

Highland District Council Newsletter

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HDC Event Calendar

September 11 9-11 Observances around the City
see below for locations

September 11 [St Paul Bike Classic](#)

September 12 Citywide Bicycle Planning 4 -7 pm
First of Three meetings w/ City of St Paul
El Rio Vista Recreation Center, 179 Robie St

September 14 Community Services 6:30 PM
Garden Recap
Motion Light Program for Residents
Hillcrest Recreation Center Activity Room

September 20 Community Development 6:30 PM
Yogurt shop in Trader Joe's Outbuilding
Highland Village Sign Plan Sub-Committee
Hillcrest Recreation Center Activity

September 20 Western District Community Meeting
9:30 AM and 6:30 PM
Western District Building on Hamline across
from Target

September 24 [Fall Clean Up!!](#) 9am - 2pm
Ford Plant Parking Lot
New this Fall Ramsey County will be there
collecting Household Hazardous Waste

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
More information to follow

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 19 [Ward 3 Candidate Forum](#) 6:30 PM
Hillcrest Rec Center Community Room

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Sponsored by the LWVSP, MGCC and the
HDC

HDC Board Meeting Update

Outside Speakers

Chuck Repke, District Council 2, spoke regarding upcoming training programs regarding diversity and outreach in September and October. All HDC board members are invited to attend.

Dennis Rosemark, City Council Member Harris' Aide, spoke regarding Public Works snow plowing along Graham St, Finn & Pinehurst, and Highland Pkwy. Tom Brown suggested that the hill on Randolph Ave towards Lexington Pkwy should also be looked at for extra sanding.

Beth Ulrich, City of St Paul Planning and Economic Development, presented on the City's contract with District Councils and work plans, which DC budgets are based upon. HDC should start thinking about its work plan and outreach plan for 2012. Work plans should be fairly specific. It takes the City up to 4 weeks to execute a contract once a work plan is received. Ulrich indicated that she has not heard about DC budget cuts for 2012; the City's budget is finalized in December. 20% of DC funding is from Community Development Block Grant funds, which requires adherence to federal CDBG guidelines. Ulrich also explained the nature of the relationship between the City and the HDC; the City is a funder while the HDC is an independent 501(c)3 nonprofit.

Public Comment

Perman Baker, spoke regarding multiple District Councils having similar concerns regarding the Great River Parks Plan and sale of property to the Port Authority.

Standing Committee Reports

Community Services Committee - Swanson

- Community Garden is going well. Deer are an issue.
- Forsberg and Power working with S&S Hardware and Highland Electric to offer a motion detector installation deal for Highland residents. Bartsh suggested including window locks as part of the program.

Community Development Committee - Anderson

- Resolution regarding Dino's Restaurant development at Ford/Finn discussed(Please see below). Resolution amended to indicate Highland District Council rather than Community Development Committee as supporter of the resolution. Vote passed to approve the resolution as amended.
- Yaya Diata from St Paul DSI presented on St Paul's criteria for granting variances under the new MN variance laws.
- Special Sign District review and update with HBA and PED pending creation of taskforce with HBA members.

Transportation Committee - Hassie

- The committee decided not to pursue benches from Active Living MN along Montreal.

Financial Procedures Subcommittee - Bettenburg

- Financial Procedures subcommittee (Bettenburg, Bartsh, and Breer) has met several times to compile a draft of the procedures. The subcommittee seeks to have revised policies and procedures in place by year end and before the independent audit in 2012.

Community Organizer Report

- Fall clean-up scheduled for September 24. This year to include household hazardous waste. The City is sending postcards to Highland and Mac Groveland residents reminding them of the clean-up. Tiffany's and Highland Grill providing volunteer food.
- Ward 3 Candidate Forum scheduled for October 19 along with voter education. The League of Women Voters provides a facilitator. Mac-Groveland and Highland District Councils will co-sponsor with the League, provide advertising and the venue.
- Capital Region Watershed District groundwater study still needs to be finished. Carruth and CRWD working with Morgan Tamski, Highland resident, to hire a new intern with the U of MN.
- Suggestions for outside speakers: October meeting inviting Brad Meyer from Parks and Rec to discuss Great River Master Plan, Commander Todd Axtell, Crime Prevention Coordinator Lucas Power; November meeting inviting Council member Harris.
- A basic Parliamentary Motions Guide (i.e., Robert's Rules of Order) will be handed out to board members as a guideline for meeting process and terminology.
- Carruth's computer crashed and required professional fixing. Carruth purchased an automatic file back-up service.
- Board retreat with Duane Hanson scheduled for Saturday, December 3, to reflect on the board and work on our 2012 work plan.
- Ford Task Force to host a special Ford Plant update meeting once a closing date is confirmed. The meeting will likely be in November.

Executive Committee Report

- Puffer drafted a donation policy for HDC to consider. The policy was prompted by a request by another community organization seeking funds from the HDC. A motion was made and seconded to refer the policy to the Financial Policy Subcommittee for inclusion with the policies they are compiling and drafting.

Business Representatives Reports

HBA - Bartsh

- HBA fundraiser on September 28 at Tiffany's.
- Panera Bread is going into Blockbuster.
- Menche Frozen Yogurt is going into the corner of Pinehurst and Cleveland.
- Sports Clips is open near Noodles.

- Smashburger is going into the Lavish space.

W7BA

- No representative present.

Dino's Resolution

Resolution Regarding Dino's Restaurant at Ford Pkwy and Finn Street

Whereas the Saint Paul City Council approved Semper Development's site plan in 2010 for the three lots east of Finn Street on the north side of Ford Parkway;

Whereas the Community Development Committee of the Highland District Council hosted multiple public meetings in 2009 - 2010, working closely with neighbors and Semper Development on the original Ford and Finn site plan and Walgreens development;

Whereas Dino's Restaurant is looking to purchase the western most parcel of the Ford and Finn development;

Whereas Dino's Restaurant is seeking to development the western most parcel under the originally approved site plan with modifications to the building height and footprint as a means to make the project economically feasible;

Whereas Dino's Restaurant has been instructed by City staff to meet with the Highland District Council and the development's neighbors to receive support for the proposed building modifications before meeting with City staff;

Whereas the Community Development Committee of the Highland District Council hosted an initial public meeting with representatives of Dino's Restaurant and neighbors on August 16, 2011 to review the development's preliminary design and restaurant's operations;

Whereas, at that meeting, the Dino's representatives asked for support of two modifications of the original site plan

1. That the building shape be changed from an L shape as shown in the original site plan to a 52' square building with a patio/public space along Finn street;
2. That the building height be less than the original site plan's 22 - 26 feet.

Whereas the attendees of the August 16, 2011 Community Development Committee meeting were generally supportive of the Dino's Restaurant development based on assurances by the Dino's representatives that they would continue to work with the HDC and the neighbors in the design and plans for the site to address any concerns they may have.

Whereas the attendees of the August 16, 2011 Community Development Committee meeting were highly concerned over the design, dimensions, location, maintenance and use of the public plaza approved under the original site plan and subject to modification under the Dino's Restaurant development;

Be it resolved, that the Community Development Committee supports modifying the building height for the proposed Dino's Restaurant development at Ford Parkway and Finn Street to 16 feet with an entrance height of upwards of 20 feet, rather than the original site plan's 22 - 26 feet, and,

Be it resolved, that the Community Development Committee supports modifying the building footprint for the proposed Dino's Restaurant development at Ford Parkway and Finn Street to a square shape rather than the original site plan's "L" shaped, and,

Be it further resolved, that the district council's support is conditioned on the following:

1. That there be a public space on the corner of Ford and Finn with at least the same area as shown in the original site plan; This shall include the Snoopy drinking fountain and landscaping shown in the plan.
2. Dino's representatives continue to work with the Community Development Committee and neighbors on design details including:
 - Design, dimensions, location, maintenance and use of patio area,
 - Building materials,
 - Business signage,
 - Garbage and recycling location and pick-up frequency,
 - Supplier deliveries

Adopted on September 1, 2011
By the Highland District Council

Neighborhood Planning Committee Weighs in on Shepard Davern Zoning 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](#)

The Planning Commission will also be voting on the recommendation from the Neighborhood planning committee on Friday September 16. The Commission meeting starts at 8:30 a. m., in the basement of City Hall, Sometime this afternoon or early next week the PC packet will be posted online and you can read the draft resolution and report for yourself at <http://www.stpaul.gov/index.aspx?NID=3430>. Of course, the full Commission can accept this recommendation or change it. And, as you know, whatever the Planning Commission recommends will go to the City Council, which can choose to follow it or not.

There will be a [public hearing](#) before the City Council on September 21 at 5:30 pm at City Hall.

For more information on how to [contact members of the Planning Commission](#)

Crime Report

[Crime Report 8-18 to 8-24](#)

[Crime Report 8-25 to 8-31](#)

[Crime Report 9-1 to 9-7](#)

From Western District Commander Axtell:

[Crime Statistics by District Council](#)

Commanders Axtell & Toupal have asked me to contact you to ask for your help in getting information to your block clubs & contacts regarding 2 recent burglaries in grid #244.

These were both nighttime residential burglaries , one forced entry on the 1800 block of Sheridan Ave, and one no forced entry on the 1700 block of Norfolk Ave where a door was left unlocked overnight.

Please remind your contacts to secure their homes, garages, and property and urge them to call police if they see any type of suspicious activity or unusual behavior day or night.

Thank you for your continued help ~

Pam

Pamala McCreary
National Night Out Coordinator Citywide
Crime Prevention Coordinator/West District

Tiffany's Hosts Highland Business Association Fun Raiser -Help Save Highland Fest!!!

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

Fall Clean Up September 24 -We Still Need Volunteers

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](#)

Grid 4 Seat Open

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 6 th 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

Highland Block Nurse Program

Highland Block Nurse Program

They offer 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.

9-11 Observances

Public Safety agencies within Minnesota will come together in observance of the 10th anniversary of the 9-11 attacks on the United States at the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington D.C., and the hijacking of United Flight 93 that crashed in Pennsylvania. The media and the public are invited to the Minneapolis Convention Center on September 11th starting at 12 noon. The observance will feature a huge public safety display inside the Convention Center followed by a tribute and solemn observance of the lives lost that fateful day.

WHAT: 10TH Anniversary of 9-11 tragedies at the World Trade Center, The Pentagon and Flight 93.

WHERE: Minneapolis Convention Center

WHEN: Sunday, September 11, 2011

v 12:00pm public viewing of public safety display and information

v 3:00pm - 4:30pm Memorial Ceremony

WHY: In solemn remembrance of the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks upon The United States on September 11, 2001.

COST: FREE

For more information, please contact Steve Zaccard, St Paul Fire at (651) 228-6201 or Cheri Penn, Minneapolis Fire at (612) 673-2890.

For full details, [view this message on the web](#).

At the Minneapolis Conventions Center, fire departments, law enforcement, and EMS providers from around the area are hosting a static display of equipment and apparatus at 12 noon, followed

by a remembrance ceremony from 2p until 3:30p lead by Minnesota's Commissioner of Public Safety, Mona Dohman. Admission is free.

· A "Mass of Thanksgiving and Remembrance" to honor law enforcement and emergency personnel will be held at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. It begins with a civic commemoration at 4:30p followed by a Memorial Mass at 5p.

· A special 9-11 commemoration, "Everyday Heroes: Honoring Those Who Make a Difference in our Community Everyday" will be held at 6p at the Central High School auditorium. This event is hosted by Mission Saint Paul.

· For a complete up-to-date list of 9-11 events, go to the Minnesota State Fire Marshal's website at: <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/sfm/Pages/default.aspx>

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Wilder Foundation Neighborhood Leadership Program

Be one of 30 lucky people to participate in the Wilder Foundation and MN History Center Leadership Program over the next 6 months.

**Challenge yourself . . . Enhance your leadership skills . . .
Learn how history can inform actions of today . . .
Help make the goals & dreams of your community a reality!**

Join the Neighborhood Leadership Program (NLP)

The Amherst H. Wilder Foundation, in collaboration with the Minnesota Historical Society, is pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for the six-month Neighborhood Leadership Program (NLP). Join a diverse group of 30 people to explore neighborhood involvement and develop leadership skills to take effective community action. Community members come from a wide range of ages, cultural backgrounds, and levels of community involvement and meet in bi-monthly sessions over six months.

Sample Topics include:

- Understanding Your Leadership Style
- Working Inclusively in Neighborhoods
- Participatory Meeting Facilitation
- Drawing on Community History to Take Action Today

Participants are also paired with a coach who shares in the journey as an attentive listener, sounding board, and reflective partner.

To participate in the program, you need to:

- Live, work or volunteer in Saint Paul
- Be 16 years of age or older
- Demonstrate interest and/or involvement in contributing to the community
- Make a commitment to attend 2 sessions per month (October-April) and the retreat
- Pay a registration fee of \$100 or locate a sponsor (*limited scholarships available*)

Applications are due Monday, September 26. Child care and transportation to sessions are available within Saint Paul - please request them on your application. *The application/information sheet is attached to this email along with a poster.* It can also be found at: <http://www.wilder.org/fileadmin/wilder/pdf/WCC/NLP-Info-App-Fall10.pdf>.

For more information, please call 651-280-2457, email NLP@wilder.org, or visit our website at www.wilder.org/nlp.html.

Parks & Rec Volunteer Opportunities

Sedge Meadow Planting Event

Location: Como Regional Park

Date & Time: September 17th 9am - 11am

You and your family, friends, and colleagues are encouraged to join us at our upcoming Sedge Meadow Planting Event at Como Regional Park on September 17th from 9am - 11am. Help us work toward building Saint Paul's first outdoor classroom that will provide environmental education and historical interpretation for school children and adults. This is a family friendly event, training, tools, and education, will be provided.

For more information, or to register for this event, click [here](#).

National Public Lands Day

Location: Indian Mounds Park

Date & Time: September 24th 9am - 11am

National Public Lands Day (NPLD) is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands Americans enjoy. In 2010, 170,000 volunteers built trails and bridges, removed trash and invasive plants, planted trees and restored our water resources. Join Saint Paul Parks and Recreation, REI and National Park Service for the next NPLD on September 24, 2011. Project details and location can be found at REI's website, click [here](#).

Frost Lake Park Buckthorn Bust

Location: Frost Lake Park

Date & Time: October 1st 9am-11am

Saint Paul Parks and Recreation and community partners have been working to remove buckthorn and other invasive species from Frost Lake Park. For more information, email Andy

@ Andy.Rodriguez@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Saint Paul Parks and Recreation
25 West 4th Street 400 CHA

Saint Paul, MN
55102

Citywide Bike Plan

September 12, 22 and 26, 4-7 pm. The City of Saint Paul will be hosting three public open houses in September in order to gather public input on the Citywide Bicycle Plan. The open houses will take

place from 4:00-7:00pm at the following dates and locations:

- Monday, September 12 - El Rio Vista Recreation Center, 179 Robie St. E., 55107
- Thursday, September 22 - West Minnehaha Recreation Center, 685 W. Minnehaha Ave, 55104
- Monday, September 26 - Phalen Recreation Center, 1000 E Wheelock Parkway, 55106

For additional details on the plan, go to <http://www.stpaul.gov/index.aspx?nid=4466>, or contact Emily Erickson at 651-266-6059 or emily.erickson@ci.stpaul.mn.us .



Thank you for reading the newsletter and sharing your comments!

Have a great weekend!

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