on the 1st Wednesday of the month via Zoom. Email info@eastharriet.org and a link will be sent to you in advance of the meeting.

At the March EHFNA meeting, we will have a brief update from the Ward 13 City Council Member, Linea Palmisano. We will also hear from the park director at Farmstead Park. Additionally, the EHFNA Board will be voting on a plan to move forward a board strategy that was first implemented in 2005. This vote was postponed from February. The 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.



committees and an outline of their areas of focus:

1) **Neighborhood Engagement** - This committee will focus on events and outreach. The events include (in a normal year) Fall Fest, the Kite Festival, Happy Hours and a tent at Lyndale Open Streets. In 2021, there may be more online classes and events being organized - what are your ideas? The outreach portion of this committee plans to focus on an EHFNA logo update and rebrand. A crucial goal for this committee is to make sure all residents and business owners are informed about what's happening in the neighborhood.

Neighborhood Engagement

Meets: 7pm, the 3rd Tuesday of each month

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 16th, 7pm

2) **Community Partnerships** - This committee plans to engage with the neighborhood by forming and maintaining important partnerships. One of these partnerships will be created through a new and exciting block captain program. Join this committee to lay the groundwork for how that program will work. Other valuable partnerships will include East Harriet schools, businesses, the South West Business Association as well as other partnership opportunities as they emerge.

Community Partnerships

Meets: 7pm, the 3rd Wednesday of each month

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 17th, 7pm

3) **Green Spaces and Places** - This committee will be the Green Team of East Harriet, handling environmental concerns and neighborhood clean-up events. They will also work with MPRB for improvements and events in our neighborhood parks. Last but not least, they will manage the places of our neighborhood by working on zoning issues as they arise.

Green Spaces and Places

Meets: 7pm, the 2nd Wednesday of each month

First Meeting: Wednesday, March 10th

All EHFNA Board and committee meetings are currently held as Zoom video conferences. If you are interested in attending any meetings, please contact info@eastharriet.org in advance for the meeting links.



Preparations for the Trial of Former MPD Officer Derek Chauvin

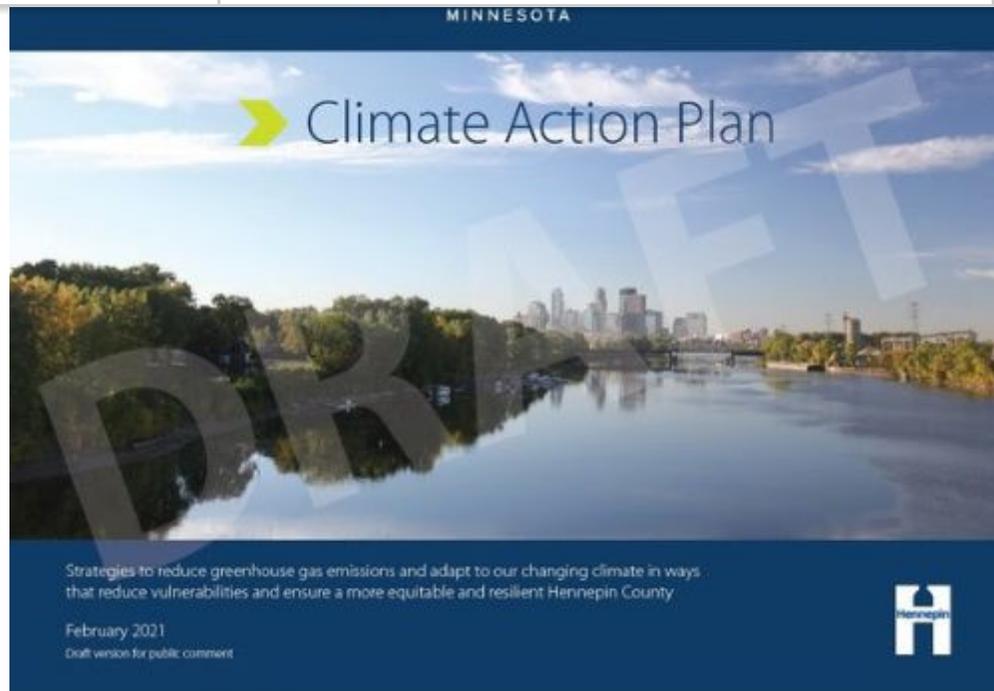
Mayor Jacob Frey, along with other City and Metro Transit officials, held a [media briefing](#) yesterday to share updates on preparedness plans ahead of the March trial of former MPD officer Derek Chauvin.

The Minneapolis Police Department continues to work with law enforcement partners to ensure the success of Operation Safety Net, which brings together local and state law enforcement agencies under a unified command to respond to any civil unrest interrupting peaceful protests during the upcoming trial.

The City's Office of Violence Prevention plans to fund a network of community-based groups that can be activated during periods of heightened tension during the remainder of 2021, including during the trials of the former officers involved in the killing of George Floyd. The groups will assist in providing accurate information and resources to the community, including an interactive website and information on phone numbers to use in addition to 911 and 311. Until that website is created, the City recommends all residents check out [ready.gov](#).

The City's Community Planning and Economic Development Department continues to work directly with businesses, business associations and technical assistance providers to collaboratively develop information on what business and property owners need to know to keep properties secure and workers and customers safe. It's important we keep supporting our local businesses during these challenging and uncertain times. The City recommends businesses develop emergency preparedness plans. [Ready.gov has sample plans and guidance](#). Businesses can also reach out to SmallBusiness@minneapolismn.gov or 612-673-2499 with questions about advanced preparation before the trial, business operations during the trial and general information about regulations and resources.

[Read more.](#)



Submit feedback on the draft Climate Action Plan

Feedback on the draft [Climate Action Plan \(PDF\)](#) is being accepted until Wednesday, March 3.

Ways to provide feedback:

Online community meeting - The county is holding an online meeting on Monday, March 1 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. where county staff will present core goals and strategies. Anyone interested in the county's response to climate change is encouraged to attend. [RSVP here](#).

Comment form - Individuals who wish to offer feedback on the plan but do not want to attend an online meeting may share their comments through an [online feedback form](#).

Recording of the community meetings - A recording of the first community meeting on February 22 is available. You can [watch the video \(YouTube\)](#) and [respond to the poll questions](#).

Next steps:

County staff will summarize the feedback and make final edits to the plan in March. The board is expected to take up formal adoption of the plan, which will include a final public comment process, in April.

Read more about the plan development and previous community engagement efforts process at hennepin.us/climateaction.

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Free Fun on the Run for Youth & Teens

Got a kid or teen who needs more time outside this winter? Check out the parks' staffed **Winter Fun on the Run** for free outdoor recreation and activities. No registration is necessary: all youth and teens are welcome to drop by between 3:30 pm and 5:30 pm for fun and games at a safe – and social! – distance. In Southwest, staff will be at [Linden Hills Park](#) on Mondays and at [Lyndale Farmstead Park](#) on Wednesdays.

MPRB staff sanitize equipment after each use and help ensure participants follow social distancing guidelines. Distanced activities include sledding, kick sledding, snow soccer, snow fort building, snowman building, snow corn hole and more. [Learn more, including helpful hints before you go, here.](#)



What do you need to reduce food waste?

Take [Hennepin County's survey](#) to share what would help you waste less food

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water it takes to grow it and get it to you doesn't go to waste. Reducing food waste is also one of the most important actions we can take to address climate change.

Help Hennepin County understand more about food waste so we can work together to reduce it! Take the [5 minute survey](#) to provide insights into how you interact with food – from shopping, storage, cooking, and finally disposal – and how the county can support you in preventing food waste. Your responses will be used to create better resources that help residents reduce food waste.

This survey is open to all Hennepin County residents, with a special focus on getting responses from people living in multifamily housing. So if you live in an apartment building, please share this with your neighbors or ask your property manager to distribute it!

Take the [food waste survey now](#).



Public health information: Slow the spread of COVID-19

- [Minnesota Department of Health COVID-19 situation update](#)
- [Minnesota vaccine data dashboard](#)
- [Minnesota vaccine distribution information](#)
- [Find COVID-19 testing locations](#)
- [Minnesota Department of Health COVID-19 information in multiple languages](#)
- Spanish/English COVID-19 hotline: 651-304-6145
- Minnesota Black Community COVID-19 hotline: 612-254-1145
- Download the free [COVIDaware MN app](#) to get notified if you have been near someone who tests positive for COVID-19.
- [Updated State of Minnesota guidance on quarantines](#)
- [City of Minneapolis COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
- [COVID-19: How to isolate or quarantine](#)
- [Tips on making your own cloth mask and guidance on wearing masks](#)
- [How to safely wear your mask](#)
- [COVID-19 guidance for parents, guardians and family](#)
- [What to do if an employee has COVID-19](#)

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- [Centers for Disease Control COVID-19 information](#)
 - Email COVID19@minneapolismn.gov for health-related questions or guidance related to COVID-19.
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