



# The Summit

NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

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## May 12th Cleanup - Help Make the Neighborhood Shine!

The annual Summit Hill Neighborhood Cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 12th 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). This year, we will be donating any reusable household items that are dropped at the event to either a local charity or one that is metro-wide. 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. There are two shifts: 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Or you can volunteer for all day! 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.

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## Thanks to All for Your Generous Support

Thanks to everyone for your generous donations over the past few months of our annual appeal (as of 3/9/07). We've had a very successful fundraising campaign to date. We appreciate your financial support that allows SHA to continue its work of building and sustaining a strong and vibrant community. If you have not yet donated, please contact the SHA office at [summithill@visi.com](mailto:summithill@visi.com) or by phone at 222-1222.

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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 it for our readers. Please take a moment to send us your suggestions, criticism and kudos (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 mailing address is 860 St. Clair Ave. Thanks.  
*The Editors*

## Do You Like Parades?

Once again this year, the Grand Avenue Business Association is holding the Grand Old Day event and parade. The date is set for Sun, June 3rd. Last year, the Summit Hill Association participated by having its own unit in the parade in which 30 people participated. It was lots of fun with all the folks both in the parade and on the sidelines! We hope to increase the size of the SHA unit this year. If you like parades ...or have kids that do, please join us! If interested, contact SHA at [summithill@visi.com](mailto:summithill@visi.com) or call at 222-1222. We'll get your name and contact information and when it's closer to June, we'll let you know the time and location for gathering on June 3rd. (PS: If you've got kids, they can bring their bikes, trikes and wagons...the more the merrier!)

## Neighborhood Resident and SHA Board Member Appointed to St. Paul Planning Commission

On March 8th, Mayor Coleman announced his appointments to St. Paul Boards and Commissions. Among those selected, Mayor Coleman appointed Eduardo Barrera, long-time resident, past SHA Board President and current member of the SHA Board of Directors to the St. Paul Planning Commission. We are glad to have a District 16 representative on the Planning Commission and wish Mr. Barrera well in the coming year.

## Sign Up for E-Mail News from SHA

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.

## Meet Your Neighbors, Share a Great Meal! Saturday, April 28th - Summit Hill Neighborhood Progressive Supper

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 28. 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:

Tammy Haas  
 1037 Lincoln Avenue  
 Saint Paul, MN 55105.

For more information, or to reserve space by phone, please call Tammy Haas at 227-4023.

The deadline for registration is April 18th.

## Spring Progressive Supper Registration Form

Due to Tammy Haas by April 18th



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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**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.) _____

**Mail to:** Tammy Haas, 1037 Lincoln Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105

## How to Get 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.



If you live in the Summit Hill neighborhood, you can pick up blue bins at the Linwood Community Center. Please go to the Linwood Community Center information desk and ask for what you need.



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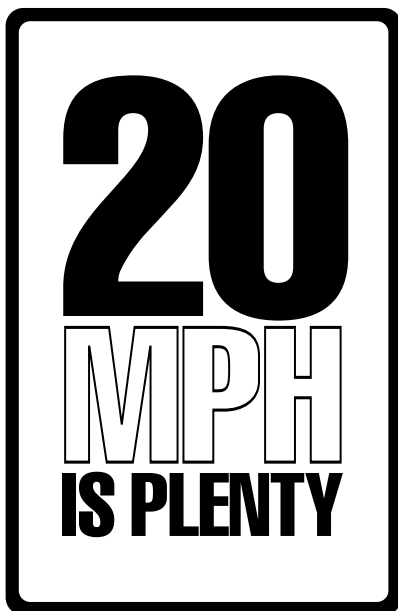
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## What a Great Way to Clean the House!

### May 5th - Summit Hill Neighborhood Garage Sale

The Summit Hill Association will once again sponsor a spring neighborhood garage sale on Saturday, May 5th 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 27th.** 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 3rd. 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 3rd. 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.

## Summit Hill Neighborhood Garage Sale Participation Form

Due to SHA office Friday, April 27

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/CD's/DVD's |
| <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"/> Other _____                  |

**Mail to:** Summit Hill Association, 860 St. Clair Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105

## 2007 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, 7 PM
- Board of Directors: 2nd Thursday, 7 PM
- Communications Committee: 1st Monday, 7 PM
- Pedest. Safety/Traffic Calming: 2nd Mon. 7 PM
- Zoning/Land Use: 1st Thursday, 7 PM (not monthly; call to confirm schedule)

**Curbside Recycling: Every Friday;** recycling must be out on the curb by 7am



#### APRIL

- 2 *The Summit* Newsletter mailed
- 2 Communications Committee
- 12 Board of Directors
- 16 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming
- 26 Executive Committee
- 28 **Spring Progressive Supper**

#### MAY

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- 9 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming
- 12 Board of Directors
- 12 *The Summit* Newsletter deadline
- 26 Executive Committee

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- 14 Board of Directors
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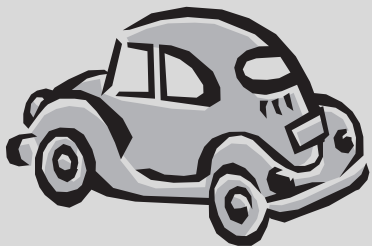
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- 20 feet of a sidewalk at an intersection
- 10 feet of a fire hydrant
- 5 feet from alleys and driveways

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



### 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.

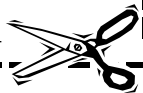
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Happenings In

## Summit Avenue Resident Marge Hols Honored By Minnesota State Horticultural Society

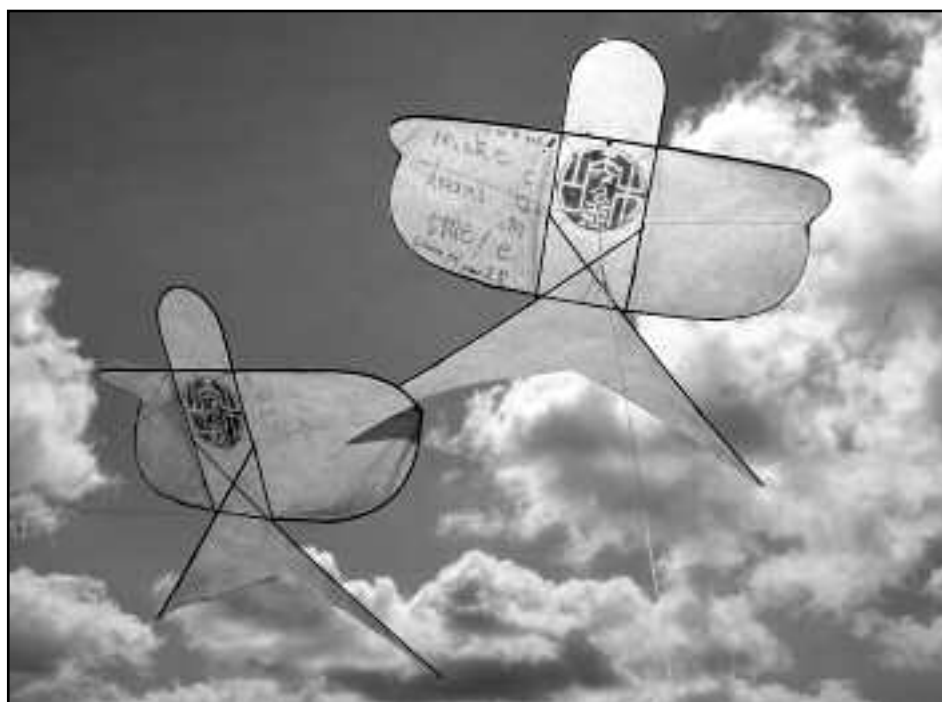
By Vicky Vogels, Minnesota State Horticultural Society

Each year the Minnesota State Horticultural Society recognizes individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to horticulture and greening efforts in public gardens, community projects and through exemplary community achievements. Nineteen award winners were nominated by fellow community members from across the state for their outstanding contributions to horticulture and greening efforts and recognized by the Minnesota State Horticultural Society. Winners were announced at the State Awards and Recognition Event held at the Minnesota State Horticultural Society on February 3, 2007.

Marge Hols, of St. Paul was the recipient of the Governor's Certificate of Commendation, which is awarded to individuals and/or groups to acknowledge significant contributions in community greening efforts.

"Through many of her activities, Marge has made a huge impact on the gardening community and fostered the beautification of the Saint Paul area. She has been an outstanding member of the Saint Paul Garden Club. Marge is a master gardener, and has designed and implemented the Woman's Suffrage Memorial Garden on the Capital Mall, the new garden at the Minnesota Woman's Building on Rice and Charles Street. She has designed and maintained the garden at Summit Avenue on the River Road. Marge is well known throughout the metropolitan area because of her gardening column in the Saint Paul Pioneer Press."

For further information contact: Vicky Vogels, Community Outreach Coordinator  
vickyv@northerngardener.org



## WISHES FOR THE SKY A Free Public Art Event on Earth Day Sunday, April 22, 2007 11am-5pm at Harriet Island

A thousand blue kites will fill the air and hundreds of wind chimes will sound throughout the day on the banks of the Mississippi River on Earth Day, April 22, 2007. St. Paul Artist-in-Residence Marcus Young and a team of artists, along with many environmental, peace, arts and cultural organizations, are creating a free, contemporary art event.

Wishes for the Sky is a nature-inspired day of wishing and promising. The event is an interactive experience inviting audiences to realize a work of public art.

We invite you to:

- Play the wind chime sculpture
- Create wishes in the wish-making pavilion
- Make "Promises to the Earth" to adopt sustainable practices
- And fly a kite to carry your wish to the sky.

Everyone is welcome to attend this free, zero-waste Earth Day event any time from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., April 22, 2007. Come rain or shine to celebrate our earth. For more information visit: [www.WishesForTheSky.org](http://www.WishesForTheSky.org)

## 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 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!

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# The 'Hill Area

## 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.



Photo courtesy of City of St. Paul Parks archives

## “The Children’s Orchard” and Oakland Terrace Park

By Gabrielle Horner

In late April, drive down the steep Grand Avenue hill (the old Oakland Avenue) to St. Paul, or drive 35E south ... look down (or up from the 35 E Parkway) – to see if any apple trees are in bloom on the terrace. In 1884 the City of St. Paul condemned 1.85 acres of steep wooded terrace between Oakland Avenue and the old Pleasant Avenue, and named it “Oakland Terrace Park”. Today it is 1.2 acres and known as Oakland Terrace Preserve under the City of St. Paul park system.

In early 1900, with a national move to make parks aesthetic “ornamental” sites, the city planted a Children’s Orchard at Oakland Park on Arbor Day in 1905, including the installation of a water main to help maintain the orchard. This publicity photo with stylish models was taken by the American National Bank and dates to the late 1920’s. My great-uncle Wayne Burlingame grew up near Holly & Dale, and delivered newspapers throughout the Summit Hill neighborhood as a boy. He remembers walking down Oakland, picking apples from the orchard, and

following Pleasant Avenue downtown to see a movie. They walked to save the 5 cent street car fare to afford the 25 cent movie and popcorn.

This publicity photo was taken before American National Bank owner/investor Otto Bremer’s family was front-page news with the Ma Barker-led kidnapping of his nephew, Edward (President of Commercial State Bank), son of Adolph Bremer, President of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company.

Many of the apple trees were removed by the 1950’s due to “damage and breakage by children.” It is also possible the orchard was named for Children’s Hospital at 311 Pleasant Avenue, now condominiums, built in the 1925. The site at 311 Pleasant Avenue (directly below James J. Hill mansion) is one of the few original buildings standing after the construction of 35 E removed a large section of Pleasant Avenue and the neighborhood.

Gabrielle Horner lives at 807 Fairmount Avenue. Email: gabehorner@comcast.net

## Sign, Sign, Everywhere a Sign!

Blockin’ out the scenery, breakin’ my mind Do this, don’t do that, can’t you read the sign?

So goes the vintage 70’s song by the Five Man Electrical Band. Now with the first signs of spring appearing, people and cars will begin to hit the neighborhood streets in earnest as we shake off our cabin fever. Drive or walk around our neighborhood and you are going to see lots of signs. There are traffic signs that say how fast to go, where or where not to turn, and neon signs warning of pedestrians and other hazards. Pedestrians have it a bit easier. They will be watching for the walk or don’t walk signs, the marked crosswalks and perhaps the occasional warning.

When issues of pedestrians and traffic arise, our first response is usually to start requesting signs. Signs like “Stop” or “No turn on red” are sought for hazardous corners. We ask for pedestrian crossing signs or marked crosswalks to alert drivers. It’s a natural and reasonable solution, but perhaps it is flawed. We assume that once placed, the signs are observed. The City of St. Paul Public Works is often hesitant to add more signs to streets. Their experience is that the signs don’t usually make a difference and the clutter of signs creates so much visual noise that they become ineffective. They may have a good point.

All the efforts of the Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming committee can’t significantly change the behavior of drivers and pedestrians. But, you can. Look for and obey the existing signs. Even if the street is devoid of traffic the speed limit is the same and the no turn signs apply. Watch and stop for pedestrians at corners. The same goes for us when we are pedestrians. “Don’t Walk” means that and even if there isn’t a big sign that says “NO JAYWALKING”, don’t do it.

When we change our own behaviors, we need fewer signs. We also teach those future drivers and pedestrians next to us how to behave. They will do as we do. Read the signs out loud, tell your children what they mean, and explain to them why they are important to follow.

This spring let’s all choose to obey the signs and make the peaceful and safe coexistence of pedestrians and traffic in our neighborhood a “sign of the times”. And, if you’re interested in joining our efforts to improve pedestrian safety and traffic calming in the neighborhood, contact the SHA office at [summithill@visi.com](mailto:summithill@visi.com) or call at 222-1222.

By Eric Hedberg, SHA Pedestrian Safety Traffic Calming Committee Chair

## Policies, Parties and the Bush Memorial Children’s Home

By Kathy and Tom Awe

We have a rule in our family when it comes to birthday parties...no more after nine. No more screaming kids, gift bags, or presents that the child doesn’t need. That rule provided us strength when our youngest daughter announced that all 26 third graders could make it to her final birthday party a couple of Sundays ago. It consisted of some gym time at the Linwood Community Center, some swimming and of course presents.

Pretty standard birthday party except for one significant difference – this year, the kids decided that they would buy and donate all the gifts to the Bush Memorial Children’s Home. It is



Lucy Awe with gifts for the Wilder Center

enough to restore your faith in mankind... at least if mankind consisted of a bunch of 10 year olds. For as much as the Children’s Home has given to kids, it is nice to see kids give back.

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# Recycling Updates

## Friends of the Parks and Trails Tree Sale 2007

The annual tree sale is underway by Friends of the Parks and Trails. There are great prices on trees and shrubs for planting in private yards, or to donate to parks.

### This year's sale includes:

**Trees:** Red Maple; Purple Robe Locust; Northern Red Oak; Black Hills Spruce; Japanese Tree Lilac; Royal Star Magnolia; Red Jade Crab; Indian Magic Crab.

**Shrubs:** Pagoda Dogwood; Royal Purple Smokebush; Blueberries; and the Morden Sunrise Shrub Rose, which will be in bloom (yellow) on the day of the pickup, May 5, 2007 just

in time for Mother's Day.  
**Vine:** Wisteria Aunt Dee.

Prices range from \$15.00 to \$45.00. Prepaid orders are taken until April 18. Trees are picked up on Saturday, May 5 at the Highland Park Picnic pavilion, 1200 Montreal Ave., St. Paul or the Ramsey County Parks office, 2015 N. Van Dyke, Maplewood. Donated trees are picked up and planted by park personnel.

You may get an order blank on the web site: [www.friendsoftheparks.org](http://www.friendsoftheparks.org) or in the District 16 Council office. Call 651-698-4543 for additional information.

## Close the Loop: Buy Recycled!

Environmentally conscious consumers know that purchasing products made from recycled material helps eliminate the need for mining more virgin materials and creates a demand for the materials we recycle, thereby closing the recycling loop. However, these products can be difficult to find and are often more expensive than those made from virgin materials. Eureka Recycling's twice-annual Recycled Products Cooperative makes it easy and affordable for you to purchase environmentally friendly paper, as well as compostable service-ware for yourself or your office.

Eureka Recycling combines smaller orders to get a bulk discount from the supplier and passes the savings on to you. The paper available through our co-op is the most environmentally friendly copy paper on the market today. Eureka Recycling has sifted through information on recycled content, chlorine bleaching, and various certifications, so you can be sure that this paper is the best choice for the environment. We also know that recycled paper performs just as well as virgin paper in copiers and printers. Last year, over 3 million sheets of this paper were purchased and used successfully by our co-op partners.

Our Recycled Products Co-op also gives you the opportunity to purchase products made from plant materials (like corn or sugarcane) as an alternative to disposable plastic products, which are

not biodegradable and are made from petroleum, a nonrenewable resource. Based on our research on cost, quality, and environmental benefits, Eureka Recycling is offering compostable forks, spoons, knives, bowls, plates, and cups. These products aren't meant to replace reusable dishes, but they are a great alternative to plastic, especially if you can compost them after use.

Order your copy paper and compostable products now! Visit [www.eurekarecycling.org](http://www.eurekarecycling.org) to find more information and download the order form. The order deadline is Tuesday, April 17, 2007. If you don't need these products now, but would like to stay informed about future product availability and order deadlines, just call (651) 222-7678 or email [buyrecycled@eurekarecycling.org](mailto:buyrecycled@eurekarecycling.org) and we'll keep you in the loop!

Eureka Recycling is a nonprofit organization that specializes in recycling and waste reduction. Driven by a mission to demonstrate waste is preventable, not inevitable, Eureka Recycling provides cutting-edge, economically sustainable programs that serve the Twin Cities metro area.



## Electronics Recycling Increasing Citywide

According to Eureka Recycling's Summary Report for 2006, 51% of materials brought to St. Paul District Annual Cleanup events in 2006 were recycled or reused. This is the highest recovery rate since the city stopped collecting brush at cleanups (brush was previously counted as recycled since the branches were chipped). Two categories that contributed to this increase include reusable items and electronics recycling. Overall, we also saw a slight increase in resident participation; this could be due to good weather, increased outreach efforts, or differences in reporting.

### Electronics Recycling

The overall recycling increased this year by 23% to a total of 414.56 tons. Although appliances, cardboard, fluorescent bulbs, and wood waste recycling all increased somewhat, the largest increase was seen in electronics recycling, which nearly doubled from 46 tons to 90 tons in one year. (*District 16 - Summit Hill increased electronic recycling by 53%! - see statistics below.*) This is the largest increase in electronics we have seen in the history of the cleanups. The large quantity of electronics collected this year may be due to the CRT ban that was passed and enacted July 1, 2006.

Electronics Increase 2005 - 2006						
District	2005 Costs	2005 Tons	2006 Costs	2006 Tons	Tonnage Increase	Cost Increase
1	\$ 1,418	3.09	\$ 1,725	4.3	39%	22%
2	\$ 2,650	6.16	\$ 2,461	6.97	13%	-7%
3	\$ 980	2.14	\$ 881	1.94	-9%	-10%
4	\$ 535	0.53	\$ 288	0.46	-13%	-46%
5	\$ 1,543	2.62	\$ 1,980	4.51	72%	28%
6	\$ 1,218	1.74	\$ 1,423	3.38	94%	17%
7	\$ 1,282	2.09	\$ 1,444	13.5	546%	13%
8	\$ 1,300	2.23	\$ 828	2.14	-4%	-36%
9	\$ 585	1	\$ 668	1.78	78%	14%
10&12	\$ 2,536	5.98	\$ 2,743	8.09	35%	8%
11	\$ 921	1.85	\$ 1,299	3.98	115%	41%
13	\$ 1,729	3.09	\$ 1,534	4.58	48%	-11%
14	\$ 2,549	5.3	\$ 5,759	17.59	232%	126%
15	\$ 3,496	6.5	\$ 4,694	13.7	111%	34%
16	\$ 1,177	2.13	\$ 1,178	3.26	53%	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 23,919</b>	<b>46.45</b>	<b>\$ 28,905</b>	<b>90.18</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>21%</b>

## Reduce Waste by Shopping Secondhand Stores

Check out the booklet "Saint Paul's Secondhand Stores Directory" developed by the Thomas-Dale District 7 Planning Council for lists of a number of secondhand stores in the greater St. Paul and surrounding areas that accept gently used clothes, household goods, furniture, electronics, books and toys. Written in 4 languages, English, Hmong, Spanish and Somali, this handy listing

encourages us not to simply donate our "extras" but also to consider shopping "Used First" as a means of fighting excess before it occurs. Stop by the SHA information table just outside our office at the Linwood Community Center to pick up one of these highly useful booklets or let SHA know you want a copy.

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# Linwood Rec Center News

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## 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.
Sunday	Closed

## 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.

## LINWOOD SPRING CELEBRATION

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. FREE! Saturday, April 28 • 11:30 am – 2:30 pm

## 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.  
Thursdays • 9:30-11:30 a.m. & 3:00-5p.m.  
Free, Ages 5 & under, On-going

## ADULT TAP/JAZZ DANCE (NEW TO LINWOOD) STARTING FALL!

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 • 8:05 p.m. – 8:50 p.m.  
March 5 – April 30, \$40, 8 sessions

## DANCE: JAZZ (Beginning)

Always wanted to try jazz? Now's your chance! Pivot, turn, stretch and leap your way into a class! Learn the funda-

mentals and techniques in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. Wear jazz shoes or ballet slippers.

Mondays • 7:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
March 5 – April 30, \$40, 8 sessions

\* For more information about upcoming sessions and fees please call Linwood Recreation Center at 651-298-5660.

## DANCE CLASSES

Instructor: Amy Lee

### Monday Classes:

April 16th – June 4th (7 Sessions)  
Beginning Creative Movement  
Ages 3-5, 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m., \$44  
Tot Tumbling  
Ages 3-4, 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., \$44  
Continuing Tot Tumbling  
Ages 3-5, 12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m., \$44  
Beginning Creative Movement  
Ages 3-5, 2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., \$44  
Continuing Creative Movement 1  
Ages 4-6, 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m., \$44  
Continuing Creative Movement 2  
Ages 5-7, 3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., \$44  
Beginning Ballet/Tap  
Ages 5-9, 4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m., \$44  
Beginning Ballet 1  
Ages 5-9, 5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., \$44  
Intermediate Ballet/Tap  
Ages 6-12, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., \$44

### Wednesday Classes:

April 18th – June 6th (7 Sessions)  
Beginning Children's Yoga  
Ages 3-5, 2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., \$50  
Beginning Creative Movement  
Ages 3-5, 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m., \$50  
Continuing Creative Movement 1  
Ages 4-6, 3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., \$50  
Beginning Ballet 1  
Ages 5-9, 4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m., \$50  
Beginning Ballet/Tap  
Ages 5-10, 5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., \$50  
Intermediate Ballet 1  
Ages 6-12, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., \$50  
Teen Yoga  
Ages 11-16, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., \$50  
Dance Company/Create A Dance  
Ages 11-16, 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., \$50

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 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.

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Instructor: Mike Kelly 651-690-1489  
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## Introductory Classes for New Students:

Saturdays • 9-9:55 a.m., Ages 6 & up  
\* Please contact Mike Kelly for up coming sessions and fees at the address above.

## White/Orange Belt Level

Saturdays, On-going, 10-10:50 a.m.  
Tuesdays, On-going, 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
Fee: \$45/Month

## Green/Red Belt Level

Saturdays, On-going, 10:50am-11:40 a.m.  
Tuesdays, On-going, 5:30pm-6:30 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 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 9:30am & Sat 9am

## EARLY BIRD CARDIO WORKOUT:

Instructor: Cliff Swynigan  
Tues/Thurs, 6am

## 55 PLUS FITNESS CLASS:

Instructor: Teresa Davenport  
Tues/Thurs, 9:15am

## PILATES BASED EXERCISE:

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

## YOGA

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

## FITNESS/WEIGHT ROOM

Linwood 651-298-5660  
This room consists of 7 nautilus Cybex machines, two treadmills, two stair climbers, and three exercise bicycles for cardiovascular training. Locker rooms are available for members. To use the

equipment, you may pay daily fee of \$5 or purchase a three month membership.

Memberships:

Single Adult (ages 18+), \$45

Single Students\* (ages 13+), \$35

\*must show school I.D. if under 18

Family (ages 13+), \$60

Seniors (ages 55+), \$30

## SUMMER YOUTH SPORTS

### REGISTRATION (April 2 – April 30)

- Open to all St. Paul residents
- Non-St. Paul residents may register if they attend school in St. Paul
- 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 4-6 yrs.

Nearball: Ages 7-8 yrs.

Baseball: Ages 9-15 yrs.

Softball: Ages 9-14 yrs.

## 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 3-5 hours per week for approximately 8 weeks. Please contact Linwood for more info!

## Need Help? Call The Job Connection!

Do you need help with minor home repairs, cleaning, yard work, or other household chores? Are you over 60 years old or an adult with a disability? The Job Connection can help!

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## Helpful Numbers

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**Emergency** ..... **911**  
Fire (non-emergency) ..... 224-7811  
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 ..... 266-8989  
*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.*

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County Attorney Susan Gaertner ..... 266-3222  
Attorney General Lori Swanson ..... 296-6196; attorney.general@state.mn.us  
State Senator Richard Cohen (Dist 64) .. 296-5931; sen.richard.cohen@senate.leg.state.mn.us  
State Representative Erin Murphy (Dist. 64A) ..... 296-8799; rep.erin.murphy@house.leg.state.mn.us

## City to Tighten Enforcement of Ordinances Prohibiting Blocking Alleys and Garages Along Grand Avenue

The City of St. Paul recently sent the following letter to all business and property owners along Grand Avenue from Dale to Ayd Mill Road at the request of the Summit Hill Association. Its purpose is to help address and reduce the long-term problems associated with delivery trucks blocking alleys, garages and driveways.

February 8, 2007

(Code 1956, § 144.03)

To whom it may concern:

Based on a series of complaints the Mayor's Office and City Council Offices have received regarding alley parking along Grand Avenue the City of Saint Paul is planning on increasing our enforcement of illegal alley parking along Grand Avenue from Dale Street West to Ayd Mill Road. In many cases, business loading and unloading as well as residents' illegal parking are making it difficult for residents and businesses to adequately obtain passage through the alley.

Please note that Section 157 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code states:

Sec. 157.02. Stopping or parking prohibited in certain places.

No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic-control device, in any of the following places:

(1) In front of or within five (5) feet of either side of any public alley, public or private driveway measured from the sides of the alley or driveway perpendicular to the public street, or in such a manner as to block ingress or egress to or from a public alley, public or private driveway.

(2) At any place where official signs prohibit stopping.

Sec. 157.04. Miscellaneous parking restrictions and vehicle definitions. (6) No vehicle shall be parked in any alley outside the congested district, as the term "congested district" is defined in Section 151.02(5), except for purposes of loading and unloading unless at least ten (10) feet of the alley be left available for the free movement of traffic.

(10) No vehicle or any part of a vehicle shall be parked in any alley outside the congested district, as the term "congested district" is defined in Section 151.02

The City of Saint Paul intends to increase enforcement of those guilty of blocking alleys. Obviously, it is our desire to limit the amount of hardship that is caused to businesses and residents and that is why we would like to pass on this warning prior to taking action against those in violation of Section 157 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code. We will begin enforcement on or shortly after April 1, 2007.

Sincerely,

Erick Anderson, Sergeant,  
Saint Paul Police Department

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# Crime Prevention Connection

## Gardens Build Safer Communities

At last, spring has arrived! Neighborhoods come alive in the longer, warmer days. The slush is now a memory as trees, bushes and lawns start wearing their green and the first flurry of flowers bursts forth. Spring's warmth causes neighbors to linger outside and meet and greet each other more easily. With more people and critters out and about comes a renewed opportunity for crime prevention.

Gardens and the people that cultivate them invite opportunities to create and renew neighborhood friendships and promote increased awareness of neighborhood surroundings, two essential elements of crime prevention.

Gardening not only builds personal pride and community involvement contributes significantly to community safety. Researchers at Texas A & M University created a greenery "quotient" and then mapped the amount of greenery in various cities in Texas ultimately determining that those cities with greater amounts of greenery and vegetation had less crime than cities with less greenery.

Aesthetic, environmental and crime prevention benefits: gardening packs a wallop! Gardens give people reasons and opportunities to interact, demonstrate civic pride and be out and about and aware of their surroundings. Awareness of our environment is an essential element in knowing what is regular or usual in your area. A crucial defense against crime is reporting suspicious behavior to the police.

Take up your trowels and shovels this spring and do something positive for yourself and your community. Don't forget to thank your neighbors for their gardening efforts. Maintaining a safe and vibrant community happens - one "posy" at a time!

## Identify Your Garden Tools

Garden tools and furniture are expensive and very saleable for thieves. Permanently Identifying your lawn mowers, power tools, garden ornaments and furniture with your address may dissuade thieves and will certainly improve your chances of tracing items stolen perhaps even catching the thief. Keeping a record of all machine serial numbers and taking photos of valuable items also facilitates property recovery.

## Deception Burglaries Blossom in Spring

Be alert to anyone in your neighborhood asking to gain entry into your home for repair estimates. Check with your neighbors to see if they have remodeling plans and/or authorized service home entries. Ask for identification and let potential service people know you are going to call and get authorization from their company before allowing them access. Remember when in doubt; call the police, 911 (emergencies) or 291-1111 to report suspicious people and/or circumstances.

## Hi Neighbor!

### Building Club Leader Thwarts Criminal

Due to a good security system, and an even better Block Club Leader, a criminal was caught "red handed" in the dead of the night at a condo association building on Grand Avenue recently. ADT called our heroine to let her know that a front door alarm was going off and she authorized them to call the police immediately.

After quickly dressing she hurried to the front building entrance to meet a police officer who had already called for back-ups. Her canine companion accompanied her for protection and moral support. Officers swarmed the building and outside area immediately. Police quickly found the perpetrator in the condo garage. Apparently he forced his way into the building with a long, standard screwdriver that slipped between the plate and the door lock. The Condo Association/Building Club changed their security protocol as a result of this incident to accept a police call via the security company when the building alarm is set off in the middle of the night.

Kudos to the police for their quick response, to a vigilant Building Club Leader for her community service and wags to her canine companion.

### Winter Block/Building Club Meeting - Safe Walking in Summit Hill

Building & Block Club Leaders gathered for their winter all-district meeting

recently to discuss safety suggestions for safe walking around the neighborhood. Officer Mark Distel, the police officer assigned to our area, was on hand to provide safety tips for walkers and general crime prevention suggestions.

Block & Building Club Leaders along with community members discussed a wide range of pedestrian safety issues. Everyone present agreed that all area residents need to be regularly reminded to drive safely throughout the neighborhood for all our sakes. Driving familiar routes can lull us into less caution.

Handouts from the meeting, Safety Tips for Walkers are available by calling the SHA

Office, 222-1222 or at the SHA office information table in the Linwood Community Center.

## Volunteer Appreciation Week

A special **Thank You** to the 64 SHA Block Leaders and 8 SHA Building Club Leaders for your crime prevention efforts. Your vigilance significantly contributes to keeping this community safe. Because of your volunteer efforts, Block & Building Clubs connect almost 80% of the Summit Hill neighborhood. National Volunteer Appreciation week is April 15 to 21, 2007.

## Neighborhood Night Out 2007

Tuesday, August 7, 2007 National Neighborhood Night Out (NNO) will be celebrated across the country. NNO has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. The benefits derived from NNO extend well beyond this one day celebration of community.

This year's national theme is Give Neighborhood Crime & Drugs A Going Away Party. There will be a Light Up the Night promotion encouraging people across the county to light up their neighborhoods for safety as part of the activities planned.

It is not too soon to start planning your area's celebration. Contact the SHA

Office for NNO ideas and further information. We are here to help! **Suggestions & comments are always appreciated.**

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## Block Nurse Program - A Part of the Neighborhood

The Summit Hill Living at Home/Block Nurse Program has been an integral part of this neighborhood for almost fourteen years. With our supportive services, we have helped hundreds of elders remain in their homes and apartments where this otherwise might not have been an option. Services can be arranged by calling Sue or Julie at 651-222-7884.

Medical care has become more complex, and we find that elders at times will forego care because of it. The voice mail systems, trying to determine which specialist to see, etc., are often confusing. One of the services that we offer is to navigate through the system for the elder. Our vantage point in identifying services for our clients is enhanced by connections we have with larger entities. Several clinics and all of the major hospitals in St. Paul are partners in some of the projects we're involved in, therefore making the Living at Home/Block Nurse Programs a valued resource for their patients.

We provide volunteer services as an integral part of our program. We would love to hear from you - if you have an hour or two a month available to help an elder, please give Sue a call at 651-222-7884. We like to make connections whenever we can between an elder and a willing volunteer. Please consider staying in the neighborhood and providing service at the same time. We look forward to hearing from some of you.

Julie Poupore,  
Program Director

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# St. Paul Community

## 4th Grade Opera - Camp Constellation, a Stellar Event!



Above: 4th graders performing this year's opera, "Camp Constellation"

Each year, with financial support from the Minnesota Opera Guild and the Linwood A+ Elementary PTA, Linwood's 4th grade students perform an opera. We're not talking about an opera written by someone else, but by the 4th graders' themselves! These students do almost everything needed to be able to put on a performance for the school and the Linwood community, from coming up with the story, writing the music and lyrics, helping make costumes, choreographing stage movement, and designing the sets.

Fourth grade teachers, Linwood's art/dance/music/drama specialists, other staff, parent volunteers, and a guest composer all chip in to guide the making of the opera, but the kids are responsible for the bulk of the work! This year's opera was titled, "Camp Constellation", and included four different cultural stories about constellations. The kids had a great time throughout the process, and all agreed it has been the highlight of their 4th grade at Linwood.

Each Friday at 1:40, Linwood A+ holds a school-wide gathering where students and staff come together to share what they are learning. Gatherings include everything from dance and music performances to each grade sharing something they learned that week. We welcome all community members to stop in and see what we're learning at Linwood. Call 293-6606 to see what the next Gathering will include!



## National Volunteer Appreciation Week - April 15 to 21

The Summit Hill Association/District 16 Planning Council extends a sincere

### Thank You

to the many SHA volunteers who have participated in SHA projects over the past year. Your volunteer time and efforts have immeasurably benefited the Summit Hill community.

## IHM-St. Luke's School Achieves Top Presidential Physical Fitness Honor

*School wins state championship for the second time in four years and sets a school record*

In the face of America's alarming rates of childhood obesity caused in part by poor nutrition and lack of exercise, IHM-St. Luke's School has achieved an amazing feat. For the second time in four years, the school has won Minnesota's Presidential Physical Fitness Award. It also achieved its own school record.

"This is really a validation of our work integrating all aspects of children's growth," says Gene Parrish, Athletic Director and Physical Education Instructor for the school. "To be good students, they must have good physical health. We take that seriously."

The Presidential Physical Fitness Test requires students to participate in five events: curl-ups, shuttle run, endurance run/walk, pull-ups, and V-sit or sit and reach. The top award (The Presidential Physical Fitness Award) is given to those students who achieve at or above the 85th percentile on all five events. The schools that have the highest per-



centage of Presidential Physical Fitness Award winners in each state are recognized for their outstanding achievement. IHM-St. Luke's received this recognition for the 2005-2006 school year by having more than 37 percent of eligible students receive The Presidential Physical Fitness Award, its best yet.

IHM-St. Luke's School also earned the state honor in 2002-2003, the first year they participated. The school's percent-

age of Presidential Award winners has increased every year since, even though it did not achieve the top spot with its progressively higher rankings for 2003-2004 and 2004-2005.

IHM-St. Luke's School is a K-8 Catholic school located in St. Paul, Minnesota, with a long tradition of providing well-rounded education to students of all faiths. For more information, go to [www.ihm-stlukes.org](http://www.ihm-stlukes.org).

### College of Visual Arts

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### Spring Workshops

**Saturdays**  
*The Painterly Print: A Monotype Printmaking Workshop*  
9:00 A.M. to Noon  
April 14, 21, 28, and May 5  
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*Larry Millett Historic Hill District Walking Tours*  
2:00 to 3:30 P.M.  
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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Ramaley's Liquor: More Than a Fine Wine Store



Sarah Burbach and Sue Hosler

Jack Ramaley once owned a dance studio upstairs at 666 Grand Avenue with a deli and other stores downstairs. Over time, the deli grew into a liquor store - Ramaley Liquors, and the dance studio was turned into apartments and commercial space. Today, Ramaley's is owned by Sue and Craig Hosler who took over in 1989, a few years after Sue's father bought the building.

Over the years, Ramaley Liquors' character has shifted and the store now focuses on selling higher end wines. The Hoslers take their wine very seriously, "We taste almost everything we put in. And we let all of our employees taste the wine, so they can better help our customers." Ramaley's doesn't only sell to the neighborhood; it also has large clients in downtown, including the Archdiocese. "We provide wine for all their masses, especially the big ones, when they bring all the priests in." But, focusing on wine, doesn't mean neglect-

ing other alcoholic beverages. "We carry a ton of specialty beers," Hosler says. "And if we don't have something and customers ask for it, we will get it."

The Hoslers plan to sell the store within a year. Sue Hosler says they're getting tired of retail. "It's a lot of work; the merchandise doesn't get on the shelf by itself." The Hosler's son works in the store, but he doesn't want to continue the business. And their daughter has a good job elsewhere.

Another problem: Sue and Craig live in Andover. "So when the store alarm goes off, we have to come back to town. Luckily that doesn't happen too often, because this is a safe area."

The Hoslers plan to go up north where they have a cabin and either start or buy a new business. Probably not another store. But Sue Hosler says she'll miss the store...especially the customers. "I love our customers, they are great!"

## Have an Idea? Let Us Know!

See the front cover for SHA's contact information.

## Gabbing On Grand

### GABA Welcomes New Executive Director!

Grand Avenue Business Association is pleased to welcome David Regan as Executive Director. David comes to GABA with over 15 years of experience in the retail and service industries working with businesses ranging from independently owned to larger companies, most recently with J. Crew. He has been a GABA member, a director on the board, and for the past year served as the association's vice president.

### Grand Old Day set for June 3rd!

Grand Old Day will be celebrating its 34th year on Sunday, June 3, 2007 and planning is already underway. The event will include the Grand Old Day On the Go run/walk/roller blade, parade, family area, live music stages, food and shopping. A full listing of events will be posted at [www.grandave.com/grandoldday](http://www.grandave.com/grandoldday).

The purpose of Grand Old Day is to present a positive event which promotes Grand Avenue and serves as the Grand Avenue Business Association's primary fund raiser. If you are interested in participating in Grand Old Day by being in the parade, selling items outside, hosting live music in your yard, or volunteering make sure to call the GABA office for more information and to procure the required and appropriate permits to participate - 651-699-0029. Please note that Grand Avenue will be closed to vehicles from 6:00am-6:00pm on Grand Old Day.



Visit [www.grandave.com](http://www.grandave.com) for information on member businesses and upcoming events. Go to the "Contact Us" section of the website to sign up to receive Grand Avenue e-mails to stay up-to-date on Avenue events.

## Summit Hill Volunteer Opportunities

"Because strong neighborhoods don't just happen - they result from the hard work of many volunteer residents, just like you."

### Ways You Can Help:

#### Board of Directors -

Run for office! Help lead the Summit Hill Association on a dynamic 21-member Board.

#### Block Leader -

Share your interests, leadership skills and enthusiasm with your neighbors become a Block Leader. Block Clubs build community, enhance the quality of neighborhood life, and reduce crime. Count on SHA support to help you.

#### Building Clubs -

Create a network of neighbors within your apartment house or condo to reduce crime and enhance your living experience.

#### Development Committee -

Add your talent to SHA fundraising efforts, including the biannual House Tour.

#### Environment and Beautification -

Gardening Club - Help with planting, weeding, watering and mulching of our special gardens at the Linwood Community Center. Annual Cleanup - Work with others to help residents dispose and recycle materials on May 12th.

#### Pedestrian Safety & Traffic Calming -

Add your ideas on finding solutions to long-standing concerns about pedestrian safety and traffic.

#### SHA Office -

Help us with mailings, phone calls and other community-building tasks!

#### PLEASE CALL TODAY !

Summit Hill Association (651) 222-1222 or email: [summithill@visi.com](mailto:summithill@visi.com)  
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