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HDC Events Calendar

- October 19 Ward 3 Candidate Forum 6:30 PM
Hillcrest Rec Center Community Room
Sponsored by the LWVSP, MGCC and the HDC
- October 21-23 Boy Scouts Camporee at Highland Pavilion
- October 24 Ground Breaking for the First Tee 4:00 -4:15
Highland National Golf Course Driving Range
1403 Montreal Ave
- October 24 St Paul Public School Board Meet the
Candidates 7:00 pm
Highland Senior High Auditorium
Sponsored by the League of Women Voters
- November 2 HDC Board Meeting 7:00 pm
Brad Meier Parks and Recreation
Bill Stephenson Animal Control
St Paul School Board Rep ?
Hillcrest Recreation Center
- November 8 [Election Day](#)
- November 9 Ford Task Force Community Meeting
Time and Location TBD
- 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

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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
Albert St, St Paul

Crime Report

[Crime Report 10-6 to 10-12](#)

BP on the Corner of Finn and Ford Pkwy was robbed last week.

Did you know Witnesses saw the suspect park a white Lincoln with a red top on Pinehurst, get out of the car on an 80 degree day, wearing a flannel shirt and pull a stocking cap down low over his forehead? They joked that he was going to rob a store, he did.

The police understand that anyone of us could react this same way. The SPPD are asking you to call, if something doesn't look right call! If something doesn't feel right call! If it turns out to be nothing it is okay, the police department would rather check it out, then to find out after the fact that a crime was committed.

From Pam McCreary at Western District:

Commanders Axtell & Toupal have asked that I contact you regarding the number of commercial burglaries in the Western District since 10//1/11. There have been a total of 9 and 8 of them have been forced entry at night. The other was forced entry daytime.

Most of these burglaries had smashed front windows, some had money taken that was left in the registers or products stolen. A few had nothing taken where they may have been scared off by alarms.

We ask that if you please inform your members to be cautious regarding policies where cash is left in registers and to report any and all suspicious activity to police by calling 911. All calls and incidents are considered important and no call is insignificant!

If businesses are interested in having a copy of the Business Safety & Security Handbook please have them email or call me at 651-266-5455 or pam.mccreary@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Thank you for your assistance in informing our neighbors.

The St Paul Police have a [Facebook page](#) -check it out for the latest news

Worried about what number to call Non-Emergency or Emergency? Stop worrying and just call 911! They calls go to the same operators and they will prioritize the calls.

Community Development Committee

Smashburger - request waiver of 45-day notification for wine & beer license

Darin Frenzel introduced himself as the General Manager of the new Smashburger restaurant, scheduled to open adjacent to Lund's on October 19. Mr. Frenzel described the Smashburger concept and stated that he was seeking the district council's support for a waiver of the 45-day waiting period for public hearing notification of Smashburger's beer and wine licenses. Mr. Frenzel explained the Smashburger is a restaurant, not a bar, and the license will require that 60 percent of sales are from food (similar to Noodles and Chipotle). Ms. Anderson inquired about outdoor seating and Mr. Frenzel confirmed that would not be outdoor seating. Hours will be 10 AM to 10 PM, seven days a week. Ms. Anderson commented that notifications of the license have been sent to all residents within 350 feet of the property line. Ms. Bartsh moved that the committee recommend to the Council granting waiver of the 45-day waiting period with the understanding that neighbors will still be notified and have opportunity for comment. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the committee.

J & S Bean Factory - request for support of application to rezone

Mr. Vandewater, owner of J & S Bean Factory, requested the committee's support for the application to rezone his property from B1 to TN2. He explained that the current B1 zoning does not allow him to serve soup, a product he had offered since opening in 2001. A year and half ago the city enforced the B1 restriction on this activity. City officials have recommended rezoning to TN2, a zoning category that will allow soup sales to continue. Mr. Vandewater described strong neighborhood support for his business in general and this request in particular. Ms. Anderson briefly described the differences between B1 and TN2 and noted that TN2 is appropriate for this parcel and consistent with the type of development at nearby Snelling & Randolph. Mr. Campbell moved that the committee provide a letter of support recommending approval of the requested rezoning. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the committee.

Other Business

Ms. Anderson noted that the Highland Village Special District Sign Plan task force is in place and working to schedule their first meeting in the next couple weeks.

Ms. Anderson reported that the full HDC had approved the resolution to request the Planning Commission to initiate a review of the Shepard Davern Gateway Small Area Plan and Shepard Davern Commercial and Residential Redevelopment Overlay Districts. Ms. Anderson estimated that this would probably be a 2012 project based on city staff availability.

Candidate Forum -Miss it? You can watch it on SPNN

The Candidate Forum was very well attended with over 180+ people participating on October 19 at the Hillcrest Recreation Center. Thank you to the League of Women Voters and Macalester Groveland Community Council for partnering with us to co-host this event.

The Four Candidates; John Manillo, Tyler Slinger, Eve Stein and Chris Tolbert did a really good job of answering some tough questions. To view the debate on SPNN in the next couple of weeks go to <http://spnn.org/watch/schedule> and check the schedule



SPNN will be airing the Saint Paul City Council Candidate Forums on Channel 19 at 8:00 pm and they will be available to watch on the SPNN website, www.spnn.org.

Ward 1 - Monday, October 17

Ward 2 - Sunday, October 23

Ward 3 - Monday, October 24

Ward 4 - Tuesday, October 18

Ward 5 - Wednesday, October 19

Saint Paul School Board - Friday, October 28

The forums will be available on other dates, too. Check the [SPNN calendar](#) for more information.

What you Need to Know about Ranked Choice Voting?

Information on Ranked Choice Voting

On November 8th, St. Paul will be using Ranked Voting (also called Ranked Choice or Instant Runoff Voting) for the first time to elect city council members. Ranked Voting, which was approved by voters in 2009, combines the primary and general election into a single election. This means that there will be no September primary election this year for city races.

The school board election is also on the ballot this year. While school board elections will continue to use the traditional voting method (as they are governed by statute and not city charter), there will not be a primary for school board this year either. So there is only one election, on November 8th.

On Election Day, you will be given a ballot that allows you to rank candidates in your council race in order of preference - 1st choice, 2nd choice, 3 choice, etc. You can rank as many preferences as you wish. Some wards will have only one or two candidates on the ballot and in these wards ranking is not necessary. But in those races where there are three or more candidates, you will be able to rank one, two, three or more preferences.

Counting happens in rounds: All first choices are tallied. If one candidate receives a majority (50% + 1) of first choices, that candidate is declared the winner. If not, then the least popular candidate is eliminated and his or her ballots are reassigned to remaining candidates based on those voters' preferences. The ballots are counted again and if no candidate still receives a majority, the process continues until one candidate receives a majority of votes. If no candidate receives 50 percent of the vote, then whoever's ahead after only two candidates remain is declared the winner.

You will mark a optical scan ballot as you always have. The current machines will read the ballots and tally the votes in each ranking. The machines will also tell you if you make an error on the ballot and you'll be given the opportunity to redo your ballot. The machines, however, do not have software to tally the races that are not won in the first round and these races will be tallied manually the Monday following Election Day.

To learn more about ranked voting or volunteer to help with voter education, contact Ramsey County Elections by clicking [here](#) or FairVote Minnesota's Voter Education Coordinator Sarah Clarke at sarah.clarke@fairvotemn.org.

Please Nominate an Extraordinary Volunteer

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 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>

Crosby Nature Preserve -Deer Hunt

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.

St Paul Library Old Time Radio Shows

Experience the fun of old time radio as Saint Paul Public Library presents On the Radio, a series of three shows by The Prime Time Players in November. The Prime Time Players are a group of dedicated professional local actors, who use original and classic scripts, sound effects, music and their well-trained voices and acting skills to create classic radio shows just like those from the golden age of radio.

Join the Prime Time Players at 7 p.m., Wednesday, November 2, at James J. Hill Reference Library for "Terror & Science Fiction on the Radio." The show will include haunting music from the 30s and 40s, old-time radio commercials and several short radio programs, including Flash Gordon, The Telltale Heart and more.

"Terror & Science Fiction on the Radio" will take place at 7 p.m., November 2, at James J. Hill Reference Library, 80 West Fourth Street, St. Paul, MN 55102 (adjacent to Central Library). For information, call 651-266-7000.

The series continues with "Drama & Mystery on the Radio" at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 9, at Saint Anthony Park Library. The show will feature music from the 30s and 40s, audience participation, old-time radio commercials and several short radio programs, including The Shadow, Sherlock Holmes and more.

"Drama & Mystery on the Radio" will take place at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 9, at Saint Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108, 651-642-0411.

In the final show of the series, the Prime Time Players present "Comedy on the Radio" at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, November 17, at West 7th Library. This hilarious old-time radio show will feature audience participation, music from the 30s and 40s, old-time radio commercials and several short radio programs, including sketches about Bud Abbott & Lou Costello, Jack Benny and more.

"Comedy on the Radio" will take place at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, November 17, at West 7th Library, 265 Oneida Street, St. Paul, MN 55102, 651-298-5516. On the Radio is funded by Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

For more information about the Saint Paul Public Library and events, please visit www.sppl.org.

Sisters of St Joseph Host "A Taste of Thanksgiving"

A Taste of Thanksgiving -- More than Just Great Food and Wine

Come to a Taste of Thanksgiving and you'll walk away with more than good memories. You may be inspired to try new recipes for your holiday entertaining, such as sweet potato crepes with curry mustard aoli or a turkey basted with wild mushroom olive oil.

Discover what some of our chefs will be cooking up for you at a Taste on Friday, November 11:

Natalie Jaeger, The Olive Grove Olive Oil Company, Mendota Heights
Ashley and Siso, Glaciers Cafe, Minneapolis

And, of course, you'll meet our 11 St. Joseph Workers, who are volunteering in 12 nonprofit organizations bringing help and hope to thousands of women, men and children. These women have a heart for justice, open minds, resilient spirits and an eagerness for leadership.

[Register today.](#)

Lumen Christi for Senior Wellness Education

November 15 - 7:00 -9:00 PM at Lumen Christi Community Room

[Coping with Holiday Grief: Helping yourself and those you Love](#)

December 13 -7:00 -9:00 PM Lumen Christi Community Room

[Driving No More: A Guide for Families of Impaired Drivers](#)

Refreshments will be provided!

NORC Programming for Seniors

Please share with your constituents that support and enhance the quality of life of seniors and their caregivers.

They are sponsored by the Depression Assessment Program for Seniors (DAPS) and the Highland Park West 7th NORC Initiative. In summary they are:

1) [Educational Seminars for Seniors and Caregivers:](#)

sponsored by DAPS. Sessions on Depression and Anxiety presented by NAMI-MN. Next presentation Oct 26th (Russian Speaking) and Nov. 7 (English Speaking)

2) [SWAY \(Seniors Weaving Art with Youth\):](#)

NORC sponsored intergenerational 5 wk dance program led by Kairos Dance Theatre. Begins Nov. 10th.

Castles in our Neighborhood

Architectural historian & author Larry Millett will discuss his new book, *Once There Were Castles: Lost Mansions and Estates of the Twin Cities* (University of Minnesota Press, 2011), with a slideshow and presentation in conversation with Garrison Keillor on Monday, November 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Fitzgerald Theater (10 E. Exchange Street, St. Paul, MN). Hundreds of extravagant Twin Cities homes have been lost to commercial development, fire, and financial disaster. *Once There Were Castles* presents ninety of these lost mansions with rich illustration and absorbing

detail. The event is open to the public. Please mention this event in your community organization's print or online calendar(s).

TICKET INFO:

Individual tickets are \$10.00. Student tickets are \$5.00. Tickets are on sale through Ticketmaster, at Common Good Books, or in person at the Fitzgerald Box Office. Minnesota Public Radio member discount applies: <http://fitzgeraldtheater.publicradio.org/events/>.

Community Weavings at Frameworks

Please join The FrameWorks as we unveil the results of Weaving Community. This collaborative art show consists of four large weavings that were created by the public at last summers Highland Fest. Each weaving was designed to represent one of the four elements of life. Earth, Wind, Fire and Water are each adorned with recycled materials both man made and natural. Weaving Community is the result of a partnership between the Highland Business Association in conjunction with Highland Fest and ArtStart/ArtScraps.

The project was completed thanks to a city of St. Paul Star Grant. The show will start with an opening celebration on Saturday October 22nd from 7-9 pm at The FrameWorks Gallery and Picture Framing. 2022A Ford Parkway.

Refreshments will be served and the celebration is free to the public. If you can't make the opening, stop by later to see the weavings, but hurry because they are only on display through November 9th.

Thank you for reading the HDC News. Please keep sending your comments and suggestions, they are greatly appreciated.

Have a great weekend! The HDC office will be closed on Friday October 21!

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