

HDC Newsletter

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HDC Events Calendar

July 28-30 Hillcrest Summer Play [Into the Woods](#)
Como Pavilion

August 2 [National Night Out](#)

August 6 Community Garden Day 12:00 to 3:00 PM
Come celebrate Highland Parks Community Garden
Highland High School Corner of Edgcumbe &
Snelling Group Photo at 1:00 PM

August 8 Crosby Lake Mgmt Community Meeting 6:30 PM
1410 Energy Park Drive

August 10 Community Services Meeting 6:30 PM
Hillcrest Rec Center

August 16 Community Development Meeting 6:30 PM
Dino's Gyros -Discussion of Building Design
on the corner of Finn and Ford Pkwy
Yaya Diata -DSI -discussion of Major Variance
legislation and how it pertains to the HDC
Hillcrest Rec Center Activity Room

August 20 [Night Owl Classic](#) Bike Ride 7:00 -10:00 PM
St Paul River Road

August 23 Transportation Meeting 6:30 PM
Decision on Benches for Snelling &
Montreal
Hillcrest Rec Center Activity Room

August 27 HDC Sponsored Farmers Market 7:30 -11:30 AM
Please stop by and visit!
Next to Starbucks on Cleveland and Ford Pkwy

Sept 1 HDC Board Meeting 7:00 PM
Financial Procedure Review
Hillcrest Recreation Center

Sept 24 [Fall Clean Up](#)

Oct 19 HDC Ward 3 Candidate Forum 7:00 PM
League of Women Voters Ranked Voting Education
Hillcrest Recreation Center

Standing Committee Reports

Community Services Committee - Swanson

- Marilyn Beeson accept as citizen alternate for Community Committee
- Lucas Powers has resumed active work as Crime Prevention Coordinator. Lucas is planning the next community event.
- Encourage to have 291-1111 to report possible problem (non-emergency) with police.
- Have a garden in place - 36 10x11 plots have all been leased. Sold out in one month (4 weeks). We did not charge for all plots this year, a handful were given away to increase participation. Cash positive currently. August 6 Community Garden Day throughout MN. Noon -3:00 1:00 will have group picture, Highland Park Community Garden managed by H-GRO. Flower borders around garden.
- Acknowledgement for good work of Tim Swanson and Pat Bettenburg

Community Services Committee -Bettenburg

- Highland Village Sign Plan - In February, 2011 the HDC passed two resolutions regarding the Highland Village Special Sign Plan. One to support the HBA in their request to ban dynamic display signs, and two to request a review/update of the sign plan from the St Paul Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is expected to authorize a study at its August 5 meeting. Kate Reilly, PED project manager who is assigned to the study, met with the CDC to kick-off the project. Shawn Bartsh will discuss the Sign Plan review/update with HBA members at their August meeting. Following the HBA discussion a taskforce will be assembled hopefully consisting of both CDC and HBA members and possibly W7BA members as well. Discussed Highland Village Sign Plan was created in 1985, and task force will be formed next month to review sign plan.
- August Meeting - 1) A representative for Dino's Gyros will present their site plan for the parcel on Ford & Finn next to Walgreens. We will be flyer the Pinehurst Ave neighbors. 2) Someone from DSI will present on the latest MN state legislation pertaining to granting of variances. Interested HDC board members are welcome to attend. Flier being sent to Pinehurst neighborhood. Also Department of Safety and Inspection will attend August meeting and explain updated variance process.
- Review of zoning code link has been posted to HDC website. Will impact variance requests moving forward.

Community Organizer Report

- 4 City Council candidates have all agreed to attend October 19th discussion / forum. League of Women Voters have agreed to help coordinate and publicize. 10am Friday is initial meeting.
- Board Training Monday 6:30pm at Highland Café and Bakery.
- Financial procedure sub-committee (Pat, Shawn, Charles) are meeting 7:30am Thursday next week.
- Highland Fest - 50-60 people have signed up for eDemocracy newsletter
- Commander Axtell has given good information to lock garages and show trends in crime in neighborhood.
- Mac Groveland are considering teaming with us for fall Block Club Leader Training

- Home Improvement Fair 2012 agreement with Mac Groveland for next year
- Fall Clean up September 24th Saturday - add to calendars
- Highland Fest update - able to sign up 21 people for newsletter. Talked with community members - promote cleanup and crime prevention. Suggest contest and list of members.
- July 29th reception for Grimm Circus Juventas.
- Started laptop donation program. Schools, senior groups, JCC. Fix computers donated by Brian. See HDC website - laptop support.
- Executive Committee suggestion to do board retreat to define direction, city contract, brainstorm. Evaluate plan for next year. Saturday morning this fall in December 3rd. 9-12noon - will bring bagels and coffee. Potentially past board members.

Executive Committee Report

- Most items already covered
- Need to invest in automatic backup services. Estimated < \$100. Currently no off-site backup. Will research and purchase.
- Will close HDC offices between Christmas and New Year's.
- Speakers for next 3 meetings - we are going to have Met Council, but please provide ideas to Kathy. Voter Education this Fall potentially.

Business Representatives Reports

HBA - Bartsb

- Highland Fest - very hot. Results are not good.
- Concerns of things going out - Old Country Buffet - Aspen Medical going in next May. Lavish closed, Smashburger is going in there. Block Buster closed 13th of July - heard Panera Bread is going in this spot. Vote with your pocket books.
- Planter situation - taken out at Ford and Cleveland. HBA paid \$4,500 to have old planters covered. Call Mayor's office to complain.

Crime Report

[Crime Report 7-7 to 7-13](#)

[Crime Report 7-14 to 7-20](#)

Highland Park Block Nurse Program

Highland Block Nurse Program offers a wide variety of neighborhood volunteer and professional services to help elders (65+) live at home. Nursing and Home Health Aide services are charged on

a sliding fee scale. Transportation to appointments, grocery shopping assistance, hearing improvement resources, caregiver support and respite are also available. Call Program Director, Paula Fischer at **696-8425** for any of the above services or information and referral for homemaking, Meals on Wheels, extended hours care, etc.

National Night Out -Its Not Too Late to Participate!

National Night Out Mission:

National Night Out is an annual event that involves all segments of the community in building a healthier, safer community; generate support for anti-crime programs and strengthen police/community relations on the first Tuesday of August.

Background:

National Night Out is not just one night of the year, but the culmination of year-long crime prevention activity in all neighborhoods: people working together in block and apartment clubs and other networks to prevent and address crime and other neighborhood problems. It is an occasion to celebrate past successes, discuss current challenges or issues, and re-dedicate to collaborative efforts with neighbors, police, businesses and others to improve the quality of life in our city.

Forms

[Kick off Picnic](#)
[NNO To Do List](#)
[2011 Registration](#)
[Class B Permit](#)
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Key Messages

- Cohesive, healthy neighborhoods are keys to preventing crime and violence.
- Active block clubs build community, increase hope and create harmony.
- Positive activities displace negative activity; as people spend more time outside, they take back their streets and neighborhoods.
- National Night Out is an opportunity for all parts of the community including businesses, corporate sponsors, religious institutions, city agencies, and news media to come together around the shared goal of a safe, healthy community.
- NNO reinforces the partnership of citizens and police to combat crime.

Community Garden Day August 6th



Come celebrate Highland Park's newest Community Garden on Saturday August 20 from Noon - 3:00 pm. Located on the corner of Edgcumbe and Snelling Ave at Highland Senior High School. Treats will be served 1:00 Group Photo

Laptop Donation Program

HDC/ Highland Support Laptop Donation Program

Laptops donations needed!

If you have a laptop you are not using why not donate it to those in need?

The Highland District Council is looking for laptop donations to help senior citizens and students in the Highland Area that are in need of laptops.

Data security is guaranteed. You can keep the hard drive if you prefer or we can remove it for you for your safe keeping.

If you have a laptop less than 6 or 7 years old please contact (who ever we want to put here) for details. Repairable and fixer uppers are welcome!

To sweeten the deal Highland Support will give you one hour of free computer support for each donation. www.highlandsupport.com

Hillcrest Fall Sports Registration

Youth Fall Sports Registration Begins Today!

This fall we will again be offering football (flag & tackle) and soccer for youth ages 5-14. Programs are affordable and whether your child is a first-timer or seasoned veteran, we are confident they'll fit right in!

[Registration is being accepted online](#) - or if you prefer to register in person, you may do so at a recreation center near you during normal facility hours.

For more information, visit our online registration site at the link above or visit www.stpaul.gov/parks

We hope you'll join us!

Don't Miss the [Hillcrest Summer Play -Into the Woods](#)

Crosby Lake Water Mgmt Meeting

The third meeting will be held on August 8th, 2011 at 6:30pm in the CRWD office at 1410 Energy Park Drive, Suite 4in Saint Paul.

This third and final meeting in the process will present the contents of the draft Crosby Lake Management Plan including the lake management goals and implementation activities and a summary of how stakeholder input was incorporated into the plan. The draft plan is available from CRWD's website, <http://www.capitolregionwd.org/CrosbyLakeManagementPlan.html>. Comments on the plan will be accepted at this meeting or in writing until August 15th.

For more information, or to RSVP for the meeting, please contact Anna Eleria at CRWD,anna@capitolregionwd.org or (651)-644-8888.

Night Owl Classic August 20 -Don't Miss it!

The 3rd annual NightOwl Classic bike ride will start/end at Upper Landing Park on Shepard at Chestnut and will impact traffic in your area for a few hours that night.

The ride will include 400-600 riders biking at dusk along the scenic riverfront, MRB, Summit Ave and downtown areas of St. Paul. We are collaborating with the City of St. Paul and Parks & Recreation regarding all event details and are working closely with the St. Paul Police Department regarding temporary street closures and detours but we wanted to make you aware of the event too. Our riders will begin arriving around 5:30PM for the 7:00-7:30PM start on event day. All riders will depart by 7:30PM and all should complete the ride and arrive back to the park by 10PM. Please note that eastbound Shepard Road will be closed temporarily for the ride, as will MRB from Shepard to Summit Ave. - we apologize for any inconvenience. You can see the ride routes and other details on our website at www.nightowlclassic.com.

St Paul Fire Dept

HEAT - Paramedics were dispatched to eight heat-related calls during the week that temperatures rose above 100 degrees. Once paramedics assessed the situations, four were transported to nearby hospitals.

FIRE ALARM MALFUNCTIONS - With record-setting dew points in the 80's, humidity caused a sharp increase in the number of fire alarm malfunctions that firefighters have responded to lately. Normally we average 6 fire alarm malfunctions a day. On a day when the dew point reached 81 degrees, firefighters were called to 36 fire alarm malfunctions to 24 different addresses. This can interfere with the fire department's response to real fire and medical emergencies. The humidity can cause false fire alarms for some of the following reasons:

- A lack of adequate ventilation. A vast majority of the fire alarm malfunctions came from smoke detectors in the corridors of apartment buildings.
- Aging detectors. Smoke detectors should be REPLACED every 8 - 10 years.
- Poor sensor adjustment. Fire alarm technicians can adjust and reduce the sensitivity of some detectors.
- Dirty detectors make them more sensitive to humidity.
- Bottom line: Property owners should maintain their smoke detectors by testing them at least monthly and having fire alarm system inspected annually.

STOVE FIRE - On July 17 at 7:37 p.m. on the 200 block of McKnight Road South the occupant was cooking food on the stove when the grease ignited in the fry pan. The fire extended upward melting the microwave front and charring a cabinet door. The occupant extinguished the fire with a dry chemical prior to crews arrival. Damage is estimated at \$500.

- Careless, unattended cooking is the leading cause of building fires. Preventing all these fires is very simple: Never leave the kitchen when you're cooking.

Circus Juventas -Summer Show

GRIMM -Circus Juventas' Summer show is reserved for the most advanced performers in the most advanced acts. Students appearing in these themed productions are seasoned, well-rounded performers who train year-round. Tickets will go on sale July 5th.
Call **651-699-8229** for more information

Performance Dates/Times

Thur., July 28 1:00 MNSCA School Show
Fri., July 29 7:00 Public Performance LIMITED AVAILABILITY
Sat., July 30 1:00 ASL Interpretation/Audio Description and 7:00 Public Performances
Sun., July 31 1:00 Public Performance EXTREMELY LIMITED AVAILABILITY

Wed., August 3 1:00 MNSCA School Show
Thurs., August 4 1:00 MNSCA School Show and 7:00 Public Performance
Fri., August 5 1:00 and 7:00 Public Performances
Sat., August 6 1:00 and 7:00 Public Performances
Sun., August 7 1:00 Public Performance

Wed., August 10 1:00 MNSCA School Show
Thurs., August 11 7:00 Public Performance LIMITED AVAILABILITY
Fri., August 12 7:00 Public Performance
Sat., August 13 1:00 and 7:00 Public Performances
Sun., August 14 1:00 and 7:00 Public Performances



Have a great weekend!

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