

**Celebrating Saint Paul's
District Councils**



**Saint Paul
Neighborhood Honor Roll
Volunteer Awards Night**

January 21, 2011

2010 Neighborhood Honor Roll Award Ceremony

(District 7 will update the agenda and send it to District 5 by Thursday, Jan. 13.)

Time	Agenda Item
5:30	Social Hour
6:00	Welcome Opening Remarks <i>Saint Paul City Mayor, Christopher B. Coleman</i>
6:30	Class of 2010 Volunteer Recognition and Presentation of Certificates <i>Saint Paul City Council President, Kathy Lantry</i>

The evening's musical entertainment is provided by...

Outstanding Volunteers of 2010

District 1

Carol Lewis

Carol Lewis has been a dedicated volunteer at the St. Paul Police Storefront in SunRay Shopping Center for over ten years. She has provided assistance to countless residents and has been a cheerful face in the office on Wednesdays. In addition, Carol volunteers at the VA Hospital, assisting patients. A former Ramsey County employee, Carol continues to serve the community in her busy retirement.

Jay Sliwinski

Jay Sliwinski has been one half of the dynamic duo that has helped out seniors during our Community Clean Up for many years. Jay and Pete Emeott run two or more crews of volunteers, collecting materials from seniors' homes to haul to the Clean Up site. Without their assistance, many District 1 seniors would be unable to participate. In addition, Jay is a dedicated booster at our local recreation centers and involved with the Scouts.

Laura Heiman

Laura Heiman is the manager of the Sun Ray Bruegger's and a resident of District 1. She has demonstrated a true community spirit making numerous donations to, and actively participating in, such neighborhood events as National Night Out Community Celebrations, Paint the Pavement, a Bicycle Safety Rodeo, and many community meetings. She and Bruegger's have been great neighborhood partners.

District 2

Kathy Sidles

Kathy Sidles is nominated for her contributions to Frost Lake and its surrounding woods. Several years ago, Kathy participated in the annual Parks Cleanup Day and was amazed at the amount of debris in the lake, which included 5 vacuum cleaners! Since that time, Kathy has become a Park Steward, organizing and flyering neighbors for invasive non-native plant pulls and park cleanups. Frost Lake and the surrounding area is increasingly more environmentally healthy, and the park is a safer, more welcoming urban recreational opportunity for the Frost lake neighborhood.

Marilyn Ubel

Marilyn Ubel is a resident of the XXX Apartments. Starting small, several years ago Marilyn potted up some flowering plants to make her building more welcoming. Residents were so appreciative that the apartment managers appropriated money for Marilyn to expand flower beds and other plantings. One resident told management Marilyn's efforts made it "so wonderful to come home to". Marilyn's gardens are a beautiful addition to the entire community.

District 3

Monica Bryand

Monica Bryand has served as Board President of the District 3 Planning Council for the last 2 years. During her tenure, she has steered the organization through a difficult transitional period as well as continued her important work as Chair of the Environmental Justice Committee.

Don Oberdorfer

Along with Monica, Don Oberdorfer, also known as "Farmer Don" has been instrumental to D3's success in developing a long-range community food production plan on the West Side. His commitment and work to 2 community gardens this year has impacted many people on the West Side.

Monica and Don's dedication to WSCO and the West Side has made a long lasting impact in our community and we are grateful for their continued work in District 3.

District 4

John Barbie

John Barbie served on the Dayton's Bluff Community Council Board for four years. During that time, he served as Vice President and Treasurer. His tireless work on our Community Garden Project to renovate Skidmore Park Community Gardens was outstanding. His work included helping create the agreement contract with the city, finding funding for the drinking fountain and water supply for the gardens, working with the concrete block company, and hauling pavers for raised garden beds.

Roy's Service, Mike Voss

In many ways, Mike and his staff are protectors of not only our vehicles but of our neighborhood and lives. With so many residents driving older vehicles, *Roy's* provides quality work at reasonable prices, even an honest opinion when a car's value is not worth further investment. Mike has truly earned neighborhood trust and respect. Mike and his staff are an integral part of our Dayton's Bluff neighborhood.

Ali Artoli

Ali Artoli, owner of the Phoenix Market on Third Street near Maria Avenue, reflects in his smile and words, a sense of pride and ownership in being an integral part of this lower Dayton's Bluff neighborhood. Ali's original store opened as Maria's Food Market in 1993. Building positive neighborhood relations is important to Ali. He welcomes young and old, and knows most by name.

District 5

Summer Bond

A promising young resident of the Payne Phalen neighborhood, Summer gives back to her community in a variety of ways. She worked hard on landscaping the Gateway Community Garden and increasing its visibility within our neighborhood. She also often helps at events hosted by District 5, East Side Arts Council, and other local nonprofits. We are excited to have such a strong young voice willing to lead our community into the future.

Kitty Anderson

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District 6

Joe Byrnes

Joe has lived in the South Como neighborhood for over seven years and has been a Block Club leader for approximately 5 years. Joe has planned National Night Out for the last five years, working tirelessly for his neighbors. Joe also volunteers at the Rice Street Festival and sits on the Festival Planning Committee. He also plays Santa Claus at neighborhood events and is an active member and chairman of a music introduction program sponsored by the Blues Society.

Ted and Lynn Natus, Hamernicks Decorating Center

Ted and Lynn Natus have owned and/or operated the destination business, Hamernick's Decorating Center located on Rice Street for 45 years. Ted and Lynn are members of the North End Business Association. Ted is a member of the North End Foundation, and Lynn is on the Rice Street Festival Board. Both work tirelessly for the North End, both by donations to causes such as Blooming Rice Street and by giving their time to many events.

Bruce Larson and the Klub Haus

Bruce Larson purchased the "Klub Haus" approximately seven years ago. Bruce is also the owner of Equity Services a home health business also located on Rice Street. Bruce Larson has been active in the North End for approximately fifteen years and also owned the North End News. He is a member of the North End Business Association and sponsors a yearly Oktoberfest.



District 7

Linda Littrell

For two years, Linda has planned the conversion of a previously vacant property into a model for green technology and energy efficiency. It will be used to demonstrate how any resident can make their home more sustainable. Linda has partnered with District 7 and is close to securing a site for the project. We are happy to know that she will never give up on her Frogtown dream.

Norma Roberts-Hakizimana

Norma has dedicated hundreds of hours to making Frogtown a neighborhood with green community space and access to healthy food. She is an active member of the District 7 Board and is a dependable figure at neighborhood meetings and events. Both Norma and Linda Littrell have been a driving force behind creating more community gardens throughout Frogtown.

LaShunda Jackson

For two years, LaShunda has coordinated the Frogtown Health Festival in partnership with the Frogtown Football Tournament. By engaging several area health providers, recreation enthusiasts, and government departments, she has created an event that specializes in making Frogtown a place for children and adults to be healthier and more connected to area resources.

District 8

Edward Swanson (posthumously)

Edward Swanson served on the Summit-University Planning Council board from 2007 until his death in December. Edward took his job as secretary very seriously, and his attention to detail and accuracy has been a tremendous asset in our operations. Edward studied and wrote amendments to the bylaws that increased our overall volunteer capacity and resolved many open-ended questions. It is with great pride that we honor him and great sadness that we bid him farewell.

District 10

Marcy Micek

As a board member, Marcy helped build organizational capacity by encouraging sound financial policies. Her experience in accounting was valuable to a small council with limited resources. She contributed hundreds of hours, never asking for recognition, while showing remarkable patience with both people and paperwork. Her expertise has professionalized District 10.

Matt Schmidt

Matt, a quietly dedicated and effective leader, has contributed to our community for more than twenty years. He helped revitalize the District 10 newsletter and design a new, content-rich website. Matt has played key roles in the Como Water Festival, the Como Woodland Outdoor Classroom, Buckthorn Busts, Neighborhood Cleanups, and National Night Out.

Sharon Shinomiya

Sharon, volunteer extraordinaire, has made the Como Park neighborhood a better place in myriad ways, including: organizing Poet-Tree Workshops; planning the rededication of the Kilmer Fireplace; tutoring students; maintaining the Como shoreline and public gardens; monitoring the bluebird trail; participating in bird surveys; launching a Tree Appreciation Program; and researching/writing a Como history tour.



District 11

Tom Gullett

For those who live near him, Tom is the consummate good neighbor. Tom and his dog, Cassie, keep a watchful eye on Newell Park and the surrounding area. With a warm smile, Tom will lend a hand to shovel a neighbor's walk or provide a ride to a senior. Neighbors say that Tom makes them feel at home and helps them stay connected to each other.

Doug Larson & Tim Hotchkin

For the last several years, Doug and Tim have hosted an ice cream social for their block on National Night Out. They also hold a neighborhood party in their back yard on the first Friday of each month during the warm season. As the block club captain, Doug keeps his neighbors up to date on important news. As one neighbor says "without Doug and Tim, life on Englewood Avenue would be boring."

Barb Spears

Addressing the prospect of a significant loss of Ash trees in the Hamline Midway neighborhood, Barb lead the 2010 Hamline Midway Tree Planting Project. As a first step, Barb organized a group of volunteers to do a complete inventory of trees on private property in the neighborhood. Barb and her team then researched potential replacement species, raised funds to purchase trees, prepared a tree care guide, and distributed free trees to 60 residents.

District 12

Nancy Dilts

Nancy Dilts has led the Environment Committee and the whole neighborhood through the years-long process of developing a tree, landscaping, and rain-water-management plan for Hampden Park. She began this work when the neighborhood was divided and edgy about any plan at all. She helped us all arrive at a plan that will replace damaged trees and make a park that we can sustain and enjoy.

Roger Purdy

Roger Purdy is a good neighbor in so many ways. He has been an active and engaged member of the District 12 Council and currently serves as co-chair of the Land Use committee. He shows outspoken support and dedication to the neighborhood and is a strong spokesperson for local governance. His leadership of the Como Avenue 2030 Small Area Plan task force is but one example of his vision and care for the vitality of St. Anthony Park.

Cindy Thrasher

The Murray Jr. High tutoring program helps students struggling or failing in the core academic classes. Cindy Thrasher developed this one-on-one multi-day tutoring model and trains, schedules, and evaluates the tutors to ensure effective educational assistance and mentoring. She also works with the teachers to identify potential candidates and understand their specific tutoring and academic needs.

District 13

Barb Gunther

Barb has been an active member of the Lex-Ham and Union Park neighborhoods. She was integral in the creation of the Union Park District Council in 2007, the sale of the scattered-site rental properties in Lex-Ham, and is a past President of the Lexington-Hamline Community Council.

Jim Marti

Jim provided sound leadership during the first two years of the Union Park District Council and helped form a cohesive and vibrant organization. He was instrumental in creating the UPDC and bringing together Snelling-Hamline, Lexington-Hamline, and Merriam Park Community Councils. Jim spearheaded many initiatives and is an active community leader.

Jeanne Weigum

Jeanne Weigum, director of Scenic Saint Paul, advocates for billboard and signage regulation. Her group helped ban electronic billboards and is working toward regulation of window signage. With UPDC support, Jeanne sponsored a BZA action that prevented the erection of a new sixty-foot sign at Pascal and Saint Anthony.

District 14

Mary Davis (outstanding volunteer)

Mary Davis is a devoted board member who serves on a variety of MGCC committees. She has a playful sense of humor, is a perennial volunteer at community events, and provides the sweetest treats at EVERY meeting she attends! When last-minute scrambles occur in the natural progression of planning and carrying out events and programs, Mary is sure to help solve problems, complete tasks and coordinate with neighborhood institutions.

Composting Pilot Project

Of 37 hardworking pilot project volunteers helping reduce barriers to composting, two stood out. Composting aficionados Sheila Sweeney and Sarah Cledwyn together visited 24 Macalester-Groveland homes to deliver and set up new backyard composting bins, where they knowledgeably answered neighbors' questions about backyard composting. Additionally, Sarah hosted an MGCC and Eureka Recycling press conference at her home, where she gave a heartfelt speech about why curbside composting is important for Saint Paul.

Transportation Committee

Terry Casey and Dave Pasiuk have served on MGCC's Transportation Committee for over 11 years, with most of that time spent leading the committee as chair and vice chair. Both are long-time residents of the neighborhood with a passion for walking, biking, and transit. Their outstanding dedication to the community paved the way for many innovative projects including the Grand Avenue pedestrian median, the Snelling Avenue

pedestrian median and most recently the Jefferson Avenue Bikeway.

District 15

Bill Klein

Bill was able to step in and help the Highland District Council when it had financial problems, a law suit against it, and a leadership crisis. This award is long overdue for the time and effort Bill put in to making sure the district council was able to do its job for the neighborhood. Bill also Chairs the Ford Plant Task Force and has chaired a committee looking at open spaces for the site.

Morgan Tamsky

Morgan is known as the "Mayor of Bayard." He knows everyone in the neighborhood, organizes a great Block Party and keeps the garage open on Friday nights (for neighbors to stop by). Morgan volunteers by helping 5th and 6th graders with math and science at Horace Mann Elementary. He is on the Ford Plant Task Force and most recently helped (unofficially) with the Capital Region Watershed Cleveland Ave Ground Water Study. Morgan makes Highland a great place to live.

Bill Rosenbloom

Bill has helped start the Greater Highland Neighbors Against Crime group, worked tirelessly on the Sibley Store Front for the Police, and participated and organized events to keep the Homecroft park and school area crime free. Bill also helped organize workers for the Railroad Cleanup and had a huge block party on his street last summer, complete with live music. Thanks for all you do!

District 16

Tammy Haas

A few kind words cannot justify Tammy Haas' enduring contributions to our community. Whether its providing thoughtful leadership as the President of Summit Hill Association, organizing the ever popular Progressive Supper, managing the eloquent Summit Hill History Book, dedicating her talents at Cooks of Crocus Hill on Grand, or devoting herself to her children, Tammy's life work has made each of ours better. She deserves our lasting gratitude and celebration.

Ann Nerland

Ann has been an active Block Club Leader and member of the SHA Environment Committee for years. In addition to keeping her block connected and vibrant, Ann revived and organized the annual spring SHA Plant Exchange and organized neighborhood workshops on energy efficiency topics – such as geothermal energy systems. Ann also writes and contributes regularly to *The Summit* newsletter. She takes initiative by bringing new projects to the table and to fruition.

David Regan and the Grand Avenue Business Association

Since 2005, David Regan has been an advocate and liaison for the local businesses along historic Grand Avenue. David's efforts to help the Grand Avenue Business Association collaborate with the residential communities in Summit Hill and Macalester-Groveland have resulted in increased cooperation, understanding and harmony. David's initiative and fresh ideas have brought new vitality to 'the avenue' and the adjacent neighborhoods.

District 17

Karl Karlson

Downtown resident and Capitol River Council board member Karl Karlson is the Chair of the Downtown Life Committee and diligently serves as the organization's appointee on Metropolitan Council's Construction Communication Committee. Karl has gone above and beyond to ensure that downtown residents, employees, and business owners are receiving open communication about the Light Rail Transit construction that affects their day-to-day lives so strongly; and that public input and concerns are addressed in a timely and efficient manner.

John Mannillo

John Mannillo's contributions to downtown St. Paul could fill an entire book. As a long-term board member, John served in 2010 as Chair of the Development Review Committee and member of the Skyway Advisory Committee; as well as Chair of the Friends of Mears Park Association, Chair of the Downtown Building Owners Association, and member of the Greater Lowertown Master Planning Task Force. John demonstrates a tireless commitment to the betterment of downtown, and his passion is unmatched.

Ellen McPartlan

Lowertown resident Ellen McPartlan stepped up to the plate in the past year to lead a community-based effort to prepare the Greater Lowertown Master Plan. After the controversial decision by the Metropolitan Council to site the Light Rail Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility in Lowertown, Ellen emerged as a community leader by organizing her neighbors to participate in decisions affecting the vitality of the thriving neighborhood. Ellen has proven herself to be a true neighborhood advocate.

The District Councils of Saint Paul

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District 2

District 2 Community Council
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District 3

West Side Citizens Organization
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District 4

Dayton's Bluff District 4
Community Council
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District 5

Payne-Phalen District 5
Planning Council
651-774-5234

District 6

District 6 Planning Council
651-488-4485

District 7

Frogtown Neighborhood
Association
651-789-7407

District 8

Summit-University Planning
Council
651-228-1855

District 9

West 7th / Fort Road
Federation
651-298-5599

District 10

District 4 Como Community
Council
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District 11

Hamline Midway Coalition
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District 12

St. Anthony Park Community
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District 13

Union Park District Council
651-645-6887

District 14

Macalester-Groveland
Community Council
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District 15

Highland District Council
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District 16

Summit Hill Association
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contributed to the success of
this event and to all our great
community members!*