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NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

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Thank You to All House Tour Participants

SHA and its House Tour Committee thank all the homeowners who put their homes on the House Tour in October, every volunteer who worked to make it a worry-free event for the homeowners and an enjoyable event for the patrons, and everyone who attended the event in support of SHA. Despite the inclement weather, guests enjoyed the lovely homes on the tour and the beautiful antique cars that were parked in front of each of the tour houses.

The countless hours that go in to putting on this event, from the homeowners' preparations, to house and volunteer recruitment and organization, to ad sales and brochure writing and layout, all result in a fun filled afternoon that benefits an organization whose sole purpose is the enhancement of this neighborhood. A special thanks to our advertisers and sponsors Edina Realty and Coldwell Banker Burnet Realty; to local businesses who donated items

including Cafe Latté, Dixies on Grand, First Grand Liquor, Great Harvest Bread Co., Green Mill, Kowalski's, Stems and Vines, Summit Brewing, Thomas Liquor, Wild Onion; and to Amore Coffee and Milton Mall, Dixies On Grand, and the University Club for providing hospitality spots. Just as our neighborhood would not be complete without these businesses, we could not have put on the house tour without them. Thanks to you all for a great event.



Your Support is Needed!

Tammy Haas, SHA Development Chair

2006 has been a great year for the Summit Hill Summit Hill Association/District 16 Planning Council. To continue our important work of sustaining a strong and vibrant neighborhood, however, we need your financial support more than ever. (Contribution form on p.3)

Among our most exciting achievements this year was persuading the St. Paul City Council to adopt the District 16 Neighborhood Plan. The D16 Plan is a set of principles, visions and strategies that serves as a framework guiding the future of the Summit Hill community, balancing growth with livability and respect for the unique and historic qualities of the area, and protecting the historic character of the commercially successful East Grand Ave. In addition, our SHA Board of Directors have devoted countless volunteer hours addressing the neighborhood's interests on issues such as commercial development, traffic and pedestrian safety, parking issues, and crime prevention.

(Support Needed continued on p.3)

Welcome New and Returning SHA Board Members



On October 12th, dozens of residents and other stakeholder members of the Summit Hill Association/District 16 Planning Council turned out and voted to fill 6 open seats on the 21-member Board of Directors. We were pleased to see that several of the new members elected that night are renters who will bring a valuable perspective to the work of this citizen body that represents the Summit Hill neighborhood. We are also very thankful to those returning board members who continue their terms as members of the 2006-07 SHA Board. On November 9th, the SHA Board of Directors elected new officers to serve one-year terms. Those chosen are the following: President - Elizabeth Wefel (977 Goodrich Ave.), Vice President -

Mark Sutherland (1141 Lincoln Ave.), Treasurer - Nancy Breyemeier (Amore Coffee), and Secretary - Holly Biron (894 St. Clair Ave.). I look forward to watching the work of these capable individuals in serving the interests of the neighborhood. I also want to thank the outgoing officers

for their hard work and service: Vice President Rick Smith and Secretary Marcia Odman. Finally and most importantly, thanks to the community and all the great people I've met and worked with over the past year.

Eduardo Barrera, Outgoing President Summit Hill Association

The following are brief background biographies on the five new members to the SHA Board of Directors:



Holly Biron
894 St. Clair Ave. , #304
I am a long time resident of Saint Paul. I grew up on the West Side

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of Saint Paul where many of my family members still live. I got my undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I then received a Masters degree in public policy from the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. While at the Humphrey Institute I worked for Dave Thune and Donna Swanson in Ward 2. It was in this position that I became aware of the Planning (New Board continued on p.2)

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The 2007 SHA Board

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 Holly Biron, 894 St. Clair #304
 Nancy Breymer, 745 Grand Avenue
 Darin Broton, 803 Goodrich, Apt. D
 Merritt Clapp-Smith, 785 Goodrich Ave.
 Pete Fervoy, 25 Oxford Street South
 Maureen Flahavan, 1073 Lincoln Avenue
 Tammy Haas, 1037 Lincoln Avenue
 Eric Hedberg, 1021 Lincoln Avenue
 Dianna Krogstad, 745 Grand Avenue, #605
 Alisa Lein, 894 Grand Avenue, #304
 Jaimee Lucke, 1184 Fairmount Avenue
 Marcia Odman, 969 Goodrich Avenue
 Deborah Rathman, 775 Fairmount Avenue
 Lucas Rulff, 598 Lincoln Avenue, #302
 Mark Sutherland, 1141 Lincoln Avenue
 JoAnn Verweij, 1000 Lincoln Avenue
 Elizabeth Wefel, 977 Goodrich Avenue, #4
 Jim White, 1071 Fairmount Avenue
 Todd Wichman, 870 Osceola Avenue
 Linda Winsor, 708 Goodrich Avenue

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 and our mailing address is 860 St. Clair Ave. Thanks.
 The Editors

New Board, cont. from p.2

Council and the work they do that is vital to our community. The Board serves an essential role in connecting the City and the Summit Hill Community.

I currently work as a Legislative Associate for a lobbying and law firm in Saint Paul. I continue to see every day the many complex situations that local governments experience in providing for their citizens and the disconnect that exists between the state and local levels. I believe that a position on the Board will provide me with hands on experience in local government planning and community development. A seat in the planning council would further my involvement in the community. I also believe it is important to provide a renter's perspective on issues in the District. I could provide this perspective.

We are fortunate to live in a wonderful, safe community. I would like to contribute to secure the continued success of the area. The District has potential to give back even more to the residents of the District and I believe that a position on the Board would allow me to give back to a community that I love.



Darin Broton
 903 Goodrich Ave., Apt. D

Growing up in Dodge Center, Minnesota, I learned the values of hard work and commitment. As a first generation college student, I chose to attend Hamline University because I wanted to go to school in a community that emphasized big city ideas while maintaining small town values. One of those values is community service.

I sought the position of director because I have the experience and energy to keep our neighborhood safe and protect our way of life. As the neighborhood struggles to manage growth, traffic and public safety, my experience working in federal, state and local government allows me to bring these skills to the Summit Hill Association.

When I moved to Summit Hill four years ago, I knew I made the right decision. As a renter, I want to make sure our neighborhood remains livable and enjoyable for renters as well as homeowners and visitors.

Lucas Rulff



598 Lincoln Ave #302
 My name is Lucas Rulff and I am 24 years old. I live at 598 Lincoln Ave

with my wife and work for the Target Corporation as an Analyst. Having grown up on Grand Avenue, my whole life has been spent in or around District 16. However most recently, I have spent the last 3 out of 5 years of my life in a small town in Sweden. Now having moved back and started a family here, I want to help nurture the community I call "home".

Having my masters in Business, I know the importance of proper management to make a community successful. I also know the importance of fresh and new ideas. With this in mind, I can offer fresh young views and work to appeal to my age group within the community.

Finally, I wanted to join the board because I believe that a community is only as strong as its weakest link. Therefore, it is my goal to promote involvement and awareness for all that live in our neighborhood. I would like to play a part in increasing the quality of life for all of the community through working together on crime prevention, environmental consciousness, and keeping the community open & friendly to all.



JoAnn Verweij
 1000 Lincoln Avenue

My husband and I moved into the Summit Hill neighborhood 10 years ago. We knew it was the neighborhood we wanted to raise our family in --and we are doing just that. We have 2 young boys, ages 7 and 4.

There is so much about this neighborhood to treasure—the community of friends we have developed, the proximity to stores and restaurants we support, the character of the homes, and of course the people! Every fall when I drive down our street and see the leaves change color, I think, wow, what a beautiful neighborhood we live in! And honestly, it is hard to ignore the conveniences of our location—it's a quick walk to get a coffee, rent a movie, get a haircut, go to dinner and the list goes on and on.

As our children get older their boundaries expand and they begin to explore more and more of the neighborhood, off of Lincoln Avenue. Their safety is my number one priority. How can I make a difference with that? It is now my turn to give my time and effort to a place I care very deeply about. I want our neighborhood to continue to be as safe and welcoming for our kids as it has been the past 10 years.



James White
 1071 Fairmount Avenue

(Note: Mr. White was elected as first alternate at the 10/9 elections, but soon became a new Board member when an unforeseen opening on the Board occurred days after the election.)

My name is James White and I am 58 years old. I am married to Sarah Merrill White and together we have five children: Elizabeth, Andy, Peter, Michael and Charlie. We are members of St. Luke's Catholic Church. My civic involvements have included: Serving on the Highland Advisory Council (1992-94); Seeking DFL endorsement for the Minnesota House Representative seat – District 64 A; Working on the recently successful Erin Murphy campaign; and volunteering with SHA to successfully get the city to install a crosswalk on Grand Hill. I have worked in mortgage banking for 29 years; and I am particularly interested in neighborhood issues concerning zoning and economic development.

District Councils – What Do They Do?

The City of St. Paul established a city-wide citizen participation process in 1975. Seventeen districts were created with the Summit Hill neighborhood designated as District 16. Each district has a volunteer board of directors. Citizen participation through the District Council system is vital to sustaining a strong and healthy neighborhood; and it is an essential part of the city's communications network. Each district office provides information and referral resources and has a neighborhood newsletter or website to communicate with the local community.

An essential role of the District Councils is to plan and advise the city on the physical, economic and social development of its area as well as on citywide issues. In addition, District Councils identify neighborhood needs, initiate the programs to meet these needs, and recruit volunteers. If you want to help keep the Summit Hill neighborhood a strong and vital community, please consider getting involved with the Summit Hill Association by calling 651-222-1222.

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, click on "Electronic News" and enter your information.

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Event Updates

Isn't 20... Plenty?

Eric Hedberg, Pedestrian Safety & Traffic Calming Committee

Boulevards of fresh black asphalt free of dump trucks and bobcats, what driver can't resist pushing the limit a bit as we drive through the neighborhood. Yet even as we relish our extended Fall driving those annoying "20 is Plenty" signs are popping up like dictatorial daisies attached to the stems of freshly restored street lights. What's the point? It's not like most of us are driving 50 mph down Lincoln Avenue.

Take an Internet cruise some evening and Google up pedestrian, fatality and speed. A little looking around will take you to sites all around the world that talk about pedestrians and automobiles. We are a driving culture in the United States, but in Europe and other places walking is the way to go. Like us, though, they have cars as well and much research is going on about the sometimes fatal interaction between the two.

So what does some of the research say? Well in the UK, their Department of Transportation found that a pedestrian struck by a vehicle going 40 mph has an 85% chance of being killed. Drop the vehicle's speed to 30 mph and the chance of fatality drops to 45%. For a frame of reference, that's the speed we are supposed to be going on St. Clair or Lexington Avenues. What happens though when we drop to a speed of say 20 mph? Suddenly the pedestrian's likelihood of being killed drops to 5%. In other words, they have a 95% chance of survival. These numbers are not absolutes as there are many other factors involved, few of which improve the chances of the pedestrian. They also don't detail the long term injuries that survivors may endure.

Dig around some more and you will not be surprised to see the highest percentage of victims are the elderly and young children. While many of the impacts are caused by drivers failing to yield or see pedestrians, just as many occur by pedestrians crossing at the middle of the block, most often children.

So "20 is Plenty" in neighborhoods full of pedestrians and school children. Slow down, put down the cell phone, and enjoy the moment. Oh, and if you think your fast reflexes and antilock brakes make a difference... Google up some stopping distance charts. You might begin to think "11 is Heaven".

Support Needed (cont. from p.1)

SHA could not function, however, without the hard work of the SHA neighborhood office staff. SHA Staff keeps our neighborhood up-to-date on the important issues that affect us all through The Summit newsletter; the SHA website at www.summithillassociation.org; and the Electronic News alert service. The SHA staff also provides assistance with organizing block and building clubs for community building and crime prevention; coordination and promotion of annual events; and daily information and referral services for community members.

To perform our work effectively, SHA relies on financial support from a variety of sources, including contributions from individuals. Although the City provides a stipend to fund a portion of our expenses, our largest source of income has been the biannual Summit Hill House Tour. This fall 14 neighbors opened their homes for the tour and dozens of volunteers contributed countless hours to this event. We are very proud of the work that everyone did to make this event successful.

Unfortunately, due to poor weather, competing events, and other factors, we were not able to raise the revenue that we needed through this event. Because of this shortfall, SHA will likely need to tap into its financial reserves to balance

its budget this year and may face a budget deficit in 2008.

The SHA Board of Directors recognizes the challenges we face and is working on a long-term plan to address these issues. We have started by eliminating as much as we can from an already tight budget. If we cut costs further, it would mean reducing our ability to represent the neighborhood before city government; decreasing SHA services provided to this community; and reducing our ability to do effective crime prevention organizing. To avoid these cuts in service, we turn to you, our neighbors, and ask for your financial support.

Our Board Treasurer has calculated that we could balance our budget woes if every household in District 16 would contribute just \$7.50 per year (although we hope you will contribute more)!

We thank all of you who have contributed in the past, and ask for your support again this year. If you have not donated in the past, we would be very grateful for a contribution in any amount that is comfortable for your household. This is such a wonderful neighborhood, and we thank you for your support so that we may continue our work!

2006-07 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, 3-4:30 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)

Curbside Recycling: Every Friday;

recycling must be out on the curb by 7am



DECEMBER

- 11 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming
- 28 Executive Committee

2007

JANUARY

- 8 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming
- 11 Board of Directors
- 11 Summit newsletter deadline
- 19 City-wide Honor Roll Awards
- 25 Executive Committee

FEBRUARY

- 8 Board of Directors
- 12 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming
- 22 Executive Committee

MARCH

- 8 Board of Directors
- 8 Summit newsletter deadline
- 12 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming
- 29 Executive Committee

APRIL

- 12 Board of Directors
- 16 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming
- 26 Executive Committee
- 28 **Spring Progressive Supper**

MAY

- 5 **Spring Garage Sale**
- 10 Board of Directors
- 12 **Annual Neighborhood Cleanup**
- 14 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming
- 31 Executive Committee

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NOON, JAN. 11

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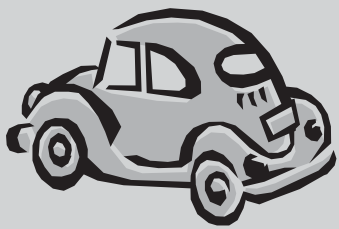
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Summit Hill pedestrian safety lawn signs are available now for \$5 each.

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

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Happenings In

St. Paul - the City That Discovered Winter

By Gabrielle Horner

"Listen folks I'm bound to go...to play amid the ice and snow. Come spend a week with me... yes, St. Paul is waiting for you all." (verse from "Back to Old St. Paul" 1917 Carnival Song, words and music by Harley Rosso)

In 1917, St. Paul's "Outdoor Sports Carnival" opened with an outside temperature of 17 degrees below zero. The official souvenir program (10 cents) listed 4 skating rinks and 15 toboggan slides (extra street cars were added for transportation), and a week of events including a Grande Parade of Marching Clubs, fireworks on Capitol Hill, horse racing, a national ski tournament and ski jumping contests, and of course - a Curling Bonspiel at the Curling Club (see it today at Selby & Arundel).

The longest slide started at Ramsey



St. Paul Winter Carnival slide at Ramsey St. & Summit Ave

Street and Summit Avenue and was reported to be a half-mile ride! St. Paul's Winter Carnival is Minnesota's oldest civic celebration, and one of the oldest in the nation. Often quoted, but never verified, St. Paul's Winter Carnival was supposedly created in response to an "insult" by a Boston journalist who compared St. Paul to Siberia and uninhabitable during win-

ter. In reality, the first carnival (1885) was quickly organized by businessmen who seized an opportunity to make St. Paul "North America's Winter Carnival City" when Montreal was forced to cancel their financially successful event due to a small-pox outbreak.

Carnivals were held annually from 1886-1899, and may have been suspended due to mild winters (a polo

game in 1896 was played in 40 degree temperatures). Louis W. Hill (son of J.J. Hill) led the revival in 1916 and 1917 on a grand scale, with the motto of "Make it a Hotter One" and led ceremonies such as sprinkling Tabasco sauce on a totem pole outside the Golden Rule department store at 7th & Robert to open the frivolity.

Summit Hill Living at Home/Block Nurse Program Update

The mission of the Living at Home/Block Nurse Program is to preserve and enhance the quality of life of Summit Hill seniors in their own homes, helping them avoid institutional placement when possible, and to enhance the community by maintaining its age diversity and by encouraging expressions of caring. There are times when a temporary or permanent nursing home placement is the best choice. However, we have learned that good home care can sometimes be a far less costly alternative, and one preferred by many seniors.

Our services can help prevent nursing home placements. When seniors are unable to perform activities of daily living, their independence at home can be threatened. Getting dressed, bathing, preparing meals, doing laun-

dry and light housework, taking medicines and help with paperwork and finances are some examples of how we can assist. Working one on one with caregivers is another service we provide. Many of you see us at Kowalski's or Victoria Crossing providing free blood pressure testing.



FAN Club, a social activity on

Thursdays provides the best \$5 lunch in town. For more information about

any of these services, please call us at 651.222.7884.

Volunteers Needed!

Do you have an hour or two a month to lend a hand to an elder? Offering transportation, doing some grocery shopping or simply being a presence, help our older friends stay connected to the community. As Margaret Mead stated "I must admit that I personally measure success in terms of the contributions an individual makes to her or his fellow human beings". If you would like more information about volunteering, please call Sue Burkhardt at 651.222.7884.

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Crime Prevention Connection

The holiday season is a joyous time of celebration with friends and family. It can also be a time when busy people become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. The holiday shopping season is the year's peak time for crimes such as home and vehicle burglaries, thefts and assaults. Please take a few moments to review the following holiday crime prevention measures to insure that yours is the merriest of holidays:

Driving

- ALWAYS lock your vehicle.
- Keep all personal belongings and shopping bags in your trunk.
- Never leave your purse or wallet in your vehicle ...even under the seat or in the trunk.

Shopping

- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Keep a record of all your credit card numbers at home in a safe location. Copy all important documents you usually carry in your purse or wallet and keep them in a secure location at home just in case.
- Carry your wallet in your front pants pocket, your purse securely around your shoulder.....consider putting your purse on before you put on your coat.

At Home

- When you leave your home for holiday travel, have a neighbor or friend watch your home, have your mail and newspapers collected while you're gone.
- Place lights, radio, and television on timers so that your home appears occupied.
- After the holidays, carefully dispose of packaging in your trash that indicates new expensive gifts, i.e., electronic or sports equipment.

Hi Neighbor!

Call 651-222-1222 for further information
When pondering your New Year's resolutions for the year ahead consider adding a resolution to become more active in your community. The best, absolute best, crime prevention strategy has always been getting to know your neighbors and your community. Knowing who lives in your area and what is usual in your neighborhood gives you a tremendous advantage from a crime prevention perspective.

If you are already a member of a Block or Building Club consider yourself for-

unate. You are connected within a network of neighbors that helps assure your and your family's personal safety.

If you are not currently in a Block or Building Club, consider making one of your New Year's resolutions starting a club in your area or building. You too can become better connected to your community and experience the benefits a network of neighbors can provide for both your personal satisfaction and safety. National studies repeatedly demonstrate that crime in an area decreases when neighbors look out for each other even casually.

Block & Building Club Leaders Meet

Summit Hill area Block & Building Club leaders met for their fall meeting at Dixie's on Grand in late September to socialize and hear a presentation on "Conflict Resolution" from Jeanne Zimmer, the Executive Director of the St. Paul Dispute Resolution Center. Ms. Zimmer offered several practical strategies and tips for resolving conflict in all areas of our lives. According to Zimmer, the best strategy for resolving conflict is "...listening, really listening to the opposition and then verbally paraphrasing (and thereby validating) their position."

Block and Building Club Leaders meet several times a year to share ideas and strategies for crime prevention and community building. Thanks to all who came and to Dixie's on Grand for hosting our meeting and providing a very generous gift certificate door prize.

The Costs of Crime

The National Center for Victims of Crime (NCVC) is our nation's leading resource and advocacy organization dedicated to serving individuals, families and communities harmed by crime. Working with local, state, and federal partners for crime victims the Nation Center provides; services and resources, advocates for laws and public policies that secure rights, resources and protections, conducts training and fosters cutting-edge thinking about the impact of crime and the ways in which all citizens can help victims of crime rebuild their lives. The NCVC website is www.ncvc.org.

Each December, NCVC produces a statistical overview of the year prior reporting on a wide variety of crime categories e.g., drunk driving, domestic violence, teen victims, etc. Some of their key findings in 2005 were:

- In 2003 there were 24.2 million criminal victimizations of persons over the age of 12 in the U.S. of which 5.4 million were violent crimes and 18.6 million were property crimes.
- Intimates (persons known to the victim) perpetrated 19% of all violent crime against women. Men are more likely to be victimized by strangers.
- Seven percent of violent crime victims faced an offender with a firearm.
- Teens (ages 12 to 19) were crimes victims at rates much higher than other age groups.
- Most crimes are not reported to the police: 48% of violent crime and over 38% of property crime never appear in crime statistics.

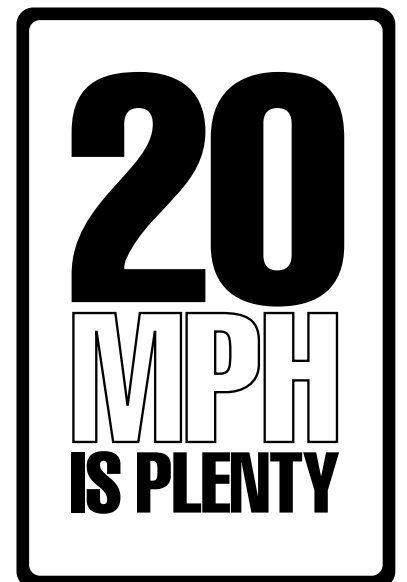
The National Center for Victims of Crime reported that crime is estimated to create \$105 billion in medical expenses, lost earnings and costs for victim services. Factoring in intangible costs such as pain and suffering and a reduced quality of life for both the victims and the community brings the total estimated cost of crime to \$450 billion annually.

While NCVC reports that more than \$38 billion is spent annually to maintain the nation's correctional systems in one year, many would argue that not enough is being done to stem the tide of crime. Police repeatedly advise that the best and most effective crime prevention strategies are: call 911 in an emergency or if you see or suspect a crime is in progress; report potentially criminally suspicious people and circumstances to the police immediately (call 651-291-1111); get to know your

neighbors (join a Block or Building Club!) and practice (and teach your children) crime prevention cautions at home, at work, and at play.

Have a safe and satisfying holiday season!

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Linwood A+ School News

By René Meyers-Kelley

Linwood A+ Elementary is always a fun place to learn something new! Students recently had two Enrichment Cluster days, where they got to choose a special class they wanted to participate in for that morning. Every staff member in the building including Principal Unowsky offered a class in an area of interest to themselves and the students. Class choices included Jewelry Making, Rain-Stick Making, scrap-booking, Plant Your Own Cactus, Cooking Without an Oven, Educational Websites, Self-Portraits, Lego Art, Mancala, Origami, Outdoor Games, and many more.

The kids have a great time trying out something new. Enrichment classes will be offered at least two more times this school year.

One of the unique things about Linwood is their Friday Gatherings. A Gathering is held each Friday throughout the year at 1:40, and all students, staff, and interested family and community members come together to share what the kids are currently learning. Linwood welcomes



Students creating rain sticks

anyone who wishes to come joins us for a Gathering!

Upcoming Gatherings include performance by the Dance Ensemble, the Choruses, the Linwood Band, and Native American studies by the 5th grade students. Please call 293-6606 if you'd like to know more about Linwood A+.

Linwood Booster Club News Annual Bonfire a Huge Success!

The Linwood Park Booster Club Annual Bonfire held on October 7th was well attended by the Summit Hill community, with close to 600 people enjoying music, food, and camaraderie with neighbors and friends. We wish to thank all of our local business partners who supported this event, and please let them know your appreciation for their



support of the neighborhood. They are: Glen Helgeson and Friends, JayTSoldMe.com Realty (Keller Williams), Dixies on Grand, Billy's on Grand, Nina's Coffee Café, Grand Ole Creamery, First Grand Liquor, Von Hanson Meats and the Linwood Recreation Center.

Thank you to all new and renewing members of the Linwood Park Booster Club. A big thanks also goes to the Student Service Team from IHM - Saint

Luke's School - we couldn't have done it without your help!

Linwood Skating Party is set for Saturday, January 27, 2007, with indoor skating set to the music of DJ80's by Steve Rangel, along with outdoor skating, games, sleigh rides, food and more.

Volunteer with the Linwood Park Booster Club! Become active with community events

and support a great neighborhood. We strive to maintain a tight-knit community supporting families and events in conjunction with the Linwood Recreation Center. Get involved using your area of expertise: writing, web design, graphics, advocacy, enrichment, development, events, etc - all are welcome!

For comments or more information, contact us at website: www.linwoodboosters.org.

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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.

Gardening Club -

Preserve our special landscaping at the Linwood Recreation Center! Plus, help coordinate our Neighborhood Gardening Awards and Plant Exchange.

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
www.summithillassociation.org

SHA Website - A Good Source for Neighborhood Information

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

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

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

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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. – 6 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.

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.
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. – 9:00 p.m.

DANCE: JAZZ (Beginning)

Always wanted to try jazz? Now's your chance! Pivot, turn, stretch and leap your way into a class! Learn the fundamentals and techniques in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. Wear jazz shoes or ballet slippers.

Mondays 7:05 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

For upcoming sessions and fees please call Linwood Recreation Center at 651-298-5660

DANCE CLASSES

Instructor: Amy Lee

Registration Starts November 6th

Monday Classes:

January 8th – February 12th
(6 Classes) \$38/Level
Beginning Creative Movement
Ages 3-5 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Tot Tumbling
Ages 2-1/2 - 3 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Tot Tumbling
Ages 3-4 12:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Beginning Creative Movement
Ages 3-5 2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Continuing Creative Movement 1
Ages 4-6 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Continuing Creative Movement 2
Ages 5-7 3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Beginning Ballet/Tap
Ages 5-10 4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
Beginning Ballet 1
Ages 5-9 5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Intermediate Ballet/Tap
Ages 6-12 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday Classes:

December 27th – February 14th
(8 Classes) \$50/Level
Beginning Children's Yoga
Ages 3-5 2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Beginning Creative Movement
Ages 3-5 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Continuing Creative Movement 1
Ages 4-6 3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Beginning Ballet 1
Ages 5-9 4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
Beginning Ballet/Tap
Ages 5-10 5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Intermediate Ballet 2
Ages 6-12 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Teen Yoga
Ages 11-16 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 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 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.

KARATE: SOO BAHK DO KARATE

Instructor: Mike Kelly 651-690-1489

email: mike@kellyrenewals.com

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available. For more information or to register, call or e-mail Mike Kelly.

Introductory Classes for New Students
Saturdays 9 -9:55 a.m.

Ages 6 & up

For more information about new introductory classes and fees call Mike Kelly at 651-690-1489

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
11:50 am-11:40 a.m.
Tuesdays On-going
5:30 pm-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 9:15 a.m.

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 9:15 a.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)

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
Senior Couples (ages 55+)	\$40

WINTER YOUTH SPORTS REGISTRATION (October 9-13)

- 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

Instructional Basketball

Ages: 4-6, 7-8

Basketball Leagues

Ages: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-18

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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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.

Local Elected Officials
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Mayor Chris Coleman..... 266-8510
mayor@ci.stpaul.mn.us
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First Annual CVA Holiday Sale and Auction!

Holiday shoppers looking for more unique gifts should mark their calendars for Saturday, December 9, 2006. On that day the College of Visual Arts will be holding their First Annual Holiday Sale and Silent Auction. The CVA Gallery will be transformed into a holiday boutique. Original artwork, crafts, and baked goods by CVA students, faculty, alumni, staff, and friends will be for sale, as well as a selection of books on art. A number of special items will be included in a

silent auction. This one-day sale will run from 2 - 6 p.m., with the silent auction ending at 5:30 p.m. All proceeds benefit the CVA scholarship fund and CVA gallery programming. The CVA Gallery is located at 173 Western Avenue. All sales are cash and carry.

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(651) 310-0575

College of Visual Arts Hosts an Open Figure Drawing Co-op

The College of Visual Arts will host an open drawing co-op for individuals who wish to enhance their figure drawing skills. Following last year's success, CVA is pleased to once again invite students, teachers, and artists to take part in the co-op. No registration is necessary.

Sessions are on Saturday afternoons, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m., College of Visual Arts at 173 Western Ave, Saint Paul (northwest corner of Selby and Western), Drawing Studio, Room 404 (1st floor). Sessions are \$10 each (cash only) and artists must provide their own supplies. Artists under 18 year please download a figure drawing

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Contact:
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College of Visual Arts
344 Summit Ave
Saint Paul, MN 55102
URL: www.cva.edu

Spread Holiday Spirit! Saturday, Dec. 9 Noon - 5:00 pm

Jon & Kate Pearce and company invite you to stop by 830 Grand (at Victoria near the Yarnery) for FREE hot chocolate and cookies to help benefit the Women's Advocates. This shelter for victims of domestic violence is located in the heart of our neighborhood (www.wadvocates.org). Now on our third year of this event, our goal is to raise and donate \$1,000.00. Please stop by and help us reach this goal - we promise you good holiday cheer and delicious treats!

Your neighbors, Jon & Kate Pearce

Two St. Luke's School Events: Kindergarten Story Hour Dec. 8th and Kindergarten Open House Night Jan. 25, 2007

IHM-St. Luke's School will host a Kinder Story Hour Friday December 8, 2006, from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. for families interested in learning more about the school and its kindergarten program. Preschoolers will meet with one of IHM-St. Luke's kindergarten teachers in their classroom to participate in a classroom activity and have a small snack. Parents will have the opportunity to meet current and prospective parents, Principal Patrick Lofton, and other school faculty. For more information or to register for the event, please call the school office at 651-224-4836. The last Kinder Story

Hour for the academic year will be held January 26, 2007, from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

The School's Kindergarten Information Night will take place Thursday, January 25 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will hear the Kindergarten staff present their curriculum and yearlong activities, have the opportunity to tour the Kinder classrooms, and to speak with current families. Childcare is available upon request.

Personal tours are also available during the winter months. A tour pro-

vides parents with the opportunity to meet current parents, teachers and other staff members as well as visit our specialist areas including Technology, Spanish, Physical Education, Music and the Library. Please contact the school office at 651-224-4836 to schedule.

IHM-St. Luke's School is a K-8 Catholic School located in the heart of Saint Paul. It provides students with an academically excellent curriculum, promotes the self-worth of each child, and encourages active Christian leadership.

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College of Visual Arts

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First Annual Cash and Carry Holiday Art Sale and Silent Auction

Saturday, December 9
2:00 - 6:00 P.M.
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& Business News

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: The Bibelot Shop

by Benno Groeneveld



Roxy Freese from The Bibelot Shop

Bibelot means "small precious gift" or "small art object" in French. On Grand Avenue, the word translates into a shop with an eclectic mix of clothes, gifts, knickknacks, cards, candles, soaps, books, cards and much more.

Owner Roxy Freese describes what the store sells as "things that are incredibly artistic." Selling artistic things was a natural to Freese, 74. She is originally from Minnesota but went to college in Illinois, where she majored in arts. Art majors spend a lot of times in museums and Freese found out she loved museum gift shops, "That is where I got my adrenalin."

Following her inspiration, she opened the first Bibelot store in St. Anthony Park, on Como Avenue, in 1966. "I needed to support three children and this seemed to make sense." Then, in 1997 Freese saw an opportunity to expand to Grand Avenue. That store opened in the fall of that year and has since grown from two storefronts next

to Wuollet's bakery – to now include what used to be five stores at 1082 Grand Avenue between the bakery and the Lexington restaurant.

The store is often crowded and could use more space, but customers don't seem to mind, Freese has noticed. Even when people are jammed in the small aisles, they are still saying 'Isn't this fun?'

Freese has since opened two additional stores, one in Linden Hills and one in northeast Minneapolis at University and Hennepin Avenues. The stores have always tried to reflect the times. The first store's stock was typical of the sixties: "We sold lots of posters, and some gifts, clothes and jewelry," Freese says. The mix has changed but her philosophy hasn't: "Lots of stores specialize... our specialty is our diversity. We try to stay ahead of the trends; we sell what will be hip next year." Freese adds: "I think we're pretty successful, that is why we are still here after 40 years."

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. Blue bins are distributed through Saint Paul's community councils. 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 informa-

tion desk and ask for what you need.



Gabbing On Grand

Grand Meander, December 2nd

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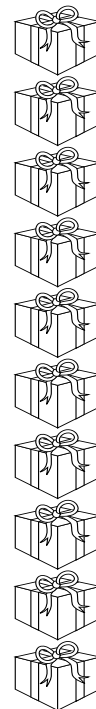
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Candidates Forum Turns Out a Good Crowd!

The Summit Hill Association Candidates Forum for House Representative - District 64A, held on Oct. 12th following the SHA Annual Meeting and Elections, turned out a sizable group of people. Candidates Erin Murphy - DFL, Kirstin Beach - IR and Jesse Mortenson - Green Party made short initial presentations and then answered questions submitted by audience members. The discussion was broad, engaging and informative – and hopefully helped attendees to better know the issues and who to cast their ballot for.



Erin Murphy, Minnesota House Representative-Elect for 64A at the SHA candidates forum in October

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