A Messy Success

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR sponsors and volunteers for helping to make our 30th Annual Spaghetti Dinner a success! We maxed out our seating and were serenaded by the talented accordion player, Mike Opitz. A special thanks to Lucas Riley, head of our Events Committee for her great work! If you would like to help with future events, we would love to welcome you as an Events Committee member! □

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Community Calendar

► Lex-Ham Community Council Board Meetings, All welcome!
• MONDAY, MAY 21 (location TBA)
• MONDAY, JUNE 25
7:00 — 9:00 PM
1216 Selby Avenue

► Western District Safety Meetings
• TUESDAY, MAY 15
• TUESDAY, JUNE 19
9:30 AM OR 6:30 PM
Western District Headquarters
389 Hamline Ave

► Lex-Ham in Motion
• SUNDAYS
3:30 PM
Meet at the Dunning Rec Center

► Healthy Aging Forum—FREE
• TUESDAY, MAY 22
10 AM—2 PM
Hallie Q Brown Community Center
270 N Kent Street

► Lex-Ham Ice Cream Social
Save the Date!
• SUNDAY, JULY 22
1 PM—3 PM
Hague Ave Tot Lot

Lex-Ham in Motion

HAVE YOU HEARD about our new running and walking club, Lex-Ham in Motion? Even with a snowy start this spring, we meet at the Dunning Rec Center at 3:30 every Sunday. From there, neighbors take off walking or running with others. Maybe you will meet your new favorite workout buddy! Awesome Lex-Ham fitness club t-shirts will be given to all participants--wear them with pride as you exercise in the neighborhood. All ages are welcome! If you have questions, please contact Sarah Murphy at sarahgradickmurphy@gmail.com. Brought to you by LHCC "Do a Little Something" Grants. □

LHCC Memorabilia to a Good Home

WE ARE PARTING with our large tent with thick metal poles used at the Ice Cream Social every year. It has been replaced with an easy-up tent of similar size. If you are interested, please contact the Lex-Ham office. □
Ready to Celebrate?

LEX-HAM IS A UNIQUE NEIGHBORHOOD, grassroots organized in 1969. If you do the math, that means we will be celebrating 50 years in 2019! We are looking for volunteers to serve on the 50th Anniversary Task Force to help us mark this huge milestone. Please contact Amy at the Lex-Ham office if you are interested.

National Night Out 2018

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is Tuesday, August 7, 2018! If your block has never celebrated NNO, why not try it this year? You can have a potluck, cookout, parade, dessert bar...or whatever type of gathering works best for your block. Normally, there is a charge for closing your street for block parties, but the fee is waived for NNO. Block gatherings help create relationships with neighbors and increase safety. If you need help getting started, contact our office or Patty Lammers at the Western District Police Precinct (651-266-5455). If that date doesn’t work for you, we encourage you to find an alternative date for your block this summer!

Community Fund Update

OUR ORGANIZATION IS POWERED by the generosity of our residents. Through donations of time and money, we are able to continue to experience the benefits of organizing on a neighborhood level. One of the key sources of income for us is our LHCC Community Fund. When the Lex-Ham neighborhood was red-lined in the 1960s and we were battling countless challenges, we worked to create affordable housing by purchasing and renovating HUD homes. As you can imagine, this was quite an undertaking for a group of neighbors pooling together their time and resources. After renting out and maintaining these homes for many years, they were sold and the equity became our Community Fund. We draw from the Fund quarterly while retaining the principal, following the Community Fund Policy which states that the purpose is “to provide long term general operating support” for the Lex-Ham Community Council. In 2016, a Community Fund Task Force was created to examine the policy and current servicing of the Fund in order to continue to be good stewards. In January, the Council approved the Task Force’s recommendation to move the Fund from Bremer Bank to Associated Bank & Trust.

Block Leaders Rock

OUR BLOCK LEADER PROGRAM WAS STARTED many decades ago and has had an immeasurable impact on the livability of our neighborhood. Each block has a volunteer leader who helps to distribute flyers for our events. Many leaders also organize gatherings for their block or utilize other communication tools for their neighbors to stay connected. When there is a concern that arises, these tools are critical in facilitating a collective response. To express how grateful we are for our block leaders, we hosted a gathering at The Lexington in April. Thank you to the Lexington for hosting our gathering and many thanks to our block leaders! We are currently seeking block leaders for Hague Ave and Dayton Ave between Lexington and Dunlap. If you live on one of those blocks and would be interested in volunteering, please contact the Lex-Ham office.

Thank you to the following list of amazing block leaders:
Merry Munroe, Kabby & Evan Jones, Shari & David Dosland, Patricia Eaves, Nina Zachery, Christine Boulware, Linda Lease, Ellen Handrahan, Josee Dodge, Lucas Riley, Sue Tomczak, Amy Gundermann, Deb & Matt Liang, Leben McCormick, Roxanne Prichard, Johnell Kolve, Jacqueline Fortier, Sylvia Doerr, Russel Rathbun, Andy Penson, Mary & Shane Perry, David & Ellen Tzeutschler, David & Katherine Mennicke, Laura Treichel, Anita Hill, Stephanie Lein Walseth, and Sha’ron Webb
Welcome  We WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME Joe Murphy to the Lex-Ham team! Joe has stepped forward to manage our bookkeeping and is also a member of our Finance Committee. We are so lucky that he is willing to share his skills with LHCC! □

Our Newest Park is Taking Shape

THE NEWEST PARK IN LEX-HAM is the “Midway Peace Park” on Griggs between St. Anthony and University. Through a robust park-listening process, priorities for naming the park included both aspirational and geographical references. Hundreds of residents offered input through multiple phases of the naming process and on March 21st, St. Paul City Council approved the name “Midway Peace Park” for one of the few park spaces along the Green Line. Thank you to everyone who participated in this process! The Design Advisory Committee, including our Executive Director Amy Gundermann, is working with the Parks & Recreation Department design staff to examine the park elements and layout. Watch for more opportunities for community input on the refined park concept in July. Park construction will begin in the summer of 2019. The middle parcel is now open for use during the summer of 2018. It is an open green lawn great for kicking a ball or having a picnic! □

Healthy Aging Forum

Tuesday, May 22, 2018 from 10am-2pm | Hallie Q Brown Community Center

COME TO THE HEALTHY AGING FORUM at the Hallie Q Brown Community Center on May 22nd featuring 30 minute mini-sessions on topics such as heart health, scam & fraud prevention, the health benefits of volunteerism, caregiving, diabetes self-care, brain health, and more! It is free and there will be food and raffle prizes, too. Register at 1-877-926-8300 or aarp.cvent.com/healthyagingforum. □

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Lexington-Hamline Community Council is to improve the quality of life and bring about positive community change in the Lexington-Hamline neighborhood of St. Paul. This is done through the active involvement of neighborhood residents in community projects, programs, and direct action on issues which affect the neighborhood.

Who We Are

The Lex-Ham neighborhood in St. Paul is bounded by University Avenue, Lexington Parkway, Summit and Hamline Avenues. Since the Lexington-Hamline Community Council was established in 1969, it has been the cornerstone for organizing and serving the 4,000 residents living in this neighborhood. We continue to build a sense of pride and confidence in the community through a wide variety of activities and services ranging from cooperative home maintenance, crime prevention, energy conservation and recreational programs.

Editorial Guidelines

The Eavesdropper is delivered bi-monthly to every home and business in the neighborhood. Notices and articles should be submitted in electronic Word format to lexham@lexham.org. Please keep submissions to a length of 150 words or less. Please contact the Lex-Ham office for more information. Lex-Ham reserves the right to refuse any submission.

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Lex-Ham Sock Drive
110 PAIRS COLLECTED
Brought to you by "Do a Little Something" Grants
You may have heard that there was a sock drive in March, but did you know it was led by a grade-schooler? Ellie applied for a "Do a Little Something" Grant in order to pull together supplies for the drive. She also invited her friends to help her assemble care bags for people experiencing homelessness. The first 15 people to donate socks were given a bag of basic essentials to offer someone asking for help in our neighborhood. Isn’t that something to be proud of? Thank you, Ellie and friends, for initiating a project that brought people together to do something good for others! □

Coffee with a Cop
May 30, 2018 from 11-12:30
Nina’s Coffee
165 Western Ave N
Meet Western District Command Staff for coffee at Nina’s Coffee on May 30th from 11am-12:30pm. This is an opportunity to meet officers that serve our neighborhood in an informal setting. □

Paint-a-Thon 2018
Brightens Up the Metro
The Metro Paint-a-Thon pairs volunteers with low-income seniors and people with physical disabilities to paint the exterior of their homes. Check out their website for more information about volunteering or eligibility at www.Metropaintathon.org Contact Megan Young, Program Manager with questions at myoung@gmcc.org or 612-276-1548. □