

HDC Newsletter

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HDC Events Calendar

- November 2 HDC Board Meeting 7:00 pm
Brad Meier Parks and Recreation
Bill Stephenson Animal Control
Hillcrest Recreation Center
- November 8 [Election Day](#)
- November 9 Ford Task Force Community Meeting
7:00 -9:00 PM
UAW-Ford-MnSCU Training Center on site
at Ford Parkway and Mount Curve
- November 7-9 Crosby Nature Preserve Deer Hunt
- November 15 Community Development Committee 6:30 pm
ARISE will present the "6" model for the
Ford plant site
Hillcrest Recreation Center
- November 9 Community Services Committee 6:30 pm
HGro update
Motion Light Program Update
Hillcrest Recreation Center
- November 15 Western District Community Meeting
9:30 am & 6:30 pm
Western District Building
on Hamline across from Target
- November 15 Transportation Meeting 6:30 pm
Stop sign on Ford and Syndicate
Hillcrest Recreation Center
- January 20 Neighborhood Honor Roll 5:30
Binz Refectory
University of St Thomas
RSVP to hdc@visi.com
- March 10 Home Improvement Fair 10 am -3 pm
Cretin-Derham Hall High School
550 Albert St South, St Paul

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Crime Report

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Western District Update

Commanders Axtell & Toupal want to pass on the good news - burglaries are down and things are looking up!

For the first 15 days of October, there were 75 burglaries in the Western District with many of them in 3 specific neighborhoods. The second half of the month the total number of burglaries was down by -19 (56 total). There were 8 arrests of suspects for the month.

Thank you for your help in getting the information to your contacts, and to the residents for helping to be the eyes and ears for the police and the neighborhoods. Please pass the good news to your contacts and ask that they continue to be watchful and call 911 on any suspicious or unusual behavior they observe day or night.

Pamala McCreary
National Night Out Coordinator Citywide
Crime Prevention Coordinator/West District
Saint Paul Police Department

When I spoke to the Highland Beat Cops they said there were daytime break-ins to cars parked in the Highland Village area. Windows had been smashed out of two cars during the day, in busy areas. In each incident it was to grab a back pack and a laptop case. Neither one contained anything of value, but the thieves don't know that. Please do not leave valuables or what appears

to be valuables laying in your car.

HDC Board Meeting Wednesday Nov. 2

Speakers include Brad Myer with St Paul Parks and Recreation. He will be updating the Board on all the Highland Park projects; to include the Highland Pool and Bath house, First Tee, Crosby/ Elway Parking Lot and more....

Bill Stephenson with Animal Control will be there to take questions about coyote's, deer, rabbits, fox, turkeys and more.....

[Full agenda](#)

HGro - Community Garden Update

No fence will be placed on perimeter of garden to keep deer away. Members can use fencing and other barriers for animal problems.

Mandatory work time from all members will be incorporated into 2012 gardening agreement.

Dues will remain the same with some scholarship plots offered.

Various projects were discussed and members volunteered for the following project committees:

- A. Peace garden-David
- B. Donation coordinator-Jane
- C. Weed whacker (purchase and operation)-Blake
- D. Composting-Mike Torres, Blake
- E. Planning group-herbs, wildflowers areas-Sam, Yvonne, Pat, Joan
- F. Bench/seating area-Kari, Joan, Sharon
- G. Toolshed-Kari

Various groups will meet this fall and January 11, 2012 will be an all H-Gro member meeting for updates and progress.

All current gardeners are welcome to return next year. We have a waiting list of 6-8 gardeners.

Any member is welcome to join a committee and have their ideas heard.

Discussion of use of Facebook for postings and updates was discussed. At this time we will continue with our current email communications.

A H-Gro sign will be made and installed next Spring.

H-Gro needs a treasurer. Joan Rodman is now our President.

Neighborhood Honor Roll Nominations

The Neighborhood Honor Roll is a citywide event, typically held in January, honoring those who improve the quality of life in Saint Paul. Each year, the Highland Park District Council selects three awardees to be recognized. To nominate someone who you believe helps make Highland Park a better place to live, work, and play, please fill out this [form](#) and email it to hdc@visi.com or mail it to:

Highland District Council
1978 Ford Pkwy
St Paul, MN 55116

Thank you for your help in recognizing the Volunteers of Highland Park!

Ford Plant's Closing -What Happens Next?

Public Meeting of the Ford Site Planning Task Force... Ford Plant Closure -- What Happens Next?

Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2011

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm Location: UAW-Ford-MnSCU Training Center on site at Ford Parkway and Mount Curve Meeting

Agenda: FordLandwill explain key steps and activities following plant closure, including continued environmental assessment, decommissioning of the plant, building removal, marketing of the site, and future planning.

Information about the Ford project can also be found at <http://1.usa.gov./fordsite>

A Reminder from the Transportation Committee

An Open Letter to Highland Park Residents with Alleys,

The Highland District Council has heard concerns about alleys from neighbors around Highland Park for a number of years. Recently, those complaints and problems have escalated. These complaints range from aesthetic complaints regarding structures and landscaping (e.g. fences needing repair, overgrown weeds, abandoned vehicles, junk) to safety concerns (e.g. weeds blocking line of sight in alleys).

We believe that the best way to address these disputes is by working with your neighbors and encouraging them to address issues with their property.

General maintenance and upkeep is an asset to our community and helps reduce crime. Encourage your neighbors to be respectful of the neighborhood by maintaining the structures and landscaping in your portion of the alleyway to ensure safety and maintain the overall aesthetics of your neighborhood.

If you are a senior or a disabled resident, our office can direct you to a resource that will help you address some of these concerns at 651-695-4005 or hdc@visi.com.

Please be good neighbors.

Thank you.

The members of the Highland District Council

[Letter and City Code](#)

2012 Home Improvement Fair

Interested in being an Exhibitor in the 2012 Home Improvement Fair?

What: 2012 MacGroveland Highland Home Improvement Fair

Date : Saturday, March 10

When: 10 AM - 3 PM

Where: Cretin -Derham Hall High School, 550 South Albert St, St Paul

[2012 Exhibitor Letter](#)

[2012 Exhibitor Application](#)

Last Chance to View the Ward 3 City Council Debate

If you weren't able to be at the Ward 3 City Council Candidate Forum on October 19, You can still see the forum in its entirety on SPNN Channel 19.

TV Schedule: ; Wednesday, November 2, 8:00 PM on Channel 19 Run Time: 01:30:00 You can view forums from other City Council races online as well by going to: <https://spnn.org/node/4726>

Please vote on November 8th.

Crosby Park Deer Hunt Update

Crosby Nature Preserve Deer Hunt - 5 deer the first day and 3 the third (skunked on day 2). 8 doe total so far. I think we averaged 11 hunters per day. The Nov 7 - 9 hunt period will be open to both doe and buck. Lots of coyote sightings.

Crosby Park Nature Preserve -Deer Hunt

The City of Saint Paul, Department of Parks and Recreation works cooperatively with Ramsey County Parks and Recreation to manage the deer population, county-wide. The 4th annual Crosby Farm Regional Park special permit archery hunt is scheduled for October 17, 18, and 19 and November 7, 8, and 9, 2011. The park will be closed to the public on these dates.

Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department deer management is a cooperative plan with municipalities where the parks are located. The Department currently works with the cities of Maplewood, Roseville, Saint Paul, Shoreview, Vadnais Heights and White Bear Township. Deer population goals are set on an annual basis. When the aerial surveys show a population in excess of the goal, a deer reduction option is selected. Two types of reduction methods have been used:

archery hunts and sharpshooters.

Archery hunts are found to be effective in controlling deer in areas where the majority of the deer population is found on the properties suitable for hunting. Archery is a very safe removal technique. Archery can be used under regular Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR) seasons.

Ramsey County works exclusively with the Metro Bowhunters Resource Base (MBRB) to conduct special permit archery hunts to control deer populations in selected parks. Participants need to take the Bowhunter Safety Class, take an accuracy test, and sign the MBRB ethics pledge. There is an annual MBRB registration fee.

Selected archers need to attend a pre-hunt orientation. Archers get to hunt two 3-day hunts. Hunting is done from elevated stands. The first hunt period is antlerless only, the second hunt period is either antlered or antlerless. Archers get to keep their deer or they can donate the venison to local food shelves. Bowhunters have already been selected to participate in the 2011 hunt.

Apply Now for the St Paul Police Winter Citizens Police Academy

Applications now being accepted for Saint Paul Police 2011 winter Citizen Police Academy

The Saint Paul Police Department is working to demystify the intense work that goes into successful investigations and solving crimes by throwing open its doors to the 2011 winter class of the department's Citizen Police Academy.

Seats are still open for this behind-the-scenes peek into the world of law enforcement. Beginning Dec. 28, 2011, up to 25 community members will gain first-hand experience on topics that include:

- Police use of defensive tactics and firearm issues.
- Patrol procedures.
- Work with the department's canine unit and mounted patrol.
- Forensic investigating.
- Information about the evolution and history of the Saint Paul Police Department.

The Citizen Police Academy gives residents and community members a better understanding of the array of situations in which officers can find themselves on any given day. Participants must commit one night each week for 11 weeks, from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Participants will also have opportunities to discuss issues important to our community with SPPD representatives.

There is no cost to participants. The expectation is that they will take what they learn and help other community members understand the work of SPPD officers. Upon completion of the academy, participants are also eligible to serve on the Saint Paul Police Civilian Internal Affairs Review Commission. To be considered for the academy, applicants must meet the following requirements or be designated by SPPD Chief Tom Smith:

- Must be a resident of Saint Paul or be a business or property owner within the city limits.
- Must be 21 year of age or older.
- Must not have a criminal history.

For more information about the Citizens Academy or to apply, please contact CPA Coordinator Don Luna at 651-266-5583.

Residential Street Sweeping Schedule Available on-line

From Public Works:

The fall residential street sweeping schedule is out.

Sweeping work will begin on Halloween Monday. The City has a new interactive mapping feature that will give you info about when they're coming to your street at www.stpaul.gov/sweep. You can either zoom in on the map using the mouse wheel, or better yet, simply key in your street and house number and you'll be directed to your specific parcel.

If you're street falls early in the schedule, it will tell you the exact day the street will be swept; further out in the schedule it will only provide the week it will be swept.

Job Search Assistance with St Paul Library

Job Search Assistance

Get one-to-one help looking for a job, filling out applications, writing resumes and cover letters from a Goodwill/Easter Seals job search representative. Free. No appointment necessary. Offered at the following locations and times:

Saint Paul Central Library, 90 West 4th St., St. Paul 55102. 651-266-7000
Every Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Rondo Library, 461 Dale Street N., St. Paul 55103. 651-266-7400
Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

Arlington Hills Library, 1105 Greenbrier St., St. Paul 55106. 651-793-3930
Monday, November 21 at 1 p.m.
Wednesday, November 23 at 12:30 p.m.

Sun Ray Library, 2105 Wilson Ave., St. Paul, 55119. 651-501-6300
Monday, Nov. 14 & Nov. 28, 10:30 a.m.

Workshops for small business owners and entrepreneurs at Rondo Library:

Internet Marketing Thursday, November 17 at 6:15 p.m.
Rondo Library, 461 Dale Street North, St. Paul, 55103.
Discover various internet options for marketing a website. Presented by the Neighborhood Development Center. Call 651-379-8113 to register. Free.

Business Orientation Tuesday, November 22 at 6:15 p.m.
Rondo Library, 461 Dale Street North, St. Paul, 55103.
Learn what it takes to start and finance a business before you invest your time and money. Presented by the Neighborhood Development Center. Call 651-379-8113 to register. Free.

Basic Business Accounting
Monday, November 28 at 6:15 p.m.
Rondo Library, 461 Dale Street North, St. Paul, 55103.

Learn bookkeeping basics and how to understand financial statements. Presented by the Neighborhood Development Center. Call 651-379-8113 to register. Free.

DemographicsNow

Wednesday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Rondo Library, 461 Dale Street North, St. Paul, 55103.

Discover one of the most powerful marketing research tools in the business Presented by the Neighborhood Development Center. Call 651-379-8113 to register. Free.

Contact: Therese Scherbel, 651-266-7048

For more information on WORKplace services at the Saint Paul Public Library: <http://www.sppl.org/services/workplace>

17th Annual Juried Art Fair at Ramsey Junior High

ART AT RAMSEY

Seventeenth Annual Art Fair at Ramsey Junior High
held in conjunction with Grand Meander in Saint Paul
December 3, 2011

Art at Ramsey is proud to be part of the Campaign to Buy Local with this opportunity for the public to purchase art from many of our finest local artists.

What: ART AT RAMSEY: A Juried Holiday Art Fair of quality fine crafts and fine art, is sponsored by Highland/Macalester/Groveland Community Education in cooperation with Artists' Circle, a non-profit art organization promoting fine crafts. This is the art fair's sixteenth anniversary show. Free event.

For online info, including list of juried artists: <http://www.artatramsey.org/>

When: Saturday, December 3, 2011, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Where: Ramsey Junior High Gymnasiums and Cafeteria, 1700 Summit Avenue, St. Paul

What: Sale of quality work by 75 juried local artists from the upper Midwest who create fine crafts. There will be everything from leather handbags and belts, watercolor paintings, silver and gold jewelry, baskets, and hand-forged iron to woven scarves, stone sculpture vessels, dolls, fused glass pendants, woodcut prints, unique hand-dyed silk apparel, hand-carved wooden birds, mosaics, hand-woven rugs, hats, turned wood, original cards, hand-blown glass bowls, plus pottery tiles, vases, bowls, teapots and cups, and also Hmong needle work and holiday ornaments. The 18th Annual Youth Art Fair, with local young artists, ages 10-18, returns to Ramsey for the sixth year. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Why: Promotes Artists, Ramsey School, and Grand Avenue. ART AT RAMSEY is the premier December art fair in the metro; it provides artists, both juried and youth, with a well-known, accessible community facility (Ramsey Junior High) in which to market their original art works. This popular holiday event gives local St. Paulites, as well as the many metro residents who visit popular Grand Avenue in St. Paul, an opportunity to meet and to purchase from local artists, during Grand Meander, the special holiday promotion of Grand Avenue sponsored by the Grand Avenue Business Association.

Aspire Chiropractic Open House

From the Highland Business Association:

Dr. Matt Gravel of Aspire Chiropractic is hosting an open house on **November 16th** for all those interested, to come in and see the office and get to know a little about what they do at Aspire. The event will be a day long affair, with an after hours event from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., with appetizers and beverages provided. During the day long event they will be doing a fundraising event as well, their "**Just Try It**" promotion.

This promotion enables anyone that has ever had even a passing interest in chiropractic to have an opportunity to receive their new patient services: exam, x-rays, consultation including the first adjustment (a total value of over \$150), all for a \$45 donation. The monies generated from these cards, which are valid until 12/31/2011 will be collected and 100% will be donated to benefit the Coach Freddie Weinke Youth Football Camp, which is held in St. Paul and benefits local underprivileged youth in the Twin Cities area. Aspire participated as a title sponsor in this event last year, it's first year, and Coach had around 100 kids take part and he's hoping that with improved donor participation he can provide the camp for 400-500 kids next year!

Aspire Chiropractic is located at 333 Grand Ave., Ste. 102, and you may reach Dr. Gravel at (651)294-2332, cell phone (563)650-3666 or email gravel801@gmail.com .

Recycling Information

[Compost and Brush](#)

Medicine Collection Sites:

Safely dispose of unwanted, expired and unused medicines at Ramsey County's public drop boxes in Saint Paul or Arden Hills. This new year-round collection program helps prevent crime and protects the environment. Storing these medicines can lead to drug abuse or poisoning, and medicines flushed down the drain or disposed of in the trash can harm the environment. All medicines from households are accepted, including prescription, over-the-counter and pet medicines.

[More information](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Fact Sheet - English](#)

Recycling Bin Pick Up

Highland residents can pick up blue recycling bins at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkw. Ask at the information desk.

Hours: Mon -Thu 9 am to 9 pm
Friday 9 am to 6 pm

[For more information](#)

The HDC office will be closed starting Wednesday Nov. 2 and will reopen on Monday Nov. 7th.

Thank you for reading the HDC news!

Sincerely,

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