The unfortunate but necessary decision to cancel the 2020 Summit Hill House Tour led to a feeling of profound disappointment on the parts of Twin Cities residents who look forward to that tour every year. We hope that feeling of disappointment will turn to excitement and anticipation with the announcement of the first-ever Summit Hill/Ramsey Hill House Tour set for 2021.

The upcoming tour provides the first opportunity for visitors to tour homes in both Summit Hill and Ramsey Hill—the neighborhoods that really gave birth to Saint Paul. These two areas boast some of the most historic and unique homes in the city.

"Canceling this year’s Summit Hill tour was the responsible thing to do in light of the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic," said SHA President Peter Rhoades. "But that didn’t make the decision any easier to take, because we know how many people look forward to the tour. That’s why we are so excited to be able to tell people they don’t need to wait another two years to see some of the fantastic homes throughout our two neighborhoods."

The Summit Hill/Ramsey Hill House Tour will cover a wide expanse of Saint Paul, from Ayd Mill to the west to the Cathedral to the east, and Marshall Avenue on the north to south of Saint Clair Avenue. This combined event will give visitors the chance to get a first-hand look at more houses, and visit more businesses, than ever before. The event will feature tours of area homes as well as other events throughout both neighborhoods.

"We’re so excited to be able to join with our neighbors in Ramsey Hill to provide this opportunity," said Peter Rhoades. "And while we wish that this year’s tour could go on as scheduled, we are positive that next year’s tour will offer a fantastic experience. Summit Hill and Ramsey Hill are two of the oldest, most historic—and most scenic—neighborhoods in our city. This is a chance for visitors to spend one day to see just what makes these areas so special.”
Career Counseling Available Through Goodwill

Summit Hill residents who have seen their careers impacted during this economic downturn can turn to Goodwill for assistance via its Dislocated Worker Program. Goodwill offers comprehensive career counseling and training services for residents seeking their next opportunity. The services include:

- Resume development assistance
- Networking
- Interview preparation
- Even funding for career certifications and training programs

Counselors also provide advice on transferring skills to other occupations and how to find openings.

Anyone who has been laid off and is either receiving unemployment (or is eligible for it) is eligible for this program. Interested persons should contact Avery at abardell@gesmn.org or 612-286-8597.
SHA President’s Message

I started the draft of this letter trying to summarize all the difficulty our neighborhood and communities have been enduring in 2020 and then I thought that in this information age of 24-hour news cycles, social media and smartphones, that maybe we’ve been inundated with enough information.

My hero Fred Rogers says to look for the helpers, so I am going to do just that because we have a lot of them! I will start with the most recent: SHA has formed a new committee, “Racial Dialogue and Action.” In the weeks after the tragic killing of George Floyd, many of you have asked us specifically, “What is SHA doing about racism?” While I do not have all the answers here, I know that it has been long overdue for me personally to ask this question, have these discussions, get educated and get myself uncomfortable. It is my hope that this committee becomes a permanent platform for us to explore racism in our neighborhood and in ourselves. It is not easy, but I believe we can create the space to do this work. Look for upcoming events the committee is planning.

During the night when our local Walgreen’s was vandalized and First Grand Liquor’s windows were shattered, I remember feeling so toxically fearful. I did not like the feeling. The next day, I woke up and decided staying home was not an option. Our Executive Director was coordinating with some GABA folks to organize boarding up windows. I discovered dozens and dozens of neighbors pitching in to help in any way they could. I also met several business owners and got to hear their stories. While the sweat we put in to help protect these businesses was important, the best gift for me personally was to see just how many of us were banding together to help each other. We have such a strong community that should make us all proud.

Around the same time, one of our Board members helped organize several food drives that were bright spots during the chaos. So many volunteered to help, so many generously brought specific supplies that were requested, and many stopped in to request donations as well. We have formed a bond with our friends at the Hallie Q Brown community center and we are all looking forward to more of these types of engagements.

What’s next? Our neighborhood comprehensive plan is long overdue for a review. Over the past year our comp plan committee has been working hard to put together a plan for this work. We are working with an organization to coordinate a community engagement initiative to help gather and organize the feedback from our neighborhood, as well as a market analysis for our business district. This is vitally important for our neighborhood, as it is the guide to decisions that will influence how we will look over the next 10 years. We need your help and your input. What do you love about our neighborhood? What would you like to see change?

Your SHA Board of Directors is made up of committed volunteers from the neighborhood, but we can only do so much. You matter. Your voice matters. Please check out our calendar on our website; all our meetings are open and welcome. Even if you are not on the Board on a permanent basis, we would love to see you at our meetings. And don’t forget to sign up for our Sunday on Summit e-newsletter to stay current on our latest efforts. Finally, encourage all who are able to please enjoy dinner or lunch at one of our local restaurants. Wear a mask to protect your neighbors and get out and shop at our businesses. They need us and we need them to maintain this beautiful, walkable, and charming corner of St. Paul.
Upcoming Events

Please take note of these very important events coming up:

**Thursday, October 8, 7:00pm SHA Annual Meeting**
Join us for Board member elections, presentation of the Good Neighbor Award, and a scheduled talk by Council Member Rebecca Noecker. Apply to be a Board member at our website SummitHillAssociation.org

**Thursday, October 22, 7:00—9:00pm Neighborhood Comprehensive Plan Kick-off Meeting**
It’s been 15 years since our Neighborhood Plan was last updated. Join your neighbors in a discussion about all aspects of life in Summit Hill.

All meetings will be conducted via Zoom. Consult the SHA website calendar for details: SummitHillAssociation.org/calendar

**NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN for SHA’s Annual Good Neighbor Award!**
Over the past nine months, we’ve seen neighbors pull together to support each other and our city. If you have a special neighbor you would like to recognize for making our neighborhood a great place to live or work, please send an email with their story to info@SummitHillAssociation.org

The Good Neighbor Award will be presented at our Annual Meeting on October 8.

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Check out the SHA web site for current info: SummitHillAssociation.org
It was a hot morning on Grand on July 18; however 5 members of the Summit Hill association spent several hour picking up litter and garbage on Grand. It was very rewarding to hear people say “Thank you for caring enough to do this.”

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Speed Limit Changes
Speed limits are going to be lowered in St. Paul and Minneapolis to 20 mph on residential streets; Grand Ave 25 mph and Lexington Ave will stay at 30 mph. The City is working to re-sign neighborhoods, which is expected to be completed this fall.

Grand Ole Creamery Pitches in to Celebrate Roseville Anniversary
Summit Hill staple Grand Ole Creamery and popular distiller Bent Brewstillery have each created a limited-time specialty option to celebrate the Roseville in Bloom public art project happening now through October 31 in Roseville.

Last month, 20 gigantic rose statues designed by area artists blossomed throughout the parks and business district in the City of Roseville. Grand Ole Creamery created the "Blooming Rose" dairy-free mango strawberry sorbet, available exclusively at its Potluck Food Hall location at Rosedale Center. Roseville-based distiller Bent Brewstillery crafted the "Roses & Rhubarb" cocktail, an inventive mix of the distillery's Gunner Ghost Gin, rose water, rhubarb syrup and a splash of lime juice, available for adults 21+ at its taproom. The sorbet and cocktail are available now through October 31, timed to the display period of the Roseville in Bloom project.

Visitors to Grand Ole Creamery's Potluck Food Hall location can also see artist Christopher Straub's rose statue, titled "Petals on the Runway" which is displayed outdoors at Rosedale Center, near Entrance A. At Bent Brewstillery, guests can see artist Lydia Anderson's rose statue, titled "What Brings You Joy," displayed on the patio at the distillery.
Parabolic Mirrors

SHA is delighted to announce that we have installed the first three parabolic mirrors—made possible through a St. Paul STAR Grant—in our neighborhood. The mirrors were installed in these locations:

- Alley (east side) Grand Ave and Victoria street, near Café Latte
- Alley, (east side) Grand Ave and Grotto Street, near Walgreens
- On Grand Avenue, Edina Realty/Condominium Driveway (requested by neighbor)

To request a mirror, please email us at info@SummitHillAssociation.org

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