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2012 Summit House Tour Planning Underway!

Dear Summit Hill Neighbors:

On **September 09, 2012**, the Summit Hill Association will hold the biennial Summit House Tour, traditionally one of the most popular historic house tours in the nation!

The house tour is made possible almost entirely by volunteers. This year, two of us, Betty Schweizer and Ann Nerland will co-chair the event. We volunteered because we love the neighborhood. Betty and her husband Steve Schulte along with her family, have lived on Linwood Avenue for 35 years. Ann, her husband Bruce and their family have lived on Goodrich Avenue for over 20 years.

The success of the house tour is important to the neighborhood. Proceeds from this event are a major source of funding used to support the SHA office, programs and quality of life issues important to all of us:

- Block Club Organizing
- Crime prevention
- Annual Clean-Up Events

- Recycling Promotion
- Communications: Newsletters & ENews Bulletins
- Finding Parking Solutions
- Oversight of Zoning Proposals
- Pedestrian Safety & Traffic Calming Issues
- And more!

We still have many openings for committee chairs, committee members and for folks to work on specific projects, including:

Ad Sales – Contact local businesses to sell ad space in house tour brochure. Much of the work is done via mail or e-mail. Coordinate and supervise the submission of ads for publication in the house tour brochure.

Volunteer Party – Plan and coordinate post-house tour party to thank all house tour volunteers.

In addition to supporting these important projects & causes, the house tour is a great place to meet and work alongside our neighbors. Typically, this event draws on over 300 volunteers. A huge “Thank You”

goes out to two committee chairs already on board-Tim Pramas and McLean Donnelly.

We’d also like to thank Jeff Roy and Diane Hilden, the SHA staff for stepping up to the work involved in managing an event of this size. Thanks, also, to Lisa McGann and Gregg Cruz for sharing their expertise with

Graphics and Web – Provide support with house tour graphic design needs and website updates on an as-needed basis.

Marketing – Work with our Public Relations Chairperson to market the house tour and grow ticket sales.

Tour Support – Coordinate/arrange for the basics that make the tour run, such as the shuttle bus service, t-shirts, portable toilets, etc.

We would love to have you join us!

us from prior house tours.

Most importantly, we want to thank the homeowners who have consented to have their homes shown on the 2012 tour. We are grateful for your participation!

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And that brings us to the tour houses.

We are still in need of homes for the tour. If you’re asked to show your home, we hope you’ll consider the request in light of the value and benefit to the neighborhood. We’d love to have you join us, and we’ll work hard to make your participation as comfortable and enjoyable as possible.

We welcome your suggestions, comments and ideas. To volunteer your time, please contact Betty at 651-295-9823, betty.schweizer@ties.k12.mn.us or Ann at 651-283-7855, ahnerland@comcast.net. We look forward to hearing from you!

Thank You SHA Annual Donors!

Our goal in private fundraising for all of 2011 was to raise \$4500 from Summit Hill individuals and businesses to help support the vital community-building work of SHA in that year and moving forward. Given these difficult economic times, we were surprised and very grateful for the many donors listed below who generously helped us meet and exceed our goal by raising a total of \$4,822! As always, your donations support the work and programming of the Summit Hill Association - your neighborhood citizen participation organization! If you still want to send in your donation for the 2011 campaign, please make the check out to “SHA” and send it to 860 St. Clair Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105.

And, of course, your donation is fully tax deductible.

What do your donations help SHA to do? Here are some of the programs/projects that past donations have helped us accomplish in 2011:

Pedestrian Safety & Traffic Calming

- Finding solutions to traffic issues that improve pedestrian safety in Summit Hill; the August 2011 Grand Avenue Pedestrian Safety Day.

Crime Prevention & Connections

- Promoting Block and Building Clubs for community building and crime prevention; monthly SHA Staff crime reports and alerts to interested residents.

Environment Awareness & Action

- Promoting environmental awareness and participation through curbside recycling, the Annual Neighborhood Cleanup, sponsorship/promotion of the

new Grand Avenue HOURCAR hub, maintenance of the Sam Morgan Native Prairie; installation of recycling bins on Grand Ave. through the new FROG initiative (For Recycling on Grand); and other programming.

Community Events

- Organizing twice-annual Progressive Suppers & Neighborhood Garage Sales

Communication & Outreach

- Serving as a valuable information resource to residents and Grand Avenue businesses - keeping you informed about important community issues through direct contact with SHA staff for information and referral, and through *The Summit* newsletter, the SHA website, the monthly E-News Bulletin, monthly Crime Incident & Community Alerts, and more.

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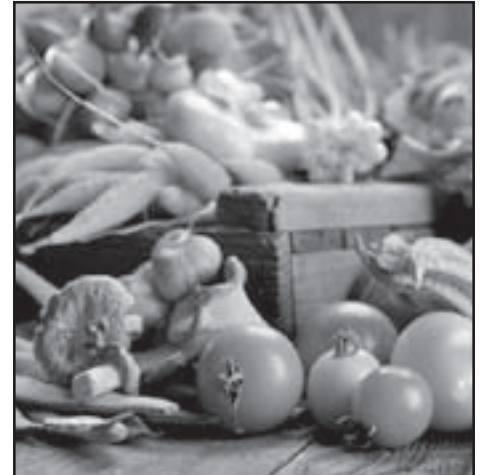
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Come Help Us Create a Community Garden! For Renters and Homeowners Alike

The SHA Environment Committee is in the exploration stages of planning a community garden for Summit Hill/District 16. The intent is to create a garden with multiple garden plots that would be available to both renters and homeowners. The location under consideration at this time is at Linwood Park, along St. Clair Avenue, immediately east of the tennis courts. At this time, we haven't determined individual plot size, total number of garden plots, and how we will make the annual registration process equitable and open to all residents both renters and home owners.



Funding for this project also remains to be determined. The committee will assemble a planning sub-committee in the coming months. Any who are interested to make this project a reality are encouraged to

attend a preliminary planning meeting on Tuesday, February 28th, 7 p.m. at the Linwood Rec Center. Please contact the SHA office with questions: 651-222-1222 or summithill@visi.com

Home Repair and Improvement Funds Available To Ramsey County Residents

Community Neighborhood Housing Services, a Saint Paul-based NeighborWorks Home Ownership Center, has been awarded funds to provide home low-cost improvement loans to homeowners living in Ramsey County. A variety of programs is available, meeting the needs of households with incomes up to 120% of area median income as determined by HUD, currently \$100,800 for a family of four. Interest rates are currently below 2%.

The financing can be used for projects such as furnace repair or replacement, plumbing upgrades or repairs, roofing, storm windows,

insulation, structural repairs, and additional bedrooms. Homeowners should contact Community NHS to find out if their project qualifies. Grants may also be available for emergency repairs.

Homeowners interested in learning more about the programs available should contact Community NHS at 651-292-8710. Income, equity, and credit restrictions may apply.

Funds are available on a first come, first serve basis and a waiting list is not maintained. More information is available at www.communitynhs.org

OPEN FORUM! Change to Monthly SHA Neighborhood Meeting Format

Summit Hill community members now have an easier opportunity to share concerns, questions (even compliments will be taken) during the new OPEN FORUM period during the first 10 minutes of each monthly neighborhood meeting at the Linwood Rec Center.

If you have concerns or questions that you would like to bring to the SHA Board of Directors' attention (these are your neighbors on the Board!), we look forward to seeing you on the 2nd Thursday of each month...except December when we don't meet!

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Neighborhood Events

Upcoming Events: Look for More Details in the April issue

Spring Progressive Supper – Saturday, April 28th

The Summit Hill Association's Progressive Supper has become one of the most beloved social events in the neighborhood. Twice a year, in April and November, an open invitation is extended to all residents of Summit Hill. The tradition began 33 years ago, in the fall of 1978, when long-time Summit Hill resident, Ethelyn Rupp, had the idea that neighbors who know one another could make for a safer and friendlier community environment.

The format—four courses, each enjoyed in a different home—hasn't changed in all those years and, with the blessing of the SHA, 65 Progressive Suppers have been held since 1978. A few of the guests have participated since the very beginning and, with every new event, fresh faces become part of the group. The suppers are casual and each participating two-some is assigned a single course to host (social hour, soup or salad, main course, or dessert) for six to ten guests.

You don't have to be a gourmet cook—it's all about hospitality and enjoying the company of neighbors. Please consider this your warm invitation to experience this wonderful neighborhood tradition. The next supper is Saturday, April 28. For more information, or to be added to the e-mail list, please contact Tammy Haas at tamarastable@aol.com. We look forward to seeing you on April 28!

Summit Hill Neighborhood Garage Sale – Saturday, May 5th

The Summit Hill Association will once again sponsor a spring neighborhood garage sale on Saturday, May 5th from 9 a.m. until mid-afternoon. Selling used items helps you clean out your attic, basement or garage and if you can't sell it or don't want to keep it, bring it to the Neighborhood Cleanup Day two Saturdays later on the 19th. For a \$15 fee, participating households will receive copies of the Sale Site Listings flyer prior to the sale and two bright yellow "Summit Hill Garage Sale" posters. SHA advertises the sale in city-wide and local newspapers, on the SHA website and provide additional flyers for the public to pick up at the SHA office before the sale. Participating residents coordinate and staff their own garage sales and retain all proceeds. Consider having your own sale or join together with a neighbor.



Interested in meeting your neighbors?
Perking up your social life or resume?
Getting the scoop on neighborhood news?

Come to "SHA After Hours," an informal gathering of neighbors. Chat, network, complimentary appetizers, and get plugged in.

Wednesday, February 8th, 2012
5:00pm
The Lexington
1096 Grand Ave

SUMMIT HILL
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Volunteer Spotlight: Terri Ausen



Terri Ausen knows that one of the best things about volunteering in Summit Hill is the social aspect. "It's just a great way to meet people," she enthuses. "On our block I think there must be kids who go to ten different schools," she explains. So, volunteering is one of her ways of meeting neighbors she might otherwise not have met. "Maybe I'm just nosy," she jokes. "There's not many places I can go in St. Paul where I don't know somebody."

Volunteerism had been a part of Ausen's adult life, so it was only natural that after moving to the neighborhood in 1990 she would continue with it here in the neighborhood. Terri has helped out with numerous projects over the years, from neighborhood cleanup, to helping out at the West 7th library when her children were growing up, to being an SHA Crime Prevention Block Leader. She describes her role as block leader as "very low-key". She organizes a yearly block party, passes along crime prevention information, and makes sure new neighbors feel welcomed and have information about the neighborhood.

Terri Ausen, avid neighborhood volunteer

Ausen says that volunteering in the neighborhood is not just a good way to meet neighbors. "If everyone did their share, things could get done," she says. Even the smallest volunteer effort can make a difference in sustaining our little community. A project that Ausen thinks will need some volunteers to step up and help is the SHA House Tour 2012, SHA biggest fundraiser. "It's kind of fun to see inside other houses and maybe get house ideas," she says of SHA's House Tour.

Her advice for all those who are still thinking of volunteering? "Just get out and do it because you'll meet so many people," she says. "It's so nice to know your neighbors and it makes the whole neighborhood a better place to live."

Submitted by Victoria Perkins

SHA MEETINGS & EVENTS 2012 CALENDAR

Meetings are held at the Linwood Community Center, 860 St. Clair Avenue unless noted otherwise. Dates and time may change. Call SHA at 222-1222 to confirm.

Executive Committee: Last Thurs., 7 p.m.
Board of Directors: Second Thurs., 7 p.m.
Pedestrian Safety & Traffic Calming Committee, 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m.

For the following committees, please call for the meeting time/location:

- Communications & Outreach Committee
- Development Committee
- 2012 Summit Hill House Tour Committee
- Environment Committee
- Zoning and Land Use Committee

Curbside Recycling:

Every Friday, recycling must be out by 7a.m.



FEBRUARY

- 1 Summit Newsletter Arrives
- 9 Monthly Neighborhood Mtg - Board
- 21 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming
- 23 Executive Committee
- 28 Community Garden Planning Mtg

MARCH

- 1 Summit newsletter deadline
- 8 Monthly Neighborhood Mtg - Board
- 20 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming
- 29 Executive Committee

APRIL

- 1 Summit Newsletter Arrives
- 12 Monthly Neighborhood Mtg - Board
- 17 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming
- 26 Executive Committee
- 28 Spring Progressive Supper

MAY

- 3 Summit newsletter deadline
- 5 Spring Neighborhood Garage Sale
- 10 Monthly Neighborhood Mtg - Board
- 15 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming
- 19 Annual Neighborhood Cleanup
- 31 Executive Committee

JUNE

- 1 Summit Newsletter Arrives
- 2 SHA Plant Exchange
- 3 Grand Old Day
- 14 Monthly Neighborhood Mtg - Board
- 19 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming
- 28 Executive Committee

JULY

- 5 Summit newsletter deadline
- 12 Monthly Neighborhood Mtg - Board

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SHA Website: A Good Source for Neighborhood Info

Established in June 2004, the Summit Hill Association Website at www.summithillassociation.org has grown in its ability to keep you up to date on neighborhood and city resources, Summit Hill events and opportunities for you to participate in the health and vitality of your community. Check us out and bookmark the address for future reference! In addition, we encourage residents to subscribe to the Electronic News List on the home page that provide up-to-date announcements on late-breaking events, public meetings and issues.

Among others things, the SHA Website has links and resource information on crime prevention, senior services, recycling, neighborhood improvement projects, a calendar of events and The Summit newsletter. Links connect you to the City of St. Paul, the Grand Avenue Business Association and other sites of interest to Summit Hill residents.

If you have suggestions on how we can improve the website site or on any other neighborhood concern, go to the "Contact SHA" link on the home page and give us your thoughts!

www.summithillassociation.org

HOURCAR...The Car Sharing Program You've Got a Hub on Grand!

HOURCAR has a location in the heart of Summit Hill. Located next to the Red Balloon Bookshop near Grand and Victoria, the HOURCAR location makes it easy for Summit Hill residents to give up the stress and expense of car ownership, but still have access to a car when they need one.

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Whether you can give up car ownership all together or are part of a family that can downsize to owning just one car, HOURCAR makes it possible to rely on



transit, bicycling and walking for most of your transportation needs, and gives you access to a fleet of vehicles when you need it.

It's great for your pocketbook, plus it's good for the environment! To learn more and sign up for membership, visit www.HOURCAR.org.

Annual Joint-Cleanup with West 7th/Fort Road Neighborhood

Saturday, May 19th from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

We will be collaborating again with the West 7th/Fort Road Federation community as a way to increase the number of residents in both neighborhoods who recycle/reuse/dispose in a locally, low-cost, environmentally-safe manner. Residents from both communities will be able to attend each event. The West 7th event will be later in September.

Residents from District 16 are encouraged to clean out their garages, basements and attics and bring unwanted items for disposal and recycling to the cleanup site on Pleasant Avenue between the Ramsey County compost site and Victoria Avenue. The cleanup is a perfect opportunity to organize your block for an alley, boulevard, or park cleanup. Look for more details, in the April issue of *The Summit*.

Other Local News to Check Out!

Condo Outreach/Ideas Session

Summit Hill is a great neighborhood of historic homes ~ including a large number of older mansions and apartment buildings that have been converted to condo ownership. If you are a Summit Hill condo owner and would like to share ideas and practices from your condo association and learn what other condo associations are doing in our neighborhood, please contact Diane Wanner at 651-295-8179 or d.wanner@comcast.net

St. Paul's United Church of Christ - 900 Summit Ave.

Join us for a meditative worship on Sunday, February 5 (the first Sunday of each month) from 5:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Singing the music of Iona and Taizé; Accompanied by folk harp, hammered dulcimer, cello, violin, or piano; Lectio Divina and extended silent meditation; Open & Affirming. Information: 651-224-5809 or www.SPUCConSummit.org

St John the Evangelist Episcopal Church - 60 Kent St.

Whether this is your first time in a church, your first time in a while, or you are a regular attendee, we invite you to our Sung Compline services on the second Thursdays of the month. This is a half hour service of mystery, ancient prayers, chanting, and incense.

Compline is the last of the daily offices. In keeping with the earliest practices of the monastic communities, Compline is offered by candlelight at a time when the work of the day is finished and the quietness of

evening begins to settle over the hearts and minds of those gathered in prayer. We hope you'll join us for Sung Compline Second Thursdays of the month. The next Sung Compline is on Thursday, February 9th at 7pm. For more information please contact the Rev. Keely Franke - keely.franke@stjohnsstpaul.org or 651-228-1172, ex. 18 and more information at www.stjohnsstpaul.org

New Off-Leash Dog Park Opening in Saint Paul; Xcel Energy Allowing Use of Land for Dog Park



Thanks to a memo of understanding that has been agreed to in principle with Xcel Energy, the City of Saint Paul is one step closer to adding a second off-leash dog park to the city's Parks and Recreation system. Under the agreement, Xcel Energy has agreed to allow the city to manage and use Xcel Energy land under the Smith Ave High Bridge for an off-leash dog park.

The land was previously used for a coal power plant, but has since been demolished and remediated, and will now be converted to green space. Both the city and Xcel Energy are hopeful that following the installation of fencing, additional grass growth and other small site improvements, the new off-leash

area will be open by Memorial Day 2012.

"We've heard from residents across the city that they need additional off-leash dog areas. With Xcel Energy as a partner, the city is able to provide a convenient and safe area for dogs and their owners to enjoy," Mayor Chris Coleman said.

This 7 acre site will provide many of Saint Paul's dog owners' access to an area within a very short driving distance or even walking distance of their residence. "After many years trying to site additional off-leash dog parks in the City, I'm extremely excited for the opening of this much needed dog park," said Ward 2 City Councilmember Dave Thune, whose ward will host the dog park. "Xcel Energy and Northern States Power have been partnering to grow Saint Paul for over 100 years and this is just another great example of their commitment to the communities they serve."

"It's incredible to think that in less than five years, this piece of land has been the site of a 570-foot smokestack implosion, a major power plant conversion from coal-fired to natural gas-fired, resulting in huge emissions reductions, and soon, it will be home to the city's next off-leash dog park," said John Marshall, Xcel Energy Manager of Community and Local Government Relations.

Upon completion of the needed site improvements (fencing, grass growth...etc) an official grand opening will be held, most likely late spring/early summer 2012. For additional information please visit www.stpaul.gov/parks

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Crime Prevention Connection

SHA "AFTER HOURS" FEB. 8th

Hear Ye, Hear Ye Summit Hill residents and businesses. Mark your calendar and plan on stopping by The Lexington on Grand & Snelling, Wednesday, February 8, 2012 from 5 till 7 p.m. for an informal neighborhood get-together.

Don't let winter's doldrums get you down. Stop by the Lex and meet neighbors old and new and discover new local resources to perk up your social life, your resume even!

SHA staff, Jeff and Diane, along with SHA Board Members will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about the Summit Hill Association community and exploring the many resources this community offers.

This SHA "AFTER HOURS" gathering is fast becoming a neighborhood tradition. Hope to see you February 8th at the Lex.

PICTURE YOUR VALUABLES

If your valuable and treasured possessions were lost due to fire, burglary or theft how would you prove ownership? Consider taking some time this winter to take "inventory" photos to create a personal inventory of your valuables. While you are taking "inventory" be sure to make written notes of serial, make and model numbers for each item.

Don't forget to include any new holiday possessions in your inventory. Security professionals recommend that you keep your inventory information in a secure and fire proof place.

Several methods can be used when creating your in-home inventory: audio recordings, videotaping, individual photographs and/or a written inventory. The important thing to consider is to start at one point in each room of your home (including basements, storage areas, garages, and sheds) and go

around the space opening closet doors, drawers and cabinets to reveal your valuables and treasures for documentation.

It is NOT necessary to record every last item in your home. The most obvious items to be "inventoried" (complete with serial numbers, any engraving, item's brand & model number information) are jewelry, heirlooms, artwork, electronics, musical instruments and special collections. You may want to consider inventorying other objects such as cameras, binoculars, tools, bicycles, guns and sports equipment, whatever works for you. Some documentation, especially of highly valuable items, is better than none!

Police advise that it is NOT a good idea to engrave or mark your household items with your driver's license or social security number due to the potential for identity theft. They suggest that it is better to engrave or affix some kind of coded permanent marker of your choice on your valuables so that they may be positively identified if lost or stolen...a pet's name perhaps.

Consider etching a code word or symbol somewhere on your snow blower to positively identify yours should it be stolen. Thieves will find it more difficult to sell items with identifying markings. Hint: old red nail polish works great!

Consider taking a couple of hours this winter to inventory your valuables. A pictorial history of your home and yard annually could end up becoming a family tradition for fun and insurance against possible misfortune

CALLING ALL RENTERS-WE WANT YOU!

Did you know that over 50% of Summit Hill residents are renters? While much of the data from the last census is still being analyzed it is clear that this statistic remains relatively constant from both year 2000 and 2010 census results.

Here at SHA, one of our resolutions for 2012 is to reach as many Summit Hill renters as possible (in addition of course to home owners, condo residents and business neighbors). Frankly it is often very difficult to connect with renters in our community.....but we plan to try harder!

Give us a call or connect via email (cpcsummithill@visi.com), the SHA website www.summithillassociation.org) or our Facebook page, Summit Hill Association. Our goal is to keep the entire community informed and safe. If you are not currently receiving the SHA "E News" and the SHA Crime Prevention Crime Incidents Report monthly as well as periodic crime alerts via email from this office you are missing out on information you can use.

Summit Hill Renters, please consider this as your personal invitation to become better informed of community happenings and opportunities. Hope to hear from YOU soon and see you at the Lex, February 8th. Comments & Questions Always Welcomed!

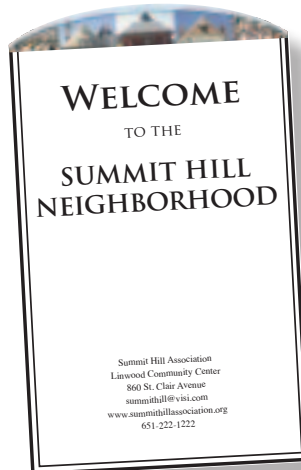
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The Free Market - A Way to Clean House

Do you have things you'd like to give away? Are you looking for free stuff for your home and garden? The Free Market may be just what you're looking for.

The Free Market, a web-based exchange site of Eureka Recycling, connects people wanting to give away or get reusable items for free. If you have or want to find reusable items such as appliances, children's toys, electronics, furniture, home renovation materials, law and garden equipment, musical instruments, pet supplies, recreational and exercise equipment and many other categories ...you can contact the Free Market by going online at <http://www.twincities-freemarket.org> or call Eureka Recycling at 222-7678. Once on the website, you can list your items or review the list of free items available. What could be easier? Reduce waste, protect the environment, help others and save money.

Items must be in good condition or in need of a little repair. Some items will take a few weeks or more to be exchanged. The person who wants an item will directly contact the person giving the item away to make arrangements for pick-up. The Free Market does not store or transport items.



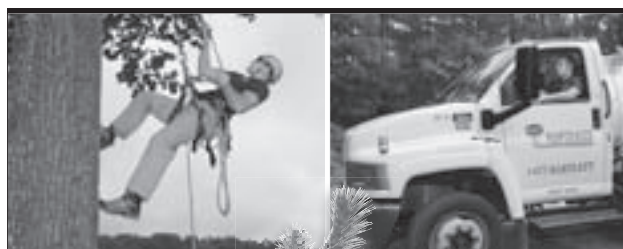
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If you haven't yet received your own free Summit Hill Neighborhood Welcome Booklet with all sorts of helpful information on Summit Hill Neighborhood Projects, Events, Meetings, Recycling, Crime Prevention Block and Building Clubs Organizing, maps and useful local and governmental phone numbers ...you can get yours by calling and dropping by the SHA office in the Linwood Rec. Center, 860 St. Clair Ave. Call either Jeff or Diane at 651-222-1222 for hours.

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More Happenings

Grand Avenue Business Association's New Exec

By Julie Wilbert

There's a new face at Grand Avenue Business Association. Sue Evens, a resident of St. Paul's Summit Hill neighborhood for more than a decade, was named the business organization's executive director in November.

While it may be a new face for GABA, it's a familiar face for businesses on the corners of Grand and Victoria: Over the years, Evens held positions at Café Latte, Bread & Chocolate, and Pottery Barn. Evens joked that if she had also worked at Juut Salon Spa, she could have had all four corners on her resume.

More recently, Evens had been managing non-profit organization efforts in Minneapolis. But after four years of commuting across the river, Evens is excited to be back on her home turf.

"It's so exciting to be able to work for my own community ... it brings a different level of energy and excitement," Evens said.

Jenna Bowman, the program and advocacy coordinator is also new with Evens.



Jenna Bowman and Sue Evans

Together, they envision a fresh approach to GABA.

One of their visions is to redesign the organization's website—and expand its social

media presence. The website will allow member businesses to have their own pages, as well as Tweet and Facebook coupons for customers.

Searching will be easy and more customer focused, Evens said.

"We really find that this will be a benefit for our members ... our goal is to help make business members successful on the Avenue."

In addition to the website, Evens and Bowman are coordinating several committees, and helping pilot the For Recycling on Grand (FROG) along with the Summit Hill Association, City of St. Paul and Ramsey County. They have also already begun planning this year's Grand Old Day festival, scheduled for Sunday, June 3.

Evens hopes to see Grand Avenue continue to be the successful neighborhood shopping district it has become.

"It's hard to be a small business owner, but that's what makes up the character of Grand Avenue," Evens said.

For information about Grand Avenue Business Association, call: 651-699-0029. www.grandave.com

Old Wilder Bush Site's Future Takes a Turn

Since the Wilder Foundation stopped children's residential programming at the old Bush Memorial Children's Home in June 2010, the site at 180 S. Grotto has been of interest to potential developers interested in a choice piece of urban land. First was a large condo project, but that was withdrawn by the developer in January 2011.

In February 2011, several nearby residents met to create an Ad Hoc Committee of Neighbors around 180 South Grotto willing to talk with potential developers interested in discussing any re-use or redevelopment proposal with the surrounding impacted neighbors.

Then in July 2011, a new purchase agreement, conditioned on specific zoning changes to the property, was created between the Wilder Foundation and Wellington Management to purchase and renovate the old Bush program facilities that would then be leased to The Emily Program to operate their Anna Westin House eating disorder treatment program. In addition with this proposal, five single family home lots would be created for sale on the eastern part of the property. The necessary zoning permits for re-establishment of a Non-Conforming Use

that the Bush Home had as a residential facility; and a Conditional Use Permit to make a significant increase in off-street parking that would help take pressure off local street parking were applied for and granted with support from most nearby residents and SHA.

The only thing left for the project is to have City Council approval for re-platting the 2.62 acres parcel form 6 residential lots - 1 for the facility and 5 single-family. Then as of Wednesday, Jan. 16th, all that changed. At this time, it is uncertain if this project, as is, will go forward. For many in the nearby community, this will likely be an unfortunate outcome if it comes to be...since this project was known commodity and far better for most residents than a high-density housing development.

Future Update?

Look for more information in the coming weeks by subscribing on the SHA website www.summithillassociation.org to the SHA E-News Bulletin that provides news to you between the every-other month issues of The Summit. Your email address is protected and you can unsubscribe at any time.

NEW! Free Medicine Collection in Ramsey County

Ramsey County has begun a free medicine collection program for residents to safely dispose of unwanted, expired or unused medicines. Its goal is to prevent crime and protect the environment. Improper disposal allows medicines to enter our lakes and streams and ground water, which can pose a threat to the local environment and wildlife.

Ramsey County accepts medicines in any form at its two public drop boxes, located at the Law Enforcement Center, 425 Grove Street, Saint Paul, and at the Sheriff's Patrol Station, 1411 Paul Kirkwold Drive,

Arden Hills. Hours of operation are 8am-4pm, Monday through Friday. Please keep medicines in their original container so they can be identified and place them in a clear plastic bag. The drop boxes are for individuals only; no medicines will be accepted from businesses, health care facilities, long-term care facilities, pharmacies, doctors' offices or veterinary clinics.

For more information, call 651.633.EASY (3279), available 24/7, or visit www.RamseyAtoZ.com.



A Grand History

Written and edited by local volunteers, the book details the evolution of the neighborhood. It features stories from local families and amazing photographs from private collections and the Minnesota Historical Society. The book is available online at www.summithillassociation.org, the SHA office, the Grand Avenue Bibelot Shop, Common Good Books and the Landmark Center for \$15 + sales tax.



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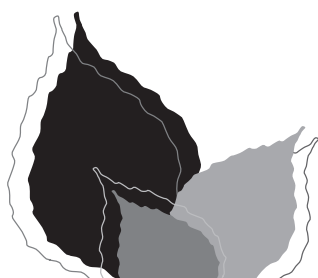
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Jan. 20th Neighborhood Honor Roll Awards Night!



Chad Skally and Darya Orandi Lucas



Kay Raabe, receiving award

What an incredible time had by all at this year's January 20th Neighborhood Honor Roll Awards Night held at the University of St. Thomas to celebrate selected 2011 District Council volunteers from throughout the city. Each January, the 17 District Councils - including District Council 16/Summit Hill Association - recognize and award three volunteers or organizations for their work during the past year.

This year from Summit Hill: Kay Raabe, Chad Skally and Darya Lucas. Kay Raabe for leadership and communications coordination around Wilder Bush Site redevelopment; Chad Skally - SHA Environment Committee volunteer and GABA President; and Darya Orandi Lucas - Baby Banou owner for community tutoring and charitable fundraising. Over 250 citizens turned out to



Jane McClure - key note speaker

celebrate all the many volunteers who were recognized. They were treated to a bountiful spread of appetizers and an outstanding historical overview of St. Paul provided by long-time Highland Villager reporter, Jane McClure.

Accessing the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Line

The Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming Committee recently met with representatives from Metro Transit to learn about the planning process behind creating feeder-bus links to the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Line. The Central Corridor LRT Line will have stops at Lexington, Victoria and Dale Streets along University Avenue (among others), and Metro Transit is exploring ways to help riders access those stations. Because this may include new north/south bus routes through the Summit Hill neighborhood, the Summit Hill Association (SHA) Pedestrian Safety & Traffic Calming Committee is seeking to stay engaged in the discussion and planning.

It's still early in the Metro Transit process, and the PS&TC Committee wants to be certain the voices and opinions of our neighborhood are well represented. To

begin with, we'd like to start soliciting the thoughts of our neighborhood on the Central Corridor LRT line. Do you plan to use the line? How would you like to access the stations? Do you have concerns about new circulator buses on Summit Hill neighborhood streets? What are your biggest worries? We've created a short online form to solicit your thoughts, which you can access at <http://tinyurl.com/shaclrt>. Or you can let us know directly at summithill@visi.com or 651-222-1222.

Look for more updates over the coming months in The Summit newsletter, SHA E-News and Facebook. The Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming Committee meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Linwood Rec Center Senior Lounge. Our meetings are open to the public. Please join us if you are interested in these and other safety & traffic issues.

Apartment/Condo Residents!

Contact SHA to pick up one at the SHA office. Details below.



Recycling Made Easy

Use this bag to store and carry your recycling.

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2. Take bag to recycling area and empty into appropriate recycling containers.
3. Rinse out bag and use again and again.

For more information about recycling service at your building, contact your property manager.

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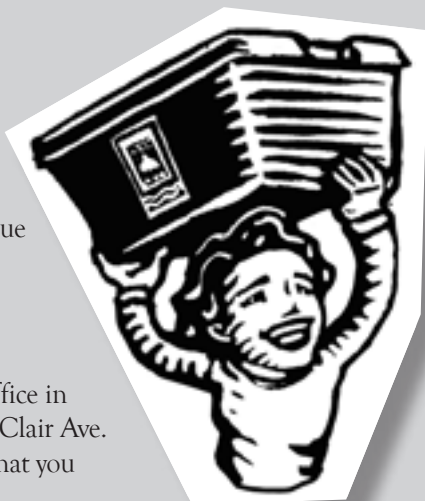
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Need a Blue Recycling Bin?

Blue recycling bins have been a symbol of Saint Paul's recycling program for over 15 years. The city of Saint Paul provides blue bins for curbside recycling at no charge to Saint Paul residents.

Note - Summit Hill Residents:

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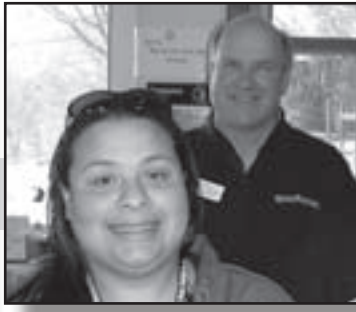
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Linwood Rec Center News

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(651) 298-5660

Linwood staff: John Solberg, Julie Brown, Jim Newman/Recreation Director, John Quesada, and Laurie Pulver

BUILDING HOURS:

Monday	7 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Tuesday	6 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Wednesday	7 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Thursday	6 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday	7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

LINWOOD BOOSTER CLUB!

The Linwood Booster Club helps to make Linwood Recreation Center a nice and enjoyable place for you and your family. The Booster Club has sponsored many events throughout the year and helped make Linwood a relaxing and beautiful facility for you and your family. Booster registrations are available at Linwood Recreation Center. Join the club, become a member today.

PARENT/TODDLER GYM TIME

Linwood 651-298-5660
This is an unstructured gym time for parents and their toddlers to play in our gym during the fall, winter and spring. A variety of toys will be available.
Will start in the fall of 2011

DANCE CLASSES

Instructor: Amy Lee
Please call Linwood for upcoming sessions

Monday Classes: (8 Classes)

Starts Feb 27th-April 16th	
Continuing Creative Movement	\$55
Ages 3-5 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.	
Beginning Creative Movement	\$55
Ages 3-5 11:15- 12:00 noon	
Tot Tumbling	\$55
Ages 3-5 12:00 - 12:45 p.m.	
Beginning Creative Movement	\$55
Ages 4-6 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.	
Continuing Creative Movement	\$55
Ages 5-7 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.	
Beginning Ballet/Tap	\$55
Ages 5-9 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.	
Beginning Ballet 1	\$55
Ages 5-9 5:15 - 6:00 p.m.	

Wednesday Classes: (8 Classes)

Starts Feb 29th- April 18th	
Beginning Creative Movement	\$55
Ages 3-5 3:00 - 3:45 pm	
Continuing Creative Movement I	\$55
Ages 4-6 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.	
Beginning Ballet 1	\$55
Ages 5-9 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.	
Beginning Ballet/Tap	\$55
Ages 5-10:15 - 6:00 p.m.	

Intermediate Ballet 1	
Ages 6-12 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	\$55
Actor's Studio	
Ages 11-16 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	\$55

Amy offers a variety of classes for ages 3 - 16. Her Creative Movement classes explores basic movement and dance concepts while increasing strength and coordination, Ballet & Tap where students will learn the basic techniques essential to building the right muscles for this beautiful, yet demanding art form and Dance Company/ Create a Dance where choreography will be explored and created in group and individual forms. For further information on price range and registration please call Linwood Recreation Center at 651-298-5660, or stop by to pick up a flyer at the center.

ADULT DANCE CLASSES

Instructor: Amy Lee
Beginning Ballet/Jazz
Starts Monday, Feb 27th-April 16th
Mondays, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Fee: \$55 8 Sessions

Beginning Ballet/Tap
Starts Monday, Feb 27th-April 16th
Mondays, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Fee: \$55 8 Sessions

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White/Orange Belt Level
Saturdays, on-going 10:00 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.
Tuesdays, on-going 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Fee: \$45/Month Ages: 6 & up

Green/Red Belt Level
Saturdays, on-going 11:00 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.
Tuesdays, on-going 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Fee: \$45/Month Ages: 6 & up

Adults Classes
Saturdays, on-going 12:00 p.m. - 12:55 p.m.
Tuesdays, on-going 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Fee: \$45/Month

ADULT/SENIOR FITNESS & WELLNESS CLASSES AT LINWOOD

Our certified instructors at Linwood offer a variety of fitness and wellness classes to accommodate all levels of participants in fun atmosphere. All classes are \$5/session. Discounted punch cards are available for purchase. A 20 Fitness Punch Card is \$80, and a 12 Fitness Punch Card is \$54. Punch cards do not expire and may be used for any Linwood aerobics class. Punch cards may not be used for the Exercise/Weight room. For class descriptions pick up a Central Area brochure at Linwood Rec. Center.

Early Bird Cardio Workout
Instructor: Cliff Swynigan
Tuesday/Thursday 6:00 a.m.

Pilates Based Exercise
Instructor: Cliff Swynigan
Tuesday/Thursday 6:15 p.m.

Complete Fitness Challenge
Instructor: Colleen Tusa
Tuesday 10:30 a.m.
Friday 9:30 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Forever Fit
Instructor: Teresa Davenport
Monday 9:15 a.m.

55 Plus Fitness
Instructor: Teresa Davenport
Tuesday/Thursday 9:15 a.m.

Yoga
Instructor: Teresa Davenport
Wednesday 9:15 a.m. & 7:45 p.m.
Friday 12:00 p.m. & 1:15 p.m.

FITNESS/WEIGHT ROOM
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- A copy of the youth's birth certified must be on file at the recreation center
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- Late registrations may be charged a late fee

Volunteer Coaches
Saint Paul Parks and Recreation offers a variety of coaching opportunities in youth athletics. As a volunteer coach you can help develop young athletes, provide leadership, promote good sportsmanship and be a positive role model. If you have experience or are willing to learn coaching fundamentals, we can give you the necessary skills and tools. All coaches will be trained through Saint Paul's coaching certification program. All coaches are required to consent to a background check. The average time commitment is 2-3 hours per week for approximately 8 weeks. Please contact Linwood for more info!

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SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS: hush...There's the Rub

by Ken Bayliss



When the ravages of time, or injury, or stress bring us to realize that we are not in touch with our bodies, we need a cure. Sometimes we need to see a physician; sometimes a physical therapist. But there are other options. hush Therapeutic Massage, located in the lower concourse of the Oxford Mall at 1053 Grand Avenue, offers patrons an opportunity to, as owner Mindy Geraets suggests, "develop better relationships with their bodies."

Geraets, a South Dakota native who came to Minnesota twelve years ago, is not the stereotypical image of a massage therapist. She's slight and does not sport the physique of an East German shot-put champion. She believes in relaxation and never "beats up" the bodies of her clients; and she focuses on establishing a rapport with her clients that extends beyond the physical world.

According to Geraets, "The biggest misconception about massage is that it's a luxury or a treat." In reality, "... it reduces stress, engages the central nervous system, and releases feel-good hormones." Relaxation massages are on offer at hush, as are massages that deal with specific problems, such as chronic pain, headaches, sports injuries, or even dystonia, a condition that involves involuntary muscular contractions and abnormal posture.

Geraets, who lives in the neighborhood, is a licensed massage therapist, a graduate of

CenterPoint Massage Therapy School, and a member of the American Massage Therapy Association. In most cities massage therapists are not required to be licensed, but St. Paul requires licensure and has specific, detailed rules for massage therapy businesses, including provisions concerning building construction and maintenance, requiring insurance, and allowing inspections by city departments.

Many clients of the business come from the Grand Avenue neighborhood, but they also come from Minneapolis, the suburbs, and even Wisconsin. Geraets says that it is her ability to listen to her clients and adapt her services to their needs that differentiates her from other massage therapists. Her pleasant demeanor and her ability to listen make it easy to understand why her business is such an attractive option for those seeking massage therapy.

Finally, hush Therapeutic Massage is excited to welcome massage therapist, Laura Evans, to their staff. In addition to working with people who are new to massage, she is very gifted at providing clients relief from headaches, migraines and the effects of chronic stress. Look for her profile and appointment calendar at www.hushstudio.com



Gabbing on Grand News from the Grand Avenue Business Association

As you make your plans for 2012, take a moment to put these dates on your calendar!

Grand Old Day	Sunday, June 3
Paws on Grand	Sunday, August 5
Boo Bash	Sunday, Oct. 28
Grand Meander	Saturday, Dec. 2

Did you know that close to 90% of the businesses on the Avenue are locally owned? We would like to thank everyone who supported Grand Avenue businesses and shopped local this past year. Your support of local businesses helps keep the Avenue a vibrant and thriving St. Paul destination. We look forward to a magnificent year ahead!

www.grandave.com

In January, GABA launched a completely redesigned website. www.grandave.com now features new photos of the Avenue, detailed member business listings with social media feeds, coupons, a blog and detailed event pages. We are thrilled about the improvements and are confident that the new website will be a benefit to member businesses and those looking for information about the



Avenue. There will be a mobile version of the new website, which will make it seamless to use on your portable devices. Visit www.grandave.com today!

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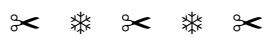
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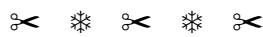


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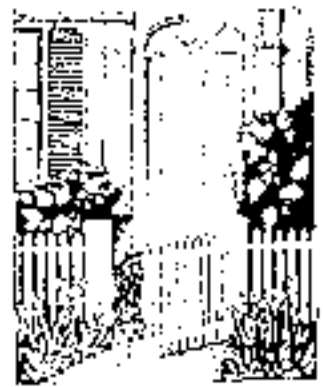
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