**The Summit Hill Association • District 16 • Newsletter • April 2019**

**The SHA Spring Plant Sale is just around the corner!**

We will again be offering high quality plants and gift cards from Gerten’s Greenhouses. Plants will be available for sale or pickup Friday May 3, 5:00PM to 7:00PM and Saturday May 4, 8:00AM to 2:00PM at the Linwood Rec Center.

Here are some important details:

- Hanging baskets, patio pots, perennials, and perennial grasses will be available through **pre-order only. Pre-orders are due Thursday, April 25! To place an order, use the printed order form inserted in this newsletter or go to the SHA website at SummitHillAssociation.org**

- Full flats of annuals can be pre-ordered.

- Individual annual packs will be available on the days of the sale at Linwood Recreation Center.

- NEW: For an additional $5.00, the SHA Plant Sales Team will deliver your pre-order to your home or business.

- All deliveries will be on Friday, May 3, 6:00–8:00PM.

Proceeds from this sale will support the ongoing work of the non-profit Summit Hill Association.

For more information contact Summit Hill Association by phone (651) 222-1222 or by email info@SummitHillAssociation.org

**Summit Hill’s Read Brave Book Club**

Winter 2019 may have been brutal, but the snow and sub-zero temperatures hasn’t stopped neighbors from venturing out to the Linwood Rec Center to take part in the SHA Book Club and Community Discussion. The inaugural book club, inspired by St. Paul’s city-wide Read Brave program, chose books that focused on critical issues of housing, poverty, and inclusiveness.

**The final event is coming up on Tuesday, April 23. Participants will gather to discuss The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas.**

Previously, the book club met to discuss three other powerful books: *Evicted*, which focused on the cycle of poverty and housing vulnerability in the city of Milwaukee; *White Fragility*, the national best-seller that discussed the difficulties people have coming to terms with racial stereotypes; and *Voices of Rondo*, that explored St. Paul’s vibrant Rondo neighborhood.

The book club also welcomed a guest speaker, Rondo resident Marvin Roger Anderson, who discussed the devastating changes that came to the area with the construction of I-94.

 Residents enjoyed the opportunity to meet one another and share their thoughts during these lively sessions. And interest is high in making the book club an ongoing event! Anyone interested in taking part in a monthly book club can call (651) 222-1222.

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**Looking to meet some new people in the neighborhood? Sign up for our Spring Progressive Supper!**

Scheduled for May 4, this signature Summit Hill event unfolds over four courses—each held at a different home in the neighborhood. The cost is $10 per person, and all proceeds benefit SHA. Please submit the enclosed form by April 30.

**Join the Treasure Hunt—Recycle Locally**

The Summit Hill Association’s annual spring Garage Sale is May 4 from 9 am until mid-afternoon. A minimum of 20 participants are needed in order to hold this neighborhood-wide event. Sign up using the enclosed form.
Neighbors Attend Community Meeting to Learn More About Lunds & Byerlys Proposed Grand Ave Development

Over 200 people attended a community meeting on Monday, March 18, to hear about a proposed mixed use development on Grand Avenue. Lunds & Byerlys shared information about their plans to open a grocery store and four floors of residential units at the corner of Grand Ave and Avon St. Hosted by the Summit Hill Association and the Grand Avenue Business Association at Mount Zion Temple, the meeting provided the opportunity for Lunds & Byerlys to present their plan to the community and for neighbors to share their thoughts in a face-to-face format with Lunds representatives, including CEO Tres Lund.

The evening featured a presentation from Lunds & Byerlys—complete with renderings of two possible designs for proposed development—as well as small group breakout sessions to allow people the chance to discuss their impressions with each other. During the small group sessions, common themes and questions were recorded by group moderators. These questions were then put to Lunds & Byerlys for response.

At the time of the meeting, Lunds & Byerlys had not submitted an application to the City of Saint Paul. The meeting was a listen and learn session for the company, and a chance for it to hear directly from residents and incorporate feedback before making a decision about whether or not to purchase the parcel of land for the proposed development.

Residents and business owners may contact Lunds & Byerlys with questions or comments via email at GrandAve@LundsandByerlys.com.

To receive updates on the progress of the proposed Lunds & Byerlys development, sign up for SHA’s Summit eNewsletter at our website: SummitHillAssociation.org/newsletter

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Help Tidy Up Summit Hill During the Citywide Spring Community Clean Up

Join your friends and neighbors on Saturday, April 27, at the Linwood Recreation Center and take part in the Citywide Spring Clean Up. Beginning at 9AM and going until 11:30AM (or until the last piece of litter is picked up...whichever comes first), the cleanup is a great way to have an immediate and positive impact on our neighborhood. It’s also an easy way to accumulate a few volunteer hours without having to venture far from home.

Trash bags will be provided for all volunteers and distributed when you arrive. The City of Saint Paul recommends that volunteers bring their own gloves in order to keep hands clean and protected.

Questions? Send an email to info@SummitHillAssociation.org

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UPCOMING EVENTS
4/11/19 - SHA Board meeting @7pm
4/23/19 - SHA Book Club #4 @7pm
4/25/19 - SHA Executive Committee meeting
4/27/19 - Community Cleanup at Linwood Rec Center
5/3–5/4/19 - SHA Plant Sale
5/4/19 - Summit Hill Garage Sale
5/4/19 - Progressive Supper 6–11pm
5/9/19 - SHA Board meeting @7pm
5/30/19 - SHA Executive Committee meeting
6/2/19 - Grand Old Day
6/13/19 - SHA Board meeting @7pm
6/27/19 - SHA Executive Committee meeting

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SHA President’s Message

One of the most rewarding aspects of being a member of the Summit Hill Association Board is the chance to give back to the community in which I live. It’s why I joined the Board nearly five years ago, and it’s what keeps me engaged all these years later. Summit Hill is a wonderful neighborhood, made special by the renters, homeowners, and businesses that call it home.

As President of the SHA Board, it is my honor to work with fellow volunteers to contribute to the well-being of Summit Hill. If this is something that sounds interesting to you, please reach out! We are always looking for others to join us on the many committees, projects, and events that take place throughout the year, and welcome people of all ages and abilities. Much of the work of SHA would not be possible without the generosity of the volunteers who donate their time and efforts.

There are several ways you can get involved with SHA:

- **Run for a seat on the Board!** Right now there are a few open positions, and we would love to have you join. To learn more about what Board membership involves and how you can apply, contact the SHA Office at info@SummitHillAssociation.org

- **Join a committee.** Several committees of the SHA Board have spaces that can be filled by non-Board members. Want to help maintain a rain garden? Interested in sharing pedestrian safety information? Have a desire to write a few articles for this newsletter? Join one of the SHA committees!

- **Volunteer at a Summit Hill event.** From the Summit Hill House Tour to the annual plant sale, it’s the help we receive from people willing to lend a hand for a few hours that makes the difference.

Thank you to all the volunteers who make it possible to keep SHA a resource for the entire community. It is because of our shared efforts that Summit Hill continues to be a place I am proud to call home.

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According to a University of Minnesota study conducted by HumanFIRST Laboratories, the safe and predictable distance for a vehicle to stop while traveling at 30 mph is 141 feet. The St. Paul Police department enforces drivers stopping at this distance. This means a driver needs to be able to see a pedestrian at least 141 feet away in order to safely come to a complete stop. This is roughly equivalent to the distance of 8.8 average mid-size sedans.

**Tips for Pedestrians:**
- It may take up to 8.8 average sedan lengths for a motorist to SAFELY come to a stop at an intersection.
- Make eye contact with motorists. Do NOT assume drivers will stop.
- Place one foot in street to signal your intent to cross.
- Raise hand if possible.
- Always walk at corners.
- Never walk in front of a moving car.

**Tips for Motorists:**
- Scan for Pedestrians 141 feet from ALL intersections, take note of 8.8 car lengths to gauge this distance.
- Scan for pedestrians 141 feet from all “marked” and “unmarked” crosswalks.
- Come to a full stop until pedestrian crosses street.
- Do not go around cars stopped at an intersection: Motorist may be stopped for pedestrians. Only proceed when you are certain a pedestrian is NOT in crosswalk.
- Reduce speed, particularly when making turns, through all intersections.

**KEY:** 141’ = 8.8 cars (using average length of 16’)
8.8th (9th car) would come to a safe stop whilst traveling 30 mph = 141’
Zoning & Land Use Notes

The SHA Zoning & Land Use Committee meets every other week on Tuesdays as needed. The next tentatively scheduled meetings are April 16, April 30, and May 14. Consult the SHA website to see if meetings will proceed and for agendas.

5 Heather Place
On Monday, March 25, the Saint Paul Board of Zoning Appeals granted an application for a lot split and designation of the existing carriage house as an independent residence and a variance for construction of a new garage (near the existing primary residence).

940 Goodrich
On Monday, March 25, the Saint Paul Board of Zoning Appeals delayed for four weeks an application for a lot split and variances needed for the construction of a new residence on the west half of the lot. This matter will be reheard April 22.

770 Grand Ave
At the March 27, 2019 meeting, the Saint Paul City Council adopted the rezoning proposal to convert the existing structure, zoned BC, to T2.

Summit Hill Environmental Committee Receives Award for Outreach Program of the Year

On Thursday, January 24, the Capitol Region Watershed District recognized the Environmental and Beautification Committee of the Summit Hill Association for their partnership with Linwood Elementary School and local artist Annie Hejny. Committee Chair Susan Schultze and Committee members Anthony Swichtenberg and Peggy Thomas accepted the Watershed Outreach Program Award for their work connecting students to clean water practices through education and art.

Working with Hejny, the Committee and students from Linwood Elementary created a trio of paintings that capture the way water makes them feel. Students offered up words like “calm” and “happy” and wrote them on the canvas. They then took turns tossing handfuls of river sediment onto the canvas, after which she poured water and acrylic paint over and through the sediment. The students were able to watch as the water, sediment, and paint organically mixed together over their words and developed into their painting.

Linwood students also participated in hands-on, water-stewardship-themed stations guided by Schultze, Swichtenberg, and Thomas, and learned how to take care of and maintain a rainwater garden. The Committee is planning to continue its partnership with Linwood Elementary and host another day of water learning and creativity.

Have a photo you’d like to share?
We are seeking photos of the neighborhood for use in our printed newsletter and website. If you have an image you’d like us to use, please email it to us at info@SummitHillAssociation.org}

Coming soon.

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Summer Sewer Work Scheduled for Summit Ave.

Sewer lining work on Summit Ave between Lexington Pkwy and Milton will occur for several weeks between June 1 and August 1, 2019. Night work will begin at 6 PM and end by 7 AM the following day.

The work will be done overnight to minimize impacts associated with construction activity to businesses, pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

Instead of digging up the street and installing a new sewer pipe, the City will install a pipe liner within the existing sewers. The sewer liner creates a new long-lasting pipe within the old sewer. The City lines about 10 miles of City sewer citywide per year and work occurs throughout the year.

Sewer lining work requires two operations: First the sewers are cleaned and inspected, and then the sewers are rehabilitated by installing a liner or new pipe inside of the existing sewer. It will take two nights to clean the sewers and then, approximately four weeks later, another five nights to install the sewer liner.

Sewer lining will occur over five consecutive night shifts. During the sewer lining process, properties can’t use water, or their sewer will back-up.

Affected homeowners will have already received notice from the city. Questions should be directed to Shawn O’Keefe, Public Works Department at (651) 266-9840 or shawn.okeefe@ci.stpaul.mn.us

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Check our web site at  
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**Summit Hill Spring Progressive Supper ~ Saturday, May 4, 2019, 6:00—11:00PM**

*Sign-ups are due to the SHA office by April 29.* Mail your form with a check for full amount to Summit Hill Association, 860 St. Clair Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55105.

**Participants:**
Name 1 ________________________________  
Name 2 ________________________________  
Address ________________________________  
Email ________________________________  
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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 (including you!).

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**Comments/Food Allergies/Dietary Restrictions:**

**Summit Hill Garage Sale ~ Saturday, May 4, 2019 ~ 9:00AM—2:00PM**

The participation fee is $20 per sales location. You coordinate and staff your own garage sale and retain all proceeds.  
**To participate, this completed form and payment must be received by the Summit Hill Association by Tuesday, April 22.** Mail to Summit Hill Association, 860 St. Clair Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55105, sign up and pay online at SummitHillAssociation.org, or scan and email to info@SummitHillAssociation.org. Please note: A minimum of 20 participants are needed in order to hold this Summit Hill neighborhood-wide sale. Your email address is needed for us to confirm your registration.

**Contact the SHA Office at (651) 222-1222 to get additional information or with any questions.**

Name ________________________________  
Email ________________________________  
Phone (Needed to confirm your registration) ________________________________

Please give your closest cross street(s) ________________________________

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