

# The Summit

• News from the Neighborhood •

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## Summit Hill/District 16 Neighborhood Plan Approved!

Active resident and business support made the difference

On February 15, 2006, the St. Paul City Council approved, on a 5 to 1 vote, the District 16 Neighborhood Plan, as proposed by the Summit Hill Association. Nearly 100 people attended the hearing in support of the plan. This strong showing and thousands of hours of hard work by hundreds of people over the past 3 years made this approval possible. A big thank you to everyone who participated in some way. These efforts sent a positive message that a thoughtful community voice still matters in St. Paul.

The elements of the plan which were under debate and were ultimately approved are as follows.

### Scale and Height Limits

Adopt limitations on the height and scale on new buildings on East Grand Avenue in an overlay district, as follows:

1. Limit new buildings to a footprint of 25,000 square feet or less.

2. Limit new building total size, above ground, to 75,000 square feet or less, including parking
3. Limit building height to three (3) stories, or to thirty feet (30') for commercial projects and to thirty-six feet (36') for mixed commercial and residential projects, whichever is lower. No additional height will be allowed, even with setbacks.

### Independent Businesses

SHA recommends implementing mechanisms for supporting and retaining small, locally-owned businesses. Such mechanisms may include, for example, the adoption of standards to limit the number of formula business establishments on East Grand Avenue, campaigns by the community to promote small businesses, or an assessment district to subsidize small, independent businesses. The City will conduct a study on where and how to support independent businesses, which may result in changes to code or procedures.

### Design Standards

Adopt TN2 design standards for East Grand Avenue in an overlay district. These design standards reinforce human-scale building characteristics, promote quality in architectural materials, reinforce a pedestrian-focused streetscape, promote underground parking for mixed use developments, and visually-screened surface parking for smaller, single-use developments, and promote signage that is consistent with building architecture and business function, and complements the eclectic nature of the avenue.

### Parking

Eliminate the "Rule of Five" parking regulation from East Grand Avenue.

Now the final step in the plan adoption process is underway. The City Council approved the plan in concept, but City Planning staff must now draft the ordinances to make the plan legal. These ordinances will go back through

Planning Commission and City Council review process to be adopted. The estimated timeline for this process follows:

### April

1. City staff prepares amendment to the zoning ordinance creating the Grand Avenue zoning overlay.
2. Zoning ordinance sent to SHA for review.
3. Planning Commission's Neighborhood and Current Planning Committee (NCPC) reviews the draft ordinance. NCPC makes recommendation to the Planning Commission, which then sets a public hearing about 30 days later.

### May-June

1. Planning Commission (PC) public hearing held to take comments on draft ordinance. PC then sends ordinance back to the NCPC, with

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## Summit Hill Votes to Join New Central Corridor Organization

Collaborative Formed to Involve Citizens in Light Rail Planning

At its March 9th Board meeting, the Summit Hill Association/District 16 Planning Council voted to join the District Councils Collaborative of St. Paul and Minneapolis (DCC) recently formed to involve citizens in light rail planning along the Central Corridor. Though District 16 does not abut the corridor, SHA Board members spoke of the need to be involved in the planning as it is likely that traffic will increase in our district due to the development of light rail down University Avenue. SHA Board members Linda Winsor and Dianna Krogstad will represent District 16 on the DCC. Before the March 9th vote, eight St Paul District Councils and three Minneapolis Neighborhood

Associations comprised the collaborative association designed to facilitate neighborhood participation in shaping the direction of future Central Corridor transit development.

The District Councils Collaborative of St. Paul and Minneapolis (DCC) was formed to help neighborhoods navigate through the complex web of information and planning processes, and ensure that the needs and interests of residents and businesses are fully represented in Central Corridor transit decisions. Faced with the extraordinary scale and complexity of the eleven-mile-long transit project, the District Councils concluded that a joint effort was required to help local communities participate in a

knowledgeable and meaningful way in the planning and building process. So the Collaborative was formed to serve as the combined voice of the District Councils and Neighborhood Associations on Central Corridor transit issues.

With increasing talk of rapid transit coming to University Avenue, people who live, work or shop along the avenue have many questions about what changes will take place and how their lives will be affected by what Mayor Chris Coleman has called "the largest project our city has seen in a generation". The Collaborative is uniquely positioned to address these

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## Let Them Cross Safely.

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### Take Caution in Crosswalks

Even though state law requires motorists to stop and yield the right-of-way to pedestrians at all marked and unmarked intersections where traffic control signals are not in operation, please take caution when crossing any street. No stop sign or crosswalk ever stopped a motorist who didn't want to stop!

If you experience or witness motorists violating this law, call the St. Paul Police Department non-emergency number at 651-291-1111 (so that there is a record of the incident) and call the Summit Hill Association at 222-1222.

#### Why does the Minnesota crosswalk law exist?

Each year in our country, approximately 6,000 pedestrians are killed and up to 100,000 are injured in motor vehicle crashes. In 1997, 58 pedestrians were killed and 1,434 were injured in Minnesota.

#### What is the penalty for breaking this law?

A person who violates Minnesota's pedestrian law is guilty of a misdemeanor and may be sentenced to 90 days in jail or required to pay a \$700 fine, or both.

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- the PC hearing comments, for the Committee to review, revise if necessary and make recommendation again to the Planning Commission.
- NCPC meets, reviews, revises if necessary and make recommendation to Planning Commission.
- Planning Commission considers NCPC recommendation and votes to forward a Planning Commission resolution for action to the Mayor for review - who refers it on to the City Council for review.
- Based on the Planning Commission recommendation and the Mayor's input, Planning staff makes revisions to the draft ordinance and forwards on to the City Council.

#### July-August

- City Council puts the ordinance on its agenda for four reading (third reading is the public hearing)
- City Council votes at its fourth reading whether to approve or deny the ordinance.

You can contact our office or check the website for updates on this process. If you are interested in helping see this plan through its final stage, please let us know.

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questions; the member District Councils bring years of experience in working on local issues, facilitating broad-based community dialogue, identifying local concerns, and advocating for policies to benefit their neighborhoods.

To identify community concerns, the Collaborative will reach out to a broad range of groups and individuals, with particular efforts being made to ensure that under-represented populations are included in discussions and decision-making. Because the proposed new transit route will cross neighborhood boundaries and profoundly affect the lives of people all along the corridor, we see this as an opportunity to engage traditionally disenfranchised groups in a knowledgeable and meaningful way, as they come to recognize the significance of the changes that transit will bring to their neighborhoods. The District Councils Collaborative is

## Meet Your Neighbors, Share a Great Meal!

Have you heard about the Summit Hill Association's **Progressive Supper**? It's been a neighborhood tradition for over twenty years. Twice a year, in April and November, the Summit Hill Association sponsors this wonderful event. The evening consists of four courses, each of which is served in a different home. Neighbors visit a different host home for social hour (appetizers), soup or salad, main course, and dessert. Each participating household serves one course to six to twelve guests. It's a great opportunity to meet new Summit Hill residents, and to reconnect with familiar neighbors. And, of course, the food is always fabulous!

The Spring Progressive Supper is slated for Saturday, April 29. Cost for participation in the supper is \$5.00 per household. To participate, please complete the form below, include a check for \$5.00 (made out to SHA) and mail to:

Ethelyn Rupp • 1011 Goodrich Avenue • Saint Paul, MN 55105.

For more information, or to reserve space by phone, please call Ethelyn Rupp at 227-1563 or Tammy Haas at 227-4023. **The deadline for registration is April 19.**

### Spring Progressive Supper Registration Saturday, April 29, 6:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate 1st and 2nd choices for the course you wish to serve, and the number of people to be served (minimum 8, including the hosts):

1st Choice	2nd Choice		Number to be served:
_____	_____	Social Hour (6:00 – 7:00 p.m.)	_____
_____	_____	Soup or Salad (7:15 – 8:15 p.m.)	_____
_____	_____	Main Course (8:30 – 9:45 p.m.)	_____
_____	_____	Dessert (10:00 – 11:00 p.m.)	_____

Enclose a check for \$5 made out to the Summit Hill Association and mail it with this completed form to: Ethelyn Rupp, 1011 Goodrich Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105



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## How Are We Doing?

As we publish each issue of *The Summit* newsletter, we are always looking for ways to improve the newsletter that we send to you – our readers. Please take a moment to send us your suggestions, criticism and kudo (we'll take those too!) as to what you think about *The Summit*. Our email address is [summithill@visi.com](mailto:summithill@visi.com) and our address is 860 St. Clair Ave. Thanks. *The Editors*

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# Event Updates

## May 13<sup>th</sup> Cleanup - Help Make the Neighborhood Shine!

The annual Summit Hill Neighborhood Cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 13th from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Residents from District 16 are encouraged to clean out their garages, basements, attics and yards and bring unwanted items for disposal and recycling to the cleanup site on Pleasant Avenue between the Ramsey County compost site and Victoria Avenue.

**Items such as concrete, construction debris, scrap metals, fluorescent light bulbs, and reusable and broken household goods will be collected for a \$5 to \$15 gate fee (depending on size of vehicle) at**

**the entrance to the cleanup site.** Additional items such as small electronics, and tires will be collected for a small fee (\$5-\$15). As always, there will also be a special site for reusable items which are free for the taking. Donations to help defray the costs of the cleanup will be welcomed. Proof of residency (such as a driver's license or utility bill) in District 16 will be required for all drop-offs.

For additional information about the cleanup consult the flyer that will be mailed to all District 16 residents closer to the cleanup date or call the SHA office at 222-1222.

The cleanup is a perfect opportunity to organize your block for an alley, boulevard, or park cleanup. We can help you print flyers for your block if you choose to plan a block cleanup event.

### Volunteers Needed That Day!

As in years past, we are looking for volunteers to help with sorting and monitoring the drop off site. It would be great to see some new people helping out those faithful volunteers who show up year after year. If you can help, please call the SHA office at 222-1222 to sign up for a 3-1/2 hour shift of work. Volunteers will be rewarded with a free lunch and free disposal of one load of materials.

## What a Great Way to Clean the House! May 6<sup>th</sup> Summit Hill Neighborhood Garage Sale

The Summit Hill Association will once again sponsor a spring neighborhood garage sale on Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m. until mid-afternoon.

Buying used goods saves money and gives you a chance to help the environment by recycling. 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 the following Saturday.

### Participation fee!

This year, the participation fee has increased to \$15 fee for which participating households will receive copies of the Sale Site Listings flyer prior to the sale (also available to the community), two bright yellow "Summit Hill Garage Sale" posters, and advertising metro wide. SHA advertises the sale in the two daily city-wide newspapers, in smaller neighborhood papers and on the SHA website. Participating residents coordinate and staff their own garage sales and retain all proceeds. Consider having your own sale or join together with a neighbor. We must have 20 participants in order to hold the sale. If you wish to participate, please fill out the form below and send it to the SHA office by Friday, April 28th. If you have an email address, please include it so we can contact you easier.

**Please note:** Participants will need to pick up their flyers and posters at the SHA office after Thursday, May 4th.

Additional flyers with the locations of all participating sales and the categories of items for sale will be available for the general public to pick up at the information table outside the SHA office in the Linwood Community Center starting

Thursday, May 4th. On the day of the sale, each sale location will also have flyers made available.

For more information about the garage sale, call the SHA office at 222-1222.

## Garage Sale Sign-Up Sheet

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Sale \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Any special directions to reach your sale? \_\_\_\_\_

### Check items you will have for sale:

- |  |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> maternity clothing  | <input type="checkbox"/> toys                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> women's clothing    | <input type="checkbox"/> sports equipment           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> children's clothing | <input type="checkbox"/> cassettes/records/CDs/DVDs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> men's clothing      | <input type="checkbox"/> dishes/household wares     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> baby clothing       | <input type="checkbox"/> appliances                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> baby items          | <input type="checkbox"/> garden/yard equip.         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> furniture           | <input type="checkbox"/> miscellaneous              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> antiques            | <input type="checkbox"/> collectibles               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____         |   |

**To be included on the list of sales, you must return this form with \$15 by Friday, April 28th**  
Checks should be made out to the Summit Hill Association, and sent to 860 St. Clair Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105.  
Thank you.



## 2006 SHA MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Meetings are held in the Linwood Community Center, 860 St. Clair Avenue
- Dates and times may change - call SHA office to confirm: 651-222-1222
- Executive Committee: last Thursday, 3 PM
- Board of Directors: 2nd Thursday, 7 PM
- Pedest. Safety/Traffic Calming: 2nd Mon. 7 PM
- Zoning/Land Use: 1st Thursday, 7 PM (not monthly; call to confirm schedule)

### Recycling: Every Friday, 7 am

#### APRIL

- 10 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming
- 13 Board of Directors
- 27 Executive Committee
- 29 Spring Progressive Supper

#### MAY

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- 11 Board of Directors
- 11 Summit Newsletter Deadline
- 13 Annual Neighborhood Cleanup
- 25 Executive Committee

#### JUNE

- 4 Grand Old Day
- 8 Board of Directors
- 12 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming
- 29 Executive Committee

#### JULY

- 10 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming
- 13 Summit Newsletter Deadline
- 13 Board of Directors
- 27 Executive Committee

#### AUGUST

- 10 Board of Directors
- 14 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming
- 31 Executive Committee

#### SEPTEMBER

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- 11 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming
- 14 Board of Directors
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**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:  
NOON, MAY 11**

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### It is against the law to park within:

- 30 feet of a stop sign or traffic light
- 20 feet of a sidewalk at an intersection
- 10 feet of a fire hydrant
- 5 feet from alleys and driveways

Call St. Paul Parking Enforcement at 266-5585 for problem parkers and help make the neighborhood safer for pedestrians AND drivers.

# SHA News and

## It's Coming Later This Fall: "These Old Houses" 2006 Summit Hill House Tour

The Summit Hill House Tour is set for Sunday, October 8, 2006. Many generous neighbors will open their unique and beautiful homes for this walking tour of our historic neighborhood. Visitors will experience a wide array of houses and condominiums and interiors and architectural styles. **We are still looking at houses for the tour, so if you would be interested in having your house on this fabulous tour, please call the SHA office at 651-222-1222.** It is a fun experience and a great motivator to get those little projects done!

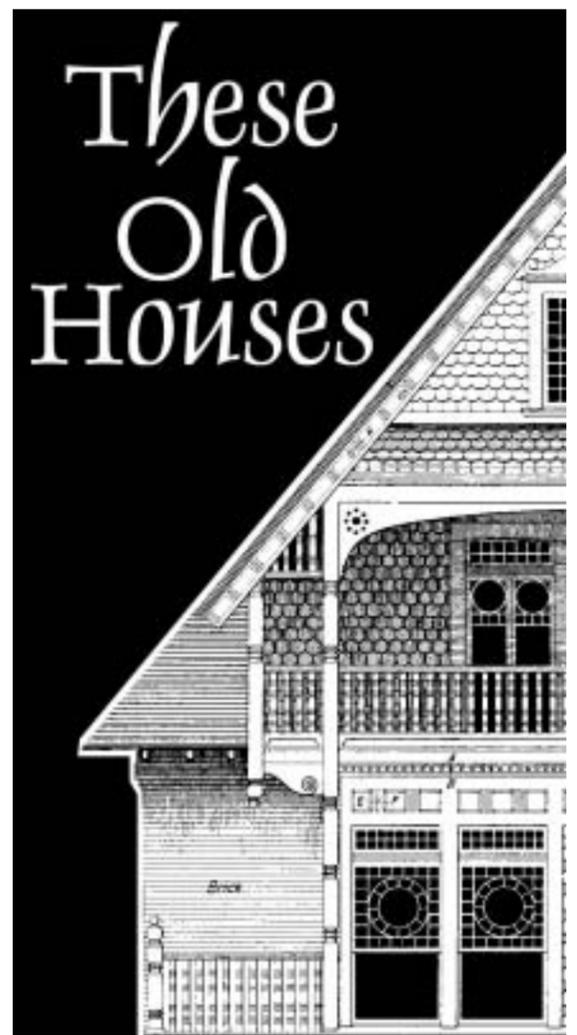
Since it began in 1972, the Summit Hill House Tour has been a highlight for tourists and local residents alike. It remains one of the most popular historic house tours in Minnesota and draws visitors from all over the state and the upper Midwest. The Summit Hill Association relies on this biennial fund-raiser to support all of its activities including neighborhood crime prevention, citizen participation in zoning and other neighborhood planning activities, recycling and public space initiatives.

### Volunteers will be needed!

To have a successful event and neighborhood fundraiser, we need your assistance on the day of the House Tour. Benefits and responsibilities are as follows:

- Work one 3-1/2 hour shift in one of the homes. Your duties will be simple and will be clearly explained.
- Receive a Summit Hill House Tour T-shirt and a free ticket for the tour.
- As a volunteer you will be allowed access into the houses without having to wait in line.
- Work and tour with your friends. We will arrange to have you and your friends volunteer in the same house if you request it.
- All volunteers are invited to a picnic after the tour to help us celebrate our hard work and success.

To volunteer, go to the SHA website now at [www.summithillassociation.org](http://www.summithillassociation.org), click on House Tour in the side menu and follow the link to fill out the volunteer form. Remember to click "submit" when form is complete. Or you can complete and send in the following form. You will receive confirmation by mail after we receive the information requested below.



# These Old Houses

## SHA Website - A Good Source for Neighborhood Information

Established in June 2004, the Summit Hill Association Website at [www.summithillassociation.org](http://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 other 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. In 2006, look for photographs previewing homes on the Summit Hill House Tour (next SHA Tour is October 8, 2006) - this is our major fund raiser for the Summit Hill Association.

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!



## Summit Hill pedestrian safety lawn signs are available now for \$5 each.

Send a check made out to the Summit Hill Association, along with the information below to:

The Summit Hill Association  
860 St. Clair Avenue., St. Paul, MN 55105

For more information, call the office: 651-222-1222.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Qty of signs: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## 2006 Summit Hill House Tour Volunteer Form

Fill out this form and send it to:  
860 St. Clair Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105

Name \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt sizes for you (adult sizes): M L XL XXL

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want to work with a friend(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Friends:

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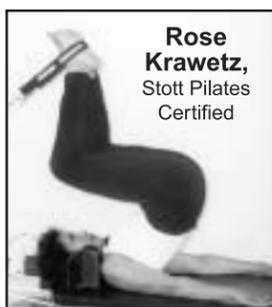
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# Event Updates

## Have an Idea? Let Us Know!

If you have an idea for improving our community please share it by contacting the SHA by mail, e-mail, web site or phone. See the front cover for contact information.

## Crime Prevention Connection

### Shining a Light on Crime:

Turn on your outside lights; turn off your crime potential. Repeated studies and ongoing advice from area police suggests that turning on your outside lights each evening may significantly reduce crime in and around your home. A well lit home indicates that someone is probably home. Burglars and criminals don't want an audience!

At the recent winter Building/Block Leader meeting, Officer Jeff Jacobsen from the St Paul Police Department advocated a number of simple and cost effective means for crime prevention with outdoor lighting one of the major means discussed. He is the Department's resource for the "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design" (CPTED) Program. This program is designed to provide ideas to residents and businesses as well, to create both a safe and aesthetically pleasing environment.

There are any number of outdoor lighting options available at local stores for purchase that can enhance the beauty of your home or business **and** create a well-lit and safer outdoor zone. Law enforcement suggests that motion lights may not be your best option since many are unreliable and can even cause concern when they are repeatedly set off by neighborhood "critters" as mine often is. Instead they recommend lighting that is normally left on during the dark for crime deterrence. Police also recommend that lights be placed as high as possible on houses and garages so that light bulbs can not easily be removed or broken by possible intruders. Lights either with timers or connected to timers, assure that your lights will always be on when you need them even if you are away or on vacation. Interior lights on timers are also a good idea if you are out shopping for lights and timers.

While we are all concerned about saving energy given the recent spikes in energy costs, running outdoor lighting regularly is not an expensive proposition for peace of mind. Lighting a 100 watt bulb every night (an average of 10 hours/night) costs about 7 cents/night or less than \$26.00 annually. Neighborhoods that are well lit "shine" the message that crime is not welcome here.

Excel Energy offers automatic protective alley lighting for residential and com-

mercial use through the "Nightwatch" Program. Here are some highlights of the Program:

- Nightwatch lights are installed on existing wood alley poles
- A 100 watt area HPS Nightwatch Light is the standard for residential customers
- The cost is \$7.16/month plus all applicable taxes & fees. The charge can only be billed to one customer.
- The monthly cost includes energy & maintenance for the light.
- A one time installation cost of \$10 plus tax will be applied to the first bill.
- If a wood pole does not currently exist, additional charges & restrictions will apply.
- The average time frame for installation is approximately 6 weeks.
- No permission is required from neighbors whose properties and/or alley section may be impacted by a Nightwatch lighting installation.

Contact the Excel Energy Outdoor Lighting Department, 1-800-960-6235 for information on new Nightwatch installations, repairs to existing Nightwatch lights, repairs of street lights maintained by Excel Energy, the removal of an existing Nightwatch light (customer only requests) and any additional street light or Nightwatch questions. **TURN ON YOUR OUTSIDE LIGHTS, TURN-OFF YOUR CRIME POTENTIAL!**

### Hi Neighbors!

Recently I had a call from an area resident that I have come to call, "Eggs on a Saturday Night". Apparently this individual has had his property "egged" several times over the years, most recently this past February. Without going into the chemistry of the egging process on stucco and siding, suffice it to say that egging produces a horrid mess that is expensive to repair. The resident called not to complain however but to praise area police for their empathy, prompt responses and polite behavior in the face of his scrambled mess. We are indeed fortunate to live in a city and neighborhood where law enforcement professionals behave professionally. Give me a call or drop me a note, I am always interested in your experiences with area police.

The St Paul Police Department is sponsoring a "Give Crime a Going Away Party", Thursday, May 18, 2006 at Como Park as a kick-off to preparations for Neighborhood Night Out, Tuesday, August 1, 2006. Chief John Harrington and Mayor Chris Coleman will host this event in May. Mark your calendars with both these dates for a fun evening directed towards the entire family.

Neighborhood Night Out will be held August 1st of this year throughout the City of St Paul. It is not too early to start planning a celebration in your neighborhood for your Block or Building Club neighbors. For information on obtaining permits for blocking off your street, arrangements to

have police and/or firefighters come to your celebration and other information call us at the SHA office and/or check out the National Night Out website [www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/about](http://www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/about). I have lots of ideas to make your celebration fun. You may want to consider asking for donations for prizes from local businesses to add sparkle to your party. Contact me if you would like a copy of an information sheet called "Tips for Asking for a Donation for National Night Out from Local Businesses".

### Friendly Reminders:

Do your children know how and when to dial "911" in an emergency? Even children as young as three years old can be taught to call for help. Try a "let's pretend game" to teach children appropriate times to call 911.

Do you know the police non-emergency phone number to report suspicious circumstances? Remember; let the law enforcement professionals decide if you are in doubt. Are your cell phones and land lines programmed to this number just in case? When out and about, is your cell phone with you?

**The police non-emergency telephone # is 651-291-1111.**

### Spring Holiday Crime Prevention

If a spring holiday is on your calendar this year remember to take precautions to make your absence invisible to potential burglars. Cancel your mail and newspaper subscriptions or ask a reliable neighbor to pick them up daily,

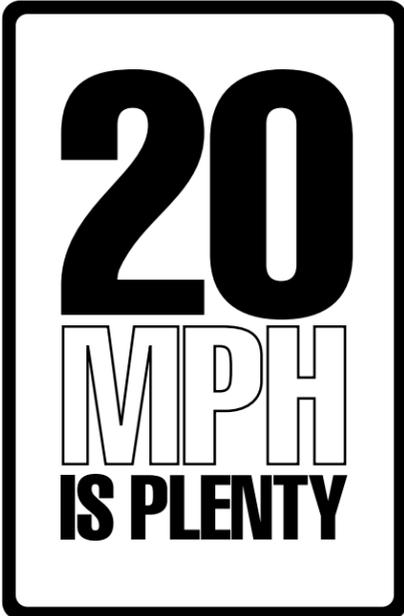
install interior timers on lights, install new or additional outdoor security lighting, and arrange to have your home shoveled and your driveway driven upon should we experience one of those heavy wet spring snowstorms. Contact the free Vacation Watch Program supported by reserve officers of the St Paul Police Department for periodic police surveillance. Call St. Paul Police Department Community Services, 651-558-2350 to request this service.

Refer to the SHA website: [www.summithillassociation.org](http://www.summithillassociation.org) or call the SHA Office, 651-222-1222 for further information. **We value your ideas and welcome your comments.**

Diane Hilden,  
Crime Prevention Coordinator  
cpc@summithillassociation.org  
[www.summithillassociation.org](http://www.summithillassociation.org)

## Sign Up for E-Mail News from SHA

Aside from the new SHA Web site, SHA is working hard to improve communications by creating an email contact list for important announcements (issues, events, meetings) that are time sensitive. If you want to be on the email list, go to our web site homepage at [www.summithillassociation.org](http://www.summithillassociation.org), click on "Electronic News" and enter your information. All email listings are private and messages will be sent out with all addresses in the blind.



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# Our Season of Some Discontent: Street Rebuilding

by Eric Hedberg

As what little snow we have had fades away, the street construction season in District 16 west of Victoria begins. As described in several past issues of The Summit, many of the residential streets and avenues in our district, west of Victoria, will be rebuilt starting this spring and lasting through the end of fall. The project is a part of the city's long-term effort to rebuild city streets in small sections at a time – it's called the Residential Street Vitality Paving Program (RSVP). The following streets scheduled for rebuilding are:

- Three north-south streets – Oxford and Chatsworth from St. Clair to Summit and Milton from Benhill to Summit.
- Six east-west avenues will be rebuilt: Linwood, Osceola, and Goodrich from Victoria to Lexington; Lombard from Milton to Lexington; Fairmount from Victoria to Oxford; and Lincoln from Victoria to Ayd Mill Road.
- Sections of streets not included in this list have been rebuilt during the sewer separation in 1990 or for other reasons.

Recently, you should have received a letter from St. Paul Department of Public Works alerting you to a City Council public hearing on April 5th at which time the 2006 District 16 Street Rebuilding Project will be formally approved. Your specific assessment amount for this project was also noted in that mailing. In May, you will receive another mailing from the city which will include contact names and numbers for answering questions you might have during the project construction period. Information will include alerting you to the need to remove your plantings from the boulevard and removing underground sprinkler systems in the boulevard.

## Here's a short list of things neighbors west of Victoria need to do:

As soon as possible, move plants, landscaping materials, brick pavers, gnomes and other personal possessions from the boulevard. If you have mounded topsoil, you may want to relocate that also. When the construction crews come in they will be stripping the boulevards in

preparation for water connections and regrading.

Lead pipe connections from water mains to the shutoff valves in the boulevard will be replaced. If you want to replace your original lead line from the boulevard valve to the house, that is your responsibility. If you are not sure whether your line has been already replaced, contact the Saint Paul Regional Water Service engineering department at 651-266-6270 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The Ask St. Paul web site answers many questions regarding lead pipes. Go to <http://www.stpaul.gov/asp/d14.html> for frequently asked questions about water services. If you decide to replace your line ask your neighbors if they intend to do it also. Sometimes residents can get discount pricing by working together with a plumbing contractor.

After the curbs and streets are rebuilt, boulevards will be regraded from the sidewalk to the curb. Residents will

receive new topsoil and sod on their boulevard unless they contact the city project engineer after receiving the May mailing and contact information.

Each house will also get a concrete outwalk (sidewalk) installed from the main sidewalk to the street as part of the project unless, again, the homeowner contacts the project engineer. The outwalk will be located to line up with the existing private walk to the house unless an adjacent tree is less than 5 feet away. In those cases, the sidewalk will be moved to protect the tree.

Projects like this mean noise, dirt, and often a bit of confusion. The SHA Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming Committee will be working with the project engineer to keep things working as smoothly as possible. It will try everyone's patience a bit, but in the end we hope to see streets that are historically sensitive, pedestrian safe, and perhaps lined with some nice new boulevard gardens.

## Thank You SHA Contributors!

A heartfelt "thank you" goes out to the following neighbors and businesses who have generously contributed to the 2005 Summit Hill Association's annual appeal (as of March 10th). The contributions will help us pay for projects and services that benefit the entire neighborhood.

Though charitable giving has been reduced for many organizations due to the economy, national and international crises, we have been fortunate to have surpassed our 2004 contribution totals. We appreciate your generosity under these conditions. SHA depends on contribution from this annual appeal and the biannual House Tour to supplement our city grant that only partially covers our yearly expenses. So, if you have not yet sent in your 2005 donation, please do so today. If we accidentally forgot your name, please give us a call and let us know.

If you were unable to contribute this year due to limited income we appreciate your response to the questionnaire that accompanied our annual appeal. Your remarks and suggestions and those of all respondents to the questionnaire were helpful and, often, rewarding. Thank you for your contributions and support.

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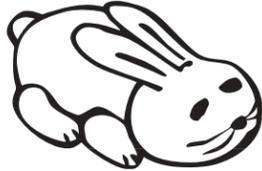
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# Linwood Rec Center News

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TTY: (651) 266-6378**

## 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. – 9 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Sunday	CLOSED

For further information about upcoming sessions and fees, please call Linwood Recreation Center, 651-298-5660

## LINWOOD BOOSTER CLUB!

The Linwood Booster Club helps to make Linwood Recreation Center a nice and enjoyable place for you and your family. They have sponsored many events throughout the year and help make Linwood a relaxing and beautiful facility for you and your family. A yearly family membership provides your family with benefits, such as: reduced fees for team sports, free events, special mailings, possible tax deduction, and the opportunity to support activities, programs, facilities and equipment at Linwood Recreation Center. The registration fee is just \$15 per year. 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 large movement toys will be available.  
Begins Sept. 8; On-going  
Thursdays 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
Free, Ages 5 & under

## ADULT TAP DANCE (NEW TO LINWOOD)

Linwood 651-298-5660  
Instructor: J. Zabala

## DANCE: TAP (Beginning)

It's never too late to start! Learn the fundamentals and traditional steps of tap in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. Emphasis is on sound and proper technique. Wear comfortable clothing and tap or hard soled shoes. No tennis shoes.  
Mondays 7:00-8 p.m.

## DANCE: TAP (Advanced Beginning/Intermediate)

"Brush" up on your skill and have fun tapping. Review the basics and learn new steps and combinations. Emphasis is on sound and proper technique. Wear comfortable clothing and tap or hard sole shoes. No tennis shoes.  
Mondays 8:05-9 p.m.

## DANCE CLASSES

Instructor: Amy Lee

### Monday Classes:

**Beginning Creative Movement**  
Ages 3 - 5 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.  
**Tot Tumbling**  
Ages 2-1/2 - 3 11:15am - 12:00 p.m.  
**Tot Tumbling**  
Ages 3 - 4 12:00 - 12:45 p.m.  
**Beginning Creative Movement**  
Ages 3 - 5 2:15 - 3:00 p.m.  
**Continuing Creative Movement 1**  
Ages 4 - 6 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.  
**Continuing Creative Movement 2**  
Ages 5 - 7 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.  
**Beginning Ballet 2**  
Ages 5 - 9 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.  
**Beginning Ballet 1**  
Ages 5 - 9 5:15 - 6:00 p.m.  
**Continuing Ballet/Tap**  
Ages 6 - 12 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

### Wednesday Classes

**Beginning Children's Yoga**  
Ages 3 - 5 2:15 - 3:00 p.m.  
**Beginning Creative Movement**  
Ages 3 - 5 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.  
**Continuing Creative Movement**  
Ages 4 - 6 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.  
**Beginning Ballet 1**  
Ages 5 - 9 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.  
**Beginning Ballet/Tap**  
Ages 5 -10 5:15 - 6:00 p.m.  
**Intermediate Ballet 1**  
Ages 6 -12 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
**Intermediate Ballet 2**  
Ages 9 - 14 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
**Dance Company/Create A Dance**  
Ages 11 -16 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Amy offers a variety of classes for ages 2-1/2 - 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 please pick up a flyer at Linwood Rec. Center or call at 651-298-5660.

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## Introductory Classes for New Students:

Saturdays	Sept 10	9-9:55 a.m.
8 sessions	Fee:	\$70
Saturdays	Nov 5	9-9:55 a.m.
8 sessions	Fee:	\$70

## White/Orange Belt Level

Saturdays	10-10:55 a.m.
Tuesdays	4:30-5:30 p.m.
Fee:	\$35/Month On-going

## Green/Red Belt Level

Saturdays	11:50am-11:40 a.m.
Tuesdays	5:30pm-6:30 p.m.
Fee:	\$35/Month On-going

## 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 24 Fitness Punch Card is \$60, and a 16 Fitness Punch Card is \$45. 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 SA3 brochure at Linwood Rec. Center.

## CARDIO WORKOUT:

Instructor: Teresa Davenport  
Mon/Wed 9:15am

## COMPLETE FITNESS CHALLENGE:

Instructor: Colleen Tusa  
Tues 10:30 a.m.,  
Fri 9:30 a.m. & Sat 9 a.m.

## EARLY BIRD CARDIO WORKOUT:

Instructor: Cliff Swynigan  
Tues/Thurs 6 a.m.

## 55 PLUS FITNESS CLASS:

Instructor: Teresa Davenport  
Tues/Thurs 9:15a.m.

## PILATES BASED EXERCISE:

Instructor: Cliff Swynigan  
Tues/Thurs 6:15 p.m.

## YOGA

Instructor: Teresa Davenport  
Wed 7:45 p.m., Fri 12 p.m. & 7:45 p.m., Fri 1:15 p.m.  
(Seniors Only)

## YOUTH SPORTS REGISTRATION (SUMMER)

- Open to all St. Paul residents
- Non-St. Paul residents may register if they attend school in St. Paul
- A \$30 non-resident fee will be charged in addition to the sport fee
- A copy of the youth's birth

certified must be on file at the recreation center

- Late registration will be accepted if roster space is available
- Late registrations may be charged a late fee

T-BALL: Ages 5-7

NEAR BALL: Ages 7-8

BASEBALL: Ages 9-15

SOFTBALL: Ages 9-14

\*Registration begins April 3-May 1\*

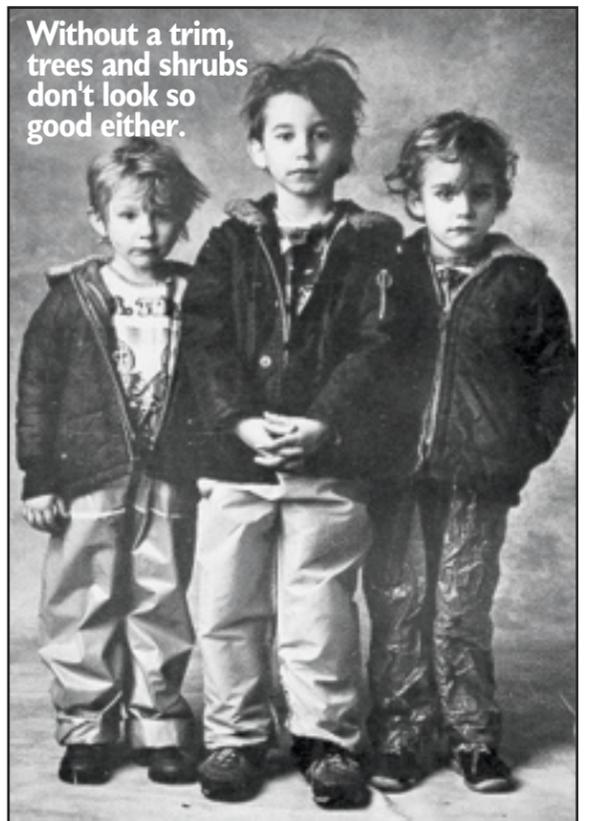
## PITCH, HIT AND RUN COMPETITION

Linwood 651-298-5660

Boys & girls, ages 7-14, will have the opportunity to participate in an exciting baseball skills competition involving pitching, hitting and running. The 1st place finishers in each age group will advance to the City Championship held in May. An official entry form, which must be signed by a parent, is available at all Service Area 3 centers.  
Saturday, April 29, 11:30am-1:30pm  
Free

## SPRING EVENT:

Spring Celebration @ Linwood  
Join us at Linwood Recreation Center to celebrate spring by making May Day baskets for family and friends. Other activities will include a jump castle, petting zoo, pony rides, button making, face painting and refreshments.  
Saturday, April 29, 11:30am-2:30pm  
Free

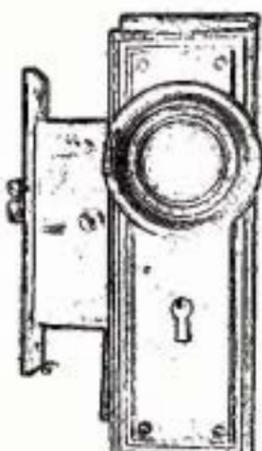


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Police (non-emergency) .....	291-1111
City Attorney .....	266-8710
Human Rights .....	266-8966
Animal Control .....	266-1100
Building Permits, Inspection and Design (LIEP).....	266-9090
Forestry .....	632-5129
Libraries .....	266-7000
Parking Enforcement .....	266-5585
Parks and Recreation .....	266-6400
Planning & Economic Dev. ....	266-6700
Public Health .....	266-2400
Pothole and Street Repair.....	292-6600
St. Paul Regional Water Service .....	266-6350
Eureka Recycling .....	222-7678

*Information about hazardous waste disposal, composting, yard waste disposal, environmental training and educational programming.*

### Housing Information

City Housing Services..... 266-6626  
*Renter Services, Foreclosure Prevention Program, Counseling & Education, First-time Home Buyer Help, Low-Interest Loans, Low Interest Loans for Home Buying, Rehab and Repair*

Dispute Resolution Center ..... 292-6067

Neighborhood Energy Consortium .....  
.....221-4462

*Energy audits, hOur Car Program, Saint Paul Classic Bike Tour*

Environment and Energy Resource Center .....  
.....227-7847

*Emergency home energy loans & grants, low-interest rehab & repair loans, general home finance assistance, energy audits*

City Exterior and Interior Complaint Units.....  
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*Inspectors enforce regulations on property issues. This includes, but is not limited to, environmental nuisance issues such as junk cars, junk in yards, rubbish, tall grass & weeds, maintenance and code violations on one & two-unit dwellings.*

### Local Elected Officials

Councilmember Dave Thune (Ward 2) 266-8620  
dave.thune@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Mayor Chris Coleman..... 266-8510  
mayor@ci.stpaul.mn.us

County Commissioner Toni Carter (District 4)  
..... 266-8364  
toni.carter@co.ramsey.mn.us

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body that isn't a total stranger when you're in need. If a problem arises, you will know that there are many solutions available to you.

Also, your local LAH/BNP is looking for volunteer. Do you have a couple of hours a month that you could give to our program? We are currently looking for board members that oversee the direction of the program. Another need is volunteers that can assist some of our clients in their homes. If you're interested in finding out about these opportunities, please call 651.222.7884 and talk to Julie or Sue. Call with any questions that you may have as well.

*Julie Poupore,  
Program Director*



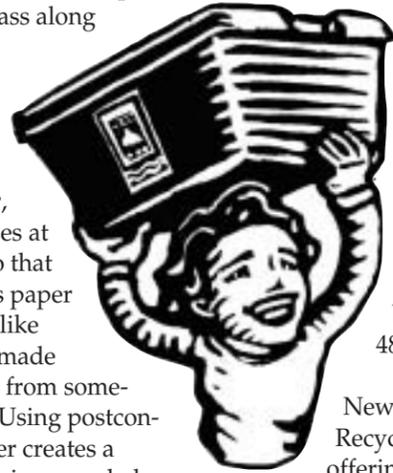
## Eureka Recycling's Buying Cooperative: Affordable Recycled Office Paper & Compostable Food-ware Available

Eureka Recycling is gearing up for their twice-annual Recycled Products Co-op. Every spring and fall, Eureka Recycling invites organizations, individuals and other businesses to order recycled products through their organization. Eureka Recycling then combines all of the smaller orders into one large order to get a bulk discount from the suppliers, which they pass along to those who order.

Eureka Recycling offers 100% post-consumer recycled office paper in letter, legal and tabloid sizes at a cost comparable to that of virgin paper. This paper looks and performs like virgin paper, but is made completely of paper from someone's recycling bin. Using postconsumer recycled paper creates a demand for paper being recycled, and uses fewer resources and produces less pollution than paper made from trees. Additionally, the paper is certified processed chlorine free (PCF), eliminating the discharge of dioxin, a potent cancer-causing gas, and other pollutants. Using one ton — about 40 cartons — of 100% postconsumer paper instead of virgin paper saves 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space and 6,933 pounds of wood, or about 24 trees. Over the past five years, Eureka Recycling's co-op has saved over 1,000 trees without a single complaint about performance!

Recycled paper currently accounts for only ten percent of paper purchased, according to Eureka Recycling Business Manager Alex Danovitch, but "co-op purchasing allows us to overcome the biggest hurdles of price and availability by getting quality recycled paper at competitive prices." Since 2001, Eureka Recycling's co-op has enabled the purchase of over 2000 cases of 100% post-consumer recycled paper. "Over the past five years, our paper co-op partners have been able to demonstrate Eureka Recycling's belief that you don't need to give up cost, convenience or quality to do the right thing for the environment."

The Paper Task Force, convened by Environmental Defense together with corporate partners, compared virgin and postconsumer paper across their entire life cycles. The task force took into account the environmental impacts of harvesting timber, collecting postconsumer paper, manufacturing paper, and disposing of end products. Their findings (updated in February 2002) show that, compared with virgin paper, postconsumer paper uses 44 percent less energy, reduces greenhouse gas emissions by 37 percent, nitrogen oxide emissions by 23 percent, and particulate emissions by 41 percent and produces 48 percent less solid waste.



New this year, Eureka Recycling's co-op will also be offering compostable food service items including cups, plates, and cutlery. Compostable items made from corn, sugar cane, and recycled papers are environmentally preferable to plastic products, which are made from petroleum, a non-renewable resource. These items can be composted and returned to the earth as a valuable soil component. If thrown away, they emit fewer toxins when burned in the incineration process.

Pricing and product availability for this spring's order will be available in late February and orders will be accepted through March 24, 2006. For more information or to place an order, contact Eureka Recycling today at (651) 222-7678 or [buyrecycled@eurekarecycling.org](mailto:buyrecycled@eurekarecycling.org). You can also visit [www.eurekarecycling.org](http://www.eurekarecycling.org) to download an order form and read more about cost comparisons and environmental benefits.

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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Modern/Ancient Greek Pottery at Gallery OKTO on Grand Avenue

By Benno Groeneveld

Marietta Theodorou comes from a long line of Greek ceramic artists. "We have the names of eight generations," she says. Theodorou, who sells her ceramic arts in Gallery OKTO in Victoria Crossing West, learned the craft from her father. "Traditionally in Greece, fathers pass the craft, and its secrets, on to their sons, but my brothers weren't interested and I was."

As a child Theodorou started working on her father's pottery in Thessalonika in northern Greece, painting pots and plates before they were fired in the kiln. Her father didn't really want his children to become potters, she says. It was a very hard life before machines took over some of the work. "He had to wake up at four in the morning every day to prepare the clay by hand, to screen it, to clean it."

Pottery in Greece hasn't changed much over the centuries, Theodorou explains. The handles on vases and urns especially. "When I visited the Metropolitan Museum in New York and saw some of the Greek pottery there, my first

thought was: 'My father could have made those handles.' But they were on a jar from the third century BC."

Theodorou opened her own pottery studio in Greece in 1982. She came to the U.S. with her American ex-husband in 1995 to work as a visiting artist at the University of Minnesota as a Fulbright Scholar. Three years ago, Theodorou and her husband opened Gallery OKTO and bought the house in Crocus Hill that they had been renting. They transformed the basement into a pottery workshop with an electric potter's wheel and three electric kilns to fire the pottery.

When creating pottery, color comes first, Theodorou says. "I can't just sit down at the wheel and say: 'I'm going to make this or that.' I have to know that I'm making this for the shiny red color, or that for the turquoise. I make the shape to fit the color. You can go very wrong with a color if you make it in the wrong shape." Gallery OKTO, 867 Grand Avenue, in Victoria Crossing West, tel. 651-222-8881.



Marietta Theodorou of Gallery OKTO

## Grand Old Day – 2006 and a History

By Amanda Schultz, GABA Executive Director

Grand Old Day will be celebrating its 32nd anniversary on June 4th 2006. It has become the main source of revenue for the Grand Avenue Business Association (GABA). With monies raised at Grand Old Day, GABA is able to produce numerous events including the Grand Auction, Taste of Grand, Boo Bash, Shop and Dine by Candlelight and Grand Meander. Along with creating memorable events for the Avenue, Grand Old Day assists in funding the operating fees of the association and Avenue decorations like banners and snowflakes. Grand Old Day is truly an asset to the association and its members.

Grand Old Day has seen many changes throughout its 32-year run, and one thing remains the same, its need to promote the commercial strip to the broader community. In its first year, 1974, Grand Old Day was created as a means to promote the Avenue and the neighborhood that was in need of rehabilitation due to the many years of neglect. After its first year of 30,000 attendees, the event has grown to 250,000 guests. Grand Old Day has truly become the first rite of summer celebration for the city of St. Paul.

In the early 1980's, Grand Old Day began to include other events like bed-racers, sport clinics, children's areas, pet shows, fashion shows and parades. By 1987, the GABA was making major improvements

to the event. Those improvements included hiring groups to clean up the garbage and more space for family areas. By 1988, the family areas were starting to get rave reviews.

In the 1990's, the Grand Old Day committee continued to make positive changes in the event. A new ordinance was created to keep unauthorized vendors from working the street without a license. In 1993, Grand Old Day started to fence off drinking areas and by 1994 festival gardens were in full swing. In 1995, wristbands were sold to patrons wishing to consume alcoholic beverages in the festival gardens.

In the 2000's, Grand Avenue Business Association continues to improve Grand Old Day each year. Many efforts have been made to include the neighbors and surrounding businesses in the event. GABA has created more family areas on the West end. Areas have included car shows, baseball clinics, family music stages, teen battle of the bands, spa area, sporting attractions and more. On the East end, GABA continues to host festival gardens for those 21 and over and businesses have started creating family fun areas. Another change came in 2003 when GABA coordinated other neighborhood non-profit groups to sell wristbands for GABA as a fundraiser. Grand Avenue Business Association felt this

was a great way to give back to the community.

Today Grand Old Day's estimated economic impact is \$6,050,362.50.

In 2005, Grand Avenue Business Association paid Grand Old Day expenses requested by the association, neighbors and city to include:

- Fencing (festival gardens) \$4500
- Security \$13,000
- Red Cross \$600
- Permits \$600
- Sanitation \$13,000
- Toilets \$9500

Along with the above costs, Grand Avenue Business Association pays numerous other expenses that include, advertisements, barricades, beverages, contributions, entertainment, family areas, merchandise, parade, postage, printing, signage and public relations.

Despite the yearly changes, Grand Old Day continues to serve as Grand Avenue's biggest promotion and major benefactor for GABA. GABA plans to continue this successful event and work with the neighborhoods and city of St. Paul to ensure a fun and safe celebration of summer for all ages.

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