



The Lexington-Hamline Community Council

THE EAVESDROPPER

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Community Calendar

Tot Time at Dunning
Outside in the Park
Wed 9:30-11:30am

Eavesdropper Deadline
Wednesday, August 9

Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, July 24, 7pm

Board Meeting
Monday, July 31, 7pm

Lex-Ham's Mid-Summer Get Together
Sunday, July 16, Noon-3pm

National Night Out
Tuesday, August 1

Lex-Ham Garden Shuffle
Saturday, July 8, 10am-1pm

Meet and Greet with Councilwoman Debbie Montgomery
Dunning Recreation Center
Monday, July 10, 5:30pm

"Soul of the Community"
Dunning Recreation Center
Saturday, August 26, 1-4pm

The Fantasticks
At Arlington High School
See inside article for showtimes

Ice Cream, Music, Soccer and MORE!



Join us for **The Lex-Ham Mid-Summer Get-Together**

Meet Minnesota Thunder soccer players, and check out our new games and activities for kids, including a sports moonwalk bounding booth!

Dunning Recreation Center
1221 Marshall Ave.
Sunday, July 16, 2006
12:00-3:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. on July 16 for food, music, activities and fun at the Lexington-Hamline Community Council Mid-Summer Get-Together (the Ice Cream Social). Admission to this get-together at Dunning Park, 1221 Marshall Avenue, is free, and the general public is invited. Bring your extended friends, neighbors, relatives and especially your children and grandchildren to this highly anticipated neighborhood get-together.

In addition to old favorites like carnival games for kids, a cake walk, the Lex-Ham Band, hot dogs, ice cream and root beer floats, there will be some new and exciting activities, including participation of some

of the Minnesota Thunder professional soccer players, Izzy's Ice Cream, a free throw shooting contest, open mike talent show and a bouncing booth for kids of all ages. There will also be auctions of gift certificates for restaurants, services and events, donated from neighborhood residents and businesses. Volunteers are still needed for this special day perfect for Lex-Ham families. Join us, meet your neighbors, and have a great time. Call Barb at 651-647-1938 to volunteer.

A Grand Old Thank You

A HUGE thanks to all our hardworking volunteers for selling wristbands at Grand Old Day. The work was non-stop (once the parade actually passed), but it was generally a fun time on a lovely day, and we raised over \$1500 in unrestricted funds for LHCC. We gratefully salute our crew: Pat Armstrong, David & Jill Aughey,

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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. 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 September issue must be submitted by Wednesday, August 9th. Please keep entries short, so we can include all of them!

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SOUL OF THE COMMUNITY

The Aurora/St. Anthony Neighborhood Development Corporation is partnering with several local groups to present SOUL OF THE COMMUNITY, a youth-focused hip-hop event for members and friends of Saint Paul's Ward One community. The event, which will feature several performers and a number of speakers, is being organized with the intention of providing our community with entertainment, but also with education on current local issues, understanding of the importance of working with one another, and subsequent empowerment in determining the shape and direction of the ward.

The Soul of the Community event will take place on Saturday, August 26th, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Dunning Recreation Center.

Lex-Ham Community Theater presents The Fantasticks!

The Lex-Ham Community Theater will present the well-loved, but rarely performed musical, *The Fantasticks*, at St. Paul's Arlington High School, 1495 Rice Street, from July 7 to 22. The play is directed by Christopher Teipner with music direction by B. Joseph Burch.

The *Fantasticks* hit Broadway in 1960 and remains one of the longest-running musicals, not only on Broadway, but in many countries around the world—and for good reason. The simple story of young lovers, scheming fathers, and a man of mystery, by its use of a minimal set, gives

audiences the chance to use their imagination and focus on the story. Having very “hum-able” songs such as “Plant a Radish,” “Soon It’s Gonna Rain”, and the classic, “Try To Remember” and poetic words make the show a true delight.

The Lex-Ham Community Theater offers audiences the chance to see *The Fantasticks*, which has not been presented in the Twin Cities recently. For people who have seen it before, this is a chance to revisit a dear friend. For people who are new to *The Fantasticks*, this is a chance to see a true gem and Broadway classic.

The show's cast includes Sam Ahern, Brent Berheim, George M. Calger, Shana Eisenberg, Bruce Heskett, Laurent Kuehnl, Nathan Metcalf, and Jack Rose.

The Fantasticks Performance Dates

7:30 p.m., Friday, July 7

7:30 p.m., Saturday, July 8

7:30 p.m., Friday, July 14

7:30 p.m., Saturday, July 15

2:00 p.m., Sunday, July 16 (Pay What You Can performance)

7:30 p.m., Thursday, July 20

7:30 p.m., Friday, July 21

7:30 p.m., Saturday, July 22

Tickets:

\$18.00 for adults

\$12.00 for children, students or seniors 65 and older

Pay What You Can Performance: July 16. Seating is limited. Reservations are encouraged. A form for reservations and directions to Arlington are available at www.LexHamArts.org/theater/200607/Show0607.htm.

Lex-Ham Community Theater has been producing quality theatrical experiences for and by the residents of the Lexington-Hamline and surrounding St. Paul neighborhoods since 1996.

Photos Available: Print-quality photos from the production will be made

available at www.LexHamArts.org/theater/MediaResources.htm.

More Information:
www.LexHamArts.org/theater or
651-644-3366.

Saint Paul Parks And Recreation Now Accepting 2006 Golden Bloom Award Nominations

The Golden Bloom Awards, a partnership between the Division of Parks and Recreation and the Saint Paul Garden Club, recognize beautiful gardens located within Saint Paul city limits. The awards exist to encourage and celebrate gardening and beautification efforts in Saint Paul. Seventy awards were given out in 2005 to citizens, businesses and organizations whose gardens, yards and public spaces were nominated by fellow Saint Paul citizens.

Nomination forms can be found at local recreation centers, libraries and online at

<http://www.stpaul.gov/depts/parks/environment/gardens/blooming.html>.

Information on garden categories and nomination forms are also available from Mark Granlund, Arts and Gardening Coordinator – 651-632-2454. The nomination deadline is July 21, 2006.

The Golden Bloom Awards is partially sponsored by the Saint Paul Pioneer Press.

LHCC Welcome Housing Intern

We are pleased to announce that LHCC was awarded an intern through Neighborhood Planning for Community Revitalization (NPCR), a program of the University of Minnesota's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA). Julia Wells, a senior at the U of M, will spend the summer working on our housing project entitled "Community Owned Affordable Housing – Is it Practical?" LHCC owns 7 homes in the neighborhood that are rented out affordably. Given our limited staff

capacity and lack of housing expertise, the board has begun to question our ability to adequately manage these properties. In response to these questions, the board voted to undertake a thorough assessment of our options for the future of these 7 homes. Julia will be conducting research into various affordable housing models and meeting with stakeholders in the neighborhood to gather input. Welcome Julia!

Meet and Greet with Councilmember Montgomery

Ward 1 Councilmember Debbie Montgomery has scheduled a series of "meet and greet" opportunities for each district council in Ward 1. She'll be in Lex-Ham on Monday, July 10th at 5:30 p.m. Please join us in the Lex-Ham office inside the Dunning Recreation Center at 1221 Marshall to chat with your City Councilmember. This is an informal gathering to discuss community topics with your council representative face-to-face. We hope to see you there!

Thanks to Intern from Brown College

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Craig Smith, a recent graduate of Brown College and a longtime resident on Dayton Avenue. Craig recently completed a 120 hour internship with LHCC through the Business Management Program at Brown. He spent much of his time pouring through 20 years of documents relating to the 7 homes that LHCC owns in the neighborhood. This work was invaluable because it laid the groundwork for our housing project, Community Owned Affordable Housing – Is it Practical?, to be completed this summer. Craig also volunteered at Grand Old Day, the District 13 Clean-up, and is helping to organize the Mid-Summer Get Together. Thank you Craig and best of luck!

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Lex-Ham Garden Shuffle

The 11th annual Lexington-Hamline Garden Shuffle will take place on Saturday, July 8th, from 10:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m. Experience the joy of beautiful gardens in the city. Meet the people who have nurtured them. Observe unique designs and plantings that will inspire you in your own gardening endeavors. Remember, this tour is FREE, so neighbors can share their projects as well as their knowledge.

Tour maps will be available at 1122 Marshall Avenue on the day of the tour.

For more information, call Bonnie Beverly at 651-644-5278.

Neighborhood Clean-Up Thank You

A heartfelt thanks goes out to all the Lex-Hammers that joined forces with their neighbors across District 13 (Merriam Park and Snelling-Hamline) to volunteer for the annual District 13 clean-up on Saturday, June 10th. We had a new location this year, which inevitably brought some challenges, but thanks to great volunteers, we successfully unloaded a steady stream of cars, vans, pick-ups, and even U-Hauls. Through this great collective effort, we diverted tons of materials from the landfills and helped to keep our neighborhoods looking great! Thanks also to Eureka Recycling for coordinating the clean-up and to Shirley Rider from Snelling-Hamline for organizing lunch and refreshments. Lex-Ham volunteers were Paul Adams, Bill Delehanty, Xavier

Demello, Fran Galt, Barb Gunther, Margaret Jones, Steve and Linda Kantner, Urban Landreman, Leben McCormick, Karen Minge, Jim Penson, Karen Randall, Janice Rettman, Jeff Risberg, and Craig Smith.

For Rent

LHCC owns 7 homes in the neighborhood that are rented out affordably. We currently have 3 vacancies that we need to fill ASAP! We have a 3-bedroom home that rents for \$1,119 per month, a 4-bedroom home that rents for \$1,258, and a 5-bedroom home that rents for \$1,446. Income restrictions apply. If you know of families in need of good homes in a great neighborhood, please contact our property manager, Cassie Walker, at 763-531-9166.

Tutor with the Minnesota Literacy Council

Help someone in your community...

- *Learn English
- *Become a U.S. Citizen
- *Earn their GED
- *Gain their Adult Diploma
- *Learn Basic Computer Skills
- *Learn to Read
- *By Tutoring a Child.

Contact Casie Moen, Volunteer Outreach Coordinator, at cmoen@thmlc.org or at 651-645-2277, ext. 219. Please visit www.thmlc.org for more information.

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