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Congratulations
Neighborhood Honor Roll Awardees 2018

On January 26th, Summit Hill Association awarded the Good Neighbor Award to three amazing community members. Congratulations!

Laurie Crowell has apprenticed under some of the country’s top fine foods creators. She attributes much of her gourmet appreciation to and continues to be inspired by Barefoot Contessa’s Ina Garten, with whom she worked in East Hampton, NY. Voted one of the ‘Top 100 Minnesotans to Watch’ by Mpls/St. Paul Magazine, Crowell has developed and manufactured her line of specialty foods in Minneapolis, MN since 1996. Her Golden Fig goodies are available at specialty shops countrywide. The Golden Fig retail shop, located on St. Paul’s historic Grand Avenue, opened in 2007 and continues to be the only grocery and home goods shop selling exclusively American-made goods, featuring the full Golden Fig line as well as exceptional chocolates, cheeses, snacks, preserves and gift baskets. Crowell stays involved in the local food scene by selling at the St. Paul Farmers Market where she has had a stall since 1997 as well as by appearing regularly on local television programs, Twin Cities Live. Crowell’s latest collection of poems, “Songs of Crocus Hill,” pays tribute to many Summit Hill community members.

Michael Murphy is a former English teacher at St. Claf and Macalester Colleges, and a retired partner from the law firm of Faegre & Benson (Now Faegre Baker Daniels). Michael E. Murphy grew up at 1069 Fairmount Avenue. He attended grade school at St. Luke’s (now St. Thomas More) and graduated in 1957 from Cretin High School (now Cretin-Derham Hall). Mike’s latest collection of poems, “Songs of Crocus Hill,” pays tribute to many Summit Hill memories too sweet to forget. He writes of ice skating out under the stars at ‘The Olympic Skating Rink’ (the flooded and frozen courts of the St. Paul Tennis Club) and of a yo-yo salesman doing tricks with a Duncan on the wide stoop in front of Radisky’s Linwood Sweetshop at Osceola and Oxford (now a duplex). Mike shares memories of his dad, Minnesota Supreme Court Justice William Patrick Murphy, stepping of the Grand Avenue streetcar, and of Carl Wald, the German tailor, whose shop was at Grand and Oxford, across from Vince’s Pure Oil (now All-American Auto Service).

The City of St. Paul appreciates Mike’s love of language, and the treasure of memories he has preserved through his poetry.

SUMMIT HILL ASSOCIATION
House Tour 2018
Sponsors Announced

We are excited to announce the Summit Hill Association House Tour 2018 is sponsored this year by The Odd Couple Team Keller Williams Integrity Realty! The Tour is set for Sunday, September 30, from 1-5pm, with many wonderful homes and public places to showcase this year. Tickets are $30 and will go on sale in April. New this year we are offering a limited number of VIP tickets which will include brunch, free parking and an extra hour of tour starting at noon, as well as other ‘perks’. If you are interested in showcasing your home, please contact Monica Haas at director@summithillassociation.org or call 651-222-1222. Proceeds from the House Tour make up a significant portion of the operating expenses for your Summit Hill Association.

Would you like free admission to the tour? Sign up to be a volunteer! It’s a great way to meet new friends in the neighborhood! Each volunteer gets a free t-shirt, and a ticket to our infamous after party!!! The volunteer application is available to complete on our webpage.

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Check our web site for updates and news from the neighborhood.
Join The Treasure Hunt & Recycle Locally!

Summit Hill Neighborhood Garage Sale
May 5, 2018!

The Summit Hill Association’s annual Spring neighborhood-wide Garage Sale is Sat., May 5th from 9 a.m. until mid-afternoon. Call the Salvation Army, 612-332-5855, for information on their next day pickup service and donation acceptance practices.

A minimum of 20 participants are needed in order to hold this Summit Hill neighborhood-wide sale.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

The sale participation fee is $20/sale location. You coordinate and staff your own garage sale and retain all proceeds. Consider joining together with neighbors to make it a SHA Crime Prevention Block or Building Club social event.

Sales sites receive advance copies of the Garage Sale Sites flyer, two bright yellow ‘Summit Hill Garage Sale’ posters and advertisement in the Pioneer Press, the Minneapolis Star & Tribune and Villager newspapers and on the SHA website at summithillassociation.org. The very popular SHA Garage Sales flyer with a sales locator map will be available to the community at each sale site, at the Linwood Community Center and online on the SHA website.

To participate, complete the form included and send it/drop it off with your check to the SHA office by Wednesday, April 25th.

Your email address is needed for us to confirm your registration. Don’t have email? Contact SHA Office.

SHA Garage Sale Participation Form

Return this form with $20 check by Wednesday, April 25th to Summit Hill Association, Linwood Community Center, 800 St. Clair Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105

Name ____________________________
Email ____________________________

(Needed to confirm registration; call 651-222-1222, if you don’t have email)

Phone ____________________________

Address of Sale ____________________________________________________________

Please give your closest cross street(s) ____________________________

Multi-Family Sale? ________

Sale Site: Rear Garage? ________ Front Yard? ________

_ maternity clothing
_ children’s clothing
_ baby clothes & items
_ TOYS
_ women’s clothing
_ men’s clothing
_ household misc.
_ ELECTRONICS
_ appliances
_ garden/yard equip.
_ furniture (types_)
_ antiques
_ collectibles (types_)

List any special or unique items for possible items to be included and send it/drop it off with your check to the SHA office by Wednesday, April 25th.

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English, Reading, Writing, Computer and GED Adult Classes

Do you or someone you know need to learn English, get your GED or improve your computer skills? The Adult Literacy Hotline is a resource for adults to get connected with free classes in their area. We have over 300 Adult Basic Education programs throughout Minnesota. Call: 1-800-222-1990, send a text message to: 612-424-1211 or search: www.mnliteracy.org/hotline. ¡Se habla español!

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SHA News and
Summit Hill Progressive Supper 2017
Saturday, May 5th, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Name 1 _____________________________________________________________________________
Name 2 _____________________________________________________________________________
Address _____________________________________________________________________________
Email _______________________________________________________________________________
Phone _______________________________________________________________________________

# of Tickets ___________________ $ Amount Enclosed (# of tickets X $10) ___________________

Please indicate your first, second, and third choice for the course you wish to host, and indicate the maximum number of people you are able to accommodate (no more than 10 people, including the hosts).

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Comments; Food Allergies/Dietary Restrictions:

All pre-orders must be received by 5:00 PM on April 10th.

All plants will be ready for pick up the morning of May 5 at the Linwood Rec Center. There will also be a limited selection of plants to purchase in person on May 5.

To learn more, please contact the SHA Offices at (651) 222-1222.

Participation is $10 per person. Please make any checks out to Summit Hill Association, and return by Friday, April 27, with your registration form (found in this Newsletter) to the SHA office. The office is located at 860 St. Clair Ave, Saint Paul, MN, 55105. If you have questions about the event, please contact the SHA Office at (651) 222-1222 or info@summithillassociation.org.
Future of Grand Avenue is Up to Us Alone

From the SHA President
By Andrew Rorvig

Grand Avenue is the main street of our neighborhood and arguably our City. It is a success story. It has evolved over time. In an old streetcar street. Then, after the popularity of cars the streetcars left, and in the 50s it became home to car dealerships and repair shops. If you look closely at the buildings on the corner of Victoria and Grand you can still see some of the remains of those dealerships. In the 70s and 80s, Grand wasn't much to talk about. But in the 90s, we had another evolution with the creation eclectic mix of shops and restaurants. All the while, Grand has been able to keep its great mix of 1920 apartments, two-story homes housing business, and even a few single family homes. Grand has stood the test of time. That definition of Grand is magnificent – and that is what it is.

But like anything, things change. Competition is on the rise. We have seen the rebirth of areas that have not always shared that same success. Areas like Lowertown, West 7th, and Selly-Dale are popular. Part of that is because they don’t have the property taxes like our area has. But part of that is because they offer something new. And that growth is good. However, it’s put pressure on every one of us (businesses and residents alike) to work together to find solutions to keep Grand magnificent.

If recent history is any barometer, and parking meters are a just one example, I put no faith that City Hall is going to help us. Instead, we need to work together as a community—ignoring outside interests and desires of short-lived politicians—to find solutions.

That doesn’t mean that things have to always look the way they do now. It also doesn’t mean that we need to ignore historic preservation. Far from it. Rather only we (businesses and residents) can solve our differences. I have spent most of my tenure on the Summit Hill Board and the Grand Avenue Business Association Board trying to bring us all together, residents and business.

If you know me, you have heard me say, we are all in this together. I mean it. Let’s work together. We have the resources and the solutions. We alone can insure another century of prosperity on Grand Avenue.

Andy Rorvig is president of the all-volunteer SHA Board of Directors. He lives on Fairmount Avenue.
The Summit Hill Association Pedestrian Safety Committee has been working with the City of Saint Paul on the upcoming traffic calming and pedestrian safety improvements coming to Grand Avenue. The project, scheduled to start in the summer after Grand Old Day, includes a number of pedestrian safety improvements to the crosswalks and stop lights along Grand Avenue between Victoria Street and Hamline Avenue.

There will be a number of pedestrian-friendly enhancements. All intersections will get approved ADA-compliant ramps. In addition, intersections with stop lights will get improved light timing and pedestrian signals. Intersections without signals will get crosswalk bump-outs that shorten the distance across Grand Avenue.

The SHA Pedestrian Safety Committee has been actively engaged with the City, providing feedback and neighborhood perspective for the past six months, including co-hosting a neighborhood open house at Linwood Recreation Center January 4 which was well attended by the neighborhood and local news media. Another presentation was held at the SHA Board of Director’s meeting on February 8.

The committee has also been actively pursuing smaller neighborhood safety improvement efforts, including distributing reflective markings to neighborhood school patrols, and working on other Safe Routes to School efforts.

Linwood Monroe Arts & SHA Field Day

Thanks to a grant from the Capitol Region Watershed District, Summit Hill Association has partnered with the second-grade teachers and students at Linwood Monroe Arts Plus Lower School to bring community awareness about rain gardens to our neighbors. Summit Hill Association purchased grow lights, seeds, and supplies for the students, so they could begin growing a variety of rain garden hardy plants to plant in the large rain garden at the Linwood Recreation Center on Saint Clair Ave.

On May 22nd, the students will come to Linwood Recreation Center for a field day. They will plant their plants in the rain garden and learn about rain gardens from a certified Water Steward. They will learn about the ‘Adopt a Drain’ program, and why it’s vital to our water system. The students will work with Annie Hejny, an artist who uses river water and sediment to create beautiful paintings, and will create their own art with natural materials.

You can learn more about Anne and her art at www.annie-hejny.com. The students will have a picnic lunch, and have time to play at the playground. The Summit Hill Association is so excited to have our neighborhood school work with us on this project.

More Traffic Calming Efforts Coming to Grand Avenue

The City of Saint Paul strives to provide safe and well-maintained streets. Ultimately, taking care of potholes in a timely manner will prolong a street’s useful life and reduce future maintenance and rehabilitation costs. With citywide cooperation, we can fight back against potholes and work together to keep our streets well maintained.

How to Report Potholes
- Call 651-266-9700
- Email: potholes@ci.stpaul.mn.us
- Report the pothole online using Saint Paul Connect @ https://en.seeclickfix.com/st_paul

Filling Potholes in Cold Temperatures
In the winter, potholes are patched with a special type of asphalt called “winter mix.” Winter mix uses a softer, stickier asphalt that can be compacted into a hole even in below-freezing temperatures. Winter patches are temporary as the mix warms with the spring and summer temperatures and the material becomes too soft to stay in place. Filling Potholes in Warm Temperatures
In the spring, summer and fall, potholes are patched with “hot mix” asphalt - the same asphalt used to build new roads. Hot mix patches last anywhere from a year to several years. Hot mix is not available until late March or April, depending on weather conditions.
Things to do on the ‘Hill

Linwood Rec Center News & Events
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BUILDING HOURS:
Monday 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Tuesday 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Wednesday 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Thursday 7 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.

Amenities
Indoor Amenities:
Craft Room (Small)
Dance Studio
Fitness Center
Gym (Large)
Meeting Room (Large)
Senior Lounge
Warming Room

Outdoor Amenities:
Baseball Field
Basketball Half-Court
Playground
Soccer Field
(2) Softball Fields
(2) Tennis Courts

New Security Measures At Linwood Recreation Center

Last spring, Linwood Recreation Center saw an uptick in crime, which included large groups of young people meeting at the park to fight. SHA and concerned neighbors met with the Saint Paul Police Department and Parks and Recreation to find solutions to help stop the crime. We are pleased to announce that security cameras and better lighting will be installed at the Linwood Recreation Center this spring. Councilmember Rebecca Noeker advocated for the $45,000 needed for the project. We look forward to a safe, fun springtime at the park!

Creative Kids Cooking Class
When: March 12th - May 10
Mon & Thru | 6:30pm-7:45pm
Ages: 7 yr - 12 yr old
Registration: Linwood Rec Center
COST: $80

We want to hear from you!
If you have any questions, programming ideas, or suggestions please contact Dave Danielson at dave.danielson@ci.stpaul.mn.us or 651-298-5660.

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Business owners’ and residents’ list of wants included: traffic calming, slower speed limits, more stop signs, and less traffic; more and better parking and clearer and expanded permit parking; better pedestrian safety and crosswalk enforcements; more small, local shops on Grand; and lower crime and more police keeping gangs out of parks. Thank you to everyone who completed the survey! We value your comments; your input is essential to this process and informs the direction the revised neighborhood comprehensive plan will take.

We are still working on finding a consultant to assist with the final draft of the survey and guiding it through city hall. Come to dinner at Cooks of Crocus Hill on March 26 where The Splendid Table’s Lynne Rossetto Kasper will entertain and amuse us, or come to our special event celebrating local resident CoCo Irvine and the History Theatre’s production of CoCo’s Diary. More information and tickets at https://www.summithillassociation.org/upcoming-plan-related-events/.

Oh yes, the winner of the $100 Café Latte gift card is Michael Thrasher! Congratulations and thank you Michael for your participation!

While too early to make definitive statements about the survey outcomes, residents and business owners liked these things about the neighborhood best: historic and old houses and their architecture and history; walkability and ability to walk to nearby shopping, restaurants, and services; friendly neighbors and sense of community; and the variety of local and small businesses.
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