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Meet the New SHA President and Board of Directors

From the President, Mark Sutherland

At the 2005 Summit Hill Association (SHA) Annual Meeting, I ran for a seat on the SHA Board of Directors. I wanted to meet people in the neighborhood, find out what the local issues were, and make a difference in my community. I did not get voted on at that time, and became an alternate, waiting for an opening during the 2005-06 term. In early 2006, a spot opened up for me and I took my place on the Board.



In the fall of 2006, the outgoing President, Eduardo Barrera, asked if I would be interested in becoming Vice President. I thought about it and said that I would. Along with the newly elected President Elizabeth Wefel, and the other officers and members of the Board - I jumped in, and became immersed in the issues of our organization.

What a year it has been! Fundraising, zoning issues, parking, pedestrian safety, planning for the next Summit Hill House Tour, and a myriad of other issues flew by. Implementing the Summit Hill Neighborhood Plan for District 16 has continued with the able guidance of Merritt Clapp-Smith and others on the Board. This year, the terms expired for several long-term SHA Board members - Marcia Odman, Deb Rathman and Todd Wichman - who played key roles on the Zoning and Land Use Committee, as well as the aforementioned Neighborhood Plan. Thanks go out to them, and to the entire Board, for their gift of service in representing the Summit Hill community.

Now we start the 2007-08 term with many new Board members, who have generously stepped forward to lead SHA and guide our future. They are a very talented group, bringing new energy and perspectives to the Board. At the November 8th monthly meeting, I was honored to be selected by the Board to

be their President for the next 12 months. I look forward to the challenges in the coming year. There is excitement in the air as we go forward to continue making the Summit Hill area one of the most vibrant and livable communities in our city and state.

Please take a moment to meet the following new SHA Board members:

John D. Angst

21 Lawton



I reside at 21 Lawton, which is in the northeast corner of the District. I am a renter who has lived in the carriage house of the Chauncey Griggs Mansion for nearly a decade and have been a Saint Paulite since the 1970's. I am in the electro-mechanical assembly business as the owner and manager of the William H. Kenety Company. Having been on various boards over the years and getting near the age of retirement, these days I look for consensus and collaboration on the contentious issues. I support substantial neighborhood and SHA input in the area of zoning and land use issues but also believe the SHA needs to have a better dialogue with the commercial interests in the district. Quality of life issues for residents adjacent to Grand Avenue also need to be adequately resolved.

Lisa C. Barton

1054 Linwood Avenue

I was born and raised in Minnesota and am a graduate of both the University of Minnesota and the William Mitchell College of Law. I spent the last 10 years in Washington, D.C. and Salt Lake City, Utah, where I practiced law and then fundraised for higher education. In the spring of 2007, I became the Director of Development at William Mitchell College of Law and soon purchased a home in Crocus Hill. I am interested in



volunteering with the Summit Hill Association to support the community in which I now live and work. I recognize that Summit Hill is a strong, safe, and beautiful community because of those who work to make and keep it that way. I thank those who have come before me and I wish to continue their work.

Griffin Fox

501 Grand Hill



I am a 17-year old senior at Trinity School at River Ridge. I am an active volunteer in my community. I have lived in the same house on Grand Hill for 15 years. I attended I.H.M- St. Luke's Elementary School and played basketball, baseball, and soccer at Dunning Park and Linwood and have greatly benefited from living on Summit Hill. Now would be a great opportunity for me to give back to the community that has given me so much safety and so many activities for my whole childhood.

Ryan Huffman

750 Grand Ave.



My family has provided premium ice cream through the Grand Ole Creamery, to the city of Saint Paul for over 23 years. The business has gone from my grandfather's hands, to my father's, and now to mine. I could mix cone batter before I could walk, and little did I know at the time when I was a child, what a success the Creamery would be today. My family has been a part of this community, and has set the standards for a quarter of a century, and I believe that in order to continue to grow, we must become closer and even more involved with the community and its' future. After high school, I attended North GA military college, and served in the Army National guard, all of which gave me the disciplines to stay focused and help teach me the importance of strength in leadership. East Grand Ave., has served

my family time and time again and now it's time for my family to pay the community back.

Kate Pearce

830 Grand Avenue #5



My husband and I have been living on Grand near Victoria since 2003. We are both class of 2001 St. Olaf College graduates and now, condo owners on Grand. We love the neighborhood - the people, the energy, the local feel are fantastic. I grew up in a small community near Rochester, MN and have a great love and appreciation for small town life. This neighborhood emulates those flavors of a small town, an intimate community, within a large city. I particularly enjoy planning events, connecting with people, bringing people together and inspiring others to get involved.... because I feel that even small contributions or brief connections and conversations go a long way to make a big difference in building a great community.

Tim Pramas

881 Fairmount Ave.



I live at 881 Fairmount Ave. with my wife and four-year old daughter. I was born and
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SHA News and

Summit Hill House Tour

Dear Summit Hill Neighbors:

Planning for the Summit Hill Association's biennial house tour is in full swing! On September 14, 2008, the Summit Hill Association will hold the Summit Hill House Tour, traditionally one of the most popular historic house tours in the nation. Funds raised by this event are used to support the SHA office, and the community building programs and quality of life issues important to all of us: block club organizing, crime prevention, clean-up drives, recycling, newsletters, parking, zoning, pedestrian safety issues, and more.

I am Jan Cronquist, the new volunteer chairperson for the house tour. I signed on to chair the tour because I believe it can be a great way to engage people, bring them together, raise money for a worthy cause, show off our fabulous neighborhood, and have fun doing it! On a personal note, I work as a recruiter, and with my husband, Lee Toman, a physician, have lived in the Summit Hill neighborhood since 1983.

You may know that the number of tour attendees has declined in recent years. This may be attributed to bad weather or need to improve event planning....or we can look at this as an indication that the house tour needs revitalization. We plan to address both issues – ensure that the

process is in order and look at what we can do to make the 2008 tour new, different, and exciting – and we hope to have your support. We are considering a new theme, so if you have an idea, please forward it. The design of the brochure may also change, and we hope to engage you as we move forward with that process. We are open to all ideas and would love to hear yours. And of course, if you want to volunteer, you are more than welcome! We have openings for committee chairs, committee members, and specific projects.

So who is doing the real work of this house tour? In large part, a great group of volunteers. Lisa McGann, the new vice-chair for the event, is bright, thoughtful, diligent, and organized, and we are lucky to have her on board. Lisa, a freelance food stylist, who also manages photo shoots, has lived in the neighborhood with her husband, Greg Cruz, for over 3 years. Heading up committees are many long-time volunteers and residents of the neighborhood: Nancy Breymeier, Val Stoker, Tammy Haas, Mark Sutherland, Mark Shirk, and Kathy Knauer. Thanks to all!

In addition to the core group, I want to thank Jeff Roy and Diane Hilden, SHA staff, for stepping up to the work involved in supporting an event of this size. And, I want to thank others who

have stepped forward with specific volunteer efforts, and/or good counsel: David Heide, Michael Crull, Kelli Cox, Mark Destache, Pat Hart, Rick and Nancy Hauser, and Julie Eszlinger-Jensen, among others. And finally, and most importantly, I want to thank the homeowners who have consented to the use of their home on the tour. We are truly grateful for your participation.

And that brings me to the tour houses. If you are asked to show your home, please consider the request in light of the value of your support of the event, and the benefit to the neighborhood. We would love to have you join us, and we promise we will work with you to make it as comfortable and enjoyable as we can.

Finally, I would just say that we may not do everything right, but please remember that, except for Jeff and Diane, we are all volunteering our time – and we are your neighbors. Generosity in thought and comments is truly appreciated!

To volunteer your time, make a comment, raise an issue, or add ideas, please contact me at 651-291-2512 or jcronquist@aol.com. I look forward to hearing from you!

Jan Cronquist
Chairperson
2008 Summit Hill House Tour



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The 2007-08 SHA Board

John Angst, 21 Lawton Street
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Amoré Coffee, 745 Grand Avenue
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Griffin Fox, 501 Grand Hill
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Elizabeth Sorenson, 599 Grand Ave., #2
Mark Sutherland, 1141 Lincoln Avenue
JoAnn Verweij, 1000 Lincoln Avenue
Jim White, 1071 Fairmount Avenue
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Brian Zambreno, 1083 St. Clair Avenue

How Are We Doing?

we are always looking for ways to improve *The Summit* newsletter 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

Summit Hill Association 2008 House Tour Survey



1. Have you gone on house tours before?

Why? _____

Why not? _____

2. The theme in the past has been "These Old Houses." Do you have an idea for a different theme?

My idea for a theme is: _____

3. House tours by other organizations have featured everything from demonstrations by local chefs, to book-signings by neighborhood authors, to articles on resident ghosts. What would you like to have featured on the tour?

I would like: _____

4. Are you interested in volunteering for the tour? Please circle the following:

Committee Chair Committee Member House Tour Guide Specific Project

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ email _____

Please return to Jan Cronquist, SHA 2008 House Tour Chairperson, % Summit Hill Association, Linwood Center, 860 St. Clair Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105, or contact me with your comments at 651-291-2512; jcronquist@aol.com.

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Event Updates

Your Support is Needed!

By Tammy Haas, SHA Development Chair

2007 has been a great year for the Summit Hill Summit Hill Association/District 16 Planning Council. We have made progress addressing our 2006-07 budget deficit by holding the line, reducing our expenditures and increasing our efforts to broaden our appeal for private funds. Sustaining a strong and vibrant neighborhood requires the financial support from neighbors just like you.

Among our most exciting achievements this year has been the development of a long-term plan to minimize our budget constraints, which includes the retooling of the biennial Summit Hill House Tour for the 2008 event. The retooling efforts include broadening and improving our promotional efforts from now until September 14, 2008 and developing business sponsorships which can help boost the revenue generated for SHA.

SHA works for you as the City-recognized neighborhood organization for the Summit Hill community. Our SHA Board of Directors, some who may live on your block, have devoted countless volunteer hours on vital neighborhood issues such as commercial development, traffic and pedestrian safety, parking issues, and crime prevention. Their generous outlay of time and energy helps keep this community strong.

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.

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. Our annual fundraising letter should have arrived by now at your door – please give generously. This is such a wonderful neighborhood, and we thank you for your support so that we may continue our work!



2007-'08 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: last Mon., 7 PM
- Development Committee: 1st Thursday, 7 PM (call for location)
- 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 2007

- 1 *Summit* Newsletter arrives
- 6 Development Committee
- 10 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming

JANUARY 2008

- 3 Development Committee
- 10 *Board of Directors*
- 14 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming
- 28 Communications Committee
- 31 Executive Committee

FEBRUARY

- 1 *Summit* Newsletter arrives
- 7 Development Committee
- 11 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming
- 14 *Board of Directors*
- 25 Communications Committee
- 28 Executive Committee

MARCH

- 7 Development Committee
- 10 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming
- 13 *Board of Directors*
- 24 Communications Committee
- 27 Executive Committee

APRIL

- 1 *Summit* Newsletter arrives
- 7 Development Committee
- 10 *Board of Directors*
- 14 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming
- 24 Executive Committee
- 28 Communications Committee

MAY

- 3 **Spring Garage Sale**
- 10 **Annual Neighborhood Cleanup**

NEXT DEADLINE: 1/10/08, Noon

THE SUMMIT Staff

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Happenings In

SHA Board

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raised in Massachusetts, but moved to Minnesota to attend Macalester College. I graduated from Macalester in 1990 and have been a St. Paul resident ever since. I am an attorney with the law firm of Felhaber, Larson, Fenlon & Vogt and I concentrate my practice on civil litigation. I enjoy this neighborhood and appreciate the fact that it has been the hard work of many people that have contributed to the great quality of life we enjoy. By serving on the SHA Board, I hope to give back and do my share to help this community.

Cassandra Anne Senigen

908 Grand Avenue #203



I have been a resident of Grand Avenue for the past 3 years and was a student at William Mitchell College of Law during that time. Now that I finally have what seems like an abundance of free time, I would love to spend some of it by getting involved in our community. I cherish our neighborhood both for its beauty and its history, and plan to bring my enthusiasm to the Board of Directors of the Summit Hill Association/District 16 Planning Council. I will bring the perspective of a young adult as well as an apartment renter living on a budget. Some of the unique issues to renters in the Summit Hill neighborhood deserve representation by one who also rents and fully appreciates those matters. I am also aware of the traffic, parking, and safety concerns experienced by students, residents, and visitors to the area alike.

Elizabeth A. Sorensen

599 Grand Avenue #2



I am fortunate enough to know what my passions are: people and the community of Saint Paul. I moved to Saint Paul four years ago as a recent college graduate and instantly found a passion for Saint Paul, Grand Avenue and the people who live and work here. I started attending SHA board meetings and have participated on the SHA Communications Committee and also joined the Grand Avenue Business Association. As a young renter in District 16, I expect to contribute a unique perspective to business and neighborhood issues. I feel that there is a huge opportunity in the district to engage young leaders to participate in

the decisions of their neighborhood and community.

Brian Zambreno

1083 St. Clair Avenue



My wife Karina and I and our daughter Isabella have lived in the Summit Hill neighborhood for just over a year and love being here. Karina and I are committed to St. Paul as we both work for St. Paul Public Schools. Karina is a science teacher at Ramsey Jr. High and I am an assistant principal at Highland Park Jr. High. I am interested in serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Summit Hill Association/District 16 Planning Council in order to contribute to the neighborhood and give something back to this community we enjoy so much. Summit Hill is a neighborhood with a long and dynamic history. The Summit Hill association plays a key role in shaping the future of the neighborhood and I believe it would be exciting to be a part of the process.

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Winter Dreams

By Gabrielle Horner

Winter's beauty, quiet and fun have been described by many including author Sinclair Lewis, who lived briefly on Summit Avenue, and who said "Winter is not a season, it's an occupation." F. Scott Fitzgerald best described the onset of winter and the crystalline hush from a blanket of snow in his book Winter Dreams (1922): "In the fall when the days became crisp and gray, and the long Minnesota winter shut down like

the white lid of a box..."

The Hill District has a long history of active winter sports with our hills perfect for sledding and rinks for neighborhood ice skating. A common sight of the past, now gone from our daily lives, is our association with horses -- the bridle path on Summit Avenue, weekend carriage rides and races on the frozen Mississippi River during the Winter Carnival.

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The non-profit Linwood Park Booster Club is looking for Board Members and Volunteers to fulfill its mission - "To support the facilities, programs, and staff of Linwood Recreation Center." This is your chance to become active in your community and help Linwood Rec continue to be a great experience for children and adults throughout the region. The LPBC Board meets every other month.

Recent / current activities and issues include: Permanent Linwood Ice Rink Plan, Better Linwood Fields Initiative,

Linwood Bonfire, Linwood Skating Party.

Needs of the LPBC include: Marketing Communications, Website and Graphic Design, Membership, Community Outreach, Events Planning, Grant Writing, City Advocacy, and Financial Administration.

For more information, visit our website at <http://www.LinwoodBoosters.org>, and click on the "email" link to inquire. Place "Linwood Board" in the subject line.

Want to Recycle Your Cell Phone?

There are several options for Saint Paul resident to recycle their cell phones, or donate them for reuse. Eureka Recycling publicizes the following information through their hotline at 651-222-7678 and on-line in their A-Z guide under Recycling/Reuse at www.eurekarecycling.org.

Here are some of the options: Reuse

Most of the organizations listed below are interested only in working cell phones with the battery and charger. A few of them take any cell phone and sell it to be recycled if it can't be fixed. Be sure you have deactivated service before donating a phone. Call first to see if your cell phone will be accepted.

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Keeping Community Connections - The Living at Home/Block Nurse Program

We all need social activities to keep us connected to one another. As we age, this can become more of an issue because we don't get out daily where we encounter others. The Summit Hill Living at Home/Block Nurse Program has a weekly FAN (friends and neighbors) group that meets to foster social networking. We meet on Thursday from 11-1 at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, at 900 Summit Avenue. We always have a hot meal for a donation of \$6 and often have speakers in from the community to educate us on health related topics. We can arrange transportation with Red Cross, if you're interested. Please call Sue with any questions at 651.222.7884.

Volunteers needed: If you have a couple of hours to volunteer and drive an elder to a doctor's visit, we'd love to hear from you. This is an important service we offer to our clients and we could use some more people.

Please feel free to call us any time, to ask about our services, or let us help you figure out a solution to your issue. There probably aren't too many situations that we haven't seen before. We can be reached at 651.222.7884.

Julie Poupore
Program Director, Summit Hill
LAH/BNP

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 -

Help SHA raise the money needed to continue our important community-building efforts.

Gardening Club -

Join others to maintain gardens and Sam Morgan Prairie at the Linwood Recreation Center.

2008 South of Summit House Tour -

Put your talents to work helping organize and promote the 2008 House Tour

Pedestrian Safety & Traffic Calming -

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SHA Office -

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Eureka Recycling at 222-7678. Once on the website, you can list your items or review the list of free items available. What could be easier? Reduce waste, protect the environment, help others and save money.

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



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.

Need a Blue Recycling Bin?

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

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.



Close the Loop: Buy Recycled!

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 serviceware 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. Recycled paper performs just as well as virgin paper in copiers and printers.

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. Based on our research on cost, quality, and environmental benefits, Eureka Recycling offers 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. Learn more at www.eurekarecycling.org.



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Linwood Rec Center News

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Building Hours:

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| 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. |

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.

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

DANCE CLASSES ** Please call Linwood for upcoming sessions **

Instructor: Amy Lee

Monday Classes: (7 Classes)

Starts Nov. 5th – Dec. 17th

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| Beginning Creative Movement | Ages 3-5 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. | \$44 |
| Tot Tumbling | Ages 3-4 | 11:15 – 12:00 p.m. | \$44 |
| Tot Tumbling | Ages 3-5 | 12:00 – 12:45 p.m. | \$44 |
| Beginning Creative Movement | Ages 3-5 | 2:15 – 3:00 p.m. | \$44 |
| Continuing Creative Movement 1 | Ages 4-6 | 3:00 – 3:45 p.m. | \$44 |
| Continuing Creative Movement 2 | Ages 5-7 | 3:45 – 4:30 p.m. | \$44 |
| Beginning Ballet/Tap | Ages 5-9 | 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. | \$44 |
| Beginning Ballet 1 | Ages 5-9 | 5:15 – 6:00 p.m. | \$44 |
| Intermediate Ballet/Tap | Ages 10-13 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. | \$44 |

Wednesday Classes: (7 Classes)

Starts Nov. 7th – Dec. 19th

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| Beginning Creative Movement | Ages 3-5 | 3:00 – 3:45 p.m. | \$44 |
| Continuing Creative Movement I | Ages 4-6 | 3:45 – 4:30 p.m. | \$44 |
| Beginning Ballet 1 | Ages 5-9 | 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. | \$44 |
| Beginning Ballet/Tap | Ages 5-10 | 5:15 – 6:00 p.m. | \$44 |
| Intermediate Ballet 1 | Ages 6-12 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. | \$44 |
| Actor's Studio (NEW CLASS) | Ages 11-16 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. | \$44 |

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

KARATE: SOO BAHK DO KARATE

Instructor: Mike Kelly 651-690-1489 email: mike@kellyrenewals.com

From ages 6 to adults this is a traditional martial art emphasizing discipline, concentration self-confidence, personal development, self-defense, conditioning and more. Learn from and internationally ranked certified master instructor with 20+ years of experience. Introductory and family discounts are available. For more information or to register, call or e-mail Mike Kelly.

Introductory Classes for New Students; Ages: 6 & up

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| Saturdays | On-going | 9-9:55 a.m. | Fee: \$70 |
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White/Orange Belt Level (Ages 6 & up)

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| Saturdays | On-going | 10-10:50 a.m. | Fee: \$45/Month |
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| Tuesdays | On-going | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Fee: \$45/Month |
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Green/Red Belt Level (Ages 6 & up)

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| Saturdays | On-going | 10:50am-11:40 a.m. | Fee: \$45/Month |
| Tuesdays | On-going | 5:30pm-6:30 p.m. | Fee: \$45/Month |

Adults Classes

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| Saturdays | On-going | 11:40 a.m.-12:55 p.m. | Fee: \$45/Month |
| Tuesdays | On-going | 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. | Fee: \$45/Month |

ADULT/SENIOR FITNESS & WELLNESS CLASSES AT LINWOOD

Our certified instructors at Linwood offer a variety of fitness and wellness classes to accommodate all levels of participants in fun atmosphere. All classes are \$5/session. Discounted punch cards are available for purchase. A 20 Fitness Punch Card is \$80, and a 12 Fitness Punch Card is \$54. Punch cards do not expire and may be used for any Linwood aerobics class. Punch cards may not be used for the Exercise/Weight room. For class descriptions pick up a SA3 brochure at Linwood Rec. Center.

Early Bird Cardio Workout

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| Instructor: Cliff Swynigan | Tuesday/Thursday | 6:00 a.m. |
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Pilates Based Exercise

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| Instructor: Cliff Swynigan | Tuesday/Thursday | 6:15 p.m. |
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Complete Fitness Challenge

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| Instructor: Colleen Tusa | Tuesday | 10:30 a.m. |
| | Friday | 9:30 a.m. |
| | Saturday | 9:00 am. |

Bosu Workout

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| Instructor: Teresa Davenport | Monday | 9:15 a.m. |
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55 Plus Fitness

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| Instructor: Teresa Davenport | Tuesday/Thursday | 9:15 a.m. |
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Yoga

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

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| Daily | \$5 | 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+) | \$25 |

WINTER BASKETBALL REGISTRATION (Oct. 15 – 31, 2007)

- 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

Basketball

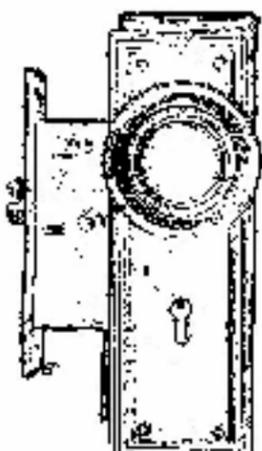
- Instructional Basketball: ages 4-6, 7-8
- Basketball Leagues: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14

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!

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Helpful Numbers

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Emergency **911**
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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
Councilmember Dave Thune (Ward 2) 266-8620; dave.thune@ci.stpaul.mn.us
Mayor Chris Coleman 266-8510; mayor@ci.stpaul.mn.us
County Commissioner Toni Carter (District 4) 266-8364; toni.carter@co.ramsey.mn.us
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State Representative Erin Murphy (Dist. 64A) 296-8799; rep.erin.murphy@house.leg.state.mn.us

Tell Us What You Think of *The Summit*

From time to time, it's important for a newsletter of any kind to check in with its readers to find out how we are doing serving your interests. Please take a moment to complete the short response form below and **mail it to us** at SHA, Linwood Rec Center, 860 St. Clair Ave., 55105. Thanks!

- Do you find the SHA neighborhood newsletter **The Summit** valuable?
Yes__ No__ Comments: _____
- What Summit newsletter article "topics" have been most valuable to you as a Summit Hill residents, property or business owner? Comments: _____
- What do you consider to be the 2 most important neighborhood issues that should be covered in future issues of **The Summit**?
1. _____
2. _____
- How do you think the newsletter could be improved? Comments: _____
- Are you interested in volunteering to serve on the Communication Committee or some other SHA project? (Full listing of SHA projects can be found on our website at www.summithillassociation.org.) ___Yes, please contact me:
Name _____ at _____
- Please indicate who you are by circling one or more of the following:
 Homeowner Business owner/manager Rental property owner
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Thank you for taking the time to reply.
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Keep in mind the following safety tips to insure a safe and worry-free holiday season.

MONEY: Thieves are now finding it more lucrative to steal your "identity" than your belongings!

Take extra precaution to protect your checks and credit cards, they are more valuable than cash to criminals. Don't print your driver's license number on your checks. When you sign receipts, make sure the credit card number is not printed fully on either your or the store's copy. NEVER leave wallets, purses, or checks in the car – not even for a moment.

Thieves are aware that we carry more valuables during the holidays and will target places - like daycare drop-off or at the gas station – where belongings are unattended for brief moments.

GIFTS: Lock all purchases in the trunk of your car – any visible bag is enticing to thieves no matter what the actual contents. Pick up big ticket items at the end of a shopping trip. Remove purchases from your car immediately when you get home. Never hide presents in the garage.

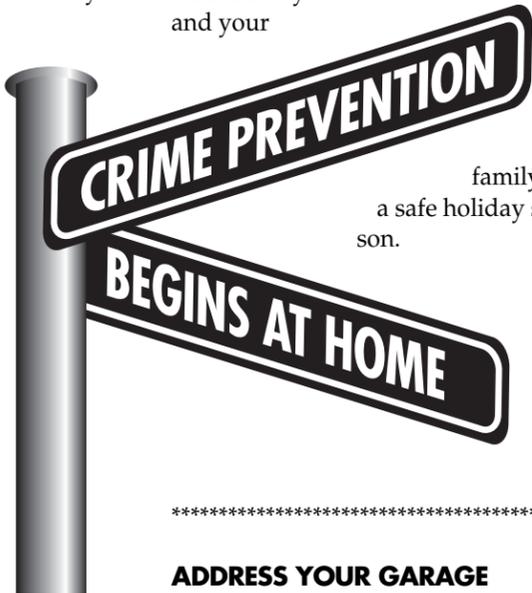
HOUSES, VEHICLES, GARAGES:

Lock them! Historically half of the burglaries in the Summit Hill area are due to an unforced criminal entry into garages! When the snow flies, it comes with an increase in snow blower theft from garages. Guard against it being yours!

SHOPPING: Supporting our local businesses during the holidays is a great way to strengthen our neighborhood! Grand Avenue, like all commercial areas of the city, is a "hot spot" for vehicle thefts. It takes a thief less than 30 SECONDS to break into a vehicle and steal! According to the SPPD, over 1 million dollars in property is stolen each year

from autos in Saint Paul. **LOCK YOUR CAR** – even if you leave for only 1 minute. And NEVER, NEVER, NEVER leave valuables (purses, computers, cell phones) in plain view.

Just a few simple precautions can help insure that you and your



family have a safe holiday season.

ADDRESS YOUR GARAGE

Doug Holtz, the St Paul Police Investigations Commander at the Western District Office at a recent Crime Prevention meeting has once again urged all residents with detached (especially alley facing) garages to be sure that their garages are identified with their house/street numbers. It helps the police tremendously in case of an emergency to be able to identify a location accurately and can speed up police response time. Commander Holtz continues to caution that, "open and unlocked garage doors often become a serious invitation to burglary and theft." He also warns that unlocked homes and vehicles can present the same invitation to criminals.

CITYWIDE CRIME STATISTICS

- The 2000 US Census reported the population of St Paul at 287,151 persons.
- There were 247,137 St Paul Police calls for service in 2006.
- St. Paul "Part 1 Crimes" (criminal homicide, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft, & arson) have decreased 15.2% from the year 1980 to 2000.
- There was a theft call in St Paul

every 79 minutes in 2006.

- In 2006, 49% of the calls for serviced received advice only with 24.5 % of calls resulting in an actual police report written.
- St Paul's crime rate was 51 (Part 1) crimes per 1,000 persons in 2006.

Visit the City of St Paul website, www.stpaul.gov, and follow the links to the St Paul Police Department for more information.

TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS!

If it feels suspicious, it is suspicious. Call 651-291-1111 to report suspicious behavior or circumstances or 911 in an emergency.

Happy Holiday Season!

Diane Hilden

SHA Crime Prevention Coordinator
cpcsummithill@visi.com
 651-222-1222

SHA Website A Good Source for Neighborhood Info

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

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

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

www.summithillassociation.org

Lex-Ham Community Theater's Shakespeare reading: King John - Friday, Dec. 7

The next event in the Lex-Ham Community Theater's Shakespeare Reading Series will be King John at 6:30 p.m., Friday, December 7, 2007 at 1184 Portland Avenue, St. Paul. The play is the historical story of the battle for the English throne between King John and his nephew, Arthur, who was supported by Phillip II of France.

The event starts with a pot-luck supper at 6:30 p.m. At 7:00, we start to read with parts being reassigned at the start of each scene, so everyone gets lots of

chances to read. See www.LexHamArts.org/theater/Shakespeare/SRS.htm or call 651-644-3366 for more information. No registration is required. First timers are welcome. We ask only that you bring some food to share, a copy of the play, and a love of Shakespeare.

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St. Paul Community

Cathedral to Unveil Refurbished Nativity Scene

This Christmas season will bring added excitement at the Cathedral of Saint Paul when the newly refurbished Nativity scene is unveiled on Christmas Eve. In all, 26 statues will have been restored to their original forms and colors by December 24th for the interior crèche display.

"We started with the Christ Child just before Christmas last year," said Helen Buche, resident of Summit Hill and Cathedral parishioner. "The baby figure had broken fingers and broken toes and it was just so obviously in need of repair with its little hands raised in the air." Eventually, Buche and her fellow members of the Cathedral Women's Association decided to invest in refurbishing the entire set of 26 figures including the statues of Mary, Joseph, the three Wise Men, three shepherds, camels, sheep, a donkey and an angel that was recently discovered in a back storage area.

Highly regarded sculptor and painter Marguerite Denardo Sandbeck was tapped for the special project. Denardo learned the art of restoring sculptures from her own father who worked at the Saint Paul Statuary. She hopes the connection with the Cathedral of Saint Paul continues.

Money to pay for the refurbishing has come from different fundraising events sponsored by the Women's Association including their annual Valentine Tea, Lemon Pie Sale and the annual Christmas cookie sale coming up this year on Sunday, Dec. 2.

"We are taking loving care of each statue so that it can be enjoyed by several generations to come," said Buche. Volunteers from the Cathedral have been transporting the statues to Denardo's studio in their cars. "We've been swaddling the statues in bundles of old clothes and then wrapped with extremely well-padded blankets."

"We have a real treasure - really! And we're so pleased to share this with everyone coming to the Cathedral this Christmas season," said Buche.

The Cathedral of Saint Paul is open to the public every day at 7 a.m. daily and a newly renovated Museum & Gift Store is open Monday through Friday from 1-5 p.m. For a full calendar of events and the daily mass times, go to www.cathedralsaintpaul.org. Cathedral of Saint Paul 239 Selby Avenue Saint Paul MN 55102 651-228-1766 www.cathedralsaintpaul.org

St. Paul Cathedral Music Series

Handel's Messiah

Thurs., Dec. 13th, 7:30 pm
The Minnesota Chorale and the Minnesota Orchestra, Stephen Layton, conducting. This year's performance features soloists Janice Chandler-Eteme, soprano, Jennifer Dudley, mezzo, Thomas Cooley, tenor, and Nathan Berg, bass. Call the Minnesota Orchestra box office at 612-371-5656 for ticket information.

Festival of Readings and Carols

Sun., Dec. 16, 3:00 pm
Mon., Dec. 24, 10:45 pm
The Cathedral's annual holiday presentation, a concert of music and poetry in celebration of the season of Advent, is presented by the Cathedral Choir and the St. Cecilia Choir. Arrive early for best seating. No admission charge; donations gratefully accepted. Schedule subject to change.

For more information on either of these events, please call 651-228-1766.

Sign Up for E-Mail News from SHA

SHA is has 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.

College of Visual Arts Events

CVA Holiday Art Sale Preview Party

Friday, December 7, 5 - 8 p.m., \$25

CVA Holiday Art Sale and Auction

Saturday, December 8, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Artwork from students, alumni, faculty and staff will be available for sale at the CVA Gallery at 173 Western Avenue (corner of Western and Selby), Saint Paul. Portions of the sales will be returned directly to the artists with the remainder benefiting student scholarships. Silent Auction bidding will close at 3:30 p.m. Bidders do not need to be present to win.

CVA Fall Graduate Exhibition

Thursday, December 13 - Thursday, December 20
Opening Reception
Thursday, December 13, 6 - 8 p.m.

College of Visual Arts Gallery

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Gallery Hours:

Wednesday, Friday & Saturday:

Noon - 6 p.m.

Thursdays: Noon - 8 p.m.

Linwood A+ Students in the Nutcracker at Concordia

This December 7-9, fifth and sixth grade students from Linwood A+ Elementary School will be singing and dancing in Ethnic Dance Theater's performances of the Nutcracker at Concordia University in St. Paul.

This professionally staged full-length performance is a folk adaptation of Tchaikovsky's famous ballet, featuring an intergenerational cast of dancers and singers accompanied by a live folk orchestra. Two different groups of students from Linwood will be featured onstage in several segments of the show:

Students in Dance Ensemble will perform a Bulgarian folk dance that they've been learning in Dance Ensemble with Ethnic Dance Theatre artist in residence, Donald LaCourse.

Twelve fifth-grade students are working with artist in residence, Natalie Nowytski, preparing two songs from Sweden and Germany that they will sing in the performance.



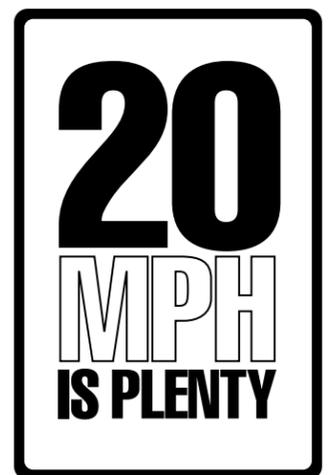
The Winter Concert is always a 'standing room only' event at Linwood, and this December's performance will not disappoint audience members. The Winter Concert will feature the 2nd & 3rd Grade Choir, 4th, 5th & 6th Grade Choir & the World Music Ensemble. Please come join us on Thursday, December 13th at 6:30 pm for a night of music, fun and community!

Learn more about Ethnic Dance Theatre by visiting their website at www.ethnicdancetheatre.com or about Linwood A+ Elementary by visiting their website at <http://www.linwood.spps.org/>.

4th Annual "Spread the Spirit" Holiday Fundraiser

Saturday, December 1st, 10am - 5pm
Stop by 830 Grand Avenue (near Victoria) for a helping of holiday cheer, *Sweet Martha's* cookies and Starbucks cocoa & coffee - FREE! (Free-will) Donations will be accepted, 100% of which will go to the local women's shelter from domestic abuse, the Women's Advocates (www.wadvocates.org). We look forward to meeting you!

- Jon & Kate Pearce & friends



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IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

The Red Balloon – A Well Loved Fixture on Grand

by Benno Groeneveld



Michele Cromer-Poiré

If the Red Balloon Bookshop had a banner on the store at 891 Grand Avenue, it would read: "Committed to Connecting Kids With the Right Books".

The store has been a fixture on Grand Avenue since 1984. It has survived where others have failed. Bound to be Read, Odegards Travel, and the Hungry Mind are no more, but the Red Balloon prospers.

The store was started by Michele Cromer-Poiré in a location at Victoria Crossing, the space now occupied by the carpet store and the Garden of Eden. Cromer-Poiré, who grew up in Rochester and graduated from the College of St. Catherine as an art major, and her business partner - bought the site at 891 Grand, tore down the duplex that was there and built the current store.

As a small business competing with large chain stores, the Red Balloon has succeeded by finding a niche market and providing personalized service. "We concentrate on one subject: children's books." The Red Balloon also organizes regular events to connect children with books, including (on Tuesday mornings) story time for aspiring readers aged 0 – 2 years, often attended by 50 babies and their caregivers.

Having and keeping a knowledgeable staff is another secret to the store's success, according to Cromer-Poiré. The store has 24 employees, with very little turnover. "Some people have worked here for more than 20 years and we haven't hired in five years."

The Red Balloon doesn't just sell children's books, the store has a selection of books for adults. It is a member of Booksense.com, an online network of some 1300 independent bookstores that can provide any book. The Red Balloon has proven that an independent bookstore can survive on Grand Avenue.

Yet, with all this success, Cromer-Poiré and her co-owner Carol Erdahl are looking to retire. "We're not putting the store on the market, but if someone in the neighborhood is interested in taking over and keeping the store alive, we'd be very interested in talking to them."

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GABBING ON GRAND Happy Holidays from the Grand Avenue Business Association

GRAND MEANDER: RESTYLED
Saturday, December 1, 2007

Join us for the 35th annual Grand Meander on Saturday, December 1. Whether taking part in Grand Meander has been a tradition in your family for years, or this will be your first, you are sure to enjoy the community spirit and enchantment of this holiday event! Activities include breakfast with Santa at The Tavern on Grand, a free showing of Shrek 3 sponsored by Whole Foods Market, strolling carolers, trolley rides, tastings of savory soups from Avenue restaurants, two art fairs, reindeer at Billy's on Grand and Frattallone's Ace Hardware, roasting chestnuts at Grand Spectacle, the lighting of the Grand Avenue tree at

Charlemagne Fine Jewelry and a live performance of Charles Dickens' "A

Christmas Carol" told through dance and narrative in the windows of Grand Avenue businesses. The fun starts at 8:30am – visit www.grandave.com for a full listing of activities and times.

Save the Date: Grand Avenue Business Association Annual Meeting and Silent Auction / March 20 at Stepping Stone Theatre, 55 Victoria St. N.

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