

HDC Events Calendar

- January 11 Community Services Meeting 6:30 pm
[Great River Passage Plan](#) -implications for Highland Park
Hillcrest Rec Center Activity Room
- January 15 Hillcrest Recreation Center Open House
Noon - 2 pm
\$30 Annual Fitness Pass -come and see the Rec Center/ Learn how to use the equipment and much more
- January 17 Community Development Meeting 6:30 pm
West 7th McDonald's Site Plan
Tom Comstock -NTSB
Class B License at 2176 West 7th St
Hillcrest Recreation Center Activity Room
- January 17 Western District Community Meeting
9:30 am & 6:30 pm
Western District Building on Hamline across from Target
- January 20 Neighborhood Honor Roll 5:30
Binz Refectory
University of St Thomas
RSVP to hdc@visi.com
- January 23 Conversation With Books 6:30 -8:30 pm
Rauenhorst Hall, Coeur de Catherine
St Catherine University
- January 24 Transportation Meeting 6:30 pm
Hillcrest Recreation Center Activity Room
- February 2 HDC Board Meeting 7:00 pm
[Great River Parks Passage Plan](#) w/ Don Ganje
Hillcrest Recreation Center Community Room
- March 10 Home Improvement Fair 10 am -3 pm
Cretin-Derham Hall High School
550 Albert St South, St Paul

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- [Emerald Ash Borer](#)

Home Improvement Fair

There are only 10 spots left!! Apply today!

Apply for the 2012 Home Improvement Fair Applications will be accepted now through January 16, 2012 for the 2012 Macalester-Groveland & Highland Home Improvement Fair! The Home Improvement Fair is one of our neighborhood's most popular events, bringing in hundreds of area homeowners. This year's fair will take place on Saturday, March 10, 2012 between 10:00 am and 3:00pm at Cretin Derham Hall (550 South Albert Street, Saint Paul, MN 55116).

Space is limited and applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis so don't delay! To apply, visit www.highlanddistrictcouncil.org to download the attached letter and application. Please contact Kathy at 651-695-4005 or hdc@visi.com with any questions.

Highland Volunteers to be Honored

Saint Paul District Council's will recognize residents for their outstanding community service at the 2012 Neighborhood Honor Roll Awards Night

Highland Park is Honoring local residents who have made a lasting impact on their communities this past year, the 17 Saint Paul District Council's will hold their annual Neighborhood Honor Roll Awards Night on January 20.

Of all the men and woman recognized at the event, three were from Highland Park. Dennis Rosemark, Brian Haws and Steven Clift were chosen for their outstanding leadership in the community.

Steven Clift - Steve Clift, founder and executive director of E-Democracy.Org, has dedicated his career to cultivating citizen participation through the use of online issues forums and digital social networks. Steve was instrumental in promoting and helping launch the Highland Park Neighborhood Forum as the first neighborhood-based online forum in St. Paul. His work is expanding to other St. Paul neighborhoods and helping connect and give voice to residents city-wide.

Brian Haws - For the past several years Brian has coordinated a recycling program run through our District Council to take working computers and get them to deserving persons and organizations. He volunteers his time to staff our two neighborhood clean-ups and goes through the voluminous amount of computer equipment that is dropped off to determine what is useable and what needs to be dismantled and recycled. The rest of the year he takes in donated equipment

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and assembles working computers to donate to students, seniors and other deserving individuals.

Dennis Rosemark - Dennis, besides being the number one Legislative aide, is a deeply committed community member . He is one of the organizers for Serving our Troops, an Organizer for the Shannon Open - a benefit for cystic fibrosis, an active participant to make the City of St Paul a Yellow Ribbon City for MN National Guard's -Beyond the Yellow Ribbon, active with Boy Scout Troop 245, Lumen Christi Parish, and to top it off volunteers to shovel walks for his neighbors if they are unable. He is the man behind the scenes who does an amazing amount of volunteering. Thanks for all you do!

Saint Paul City Council President Kathy Lantry and Reporter and Historian Jane McClure will be on hand for the event, which brings together 200+ community members. This is the XX year the District Council's have handed out these awards, furthering a spirit of neighborhood support and community engagement.

Highland Crime Report

[Crime Report 12-22 to 12-28](#)

[Crime Report 12-29 to 1-4-12](#)

Western District Community Meeting

WHEN: Tuesday January 17, 2011,
at 9:30 a.m and 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: 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

Mark your calendar and plan to join us. Please invite your neighbors, friends, and family to join us. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at (651) 266-5418 or email: mary.mcdonald@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Crosby Nature Preserve Deer Hunt Results

The Metro Bowhunters Resource Base completed their second hunt session at Crosby Farm Regional Park on November 9 concluding the 2011 special permit archery hunt.

Across six hunt days, the archers successfully removed 8 doe and 3 small buck. All doe were taken during the first, doe only, hunt session in October. The three buck were taken during the November session, which was slow due to the full moon and a low pressure system that set up camp over our area.

Forestry will complete an aerial survey this winter following a fresh snowfall to assess the need for a 2012 special permit archery hunt.

City Council Update

Agenda for January 11 Council Meeting

Ord 11-121 Memorializing City Council action taken on December 7, 2011, granting the application of Fort Road Coffee Company LLC to rezone property at 1518 Randolph Avenue from B1 Local Business to T2 Traditional Neighborhood and amending Chapter 60 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code pertaining to the Saint Paul zoning map. [Zoning File #11-282-365] [Public hearing held December 7, 2011].

Sponsors: Harris

Minutes from January 4th Council Meeting

RES 12-6 Approving the Mayor's appointments of Chris Tolbert and Melvin Carter, III to serve on the Saint Paul Children's Collaborative.
Adopted

RES 12-41 Approving the appointment of Nicole Wittig-Geske as Legislative Aide in Ward 3.
Sponsors: Tolbert

RES 12-9 Approving the Mayor's appointments of Chris Tolbert and Russ Stark to serve on the Ramsey County League of Local Governments.
Adopted

5 RES 12-10 Approving the Mayor's appointment of Chris Tolbert to serve on the League of Minnesota Cities.
Adopted

RES 12-11 Approving the Mayor's appointments of Amy Brendmoen, Chris Tolbert, and Kathy Lantry, and the reappointment of Matt Anfang to serve on the Board of Water

Commissioners.

Adopted

7 RES 12-12 Approving the Mayor's appointment of Chris Tolbert to serve on the Dispatch Policy

Committee.

Adopted

RES 12-17 Approving the Mayor's appointments of Chris Tolbert and Amy Brendmoen to serve on the First Class Cities/COUNTIES/School Districts Property Tax Advisory Committee.

Adopted

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Laid over to January 11 for final adoption

RES PH 12-2 Ratifying the assessment for above-standard lighting on the north side of Ford

Parkway between Finn Street and Cleveland Avenue. (File No. 19124, Assessment

No. 115101)

Adopted

Yea: Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember

Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolb

Highland Business Association Seeks Executive Director

St. Paul, Minnesota based Highland Business Association(HBA) is looking to fill an immediate need for an Executive Director for flexible part time hours. We are looking for a highly self-motivated professional with experience with membership (maintenance, recruiting and growth), promoting business to business relationships, planning events and managing finances. Candidate also must be detail-oriented and well-organized. [Read More](#)

Snelling Ave Resurfacing

MnDOT will be hosting a public meeting on the project to resurface Snelling Avenue between Highway 5 (7th Street) and Dayton Avenue, reinstall crosswalks, and make accessibility improvements. Work is currently scheduled to begin in May 2012 and be completed by mid-summer. To learn more about the project, attend their open house on at 7:00pm on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at Macalester College's Old Main Building.

Jefferson Ave Bikeway

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Last month, the City held three public meetings and one online survey to gather input on the design for the Jefferson Avenue Bikeway. The next step is planned to be a community meeting to share the design proposal based on what was heard in December, followed by the formal City approval process which includes the Transportation Committee, Planning Commission, and City Council. For more information go to the project website www.stpaul.gov/jefferson

Compass Minnesota - Neighborhood Profiles

Get the most recent census data for Minneapolis and Saint Paul neighborhoods. Find at-a-glance trends and data on population, housing, employment, and more at

www.mncompass.org/twincities/neighborhoods.php .

Highland Park neighborhood information is here:

<http://www.mncompass.org/pdfs/neighborhood-profiles/StPaul-Highland-102011.pdf>

Grants Available for Water Quality Projects

Pass It On!

Water pollution comes from many different sources, including our everyday activities. How we care for our yards and grounds, wash and maintain our cars, and even dispose of pet waste can contribute to water pollution in the Mississippi River. The hard surfaces of our driveways, sidewalks, and pathways increase the amount of stormwater entering the stormdrains. There are many choices we can make to reduce these harmful impacts on water quality.

Become a partner organization with the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) by applying for a Stewardship Fund grant to work together to improve water quality in the MWMO. The MWMO includes parts of

Minneapolis, Saint Paul, the City of Saint Anthony Village, and Lauderdale.

Projects funded through the Stewardship Fund Program should achieve the following:

- 1) Improve water quality or improve water and natural resource management
- 2) Build community understanding, knowledge, and initiative related to water and natural resource issues and solutions

\$250,000 is available annually through three types of grants
Mini Grants up to \$2,000 - February 1, June 1, and October 1 cycles each year

Planning Grants up to \$10,000 - February 1 annual cycle

Action Grants up to \$50,000 - October 1 annual cycle

Nonprofit organizations, officially recognized neighborhood groups, schools, local units of government, and business and professional associations are eligible to apply. Individuals, home owners associations and condominium associations, and private businesses may partner with eligible applicants in order to apply.

Letters of Interest for Mini and Planning Grants due
Wednesday, February 1, 2012 by 3:00 pm

For information about the application process, visit
www.mwmo.org/stewardshipfund.html

Conversation with Books Event

Join St. Catherine University at the 48th Annual Conversation with Books event on Monday, January 23 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Rauenhorst Hall, Coeur de Catherine, 2004 Randolph Ave., St. Paul. Whether collecting ideas for winter reading, potential book club picks or simply jump-starting the conversation about great recent literature, Conversation with Books offers attendees an evening of rich literary discussion. Earlybird tickets are \$25/person, or \$20 each for book clubs of 5 or more people.

Visit stkate.edu/conversation or call 651-690-6666 for book lists and more information.

Hillcrest Open House Sunday January 15 -the best deal in town!

Saint Paul Parks and Recreation is offering a \$30 annual fitness membership pass that grants access to fitness rooms and walking tracks at various recreation centers throughout the city, including the fitness room and walking track at Hillcrest. That's less than \$3/month to get fit! Hillcrest Recreation Center will be hosting an open house on Sunday, January 12 from Noon to 2 p.m. to demonstrate available equipment and also show folks around the Rec. Center if they have never participated in a

class/program/event. Brochures will be available with upcoming programs for kids/adults/families. So even if you don't want to get a membership, come to check out the Rec. Center and learn about all the great programs and events Hillcrest has to offer! Check out the attached flyer or visit: <http://stpaul.gov/index.aspx?NID=4569> for more info on the fitness memberships.

Parks & Rec Programming for 50+

Saint Paul Parks and Recreation for Adults 50+
Saint Paul Parks and Recreation offers a variety of activities, programs, and special events for seniors, retirees, and adults over the age of 50.

The "50+ Across Saint Paul" newsletter is published 4 times a year and provides information about recreational opportunities available to adults over the age of 50.

To receive a copy of the "50+ Across Saint Paul" newsletter, please contact Trenton or Mary at 651-266-6447

Click here to view a copy of the current edition of 50 + Across Saint Paul: <http://stpaul.gov/DocumentView.aspx?DID=19164>

Free E-Book Lending at St Paul Libraries

Free eBooks Downloaded at Record High
at Saint Paul Public Library
eBook lending increased by 645 percent in nine months

Saint Paul Public Library customers are using their new and old eReaders to conveniently download free eBooks through the library's website, www.sppl.org. Customers downloaded nearly 200 eBooks from Saint Paul Public Library on December 26, reaching an all time daily high for the eBook lending service first offered to library customers in April 2011. Overall, eBook downloads have increased dramatically, with 3,483 eBooks downloaded in December 2011 compared with 467 eBooks downloaded in April 2011 - a 645 percent increase over the past nine months totaling 15,532 downloads in 2011.

Saint Paul Public Library customers also can download free music from Freegal, a service that provides access to tens of thousands of songs from Sony Music's catalog of legendary artists. By using Freegal, people can download three free songs per week and they never expire.

"It's a convenient service where customers can check out eBooks or download music anytime, anywhere by visiting our

website at www.sppl.org."

After library users check out an eBook with a valid library card, it can be sent to a Kindle or downloaded to a PC or Mac computer and then transferred to a variety of eReaders including the Barnes & Noble NOOK, Sony Reader, and many others. eBooks can also be downloaded on mobile devices such as Android, BlackBerry, iPhone/iPad, and Windows Mobile devices. Links to free apps and software are available on the Library's website. **Titles will automatically expire at the end of the lending period. There are no late fees.**

Recycle Your Tree & More

Tree Recycling in St Paul

In St. Paul and Ramsey County, three Ramsey County compost sites are open and will take trees for free, if you have proof of Ramsey County residence. The sites are open on January 10 and 11.

The Eastside site is at the intersection of Frank Street and Sims Avenue in St. Paul.

The Midway site is at Pierce Butler Route and Prior Avenue in St. Paul.

Shoreview/White Bear Township site is at County Road J and Sherwood Road in Shoreview.

Vadnais Heights Christmas Tree Recycling Christmas trees will be picked up by your hauler at no additional charge on the first and second Wednesday following New Year's Day. On other than the designated dates, a charge will apply for this service.

Holiday Light Recycling

Fall is officially here and with fall comes decorating for the holiday season. The Recycling Association of Minnesota (RAM) and Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs) announced the third annual launch of their Recycle Your Holidays™ holiday light recycling program. Recycle Your Holidays™ accepts all kinds of holiday lights and electrical cords including extension cords, phone cords, etc. All components of the lights and cords are recycled locally by Green Lights Recycling. You can drop off old, broken holiday lights and cords at any participating location free of charge throughout the holiday season. The closest drop-off locations for Highland residents include:

Frattalone's Ace Hardware - 1676 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105 - 651-288-5981

Macalester College Sustainability Office - 1600 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105 - 651-696-6019

Frattalone's Ace Hardware - 650 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105 - 651-292-9800

For more information on the program and additional drop-off locations, visit CERTs' interactive map at <http://www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/campaigns/ryh-11->

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Thank you for reading the HDC News. We are looking forward to a wonderful 2012.

Sincerely,

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