

THE SUMMIT

SUMMIT HILL ASSOCIATION • DISTRICT 16

Not a bad newsletter - from a pretty good place to live! Bimonthly, Issue #70 April 2004

May 8th Cleanup - Help Make the Neighborhood Shine!

The annual Summit Hill Neighborhood Cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 8th from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Residents from District 16 are encouraged to clean out their garages, basements, attics and yards and bring unwanted items for disposal and recycling to the cleanup site on Pleasant Avenue between the Ramsey County compost site and Victoria Avenue.

Items such as concrete, construction debris, scrap metals, fluorescent lightbulbs, and reusable and broken household goods will be collected for a \$10 gate fee at the entrance to the cleanup site. Additional items such as small electronics, and tires will be collected for a small fee (\$5-\$15). There will also be a special site for reusable items which are free for the taking. Donations to help defray the costs of the

cleanup will be welcomed. Proof of residency (such as a driver's license or utility bill) in District 16 will be required for all drop-offs.

For additional information about the cleanup consult the flyer that will be mailed to all District 16 residents closer to the cleanup date or call the SHA office at 222-1222.

The cleanup is a perfect opportunity to organize your block for an alley, boulevard, or park cleanup. We can help you print flyers for your block if you choose to plan a block cleanup event.

Volunteer Needed That Day!

As in years past, we are looking for volunteers to help with sorting and monitoring the drop off site. It would be great to see some new people helping out those faithful volunteers who show up year after year. We also need people with pick-up trucks to help pick up items from people who might not be able to make it to the cleanup.

If you can help, please call the SHA office at 222-1222 to sign up for a few hours of work. Volunteers will be rewarded with a free lunch and free disposal of one load of materials.

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2004 SHA MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR

APRIL

- 8 Board of Directors
- 12 Recycling Day
- 12 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming
- 26 Recycling Day
- 27 Zoning and Land Use

MAY

- 4 Executive Committee
- 8 **Neighborhood Cleanup**
- 10 Recycling Day
- 10 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming
- 13 Board of Directors
- 24 Recycling Day
- 25 Zoning and Land Use

JUNE

- 1 Executive Committee
- 6 **Grand Old Day**
- 7 Recycling Day
- 7 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming
- 10 Board of Directors
- 22 Zoning and Land Use
- 21 Recycling Day
- 29 Executive Committee ("July" Meeting)**

JULY

- 6 Recycling Day
- 8 Board of Directors
- 12 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming
- 19 Recycling Day
- 27 Zoning and Land Use

AUGUST

- 2 Recycling Day
- 3 Executive Committee
- 9 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming
- 12 Board of Directors
- 16 Recycling Day
- 24 Zoning and Land Use
- 30 Recycling Day
- 31 Executive Committee ("Sept" Mtg)**

SEPTEMBER

- 9 Board of Directors
- 13 Recycling Day
- 13 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming
- 27 Recycling Day
- 28 Zoning and Land Use

OCTOBER

- 4 Executive Committee
- 11 Recycling Day
- 11 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming
- 14 Board of Directors
- 25 Recycling Day
- 26 Zoning and Land Use

NOVEMBER

- 2 Executive Committee
- 8 Recycling Day
- 8 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming
- 11 Board of Directors
- 22 Recycling Day
- 26 Zoning and Land Use

DECEMBER

- 2 Executive Committee
- 6 Recycling Day
- 8 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming
- 11 Board of Directors
- 20 Recycling Day
- 23 Zoning and Land Use

General Rules:

- All Board of Directors meetings begin at 7 p.m. unless noted otherwise.
- All Executive Committee meetings begin at 6 p.m. unless noted otherwise.
- All meetings are held in the Linwood Community Center, 860 St. Clair Avenue, unless noted otherwise.
- All exceptions to general rules are noted by **

Executive Committee: First Tuesday
 Pedestrian Safety & Traffic Calming Committee: Second Monday
 Board of Directors: Second Thursday
 Zoning and Land Use Committee: Fourth Tues.
 Curbside Recycling: Every other Monday, 7am

**NEXT NEWSLETTER
 DEADLINE: MAY 15**

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Recycling Drop-Off Site

The city of Saint Paul, Vasko Rubbish Removal & Recycling and Eureka Recycling have partnered to provide Saint Paul residents with a convenient recycling drop-off site. The new drop-off is located at Vasko's transfer station at 309 E. Como Avenue.

The drop-off site will accept the following recyclable materials: steel and aluminum cans; green, brown and clear glass bottles and jars; #1 & #2 plastic bottles only (no toys, tubs or other types of plastics); newspaper; corrugated boxes; and mixed paper including mail, magazines, office paper and boxboard (like cereal boxes.) Materials must be sorted by the resident.

In addition to recyclables, Vasko will accept other materials for a fee including: garbage, furniture, appliances, construction materials, brush, tires, car batteries and Christmas trees.



**Need a New Lawn Sign?
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 Lawn Sign Volunteer?**
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ADVERTISING RATES

- Business Card - \$50
- 1/6 page - \$75
- 1/3 page - \$125
- Full page - \$375

Thank You SHA Contributors!

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the following neighbors and businesses who have generously contributed to the Summit Hill association's annual appeal (as of March 17). The contributions will help us pay for projects and services that benefit the entire neighborhood. If we accidentally forgot your name, please give us a call and let us know.

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We're Redesigning The Summit and Want Your Ideas!

During the next couple months, the editors of *The Summit* will be considering ways to redesign the newsletter to better serve our readers. What we want is a newsletter that is newsy, timely, easily read and relevant to your lives in the Summit Hill community.

If you have ideas of how we can do that, we invite you to send in your comments. Our email address is <summithill@visi.com>, or mail comments to SHA, 860 St. Clair Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105. You can also call in suggestions to 222-1222. We look forward to hearing from you!

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Progressive Supper

Saturday, April 24

Registration Deadline April 14


The Summit Hill Association annual Spring Progressive Supper will be held Saturday, April 24. All neighbors are cordially invited to participate in this event. For the supper, neighbors travel from house to house, sharing one course at each residence. Each participating household serves one course. This is a great opportunity to meet new neighbors and to visit with old friends in different homes throughout the neighborhood.

The evening will begin with a social hour from 6 to 7 pm, followed by soup or salad from 7:15 to 8:15, main course from 8:30 to 9:45, and dessert from 10 to 11.

For more information or to reserve a space, call Ethelyn Rupp at 227-1563 or the SHAoffice at 222-1222. Or send the completed form below to Ethelyn Rupp, 1011 Goodrich, 55105. Cost for participation in the supper is \$5.00 per household. Deadline for registration is April 14. Please don't wait for Ethelyn to call you!

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Name(s)

Address

Phone number

Which course will you serve?

First choice

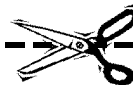
Second choice

How many will you serve, including yourselves?

Enclosed is a check for \$5
made out to the Summit Hill Association

Mail to:

Ethelyn Rupp, 1011 Goodrich Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105



Summit Hill Neighborhood Garage Sale May 1

The Summit Hill Association will once again sponsor a spring neighborhood garage sale. The sale will be held on Saturday, May 1 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. If you can't sell it or don't want to keep it, bring it to the Neighborhood CleanUp Day the following Saturday, May 8.

Reduced participation fee!

For a \$10 donation from participating households, the Summit Hill Association compiles a list of sales and makes that list available the week before the sale and provides a bright yellow "Summit Hill Garage Sale" poster. We also advertise in the two daily city-wide newspapers and in smaller

neighborhood papers. Participating residents coordinate and staff their own garage sales and keep all proceeds. Consider having your own sale or join together with a neighbor. We must have 20 participants in order to hold the sale. If you wish to participate, please fill out the form below at send it to the SHAOoffice.

Flyers with the locations of all participating "garages" and categories of items for sale will be available after April 29 at the SHAO office and Rec. Center desk in the Linwood Community Center. On the day of the sale,

each sale location will also have flyers available.

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

The Neighborhood Cleanup is scheduled for May 8th, the Saturday after the Neighborhood Garage Sale. The Environment Committee is looking for volunteers to help coordinate this event. If interested in the Neighborhood Cleanup, Energy Efficiency or the Gardening Club, e-mail Jeff Roy, SHADirector at summithill@visi.com

Statewide Energy Audit Program

The The Saint Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium (NEC) holds a CIP contract with Xcel Energy to provide residential energy audits in Minnesota and the Dakotas. The NEC completed more than 1,800 audits in 2002, using the skills of its three in-house auditors and a group of trusted sub-contractors. During an audit, NEC energy auditors spend one and a half to two hours inspecting homes from attic to basement and talking with residents about their energy use. At the end of the audit, homeowners are left with written recommendations describing which measures to take to save money, ensure safety, and increase comfort. Blower door tests and infrared scans may also be completed to further diagnose a home's energy efficiency. Please contact Xcel Energy at 800/895-4999 to request a residential energy audit.

Garage Sale Participation Form

Name _____

Phone _____

Address of Sale

Any special directions to reach your sale?

Check items you will have for sale:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> maternity clothing | <input type="checkbox"/> toys |
| <input type="checkbox"/> women's clothing | <input type="checkbox"/> sports equipment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> children's clothing | <input type="checkbox"/> cassettes/records/CD's |
| <input type="checkbox"/> men's clothing | <input type="checkbox"/> dishes/household wares |
| <input type="checkbox"/> baby clothing | <input type="checkbox"/> appliances |
| <input type="checkbox"/> baby items | <input type="checkbox"/> miscellaneous |
| <input type="checkbox"/> furniture | <input type="checkbox"/> other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> antiques | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> collectibles | _____ |

Please return this participation form with \$10 by
April 23rd to the Summit Hill Association,
860 St. Clair Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105.
Thank you.

How Can I Get Involved Making Our Streets Safer?

Join the SHA Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming Committee!

The Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming Committee restarted in the summer of 2002 with interest from new Summit Hill Association (SHA) Board members. The focus of the Committee is the same as the same and for all areas of District 16, but with concentration on areas of major concern. Here are some of the projects we've been working on.

We initiated the work with the Mac-Groveland District Council for restriping Lexington Avenue from Grand to Randolph. A public meeting was held for input, with about seventy-five people in attendance including two City Councilmembers. This change of traffic flow has calmed the speed and made it easier for pedestrians to cross Lexington at corners.

- We facilitated the installation of speed bumps in the alley behind Blockbuster, where accidents with pedestrians have occurred adjacent to Lexington. The pedestrian count-down signal at Grand and Lexington were installed as a test to see if improvements for crossing could be made.

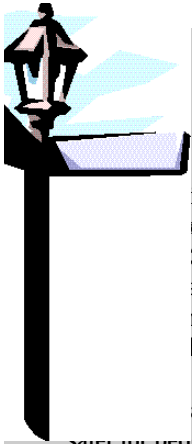
The committee has been working with the known methods of engineering, enforcement, and education to improve pedestrian safety and traffic calming. We have been collecting information, literature, and websites to facilitate work and communication with the City's Department of Public Works, who implements the engineering changes such as improved crosswalk markings and lane restriping. We will be discussing the potential for stepped-up enforcement of cross-walk crossing laws and parking

enforcement at corners where it affects visibility. And we will be using *The Summit* newsletter, signage, and other methods for improved driver and pedestrian education.

We have a long list of potential areas of improvement, and work through them as time permits. Many items on the list have a number of steps and take months to investigate and implement. Some current work includes 1) crosswalk markings and signs for Linwood A+ School, at corners of Oxford and Fairmount, plus Oxford and Osceola; 2) Boulevard signs for traffic calming; and 3) signage for "20 MPH is Plenty" for some of the residential streets.

Improvement of crosswalk markings on Grand Avenue is rising to the top of the list. Join us in helping make our streets safer!

Charlie Hardy, Chair



Cars at the Corners? Don't Park Too Close!

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. It is also against the law to park within 20 feet of a side-street intersection, within 10 feet of a fire hydrant, and within 5 feet from alleys and driveways. Call 292-3722 for problem enforcement and help make the neighborhood safer for pedestrians AND drivers.



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How District 16 Oversees Zoning, Permit and License Applications - Neighborhood Volunteers in Action

Your Summit Hill Association – District 16 Planning Council is mandated by the city to review applications for property rezoning, permits, and licenses. This oversight responsibility by the neighborhood helps ensure that citizens have input regarding potential changes to commercial and residential properties in the Summit Hill Neighborhood. Here is how it works.

If a homeowner or commercial developer wants to change or improve property in the Summit Hill Neighborhood, and the project requires a zoning variance or special use permit based on the city code, the Summit Hill Association (SHA) has a Zoning and Land Use Committee to review and hold public meetings on such proposals.

Currently, 10 of the 21 elected members of the SHABoard sit on the committee. The city notifies SHA of proposed projects in Summit Hill and considers the District's recommendations as part of the City's official action to approve, modify or deny the proposed projects. In about 78 percent of the cases over the past six years, the city has accepted the SHA/District 16 Council recommendations.

SHA sends written notices of its committee review sessions to all affected neighbors within a certain distance of the property, and often beyond if the project is large or controversial. The most recent large project, the mixed-use retail and condominium building on the former Clark service station and Edina Realty site at Grand Avenue and

Oxford Street, went through several rejected or modified proposed plans over two years before it was finally approved. SHA leadership and staff facilitated informal meetings at the request of the developers to "sound out" neighborhood sentiment about some new approaches to their site plan. As always, public meetings were then held at which neighbors

and other business people could speak, votes were taken, and the District Council position was advanced through the entire City Planning Commission and City Council hearing process.

Another type of review by the Zoning and Land Use Committee deals with issuance or reissuance of licenses in the neighborhood, ranging from a new tattoo parlor to liquor and entertainment licenses for the new Bonfire Restaurant in the former Ciatti's space at Grand and Victoria. "If neighbors are informed and involved in their community through our meetings, we have good standing to speak for our area's residential and commercial interests in the city's decision-making process," said Jim Harrison, SHABoard member and committee chairman. "It's the most local stage of the process, and most often it really makes a difference in the outcomes. We will also be advocating for the updated neighborhood plan as it is considered for incorporation in the City's official Comprehensive Plan."





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By appointment only

Call the Minnesota Safety Council at 651-228-7321 to sign up

When and where:

First Tuesday of the month

St. Paul Fire Station #4, 505 Payne Avenue, St. Paul

Third Wednesday of the month

St. Paul Fire Training Center, 1679 Energy Park Drive, St. Paul

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What's Happening on the SHA Environment Committee?

The Gardening Club will have a meeting at the Linwood Rec Center (860 St. Clair Ave.) on May 11, 6 PM to celebrate the opening of the gardening season. This club will be responsible for maintaining the landscaping at the Linwood Rec Center, organizing the Neighborhood Gardening Awards and the Neighborhood Plant Exchange. If you have a green thumb, or you just would like to learn more about this peaceful pastime, then you should join the Gardening Club!

Curious about cost-effective energy upgrades for your home? The St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium (NEC) will be presenting information about Energy Efficiency at the Linwood Rec Center on June 17th at 7 PM. This meeting is free to the public. When it comes to energy, if we all save a little, we all save a lot!

The Neighborhood Cleanup is scheduled for May 8th, the Saturday after the Neighborhood Garage Sale. The Environment Committee is looking for volunteers to help coordinate this event. If interested in the Neighborhood Cleanup,

contact Energy Efficiency or the Gardening Club, e-mail Jeff Roy, SHADirector at summithill@visi.com

Steve Sanders, Chair

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Info

Remember to dispose of your household hazardous waste safely. Household hazardous waste includes: fluorescent lamps, mercury vapor lamps, mercury thermometers/switches, old gasoline, paint (if not dried), paint stripper, paint thinner and other solvents, pesticides (weed or bug killer), rat or mouse poison, spray (aerosol cans-but not empty ones, used antifreeze, used motor oil and filters, wood preservatives and stains and other products that are labeled **poisonous, flammable or corrosive**. Remember, these items should not be disposed of in your trash!

You can take your Household Hazardous Waste year round to:

Baywest at 5 Empire Drive between Rice & Jackson Streets
 Wednesday - Friday
 11:00 am - 6:00 pm and
 Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Call 651-773-4488 for a recorded message on all temporary collection sites, locations, operating dates, and hours.

Grand Avenue Vet

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Crime Prevention Update

Purse Snatch and Pickpocket Prevention

The Saint Paul Police Department would like you to know there are some people who will try to take your money, sometimes by grabbing your purse off your shoulder, pulling it out of your hands, taking it off a chair while you are not watching or by quietly taking your wallet while you are being distracted by something else. While these crimes can happen to anyone, this particular type of thief primarily preys on citizens who are women and over 60 years old. This is because they are believed, by the thieves, to be the least likely to offer resistance.

Remember that most thefts are “crimes of opportunity.” Therefore, the best way to prevent them is to remove the easy opportunities from would-be thieves. The following are some simple steps you can take to reduce the likelihood of being a victim of a purse snatcher or pickpocket:

Purse Snatch

Get rid of what the thieves are after, in other words, do not carry a purse. Take only what you need, for example, a credit card and a small amount of cash, and put them in a coat or jacket pocket (an inside pocket, if possible).

An alternative to putting your cash and credit cards in a pocket is to purchase a small lightweight travel pouch and wear it around your neck under your blouse or

shirt. These pouches are available for less than \$10.00 and can be found in luggage departments of department stores.

- If you need more room to carry larger items, such as a checkbook, another alternative to wearing the pouch is to wear a fanny pack, to the front. Be sure all openings are fastened and that the belt fastener is worn to the side so someone can't come up behind you and unsnap it, without you knowing it.
- If you must carry a purse, use one with a shoulder strap. The best way to wear it is to wear the strap diagonally across your body. Hold your purse firmly in front of your body.
- Carry your house keys in a separate location, such as your coat or jacket pocket, or wear them around your wrist or neck. The reason for this is if your purse is taken, the thief won't get the keys to your house since he will know your address from your identification.
- Never leave your purse unattended in a grocery cart, on a department store counter or in a fitting room.
- Also, when you're riding the bus or sitting in a restaurant, never leave your purse on the seat beside or behind you. Either leave it in your lap or between your feet on the floor.

What should you do if someone does take your purse? If you can, be vocal. Scream, “He's got my purse!” (Most people that take

purse are men.) Try to remember as much as you can about what he looked like, in particular his race, height and clothing. Next call 911 and report it to the police immediately. The quicker the police know what happened and the description of the suspect, the greater the chances are the suspect and your purse can be located.

Pickpockets

Pickpocket incidents happen just about everywhere: on buses, in the skyways, near elevators, anywhere there are crowds. What usually happens is someone will attempt to distract you by asking about bus schedules, directions, or the time, while their partner is busy helping themselves to your wallet.

Here are some tips to prevent yourself from becoming a victim of this crime:

- For women, again, don't carry a purse in the first place. If you do carry one, make sure all compartments are closed. Don't leave valuables like credit cards or cash in open or outside pockets.
- For men, put your wallet in your front pants pocket or an inside coat pocket. You could also try carrying the travel pouch described above.
- If you are carrying a backpack, make sure all the zippers and compartments are closed.
- If someone bumps or jostles you or attempts to engage you in a conversation, keep in mind someone may be trying to take something from you.

Remax/Joan Pearson

Crime Prevention, Continued

In general, don't carry a large amount of cash on you. Stay alert to your surroundings. Stand tall and walk confidently. Don't look like a victim.

If you discover that your wallet has been stolen, call the police immediately and make a report. Victims often don't realize a theft has occurred until long after the thief has removed your wallet. Suspects use the identification and credit cards found in wallets to make as many purchases as they can before the credit card companies are notified. Replacing these items and straightening out what happened can take days, weeks, even months. In the meantime, these people can wreak havoc with your good name and credit rating.

We do not want to scare you from coming downtown or going to public shopping centers, but you need to know there are people who will try to take your money. They can be found in all urban areas, not just Saint Paul. By taking these few simple precautions your trips to downtown Saint Paul or wherever you choose to go will be a safe and enjoyable experience.

Auto Theft Prevention Tips

Please remember to guard your car keys as you would guard your wallet. One woman had her keys taken from her coat pocket. On her key ring was a keyless entry fob as well as a key marked with the make of her car. All the thief had to do was walk past cars pushing the unlock button and see which car lit up.

If your car is stolen and you have a garage door opener, change the code on the garage unit immediately. Consider registering your vehicles with the Watch Your Car program. This replaces the CAT program and is recognized by law enforcement agencies state-wide. By enrolling your vehicle in this program, you are letting the police know that the vehicle is not usually driven between 1:00 am and 5:00 am. If the police spot your car with the Watch Your Car decal on the road between these hours, it gives them probable cause to pull the vehicle over. Applications for the program are available at the SHA office and the St. Paul Police FORCE Unit at 292-3625.

"These Old Houses" 2004 Summit Hill House Tour

Mark your calendars! The Summit Hill House Tour is set for Sunday, September 19 from noon to 6 p.m. Fifteen unique, beautiful homes and condominiums will open their doors for touring during this walking tour of our wonderful, historic neighborhood. Many of the homes have been extensively restored and updated, each with its own unique character. Visitors will experience a wide array of interiors and architectural styles: the best that urban America has to offer.

Since it began in 1972, the Summit Hill House Tour has been a highlight for tourists and local residents alike. It remains one of the most popular historic house tours in Minnesota and draws visitors from all over the state and the upper Midwest. The Summit Hill Association relies on this biennial fund-raiser to support such projects as neighborhood crime prevention, citizen participation, recycling, flowers on public land, and maintaining the SHA office.

Support the SHA by giving tickets as gifts or by purchasing tickets for yourself and your friends. Tickets for the tour go on sale in late June at the Summit Hill Association office for a cost of \$20 in advance or \$25 the day of the tour.

For additional information call the House Tour Hot Line at 223-9866.

Call for Volunteers:

Since this is a fundraiser that benefits our neighborhood, we need Summit Hill residents to assist with the House Tour on Sunday, September 19th. Benefits and responsibilities are as follows:

- Work one 3 and 1/2 hour shift in one of the homes. Your duties will be simple and will be clearly explained.
- Receive a Summit Hill House Tour T-shirt and a free ticket for the tour.
- As a volunteer you will be allowed access into the houses without having to wait in line.
- Work and tour with your friends. We will arrange to have you and your friends volunteer in the same house if you request it.
- All volunteers are invited to a picnic after the tour to help us celebrate our hard work and success.

To volunteer: Call Helen Buche, House Tour Volunteer Coordinator, at 224-3246, complete and send in the form below, or email a message to <summithill@visi.com>. You will receive confirmation by mail after we receive the information requested below.



2004 Summit Hill House Tour Volunteer:

860 St. Clair Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

Do you want to work with a friend(s)? _____

Names _____

T-shirt sizes for you and/or friends (adult sizes, please indicate for each volunteer):

M L XL XXL





Living At Home/Block Nurse Program News

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 programs have 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. We have a nurse and home health aide available. 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 program also has a person available to help coordinate the other services needed to remain at home (ex. 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.

The best way to figure out what is needed is to have the Service Coordinator come out

for a home visit and talk to you and/or your family. She is accustomed to looking at the whole picture and figuring out ways to help. Any body can call to set this up- the elder, the person assisting with care, a person at the clinic, a friend, the hospital, etc. When a Service Coordinator comes out for a visit, there is no charge to the client. If nursing services are needed there are charges, but there are several ways this can be paid. Some people use our services once a year while others use them every week. Our goal is to provide whatever care is needed to maintain you in your home safely. We also provide community outreach events such as free Blood Pressure Screenings. Feel free to call us at 651-222-7884 to find out where and when they are held.

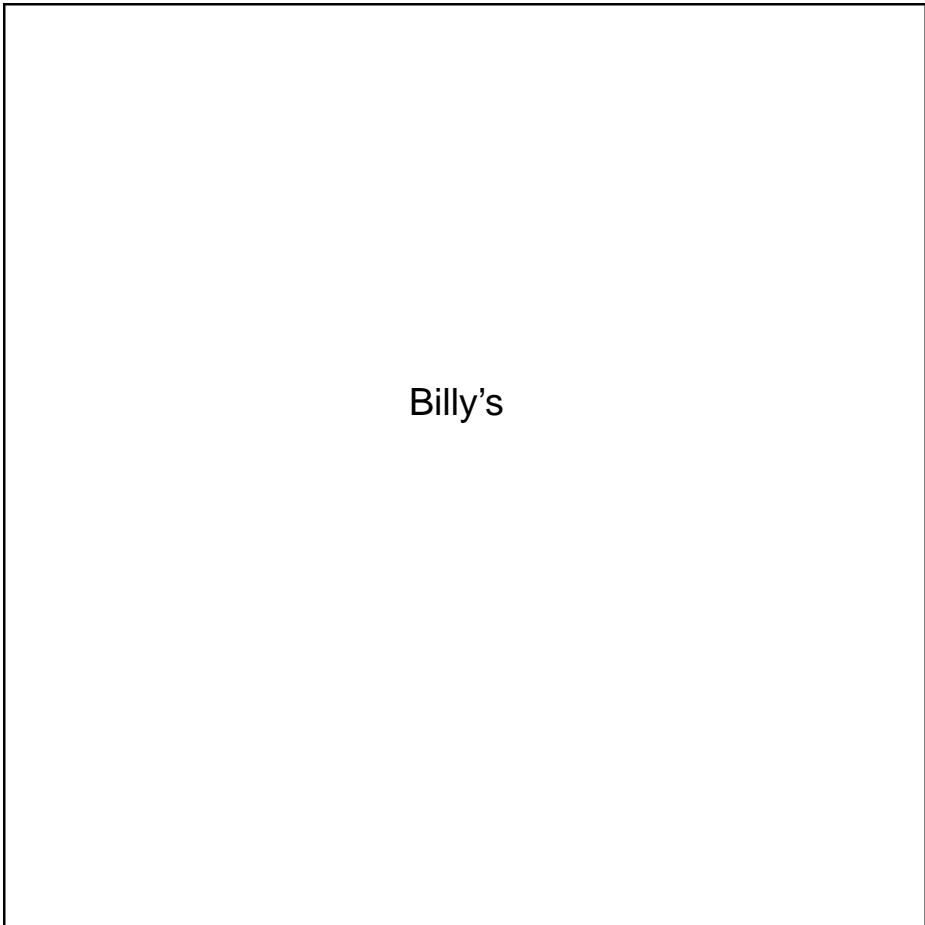
*Julie Poupore
Program Director, Summit Hill LAH/BNP*

Help is Available Through The Job Connection

The Job Connection is a chore service program that serves seniors and people with disabilities in the Summit Hill, Macalester-Groveland and Highland neighborhoods. The program provides participants with the names and numbers of area teens and adults who are willing to do yard work, housecleaning, minor repairs and other household chores. If you are in need of assistance, call The Job Connection at (651) 695-4000.



**Stop for Pedestrians
IT'S THE LAW!**



Helpful Phone Numbers

Saint 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, if in doubt, dial 911).....	224-7811
Police (non-emergency, if in doubt, dial 911)	291-1111
City Attorney.....	266-8710
Human Rights.....	266-8966
Animal Control	266-1100
Building Permits, Inspection and Design (LIEP).....	266-9090
Forestry	488-7291
Libraries	266-7000
Parking Enforcement	266-5590
Parks and Recreation	266-6400
Planning & Economic Development (PED)	266-6700
Public Health	266-2400
Pothole and Street Repair	292-6600
St. Paul Regional Water Service	266-6350
Tureka Recycling	222-7678

Information about hazardous waste disposal, composting, yard waste disposal, environmental training and educational programming.

Housing Information

City Housing Services 266-6626
Center Services, Foreclosure Prevention Program, Counseling & Education, First-time Home Buyer Help, Low-Interest Loans, Low Interest Loans for Homebuying, Rehab and Repair

Dispute Resolution Center 292-6067

Neighborhood Energy Consortium..... 221-4462
Energy audits, hOur Car Program, Saint Paul Classic Bike Tour

Environment and Energy Resource Center 227-7847
Emergency home energy loans & grants, low-interest rehab & repair loans, general home finance assistance, energy audits

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

Local Elected Officials

Councilmember Dave Thune (Ward 2) 266-8620
dave.thune@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Mayor Randy Kelly..... 266-8510
mayor@ci.stpaul.mn.us

County Commissioner Susan Haigh (District 4) 266-8366
susan.haigh@co.ramsey.mn.us

County Attorney Susan Gaertner 266-3222

Attorney General Mike Hatch..... 296-6196
attorney.general@state.mn.us

State Senator Richard Cohen (District 64) 296-5931
en.richard.cohen@senate.leg.state.mn.us

State Representative Matt Entenza (District 64A) 296-8799
rep.matt.entenza@house.leg.state.mn.us

How to contact the SHA:

Phone: 651-222-1222 • Fax: 651-222-1558

e-mail: summithill@visi.com.

web-site:

www.neighborhoodlink.com/stpaul/sumhill

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Grand Avenue Business Association Update

The Grand Avenue Business Association announced the following award winners at its annual meeting on Friday, March 12th, 2004.

Doc Chopp Award-

John Wolf, owner of Dixie's on Grand, was this year's winner of the Doc Chopp Award. This award is given to a Grand Avenue businessperson who has totally committed himself or herself to their individual business success as well as the success of Grand Avenue and thus, St. Paul. It is the most prestigious award GABA presents each year. The award is named for Dr. William Chopp, a dentist who practiced on Grand Avenue from 1946 to 1976. He was affectionately known as Doc Chopp.

Wolf has been in business on Grand Avenue for 19 years with his 19th year becoming part owner of Dixie's. He has previously served on the GABA Board of Directors including vice presidency, presidency and past presidency. Wolf has served on the Summit Hill Association board, been active with the St. Paul Visitors and Convention Bureau, the mayors office, a leader on Grand Old Day and throughout St. Paul. Wolf's generosity not only shines in his board participation, but is well known around Dixie's through staff and customer interactions.

Newcomer of the Year Award -

Melissa Gabriel, owner of New Beginnings Face and Body Spa, was this year's Newcomer of the Year. This award is given to an Avenue businessperson who is either a new owner and/or had recently committed volunteer time and talent to GABA events and committees. Gabriel, has been on the Avenue for a year-and-a-half.

She commits herself 100% to GABA through events, donations and committees. She is also working closely with the West End businesses with issues and events to promote their area on Grand Avenue.

Volunteer of the year Award-

Sue Johnson, realtor for Coldwell Banker Burnet. This award honors the time individuals or groups give to GABA throughout the year.

Johnson along with her daughter have put many volunteer hours towards, Grand Old Day, Blooming Day and Grand Meander. Not only is she active with GABA she also makes time to volunteer for her daughters school.

For the past three years she has been working for Coldwell Banker Burnet, where she is a member of the Coldwell Bankers' International President's Circle, and during her first year she won their Rookie of the Month award.

2004 Board of Directors

Grand Avenue Business Association announced the election of the following 2004 officers and board directors at its annual meeting.

"In ten sessions, you'll see the difference"

Joseph Pilates

In Balance Pilates Studio ad



New Neighbor INFORMATION

The SHA has recently revised its new neighbor welcome booklet. The booklet contains a variety of helpful information about the Summit Hill area including history, useful phone numbers, recycling information, transportation and parking, crime prevention, schools, religious institutions, social services, and voter information.

If you are new to the Summit Hill Neighborhood or have a new neighbor you'd like to welcome, give us a call at the SHA office, 651-222-1222 and we can forward a booklet to you.

Grand Avenue Business Association Update Continued

Officers

President

Nancy Breymeier,
Strategic Financial Group

Vice President

Georgia Amdahl, Saint Paul City Ballet

Secretary

John Hershey, University of St. Thomas

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Michael O'Neil,
Michael O'Neil and Associates

Past President

Amy Engman

Node V – Cretin to Snelling

Jim Sipper, Grandview Grille
Bruce Maeda, Ramsey Jr. High
Melissa Gabriel, New Beginnings Face
and Body Spa

Node IV – Snelling to Lexington

Paul Dzubnar, Green Mill
Roberta Swanson, Treadle Yard Goods
Mella Martin, Mella Skin Care &
Massage

Node III – Lexington to Milton

Barb Koziol, Creative Kidstuff
Victor Yermishkin, Cherokee State Bank

Eileen Broom, Stogies on Grand

Node II – Milton to Avon

Tia Stern, Stems and Vines
Michele Cromer-Poiré,
Red Balloon Bookshop
Roxanne Sullivan, Trade Winds

Node I – Avon to West Seventh

Lynn Weiss Harder, Grand Ole Creamery
Linda Jacobson, Muska Lighting
Brock A. Foreman, Attorney at Law

At Large

Dan Wuollet, Wuollet Bakery

Community Representatives

Jules Goldstein, Macalester Groveland
Community Council
Jeff Roy, Summit Hill Association
Tom Welna, Macalester College

For more information call 651-699-0029 or
go to www.grandave.com.

The Grand Avenue Business Association
(GABA), with 160 member businesses,
represents St. Paul's premier shopping,
service and entertainment and dining
district. GABA produces Grand Old Day,
Blooming Day, Shop and Dine by
Candlelight, Holiday Decorating Seminar
and Grand Meander.

Spring Good Neighbor Reminders

Occasionally, we get phone calls at the SHA office asking us to remind neighbors about small things that they can do to make the neighborhood a more pleasant place in which to live. Here are a few reminders from your fellow neighbors.

Pick up after your pet.

It is amazing how many phone calls we receive about this topic. People are especially concerned about sidewalks, yards, and park land. No one likes to find a "surprise" on the bottom of their shoe. Remember to take a plastic bag with you when fido or fluffly are out roaming the neighborhood.

Help keep the alley clean.

It is easy to stash those unwanted items between the garage and the back fence and forget about them. However, neighbors who drive the alleys see them every day, and untidy alleys send the message to the criminal element that this is a good place to set up shop. Make use of the neighborhood garage sales and annual spring cleanup to get rid of unwanted items. Pitch in your contribution to your block's alley maintenance and snow plowing funds.

Louisiana Cafe

Art Show!

You are invited to an exhibition
of original paintings by Theresa Wanta,
(651) 298-9636 www.theresawanta.com
and hand blown glass by Dick Huss
(651) 772-3108

Saturday, April 17, 1-6pm
Sunday, April 18, 1-5pm
501 Grand Hill, Saint Paul, MN
Hosted by Erin and Ed Fox

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