

Happy Holidays

Highland District Council News

December 21, 2011

HDC Events Calendar

- December 20** Western District Community Meeting
9:30 am & 6:30 pm
Western District Building
on Hamline across from Target
- Dec 23 -Jan 2** HDC Office Closed
- January 1** Polar Dash at 10am from Mpls to Ford Pkwy.
& Mississippi River Blvd.
- January 5** HDC Board Meeting
Meet New City Councilman Chris Tolbert
Board will elect an At-Large Alternate
Hillcrest Recreation Center Community Room
- January 11** Community Services Meeting 6:30 pm
Great River Passage Plan
Hillcrest Rec Center Activity Room
- January 17** Community Development Meeting 6:30 pm
West 7th McDonald's Site Plan
Tom Comstock -NTSB
Class B License at 2176 West 7th St
Hillcrest Recreation Center Activity Room
- 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

Community Development

Community Development Committee Minutes
December 14, 2011, 6:30 p.m.

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CDH Athletic Field Improvements

Cretin-Derham Hall Athletic Field Improvements

Ms. Anderson introduced Jay Pomeroy from Anderson-Johnson Associates, the landscape architect for the proposed field improvements. Mr. Pomeroy provided a brief overview of the project. The surface of the existing south athletic field (north of Hartford, between Albert and Hamline) will be replaced from sidewalk to sidewalk with synthetic turf. Mr. Pomeroy identified the advantages of the synthetic turf - low maintenance, durable and quick to dry and will allow Cretin to extend the use of the field and improve safety for the athletes. The west end of the field will be a softball diamond and the east end will be a soccer/lacrosse/football field. The existing four-foot tall chain link fence will be replaced an eight-foot tall fence. Four seventy-foot tall lights poles will installed with light fixtures designed to focus light on the playing field and reduce spill light into the neighborhood. The plan also includes the removal of eleven existing parking spots, in order to accommodate a new bleacher section on the north side of the field that would hold a maximum 200 spectators. There is no plan to remove the fourteen trees along Hartford as part of the project. The city does not require Planning Commission or City Council review of this project, but plans will be submitted to the city soon for review utility plans stormwater plans, etc. Construction is targeted to begin in summer 2012, completing in time for beginning of school.

Craig Gallop, a representative from Musco Sports-Lighting, provided additional information about the light fixtures and distributed pictures of the same fixtures in operation at the St. Thomas University football field. He explained that the proposed light system is designed to focus the light on playing field and provide the correct and safe amount of lighting on field, but reduce the glare, spill light and sky glow effect. He described the amount of light that would reach the adjacent residential properties to be a little more than that of a full moon. A majority of the light will be cut off before the light pole.

Jodi Loeblein-Lecker, Cretin-Derham Hall Athletic Director, then described when and how the fields would be used and responded to questions and concerns from the committee and community members. Ms. Loeblein-Lecker explained that the fields will be used for games and practice of soccer and non-varsity football in the fall and softball and lacrosse in the spring. Currently there is no space for soccer and lacrosse games and Cretin rents the Metrodome for those events. The field upgrade is also considered a way to improve equal opportunity for the boys and girls teams at Cretin and bring the school's facilities up to the standard of other local high schools. Night games and practices would primarily occur from mid-September through mid-October in the fall and mid-March through mid-May in the spring. During those times the lights would be on for events until 8 p.m or 9 p.m. at the latest. The existing Carondelet softball field would continue to be used for non-varsity teams. Ms. Loeblein-Lecker reiterated the benefits

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of the artificial turf as being lower maintenance, greater durability and safer playing conditions for the participants.

Parking Issues

The parking problem around the school was identified as a major concern of the neighbors. Mr. McDonough and some community members were outspoken about the ongoing problems caused by students and athletic spectators parking on the surrounding residential streets and a perception that Cretin is not adequately responding to the neighborhood's concerns. Concerns were voiced that the field upgrades would attract more people to the school and further exacerbate the parking problem. Community members distributed pictures of the streets congested with parked cars and described the hazards and inconveniences caused by the parking situation. Mr. Pomeroy noted that the school meets and exceeds the city's minimal parking requirements. Mr. Brown asked if there were any plan to add additional onsite parking. Ms. Loeblein-Lecker responded that no such parking additions were planned. Ms. Anderson suggested, since the parking issues were not all related to the field project, that the HDC Transportation Committee would likely be a better forum to discuss the large parking situation.

Lighting Issues

Mr. McDonough asked whether adding the proposed lights, in such close proximity of single family houses, requires a sign-off from a certain percentage of the neighbors within 350' of the site, if there are other fields with this type of lighting so close to a residential neighborhood and if Cretin would agree to absolute lights out time of 9:00 p.m. There was no response to the question regarding a neighborhood approval requirement. Mr. Gallop pointed out that these lights are used at many high school fields around the metro, including Highland Senior High. Ms. Loeblein-Lecker responded that lights would only be on as late as 8 p.m or 9 p.m. on the nights they are used, but, because of overtime periods in sporting events, no such promise could be made about an absolute lights out time.

Fence and Community Access Issues

Community members voiced concern about the appearance of the new eight-foot tall fence and possible limited access to the fields for the community. Mr. Pomeroy confirmed the fence would likely be chain link and that the eight feet height was within the city's height requirements. Ms. Loeblein-Lecker responded that the fence was needed to limit access in for liability purposes, to ensure that balls did not leave the playing field for safety purposes and to restrict animals from the synthetic turf. Ms. Loeblein-Lecker did say the field would be available for community use, but that Cretin would have priority. Cretin's policy for community use has not been established yet.

Other Issues

Litter problems and possible property devaluation were also

discussed. Ms. Loeblein-Lecker promised to do her best to improve the school's litter clean-up actions. Concerns were expressed about the field upgrades leading to lower property values in the neighborhood. Comments were made both supporting this idea and refuting it.

Support for the project was also voiced by community members. Community members suggested it was a further improvement to the vibrant urban community around Cretin and that it could be an asset to the Highland Groveland Recreation Association.

Mr. Bettenburg closed the discussion by thanking the community members for attending and indentifying the issues in the neighborhood. He also thanked Cretin for attending and listening to the concerns of the neighbors. Mr. Bettenburg also reiterated that the HDC and the Transportation Committee can be effective forums for neighborhood to have their parking concerns heard by the city.

Mr. Bettenburg moved to pass a resolution in support of the project. The motion was seconded. The committee approved the resolution with Anderson, Bettenburg, Sellke, and Zaiger in favor, McDonough opposed and Brown abstaining.

Highland Village Special District Sign Plan - Update

Ms. Anderson reported that sign plan task force met on December 13. They reviewed the Grand Avenue sign plan and discussed using it as a model for the updated Highland Village sign plan. The details will be discussed and finalized at future meetings of the task force.

2176 W. 7th Street

Ms. Carruth reported that there is a potential new owner and business for the former Parrish's Supper Club and Casa Vieja building. The details of the new owner and business are still uncertain, but they have applied for a Class B entertainment license and certain liquor licenses. Class B entertainment licenses permit banquet-type events. A representative of the new owner is expected to attend the January CDC meeting.

Transportation

Stop Sign on Ford Pkwy

- Dennis Rosemark - Neighborhood residents came to the Councilman Harris' office to complain about the traffic.
- Several neighbors came to discuss the stop sign
- Traffic study was done. No data to present at meeting, but traffic flow was slower.
- Neighbors can petition for the stop sign on Syndicate. 75% have to agree.

Stop Sign on Scheffer & Pascal

- Neighbor contacted the Traffic Department and asked for a stop sign facing Pascal to make it a 4-way stop.
- Neighbor can petition for a stop sign also.
- Public Works can look at the salt/sand on the road in wintry conditions.

Randolph Ave Traffic Study

- Option #1 - eliminate some parking on a portion of the south side of Randolph Ave.
- Option #2 - consider changing the bus route; moving bus stop across the street in front of Trader Joe's (perhaps even a bus stop); move bus stop to the middle of the block
- Parking study was before Trader Joe's opens in the morning. Parking study showed 11-13 cars on S. on Randolph Ave.
- 600 cars on an approach and 62 cars turning left at 4-6 pm

West 7th Traffic/Public Forum

- PPL at Snelling & W.7th - request a traffic study (Ethan will ask Kathy)

Home Improvement Fair

Apply for the 2012 Home Improvement Fair
Applications will be accepted now through January 16, 2012 for the 2012 Macalester-Groveland & Highland Home Improvement Fair! The Home Improvement Fair is one of our neighborhood's most popular events, bringing in hundreds of area homeowners. This year's fair will take place on Saturday, March 10, 2012 between 10:00 am and 3:00pm at Cretin Derham Hall (550 South Albert Street, Saint Paul, MN 55116).

Space is limited and applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis so don't delay! To apply, visit www.highlanddistrictcouncil.org to download the attached letter and application. Please contact Kathy at 651-695-4005 or hdc@visi.com with any questions.

Crime Report for Highland

[Crime Report 12-1 to 12-7](#)

[Crime Report 12-8 to 12-14](#)

From Commander Axtell and the Western District SPPD:

[Letter to Highland Business Owners and Neighbors](#)

[Holiday Shopping Reminders](#)

Yesterday(December 14), Western District Officers apprehended two burglars with the help of a neighboring resident on the 700 block of Ashland Avenue. At approximately noon she called 911 to say she heard a loud banging noise outside. She then witnessed two males enter a window of a neighboring house. The witness stayed on the phone with dispatchers until officers arrived. The suspects were exiting the front of the home when they noticed the officers. At this time, they ran back into the house and made their escape through a side window. Officers quickly apprehended the suspects after a short foot chase. The suspects had stolen merchandise waiting outside.

This was all made possible because an alert neighbor reported their observations to police. Keep up the great work and always call 911 if you see suspicious or unusual behavior in your neighborhood!

Todd Axtell, Senior Commander
Saint Paul Police Western District
367 Grove
St. Paul, MN 55101

St Paul Fire Department Holiday Safety Tips **The holiday season is the most dangerous time of the year for fires,**

what with candles, Christmas trees, holiday lights, and cooking.

Here are a few important tips that will help make your holidays safer:

- **If you use a live Christmas tree, water it regularly. Check out**
 - - **[this video](#) to see the difference in how fast a dry tree can burn compared to a watered tree: Get rid of the tree when it begins to drop needles.**
- **Do not place it outside against the house or garage where someone can set it on fire and destroy your property.**
- **Make sure you extinguish candles when you leave the house or go to bed. Flameless, battery-powered candles are recommended.**

- **Only use holiday lights that are Underwriter's Laboratory listed and are in good condition. LED lights are preferred. They use less electricity and they are cool to the touch.**

Great River Passage Master Plan

Great River Passage 16 acres of prime riverfront property has officially been transferred from the Saint Paul Port Authority to the city. The transfer finalizes the updated Barge Terminal 2 agreement between the Port and city. The land transfer will greatly benefit the Great River Passage - Look for the final Great River Passage plan to be released in mid-December.

Check out updated Great River Passage website: www.greatriverpassage.org or connect on Facebook and Twitter!

January 5th Board Meeting

Come out and meet the new Ward 3 City Councilman, Chris Tolbert. Chris will be at the meeting to take questions, introduce himself and listen to residents issues in and around Highland Park.

At this meeting the HDC Board will be electing a Community Member as an At-Large alternate to the HDC Board. Community members are (1) individuals of voting age whose primary residence is within the Highland Area and who, at a meeting of the HDC, can produce upon request a Minnesota driver's license, Minnesota identification card, or some form of residency verification that indicates the individual resides within the Highland Area and/or (2) any one representative of a property or business owned or operated within the Highland Area and who, at a meeting of the HDC, can produce upon request proof of representation of such a business or property.

This person will serve as an alternate until the Annual elections in April. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Kathy at hdc@visi.com or call 651-695-4005. Thank you

CIB for 2012 -2013

The Mayor's Proposed Capital Improvement Budget for 2012 is now available.

[2012 Mayor's Proposed Capital Improvement Budget](#)

The CIB Committee's final funding recommendations are now available.

[2012 - 2013 Final CIB Committee Funding Recommendations](#) [2012 - 2013 CIB Projects Not Recommended for Funding by the CIB Committee](#)

These recommendations will now be transmitted to the Mayor and City Council. The Mayor will release his proposed capital improvement budget in mid-August. The City Council will adopt the final 2012 capital improvement budget in mid-December.

Updated Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) Committee minutes and agendas are available here:

<http://www.stpaul.gov/index.aspx?nid=572>

RSVP 2012 -Street Paving & Lighting Improvements

RSVP 2012 - Street Paving & Lighting Improvements for 2012

On January 18th, 2012, City Council will consider proceeding with the improvement of various streets as part of the Residential Street Paving Vitality Project for 2012. See attached list of streets.

[Streets in RSVP 2012.pdf](#)

City Council News

City Council News December 7, 2011

RES 11-2395 Approving the use of STAR Funds through the Neighborhood Star Year-Round Program for Tiffany's Sports Lounge in Ward 3.

RES PH 11-1157 Establishing the financing and spending plans in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$1,500,000 to recognize funding from the FY 2012 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Allocation to continue the Harriet Island/Lilydale approved

Regional Park plan and authorize the appropriate city officials to enter into an agreement to accept this funding.

PH 11-28 Public hearing to consider the application of Fort Road Coffee Company to rezone property at 1518 Randolph Avenue from B1 Local Business to T2 Traditional Neighborhood.
Sponsors: Harris

RLH OA 11-14 Recommending that the Board of Ramsey County Commissioners approve the application of Rabbi Bendet, on behalf of Chabad Academy, for repurchase of tax forfeited property at 1758 FORD PARKWAY.

RLH OA 11-15 Recommending that the Board of Ramsey County Commissioners approve the application of Rabbi Moshe Feller, on behalf of Upper Midwest Merkos Jewish Education Association, for repurchase of tax forfeited property at 1780 FORD PARKWAY.

City Council Agenda December 14, 2011

RES 11-2415 Granting approval to submit a grant application for 2011 Minnesota Historical and Cultural Grant Program funds administered by the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for the Great River Passage Interpretive and Exhibit Concept Plan project.
Sponsors: Thune, Harris, Stark and Lantry

RES 11-2416 Granting approval to submit a grant for 2012 Special Project and Grant Program funds administered by the Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) for the Hidden Falls Regional Park Water Resource Development Feasibility Study.
Sponsors: Harris
City

Ord 11-32 An ordinance amending Chapter 64, Signs, of the Zoning Code. (Public hearing continued from December 7)
Sponsors: Thune

Senior Services

Midway Training Services
A chore service program that assists residents with snow

removal, yard work, and house work. 651-641-0709, option 7 for the Chore Services Hotline.

Friends of the Parks

The friends of the Parks encourages "green" gift giving this holiday: trees!

This holiday season, the Friends of the Parks encourages the donation of trees in honor of family, friends, and coworkers to area parks. Available for year-round giving and also known as "tribute trees", donated trees through the Friends organization replaces trees lost to disease, drought, storms, maintenance and age.

After a tree purchase, recipients will receive a hand stamped card announcing the tribute tree in their honor. After trees are planted in the summer by professional park employees, recipients will receive a map showing its location.

To order and for more information call, 651-689-3558 or visit the web site: www.friendsoftheparks.org

St Paul Youth Job Corps Seeks Partners

Saint Paul Youth Job Corps Seeks Partners for the Summer Youth Job Corps Program Provides Skills Necessary for Future Careers.

Saint Paul's Youth Job Corps (YJC) program is now seeking applications from Saint Paul organizations and businesses who are interested in hosting a YJC worker. The YJC program pairs Saint Paul youth who are economically disadvantaged and at-risk, ages 14-24, with opportunities for career development and summer employment.

Youth who participate in the program gain essential work readiness skills including resume-writing, interview preparation, and job seeking skills while earning a wage during employment.

Organizations and businesses that are interested in hosting a worker during summer 2012 and/or the 2012-2013 academic year are asked to submit a "Worksite Application Form" which will be posted online beginning Monday, Dec. 12 at: www.stpaul.gov/yjc. Draft "Worksite Application Forms" and proposals are due Wednesday, January 5th, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. Final "Worksite Application Forms" and proposals are due Friday, January 13th, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. Questions should be

directed to youthjobcorps@stpaul.go .

The City of Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Department began the YJC program in January 2004, and has helped provide valuable career skills and employed more than 4,500 Saint Paul at-risk youth since the inception.

For additional information about Saint Paul's Youth Job Corps program or to download a "Worksite Application Form" - visit: www.stpaul.gov/yjc

[Read More](#)

Parks & Recreation

Winter Activity Prep

November didn't bring a lot of snow, but winter activity preparations still took place. Hockey boards and skating rinks were prepped for flooding, registration began for recreation center winter/spring activities and with the first minor snowfall brought plenty of guests to sledding hills and other areas used for passive winter outdoor recreation. To see a full list of all the destinations and winter activities - [visit the winter activities website](#)

Saint Paul's 2012 Park Permit Lottery to be Held Jan. 3

Residents and businesses must be present to be eligible for lottery

(Saint Paul) - City of Saint Paul residents and businesses can apply for park picnic permits beginning Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012. The Parks Permit Office will open at 6 a.m. with lottery numbers issued from 6 to 6:30 a.m. (Numbers cannot be transferred to other customers) and permits beginning to be issued at 6:31 a.m. Customers arriving after 6:30 a.m. will be issued permits on a first-come, first-served basis and will be issued permits after all the lottery customers have been served. Only one reservation may be made per day by an individual, group, or organization, and no phone reservations will be accepted until January 4.

Verification of a Saint Paul address will be required to obtain a lottery ticket and to make a reservation. Customers applying for a private event will be required to show a valid driver's license for proof of Saint Paul residency. For business reservations, documentation such as letterhead, stationery or business card must be provided prior to a lottery ticket being issued.

To be eligible for the permit lottery on Jan. 3, residents or businesses must arrive in person at the Park Permit Office,

1100 North Hamline Ave. On Jan. 4, permit applications will be accepted from residents and businesses of Saint Paul over the telephone, 651-632-5111 (TTY: 651-266-6378) with credit card payment only (American Express, Discover, MasterCard and Visa). Park Permit Office hours are 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Non-residents may apply for permits beginning Feb. 1, 2012.

For additional information visit www.stpaul.gov/parks

Como Music Under Glass

Como Park Zoo & Conservatory Legacy Projects

A number of Heritage and Legacy Amendment funded projects are either underway or now planned at Como Park Zoo & Conservatory. Including:

Music Under Glass The Marjorie McNeely Conservatory and Visitor Center offer unique venues to showcase local musicals and lecturers. These series would also offer the venue in times outside of the standard public hours and introduces the arts to a new audience.

Music Under Glass will offer three bi-weekly cycles:

- January - March 2012
- June - July 2012
- January - March 2013

Como Park Ski Center to Delay Seasonal Opening Warm weather and lack of snow causing poor conditions

The Como Park Ski Center is delaying the start to the public skiing and snowboarding season until cooler temperatures arrive, and snow-making conditions improve. "Pre-season" and special holiday hours were scheduled to begin last weekend, and continue through January 3, but without snow and cooler temperatures, the Como Park Ski Center will be closed until further notice. The chalet will continue to be open for equipment fittings for ski and snowboarding lessons that begin January 6. If conditions improve, the facility will re-open according to previously scheduled holiday hours that are posted at www.stpaul.gov/parks.

"Regular" Como Park Ski Chalet hours are scheduled to begin January 6, 2012 (weather permitting) and are: Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sundays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesdays -Wednesdays, 3-9 p.m., and Fridays, 5-9 p.m. The Ski Chalet is closed Mondays and Thursdays.

Registration is still being accepted for snowboard, cross country and downhill ski lessons until Dec. 26, 2011. To register, or get more information about equipment rental, trail conditions, group rates or chalet rentals, please visit our website at www.stpaul.gov/parks or contact 651-266-6400. To contact the Como Park Ski Center Chalet directly call 651-488-9673.

Highland Business Association Seeks Executive Director

St. Paul, Minnesota based Highland Business Association(HBA) is looking to fill an immediate need for an Executive Director for flexible part time hours. We are looking for a highly self-motivated professional with experience with membership (maintenance, recruiting and growth), promoting business to business relationships, planning events and managing finances. Candidate also must be detail-oriented and well-organized. [Read More](#)

Adopt a Bus Stop- From the HBA

The Great Metropolitan Backrub has adopted the bus stop at Cleveland and Ford Parkway (directly in front of Patina) for snow removal this winter. The Great Metropolitan Backrub has hired a small company to completely remove snow around the stop and to the corner, as well as the corner itself, for safe passage for bus riders and pedestrians.

In past winters, handicapped, the elderly, parents with small children and the able-bodied MTC riders, as well as pedestrians attempting to access stores in the Village, have been forced to climb mounds of snow at all bus stops and corners.

Let's make this winter about "Access for Everyone" and make Highland Village safe to travel for the bus riders. Businesses are encouraged to "Adopt" a bus stop or corner, OR to create a path from the street to the sidewalk to keep our Highland visitors safe.

Please let HBA know if you are willing to adopt a bus stop or corner in the Village this winter. If you want to know who The Great Metropolitan Backrub has hired... if you would like to pay someone to keep that bus stop or corner clear, please contact Annette Rondano @612-221-0131 ORannette@greatbackrubs.com.

If enough businesses enroll in this program, we may be able to create signage around the Village letting our guests know that we appreciate them SO much we are keeping the sidewalks and bus stops clear for their safety.

Annette Rondano
Great Metropolitan Backrub, Co.
Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee
Transition Longfellow
annette@greatbackrubs.com

612-221-0131

Help Keep Sidewalks Safe and Snow Free

Need an easy way to remind your neighbors that clearing sidewalks of ice and snow within 24 hours of a snowfall is the law in St. Paul? We can help you get the word out in your neighborhood with our snow shoveling reminder doorhangers.

Visit the Smart Trip's [website](#) to learn where you can get doorhangers or download one to print yourself.

Ramsey County Picnic Shelter/ Pavilion Rental

TO: Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Picnickers
We are sending out a friendly reminder that Ramsey County Parks and Recreation will begin taking reservations for picnic shelters and pavilions starting TUESDAY, January 3, 2012 for the upcoming summer season. On January 3rd, we will take reservations in person at our administrative office at 2015 N. Van Dyke Street, Maplewood, MN starting at 7:00 AM on a first come, first served basis.

Starting January 4, 2012, we will begin taking phone, mail and walk-in reservations from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday.

NEW THIS YEAR:

Ramsey County Parks and Recreation has built three new shelters at Keller Regional Park, Golfview section 1 large (125 capacity), 2 medium (75 capacity) and one new shelter at Keller Round Lake (75 capacity). Also newly constructed is a shelter at Battle Creek Regional Park, (75 capacity). These new picnic facilities will become available for rent beginning Saturday, May 26th. Turtle Lake County Park also has a new shelter (75 capacity) that will be available to rent beginning August 13th. They are all available to reserve starting on January 3rd.

Other important information: If you are planning an event in the Ramsey County Park System and the event includes a pig roast, dunk tank, game/carnival activities, race/walk/bike events, water ski events, fishing contests, amplified sound (music or announcements) etc., a Special Use Permit is required. Please note there is no amplified sound of any kind allowed at Battle Creek Regional Park. Therefore, if your picnic plans include the need for music or announcement, please plan to utilize a different facility within our park system.

Finally, we wanted to make you aware of the pre-booked facilities for community-based events. Please visit our

website (<http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/parks/parks/picnicreservations.htm>) to see which dates are not available for rent.

Wishing you a happy holiday season!
Ramsey County Parks and Recreation

Wishing you a safe and Happy Holiday!

Sincerely,

Kathy Carruth

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