



The Lexington-Hamline Community Council

THE EAVESDROPPER

The bridge between your home and your neighborhood

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Community Calendar

Tot Time at Dunning
Inside in the
Multipurpose Room
Wed 9:30-11:30am

Eavesdropper Deadline
Wed, January 10

Executive Committee Meeting
Mon, December 18, 7pm

Board Meeting on Housing
Mon, December 11, 7pm

Board Meeting
Tues, December 26, 7pm

The 2007 Board of Directors

Executive Committee
Chris Wood, President
Barb Gunther, President-elect
Karen Minge, Treasurer
Paul Sherburne, Secretary
Laura Nevitt, Past President

Directors
Julie New-Landrum
Jamie Parker
Bill Bush
Denise Fosse
Amy Caron
Craig Lindeke

Executive Director
Sarah Kidwell

Welcome to Sarah Kidwell, Our New Executive Director

(and Goodbye and Best Wishes to Jessica)

We are pleased to welcome our new Lex-Ham Executive Director, Sarah Kidwell. She comes to us from Nonprofit Solutions, a nonprofit service company, and she has several years of directly relevant experience at the Tri-County Action Program in Saint Cloud. We honestly feel that she is the ideal person for the job, and we look forward to working with her in the years to come. Please feel free to call or come by the office and get to know her.

In August, Executive Director Jessica Treat resigned from Lex-Ham to become Program Director for the Midway Transit Management Organization, a University UNITED program that promotes alternative transportation. We were lucky to have someone as resourceful and multi-talented as Jessica during the last three years, and we wish her success. At TMO, she remains in the neighborhood, and I'm certain that we will find ourselves working with her in the future on development and transportation issues.

We also want to thank the many neighbors and board members who picked up the slack during the transition between staff members. Special thanks go to Laura Nevitt, who more or less acted as our unpaid staff through September and October, and to Barb Gunther, Karen Minge, and Amy Caron, for service above and beyond.

Lex-Ham Kicks off its 2006 Friends Campaign

During the early fall, letters were mailed to every Lex-Ham household signifying the launch of our 2006 Friends Campaign. Every year we ask residents in the Lex-Ham community to support the work of our council through a financial contribution. These funds account for about 10% of our annual budget and are critical to our financial health and stability, helping to pay expenses not covered by grants or city funds. Additionally, funders are impressed when they see that the very people who benefit from the council's work are in turn supporting its efforts.

The council works hard to maintain the health and vitality of our neighborhood. Please consider becoming a "Friend of Lex-Ham".

Thanks to the following neighbors who have already contributed:

Nina Black-Zachary in memory of
Professor Herbert Treichel
Ann Cader
Vivian G. Fulford
Margot and Fran Galt
James Goins Jr.
Karl & Mary Lou Grahek in memory of
Herb Treichel
Helen Hermann
Ann Hobbie & Jeff Benjamin
Al Kvaal in memory of Herb Treichel
The Parker Family
Leslie Partin
George Johnson &
Anne Marie Johnson-Davini
Jim Burton
William Strub

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. 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 January issue must be submitted by Wednesday, December 10th. Please keep entries short, so we can include all of them!

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Louise Kleinendorst
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of Herb Treichel
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The Fosse Family
Karl & Mary Lou Grahek
Becky McNally & Steve Faltesek
Pat Armstrong & Paul Sherburne in
memory of Herb Treichel
David and Karen Minge
Sue Norris
Eleven anonymous donors.

Annual Dinner Update and Welcome to the 2006/2007 Board of Directors

Lex-Ham's Annual Dinner was held on Monday, October 30th. More than seventy

of us got together to share potluck desserts and mingle with our neighbors. Heartfelt thanks to Jacqueline Fortier for leading the charge and thanks also to the many volunteers who lent a hand, including Pat Armstrong, Amy Caron, Denise and Aune Fosse, Barb Gunther, Urban Landreman, Julie New-Landrum, Karen Minge, Laura Nevitt, Jamie Parker, Berdette and Charles Smith, and Emmy Treichel. Special thanks go to Aune Fosse for the evening's musical entertainment, to Pizza Lucé for the tiramisu, and to all of you who brought those wonderful desserts.

We continued the tradition of awarding neighbors for their service to Lex-Ham over the past year. The Richard Norris award went to Doug Jacox for contributions over many years to the Lex-Ham Band and to the cultural life of Lex-Ham. Community Service Awards were given to Barb Gunther and Julie New-Landrum for taking on more than their share of the effort to improve housing and quality of life in Lex-Ham. The Good Neighbor Award was given to the Minnesota Thunder Plus for their continuing responsiveness to the community, including their participation in this summer's Ice Cream Social. The Betty Dean award was given to Craig Smith for his long-time service on behalf of neighborhood youth

Please join us in welcoming these new and continuing members to the 2005/2006 Board of Directors-thanks for your commitment!

Officers:

President - Chris Wood
Vice President - Barb Gunther
Treasurer - Karen Minge
Secretary - Paul Sherburne
President-elect - (Vacant)
Past President - Laura Nevitt

Directors:

Bill Bush
Amy Caron
Denise Fosse
Julia New-Landrum
Craig Lindeke
Jamie Parker

A Brush With Kindness

Does The Outside of Your Home Need Painting, Landscaping or Minor Repairs?

A Brush with Kindness serves low-income homeowners who live in targeted areas in Twin Cities neighborhoods and whose homes need exterior restoration. A limited number of interior projects for seniors struggling with clutter, paint and repair issues are worked on over the winter months.

- Read the eligibility requirements on the back or call the number below to determine if you qualify.
- Work occurs year round. Applications are processed ongoing throughout the year.
- Volunteers from businesses, churches, and service organizations will do all the work alongside able-bodied residents.

For an application or questions –
Call 612-788-8169

Send applications in ASAP

A Brush with Kindness is a neighborhood program that helps revitalize neighborhoods and brings neighbors together to assist one another in their efforts to live in a safe, decent home.

Sign up for Lex Ham's New E-List !!!

Your Lex-Ham Community Council has a new e-list. We use this service to alert interested residents to community meetings, crime alerts, public hearings, or other community news that can't wait for the next Eavesdropper publication. If you would like to be part of this new service, please email the office with your contact info at lexham@lexham.org.

U-Plan Community Planning Studio Now Open!

The mission of U-Plan is to facilitate planning and design efforts at the “grass-roots” level to better enable the

community to engage with the official land use and transportation planning processes that are occurring along University Avenue. Located in a storefront at 1956 University Avenue, U-Plan also provides meeting spaces for design charrettes and smaller planning sessions.

Open House

U-Plan Community Planning Studio
Open House
Wednesday, December 6, 2007
Noon - 7:00p.m.
4:30p.m. Program
1956 University Ave. W.
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55104

Applications for Assistance

U-Plan Community Planning Studio is now inviting requests for technical support for planning projects impacting the University Avenue Corridor. U-Plan offers a variety of technical resources and support services including 3 computer work stations fully equipped with Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping, AutoCAD and SketchUp architectural graphics, Google Earth, PhotoShop and other state-of-the-art visioning and design tools, as well as a large format color printer that can generate maps and graphics. Professional staff proficient in GIS mapping and architectural design are available for consultation and assistance.

U-Plan has created a five person Management Team to oversee operations of the studio on a day-to-day basis and to select projects and tasks for the staff of U-Plan to work on. The Management Team is: Linda Winsor, Hamline Midway Coalition; Tim Griffin, St. Paul Design Center; Jeff Matson, University of Minnesota CURA; Nieeta Presley, Aurora Saint Anthony Community Development Corporation; and Brian McMahon, University UNITED.

Contact the U-Plan Community Planning Studio at 651.641.0293 or 1956 University Ave. W., Saint Paul, Minnesota 55104.

St. Paul Police Department

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Incident Report Summary

11/9/2006 - 11/15/2006

- 2 - Auto Theft
- 9 - Burglary
- 2 - Narcotics
- 17 - Theft
- 4 - Vandalism
- 34 - Total

11/2/2006 - 11/8/2006

- 2 - Assault
- 3 - Auto Theft
- 4 - Burglary
- 2 - Discharge
- 1 - Narcotics
- 1 - Other
- 9 - Theft
- 10 - Vandalism
- 32 - Total

10/26/2006 - 11/1/2006

- 1 - Assault
- 2 - Auto Theft
- 3 - Burglary
- 1 - Narcotics
- 1 - Robbery
- 18 - Theft
- 3 - Vandalism
- 29 - Total

10/19/2006 - 10/25/2006

- 3 - Assault
- 1 - Auto Theft
- 6 - Burglary
- 3 - Narcotics
- 2 - Robbery
- 21 - Theft
- 3 - Vandalism
- 39 - Total

Minnesota Senior Federation to Hold Presentations on Medicare Drug Plan

Minnesota Senior Federation has planned a series of prescription drug presentations. They will cover basic Medicare benefits, including Medicare prescription drug Part D regulations in 2007. Current Part D participants will be able to change their plans between Nov. 15 and Dec. 31. Trained Senior Federation counselors will be available to answer questions on the new provisions.

All presentations are free and open to the public. Coffee and treats will be provided. For more information, call (651) 645-0261, ext. 0. Those currently scheduled are:

Dec. 4, 11a.m., Keystone Community Center, 2000 St. Anthony Ave., St. Paul

Dec. 5, 10a.m., White Bear Area Senior Program, 2484 E. Co. Rd. F, White Bear Lake

One-on-one counseling on Part D is available by appointment at the Minnesota Senior Federation office, 1885 University Ave. W., St. Paul. Call Angie Ritter at (651) 783-5019 for an appointment.

Minnesota Senior Federation is the primary grassroots organization of seniors in Minnesota. With more than 20,000 members and 100 affiliated organizations, the Federation is dedicated to helping seniors develop leadership skills and work toward positive social change locally, statewide and throughout the nation. Information is available at www.mnseniors.org or by phoning (651) 645-0261 or (877) 645-0261.

Lex-Ham Resident editor of Sweet Land

Lex-Ham resident, Jim Stanger, was the editor of the film "Sweet Land". Jim, his wife, Gita Mazumdar, and their daughters live in the Lex-Ham neighborhood. The movie was released in a limited market, but is showing at many local theaters. Check local listings for show times.

If you have not seen it, please go to the theater, if you have... see it again and please tell your friends.

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