

Highland District Council News

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HDC Events Calendar

- September 24** [Fall Clean Up!!](#) 9am - 2pm
Ford Plant Parking Lot
New this Fall Ramsey County will be there collecting Household Hazardous Waste
- September 25** Snelling Ave will be Closed 7 am -4 pm
- September 27** Transportation Meeting 6:30 PM
Opening/Election for a Community member
Hillcrest Recreation Center
- September 28** HBA FUN Raiser at Tiffany's Sports Bar
Wednesday, September 28
6:30 -8:30 pm
live auction, silent auction, food and Summit beer
- October 5** Access to Hidden Falls Limited
Paving and Regrading
- 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 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** Community Development Meeting 6:30 pm
Village Sign Plan Sub Committee Report
ARISE -the 6th option for the Ford Plant property
Hillcrest Recreation Center
- October 19** [Ward 3 Candidate Forum](#) 6:30 PM
Hillcrest Rec Center Community Room
Sponsored by the LWVSP, MGCC and the HDC

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October 21-23 Boy Scouts Camporee at Highland Pavilion
See below for more details

November 7-9 Crosby Nature Preserve Deer Hunt

Clean Up this Saturday from 9 am - 2pm

Neighborhood Clean-ups

- **Fall Cleanup Date:** Saturday, September 24, 2011
- **Location:** Ford Plant parking lot (enter northbound on Mississippi River Blvd.)
- **Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Call the Highland District Council for more information: (651) 695-4005

New this Fall -Ramsey County will be at the Clean Up allowing residents to bring in Hazardous Waste!!!!

What Can you Bring? West 7th Shredding Services will be at the Clean up - cost \$5/per grocery bag or \$8 for a bankers box, cash or Visa (for shredding only) accepted

The Fall Cleanup is a one-day event which allow residents to discard just about anything. The Community Council brings together haulers and vendors in one central location and make efforts to reuse or recycle your old stuff for less cost than you would pay a garbage hauler to take it away. To volunteer at the event, or to learn more about it, please email Kathy at hdc@visi.com or Lauren at lauren@macgrove.org .

[Donations guide to St. Paul charities](#)

Community Development Update

Proposed FreeStyle Yogurt

Dave Brandner introduced himself as the owner/operator of the FreeStyle Yogurt restaurant proposed for the northern most tenant space in the Trader Joe's development. First Mr. Brandner inquired about the history and purpose of the parking restrictions on the half block of northbound Lexington directly south of Juno. The committee recommended that he contact the HDC Transportation Committee and immediate neighbors about this concern. Ms. Carruth volunteered to inquire with the city about the history of that No Parking designation.

Mr. Brandner then described the new business and fielded questions from the committee. FreeStyle will be a self-service frozen yogurt concept intended to be a fun place for all ages. Opening is targeted for early December. Hours of operation are expected to be 12 PM to 9 PM. The committee recommended that he proactively communicate with neighbors and be conscious of the effect of his lighting and signage on the residential neighbors.

Highland Village Special District Sign Plan - Update

Ms. Anderson reported that Ms. Bartsh had met with the HBA regarding the proposal to update the Highland Village Special District Sign Plan. The HBA is supportive and committed two members to participate on the task force that will work with St. Paul Planning and Economic Development (PED) on the update process. Ms. Bartsh noted that the plan will not be completely re-written, but updated to include regulation of new sign technology, especially Dynamic Display Signs. Ms. Anderson and Mr. Campbell were selected to represent the HDC on the sign task force. Ms. Anderson will work with Kate Reilly, PED Planner, to organize an October meeting of the task force.

Shepard Davern Small Area Plan/Overlay Districts

The committee discussed a draft resolution requesting the St. Paul Planning Commission to initiate a review and update of the Shepard Davern Gateway Small Area Plan and Shepard Davern Commercial and Residential Redevelopment Overlay Districts. Ms. Bartsh recommended that the language of the resolution be changed to specifically say the update process must include community involvement and multiple public hearings. Ms. Bartsh also asked if the review process could include expansion of the small area plan into areas not currently within its boundaries. A vote on the resolution was delayed until the language could be changed and questions about the process resolved.

Other Business

Ms. Carruth gave a brief update on the Dino's Gyros project. Tom Beach, St. Paul Zoning Inspector, has approved the request by the developer and the HDC to change the building height and size requirements from what were originally approved in the Walgreens site plan. However the developer has not completed any drawings and is not yet on a future CDC agenda.

Alice Madden from ARISE (Alliance to Re-Industrialize for a Sustainable Economy) requested space on a future CDC agenda for her group to present and solicit input from the committee on ARISE's research and alternative proposal for the Ford site redevelopment. The committee invited ARISE to present in the October or November meeting.

Community Services Committee

STAR Grant for Security Cameras

- The committee reviewed a request from SPPD to support a STAR grant application for security cameras in two locations, Hillcrest & Horace Mann school.
- Lucas Power explained the proposed security cameras and suggested that an additional one be located at Homecroft, where there have been repeated incidents of suspicious behavior.
- Olivia is not convinced that the cameras would have the desired deterrent effect; Meredith said she was undecided.
- After further discussion, the committee approved the following resolution, with two dissenting votes:

Whereas, the Community Services Committee has been asked by the city council to prepare a resolution in support of a STAR (Sales Tax Revitalization) grant application for the installation of security cameras at the following locations:

**Hillcrest Playground, 1974 Ford Parkway (to view playground & ball fields)
Horace Mann Elementary School, 2001 Eleanor Ave (to view playground).**

Be it resolved that the Community Services Committee supports this initiative with the further recommendation that the Homecroft School, 1845 Sheridan Ave. be added to the request,

Crime Prevention

1) Motion/security lights

- Lucas provided an update on the program to offer discounted purchase and installation of motion/security lights, in cooperation with Highland Electric and S&S Hardware.
- Lucas reviewed a publicity flyer and committee members made several suggested changes.
- The committee thanked Lucas for his efforts.

2) New resident packets

- Lucas showed the information packets to welcome new residents to Highland Park, which are now ready for distribution.
- Meredith Beeson offered to assist Kathy Carruth, Lucas or others, to help distribute to new residents.

3) Crime stats report

- Pat Bettenberg asked Lucas about the status of the tracking report for crime stats in Highland.
- Lucas said he has been compiling all the crime reports and will be producing an annual report in December or January.
- Pat emphasized that the HDC and CSC need to be very careful about releasing crime information and ensure that the reports are accurate and don't result in any misinterpretation.

Community Garden Update

- Pat said that the community garden continues to be a success and plans are underway for next year.
- The fiscal agency arrangement is working well and the HGRO organization is cash positive.
- A fall harvest meeting is planned for the next month and will include discussion on how to plant and maintain the decorative garden that is adjacent to the community garden plots.
- Pat noted that the location of the community garden has proven to be very good for growing crops.

New Business

1) Deer hunt

- Tim Swanson noted that a deer hunt is planned this fall for Crosby and Highland park areas.
- It will be an archery hunt with the goal of eliminating the herd.
- Surplus meat is donated to local food shelf organizations.

2) Halloween crime prevention

- Lucas asked for suggestions to promote crime prevention during Halloween.
- The committee suggested that HDC participate in the HBA Halloween event in Highland Village and Lucas could give away HDC whistles or other items.

3) New location for neighborhood clean up

- Pat reminded the group that the committee needs to remain involved in the neighborhood clean up and participate in the process to select a new location in the future.
- Frank Jossi and Meredith Beeson offered to serve on a sub-committee to help identify new locations, in cooperation with HDC Community Organizer Kathy Carruth and others.

Crime Report

[Crime Report 9-8 to 9-14](#)

[Crime Report 9-15 to 9-21](#)

Burglaries

There have been a string of six burglaries in Highland within the past two weeks. The majority of the burglaries occurred at night time. The criminals used numerous ways of entering the residences. One burglar entered a home by using the garage remote from an unlocked vehicle, while another opened a house door that was left unlocked overnight. The only successful apprehension occurred when a resident heard glass break and contacted the police. The police were able to identify and arrest the burglar shortly after the crime had occurred. Many of these unfortunate crimes can be prevented by remembering to lock-up your vehicles and homes when you are away or sleeping. If you see suspicious activity, do not hesitate to call the Police!

Saint Paul Police Seek Burglary Suspects

September 21, 2011

Saint Paul Police burglary investigators are asking for the public's help to identify several men wanted in connection with two burglaries at Los Ocampo Restaurant: one on April 11th of the this year and the most recent on August 28th. The men may also be connected to other similar burglaries in St. Paul.

Photos taken from surveillance video inside Los Ocampo Restaurant during the early morning hours of August 28th can be seen at [this site](#). Two men entered the restaurant after breaking an exterior light and a front window. The men took cash and liquor before leaving the restaurant.

One man can be seen in the surveillance photos breaking the exterior light, and other photos show both men inside a restaurant office. The car in which they traveled to and from the restaurant can also be seen. Investigators believe that car is similar to a mid-to-late 1980s Oldsmobile Cutlass

Cierra.

Shepard Davern Overlay

The department of Planning and Economic development staff recommended to the Neighborhood Committee of the Planning Commission to change the Zoning Overlay of residential property from a two acre requirement to a 1 acre requirement. The Neighborhood Committee questioned why the process of Community involvement was being bypassed, and then recommended that the language be completely removed from the Zoning Overlay. To view the resolution recommended to the committee [click here](#)

There was a [public hearing](#) before the City Council on September 21 at 5:30 pm at City Hall. Four neighbors spoke in opposition, the HDC submitted their resolution to each City Council member, PPL and Building Trades spoke in support, it was laid over until next week to be voted on.

To voice opposition or support for the legislative amendment contact Councilman Harris at Ward3@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Have Fun and Help Raise \$\$\$ for the Highland Business Association

HBA Fundraiser

Help save Highland Fest while enjoying an evening of fun with friends!

For the past 28 year, the Highland Business Association (HBA) has organized and secured funding for Highland Fest -a neighborhood festival. They help pay for it by selling beer and pop at the festival. the profits are then put back into the community and to work on the next Highland Fest. This year's heat kept most people away -which meant little beer or pop sales. We are pulling out all the stops to make up the shortfall so Highland Fest can continue. We have planned a really fun night at Tiffany's Sports Bar & Grill, for

Wednesday, September 28 from 6:30 -8:30 pm.

For \$20 at the door, you will enjoy:

- all the Summit Beer you care to drink
- appetizers
- a live auction
- a silent auction
- the company of lots of your friends and neighbors

Some items up for bid:

- Suite tickets for a Wild game
- A vacation timeshare
- Dinner for 2 at Kincaid's, followed by tickets to the Ordway
- Sport Memorabilia

- A gift certificate to R F Moeller Jeweler

If you can't make it and still want to support Highland Fest, donations can be sent to:
Highland Business Association
790 Cleveland Ave S
Ste 219
St Paul, MN 55116

Please Help Water the Trees!

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=XwwnlkrbObo>

Tree Removal & Planting Update

For More information on Tree Removal in Highland go to the [City Website](#) public Tree Removal.

Planting Information from St Paul Forestry:

Spring planting is the major planting for the city where up to 75% of the trees are installed. However, we will update the web site asap that there is a fall planting period that occurs beginning in mid-October till the end of November, weather permitting. The ash trees removed in Highland this September will be replaced during this fall planting. There may be some minimal exceptions to this depending on the particular tree, e.g., if that variety of tree is unavailable in the fall and needs to wait for spring.

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.

Boy Scouts Camporee at Highland Pavilion

Saint Paul History Boy Scouts Camporee 2011

Friday - Sunday, October 21-23, 2011

Highland Park Picnic Pavilion, Saint Paul, MN

Attached is a flyer regarding the [Saint Paul Fall Camporee](#).

For additional information, please view the North Star District and/or Lake Minnetonka District web pages

at: <http://northstar.nsbsa.org/ActivitiesandCamping/DistrictCamporee.aspx> or http://www.lakeminnetonkadistrict.org/lmd_024.htm.

Event organizers are working with Saint Paul Police Sgt. Shannon Sills regarding parking and security plans for the event.

Want to Volunteer in Highland Park? How about on the District Council?

Thank you Kristine!

The HDC would like to thank Kristine Thompson for her work on the District Council over the last year and a half. Kristine resigned from the Board on September 8 and the Grid 4 seat is now vacant. An election will be held at the October 6th Board meeting. Please consider running for this seat at the meeting at 7:00 pm on October 6th at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy.

Who can Vote?

Members with voting rights (each a "**Member**" or "**Community Member**") 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. An individual who meets either of these Membership criteria but lacks the required documentation may vote at a meeting of the Association if a Member who has the required documentation vouches for the individual. This Election is open to all members that live between Randolph and Highland Pkwy and Snelling and Hamline Ave. If you would like more information about what it means to be on the HDC Board please visit our website at www.highlanddistrictcouncil.org

St Paul Public Library Books Available for Kindle

Saint Paul Public Library is excited to announce that its eBook collection is now compatible with the Amazon Kindle. Patrons will be able to download popular and classic eBooks to a Kindle device or any mobile device running the free Kindle app, such as iPhone, iPad, Android, and more. To get started, visit www.sppl.org. "Since we launched our eBook service in April, its been wildly popular," said Kit Hadley, Library Director. "Now, with the addition of Amazon Kindle, were thrilled that more patrons can enjoy popular eBooks because its a fast and efficient way to enjoy new titles."

Saint Paul Public Library also offers eBooks for use on a PC or Mac computer and popular mobile devices such as a Smartphone, MP3 player, and eBook reader like the Barnes & Noble Nook and Sony Reader. Kindle users can browse the Saint Paul Public Library's collection of bestselling and classic eBooks from a PC or Mac computer, check out titles using a library card, and select Get for Kindle to deliver eBooks to their Kindle device or any device running the free Kindle app. Users who enjoy eBooks on Kindle will benefit from Amazons Whispersync technology that synchronizes notes, highlights and last page read between their Kindle and free Kindle apps. Visit the library's website to download eBooks for your Kindle and many other devices at www.sppl.org.

Booya in the Sukkah

When:Sunday, October 16 from 1-4p.m.

Where: St. Paul JCC, 1375 St. Paul Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55116

More information/interview: Contact Beth Gendler at 651-255-4736 or bgendler@stpauljcc.org

The **Jewish Community Center of the Greater St. Paul Area** (St. Paul JCC) will hold a booya on**Sunday, October 16 from 1-4p.m.** The event will meld booya, a favorite fall tradition of many St. Paulites, with the Jewish calendar's great autumn get-together: Sukkot.

When autumn arrives in St. Paul, you may start to notice signs popping up on street corners boldly proclaiming "BOOYA!" You may think "booya" means "in your face," but these signs, this booya, is more about in your stomach. So, what is it? The simple answer is that booya is a huge stew containing meat, vegetables, and secret spices that is cooked all night in huge pots and served to friends, family, neighbors and passersby.

But booya is more than just stew. It's truly an occasion - a time for folks to come together in one grand collective culinary endeavor. All are welcome - all belong. And so it is fitting that the St. Paul JCC pairs

this uniquely Upper Midwest tradition with the Jewish calendar's great autumn get-together: Sukkot.

On Sukkot, it is customary to welcome visitors into a temporary harvest-time dwelling built for the holiday and to host and feed them royally. It's a wonderful opportunity to fulfill the mitzvah of *Hachnasat Orchim*- the warm welcoming of guests.

Don't miss this historic, first-of-its-kind, never-done-before, amazing cultural pairing... KOSHER BOOYA IN THE SUKKAH!

Booya in the Sukkah, which is open to the community, will feature live klezmer music and dancing, a bounce house for the kids, and hotdogs and other snacks for sale.

Help Preserve the Sokol Hall! From West End News

West End's CSPP Sokol Hall: grant finalist, *Partners in Preservation*

Today, Tuesday October 20 American Express and the National Trust for Historic Places announced that the CSPP Sokol Hall is a finalist with 25 historic sites for part of a \$1 million grant. Sokol submitted its project, air conditioning for the hall and accessibility to its stage, for Summer 2012 and the hall's 125th anniversary.

You can be a Sokol partner in preserving our hall by contributing your vote! Your Facebook vote will count toward either guaranteeing our project, or toward impressing the committee in awarding grants. You can vote once a day, everyday, until October 12. Please share this request with your friends/Friends, family, neighbors, colleagues, strangers! The organization with the most Facebook votes is guaranteed funding for their project. The remaining 24 Twin City metro-area nominated historic sites will be evaluated by an advisory committee which will disburse the remainder. By voting you also qualify for a drawing for Delta travel tickets, and for every new "like" PIP is donating \$1 to the Minnesota Zoo.

You can vote once per day via the Facebook site:

- 1) Go to the Partners in Preservation Facebook page:<http://www.facebook.com/PartnersinPreservation>
- 2) Click the LIKE button on the upper right.
- 3) Click on the VOTE item on the left menu.
- 4) Click on C.S.P.S. SOKOL HALL, the 4th name on the alphabetical list below the map.
- 5) The 1st time you vote, click GET STARTED in the blue box under the information.
- 6) Click ALLOW.
- (Your email/Facebook will not be used by either American Express or the National Trust)
- 7) Click VOTE FOR THIS PLACE in the blue box under the information.
- 8) Click CONFIRM.

Thank you! Wish Sokol luck, partner with us and vote!

The 2011 Annual Saint Paul Sidewalk Poetry Open House
Celebrate the 4th year of this innovative public art program with
poetry readings featuring the 2011 Sidewalk Poetry Contest winners

- a poetry walk
- music by Dreamland Faces
- light refreshments

Saturday October 8, 1:30-3:30pm

Program 2:00pm

Arlington Hills Library

1105 Greenbrier Street

Saint Paul, MN 55106

presented in partnership with Saint Paul Public Library

www.publicartstpaul.org

Pauly's List

Help start a local website for boomers, seniors, caregivers and professionals:

A New Website focused on-line service that will link boomers, seniors, caregivers and professionals to local St. Paul businesses. We all know the concerns about finding a reliable and trustworthy business to provide service for a senior parent, family member, friend or client. Pauly's List will provide much needed information to make more informed decisions. The website is unique in several ways: (a) it is a concept created from community input (b) it includes a rating system focused on "senior friendly" service (c) it offers a mystery shop program to businesses to help highlight their service to seniors (d) it includes a "Senior Santa Wish List" especially for professionals working with a senior over 65 years+ who is experiencing financial hardship and needs a limited amount of donated services.

Please forward the following link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PaulysListKS> and message to family, friends, neighbors or colleagues that you know in St. Paul so we can build the best resource possible.

Thank you for reading the News! Have a great Weekend!

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