

HDC Newsletter

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HDC Events Calendar

- October 6** HDC Board Meeting 7:00 pm
Election of Grid 4 Representative
Brad Myers Parks & Recreation
Commander Todd Axtell, SPPD
Hillcrest Recreation Center
- October 11** Community Development Meeting 6:30 pm
Village Sign Plan Sub Committee Report
Smashburger -Waiver of Beer and Wine
License
J & S Bean Factory Rezone from B2 to TN2
Hillcrest Recreation Center
- October 12** Community Services Meeting 6:30 pm
[Motion Light Program](#) Details -Kick off
Hillcrest Recreation Center
- October 16** JCC Booya in the Sukkah 1 -4 pm
- October 17-19** Crosby Nature Preserve Deer Hunt
- October 18** Western District Community Mtg
9:30 am & 6:30 pm
389 N Hamline Ave (across from Target)
- October 18** CANCELED -MOVED TO OCT 11
Community Development Meeting 6:30 pm
- 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** St Paul Public School Board Meet the
Candidates **7:00 pm**
Highland Senior High Auditorium
Sponsored by the League of Women Voters
- November 9** Ford Task Force Community Meeting
Time and Location TBD
- November 7-9** Crosby Nature Preserve Deer Hunt

[Great River Parks Master Plan](#)
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Crime Prevention

[Crime Report 9-22 to 9-28](#)

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[Crime Stats through Sept 30, 2011 by District](#)

[Motion Sensor Crime Prevention Promotion](#) for Highland Park Residents

Replace your existing light fixture with Motion-Activated Lights to Deter Criminals. St Paul Police recommend that homeowners replace their outdoor light fixtures with lights that are motion-activated, so lights will come on when criminals approach your property. Together, a neighborhood can drive criminals away with simple security steps like this.

[Western District Community Meeting](#) October 18 at 9:30 am and 6:30 pm

Western District Police Office
389 N. HAMLIN AVE. (I-94 & HAMLIN)

Attending the Community/Neighborhood Meeting will help you...

Be informed

Get to know your neighbors

Make a difference

Interact with police

Transportation Committee News

Meeting Minutes September 27, 2011

Letter to the Neighbors for alley maintenance

- Resident contacted Dennis Rosemark with Harris' office about concerns with alleyway
- Alleyway has giant weeds in backyards and driveways, junks, deteriorating fences and walls, overgrown foliage which is obstructing sight in the alley, painting, speeders in the alley
- Aesthetics is a concern; hazard to motorists in the alley; affect values
- Make a general letter to the neighbors about ordinances and resolutions

Election of Community Member

- Charles Decker-elected

Parks Dept. - interpretative signs & kiosks along River Road

- National scenic byway information
- Can also be used for the kiosks in the St. Paul Grand Round

- Kiosks add solar panel to light the wayfinding maps on the kiosks
- Will be placed near the Ford Dam between the trails

Graham Snow Plow Meeting Update

- 5:30 pm - Wednesday

New business

- Inquiry about the No Parking on Lexington
- New Business in the Trader Joe's area want to remove the no parking restriction
- Monica said that the businesses should pay for a parking study of their property before a parking restriction change is considered

Don't Miss the Ward 3 Candidate Forum

Sponsored by the Highland District Council, Macalester Groveland Community Council and the League of Women Voters! The League will be

Date: October 19

Time: 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Where: Hillcrest Recreation Center

Why: Meet the Candidates for Ward 3 -John Mannillo, Tyler Slinger, Eve Stein and Chris Tolbert

The audience will be able to submit questions, which all 4 candidates will answer. The League will be giving a presentation on Ranked Choice voting before the forum starts.

If you can't join us watch the Candidate Forums on SPNN:

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.

Thank You for a Very Successful Neighborhood Clean Up!

Clean Up was a huge success!

Thank you to all our volunteers and sponsors for making this years Clean up another huge success. We were able to help over 835+ families get rid of electronics, construction material, tires, metals, bikes, reusables, trash, appliances, shredding and Household Hazardous Waste. The majority of this was able to be recycled, given to charity, sold to District Energy (clean wood), used to make roads (the concrete and some construction debris) or the bikes our fixed up and the proceeds go to a good cause.

Thank you to the Highland Grill and Tiffany's for **donating the food** for over 65+ Volunteers. Thank you to Mary Davis for providing the beverages.

With the closing of the Ford Plant the Highland District Council and Macalester Groveland Community Council are looking for a new site to hold the Spring and Fall Clean ups. If you have

any ideas for a new location or would like to be part of the search, please contact Kathy at 651-695-4005.

Drought Stressed Trees Need Your Help

DROUGHT STRESSED TREES NEED WATERING HELP

Saint Paul Parks and Recreation director Mike Hahm is reporting that the lack of rain has caused area trees to wilt and some are beginning to brown. Drought stressed trees are more susceptible to disease, infection, and insect invasion. Residents and area businesses can help by watering both their privately and publicly owned trees on or near their property.

The city's 130,000 public trees are showing signs of stress, many of them severe, due to lack of rain this summer. Young trees are especially vulnerable. A weekly watering of several hours from a trickling hose is recommended to help trees through the dry weather.

Trees need 1.5 inches of rain per week to maintain good health. The last time St. Paul had a rain event over 1 inch was on August 16th. Since then, we haven't experienced any significant precipitation and forecasters aren't predicting any major relief for at least another 5 days.

For more information about caring for trees, residents can visit the City's website www.stpaul.gov/naturalresources and follow links to the Forestry unit. To request a gator bag to help water a recently planted public tree please call forestry at (651) 632-5129. Also, check out this link to a video on watering trees. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XwwnIkrbObo>

Coyote Sightings -What Can You Do?

Animal Control is fully aware of the coyote issue that is occurring in the region. This is not just a Saint Paul issue. They have been in communication with our neighboring municipalities to learn how they are managing the coyotes and are developing a communication plan to better get the word out about the animals. The coyote has become a part of the wild animal fabric in our region and we need to learn how to best navigate with their presence.

Animal Control is working with existing tools and learning new tools to manage the coyote population, but due to the high count of the animals, Animal Control has taken the role of removing dangerous, sick and injured coyotes away from the general human population. Council member Harris had the misfortune of having a coyote nest in his backyard last winter and witnessed first hand how the animal behaves and the different techniques Animal Control uses to move the animal along. In the end, the coyote moved on. I understand this is a frustrating response, but there are ideas published by the City of Saint Paul Department of Safety and Inspections Animal Control that you can do to reduce coyotes from traveling near you:

DO secure your garbage containers, wild life feeders, pet food and other food sources to prevent coyote access.

DO confine small dogs and cats in kennels, and supervise them when outside.

DO vaccinate all pets for all diseases as recommended by a veterinarian.

DO harass any coyote that do not immediately run from people. Use frightening methods such as shouting, clapping, or other startling sounds. Motion detecting lights are also a good deterrent.

DO NOT feed coyotes.

DO NOT encourage them to become at ease with humans.

DO NOT leave pet food outside.

DO NOT leave small pets outside unattended.

In the event you witness a coyote with aggressive tendencies and the animal does not leave after trying the mentioned tactics, or if the animal is sick or injured, call the Animal Control Center at 651-266-1100 for assistance. So you are aware, Animal Control Officers will not respond to complaints about coyotes that are acting in a normal fashion.

Deer Hunt at Crosby Nature Preserve

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.

Emerald Ash Borer Update from St Paul Forestry

Due to the recent finding of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) we have received notice that an influx of vendors/contractors have begun going door to door again contacting residents claiming to have "correct or more accurate" information on the effects of the EAB infestation on Saint Paul's ash trees. These vendors/contractors are not authorized by the City of Saint Paul, or the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

We need your help in spreading the word that residents may be contacted or visited by these companies (that have an opportunity for financial gain), and are acting on their own accord and have not been contracted by the City to go door to door. If contacted by one of these companies, residents can request identification, and if the company claims to work for the City of Saint Paul or identifies themselves as a contractor of the City of Saint Paul, please take their name and business they represent, and report them to City Forestry at 651-632-5129. All City Forestry staff carry identification, or can be confirmed by contacting the City Forestry office.

If the vendor does not identify themselves as working for the City, residents can certainly make their own decision on the products they may be selling for private use. Residents who wish to educate themselves on the alternatives for their private ash trees can visit www.stpaul.gov/eab for more information, and if residents wish to learn more about insecticide options visit the USDA's website: www.emeraldashborer.info

To help ensure residents are choosing the best option for them, all work done on a homeowners property should be done by a certified arborist. Any questions or concerns can be directed to the City's Forestry hotline at: 651-632-5129 or email: forestry@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Are you a Veteran or Spouse of a Veteran?

Join the Wellington and Stuart Mgmt for a [Seminar on Veteran Support](#)

Thursday, October 27
6:00 -7:00 pm
2235 Rockwood Ave
St Paul, MN 55116

Did you know that Veterans or their Spouses can receive up to \$1,949 of tax free money to supplement their income to pay for health care costs at home, in Assisted Living Facilities and in Nursing Homes?

If you or your spouse served in the military during a war-time period (WWII, Korea, Vietnam, etc.) and you meet certain financial and health criteria, you could be eligible for this additional income - even if you did not retire from the military!

SPRWS Water Meter Replacement Project Update

As of today, since we began installations in October of 2010, we have replaced more than 29,253 water meters out of the 94,000 meters that will be replaced. We are approaching a third of the way to completion.

More than 33,500 property owners have been sent notification letters regarding the installation.

In our notification letters, customers are informed that there are alternate metering systems available.

Property owners can apply for one of the alternate metering systems by calling our customer service reps at 651-266-6350 or by downloading the application form from our website at <https://www.saintpaulwater.com/meters/>

Customers who have previously called in to request information about alternate metering systems have been provided with that information and an application for an alternate metering system. As of

today, Oct. 4, about 300 applications have been sent out.

Information on the regulations we meet and many reports on FCC rules and regulations, FDA rules on radiation emitting electric devices (like radios and remote controls), radio frequency, electromagnetic frequency, and other topics related to radio transmitters from peer-based, scientific research also can be found at <https://www.saintpaulwater.com/meters/>

Where we are at

To keep you abreast of where we are working and the completion rate of each area, a [map](#) is attached to this email.

Please be aware that in a minority of cases, in which repeated attempts to contact the homeowner or resident have gone without response for at least two months, we have disconnected water services until we can arrange to have a new meter installed.

- More than 90 percent of the meter installations for residents north of I-94 to Dale Street on the east and Highway 280 on the west are complete. South of I-94 down to St. Claire Ave. from the river on the west to Snelling Ave. on the east are complete. From there, from Snelling Ave. east to Ayd Mill Road and down to Randolph to the south are complete.
- We are between Snelling Ave. to the west and Lexington Parkway to the east as we install south of Ayd Mill Road
- We are north of West Seventh Street in the Highland Park area, and we will swoop back up toward St. Claire Ave. to the north as we follow our billing cycle around in a counter-clockwise fashion in the Highland Park and Macalester-Groveland areas.
- We continue installation of large (1.5- and 2-inch) residential and commercial meters, completing 1,571 of those meters to date. We are completing large meters at a rate of about 20 a day/100 per week.

Residential meter installation has leveled at about 500 per week, as installers continue to work on large, commercial meters.

Complaints remain low relative to the number of meters installed at about 1.34 percent overall, with leaks being the number one complaint.

There is a great deal of information on this project, including how to read the new meters, updates like this, and maps of the entire project area on our website at <https://www.saintpaulwater.com/meters/>

Euphoria Salon's Annual Coat Drive

October is Coat Drive Month at Euphoria Salon

Drop off any gently worn WINTER coat and receive a small product gift bag. ~

Euphoria Salon
256 South Cleveland Ave.
St. Paul, 55105

This season, coats will be donated to Joseph's Coats of St. Paul.

Metro Transit Open Houses -Gathering Public Input

Metro Transit Open Houses-

AT METRO STATE UNIVERSITY IN SAINT PAUL ON OCTOBER 11

Metro Transit will be having several open houses next week to gather public input on a study they are conducting to improve transit service on some of the most heavily used bus routes. They are studying eleven corridors in the Twin Cities and surrounding suburbs that combined carry about half of the local daily bus ridership. The focus of this study is on improving existing bus routes, not planned or under construction Light Rail lines. These open houses will be informal and participants are welcome to come and go as they please. There will be three meetings; two in Minneapolis and one in St. Paul. Meeting times, locations and directions are listed below. If you would like more information and a map of corridors in this study please visit: <http://metrotransit.org/arterial-study.aspx>

- Tuesday, Oct. 11 - 6 to 8 p.m., Metro State University, Founders Hall, 700 E. 7th St., St. Paul
Nearby bus routes: 61, 63 and 74, Parking (\$2.50) is available on Maria St. between E. 6th and 7th streets, across from Founders Hall.

- Wednesday, Oct. 12, 6 to 8 p.m., Midtown Global Market, basement meeting room, 920 E. Lake St., Suite G10, Minneapolis
Nearby bus routes: 5, 21, 27, 39 and 53, Paid parking is available across 10th Avenue from the Midtown Exchange it can be validated with a purchase from any Midtown Market vendor. Metered parking is also available on Elliot Avenue but cannot be validated.

- Thursday, Oct. 13, 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Central Library, Doty Board Room, N-280, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis
The library is served by many local and express bus routes. Find your route with the Trip Planner. Public parking is located on 4th St. between Hennepin and Nicollet for \$3/hour or \$4 for two hours.

2011 Jewish Book Fair

2011 Twin Cities Jewish Book Fair

ST. PAUL, MN - For over 40 years the Jewish Community Center of the Greater St. Paul Area (St. Paul JCC) has been spear-heading a power packed literary festival which over the years has brought in scores of nationally known, popular writers. The [2011 Twin Cities Jewish Book Fair](#) continues the tradition and celebrates the significant contributions of today's finest authors: seasoned writers, wellknown among scholarly or literary circles, and newly emerging voices. Some presentations speak to Jewish culture and history, but all have universal appeal. You don't have to be Jewish to enjoy Bob Dylan, Woody Allen or the Twin Cities Jewish Book Fair.

Thank you for reading the HDC News. Enjoy the beautiful Fall weekend!

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