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NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

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Summit Hill House Tour

Dear Summit Hill Neighbors:

Planning for the Summit Hill Association's biennial house tour, slated for September 14, 2008 continues – and thanks to a fabulous group of volunteers and homeowners, we have made great progress! At the time of this writing (early January) we already have eight homeowners who have committed their homes to the tour – that leaves us only a few to go! I can not thank the homeowners enough. Their commitment translates to support for the Summit Hill Association, the SHA office, and the community building programs and quality of life issues important to all of us. Thank you homeowners!! In addition, it looks like we have at least two public spaces on board. We hope to finalize all of our sites, public and private, by the end of January.

Brochure Cover

A goal for the event is to engage the neighborhood – we want the tour to be "owned" by all of us living here. One of the ways we are approaching this is by asking people to submit designs for a new brochure cover. If you are interest-

ed, please check the website for details. (www.summithillassociation.org). There might even be a prize involved! We will be directly contacting schools and putting notices in businesses, as a way to generate interest. If you have other ideas for engaging the neighborhood, please contact me. I would love to hear them!

Tickets

For those eager to reserve a House Tour ticket or gift certificate (think birthdays, Valentine's Day or Mother's Day!) – we have set up a process on the SHA website www.summithillassociation.org. Click on the "2008 Summit Hill House Tour" link in the middle of the home page and follow the links to place your order. Or, contact the SHA office at summithill@visi.com. (Note: actual tickets will be sent to the person reserving the tickets or holding the gift certificate, when tickets are printed – target date is early June.

Ad Sales

We are moving ahead with ad sales for the brochure. If you have a business you would like to advertise, please contact Lisa McGann at Lisa@LisaMcGann.com

ASAP! for information on ad sizes and prices – or call SHA at 651-222-1222. Ad sales are a great source of revenue for us, and a great way to put your business in front of our tour participants.

Volunteers

I don't want to close without a note about the volunteers. Lisa McGann, Vice Chair, and I, are in the great position of having an amazing group of volunteers with whom to work – including several who have signed on since the last newsletter. In addition to those previously noted we have added committee chairs **Maureen Norman, Lisa Barton**, and co-chairs, **Stephanie Galarneault** and **Maureen Dolan**. Thank you Maureen, Lisa, Stephanie, and Maureen! We also have a top-of-the line support system of people who have offered to help in specific ways. **Lori Brostrom** (past chair and go-to person), **Susie Fruncillo, Kelli Cox**, and **Pat Hart** are particularly deserving of credit. Much thanks to everyone!

Finally, 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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Greetings from SHA President, Mark Sutherland



As the New Year unfolds and I reflect upon the past year, I am struck by several things. The level of commitment and volunteerism in

the Summit Hill neighborhood is truly amazing. The fact that so many of you are willing to make the neighborhood better place through your contributions of time and talent as well as financial giving, is notable.

The past year has seen volunteers actively engaged in events such as the Annual Spring Cleanup, the replanting of the Sam Morgan Prairie, as well as Neighborhood Night Out block parties and the ongoing efforts of Block Club leaders. The block parties have allowed people to get to know one another and to develop a network of support to recognize signs of nuisance or criminal activity and deal with it if it occurs.

At last October's Annual Elections, many seasoned and dedicated Board members who had been with us for 6 years were, due to terms limits, unable to continue holding a seat on Board. Although it is always difficult to replace

such depth of knowledge, we are fortunate that the new Board members who have come to us have brought new energy and a variety of strengths as they begin their terms. We have replaced half of the Board since last October, and managed to keep pace fairly well.

The 2008 House Tour is shaping up. Through the efforts of the many volunteers and committees, eight houses of historic and architectural significance have been confirmed by their owners to be on the Tour. Additionally, Warners' Stellan Appliance has agreed to become a sponsor of the Tour and to underwrite some the costs involved. The House Tour is the major fundraising activity

for SHA, and because of the dedication of volunteers and sponsors, we are optimistic about the chances of this year's Tour being successful.

Finally, I know that many of you have volunteered to serve on various SHA committees, even though you are not formally on the Board. To all of you who have contributed, in whatever way, we are grateful for our partnership with you, and thank you for all you have done, and continue to do. For those who are thinking of volunteering with SHA, we welcome your call.

*Mark Sutherland,
SHA President*

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Three Summit Hill Residents Honored for Their Efforts



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Tammy Haas - Lincoln Ave.
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Grand Ole Creamery - Grand Ave.
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Jim White - Fairmount Ave.
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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

Another great city-wide celebration of community volunteers was held at the University of St. Thomas on January 11th to honor those select individuals who have contributed significantly to the improvement of the seventeen St. Paul Planning Districts. Each year, all of the Planning Districts, including Summit Hill Association (SHA)/District 16, collaborate in organizing an annual Neighborhood Honor Roll Awards celebration – a city-wide recognition of the important work and contributions of citizen volunteers. This year, SHA once again submitted the names of three District 16 volunteers for recognition.

Over 200 people from throughout the city attended this year's event. The mood was relaxed but festive with Ecuador Manta playing Latin sounds on pipe and guitar during the social portion of the program along with a delicious spread of hors d'oeuvres for participants to enjoy.

Marcus Young, Artist-In-Residence for the City of St. Paul, gave the keynote speech focusing on art as a medium enriching and celebrating communities. Mr. Young is a multidisciplinary conceptual artist who, in his capacity with the city, works on such projects as the Central Corridor light rail, public space recycling for Mears Parks, and poetry for city sidewalks.

Later, City Council President Kathy Lantry, presented the 2007 awards to the over 45 honorees from throughout the city - noting each person's particular contribution to the health and vitality of their community and the city.

As always, SHA selected three Summit Hill residents to be honored for their years of commitment to community. Those selected were:



SHA Honorees left to right: Todd Wichman, Rosemary Rumsey and Jim White



Marcus Young, Artist-In-Residence for the City of Saint Paul, during his keynote address



Honorees were treated to a great buffet at the ceremony

located outside the City Council chamber in City Hall. We truly believe these individuals have made a tremendous difference in sustaining and improving the quality of life in the Summit Hill Neighborhood and beyond. Below are the individual award citations for each SHA honoree.

Todd Wichman – Osceola Ave.

Todd has served the community both on and off the D16 Planning Council – playing key roles in the Victoria Plaza development negotiations; and as a member of both the D16 Plan Steering Committee and Zoning and Land Use Committee. Todd addresses issues thoughtfully - with wisdom born of active citizenship.

Jim White – Fairmount Ave.

From 2004 to 2006, Jim passionately worked individually and later as a member of the District 16 Council to organize and petition the City to secure CIB funding creating a striped crosswalk with signage on lower Grand Avenue to ensure the safety of Summit Hill residents crossing this busy thoroughfare.

Rosemarie Rumsey – Linwood Ave.

In recognition of her long-term efforts, first as volunteer and then as Executive Director at Listening House, a St. Paul agency providing hospitality, practical assistance and counsel for low-income homeless or lonely citizens. In addition, Rosemarie serves the District 16 as a Crime Prevention Block Club Leader along Linwood Avenue.

Please join the Summit Hill Association in congratulating Todd, Rosemary and Jim on their awards and thank them for their service to the Summit Hill community.

Todd Wichman, Jim White and Rosemarie Rumsey. The names of these honorees will be added to the bronze Neighborhood Honor Roll plaques

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Event Updates

Upcoming Events: Look for More Details in the April issue of *The Summit*

Spring Progressive Supper – April 26th

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

Summit Hill Neighborhood Garage Sale May 3

The Summit Hill Association will once again sponsor a spring neighborhood garage sale on Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. until mid-afternoon. Selling used items helps you clean out your attic basement or garage and if you can't sell it or don't want to keep it, bring it to the Neighborhood Cleanup Day the following Saturday. For a \$15 fee, participating households will receive copies of the Sale Site Listings flyer prior to the sale and two bright yellow "Summit Hill Garage Sale" posters. SHA advertises the sale in city-wide and local newspa-

pers, on the SHA website and provide additional flyers for the public to pick up at the SHA office before the sale. Participating residents coordinate and staff their own garage sales and retain all proceeds. Consider having your own sale or join together with a neighbor.

May 10th Annual Neighborhood Cleanup is Set!

For those planning ahead this year, the annual Summit Hill Neighborhood Cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 10th from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Residents from District 16 are encouraged to clean out their garages, basements and attics and bring unwanted items for disposal and recycling to the

cleanup site on Pleasant Avenue between the Ramsey County compost site and Victoria Avenue. The cleanup is a perfect opportunity to organize your block for an alley, boulevard, or park cleanup. Look for more details, in the April issue of *The Summit*, regarding which items can be disposed of or recycled at the Cleanup and fees charged. **Volunteers needed and will be rewarded with a free lunch and free disposal of one load of materials.** If you can help, please call the SHA office at 222-1222 to sign up for a few hours of work or for further information.

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 Summit House Tour –

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

Pedestrian Safety & Traffic Calming Committee–

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

SHA Office -

Help with mailings, surveys and special projects.

PLEASE CALL TODAY!

Summit Hill Association (651) 222-1222 or email: summithill@visi.com www.summithillassociation.org

2008 SHA MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Meetings are held in the Linwood Community Center, 860 St. Clair Avenue unless noted otherwise
- Dates and times may change - call SHA at 651-222-1222 to confirm
- 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 (at Amoré Coffee)
- 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;

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must be out on the
curb by 7am



FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

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

APRIL

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

MAY

- 3 **Spring Garage Sale**
- 8 *Board of Directors*
- 10 **Annual Neighborhood Cleanup**
- 12 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming
- 19 Communications Committee (3rd Monday this month only)
- 20 Development Committee
- 29 Executive Committee

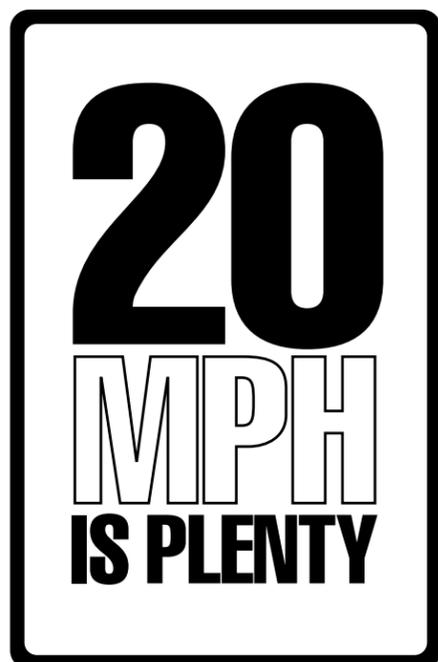
JUNE

- 1 **Grand Old Day**
- 9 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming
- 12 *Board of Directors*
- 17 Development Committee
- 23 Communications Committee
- 26 Executive Committee

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- 10 feet of a fire hydrant
- 5 feet from alleys and driveways

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

Happenings In



Girls from Oak Hall School playing hockey on rink at Goodrich. St. Paul. 1925. Photo courtesy of Minnesota Historical Society

Living at Home/Block Nurse Program

The Living at Home/Block Nurse Program (LAH/BNP) has been around for many years. While it is widely recognized by many, there are those that are not familiar with the offerings. Like the larger health care system that is continually evolving, our program has evolved and become more sophisticated. While maintaining the familiarity of a community organization, we are able to work with many of the larger institutions to provide much needed care.

The LAH/BNP is set up to assist with both medical and non-medical needs. A nurse may come in to monitor certain types of chronic illness or for an abbreviated time after a hospital stay. Home health aides come in to help with personal cares (bathing, dressing, etc.) and to provide assistance with household chores. The programs also have a person available to help coordinate the other services needed to remain at home (housekeeping, meals-on-wheels, etc.).

The majority of our clients need only these services and don't rely on nursing services. This is important to remember because many people believe this program has no benefit to them unless a nurse is needed. Please call us at 651.222.7884 to see if you or an elder you know could benefit from our services.

Julie Poupore
Program Director, Summit Hill
LAH/BNP

The Daring Club

By Gabrielle Horner

"But girl's can't play hockey," said everyone when the U of M organized a team in 1916. Women's hockey began in the 1890's when Isabel, the daughter of Lord Stanley (NHL's Stanley Cup), played with friends in Ontario, Canada and love of the game spread. Doctors warned "women's anatomy and obligation to bear children" made them unsuitable for hockey. However, school teams were common in the 1920's empowered by the suffrage movement which gave voice to equality in education, work and play. Women's hockey waned during the Depression, but appeared again in 1950's headlines.

This 1925 photo points northeast to the corner of Lincoln & Lexington (Lincoln Court Apartments visible in distance made famous for Dillinger's 1934 machine gun escape). Oak Hall girls practiced at the new neighborhood rink that stretched between Fairmount & Goodrich for a hockey game against their chief rivals - the Summit School. In 1923, "sunken land and crest of a

hill" was purchased from 19 landowners for the new Summit School, completed in 1924 on the hill at S. Dunlap & Goodrich.

Oak Hall (568 Holly Ave), the oldest private girls' school in St. Paul, was organized in 1853 by Rev. E.D. Neill a co-founder of Macalester College who based both schools on Eastern education models. Oak Hall closed after WWII.

Sally Baker Ross, born and raised in Crocus Hill, remembers as a child in the early 1930's "we skated after school, Friday nights and most of Saturday" playing pom-pom pullaway tag, "fancy skating" (figure 8's and jumps), and of course boys chased girls by stealing their hats. The smell of wet woolens on the stove of the box car warming house is a fond memory. Sally and her "gang of 10," also went sledding at Linwood's "Humpty Dumpty Hill", and created an infamous "Daring Club" with feats such as jumping from the tallest garage roofs into huge snowdrifts below.



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:

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Linwood A+ Expanding to Pre-K through 8th grade



"Chinese musician Gao Hong recently participated in a residency with other artists, and taught all Linwood students about Chinese people and culture through her talents of music and story telling."

On December 18th, the St. Paul Public Schools School Board voted unanimously to expand Linwood to the 8th grade beginning in the 2008-2009 school year. The Expanded Linwood A+/Monroe program will include Arts+ programming K-3 or K-4 at Linwood, 4-8 or 5-8 and the pre-K program at Monroe. After school child care will be provided through the Discovery Club at the Monroe building. The Linwood Arts program will be expanded to both buildings. The core mission of the change is to expand the successful Linwood A+ program, identifying and

expanding its successful traits.

The academic and community strengths of both communities will be utilized in this change. Monroe and Linwood students get priority entrance, and neighborhood preference will be extended to both areas. This change will go into effect with the start of the school year in September, 2008. Check out the Linwood website at www.linwood.spps.org to learn more about this exciting change, along with more information about Linwood.

Grand Opening of SteppingStone Theatre

SteppingStone Theatre celebrated its move to a magnificent new home in Saint Paul's Historic Hill District at 55 North Victoria with a ribbon cutting and free community open house Saturday, this past December 1st. Mayor Chris Coleman was in attendance for the open house and the ribbon cutting that drew an estimated 2000 people. The grand opening included an afternoon of fun for families, including tours of the new facility, mini workshops, short performances, and a glimpse of the first show, book readings, and refreshments.

"This is a top notch new theater venue for the City of Saint Paul. This wonderful new theater space not only establishes SteppingStone as yet another elite theater company in Minnesota, but is also a great resource for our young people. Growing partnerships like these that will expand the Soul of our City while creating opportunities for young people to succeed will help us make Saint Paul the Most Livable City in America," Mayor Coleman said.

SteppingStone Theatre's renovation of the former Grace Community Church, a 100 year old architectural gem one block north of Summit on Victoria, includes conversion of the sanctuary into a 430-seat theater with a proscenium-style stage, equipped with modern lighting and sound capabilities; improvements to the exterior; and construction of classrooms, dressing rooms and administrative offices to house all

of the company's operations and programs.

The building, listed as a noteworthy example of architecture and style on the Historic Hill District's National Register of Historic Places, was built in 1908 to house a Methodist congregation. More recently, Grace Community Church members worshipped at the site before selling the building to a developer. After a neighborhood petition drive produced enough signatures to support preservation of the building, the City Council denied the developer's request to demolish the building. The facility had been vacant for several years prior to SteppingStone Theatre's restoration.

"This is a perfect example of how our city finds creative ways to adaptively reuse historic buildings," Coleman said about the reuse project.

For 20 years, SteppingStone Theatre has produced high quality family entertainment and brought its unique brand of youth-centered theater education to schools and community centers throughout the region. The theater has grown to serve about 70,000 youth, families, and educators from diverse ethnic, social and economic backgrounds each year, quietly becoming one of the premier theaters for young audiences in the country.

For more information about SteppingStone Theatre, visit <http://www.steppingstonetheatre.org>.

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Recycling Updates

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! The Job Connection recruits volunteers and screens and refers youth and adult contractors who provide affordable help with household chores and minor home repairs. To learn more call Marie Nelson at the Macalester-Groveland Community Council office at 651-695-4000.

START SEEING RECYCLING.



Now you can add a few more items to your curbside recycling bin. Milk cartons, juice boxes, broth and soup cartons like these can now be recycled in Saint Paul, Lauderdale, Maplewood and Roseville. Just put them in with your bottles and cans. Questions? Call the recycling hotline at (651) 222-SORT (7678).



Free Market: Reuse and Save the Environment

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

The Free Market, a web-based exchange site of Eureka Recycling, connects people wanting to give away or get reusable items for free. If you have or want to find reusable items such as appliances, children's toys, electronics, furniture, home renovation materials, law and garden equipment, musical instruments, pet supplies, recreational and exercise equipment and many other categories ...you can contact the Free Market by going online at <http://www.twincitiesfreemarket.org> or call

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

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



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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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.

FAMILY GYM TIME

The gym will be open for families for activities and in-line skating (must provide own skates). Children must be accompanied by an adult family member.

Sunday Jan. 6th – Feb. 24th
In-line Skating 1:15 – 2:30 pm
Gym Activities 2:30 – 3:45 pm
Fee: free 8 sessions

LINWOOD BOOSTER CLUB!

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

LINWOOD SKATING PARTY

January 26 5pm -8PM
Ice Skating, Rollerblading,
Horse-Drawn Sleigh rides.
Bars, cookies and Hot Chocolate
Cost \$10.00

PARENT/TODDLER GYM TIME

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

DANCE CLASSES

Instructor: Amy Lee ** Please call Linwood for upcoming sessions **

Monday Classes: (8 Classes)

Starts Jan. 7th – Feb. 25th

Beginning Creative Movement
Ages 3-5 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. \$50

Tot Tumbling
Ages 3-4 11:15 – 12:00 p.m. \$50

Tot Tumbling
Ages 3-5 12:00 – 12:45 p.m. \$50

Beginning Creative Movement
Ages 3-5 2:15 – 3:00 p.m. \$50

Continuing Creative Movement 1
Ages 4-6 3:00 – 3:45 p.m. \$50

Continuing Creative Movement 2
Ages 5-7 3:45 – 4:30 p.m. \$50

Beginning Ballet/Tap
Ages 5-9 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. \$50

Beginning Ballet 1
Ages 5-9 5:15 – 6:00 p.m. \$50

Intermediate Ballet/Tap
Ages 10-13 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. \$50

Wednesday Classes: (8 Classes)

Starts Jan. 9th – Feb. 27th

Beginning Creative Movement
Ages 3-5 3:00 – 3:45 p.m. \$50

Continuing Creative Movement 1
Ages 4-6 3:45 – 4:30 p.m. \$50

Beginning Ballet 1
Ages 5-9 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. \$50

Beginning Ballet/Tap
Ages 5-10 5:15 – 6:00 p.m. \$50

Intermediate Ballet 1
Ages 6-12 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. \$50

Actor's Studio
Ages 11-16 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. \$50

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

ADULT DANCE CLASSES

Instructor: Amy Lee

Beginning Ballet/Jazz
Starts Jan. 7th, 2008
Mondays 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Fee: \$50 8 Sessions

Beginning Ballet/Tap
Starts Jan. 7th, 2008
Mondays 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
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Fee: \$70 Ages: All 8 sessions

White/Orange Belt Level

Saturdays On-going
9:45 -10:45 a.m. (All ages)
Tuesdays On-going
4:30 - 5:30 p.m. (Ages 6 & up)
Fee: \$45/Month

Green/Red Belt Level (Ages 6 & up)

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

Adults Classes

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

ADULT/SENIOR FITNESS & WELLNESS CLASSES AT LINWOOD

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

Early Bird Cardio Workout

Instructor: Cliff Swynigan
Tuesday/Thursday 6:00 a.m.

Pilates Based Exercise

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

Complete Fitness Challenge

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

Bosu Workout

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

55 Plus Fitness

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

Yoga

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

FITNESS/WEIGHT ROOM

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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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Family (ages 13+) \$60
Seniors (ages 55+) \$25

SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION (February 4th – 8th)

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- 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

Volleyball Ages: 8 – 18 yrs.
Floor Hockey Ages: 6 – 14 yrs.
Indoor Soccer Ages: 9 – 12 yrs.

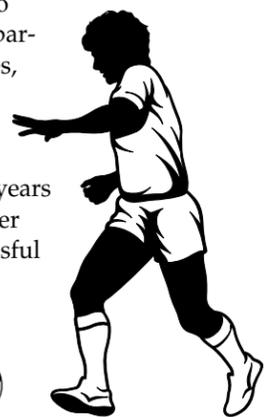
Volunteer Coaches

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

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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!

1. Do you find the SHA neighborhood newsletter **The Summit** valuable?

Yes__ No__ Comments: _____

2. What Summit newsletter article "topics" have been most valuable to you as a Summit Hill residents, property or business owner? Comments:

3. What do you consider to be the 2 most important neighborhood issues that should be covered in future issues of **The Summit**?

1. _____

2. _____

4. How do you think the newsletter could be improved? Comments:

5. 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 _____ Phone/email _____

6. Please indicate who you are by circling one or more of the following:

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Crime Prevention Connection

Recently there have been two rather bold forced entry home burglaries during daylight hours in the Summit Hill neighborhood. A neighborhood alert was sent to all Summit Hill Association Block & Building Club Leaders, and other interested community members, through SHA's crime prevention email network. Neighbors were informed of these burglaries and encouraged to take extra precautionary measures. As a result of this alert, a number of calls were made to the St Paul Police Department's non-emergency number, 291-1111, and the SHA Office by area residents. Valuable Information about suspicious individuals and possible identification tips about a white van recently seen in area alleys (that may have been implicated in these burglaries) was identified. Hopefully this information may help to apprehend the perpetrators and prevent future burglaries. The communication network both between SHA Block & Building Clubs and within our Clubs worked!

The success of many crime prevention practices are, unfortunately, extremely difficult to measure. Nation wide studies have shown however that neighbors who watch out for the well-being and safety of each other and remind each other of safety practices create both a strong shared sense of community and positively impact the proliferation of crime. Block & Building Clubs across the nation are proven effective crime deterrents. Unfortunately not all

Summit Hill Association area blocks and buildings have Clubs. If you don't have a Club on your block or in your building, give me a call.

The Summit Hill Association is particularly interested in hearing from apartment and condo residents. We know that there are lots of you in the neighborhood. We want you to feel connected to this community and all it has to offer. Call, email or stop by our office in the Linwood Community Center, we would like to get to know you.

Pay It Forward

When thinking about ways to promote crime prevention I am reminded of the concept and movement "Pay It Forward". A social movement that began as a result of a book released in the year 2000, "Pay It Forward" demonstrates the sheer mathematical power of each individual's influence upon others with three positive contacts.

Here's how it works: A SHA Block or Building Club leader, or any interested resident for that matter, shares crime prevention information with at least three club members or residents. Each

of these individuals taps into the neighborhood social network and relays this information to

three others. Now twelve people have

benefits, the original three and the nine they contacted.

Assuming the chain of information continues as it did recently through

the Block & Building Club network, in very short order eighty one, then two hundred forty-three, then seven hundred twenty nine neighbors have been contacted. This valuable phenomenon is all due to basic math and the power of neighbors to positively influence each other. Formalizing and organizing community networking is one of the many benefits Block & Building Clubs provide. This community's efforts to inform and alert others may have had more crime prevention consequences than any of us can imagine.

Hi Neighbor!

Save the date, Wednesday, February 20, 2008, 6:30 p.m. at the Linwood Community Center, St Clair @ Victoria, for the upcoming meeting of SHA Block

& Building Club Leaders. Spend a winter's evening with the St Paul Police Department's (SPPD) Western District Commander Doug Holtz and SPPD Crime Prevention Specialist Pam McCreary who will provide you with valuable information on keeping you, your family and your neighborhood safer. This is a great opportunity to have an informal and candid chat with the police and to meet other community leaders. Hope to see you there.

Just in Case

Take a few minutes to copy the important documents that you carry with you. Current copies of your driver's license, banking, credit and other identification cards can come in handy in the case of loss or, worse yet, theft. While you are at it, it is a good idea to keep records of serial numbers, makes & models of your personal property handy. Taking photos of special items in your home and garage, i.e. tools, snow blowers, computers, electronic gear, jewelry, antiques and the like every few years is also a good idea "just in case".

Suggestions & comments to this column are always appreciated.

Diane Hilden

SHA Crime Prevention Coordinator
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Established in June 2004, the Summit Hill Association Website at www.summithillasociation.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.

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Germanic-American Institute Pre-school Now Operating at Immanuel Lutheran Church



Kinderstube German Immersion Pre-school is a fully-licensed pre-school program of the Germanic-American Institute, a non-profit language and culture center on Summit Avenue. Kinderstube is open to all children ages 33 months to kindergarten-aged. Modeled after the German kindergarten, in which the focus is on creative play while building interactive social skills, the pre-school conducts all daily activities in German. Children sing, create art, read, and play, all in a German language immersion environment.

The Twin Cities area is home to many families in which at least one parent is native German, and many of the children attending Kinderstube are already bi-lingual. Children then learn from each other, as Kinderstube welcomes children with absolutely no German background to fluent speakers. The German pre-school allows children to easily acquire a new language in addition to gaining the academic and social

skills to prepare them for future schooling.

Kinderstube was formerly located at the site of the Twin Cities German Immersion School, a St. Paul charter school in its 3rd year. The charter school has grown so rapidly that Kinderstube needed to find a new home beginning in August. Immanuel Lutheran Church, located at 104 Snelling Avenue South, has eagerly welcomed a partnership with Kinderstube. Immanuel Lutheran has deep German roots and had recently completed a renovation of its space for children's educational programming.

The Minneapolis Kinderstube continues to operate from Mayflower Church on Diamond Lake Road. For more information about Kinderstube Pre-school, call the Germanic-American Institute at 651-222-7027 or send an e-mail to language@gai-mn.org.

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.

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For further information or to receive an application contact the Paint-A-Thon at 612-721-8687, x321 or dpope@gmcc.org. The deadline to apply is May 9; the Paint-A-Thon takes place in early August.

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& Business News

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: The Wedding Shoppe on Grand

by Benno Groeneveld



Jimmy Fritz in front of The Wedding Shoppe's Corporate Office on Grand

Weddings never go out of style - as The Wedding Shoppe on Grand Avenue proves. Originally started in one house at 1196 Grand Avenue in 1977 by Jim and Lois Fritz, the store has grown to fill four adjacent buildings and has over 50 employees.

Jim and Lois still run the store, now helped by their son Jimmy and daughter Carolyn. It all started with Jim Fritz the elder playing in a band in the 1970s. His band performed at many weddings and people kept asking him for recommendations - from where to buy a wedding gown to what florists to use.

Rather than send aspiring couples on a long march through all kinds of different stores - the way the bridal market worked 30 years ago - Jim and Lois came up with the idea of providing one-stop service at their own store.

Since then, the Wedding Shoppe has dropped its catering and flower business (though it provides recommendations) - to concentrate on providing all clothes, gifts, accessories and invitations needed for the perfect wedding.

Now is the busiest time of the year, says the younger Fritz. "Lots of people get engaged over Christmas or New Year's. And then, there's Valentine's Day." That means that there can be as many as 100 brides and bridesmaids in the store on a Saturday, and an equal number of men trying on tuxedos.

Prices for wedding dresses on average range from about \$700 to \$1200, although Jimmy says they also have \$3,000 dresses. Delivery takes four to six months since the dresses are made in countries like China and Indonesia these days. But the designs are all-American. In fact, Jimmy Fritz says "Because we are one of the largest wedding stores in the U.S., designers use us to test their new lines. We can often tell our customers that she will be one of the first brides in the country to wear this particular design."

The Wedding Shoppe received a number of national and local awards, including *Outstanding Retailer of the Year*, by The National Bridal Market Association, 2006.

GABBING ON GRAND Happy New Year from the Grand Avenue Business Association

As you're making your plans for 2008, take a moment to put these dates on your calendar so you don't miss out on all the fun on Grand Avenue (full event descriptions can be found at www.grandave.com, where you can also sign up to receive e-mail notices about events on Grand Avenue):

- Grand Old Day - Sunday, June 1**
- Paws on Grand - Saturday, July 19**
- Taste of Grand: Restyled - Thursday, October 2**
- Boo Bash - Saturday, October 25**
- Art of Grand - Thursday, November 20**
- Grand Meander - Saturday, December 6**

The Grand Avenue Business Association will celebrate the successes of the past year during the Annual Meeting & Silent Auction on March 20, 2008 at the beautiful new SteppingStone



Theatre. In addition to an evening of fantastic food and entertainment, new members to the Board of Directors will be inducted and the 2008 Doc Chopp Award winner will be announced. If you would like to attend the GABA Annual Meeting, please call 651-699-0029.

GABA presents the 35th Annual Grand Old Day on Sunday, June 1, 2008! Watch for more exciting details in

the coming months. For information about participating in Grand Old Day as a vendor, parade participant or volunteer, check out www.grandave.com/grandoldday.

Visit www.grandave.com for information on member businesses, upcoming events and to sign up to receive Grand Avenue e-mails to stay up-to-date on Avenue events.

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