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NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

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SHA Annual Meeting and Elections, Oct. 12th Plus, Candidates' Forum for State Rep. District 64A

Mark your calendars! If you want a strong and healthy neighborhood and would like to take an active role in guiding its future, consider running for a position on the Board of Directors of the Summit Hill Association (SHA). We need your ideas, your time and your enthusiasm. **The SHA annual meeting and elections will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 12th in the Linwood Community Center gymnasium.**

The evening also includes short presentations from candidates

for State Representative for District 64A and an opportunity for you to meet the following candidates:

Erin Murphy, DFL
Kirsten Beach, IR
Jesse Mortenson, Green Party

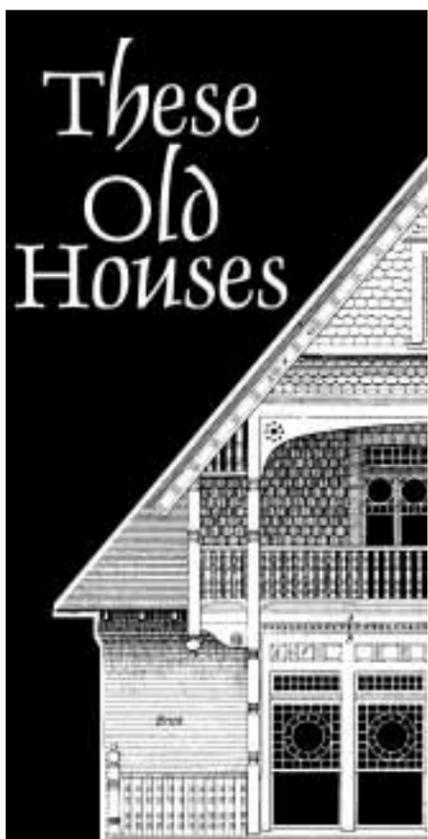
The SHA Board of Directors consists of twenty-one members. Approximately one third of the board is up for election every year. There will be 6 seats up for election this year. Terms last up to three years. The Board of Directors meets one

evening each month, the second Thursday. Each director also participates on one of the standing committees of the SHA.

Candidate eligibility - Any person 18 years or older who lives in or owns a business or property in District 16 is eligible to be a candidate for election to the board of directors. We would particularly like to encourage people who rent in the Summit Hill neighborhood to become involved, as renters have typically been under-represented on the board.

Voting - Anyone 16 or older who lives in or owns a business or property in District 16 and is present for elections, may vote for up to six candidates. If you are interested, or would like additional information, call Jeff Roy or Diane Hilden at the SHA office at 222-1222, or contact us via e-mail at summithill@visi.com. By taking an active role, you are making a personal commitment to the improvement of your neighborhood.

Please see also the letter from the SHA President, Eduardo Barrera, which can be found on page 2.



These Old Houses

The Summit Hill House Tour Is Almost Here. Get Your Tickets Now!

Time to purchase tickets for the 2006 SHA House Tour set for Sunday October 8, from noon to 6:00 p.m. Fabulous properties you have been longing to see will be on tour during the pleasantly cool early fall. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the event and can be purchased online at the SHA website www.summithillassociation.org.

Tickets are also available for purchased at the following local businesses: all Kowlaski's, Traditions Home Furnishings, Grand Jete, Amore Coffee in Milton Mall on Grand, St. Paul Corner Drug, Sincerely Yours in Highland Village, Mississippi Market (on Randolph and on Selby) and Grumpy Steve's Coffee Shop (Wabasha St. and Stillwater); and at the SHA office at

860 St. Clair Ave. in St. Paul. Tickets will be on sale at these locations until Sat., Oct. 7th at 4 p.m.

To purchase online, go to our website, click on the House Tour icon and follow the links to buy your tickets. All online orders placed after 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 3rd will need to be picked up after 12 noon on Sunday, October 8th at the Amore Coffee "will-call" ticket site located near Grand Avenue and Milton St. Online purchasing will end at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 6th, but phone orders can be made up until 5:00 p.m. Saturday, October 7th by calling 651-222-1222.

Thank you for supporting the House Tour and the Summit Hill Association.

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Letter from the SHA President



Let Them Cross Safely.

Think of the Impact You Could Make.

Stop for Pedestrians. It's the Law!

The 2006 SHA Board

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How Are We Doing?

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

Fall is here and once again, we're all beginning to look back on the past year of activities – some of us wishing the warm, sunny days would continue and others of us evaluating how we spent the year and what was accomplished. For the Summit Hill Association/District 16 Planning Council, this year has been one of great accomplishments that continue our long history of citizens working together to plan our community's future while also solving today's problems. I thank the over 100 active volunteers working with SHA who have answered the call by serving on committees, the Board of Directors, as block or building leaders and as volunteers at our annual events. In addition, we expect many neighborhood volunteers to be helping make the October 8th Summit Hill House Tour a successful event and major fundraiser for the Summit Hill Association.

What have we accomplished this year? A lot!

- District 16 Plan: After 3 -1/2 years of intensive work, SHA secured the St. Paul City Council's approval of the District 16 Neighborhood Plan which makes recommendations and sets goals related to transportation, parking, parks and recreation, housing, community life, crime prevention and future Grand Avenue development. Later in the summer, SHA won City Council approval of the East Grand Avenue Zoning Overlay which set limits on building scale and heights, eliminated the "rule of 5"

parking exemption, and set design standards for new developments along East Grand Avenue that respects the unique, historic character of the avenue.

- Rebuilding Streets: This spring, the City's RSVP Street Rebuilding Project began on most streets west of Victoria with completion expected by this late fall. Before the start of the project, the SHA took the initiative to make recommendations to the city to ensure that the historic and pedestrian-safe nature of our neighborhood streets be maintained once the project is completed. Though the project has not proceeded as originally intended with many frustrations for residents along the way, in the end, we will have new streets, curbs, boulevards and renewed lighting along with increased pedestrian safety.
- SHA Crime Prevention Program: The program continued to work with area residents to retain and expand area block and building clubs which are the cornerstones of successful community crime prevention. This year, we have dramatically increased the number of multi-unit building clubs. We estimate that over 75% of neighborhood blocks have a block club, although most multi-unit building are not as yet in the program. In June, SHA sponsored a community-wide crime forum, in cooperation with the St. Paul Police Department, as part of our on-going effort to serve the expressed needs of the community. Over 125 residents attended.

- Grand Avenue Parking Task Force: This informal task force continues its work in developing potential comprehensive plans to address long-term parking issue on and near Grand Avenue. The Task Force expects to call a community meeting in the near future where the Task Force can present its draft recommendations and gather citizen input for further revisions.
- Annual Events: Finally, we have successfully implemented three annual events so far this year in organizing the April Progressive Supper, the May Neighborhood-wide Garage Sale and the Annual Neighborhood Cleanup.

The Summit Hill Association moves forward with our Annual Meeting and Elections on Oct. 12th where we will elect the 2006-07 Board of Directors. If you haven't already, please consider running for an open seat on the Board. Contact the SHA office at 651-222-1222 if more information.

And finally, as noted above, the always popular Summit Hill House Tour is set for Sun., Oct. 8th. Please add your support to this all important fundraiser for the Summit Hill Association by buying tickets soon for yourself, a family member or friends. It's fun, it's a great opportunity to tour many fantastic historic homes and the funds raised help SHA implement programs and project that improve the neighborhood.

Have a great fall!
Eduardo Barrera, SHA President

The Windup of the Long and Dusty Road

By Eric Hedberg, PS & TC Committee member

The dust is finally settling on what has been a long summer for all of us west of Victoria Street. The repaving project has not proceeded as originally intended, but in the end the historic and pedestrian-safe nature of the neighborhood has been maintained. Now as the last of the asphalt is laid out and the boulevards landscaped and resodded, we can focus on what the results of the project.

Unlike many neighborhoods that have gotten suburbanized on their recent repaving projects, we were able to keep the historic nature of ours. Our curbs are narrow and tinted to match the original color of the sandstone curbs found on a number of the streets. Our corners remain the original 10' radius that is

pedestrian friendly and U-turn unfriendly. Undersized streets have been widened, drainage improved and added to cross streets, and soon our boulevards will be dotted with street lights refreshed and outfitted with new bulbs and lens.

Three of our major action items for the Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming Committee will be completed at the end of this project. At the time of writing, the bump outs are in use around the Linwood A+ School and the bump outs on St. Clair are in process. We also soon expect to see the crosswalks on lower Grand at Dale Street appear. Each one of these will make a major contribution in slowing down traffic and making it

safer for pedestrians young and old to cross streets.

So when the last of equipment leaves the neighborhood and the relative calm returns, flip on the sprinkler for the nice new weed free sod and take a stroll down the straight and now flat sidewalks of our neighborhood. Enjoy the soft glow of our streetlights repaired and properly placed, and try out the new corners and bump outs. It's been a long, loud dusty summer, but now its over. If you want to volunteer to have a voice in future pedestrian safety and traffic calming projects, please consider joining the Summit Hill Association PS & TC Committee. Call the SHA office at 222-1222 for more information.

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Event Updates

What a Great Way to Clean the House! Neighborhood Garage Sale Oct. 7

The Fall Summit Hill Neighborhood Garage Sale is coming soon on Saturday, October 7th from 9 a.m. until mid-afternoon.

Buying used goods saves money and gives you a chance to help the environment by recycling. Selling used items helps you clean out your attic, basement or garage and if you can't sell it or don't want to keep it, bring it to the Neighborhood Cleanup Day the following Saturday.

Please note: Participating sales will need to pick up their flyers and posters at the SHA office after Thursday, October 5th. Additional flyers with the locations of all participating sales and the categories of items for sale will be available for the general public to pick up at the information table outside the SHA office in the Linwood Community Center starting Thursday, October 5th. On the day of the sale, each sale location will also have flyers made available.

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

Sign Up for E-Mail News from SHA

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

Meet Your Neighbors, Share a Great Meal on Nov. 11 FALL PROGRESSIVE SUPPER

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

The Fall Progressive Supper is slated for Saturday, November 11th. Cost for participation in the supper is \$5.00 per household. To participate, please complete the form below, include a check for \$5.00 (made out to SHA) and mail to:

Ethelyn Rupp
1011 Goodrich Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55105.

For more information, or to reserve space by phone, please call Ethelyn Rupp at 227-1563 or Tammy Haas at 227-4023.

The deadline for registration is November 1st.

Summit Hill Fall Progressive Supper Registration Form

Saturday, November 11th, 6:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

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

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

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

2006 SHA MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Meetings are held in the Linwood Community Center, 860 St. Clair Avenue
- Dates and times may change - call SHA office to confirm: 651-222-1222
- Executive Committee: last Thursday, 3-4:30 PM
- Board of Directors: 2nd Thursday, 7 PM
- Pedest. Safety/Traffic Calming: 2nd Mon. 7 PM
- Zoning/Land Use: 1st Thursday, 7 PM (not monthly; call to confirm schedule)

Curbside Recycling: Every Friday;

recycling must be out on the curb by 7am



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NOON, NOV. 9

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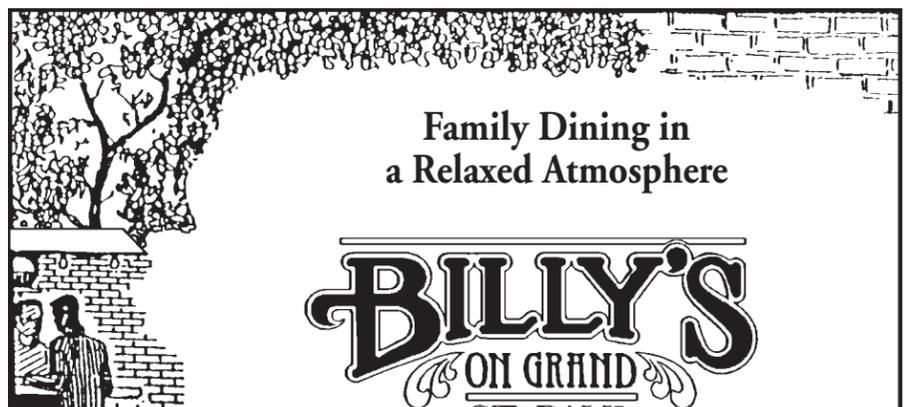


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Are you having trouble seeing to cross the street, by foot or by car, because your view is blocked by parked cars?

It is against the law to park within:

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

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



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

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

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

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

Name: _____

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Happenings In

Summit Hill's Parks of the Past

By Gabrielle Horner

"The romance of a city is best expressed in its park system...parks form the setting for the beauty of the whole city...and are the rendezvous for the leisure moments of man," - St. Paul Superintendent of Parks, George Nason. 1930.

This rare 1923 photo of Crocus Place/Crocus Triangle Park (Goodrich & Dale, dedicated 1883) has the only known image of the park fountain remembered by Dr. Bill Hollinshead (b. 1912), a founding member of the Summit Hill Association, descendent of Territorial legislator Edmund Rice, and Goodrich Avenue resident since 1940. As a young boy, Dr. Hollinshead played in the fountain with his hand whittled wooden boats, and remembers horse-drawn fruit vendor carts watering their horses from the bubbling fountain. Although the fountain was destroyed by the early 1930's, the park now has renewed beauty from flowers planted by passionately committed volunteers living nearby.

Linwood Park & Playground - (St. Clair & Victoria, created in 1909, named for the linden tree and originally called Haldeman Park) is a remnant of a failed proposal for

Ridgewood Park (1891). In 1854, Minnesota pioneer John K. Ayd purchased 160 acres between present day Randolph and St. Clair Avenues, Victoria Street and Lexington

views of the mill ruins, mill pond and stream ravine. Due to the Depression of 1893 and the depreciation of real estate values, the Park Board rescinded the Ridgewood Park plans in 1894

when local property owners opposed the assessments to acquire the land.

For nearly 40 years the land was used as a local dump, but was regraded to create the park we know today in 1929 - with playfields, tennis courts, and skating rink. An old railroad box car was added in 1953 as a warming house, and in 1966 a new recreation center was built. Today's recreation



Lost Fountain at Crocus Place/Crocus Triangle Park, St. Paul

Parkway from the U.S. government, and built the first and only corn grist mill in Reserve Township. Ayd sold the mill in 1866, but the subsequent owner did not succeed financially and the mill property was foreclosed in 1878.

In 1887, upon the recommendation of Horace Cleveland, the newly formed Board of Park Commissioners began proceedings to acquire 18 acres for "Ridgewood Park" (an area bound by Milton, Oxford, and Pleasant Avenue - now I-35E), with its picturesque

center was built in 1992 - now a vibrant community gathering place with activities for all ages including organized sports, pre-school, wellness and fitness classes, a local polling station and a home for the Summit Hill Association.

If you would like to share your stories of neighborhood history, or have old photos of the neighborhood to share (1890-1970's), please contact Gabrielle Horner, gabehorner@comcast.net or 651-698-5223. Photo courtesy of Saint Paul Parks and Recreation.

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.

Communications -

Add your writing talent to the publication of The Summit newsletter.

Gardening Club -

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

Pedestrian Safety & Traffic Calming -

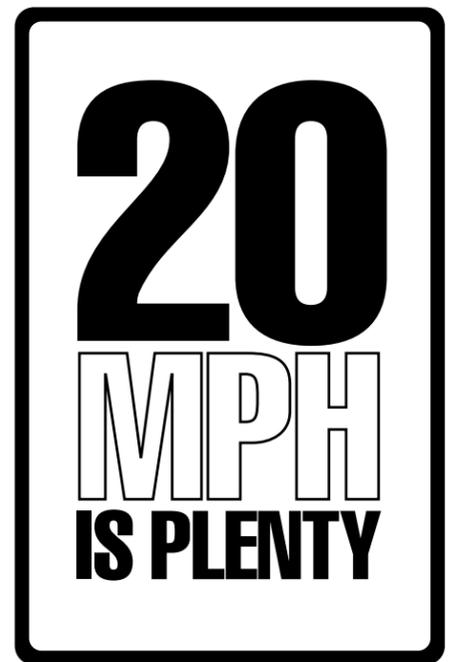
Add your ideas on finding solutions to long-standing concerns about pedestrian safety and traffic.

SHA Office -

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Crime Prevention Connection

LIVE IN AN APARTMENT? A CONDO?

Did you know that over 50% of the residential dwellings in Summit Hill neighborhoods are apartments or condos. A significant number of apartment dwellers have lived in the same apartment, or an apartment nearby, for many years. Often area homeowners downsize to condos in this neighborhood. Whether you own or rent, the Summit Hill Association (SHA) wants your voice to be heard. SHA values the unique concerns of renters and condo residents.

If you currently live in an apartment or condo, consider becoming a Building Club Leader and starting a network of neighbors to improve the quality of your life, your neighborhood, your community and help assure that your unique concerns are addressed.

Starting a Building Club is easy. If you already live in a condo your association probably already meets from time to time. As a Building Club leader you will receive important crime prevention information and crime alert updates on a regular basis from the SHA Office to share with your association/building neighbors. If you live in an apartment all you need to do is to tap into a network of other residents by having an initial organizational meeting.

As a Building Club Leader you can relay the information you will receive from SHA to other building residents to keep them informed. You can also convey the concerns of your fellow building or condo residents back to the SHA office. After the initial meeting, Building Clubs generally meet a couple of times a year to update residents on crime prevention issues especially those related to apartment and condo living.

Of course getting to know your neighbors and socializing are Building Club benefits! National studies repeatedly demonstrate that crime in an area decreases when neighbors look out for each other even casually. Knowing that neighbors know you and will help if you experience a problem can be very reassuring and greatly improve the quality of your life.

The SHA Office will help you with all the details of getting a Building Club started and provide on-going information and support. Your time investment will be minimal, your satisfaction, considerable!

Rental Property Owner Alert: Having more satisfied residents may encourage having residents stay longer saving you time and money! Give me a call soon and let me help you discover the benefits of Block Clubs for your properties. You might just experience an increased demand for your units by building a reputation for safety. You can gain the peace of mind that comes from spending more time on routine management and less on crisis control.

Hi Neighbor!

Call 651-222-1222 for further information

Mark the date, Tuesday, October 3, 2006 at 6pm for the Ramsey County Judges Forum to be held at the newly opened Rondo Library, Dale and University avenues. This community forum sponsored by the St Paul Police Department and Ramsey County will address numerous "quality of life" issues in area neighborhoods including the problems of criminal recidivism, repeat offenders and judicial sentencing guidelines. All are welcome to attend.

Copies of the "Welcome to Summit Hill" new neighbor booklet are available in a limited supply in the SHA Office.

HOME ALONE?

If your children are coming home from school and spending time alone, here are some safety reminders for parents and children:

- As soon as your child is able, teach them how to dial 911 on all your phones, cell and land lines.
- Post emergency numbers near all your phones including numbers of family & trusted neighbors.
- Remind your child never tell a caller they are home alone.
- Secure your child's house key in a safe place, preferably a chain necklace around the child's neck, rather than an outside hiding place.
- Teach children to always keep outside doors lockedeven when parents are home!
- Remind children to never open the door for someone they do not know and to call 911 immediately if a

stranger comes to the door with a problem.

- Always leave the house immediately to call 911 from elsewhere if a fire is suspected. With just a few simple precautions you can help empower children and assure their safety.

Friendly Reminder

This is a feature of crime & information updates from the SPPD.

A recent Minneapolis Star & Tribune article, "Serious strategies to fight America's crime problem", (August 17, 2006) by David Kennedy, Director of the Center for Crime Prevention and Control at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York noted that

"A staggering 2 million people are now incarcerated in the United States and about 5 million are on probation and parole" and yet crime rates increase.

St Paul Police Chief John Harrington has repeatedly stated that his department with just more than 500 sworn officers is understaffed. In a recent issue of "BOLO" (Be On the Lookout) a publication of the St Paul Police Federation, an editorial by David Titus, BOLO's president states that "FBI statistics show the Midwest cities our size have an average of 3.5 cops per thousand population. Using a population of 287,000 (St Paul population estimate) we should have 1,004 cops. Currently we have 571 cops (recent graduates of the Police Academy included) and that is a 1.99/1000 ratio. Up until now, the skill of our cops and the assistance and respect of our community has allowed us to operate with fewer numbers...Officers can only exert maximum effort so long without help before they burn out." Chief Harrington has asserted publicly many times that

more police officers are needed to make the department more proactive (versus reactive!) in fighting crime.

Given the current funding level in most cities including St Paul and the prevalence of social factors that drive criminal behavior - poverty, drugs, inequality and racism among them, these issues are not destined to go away soon. Now more than ever citizens need to be proactive in fighting crime in their own neighborhoods by joining with other neighbors in Block & Building Clubs and by alerting police promptly whenever possible to criminal activity. You may also want to contact your political representatives and let them know your thoughts.

Remember to call the police non-emergency line, 651-291-1111, whenever you observe potentially criminal suspicious behavior or 911 in an emergency.

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Annual Linwood Bonfire October 7



The best family event of the Fall returns to Summit Hill with the Annual Linwood Bonfire on October 7th, 6-9pm. This event is hosted at Linwood Recreation Center by the non-profit Linwood Park Booster Club, with generous support by JayTSoldMe.com Realty (Keller Williams).

Besides great music by Glen Helgeson and his talented friends, enjoy a roaring bonfire, games and crafts, and a full spread of food and refreshment from Dixies, Billy's on Grand, Grand Old Creamery, Teddy's Rootbeer, and much more. Admission is FREE for Linwood Booster Club members, or \$10 per non-member family. Call the Linwood Recreation Center (651-298-5660) or visit www.linwoodboosters.org for more information.

Above: The 2005 Linwood Bonfire heats up with the music of Glen Helgeson and friends (Glen shown here with Jeff Brueske on Bass). Photo: © BradDaniels.com

Close the Loop: Buy Recycled!

Sometimes making the right consumer choices is hard to balance with a limited budget. For example, many of us want to buy postconsumer recycled paper in support of our own recycling efforts to save energy and trees, as well as to reduce the harmful effects of burning or burying waste. Unfortunately, recycled

co-op currently offers 100% postconsumer recycled copy paper, processed without the use of chlorine, and compostable cutlery and serviceware at a reduced cost to you. These products look and perform like their traditional counterparts but are environmentally preferable to paper made from trees and plastics made from petroleum.



paper can be more expensive than non-recycled "virgin" paper and difficult to find.

But there is a way! Eureka Recycling coordinates a products buying cooperative that combines many smaller orders into a single order large enough to get a bulk discount directly from the supplier. This helps grow markets for environmentally preferable products and makes them more available and affordable. The

The next Recycled Products Co-op order will be this fall. New pricing and product availability will be available in September. Contact Eureka Recycling today for more information and to join the co-op's email list to be notified of the next order: (651) 222-7678 or buyrecycled@eurekarecycling.org. Visit <http://www.eurekarecycling.org> for more information, including paper cost comparisons and environmental benefits.

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



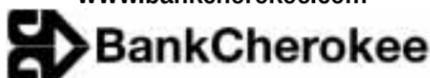
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SHA Website - Neighborhood Information Source

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. In 2006, look for photographs previewing homes on the Summit Hill House Tour (next SHA Tour is October 8, 2006) - this is our major fund raiser for the Summit Hill Association.

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

Recycling News

Reduce Waste by Shopping Secondhand Stores

"...re-using goods eliminates garbage and helps the environment. Buying used goods will cut down on resources needed to make and distribute new products." - according to "Saint Paul's Secondhand Stores Directory" a new booklet developed by the Thomas-Dale District 7 Planning Council.

This directory lists 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.

Shopping "Used First" may add some new and serendipitous sparkle to your shopping adventures. Remember to keep charitable organizations in mind this summer and fall after your garage sale and/or household clean up.

Ever Wonder How To Get One of Those Blue Recycling Bins?

Blue recycling bins have been a symbol of Saint Paul's recycling program for over 15 years. The city of Saint Paul provides blue bins for curbside recycling at no charge to Saint Paul residents. Blue bins are distributed through Saint Paul's community councils. If you live in the Summit Hill neighborhood, you can pick up blue bins at the Linwood Community Center. Please go to the Linwood Community Center information desk and ask for what you need.



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

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

LINWOOD BOOSTER CLUB!

The Linwood Booster Club sponsored many events throughout the year and help make Linwood Recreation Center a relaxing and beautiful facility for you and your family. A yearly family membership provides your family with benefits, such as: reduced fees for team sports, free events, special mailings, possible tax deduction, and the opportunity to support activities, programs, facilities and equipment at Linwood Recreation Center. The registration fee is just \$15 per year. Registrations are available at Linwood Recreation Center. Join the club, become a member today.

PARENT/TODDLER GYM TIME

Linwood 651-298-5660

This is an unstructured gym time for parents and their toddlers to play in our gym during the fall, winter and spring. A variety of large movement toys will be available.

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

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

Linwood 651-298-5660

Instructor: J. Zabala

DANCE: TAP (Beginning)

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

Mondays Begins Sept. 11
8:05 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Fee: \$48 8 Sessions

DANCE: JAZZ (Beginning)

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

Mondays Begins Sept. 11
7:05 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Fee: \$48 8 sessions

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

DANCE CLASSES

Instructor: Amy Lee
Registration Starts September 5th

Monday Classes:

October 30th – December 18th
(8 Classes) \$50/Level

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

Tot Tumbling
Ages 2-1/2 - 3, 11:15 a.m. – Noon

Tot Tumbling
Ages 3-4, 12:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Beginning Creative Movement
Ages 3-4, 2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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

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

Beginning Ballet 2
Ages 5-9, 4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Beginning Ballet 1
Ages 5-9, 5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Intermediate Ballet/Tap
Ages 6-12, 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday Classes:

November 1st – December 20th
(8 Classes) \$50/Level

Beginning Children's Yoga
Ages 3-5, 2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Beginning Creative Movement
Ages 3-5, 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

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

Beginning Ballet 1
Ages 5-9, 4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

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

Intermediate Ballet 2
Ages 6-12, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Teen Yoga
Ages 11-9, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Amy offers a variety of classes for ages 2-1/2 - 16. Her Creative Movement classes explore basic movement and dance concepts while increasing strength and coordination. Or Ballet & Tap, where students will learn the basic techniques essential to building the right muscles for this beautiful, yet demanding art form. And finally, 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 an internationally

ranked certified master instructor with 20+ years of experience. Introductory and family discounts available. For more information or to register, call or e-mail Mike Kelly.

Introductory Classes for New Students
Fee: \$70, Ages 6 & up

Saturdays, Sept. 9th, 9-9:55 a.m.
8 Sessions

Saturdays, Nov. 4th, 9-9:55 a.m.
8 Sessions

White/Orange Belt Level
Saturdays, On-going, 10-10:50 a.m.

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

Green/Red Belt Level
Saturdays, On-going, 11:50am-11:40 a.m.

Tuesdays, On-going, 5:30pm-6:30 p.m.
Fee: \$45/Month

ADULT/SENIOR FITNESS & WELLNESS CLASSES AT LINWOOD

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

CARDIO WORKOUT:

Instructor: Teresa Davenport
Mon/Wed 9:15am

COMPLETE FITNESS CHALLENGE:

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

EARLY BIRD CARDIO WORKOUT:

Instructor: Cliff Swynigan
Tues/Thurs 6am

55 PLUS FITNESS CLASS:

Instructor: Teresa Davenport
Tues/Thurs 9:15am

PILATES BASED EXERCISE:

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

YOGA

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

FITNESS/WEIGHT ROOM

Linwood 651-298-5660
This room consists of 7 nautilus Cybex machines, two treadmills, two stair climbers, and three exercise bicycles for cardiovascular training. Locker rooms are available for members. To use the equipment, you may pay daily fee of \$5

or purchase a three month membership.

Memberships:

Single Adult (ages 18+), \$45
Single Students (ages 13+), \$35
*must show school I.D. if under 18
Family (ages 13+), \$60
Seniors (ages 55+), \$30
Senior Couples (ages 55+), \$40

WINTER YOUTH SPORTS REGISTRATION (October 9-13)

- Open to all St. Paul residents
- Non-St. Paul residents may register if they attend school in St. Paul
- A \$30 non-resident fee will be charged in addition to the sport fee
- A copy of the youth's birth certified must be on file at the recreation center
- Late registration will be accepted if roster space is available
- Late registrations may be charged a late fee

Instructional Basketball

Ages: 4-6, 7-8

Basketball Leagues

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

Volunteer Coaches

Saint Paul Parks and Recreation offers a variety of coaching opportunities in youth athletics. As a volunteer coach you can help develop young athletes, provide leadership, promote good sportsmanship and be a positive role model. If you have experience or are willing to learn coaching fundamentals, we can give you the necessary skills and tools. All coaches will be trained through Saint Paul's coaching certification program. All coaches are required to consent to a background check. The average time commitment is 3-5 hours per week for approximately 8 weeks. Please contact Linwood for more info!

ANNUAL FALL BONFIRE

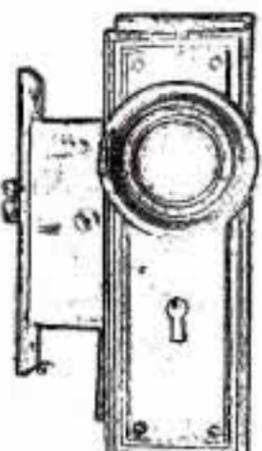
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Saturday, Oct. 7th, 5-9 p.m.

The bonfire event is a fun evening for family and neighbors at Linwood Recreation Center. Join us for food, games, entertainment and a beautiful night huddled around the bonfire. Free for Linwood Booster Club members and \$10 for non-member families.

GOOD NEWS IN THE NOTES

We would like to congratulate Linwood's newly selected 2005-2006, Honored Volunteer of the year, Kevin Moynihan. Kevin has been volunteering at Linwood by coaching various sports and age levels for at least 4 years. He has coached for Linwood basketball and soccer ranging from ages 5 to 10 years old. Kevin brings good coaching quality by teaching the kids the proper skills to play the games as well as the importance of team play. He also has great assets and qualities in people skills creating a great bond with the community, players, and staffs.



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St. Paul Community

Helpful Numbers

St. Paul Citizen Service Office: 266-8989
Call the Citizen Service Office for general city information, requests for services, suggestions or complaints regarding city services.

Emergency 911
Fire (non-emergency) 224-7811
Police (non-emergency) 291-1111
City Attorney 266-8710
Human Rights 266-8966
Animal Control 266-1100
Building Permits, Inspection and Design (LIEP)..... 266-9090
Forestry 632-5129
Libraries 266-7000
Parking Enforcement 266-5585
Parks and Recreation 266-6400
Planning & Economic Dev. 266-6700
Public Health 266-2400
Pothole and Street Repair 292-6600
St. Paul Regional Water Service 266-6350
Eureka Recycling 222-7678
Information about hazardous waste disposal, composting, yard waste disposal, environmental training and educational programming.

Housing Information

City Housing Services..... 266-6626
Renter Services, Foreclosure Prevention Program, Counseling & Education, First-time Home Buyer Help, Low-Interest Loans, Low Interest Loans for Home Buying, Rehab and Repair
Dispute Resolution Center 292-6067
Neighborhood Energy Consortium 221-4462
Energy audits, hOur Car Program, Saint Paul Classic Bike Tour
Environment and Energy Resource Center 227-7847
Emergency home energy loans & grants, low-interest rehab & repair loans, general home finance assistance, energy audits

City Exterior and Interior Complaint Units..... 266-8989
Inspectors enforce regulations on property issues. This includes, but is not limited to, environmental nuisance issues such as junk cars, junk in yards, rubbish, tall grass & weeds, maintenance and code violations on one & two-unit dwellings.

Local Elected Officials

Councilmember Dave Thune (Ward 2) 266-8620
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The Living at Home/Block Nurse Program – An Essential Neighborhood Resource!

The Living at Home/Block Nurse Program (LAH/BNP) in Summit Hill provided care to about 85 neighborhood seniors last year. According to the 2000 census, there are 504 residents that are 65+ in Summit Hill. Using that statistic, we helped 17% of the elders in our community. Some clients receive minimal assistance and some receive a lot of help.

Another in-home service we provide is to assist and support caregivers. Caregivers are spouses, children, other relatives and neighbors/friends. Sometimes the caregiver we support

has a loved one in another community. If you are caregiver in any way, feel free to call us for the assistance or support you may need. Sometimes the Living at Home/Block Nurse Program might be a resource that you're looking for.

With fall in the air and winter soon to follow, we know that our clients will spend more time indoors. The nights get longer and loneliness sets in. If you have an hour a week to devote to an elderly person, please give us a call. We are always looking for volunteers to drive, grocery shop or just to visit. You can reach Sue Burkhart at

651.222.7884.

When we visit elders in their homes, the number one priority for them is to remain in their homes. We work hard to help them stay there. As a member of this community, please encourage your relatives, friends and neighbors to check out our services before there's a crisis. The choices are greater when options have been explored before a crisis hits. Being knowledgeable about the offerings can lend comfort to a person in time of need.

*Julie Poupore,
Program Director*

St. Luke's to Hold Kindergarten Story Hour October 13th

Tours are also available for those interested in grades K-8 for the 2007-2008 school year

IHM-St. Luke's School will host a Kinder Story Hours Fri., October 13th from 9-10 a.m. for families interested in learning more about the school and its kindergarten program.

Preschoolers will meet with one of St. Luke's kindergarten teachers in their classroom to participate in a classroom activity and have a small snack. Parents will have the opportunity to meet current and prospective parents as well as other school staff and faculty. For more information or

to register for the event, please call the school office at 651-224-4836. The next Kinder Story Hour will be held Nov. 17th from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Personal tours are also available during the fall and winter months. A tour provides parents with the opportunity to meet current parents, teachers and other staff members as well as visit our specialist areas including Technology, Spanish, Physical Education, Music and the Library. Please contact the school office at 651-

224-4836 to schedule.

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

*Contact:
Mary Mitzuk, Principal
Phone: 651-224-4836*

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This workshop, at Summit Church – 845 Summit Ave., will help you give a gift to your loved ones – thoughtful end-of-life planning. We will discuss your "going-away" files of vital papers, Advance care directives for

health care, estate planning and wills, what to do with your cherished treasures, funeral home selection, grave matters, service and reception planning, and celebrating and living life with gusto!

Saturdays: October 14, 21, 28, 2006
9:00 am – 12 pm
Summit Church
845 Summit Ave

Call 651-228-0811 to register by October 12th. There is \$10.00 fee to cover cost of materials.

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 Anna Henning, Job Connection Coordinator, at the Macalester-Groveland Community Council office at 651-695-4000.

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& Business News

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: TOM'S TAILORS

by Benno Groeneveld

No Tom works at Tom's Tailors at 672 Grand Avenue. When owner Nghia Chu opened his first shop 13 years ago at another location, 758 Grand, he realized that Tom would be much easier to pronounce and remember for Americans than his own, Vietnamese name.

Chu was born in 1967 in what was, back then, South Vietnam - in a village near Saigon. Chu's father had been in the South Vietnamese Army and had worked with and for Americans during the war in Vietnam. That connection gave Chu's family the chance to leave Vietnam in 1991. They settled in Minnesota. "I had a Vietnamese friend who had lived here a long time," Chu says. "He sent me a letter saying that it was very good to live in Minnesota."

The first Tom's Tailors was in a room in the little mall next to what was then the Vietnamese restaurant White Lilly. Business boomed and Chu moved to his new and larger shop at 758 Grand

Avenue, in the same block as White Way Cleaners. When the store next to his became available, he added that space. It now serves as a workshop for his four employees.

Chu, his wife (they have five daughters) and his crew make new clothes, but that is a small part of his business, hand-made clothes are too expensive for most people. The majority of his work is altering clothes that his customers buy elsewhere. Store-bought clothes "never really fit," Chu says. "If you want it to look right, you need alterations."

Chu likes being on Grand Avenue. "There are good people around, lots of good businesses" and his customers find it a very convenient place to get to. Chu is obviously doing things right, he says he doesn't even have to advertise. "Since I opened my first store in 1993, I have advertised only four times. People find my store through word of mouth."



Nghia Chu, owner of Tom's Tailor

Gabbing on Grand

Boo Bash

Saturday, October 28, 2006

10am - 4pm

Boo Bash showcases Grand Avenue and all its wonderful celebrations for the fall season. Families can enjoy meandering the Avenue by foot or by horse drawn hay rides. There will trick-or-treating, fall food samples, costume contests, pumpkin patch, sidewalk sales and more. For a full listing of activities log on to www.grandave.com.

Shop and Dine By Candlelight

November 16, 2006

Spend an enchanted evening along Grand Avenue by twinkle light. Enjoy the sounds, scents, tastes and savings for the holiday season.

Many Grand Avenue Business Association members will have holiday treats, shopping savings, demonstrations and merriment for you to enjoy. For a full listing of activities log on to www.grandave.com

Grand News:

New Businesses:

- Hot Mamma, 867 Grand

- CorePower Yoga, 867 Grand
- Cartridge World, 949 Grand
- Business Partner of Twin Cities, 949 Grand
- California Closets, 1045 Grand

Goodbye:

- Artgarbs, 794 Grand
- National Karate, 867 Grand

New location:

- Sorrayah Studios, 749 Grand
- Grand Avenue Business Association, 867 Grand 1st floor
- Saga Living, 1055 Grand



Jobs

Are you interested in working on Grand? If so, check out the job postings on www.grandave.com.

Have an Idea? Let Us Know!

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