As always, your donations support the work and programming of the Summit Hill Association. The 17-member District Council system, gathers to celebrate participants who contribute their numerous skills and resources to help us in meeting our goals. Every October, we turn to you, members of our community to make a financial contribution to enable us carry out all the work we have pledged to carry out, and to help us finish the year financially strong, and start off the new year in sound footing. The 2016 year was no exception. Being an even year, we carried out the Biennial House Tour, and sent out our Annual Solicitation. We would like to express our deepest gratitude to all of our Summit Hill donors in 2016. Once again, Summit Hill individuals and businesses answered the call to support their neighborhood. Our goal in 2016 was to raise $5,000 from the community to support and sustain programs and activities that bolster the community building work of the Summit Hill Association. The goal was not only achieved, it was surpassed with a final total of $7,901.00!

As always, your donations support the work and programming of the Summit Hill Association - your neighborhood citizen participation organization. If you have not had a chance to contribute to the 2016 Campaign, it’s never too early to become a donor in 2017. You can still send a check made out to “SHA” to 860 St. Clair Ave, St. Paul, MN 55105. You can also donate online at our website: www.summithillassociation.org by clicking on the “DONATE” button. Your donation is fully tax deductible.

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Thank You for partnering with us in 2016. Here are some highlights of what we were able to accomplish together.

Pedestrian Safety & Traffic Calming
• The committee organized and implemented the Annual Pedestrian Safety Awareness Week on August 1st to 7th in 2016. Once again, the event incorporated more partners than it did in 2015. Around 5 District Councils were involved in this year’s events, along with the Grand Avenue Business Association and the St. Paul Police Department. Also, new this year, was the growth of the event to a year round effort to ensure that pedestrian safety was not just promoted during one week in August, but was an issue that was addressed year round in the city of St. Paul. This was done through collaboration with the St. Paul Police Department, the Minnesota Department of Transportation and St. Paul Smart Trips. The committee joined other community groups in holding undercover stings with the St. Paul Police Department at various normally unsafe intersections in city neighborhoods. This resulted in a number of tickets and citations to violating motorists, but also less of great education and information shared with both pedestrians and motorists alike on the traffic laws that protect pedestrians, but also how to keep everyone safe on the streets.

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Your One-Stop Shop for neighborhood info and referrals!
Friendly SHA staff are here to help!

Nelima Sitati, SHA Executive Director
Theresa Nix, Community Organizer Crime Prevention Coordinator

How to contact the Summit Hill Association
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General SHA office via email: info@summithillassociation.org
Nelima Stani:
Nelima@summithillassociation.org
Theresa Nix:
Theresa@summithillassociation.org
The phone number remains the same at 651-222-1222.

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Roger & Dorothy Anderson, Peter & Elsa Behnke, Wally & Rosie Wescott
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- Formed a working committee with the Grand Avenue Business Association and the Mac Groveland Community Council to among other things address the flow of traffic along Grand Avenue. The committee will also continue working alongside the city as they plan for the upcoming infrastructural improvements on Grand Avenue.
- Discussed and addressed residents’ concerns regarding pedestrian safety in various spots in the neighborhood.

Crime Prevention & Connections
Promoted new Block and Building Clubs and recruited new Leaders for community building and crime prevention; monthly SHA Staff crime reports and alerts to interested residents. SHA currently has about 60% of the neighborhood blocks organized.

Environment Awareness & Action
- The Garden Council was hard at work this year, ensuring that community members had an opportunity to garden once again in 2016. They also continued to make physical improvements in the garden area. The tool shed is up, and it has made it easier for gardeners to store and access their gardening tools. They were also successful in replacing the fence around the garden plots. The Council also successfully applied for another STAR Grant which will go towards adding a bench in the garden area. This will provide a space for community members to gather and enjoy the garden.
- The Environment Committee promoted neighborhood environmental awareness and participation through curbside recycling, promoting the now citywide Clean Up events, and maintenance of recycling bins on Grand Avenue.
- The Committee also recruited volunteers who went to work in rehabilitating the Rain Garden in preparation of replanting it in 2017.

Community Events
- The Development Committee organized and implemented 2 successful Progressive Supper events in 2016. These were well attended and gave residents and community members an opportunity to spend an evening together getting to know one another, and sharing a meal.
- The committee also coordinated a successful Spring Garage Sale. Residents of Summit Hill took advantage of this opportunity to upcycle what they no longer needed for some cash. The event also continued to draw shoppers from all over the metro area, which gives us an opportunity to showcase our wonderful neighborhood.

Communication & Outreach
- The committee was once again hard at work keeping you informed on all the goings on. They did this by utilizing various multi-media outlets, such as the website, E-Newsletter SHA’s Facebook account and the Bi-Monthly Newsletter that is delivered to every address in the neighborhood. The committee plays an important role in keeping the neighborhood residents and Grand Avenue businesses with up-to-date information & notifications on important events, meetings and City notices. This ensures that we as a community stay engaged and informed throughout the year.

Zoning & Land Use
- The Zoning and Land Use Committee stayed quite busy this year. They held community meetings to get community input and deliberate on various variance application issues in the neighborhood.
- The committee also continued to strongly advocate for the Summit Hill community at a city level for community input in matters of historic preservation, as well as in making decisions on demolitions of historic property.

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2016 DONATIONS

Need a Blue Bin?
Blue recycling bins have been a symbol of St. Paul’s recycling program for more than 15 years.
The City of St. Paul provides blue bins for alley recycling at no charge to St. Paul residents.

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A Word from the SHA President

I wanted to take this chance to thank the many neighbors, business and visitors that make our Summit Hill neighborhood such a great place. In addition to our unique mix of single and multifamily residential and small-scale commercial uses that make Summit Hill one of the most visited areas of St. Paul, we also have a variety of opportunities for social activities and interaction, “memorable character” due to the national and local historic designations that are important contributors to St. Paul’s heritage, and numerous examples of interesting design and architectural features. These are all attributes identified as necessary for great neighborhoods by the American Planning Association. They are also things that we at the Summit Hill Association (SHA) are working to preserve and highlight through our zoning and land use work and community outreach efforts. As your local district planning council we are also working to enhance neighborhood crime prevention, promote environmental sustainability, pedestrian safety and traffic calming.

While working toward these goals, we have noticed a trend at City Hall toward increased development and density. In many instances density can be beneficial for creating critical population centers necessary to support mass transit and the type of vibrant community amenities we already enjoy in Summit Hill. However, it has been, and will likely continue to be a challenge for us to demonstrate that density for density’s sake can be a detriment to our neighborhood’s character. Moreover, according to City data, Summit Hill is already one of the densest areas in the City (and almost twice as dense as Portland, Oregon, is, on average, as a point of comparison). That is due in large part to the fact that only about a third of neighborhood residents live in single-family detached homes.

We have also noticed that the financial contributions our neighborhood makes to the city, in terms of sales tax, tourism revenue and property tax, can often be overlooked at City Hall. This became especially evident when Mayor Coleman proposed parking meters on Grand Avenue in 2015. This is particularly troubling when you consider that our neighborhood contributes the most property tax per residence, but receives the least amount of capital improvement spending per capita in the entire city.

As the new President of SHA, please know that we are committed to working with Council Member Rebecca Noecker and other policy makers to ensure our needs for improvement projects are considered and that City staff spends time understanding the proper balance of neighborhood preservation and thoughtful development. We are here to advocate for Summit Hill, but we can do that even more effectively with your help. That is why, in addition to thanking you all for being great neighbors, I also want to invite you to join in helping us keep our neighborhood a thriving community. Please consider offering your time as a volunteer or contributing financial support. We are a board of only 21 volunteer members and professional staff of just two. I hope you will take me up on this offer and get involved. Please keep informed by following our website, our Facebook page, and by getting on our mailing list.

Andy Borreg
Board Chair, Summit Hill Association

Upcoming SHA Events:
More Details in the April issue

Do not miss out! Here are some important events in 2017 to put on your calendar and start planning around.

Summit Hill Neighborhood Spring Garage Sale
The Summit Hill Association will once again sponsor a spring neighborhood garage sale on this Sunday. Selling used items helps you clean out your attic, basement or garage and if you can’t sell it or don’t want to keep it, bring it to the Neighborhood Cleanup Day later in the month. For $15 fee, participating households will receive copies of the Sale Site Listings flyer prior to the sale and two bright yellow “Summit Hill Garage Sale” posters. SHA advertises the sale in citywide and local newspapers, on the SHA website and provide additional flyers for the public to pick up at the SHA office before the sale. Participating residents coordinate and staff their own garage sales and retain all proceeds. Consider having your own sale or join together with a neighbor.

2017 Spring Progressive Supper
Every year, the Summit Hill Association gives you neighbors, old and new a chance to connect with others in the neighborhood around a meal. The Annual Progressive Suppers, put together by the Development Committee, are a popular way to meet other residents in the neighborhood. Breaking down the meals so that each house is responsible for only one course, makes it less work, and also gives every participant an opportunity to be a host and a guest. If you are not able to host for any reason, you are still welcome to be a guest at the event. Residents who have participated in past events have found it to be a fun event to get newly acquainted and also reacquainted with their neighbors.

May 2017 Annual Citywide Joint-Cleanup Events
The annual Summit Hill Neighborhood Cleanup will be held in May. Any resident in St. Paul can drop off materials at the May event. Please look for additional information in the April issue of The Summit or Facebook, regarding date, site location, which items can be disposed of or recycled at the Cleanup and fees charged.

Residents from District 16 are encouraged to clean out their garages, basements and attics and bring unwanted items for disposal and recycling to the cleanup site. The cleanup is a perfect opportunity to organize your block for an alley, boulevard, or park cleanup. If you can help, please call the SHA office at 222-1222 to sign up for a few hours of work or for further information.

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2017 SHA CALENDAR
MEETINGS & EVENTS

Meetings are held in the Linwood Community Center, 860 St. Clare Avenue unless noted otherwise. Dates and time may change. Call SHA at 222-1222 to confirm.

• Board of Directors - second Thurs., 7 p.m.
• Executive Committee - last Thurs., 7 p.m.
• Communications/Outreach Committee - 3rd Thurs., 7 p.m.
• Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming Committee - 4th Tues., 7 p.m.

For the following Committees, please call for meeting times:
• Environment Committee – as needed
• Development Committee – as needed
• Zoning and Land Use Committee – as needed

Alley Recycling:
Every Tuesday, recycling must be out by 7 a.m.

FEBRUARY
1 Summit Newsletter Awards
9 Monthly Neighborhood Mtg – Board
20 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming Committee
21 Communications & Outreach Committee
23 Executive Committee
28 Summit Newsletter Deadline

MARCH
9 Monthly Neighborhood Meeting – Board Meeting
20 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming Committee
21 Communications & Outreach Committee
30 Executive Committee

APRIL
13 Monthly Neighborhood Meeting - Board Meeting
17 Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming Committee
18 Communications & Outreach Committee
27 Executive Committee

Get Involved with SHA
When you volunteer for a worthy community effort, you are making an investment both in yourself and your community. Volunteering time today, for the joy of personal satisfaction. The Summit Hill Association would be delighted to help you find a volunteer activity that suits you. Give us a call at 651-222-1222.

Next Newsletter Deadline: February 28, 2017

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A Word from the SHA President

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You are invited to bring these concerns to the Open Forum period of the monthly meetings. You may even bring them to the meetings earlier to get information from others that are attending. You can also come to the meetings early to talk to other residents.

Are you interested in being a part of the monthly meetings? You are welcome to come to any meeting and we will tell you how to get involved. You can also make announcements at the meetings.

Are you interested in seeing a specific topic addressed at the monthly meetings? You can suggest a topic for us to discuss at the Open Forum period of our meetings. You can also suggest topics to the SHA Board of Directors to discuss at regular meetings.

If you have questions about the Open Forum period of the monthly meetings, you can ask questions during the meeting or reach out to the SHA Board of Directors.

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The Summit Hill Association is currently recruiting interested community members to participate in the Neighborhood Planning Committee. The Committee will be charged with coming up guiding the process that the Summit Hill community will engage in updating our current plan.

If you are interested, in participating in this committee, or would like to know more about it, please contact us at the Summit Hill Association office at 651-222-1222 or email at info@summithillassociation.org.

Neighborhood Attorneys Launch Domestic Abuse Legal Advocacy Center as a True LifeSaver

By Patricia McMorrow

Evan Spangler, left, and Rachel Schromen, co-founded Domestic Abuse Legal Advocacy Center, PSC in 2016, to provide pro bono legal representation to help victims and survivors of domestic abuse in shelters safely exit abusive relationships and situations.

When St. Paul attorneys Evan Spangler and Rachel Schromen experienced a rare and unanticipated chunk of time to write a nonprofit business plan—without distraction or interruption—they transformed a long-held vision into a legal-advocacy nonprofit like no other.

Evan, a Summit Hill resident and partner in the practice Spangler and de Stefano, PLLP, and Rachel, a Ramsey Hill resident and managing attorney at Schromen Law, LLC, met while doing pro bono legal work at a clinic, for a program helping women safely exit abusive relationships and situations. The organization exists outside of their private practices. (Domestic Abuse Legal Advocacy cont. on p.7)

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Improving St. Paul’s Infrastructure
A conversation with John Marshall, Xcel Energy

The backbone of St. Paul’s gas system has been strengthened and its delivery made more reliable with the completion this fall of Xcel Energy’s East Metro Gas Pipeline Project.

Over the past four years, the company has replaced about 11½ miles of gas transmission line that runs straight through the heart of St. Paul and serves around 400,000 customers. The original compression-coupled lines were installed in the 1940s and 1950s and were replaced with stronger welded steel to increase integrity, remote valves to improve system reliability and safety, and the capability to utilize inline inspection tools prevent- ing the need for future excavations.

The replacement project represents a $69 million investment and was executed between May–October over a four-year period starting in 2013 to avoid gas interruptions during the winter heating season.

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Sprouting Volunteers

The garden is a catalyst for volunteer engage- ment. Since its inception in 2011 and ground-breaking in 2013, the garden has attracted hundreds of volunteers, some for just a day and others for year after year. At least three members of the garden have been honored by the City of St. Paul Neighbor- hood Honor Roll Awards which recog- nized outstanding volunteers in the district councils. The garden is an opportunity for neighbors of all generations to work side by side. This past summer, a local class of preschoolers tended a plot, as did women in the domestic abuse shelter. The “Shared Garden” space is another place where people use their time communally, literally working together for maximum yield and sharing a portion of the harvest with local food shelves.

Growing Demand

It’s no secret that nationwide demand for community garden access is growing and St. Paul is no exception. Community gardens offer incredible benefits not only to the indi- vidual plot keepers but to the neighborhood as well. Activity and beautification of vacant green space brings vitality, connectivity and improves safety. SHCG maintains a waiting list each year as interest grows.

Registration for individual plots opens on February 1st, each year. The application is available on the Summit Hill Association website and must be submitted by March 1st. Each year there is about 25% turnover and in the first four years, 100% of applica- tions submitted by the March 1st deadline have been offered a garden plot.

Help us Grow

All are welcome to be involved with the garden. Walk by the space to smell flowers and meet the busy pollinators. Spend an hour pollling seeds or picking produce at an open work day where you’ll also get to know others (open work days are held throughout the spring, summer and fall). Maybe you have a unique skill, a handy tool or know a group looking for a volunteer activity? (We are especially happy for help from folks with trucks or trailers) Or best of all, apply for a plot and really get your hands dirty. We would be thrilled to welcome everyone in growing with us.

Contact us at: summithillcg@gmail.com

Planting Seeds for Fifth Season
Deadline for garden plot application is March 1st, 2017

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Tuesday 6 a.m.– 9 p.m.
Wednesday 7 a.m.– 9 p.m.
Thursday 6 a.m.– 9 p.m.
Friday 7 a.m.– 6 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m.– 1 p.m.

Call Linwood Recreation Center at 651-298-5660 for specific class information.

Zumba Classes
Instructor: Jackie Munoz

MARTIAL ARTS: SOO BAHK DO
Instructor: Mike Kelly, Certified Master Instructor
For more information call Mike Kelly at 651-214-1485 or email: mike@kellyrenewals.com. Please contact Linwood at 651-298-5660 to register. For ages 6 to adults this is a traditional martial art emphasizing discipline, concentration, self-confidence, personal development, self-defense, conditioning and more. Learn from and internationally ranked certified master instructor with 20+ years of experience. Family discounts are available.

Introductory Classes for New Students (includes uniform)
Saturdays from 9:30-4:35 a.m. Fee: $75 for 2 months. Sessions: Ongoing for ages 6+.

Ongoing Classes for returning Students:
Tues. 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Sat. 9:45-10:45 a.m.
Fee: $45/month or $105/3 months

ADULT/SENIOR FITNESS & WELLNESS CLASSES AT LINWOOD
Our certified instructors at Linwood offer a variety of fitness and wellness classes to accommodate all levels of participants in fun atmosphere. All classes are $5/session. Discounted punch cards are available for purchase. A 20 Fitness Punch Card is $80, and a 12 Fitness Punch Card is $54. Punch cards do not expire and may be used for any Linwood aerobics class. Punch cards may not be used for the Exercise/Weight room.

Early Bird Fitness Workout:
Day Spring with the Fittest
Instructor: Cliff Swynigan
Tuesday/Thursday 6:15 a.m.

Pilates Mind/Body/Strength
Instructor: Cliff Swynigan

Tuesday/Thursday 6:15 p.m.

Complete Fitness Challenge
Instructor: Colleen Tusa
Tuesday 10:30 a.m.
Friday 9:30 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Complete Fitness Challenge
Instructor: Teresa Davenport
Monday 9:15 a.m.

55 Plus Workout
Instructor: Teresa Davenport
Tuesday/Thursday 9:15 a.m.

Yoga: Earth Moon
Instructor: Teresa Davenport
Wednesday 9:15 a.m.
Wednesday 7:45 p.m.
Friday 12:00 p.m.

FITNESS/WEIGHT ROOM
Linwood Rec. Center 651-298-5660

This room consists of 7 nautilus Cybex machines, two treadmills, two stair climbers, and two exercise bicycles plus one elliptical machine for cardiovascular training. Locker rooms are available for members. To use the equipment, you may pay daily fee of $3 or purchase a Twelve month/Annual membership.

Memberships:
Daily $3.00
Single Adult $30.00
Non -Linwood Residents $60.00

Volunteer Coaches
Saint Paul Parks and Recreation offers a variety of coaching opportunities in youth athletics. As a volunteer coach you can help develop young athletes, provide leadership, promote good sportsmanship and be a positive role model. If you have experience or are willing to learn coaching fundamentals, we can give you the necessary skills and tools. All coaches will be trained through Saint Paul’s coaching certification program. All coaches are required to consent to a background check. The average time commitment is 2-3 hours per week for approximately 8 weeks. Please contact Linwood for more info!

Linwood staff:
Phillip McGuire (Community Recreation Specialist), Debbie Palud, Dusty Horton, and Bryan Rasmussen. Preschool instructors: Bibbi Sibbing and Swanna Maye Hartagh.

A new feature on the Saint Paul Police Department Crime reports shows a list of proactive and positive efforts police are taking to keep the neighborhood safe. Crime reports from the St. Paul Police department help SHA block club leaders to track timely information regarding crime instances in the neighborhood. According to Brian Balfanz of the Saint Paul Police Department’s Research and Analysis Unit, this is “in keeping with Chief Antio’s expectation of trusted service with respect,” the department is now including Proactive Police Visits and Community Engagement Events in the weekly District Council crime incident report.

Proactive Police Visits are officer initiated opportunities to engage the community. Community Engagement Events are outreach opportunities developed through the Saint Paul Police Department Community Engagement Unit.

This action on the police department’s part has already been noticed by the community. As one Summit Hill resident has informed us, “I value getting any kind of information or data… I’m just curious about more details of ‘proactive police visits.’ I assume it’s also about more crime prevention tips! I think this ‘change’ of proactive police visits could only help everyone if it’s what I’m assuming it is. Thanks for keeping me informed!”

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To subscribe to the Crime Prevention email list visit www.summithillassociation.org today! Remember, your questions matter.

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New Data Available Regarding Police/Community Interactions

Regarding Police/Community Interactions

User: Mike Kelly
Text: "I value getting any kind of information or data… I’m just curious about more details of ‘proactive police visits.’ I assume it’s also about more crime prevention tips! I think this ‘change’ of proactive police visits could only help everyone if it’s what I’m assuming it is. Thanks for keeping me informed!”

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Pedestrian Safety Update

The Arts & the Spiritual Journey
February 1, 6:30–7:30 pm
Join us for a fascinating discussion with Wilson Yates, President Emeritus and Distinquished Professor Emeritus of Religion, Society and the Arts at United Theologil Seminary of the Twin Cities. All are welcome.

Randi Roth to speak at St. Paul’s UCC
Wednesday evening February 22 at 6:30 p.m., St. Paul’s United Church of Christ invites you to hear Randi Roth, executive director of Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul (IA). This vital organization, formerly the Saint Paul Area Council of Churches, changed its name in 2015 after careful and strategic planning to enlarge the circle of faith communities working together for great benefit to the East metro.

Roth will speak of this organization’s vi-sion--People of faith will believe the effects of poverty and address its causes through the transformative work of thousands of volunteers. She will talk about building an "infrastructure of opportunity" based on the work of North Carolina poverty researcher David Dodson.

Roth is the interfaith organization’s first Jewish executive director, a former legal aid attorney and previously director of philanth-ropy at the Otto Bremer Foundation in Saint Paul. Don’t miss this opportunity to hear from Interfaith Action’s dynamic leader!

Domestic Abuse Legal Advocacy
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Rather than have clients travel to an office, monthly legal-advise-only clinics are held on-site at the Twin Cities area shelters, and sev-eral clinics each year are held at the Greater Minnesota locations. To the best of their knowledge, the lawyers believe the center is the only onsite model in the United States. Hoping to expand its reach over time, the center currently collaborates with Women’s Advocates in St. Paul, and Headwaters Inter-vention Center in Park Rapids.

And while the confidential nature of the center’s work means Esvon and Rachel aren’t able to discuss specifics, they both smile at the recollection of being at a shelter and see-ing a woman they had counseled preparing to move out to live independently. The attorneys say being able to support victims and survivors of domestic abuse in navigating the legal system with confidence felt profession-ally and personally rewarding.

At this time, the center is funded solely through donations from individuals and businesses. Rachel and Esvon note that if not for their private practices, they would not be able to keep the center going. But the co-founders have a long-term business plan, focused on expanding the center’s services to additional shelters in the Twin Cities metro area and Greater Minnesota.

They also aspire to provide in-court repre-sentation for Women’s Advocate’s shelter residents for Orders for Protection and eviction expensions and to continue to provide training to shelter staffs in their roles as domestic abuse advocates.

The center intends to apply for a number of grants and foundation funding. Support from a volunteer grant writer would be especially welcome. For more infor-mation about the center and its services, please email Rachel at rachel@domest-i-calabuselegaladvocacycenter.org or Esvon at event@domesticabuselegaladvocacycenter.org.
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