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The East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Association (EHFNA) is represented by a group of volunteers that you – the neighborhood - elects each October. EHFNA is working to improve the neighborhood through programming that is only made possible through the work of neighborhood residents and business owners like you. We encourage your feedback and contact at 612-824-9350 or info@eastharriet.org

Notes from the Chair

Matt Perry, EHFNA chairperson

This is the time of year most of us have reflected on the past year and now are looking forward to the year ahead. As with our individual lives, the year ahead has a mix of fun and challenging events for our neighborhood. There will also be those events that become significant that we never expected no matter what amount of planning we have done.

During the last two months, the East Harriet Neighborhood Association (EHFNA) Board of directors has been working out its planning for 2007. The Board identified overall 2007 goals and each committee created specific plans for the coming year based on the EHFNA goals and the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Action Plan residents helped define. A partial list of the highlights include Rosefest, a neighborhood spring "Clean Sweep",home garden tour, continued growth of block clubs, another year of the highly successful Barton BEAT! program, educational programming on "green" remodeling and historic preservation of our housing stock and the continuation of the revolving home improvement loan program.

EHFNA will also be focusing its energy on specific challenges facing our neighborhood. The Board recently passed a resolution for the creation of a Task Force to help residents address livability issues around the Walker Methodist facility. The goal of this Task Force will be to create reliable and timely communication between residents and Walker Methodist administration so that issues of concern can be both resolved as well as prevented.

EHFNA will continue to work with the Kingfield Neighborhood Association in supporting the 40 & Lyndale Task Force as it works with the Mayor's Great City Design Team program to create a land use proposal for the 40th Street and Lyndale Avenue business node. The Task Force was one of five projects out of 21 applicants to be selected to participate in this program. Additional details can be found on the East Harriet website.

Your neighborhood association will also be working with the County and City in facilitating communication during the reconstruction of Lyndale Avenue from four traffic lanes to two traffic lanes. The construction is planned to begin in the summer of 2007. While the outcome of the reconstruction will be a more pedestrian friendly and "neighborhood" avenue, it will be important to keep on top of the issues surrounding the construction such as traffic spill over on to Aldrich and Bryant, access to homes and churches on Lyndale and the respectful treatment of boulevard trees.

I'm looking forward to all of these 2007 activities. I hope you will join me and your fellow neighbors who serve on the Board in participating with us as we continue to make East Harriet a better place to live, work and play!

Stay warm,
Matt

Lake Harriet Winter Kite Festival Cancelled!

Flying kites on frozen Lake Harriet is what the Lake Harriet Winter Kite Festival is all about, but open water on the lake caused planners to cancel it this year. The 6th annual kite festival was originally scheduled for Jan. 13, and then moved to Jan. 20. For more information on the cancellation, call 612-370-4948

Public Meetings with City of Minneapolis and NRP

The Southwest area meeting will include East Harriet Neighborhood

Monday, January 29 at Burroughs School, 1601 W. 50th Street
7:00 - 8:30 pm

The NRP Policy Board and the Minneapolis City Council have called for public discussion of the Community Engagement Report submitted by the City Coordinator on November 9, 2006. As a result, the offices of the NRP and the City Coordinator are working together to conduct a series of public meetings and a community survey. The deadline for public comment on the report is Thursday, February 8, 2007. These meetings will present the Community Engagement report and gather public comment from attendees. The report recommends creating a new community engagement process.

This meeting is an opportunity to give your opinion to City officials on the value and efficacy of your neighborhood association in improving and maintaining the quality of life in East Harriet.

Residents interested in commenting on the report should send comments to Clara Perrin, Community Engagement Coordinator, 301M City Hall, 350 S. Fifth Street, Minneapolis, MN 55415 or by email to clara.perrin@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

Residents may also want to send their comments to 10th Ward City Council Member Ralph Remington at Ralph.Remington@ci.minneapolis.mn.us or 612-673-2210, 13th Ward City Council Member Betsy Hodges at Betsy.Hodges@ci.minneapolis.mn.us or 612-673-2213 or Mayor RT Rybak at rt@minneapolis.org or 612-673-2100. The full report can be accessed at http://www.nrp.org/R2/News/NewsArch/2006/20061116.html. More information, call 612-673-5140 or email nrp@nrp.org.

HELP WANTED!

The East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Association (EFHNA) is seeking a part time Neighborhood Coordinator to work with the EHFNA NRP.

JOB DESCRIPTION: The neighborhood coordinator is a position that requires motivated independent work. Strong prioritization skills and a good sense of community or neighborhood work including personal outreach, working with volunteers, understanding city and neighborhood dynamics, and the general functioning of a nonprofit organization.

Primary responsibility is for all aspects of volunteer management including recruiting, placing, retaining, and recognizing volunteers as they relate to the EHFNA NRP Neighborhood Action Plan.

Other duties are geared toward supporting board functions and committee work. The coordinator will be the "hub" of the organization, including: keeping historical information, feeding new information to the appropriate people, keeping the office open, and working on projects/programs as directed by the board as time allows.

For additional information contact Matt Perry at 612.839.3320.

Next EHFNA Meeting: Wednesday, February 9 Lyndale Farmstead Park 7:00 - 8:45 pm

All welcomed! Childcare provided. If you would like to be added to the agenda, contact Matt Perry: 612-839-3320