



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
Wednesdays 9:30-11:30am

Eavesdropper Deadline

Wednesday, May 9

Community Meeting on Housing

Voting on Sale of Homes
Tuesday, May 8

Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, May 21, 7pm

Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 29, 7pm

Grand Old Days

Sunday, June 3

Lex-Ham Neighborhood Clean-Up

Saturday, June 23

The 2007 Board of Directors

Executive Committee

Chris Wood, President
Barb Gunther, Vice-President
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

Lex-Ham Community Vote on Sale of Scattered-Site Housing

A community meeting to vote to approve the sale of the seven scattered-site affordable houses owned by Lex-Ham will be held on Tuesday, May 8. A vote will be taken of the residents and members of the Lexington-Hamline Community Council. Updates will be provided outlining the work that has been completed and what the next steps will be. Pick up your neighbor and plan to attend this meeting!

Tuesday, May 8 at 7:00 pm
Dunning Recreation Center
1221 Marshall Avenue

Top 10 Reasons Lex-Ham Residents are Proud of their Neighborhood

10. Active & concerned residents who care
9. History of neighborhood
8. Lex-Ham is a safe neighborhood
7. Like the "look"/ appearance of our houses
6. Lex-Ham has lots of potential with new developments
5. There are lots of kids to play with
4. Established relationships and stability in the neighborhood
3. Lex-Ham is like a small town
2. Neighbors are friendly
1. **Lex-Ham IS a neighborhood**

The Lexington-Hamline Community Council is looking towards the future. What

Lex-Ham Neighborhood Clean-up - Saturday, June 23rd

Mark your calendars for the Annual Neighborhood Clean-up on June 23rd! This year Lex-Ham will be partnering with Summit-University Planning Council (District 8) to hold this event at the Rondo Education Center. Volunteers are needed! In exchange for working a shift, volunteers receive a voucher for free loads. Watch your mailbox for a separate flyer with specific details regarding the clean-up and volunteer information. Please contact the Lex-Ham office with questions.

will this neighborhood organization continue to provide residents of the neighborhood after the unification of the three District 13 councils that currently exist? Lex-Ham will continue to be a nonprofit neighborhood organization. Members of the Lex-Ham board and community recently gathered to begin drafting action plans, based on the strategic plan that was completed last year, to focus on the next year of Lex-Ham. Out of this work the following priorities surfaced:

o Community Engagement

- Block Leaders
- Events
- Communications

o Quality of Life

- Dunning Management
- Hague Tot Lot
- Neighborhood Clean Up and Litter control

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

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Proud of Our Neighbourhood cont.

o Operational Effectiveness

- Fundraising
- Outreach and Stakeholder Management
- Skyline Tower
- Housing

Lex-Ham would like to encourage all residents to become active in these initiatives to maintain a friendly and safe neighborhood!

Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Cathedral of Saint Paul

A series of public events is planned for Saturday, June 2, 2007 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Cathedral of Saint Paul. The parade begins at 11:00 a.m. on June 2 and travels along John Ireland Boulevard for about a mile from the State Capitol to the Cathedral grounds. Centennial event information is available online at www.cathedralsaintpaul.org.

The Cathedral of Saint Paul has a long and distinguished history in Minnesota. As an historic site, it is the namesake for the City of Saint Paul. Primarily the spiritual center of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, the Cathedral serves a multitude of purposes meeting the needs of people throughout the community and the State. It is the site of State funerals, ecumenical gatherings, public events and concerts. As one of five examples of magnificent architecture in the USA, the doors open to thousands of visitors each year. Please plan to join us and celebrate a national treasure.

National Night Out Kick-Off Picnic Citywide Celebration

DATE: Wednesday, May 23, 2007

LOCATION: Midway Picnic Pavilion,
Como Park (across from Como Park Pool)

TIME: 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the 2nd National Night Out Kick-Off Picnic in Saint Paul! You will have an opportunity to find out more about how to plan an event for your neighborhood on National Night Out, August 7, 2007.

Mayor Coleman will start the celebration at 6 p.m. with a short speech about the importance of neighbors uniting to take a stand against crime and drugs in the neighborhoods. The Saint Paul Police and Fire Departments will be present to visit with residents, you will have an opportunity to register your neighborhood's National Night Out event for 2007, permits to close your street off will be available, and "how to" forms for requesting Police and Fire Department special units.

You can also register to win one of the many door prizes donated by local businesses that will be given out at the picnic!

There will be FREE hot dogs; chips, beverages, while supplies last, or you are welcome to bring a picnic dinner of your own.

For more information about the National Night Out picnic or hosting an event in your neighborhood, call your area District Council, or Pam McCreary at the Saint Paul Police Department Crime Prevention Unit, 651-266-5625.

District 13 Opportunities for Service

You are Community Leaders!

Each of you is volunteering your time and talent to this Council in hopes of making District 13; including Merriam Park, Snelling/Hamline, and Lexington/Hamline neighborhoods a better place.

The duties of Directors shall be as follows:

- Directors shall be present at all regularly scheduled Board meetings.
- Directors shall serve on at least one committee or as a representative

District 13 Opportunities cont.

appointed by the Board to another organization.

- Directors shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws and by the Council.
- Directors shall discharge their duties in good faith, in a manner the Director reasonably believes to be in the best interests of the Council, and with the care an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances.

Other expectations:

- Review meeting materials in advance of meetings.
- Participate fully in board discussions.
- Make an effort to obtain feedback and input from grid residents and to provide residents with information about the work of the District 13 Community Council.

How are the various types of board members defined?

- Board Member from a District 13 grid. A board member from one the grids in District 13 must:
- Reside, or own real property, or own a business within the Grid they seek to represent, and
- File a petition in a form approved by the Board, which includes the names, addresses and signatures of twenty or more persons who qualify as Members of the Council within that particular Grid. Only one signature per address can count toward the twenty required.
- Institutional Directors. There shall be no more than five Institutional Directors; one each from the designated institutions.

The following are designated Institutional Directors:

- Skyline Tower, the University of St Thomas, Macalester College, and Concordia College may each select one Institutional Director.
- Legacy Neighborhood Associations. There shall be no more than three

Legacy Neighborhood Association Directors; one each from the designated Legacy Neighborhood Associations.

The following are the designated Legacy Neighborhood Associations:

- Desnoyer Park Improvement Association
- Snelling Hamline Community Council
- Lexington-Hamline Community Council

Thank-you for serving our neighborhood.

Imani-Mommie & Co.

DATE: Sunday, May 6, 2007

LOCATION: Midtown Global Market

TIME: 3:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Imani-Mommie & Co. will be performing at the Midtown Global Market, located on Chicago & Lake Street in Minneapolis, on Sunday, May 6th from 3-5:00 pm. The theme of the concert will be "Celebrating Mothers." This concert is free and open to the public. Imani-Mommie & Co. performs at this venue on a monthly basis.

Imani is a junior at Central High School and, in addition to singing, plays violin, trumpet, keyboard, sax, and drums. Ashley is a senior at Central High School and is lead vocalist and plays flute. She is also a songwriter. Dianne (Mommie) is a singer/songwriter and plays keyboard for the group. Dorian is a senior at Central High School and plays drums for the band.

Imani-Mommie & Co. was the opening act for nationally known recording artists After Seven and Howard Hewitt. They are available for corporate and private events and parties for a negotiable and affordable fee.

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Youth Express Summer Program

Youth Express is once again offering its free Summer Program full of fun and engaging activities for youth ages 7-14! Activities include indoor/outdoor recreation, group games, movies, dance, arts & crafts, swimming at Highland Park pool, and field trips to museums, beaches and other cool spots in St. Paul. Teens will be offered special music, art and field trip options. The program is held at the Dunning Park Recreation Center and is offered during the following dates and times:

**June 18 - August 17:
Monday thru Friday,
10:00am to 4:30pm
each day**

Registration forms for the program are available at the Dunning Park Recreation Center; located at 1221 Marshall Ave. Space is limited, so register soon! Priority is given to youth in the neighborhood. If you have questions or would like more information about the program, call Dunning at 651-632-5124 or Youth Express at 651-659-0613 and talk to Jim or Chris. Hope to see you this summer!

Twin Cities Bike/Walk to Work Day is Friday, May 18th, 2007!

This regional event encourages commuters to bike and walk to work. Two celebrations will be held from 6:30 am to 8:30 am on May 18th, one in downtown Minneapolis and the other in downtown St. Paul. Upon arrival participants will be greeted by a band, receive a free breakfast, promotional gifts, and will be able to browse related goods and services at vendor booths.

In order to help new bike and walk commuters learn a route to work, group bike rides and walks are being organized to each downtown.

- Ride your bike! A list of potential group bike rides converging upon downtown Minneapolis can be found at:
<http://profile.mapmyrun.com/shaunbm>.

- Walk to work! A list of potential group walks converging upon downtown Minneapolis can be found at:
<http://profile.mapmyrun.com/shaunmurphy>.

You can help! Would you like to see your neighborhood on the list of organized bike rides or walks? Does your neighborhood have a cyclist or walker who would be willing to be a ride or walk leader? Please contact Shaun Murphy at 612-673-2335 to add your neighborhood or a volunteer to the list. If there is a volunteer who is willing to take a group to downtown St. Paul, they may contact Alex Stokman at 651-224-8999.

Also this year, neighborhoods are encouraged to organize send-off celebrations.

If your neighborhood would like to encourage residents to bike or walk no matter where they work, please contact Shaun Murphy at 612-673-2335 to learn more about what you can do to organize your event. The City of Minneapolis can help publicize your ride or walk on their website.

The City of Minneapolis is partnering with several agencies to promote this event. Partner agencies include the Downtown Minneapolis TMO, Hennepin County, the St. Paul TMO, the Midway TMO, and the City of St. Paul.

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