



The Lexington-Hamline Community Council  
**THE EAVESDROPPER**

The bridge between your home and your neighborhood

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**Community  
Calendar**

Stanley  
 Gordon West at Concordia

**Youth Express**

Mondays through Fridays  
 3:00-5:30pm

**Tot Time at Dunning**

Mondays & Wednesdays  
 9:30-11:30am

**Eavesdropper Deadline**

Wednesday, April 13

**Craft Day**

Saturday, April 2,  
 9am-3pm

**Prime Timer Potluck**

Wednesday, April 27

**Executive Committee  
Meeting**

Tuesday, April 18, 7pm

**Board Meeting**

Monday, April 25, 7pm

**Got Voice? Got Power!**

**Tour of Capitol**  
 To be determined

**Compost Bin Pickup**

Saturday, April 30 and  
 Sunday, May 1

**Avalon School Open House**

Thursday, April 21  
 Thursday, April 28

**Registration for Midway  
Baseball**

Wednesday, April 16. 1-3pm  
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**Ayd Mill Position**

The following position was read at the Mayor's Community Meeting regarding Ayd Mill on March 3rd, 2005:

On February 28th, 2005 the Lexington Hamline Community Council (LHCC) Board of Directors unanimously reaffirmed our 1999 position and recommendations on development in the Ayd Mill corridor. Those recommendations, which came out of a process of careful research, evaluation, and discussion, combined with input gathered from residents, states: "LHCC recommends the Linear Park. We also strongly endorse implementation of TDM/TSM to address congestion in the Ayd Mill Study Area. In the absence of a consensus around a linear park we would also embrace a vision of a 'build-down' of Ayd Mill Road to a 2-lane road with a park and bike paths and no connection to I-35E and I-94."

The current board is also concerned by the subversion of the lengthy citizen input decision-making process. We can't understand why the hard work and hundreds of volunteer hours of many of our neighbors and the recommendations wrought out of compromise were completely ignored when the City chose to act. Mayor Kelly should not be allowed to circumvent the original process as designed, nor ignore the City Council's 2000 compromise resolution.

We further do not believe that the construction of a new road is a judicious use of city, county, state, or federal monies even in the best of times. In the current climate of budgetary turmoil, widespread cutbacks and refusal to raise taxes, spending \$44 million dollars on this project is irresponsible.

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### Who are we?

The Lex-Ham neighborhood in St. Paul is bounded by University Avenue, Lexington Parkway, Summit and Hamline Avenues. Since the Lexington-Hamline Community Council was established in 1969, it has been the cornerstone for organizing and serving the 3,000 residents living in this neighborhood. The Council's goal is to strengthen the neighborhood and to continue to build a sense of pride and confidence in the community through a wide variety of activities and services ranging from cooperative home maintenance, crime prevention, energy conservation and recreational programs.

### Editorial Guidelines

The Eavesdropper is delivered monthly to every home and business in the neighborhood. Notices and articles should be submitted in electronic Word format to [lexham@lexham.org](mailto:lexham@lexham.org). Please keep submissions to a length of 150 words or fewer. For other guidance, contact the Lex-Ham office. Eavesdropper reserves the right to refuse any submission.

### Submission Deadlines

Articles for the May issue must be submitted by Wednesday, April 13. Please keep entries short, so we can include all of them!

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We still further fail to see how this project lives up to the minimum TOD guidelines dictated by the City of St. Paul's Comprehensive Plan. We believe there is a conflict between the stated goals of this project and those outlined in the Comprehensive Plan. Attention to smart growth and TOD must be included in any plan for the Ayd Mill Study Area.

Finally, the Board questions why this project is being pushed forward toward completion before the framework is in place for a larger transit plan which will come out of the nascent Central Corridor and commuter rail deliberations. Just as building and rebuilding the Eastbound HOV lane at Pascal and the replacement of the Pascal bridge at 94 a few short years ago turned out to be a huge waste of money under this new Ayd Mill EIS, what decisions and "improvements" from implementing this EIS will turn out to be just as wrongheaded at a time when a Central Corridor and larger mass transit vision emerges?

We ask that the city reconsider the plans for this project given these concerns and return to the prior process which incorporated the recommendations and input of citizens and Community Councils.

### Executive Director leaving Community Solutions Fund

Community Solutions Fund has announced that Marsha Frey, Executive Director, is leaving the organization to pursue other opportunities. Steve Bubul, Chair of the Board, says "Marsha energized our organization and inspired confidence in Community Solutions Fund and its mission of meeting community needs through grass roots action. We know that she will achieve great things in whatever new opportunities she chooses to pursue."

In announcing her resignation, Marsha states that she remains excited about the future of the fund. "They have such a dynamite staff team and grass-roots member organizations working to promote a stronger

Minnesota. I see Community Solutions Fund continuing to grow and remaining a vital force in philanthropy and workplace giving in Minnesota."

Heather Rein has been appointed Interim Coordinator during the leadership transition period. Heather has served as Business Development and Community Relations Director for Community Solutions Fund.

### Registration for Midway Baseball

Registration for Midway Baseball, 8-12 year olds, will be held on April 16th and April 23rd from 1-3 pm at Dunning Field. Registration fee is \$65.00.

10-12 year olds should bring gloves and outdoor shoes. We will be holding an evaluation practice to determine which level to place players in.

For more information, call 659-1391.

### Want to be involved in a community event?

The Events Committee is looking for people to chair the Lex-Ham Garage Sale on Sat, June 11th, and the Lex-Ham Neighborhood Clean-up on Sat, June 18th. If interested, please call Vickie Cudworth at 651-646-5936. Please call before April 16th.



Kids playing B-ball



Picture Collage

## Lex-Ham's 17th Annual Spaghetti Dinner

It was like a romantic evening in Rome . . . music in the background, couples laughing, children frolicking, and people dining on . . . SPAGHETTI!

About 125 people enjoyed visiting with neighbors and friends at the spaghetti dinner on Sunday, February 27th. Art Reed and Michael Opitz strolled through the crowds with their accordions, providing a festive atmosphere. Thank you to everybody that participated and helped out in this annual event.

Special thanks to the fabulous Events Committee that helped organize and did the majority of the groundwork; Vickie Cudworth, Jim Penson, Suzanne Norris, Sheila Hague and Clarissa Hadler. They were invaluable in planning the successful dinner. Big thanks to Gene and Nancy Recibe for serving the meal and helping in the kitchen and to Steve Kantner and Jack Boespflug for setting the stage for a wonderful evening. Thank you to Mary Lou and

Ellen Handrahan for taking tickets and for EVERYBODY that helped clean up.

The various spaghetti sauces were home made and donated by Chris and Lisa King, Sheila Burke and Wayne Hendricks, John Garafola, Sue Norris, Amy and Shawn Riley, Kristi Rendahl and Jamie Parker, Jacqueline Fortier, Heather Muller and Gene and Nancy Recibe, and Vicki Cudworth.

Desserts were compliments of Helen Herman, Mary Lou Grahek, Linda Kantner, Jeff Brown, Lorraine Delehanty, Emmy Treichel, Barb Gunther, and Luke Cragg. Laura Reed, and Mary Beth Marier. I apologize if I have left anybody out; it is difficult to keep track of all the wonderful people who help make this event such a pleasure to share with the community.

The bread - once again - was donated by Breadsmith on Grand Ave. Please drop by and let them know how much you enjoyed it!

Jacqueline Fortier  
Spaghetti Chair

## Calendar of Annual Events 2005:

Garden Shuffle

Planning Meetings  
April 13 and June 8

Lex-Ham Garage Sale

Saturday, June 11th, 2005

Neighborhood Clean-up

Saturday, June 18th, 2005

Rondo Days

July 15th-17th, 2005. Go to [www.rondodays.org](http://www.rondodays.org) for further information

10th Annual Lex-Ham Garden Shuffle

July 9, 2005

Lex-Ham Ice Cream Social

Sunday, July 24th, 2005

National Night Out

1st Tuesday in August  
(Aug 2)

## Friends Donors Through Jan 20

7 Anonymous

Rebecca & Robert Emmons

Jerry & Carol Halloran

House at 1188 Dayton

Craig & Elizabeth Lindeke

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Total through end of 2004

= \$7270

Total through end of 2003

= \$7980

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## Lex-Ham Community Theatre Announces Short Play Festival

The Lex-Ham Community Theater will present three short theatrical gems as part of its 2005 Short-Play Festival during April at Dayton's Bluff Park and Rec Center, 800 Conway Street, Saint Paul.

The shows will be presented in two sessions: Session I includes the regional premier of the classic Grimm's fairy tale, "The Frog Prince" adapted to be a musical by Sally Bailey with music and lyrics by Carol Gulley. Session II includes the comedy "The Actor's Nightmare" by Christopher Durang and the suspense thriller "Sorry, Wrong Number" by Lucille Fletcher. Nadya Trytan directs "The Frog Prince" and David Lind directs "The Actor's Nightmare" and "Sorry, Wrong Number."

### Performances dates are:

Friday, April 1: 7:00 p.m. Session I, 8:00 p.m. Session II

Saturday, April 2: 7:00 Session I, 8:00 Session II

Sunday, April 3: 2:00 Session I, 3:00 Session II

Thursday, April 7: 7:00 Session I, 8:00 Session II

Friday, April 8: 7:00 Session I, 8:00 Session II

Saturday, April 9: 7:00 Session I, 8:00 Session II

Sunday, April 10: 2:00 Session I, 3:00 Session II

Tuesday, April 12: 9:30 a.m. Session I, 11:00 a.m. Session I repeated

Ticket prices are \$10 or \$5 for children, students, or seniors aged 65 or older for one session or \$15 and \$9 for both sessions. Check the theater's Web site: [www.LexHamArts.org/theater](http://www.LexHamArts.org/theater) or call 651-644-3366 for more information.

### Become a Saint Paul Park Steward!

Park Stewards is a partnership program between citizens and community groups and the Saint Paul Division of Parks and Recreation to create a cleaner, greener and safer park system. The Park Steward program is open to individuals, community groups, businesses and others who wish to give back to their community by caring for a Saint Paul park, recreation center, green space, or trail. Park Stewards regularly scout out and pick up litter, survey for and report vandalism or damage to park land or equipment, and conduct other traditional park volunteer activities. For further information contact Matt Reinartz, [matt.reinartz@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:matt.reinartz@ci.stpaul.mn.us) or call 651-266-6430. You may also visit: <http://www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/depts/parks>.

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